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Nurturing our youth,
Their future is in our hands

Who Is IN-Step

IN-Step delivers the following
services in North Queensland.

Youth Connections

Get Set For Work

Young Mums

IN-Step Mobile Youth Service

Youth Connections is funded
by the Commonwealth of
Australia as represented by
the Department of Education,
Employment and Workplace
Relations.

Get Set For Work is funded by
the Queensland Government's
Skilling Queenslanders for Work
initiative.

IN-Step NEWS

Are you ready? Then Get Set For Work!

IN-Step recently received funding through the Queensland Government's 'Skilling Queenslanders for Work' initiative to run a Get Set For Work Program.

IN-Step delivers a 16 week Get Set for Work program aimed at young people aged 15- 17 years. Get Set for Work is a 'Work Readiness' Program.

Get Set for Work offers young people an opportunity to be coached on essential topics such as:

Life Skills,
Employability Skills,
Work Ethic and Practical
Skill Development.

Each young person will gain lifelong skills by participating in both Accredited and Non-Accredited industry

related training.

IN-Step's Get Set for Work program offers the opportunity to learn skills and gain qualifications in the areas of:

Hospitality – Certificate II Operations

Retail – Certificate II

Food Handlers and First Aid

IN-Step General Manager Dean Wilson said the young adults would come from various sources

throughout Townsville.

"It is about ensuring young people realise there is a bright future for them if they get in the right frame of mind," he said.

"It is however vital to ensure this is not a one size fits all approach which is why our case workers will be working one on one with each of the teenagers and developing an individualised approach to set them on their road to success."



Some of our Get Set For Work participants:
L-R: Eve Williams, Sophie Clayton, Kimberley Agius, Samantha Scott, Ayla Clayton, Jessica Sanderson, Shanayah Royal, Tiana Bulsev, Isabelle Herbert and Grace Hammond

Newest Members of IN-Step

IN-Step recently welcomed Hayley Chellingworth and Stephanie Blair to the team. Hayley will be working in our Get Set For Work Program, which IN-Step recently added to its scope of services, while Stephanie is our newly appointed Administration Officer, a

new position in our organisation. IN-Step welcomes our newest

staff members and looks forward to long and rewarding partnerships.



L to R: Hayley and Stephanie with the new signage on our vehicles.

Burdekin - Regional Youth Engagement Fun Day

Burdekin Regional Youth Engagement Forum on 6th July was held at the ground in front of the PCYC. Great fun was had by all who attended.

The day was activity focused with Laser Skirmish, Noodle Soccer, Volley Ball, Touch Football game against the Police touch team.

Great fun in the Tug-O-War with the Police and Fire Brigade winning the first round, the

young people then challenged for a rematch and won that round. Then it was best out of 3 with the young people sealing the deal.

The Diddley Bow workshop was really well attended with young and old being involved. The Art workshop saw the beginning of a huge banner for Regional Youth Engagement Forums to be used across all regions. Max

Employment hosted the tent with the practice Poi, this was also well attended.

Many thanks to the Tidda group for cooking the sausages to keep the hoards fed.

Congratulations to Samara who won an iPod for just answering a few questions in the consultation.

Young Mum's Strike Gold

Ever since the publication of "Big Steps for Young Mums" with DUO Magazine in July, exciting things have been happening for our young mums. The intention for the article was to raise awareness of the important responsibility of being a young mother, highlighting the fact that they should be respected as they are a valuable asset to our community and its future

growth. Our DUO story has plucked at the heartstrings of Tonya Kyle. Tonya is the General Manager of the Markwell Group. Having an extensive history of supporting community organisations throughout North Queensland, Tonya is keen to extend the Markwell support to our young ladies. Since most of our young mums are engaged in Accounting or Business

training, Tonya has kindly offered work experience to help the young mums to achieve their goals. As it stands, the ladies have all agreed to meet in the very near future to make arrangements to commence this extremely generous and greatly appreciated training opportunity!

Thank you Tonya and the Markwell Group!

IN-STeP Mobile Youth Service

While IN-STeP prides itself on the number of young people we reach each year, it is about to get even better.

IN-STeP recently launched its Mobile Youth Service that commenced in Rollingstone on Thursday 11th August and will continue through to mid November.

This service has been developed in conjunction with the Rollingstone and District

Community Association to provide out of school hours activities and programs for the young people of the region.

The first week has been a huge success, with the young people participating in Sport and Rec activities. Over the coming weeks they will experience Art, Cooking and Photography to name a few. With a wide range of ages attending, our staff are certainly challenged in keeping

all of the young people busy.

IN-STeP is looking forward to a long and productive relationship with the Rollingstone community.



*Marcia prepares a group for
IN-STeP Boot Camp*

Charters Towers - Youth & Family Fun Day

Recently IN-STeP hosted the Charters Towers Youth & Family Fun Day; along with sponsors the Charters Towers Regional Council, The Youth Network NQ Inc. and Bendigo Bank. The Charters Towers Skate Park came to life when approximately two hundred local youth and families took the opportunity to link with local service providers in a casual atmosphere.

The highlight of the day was everyone enjoying the bungee run, bouncy boxing, gladiator duelling and rock wall climbing games. The youth service providers ran minute to win it games and the lucky dip prizes were a big hit. Youth Network NQ held a Regional Youth Engagement Forum with participants having the opportunity to win

an iPod Shuffle; congratulations to June for being the lucky winner. Youth Network also hosted the extremely popular Diddley Bo workshop; with participants learning how to design, make and play their own single stringed guitar. The regional council sponsored an Aerosol Art workshop at the skate bowl. Participants learned about legal aerosol art and techniques from a well known regional artist. Now Charters Towers skaters are enjoying their new art piece.

IN-STeP would like to take this opportunity to thank the youth and families for supporting the event; along with our sponsors, youth service providers and local business houses for their generous contributions.

Links 2 Learning

Links 2 Learning is a program available to Townsville's State High Schools and aims to provide a positive alternative to junior high school students (grades 8-10) during long term suspensions (10-20 days). The program has several objectives:

- * Individual and intensive support with academic work set by the school while on suspension
- * Identifying and assisting with numeracy and literacy needs
- * Engaging students in learning through interest areas including:

Creative Arts, Sport, Gardening, Aquaculture, Cooking & Sewing, Manual Arts & Mechanics

- * Modelling and teaching of appropriate social behaviour
- * Linking with and referring to appropriate youth based services to provide ongoing support after the student's suspension

IN-STeP has been involved with the project from its inception and provides a staff member, David Kennedy, to assist the Teachers and work with the young people in returning to school.

Who Cares? Youth Do!

Animals are extremely healing and most of our youth enjoy working with them. IN-STeP is running a program that allows up to 10 youth the chance to interact with and be educated about the caring, life and facts about animals.

This program aims to teach youth positive interaction and caring for animals. It will assist youth to improve their self esteem and make a positive contribution back to the community. By working directly with the animals IN-STeP hopes to teach the youth involved life skills such as patience, anger management, responsibility and loyalty.

Some of the activities participants will be involved in at the RSPCA include learning about the importance of de-sexing, worming and health care, Training a dog of their choice on basic commands, exercising them and also just spending time with them.

Participants will also be encouraged to make a poster for a particular animal of choice in order to put on the cage to assist with finding their forever home.

Along with the RSPCA, participants will have the chance to interact and engage with wildlife with the help of NQ Wildlife Carers and Reef HQ. Participants will learn about the daily care of animals such as Kangaroos and Horses to Turtles and Sharks. Participants will also get to learn about the many different careers you can have in the world of working with animals.



Everyone enjoyed the feeding experience!

OUT AND ABOUT



IN-STeP Activities



Charters Towers Family Fun Day



Laser Tag was a very popular activity at the Burdekin Regional Youth Engagement Fun Day



IN-STeP site at the Charters Towers Family Fun Day



Dance workshop gave young people the chance to learn some new moves at the Burdekin Regional Youth Engagement Fun Day



Street Art workshop at the Charters Towers Family Fun Day. Street Art is one of our most popular activities.



The Burdekin Regional Youth Engagement Fun Day Diddley Bow Workshops also proved to be successful.