



*Youthlink outreach with
paid peers 2017*

Its all about community

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Cairns Sexual Health Service

We are glad that you are here

WELCOME



We welcome all people from all over
the world regardless of:
ethnicity, religion, refugee &
immigration status, gender, sexuality




What community engagement means to our team



Wear it Purple Day 2018

How we do it!

- Advocacy
- Visibility and acceptance
- Staff recruitment and diversity
- Having community peers in the service
- Listening to the needs of the communities we serve
- Client focus not service focused
- Visibility in community 
- There is not one community



Sex Essentials



Sex Essentials 2018, with paid lived experience speakers



CHAT

Cairns Hepatitis Action Team



CHAT Art and Story Telling Resilience Exhibition



CHAT meeting, friendship and support

- Our community reference group for hep b and hep C
- Central to our Hep C Free campaign
- Roles: lobbying for change, consultation, community engagement, community web site management, media, positive speaking, World Hepatitis Day activities



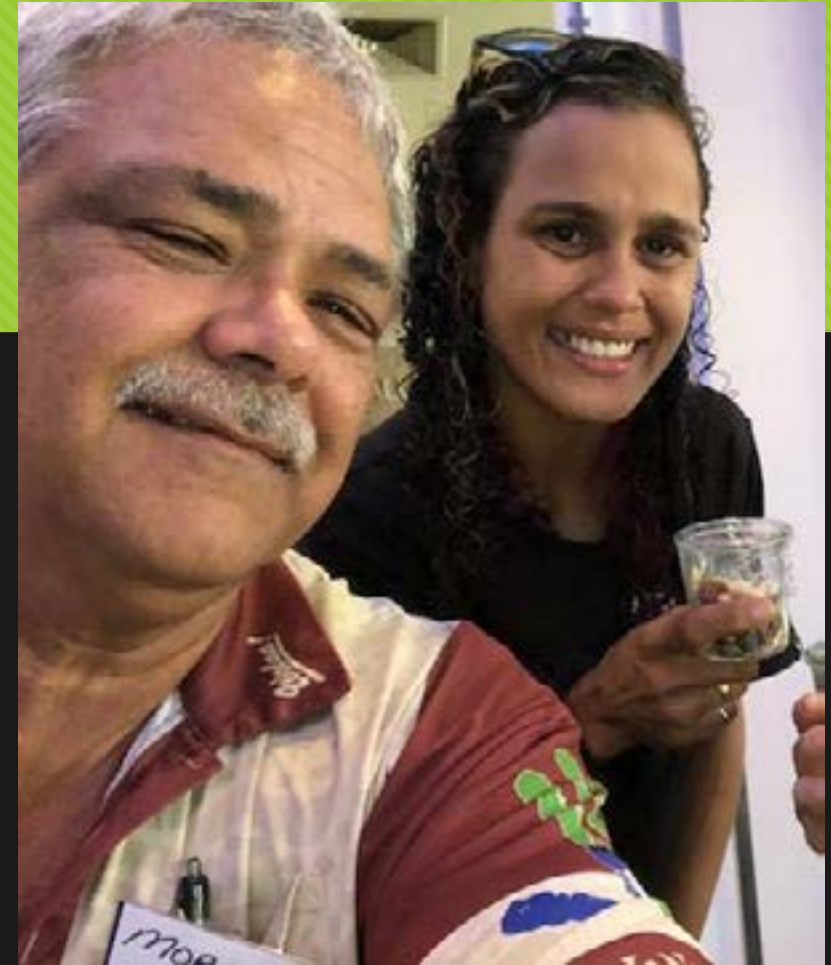
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- Reimbursement: petrol expenses, paid peer recruitment, conference attendance around the country, resume assistance, professional development opportunities
- Special achievement: 2018 Australian Hep C Health Promotion National Award, first place, \$5000.00
- CHAT movie – available on our Facebook page soon

Peer recruiters

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peer recruiters live in the community where the sexual health outreach team offers services.
- They share information to educate, inform and empower community members' health care choices.
- Peer educators are supported with payment and professional development.



Morgan, team member and Andrea at Brisbane Youth Forum

Panel: Andrea, Max, & Kathy

- What is the biggest challenge of doing peer and community engagement work?
- What is the biggest reward of doing peer and community engagement work?



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