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## BUNDABERG ACTION PLAN TO KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

### What is the Action Plan?

The Action Plan includes two ideas:

- A co-ordinated community awareness and education campaign (spreading tailored messages) to increase knowledge and understanding about the safety of young people and how to be part of the solution
  - Including a community bystander training component
- An online community portal ('One-Stop Shop' for young people's safety in Bundaberg) to increase access to education, resources and links to support services
  - Including professional development training and family toolkit resources

The Action Plan is targeted towards young people aged 12 to 25 years, and aims to:

- Strengthen personal and online safety
- Increase awareness and understanding about safe and healthy relationships
- Contribute towards the prevention of sexual violence and abuse
- Enhance local service capacity to prevent, identify and respond

### How was it developed?

- The Queensland Government, in partnership with Griffith University, Awakening Cultural Ways and the University of the Sunshine Coast, collaborated with the community in a co-design process
- Community ideas, wants and needs were shared through:
  - Co-design sessions with young people
  - Yarning Circles with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, young people and community members
  - Online survey of local service providers
  - Community workshops with interested community members
- More than 250 community members participated in this process, including over 70 young people

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- These community ideas were combined with 'best practice' from existing research on the prevention of youth sexual violence and abuse to determine four guiding principles for the Action Plan
- Guiding principles include:
  - **Youth-Led:** Empower young people to lead the design and roll-out of prevention strategies
  - **Community Driven:** Encourage whole-of-community participation and ownership of prevention strategies
  - **Inclusive:** Ensure prevention strategies are inclusive, culturally sensitive and relevant for all young people in the community
  - **Active Participation:** Support young people and the local community and organisations to get involved in prevention strategies

### Where to next?

- First, we need to gain community approval of the Action Plan. This includes the prevention strategies, the plan for next steps and the governance structure
  - The next steps include:
    - Stage One: Plan and co-design the Action Plan (9 months)
    - Stage Two: Test and refine (3 months)
    - Stage Three: Roll-out and evaluate (12 months)
  - The proposed governance structure includes:
    - Young people can join the Young People's Project Group or First Nations Youth Network
    - Adults can join the Community Support Team, including a First Nations Youth Support Network
    - Partnerships with Community and Stakeholders
- Once endorsed, we will commence Stage One, planning and co-design of the Bundaberg Action Plan
- The project will take 2 years to complete full-scale roll-out and evaluation