

YOUTH OUT LOUD 1000 VOICES (YOL1000)



WHAT IS YOL1000?

YOL1000 is a collaborative project about effecting change for the benefit of young people aged 10-21 years in Mackay.

It aims to give young people a louder voice, to provide young people with opportunities to realise their potential and to enable young people to be valued by, connected to and engaged with their community.

The name of the project represents its intent - Youth Out Loud 1000 voices (YOL1000).

HOW DID IT START?

YOL1000's origins lie in the Greater Whitsunday Communities (GWC) project, *The Unmet Needs of Youth*.

This research identified unmet needs of young people in the Mackay region, particularly those at risk of, or experiencing disadvantage, marginalisation and disengagement.

The project was borne out of an August 2019 workshop jointly hosted by Mackay Regional Council and the GWC which mobilised community partners passionate about enabling young people to thrive.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

The objectives are to:

- have 1000 conversations with young people;
- develop youth-driven, local solutions to local issues;
- improve young peoples' capability to be active and engaged in their community; and
- facilitate a collaborative, whole-of-community response.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING?

We are:

- engaging with and listening to young people;
- implementing a 90-day plan;
- continuing to collect data to build the evidence base;
- supporting collaborative partnerships;
- recognising Youth Week; and
- engaging young people in project branding, including logo design.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

This project involves young people, youth services, Indigenous organisations, GWC, Mackay Regional Council and Queensland Government agencies.

WHO ELSE NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED?

We invite participation of:

- young people;
- local business and industry;
- arts group;
- sporting clubs;
- disability services;
- schools and universities; and
- other community service providers.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

You can get involved by:

- becoming a funding partner or sponsor;
- sharing your ideas, passion and skills;
- participating in a working group (youth engagement, data collection or system mapping);

- joining the core backbone group;
- participating in workshops with the broader group of community partners; or
- remaining connected.

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