

**RON CASTAN YOUNG HUMANITARIAN AWARD 2017 WINNER –  
NICOLE MEKLER**



Nicole Mekler embodies her dedication to humanitarian causes, and the empowerment of Aboriginal young people in particular.

Nicole works at Just Reinvest NSW, an NGO that aims to address the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system through a justice reinvestment framework. As part of this Nicole works with the Maranguka Justice Reinvestment Project in Bourke.

She is also currently employed by WEAVE Youth and Community Services and the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Nicole has also volunteered with WEAVE Youth & Community Services for years, as well as the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and Youth Off the Streets.

Nicole Mekler has also given hundreds of hours of her time as a volunteer who works with Aboriginal young people through Stand Up's partnership with the remote towns of Toomelah and Boggabilla NSW.