

get to know us

African communities understand that “when someone is helping you wash your back, you should help yourself by washing your stomach”.

We understand the significance of a strong united voice in addressing our issues and concerns.

We understand better than anyone that settlement in a new country and culture is a process of transition and change, and everyday we see it being experienced at an individual, family and community level.

who we are

The Queensland African Communities Council (QACC) is an umbrella organisation for African communities in Queensland.

We are a non-profit, non-governmental, non-political and non-religious organisation.

We facilitate and support collective development while encouraging each African community and individual to promote his or her own culture and skills.

We enjoy support from all levels of government, various service providing organisations and individuals.

We are committed to developing strong partnerships with governments, service providing organisations and the wider community to improve the quality of life for our members so African individuals, families and communities are able to properly establish their lives here as fully participating members of Australian society.

our vision

Moving towards a strong united voice for African communities in Queensland.

our mission

We strive to create better opportunities, improve social and economic status and improve the health and wellbeing of all African communities.

our strategic priorities

Empower, promote and build capacity among African communities

Build and maintain effective relationships and partnerships with our communities and stakeholders

Enhance our African communities’ credibility and legitimacy among our stakeholders

Create a viable and sustainable QACC

Excel in our leadership and governance practices

Our strategic plan provides more information about our plan to deliver on these priorities.

our commitment to strengthening African communities

We are a credible forum that brings together African communities leaders, elders and representatives.

We represent Queensland African communities at all levels of society and raise awareness of QACC within the broader community and among Africans throughout Queensland.

We provide strategic policy and advocacy advice to local, state and federal government agencies, service providers and stakeholders on issues impacting on Queensland's African communities.

We serve on steering committees, networks, boards, and reference and advisory groups to advocate the African point of view and represent our communities' interests.

We facilitate dialogue and promote unity among African communities to create a united voice in addressing issues and concerns in our communities.

We empower people of African heritage to be active participants in Australian society who take pride in and advocate for their cultures.

We collect and distribute information to community members about news and issues affecting their lives.

We promote African cultures through sports, recreation and cultural festivals.

our membership

We currently represent 10 new and emerging African communities:

- Association of Burundian Community in Queensland
- Congo Connexion
- Eritrean Association of Queensland
- Ethiopian Association of Queensland
- Liberian Association of Queensland
- Rwandan Association of Queensland
- Sierra Leone Decedent Association of Queensland
- Somali community
- Sudanese Community Association of Queensland

– Togolese Association of Queensland
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work in progress

- We are working to promote Africans in Queensland in with a cultural and sports carnival in 2009.
- We are acquiring memberships of peak bodies in the multicultural community
- We are forming partnerships with service providers and government agencies
- We are raising awareness of QACC
- We are developing the QACC magazine and website
- We are seeking funding to advance our programs
- We are holding regular QACC meetings and community consultations

our history

In 2003 the federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relations had a meeting with Africans about employment opportunities. A working group was formed comprising 12 members from different African communities.

In 2005 African community leaders and workers realised that unemployment was not the only issue impacting on their communities. There were other socio-economic issues needing to be addressed and there was a sense of the significance and effectiveness in working together. These elements led leaders in African communities to form QACC.

With our inaugural Management Committee elected in 2008, QACC is working hard to achieve its vision of a strong united voice for African communities in Queensland. We are doing this by focusing on our strategic priorities, outlined in our strategic plan.

get involved

Become a member of QACC and join us in helping to build and strengthen African communities in Queensland. See our membership pack for more details.

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