“A First for Ferdy’s”
Our First Tertiary Level Research Experience

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Cairns, North Queensland
26 – 29 April 2017
Acknowledging

Traditional Custodians of this Land and Sea Country

Elders Past and Present

Leaders Past, Present and Emerging

All those who have gone ahead

Collective and Practice Wisdom
Presenter

Carcia Nallajar

Program Manager - Ferdy's Haven
Palm Island
Presenter

Christine Cannon

Youth Worker - Ferdy’s Haven
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Ferdy’s Haven

Our Work Space
Bwgcolman Youth
Peer Research
How was our experience?

Positive

Steep Learning Curve

iPads fun and interactive

Understanding & appreciating research

Number of people who participated

Developing the survey tool questions
What was good and not so good about it?

- Being young Bwgcolman people working with other young people
- We speak the same language, we understand one another
- We were able to explain to our peer group that this research material will be a resource material for our future

What would be some of the changes;

- More training and more knowledge prior to going out into the community
- Going after hours to capture perspective of all youth (including disengaged)
- Making it more appealing with graphics using pictures to get the message across
How do we see it helping Ferdy’s Haven?

- Further develop program content suitable to youth
- Knowing where to start with young people
- More awareness of the issues
- Internal staff recommendation – further develop our Service Model to suit youth
- Ability to apply for funding with confidence and the evidence to support us
Advice to others wanting to perform research in Indigenous Communities

- Make sure the questions suit the participants & easy to understand
- Use local people to help conduct the research
- Gain knowledge of the history and current issues in community
- Cultural protocols – Use cultural mentors
- Promotion is important
Any Ideas or Advice
Please let us know
QUESTIONS?

OR

COMMENTS!