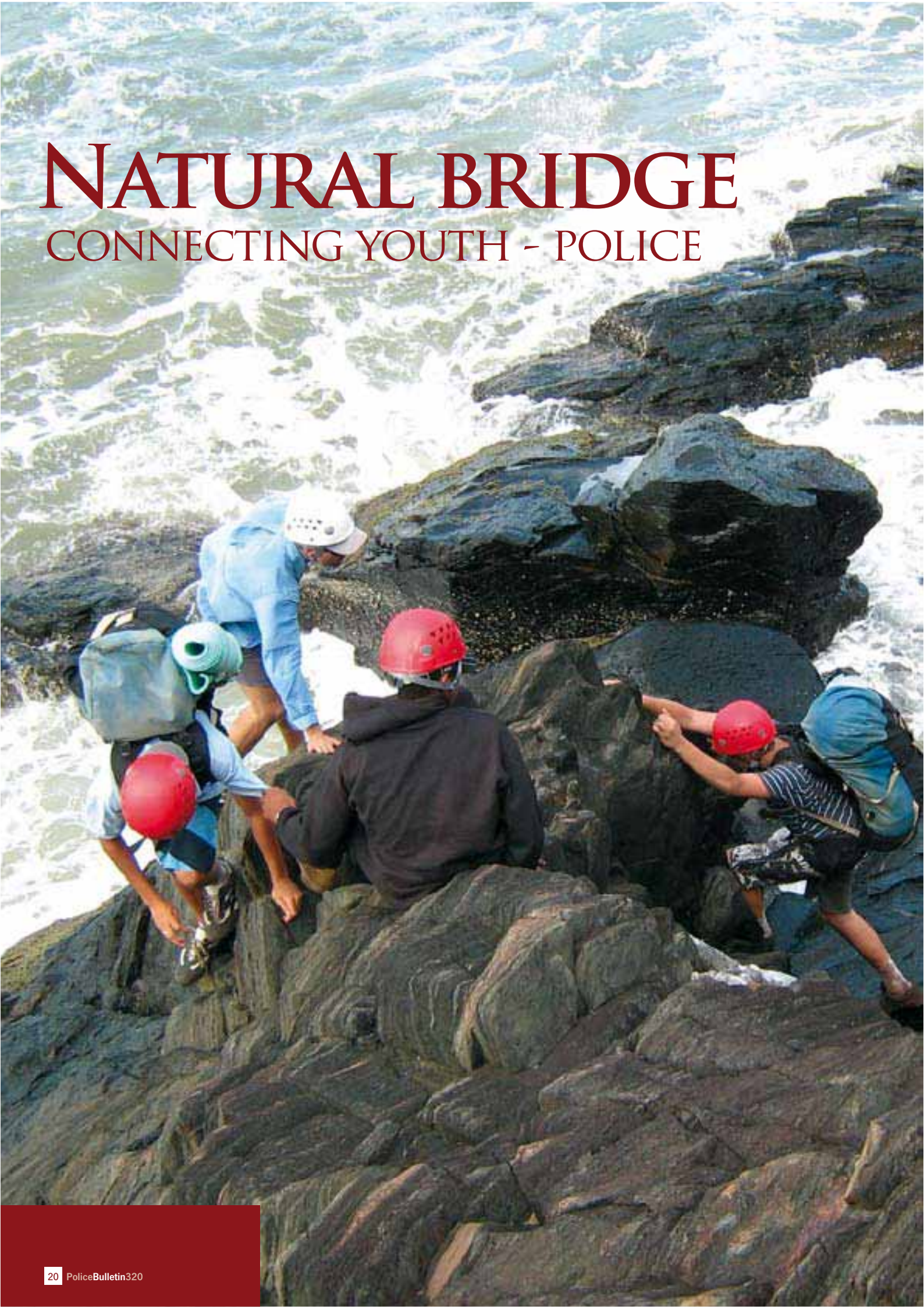


# NATURAL BRIDGE

## CONNECTING YOUTH - POLICE



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Police-Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> year next year but the movement has already made dynamic changes in the way it assists young people in a rapidly changing social environment.

Bornhoffen – PCYC’s Centre for Youth and Community Development is a spectacular 98 hectare property at Natural Bridge in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

The PCYC Adventure Development team, based at Bornhoffen, run outdoor experiential programs with young people throughout south east Queensland as well as in regional locations.

Adventure Development facilitators Darby Centra and Mike Coker recently flew to Far Northern Queensland to deliver a journey-based program in partnership

with Sergeant Adam Willimott from Innisfail PCYC.

The program targeted Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people from the Innisfail community. Bridging the Gap aims to build positive connections between young people and police officers as well as provide a challenging personal development experience.

The group undertook a 75km mountain biking and walking journey from Annan Gorge to Wujal Wujal, camping each night along the way. By undertaking and completing the journey, the participants were able to earn funds which were donated to Innisfail PCYC.

It’s one of many new approaches being developed by PCYCs to remain relevant to young people in a dramatically changing social environment.

Bornhoffen contributes in many diverse ways to the movement’s core business of improving communities through youth development.

“We are living in times of rapid technological change, reduced human social interaction, more screen time, increasing pressure on our environment and a pace of life which appears to be getting faster,” said Bornhoffen Centre Manager, Michael Foran.

“Our aim is to provide positive, real, meaningful and memorable experiences which develop individuals, groups and communities.”

The environment is perfect for PCYC consultants and facilitators to deliver outdoor experiential programs for diverse young people including primary and secondary schools

students, youth at risk, people with disabilities and young adults.

Bornhoffen is also available for use by schools, community organisations and other groups as a venue to run their own camp, program or retreat.

Bornhoffen, which coincidentally celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> year next year, is also the venue for PCYC’s State Youth Leadership Program – a series of youth leadership development experiences offered to more than 100 young people from PCYCs across Queensland each year.

For more information about Bornhoffen, visit [www.bornhoffenpcyc.org.au](http://www.bornhoffenpcyc.org.au)