

SUPPORTING MENTOR GROUPS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE

The Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative (HYMC) is an umbrella organisation for groups providing youth mentoring programs.

HYMC works to develop, facilitate and promote a strong network for Hunter youth mentor groups. It also advocates the benefits of mentoring to the wider community.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- bi-monthly networking meetings
- special forums on topics related to mentoring, marketing, recruitment, training and funding
- providing funding for special projects
- raising community awareness about mentoring and mentor programs
- advocating on behalf of mentoring groups.

HYMC is a member organisation with a voluntary management committee.

www.hymc.com.au

HYMC does not provide mentoring programs - its members do. Its website provides details on local mentor programs to help connect people wanting to become a mentor or people in need of a mentor program.

The website also contains links to resources and the latest local mentoring news.

JOIN US

HYMC would like to work with people and organisations willing to assist in supporting youth mentor programs in the Hunter and Great Lakes Shire.

Cessnock Maitland Muswellbrook
Great Lakes Newcastle Upper Hunter
Lake Macquarie Port Stephens

Together we can help make a difference to the lives of young people.

YOU MAY BE:

- A mentor group
- A business or organisation that would like to sponsor a mentor group or the work of HYMC
- An individual who would like to support the work of our committee.

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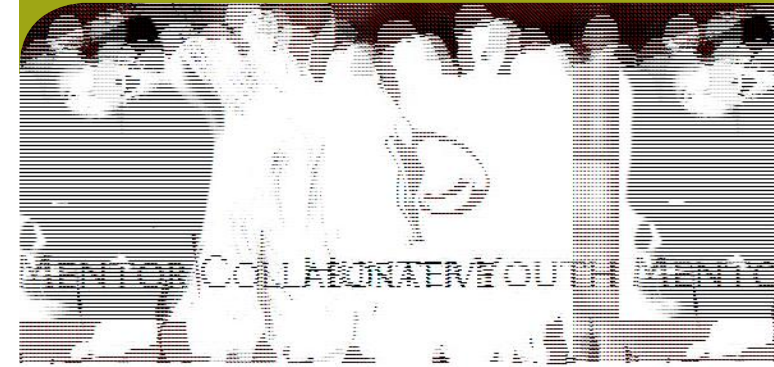
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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

There are many **benefits** for member groups joining our network.

YOU CAN:

- find out the latest information on mentoring
- share ideas with people who are working on the same issues
- improve your skills and knowledge on mentoring and program management
- obtain assistance with funding issues
- help to collectively advocate for mentor programs in the Hunter and Great Lakes
- apply for an educational scholarship for one of your program's mentees
- promote your mentor program.

HYMC organises a guest speaker for its bi-monthly meetings to lead discussion on topics of interest to mentor groups.

WAYS WE ARE HELPING

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of educational scholarships are awarded each year to assist eligible students aged 15 years and over to achieve their individual educational goals and to reach their full potential.

Scholarships are granted to students who: demonstrate the drive and determination to achieve the highest possible level of education; who are experiencing financial hardship; and have a strong support network.

The scholarships are made possible through the generous support of Yellow Pages and Newcastle Registered Clubs' Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) scheme.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

HYMC has strong links with the national Youth Mentoring Network. For the past few years the two organisations have held free forums to assist member groups to run more successful programs.

WHAT IS MENTORING?

Mentoring is a two way relationship which involves a more experienced person helping a less experienced person to work out and achieve their goals.

Being a mentor is about sharing your life lessons and experiences with a young person. It is also a great way to make a valuable contribution to the community.

MENTORING MAKES A DIFFERENCE:

SCOTT & DREWS STORY

Scott Jackson became a mentor to 15 year old Drew Etheridge as part of the Spastic Centre's Ignition Mentoring Program for kids with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities.

Drew said the program was great and thinks all kids can benefit from mentoring.

"I liked talking and hanging out with everyone. It was better than I thought and it was helpful to talk about some issues affecting teenagers," he said.

Scott Jackson says the program was very rewarding for him too. He really enjoyed Drew's company and has made a good friend for life. He says Drew and the other teenagers in the program taught him some valuable life lessons.

BRETT'S* STORY

After losing his mum and grandma, and not being able to live with his dad, Brett was doing it tough. He didn't want to stay at school.

With some help from his mentor at the RUSH Mentoring Program and the benefit of a HYMC scholarship, Brett is looking forward to getting his HSC and a brighter future.

(*Name changed.)

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