REKON YOUTH FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



ROLANDO PISIA

Dear Champions and Supporters of REKON Youth Foundation,

As I look back on the extraordinary journey we have shared this year, my heart is filled with immense gratitude and pride. To my resilient core team, our incredible volunteers, generous sponsors, and dedicated partners – thank you for standing with us, believing in us, and being the hands and feet that make this work possible.

This year has been nothing short of remarkable. Together, we have created spaces where young people feel valued, empowered, and seen.

From Yarrabilba to Deception Bay, Springfield to North Lakes, we have been catalysts of change, breathing life into our vision of equipping youth to unlock their full potential.

In Yarrabilba, we celebrated the launch of the 5-week Excellence Program – a transformative initiative that is already shaping lives, teaching resilience, and inspiring young people to pursue their best selves.

We continued to nurture our work in Deception Bay alongside Kurbingui, providing a space of connection, growth, and opportunity for the young people in this vibrant community. n North Lakes, we proudly launched a new cultural program for the YMCA, a powerful expression of identity and belonging that is creating ripples of impact among First Nations youth and beyond.

Our work in Springfield Central continues to thrive, and we were blessed to receive funding to deliver music programs and the much-loved barber workshops in partnership with Loles Barbershop – a program not just about skill development but also about building confidence and community.

And perhaps one of the greatest milestones of this year – REKON has been chosen to operate the brand-new Wilbur Street Youth Centre. This new space is more than just a building; it is a home. A place where dreams are nurtured, creativity flows, and young people find connection, support, and purpose. It marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for REKON, and we are ready to embrace the opportunity with open hearts and unwavering commitment.

None of this would be possible without you. Your support, prayers, and partnership have been the foundation upon which we stand. Through every challenge, we have remained steadfast, knowing that "With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). This year's accomplishments are a testament to what can be achieved when a group of people come together with a shared heart for change. We are building more than programs – we are building futures, rewriting stories, and inspiring generations. So, from the depths of my heart, thank you. Thank you for believing in the young people we serve and for believing in the mission of REKON. As we look ahead, let us continue to dream boldly, work tirelessly, and remember that the best is yet to come.

With love, gratitude, and hope, Rolando Pisia

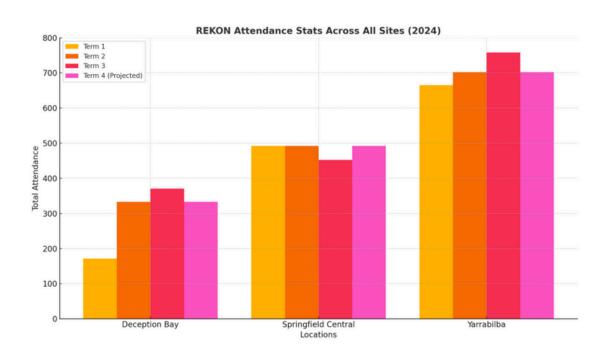
TOTAL ATTENDANCE 2024

REKON Attendance Report - 2024

Total Attendance Across 4 Terms by Location

- 1. Deception Bay: 1208
- 2. Springfield Central: 1928
- 3. Yarrabilba: 2827

Total Attendance Across All Locations: 5963











• WILBUR ST YOUTH CENTRE LOGAN CENTRAL Monday-Friday 9AM-9PM Saturday 9AM-5PM



• SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL ONCE A MONTH FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH



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From the bottom of our hearts, we want to express our deepest gratitude to our incredible team of program facilitators, mentors, volunteers, and sponsors. In 2024, your dedication, passion, and relentless commitment continue to drive the transformative impact we see every day. You are the backbone of REKON Youth Foundation, empowering us to create spaces where young people discover their potential, find connection, and build their future.

Together, we are not just changing lives—we are shaping a generation, rewriting stories, and building a legacy of hope. Thank you for being the driving force behind our mission and the pillars of strength that turn vision into reality.

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