



The Youth Involvement Council (YIC) is the principle youth organisation in Port Hedland. YIC works to enhance and empower youth of the town with positive activities that will lead young people to make positive life choices. The YIC is managed by a Board of Management comprising of representatives from the community and government bodies. YIC has been a part of Hedland's social services sector for over 20 years and continues to collaborate with all sectors within the Pilbara to deliver quality services and outcomes for young people. The YIC ongoing projects include:

- **Lawson Street Youth Centre (LSYC)** – A drop in centre that caters for young people aged 10-17 Monday-Saturday.
- **Youth Accommodation Program (YAP)** – Crisis and transitional accommodation for young people between the ages of 15-25.
- **Mingle Mob Outreach Patrol** – A street outreach patrol service for youth in Hedland aiming to reduce anti social behaviour and encourage young people to participate in positive activities.
- **YIC ED** – YIC's Education Programs are knowledge and life skills based targeting young people in the Hedland area who have not traditionally engaged well in mainstream education programs. The goal of the program is to engage the young people in the education programs at YIC, eventually re-engaging them into the mainstream education system with the Department of Education.
- **Birds and Bees (Butterflies and Brotherhood)** – This program works in gender separate groups of young males and females aged 10-17 to develop an individual sense of self worth, deliver protective behaviours education and general education about issues facing teenagers transitioning through school towards employment.

### **Reach for the Stars Program**

In January 2014 YIC is introducing a new program called *Reach for the Stars*. Reach for the Stars Program is designed to allow local people to support young people less advantaged to achieve their goals and be successful. The key focus on the program is education. All support through the program will be for materials and items required to facilitate young people gaining a quality education. Research shows that supporting a child's education is one of the most effective ways to help a child break the cycle of disadvantage. Such support could include:

- school bus passes
- school books and uniforms
- Sports equipment, fees and uniforms
- School camps and excursions

There will be a simple application process to be assessed one week before the beginning of each school term. Applications can be forwarded to YIC at least two weeks before the beginning of each school term by selected referral agencies. Levels of funding support will be dependent on the amount of funds donated to the Reach for the Stars Program at YIC.

## How Can You Help?



You can help by making a single donation at any time. Donating today will help YIC help improve the lives of our local kids.



You can help by making a monthly donation or a regular charity gift which is offers a convenient & effective way for donors to support Reach for the Stars throughout the year. You can elect any amount to be debited once a month from your nominated credit card or bank account into the YIC Reach for the Stars account.

All donations are tax deductible. You can make a donation by contacting YIC today on 08 91401272 and asking for Fiona.

*Remember employees of BHP Billiton are eligible to claim through the Matched Giving Program for all donations made to YIC.*

### Referral Agencies

1. Department of Corrective Services
2. Department for Child Protection
3. Hedland Senior High School
4. South Hedland Primary School
5. Cassia Primary School
6. Baler Primary School
7. Port Hedland Primary School
8. St Cecelia's Catholic Primary School
9. Well Women's Centre

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