



QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK – AWARD WINNER

Award Category: Youth Participation

Award Description: Involvement of young people in the planning of a local activity to promote child protection.

Name: Young People making a Difference (MAD)

BIO

Young People Making a Difference (MAD) is a not for profit organisation formed in 2012 in Central Queensland. All MAD staff, support adults and leaders are volunteers. MAD is a young peoples' program (12-18 years of age) based around peer support and adult mentoring. It consists of 5 weekend Programs per year.

Young people may attend as many camps as they need. On average 30-45 young people attend each of the camps held at Tannum Sands. The peer support and adult mentoring model of MAD recognises that Australian adolescents experience many challenges including alcohol, drugs, family violence, mental health distress, self-harm, suicide and child abuse (neglect, physical, sexual and emotional).

MAD recognises that it is essential to have Young Leaders leading the Programs. Young people have been crucial in planning the activities and content for each Program.

MAD's mission statement **““Young people making a difference by recognising their ability to make their dreams a reality”**.

Location: Various locations across north Queensland

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