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Regional Youth Support Services ('RYSS') is a leading, locally based youth specific charity service, delivering frontline youth support and innovative engagement strategies to young people between the ages of 12 and 25, and their families in communities throughout the Central Coast. RYSS is now in its 31st year of providing local, intensive case management, community outreach programs, early intervention support, family reconnections, indigenous support programs, events, and activities. RYSS' longstanding history on the Central Coast means that we possess a deeply grounded understanding of the local needs and diversity across the many communities in the region – an understanding that helps drive our many innovative and focused programs and support strategies.

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RYSS HISTORY TIMELINE

GOSFORD YOUTH SERVICES

1986-1994

Gosford Youth Services began in 1986 at Kariong Estate with the guidance of Gosford Council. This was a one part time worker position.

In 1989 the agency became an Incorporated Association. The agency started at Woy Woy Rd Youth Centre (now Art Barn), then had offices in Donnison Street above Jacks Tyres (with Community Housing and Volunteer Treasurers). Later the head office moved to Mann Street Gosford (small house behind the old post office) then moved offices and ran the Labyrinth Youth Café from 1997 to 2000.



In 1989 GYS initiated NSW first mobile youth centre targeting geographically isolated families. Groups ran out of community halls, garages, and public spaces across the Central Coast. GYS shared space and supported Wyong Gosford Youth Radio at Kariong. Actors With Attitude was the first theatre program run by GYS out of Kariong and a regular youth group emerged.

In 1993 Kim McLoughry was employed as the first Wyoming Youth Centre Coordinator with three staff in GYS Donnison Street Gosford office and Kincumber Youth centre. In the 1990's staff were very active in juvenile crime prevention and ran discussion groups for truants, many arts orientated programs and workshops at Kariong, Wyoming and Kincumber, including 'The Score' youth newspaper and Radio production training.



THE LABYRINTH YOUTH CAFE

1996-1999

In 1996 The Labyrinth Youth Cafe was established in Erina Street Gosford. This new shop front for Youth services provided a new service model and new employment opportunities. The Labyrinth provided a free, readily accessible and independent space for young people in Gosford for over three years, not only creating social space but also a venue for art events, including poetry readings, live music performances and visual art exhibitions. With the development of the youth cafe, GYS was able to source funding from the Area Assistance Scheme, to employ a part-time youth arts/recreation worker. This allowed the coordination of arts activities, events, exhibitions and performances including creative workshops and 'jam' sessions.



REGIONAL YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES INC

1998

In 1998 the agency changed name to Regional Youth Support Services Inc in recognition of the organisations need to restructure to become an umbrella auspice for a range of youth projects and programs for the Central Coast region. The Gosford office moved into a fibro house behind the old post office in Mann Street Gosford.

Several new Youth Worker positions were created, funded by the Area Assistance Scheme and the new Youth Centre at Kariong was developed.

The success of the Labyrinth and the arts programs being offered contributed to RYSS developing the concepts for a youth-run business enterprise and standalone multi purpose youth facility. The first of it's kind on the Central Coast.



DONNISON'S ON THE PARK OPENS

1999-2005

A Youth business enterprise began in 1999 in a partnership between RYSS and ET Australia with the successful allocation of "Breakthrough" funds from the Foundation for young Australians. RYSS recieved \$250,000 over four years to set up a youth run restaurant. With the support of Gosford Chamber of Commerce and Gosford City Council the Kibble Park Tea Rooms were identified as the ideal CBD site. In 2002 Donnisons on the Park Restaurant opened, employing three permanent full time staff and three casual staff, all aged under 25 years. Over a 150 young people were trained and employed over the five years of this business enterprise.

PARKSIDE MULTI PURPOSE YOUTH FACILITY OPENS

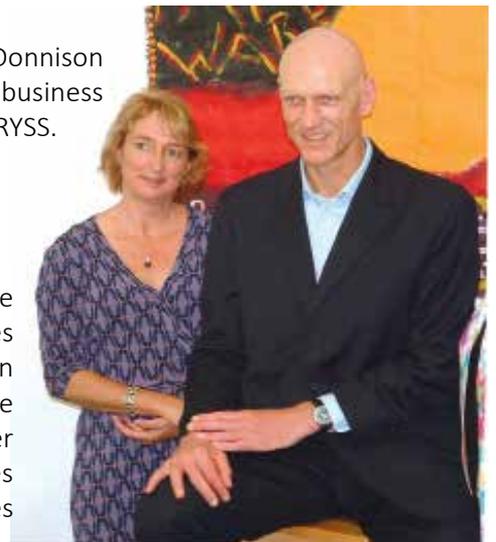
2001

In 2001 a co-location model began with "Parkside Multi Service Centre" at 123 Donnison Street Gosford and the new restaurant "Donnison's on the Park" Youth business enterprise began. Parkside now houses six youth services providers including RYSS.

THE YOUTH ARTS WAREHOUSE OPENS

2007

With many years of planning and sourcing sponsors, The Youth Arts Warehouse was built in 2006 with the generous contributions from many local businesses and Local, State and Federal Governments. The Warehouse was constructed in the old Coles storage warehouse above the Parkside services. This state of the art venue opened it's doors in 2007 and the launch was attended by Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Arts Peter Garrett. The Warehouse produces art, music and theatre programs and hosts music events, theatre performances and exhibitions.



REGIONAL YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES TODAY

2007-2016

RYSS now has a CEO position and a Operations Manager, four Team Leader/Co-ordinator positions- Abilities, Early Intervention and Placement Program, Indigenous Justice Program, Joint Support Program and The Youth Arts Warehouse Coordinator. Wyoming Youth Centre opened the Woodshed and transferred from a Youth drop in centre to a Skills based centre in 2015. RYSS now is a larger support team of twelve permanent staff and twenty five casual/part time staff. In 2016 RYSS went full circle and will launch it's first mobile youth centre in a full size transit bus.

2016-17 Committee Members

Geoff Hynd - Chairperson

Community Services Welfare Diploma, 2003

Geoff has a trade background in electronic scientific instrument making and had worked in that trade for over 30 years before leaving to undertake further studies.

Geoff then took up a position in the Smith Family firstly, as a team leader in the emergency help section and then as a Financial Literacy Program Coordinator since 2007.

Geoff has had over 36 years of experience working with young people in a voluntary organisation in both leadership development and mentoring them. He has interests in policy development; governance and child protection, and is currently the Secretary on the Management Committee of Regional Youth Support Services and the former Chairperson of Narara Valley Baptist Church Board. Geoff joined the RYSS committee in September 2007.



*Geoff Hynd
Chairperson*

Deb Warwick - Vice Chairperson

Associate Diploma in Business, 1990

Shopping Centre Marketing, 1997

Deb has worked in the shopping centre industry since 1995 and is currently the Centre Manager at Imperial shopping centre.

Having grown up on the Central Coast she is passionate about the area and in services and programs, which assist young people to realize their full potential.

Deborah has been a committee member of RYSS since 2007 and is also involved in other business and not for profit organisations, which focus on the revitalisation of Gosford City Centre for the benefit of all stakeholders.



*Deborah Warwick
Vice Chairperson*

Wayne Fuller - Committee Member

Wayne Fuller is retired and joined the RYSS committee in 2016.

Wayne had previously owned his own printing and advertising business. After selling the printing business Wayne worked for himself as well as a number of organisations providing services similar to those currently provided by RYSS.

In 2007 Wayne left Juvenile Justice to take up the role of SHY coordinator at RYSS before retiring in 2015 as RYSS Operations Manager

Wayne continues to have a passion for supporting Young People so in 2016 he joined the RYSS committee.



*Wayne Fuller
Committee Member*

2016-17 Committee Members

Harry Luck - Committee Member

Has been working within employment services (contracts funded by DEEWR) for about 16 years starting as a Customer Support Officer, then Executive Assistant to the National Manager of Employment Services, then Employment Consultant, Site Manager and Regional Manager. During this time he completed a Certificate IV Employment Services in 2011 and completed his Certification IV Frontline Management. He also has a Diploma of Management awarded in 2015.

Harry has worked within the Employment Services sector both in Australia and the United Kingdom for over 12 years in both open employment and disability employment. 'I have a passion to help people to identify their barriers to employment, put strategies in place to address the barriers and return to employment.'



*Harry Luck
Committee Member*

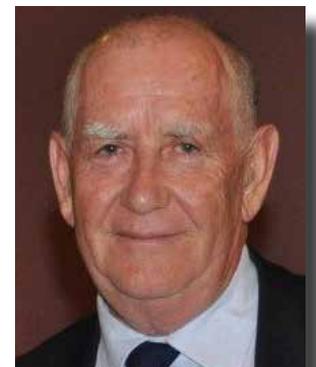
Ray Southeren - Committee Member

Life memberships of Apex Australia
Rotary Service Above Self Award
Rotary Paul Harris Fellow
Gosford City Local Hero Award
O.A.M.

Intermediate Certificate at Meadowbank High School

Highly successful Businessman Central Coast

Ray began working at Woolworths progressing to store Manager positions and then worked in his own business from 1978. Ray built many companies and started multiple stores and furniture manufacturing and in 2004 he retired. Ray was in Apex and remains a very active member of North Gosford Rotary and volunteer over many years at RYSS. He joined RYSS Committee in October 2015.



*Ray Southeren
Committee Member*

John Mazaroli- Treasurer

Retired Chartered Accountant

John Mazaroli has been a resident of the Central Coast for 40 yrs and a RYSS committee member since 2016. He is a retired Chartered Accountant serving in Public Practice in Gosford 28 yrs with significant exposure to audit of community organisations. Former directorships with Central Coast Conservatorium and Central Coast Arts Council. He is interested in the support of disadvantaged children and youth and committed to working towards a happy healthier place for children and young people on the Central Coast.



*John Mazaroli
Treasurer*

Taylor Bartley -Secretary

Diploma of Marketing, 2011

Bachelor of Business Marketing, 2014

Taylor Bartley has grown up on the Central Coast and joined the RYSS committee in October 2013.

He has completed both a Diploma of Marketing and a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) at APM College of Business and Communication. Since graduating, Taylor has worked for local business ACS, as the Systems Compliance Coordinator, before moving on to work as an Electorate Officer for the Federal Member for Robertson. He then worked for Gosford Business Improvement District (GBID) and ORS. He now works as the Business Development Manager at 'Jimmy G's'.



*Taylor Bartley
Secretary*

Chairpersons Report

Geoff Hynd

Once again, 2017 has proven to be one of significance as this organisation continues to provide support services to the young people of the Central Coast region. The ability of Regional Youth Support Services to increase the wide range of services and programs comes from the outstanding commitment of the team, support from funding bodies and community groups and the passionate individuals who have provided support. There is no doubt that the delivery of these services and programs has improved the circumstances and outcomes of many young people in our community.

Following a review of operational processes with the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) staff rosters have been fine-tuned to facilitate the meeting of NDIS client requirements. This has enabled RYSS to provide support to a greater number of NDIS clients. I would like to acknowledge the exceptional work of Kim McLoughry, Wayne Fuller, Lara Jones and Alex O'Neal during this transitional period.

The Management Committee acknowledges the high level of training undertaken by staff and the expertise of individuals resulting in RYSS trained staff being regularly sought by other organisations. Unfortunately the result of this is a turnover of highly skilled and professional staff. However the level of commitment and skills of the team enables an outstanding level of service and support to continue to be offered in this region. One of the highlights for this year was RYSS receiving the Excellence in Innovation Award from Gosford/Erina Chamber of Commerce. This is certainly an achievement which reflects the incredible work of the whole RYSS organisation.

A successful step of the Management Committee has been the development of a fundraising sub-committee to oversee and support RYSS staff in the organising of fundraising events. These will include, but not be limited to, the Dyslexia Ball and Comicon. The sub-committee has already relieved the workload and commitments of the Management Committee.

In my first year as Chair of the Management Committee I have been impressed with the professionalism of the committee and each member's commitment to work together in order to achieve outstanding services for the young people of our region. I would particularly like to thank the former chair Deb Warwick for her guidance and support. On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to thank RYSS staff for the professional manner in which they deliver services and programs, the various levels of government and private funding bodies and the many volunteers who give so generously to continue the valuable work of Regional Youth Support Services. I look forward to continued success in the year ahead.

Treasurers Report

John Mazaroli

I have the pleasure of presenting my report on the financial operations of the organisation for the year ended 2017.

The overall gross revenue decreased by \$108,805 from \$2,064,258 in the 2016/2016 year to \$1,955,453 for the 2016/2017 year. This decrease was to be expected being that the 2016/017 financial year was the NDIS transitional year with ADHC funding ceasing and the NDIS funding starting. This was impacted by the fact that ADHC funding was in advance and NDIS funding is in arrears with a defined pricing structure. As would be expected expenses also decreased by \$69,790.

This resulted in a surplus of \$59,834 for the year which compares to a surplus in the previous year of \$98,849. RYSS' net asset position now stands at \$516,570 of which a considerable portion is held in cash/investment reserves. The year as was to be expected was more financially challenging as we moved from traditional funding models and engaged in the new NDIS regime.



*Geoff Hynd
Chairperson*



*John Mazaroli
Treasurer*

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the support given to me by the organisations accounting/finance team of Kim McLoughry, Lara Jones, and Fran Bucello and for their efforts I ensuring these functions were carried out in an efficient and timely manner.

Chief Executive Officer Report

Kim McLoughry

This year marks the 31st Birthday of the Regional Youth Support Services Inc and my 24th year at RYSS. We have enjoyed a busy year of great success and I have focussed on business development to grow our regional agency.

The highlights of 2016/17 have included:

Launch of 'The Bus' in December 2016

The success of our first year of engagement in expanding outreach activities across our region has been one of this year's greatest successes. This involved a few committed volunteer drivers and HR driver training for staff plus the engagement of the brilliant Youth Opportunities team. We achieved this through securing many sponsors and grants and undertaking 'projects' with the outreach bus with the guidance of the steering group and passionate leadership by Virginia Walshaw. In 2017/18 we will formally expand further with a secure three years of philanthropic funds with much appreciation to the Elderslee Foundation- making a huge dream come true!!

Business Development

An Aged Community Services Australia 'Transitional Assistance Program' assisted RYSS with a Business mentor and to create a new 5yr strategic plan 2017 to 2022. Other areas of focus was our quality improvement systems- WHS, committee self-appraisal, Building Safety Committee and new Fundraising Committee. Management revised the Accountant position and a new Financial Manager position was created, enabling Lara Jones to be engaged and upgraded our accounting and financial systems. We prepared for BNG for our NDIS verification and utilised the Standards and Performance Pathways online and continually improve our policies and procedures. RYSS engaged a work place relations specialist company to assist our growth.

RYSS now has a larger support team of seventeen permanent staff and twenty casual/part time staff. RYSS has an Operations Manager and four Team Leader/Co-ordinator positions- Abilities, EIPP and Justice plus a Youth Arts Coordinator. During this period we actively participated in the Family and Community Services Early Intervention reforms with our leading EIPP team. We also gained a full IJP team and reformed the Arts Team with NDIS work.

I continue as the Central Coast Youth Service representative with our peak body, Youth Action. I was also awarded the Professional Business Women woman of the year Entrepreneur Award for 2017, a very satisfying achievement.

It has been a truly challenging year with an incredible team of staff, led by a committed Operations Manager and local committee. We appreciate the time and expertise that the Committee provide to RYSS and in turn to our young community and families.



Kim McLoughry
CEO

Operations Manager Report

2016/17 has been a period of innovation and implementation of new programs, systems, and support delivery across RYSS. It has been the first complete year of support with the Abilities team under the new NDIS funding model, the final year of EIPP delivery, prior to entering the Targeted Early Intervention reform sphere, not to mention new opportunities and experiences with a new and complete Indigenous Justice Team, new and exciting programming with the Youth Arts Warehouse, and of course the full implementation and delivery in the community of The BUS – commonly referred to as the Central Coast's first Mobile Youth Centre.

It is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the entire staff team, that support and service delivery has remained consistent, focused, and targeted across all areas of RYSS, while keeping pace with these new methods, contexts, and physical spaces. All contract obligations and from funding bodies, grant providers, and KPI measures have been met for the year, and with this year being the first complete 12 month period in which the iPlanit Client Management system has been in use across all RYSS programs, there is a growing wealth of information that both directly answers funding requirements and measures, but also contributes a healthy understanding of client engagement with the service, in turn allowing for a more valuable and meaningful support experience for clients of RYSS, and paints a practical and comprehensive picture of what support looks like for the RYSS staff, whose tireless and driven support of young people has ensured the years successes.

Supporting young people in a transitional accommodation setting has remained one essential element of RYSS supports, and for the year 2016/17, a total of 27 young people were supported in this style of accommodation. Of that number, 8 were transitioned into the private rental market, 6 into social housing, and 4 returned to the family home. These figures reflect a slight decrease from the previous financial year – believed to be a reflection of housing stock availability with our Social Housing partner. Despite this availability, new access points such as the Youth Private Rental Subsidy ('YPRS'), has allowed for a further 9 individuals to be supported in rental accommodation for up to 3 years by RYSS and other YPRS support partners. This figure accounts for just under one third of the total Central Coast non-SHS funded service referrals into this scheme. From a sample of 100 young people accessing RYSS across the 2016/17 period, 10% presented as homeless at first contact with RYSS, with a further 19% identified as couch surfing. By contrast, 1% of this sample were in a secured private rental living arrangement (with a lease agreement in place).

The Indigenous Justice Program ('IJP') continues to deliver outstanding successes in the support of young aboriginal people, particularly young men as they leave custody from the Frank Baxter Detention Centre. IJP has supported 48 individuals, of which 16 have been engaged in long term, intensive case management – often involving daily contact, assistance with employment, accommodation, and as is key to this program, assistance to develop and further understanding of aboriginal culture.

The Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Program ('EIPP'), has remained focused on engaging with young people who present to RYSS often without notice, and often in the context of requiring urgent support with complex needs. EIPP this year has delivered this support to over 80 individuals via targeted, intensive case management aimed at intervening early, often to avert further complexity, or the need for ongoing complex case management. In this context too, EIPP has supported 15 individuals in transitional housing, provided programs and positive social recreational activities to 78 individuals in the Wyoming Youth Skills Centre, facilitated 11 GenQ groups to 25 individuals (the highest consistent number of attendee's this targeted LGBTQIA+ group has ever seen), graduated 24 individuals from the RYSS Living Skills program, and provided short term advice, referral, and information to almost 300 young people across the Central Coast.



*Alex O'Neal
Operations Manager*

From the 1st July, 2016, the National Disability Insurance Scheme ('NDIS') rolled out across the state, following the initial 3 year trial in neighbouring Newcastle LGA. While the implementation of the scheme has been, by its own admission, a complex and rocky journey, the transition from traditional ADHC funding models to the new NDIS 'fee for service' style arrangement has been overall successful, and the future of this avenue of support for RYSS is bright. The Abilities Team has partaken in a controlled growth of the program, and while systems and the administration of the program under the new scheme has had (and overcome) its challenges, the frontline delivery of service and the direct support of young people has been relatively seamless, consistent, and positive. The Abilities Team has grown from a total case load of 13 individuals (under ADHC funding), to 23 under NDIS, with a further 13 individuals being assisted with short term supports, advice, and guidance with the new scheme. The 2016/17 period has seen a total of 3789 contacts with Abilities clients, averaging approximately 622 core support hours per month of support. These figures represent a solid first year of NDIS support, from which to grow into new areas of service delivery, including new supports such as living skills and therapeutic services, group activities, and social development programming.

The RYSS BUS has also seen its first full year of delivery – the label of the Central Coast's first mobile youth centre has been well and truly lived up to – with its reputation across Central Coast service providers, neighbourhood centres, and government agencies ensuring it has been used in a capacity that demonstrates its usefulness, need, and solidifies its purpose and place in the Central Coast support community. The BUS has attended 63 locations across the coast, delivering 30 targeted workshops and events to Central Coast young people. This program has yielded around 1200 direct support contacts with young people, and a further 8000 indirect contacts in the course of its delivery at venues in the region. The BUS remains key to providing targeted programming and support to young people in the region, with the coming year bringing further opportunity for new and innovative engagements, workshops, and events for The Coast.

Overall, RYSS has achieved many positive results with the almost 9000 contacts it has made with young people on the Central Coast. The support of just over 640 individuals has resulted in referrals to a range of external services and support providers (from a representative sample of 305 RYSS clients, 50 were referred on to SHS funded programs, 46 to mental health support services, while a further 150 were able to be supported 'in house' via existing RYSS delivered programs, workshops, and activities). Client satisfaction remains consistent and high – with an average of 89% of supported young people rating the support they were offered as either useful, or very useful. The year has provided an excellent framework in which to further develop, innovate, and create in ways that will best promote and deliver the kinds of supports needed by young people across the Central Coast.



EIPP Team Report

Early Intervention Placement Prevention (EIPP)

Team Leader – Gail Cosentino

My role as Team Leader for the Early Intervention & Placement Prevention (EIPP) team, continues to inspire me to lead my team to work harder to meet the needs of the children, young people and families we work with on a daily basis. Providing team leadership for Advice, Referral, Information, Accommodation Support, and Case Management services on a daily basis.

Over the past twelve months the EIPP team have worked hard to address the problem of Homelessness, identifying the gaps and issues that impact on the young people within our community. Complex needs such as unresolved mental health, past trauma, domestic family violence, alcohol and other drug use, legal and financial stresses, have continued to impact on vulnerable and marginalised young people and their families. In 2016-2017, the EIPP team have worked collaboratively with other services within the sector, coming together to close the gaps by attending forums and working committees such as Homelessness Interagency, Temporary Accommodation, Youth Private Rental Subsidy, Mental Health Professionals Network, and Central Coast Family Law Pathways. It is extremely rewarding seeing the results of our dedicated team's hard work and commitment, supporting our young people, children and their families to reach their full potential within our program. Our supported casework and housed young people and their families, have completed successful training, gained employment, whilst supported in safe secure transitional housing, skilling them up and allowing them to then move successfully into the private rental market.



*Gail Cosentino
Team Leader*

Resource Worker - Bradley Perry

As a Resource Worker, I am the first point of Contact for the RYSS Office. I have the responsibility to refer people to the appropriate staff in order to ensure efficient cooperation within RYSS and the best support possible for young people so they are encouraged to seek assistance with RYSS.

Over the year as Resource worker, there have been many encounters with young people, and their need for support in areas such as homelessness, Drug and alcohol and mental health related issues. More recently, I have experienced intake work, as well as a range of different services that we provide. I have also implemented a new system in which we track simple referrals in order to show exactly how much everyone does here at Regional Youth Support Services.

I am currently completing a traineeship through RYSS and ET Australia to complete a certificate IV in Business Administration which will help me with my role at RYSS. Administration duties that come under the resource worker position is key to successful business operation as it involves keeping up to date records and information to ensure quality assurance of our services and an efficient working environment. Record Keeping and maintaining resources are important, as it ensures all RYSS workers have access to the information and resources they need. It also involves networking and liaising with other community services as it continues our strong community partnerships.



*Bradley Perry
Resource Worker*



Child, Youth & Family Caseworker – Alexa Morris-Lovell

Chantelle Edwards worked as the Child, Youth, and Family Caseworker in the Early Intervention Placement Prevention (EIPP) team until early 2017. During her time in the position she facilitated the Choices Program with Baptist Care, the Love Bites program at schools on the Central Coast, and attended the Wyoming Youth Skills Centre to facilitate Love Bites Junior. Chantelle also provided casework support to the students at ET Australia, and those in the Supported Housing program. In 2016, the team found that young people were accessing the service with the main presenting issues being homelessness, family breakdown, and mental health.

I stepped into the Child, Youth, and Family Caseworker position in March 2017, working with many young people and families with complex support needs, presenting with similar issues, including AOD misuse, parental mental health, and domestic family violence.

Over the past five months in the position I have seen an increase in the number of young people accessing the service presenting with mental health issues and unresolved trauma, who cannot identify familial supports to support them. Many of the young people I have worked with have multiple barriers that they are working hard to overcome, and have worked hard to reconnect with family, and external supports to “get to better”.

During my time in the position, I have co-facilitated the Choices Program with Baptist Care at the Wyoming Youth Skills Centre, with a group of young people who have shown resilience and wisdom beyond their years. The program aims to work with young people in a holistic and therapeutic manner to make positive choices. The EIPP team have continued to work with ET College, and we have refined our referral process, to ensure that maximum support for the students can be given. I have supported five clients within our Supported Housing Program, including one young family. Three of the housed clients have successfully transitioned into independent living in the private rental market with the assistance of the Youth Private Rental Subsidy (YPRS). Of the many young people we have supported, many are parents of children who are at risk of entering in to the care system. We have worked with a young mother to gain restoration of her child, and have supported her with the Housing Program to gain the skills required for independent living. Through early intervention, we have also supported other parents to acquire the skills, knowledge, and empowerment, to be the best parents that they can be.

GenQ has continued to grow strong with attendance of the monthly youth support groups for LGBTQIA+ young people aged 14-25, with a regular attendance of up to 15 young people. The group has continued to be facilitated by GenQ Facilitator Lexi, and has welcomed Support Worker Alicia on board as a second worker. GenQ continues to hold close relationships with the Holden Street Sexual Health Clinic, ACON Hunter, NSW Health, PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), and G-Links San Remo, including meet ups and visits with them. GenQ continues to grow and develop, and during the monthly GenQ group meetings, the topics of STI's, transphobia, biphobia, and discrimination, healthy relationships, consent, technology, LGBTQIA+ history, gender and sexuality, and heteronormativity, among others, have had a steady focus from the participants. During the end of 2016, GenQ held the “GenQ Movie Night: Kinky Boots” event for Mental Health Month, to help promote mental health partnerships within the LGBTQIA+ community, and RYSS participated in the annual “Wear It Purple” Day event in August for LGBTQIA+ awareness. GenQ Facilitator Lexi also had the opportunity to represent GenQ and Regional Youth Support Services at the Annual Aurora Ball at the Sydney Convention Centre in May 2017, strengthening the continuing relationship between RYSS and the Aurora Group.



*Alexa Morris-Lovell
Caseworker*



Intake Caseworker – Sandy Small

In the past twelve months my role at RYSS has developed into 'Intake Worker' I now occupy an office space that is central and allows me to see clients easily and provide back up for Resource Worker. My responsibility as an Intake Worker is to take referrals by phone or in person, meet with clients and assess their needs, were ever possible make referrals at the time or make appointments. Referrals are brought to Team Meetings with Team Leader for allocation if casework is required. These changes have proven to be positive in how we work with our clients to best meet their needs.

Youth Private Rent Subsidy (YPRS)- With the rollout of YPRS on the Central Coast I represent RYSS at the Partners Facilitation Group (PFG) at the monthly meetings where applications are reviewed for approval for the subsidy. The Rent It Keep It (Living Skills) program is a requirement when applying for the YPRS, I was asked to present the program to Central Coast Services linked to YPRS as RYSS was acknowledged as facilitators of the program and provided RYSS Living Skills Referral forms to all the services.

RYSS has had many clients approved for the subsidy and have been successful in securing private rental properties.



*Sandy Small
Caseworker*

Youth Worker - Jay (Awesome Science Program)

Throughout Term 2- Wyoming Youth Skills Centre (WYSC) ran a program called 'Awesome Science' on a Tuesday afternoon. The program was very successful with all participants at the centre engaging, learning new skills, and having fun.

Awesome Science involved experiments such as creating an exploding volcano using friendly and safe chemical reactions, making play slime, and creating reactions with food-colouring and soap. "Zoom In" - involved microscopes and magnification exercises, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the young participants. It was made possible with help of Elle, a science teacher from ET College, who successfully provided her time and resources for the program which included electronic microscopes and interesting slides.

The Awesome Science program brought new participants to the centre via existing participants spreading the word at school. The program allowed the workers and young people to build further rapport and enhance the early intervention process. Young people were left feeling empowered and encouraged to learn new skills as a result of WYSC and its programs.

As Mother's Day approached, a "DIY"- bath bomb program was provided to the participants, and they had the option to gift-wrap some of their bath bombs for Mother's Day presents, letting the workers know they were proud of their achievements. The program was in high attendance the following week by the young participants, who were eager to replicate the exercise. They were provided step-by-step instructions so they may recreate the exercise again in their own time.



*Jay
Awesome Science Program*

'The Shed' Report

Team Leader – Paul Easter

Woodworking in "The Shed" provides an excellent environment for young people to engage in problem solving- an important skill to develop from an early age for their future. Young participants will also be developing hand-eye coordination, their spatial awareness, their sense of precision, and understanding how to use potentially dangerous tools safely.

They often model what they see others doing and with guidance young people get tremendous pleasure from being able to master new skills and achieve what they could not do previously. Some other skills participants will be learning in "The Shed" program involve the following:

- Job planning
- WHS and appropriate PPE
- Marking out skills and plan reading
- Skills in using power tools such as Drill, Saw, Jigsaw, Bench Sander, and Orbital Sander
- Wood Burning
- Painting techniques and gardening knowledge and skills

Sample Program Schedule

Week 1

- Discuss and create group agreement
- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and discuss individual ideas for projects this term
- Work on projects



Week 2

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and discuss individual ideas for projects this term
- Work on projects



Week 3

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and discuss individual ideas for projects this term
- Design and build Guitar stand
- Demonstration and use power tools



Week 4

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and work on individual projects
- Wood burning



Paul Easter
The Woodshed

'The Shed' Report Cont.

Week 5

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and work on individual projects
- Wood burning



Week 6

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and work on individual projects
- Wood burning



Week 7

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and work on individual projects
- Wood burning
- Learning to change sanding discs on Bench/Belt sander



Week 8

- Discuss P.P.E (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Research and work on individual projects
- Wood burning

Week 9

- Discuss and evaluate this terms projects.
- Discuss next term projects
- Finish Guitar Stand for WYSC
- Clean Wood Shed
- BBQ



Abilities Team Report

Team Leader – Richard Anderson

RYSS Abilities Program is designed to support young people with disability living on the Central Coast. RYSS offers a range of services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme and all services are developed with clients and their supports to assist in achieving individual goals of the Young Person. With RYSS a registered Provider for NDIS since its start on the Central Coast we are continuing our sustainable growth in the coming years and becoming the standard of quality for Youth Disability support in the sector.

Abilities staff work in a strength based client focused model, supporting clients with Intellectual disabilities, mental health, life skills, social supports and healthy relationships. This dynamic mix of casework skills and client needs has been highly successful with clients transitioning to reduced supports, reconnecting with family and increase independence in the community. We have been working with over 30 NDIS clients serviced throughout the year and peaking at over 300 hours a week of services. We have had lots of new workers start with us this year bringing our current casual pool to 15, many working exclusively with Abilities clients. Our staff have built great relationships with the Local Area Coordinators for NDIS and continue to have positive interactions with other NDIS services in helping support young people with disability on the Central Coast.

Eligibility to the Abilities program is assessed on a case by case basis and suitability for independent living skills focused case management. Planning for our first series of NDIS group courses have started and have built up great interest and we look forward to rolling these out throughout the coming year, with some popular courses like Cooking Skills with Simon going beyond capacity and a wait list for the next created. Other courses we have offered include, Music, Photography, Men's Group and Women's Group.

Abilities clients are also currently participating in a range of group and one on one Arts Programs in the community and in the Youth Arts Warehouse such as:

- Street Art
- Visual Arts
- Theatre
- Music and Song Writing

Clients are also encouraged to participate in group outings into the community, working on issues of Anxiety, Social and Community connections, Team work, Budgeting and giving them the opportunity of participating in supported activities they might not otherwise have been able to.



*Richard Anderson
Team Leader*



Success Stories

*Stacey has gone from success to success during the past year with completing her Cert 4 at TAFE and becoming a young consultant for CREATE Speak Up and later awarded a grant to attend the third international CREATE conference in Sydney over three days.

*Angus has completed several of his long term goals with obtaining his Provisional drivers license, purchasing a car and recently obtaining his first paying job.

*Steven has successfully been granted Youth Private Rental Subsidy (The first Abilities client to do so) and has moved out from care into independence for the first time and is managing his property with NDIS support by RYSS Abilities.

* David joined RYSS Abilities due to their foster care provider knowing our success with assisting young people with housing, and with a year left till he would exit care at 18 he has obtained Youth Private Rental Subsidy and is currently looking for a private rental on the Central Coast to move into.

*Simone moved into independent permanent Pacific Link housing in the Entrance with an amazing newly renovated apartment, Simone has made some dramatic life changes connecting more with community, volunteering with The Bus Project and working towards building healthy friendships and relationships.

*Chris has successfully worked with Legal Aid and FACS to triple the amount of access he has to his daughter for the year, and continues his journey of self improvement to gain hopefully more access and parental rights in the future.

* *names changed*

NDIS Cooking Workshop at Wyoming Youth Skills Centre



Indigenous Justice Program Report

Since November 2016, and the departure of Jennifer Hawkins from RYSS the Indigenous Justice Program we have been able to reflect on the road travelled and the journey ahead. IJP wasn't formally seen or known of in the general Aboriginal Community so to facilitate this RYSS have had a number of significant events that have been held to raise awareness of RYSS and the Indigenous Justice Program.

50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum — 2nd June 2017

This event facilitated by RYSS was an enormous success and enabled an appreciation of the Referendum amongst the general non Indigenous and Indigenous population. A forum was held with young Indigenous leaders and Elders, along with John Zdrilic (Gosford Police).

This forum was widely appreciated and valuable to participants and the audience.

Ngara Yura Judicial Visit— 22 July 2017

The yarning circle was an opportunity to highlight some of the barriers our clients are facing following some reforms for example an issue was raised about IJP clients not being able to access legal representation To address niche issues, further discussions with the CEO of Aboriginal Legal Aid are planned.

Girrakool Education and Training Unit

Supporting young Indigenous males in further education as well as conducting the RYSS Living Skills Program with a Career Development component.

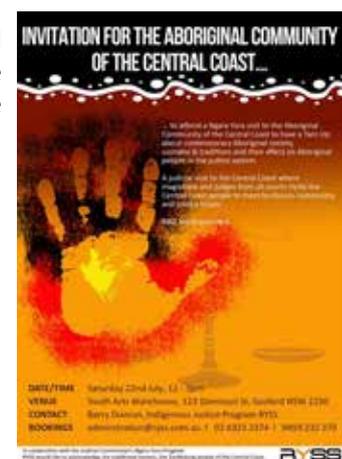
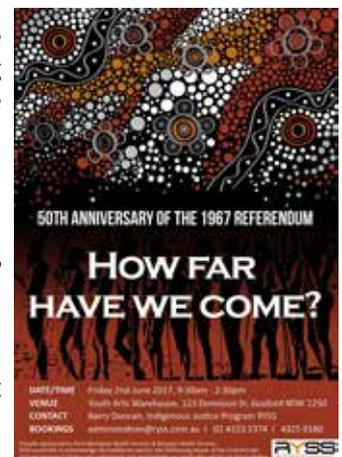
This program is highly valued and appreciated by the residents of Frank Baxter Detention Centre and provides a great line of communication with prospective clients and an insight into their needs.

Tribal Warrior Maritime Training

Eight young people participated in maritime training with Tribal Warrior on Brisbane Waters over a one week period. Six participants graduated with their Deckhand Certificate. This qualification enables them to work on vessels in Australian waters. It is anticipated that five participants will return to complete their Coxswains Certificate which will give them qualifications to navigate vessels the size of 'The Saratoga' that operates in Brisbane Waters.



Barry J Duncan
Team Leader



How Far Have we Come?
@ The Youth Arts Warehouse
- July 2017

Indigenous Justice Program Report cont.

I-Tradies Program

A hugely successful program where young people are exposed to the building industry with a one week residential prior to meeting future employers. Largely being placed at the Gosford Hospital Re-Development Project, trades that clients have been placed in are Carpentry, Plumbing, Concreting and Electricals with some labouring positions.

Over 66 young indigenous people have been employed by this program. IJP has been able to gain employment for five IJP participants. Community Engagement and Stakeholder Engagement- this has been further developed by linking in clients to local Indigenous services for example:

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre (access to D&A programs, Counselling and Health Checks) this partnership has been crucial for clients to maintain Cultural connection and Identity. Other services include Mingaletta, Nunyara Health Centre, Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council. A strong working relationship has developed with Juvenile Justice and a number of referrals have been forthcoming. IJP is closely working with Community Corrections in supporting clients who have Intensive Community Correction Orders as well.

Supported Housing Program

A hugely successful component of IJP is to facilitate young people in the program to their own property with case management support, with five young people having been accommodated this year.

Case study

* Gerry was recently involved in a serious assault matter with RYSS providing support. RYSS assisted gaining bail after being refused in the morning session of Court. Gerry was supported until his sentencing date. On his sentencing day he was convicted and given a nine month custodial sentence. He served three weeks before a successful appeal was heard and he was released on bond. Gerry remained in supported accommodation after RYSS liaising with Pacific Link and commenced fulltime employment with Lend Lease at Gosford Hospital Re-Development. If not for RYSS's involvement would still be in prison and homeless upon release.

** name changed*

Staffing

Karen Smith started with RYSS in the Indigenous Justice Program Caseworker role. She has a wealth of knowledge in the Education field having worked at Girrakool Education Unit in Frank Baxter Detention Centre for a number of years prior to joining the IJP team. Karen has hit the ground running, has already seen some encouraging success with a number of IJP young people. Her experience and passion will be an ongoing asset to the program and the young people we support well into the future.



*Karen Smith
Caseworker*

The BUS Report

Since its celebratory launch on December 2nd 2016, The BUS has become an invaluable force in youth outreach across the Central Coast. From simple gaming events to anti-bullying programming, anger management to Indigenous arts, podcasting to championing Youth Homelessness Matters Day for the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People, Andrew Johnson, The BUS has ably demonstrated to the Community and wider Youth Service Industry its capacity to deliver innovative and successful engagement activities.

With the assistance of Early Intervention, Youth Opportunities, FRRR and AusPost funding;

- The BUS has worked directly with 1,267 young people and had contact with over 8,000
- 5 Young Leaders have been employed and 12 Young Volunteers have been engaged on The BUS, including 10 current/previous RYSS clients
- The BUS Crew have delivered programming to 30 locations across the Coast, from Lake Munmorah to Umina
- The BUS social media presence & promotion has been extremely successful; Facebook (163 followers, over 11,000 shares per month), Instagram (64 posts, 118 followers) and website (2771 hits)
- Press exposure via NBN news, ABC online, local radio and print media has been generated, plus a visit from NSW Minister for Youth, Ray Williams
- 309 interviews/surveys/video contacts completed
- Over 30 Service Provider partnerships developed
- 19 personal development/awareness workshops run
- 17 High Schools accessed
- 10 Community/Neighbourhood Centres visited
- 6 Skate Park events targeted for Outreach support
- 2 Youth Music Gigs
- 4 Aboriginal Celebrations attended
- 4 sporting partnerships developed with Central Coast Stadium (including Mariners games and the Community Cup between Manly Sea Eagles and The Roosters)
- 1 Comicon enjoyed
- 1 Christmas Parade and
- 1 ZombieFest!



Virginia Walshaw
The BUS Coordinator

Successful outcomes for The BUS include:

Accessibility: The BUS has made direct access to young people possible, taking services from static centres, to targeted regions; offering support, engagement and referral where it is needed most.

Connectivity: The number of young people who have connected with The BUS is testimony to the success of the project. Central Coast is the 5th largest region in NSW, cut throughout with waterways, inlets, lakes and rivers, resulting in a large number of isolated and marginalised communities and high youth disengagement/ unemployment rates – Wyong's rates are 29.2%/33.7%, as compared to the CC average 12.1%/14.9%.

The BUS Crew targeted this location 4 times working directly with 498 young people.

Partnerships: The BUS, an acronym for Together Helping Everyone Better Utilise Services, has proven that to be true. RYSS have partnered with local specialist services who have then accompanied The BUS to events and areas previously inaccessible – creating a united, multiagency response to support those most vulnerable in our community.



The BUS Report cont.

Inspired Participants:

1. Skills training in leadership, podcasting, filming, photography, event management, technical support, multimedia and Indigenous Art.
2. Connection to Community across the Coast.
3. Cultural awareness.
4. DV, AOD, anger management, bullying resilience and mental health support.
5. Service agency connection & clear support pathways.
6. Alleviation from isolation, boredom – active engagement!

One of the biggest challenges has been in finding suitable spaces to accommodate The BUS and gain the requisite Council permission to park there, as well as having to rely on volunteer medium rigid (MR) BUS drivers. Though gratefully assisted by a couple of amazing retirees, on several occasions our attendance at events has had to be cancelled due to a lack of driver availability. We are currently working in partnership with Volunteering Central Coast to gain funding for MR training opportunities to increase our numbers.

Into the future, The BUS currently has five funding submissions being considered, ongoing discussions with DET re student engagement programming and the possibility of longer term philanthropic funding.

Watch the ride on www.ryssbus.com.au



Various bus events
1267 Direct Contacts
8000+ Indirect Contacts

Youth Arts Warehouse Report

Sharon Aldrick - Youth Arts Coordinator

The Youth Arts Warehouse is a purpose build arts and music venue dedicated to young people providing mentorship under creative industry professionals to develop their confidence and talents through the facilitation of three core disciplines: Visual/digital arts, Music and Theatre.

My position develops the programs, secures funding and works with professional arts mentors/tutors in the implementation and delivery of quality arts and music programs working together with young people. This year was again a very successful year in securing valuable funding from Arts NSW and Hey Wire FRRR to produce high quality arts programs where young people can create, rehearse, exhibit and perform entirely on site in a safe and encouraging environment.

By producing innovative, cutting edge productions by young people, that connect to our local community, our organisation helps to create a culturally stronger and healthier wider community and giving young people skills to shape their own roles in society. Our Young People get to work with some amazing artists and I would like to thank my team of industry professional mentors that have worked with us this year. Sile Molloy, Mandy Francis, Luke Mahler, Amy Wilson, Inga Romansova, Mike McCarthy, Pasko Shavermade and our youth leader team Oliver Ellis, Jera Nichols, Liam Hylton-Evans, Leia Cook and Jordyn Glanville. A big thank you goes to our partners and special guest facilitators that have given their invaluable expertise.

The Youth Arts Warehouse had over 2200 young people access the Youth Arts Warehouse for programs and events in this past year, now in it's tenth year we are attracting large audience numbers to see our productions and are a 'best practice' arts venue.

We work together with young people to produce our yearly program and found the effects of arts programs to be powerful and transformative producing positive outcomes for our young people. We are creating powerful networks of young people having access to social media hubs with information, resources and positive young people stories for our young people to work through challenges and create personal change without fear of retribution or being stigmatised.

Program Areas: Hey Wire LGBTQIA+ project

WQRDS (pronounced 'qwerds') Queer Words is the story of young queer people that identify with LGBTQIA+ on the Central Coast told through many chapters - like the chapters of a magical storybook. A team of youth leaders were selected to work together using multimedia and produce a series of podcasts that help inform the community around LGBTQIA + issues. The objective was to use inspiring stories to normalise controversial issues and create a digital narrative, providing advice and information, which anyone can access. Using podcasts, audio dramas, short films, blog posts, snapchats, documentary films, photography, and more - the project gave youth the chance to express their stories in a way that engages, excites, empowers and inspires an audience.



WQRDS LGBTQIA+ Team



Sharon Aldrick
Youth Arts Coordinator

Facilitated by a team of hand-picked young people at Regional Youth Support Services and funded by The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), ABC Heywire in partnership with the Australian Government, supported by Arts NSW and under the guidance of The Youth Arts Warehouse coordinator this state initiative empowers young people and puts young Australians at the centre of the conversations that shape their communities

Central Coast WQRDS was launched in January and produced a fortnightly discussion podcast hosted by the team. This exciting journey took our team off into the community interviewing a whole range of people and featuring reviews and interviews from community events!

The team talked to a young transgender person for Transgender Visibility Day. They took a trip to Ourimbah University to cover International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. They reviewed The Five Lands Walk event and Goats Festival San Remo. They even interviewed Father Rob Bower from Gosford Anglican Church about Marriage equality and being gay and religious.



*WQRDS
Pod cast interview with
Fr. Rod Bower*

To listen to the episode's and see what they have produced over the past year you can view the website, face book page and sound cloud channel and explore the other chapters of the WQRDS story: facebook.com/wqrdspodcast.

Our youth leaders gained valuable skills in interview techniques, writing blogs, marketing and hosting events, promoting local talent and working to a deadline, within budget and reaching the project objectives. The creation of a networking circle of creative young people on facebook continues to reach followers and our Wqrds radio podcast reached a local and state audience following our fortnightly podcasts and blogs.

Music: Club Weld

Club Weld is a melting pot of sounds, beats, music and people coming together in a safe supportive professional venue. It's a place for exploring creative expression, musical collaboration and learning. It's where diversity is embraced and young people facing challenges through learning, mental health, physical disability or isolation can let their talents shine through. This year we partnered with ICE Parramatta and their Club Weld program to bring it to the central Coast, here at The youth Arts warehouse. Our tutor Luke Mahler was trained under professional musicians from the Club Weld program and we were fortunate to have professional musician Pasko Shavermade come up from Sydney each week to work with us setting up the program and training us in the latest electronic music technology. The program is designed to help young musicians with disability reach their music potential and have access to use the latest technology, software and electronic instruments to create individual music.

Having access to professional musicians with years of experience in the Music industry to help with song writing, recording and laying down a track using electronic equipment, gave our participants confidence and individual support and the results was amazing.

While the sessions were full of fun for participants there was an emphasis on 'best practice', meaning high quality outcomes that reach a commercial market. As founder Sam Worrada explains, "The recording projects undertaken by Club Weld are aspirational, with a view to producing a high quality product of artistic merit."



The club began in Parramatta and made an immediate impact in the greater Sydney area after releasing their first Club Weld Collaboration album. The album featured on FBi and 2SER radio and a film clip was made and shown on ABC music video institution RAGE.

Regional Youth Support Services partnered up with Club Weld and started a program based out of The Youth Arts Warehouse and in 2016 produced an EP with seven tracks fully recorded and uploaded onto sound cloud from our talented participants.

Theatre: Play Write Program

Our dedication to professional mentoring, leading to education and career pathways into the industry is evident in our Script Writing and Play development program. This year was so successful with our 2016 production "Carvings Through Time" we packed the house over two nights, performing to an audience of over 150 each night in July. The original play about the hieroglyphics and sacred site at Kariong Hill, explored the history and mysteries of the carvings of Egyptian Hieroglyphics on a large rock on Kariong Hill. Our Play Write group set out on a site-location tour in February with Australian Actor/Writer Rob Carlton and Local community activist Jake Cassar to do some hands on research and inspect the impressive rock face and sacred site. The group worked with emerging playwright, Kate Robertson and tutor Amy Wilson developing the characters and scenes spanning three time periods, weaving a story based on real life events. Our 22 strong cast performed to an excited audience, some dressed in Egyptian costume and toured the play to The Art House at Wyong in September which had a great review.



Play Write tours to The Art House in Wyong

I joined the students on visiting ancient aboriginal sites and places of significance that would serve as stimulus material for a play they hoped to devise, write, perform and tour. Since then my wife and I have been audience members in that play. It was outstanding. It bubbled with the life and vitality that only young people bring to their craft. YAW provided these students with the space, the structure and critically, the people with expertise, to ensure their passions manifested results. I wasn't able to see the original production in Gosford, but was able to see it when they staged it again as part of its tour on the coast up at Wyong. YAW wring the most out of the assets they've got. The matinee show we saw had a great audience followed by a lively Q and A, all around matters of cultural significance and youth experience here on to the coast. Rob Carlton

Our Carvings Through Time production

The Youth Arts Warehouse continues its commitment to producing regional and local premieres of new plays by young and emerging playwrights and directors, in December we held a series of five short plays called 'Youth Voices' in partnership with The Australian Theatre for Young People and funded by Arts NSW. Sadly we said goodbye to Amy Wilson our tutor for the past four years who has been a dedicated and supportive mentor to our theatre group and will be greatly missed by all. In 2017 Andrew Thomson was welcomed as our new Theatre tutor to head up the 2017 production.

Our Youth Arts Warehouse programs help young people gain confidence, feel supported through their creative endeavours and build strong friendships. *'I've been part of the Youth Arts Warehouse and the Play Write program for the last couple of years.*



When I started, I had recently moved from Canada, I didn't know anyone on the Coast. It felt amazing to be welcomed into the family here at Play Write, I've made many wonderful, life-long friends! I feel I have a place I can belong to and be with other like-minded people, while exploring our artistic minds and having our voices heard." Jera Nichols, one of our many creative actors.

The Youth Arts Warehouse programs impart valuable industry skills, by mentoring our young performers to become the next generation of professional actors, writers, directors and stage managers. Being part of the whole process, from concept to production, our resident costume designer, Lily Mateljan, has gathered an extensive design portfolio over the years. She was recently accepted into the Fundamental Design course at Enmore TAFE, a well-respected institute.

*"Ever since I was little I've loved designing costumes! Here at Play Write, I was able to express my talent and create costumes for all of our productions. This has been an amazing experience, working on a live set, sticking to deadlines, and creatively working around tight budgets! Sadly, this production will be my final one, I am moving off towards bigger and grander adventures! I will never forget my time here in the Play Write group."*said Lily.



Indie/ Folk / Pop Night with Nellipot

Partners and Funders

The Youth Arts Warehouse continues to build successful partnerships with key organisations and community groups to aid in the delivery of projects and events by using each other's strengths, knowledge and sharing resources. The relationships we have formed with our stakeholders are vital for a healthy, rich cultural region. Our goal is to keep producing quality programs, bringing donors, businesses, artists and arts organisations together to foster a more sustainable and vibrant arts sector. Thank you to Gosford City Council for their continued support through their community grants, Wyong Shire Council Indent Music NSW and The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal FRRR and Arts NSW our main project funding for this year.

Events

The Youth Arts Warehouse was successful once again in Music NSW Indent funding, allowing us to mentor a team of event producers whilst producing the Youth Arts Warehouse music events. The collaboration between Indent Music NSW and RYSS sees our team have the opportunity to gain hands on work experience while putting on an event. Indent provides expert knowledge of the industry and resources for our young event team who are supervised by the Youth Arts Coordinator; our events work in partnership with local bands delivering awesome music events for our region.

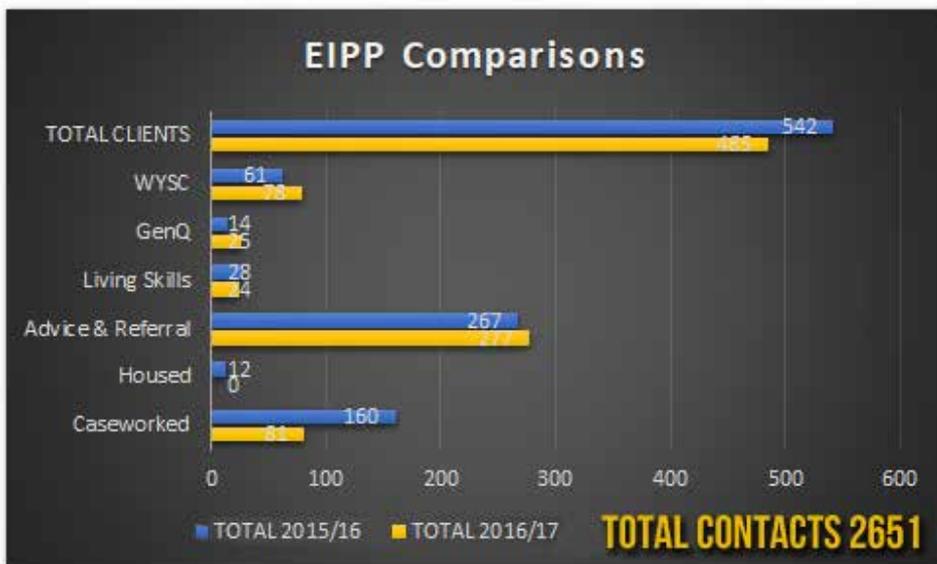
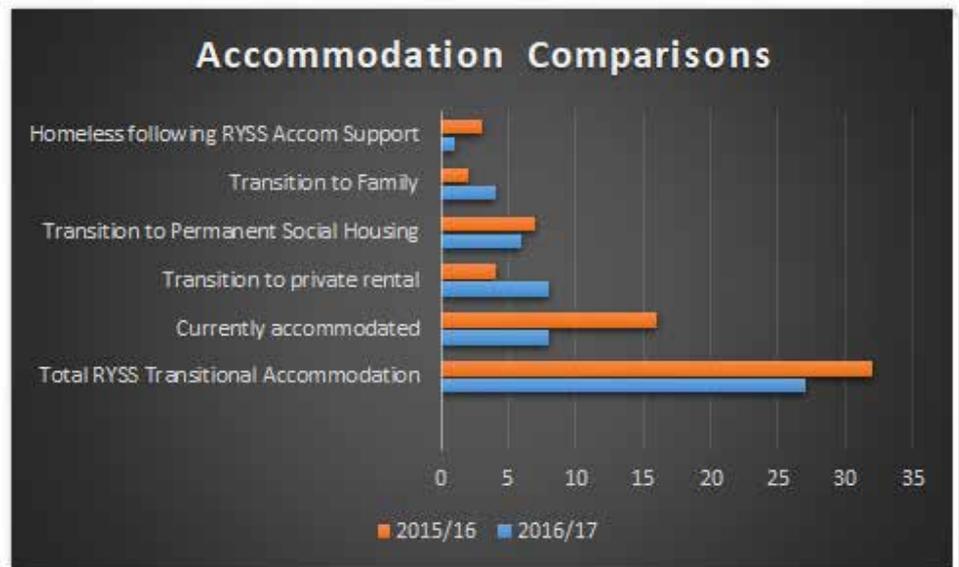
The Indie/Folk/Pop night at The Metrodome is in its 8th year of producing premier events for Young People, young musicians, and bands to build their fan base. Our May 12th ALL AGES event featured five young established and emerging Central Coast bands. These artists were all hand picked by a group of young event organisers from The Youth Arts Warehouse events team. Headlining the event were Indie, Folk, Pop, genre hopping, three piece local band NELLIPOT. Their debut single reached over 150,000 plays on spotify's 'Fresh Finds' after just one week online and their 2017 single DENIM peaked at number 3 on Triple J's unearthed site. From busking to national tours this young Central Coast band got the crowd dancing with their unforgettable grooves. The night was a huge success and shows the great need for quality venues to support up and coming local musicians and provide an all ages event. Central Coast Battle of the bands winners Elaskia, SOY, Little Quirks and Molly Millington all said they had a great night performing to a very excited audience that took to the dance floor right from the very first song. We had some great local sponsors donate prizes for the night and get behind this event, including Star 104.5 FM providing us with prime time on-air advertising which we are very thank full for.

This year we created a work experience position for Alex Mundy to come in each week and work on our Club Weld project as the assistant lighting and sound technician. Alex has a hearing disability and has a dream to work in the industry and hopes to build his skills while gaining hands on experience.

In December 2016 we partnered up with Job Centre Australia to host the Fair Go Talent Showcase for the International Day of People with Disability. This was a fantastic day filling the Warehouse to the brim and over 35 performers embraced the stage and gave the judges a very hard task in selecting the winners. Our Club Weld participants got the chance to perform their original music live to a packed audience and took out first, second and third prize places.

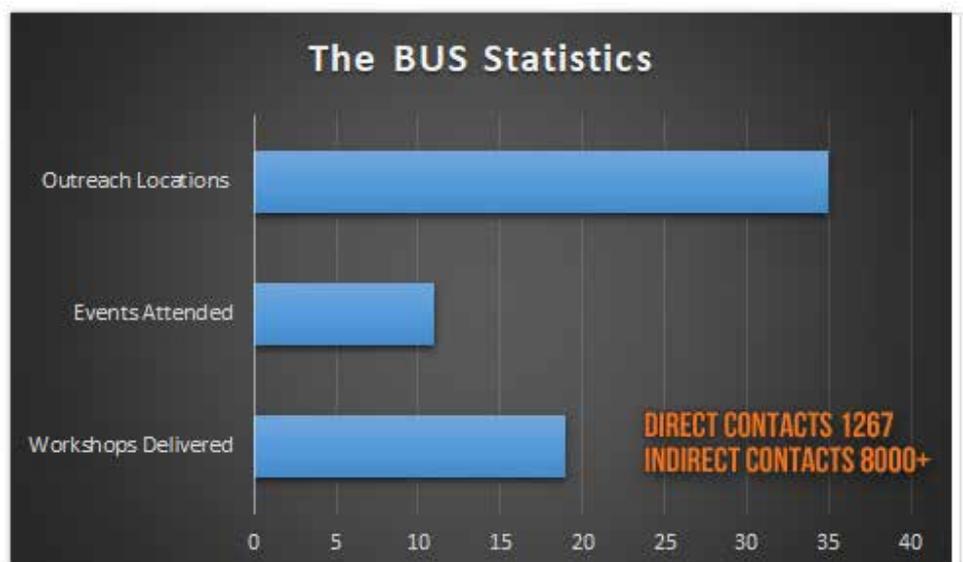
2015/16 - 2016/17 Comparisons

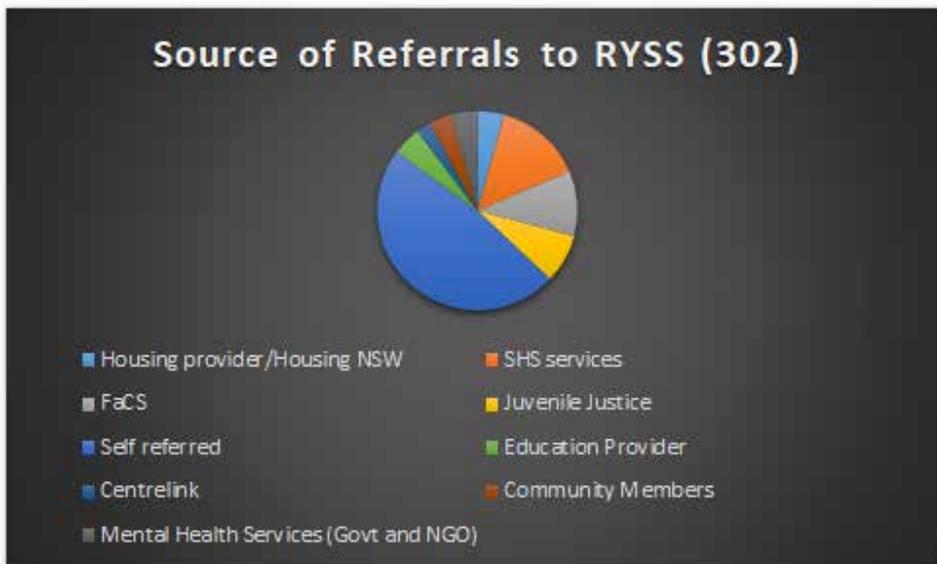
While accommodation support outcomes are slightly lower by comparison across all outcomes, the impact of reduced social housing availability and the introduction of new supported accommodation options such as the Youth Private Rental Subsidy, as well as more proactive engagement by RYSS programs has resulted in increases in young people returning to the family home and young people accessing the private rental market.



EIPP has remained focused on the core elements of Advice & referral, Living Skills, and Case management of young people in the context of early intervention. The depth and intensity of support is reflected in total engagements being either similar, or slightly down on the previous period.

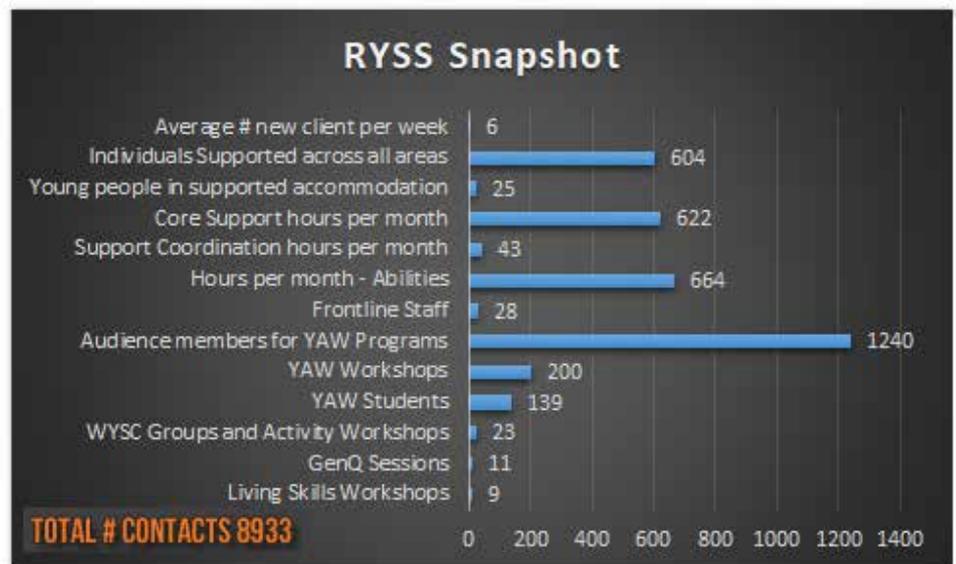
The first complete year of service delivery in The BUS has seen extraordinary success. This chart reflects 100% new support delivery for RYSS, making contact with over 1000 individuals, with further exposure to 8000 more via its attendance at events, delivery of targeted workshops, and provision of support to young people at a range of neighbourhood centres, schools, skate parks, and youth and community hubs across the entire Central Coast.





From a representative sample of 302 individuals who accessed RYSS, this demonstrates the breadth and range of pathways leading to RYSS as a support service. Almost half of all referrals are 'walk-in' or 'phone-in' initiated by the individual, followed by referrals from SHS providers (14%), FaCS (11%), Juvenile Justice, Mental Health services and community members (8%). Following from this, a similar representative sample indicates outgoing referrals to SHS providers (16%), mental health services (15%). Referrals internally to other RYSS programs and supports (49%) is a reflection of RYSS' capacity to deliver a broad spectrum of supports to young people on the Coast.

The broad scope of supports delivered by RYSS are reflected in some key figures here. Supporting young people in accommodation, facilitating creative development in the Youth Arts Warehouse, via intensive one-one case management, as well as via a range of projects, workshops, and groups aimed developing social engagement, skill building, and positive social interaction.



Social Media and Website Statistics

Regional Youth Support Services completed a review of all RYSS social media and website presence. A new website was created which allows clients to view information on current programs being run throughout the organisation: The BUS, The Youth Arts Warehouse, NDIS programs, in-house programs, Support Groups, Services available in the Gosford Office, fundraisers - Comicon, RYSS Events. YouTube, Facebook and Instagram are updated daily and communication with youth via electronic platforms has been embraced and extremely successful to date.



- 514 visitors for 656 sessions
- Mostly direct referral
- 98% of our audience is in Australia with some in France, USA, India, South Korea and the Philippines.



- 1355 sessions/ 3 page visits
- Over 4000 unique page views
- 55.4% new visitors
- Users in Australia, US, Russia, Canada, Brazil, the UK, Italy, India and Portugal.



- 6,000 sessions
- Over 4.5K user
- 73% new users
- 27% returning
- Mostly male, aged 24-35
- Facebook data: 658 followers
- 1066 reach, 582 reactions to posts, 11 new page likes, 261 page views, 364 video views



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Annual General Meeting Minutes of Regional Youth Support Services Inc Monday 24 October 2016

In Attendance

Barry J Duncan, Alex O'Neal, Virginia Walshaw, Chris Holstein, Chris Krogh, Geoff Hynd, Taylor Batley, Alexa Morris-Lovell, Jennifer Hawkins, Sienna Acquaro, Richard Anderson, Sandy Small Simon Stevens, Kim McLoughry, Renee Mossman, Ric Norton, Fran Bucello, Wayne Fuller, Laura Ritchie, Dylan Brassington, Daniel Lobo, Alan Blackman, Trent Hodgetts, Wes Walton, Peter Potter, Ray Southeren, Deborah Warwick, Gail Cosentino, Anthony Freeman, Robert O'Neil

Meeting Opened: 5.16pm

RYSS acknowledgement to Country – Barry J Duncan
 Aboriginal Dancers – “Freeman Brothers”.

1. Welcome by Chairperson – Deb Warwick

Outgoing chair 2015/16. Welcome to special guests Ric Norton (FaCS) Robert O'Neil (Auditor)
 Deborah acknowledged the change of funding and the impact on RYSS.
 Deborah acknowledged the successful transition of Operation's Manager from Wayne Fuller to Alex O'Neal.
 Team Leaders and staff were recognised by the committee for all their work.
 Deborah thanked the outgoing committee and particularly acknowledgment to Laura Richie and wished her well.
 Deborah acknowledged Malcom and Fran in accounts for their ongoing efforts.

2. Apologies

Kathy Smith, Kathy McInnes, Malcom Cliftlands

3. Confirmation of Minutes (AGM 2014)

Tabled Deb Warwick – Moved Geoff Hynd Accepted Taylor Batley

4. Table reports and presentations

A. Chairperson's Report – Deborah Warwick
 B. Treasurer and Audit Report – John Mazaroli

Successful year for profit/surplus of \$98,000 up \$10,000 from last year. Next year could be prove to be financially challenging, however looking to move forward.

Thanked Kim and Deb and also thanked Malcom and Fran.

C. CEO's Report

Kim acknowledged 30 years of RYSS

Bus Launch 2/12/16 at the 'Live @ 5 event 2/12/16 in Kibble Park

Kim said she was “honoured” to have been a part of RYSS for the past 23 years

Acknowledge the beginning of RYSS people – Specifically remembering- Greg Green and Tracey Doyle as strong advocates for young people. Kim said she was very proud of the both of them.

Kim noted there were 3 things that were a point of difference: 1) Innovation, 2) Passion, 3) Inspiration of young people
 Kim mentioned the “social enterprise”: Labyrinth Café, Donnison's on the Park, Parkside Multi Service Youth Centre , Youth Arts Warehouse – “Hardest of all the programs to gain resources and acknowledged the hard work of Sharon and team of YAW.

5. Table reports and brief overview by Alex O'Neal

Operations Manager Report –

Alex acknowledged that whilst looking at the client data, it is underpinned by the service quality and diligent staff. The numbers statistically show that RYSS have 3 new young people every day of the week.

Alex recognised that it is unique to work with the RYSS staff.

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Committee's Report

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

1. Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Regional Youth Support Services Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

- Geoff Hynd
- Deborah Warwick
- Ray Southeren
- Wayne Fuller
- Taylor Bartley
- John Mazaroli
- Harry Luck

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- Providing youth support services.

Significant Changes

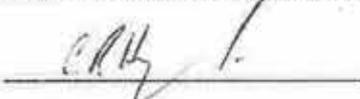
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to:

	2017	2016
Profit		
Profit	59,834	98,849
Total Profit	59,834	98,849

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Chairperson: 

Secretary: 

Dated this 29/9/17

Auditor's Independence Declaration

Regional Youth Support Services Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2017

Auditor's Independence Declaration

"To the Committee of Regional Youth Support Services Inc "

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the 2017 end year there have been:

- i. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm: Horizon Accounting Solutions

Signed: 

Name of Auditor: Robert O'Neill (Registered Company Auditor)
Address: Unit 3 - 42 Victoria Avenue, Toukley NSW 2263.

Dated this 29/9/2017.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

	NOTES	2017	2016
Revenue			
Revenue	2	1,858,169	1,986,881
Other Income	2	97,283	77,378
Total Revenue		1,955,453	2,064,258
Total Income			
		1,955,453	2,064,258
Expenses			
Depreciation		67,194	47,428
Employment Costs		1,209,896	1,316,602
Interest Expenses		(165)	1,729
Other Expenses		618,693	599,651
Total Expenses		1,895,619	1,965,409
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation			
		59,834	98,849
Net Profit After Tax			
		59,834	98,849

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Balance Sheet

Regional Youth Support Services Inc As at 30 June 2017

	NOTES	30 JUN 2017	30 JUN 2016
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	588,573	589,187
Trade and other receivables	6	51,415	32,824
Other current assets	7	48,921	53,002
Total Current Assets		688,909	675,013
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	187,094	172,703
Total Non-Current Assets		187,094	172,703
Total Assets		876,003	847,716
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	66,399	90,167
Borrowings - Current	10	-	2,992
Provisions	11	65,672	87,155
Other current liabilities	12	227,362	210,664
Total Current Liabilities		359,433	390,979
Total Liabilities		359,433	390,979
Net Assets		516,570	456,737
Equity			
Retained Earnings		516,570	456,737
Total Equity		516,570	456,737

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Movements in Equity

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
Equity		
Opening Balance	456,737	357,888
Increases		
Profit for the Period	59,834	98,849
Total Increases	59,834	98,849
Total Equity	516,570	456,737

Statement of Cash Flows

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
Cash flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	1,973,078	1,944,381
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,906,352)	(1,857,447)
Interest received	7,982	14,959
Finance costs	165	(1,729)
Total Cash flows from Operating Activities	74,873	100,165
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	-	33,337
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(72,495)	(83,088)
Total Cash flows from Investing Activities	(72,495)	(49,751)
Cash flows from Financing Activities		
Repayment of borrowings	(2,992)	(27,993)
Total Cash flows from Financing Activities	(2,992)	(27,993)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(614)	22,420
Cash Balances		
Opening cash balance	589,187	566,767
Closing cash balance	588,573	589,187
Movement in cash	(614)	22,420

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes of the Financial Statements

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and accordingly, this financial report is a special purpose report prepared for the sole purpose of distributing a financial report to members and must not be used for any other purpose. The Committee have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, have been written down to fair value as a result of impairment. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the prior year.

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at the cost of acquisition or fair value less, if applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Plant and equipment that has been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, is valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired. The plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Committee to ensure that the carrying amount is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the utilisation of the assets and the subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in estimating recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are measured at their fair value, based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by independent external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Increases in the carrying amount of land and buildings arising on revaluation are credited in equity to a revaluation surplus. Decreases against previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is offset against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Depreciation

It is the policy of the Association to depreciate assets costing more than \$1,000 over their effective life. This is a change of policy from the prior year.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes of the Financial Statements

Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. No on-costs have been recognised.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the services to customers.

Revenue from commissions is recognised upon delivery of services to customers.
Revenue from interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Leases

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

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Notes of the Financial Statements

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Financial Assets

Investments in financial assets are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

Grants

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when the entity receives the grant, when it is probable that the entity will receive the economic benefits of the grant and the amount can be reliably measured.

If the grant has conditions attached which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the grant, the recognition of the revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value back to the grant contributor, the transaction is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised as a liability in the balance sheet until the required service has been completed, otherwise the income is recognised on receipt.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Unearned Income

The Association recognises income from funding as and when it can be matched with the appropriate expenditure for the project. Thus any unspent income has been recognised as income in advance and reallocated to the balance sheet.

Economic Dependence

Regional Youth Support Services Inc is dependent on the funding and grants it receives to operate the business. At the date of this report the committee members have no reason to believe that this funding will not continue to support Regional Youth Support Services Inc.

	2017	2016
2. Revenue		
Revenue		
Donations and fundraising	42,317	145,024
Membership Subscriptions	40	38
Rental Income	52,991	55,033

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Notes of the Financial Statements

Grants Received	1,762,822	1,786,785
Total Revenue	1,858,169	1,986,881
Other Revenue		
Other Revenue	89,301	62,419
Bank Interest	7,982	14,959
Total Other Revenue	97,283	77,378
Total Revenue	1,955,453	2,064,258
	2017	2016
3. Profit		
Capital Expenditure < \$20,000	9,091	9,332
Depreciation	58,103	38,096
	2017	2016
4. Auditor's Remuneration		
Audit Fees	3,150	3,100
Total Auditor's Remuneration	3,150	3,100
	2017	2016
5. Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Bank Accounts		
CBA 1077 4957 EIPP	481	408
CBA 1077 4965 IJP	307	70
CBA 1077 4973 CEO	4,626	505
CBA 1077 4981 Ops Mgr	286	29
CBA 1077 5001 Arts	283	247
CBA 1077 5036 Abilities	170	2,121
NPBS Cash Mgt 985448802	125,692	259,858
NPBS Chq 985415103 - Asset	26,772	10,277
NPBS Term A/c 710857906	306,413	300,000
Westpac Chq #11 0213	122,330	13,775
Total Bank Accounts	587,359	587,287
Other Cash Items		
Cash on Hand	1,214	1,900
Total Other Cash Items	1,214	1,900
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	588,573	589,187
	2017	2016
6. Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade Debtors	48,640	30,174
Other Debtors		
Bonds / Deposits Paid	2,115	1,605
Interest Receivable	766	1,045

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes of the Financial Statements

TILA Advance	(106)	-
Total Other Debtors	2,775	2,650
Total Trade and Other Receivables	51,415	32,824
	2017	2016

7. Other Current Assets

Current		
Prepaid accounts	21,193	17,576
Prepaid Insurance	13,615	11,113
Prepaid M/V Insurances & Rego	8,760	7,903
Prepaid Workers Comp Insurance	5,354	16,411
Total Current	48,921	53,002
Total Other Current Assets	48,921	53,002
	2017	2016

8. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles

Plant & Equipment		
Computer Software @ cost	1,250	-
Computer Software Accum Deprec	(110)	-
Furniture & Equipment - At Cost	184,154	184,154
Furniture & Equipment - Less Accumulated Depreciation	(176,594)	(174,521)
Leasehold Improvements - At Cost	78,686	75,486
Leasehold Improvements - Less Accumulated Depreciation	(43,187)	(37,191)
Motor Vehicles - At Cost	257,187	189,142
Motor Vehicles - Less Accumulated Depreciation	(114,292)	(64,367)
Total Plant & Equipment	187,094	172,703
Total Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	187,094	172,703
	2017	2016

9. Trade & Other Payables

Trade Payables		
ATO Liabilities	21,537	36,617
Accounts Payable	5,116	21,230
Accrued Expenses	1,457	18,266
Bonds YAW & WYC	1,000	1,000
Client Bonds	400	-
Electronic Clearing Account	-	2,748
Grants In Advance	27,500	-
RESC Salary Sacrifice	440	440
SGC Accruals Payable	8,948	9,867
Total Trade Payables	66,399	90,167
Total Trade & Other Payables	66,399	90,167

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Notes of the Financial Statements

	2017	2016
10. Borrowings		
Current Liability		
4902 4200 0517 9198 CEO	-	1,583
M/Vehicle BV68GJ - JSP	-	1,409
Total Current Liability	-	2,992
Total Borrowings	-	2,992
	2017	2016
11. Provisions		
Provisions		
Provision for Annual leave (21520)	23,610	28,974
Provision for LSL	42,063	27,824
Provision for Personal Leave (21526)	-	16,600
Provision for W Comp	-	13,758
Total Provisions	65,672	87,155
Total Provisions	65,672	87,155
	2017	2016
12. Other Financial Liabilities		
Unearned Income	227,362	210,664
Total Other Financial Liabilities	227,362	210,664

13. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2017 and none in the prior year.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

Certificate By Members of the Committee

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

The Committee have determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Committee of the association declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, present fairly the associations' financial position as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. in the Committees' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

Chairperson: _____



Secretary: _____



Sign date:

29/9/17

Independent Auditor's Report

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Regional Youth Support Services Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Regional Youth Support Services Inc, is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporations Act*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporations Act*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of Regional Youth Support Services Inc in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in Regional Youth Support Services Inc annual report for the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in his regard.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Independent Auditor's Report

Auditor's Responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d) Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Signed on:



Robert O'Neill - Registered Company Auditor

Firm: Horizon Accounting Solutions

Unit 3 - 42 Victoria Avenue, Toukley NSW 2263.

Dated: 29/9/2017

Trading Income Statement

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2017

	NOTES	2017	2016
Income			
Donations and fundraising		42,317	145,024
Membership Subscriptions		40	38
Rental Income		52,991	55,033
Grants Received		1,762,822	1,786,785
Total Income		1,858,169	1,986,881
Other Income			
Other revenue		89,301	62,419
Bank Interest		7,982	14,959
Total Other Income		97,283	77,378
Total Income		1,955,453	2,064,258
Expenses			
Administration and management fees		153,864	58,641
Motor vehicle		19,754	20,919
Accounting Fees		188	2,865
Advertising & Promotions		16,347	13,637
Audit Fees		3,150	3,100
Bank Fees & Charges		272	288
Bookkeeping Fees		-	1,798
BUS Furnishings		3,035	358
Bus Repair & Other		10,286	-
Capital Expenditure < \$20,000		9,091	9,332
Car Allowance		854	4,375
Cleaner & Cleaning		4,519	4,463
Client Costs - Living Skills		762	792
Client Costs - Rent		8,966	11,572
Client Costs - Sundry Purchase		23,544	28,956
Client Costs Removal/Clean/R&M		1,600	5,391
Computer		726	-
Computer Repairs & Maintenance		1,351	6,545
Computer Software		108	31
Conferences/Seminars		2,106	2,184
Credit Card Fees		60	503
Depreciation		58,103	38,096
DIS - Other		4,395	29,155
Donations (61210)		2,700	-
Electricity		4,397	4,361
Entertainment/Gifts/Flowers		3,371	4,450
Equipment & Set-up Fees		-	15,182
Equipment including Hire		1,752	1,950

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Trading Income Statement

	NOTES	2017	2016
Fees - Workshops, stalls		915	256
Fines		650	-
First Aid Allowance		750	336
First Aid Supplies		403	276
Food, Games & Materials		12,403	25,916
Holiday Camp		-	3,137
Insurance		12,439	11,760
Interest on car loans		(165)	1,729
Internet Expenses		934	1,272
iPlanet		22,198	5,868
Legal Fees		798	-
Licences & Fees		450	894
Loss on sale of fixed assets		-	1,041
Mentoring		-	2,150
Office Expenses (61270)		3,281	3,891
On-call Allowance		107	274
Parking Fees		2,754	2,844
Performer's / Artist's Fees		1,800	-
Photocopier Maintenance		2,117	2,309
Police Checks		109	1,629
Postage		308	415
Printing, Stationery, Supplies		13,520	16,505
Professional Supervision		1,280	2,210
Program Transport Costs		1,947	1,557
Provision for Annual leave (62060)		61,896	58,459
Provision for LongServiceLeave		13,965	15,291
Provision for Personal Leave (62063)		12,487	29,377
Recording		-	240
Rent		39,966	39,430
Rental Outgoings		57,725	57,911
Repairs & Maintenance		2,973	12,850
Resources / Books/ Videos		-	91
Security		3,529	3,495
Sleepover Allowance		132	344
Sound & Light Engineering Fees		9,567	4,600
Staff Amenities		1,081	-
Subscriptions/Prof M'ships		2,306	3,175
Superannuation		109,792	117,912
Telephone/Mobile Phones		17,350	18,160
Theatre Materials, props etc		1,223	604
Tolls		182	291
Training		7,682	4,755
Travel/Accommodation Exps		1,710	8,943
Uniforms		1,053	2,299
Venue Hire		8,050	-
Wages & Salaries		1,098,263	1,193,360
Water Usage/ Waste services		2,929	367
Website		196	30

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Trading Income Statement

	NOTES	2017	2016
Workers' Compensation		23,832	38,106
Workshop Art & Photo Materials		29	-
YAW Equipment		186	110
YAW R&M / Renovations		3,216	-
Total Expenses		1,895,619	1,965,409
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		59,834	98,849
Net Profit After Tax		59,834	98,849

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