



AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE INC.

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Chairperson's Report

Tradition dictates that, when writing a retrospective about the AYC, one must use the phrase “well, what a year of change it's been”. It's a sentence synonymous with the ever changing, always shifting landscape that is the AYC and this year has been no different. Under the Centre's expansive roof we've witnessed true growth which, given the space available, has been welcomed. We've grown in confidence in providing a service to a community that so richly deserves it. We've grown in our relationship with our key funders, who have worked in direct collaboration to ensure we remain the benchmark in compliance. Special mention is made here of the efforts of Peter Prantz and Jodie Benitez; that you would spend the time you did to guide us ably in our learning period is a testament to you both and we thank you kindly for all your support.

Most of all, we've grown as a team together. This team, led by the ever-passionate and always inspirational Mary-Ann, has spent the past year converting what was an idea for such a large space into a reality and then sharing that reality with the youth of the local community. That we could all spend our days achieving such a noble goal!

Each of the team this year at AYC has learned, adapted and demonstrated an ability to move from one task to another - always focussed on what matters most. It's this agility which I personally am most proud of. No task for the team has proven to be insurmountable.

Gokhan, Brian, Kelly, Krystal, Chloe, Paul, Rianne and the aforementioned Mary-Ann; thank you. Not just from the Board but from every single young persons whose day you've made just that little bit better by working as tirelessly as you do. Genuine change starts with a genuine team and AYC is humbled to have you as such a team.

To Mary-Ann; the Board cannot adequately express how integral you are to the AYC. In challenging times you're there ready for action. In exciting times you're there in the centre, always driving for more. In all times yours is a constant, stable hand that we know will continue to guide the AYC into its future.

Lena, Matt, Ann, Alex and Andrew – whenever you've been called upon you've responded with grace. If there were extraordinary times that required the Board to convene you made yourselves available. Each and all of you have picked up that ringing phone and have answered any questions with passion and experience. A more selfless group I'm yet to

meet.

I've had the absolute honour of sitting on the Board of the AYC now for almost a decade and the privilege of being its Chair in recent times. I've watched fondly as the AYC moved from Mary Street to Wyatt Park. It's been thrilling to see the comings and goings of staff as they progress through our doors, each taking with them valuable experience and treasured memories of their time spent in the Auburn community.

This year I'm joining those ranks as someone who will pass through the AYC doors as I announce my resignation from the Chair and the Board of the AYC entire.

To each of you who have invested even a minute of your time in my development over the years, I want you to know that that minute was not wasted. I will take the lessons I've learned here at AYC proudly into my days and apply them throughout all that I do.

You will all be greatly missed and I whenever I pass by the AYC on the train my smile will be in fond remembrance of my time spent here.

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

AYC consistently works to support and empower young people to make positive choices and this last year was no different. The 2014-2015 funded year has been busy, fantastic, different, exciting and plenty of hard work. The evidence was clear as I was reflecting over the past year, there has been consistent passion, stamina, & a genuine care shown by AYC staff, the Board of Directors and our volunteers for the young people of Auburn. There have been changes, innovative and fun projects, commitment, and hard work and that I believe is real evidence of the effort to continually move forward, to continually seek better, different, or new opportunities for young people. Some of the major highlights I would like to share of the past year include; the setting up of the new centre (still a work in progress!). Not only did we have the opportunity to officially move into the new premises but AYC were successful in securing a Facility Upgrade Grant from our wonderful friends at Dooley's Lidcombe Catholic Club. The grant will enable us to make some positive changes to the centre to allow for more and much needed youth friendly activities in Auburn. The works will be completed during the 2015-2016 funded years. Some of the changes to come include;

- A brand new state of the art Basketball hoop
- A fully decked out media room
- Sports nets will be placed in the centre to allow for indoor sports to be played safely
- Air conditioning for the media room & the computer room for the young people
- Brand new kitchen appliances to run cooking classes and workshops
- The floors will be redone to look like new, with lines drawn for a half court (Basketball)
- An art mural Project will be completed on the outside wall at the back of the centre aiming to add colour and a creative edge to the centre

The facility upgrade project will aim to enhance the centre facilities to enable free, safe fun programs for the young people of Auburn. With this year seeing over 2000 young people access the centre for various programs, (a great result given the move to the new facility saw a change in the young people who were attending) it will be exciting to see how much AYC will grow in the coming years as we continue to move forward. A stellar effort of the staff to ensure our programs and services are current and engaging ensuring we are able to reach out to such a great number of young people and their families.

Another interesting development over the past year is the changing culture of the centre; we have found a dramatic increase in young people wanting to play indoor sports; games such as basketball, cricket, soccer and the like, are proving increasingly popular during drop in each week. The new centre and the facility upgrade grant “Room to move @ AYC” really supports us being able to provide these programs safely to the youth of Auburn.

A significant focus over the past year has been working to better engage with local community groups. AYC are now in a position to provide a fantastic space for local unfunded community groups to run regular sports based programs for the youth of Auburn. AYC have engaged with 2 volunteer organisations to date; Human Care Welfare and the Australian Afghan Khorasan Association who both run consistent sports based programs; Karate and Kickboxing here each week during the school term.

Lastly this year has had a strong focus on gaining new funding to enhance programs and services and support employment of staff. The year ended well financially for AYC, we are in a strong financial position and I would invite you to explore the report to see specific numbers and reporting. This will continue to be a huge focus over the coming years. I, along with the board of Directors have worked closely together over the past year to ensure we AYC have a strong governance system in place and a strong strategic direction. We have employed a new Auditor to support this process also. The aim being to strengthen AYC as an organisation with a new and fresh Strategic Direction and I look forward to seeing AYC continue to strive to reach its fullest potential in the coming years. A huge Thank you to our Funders, the Department of Family and Community Services who have supported this process and worked with us to ensure AYC has a strong governance framework. A special thanks to Jodie Benitez and Peter Prantz.

For us to achieve such great results I would firstly like to thank the staff at AYC for their dedication and consistent effort in ensuring that the young people of Auburn have a safe place to come, with so many things to do! All staff have worked hard to deliver programs and services that meet the ever changing, diverse needs of the target group. Thank you Brian Park, Gokhan Singec, Rianne Kenny, Chloe Motbey and Krystal Mills for all your work. Thank you to Kelly Chan our Book keeper - Kelly you do an amazing job, your knowledge, organisational skills and commitment does not go unnoticed.

Thank you to our partners, key stakeholders and the volunteers and students who contribute to making AYC what it is. We couldn't do it without you! In particular to our very committed and regular volunteers, Mohan Coomaraswamy – our homework help tutor & Andrew Price – who works consistently to ensure the young people have computers that are regularly

serviced - a huge thank you to you both for your ongoing commitment, dedication and continual care for the centre and its programs.

Lastly, thank you to the board; you are hugely supportive, making my job a pleasure. The passion and commitment you show to AYC is really amazing. There has been so much work that has gone into the centre in the past year behind the scenes and it is with a huge thanks to you all for your time, and commitment. Every month, I have an ever increasing list of items to address and we always work through them, regardless of how late we stay back. I am truly grateful to work with each of you. I value all of your input and your time!

I hope everybody enjoys reading this year's AGM report and seeing what the centre has achieved!

Mary-Ann Murphy
Executive Officer

Youth Co-Ordinator's Report

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

AYC thrives to provide the best possible environment where young people have equal opportunity to access services. These services aim to provide assistance, mentoring, support as well as fun, educational and new experiences to all young people in the Auburn LGA, encouraging them to make positive choices in their lives.

During the 2014-2015 funded year, Auburn Youth Centre went through a major transition with the relocation of the Centre. It was a very exciting change for AYC, allowing us to grow and continue building our services for young people in the Auburn LGA.

Having a facility like Wyatt Park has created a vast space for the young people and has strengthened AYC's capacity to run activities outside as well as in without restrictions.

Promotion has played a vital part in AYC's growth in the 2014-2015 funded year and we plan to continue this outreach in the upcoming funded year. We look forward to expanding our services to young people in the wider community!



Drop In Program and Sports and Recreation

At Wyatt Park, AYC's new facility has shown its huge potential...

Auburn Youth Centre's Drop in program runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with numbers growing steadily this funded period. The Drop in program aims to provide young

people with a fun and supervised space with activities including sports, computers, table tennis and pool as well as PlayStation.

Auburn Youth Centre has continued to provide a wide range of sports and recreation opportunities to young people that access our services, as well as other young people in the LGA. This includes young people associated with other local youth services AYC regularly networks with.

In addition, AYC was successful in receiving a grant from Dooley's Lidcombe Catholic Club that will provide an exciting facility upgrade in the upcoming funded year. These upgrades include safety nets for in-door sport, refurbished floors, a music studio, kitchen equipment and an art mural on the outside wall of the Centre.

On completion, the facility upgrades will allow AYC to expand the current activities to include regular in-door activities: Soccer, Basketball, Cricket, Badminton, Mini-golf, Music production and lyric writing workshops, Dance Party events and much more!

Drop in programs and sports and recreation activities has continued to be a popular program in the 2014-2015 funded year with 1879 visits by young people accessing the centre during this time.



School Holiday Program

AYC's school holiday program is always popular with the number of participants attending indicating its success...

Auburn Youth Centre commits and continues to provide school holiday programs to all young people (12-24 years). AYC aims to ensure young people have fun and take away positive memories and unforgettable experiences from the school holiday activities. In addition, the activities are supervised by workers to ensure the delivery of safe and quality programs. Thanks to by Auburn City Council for their continued support of AYC's school holiday program, allowing us to provide exciting and entertaining activities for young people.

Some of the 2014-2015 funded year activities included:

- Camp Jindabyne ski trip
- Canberra – war memorials
- Jamberoo
- IMAX
- Indoor rock climbing
- Bubble Soccer
- Movies
- Ten pin bowling and laser skirmish
- Wattamolla National Park excursion
- Sydney Aquarium excursion
- Beach safety program – supporting Auburn City Council



Case work

Throughout the 2014-2015 funded year AYC has actively engaged with young people who have sought support/assistance in relation to difficulties young people may 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 Conferences (YJC), forum sentencing, accommodation, financial advice, academic assistance, employment and mentoring.



Referrals

Over the 2014-2015 funded year AYC has received incoming referrals from The Department of Juvenile Justice as well as local employment agencies. In addition, there has been an increase of young people making self-referrals to AYC.

AYC has made outgoing referrals to organisations such as Marist Youth Care, Parramatta Mission and Mission Australia with the aim of providing specialised and appropriate support for clients.

Links to Learning

Auburn Youth Centre and Granville Multi-cultural Community Centre's Links to learning program has been successfully run in partnership for a number of years. The 2014-2015 Links to Learning program saw selected students from Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School participate in and benefit from the program through a variety of topics and activities. These included:

- Team building excursion to Stanwell Tops
- Western Sydney Careers Expo
- Sexual Health Education
- Alcohol and Other Drugs workshop
- Excursion to Blaxland Park
- Introduction to studying at University
- Healthy living and eating
- Guest speakers
- Sports at the Centre (AYC)

Statistics

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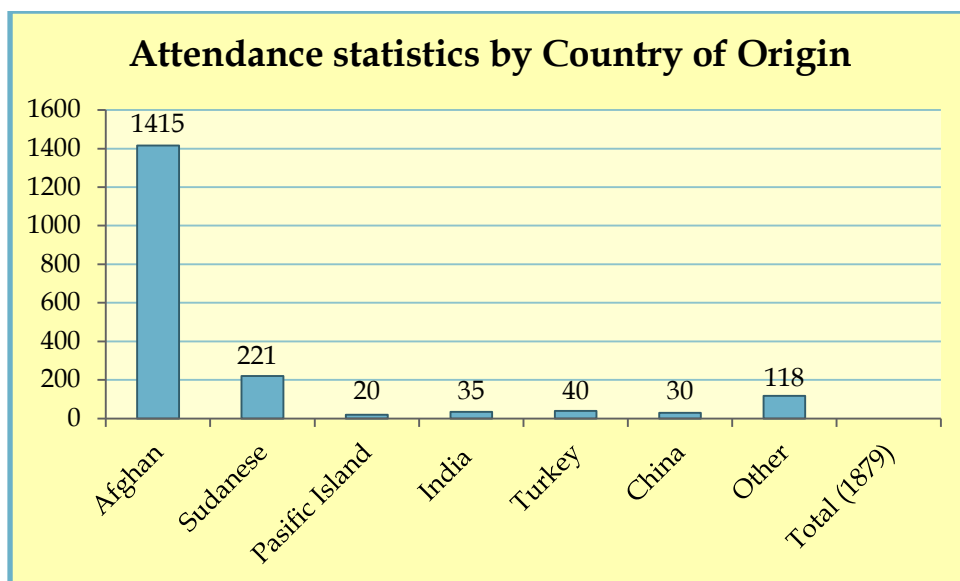
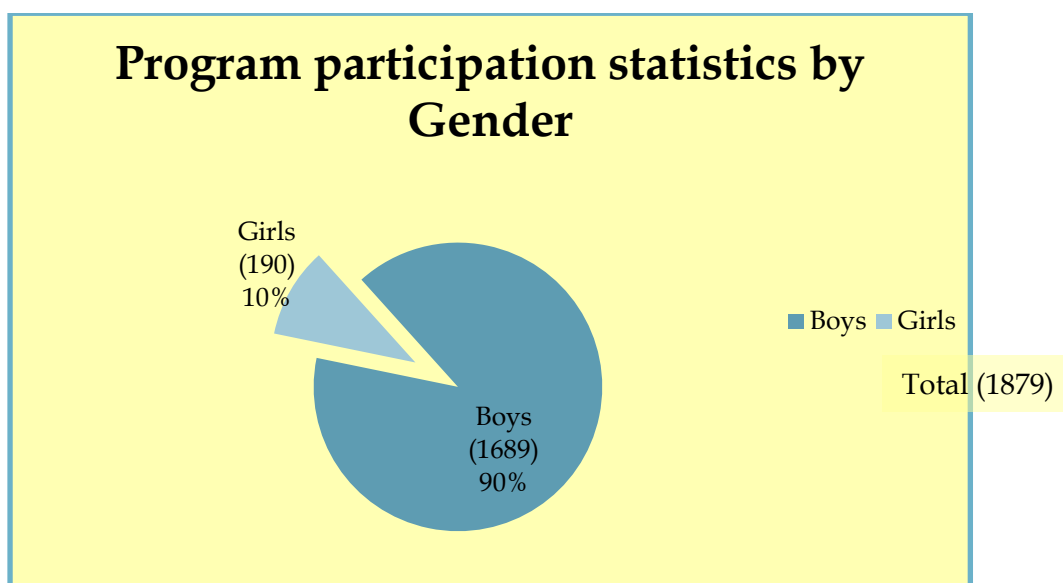


Figure 1.2



The Youth Work programs and services could not have been possible without ongoing support from AYC's Executive Officer and Board of Directors, as well as support and from Auburn City Council, Phil Gilbert Motor Group and other key stakeholders of AYC.

Brian Park
Youth Work Coordinator

Settlement Grants Project Officer's Report

Funded: The Australian Government Department of Social Services

Program: Settlement Grants Project

Overview

This 2014-2015 financial year Auburn Youth Centre Inc.'s (AYC) Settlement Grants Project (SGP) has endeavoured to support and assist newly arrived youth aged 12-24 in meeting their settlement needs and providing them with pathways to living an independent lifestyle. The project has engaged the client group with a range of activities, casework, information sessions and events that addressed 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 has also reached 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 regrettably discontinued this year, with the role finishing in July 2015. Throughout the 2014-2015 funded year however, the project has continued to make positive contributions to the lives of newly arrived young people associated with the Auburn Local Government Area (LGA).

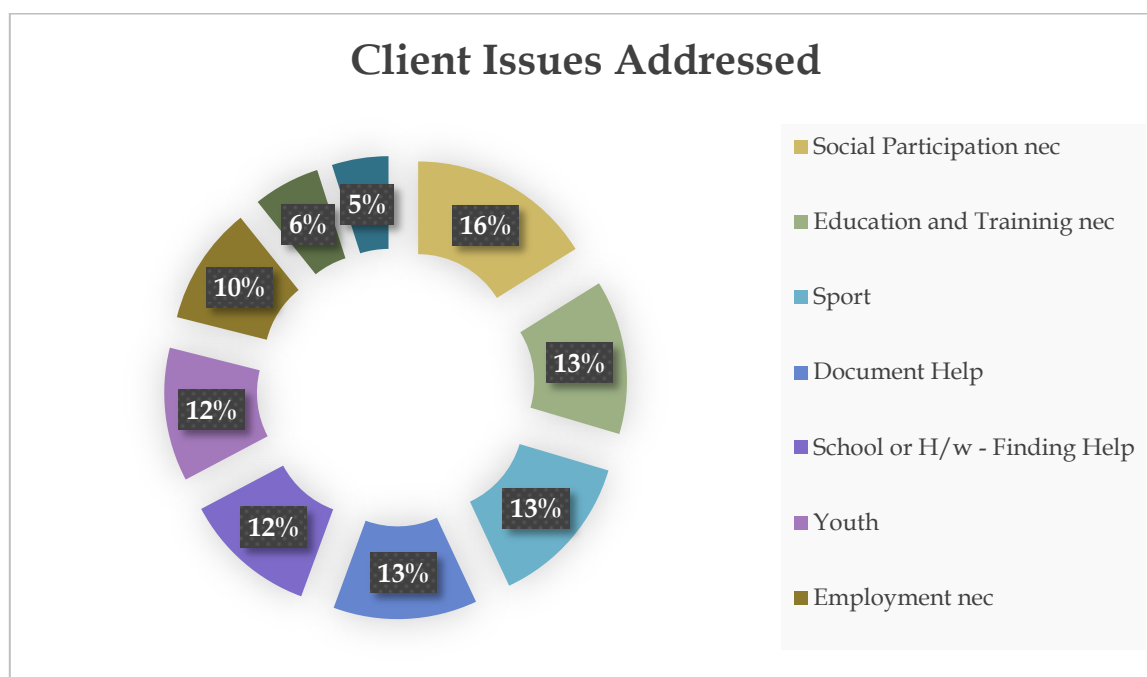


Photos from Auburn Youth Centre FC soccer program run for Newly Arrived Young People.

Casework

Case work for the 2014-2015 period has seen the Settlement Grants Project service 22 clients, which meets the work plan target of 20-30. (The online data reporting system was only active from 1st July 2014 to 27th March 2015 and therefore casework clients were only recorded during this time.) From these clients, the majority declared their country of birth as

Afghanistan, followed by Iran and then Somalia, with most of them now residing in Auburn. The top issues addressed whilst conducting case work during the 2014-2015 funded year is indicated in the chart below.



Reflected in the chart is Social Participation at 16% being the most common issue addressed during case work, followed by Education and Training, Sport and Document Help all at 13%.

Referrals

The Settlement Grants Project made a total of 274 referrals this funded year while conducting case work, programs and group sessions. This included both informal and formal referrals to mainstream services and specialist services, including AYC programs and services. The majority of outgoing referrals for the 2014-2015 funded year were self-referrals at 26%, 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 SGP role. The 5 following top outgoing referrals included:

- Internal referrals within Organisation
- Youth Services
- Other
- Other SGP Funded Organisation
- Other State/Territory Government Agency

With the SGP role coming to an end this 2014-2015 funded year, case work has seen lower numbers than previous years. However, referrals this year are higher than the 2013-2014 funded year. This number is high due to the SGP role ending and clients being referred to

other SGP funded services and mainstream services to continue receiving support for their settlement needs.

Careers Workshops

Strathfield South High School:

The first employment workshop was facilitated at Strathfield South High School and was held in Quarter 2 of the 2014-2015 funded year. This was an interactive job search workshop that saw young people create resumes, apply for jobs and conduct mock interviews with each other. This workshop saw an average of 10.6 young people attend the 5 sessions and evaluations indicated that the workshop was successful. On a scale of 1-10, 100% of participants selected 8 to 10 for enjoying the overall workshop.

The second workshop that will be implemented in the 2015-2016 funded year focuses on interview skills for trade apprenticeship jobs. The SGP worker has completed preparations for this workshop including having arranged for a Tafe teacher with trade experience to assist. The workshop will involve newly arrived young people interested in applying for trade apprenticeships learning interview skills and participating in mock interviews for experience.

Learn 2 Drive @ AYC:

The Settlement Grants Project was successful in receiving a 2015/16 Auburn City Council Community Grant for a driving lessons program in Quarter 4 of the 2014-2015 funded year. This program looks at up-skilling clients in driving to provide them with pathways into employment. AYC believes having a license greatly improves young people's opportunities when looking for work and other positive opportunities.

All planning for this program has been completed and due to the SGP role ending in June 2015 and the program set to commence in July, Learn 2 Drive @ AYC will be implemented by another AYC role in the 2015-2016 funded year. Learn 2 Drive @ AYC offers 10 newly

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Driving safety home plan

ENSURING the roads are safer for everyone, including themselves, young L-plate drivers can sign up for a new education program run by the Auburn Youth Centre (AYC).

Starting in July, the 'Learn 2 Drive @ AYC' program offers an opportunity to complete up to 18 hours of practical driving lessons with an instructor for their Learner log book.

AYC settlement grants program officer Rianne Burrell is encouraging newly arrived young people aged between 16 to 24 to sign up.

She said participants will also have to attend two compulsory driver safety presentations to be run by police from the Flemington Local Area Command (LAC) on July 21 and July 28 at 4pm.

"These presentations aim to educate young drivers on the responsibilities of driving as well as make them more aware of the dangers and importance of safe responsible driving," Ms Burrell said.

"Upon attending both these presentations, the young people will then be eligible to receive the free driving lessons, which will commence the following week.

"We believe this program offers a great opportunity for young people, in particular those new to Australia, who are unable to afford the costs of driving instructor lessons that are required to attain their provisional licence."

Numbers are limited and for more information or to register, call Rianne on 9646 2122 or email rienne@ayc.org.au.



□ The 'Learn 2 Drive @ AYC' program offers an opportunity to complete up to 18 hours of practical driving lessons with an instructor.

The Learn 2 Drive @ AYC program promotion in the local newspaper 'Auburn Review'

arrived young people two driver safety presentations followed by 18 hours each of free practical driving lessons to complete hours in their Learner log books. The driver safety presentations are compulsory for participants to receive the free lessons and these will be facilitated by Youthsafe and the Flemington Local Area Command Highway Patrol. There has been an overwhelming amount of interest for this program so far, indicating the need for such programs in the Auburn LGA.

Living in Australia Workshops

The Settlement Grants Project organised and hosted visits to the centre for newly arrived young people with the aim of increasing their knowledge of and access to local services including AYC and its services. In the 2014-2015 funded year there were 6 Living in Australia workshops, which exceeded the work plan 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): 2 visits

The visits always include provision of information, a tour of the Wyatt Park facility and free time to enjoy some of our facilities.

The first visit from Chester Hill IEC saw 17 students and 1 teacher attend, the second 16 students and 1 teacher, the third visit saw 18 students and 1 teacher and at the last visit there were 18 students and 1 teacher in attendance.

At the first Bankstown IEC visit there were 16 students and 3 teachers in attendance. The second Bankstown IEC visit saw 11 participants and 1 teacher attend with AYC picking them up and dropping them off. This allowed ease of access to the centre for the young people as well as strengthens the relationship with Bankstown IEC, in turn encouraging more site visits.

Social Participation Activities

The Settlement Grants Project organised, implemented and partnered on a number of social participation activities in the 2014-2015 financial year including a soccer workshop, Eid Celebrations, girl's only school holiday activities and The LionsRaw & AYC Football Gala. The aim of these activities are to provide education and recreation to the SGP client group, as well as to enhance their confidence, abilities to connect with the wider community and to build on and develop friendships and social networks.

Soccer:

Auburn Youth Centre FC was a soccer program implemented during the 2014-2015 funded year and was partly funded by Multicultural NSW with a Sport and Recreation equipment

grant. This grant allowed AYC to purchase soccer equipment including goals, soccer balls, agility poles, speed ladders, goalie gloves, witches hats and accessories to facilitate AYC FC. The program ran every Monday evening for 8 weeks, providing SGP clients the opportunity to build and strengthen their soccer skills, develop friendships, stay physically active as well as learn about healthy lifestyles. The healthy lifestyles element of the program involved a “better-for-you” BBQ with conversation time. Conversations were headed by AYC workers with a guest speaker from High Street Youth Health Services speaking in week 6. The topics spoken about included healthy eating, physical activity, balanced lifestyles and the connection between a healthy lifestyle and positive mental health. The young people were given a healthy lifestyle booklet containing information on the fore mentioned topics to take home at the end of the program. There was a total of 23 participants over the 8-week period with feedback indicating the program was a success.

“The soccer was fun and the food was good.” – quote from AYC FC participant.

LionsRaw & AYC Football Gala:

The LionsRaw & AYC Football Gala ran for 1 week from 19th to 23rd of January 2015 during the school holidays. The program focused on building and strengthening the skills of young people, including SGP clients, in soccer, ball skills, team work and fitness. LionsRaw provided international coaches to facilitate the sessions that ran from 2pm to 5pm each day. The program received a good response from young people and saw a total of 52 participants over the whole week. The program ended with a free screening of the Asia Cup Semi Finals at AYC and this saw 12 people attend. The program was supported by AYC staff including the SGP worker, who assisted in promotion, administration, set up and evaluations.

AYC Eid Celebration:

AYC facilitated an Eid Celebration held at the centre during July 2014. The event invited SGP clients to celebrate the religious occasion at AYC. SGP staff organised decorations, traditional foods, music and traditional Eid practices, i.e. cleansing ritual for the event. There was a total of 12 young people in attendance and the afternoon was very successful.



AYC Eid Celebration 2014

Homework Help Program

The Settlement Grants Project Homework Help program has been held at Auburn Library in the Digital Hub room every Wednesday afternoon from 3pm-5pm for the majority of the funded year. In May 2015, the decision was made to relocate the program to AYC's facility at Wyatt Park to provide a wider range of programs for young people at the centre. The 2014-2015 funded year has seen 34 sessions with a total of 29 attendees. The Homework Help program has aimed to reach out to newly arrived clients and support them with their homework, assignment and document help needs; offering young people a quiet and supervised space to study. Clients had access to computers, internet, a printer, text books and a tutor. Mohan Coomaraswamy volunteers his time every Wednesday as the Homework Help tutor, supporting young people to achieve their homework and school work requirements. AYC would like to thank Mohan enormously for his dedication and hard work in supporting the Homework Help program and the youth that attend.

Job Club:

Job Club commenced in March 2015 in partnership with Auburn Youth Centre and Granville Multi-cultural Community Centre. The program was held at the Wyatt Park facility on Tuesday afternoons and has seen a total of 15 sessions this funded year with 14 attendances. The program focuses on providing young people with assistance in finding employment, including resume and cover letter building, job applications and interview skills. AYC will continue to run the program independently through another AYC role in the 2015-2016 funded year.

Parenting Workshops

Australian Afghan Korasan Association Crime Prevention Program:

The Australian Afghan Korasan Association (AAKA) commenced their Crime Prevention program in February 2015 at the Wyatt Park facility with support from the SGP worker. AYC was actively involved in liaising with AAKA to assist in setting up and overseeing the first crime prevention event, as well as attending on the night. This first session saw a large group of both young people and parents in attendance from the Afghan community with guest speakers, AAKA's community leader and other members of AAKA presenting, as well as food and refreshments shared with participants. The AAKA community leader indicated to the SGP worker the following week that the night was very successful with a large turnout.

Beach Safety Activity:

The Beach Safety activity was run by Auburn City Council in partnership with AYC and involved a day at Manly beach. The SGP worker attended the girl's only activity aimed at newly arrived and migrant females. There was a total of 9 participants and 4 parents in attendance. The SGP worker's role for this activity was to supervise as well as engage with the parents of young people to promote the services of the SGP role as well as other programs and services at AYC. The day was very successful, with the young people participating in a beach safety program facilitated by Manly Surf Life Saving Club and followed by lunch and free time at the beach. The SGP worker conducted verbal evaluations at the end of the day with 100% of participants indicating it was a good day.

"We most enjoyed the dolphin diving, body surfing and being in the water."

- Verbal feedback collected from young people

Holroyd High School Parent and Community Open Day

The Settlement Grants Project has been heavily involved in the planning and implementation of the Holroyd High School Parent and Community Open day since 2013. In the 2014-2015 financial year there was one Parent and Community Open day held on the 12th November 2014. Previously the event was named the Parent Engagement Form, however due to the school's principal bringing to attention the increase of unaccompanied minors at the school, the event name was changed to cater to the community as well as parents of the Holroyd area. This event had a great turn out with around 50 parents and members of the community in attendance from a variety of backgrounds. In partnership with the 10 other community organisations and Holroyd High School, the aim of the Open Day was to engage with and provide information to parents and the community (especially those new to Australia) as well as promote the services that are available to them and their youths. The event was a great success with several participants indicating to SGP staff that they valued the day.

Refugee Week Event

Joining the Dots; The Welcome Dinner Project

The Joining the Dots Welcome Dinner was held at the end of the 2014-2015 financial year at the Wyatt Park Facility. This event aimed to bring together newly arrived people with already established Australians as a form of welcoming and to create a platform for meaningful connections, sparking friendships between people of diverse cultures who are living in close proximity to one another but have not had an opportunity to connect in a supported environment. The project promotes social cohesion and addresses issues of isolation seen regularly amongst SGP clients. On the night there was about 40 participants with a good ratio of newly arrived and already established Australians in attendance. Everyone, including AYC staff, supplied a plate of food to share for the dinner with a large variety of multicultural food being presented. A big thank you to the AYC support worker Krystal Mills, who liaised with the Welcome Dinner Project worker to organise the night including administration, decorations, refreshments, tables and chairs, promotion and music for the event. All AYC staff participated in the successful dinner and conversations, receiving positive feedback from participants as well as volunteer helpers.

Events

The Settlement Grants Project has supported and participated in a variety of events in the 2014-2015 funded year, these include:

- Strathfield South High School Family Picnic Day – 11.9.2014
- Auburn Festival at Wyatt Park – 20.09.2014
- Police Presentation at Auburn Centre for Community – 31.10.2014
- PHaMs meet and Greet at Auburn Centre for Community – 31.10.2014
- Department of Settlement Services Providers Forum – 26.11.2014
- Volunteers NSW launch at Granville Youth Centre 26.2.2015
- Harmony Day Launch – 24.3.2015
- Auburn City Council's Youth Fest at Wyatt Park – 10.4.2015

Rianne Kenny

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

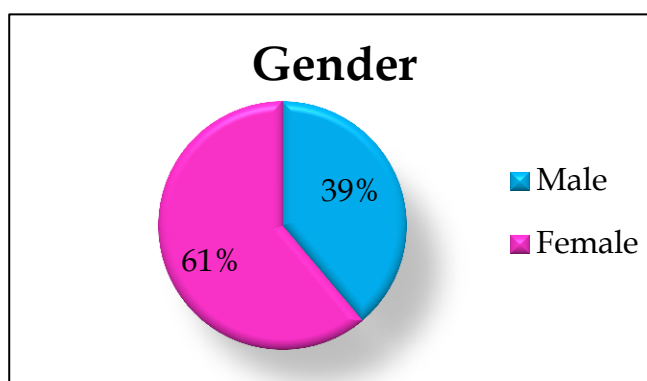
Overview

The Adolescent and Family Counsellor program is a free service available to young people aged between 12-24 years and their families who reside in the Auburn Local Government Area. In addition to counselling, the program also offers psycho-educational groups, case management, advocacy, and information and referral services.

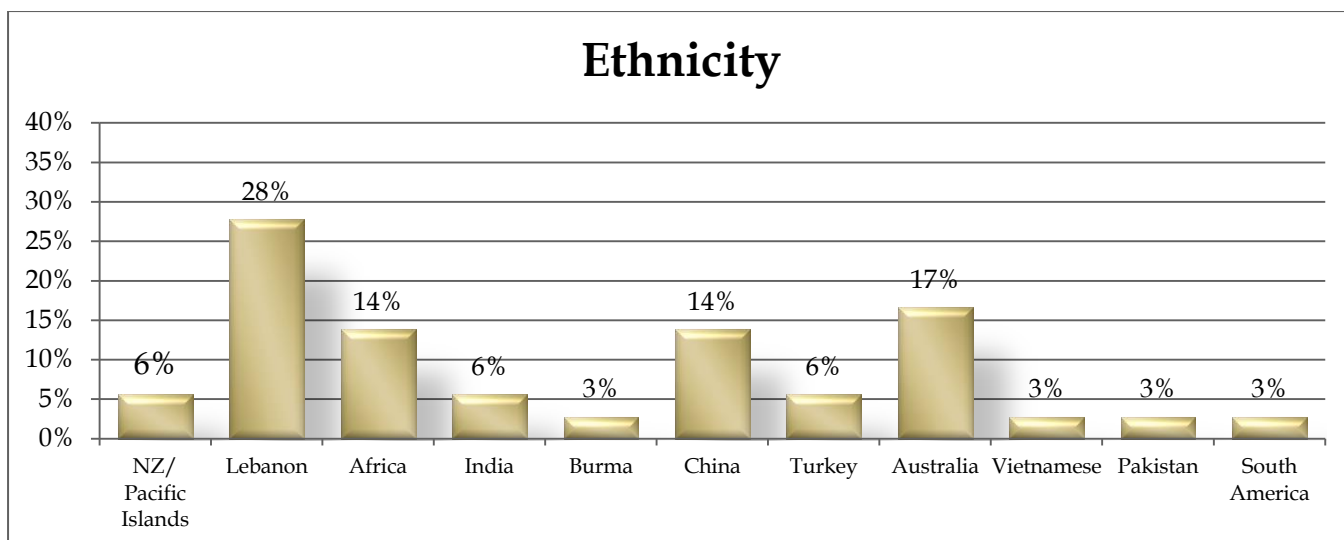
This year has shown a steady increase in the number of counselling referrals; 22 referrals received during the 2014-2015 financial year compared to 17 in the prior financial year. This may be attributed to the community sector being aware of the position being filled on a full time basis since March 2015. Consistent with last year, the majority of referrals sources continue to come from schools. This has been achieved through vigorous promotion to school representatives at forums, interagency networks, events and meetings. Moving forward, promotion will also be extended towards GPs who are a trusted service provider and often the gate holder around education and stigma mitigation. Consistent with previous years, there is a continual decline in referrals received from NGO's. This may be in part attributed to the relative size of Auburn Youth Centre in comparison to other NGO's and staff changes in the sector.

Consistent with last year, there was a total of 81 one-on-one sessions conducted. There were also 42 youths engaged amid seven workshops and 10 youths seen for advice/referral. The following graphs provide a breakdown of the counselling clients for the 2014/2015 financial year.

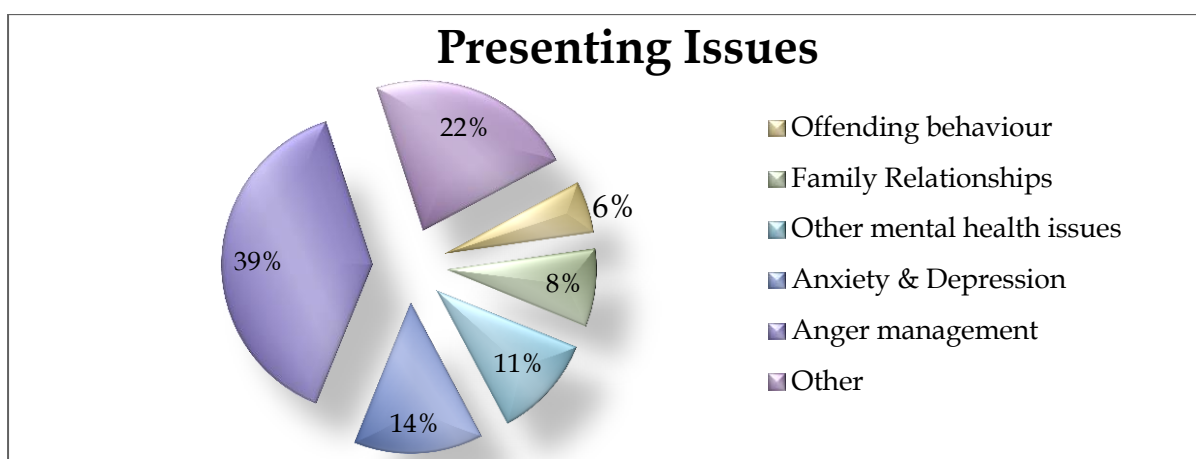
The gender breakdown of clients detailed below:



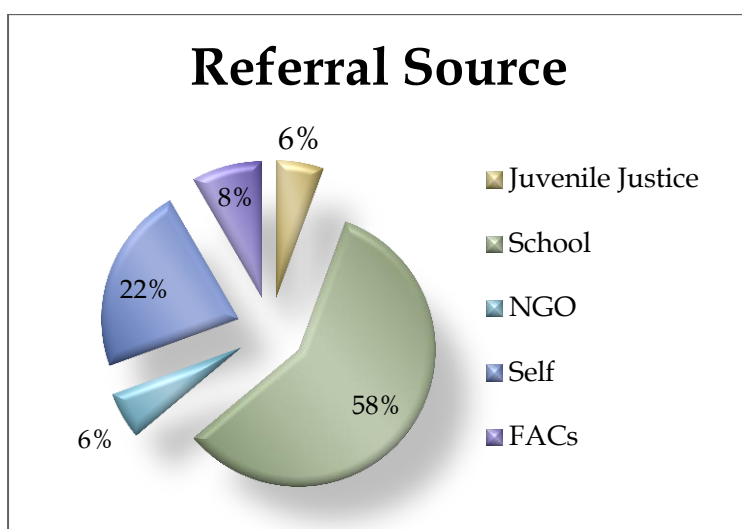
Ethnicity of service users are broken down below:



The presenting issues for clients are graphed below:



The below chart displays the referral sources:



Workshops

During the year, seven anger management workshops were presented at schools over a five week period. These workshops were very well received, with positive feedback from staff as well as participants. These workshops have also gauged the interest of other schools within the area who would like to see other psycho-educational groups on topics such as self-esteem, resilience and bullying which hope to be introduced in the new financial year.

Moreover with the upcoming upgrade of the centre's facilities, a few other workshops are currently being worked on which possibly will include an interactive curriculum around building healthy relationships as well as a creative therapeutic workshop around self-expression. Partnerships with Council, local NGO's and community groups have been sought with the hope of being introduced in the new financial year.

Lastly, Auburn Youth Centre was asked to co-lead a group of Community Workers during their professional learning day around 'accidental counselling' skills which are applicable to their work. This presentation was warmly welcomed by Community Liaison Officers in the Western Sydney Area.

Girls Only Program

The Girls Only School Holiday Program continued to run during the school holidays with activities including movies, hands and nail pamper sessions, bike riding at Sydney Olympic Park, bush walking through the Blue Mountains, and shoe decorating.

The number of girls attending the program continued to decline (an average of 20 at beginning of year to an average of 8 by end of year) which has been attributed to several factors. This includes staff changes and the counsellor role not being filled for 3 months, a change of the centre's venue, a continual need to bring in girls so as to not phase out of program, a continual review of the activities to ensure engagement as well as bridging trust and awareness of Auburn Youth Centre with parents. New initiatives are currently being reviewed to take place in the new financial year including partnerships with NGO's, partnerships with community groups.

Interagency and Other Engagement 2014 -2015

- Member of the Stop Domestic Violence Action Group (SDVAG)
- Member of the Auburn Holroyd Child Protection Interagency
- Member of the Auburn Youth Interagency (AYI)
- Member of the Auburn Mental Health Interagency
- Attended Youth Fest and Youth Summit
- Participated in the Welcome Dinner Project which was held at the centre
- Participated in the Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood as a group facilitator

Some photos of the year's events are below.



*Anger Management
Workshop at Trinity
College Regents Park*

May 2015



*Anger Management Workshop at
Trinity College Regents Park*

May 2015



*Women in League / Girls
Only Movie Night*

May 2015

Chloe Motbey

Adolescent and Family Counsellor

Our Community Cafe

Funded: Dooley's Catholic Club Lidcombe

The community café commenced on the 14th October 2014 and will operate until the 16th October 2015. The café officially launched at Auburn Centre for Community on the 2nd April 2015; see images below;



OUR COMMUNITY CAFE
A PLACE TO CONNECT
AT THE AUBURN CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY

GRAND OPENING!

As part of Auburn City Council's 'Intergen Week' Program, you're invited to the launch of 'Our Community Cafe' at The Auburn Centre for Community.

'Our Community Cafe' is a partnership between Auburn Youth Centre and Auburn City Council. The Cafe is a project that aims to develop the skills of young people in the Auburn area by providing them with training and hands on experience in hospitality.

So come along and support this fantastic project by enjoying some great coffee & cake at discounted prices!

There will also be speakers from Auburn Youth Centre and Uniting Care Ageing, as well as a light Turkish lunch and world music maestro Alex Hadchiti – so young and old will no doubt be hitting the dance floor!

Date: Thursday April 2, 2015
Time: 11am till 1pm
Where: The Auburn Centre for Community
44A Macquarie Rd, Auburn
RSVP: by calling 'Our Community Cafe' coordinator on 0424 640 892 or email: paul@ayc.org.au

Proudly supported by



AUBURN CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY 44A MACQUARIE RD, AUBURN 2144

ACCESSIBLE
Entry is available offering a clear path of travel throughout the venue including an accessible toilet.

CLEAR PATH OF TRAVEL
A clear path of travel throughout the venue for those who are sight impaired.

Auburn City Council is committed to making its events, programs and activities accessible for all people. Please advise Council on 9735 1378 if you require an Auslan interpreter for any of these events. Users who have a hearing impairment can call (at no cost) through the National Relay Service. TTY users phone 13 36 77, then ask for 9735 1378. Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech relay) users phone 1300 555 727, then ask for 9735 1378. Internet relay users contact NRS (www.relayservice.com.au) and then ask for 9735 1378. Guide Dogs or any animals trained to assist people with disabilities are welcome inside all areas of Council.

The café operates at the Auburn centre for community and serves coffee and pre-packaged cakes and sweets.

The café's main aim is to provide an opportunity to support young people to build transferable employability skills specific to café work, but also general employment skills.

The Cafe Specific skills that young people are learning include; how to make coffee and other beverage's served in a café, basic food preparation skills, including how to handle food, store it & package it, they learnt how to use the cash register, to take customer orders, cleaning, serving customers, setting up and packing down cafe.

In addition to learning specific cafe skills, young people are learning general employment skills; customer service skills; greeting customers, communicating with customers, time management skills which will aim to increase their confidence to support them gain employment. One young person recently stated "... *the fun and friendly environment... gave me the confidence to build my skills. It was fun to finally able to make coffees unsupervised without worrying about making any mistakes*", another client stated "*The program was very helpful to me because it helped me to learn and build important skills to help me in the future. It has helped me with my confidence and self-esteem as well*".

Images; Young people learning how to make coffee



The café to date has received a positive welcome from the local community and has been receiving great feedback so far with 100% of customers stating they enjoy the coffee; 100% of customers stating they would be likely or very likely to recommended the cafe to other people and all customers rating the service as 8 or above, on a scaling questions 1-10, with 10 being Great.

The café also provides opportunities for local Volunteers to contribute to a community project. The volunteers are also gaining valuable and transferable employment skills, the also volunteers assist with training the clients. All Volunteers and Clients can add their work experience to their resumes as they complete their training. A quote from a client "*The*

program was helpful to me as I wanted to look for working this area and needed some hands on experience. It was a great addition to my resume"

A huge thanks to Dooley's for their ongoing support of the Community Café. It's been the first time AYC have worked on a project like this and we are gaining new skills and knowledge every day! I look forward to reporting on the outcomes in the 2015-2016 funded years.

Paul Kenny
Café Coordinator

TREASURERS REPORT

The 2014-15 financial year, and my first as Treasurer, has been a very strong year financially. We end the year at on a high note with several large grants for the next financial year coming early.

It has also been a year of change, having implemented a revised comprehensive budget and introducing new controls and internal review processes. This has contributed to the reduction in expenses in the year and will continue to do so in the future. I'm very passionate about cash flow budgeting and hope to take our budget to the next level in 2015-16.

Another change this year has been the appointment of KS Black & Co as our new auditors. After completing our due diligence, it was evident that KS Black & Co has a huge depth of experience, knowledge and insights in the not-for-profit sector. Their fresh perspective and thorough audit of our financial statements has been appreciated.

Next year looks to be even bigger with plans and funding to develop the centre at Wyatt Park. We will continue to review internal financial controls, stay updated on reporting requirements and revise our processes and controls when necessary. Having come from an audit and compliance background, I am very confident that AYC is in a very strong position for the opportunities ahead!

Alex Lee

Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Auburn Youth Centre Inc

ABN 94 080 606 344

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

Auburn Youth Centre Inc
ABN 94 808 606 344

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Committees' Report

Your Committee Members submit the financial accounts of the Auburn Youth Centre Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

Principal Activities

The Auburn Youth Centre ("AYC") provides counselling, social, educational and recreational services for young people aged 12 to 18 who have a connection with Auburn and surrounding areas.

Through these programs, AYC aims to remove the barriers confronting young people. Particularly barriers associated with culture, language, education, economic disadvantage, established stereotypes and racism.

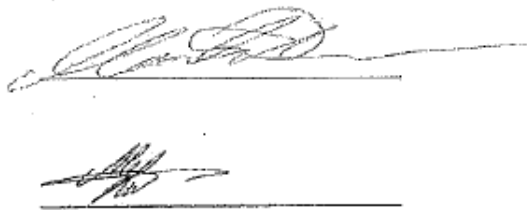
Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The profit for the year ended 30 June 2015 was \$211,061 (2014: loss \$55,462)

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



Dated this 27th day of October 2015

**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Income		
State Government grants	407,916	399,791
Local Government grants	13,455	14,436
Project funding	223,389	10,311
Café sales	3,063	-
Donations	3,831	3,000
Fees received	474	8,436
Unspent 11-12 SGP Funding Project	-	(3,419)
Interest received	215	595
Tila project funding	-	1,363
Sundry income	-	20
Total income	652,343	434,537
Expenses		
Accountancy and audit	3058	17,969
AGM expenses	980	904
Advertising and promotion	2,561	1,414
Bank fees and charges	61	514
Café cost of sales	2,279	-
Catering	350	878
Cleaning/rubbish removal	8,734	3,477
Casual support	49,354	29,949
Computer expenses	2,319	8,273
Communications	8,452	11,237
Depreciation – other	-	3,588
Donations	80	160
Electricity	1,448	1,676
Equipment	5,338	1,412
Fundraising	4,820	-
Holiday pay provision	(12,839)	1,847
Insurance	7,318	4,183
Other staff expenses	919	878
Program costs	11,851	13,637
Management committee expenses	134	3,898
Long service leave provision	(3,388)	4,959
M/V other	3,372	3,396
Photocopier expenses	6,182	14,485
Freight and postage	376	112
Printing and stationery	1,820	4,125
Rent on land and building	8,654	29,114
Repairs and maintenance	2,783	2,151
Security	126	378
Staff amenities	672	1,036
Staff training	302	3,787
Tila project	-	2,863
Subscriptions and memberships	800	1,275
Sundry expenses	24,825	5,175

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Superannuation	27,649	25,476
Travel, accommodation and conference	4,301	1,066
Utilities	7,294	3,482
Wages	252,054	270,280
Workers compensation insurance	6,243	10,928
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Total Expenses	441,282	489,998
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Profit/(Loss) Before Income Tax	211,061	(55,461)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current Assets		
ANZ Business Account	341,181	68,777
ANZ Online Saver Account	7,590	7,439
CBA Saver Account	-	17,311
Cash on hand	200	2,276
Receivables	<u>7,970</u>	<u>2,860</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>356,941</u>	<u>98,664</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment – at cost	20,111	40,352
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,111)</u>	<u>(24,487)</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>15,865</u>
Total Assets	<u>356,941</u>	<u>114,529</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	9,836
CBA account	-	2,516
GST payable control account	27,001	3,752
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	4,080	4,588
Grants in advance	36,669	-
Bond deposit	-	(885)
Provision for holiday pay	9,397	22,235
SGC superannuation	<u>-</u>	<u>364</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>77,147</u>	<u>42,408</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provision for long service leave	<u>10,421</u>	<u>13,809</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>10,421</u>	<u>13,809</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>87,568</u>	<u>56,217</u>
Net Assets	<u>269,373</u>	<u>58,312</u>
Equity		
Accumulated funds	<u>269,373</u>	<u>58,312</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared for use by the members of the Association in order to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Associations Act (NSW). The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost and does not take into account changing money values.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's Liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees at balance date. Employees entitlements expected to settle within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, long service leave, annual leave, and time in lieu which will be settled within one year, have been recognised at their normal amount.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing the time the asset is held ready for use.

Auburn Youth Centre Inc
ABN 94 808 606 344

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 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date and
2. 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 27th day of October 2015

**Independent Audit Report to the Members of
Auburn Youth Centre Inc**

Scope

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose report of Auburn Youth Centre Inc (the Association) for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

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. We 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 in the above basis.

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

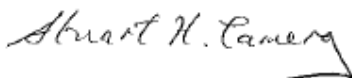
Independence

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Auburn Youth Centre Inc presents fairly in all material respects to the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance for the year ended in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

KS Black & Co
Chartered Accountants



Stuart H. Cameron
Partner
FCA No: 758304

Dated at Parramatta on 27 October 2015.