

Auburn Youth
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**AYC Inc.
Growing Young
Annual Report 2014**



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Chairperson's Report

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to our new home!

The AYC (in full collaboration with our partners the Inner West Skills Centre, Auburn Diversity Services Inc. and Auburn Council) is now located in Wyatt Park, an amazing purpose built youth activity centre in the heart of a developing youth precinct. Partnering with the aforementioned naturally aligned organisations has given us an unprecedented opportunity to help foster and support the development of Auburn's youth in a fully collaborative environment, lending off each other's skill sets and expertise to provide a "one stop" hub. What a fantastic result!

The efforts required to make the move from Mary Street to Wyatt park were understandably enormous and at times (if we're honest) difficult. Any difficulty experienced along the way was ably managed and addressed by all partners and this has helped build a solid platform for our future mutual initiatives.

When Auburn Council announced 18 months ago that they were looking to develop the vacant Wyatt Park space for the permanent residency of youth organisations we seized the chance to belong.

From that point and in the spirit of our mutual goals the AYC, IWSC and ADSI came together and directly shaped the amazing facility we proudly share today. The list of people involved in our move are too numerous to name and everyone who assisted in any way during this process has mine and the Boards complete thanks and deep respect.

In saying that, it would be remiss of me to not highlight the incredible efforts of Enver Yasar. Charged with the responsibility of working on the minutiae that accompanies such a large scale project (lodging development certificates, arranging builders, etc.), Enver carried himself with great patience and dedication and in this regard he cannot be undersold. Enver, 30 more paragraphs could be written outlining your amazing work so please take this as their summation; you did a phenomenal job during often trying times and we simply cannot thank you enough.

Further, Brooke Endycott needs to also be acknowledged as a person of great calm and balance and can rightfully lay claim to being a key person in making all you now see happen. Whether during the development of the "Steering Committee" or in the day to day co-ordination of activities, Brooke always has a steady hand and a smile on her face. Thank you for your grace in (sometimes) un-graceful times!

Whilst we welcome the future, we also need to sadly farewell a couple of foundation people in the AYC cause. This year has seen Ryan Buesnel move on to pursue further opportunities and we thank him for the passion and enthusiasm displayed during his time at the AYC.

Board member Alma George chose to step down from her duties and with great reluctance I accepted. Alma's guidance and willingness to share both her experience and vast knowledge are sorely missed and we wish her all the absolute best. Alma, there's always a seat at the table for you should you wish to sit down again.

When one person leaves another joins and to this I'd like to congratulate Mary-Ann Murphy on her recent appointment as the AYC's new Executive Officer. Efficiency, warmth and an undying dedication to both youth and the team are already the hallmarks of her tenure and

under her stewardship the AYC will no doubt grow and become anew (we have the room for both these things now!)

To the board we welcome Ann Knowles, Alex Lee and recently Matt Booth who, along with Lena Minutillo and I will continue to serve and provide governance to the AYC and pledge to assist however we can.

Personally, I'd like to thank the board for their commitment to the AYC's mandate and for selflessly donating their time to assist. All members work and perform their duties as volunteers and I'm proud to say that their interest and keenness to assist is inspiring. They readily give their time without complaint regardless of their location (did someone say Thailand, Alex? Or Canberra, Ann?) and help continue the momentum of the AYC's objectives.

We also thank all our partners and funders whose support reaches far more than just the financial. We at the AYC literally couldn't exist without your ongoing belief and faith and we promise to not let our high standards slip.

The AYC formerly lived in a (frankly) unremarkable premises yet the team collectively did remarkable things. Their day to day efforts were never limited by the capacity of our old space and that's a testament to the phenomenal work ethic of Brian, Gokhan, Keang, Kelly and Rianne. You all are the embodiment of the old adage "it's what's inside that counts". Mary Street may have been falling down outside but you all made it beautiful inside. All praise to you all.

With fond wishes and much respect to you and I sincerely hope to see you all in the coming year as the AYC continues to go from strength to strength.

Cheers,

Martin Leslie
Chairperson
Auburn Youth Centre Board of Directors

Executive Officer's Report

Funded: Department of Family and Community Services-Human Services

Program: Community Builders

The 2013-14 has been a year of exciting developments for the Auburn Youth Centre Inc. Firstly I would like to thank the previous Executive Officer Ryan Buesnel for his hard work and dedication during the 2013-2014 year. Ryan's work during this year has meant some exciting new developments have come to fruition for the Auburn Youth Centre Inc. These developments are seen in a number of areas setting AYC up for future works in a new and exciting direction.

The most significant developments includes the important planning and hard work that was undertaken to source a new premises for Auburn Youth Centre Inc. This was successfully achieved. This new space empowers AYC as an organisation to grow, develop, and improve all aspects of the centres functioning through new opportunities! The space is shared with two other organisations; Inner West Skills Centre and Auburn Diversity Services Inc., which positively impacts our ability as an organisation adding immense value to the services offered out of the premises and creates an opportunity for the centre as a whole to be leading the way in the delivery of youth services. We are looking forward to sharing with you all these exciting developments and more in the coming years.

Further to this the 2013-2014 funded year also saw the Executive Officer work closely with the Board of Directors to develop a new strategic plan soon to be ready for implementation. Ryan left the organisation in a stable financial position. Please refer to the audit report for details.

Over the past year AYC's staff have worked hard and with passion and on behalf of the previous executive Officer, Ryan Buesnel I sincerely thank you all for your work; Rianne Burrell, Keang Thai, Brian Park, Gokhan Singec and Kelly Chan.

Some of the team's highlights over the last year include the inspiring PhotoVoice 2014 project coordinated and planned by the Settlement Grants Workers; Mary-Ann Murphy and Rianne Burrell. The project was facilitated by accomplished photographer; George Voulgaropoulos, who did an outstanding job! The project was a huge success, with participants saying "it was the best". The works of the young people was exhibited during Refugee week 2014. Thank you all for your hard work, passion and commitment!

The counselling role has made a significant and positive contribution to the area of mental health for young people in the Auburn LGA. Keang Thai the AYC Adolescent and Family Counsellor has significantly contributed to the local community, through her hard work and participation in various community initiatives, her one on one therapeutic work with young people and her work with local schools. This work includes delivering a wide range of psycho-educational workshops on the topics of Anger Management, Self Esteem, Healthy lifestyles and so on - thank you Keang.

Thirdly our youth workers Brian Park and Gokhan Singec have worked consistently and with passion for the last financial year. This is obvious through the witnessing of the real and

genuine relationships both the youth workers have with the young people. These relationships have enabled the youth workers to support and empower the young people to make positive choices and also providing a safe place for young people of Auburn to participate in social activities. Thanks boys for your efforts!

I want to acknowledge the amazing work AYC's Accountant; Kelly Chan undertakes. Kelly works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the books are kept with accuracy and precision. Kelly you do a fantastic job and are integral to the success of AYC. Thank you so much for your work.

I would like to sincerely thank the Board of Directors for their ongoing support and work. In particular a huge thank you to our Chairperson Martin Leslie for the wonderful leadership he provides to the board and AYC. On a board level it is exciting to announce we have three new members; Alex Lee, Ann Knowles and Matthew Booth. We look forward to working with you.

Lastly but certainly not least I would like to thank the AYC's Partner organisations, the volunteers and students for their great support and dedication to the centre and its activities. To the volunteers and students, you do a fantastic job and are such an important part of the centre. Your help enables AYC to do bigger and better things, work harder and achieve more. Thank you so much.

I am personally very much looking forward to a new and exciting year ahead. I will finish with a lovely quote from a young person;

"Words fail to express my deepest appreciation for all AYC team for their hard work, just wanna to say a big thank you and your AYC team for all your help." Young person.

Mary-Ann Murphy
Executive Officer

Youth Co-Ordinator's Report

Funded: Department of Community and Family Services- Human Services
Program: Community Builders

This year has been a really big year in the Youth Work Program at Auburn Youth Centre Inc. With plans to relocate to the premises at Wyatt Park; numbers and program planning will surely be positively affected. The change of facilities in the near future is exciting due to the space and luxury of movement we will soon have. With the endless possibilities ahead at the new premises, AYC will continue our journey here in Mary Street and look forward to starting a new AYC chapter at the new Wyatt Park facility.

Through the youth work program, young people are provided with the chance to access services, programs, information and both long-term and immediate support. This is made possible with continuous consultations with young people and all the various services we at AYC work with. At AYC we offer assistance and support in such areas as, legal & court issues, employment, resume writing, paying fines (Work and Development Orders) and we also participate in youth juvenile justice conferences, taking on support worker roles in conferences.

Here at AYC we do our best to offer exciting programs and activities for young people. We also strive to include all young people aged 12-24 into our programs to benefit as many young people as possible.



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Auburn Youth Centre Inc. is proud to continue its consistent work with young people and share their passion for sport and recreation. The Auburn LGA has a huge population of young people who love to play a range of sports and recreational activities and therefore in both partnerships and independently, we organise competitions and various tournaments to encourage young people to be active and to promote harmony.

As part of AYC's outreach we have been working closely with the Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) on Wednesday afternoons at Auburn Park. This project creates opportunity for young people to take part in our soccer training and game sessions. It also promotes community harmony and encourages youth to stay active.

WORKSHOPS

We continue to offer various educational programs and workshops such as the Homework Help, Sexual Health Workshops, Cyber Safety, Life skills and Mentoring programs.

Workshops run by AYC in 2013-2014 year included Cyber Safety and Sexting workshop, which is a program that informs our young people and increases their awareness in regards to the risks associated with accessing Social Networking Services. It also points out possible consequences of using these sites and how they may be able to prevent them. This workshop was implemented on two different occasions so as to reach a wider audience of young people.

Legal Aid Workshop

Auburn Youth Centre Inc. continues to deliver updated and current information to our young people by attending seminars, training and information sessions to upskill and keep informed on relevant topics, as well as to collect useful resources. The 2013-2014 year saw the youth team utilise Legal Aid's resource film 'Burn', which was created to support young people in making the appropriate decisions and help them in understanding legal boundaries.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School holiday programs are always popular with young people. Auburn Youth Centre Inc. provides young people with awesome opportunities to experience fun and memorable activities, all of which are free. We always like to explore ideas for the school holiday programs with young people, and love to hear their thoughts regarding programs and activities they would like to see at AYC. A special thanks to Auburn City Council for making AYC's School holiday programs all possible by supporting us!

Several school holiday programs were undertaken in the 2013-2014 year in close partnership with STARRTS, Granville Multicultural Community Centre (GMCC) and Granville Youth Centre (GYC), as well as other local service providers to deliver fun, educational and recreational activities that aim to meet the needs of youth.

Some of the School holiday programs organised and implemented by AYC include:
-Blue mountain bush walking, Jenolan caves, Beach Safety, Wet 'n' Wild, AYC LAN party, IMAX, indoor rock climbing, laser skirmish and ten pin bowling, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) workshop, PS3 FIFA competitions, Royal Easter Show and much more!

LINKS TO LEARNING

Auburn Youth Centre Inc. is proud to be in partnership with GMCC in the running of the Links to learning program created by the Department of Education NSW and is aimed at high school students. This year we had a group of year 9 boys from Granville South High School who were chosen by their school to participate in this program.

The links to learning team has undergone a change in staff with Melanie O'Connor moving on from GMCC. Now spearheading the program is Jay Reddy with the support of two students.

Links to learning aims to give the young people who partake in the program insight into the types of career paths that may be best suited to them. The program includes taking participants to such places as careers expos, TAFEs, Universities, white card training and barista courses, just to name a few. Other excursions for the 2013-2014 Links to Learning program included Stanwell tops Excursion and Blaxland Park.

The program takes place mostly at AYC with some sessions spent on excursions to the aforementioned places. The days spent at AYC are used to provide students with educational sessions and lessons on such topics as healthy relationships, healthy eating, Rage Cage, sexual education, resume writing and music and performing arts.

CASEWORK

Throughout the year AYC has actively engaged with the young people who need support and assistance in relation to the many difficulties young person can experience. Through case work AYC has supported a number of young people in vital areas such as preparing for court, Work and Development Orders (WDO), Youth Justice Conference (YJC), forum sentencing, accommodation, financial advice, academic assistance, life skills, employment and education as well as mentoring.

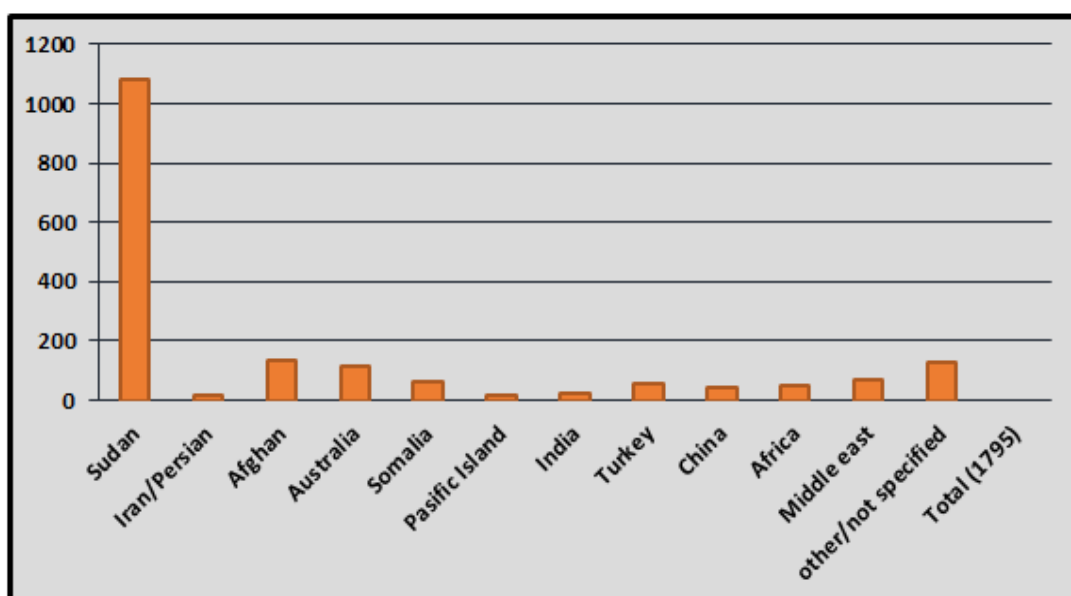
REFERRALS

Throughout the 2013-2014 year AYC has received referrals from Juvenile Justice, local employment agencies, Auburn Hospital and other local youth organisations. In addition, there has been an increase of young people making self-referrals to the AYC youth team for both casework support and programs.

Break down of young people's background year (2013-2014):



From year 2012-2013



In comparison to last year's statistics the number has increased significantly in both youth from African and Afghan backgrounds.

AYC BUS

The Phil Gilbert Motor Group have been very generous in donating to Auburn Youth Centre Inc. a 12 seater Toyota Hi-Ace. This vehicle has given AYC the opportunity to do more in the community. Picking up and dropping off young people is a new service we are now able to offer for programs such as soccer, drop-ins and school holiday activities. We have found that by providing this service parents and community leaders get a chance to meet AYC staff and positive relationships can be built.

We have also started to provide the community drive aspect, offering the community a transport service. This year the AYC van was used to drop off students from Auburn Centre Inc. to Padstow TAFE for a coffee course and then returned them back to school over a period of 5 to 6 weeks.

We at Auburn Youth Centre Inc. would like to thank the whole Phil Gilbert team for making this all possible.



APPRECIATION

In addition I would like to say thank you to our placement students and volunteers working tirelessly with the youth work team at Auburn Youth Centre Inc. supporting and assisting young people to make positive choices.

Thank you

Brian Park
Youth Work Co-Ordinator

Gokhan Singec
Youth Worker Assistant

Settlement Grants Project Officer's Report

Funded: The Australian Government Department of Social Services

Program: Settlement Grants Project

Auburn Youth Centre Inc.'s (AYC) Settlement Grants Project (SGP) endeavours to support and assist newly arrived youth aged 12-24 in addressing their settlement needs and providing them with pathways to living an independent lifestyle. The project engages the client group with a range of activities, casework, information sessions and events that address needs such as education and training, employment, accommodation, health and mental health, knowledge of local services as well as intergenerational conflict. The Settlement Grants Project also reaches out to parents and other stakeholders of the client group to help them support and better understand their young people in the journey to independent living.

The Settlement Grants Project has continued to be successful and productive in 2013-2014 funded year with staff members Mary-Ann Murphy and Rianne Burrell showing their commitment to the role and its clients. There have been some fantastic successes this year with more exciting plans for the future.

"I was enjoying being a part of the AYC and it's a great place to joins and there so many great people that are ready to help."

- SGP case work client, 2014.

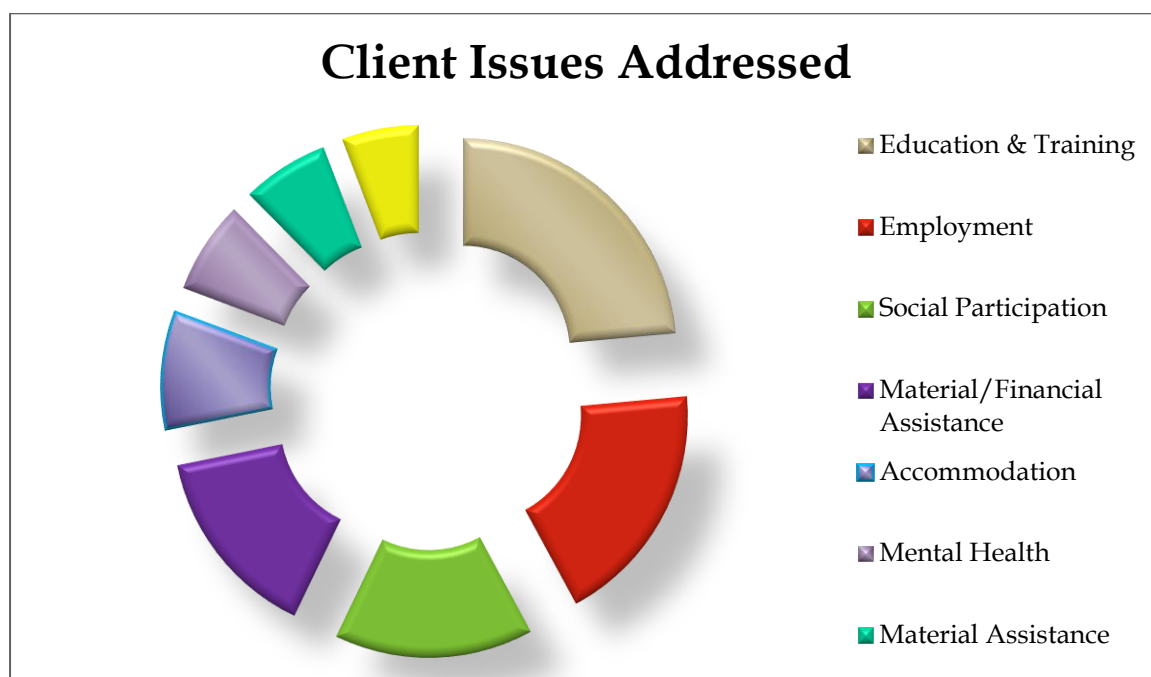


AYC's Executive Officer Mary-Ann Murphy being taught a traditional Afghan game by an SGP client.

CASEWORK

Case work for the 2013-2014 period has seen the Settlement Grants Project service 43 clients, which is the most clients the role has seen in a one year period to date and surpasses the work plan target of 20-30. From these clients, the majority declared their country of birth as Afghanistan, followed by Sierra Leone and then Pakistan, with most of them now residing in Auburn.

The top issued addressed whilst conducting case work during the 2013-2014 funded year is indicated in the chart below.



Reflected in the chart is education and training at 15% being the most common issue addressed during case work, followed by employment at 12% and then social participation at 10%.

REFERRALS

The Settlement Grants Project made a total of 246 referrals this year while conducting case work, programs and group sessions. This included both informal and formal referrals to mainstream services and specialist services, including Auburn Youth Centre Inc. The majority of outgoing referrals this year were self-referrals at 28%, which is a result of linking new and current clients with already established as well as up and coming activities, workshops and events run by the Settlement Grants Project. The 5 following top outgoing referrals included:

- Internal referrals within Organisation
- Community Organisation
- Centrelink/Family Assistance Office
- Job Network Provider/Employment Agency
- Youth Service

With case work numbers at a high for this year, the Settlement Grants Project has seen great results with clients reaching their potential and having their needs met. SGP staff have provided the target group with the appropriate links to mainstream and specialist services with the aim of helping them achieve independence in their new lives.

CAREERS WORKSHOPS

In the 2013-2014 funded year, 2 career workshops were implemented to 2 schools, Merrylands High School and Parramatta High School. The goals for both workshops were to assist students to build their own resumes and cover letters in preparation for their transition into the workforce.

Merrylands High School, who has been consistent in allowing the SGP to run the career workshops over the last few of years, included 10 students and saw each student complete a resume and cover letter. The organising teacher provided feedback for the workshop which indicated its success.

“Once again, our students at Merrylands High School reported being extremely thankful for being given the opportunity to participate. A good indication of the calibre of the teaching resources that were delivered during your workshops was the high level of engagement that I witnessed. As a teacher, I know that when a group of students independently participates in the lesson, and takes the initiative to ask further questions, it is because the lesson is well organised and the materials presented are appropriate and engaging for the students. I had several of the students coming to me reporting that their knowledge and confidence regarding vocational skills and the workplace was greatly increased due to their participation in the program”

- Merrylands High School Teacher

The second workshop was implemented through Parramatta High School with a group of year 10 students. This was a new contact for the Settlement Grants Project and verbal feedback from the contact teacher indicated that the workshop was a positive one and the newly arrived students really need a program like this one.

LIVING IN AUSTRALIA WORKSHOPS

The Settlement Grants Project organises and hosts visits to the centre for newly arrived young people to increase their knowledge of and access to local services including Auburn Youth Centre Inc. and its SGP services. In the 2013-2014 funded year there were 6 Living in Australia workshops, which exceeded the target of 2-3. These visits included:

- Chester Hill Intensive English Class (IEC): 4 visits, 1 each quarter with a new group of students each visit.
- Bankstown Intensive English Class (IEC)
- Strathfield Boys High School

The SGP worker arranged for local services to attend the workshops to present and share information on the area and the services they provide. These services included Auburn Police and Auburn Diversity Service Inc. (ADSI)

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

The Settlement Grants Project organised and implemented a number of social participation activities in the 2013-2014 period. The aim of these activities is create opportunities for the target group to connect with the wider community and make friendships. The activities included;

5 week Soccer program:

The soccer program was implemented in the beginning of the 2013-2014, over 5 weeks with 1 hour sessions in partnership with the Australasian Soccer Academy. 6 attendees registered. In the lead up to the workshop, the SGP staff collected generous donations of soccer boots and shin pads for participants who did not have their own. During the project, participants were able to build on and develop soccer skills, discover what it might take to train for a professional soccer career, as well as develop social networks.

Girls' only activity:

The girls' only shoe decorating activity was facilitated as a school holiday program for newly arrived female youth. The event focussed on creative arts and identity; it was structured as a drop-in art day where female youth decorated a white pair of shoes that they could take as keep sake. The program was promoted through AYC's school holiday

program flyer as well as with its own flyer. However, due to ongoing issues surrounding difficulties engaging with female youth of the area, the project unfortunately did not see any attendees. This was a great learning experience for the SGP role and will allow staff to reflect on the outcomes for future girls' only projects.

PhotoVoice 2014:

PhotoVoice 2014 was a photography project that was previously run through AYC's youth team in recent years. The SGP staff adopted the project, redeveloping the format to better suit the target group. Through a successful Community Relations Commission-Multicultural Advantage Grant, PhotoVoice 2014 was organised for young people new to Australia living in the Auburn LGA. The project saw great interest from youth and referring organisations, with 12 young people putting their names down. However, due to limited spaces AYC registered 6 of those as participants. The project ran for 5 consecutive weeks with an award-winning photojournalist George Voulgaropoulos facilitating the sessions, who utilised the AYC facility as well as locations throughout Auburn LGA as his classroom. Huge Thank you to George!

The core aims and objectives for PhotoVoice 2014 was to reduce isolation and create new social networks; to break down cultural barriers, to increase young people's self-esteem and self-confidence through the exploration of identity, culture and achievement; to celebrate diversity and positive youth contributions to the community; and to foster creativity and learn new skills through the creative avenue of Photography. The project also included a guest presentation from another award-winning photojournalist, Barat Ali Bartoor who is also a refugee from Afghanistan. The presentation saw 14 people sign in, however the total number of attendees ended up being closer to 25 making it a very successful event.

Feedback gathered from PhotoVoice 2014 participants indicated that they enjoyed the overall program and that their favourite elements were the Barat Ali Bartoor event, editing photos, excursions i.e. Auburn botanical gardens and building friendships. 2 of the 6 participants also stated that they would like to continue building their skills in photography as both a hobby and a career.

-“It was the best” (PhotoVoice participant, 2014)

To close the PhotoVoice 2014 project, an exhibition was held as part of the opening event for Refugee Week 2014 in the Auburn LGA. The exhibition showcased the amazing talents and work of the participants making it a hugely successful event with over 40 attendees present. Participants were presented with a certificate as well as a book containing their work during the presentation.



REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood:

During Refugee Week 2014 (16th June to 22nd June) Auburn Youth Centre Inc. partnered with Auburn City Council for the 'Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood' event, held at Auburn Centre for Community. The event ran all week and the Settlement Grants Project Officer was heavily involved in the planning and implementing of the project. There were 29 community partners, 20 volunteers (working 200 hours) and 40 tour guides who worked on this project. A total of 142 tours were provided for more than 1200 people. This was a massive and fantastic event and AYC is proud to have been a part of it.

Voices of Youth:

The Voices of Youth event was held in conjunction with the PhotoVoice 2014 exhibition to launch Refugee Week in the Auburn LGA. The event was facilitated by Auburn Youth Centre Inc. and the whole evening was very successful. The event saw over 40 people in attendance. On the night refugee youth (including some PhotoVoice 2014 participants) spoke about their journey to Australia, their life now and what they hope for the future. Verbal feedback gathered from the audience indicated they were in awe of the stories of the Voice of Youth presenters and were amazed at the talent and work presented in the PhotoVoice 2014 exhibition.



HOMEWORK HELP

The Settlement Grants Project Homework Help program is held at Auburn Library in the Technology room every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm-5pm during the school terms. The program aims to reach out to newly arrived clients and support them with their homework, assignment and document help needs.

In preparation for Auburn Youth Centre Inc.'s move to a new, much larger facility, the SGP Officer has commenced planning to redevelop the Homework Help program with some positive changes in mind. These include moving the program to the new Wyatt Park facility in the purpose built computer/study room, altering the project to better reflect client needs, i.e. shifting the focus to include an employment support and adjusting the time to better suit the SGP target group, running the program till later.

PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The Settlement Grants Project has been heavily involved in the planning and implementation of the 2 Holroyd High School Parent Engagement Forums, which were held on the 14th August 2013 and the 26th March 2014. Both events saw around 15 parents in attendance from backgrounds such as Afghanistan, Sudan and Syria. In partnership with the 9 other community organisations and Holroyd High School, the aim of the forums were to engage

with and provide information to parents of Holroyd High School students (those who are new to Australia) as well as to promote the services that are available to them and their youth in their local community. The events were a great success and AYC will be continuing to support this forum in the future.

EVENTS

The Settlement Grants Project has supported a variety of events in the 2013-2014 funded year, these include:

- Auburn Welcomes You Festival
- Mock Interviews Event at Holroyd High School
- Auburn Community Sector Networking Forum
- Auburn Youth Centre Inc.'s School Holiday Programs

Rianne Burrell

Settlement Grants Project Officer

Adolescent and Family Counsellor's Report

Funded: NSW Department of Family and Community Services

Program: Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Program

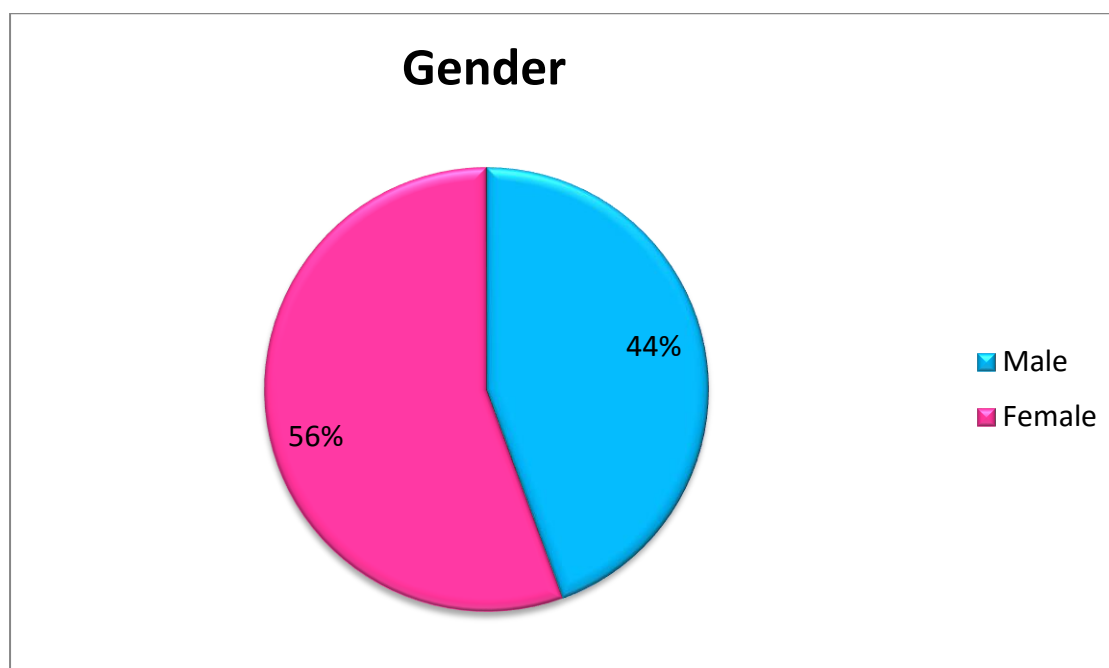
OVERVIEW

The Adolescent and Family Counsellor program is a free service available to young people aged between 9-18 years and their families who reside in the Auburn Local Government Area. In addition to counselling, the program also offers case management, information, advocacy and referral services.

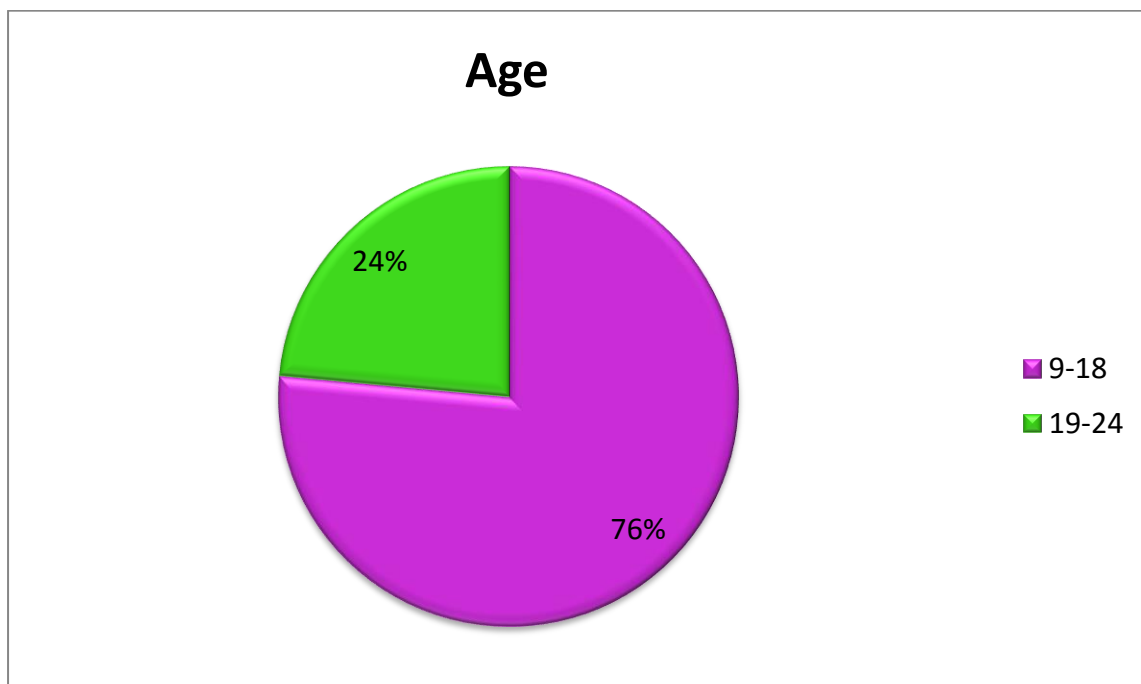
This year has seen a slight increase from the previous year for referrals with more referrals coming from schools and a total of 145 sessions booked. This has been achieved through vigorous promotion to school representatives at forums, interagency meetings, events and meetings. There has been a decrease in the referrals from NGO's, this is a challenge for the role annually as Auburn Youth Centre Inc. is small in comparison to other NGO's and we need to continually promote and advertise our services and programs to account for staff changes in the sector. The following graphs provide a breakdown of the counselling clients for the 2013/2014 financial year.

COUNSELLING REFERRALS

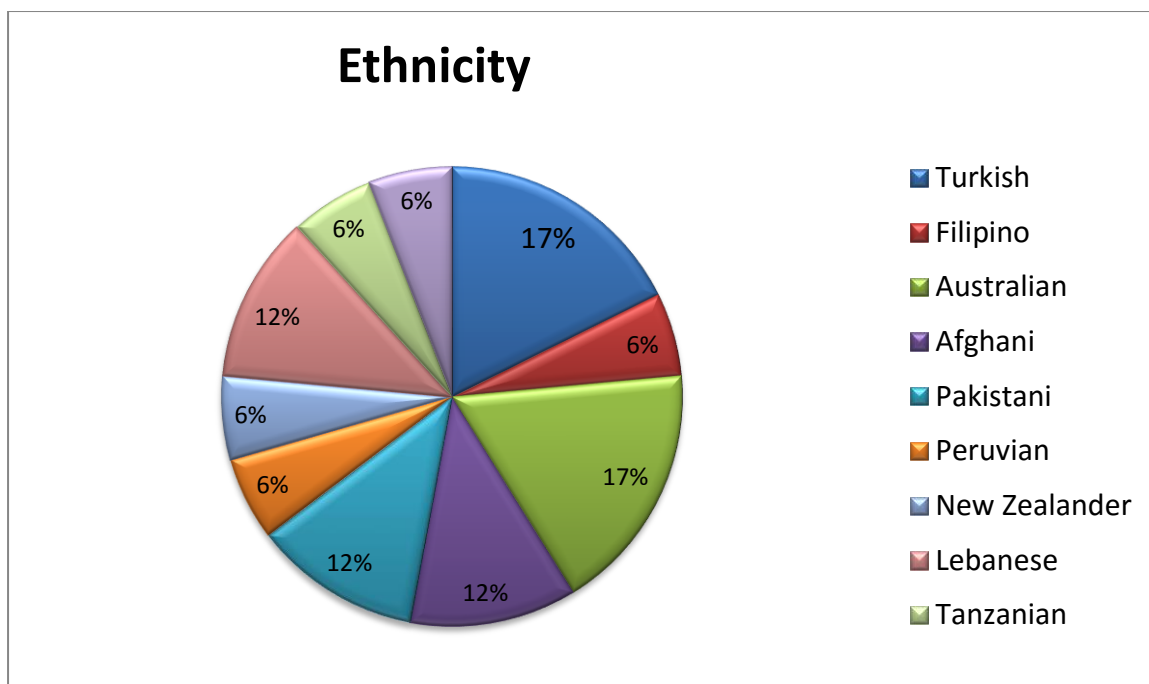
There were 17 referrals received during the 2013/2014 financial year. This is an increase from the previous financial year.



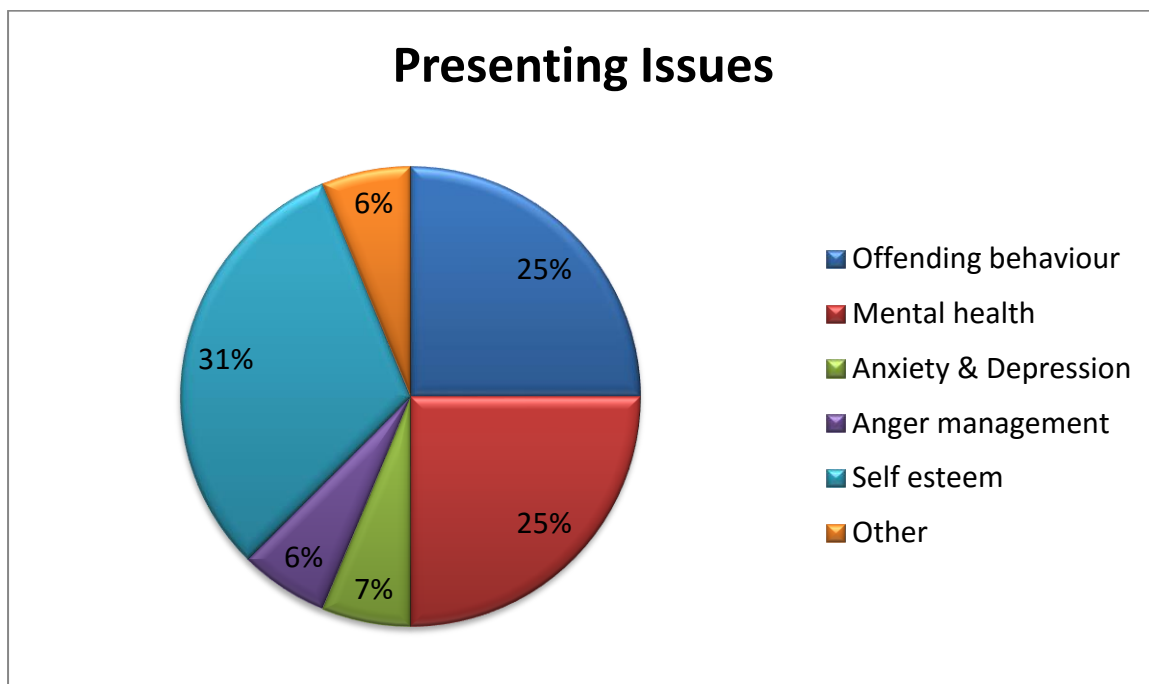
The age breakdown of clients detailed below.



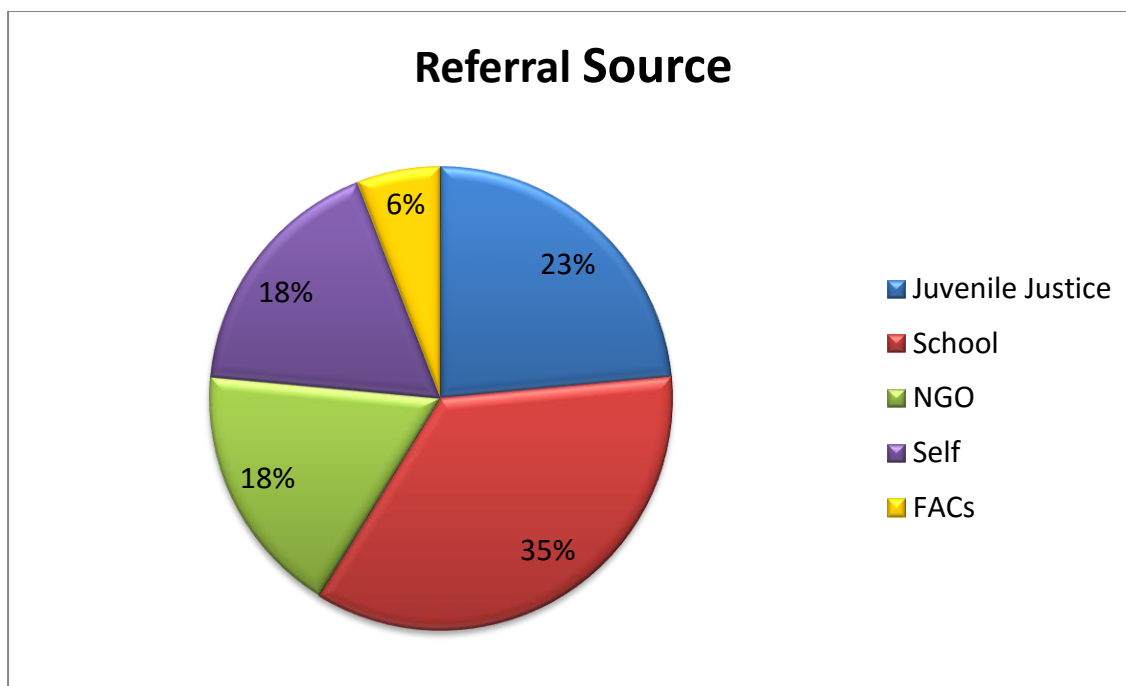
Ethnicity of service users are broken down below.



The presenting issues for clients are graphed below.



The below chart displays the referral sources.



WORKSHOPS

There were two workshops held during the year, a self-esteem workshop in conjunction with Granville Multicultural Community Centre's Links to Learning program and an Anger Management workshop which was held over five weeks at a high school. Both workshops were very well received, with positive feedback from staff as well as participants. Other partnered events included:

- White Ribbon Day stall
- 2013 Youth Summit
- Auburn Holroyd Child Protection Interagency healthy breakfast
- Stop Domestic Violence Action Group forum.

GIRLS ONLY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Girls Only School Holiday Program started the financial year well with an average of 5-8 girls attending activities such as;

- Movie Day
- Pamper days – make up and manicures
- Ice skating
- Jewellery making
- Welcome back party

The number of girls attending the program steadily declined by the end June, this may have been attributed to the current cohort of girls transitioning from high school to school leaver and not accessing planned activities any longer. It is an ongoing challenge to attract girls to the centre however, Phil Gilbert Motor Group donated a Toyota Commuter Bus in May which allowed us to vary the program and concentrate on healthy lifestyles with activities including bushwalking and bike riding being included for the first time. The change of activities may take time attract a new cohort of girls; this one of a number of strategies that is being pursued for the program with others including partnerships with NGO's we have not worked with previously. We are also exploring partnerships with community groups with building awareness and trust of Auburn Youth Centre as a starting point. These new initiatives will be reviewed the following financial year.

INTERAGENCY AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

- Member of the Stop Domestic Violence Action Group (SDVAG)
- Member of the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT)
- Member of the Auburn Holroyd Child Protection Interagency
- Member of the Auburn Holroyd Child Protection Interagency sub-committee

Some photos of the year's events are below.



Keang Thai
Adolescent and Family Counsellor
Registered Psychologist

FINANCIAL REPORTS

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC

ABN 94 080 606 344

Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
CBA Account			1,172.00
ANZ Business Account		68,777.15	140,963.37
ANZ Online Saver Account		7,439.34	7,270.90
CBA Saver Account		17,311.97	16,843.75
Cash on hand		2,276.15	700.00
		<u>95,804.61</u>	<u>166,950.02</u>
Receivables			
Trade debtors		2,860.00	30,696.86
		<u>2,860.00</u>	<u>30,696.86</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>98,664.61</u>	<u>197,646.88</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Plant & equipment - at cost		40,352.90	37,566.54
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(24,487.54)	(20,899.54)
		<u>15,865.36</u>	<u>16,667.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>15,865.36</u>	<u>16,667.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>114,529.97</u>	<u>214,313.88</u>

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC - CORE PROJECT
Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Income		
State Government Grants	210,979.10	208,564.70
Local Government Grants	4,151.24	1,676.36
Project Funding		3,400.00
Donations		116.70
Fees Received	8,224.00	1,870.40
Interest received		812.41
Sundry Income	20.31	4,354.07
Total income	<u>223,374.65</u>	<u>220,794.64</u>
Expenses		
Accountancy and Audit	11,095.43	6,873.15
AGM Expenses	482.16	1,023.22
Advertising and promotion	820.20	4,940.92
Bank Fees And Charges	153.48	569.69
Catering	590.68	619.12
Cleaning/rubbish removal	1,720.09	1,868.29
Casual Support	20,512.10	13,926.00
Computer Expenses	3,288.21	296.68
Communications	6,767.22	4,867.18
Donations	160.00	323.73
Electricity	821.68	1,400.47
Equipment	691.88	
Holiday Pay Provision		10,134.57
Insurance	2,075.44	2,487.73
Other staff expenses	878.54	
Other Program Costs	7,317.39	7,918.23
Management Committee Expenses	2,000.69	
M/V car - Other	2,356.79	1,685.99
Photocopier Expenses	7,744.76	4,625.15
Freight and Postage	62.80	70.24
Printing & stationery	3,152.01	1,198.20

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC - CORE PROJECT
Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Rent on land & buildings	14,033.50	16,522.90
Repairs & maintenance	1,160.73	931.89
Security	173.48	394.53
Staff amenities	531.36	182.99
Staff training		524.88
Subscriptions & Memberships	877.82	650.69
Sundry expenses	5,175.10	885.61
Superannuation	12,771.72	11,857.23
Training	2,432.91	131.82
Travel, accom & conference	396.42	
Utilities	1,758.76	
Wages	129,962.28	119,738.53
Workers Comp Insurance	5,313.85	3,430.31
Total expenses	<u>247,279.48</u>	<u>220,079.94</u>
Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before income tax	<u>(23,904.83)</u>	<u>714.70</u>

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC - ADOLESCENT & FAMILY COUNSELLOR

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Income		
State Government Grants	88,593.86	63,051.24
Project Funding	26.23	
Fees Received	172.76	
Sundry Income		1,765.72
Total income	88,792.85	64,816.96
Expenses		
Accountancy and Audit	3,262.88	1,125.25
AGM Expenses		939.98
Advertising and promotion	281.17	842.51
Bank Fees And Charges	25.00	
Catering	83.23	814.89
Cleaning/rubbish removal	658.63	592.50
Computer Expenses	934.60	22.20
Communications	2,385.41	1,655.42
Donations		37.31
Electricity	385.68	707.92
Equipment	324.89	
Insurance	903.30	1,256.52
Other Program Costs	833.80	1,638.08
Management Committee Expenses	855.81	
M/V car - Other	261.51	426.30
Photocopier Expenses	3,105.12	1,109.58
Freight and Postage	22.38	36.16
Printing & stationery	434.55	527.25
Rent on land & buildings	6,849.64	3,208.28
Repairs & maintenance	535.33	154.02
Security	94.32	200.78
Staff amenities	215.34	81.17
Staff training		20.76
Subscriptions & Memberships	175.33	104.12

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC - ADOLESCENT & FAMILY COUNSELLOR**Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Sundry expenses		24.42
Superannuation	5,460.44	5,041.21
Training	459.11	1,330.32
Travel, accom & conference	72.47	
Utilities	983.86	59.49
Wages	60,550.16	41,056.91
Workers Comp Insurance	2,596.62	1,732.88
Total expenses	<u>92,750.58</u>	<u>64,746.23</u>
Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before income tax	<u>(3,957.73)</u>	<u>70.73</u>

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC DIAC - PROJECT

Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Income		
State Government Grants	95,219.00	93,820.00
Local Government Grants		654.55
Project Funding	1,485.00	
Fees Received	40.00	
Unspent 11-12 SGP Funding Project	(3,419.53)	
Tila Project Funding	1,363.64	
Sundry Income		272.76
Total income	94,688.11	94,747.31
Expenses		
Accountancy and Audit	3,611.22	3,441.66
AGM Expenses	222.87	94.80
Advertising and promotion	313.62	1,023.57
Catering	93.46	124.80
Cleaning/rubbish removal	774.16	1,218.70
Casual Support		63.30
Computer Expenses	1,264.43	482.07
Communications	2,084.49	1,427.45
Donations		59.78
Electricity	469.55	812.37
Equipment	395.41	
Insurance	1,204.70	1,402.06
Other Program Costs	701.00	2,793.08
Management Committee Expenses	1,041.85	
M/V car - Other	778.10	1,170.49
Photocopier Expenses	3,636.06	1,237.73
Freight and Postage	27.23	
Postage		38.15
Printing & stationery	497.81	882.56
Rent on land & buildings	8,231.04	8,806.89
Repairs & maintenance	455.76	

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC DIAC - PROJECT**Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Security	110.20	219.19
Staff amenities	217.03	72.00
Tila Project	2,863.64	
Subscriptions & Memberships	195.94	121.59
Superannuation	6,467.71	5,243.92
Training	895.78	373.13
Travel, accom & conference	597.56	
Utilities	940.00	57.20
Wages	76,959.80	63,203.22
Workers Comp Insurance	3,017.82	1,933.02
Repairs and maintenance		160.75
Total expenses	<u>118,068.24</u>	<u>96,463.48</u>
Profit (Loss) from Ordinary Activities before income tax	<u>(23,380.13)</u>	<u>(1,716.17)</u>

Auburn Youth Centre Inc.

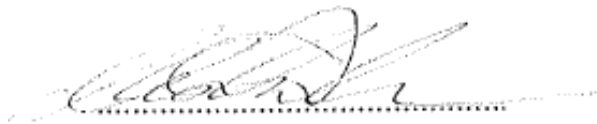
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

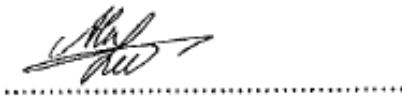
In the opinion of the Committee the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report is set out to:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Auburn Youth Centre Inc. as at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date and
2. An amount equal to the payments received for the year less the advanced grants has been spent on the projects, and
3. Establishment of all accruals is justified, and
4. A full set of complete financial records has been maintained, and
5. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Auburn Youth Centre Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by: -



President



Treasurer

Dated this 7th day of November 2014.

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC.**

Scope

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose report of Auburn Youth Centre Inc. (the Association) for the financial year ended June 30 2014.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for the financial reports and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

Auditor's Responsibility

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporated Act (NSW). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether in all material respects, is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Auburn Youth Centre Inc. presents fairly in all material respects to the financial position of the Association as at June 30 2014 and of its financial performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Signed



David R Le Page
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Registered Tax Agent 69832009

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