

About QCOSS

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) is the state-wide peak body representing the interests of individuals at risk of experiencing poverty and disadvantage, and organisations working in the social and community service sector.

For almost 60 years QCOSS has been a leading force for social change to build social and economic wellbeing for all. With members throughout Queensland, QCOSS supports a strong community service sector.

QCOSS' key activities focus on providing effective policy advice, working to strengthen responsive community services and having productive partnerships with the community sector, government, private sector, academia, media and the broader community. This work is done to build a Queensland with social and economic wellbeing for all.

Our impact

QCOSS, together with our members, provides a crucial lobbying and advocacy role in a broad number of areas, including:

- place-based activities
- citizen-led policy development
- cost-of-living advocacy
- sector capacity and capability building.

QCOSS is part of the national network of Councils of Social Service lending support and gaining essential insight to national and other state issues.

QCOSS is supported by the vice-regal patronage of His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland.

Why our members value us

Organisations and individuals have told us they value their membership with QCOSS for many reasons. Members' survey responses regarding what they most value about the role of QCOSS include:

- "I believe it is the single point of truth [providing] opportunities for those of us in the sector so that we know we will be kept in the loop about issues"
- "access to decision makers - sector and government, as well as information sharing and networking"
- "advocacy and up-skilling services that build our capacity to deliver our own programs effectively"
- "provides a forum for our organisation to participate in collective action against disadvantage and poverty"
- "provides a collective voice for the sector... offer[ing] informed and well researched opinion and leadership on significant sector issues"
- "that you have your finger on the pulse!"
- "advocacy to higher levels of government and the support of our organisations through tough funding times"
- "excellent resources - Community Door absolutely vitally important for our organisation"
- "representing the issues and concerns of service providers to funding bodies and government, whilst informing the sector of key issues, reforms and leading the way in promoting best practice for the industry".

Other member benefits include:

- QCOSS Community Insurance Cover puts you in good hands with special features for not-for-profit and human services organisations
- significantly discounted registration fees for QCOSS conferences and events
- unlimited copies of QCOSS' *Focal point* for organisations and one copy for individuals
- free promotion of jobs and events on the QCOSS website and in *Focal point* for organisations.

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Membership Form

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