

# PALMERSTON YOUTH ACTIVITY GRANT FUNDING EVALUATION

## Community Summary 2021

*'Good People showing them the proper way'*



## WHO WE ARE

This evaluation was informed by an Evaluation Reference Group which was comprised of key stakeholders (including youth activity providers) in Palmerston working to improve outcomes for young people. The Palmerston Youth Activity (PYA) Grant is part of the Northern Territory Government's Regional Youth Activity Grants program. These grants have been providing a wide range of activities for 10 – 17 year olds during school holidays and after school times over the past 3 years.

## QUICK STATS

- PYA Grants fund an average of **53 HOURS** of youth activities during every week of every school holiday period since December 2017
- Food was provided as **565** school holiday activities over the three years
- On average, there are **697** attendances each week at school holiday events and activities funded by the PYA Grant



## WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVALUATION

- 40 Young People attending Youth Activities
- 13 Staff from Activity Providers (PaRBA, CoP, Larrakia Nation and YMCA)
- 9 Community Leaders from Community Organisations
- 118 Palmerston Community Members

## WHY THE PYA GRANT FUNDING IS IMPORTANT

1. It supports quality youth activities in the holidays and after school all year around.
2. It links young people to services, creating collaboration and coordinated activities
3. It is protective and preventive - keeping young people safe and connected



## WHAT 40 YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US

'The staff are so nice and friendly and help you when you have a problem'

'I would like to get a job here..... you have opportunities like that'

'Look around, there's so much happening here. This is the best place to be in Palmerston at the moment. I can't think of what other activity would be needed, just more of this'

- 100% told us the activities are 'great' or 'good'.
- 75% told us the activities are fun
- 93% feel 'extremely' or 'very' safe
- 87% feel respected by the staff



## WHAT 118 COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOLD US

'Essential supports for families'

'Activities for families cost a lot and its important for young people to have things to do'

'Keep young fellas out of trouble'

'Good people showing them the proper way'

'All kids deserve a chance to take part in fun activities in the holidays regardless of who they are or where they come from'

- 90% thought youth activities were important for Palmerston
- 85% thought free after school activities made a positive difference to the Palmerston Community
- 25% suggested more promotion of activities.

## HOW CAN WE IMPROVE

- Keep listening to Young People in Palmerston and grow our activities with their input
- Raise awareness about youth activities among young people and the border community
- Support long term programs to provide consistency for young people
- Provide more transport options to help get young people home
- Keep activities safe and supportive for young people

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## WHAT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TOLD US

PYA outcomes include:

- Connection between services, and young people
- Increases in young people's positive behaviour
- More safe spaces for young people in Palmerston
- Opportunities for young people (leadership, volunteering and paid work)
- Access to referrals and support when needed
- Youth Crime Prevention

