



Community Information
Support Services

Annual Report

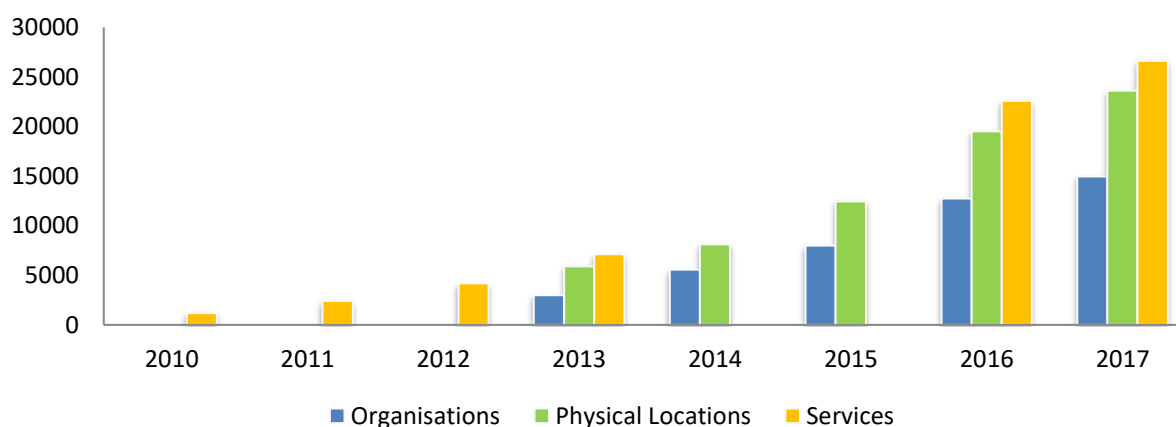
2016/2017

Better access to community services and
reliable community information for everyone

Our Goal

“All Australians can find services and activities they need to improve their health, social and economic wellbeing”

Achieving this goal



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1,023,200
Visitors (2016-17 FY)

About us & what we do

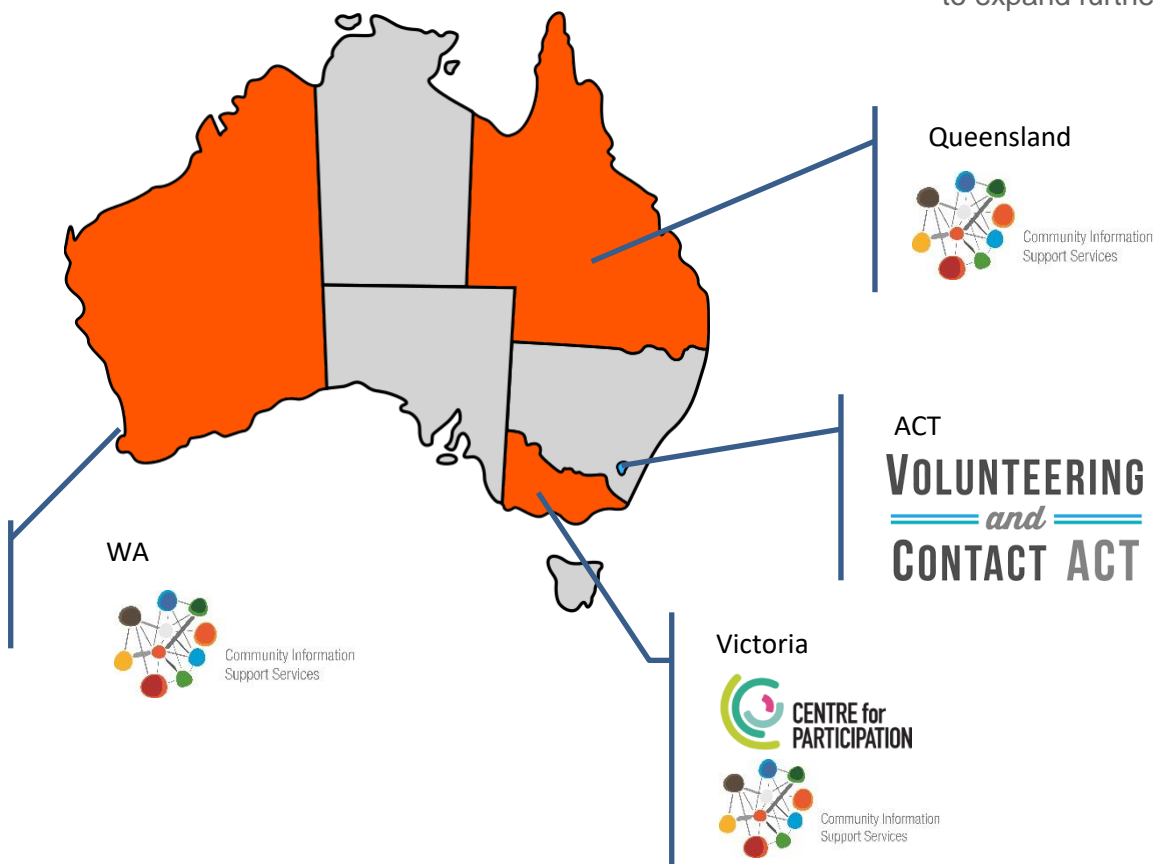
We support the coordination of health, community and wellness activities in local communities with state-of-the art information and communication channels.

We help the public and service providers share data, communicate and work together through the Platform.

Community information about services and participation is for everyone, including people who are vulnerable to disease and isolation in the community.

Where we operate & our Partners

We work with partners to deliver across several states and have plans to expand further nationally



As a Health Promotion Charity we focus on

- people with chronic disease
- people with a disability
- People who struggle with their mental health
- older Australians
- young people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People



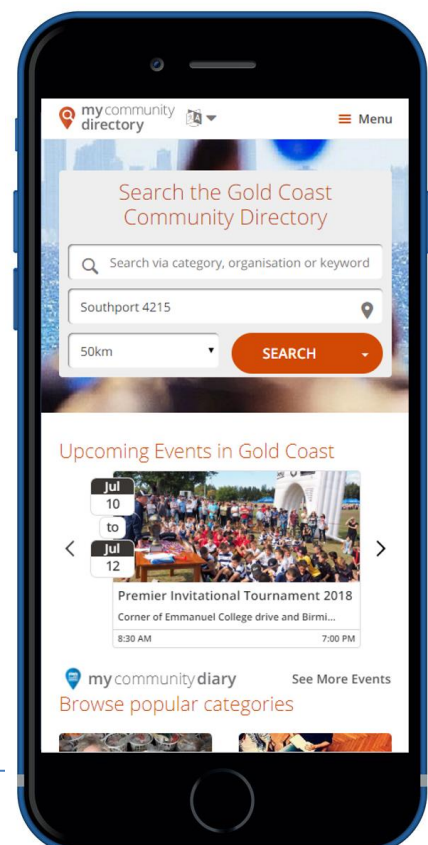
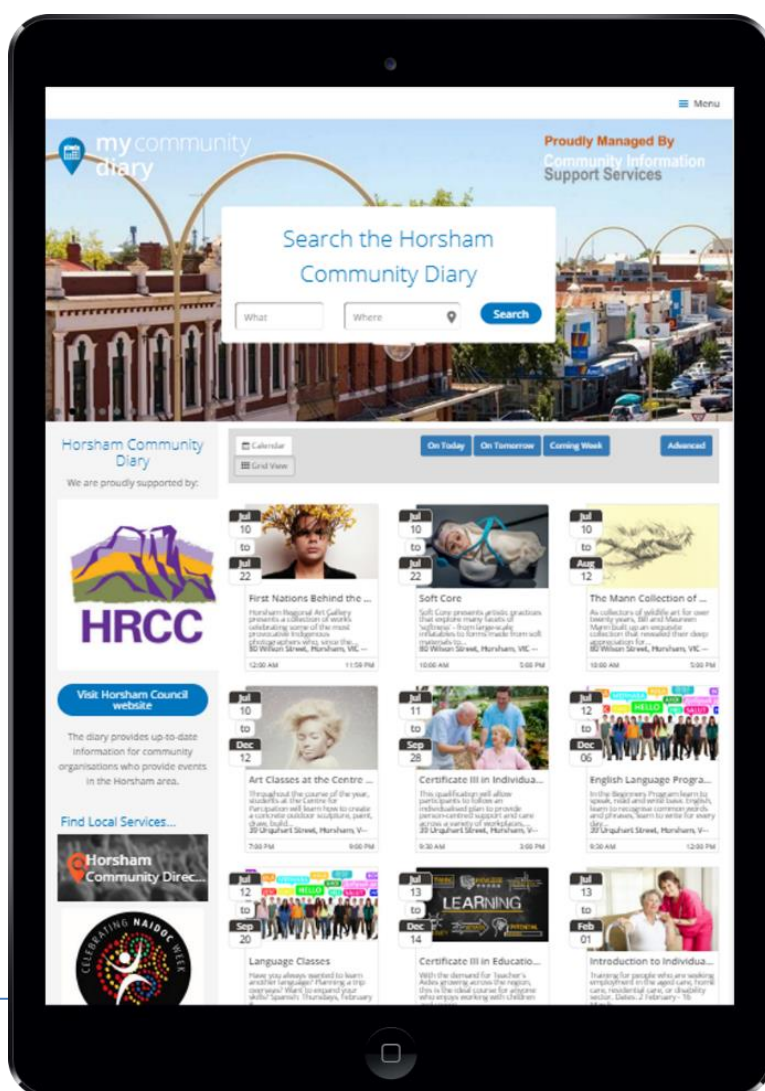
The Community Information Exchange



Information is stored in the Community Information Exchange, which My Community Directory supports to make it accessible and useful to the community. Using secure technology, My Community Directory allows different levels of access while maintaining the integrity of the data. As a fully auditable database, data quality processes help to maintain the information and provide it in different formats.

Data is constantly being monitored to ensure that it is up-to-date and accurate. Notifications are created each time information is changed on the system. We maintain the data through:

- Automatic system checks
- Manual information checks
- Collaborative partnerships



Our products and services

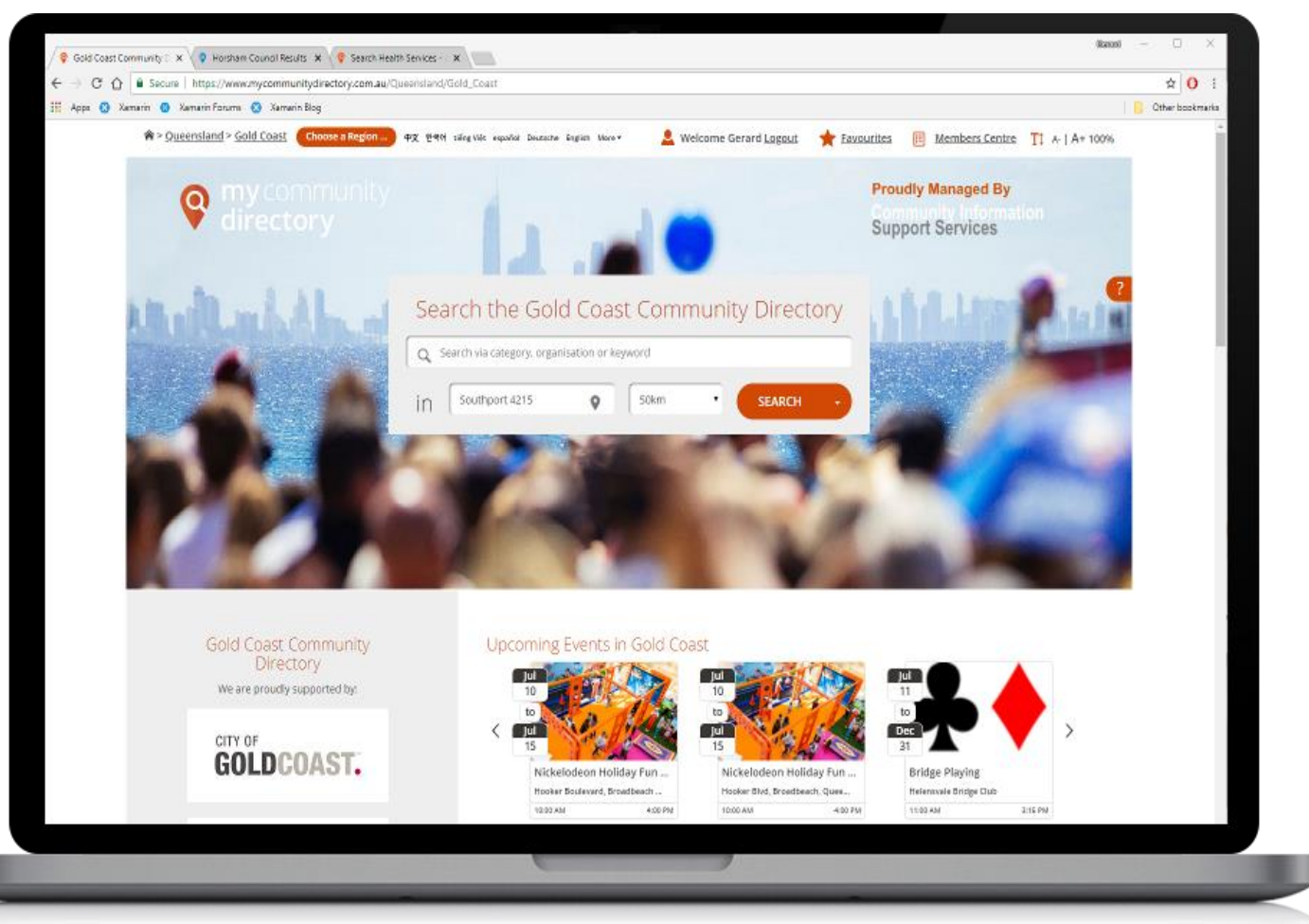
The Community Data Exchange provides the joint platform that services My Community Directory and My Community Diary websites

We develop and provide practical frameworks, guidelines and resources for the public, community organisations, councils and government to work together with people who are vulnerable.

We know that most of us need a number of services at any one time – for ourselves or for others. e.g. after school care for the kids; respite care for a fragile parent and specialist medical services for another family member. People with a disability want to know about sport; sporty people want to know about employment.

To save time, you want as much information as possible on the website so can pick the most suitable organisation before you call.

So all our community information is integrated across ages, categories of service needs, and funding sources so it is easy to find in the one place. Listings are free and are validated and updated.



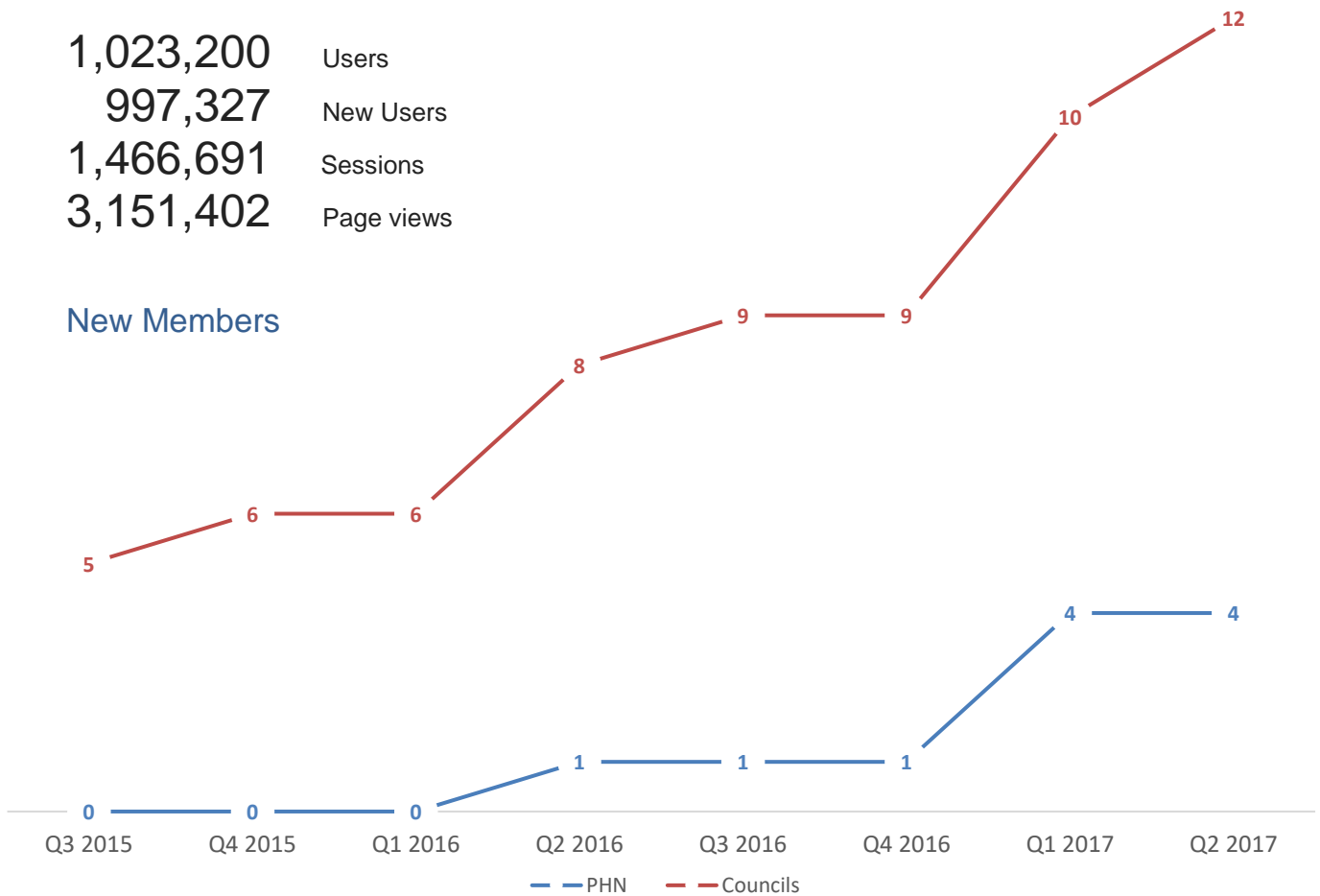
Our Data

Our Visitors

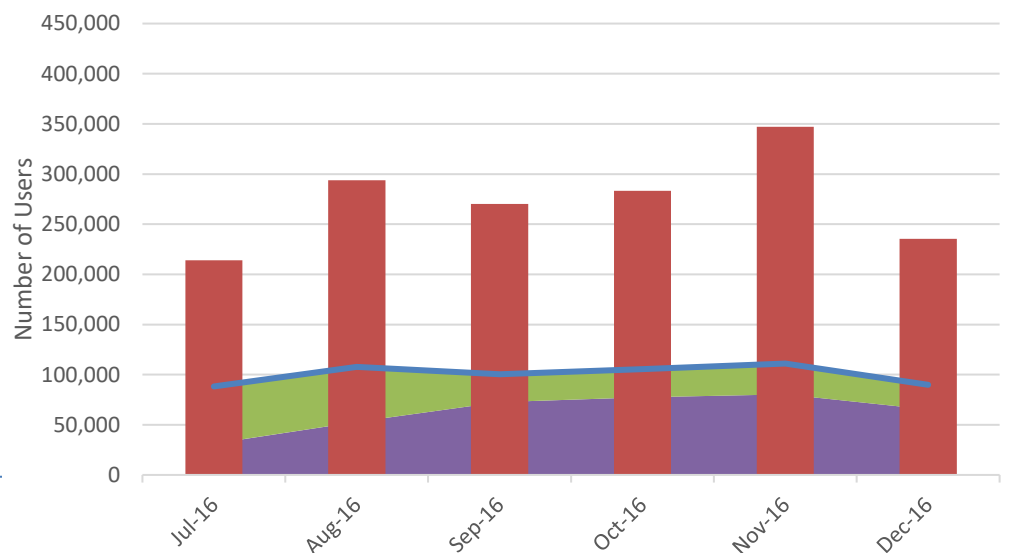
(1 July 2016 -30 June 2017)

1,023,200	Users
997,327	New Users
1,466,691	Sessions
3,151,402	Page views

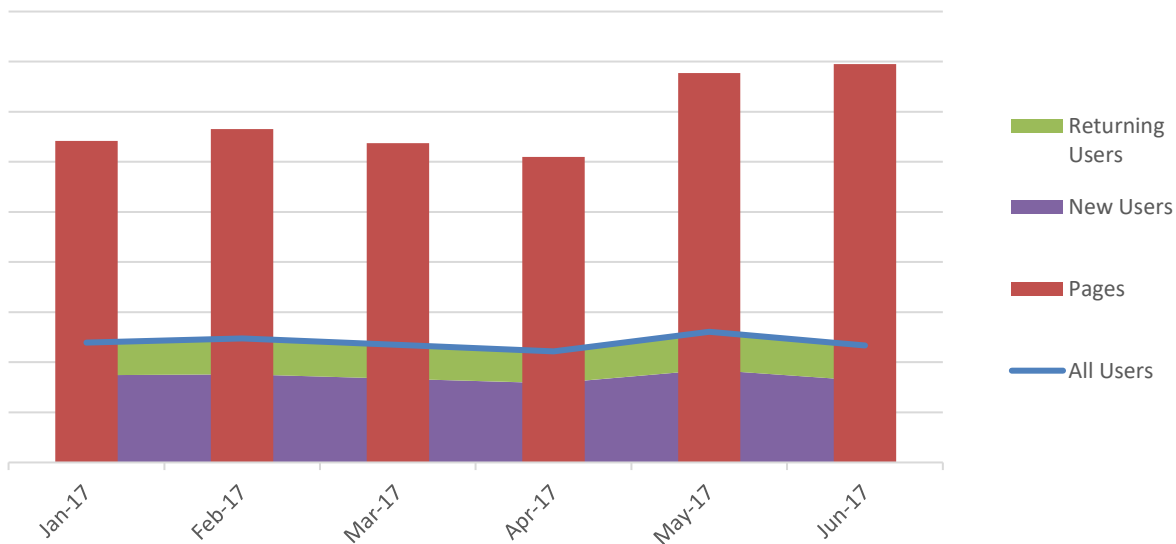
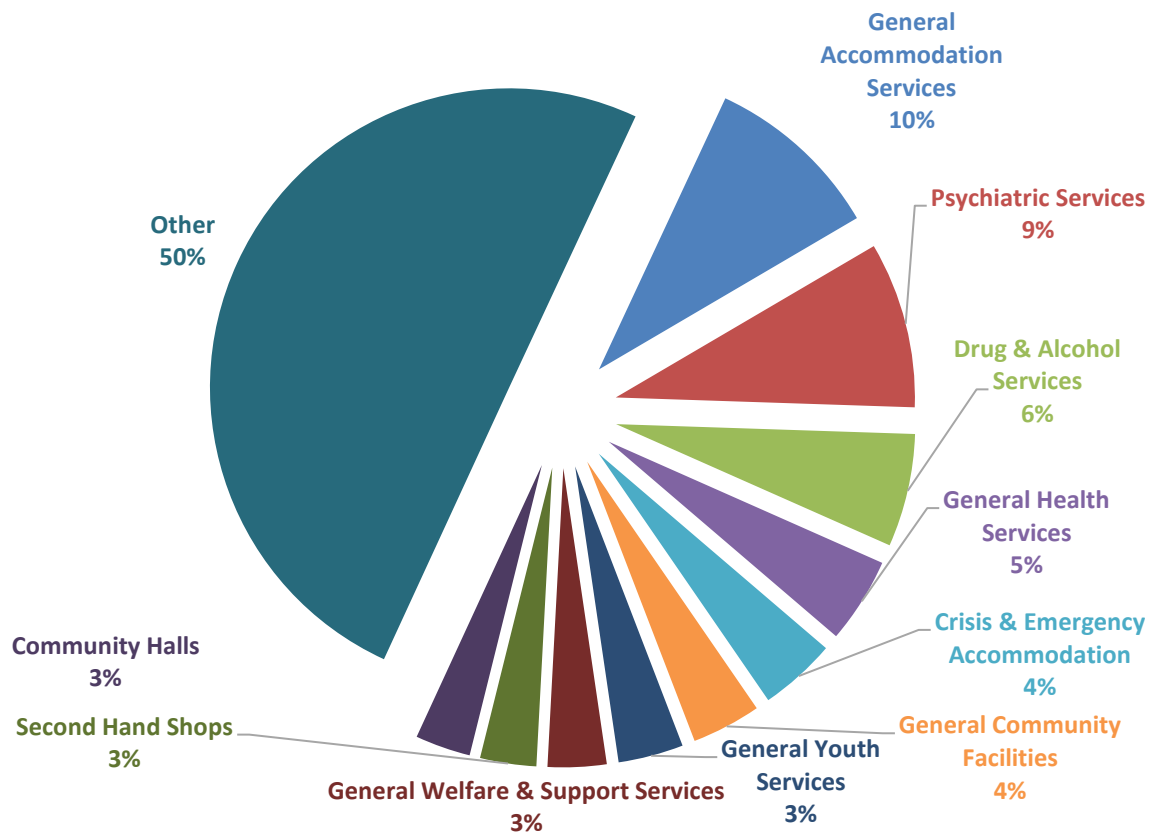
New Members



Overall Use of My Community Directory



Top 10 viewed Services
(Across the www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au website)

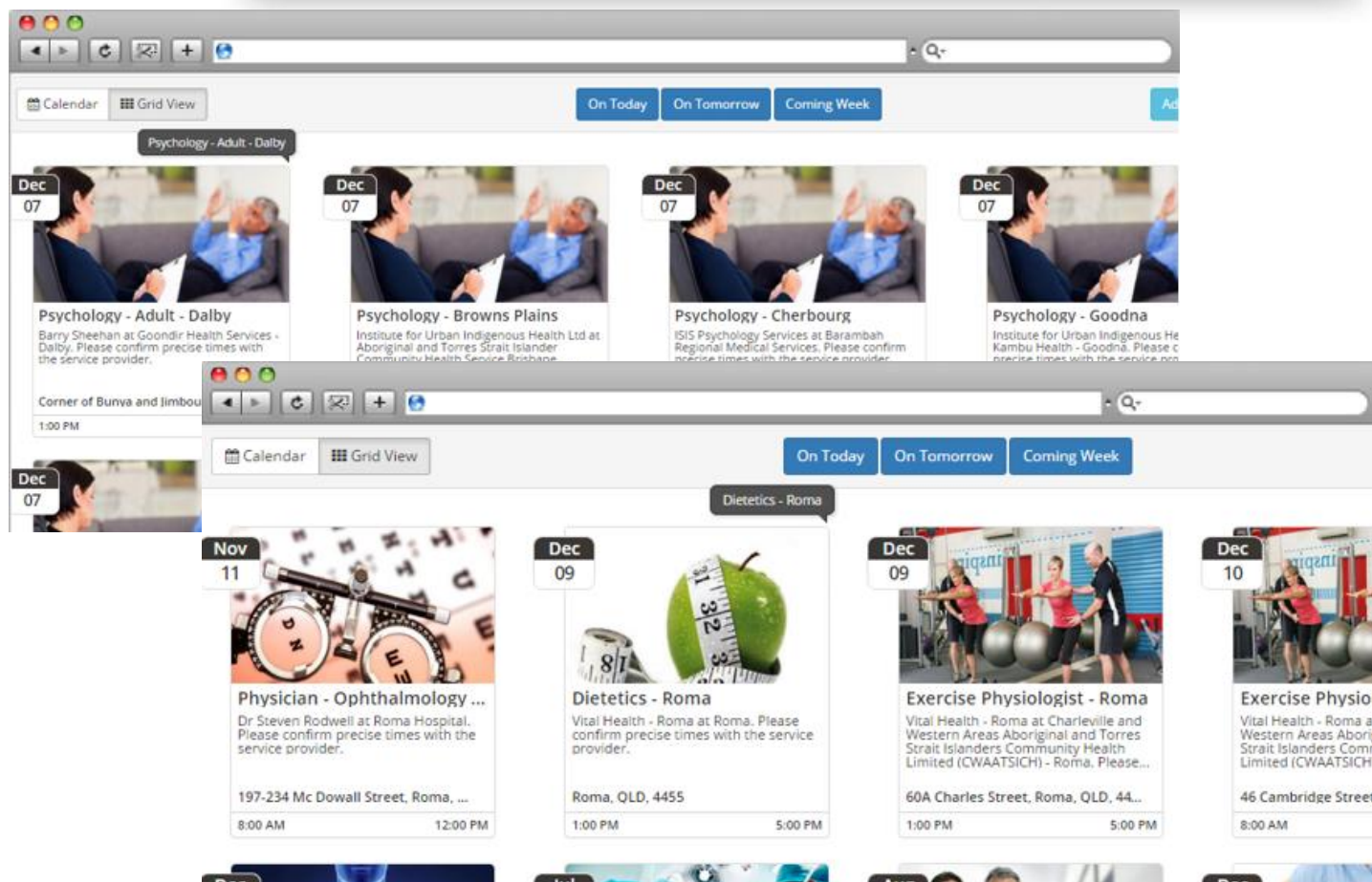
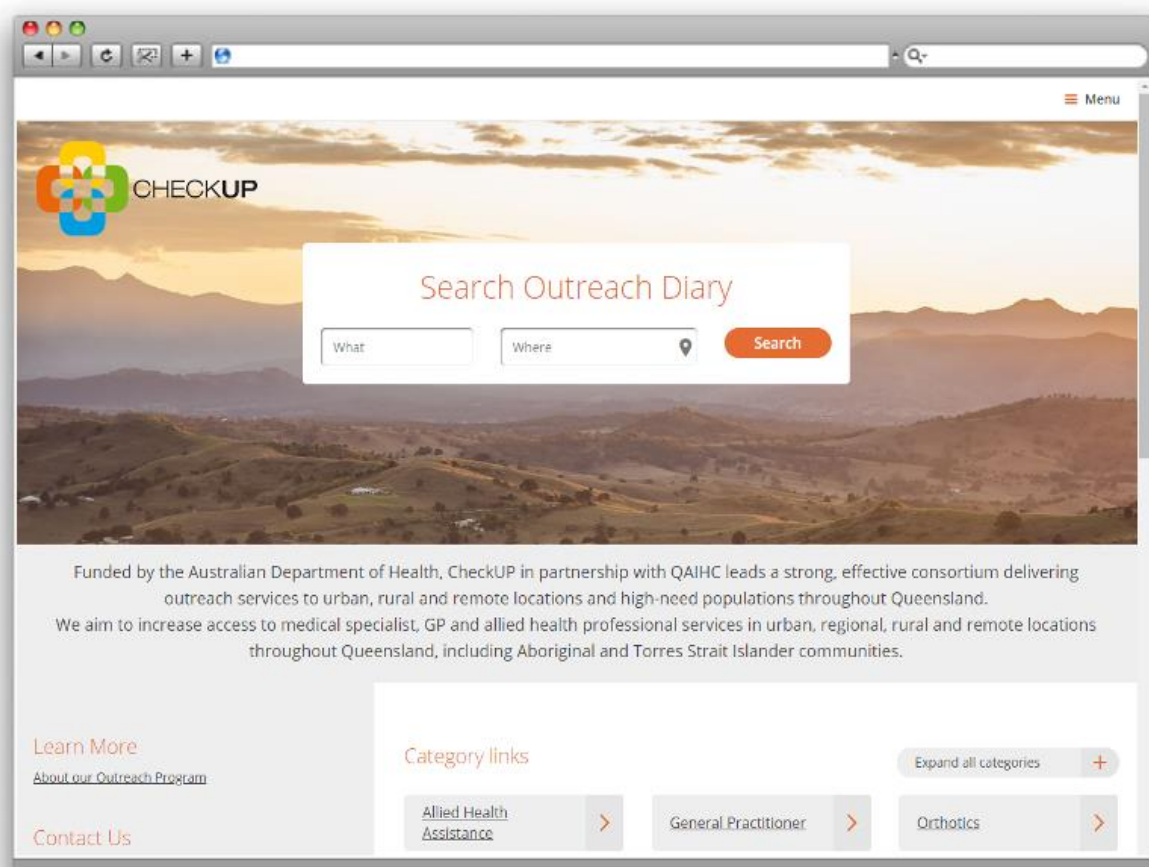


Our Highlights

My Community Diary



CheckUP outreach Diary



From the Executive Director

Digital infrastructure is now as important as the tunnels and highways to our economy. Yet there is very little investment in solving the challenges of shared data in the Health and Community Sector.

To solve these challenges, the launch of the Community Information Exchange has transformed our focus at Community Information Support Services from being “just a directory” – a data warehouse - to providing access to real time community information that is easily accessible and used in more ways than ever before. We invite you to find solutions that use the Community Information Exchange.

The Community Information Exchange includes the traditional directory information about who, what and where, together with the “when” in My Community Diary providing a rich data source. The platform can now be used alongside basic socio-economic data and geo-data to show patterns of service use, gaps in services by location, mismatch of demand and supply – and other questions we haven’t yet thought about. Activities such as service mapping is now easier than ever before – gaps can be found and data can be added.

During the next 12 months we will continue our journey of connecting data about services across Australia, linking people with what they need and developing better ways of collecting, storing and sharing information. We are focused on making community information available wherever you live.

This is the first step in transforming community information into community knowledge.

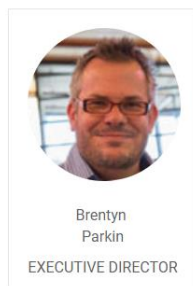
I would like to personally invite you to join us and use your skills to build solutions, develop access frameworks, or volunteer to help with data quality. If you would like to make a difference by providing a financial contribution please contact us. Shared information is everyone’s responsibility.

Welcome Aboard.

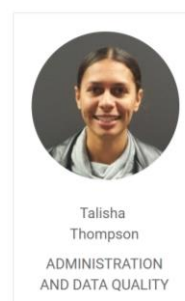
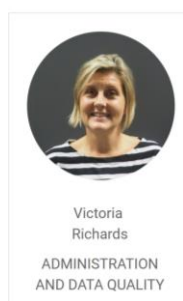
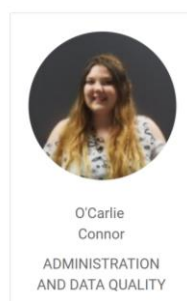
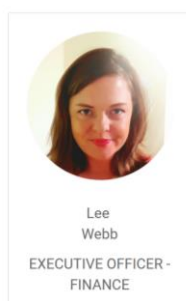
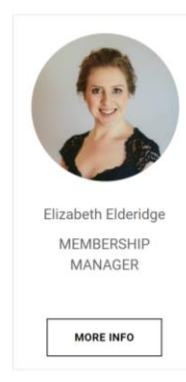
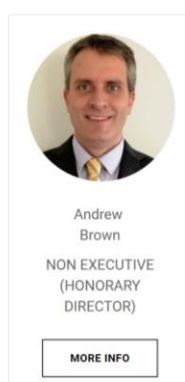
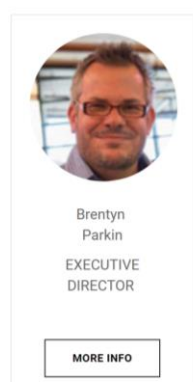
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Executive Director

Our Directors



Our National Team



Our Technical Team



Our Members

