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YellowBridge skates in to new premises

Toowoomba community organisation, YellowBridge QLD, will create a central operations hub at its new premises in the former Skate City complex on Ruthven Street.

The not-for-profit organisation purchased the property after an 18-month search for a suitable site.

The organisation, which provides services across disability, housing, youth homelessness and aged care, currently operates out of multiple Toowoomba premises that splits staff across separate offices.

YellowBridge QLD chief executive officer Penny Hamilton said bringing staff together in a single location had been on their wish list for the past three years.

Finding the right property to accommodate a mixture of office-based employees and a lawn mowing team with machinery fleets had not been easy.

“We have more than 120 staff who currently work in different locations and rarely get the opportunity to connect and work alongside each other,” Ms Hamilton said.

“Bringing everyone together will have enormous benefits and help us to be more efficient and collaborative,” she said.

“It will also help us to deliver a more streamlined process to our clients and service partners.

“We are very excited about moving in to a building that has been the site of many happy and memorable experiences for local people. Nearly everyone we speak to has a story or memory about skating at the venue.”

Ms Hamilton said they were currently discussing design plans with a local architect and builder and hope to retain many of the building’s unique features such as the skating rink and exposed structural steel frame.

“We want to create a fun, relaxed and vibrant work place and this building is perfect for our vision, size and needs. We want to take advantage of its unique features and retain its character and history,” Ms Hamilton said.

YellowBridge will continue to use its community centre at 46 Hill Street as a designated disability support centre.

They plan to move in to their new premises by early 2019.

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