



# Annual Report

## 2021 – 2022





## ABOUT US

**Youth Solutions is a youth drug and alcohol prevention and health promotion charity working with young people 12 – 25 years of age in the Macarthur and Wingecarribee regions of NSW.**

**We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands upon which we work, the Dharawal, Dharug and Gundungurra peoples.**

**At Youth Solutions we are all about promoting health, preventing harm and making a difference in the lives of young people!**

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS STATEMENT

**Vision** *A community of healthy, safe and connected young people.*

**Mission** *Youth Solutions works to educate and empower young people to be healthy, safe and connected.  
Our drug, alcohol and wellbeing strategies focus on learning, participation and support.*

### VALUES

- Empowering
- Accountable
- Collaborative
- Supportive

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Prevention
- Early intervention
- Harm minimisation
- Health promotion
- Social marketing
- Youth participation
- Community engagement

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The 2021 – 2022 financial statements for Youth Solutions are a separate insert to this report. For a copy of the financial statements, please contact Youth Solutions.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

**Geraldine Dean,  
Youth Solutions  
Chief Executive Officer**



A key focus for Youth Solutions is meeting our young people (& their supporters) where they are at today and providing practical skills and strategies for a safer and hopeful future.

It's ironic that we had to remind ourselves of the same over the last year, as the Youth Solutions team worked harder than ever to overcome the challenges of the pandemic to deliver programs remotely and sustain collaborative relationships.

Despite those challenges, Youth Solutions was able to maintain its focus and continued to deliver quality programs to young people in the community.

We've had some great feedback this year, which is incredibly reassuring. We've been told our programs can and are making an enormous difference in the lives of young people in the Macarthur and Wingecarribee regions.

This gives us the motivation to reset for the next 12 months and keep working hard in our research and program delivery, so that we can continue preventing drug and alcohol harm and supporting health, safety and connection.

**1758**

**YOUNG PEOPLE  
IN OUR  
PROGRAMS**

**\$69,225**

**RAISED  
THROUGH  
GRANTS**

**13**

**ACTIVE YOUTH  
ADVISORY  
GROUP  
MEMBERS**



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Tony Ross**  
**Youth Solutions President**

The world is a challenging place for many young people, and it's vital to arm them with accurate and current information to enable them to make the best choices for the present and the future.

It's a community effort to keep our young people safe, and Youth Solutions acknowledges we are just one cog in a huge wheel.

We are unyielding in our belief: our young people need the support, guidance, education and programs that Youth Solutions provides, to enable them to make informed choices around alcohol and drugs and shape a positive future for themselves. And it heartens us to hear our program participants agree with us. A huge 94% said they would recommend our programs to their friends.

I've been associated with Youth Solutions for more than 20 years and I know, together, we are making a difference.

**549**  
**REFERRALS**

**12,921**  
**SOCIAL MEDIA  
ENGAGEMENTS**

**28,876**  
**UNIQUE WEBSITE  
VISITORS**

# OUR PEOPLE

## BOARD



### Executive Board

Tony Ross (President)

Rebecca Whitford (Vice President)

Peter Campbell (Treasurer)

Geraldine Dean (Public Officer)



### Board Members

Kate Garratt

Kassee Loomes

Emma Macfarlane

Dean Williamson





Geraldine Dean (CEO)

Emily Deans (Research, Strategy & Design Coordinator)

Amanda Dillon (Community Relations & Communications Coordinator)

Brianna Ellul (Administration, Marketing & Events Officer)

Rebecca Fortune (Health Promotion Officer)

Shannon McEwan (Finance & Operations Coordinator)

Sam Young (Youth Engagement Coordinator)

Karen Yuen (Community Development & Partnership Coordinator)



Kristy Ackerman (Executive Support, Marketing & Engagement Officer)

Jason Lal (Research Officer)

Anastasia Hughes (Health Promotion Assistant)

Natalie Symkowiak (Community Relations, Marketing & Events Lead)

Jackson Taylor (Health Promotion Officer)

Angelica Toluono (Research Assistant)



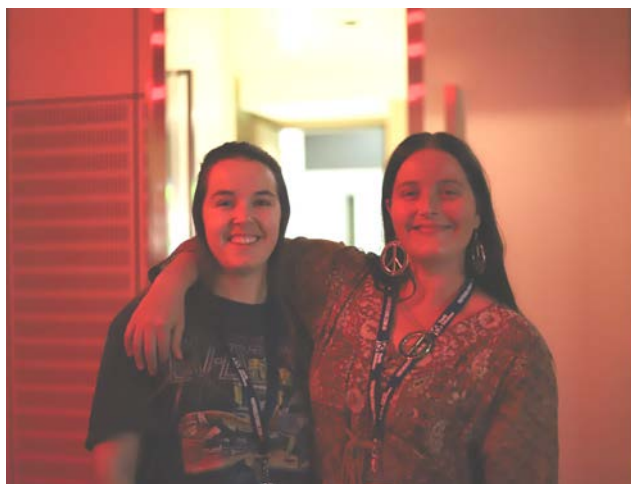
# OUR PEOPLE

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Vayshali Chandra, Geraldine Dean, Amanda Dillon, Rebekah Gates, Natalie Herd, Sue-Lei Hunt-Mingay, Cassy Morley, Sharon Moyle, Lyn Nonnenmacher, Sue Scobie, Rachel Smith, Natalie Symkowiak

## YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP



Rachel Abdel-Nour, Umut Akturk, Brock Battistuzzi, Jane Choi, Ellie Herd, Anastasia Hughes, Emily Hunter, Anna Kelly, Samantha McAuley, Melissa Petith, Taylah Savage, Kate Taylor, Brittany Young

# OUR PEOPLE

## OTHER VOLUNTEERS

### VERA BERTOLA

#### Key contributions:

- Media Releases
- Blog Pieces
- Support with Corporate Partnership Program
- Support with report and grant writing



## STUDENT PLACEMENT

### ANSGAR CHIKUNDA

Bachelor of Health Science  
(Health Promotion)

#### Key contributions:

- Researched and developed an AOD Link presentation on shisha
- Supported filming of FAQs video resources
- Supported implementation of a Youth Week event and Drive SAFE





**"RELATIONSHIPS ARE AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITIES. THESE BONDS ENSURE GROUPS OF PEOPLE CAN FLOURISH, DEVELOP AND GROW"**

## **DR ELIZABETH CONROY**

*Research Advisor*



Youth Solutions' research program is supported by a broader research advisory group made up of members from WSU and University of Sydney. This collaborative working group was created in late 2018 to assist Youth Solutions in increasing its research capacity. Integral to this advisory group is Dr Elizabeth Conroy, a psychologist and experienced and respected researcher with a particular interest in homeless health, substance use and comorbid mental health problems, and complex trauma.

Dr Conroy said most of her research was community engaged and embedded in partnerships. "I am a psychologist by background but in a psychology community space. It is seen as research to address issues the community is tackling."

Her "backyard" is south-west Sydney and western Sydney, where the diverse population and some social determinants drive health outcomes. "The concentration of services is around major city areas, so the fringes can get a little lost. In some ways these communities carry a lot of burden of some health problems but do not necessarily have the same level of attention brought to these issues. We need to conduct research to answer the needs of these communities best," Dr Conroy said.

Youth Solutions' researcher Dr Emily Deans and Dr Conroy crossed paths during a workshop at the WSU Translational Health Research Institute, where Dr Conroy is a research fellow. The South West Sydney Local Health District Drug Health Services had invited its NGO partners, including Youth Solutions, to attend the workshop. Conversations were around research partnerships and NGOs and ways to bring evidence into practice.

"I met Emily and we talked about her research role at Youth Solutions ... from there we started a small advisory group. That group is essential for two things: it helps bring more capacity to Emily's role as one person in a small organisation; it helps mentor her and creates something bigger than what we could do individually," Dr Conroy explained.

"We started with a very straightforward project, and it morphed into a few avenues of inquiry that involved populations that do not have much of a voice. One small project that involved a small partnership grant with WSU, a tiny amount of money, became several projects and Emily was able to employ a part-time research assistant."

Dr Conroy praised Youth Solutions for recognising the value of a researcher. "Partnerships like this don't work if it's just academic," she said. "Youth Solutions have invested in their own research strategy. I can see our partnership continuing. There is the potential for Youth Solutions to be leading the collaboration as the program and partnership strengthen and expand."

Dr Conroy said WSU also was able to set up an adjunct role for Dr Deans in the Translational Health Research Institute, where she contributed to elective content and, in turn, had access to the library database and was supported in grant writing and ideas.

"It's contributing to and developing researchers ... going forward," Dr Conroy said.

**"I LOVE BEING PART OF FAMILY  
MEMORIES THROUGH EDIBLE  
CREATIONS AND PAYING IT FORWARD  
TO OUR MACARTHUR COMMUNITY"**

**JENNI EATON**  
**Donor**



Long-time Youth Solutions supporter and donor Jenni Eaton keeps her business model simple. The owner and founder of Eaton Cakes & Catering proudly announces on her Facebook page: "My core values as a business are based on family and community. I LOVE being a part of family memories through edible creations and paying it forward to our Macarthur community."

Jenni's connection to Youth Solutions was set in motion long before she even knew the charity existed. She had gone to school with Youth Solutions former Community Relations Coordinator Brooke Manzione, and Brooke asked her to support a work golf day, then a rock 'n' roll night then other events. Jenni was happy to help and said her business also reaped the rewards.

"It helped to get my name out there initially," she said of her growing home-based cakes and catering business. As is the nature with Youth Solutions supporters, once you are in, you become part of the family, Jenni attests: "The friendship grew to being a part of the family; I love the concept and vision behind Youth Solutions and being a part of it. Especially now that I have kids myself.

"I am very community driven. There are certain charities I want to align myself to and Youth Solutions is a key one. I love to be a part of it," says Jenni, who notes that Youth Solutions' focus on drug and alcohol prevention and youth wellbeing support is imperative for our community.

Jenni's talents in the kitchen are highlighted at Youth Solutions fundraising events throughout the year, such as the ChariTEA High Tea event and Charity Golf Day where Eaton's Cakes & Catering provides prizes, funds or services.

Later this year, Jenni will take a bit of time out to celebrate her own business's 10th anniversary and reflect on its success. She is proof of the axiom "dream big, work hard, make it happen" though, as she has found out, the emphasis is definitely on the work hard.

Jenni explained she always enjoyed cooking and loved providing birthday cakes and sweet treats for family and friends. She then had a "now or never" moment about taking her passion to the next level as a livelihood. She rolled up her sleeves, floured her hands - and has not looked back. Though self-taught, Jenni's trademark is her creativity and her signature the professional finish of all her cakes, cupcakes and cookies.

Several years ago, she moved into making and decorating wedding cakes because she "loves being a part of the story". "I love that I can make the engagement cake, the wedding cake and even birthdays ... all parts of a family's journey," Jenni said. If you ask the community she supports, Jenni and Eatons Cakes & Catering have found a recipe that hits the sweet spot.



# PROJECT IMPACT

## PROGRAM DELIVERY



**1758**

PARTICIPANTS

**83%**  
YOUTH

**17%**  
ADULTS



**989**

PARTICIPANT EVALUATIONS



**66**

COLLABORATORS



**10%**

IDENTIFIED AS ABORIGINAL OR  
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER



**47%**

IDENTIFIED AS A DIFFERENT  
CULTURAL BACKGROUND

# 2021-2022



**94%**

WOULD RECOMMEND THE  
PROGRAM TO A FRIEND



**96%**

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS LEARNT  
SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
EFFECTS OF AOD



**94%**

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS LEARNT  
SOMETHING NEW ABOUT HELP  
SERVICES



**93%**

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS LEARNT  
SOMETHING ABOUT OR GAINED  
CONFIDENCE IN KNOWING WHAT  
TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY



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# PROJECT IMPACT – DAIR

DAIR is a drug and alcohol health education program aimed at skill, resilience and knowledge development to prevent and reduce drug and alcohol related harm. The below summarises key program evaluation findings from our DAIR project in the 2021 – 2022 financial year.



**182**  
PARTICIPANTS  
**13**  
GROUPS



**10**  
ORGANISATIONS/EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED



**98%**  
ORGANISATIONS/EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED



**99%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
HELP SERVICES

# 2021-2022

**97%**

LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT HOW  
TO KEEP THEMSELVES & FRIENDS SAFE  
AROUND ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

**98%**

WOULD RECOMMEND  
DAIR TO A FRIEND



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**100%**

OF SUPPORT WORKERS REPORTED  
THAT DAIR WILL HELP THEIR  
YOUNG PEOPLE:

- make safer choices around drugs & alcohol
- access support services
- achieve positive health outcomes

# PROJECT IMPACT – ARTUCATION

An Aboriginal-specific program coupling drug and alcohol education with learnings of healthy expression through connection with culture, creative activities and/or sport. The below summarises key program evaluation findings from ARTucation in the 2021 – 2022 financial year.



**109**  
PARTICIPANTS



**86%**  
IDENTIFIED AS ABORIGINAL OR  
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER



**12** COLLABORATORS



**97%**  
LEARNT HELPFUL WAYS TO KEEP  
THEMSELVES & FRIENDS SAFE  
AROUND ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS



**88%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT  
ISLANDER CULTURE

# 2021-2022



**94%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
THE EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND  
ALCOHOL



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**91%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
HELP SERVICES



**90%**  
WOULD RECOMMEND ARTUCATION  
TO A FRIEND



**88%**  
REPORTED AN INCREASED  
CONFIDENCE IN KNOWING WHAT  
TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY



# PROJECT IMPACT – PEEP

The Peer Enrichment and Empowerment Project is a youth training program whereby youth volunteers assist Youth Solutions to plan, deliver and evaluate activities for young people, specifically the SAFE Series seminars.



**13**   
**GROUP MEMBERS**  
**AGED 16 – 25 YEARS**

**"YAG IS A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE. I HAVE LEARNT SO MUCH. I WOULD RECOMMEND YAG TO ANYONE!"**

**– YAG VOLUNTEER, 2022**

- 
- Alcohol and other drugs
  - Mental health
  - Help and support
  - Disability awareness and inclusion
  - Resume writing and interview skills
  - Digital capacity training

# 2021-2022



**409**

**PARTICIPANTS IN PEER-LED PRESENTATIONS**

**8**

**ORGANISATIONS/EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED**



**20**

**PRESENTATIONS FACILITATED BY PEER EDUCATORS**



**96%**

**OF PARTICIPANTS IN PEER-LED PRESENTATIONS REPORTED A KNOWLEDGE & SKILL INCREASE**



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**94%**

**OF PARTICIPANTS IN PEER-LED PRESENTATIONS WOULD RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM**



# PROJECT IMPACT – DRIVE SAFE

Drive SAFE is delivered as part of the externally coordinated Drive 2 Stay Alive and U Turn the Wheel Programs. The below summarises key program evaluation findings from our Drive Safe project in the 2021 – 2022 financial year.



 **430**  
PARTICIPANTS  
AGED 15 – 18 YEARS



**21**  
PRESENTATIONS



**97%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
THE TYPES & EFFECTS OF  
ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS



**97%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY



**93%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
ACCESSING SUPPORT SERVICES

2021-2022



**97%**  
LEARNT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT  
SAFETY STRATEGIES



**96%**  
WOULD RECOMMEND DRIVE SAFE  
TO A FRIEND



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**100%**  
OF SUPPORT WORKERS  
REPORTED THAT **DRIVE SAFE:**

- increased their knowledge about alcohol and other drugs
- helped them to develop effective support strategies

# #WHYICHOOSE CAMPAIGN

The #whyichoose campaign is Youth Solutions' annual peer led health promotion campaign. Since its establishment in 2015, the Youth Solutions' Youth Advisory Group (YAG) have been involved in the planning and implementation of the campaign.

## #whyichoose



### 94%

OF LOCAL YOUNG PARTICIPANTS OF OUR #WHYICHOOSE QUIZ CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED THAT THE ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE IN MANY VAPES IS NICOTINE

### 59%

OF LOCAL YOUNG PARTICIPANTS OF OUR #WHYICHOOSE QUIZ SAID THAT VAPING WAS NOT ACCEPTED AMONG THEIR FRIENDS



# 2021-2022



### 257

TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CAMPAIGN

- Face-to-face engagements at local educational facilities and community events
- Informative social media content
- An interactive and educational online quiz

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY



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# REFERRALS



## 283

REFERRALS VIA PHONE,  
ONLINE, FACE-TO-FACE  
OR VIDEO CONFERENCE



## 266

REFERRALS AT  
COMMUNITY EVENTS

38% VIA EMAIL OR SOCIAL MEDIA

34% VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

23% VIA PHONE

5% FACE-TO-FACE

**58%** WERE SEEKING INFORMATION AND  
REFERRAL FOR SOMEONE ELSE

**42%** WERE SEEKING INFORMATION AND  
REFERRAL FOR THEMSELVES

# 2021-2022

## TOP REFERRAL ISSUES

- VAPING
- HOMELESSNESS
- FOOD SECURITY



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## REFERRAL ISSUES

- 61% referrals related to resource, information and service requests
- 15% referrals related to welfare and mental health enquiries
- 11% referrals related to AOD enquiries



**36%**  
**CAMDEN LGA**



**29%**  
**CAMPBELLTOWN LGA**



**7%**  
**SYDNEY - METRO**



**7%**  
**OTHER NSW**



# SERVICE AWARDS

Volunteers are irreplaceable, and Youth Solutions knows more than most the value of volunteers. The charity has a core of dedicated volunteers who step up, time and time again, when called upon. The Youth Solutions Board and its members head that list, providing the foundation, direction and guidance for the Youth Solutions team to achieve the organisation's main objective: to educate and empower young people to be healthy, safe and connected.

This year Youth Solutions is giving a shoutout to several long-serving board members who have reached service milestones - **Dean Williamson** (five-year award), **Rebecca Whitford** (10-year award), **Peter Campbell** (15-year award) and **Emma Macfarlane** (15-year award).

On average, volunteers in NSW contribute 3.5 hours of unpaid work each week. While that estimate is very modest, it gives some perspective to the value of the Youth Solutions' board members.

In total, the four amazing volunteers have given to Youth Solutions over 8190 hours of their time and skills. That equates to 341 days or almost 12 months of unpaid service – in their own time and largely at their own expense.

Emma and Peter, who each have notched 15 years of service, have contributed about 2730 hours or almost 16 weeks of time to Youth Solutions.

Those volunteer hours also must be put into the context of the board members' own full-time professions. Emma is a lawyer and runs her own legal practice, Peter is an accountant and senior client director, Rebecca is a tertiary educator and Dean, a coach and evaluator, runs his own community not-for-profit.

The board members share their expertise and offer advice and guidance and, in doing so, give Youth Solutions the direction and belief that our programs respond to community needs and match expectations.

We are so fortunate that the board shares our passion for community and making a difference.



**EMMA**



**PETER**



**REBECCA**



**DEAN**

**"WE CELEBRATE YOU AND CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!"**



# SECTOR CAPACITY

AOD Link is Youth Solutions' very own sector training and capacity building program. Through the AOD Link program, Youth Solutions delivers relevant presentations and activities to community sector workers, educators, parents and carers.



**9**  
COLLABORATORS



**91%**  
RATED FACILITATORS AS GOOD



**91%**  
RATED THE SUITABILITY  
OF THE PRESENTATION AS GOOD

# 2021-2022



**98%**  
WOULD RECOMMEND AOD LINK

**98%**  
STATED THAT AOD LINK HELPED  
THEM BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN  
THEIR ROLE



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- TOPICS COVERED**
- Cannabis
  - Effective interventions & supporting young people experiencing AOD
  - Vaping
  - Health Across the Lifespan
  - Understanding the needs of local youth to inform prevention & harm reduction strategies

# CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

In September 2021 Youth Solutions received a one-off stimulus grant from the NSW Ministry of Health to enhance the capacity of the service overall. This funding allowed for the implementation of growth strategies relating to: *Communications & Marketing, Cultural Inclusion and Diversity* and *Youth Participation*, with a goal to better connect with and support our service users and stakeholders and see the development of sustainable project outputs.

## Project Outputs:

- FIVE Digital, online and interactive youth friendly activities to embed in Youth Solutions' health education programs
- TWO online social media campaigns to connect with the broader community through various digital platforms
- THREE video resources about frequently asked questions around AOD and self help
- THREE culturally safe and co-designed resources about helping friends, family and self with AOD concerns for Samoan community
- ONE culturally safe, youth specific and co-designed resource about accessing help and support for Aboriginal young people
- Improved accessibility and user friendliness of the Youth Solutions' website
- All staff and peer educators received external training to increase digital innovation capacity
- 21 project collaborators



# CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT



## FACEBOOK



**2764**  
DAILY PAGE ENGAGED USERS  
INCREASE OF 174% FROM 2021\*



**113,393**  
DAILY TOTAL IMPRESSIONS  
INCREASE OF 351% FROM 2021\*



**1912**  
DAILY TOTAL CONSUMERS  
INCREASE OF 275% FROM 2021\*



## WEBSITE



**4156**  
TOTAL WEB USERS  
INCREASE OF 50.2% FROM 2021\*



**3873**  
NEW/UNIQUE USERS  
INCREASE OF 46.42% FROM 2021\*

\*COMPARED WITH THE SAME TIME PERIOD DURING 2021

## CONNECT CAMPAIGN 23 May – 30 June 2022



## LINKEDIN



**440**  
FOLLOWERS AT 30 JUNE 2022  
INCREASE OF 30% SINCE MAY 2022



**557**  
ENGAGEMENTS IN CAMPAIGN PERIOD  
GREATER THAN THE ENTIRE FINANCIAL  
YEAR OF 2020 – 2021

A BIG THANK YOU TO  
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
(NSW) FOR FUNDING THIS  
CAMPAIGN



**1546**  
ENGAGEMENTS VIA REEL PLAYS

## FAQs



**176**  
SHARES, LIKES AND  
COMMENTS

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CAMPAIGN

## FAQ CAMPAIGN 2022



**3**  
PARTNERSHIPS



**4**  
VIDEO RESOURCES

THANK YOU TO NSW AMBULANCE FOR  
COLLABORATING WITH US ON THIS CAMPAIGN



“ I've definitely walked away from this project with a newfound excitement and some great strategies to grow our engagement online. Our ability to support the community can be greatly enhanced by a strong social media presence and an effective, accessible and engaging website. The MOH project has allowed us to make some dream projects a reality and has sparked new and exciting ideas for the future!

- Amanda Dillon, Youth Solutions



# ONLINE IMPACT

In line with its Social Marketing & Communications Strategy, Youth Solutions has prioritised engaging with young people and supporters through its website, email newsletters and a strong social media presence.

In 2021 - 2022 Youth Solutions implemented key social media campaigns to engage with young people and supporters, including:

- Frequently asked questions campaign - tackling those hard, important and frequent questions our team is asked during our project work. From mental health, drug and alcohol issues right through to calling emergency services for help - we covered it all.
- Safer celebrations - sharing key messages and prompting discussion and action to ensure alcohol safety and celebration safety during summer.
- Connect with us - one for parents, teachers, local community members and all those who support young people - raising the profile and services of Youth Solutions - we're here to help you support your young people.



**14**  
eNewsletters  
sent to  
over 1600  
recipients

**28,876**  
unique  
website  
visitors

**12,921**  
engagements  
on core\* social  
media  
\*Facebook, Instagram  
& LinkedIn





# FUNDRAISING & GRANTS

Without the support of the community, generous corporate partners and philanthropic organisations, Youth Solutions would not be able to deliver its programs and projects. A special thank you to our Fundraising Committee for its hard work in the past year.

Youth Solutions' fundraising program and events were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021 - 2022. But, with some excellent community support, we were able to host a few events, albeit some via online delivery, and garnered incredible support from some wonderful people, businesses and organisations, including those who hosted their own community fundraisers for Youth Solutions. Our charity was also fortunate to receive some fantastic opportunities and support from some amazing grants, allowing us to work on new projects and create a range of new resources for supporting our young people and community.

We are pleased to report a full calendar of events is on track for the year ahead!



## **Grants Program**

Raised over \$60,000



## **Online Trivia Event**

24 September 2021

Held in partnership with Rotary Club of Gregory Hills Next Gen

Raised \$1040



## **McDonald's in Macarthur Charity Fun Night**

23 March 2022

Community fundraiser held by McDonald's

Raised \$5061



## **High Tea**

25 February 2022

Raised \$8867

# CULTURAL DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

## Diversity & Inclusion

### OUR YOUTH HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS\*

**10%** ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

**47%** CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE

\*FROM POST EVALUATION RESPONSES

2021-2022



**6** NEW RESOURCES CREATED FOR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES



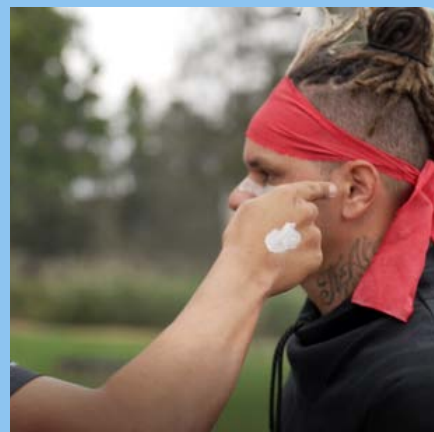
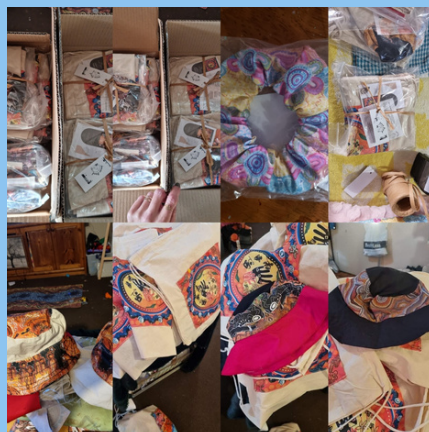
**1** REFLECT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED



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# OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS



On behalf of the Youth Solutions Board, team and the young people we work with, we'd like to thank Campbelltown Catholic Club for its ongoing support of Youth Solutions and its wider contribution to the community.

This year the NSW Clubs and Community 'Education Award' was awarded to our ongoing partnership for the Safer Celebrations campaign.

We'd also like to sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Narellan for its incredible, ongoing support of our charity and our work with local young people.





## OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS – STEEL SUPPORTERS



## OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS – DENIM SUPPORTERS



**Macarthur  
Square**



**in Macarthur**



**Rotary Club of  
Campbelltown**



# OUR SUPPORTERS

## EVENT SPONSORS

Thank you to our 2021 Trivia Night Partner the Rotary Club of Gregory Hills Next Gen.

Thank you to our 2022 ChariTEA High Tea sponsors:

- Marsdens Law Group - *event sponsor*
- Ab Fab Events
- Bella Arts
- Campbelltown Catholic Club
- CharBella Cakes
- Kelly+Partners South West Sydney
- Hamper Culture
- Family Focus Legal
- MatchWorks
- Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise
- Symphony's on Argyle
- Wests Group Macarthur

The 2022 Youth Solutions Charity Golf Day was cancelled due to flooding and wet weather and will be held on 4 November. Thank you to those who had pledged their sponsorship for the earlier event: Campbelltown Catholic Club, Century 21 Pereira Group, Clintons Toyota, Kelly+Partners South West Sydney, MatchWorks, Rotary Club of Camden, TLD Logistics, WISE Employment

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For a full list of our generous fundraising event prize donors, please visit the event pages on our website: [youthsolutions.com.au](http://youthsolutions.com.au).

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