



Australian Safe
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Certifying Centre for Safe Community Programs

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Safe Community Mackay No.81



Name of the Community: **Mackay**

Country: **Australia**

Number of inhabitants: **As at June 2009 over 116,000 people lived in the Mackay Regional Council area**

Programme started year: **Initiated in 1999 by the Tropical Public Health Unit Network, Queensland Health. Endorsed by Mackay City Council in November 1999.**

International Safe Communities Network Membership:

Designation year: **2004**

Re-designation year: **2010**

Info address for the Programme: http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/community/community_safety

Full re-designation application available:

http://www.safecommunities.net.au/new/upload_docs/20101111042504.REDESIGNATION_MACKAY_SEPTEMBER%202010.pdf

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The programme covers the following safety promotion activities:

For the age group



Children 0-14 years: Community safety, home safety

Youth 15-24 years: Workplace safety, personal safety

Adults 25-64 years: Workplace safety, home safety, community safety

Elderly 65+ years: Home safety, community safety

At the following environments:

Home: Children aged 0-4 years, older adults (Childhood Injury Prevention Working Group, Healthy Ageing Reference Group)

Traffic: Young drivers, fatigued drivers, drug and alcohol affected drivers, drivers who display inappropriate driving behaviours

Occupational: Young workers (Workplace Health and Safety Working Group)

Leisure: All Terrain Vehicles (Rural Safety Working Group)

Violence prevention (intentional injuries): City Safe (eg Walk Away Cool Down, It's all in your hands)

Programs aiming at "High risk-groups":

Children aged 0-4 years: Drowning prevention

Older adults: Falls prevention through Stay On Your Feet program

Surveillance of injuries: Access to National, State and Health Service District hospital injury data

Numbers per year: N/A

Population base: 116 000

Started year: 1999

Publications: (Scientific: in chronological order since 2008)

- Hanson D.W., Hanson J.L., Vardon P., McFarlane K., Speare R., Durrheim D., Documenting the development of social capital in a community safety promotion network: It's not what you know but who you know, Health Promotion Journal of Australia, 2008, 19 (2), p 144

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- Carter A., Muller R. and Pitt R., (2009) Infant and child injury in Brisbane, Mackay and Mount Isa 1998-2001. Journal of Rural and Tropical Public Health, 2009, 8. p18
- Allegrante J.P., Marks R., Hanson D.W., Ecological Approaches for the Prevention of Unintentional Injury, Italian Journal of Public Health, 2010, 7(2), p24.



Specific intersectoral leadership group: **Network Support Group**
 General public health/health promotion group: **Various Working Groups and related partnerships**

International commitments:

Site visits: Since 2008

2008 August Porirua City, New Zealand Safe Communities Site Visit

2008 August Cairns, Queensland Safe Communities Site Visit

Participation in Safe Community conferences: Since 2008

- 2008 March Merida, Mexico 9th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion
- 2008 October Christchurch New Zealand 17th International Safe Communities Conference
- 2008 November Melbourne, Victoria Social Network Conference
- 2009 July Melbourne, Victoria Australian Injury Prevention Network Conference
- 2010 June Brisbane, Safe Communities Queensland Forum

Hosting Safe Community Conferences:

Mackay Safe Communities hosted the 7th Australian Injury Prevention Conference and the 2nd Pacific Rim Safe Communities Conference in September 2004.

Other

The Mackay Safe Communities network has demonstrated a commitment to contribution in state, national and international forums through participation in formal committees and informal sharing on an opportunistic basis (eg Statewide teleconferences).