

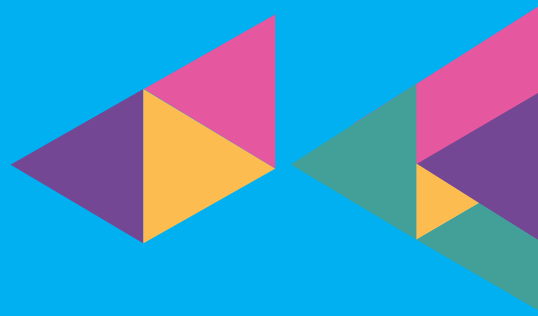


Youth chronicles

Edition 5 - Issue 3



“Stories of young people achieving great things in our region”



Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people.

This publication is produced through a partnership between the region's high schools and youth service providers and is proudly supported by Bundaberg Regional Council. The Youth Chronicles is released three times a year in May, August and November and contains stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

Through region-wide collaboration stories will be shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region has been given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine will be made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy is sent to each school to share and a limited number are printed and distributed throughout the community.

We would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality, along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement, as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions to the community they live in.

To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Community Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au



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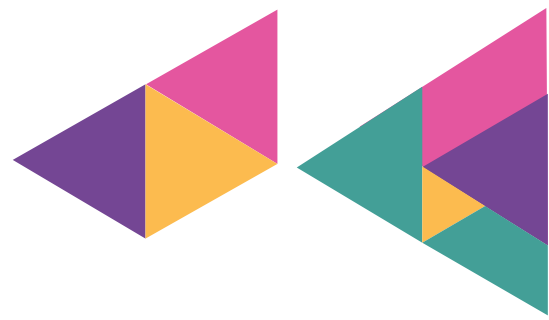


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2022 PETER DOHERTY AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Bundaberg State High School Year 12 student Brayden Sander, who was a recipient of the 2022 Peter Doherty Awards in the Outstanding Senior STEM Student category.

The Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education recognises students who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland. The awards are named after Professor Peter Doherty, a Brisbane-born Nobel Prize-winning scientist.

Brayden was one of twenty-eight students across the state to be selected for the prestigious award.

“Brayden is a worthy recipient of this prestigious award, studying four STEM subjects at school with the aim of following a career path in engineering,” Mr Gill said. “He is a positive role model for our students at Bundaberg State High.”

Education Minister, Grace Grace said the 19th Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education attracted 119 applications from State and non-State Schools right across Queensland.

“Each \$5000 prize enables students to continue their STEM studies and hopefully spur them on to even higher achievement in this important field, and encourage future STEM learning and career pathways,” Minister Grace said.

“Careers in STEM are the careers of the future and will make up many of Queensland’s good jobs, supporting better services and great lifestyle in the years to come.



RACQ SERVICES GIVE YEAR 12 STUDENTS A CRASH COURSE



Bundaberg State High School Year 12 students learnt the potentially life-threatening consequences of making poor decisions behind the wheel when RACQ presented its Docudrama Road Safety Program.

Partnering with local police officers, paramedics, funeral directors and professional actor, RACQ created a powerful mock car crash. Principal Gill stated *“The Docudrama is timely with Grade 12 finishing soon. It is incredibly confronting but equally important for students to understand the dangers faced on the roads”*.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Thirty Bundaberg State High School Year 9 and 10 students competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge. This competition involves students using skills to solve a variety of engineering problems. Some activities on the day included building a bionic hand using string and straws, constructing a tower to withstand simulated earthquakes, designing a water wheel to generate power, and build a trolley to hold a heavy moving trolley. Individual teams won a total of four of the events. The team of Hamish W., Cooper G., Jasmine K. and Emily B. won two of the events, outscoring all teams on the day. Jessica T., Amelia S., Scarlett W., and Kara W. were the winners of the Bionic Hand. Thomas B., Fletcher C., and Sophie M. were the winners of the Bridge Challenge, crashing out with a weight in excess of 9 kg on their bridge which weighed less than 80 grams.



WAKAKIRRI STORYTELLING COMPETITION SUCCESS



Students once again took part in the Wakakirri Competition with another successful outcome. Students were awarded a Spirit of Wakakirri Award, as well as:



- 🏆 Best direction (overall)
- 🏆 Excellent theme and concept
- 🏆 Excellent construction and clarity
- 🏆 Excellent ensemble
- 🏆 Amazing project
- 🏆 Best teamwork
- 🏆 Best public speaking
- 🏆 Best minimal use of sets, props or costumes

In addition, our team was nominated for a National Festival Award: **The Environmental Story Award**. Students and our Art Department staff worked together on workshop ideas, choreography and rehearsals.

Giving Back to the Community

Throughout the year our Junior and Senior students joined forces in identifying, planning, and implementing activities to raise funds and give back to organisations that have an impact in our community.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is a fun and moving experience that raises vital funds for Cancer Council research, prevention, information, and support services. Students and staff raised monies to give back to our Bundaberg community. *Relay for Life* is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors and their carers, and to honour and remember loved ones lost to cancer.

R U OK? Day

R U OK? Day is an annual suicide prevention event. All proceeds were donated to the *R U OK?* Organization.

Colour Fun Run

Students enjoyed an afternoon of colour explosion to raise funds in making life better for kids with cancer. A fun day was had by all, finishing off with an ice block and sausage sizzle.

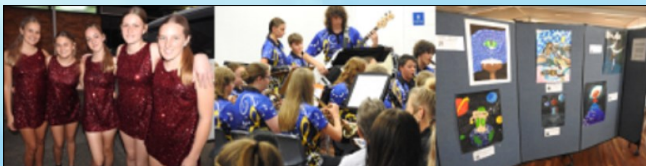


Crazy Hair Day

Students raised funds through Crazy Hair Day, giving back to those in the community and beyond who are battling cancer.



Arts Showcase



Our dedicated Arts staff hosted an incredibly successful Arts Showcase event. The evening was well attended by parents, the community and staff. Students were praised for their high level of professionalism on stage.

Students' work was on display, our various school band ensemble played throughout the night, and our jazz and drama students performed on stage.

Tree Day

Our Year 8 Practical Living and Skills students welcomed invited community and family members to the 2022 Tree Day. Students were responsible for organising the event, including program planning, arranging invitations and catering, and welcoming guests.





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Career Pathways within the ADF



Year 10 – 12 students were fortunate to have the ADF come and visit us at BYLC and share information about career opportunities and pathways within the Australian Defence Forces. It was a great opportunity to share what we do at BYLC and inspire our students to consider apprenticeship or traineeship opportunities through the ADF.

Rewards Day at Chaverim



Another term, another rewards day where students who achieve 75% or more attendance and show positive behaviour in our points system get to celebrate with a day out doing amazing things.

This term, students spent the day at Chaverim's outdoor education facility. Students learnt archery skills and conquered their fears on the high ropes. It was wonderful to see them cheering each other on, motivating each other and facing their fears together.

Overall, it was a day well spent and well deserved.

Middle School Fun!

Did you know that 70% of the learners here at BYLC are kinesthetic? That means they learn best with hands-on, tactile and practical experiences. It also means that being stuck in a classroom all day is not the most conducive way to learn. So, at BYLC, we try to do things a little differently. Here's some snap shots of what we've been doing in our Middle School lately to cater to the learning needs of our students:



Volcano making in Science



Tie-dyeing in Food and Fibre



HASS Excursion to explore aquaculture and farming practices

Volunteering Showcase



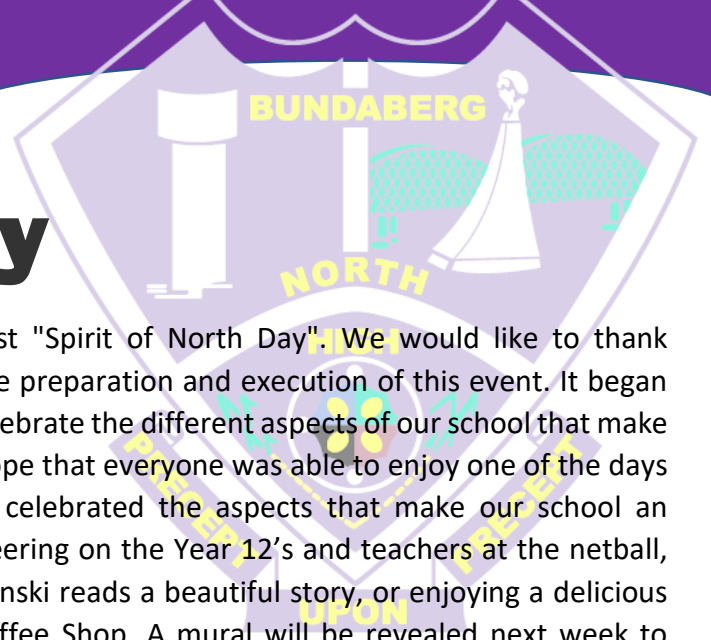
Did you know that there are so many benefits to volunteering? From connection with community, social skills building, and a sense of purpose through to mental and physical wellbeing – the benefits and the opportunities out there are amazing!

Recently, senior students completing their certificate in Active Volunteering presented a showcase of volunteering for the BYLC community.



Active Volunteering student, David sums it up perfectly: *"Volunteering is a good experience because you can help people that need it and it gives you a warm, giddy feeling."*

Spirit of North Day



Last term we celebrated our first "Spirit of North Day". We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the preparation and execution of this event. It began as an idea, a way that we could celebrate the different aspects of our school that make it so unique and awesome. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy one of the days activities that we organised and celebrated the aspects that make our school an amazing place. Whether it be cheering on the Year 12's and teachers at the netball, holding back tears while Ms Labenski reads a beautiful story, or enjoying a delicious milkshake or coffee from the Coffee Shop. A mural will be revealed next week to commemorate the day, and we hope that this symbol will inspire future school leaders to carry "The North Spirit" into the future.



CO2 Dragsters

Year 9 Material and Technology students were selected from our school CO2 Dragster competition to compete at the QLD State Championships in September. Five participants across QLD were given a Judge's Choice award and our Bundaberg North students Ethan and Zahlia were both selected for one of these awards. A number of students have been selected to compete at the National Championships in October so stay tuned for the results. Mr Mosen also entered the teachers' division and came 3rd in the state and will also be going to Nationals. Good luck to all participants and congratulations!



Arts Night 2022

Bundaberg North SHS students were on show at 'Arts Night 2022'. The annual event once again showcased a wide range of student talents from an exhibition of visual art, comedy, singing, creative short films, artistic aerial movement to the organisation of the event itself. Year 12 students Charley and Helena headed a crew of students to plan and deliver a fantastic night of entertainment and it was very encouraging to see the event so well supported by families and fellow students. Well done to all.

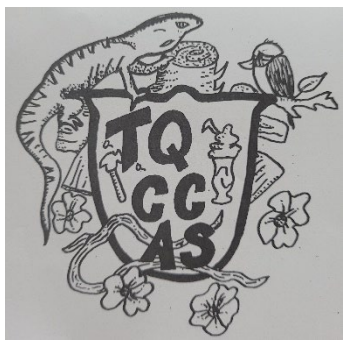


Volleyball Seniors School Cup

Recently our Open Boys' Volleyball team travelled down to the Gold Coast for Seniors School Cup. The boys played a total of 6 games over 3 days, versing teams from across the state. The boys finished the competition on a high, winning their last game and finishing 12th in Division 2. Special mention to Byron Lerch and Noah Gunning on being voted joint *Player's Player* and Noah Todd on receiving the *Coach's Award*.

"Being able to put a team together for this tournament was truly amazing. It was an honour to play alongside such a dedicated group of young men. The team has grown so much since we started training, and it has been awesome to see each player personally improve and learn to work with each other. I genuinely hope that the strong school spirit found in this team can continue into the coming years. Thank you so much to Miss Gardiner, Mr Moore, Bridget Naumann, Stroud Homes & Bundaberg Rotary Club for all they have done to make this opportunity available for us." Byron Lerch (Captain)





Tom Quinn Community Centre Alternative School



Livin' the dream!

For Year 9 student, Tyrese Perry-Gilbert who lives with a Traumatic Brain Injury, attending school was a pipe-dream. Not only does Tyrese manage a significant medical condition, he travels into Bundaberg from Mullet Creek each day to attend school – a round trip of over an hour and a half each way. The Tom Quinn Community Centre Alternative School have supported Tyrese and his family so that Tyrese can access education and provide a means in which Tyrese can continue on his learning journey. This collaboration has enabled Tyrese to engage in learning with his peers in a supportive environment despite living many kilometres away from the school. “The lunch provided for the return journey home is not too shabby either,” says Tyrese.

With encouragement from TQCCAS staff, Tyrese has managed to evolve from a student who NEVER uttered a word, to a confident young adult with definite opinions about many subjects which he will happily share with staff and students alike. In a short space of time, Tyrese with support has engaged in a variety of activities at the TQCCAS. He was a willing participant at the recent Dorrie Day held at CQUniversity in August. He engaged with a variety of people and delivered lunch to many of the venue stall holders. Tyrese also has participated with Friday lunch food preparation in the Tom Quinn Community Centre kitchen. Tyrese along with fellow Year 9 student, Ashley, helped prepare grazing plates for the hungry student cohort.

Tyrese participates willingly in all curriculum areas. When asked which subjects he enjoys, Tyrese cheekily says “maths and English, but art not so much.” Tyrese continues to impress TQCCAS staff with his dedication to travel a long way to attend school, and his willingness to participate in learning opportunities afforded him.



xmas in the skate park

Wednesday
14th December
10am-4pm
walla street
skate park

**Christmas
in the park**
has aged out

xmas in the skate park is a
teen focused youth event
with skateboards, sausages,
services and sounds.



yourtown
POWERING kids helpline

Youth Development Action Team

How will you make a difference in 2023?

We are seeking YOUTH 12-25 years old to join the conversation on youth advocating for youth.

In the past the Youth Development Action Team (YDAT) were brought together to work in partnership with Council, to assist in identifying issues for young people in the region and develop initiatives to build capacity or awareness and assist the community. First and foremost, the YDAT was formed to bring youth issues to the forefront of Council representatives and Community Development team, and provide YDAT members experience in committees, community development, project and event management.

2023 is a year of changes! We want to move away from formal committee's to providing a platform for Youth to lead the conversations and be the voice of their community through youth advocacy. This means **YOUTH representing YOUTH** to advocate for positive change on issues affecting your community.

What does this mean? Initially we want you to be a part of our Huddles (informal meetings) in-person or online it doesn't matter. Only requirements are to be 12-25 years old. These will be consultations to hear how YOU want to advocate for Bundaberg's Youth and WHAT we can do TOGETHER to get there! We will develop a 'vision' and principles to underpin what the group will do going forward.

If you would like to attend one of our 'Huddles', but are not able to make it to the venue, we will ensure the meetings are accessible via Teams. To join the Youth Development Action Team, please complete the [YDAT – Member Application Form](#).

If you would like more information regarding YDAT please call Steven on 4130 4158 or steven.vanlierop@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Youth Chronicles Survey

The Bundaberg Regional Council's Community Development Unit is dedicated to showcasing the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

In previous years, it was noted that there was a need for these wonderful stories and achievements to be shared with the broader community.

It was from this need the Youth Chronicles were developed, through a partnership of the region's schools, youth service providers and Bundaberg Regional Council.

The Youth Chronicles not only allows for the sharing of stories and achievements of young people who attend mainstream education, but also other education streams and those that no longer attend school.

Youth Service Providers are welcomed to share success stories through the Youth Chronicles.

With that being said, it's no secret that over the past few years the whole community has faced a variety of challenges, one big challenge still effecting the community being COVID.

These vast challenges have impacted on the number of submissions to the 2022 Youth Chronicles newsletter.

We are currently looking to revitalize the Youth Chronicles newsletter for 2023 and we would greatly appreciate your feedback and support.

Please [click here](#) or scan the QR Code to complete our community survey regarding the Youth Chronicles.



Your feedback is welcomed and greatly appreciated.



All Abilities Alliance Christmas Project

The All Abilities Alliance Christmas Project brings together Disability Services and their participants to **create a Christmas tree with recycled products and materials.**

The tree will be delivered to the Civic Centre Supper Room no later than 4pm Wednesday 30 November.

The trees will be on show Thursday 1 December to family, friends and carers with a free morning tea provided.

Public viewing will commence 12 noon Thursday until 4pm Friday.
Everyone is invited!

Date

Thursday 1 December and
Friday 2 December 2022

Time

9am – 4pm

Location

Civic Centre Supper Room

RSVP 25 November 2022



SUPPORTING YOUTH IN THE BUNDABERG REGION

DIRECTORY

Lifeline	131 114	www.lifeline.org.au
Headspace Bundaberg	4152 3931	www.headspace.org.au
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800	www.kidshelpline.com.au
1800RESPECT	1800 737 732	www.1800respect.org.au
Alcohol and Drug Support	1800 177 833	www.adis.health.qld.gov.au
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636	www.youthbeyondblue.com
Bridges Health & Community Centre	1300 707 655	www.bas.org.au
Child Safety Bundaberg	4154 9700	www.csyw.qld.gov.au
Childers Neighbourhood Centre	4130 4690	www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au
Community Development Unit	4130 4150	www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au
DVConnect	1800 811 811	www.dvconnect.org
Family Drug Support	1800 882 436	www.fds.org.au
Gin Gin Neighbourhood Centre	4130 4630	www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre	4151 5402	www.iwc.org.au
Parent Line	1300 301 300	www.parentline.com.au
Peirson Services	4151 2299	www.peirsonservices.org.au
Poison Information Centre	13 11 26	www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au
Pregnancy Help Australia	1300 139 313	www.pregnancyhelpaustralia.org.au
Pregnancy, Birth & Baby Helpline	1800 882 436	www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au
Q-Clinic Wide Bay Sexual Health	4150 2754	www.health.qld.gov.au
Queensland Sexual Assault Helpline	1800 010 120	www.health.qld.gov.au
Salvation Army Youth Refuge	4151 3400	www.salvationarmy.org.au
Youth Legal Information	1300 651 188	www.legalaid.qld.gov.au

USEFUL WEBSITES

Black Dog Institute	www.blackdoginstitute.org.au
R U OK?	www.ruok.org.au
ReachOut.com	www.reachout.com
Moodgym	www.moodgym.com.au

