

## News from the Network

*Summary of updates provided by YSMN members about new information or changes to service and program delivery.*

### Headspace

- Currently recruiting to Community Engagement Position as Gedi has moved on.
- Experiencing an increase in referrals to headspace which is creating longer than normal wait times for service
- All efforts are being put in to managing the increase in demand
- Current wait times are 6 – 8 weeks for counselling services

### National Job Link

- Cert IV in Youth Work – we can train today but are keen to get it government subsidised. We are asking organisations for ‘letters of support’. At this stage, we are still in the process of gaining Letters of support to get our Cert IV in Youth Work off the ground and fully subsidised through Higher Learning. This will suit employers/ at this organisations as their employees will be eligible for applying for this. What about the employees that have a certificate? That’s ok! At this stage, the government are issuing Boost subsidies that will give these employees a second chance for gaining more qualifications. (I can provide this to any organisation that is interested). If employers are interested in helping us out I can get in contact with them and assist with templating a letter.
- We have launched our **Restaurant** that is also a **Training Facility** for Customer service and Hospitality called **Wild Thyme**. This is at 41 Shields street Cairns. This is a fully functional restaurant with 2 kitchens and is fully operated as a successful and sustainable restaurant. We felt this restaurant was a great opportunity to collaborate real hands-on experience with great accredited training. Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you would like to know more. We do have a variety of courses we can deliver so please ask the question!

- National Joblink (NJL) is a premier registered training organisation which has served the Community for the past 30 years throughout Queensland, the Northern Territory, Tasmania and Adelaide. Over these years we have offered a diverse range of services to the community. We are a not-for-profit organisation that is owned by the community. In Cairns we primarily work with and provide training and support to young people between 15 & 24 to get them into work and/ or education under the Youth Path Program (Australian Government Employment Initiative).
- To find out more about what we have been doing in Cairns, see flyer attached (snippets from our current newsletter found on our website) <https://www.njl.org.au/>

### Safer Streets:

- Activities for Youth in Cairns (SPAYC) programs for Term 4. Please find attached flyer
- Supersession on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, please see attachment below
- **Youth Group has commenced** at Mooroolob Hub, please see attachment

### The Queensland Family and Child Commission

- (QFCC)’s Youth Advisory Council is looking for young Queensland artists to express how they see Queensland. We are inviting young people aged 13-18 years who live in Queensland to share their artistic talents to show us how they see their communities, hopes and dreams and what is important to them.
- Full details and link to submit are available on the [QFCC website](#)

### Respect Me:

- Please refer to link and attachment: [www.respectme.org.au](http://www.respectme.org.au)

### Army Pathway Programs

- Please refer to attachment

### Cairns Alliance of Social Services

- Please refer to attachment – Industry Christmas Drink

## Djarragun College

- OT at Djarragun College - newly created role at Djarragun College supporting the development of the Wellbeing strategy at the school, it will be important for our team to expand and enhance our partnerships with agencies across the region.

## Cairns Regional Council

- If your service or organisation is interested in hosting a youth week event, you have until December 31st to put in your application. Youth week 2021 grants – **Community events, activities and projects grants.**
- Seeking collaborators and interest from the network, looking for members to form a working group for **Cairns Youth week Ambassadors**  
Please contact Sasha D'Silva  
[s.dsilva@ Cairns.qld.gov.au](mailto:s.dsilva@ Cairns.qld.gov.au) - 4044 3568
- **Cairns Minecraft regional architectural building competition.** Summer break 2020/21, Compete with players from across the region as we find Far North Queensland's top Minecraft architects.
- The focus of the competition is to create a building using Cool Homes: smart design for the tropics and Cairns Style Guide as your guide.
- For full terms and conditions go to [www.cairnsminecraft.com](http://www.cairnsminecraft.com)

## WORKSHOPS

- Beginners will learn the basics of Minecraft creative building in a fun supportive environment. Students will then create their own tropical house design at a scale of 1 block = 1 metre as an entry in the Regional Architectural Building Competition.
- Advanced students will learn how to build to scale using World Edit, the most powerful design tool available for Minecraft. Workshop participants will create their own tropical building for the competition at a scale of 1 block = 100 millimetres. Advanced workshop participants will gain the Builder role on the Cairns Minecraft Creative server.

**TIME:** 10am – 2pm (all dates both days)

**COST:** \$50 (both days incl booking fee)

**VENUE:**

Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre Cairns

**BOOKINGS:**

(07) 4032 6650 Limited places available

## **INFO:**

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## Young Deadly Free:

- Young deadly free - When it comes to learning about your body and your health there are no stupid questions. Here on "You can ask that" youth will ask sexual health questions some of the questions you might be too shame to ask yourself.  
<https://youngdeadlyfree.org.au/resources/health-messages/you-can-ask-videos/>

## Anglicare – Youth Support Program

- **Youth Support Program (YSP)** supports young people who are at risk of disconnecting from family, community, school, training and employment.

## **Opportunities:**

### Improving Health Equity among Young People – The Role of Social Enterprise

- Please refer to link:  
<https://apo.org.au/sites/default/files/resource-files/2020-10/apo-nid308069.pdf>

### New social impact bond focuses on disengaged students

- Please refer to link:  
[https://probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2020/10/new-social-impact-bond-focuses-on-disengaged-students/?utm\\_source=Pro+Bono+Australia+-+email+updates&utm\\_campaign=98646e1332-Good-Business-November-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5ee68172fb-98646e1332-148083140&mc\\_cid=98646e1332&mc\\_eid=185df5c6f7](https://probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2020/10/new-social-impact-bond-focuses-on-disengaged-students/?utm_source=Pro+Bono+Australia+-+email+updates&utm_campaign=98646e1332-Good-Business-November-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5ee68172fb-98646e1332-148083140&mc_cid=98646e1332&mc_eid=185df5c6f7)

### Tenants Queensland

- Please refer to link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0b1Mb3-nTw&feature=youtu.be>

### Australian Indigenous Apprenticeship Program:

- Applications for the 2021 Indigenous Apprenticeships Program close 20 November 2020. Apply now.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOztiEHuVWw&feature=youtu.be>

### **Wuchopperen**

- Youth Traineeships at Wuchopperen - RECRUITING NOW
- Wuchopperen Health Service Ltd and VPG are excited to announce we are working together to create employment pathways for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- Multiple traineeship opportunities have become available for motivated community minded individuals to work at Wuchopperen to achieve the vision of improving quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- This is an opportunity to develop your career with Wuchopperen through a fulltime traineeship in the one of the following areas:
  - Office Administration
  - Facilities Management
  - Information Technology
  - Early Childhood Education
- Interested in applying? Contact VPG directly to request an application package by emailing [info@vpginc.com.au](mailto:info@vpginc.com.au)
- Applications close: 9am on Monday, 7 December 2020

### **Gondwana Choirs:**

- An internationally renowned choral organisation, is launching an exciting new choir for FNQ's finest young singers.
- Directed by Lauren Hannay and Lyn Williams AM, this ensemble looks forward to welcoming talented singers aged 15 – 25. The choir will rehearse weekly and plans to perform regularly in the Cairns region and to tour when possible.
- To express your interest in auditioning for this new choir, please contact us today. Contact [georgia.ginnivan@gondwana.org.au](mailto:georgia.ginnivan@gondwana.org.au) for more info.

### **Queensland Youth eHub:**

- Please refer to link: <https://e-hub.engagementhub.com.au/amplify-a-visual-arts-opportunity-for-young-queenslanders>

### **National Youth Policy Framework Snapshot:**

- Please refer to link: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/national-youth-policy-framework-snapshot>



## NJL's Learner Driver Training

- [Stories](#)
- [Meet the Team](#)

NJL is thrilled to announce the launch of their brand-new initiative in Cairns - the NJL Driving School. The 'NJL Driving Program' was developed in response to the need to address a major barrier to youth employment – access to transport. Cairns features highly in regional unemployment statistics. Many young people are willing to work, however lack the ability to get to and from the workplace. Furthermore, many are disadvantaged by not having access to a car or mentor to support them in building the mandatory 100 hours of supervised driving experience necessary to gain a license. NJL's aim is to help disadvantaged youth develop safe driving habits by providing access to:

- Driver training conducted in a relaxed learning environment
- Lessons with Accredited Driving Instructors & Experienced Mentors
- An NJL vehicle to undertake the driving test

Our Driving Instructor has had over 10 years of Youth/ Mentoring experience, specialising in building the skills and confidence that youth need to become good, safe drivers. "We focus on safety, building confidence and road smarts so when it comes time for them to go for their licence, they will be road ready, not just 'test' ready. We believe we can teach our students not only how to drive, but to drive with confidence and safety foremost in mind", stated James – NJL's very first accredited Driving Instructor.



## NJL Cairns wins Regional Queensland Training Award



NJL were announced the winners of the Regional Award of Community Training Initiative of the year for Far North Queensland.

*Dreaming Big 2019* saw nine local Indigenous youth start and complete a Traineeship in Business, Film and Media. Major projects achieved by the Dream Team included:

- Writing, directing, filming, and editing the Dreaming Big documentary telling the stories of local indigenous heroes.
- Staging a public event: a NAIDOC Bush Tucker Dinner Theatre to premiere the documentary, including producing and managing a social media marketing campaign, arranging an indigenous talent and fashion parade showcasing local indigenous designers, creating and testing the menu, designing and completing the theming of the venue, assisting with lighting and sound design, working in food service, technical theatre, events management and clients services on the night.
- Composing and creating a VET jingle embedded in a three-hour playlist for BLA Careers Expo and working on site.
- Producing individual My Journey video stories.
- Assisting at the Queensland Training Awards 2019.

## Ori – Cairns, QLD

During a recent NJL Employability Skills Training (EST) Program at our Cairns office, NJL Trainer Julia contacted the CEO of the Newcastle Jets Soccer Club, Lawrie McKinna. Laurie gave a talk to one of our participants Ori, about his experiences. Lawrie has over 35 years' experience as a pro, whose life changed, he said, when he broke his leg at 35, which led him into coaching. Ori mentioned the same thing had recently happened to him. He also has big dreams to become a professional player, but that all changed when he broke his leg. When Ori heard Lawrie's story, he appeared to sit taller and they both connected. Ori was given advice on how to build his soccer network, further training and even steps to take to become a coach. This has inspired Ori to plan a trip to Brisbane for coach training. Now that COVID 19 restrictions have eased, Ori has re-commenced his paid coaching duties at the local Academy. The additional rest has also meant his leg has healed well enough for Ori to resume playing soccer.








**CAIRNS SAFER STREETS PRESENTS**  
**SUPERSESSSION**  
**4TH DECEMBER**  
**4-6PM**  
**HARALD FALGE PARK**  
 JOIN US FOR SPORTING GAMES,  
 DANCING AND SINGING.  
 FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES.  
**FREE PIZZA**  
 Contact: Cheryl 0428106749










**Save the Date**  
 COME AND MEET COLLEAGUES FROM THE  
 SOCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY  
 AT THE END OF YEAR GATHERING  
**Friday 4 December**  
 HEMINGWAY'S BREWERY AT  
 CAIRNS WHARF FROM 4PM






CAIRNS WEST

# YOUTH GROUP

12-25 YEARS

YARNS, GAMES, MUSIC + FEED

EVERY THURSDAY  
6PM-8PM  
AT MOOROBOOL HUB

MORE INFO: MARC 0459 892 262



TERM 4, 2020

12 OCTOBER TO 6 DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY				
1.15-2.15	MOVE RE MOVEMENT ART	CAIRNS WEST SCHOOL	MAYERS ST	MANUNDA
2.30-4.00	KARATE KIDS (8YRS+)	CAIRNS WEST SCHOOL	MAYERS ST	MANUNDA
3.30-4.30	YOUTH GYM	MURRAY ST PARK	MURRAY ST	MANOORA
5.00-6.30	YOUTH YARNS (12YRS+)	MOOROBOOL HUB	LONG ST	MOOROBOOL
TUESDAY				
2.30-4.00	STREET SOCCER	CAIRNS WEST SCHOOL	MAYERS ST	MANUNDA
2.45-3.45	HOCKEY	BALACLAVA SCHOOL	MULGRAVE RD	MOOROBOOL
4.30-5.30	DEADLY NINJAS	HARALD FALGE PARK	LENNON ST	MANUNDA
WEDNESDAY				
3.00-4.00	READING IN THE PARK	MURRAY ST PARK*	MURRAY ST	MANOORA
4.00-5.00	CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	MURRAY ST PARK*	MURRAY ST	MANOORA
4.30-5.30	SKATEBOARDING	SHANG PARK	LONG ST	MOOROBOOL
4.30-6.00	BASKETBALL	118 MURRAY ST	MURRAY ST	MANOORA
THURSDAY				
2.30-4.00	AUSSIE FOOTY SKILLS	CAIRNS WEST SCHOOL	MAYERS ST	MANUNDA
4.00-5.00	STREET SOCCER	HARALD FALGE PARK	LENNON ST	MANUNDA
4.00-5.00	STRONG FAMILIES	MOOROBOOL HUB	LONG ST	MOOROBOOL
5.00-6.00	NAYTIVE HIP HOP	SHANG PARK*	LONG ST	MOOROBOOL
FRIDAY				
2.45-3.45	TENNIS HOT SHOTS	BALACLAVA SCHOOL	MULGRAVE RD	MOOROBOOL
4.00-5.00	VOLLEYBALL	HARALD FALGE PARK	LENNON ST	MANUNDA
5.00-6.00	BASKETBALL	SHANG PARK	LONG ST	MOOROBOOL
5.00-6.00	RUNNING + WALKING	MURRAY ST PARK	MURRAY ST	MANOORA
SATURDAY — NO ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED				
SUNDAY				
4.00-5.00	TAGGIN IN THE PARK	SHANG PARK	LONG ST	MOOROBOOL

\*In the event of bad weather this activity will be moved to Manooora Community Centre or Mooroobool Hub

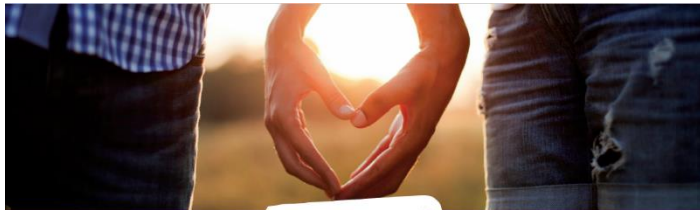
**FREE & FUN ACTIVITIES!!**

P: 07 4040 4935 / E: Cairns.SaferStreets@police.qld.gov.au

W: [www.cairnsaferstreets.com.au](http://www.cairnsaferstreets.com.au) / FB: [www.facebook.com/CairnsSaferStreets1](https://www.facebook.com/CairnsSaferStreets1)

In the event of extreme discomfort, program delivery/venues may change or may not be available.





## RESPECT ME

Helping young people create healthy, happy relationships - decreasing sexual and intimate partner violence.



### The Stats

- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 20 men have been sexually assaulted or threatened since the age of 15
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 9 men report they have been sexually and/or physically abused before the age of 15

Sexual violence is recognized as a particular issue for children and young people in Cairns. Over the period 2011-12 to 2015-16 Cairns Police Division was ranked highest in the state for average youth sexual victim and offender (count and rate)

### Program Components

Direct Education Programs:

- Junior Respect Me – 12-13 year olds
- Senior RespectMe – 14-15 year olds

Youth Activist Activities  
Professional Development  
Respect Me Website & Digital Campaign

### What is the problem RespectMe works to address?

Key findings in the Sexual Violence and Abuse Steering Committee's Final Report 2018 indicated:

- Areas worst affected by youth sexual violence and abuse also experienced high rates of social dysfunction and economic disadvantage
- Youth sexual violence and abuse is a gendered issue
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are twice as likely to be victims of youth sexual violence and abuse
- Increased access to digital technology has led to an increase in behaviours such as sexualised online activity
- Silence around youth sexual violence and abuse is a major obstacle in responding to the issue

### RespectMe aims to increase the capacity of young people to:

- Know and understand what constitutes respectful relationships
- Recognise their rights and responsibilities in relationships
- Recognise risky behaviour in relationships and the importance of keeping safe
- Identify the early warning signs of sexual and intimate partner violence
- Access and seek support
- Understand the consequences of harmful behaviour
- Deconstruct gender stereotypes in relation to sexual and intimate partner violence

## RESPECT ME

WEBSITE: [www.respectme.org.au](http://www.respectme.org.au)

A safe space for young people to explore friendships, feelings, relationships, respect, boundaries and more.