

# YOUTH SERVICES

## SNAPSHOT 2022



### CASE MANAGEMENT

Council's Youth Services are present at Yeppoon State High School every Friday for one-on-one case management support. Referrals for case management come from the school's Guidance Officer. These sessions include a self-assessment, goal planning, working towards goals, self-development and referrals to other agencies if needed.

### YOUTH IN LIVINGSTONE

'Youth in Livingstone' is Council's Youth Services social media page where we promote 'all things youth' in Livingstone. The online platform allows us to promote local programs, activities and opportunities to young people and their families, Council delivered or not.

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Council's Youth Services have delivered a variety of no-cost training for young people to increase their opportunities in gaining local employment. RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) and White Card training have been delivered in a number of Youth Week and School holiday programs, both receiving high attendance. This is providing quick outcomes for older teens who are work ready and require these qualifications to work in hospitality or construction environments.

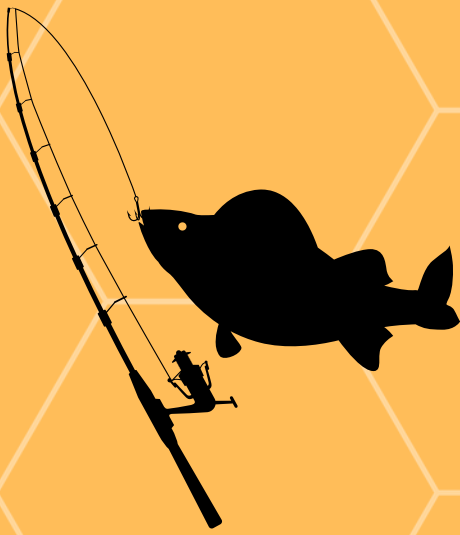
### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Council's Community Development, Sport and Recreation team (including Youth Services) work collaboratively with Council's Events and Engagement team to bring together a school holiday program for every QLD school holiday period. Each program focuses on providing young people with opportunities to participate in 'healthy habits' as well as participate in their community. The program also activates a variety of localities in the shire through entertainment options and these programs continue to be very well received. Council partners with community groups and sporting clubs to highlight opportunities and activities in the school holiday programme that are actually available to participate in year round.

### DROP IN - FREE PLAY

A brand new initiative! Council has just started providing the Cordingley St Basketball facility every Friday afternoon as a 'drop in' space. This provides a no cost physical activity, social connections and an opportunity to engage with Council's Community Development, Sport and Recreation team.





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## FISHING FRIENDZIES

One of Council's more recent youth programs is 'Fishing Friendzies'. Council's Youth Services received funding from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to implement a 6 week educational fishing program with the aim to educate responsible young fishers. This program provides practical skill building components as well as a social fishing group. This program is a great result of collaboration, involving government departments, volunteers and private businesses to trigger an interest in this healthy habit amongst young people.

## EDUCATION

Council's Community Development, Sport & Recreation team (Including Youth Services) provide educational talks to community groups and schools upon request.

## COLLABORATION

Council's -Community Development, Sport and Recreation team seek out partnerships with other service providers to enhance opportunities to young residents. Through collaboration, services can share resources and knowledge enabling positive working relationships that all young people can benefit from.

Examples of collaboration include:

- The Real groups 'Level Up' Program – Council supports young participants engaged with the Level Up program by providing weekly cooking and/or connecting them with local sporting activities.
- YOU Development program – Council's Youth Services coordinated a 6 week self development program, which covered a variety of youth related topics, including positive relationships, alcohol and drugs, sexual and reproduction education, positive thinking, budgeting and employment. Various services worked with Council in delivering these sessions.
- YOU Choose Youth Road Safety – Council's Youth Services have worked with YOU Choose and local high schools to deliver important and equally emotional messages to young people around the effects of road trauma. The presentations are well received by Students and school staff, triggering discussions around positive and negative driving behaviours.
- Love Bites – Youth Services Staff facilitate the Love Bites' program in local high schools alongside Legal Aid, QLD Police and other community services. This program challenges young peoples views on healthy Vs unhealthy relationships and provides information to students on where to seek help if they feel unsafe.



# YOUTH ACTION GROUP

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### LIVINGSTONE YOUTH ACTION GROUP OVERVIEW

The Livingstone Youth Action Group (YAG) consists of students from all 3 high schools in the Shire. The group meet weekly to discuss, design and implement community projects for young people alongside Council. This youth-led approach to project planning allows Council to listen and respond to youth needs and also empowers young people as they become the leaders in delivering outcomes for other young residents!

### ANTI-CYBER BULLYING PROJECT

The group received funding to get a variety of tech gadgets printed with short messages to encourage kind behaviour online. Items included headphones, laptop stickers and webcam covers and the message included 'kind is the new cool', 'cover your cam' and 'be a buddy not a bully'. The tech gadgets were handed out to all local high school students.

### YOUTH-LED STREET ART PROJECT

Street Art Project – YAG developed a youth survey and asked their peers where they should create a mural and what the theme of the mural should be. The most popular response for the location was an area around McDonalds and the most voted theme was 'Environment'. The group secured the showgrounds wall opposite Yeppoon Central, drafted a concept of a world throwing rubbish and a key message 'What if the world treated us, the way we treat her?'. They then worked alongside a local artist to complete the mural- it's bright, straight to the point and very popular!

### DIY FOOD DEHYDRATOR

YAG worked alongside Upcycle CQ to build a solar food dehydrator from recycled materials to donate to the community garden 'Jack's Paddock'. The aim was to reduce the waste of the fresh fruit and veggies grown in the garden by providing them with a way to dehydrate the food. For most of the participants, this was the first time they had used hand tools. While the piece took a lot of thought and planning, the group produced something usable and unique!

### PROJECT INSPIRE

YAG received funding from the QLD Governments 'Investing in QLD Women' initiative to deliver 'Project INSPIRE'. The project was designed to share the stories of local women working in male dominated industries and/or in leadership positions, which in return inspires young females to take a step towards their career goals, regardless of the industry. Challenges, inspiration and advice were shared by 5 local women through a series of fun and funky Library displays delivered to each high school and Library in the Shire. The women were turned into avatars - this can only be the idea of young people, right?!

