

Grapevine helps educate, inform about suicide

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YOU may have heard on the grapevine about a pro-active group of people in Mackay doing their bit to save lives.

The Grapevine Group is an or-

ganisation committed to educating people about suicide and providing resources for those affected by it.

On Thursday night the Grapevine website was officially launched with speeches by guest speakers Mackay Mayor Julie

Boyd and Lifeline Mackay-Whit-sunday general manager Cheryl Miller.

Cr Boyd commended The Grapevine Group for their innovative approach to a serious topic.

“I think it’s a great organisation that is trying to assist in an area in

the community where resources are not always accessible,” she said.

Ms Miller said the suicide toll in Australia was now above 2000 people a year.

“Over the past decade that is still more than the number of traf-

fic accident deaths,” she said.

If you would like to get involved with the group and their fundraising activities which include exhibiting art, masquerade parades and fun events, contact the group on their website www.grapevine-group.org.au.