

# Learning Network Queensland

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## LNQ History

**Learning Network Queensland** was established in 1989 to expand the range of education and training opportunities offered to rural, regional and remote Queensland students from TAFES and Universities



Head Office Manning Street South Brisbane



## Today LNQ:

- is an RTO delivering State and Australian Government funded programs to marginalised learners
- offers 'fee for service' courses and mobile technology for training across Queensland.
- gives referrals and information on education and training for communities
- offers University bridging programs by distance across Australia and overseas.
- delivers the ACE programs from the Gold Coast to regional Queensland





## LNQ centres

**34 Operating Learning Centres** with numerous outreach locations around Queensland



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## How does literacy relate to issues of social and economic exclusion?

The biggest concern for people with low literacy skills is that of 'self-exclusion' which compounds both social and economic exclusion.  
(Chinchilla)





## Low Self Esteem

In general people with low literacy skills tend to have low self esteem and therefore lack confidence in social and economic situations. (Stanthorpe)





## Social issues

Adults with lower levels of literacy are definitely unable to fully participate in a whole range of activities in their communities – so they are certainly ‘excluded’. Rockhampton





## Economic Issues



Inadequate general knowledge and poor life skills as a result of lower levels of literacy can impact greatly on a person's economic situation.





## Practical help

Invoice designed for a student from Pittsworth who has his own gardening business

SMITH'S GARDENING SERVICE PITTSWORTH  
12 Jackson St  
PITTSWORTH 4355  
☎ 4600 0000

**INVOICE**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

X: \_\_\_\_\_

WHIPPERSNIPPING  \$20 PER HOUR  
BLOWING  \$20 PER HOUR  
MOWING  \$20 PER HOUR  
RUBBISH TO DUMP  \$20  
.....  \$20

Hours

8 am - 9am	12 - 1pm
9 am - 10am	1pm - 2pm
10am - 11am	2pm - 3pm
11am - 12	3pm - 4pm
	4pm - 5pm
	5pm - 6pm

TOTAL HOURS ○ \_\_\_\_\_  
AMOUNT DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Same day payment is appreciated.*



## Support

Without a 'support person' in their lives who is able to provide transport, interpret vital information, assist with forms, and assist with day to day organisational skills they would even find it difficult to participate in an adult literacy program (Pittsworth)





## Computers and Literacy

The economic well being of our communities rests with its members and their ability to overcome the issues of literacy to enable their community to become self sufficient.



Cunnamulla Centre



## What we can do to help

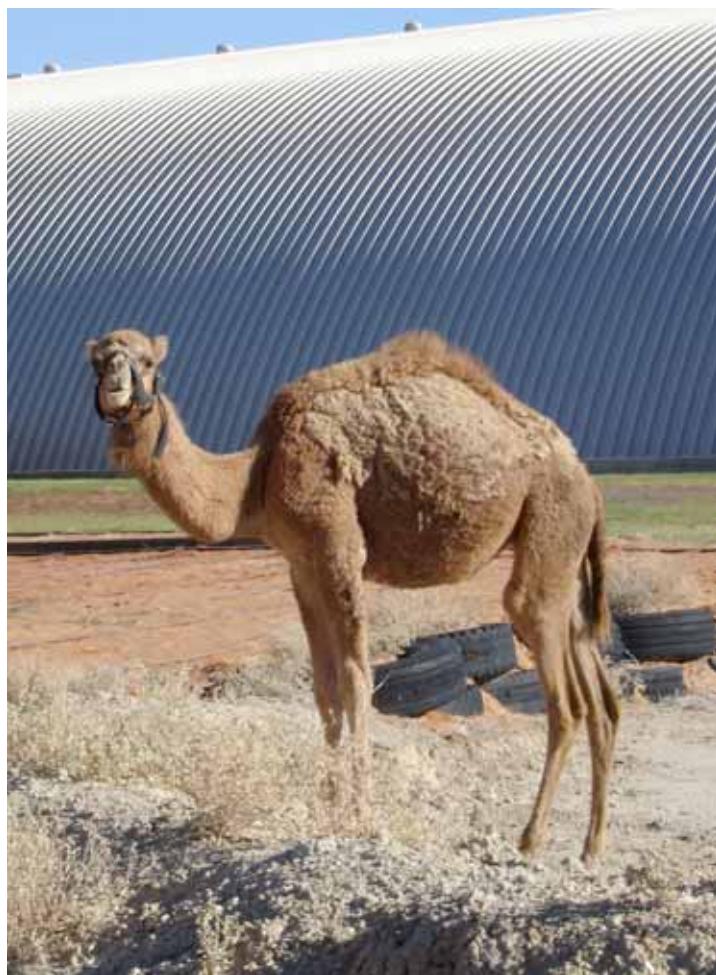
Everyone needs some encouragement and support from people who are willing to put time and effort into helping them get across the line.







## Getting Results



The groundwork is already in place but we still have a long way to go. LNQ is there for the long haul even if it is going to be a bumpy ride.



This program has empowered our participants to gain the everyday life skills that many of us take for granted in order to have a more fulfilling life which in turn helps the entire community both socially and economically.

Dianne Whitford  
LNQ Stanthorpe Presenter  
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