

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Team End Youth Homelessness! BYS runs in Sunday Mail Bridge to Brisbane as VIP Charity Partner

**Team End Youth Homelessness** is getting ready to pound the pavement for **The Sunday Mail Bridge to Brisbane 2019** to help create new and better futures for young people.

**Brisbane Youth Service (BYS)** is proud to be an official VIP Charity Partner of the annual Bridge to Brisbane, giving locals and BYS supporters the opportunity to raise funds to help young people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage.

A much-loved annual event, Bridge to Brisbane will take place on **Sunday, 25 August**, starting at the iconic Story Bridge, travelling along some of the city's best landmarks before ending at Southbank. Bridge to Brisbane is Queensland's largest fun run, attracting over 30,000 participants annually.

BYS is thrilled to welcome major corporate partner, Student One, to *Team End Youth Homelessness* as a VIP runner, as well as BYS corporate partners and sponsors, Rochele Painting, KPMG, Jacobs Brisbane and Commonwealth Bank Eagle Street.

CEO Annemaree Callander said BYS is delighted to be a VIP Charity Partner of Bridge to Brisbane 2019. "We're grateful to our partners and supporters who are helping us to address the growing problem of youth homelessness," she said.

"40 per cent of the homeless population in Australia are under the age of 24\*. BYS has worked with homeless and vulnerable young people in Brisbane since 1977, and each year the need for assistance continues to grow. Last year BYS supported over 1450 young people plus more than 1300 with casual assistance."

46 people have now joined *Team End Youth Homelessness* to help raise awareness and much needed funds to support vulnerable young people and young families in Brisbane. The team has raised more than \$4,900 to date, almost half of its \$10,000 target.

"All young people have the right to a safe home and a positive future. Every dollar raised will help us to meet the growing demand for our services, giving vulnerable and homeless young people the chance to create the new futures they deserve," Ms Callander said.

Your city. Your race. Your chance to make a difference! 4,500 young people aged between 12 and 24 are facing homelessness in Queensland every night. Join *Team End Youth Homelessness* by taking part in either a 10km or 5km fun run or walk.

To register for The Sunday Mail Bridge to Brisbane visit [brisyouth.org/bridge-to-brisbane-2019/](http://brisyouth.org/bridge-to-brisbane-2019/) or [bridgetobrisbane.com.au](http://bridgetobrisbane.com.au) and choose BYB as your charity of choice! Registrations are open online until midnight, Friday 23 August. Find out who else has joined *Team End Youth Homelessness* at [bys-bridgetobrisbane.blackbaud-sites.com](http://bys-bridgetobrisbane.blackbaud-sites.com).

\*2016 Census (ABS)

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