

Central Queensland
Hospital and Health
Service

Mackay Hospital and Health Service





10,000 Steps Strategy: Health Challenge

Objectives:

- To facilitate a health challenge between two Hospital and Health Services.
- To encourage weight loss, waist circumference loss and increase steps.
- To encourage healthy lifestyles by using existing facilities and programs in the community.

Challenges Leaderboard

Timelines:

- Concept and website development: February May 2018
- Challenge issued and accepted: May 2018
- Challenge started: 18 June 2018
- Challenge finished: 5 October 2018

Outcomes:

- 800 Participants
- Average age: 43.2 years
- **Gender:** 87.3% Female, 12.6% Male
- Health Challenge ran for 16 weeks.
- **Promotion in CQHHS:** Wellness roadshow, community events, Facebook, internal and external communication, promotional materials.
- **Promotion in Mackay HHS:** Digital/Facebook, TV ads, radio, print, Let's Shape Up events and health checks, emails/conversations with partners, promotional materials.
- Due to the competitive nature of the challenge and the ongoing promotion participants continued to join throughout the challenge.
- Can be implemented differently depending on the resources available: CQHHS used it as a promotional activity, while Mackay HHS instigated it as part of the funded Let's Shape Up program.
- 10,000 Steps Tournaments supported Mackay HHS's Inspire your tribe engagement strategy (21 Tournaments started).
- Value of partnerships and building on existing projects.
- Ability to be replicated in other Hospital and Health Services.



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