



Annual Report 2012 – 2013

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About Youth Solutions

Overview

Youth Solutions is a youth drug and alcohol prevention and health promotion charity working with young people 12 – 25 years of age and all others who play an important role in their lives.

Vision

To improve the health, wellbeing and resilience of young people

Mission

To be the leading community Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) prevention and health promotion service in Macarthur and Wingecarribee

Values statement

Empowering young people
Promoting safer choices
Building a stronger community

Ethics statement

Providing services in an ethical way
Adhering to all industry standards

Strategic directions

Providing accessible and quality services and programs

- commitment to evidence based strategies
- working with marginalised young people
- cultural safety and appropriateness

Sustaining quality external relationships

- working in partnership
- whole of community approach

Building a better organisation

- culture of innovation and flexibility
- commitment to quality improvement

Guiding principles

Alcohol and other drug (AOD) prevention
Harm minimisation
Social determinants of health
Health promotion
Social marketing
Youth participation
Building resilience in young people

Empowering young people



The people

The Board

President and Treasurer Peter Campbell

Vice President Jodie Dench

Executive Member Tony Ross

Board Members

Geoff Ellis

Aaron Ellis

Robert Elliott

Martyn Farrar

Emma Macfarlane

Damon May

Belinda McLean

Rebecca Whitford



The Team

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Program Support Officer (Casual)

Tamika Briggs

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Emily Elliott

Aaron Ellis

Casey Green

Francis McAleese

Isabel Mellor

Erin Middleton

Lana Nguyen

Kelvin Tran

Shayley Venn

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Tamika Briggs

Sarrah Duncan

Brandon Roberts

Shanell Dargan

Nikki McCall

Promoting safer choices

President's report Peter Campbell



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as President of Youth Solutions. I can honestly say that it has been a pleasure working with some of the *most* dedicated people in our community.

In her second year as Chief Executive Officer for the service, Geraldine Dean is doing an outstanding job in leading her passionate team to support young people in Macarthur and Wingecarribee to make safer choices.

There have been a few changes to the team this year. I would like to thank Dan Lea and Kate Angelucci for their contribution to the Service over the last two years and wish them both well in their new roles.

I would like to welcome new team members, Karen Yuen, Program Officer – Youth and Community, Lauren Ognenovski, Program Officer – Health and Strategy and Tamika Briggs – Program Support Officer (casual). Karen, Lauren and Tamika come to us with a variety of skills and experience and we are thrilled to have them onboard. Thanks also to Sue Willoughby, Executive Administration Officer, Shannon McEwan, Executive Finance Officer and Brooke Manzione, Communications & Marketing Coordinator for their continued hard work and for their dedication to Youth Solutions.

Over the last 12 months, we have seen a major increase in community support for Youth Solutions. I would like to acknowledge the *Campbelltown Catholic Club* for committing to three more years supporting the Service and partnering with us for the safer celebrations project. The 2013 – 2014 campaign 'What's the cost to you?' has just been launched and I look forward to seeing these important messages distributed in the community.

The Rotary Club of Narellan, McDonald's in Macarthur, The Protectors Insurance Brokers, The Mac – Macarthur Credit Union and BTIG have also greatly assisted the service in delivering their major projects throughout the year. Please continue reading this report to find a full list of our sponsors and supporters over the last 12 months.

As always, the Service has received overwhelming support from our local media. *C91.3FM, Macarthur Chronicle, Campbelltown - Macarthur Advertiser, Camden – Narellan Advertiser and Wollondilly Advertiser*, thank you for assisting us in getting our messages out to the community. Also thank you to our local elected representatives for their support of the young people in our community and for believing in our mission.

The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) continues to provide fantastic ideas and support for the Service. Their involvement in the Peer Enrichment and Empowerment Project (PEEP) and the re-launch of their campaign 'Give Us a Hand', *Smoke do you really want it?* has kept them very busy and we thank them for their dedication to Youth Solutions and for being a voice for their peers.

The *Fundraising Subcommittee* is already full steam ahead with a fundraising calendar clearly set out for the next 12 months. Thank you to the Subcommittee members for their work on the 'Rock 'n' Roll Charity Event and their continued support of Youth Solutions.

Finally I would like to acknowledge our dedicated Board. We have a very savvy group of community members who are committed to getting Youth Solutions' core messages and projects out to the Macarthur and Wingecarribee community. Thank you, it has been a pleasure working with you all.

This year Youth Solutions celebrates 25 years of Service in the Macarthur region. As a member of the business community, I am continually inspired by the work of the Youth Solutions team, volunteers and Board and I am looking forward to being part of the next 12 months (and hopefully 25 years).

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe new year. Remember to follow the 'What's the cost to you?' campaign on Facebook for tips on how to celebrate safe this summer.



Celebrating 25 years in Macarthur

CEO's report **Geraldine Dean**



It has been an incredible year for Youth Solutions.

As we celebrate 25 years in the Macarthur community, I am also proud to celebrate my very own 10 year anniversary as part of the Youth Solutions team. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years at this organisation.

I wanted to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the CEOs before me, previous Board, staff members and volunteers. I also wanted to acknowledge the young people we have worked with and other organisations in our region that have joined with us in our quest to minimise drug and alcohol harm in our community as well as promote general health and wellbeing.

As a Service, we believe in the power of community and partnerships and I also would like to reiterate Peter's sentiment and thank all of our corporate partners and sponsors who support us. We couldn't do what we do without you.

This year, Youth Solutions has been focused on implementing our Operational Plan 2012 – 2013. Over the last 12 months, our strategic priority areas have seen us work hard in delivering our three major projects and continue providing quality drug and alcohol prevention and health promotion services for young people and the wider community.

The Peer Enrichment and Empowerment Project (PEEP), Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Education (DARE) and Young Aboriginal Reference Network (YARN) projects have achieved great results in addressing youth drug prevention in the Macarthur and Wingecarribee regions. I share the team's excitement as we move towards the final stages of the three projects where we will begin promoting and implementing the evaluated resources within the community.

Our online information and referral service is constantly improving. Our website visitors and the number of people being referred to our Service via our social media and website is increasing. We have been working hard to be accessible to our community and innovative in finding new ways to communicate to our service users and stakeholders. If you haven't already, please 'Like' us on Facebook and 'Follow' us on Twitter and Instagram!

Our advocacy project, *AOD Link* is continuously providing opportunities for Youth Solutions to stay in touch with other drug and alcohol organisations in the region and support the drug and alcohol sector. The action plan for the next year is being developed and I look forward to seeing some great initiatives come out of this network.

Youth Solutions has maintained strong relationships with local councils and elected representatives in the community. The Service was also proud to be part of strategic government consultations including the *2021 Health Plan Presentation* and *Youth NSW Health Plan*.

The volunteer arm of Youth Solutions has greatly expanded this year. Our Youth Advisory Group (YAG) continues to represent young people in the region. Congratulations to YAG on their 'Give Us a Hand' campaign, Smoke do you *really* want it? and their involvement in the PEEP project. I also wanted to mention our Young Aboriginal Reference Network (YARN) and thank them for their contribution to the YARN project. We look forward to seeing the launch of the YARN Macarthur website early next year.

We had a memorable Rock 'n' Roll Charity Event in July and I want to thank the Fundraising Subcommittee for their tireless work in making our major fundraising event the success it was. I look

forward to future fundraising events and working with such a creative and enthusiastic group of volunteers to implement new ideas.

To the Board, thank you for your guidance and passion for what we do. Our service is lucky to have such a diverse and dedicated group to lead our organisation. From me personally, thank you for your support.

Finally to the Youth Solutions team. Thank you for your hard work and passion for what you do. I am proud to lead such a fantastic group of individuals who believe in health promotion and all have the same focus; to support young people in making safer choices in their lives.

Please keep reading our Annual Report to see what else we have been up to this year. We look forward to the next 12 months to continue achieving outcomes for our three major projects, working with the *Campbelltown Catholic Club* on the 'What's the cost to you?' campaign and continue providing services for the Macarthur and Wingecarribee community in youth drug and alcohol prevention and health promotion.

Have a wonderful festive season with your friends and family. Remember to celebrate safe.



Building a stronger community

Projects 2012 - 2013

Peer Enrichment & Empowerment Project (PEEP)



It has been a great year for the PEEP Project. Now in the final stage, PEEP is in the process of finalising their training calendar and the project team are busy working on the training manual.

Topics that were covered during this project included; planning, budgeting/finance, drugs and alcohol, engaging with young people, Give Us a Hand campaign development, sexual health – healthy relationships, facilitation and mental health.

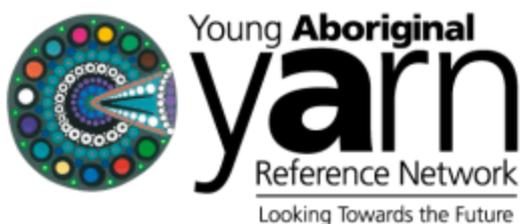
Over the next six months, the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) will assist in the facilitation of workshops and activities and continue to promote their Give Us a Hand campaign, which has already received support from the community.

Give Us a Hand – Smoke...do you really want it?

Give Us a Hand is a campaign created by the YAG as part of their PEEP project. With tobacco identified as a major concern among young people, the YAG came up with Smoke... do you really want it? as the message for this year's Give Us a Hand campaign. The campaign is targeted at young people 16 – 21 years of age and aims to get young people thinking about why they are choosing to smoke and *start the conversation*.

People are encouraged to visit www.giveusahand.org.au to make a virtual hand in support of the campaign which they can share on their Facebook, Twitter or email it to their friends.

Young Aboriginal Reference Network (YARN)



The YARN is a project which engages young Aboriginal people 12 – 25 years of age in addressing binge drinking, alcohol related harm and making safer choices.

Youth Solutions has developed an advisory group of young Aboriginal people who, along with staff, will identify alcohol related harms in their community, develop appropriate strategies to address binge drinking among young Aboriginal people, and develop resources

regarding Aboriginal culture, health and alcohol related harms.

The YARN currently has six members and has strong support from Aboriginal elders and community organisations, Muru Nanga Mai, The Three Sixty Project, DJ Mate and Community Links Wollondilly.

The YARN is working on a web based community health resource called 'YARN Macarthur' due to be launched early 2014. In addition to the web based resource, YARN will also run secondary school based workshops and creative art workshops to promote Aboriginal culture and expression.

Believe in the power of community

Projects 2012 - 2013

DECKed out heART

As part of *National Youth Week* and as an activity of the YARN, young Aboriginal people attended a one-day workshop called 'DECKed out heART' in April.

The day involved creating Aboriginal artwork on skateboard decks and connecting Aboriginal young people with community services. This workshop was coordinated by Youth Solutions in partnership with *Muru Nanga Mai*, *The Three Sixty Project*, *MWLP*, *Community Links Wollondilly* and internationally renowned local Aboriginal artist, *Danielle Mate* from *DJ Mate*.



At the end of the workshops the participants were able to keep their artwork with the opportunity to display them in Camden and Campbelltown libraries. This project was funded by *Campbelltown City Council* and *Camden Council* with the support of the *NSW Government*.



Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Education (DARE)

The Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Education (DARE) project is in its final stage and the team are excited to work with more schools and services over the next 12 months to deliver the final resource.

DARE has been designed to address a range of issues including peer pressure, mental health, communication breakdown by building resilience in the participants with an aim to minimise drug and alcohol related harm.

Finalising the pilot phase in 2013, the project has connected with over 100 young people and engaged schools in both Macarthur and Wingecarribee.

AOD Link

AOD Link is an initiative founded by Youth Solutions in partnership with *headspace Campbelltown*, *Traxside Youth Health Service (Macarthur)*, *Medicare Local*, *Maryfields Day Recovery Program*, *Odyssey House*, *Youth Off The Streets*, *Lifeline Macarthur*, *Drug and Alcohol Women's Network (DAWN)* and *South West Sydney Institute of TAFE* with the support of *Campbelltown City Council*, *Camden Council*, *Wollondilly Shire Council* and *Wingecarribee Shire Council*.



Currently, the group is focused on developing strategies to provide training opportunities for other health professionals in the region to better support people in our community with AOD issues.

Projects 2012 - 2013

Drug Action Week

Youth Solutions partnered with TAFE NSW, South Western Sydney Institute (SWSi) – Campbelltown College to run a community information stall at Macarthur Square during Drug Action Week to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking alcohol and then posting on social media sites.

By gathering survey responses and using a visual calico backdrop, community members listed what they believed are consequences of mixing social media and alcohol. We look forward to working with TAFE on more community projects.



Student placement

The team were thrilled to support students in their work placements throughout the year. Working with Macarthur Workplace Learning Program (MWLP), UWS Campbelltown Campus and TAFE NSW, South Western Sydney Institute (SWSi) – Campbelltown College, Youth Solutions hosted placements for students with a range of difference skills and interests including; health promotion, community service, youth work and administration. We wish all students the best of luck in their studies.

Safer celebrations – What's the cost to you?

Youth Solutions will partner with the *Campbelltown Catholic Club* for the next three years to continue producing safer summer campaigns for young people and the community.

Last year's *Celebrate Safe. No Regrets* provided insight into the regrets young people experience after a 'big night out'. Most common regrets included, fighting with mates, sleeping with someone you wouldn't if you were sober and spending lots of money.

The message for 2013 – 2014 is 'What's the cost to you?' and will highlight the various 'costs' of risky drinking through an interactive and social media focused social marketing campaign.



Valued and dedicated partnerships

Fundraising events 2012 – 2013

Annual Golf Day

On Tuesday 4 December over 100 golfers took to the renowned *Macquarie Links International Golf Course* to help raise money for Youth Solutions.

In addition to golf, the players participated in drug and alcohol education on the green in a fatal vision beer goggle challenge which saw even the more skilled players failing to sink a ball a short distance from the hole.

Thank you to David Michell and his team at *The Protectors Insurance Brokers* as well as the sponsors, supporters and players of the golf day.

This event has raised over \$170,000 for Youth Solutions over the last 11 years, which really has made a huge difference to our organisation.

McDonald's Charity Fun Night

On Wednesday 13 March, Youth Solutions staff and volunteers cooked fries, poured drinks and served customers at *McDonald's In Macarthur* restaurants as part of the McDonald's Charity Fun Night.

Donating 10% of all sales generated at food court stores between 3pm – 5pm and drive thru restaurants between 6pm – 8pm, a total of \$2,860 was raised for Youth Solutions.

McDonald's in Macarthur have been major supporters of Youth Solutions for over 12 years and we thank them for their commitment and dedication to supporting young people in Macarthur and Wingecarribee.



Charity Event

On Saturday 20 July businesses, organisations, elected representatives and members of the community raised over \$30,000 at the 'Rock 'n' Roll' themed charity event to assist Youth Solutions in the delivery of youth drug and alcohol programs in Macarthur.

Guests were treated by a special performance from star of hit TV show *House Husbands* and Logie Award winner *Tim Campbell* and enjoyed a full night of dancing with music provided by Sydney's number 1 party band, *Jellybean Jam*.

This event was coordinated by the Youth Solutions *Fundraising Subcommittee* and received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback. In our largest year yet, 21 community sponsors also ensured the success of the event with Major Sponsor, *The Rotary Club of Narellan*, contributing \$10,000.

*Next year's Charity Event will be held on Saturday 19 July
The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club*

25 years and counting

A series of stories in celebration...

Behind the projects

Youth Solutions is a youth drug and alcohol prevention and health promotion service – what else do we do?

Over 25 years, Youth Solutions has been many things to the community.

According to the Service's 2012 stakeholder survey, Youth Solutions 'runs workshops in schools', 'develops and implements projects and campaigns for young people' and 'has passionate staff'.

As much as projects, campaigns and a hardworking team are all priorities for this community organisation, there are some aspects the community don't hear about that are just as important.



In the first six months of the year, Youth Solutions collected over 800 surveys from the community about a range of issues. These included:

- Energy drinks – how often are people consuming them?
- Regrets – what young people regret after a big night out?
- Venue patrons – drinking habits on a night out
- Community – drugs and alcohol in the community, a perspective from community members over 25
- Youth – drugs and alcohol in the community, a perspective from young people 12 - 25

Some key findings of the 2012 - 2013 research include:

- 80% of people surveyed are aware that hospitalisation and death are some of the effects of energy drinks
- Highest response of the amount of alcoholic drinks consumed in one night was 'more than eight'
- 41% of people surveyed claimed to have more than 3 drinks before they go out
- 82% of people surveyed believe binge drinking is a problem in the Campbelltown area
- Regrets on a night out are most commonly; spending lots of money, sleeping someone you wouldn't if you were sober and fighting – verbally.

All survey results are used to inform current and future Youth Solutions' projects and used to advocate and encourage stronger support for young people in Macarthur and Wingecarribee.

Young people are the future

25 years and counting

Youth charity rallies diverse support from all over Australia

The people, organisations and businesses that contribute to Youth Solutions

This year, Youth Solutions celebrates 25 years in the Macarthur community and they are using this time to reflect on the calibre of support they have received over the years.

One of the proudest moments for the Service happened in 2012, when the Youth Solutions Youth Advisory Group (YAG) ran a campaign funded by the *IMB Community Foundation* called 'Give Us a Hand'.

This campaign was based around an interactive website where people could decorate a virtual hand and share it on their social media accounts to promote the message 'WRECKreational Drugs...don't let them wreck your night'.

'Give Us a Hand' received 500 hands from all over Australia, and some from countries including the Philippines, USA and Abu Dhabi.

The campaign was publically mentioned and supported by:

- Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, The Hon Peter Garrett MP
- Minister for Health, The Hon Jillian Skinner MP
- Member for Campbelltown, Bryan Doyle MP
- Campbelltown Councillor, Fred Borg
- Former Camden Mayor, Councillor Greg Warren
- Nationally recognised recording artist, Peter McWhirter
- United Nations Youth Australia

In addition to the 'Give Us a Hand' campaign, Federal Member for Macarthur, Russell Matheson MP and State member for Campbelltown, Bryan Doyle MP were

particularly persistent in their support of the Youth Solutions' Youth Advisory Group and the work they do in the community.

"The organisation has a Youth Advisory Group that meets every month to talk about the issues concerning young people and develop solutions to these problems. I have met this group and I was very impressed by their great ideas and their enthusiasm." Russell Matheson MP said.

"Well done to the Youth Advisory Group, some of the best opals of the south west" Bryan Doyle MP said.

"I invite everyone to support this worthy cause by Youth Solutions: "Give us a Hand—WRECKreational Drugs...don't let them wreck your night!" Go onto the website, give it a hand and show that you also support it." Bryan Doyle MP said.

Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, The Hon Peter Garrett MP tweeted words of support to his thousands of followers.

"Designed my hand for Youth Solutions, helping to highlight recreational drug related harm among young people" The Hon Peter Garrett MP said.

Minister for Health, The Hon Jillian Skinner MP also sent words of encouragement.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the valuable work your organisation does in health promotion and prevention within the drug and alcohol non-government sector in NSW." The Hon Jillian Skinner MP said.

With new projects being launched, Youth Solutions hopes to keep building on the already strong support network they have surrounding them. The Peer Enrichment and Empowerment Project (PEEP) has also received some notable attention. Face of Macarthur and nationally renowned Paralympian, Paul Nunnari, helped launch the project by presenting to the group of young people involved during their planning day.

Thank you for giving us a hand...

25 years and counting

Local charity benefits from working in partnership

A lot can change in an organisation over 25 years but there is one thing that has remained just as important to Youth Solutions as it was when we opened our doors in 1988...working in partnership.

Youth Solutions has always prioritised working in partnership as the key to a successful well connected organisation. In our 25 years of service, Youth Solutions has developed a long list of loyal partners and supporters who continue to keep the Service afloat.

One of Youth Solutions most recognised partnerships is with the *Campbelltown Catholic Club*. Since 2009, summer campaigns that promote safer celebrations over the festive season have seen over 40,000 resources distributed, providing safe partying tips to young people 18 – 25 years of age.

Another successful partnership was in 2012 with the *IMB Community Foundation* who funded the 'Youth Participation Project'. This project saw the Youth Solutions' Youth Advisory Group (YAG) undergo community research which collected over 900 surveys to implement a multimedia campaign 'Give Us a Hand'...*WRECKreational Drugs...don't let them wreck your night*.

Also in 2012, the *Macarthur Credit Union* funded the redesign of a new website for Youth Solutions. This project saw the YAG develop a youth friendly and accessible online platform that integrated social media channels to properly communicate messages to the community. Currently live at www.youthsolutions.com.au, this website provides great access to health promotion and drug and alcohol prevention information, referral and support.

CEO Geraldine Dean has been part of the Youth Solutions team for 10 years and believes the strength of the organisation has always come from the incredible community organisations and businesses that surround the service.

"We have had the most amazing partners who not only have contributed to our Service

financially, but have also shown such a passionate interest in addressing the needs of our young people" she said.

"I hope we can continue to work with these partners for many years to come and recruit new supporters along the way." she said.

It is also important to acknowledge the strong community organisations that Youth Solutions has enjoyed working with over the years.

On average, Youth Solutions engages with over 50 services per year. Over the last 12 months some partnering services have included, *Muru Nanga Mai, The Three Sixty Project, Community Links Wollondilly, Lifeline Macarthur, Drug and Alcohol Women's Network, Macarthur Workplace Learning Program, headspace, Traxside Youth Health Service (Macarthur), DJ Mate, South West Sydney Academy of Sport, Youth Off the Streets, Mission Australia, Sector Connect and Uniting Care Burnside*.

As well as community organisations; local councils, elected representatives, NSW Police, businesses and business networking groups such as *Campbelltown, Camden and Narellan Chambers of Commerce and Rotary Clubs* have all contributed to the success of Youth Solutions over the years.

The Service has also received regular support from the local media, *C91.3FM, Macarthur Chronicle and Campbelltown-Macarthur, Camden-Narellan and Wollondilly Advertisers*. It was estimated that over the last 12 months, Youth Solutions media presence can be compared to over \$45,000 worth of advertising.

It is also important to acknowledge the fundraising support from *The Protectors Insurance Brokers, The Rotary Club of Narellan, McDonald's In Macarthur and BTIG* who have provided Youth Solutions with generous donations and fundraising opportunities that have played a massive role in contributing to key programs and activities.

For a full list of sponsors, supporters and donors visit www.youthsolutions.com.au.

Corporate partnerships, sponsors & supporters

Corporate partner



Media partners



Corporate sponsors



Rotary Club of Narellan

Corporate supporters



Project partnerships

Project partners & supporters

Peak bodies and memberships

- Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs Agencies (NADA)
- Council of Social Service NSW (NCOSS)
- Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA)
- Youth Action and Policy Association (YAPA)
- Sector Connect
- Australian Health Promotion Association
- Western Sydney Community Forum
- Business Relationships at Sunrise (BRAS)
- Camden Chamber of Commerce
- Campbelltown Chamber of Commerce
- Narellan Chamber of Commerce

Community services/groups/other

- AB Central
- Community Links Wollondilly
- Danielle Mate – from DJ Mate
- Drug and Alcohol Women's Network (DAWN)
- headspace Campbelltown
- IMB Building Society
- Lifeline Macarthur
- Local, Rotary Clubs
- Local, State and National Non-Government organisations
- Local youth services
- Traxside Youth Health Service (Macarthur)
- Macarthur Workplace Learning Program (MWLP)
- Macarthur Square, Lend Lease
- Maryfields Day Recovery
- Midnight Basketball Australia

- Mission Australia
- MTC Australia
- Muru Nanga Mai
- Odyssey House
- Primitive Communities
- Sector Connect
- South Western Sydney Academy of Sport
- Tharawal Medical Corporation
- The Three Sixty Project
- United Care Burnside
- Wilma
- Youth Off The Streets

Government

- Campbelltown Council
- Camden Council
- Wollondilly Shire Council
- Wingecarribee Shire Council
- State Members
- Federal Members
- NSW Police
- NSW Sport and Recreation

Media

- C91.3FM
- Campbelltown – Macarthur Advertiser
- Camden – Narellan Advertiser
- Macarthur Chronicle
- Wollondilly Advertiser

Education Institutions

- University of Western Sydney (UWS)
- TAFE South Western Sydney Institute
- High Schools
- Primary Schools
- Independent Schools

Youth Solutions' Key Statistics 2012—2013



Direct contact with over **2100** young people via workshops, presentations, surveys and consultations

56% of referral calls were over **26** years of age with **25%** male and **75%** female



7 E-Newsletters were sent to over **800** subscribers



81%

Of young Aboriginal people surveyed for YARN said **alcohol** is the biggest **issue** in the community

36 000 page views on www.youthsolutions.com.au

5476 resources distributed for the Celebrate Safe. No Regrets campaign



Over 50 different partners maintained throughout the year including businesses, community organisations. Peak bodies, government and the media

f Reach of **28 154** on Facebook

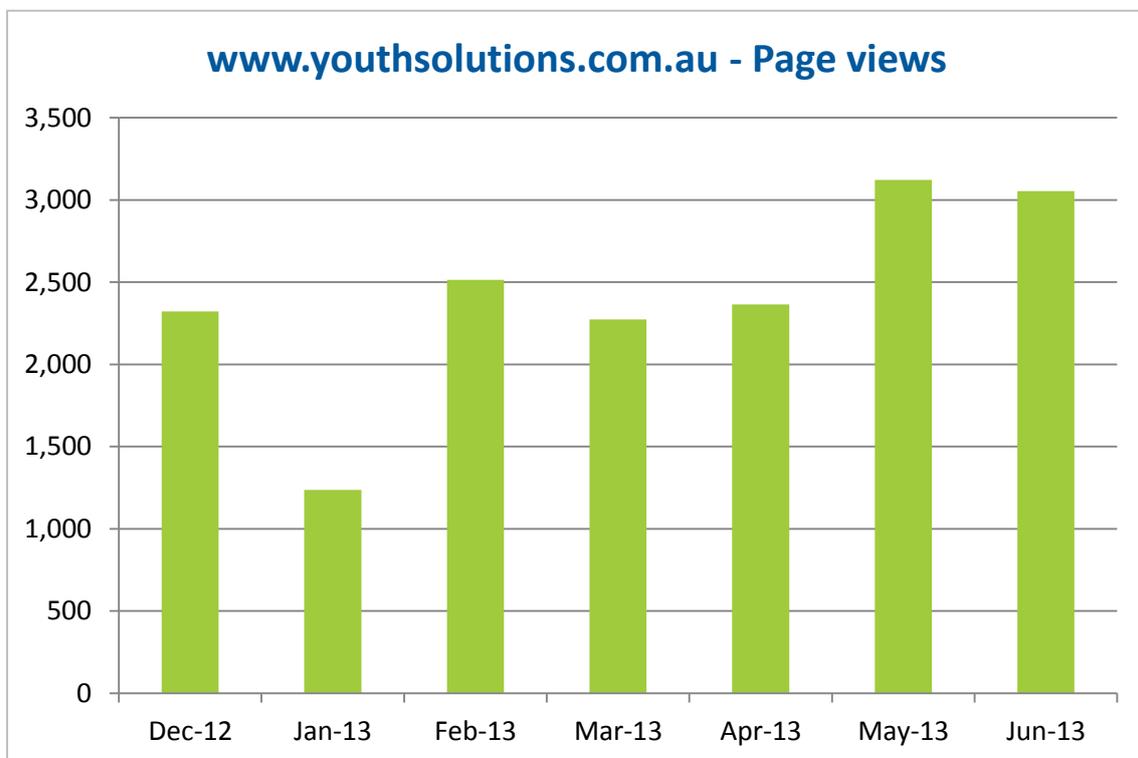
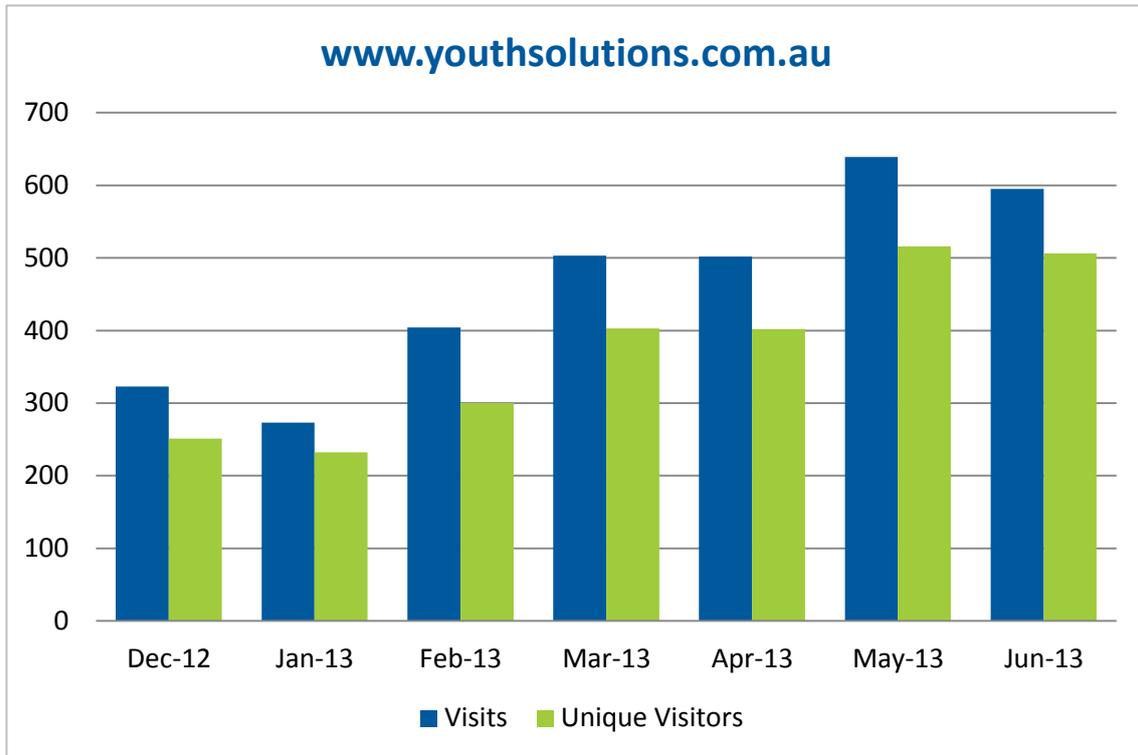
68 stories featured in the media including on radio, in newspapers and magazines. **87% success rate** for media releases

100% of all PEEP participants are more confident with their knowledge of engaging young people & facilitating

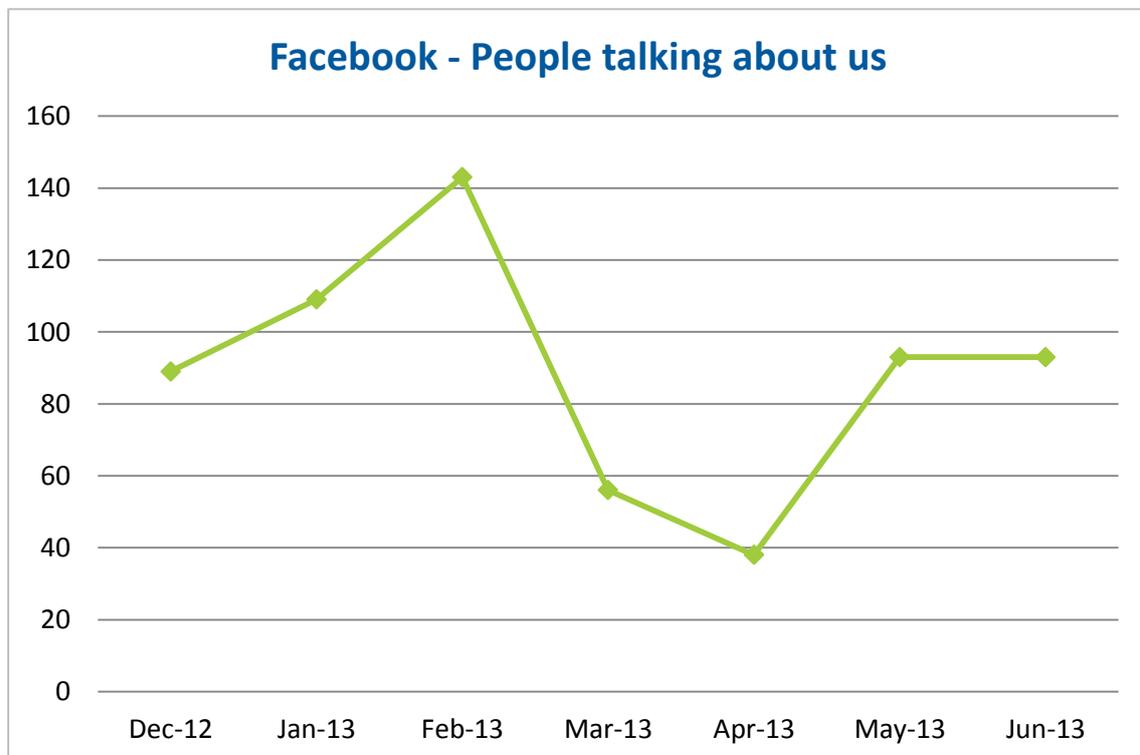
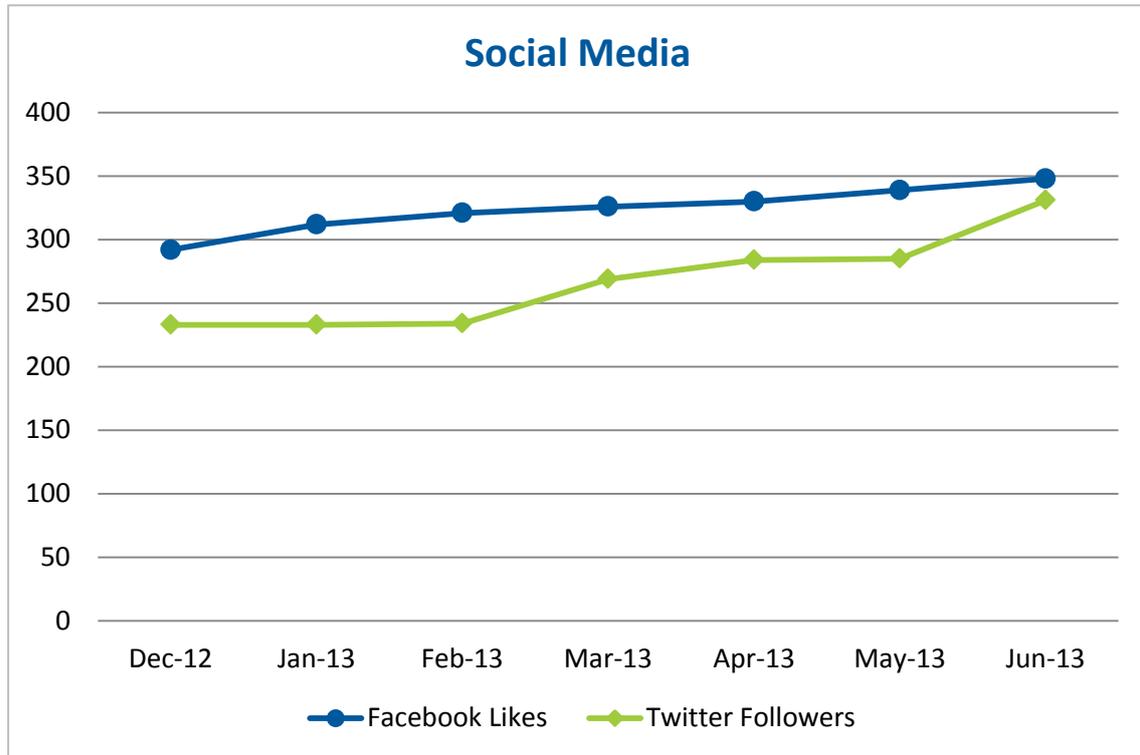
97% of participants rated their coping strategies in dealing with stress as average or above **after completing DARE**



Website statistics



Social Media statistics



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