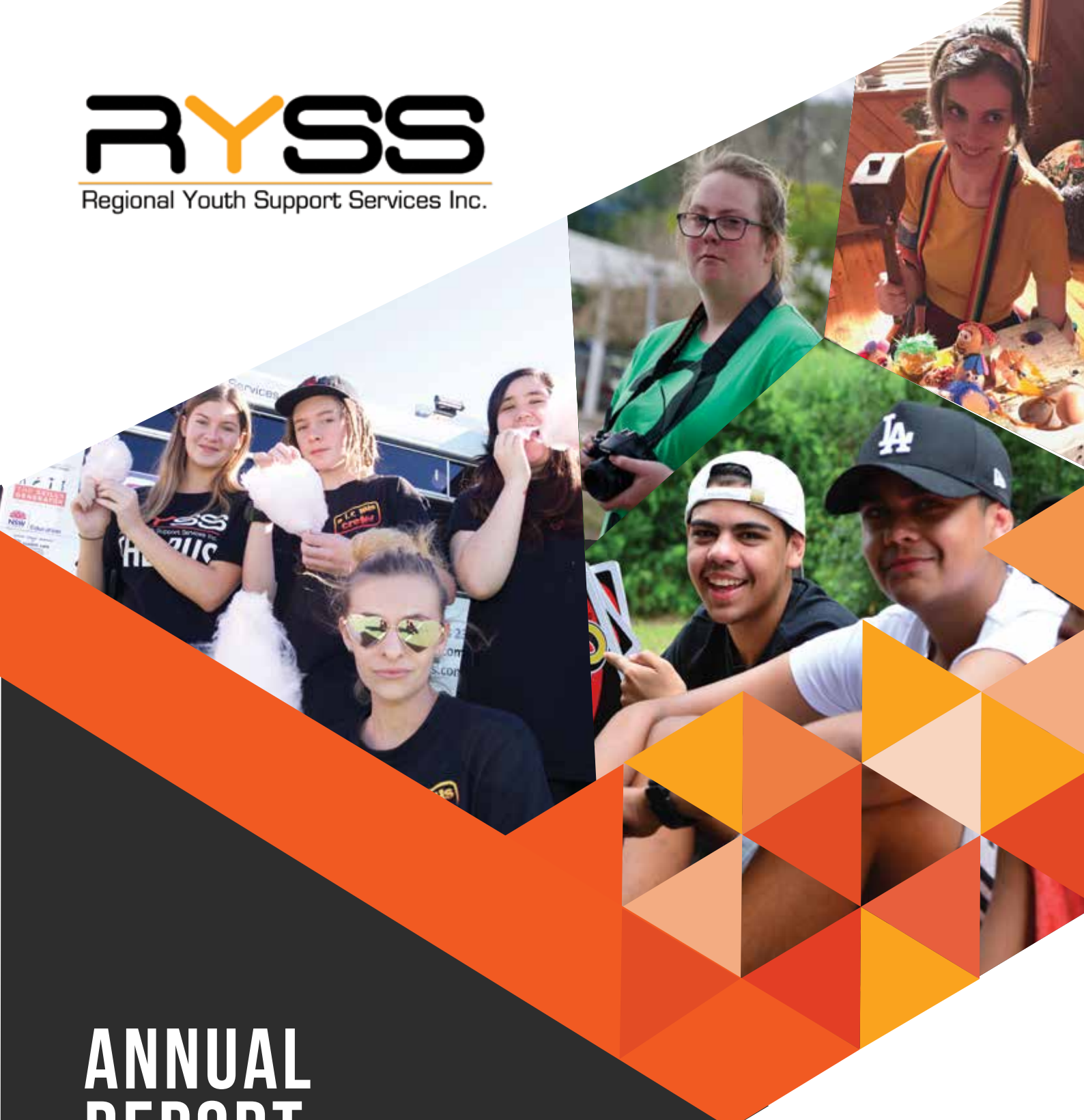


RYSS

Regional Youth Support Services Inc.



ANNUAL REPORT

2018



RYSS

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NOT JUST A YOUTH SERVICE CULTIVATING LIFE LONG WELLBEING

We acknowledge that Regional Youth Support Services Inc supports our community while on the traditional lands of the Darkinjung people, and we pay our respects to elders both past and present. RYSS also acknowledges young people, who are our hope for a brighter, stronger future, who in days ahead will be the leaders in our community. Regional Youth Support Services Inc is proudly committed to diversity and social inclusion, incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people who identify as LGBTQIA+, people with a disability, and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



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OUR SERVICES

Regional Youth Support Services ('RYSS') is a leading, locally based youth specific charity service, delivering frontline youth support and innovative engagement strategies to young people between the ages of 12 and 25, and their families in communities throughout the Central Coast. RYSS is now in its 32nd year of providing local, intensive case management, community outreach programs, early intervention support, family reconnections, indigenous support programs, events, and activities. RYSS's longstanding history on the Central Coast means that we possess a deeply grounded understanding of the local needs and diversity across the many communities in the region – an understanding that helps drive our many innovative and focused programs and support strategies.



THE BUS

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 are at and what we
 are doing!



NDIS SERVICES

Got NDIS Funding?
 RYSS is running beneficial
 programs for you
 every term.
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 How do we raise funds to
 support young people?
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YOUTH SKILLS

RYSS Wyoming is a great
 place for young people to
 go in the afternoon to be
 in a safe environment to
 chill out with friends get
 involved in skill building
 activities & workshops.
 9 Warawilla Road,
 Wyoming.



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 is where you'll be able to
 explore the creative arts
 and participate in arts,
 events and programs
 including - Music, Theatre,
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 Youth Leadership.



RYSS HISTORY TIMELINE

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GOSFORD YOUTH SERVICES 1986 -1998

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

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

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

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



REGIONAL YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES 1998

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

Several new Youth Worker positions were created, funded by the Area Assistance Scheme and the new Youth Centre at Kariong was developed. The success of the Labyrinth and the arts programs being offered contributed to RYSS developing the concepts for a youth-run business enterprise and standalone multi purpose youth facility. The first of it's kind on the Central Coast.





GOSFORD YOUTH SERVICES

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

DONNISON’S ON THE PARK OPENS 1999-2005

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

PARKSIDE MULTI PURPOSE YOUTH FACILITY OPENS | 2001

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



YOUTH ARTS WAREHOUSE OPENS 2007

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

RYSS TODAY

2017-2018

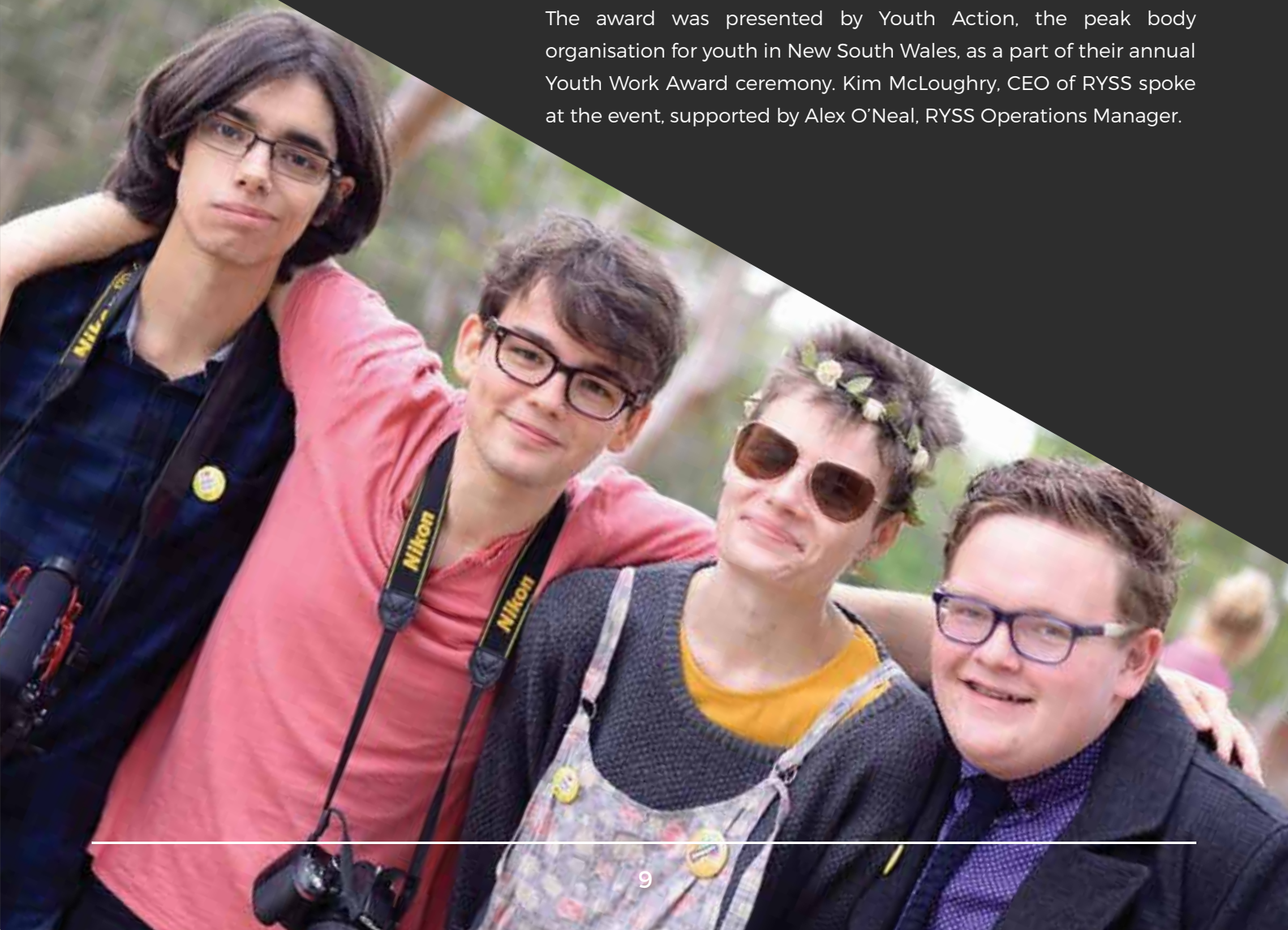


In 2015 Wyoming Youth Skills Centre opened the Woodshed and transferred from a Youth drop in centre to a Skills based centre. In 2016 RYSS went full circle and launched it's first mobile youth centre in a full size transit bus creating THE BUS. In 2017/18 RYSS won the Best Youth Service in NSW from our peak agency Youth Action. A Programs Worker was engaged for the new Skills Based programs in 2018. RYSS added a Yarning Circle, path and garden at WYSC for cultural gatherings and community learning. The Bus was promoted in 2017 and provided outreach Engagement, Advice, and Referral, then Case work and activities programs in schools and at events throughout 2018. In 2018 RYSS has a larger support team of fifty eight staff: with fourteen permanent staff, six part time and thirty eight casual staff. RYSS has a CEO position and an Operations Manager, five Team Leader/Co-ordinator positions- Abilities, Early Intervention and Placement Program, Indigenous Justice Program, The Bus Program and The Youth Arts Warehouse Coordinator. The agency expanded two signature fundraising events from 2017 in the Dyslexia Ball and CC Comicon showing off RYSS new branding and marketing.



2017 NSW YOUTH SERVICE OF THE YEAR

On October 26th, 2017, Regional Youth Support Services, was awarded the New South Wales Youth Service of the Year Award. The NSW Youth Work Awards are an annual celebration of the exceptional work of youth services and youth workers in NSW. The award was presented by Youth Action, the peak body organisation for youth in New South Wales, as a part of their annual Youth Work Award ceremony. Kim McLoughry, CEO of RYSS spoke at the event, supported by Alex O'Neal, RYSS Operations Manager.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2017-18



GEOFF HYND

CHAIRPERSON

Community Services Welfare Diploma, 2003

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

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

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



DEBORAH WARWICK

VICE CHAIRPERSON

**Associate Diploma in Business, 1990
Shopping Centre Marketing, 1997**

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

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

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



JOHN MAZAROLI

TREASURER

Retired Chartered Accountant

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

*“Good habits formed at youth
make all the difference”*

- ARISTOTLE

TAYLOR BARTLEY

SECRETARY

Diploma of Marketing, 2011 | Bachelor of Business Marketing, 2014

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

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

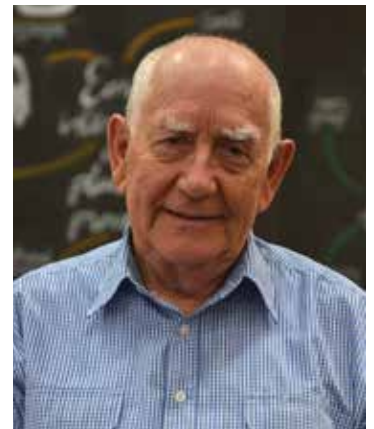


RAY SOUTHEREN

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Life memberships of Apex Australia | Rotary Service Above Self Award | Rotary Paul Harris Fellow | Gosford City Local Hero Award | O.A.M. | Highly successful Businessman Central Coast

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



WAYNE FULLER

COMMITTEE MEMBER

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

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

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

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



ERIN POULTON

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Bachelor of Management, 2009 | Bachelor of Commerce (Honours), 2011 | Doctor of Philosophy (Accounting and Finance), 2017

Erin has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) and Doctor of Philosophy in Accounting and Finance, from the University of Newcastle. Erin is currently working for Avondale College of Higher Education and TAFE NSW.

Erin joined the RYSS Management Committee in 2017 and is also a director of the Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre.



CHAIRPERSON REPORT



GEOFF HYND

CHAIRPERSON

A year of growth best describes 2018.

Growth as the organisation defines itself as children, youth and families across the NSW Central Coast providing support services of significance and excellence to the young people of the Central Coast region. The ability of Regional Youth Support Services to increase the wide range of services and programs comes from the outstanding commitment of the team, support from funding bodies and community groups and the passionate individuals who have provided support. There is no doubt that the delivery of these services and programs has improved the circumstances and outcomes of many young people in our community.

Growth in the number of NDIS clients through refining the way we both manage the clients and staff supporting.

Following a review of operational processes with the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) staff rosters have been fine-tuned to facilitate the meeting of NDIS client requirements. This has enabled RYSS to provide support to a greater number of NDIS clients.

Growth in the Management Committee skills as we have moved into a paperless processes of reporting. We, The Management Committee acknowledge the high level of training undertaken by staff and the expertise of individuals. However the level of commitment and skills of the team enables an outstanding level of service and support to continue to be offered in this region. Growth in the reach of the fundraising sub-committee to oversee and support RYSS staff in the organising of fundraising events. These will include, but not be limited to, the Dyslexia Ball and Comicon. The sub-committee is increasingly relieving the workload and commitments of the Management Committee.

Growth in both the services and the area of the RYSS Bus with events on the Coast and outside the coast promoting support services at many events and festivals.

I have been continually impressed with the commitment and the professionalism of the committee and each member's commitment to work together in order to achieve outstanding services for the young people of our region. On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to thank RYSS staff for the professional manner in which they deliver services and programs, the various levels of government and private funding bodies and the many volunteers who give so generously to continue the valuable work of Regional Youth Support Services.

I look forward to continued success in the year ahead.

TREASURER REPORT

JOHN MAZAROLI

TREASURER

It gives me great pleasure in presenting my report on the financial operations of RYSS for the year ended 30 June 2018.

The 2018 year was one of the successful expansion of our activities throughout the entire Central Coast region. Our net surplus on operations for the year increased substantially from \$59,834 in the previous year to \$213,336 for the 2018 year, which was attributable primarily to a well managed transition from our previous funding model of disability support ADHC, to the new NDIS model.

Our financial position also increased to show our net assets as \$729,907 compared to \$516,570 at 30 June 2017.

Our comfortable financial position and the anticipated continuance of existing financial arrangements should ensure healthy positive results going forward.

My sincere thanks go to the Management/Finance team for their efforts in informing and supporting me throughout the year.



CEO REPORT



KIM MCLOUGHRY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This year is the 32nd Birthday of Regional Youth Support Services Inc and my 25th year at RYSS. Our team at RYSS had another highly productive year and programs and support have grown considerably. We have met our three service objectives by having improved independence and being an increasingly self-sustaining and resilient organisation, being the most visible and effective youth advocate on the Central Coast and having a significant impact on the lives of young people.

Firstly we have achieved this by increasing the proportion of organisational revenue that is generated through non-government sources; and increasing strategic relationships, partnerships and visibility to improve fundraising opportunities and funding certainty. The

success of Central Coast Comicon in May 2018 and the Dyslexia Ball in October 2017 accompanied with the generous **Elderslees Foundation** with three years of Bus project support has exceeded all expectations. Elderslees aim to assist the RYSS project in establishing The Bus so RYSS can gain longer term funding to help the longevity of this valuable collaboration project.

Secondly we have actively improved the visibility and awareness of RYSS among young people (as potential clients) through social media and word-of-mouth with new events, activities and branding. This focus has enabled the review and upgrade of Wyoming Youth Skills Centre and the yarning circle launch and the new promotions, marketing and events staff and FUNdraising sub-committee. This has enhanced the visibility and awareness of RYSS among the wider community to assist in driving referrals and fundraising. RYSS advocacy in the wider community has included: presenting at TAFE, attending the NSW Council Of Social Services, Advocate for Children Young People and NDIS conferences. RYSS had initiatives of: the Moree Team visiting RYSS Indigenous Justice Program (IJP) as Central Coast visitors for a week, establishing a direct referral by magistrates to IJP and created a new IJP evaluation community team and participated in NAIDOC day. RYSS have advocated and consulted in: Aboriginal Legal Aid and Homelessness forums, Council Community leaders forum, NSW Urban design for Gosford, NSW Cultural Infrastructure for the Central Coast and Create Arts NSW planning sessions.

Finally we have exceeded the outcomes mandated by funding bodies, offering a level of independent, flexible services to continue offering service effectiveness and value. We have delivered Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) services and expanded with two full time positions in to Wyong setting up partnership Hubs and outreach advice, referral and casework services. RYSS have been active in the TEI FACS reform. This has deepened our relationship with other services and blown all expectations with the amazing Bus team and Bus outreach facilities and programs. Our current challenge will be securing our long term CBD shopfront service location hopefully within the new Regional Library and Arts precinct.

CEO REPORT CONTINUED

Business Development at RYSS is actively undertaken with our 5yr strategic plan 2017 to 2022. Other areas of focus was our quality improvement systems- WHS, committee self-appraisal, Building Safety Committee and new Quality Management Group of senior staff. We prepared for NDIS with our second three year verification in March 2018 and utilised the BNG Standards and Performance Pathways online and continually improve our policies and procedures. RYSS continue to engage a work place relations specialist company to assist our growth.

RYSS are the Central Coast Youth Service representative with our peak body, Youth Action. RYSS staff and young clients **launched the NSW 10 Elements framework of Youth Action** to NSW peak services and the FACS secretary Michael Cootes Trotter, who later visited RYSS co-location Parkside model and met staff and young clients. Our agency won the **2017 Excellence in Innovation Chamber of Commerce Award** and deservedly the **NSW Youth Services of the year in 2017**.

Congratulations to all committed to RYSS and thank you to the Committee, staff, volunteers and young people at RYSS it is an honour to lead this amazing service. Thank you for creating the best work place we can all enjoy!



OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT



ALEX O'NEAL

OPERATIONS MANAGER

This year has been a time of important connections, service developments, new supports and experiences with clients, and most importantly a level of client engagement that has been consistent, sustained, and proactive in its nature. RYSS has engaged with young people of the Central Coast in greater numbers, with more complexities, and across a broader range of support needs than ever before. The organisation has delivered new types of supports, updated and revamped existing methods, and expanded into new territories across the Coast. The need for support for young people on the Central Coast seems to be ever increasing – a challenge to which the staff of RYSS have approached with a dedication and enthusiasm that has ensured all young people who approach us for support receive the highest level of professional support, completely tailored to their own individual needs and identified goals. The Staff of RYSS recognise individualities and unique support goals for each young person, and as such, all clients of the service are supported with the RYSS Core Values in mind.

RYSS has been part of a spectrum of exciting and important events, activities, and connections, including:

- Participating in the conference discussion panel for the Youth Action Youth Forum, Sydney – where several RYSS young people participated in a youth-led discussion on co-design and development.
- Speaking at the Youth Actions launch of “The Elements” – a guide for services that identifies the building blocks of healthy development for young people.
- Hosted a range of visits, discussions, and youth led forums at RYSS, including Magistrates and Judges of the NSW Judicial Commission, The NSW Attorney General, The FaCS Secretary, and FaCS District Director, the Central Coast Mayor, and the newly appointed Brisbane Waters Police Local Area Commander.
- Participated in the NCOSS Regional Consultation, Affordable Housing Stakeholder forums, NDIS National Conference, Central Coast Connexions Conference, the NDIS Business Insights Panel, and the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People Conference.

In addition, the RYSS team have delivered support and raised awareness and community support for the needs of young people during a number of events across the Central Coast, including:

- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Coast Connect Day
- Homelessness Matters Events
- Peninsula Link Day
- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Mental Health Month

As well as a number of events staged and delivered by RYSS, for the community :

- Umina YouthFest
- IJP Community Day
- Central Coast Comicon
- The Dyslexia Ball.

OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT CONTINUED

The weight and range of presence by RYSS across the Central Coast has been steadily building throughout the course of the year across all RYSS programs and projects. Commencing in January 2018, RYSS were able to commence supporting young people in the Early Intervention and Placement Prevention program, Advice, Referral, and Case Management not only in the Gosford and Wyoming areas, but also in Wyong and northern areas of the Central Coast. Advice, Information, and Referral support, as well as Group workshops and activities and ongoing case management have been very well received by the new EIPP Wyong team, and has continued to engage and support new young people with a broad range of assistance – from housing and living skill support to work readiness and employment assistance, health and mental health referrals, reconnections with families, to name a few.

The Indigenous Justice Program supports young Aboriginal people leaving custody and young people at risk of ongoing engagement in crime, to development and learn new living skills, develop independence, access cultural support, and to implement positive decision making in their lives. The provision of the intensive supports that continues to see extraordinarily high numbers of young people engaging in the program cease engagement in crime and antisocial behaviours to instead focus on building positive life skills to live and work independent of support in the community remain key to the unprecedented success of this program.

This year has ushered a new phase to the delivery of one of the latest RYSS offerings – The BUS – now in its second full year of delivery, increasing direct support and assistance to young people during the provision of programs and activities at events, schools, and key locations across the Central Coast. The BUS program remains focused on its primary aim of providing a mobile youth centre to areas of the Central Coast where poor accessibility and service provision leads to isolation and lack of positive support for young people.

Perhaps the fastest growing area of support delivered by RYSS is the Abilities Program, providing a range of supports under the NDIS. Over the course of the year, the program has not only continued to deliver Core supports in social and community engagement and Daily Living Skill development, but also has increasingly delivered supports under the Capacity Building stream of funding, and within the Supported Independent Living stream. RYSS' adaptable and flexible approach to providing supports under the NDIS has allowed the team to provide supports to young people seeking our assistance with innovation and creativity. The RYSS Groups continue to provide new and interesting supports to young people with disabilities, the design of which is driven by the identified needs of the young people we support. Women's Group, Cooking, Photography, and Music are key examples of how the design and implementation of Group delivery can succeed in the context of creating a program guided by the young people we support.

Similarly, the Youth Arts Warehouse continues to deliver on its mission to provide high level performances and productions, created and designed by the young people who access the program. This year has again seen a number of outstanding productions and performances, and has successfully blended its programs and workshops to cater for young people of all abilities. Audience levels and participation rates continue to ensure that the Youth Arts Warehouse is a leading example of quality youth engagement.

When reflecting on the year, the level of professionalism, commitment, and dedication by the RYSS team cannot be understated – throughout the past 12 months we have seen young people overcome extraordinary barriers, achieve amazing successes, and transform themselves in so many ways. When success for RYSS staff is measured in the helping of a young person practice for their first job interview, or in finding somewhere safe to stay for the night (or for the year), or through helping them understand better ways to communicate to their loved ones, or in simply being one part of a support network that tirelessly works only to achieve the outcomes of the young person, it becomes easy to understand why the RYSS Team was awarded the Youth Action Youth Service of the Year for 2017.

THE BUS

VIRGINIA WALSHAW

THE BUS COORDINATOR



Since its celebratory launch on December 2nd 2016, The BUS has become an invaluable force in youth outreach across the Central Coast. 2017 reflected the gratitude we owed to our support partners, including FaCS and DET Aboriginal Education & Wellbeing Unit – delivering events with and for these partners. 2018, however, has seen a more targeted approach; increased school visits, workshop development, issue-based events (Homelessness Matters, White Ribbon, Mental Health Week, NAIDOC) and targeting areas of greater concern with regard to anti-social behaviours (evening engagement @ the Peninsula Recreational Precinct).

From simple gaming engagement events to 300 high school students cracking eggs to highlight anti-bullying strategies, anger management to Indigenous arts, 1,500 visitors coming on board at the Love Lanes Festival, Wyong, to The BUS Crew presenting at the Youth Action State Conference to 150 NSW Youth Services prior to RYSS being named NSW Youth Service of the Year, The BUS and Crew have ably demonstrated to the Community and wider Youth Service Industry its capacity to deliver innovative and successful engagement activities

THIS YEAR

- The BUS has worked directly with 7,434 young people and had contact with over 25,000 Central Coast residents.
- 5 Young Leaders have been employed and 10 Young Volunteers have been engaged on The BUS, including 5 current and previous RYSS clients. The BUS Crew has been complemented by additional case management support since January 2018.
- The BUS Crew have attended 65 events, coordinated 3 youth festivals, attended 22 schools, 9 Neighbourhood Centres, 3 sports events, 6 Comicon promos, 4 Aboriginal Festivals, 18 Community gigs and worked at 42 different locations across all areas of the Central Coast.
- The BUS has delivered 22 personal development/awareness workshops; including RAGE, Body Confidence, LoveBites (Respectful Relationships), MATE (anti DV programming), Anti Bullying, Cyber Safety and Celebrate Safely (AOD).
- The BUS social media presence & promotion has been extremely successful; Facebook (354 followers, average 4,000 shares per month), Instagram (151 followers) and website (5229 hits) with 385 surveys completed since May.
- Press exposure via NBN news, ABC, local radio and print media has consistently helped to raise awareness and promote engagement opportunities.
- Over 50 Service Provider connections – including 20 @ the Umina Summer YOUTHfest and 19 @ Mannering Park YOUTHfest. Partnerships include Central Coast Council Youth Services, Evolution Youth Services, CC Community Connections, NSW Police BWLAC, Umina and Bateau Bay PCYCs, DET Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing, and FaCS.
- Visitors to The BUS have included NSW Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP and NSW Attorney General, The Hon. Mark Speakman MP.



BUS FUNDING

FRRR – TIMEOUT

Youth Opportunities - airBUS

Lakes Coal/ CCCouncil – One Stop Shop

Commonwealth Bank – Celebrate Safely

DET Aboriginal Education & Wellbeing Unit/FaCS/CCCC programming

NSW Community Safety Funding Program - YOUcare

Elderslee Foundation – philanthropic funding

Community Support Funding CCC -Uminafest

Club GRANTS – On The Road



EARLY INTERVENTION PLACEMENT PROGRAM (EIPP)



GAIL COSENTINO

TEAM LEADER



SANDY SMALL

INTAKE CASEWORKER |
YPRS



LEXI MORRIS - LOVELL

CYF CASEWORKER | GENQ



BECK JOHNSON

PROGRAM WORKER
WYOMING YOUTH CENTRE



CAROLINE MENDES

CASEWORKER WYONG



MADDI RENYOLDS

CASEWORKER



PAUL EASTER

YOUTH WORKER
WYOMING YOUTH CENTRE



JAY MACDONALD

YOUTH WORKER
WYOMING YOUTH CENTRE



BRONWYN SMITH

INTERN RESOURCE
WORKER

HIGHLIGHTS

In April 2018 Regional Youth Support Services (RYSS) CEO Kim McLoughry and EIPP Team Leader Gail Cosentino were honoured to be invited to present the RYSS Early Intervention & Placement Prevention (EIPP) best practice Youth Transitional Housing model, along with a young Indigenous family who have recently come through the transition housing program, to speak directly to Michael Coutts-Trotter and CEO's from around NSW at the Youth Action (peak) Youth Framework "The 10 Elements" launch. We were proud to be recognised as addressing all the 10 Elements that were launched, in our work with young people.

In June 2018, on the back of our presentation at Youth Action, the Director General FaCS, Michael Coutts-Trotter accepted our invitation to visit RYSS in Gosford. The Secretary spent time with young people and their families who had come through, and are currently in, the Early Intervention program, taking the time to listen to their stories. and hear about the support given under Transitional Supported Housing program with Early Intervention and restoration.

WYONG

From January 2018, we commenced delivery of EIPP supports in the Wyong Shire, specifically targeting young people across the northern end of the Central Coast. RYSS employed two new caseworkers to set up “Hub” locations in collaboration with local youth agencies and neighbourhood centres across the Wyong Shire.

To June 2018, the Wyong team has had contact with 123 young people. These young people presented with a variety of issues including Mental Health, Housing, Parenting supports and Education and Training needs, supporting them through Advice Information, Referral and Case Management. Eight of these clients have been supported on to the “Rent Choice Youth Subsidy”, giving them the chance to find their own private rental properties and access support in the years ahead.

The response from other services in the Wyong LGA has been positive, enabling the Wyong Case Work Team to develop and build new collaborations to deliver community events, and “Hot Desk” at locations such as The Young Parents Hub, Toukley Neighbourhood Centre and The Entrance Neighbourhood Centre.

Wyong EIPP has partnered with Toukley Neighbourhood Centre and Phoenix Youth Services on a fortnightly basis to provide young people in the area with support and afternoon tea at “Youth Yard”. Other new collaborations include Dale School, Wesley Parent’s Next, Employment Plus Wyong, FRS, The Top Blokes program, Coast Shelter, Financial Counsellor, Wadalba Community School, and FACS Housing.



YOUTH PRIVATE RENTAL SUBSIDY

RYSS have embraced the Rent Choice Youth - Youth Private Rental Subsidy (YPRS) and in partnership with FaCS Housing NSW we have been successful in supporting 17 young people into the private rental market, 9 of which are young families seeking assistance under EIPP, 6 are young people seeking the next step in their transitional accommodation journey, and 2 are young people with disabilities, supported alongside the RYSS Abilities program.

With the announcement of the Rent Choice fee-for service offered to agencies, RYSS will continue to provide support and review on a 3-month basis up to 36 months to vulnerable young people on the Central Coast who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness.



QUOTES

FROM SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

“Sorry for all the crap yesterday, but thank you for sticking with me and helping. It may not seem like it at times when I don’t want the help, but when I’m in the right mind I really do appreciate it”.

- Male ET College Student

“As well as so many other things RYSS has been there for me every step of the way”

- Homeless young male, who went through the RYSS transitional housing program.

“... I can’t thank you enough for all the time you have put into me, I’m super blessed and thankful and I know my mum would be very stoked for you being my case worker...”

- Client Quote from homeless young person who had recently lost a parent. Sat 21 Oct 2017

This young person had just secured her own private rental property through Youth Private Rental Subsidy.

WYOMING YOUTH SKILLS CENTRE (WYSC) – RYSS WYOMING

Wyoming Youth Skills Centre has had an influx of young people transitioning from year 6 to high school attending WYSC programs which is encouraging for the next generation of young people attending our centre. WYSC delivered the wonderful “Family Wellbeing Program” Central Coast Primary Care for Indigenous young men on a Friday, and the “Better Days Program” in collaboration with Tuggerah Lake Community College.

Wyoming Youth Centre looks forward to continued partnerships in delivering support groups to Child Youth and Families in the local area, such as Early Intervention programs for parents and children “Circle of Security” with Central Coast Family Support Service, continued “Living Skills, Rent It Keep It, and Education and Training courses

PROGRAM WORKER

This year we welcomed Beck Johnson to the EIPP team as the new Program Worker for Wyoming Youth Skills Centre -WYSC. WYSC has had a jam packed 12 months with many exciting and engaging programs taking place. These programs assist our Youth Workers to build rapport with young people and determine areas of young people’s lives that need early intervention. Our Centre provides young people with a safe and fun environment where they can access activities, chat with a worker and hang out with friends, and access more formal supports if required.

THE SHED

The Shed is a learning space for young people to learn woodwork skills while creating fun projects. Participants learn to use power tools, hand tools and wood burners under our facilitator Paul's guidance and to create coasters, guitar racks, boomerangs, candle holders and blackboards. Participants were also planted and grew herbs in our garden.

COOKING, SPORT AND FITNESS

Tuesday's provide young people the opportunity to learn cooking skills based around affordable and nutritious meals that they can then implement in their homes. Participants prepared, cooked and served meals collectively while also engaging in sport and group activities.

DIY

Young people work with our Facilitator Jay to make wild, wacky and fun creations including slime, volcanoes, bouncy balls, lava lamps, Easter eggs, soup and crystals. Participants were able to take their experiments home along with the skills they have learnt.



LIVING SKILLS

The Living Skills Program was delivered twice per term, over eight (8) weeks, with referrals coming from external agencies such as Youth Private Rental Subsidy (YPRS), Catholic Care and Salvation Army Employment Plus, Wesley Mission and Coast Shelter.

In June 2018, through consultation with facilitators and in an effort to better meet the needs of clients, it was decided that the program would be run full time over three (3) days out of WYSC, and over three (3) weeks part time out of Wyong “Young Parents Hub”. This allowed for the program to be completed more quickly with the same components and more hands on activities for the young people, including accessing computers to complete their online applications with FaCS Housing whilst completing the course. New modules Rent It Keep It (RIKI), Budgeting, Household Skills and Employability were added, giving hands on skills utilising the kitchen and computer suite at WYSC.

CASE SCENARIOS

Starting as a FaCS referral, a young mother received intensive casework support through the transitional housing program after leaving a DFV relationship to gain restoration of her Aboriginal daughter. She was given restoration 5 days before Christmas, and has since saved over \$10,000, is completing her Community Services Certificate at TAFE, and has now moved into a Private Rental through FaCS Housing NSW’s Start Safely.

RYSS Wyong have supported a number of Case managed clients to better one young Mother who has a two-year-old and is currently pregnant with twins and was in a great deal of debt has been linked in with a Financial Counsellor via case worker and has now had \$21,000 of debt waived along with also completing a WDO to ensure she is able to keep her licence.

GEN Q

26 young people directly accessed GenQ for the monthly programs, resources, advice, and referrals, not including GenQ utilising the BUS for community engagement at events, such as the Christmas Fair, the Aurora Project, and National Youth Week 2018, where hundreds of young people accessed GenQ. This year, GenQ covered a range of topics during their monthly meetings, including XXX. These topics were devised, guided, and led by the young people in the groups, and helped to raise awareness, provide a safe and comfortable space for discussion and allowed for the discussion of challenging ideas.





STAFF SNAPSHOT

BRONWYN SMITH
YOUTH & FAMILY INTERN
RESOURCE WORKER

Since completing my HSC in 2017 aspiring to become a social worker, I commenced my Certificate III in Business to get a job to save for my studies in social work. I applied for an internship at Regional Youth Support Services (RYSS) and started my role of Resource Worker/ Administration Intern in April 2018.

In the short time I have been in the role I've come to learn about RYSS and its local community engagements. Having minimal experience in this organisation I have become more confident in the role in answering incoming calls, greeting people at the front desk, attending/minuting meetings, and assisting my work colleagues. My favourite part of being in the position, is making the front desk an approachable safe space for every young person who comes into the space. I believe each and every caseworker positively impacts every young person that walks through RYSS' doors and can't wait to someday do the same.



INDIGENOUS JUSTICE PROGRAM

The Indigenous Justice Program has continued to deliver a broad range of supports to clients across the Central Coast, in order to meet their identified needs and goals. IJP remains focused on supporting young males as they approach their release date from the Frank Baxter Detention Centre, and further for up to 2 years post release either in the context of intensive transitional accommodation, or via case management within their community. Our case management delivery continues to support young people to reduce and cease their engagement in crime and the justice system, and to that end the program has delivered a number of impressive client outcomes. The program has supported clients in completing their schooling, in job seeking, along their journeys in health and mental health assessment and treatment, and fundamentally within their pathway to better understanding and further in-depth engagement in their culture and community. IJP has a range of resources and stakeholder services available to it, to ensure that clients of the program are able to prioritise, access and engage in the most appropriate supports, within meaningful timeframes, and in areas that are local and familiar to them.

The program has achieved success across all KPI areas, as stipulated by the current funding agreement, and has further used its extraordinary strength in partnerships and resource development to ensure that young people engaging in the supports of IJP receive the best and most appropriate levels of support, to ensure every success.

One such success relates to a young person, aged 17, who after engaging with IJP not only remained connected to her school, but completed her HSC with strong results in subjects that were identified as most valuable to her and her future (including cultural studies), secured casual employment in hospitality, and most recently exited the transitional accommodation program to her own private rental property, where she continues to maintain her (now part time) employment, and remains committed to completing her studies in business. During the course of her support period with RYSS, this young person has reconnected with her mother, remained a positive and appropriate support for her brother, and has maintained a high level of engagement and interest in her understanding and her participation in her culture. RYSS are proud and privileged to have been part of this young person's journey to independence, and are encouraged by her successes.

BARRY J DUNCAN

TEAM LEADER



During the course of the year, RYSS and in particular IJP were invited to be part of a new initiative of the local Children's Court, whereby young aboriginal people could be offered a direct pathway into IJP for assessment of goals and ongoing support – with the hope that this higher level of support would result in a reduction in further or ongoing presentations before the court. As a result of this opportunity, several young people are currently being assisted by IJP in this context, and while the arrangement is in the early stages of implementation, the results are encouraging.

One young male in particular has started to rebuild positive family relationships, is able to better articulate and advocate for his own needs and alongside this is demonstrating an emerging and keen interest in his culture and heritage. We continue to engage with the Magistrates at Woy Woy Children's Court and for further referrals of this nature, and expect that time will further develop this aspect of IJP support into a new and exciting avenue with tangible and sustainable results for any young people who seek the opportunity to be part of this program. The inception of this idea came in part from opportunities earlier in the year, where RYSS were invited to speak with Magistrates

and Judges of the Woy Woy Children's Court, and following from that, RYSS participated in further contacts including hosting a cultural visit and community discussion alongside the NSW Judicial Commission. At the Judicial Visit the Courts clearly indicated that they were looking for options and RYSS IJP seized the opportunity to promote our casework, community connection and supported housing program.

RYSS has remained committed to perhaps the longest running partnership within the program, that being between IJP and Girakool Centre at the Frank Baxter Detention Centre. IJP attends Frank Baxter Detention Centre as part of the Living Skills Program where forty eight (48) young people over a twelve month period participated in the program. This courses' popularity among young people in the centre is often cited as being due to presenting opportunities for real and meaningful development of practical skills and understanding, this ensures that young people approaching their release from custody are well prepared once entering the community. The recently revitalised program offers content that covers tenancy matters, education and employment access, including mock interviews and resume preparations, as well as topics of health and mental health awareness and service access in the community, and social and positive interaction topics and discussions. RYSS is delighted to remain focused on the delivery of this valuable and insightful element of support for young people, and is proud of the successes this program in itself achieves.

We continue to build on the relationships that foster greater understanding about our clientele these include but are not limited to NSW Police Brisbane Waters Command, Department of Juvenile Justice, Depart of Education, Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Centre, Bara Barang and the Local Courts. RYSS and IJP are respected and held in high esteem within these agencies.

The Indigenous Justice Program has been pro-active in engaging the Aboriginal Community on the Central Coast with a number of significant events. Having just built and launched the Yarning Circle and its dedication on the 9th July RYSS Wyoming is fast becoming a cultural hub with approximately 80 people attending the dedication ceremony. Aunty Madeline McGrady spoke eloquently and with great authority in welcoming everyone and giving a hear felt acknowledgement of her role in the film industry. The Yarning Circle is a great initiative that will promote discussion in a culturally appropriate manner free from judgement or ridicule.

NAIDOC Week is celebrated by all staff at RYSS with senior staff proudly wearing the official "Because of her we can" polo shirts, along with the RYSS logo proudly displayed. Alongside the RYSS BUS, IJP was proudly represented both in the formal Gosford and Wyong NAIDOC celebrations, from which a number of client interactions and service connections were generated.

RYSS staff are comfortable to approach IJP staff when issues involving Aboriginality or linking services into clients, this provides a great wrap around service and prevents clients from being isolated with RYSS. Staff development and ongoing training opportunities remains an essential focus of the program, to ensure that clients have access to workers with the most up to date, professional, and relevant support mechanisms. This year has seen a key focus on the development of staff in the context of understanding trauma, and training in Trauma Informed Practice, and staff in IJP continue to see the benefits and practical application of this training.



KAREN SMITH

IJP CASE WORKER

ABILITIES



KERRY HAMILTON

TEAM LEADER

YEARLY OVERVIEW

RYSS Abilities has engaged 84 young people with disabilities who live on the Central Coast. RYSS Abilities staff support participants with physical, intellectual, psychological and sensory disabilities. RYSS offers a range of services under the National Disability Insurance Scheme and supports young people to achieve goals outlined within their NDIS plan. During 2017/2018 RYSS Abilities has seen a dramatic growth – increasing client load by 50 young people through the course of the year, equalling almost one new person every week. Within this dramatic growth in client numbers, the program continues to provide quality, strength based, participant focused engagement, each of which are key determinants of the successes seen and achievements made by so many of the supported young people in this program. RYSS Abilities has been supporting participants in tenancy and accommodation, daily living skills, social and community participation, capacity building, support coordination and group activities.

Abilities participants have been taking part in a range of group courses which include Cooking, Women's group, Music Making, Photography and Men's group. Each group has its own unique focus, and over the course of usually 8 sessions, the facilitator guides the group in building their social engagement, confidence, and helps each young person to better engage and interact in their chosen area of interest. These groups are a testament to the innovation and creativity not just of the clients we support, but also for the staff who create them. These groups are the result of the commitment of the RYSS staff who develop them – each program is developed, structured, and delivered by RYSS staff, in response to the identified needs of the young people they are supporting. We encourage this opportunity with staff, as it allows for a responsive, creative and agile approach to ensuring RYSS programs are relevant and in context with the current needs of young people and clients of the service.

“Disability is not inability”

-unknown

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUCCESS

One major achievement this year is RYSS Abilities embarked on their first “Supported Independent Living” (SIL) funded participant. This participant moved into a Pacific Link property at the end of December with RYSS providing 24-hour support. During the six months he was supported he achieved many milestones including learning to travel independently, shop, cook, do laundry and dishes.

Other main achievements of Abilities participants are: several young people who have volunteered on the RYSS BUS events where they have overcome anxiety and other challenges in order to promote RYSS, numerous young people take part in Youth Arts Warehouse programs and perform on stage in front of audiences and some who live in Pacific Link properties and maintain a healthy lifestyle and participate in the community despite having no other formal supports or family to assist them.

Often achievements of participants can seem small compared to everyone else, however to Abilities participants these successes can be life changing. Some examples include: a participant being able to sign her signature for the first time in many years, a young participant passing their driving test or a participant walking on the beach for the first time in years who has a fear of water.



YOUTH ARTS WAREHOUSE



SHARON ALDRICK

YOUTH ARTS WAREHOUSE COORDINATOR

The Youth Arts Warehouse is the go to venue for young people to be mentored under creative industry professionals to develop their confidence and talents through the facilitation of three core disciplines: Visual/digital arts, Music and Theatre.

The Warehouse is a point of access for high quality arts services; resources and facilities where young people can create, rehearse, exhibit and perform entirely on site in a safe and encouraging environment. By producing innovative, cutting edge productions by young people that connect to our local community, our organisation helps to create a culturally stronger and healthier community. The Youth Arts Warehouse had over 2000 young people access the Youth Arts Warehouse for programs and events in this past year, employed thirteen artists and young people and six volunteers.

We have provided employment opportunities for local arts practitioners and provided Young People with professional creative development, mentorship and leadership programs, training and pathways into further education.



PLAY WRITE - INTERSECTION

The Youth Arts Warehouse presented “The Kingdom of Gosfordium.” A play developed by the minds of our young emerging playwrights that had our audiences laughing over two nights. The Play Write Theatre Group, under the leadership of producer Sharon Aldrick and writer/ director, Andrew Thomson, collaborated to develop the medieval theme, which incorporated our local culture and landmarks into the script. The city of Gosford as we know it was imaginatively transformed into a medieval realm, full of serfs, dragons and jesters!

Our talented actors love performing, the Kingdom of Gosfordium has been an enjoyable endeavour to create. “I’ve been part of YAW and the Play Write program for the last couple of years. When I started, I had recently moved from Canada, I didn’t know anyone in the Coast. It felt amazing to be welcomed into the family here at Play Write, I’ve made many wonderful, life-long friends! I feel I have a place I can belong to and be with other like-minded people, while exploring our artistic minds and having our voices heard.” Said Jera Nichols, one of our many creative actors.

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

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

Lily M.

This year we partnered with The Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP) to produce INTERSECTION a program for Young People to create innovative and dynamic new performance works that engage with our community. This program supports young, emerging and professional theatre artists in our region, providing a range of theatre skill building activities in stagecraft, script analysis, scene structure, linear & non-linear storytelling. Our Play Write group had a field trip to Griffin Theatre to see one of ATYP’s plays Intersection Chrysalis, which provided a great opportunity to see what ATYP young writers are producing. The group had a great night and came back full of inspiration.





MUSIC

The Youth Arts Warehouse received Funding from Create NSW to support The MOVEMENT MUSIC MIND PROJECT a wonderfully innovative project for young people with disability. Performance artist Lucy Watson and Musician's Luke Mahler and Mike McCarthy worked in residence at the warehouse space over two terms developing a cutting edge, contemporary, multidisciplinary performance, and music piece with developing the talents of 12 selected young people.

YAW is a safe place for exploring creative expression, movement, musical collaboration and learning. It's where diversity is embraced and young people facing challenges can let their talents shine through, in our warehouse space and recording studio, using the latest software and electronic instruments to achieve their musical goals. We continued our 'Club Weld' Music Makers project and our participants got to see their original music and songs uploaded to Sound Cloud and they performed at our end of year showcase.

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

This year we created a work experience position to work on our Club Weld project as an assistant lighting and sound technician. This Young Person has a hearing disability and has a dream to work in the industry and hopes to build his skills while gaining hands on experience.

HEY WIRE- WQRDS

Five selected youth leaders spent a year creatively capturing key youth focused topics around the LGBTQIA+ community and presented these to the local community in a positive way through a Digital Media Hub. The team went off into the community to actively promote the Youth Hub and interview and engage young people from all over the Coast. They went to Ourimbah University, The Five Lands community event and Umina Beach markets, they also produced 9 full length and 6 quick WQRDS podcasts that was aired every fortnight and uploaded to Facebook and viewed on sound cloud. This project enabled a positive contribution to community ensuring they have a place in sharing concerns, celebrating diversity and contributing to develop their own role in society. The WQRDS website was full of useful links, resources and services, providing information sharing.

FILM - DIGITAL MEDIA

Oliver and Jera came on board to work as our digital media team, addressing local youth culture, stories, issues and building a strong hub of creative's while celebrating YAW young people through promoting our programs and events through social media.

Our dedication to professional mentoring, leading to education and career pathways saw two of our filmmakers going on to study Film and Media Oliver at AFTRS and Ethan at Macquarie University. Oliver and a young team of emerging writers, actors and filmmakers were mentored under Filmmaker Lliam Worthington from New Realms Films. They worked together producing a short film script INSIDE THESE WALLS and a cast of 15 emerging filmmakers (some from AFTRS) transformed a house on the Central Coast into a film set and shot the contemporary and moving short film over three days.

Inside These Walls film is the story of four young people and a pivotal event that happened in their lives that transformed the way they are now and the way they look at the world. The stories of these four young people that had a passion and dream have now been developed into a beautiful film and can be viewed on our YAW YouTube channel



PHOTOGRAPHY

Our commitment to developing quality programs for young people with disability led us to develop new programs to work together with the NDIS scheme. We developed 'An introduction to digital photography' course, and our participants got to learn about SLR camera's, lighting, portraiture, composition and editing software while getting hands on experience. The photographs they produced were of exceptional high standard and it was great to see how proud they were of achieving such great images.

KARIONG NEIGHBORHOOD CENTRE 'IN MY SHOES'

This year we partnered up with Kariong Neighborhood Centre offering our expertise in script writing and film making to produce a series of short films on Anti-Bullying that will work as an educational tool to combat some real issues happening in young peoples lives. We workshopped with the Kariong Oosh kids to develop the idea's for the script and then cast the actors and shot four short concepts at The Youth Arts Warehouse with Films for Change. This wonderful project came about through funding from The Premiers Fund for Social Cohesion and combated some current bullying topics such as cyber bullying, racism, isolation and physical abuse. These videos can be viewed online and used in Schools and youth groups to create a conversation about methods to prevent bullying.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Youth Arts Warehouse has a wealth of supporters that come in and work with our artists to impart their wonderful knowledge, inspire us and help us reach high artistic merit in our productions. We have the support of ATYP and Actor/Writer Rob Carlton who comes and works with our Theatre group. Two trips to Sydney to see ATYP productions with our Play Write group and a Master class with ATYP in script development, our theatre group had a site tour to the Skillion with Nina Angelo a local artist, author and historian, Lliam Worthington from New Realms Films mentored our Digital Media team Thank you to all these creative, talented people who gave their time and expertise to the YAW students.

PARTNERS & FUNDERS

The Youth Arts Warehouse works with our emerging artists and produces professional productions open to the community and also tours them so the works have a life outside of the Youth Arts Warehouse. We do this by developing successful important partnerships with key organisations and community groups to aid in the delivery of projects and events by using each other's strengths, knowledge and sharing resources.

The relationships we have formed with our stakeholders are vital for a healthy, rich cultural region. Our goal is to keep producing quality programs, bringing donors, businesses, artists and arts organisations together to foster a more sustainable and vibrant arts sector.

Thank you to Gosford City Council for their continued support through their community grants, Wyong Shire Council, Indent Music NSW, STAR FM and The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). Thank you to Create NSW our main project funder for the year. This year our WQRDS team worked together with The Rhythm Hut and the local community to hold a fundraiser event, a wonderful night of music, dance, drumming and celebrating diversity was held. Thank you to Melanie and The Rhythm Hut for their support.



YAW STATS

Partners Involved - 13

Programs - 16

Events Held - 4

Workshops Delivered - 183

Participants/Young People Engaged - 189

YAW Audience - 1185

Outreach Activities Delivered - 10

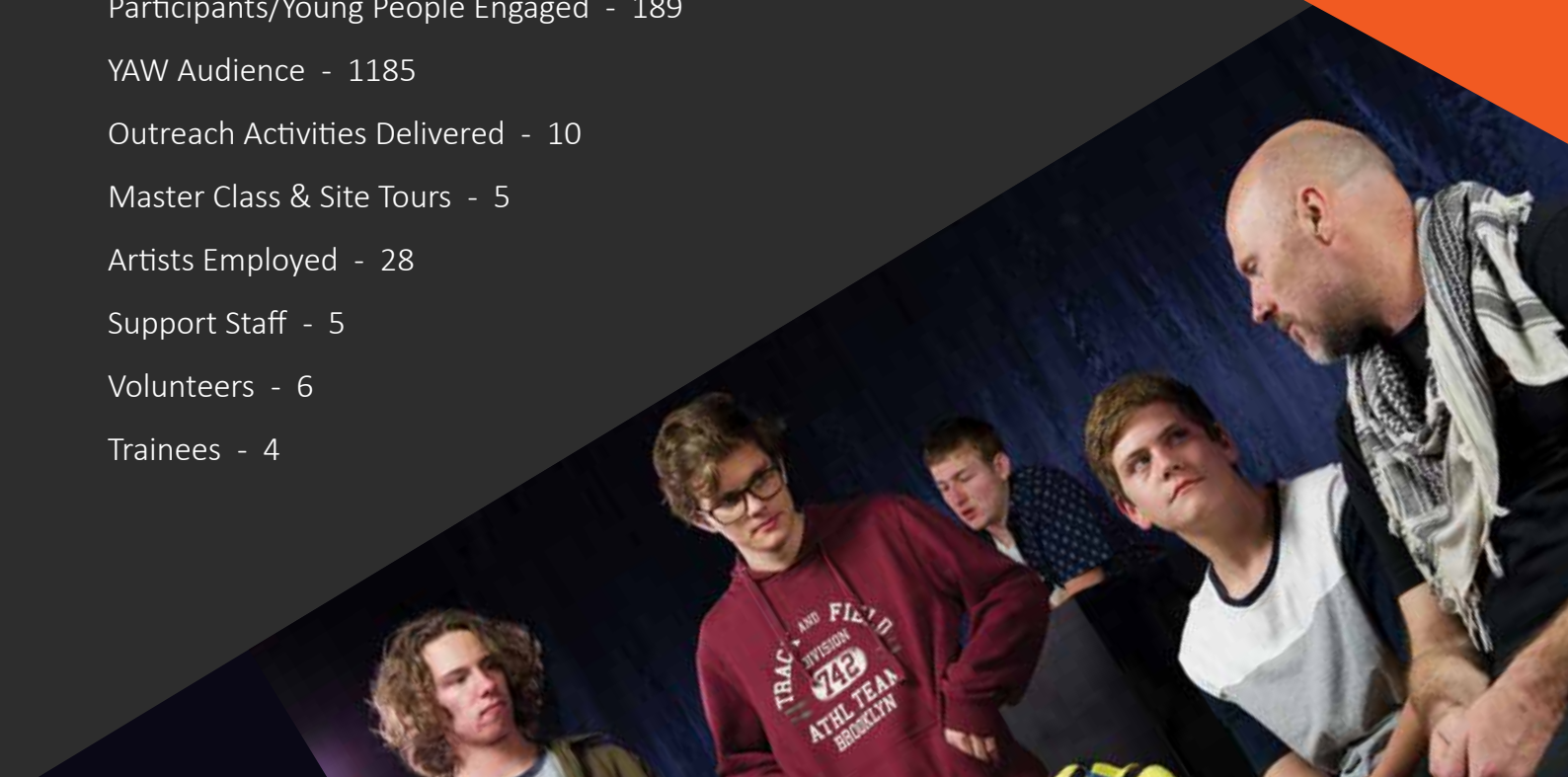
Master Class & Site Tours - 5

Artists Employed - 28

Support Staff - 5

Volunteers - 6

Trainees - 4





Central Coast Comicon 2018 was a fundraising event of epic proportions for RYSS. Another highly successful day that was more thrilling and exciting than ever before. It was our third year running CC Comicon, a one day event showcasing comic books, science fiction/ fantasy related film television, popular arts a range of pop culture and entertainment elements across all genres; Including horror, animation, anime, manga, toys, collectibles, card games, video games, web comics and fantasy novels.

HIGHLIGHTS

Artist Alley – local artists, writers and stalls.

Workshops - Special FX Make up, Illustrators, Prop creation, Cosplay.

Lego

Cosplay Competitions

Activities – Animation Studio Panel, ObiWan Academy, Celebrity Signings, Live Performances, Games with Good Games Gosford, Archery and Swordcraft.

Merchandising Stalls: Collectibles and Memorabilia,

Fantasy Art and Books, Comics and Collectibles, Movie Props, Steam Punk Clothes, Quirky Accessories, Pop Culture Collectibles & Novelty Fan Art.

COMICON STATS

Over 3000 people attended the event.

The Facebook page and social media advertising reached over 66,000 and the Comicon Facebook page received a following of 1198 likes.

The Comicon Website www.cccomicon.com.au had 4518 users.

The net funds raised from Central Coast Comicon 2018 was \$33,392.90. All funds will go back to supporting vulnerable young people of the Central Coast.

We would like to sincerely thank the following people for all their efforts and hard work in making Central Coast Comicon 2018 the success that it was.

VOLUNTEERS AND STALLS

Greg Denning & 1st Gosford Scouts
 Dave Tanaire & East Gosford Rotary Club
 Alanna Julian & Rotaract
 Ray Southern
 Clair Hoffman from Ability Links
 Army Cadets

SPONSORS

Sea FM
 Kiwk Kopy Gosford
 Gosford Showground
 Bendigo Bank
 Central Coast Council
 NBN Television

VIP GUESTS

Greg Van Borssum
 Jacinta Leong
 Dane Hallet
 Daniel O'Malley

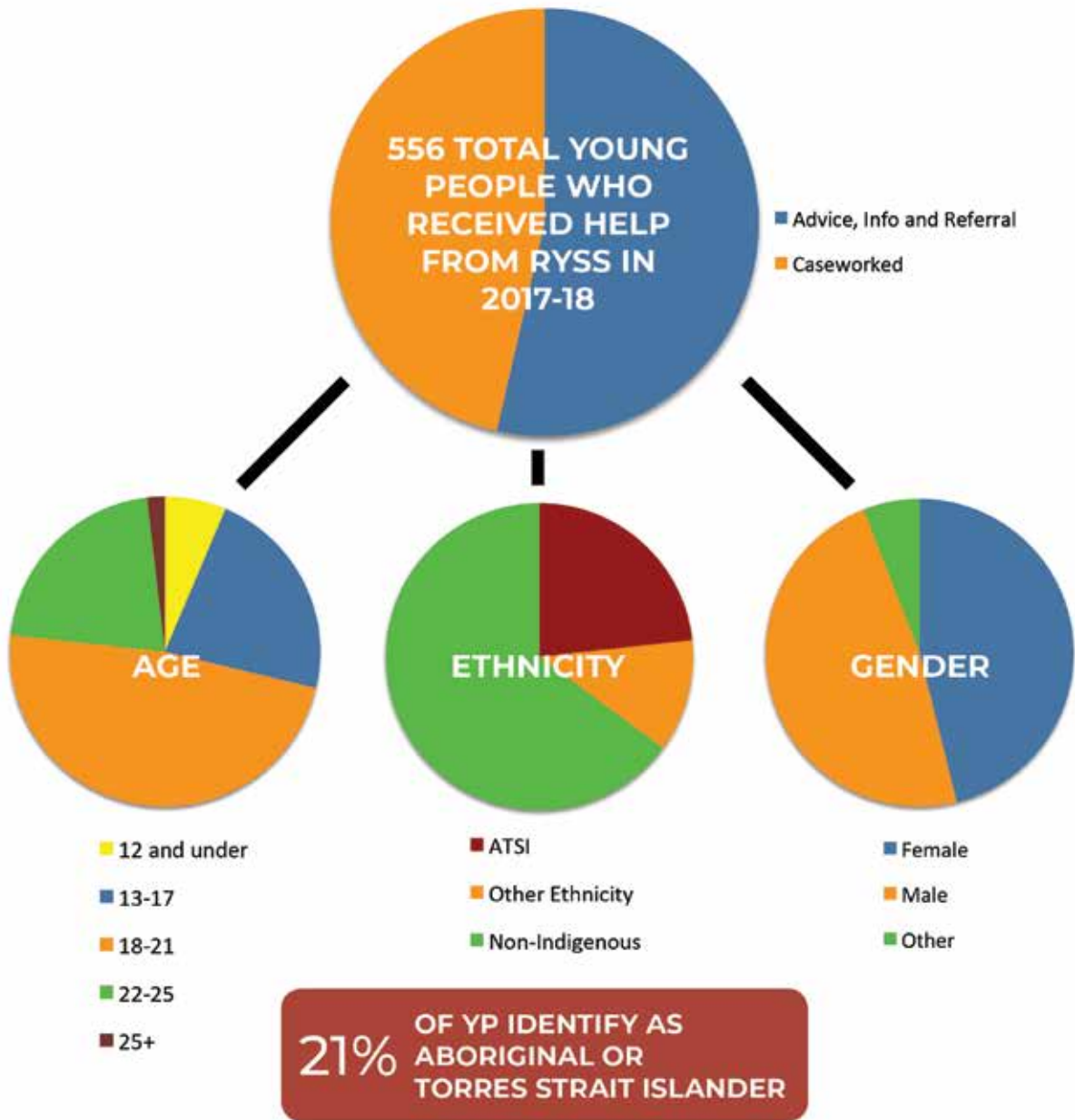
PERFORMERS

Natasha Mews
 Voltron Panel
 Johnny Deviltseed & Old Man Rubes
 Tarnished Cosplay

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Annual General Meeting Minutes of Regional Youth Support Services Tuesday 24th October 2017

In Attendance:

Barry J Duncan, Alex O'Neal, Virginia Walshaw, Chris Holstein, Chris Krogh, Geoff Hynd, Taylor Bartley, Alexa Morris-Lovell, Sandy Small, Simon Stevens, Kim McLoughry, Ric Norton, Peter Potter, Deborah Warwick, Gail Cosentino, Robert O'Neil, John Mazaroli, Erin Poulton, Brad Perry, Paul Easter, Leah Weber, Alicia Settle, Trudie Steen, Westley Chresta, Adam Brierley, Maddison Reynolds, Sue Sposito, Jackson Sneade, Lara Jones, Tanya Thurlby, Janice Atkinson, Alex Whymark, Paige Wiggins, Alex Donald, Tara Adams, Lani Pomare, Ellodre Perry

Minutes:

Lara Jones

Meeting Opened:

4.05 pm

1. Welcome by Chairperson – Geoff Hynd:

RYSS acknowledgement to Country – Barry J Duncan, one minutes silence was observed for past elders.

2. Apologies:

Wayne Fuller, Harry Luck, Lauren Daalmeyer, Ray Southern, Sharon Aldrick.

3. Confirmation of Minutes (AGM 2016):

Tabled Geoff Hynd – Moved Deborah Warwick Second Taylor Bartley

4. Table Reports and Presentations:

A. Chairperson's Report – Geoff Hynd

- Refer to annual report.
- Congratulations to Chris Holstein for being appointed Deputy Mayor.

- The BUS project that was launched in 2016 has been a success with the Management Committee very proud with its unique ability to provide services to the Central Coast.
- With the NDIS transition the Management Committee restructured the Abilities section of the business to enable RYSS to provide more varied services to existing clients and future clients.
- Chair acknowledged all RYSS staff and thanked them for their efforts.

B. Treasurer and Audit Report – John Mazaroli

- Refer to annual report.
- Treasurer acknowledged that the organisation is in great shape referencing that 2016/2017 was a difficult year with the ADHC to NDIS transition. Fortunately RYSS navigated around and future looking bright.
- Noted that RYSS has comfortable reserves.
- Auditor, Robert O’Neil noted that 2016/2017 was a good surplus and that there were no significant audit findings and that if anyone had any queries they could contact him.

C. CEO’s Report – Kim McLoughry

- Refer to annual report.
- CEO noted RYSS’ growth in staff with 17 permanent and 20 casuals and thanked the staff for their efforts.
- CEO acknowledged that taking a role ‘at the back’ and is focusing on a more strategic role.
- RYSS has received TAP funding under ADHC/NDIS which is focusing on the RYSS 5 year plan. Also included in this is reviewing RYSS as a ‘business’ as well as a not for profit and a charity enabling RYSS to implement new systems, committees with a focus on work health and safety and documentation among other areas.
- The new position of Finance Manager has been implemented with Lara Jones doing an excellent job in this role. Thanks to Alex O’Neal, Wayne Fuller and John Mazaroli, RYSS is on firm ground financially with the NDIS transition.
- RYSS is about to undergo verification with regards to the NDIS however this is a whole organisation verification with the view of a higher standard than other service providers.
- RYSS has engaged Employsure, who has provided guidance on improving RYSS’ HR policies and procedures.
- RYSS has secured the next 3 years of funding from FACS and are active at a local and state levels and considered leaders in the sector.
- RYSS has received 2 awards this year, the first being the Woman of the Year Entrepreneur Award for Kim McLoughry from BPW Australia and Excellence In Innovation Award from Gosford/Erina Chamber of Commerce. These were awarded against major corporates and for profit businesses.
- Confirmed that CCComicon and the Dyslexia Ball will be annual fundraising events for RYSS on the back of their 2017 success.
- The Elderslee Foundation has made a commitment to RYSS of a considerable amount of money over the next 3 years for the BUS project and the outreach program. This is especially significant as RYSS expands into the Wyong Shire.

- This is all supported by the EIPP, Arts, Abilities and IJP teams with a special mention that the IJP team has presented in Canberra earlier this month.

5. Table reports and brief overview – Alex O’Neal:

- Refer to annual report.
- 2017 is the first complete year of providing support under NDIS with the transition being an overall success with RYSS having started with 13 young people and now having 23 young people being supported. In addition to this RYSS currently has 13 young people being supported on a short term basis.
- Noted the full implementation of the BUS project and wide spread reputation of its targeted program and full capacity.
- Noted statistics of engagement with young people and their various requirements and RYSS’ success with those engagements (refer to annual report) within the EIPP, Arts, IJP and Abilities programmes.
- Wyoming Youth Centre has yet again had a busy year with numerous young people engaging in the various programmes including the wood shed and living skills.
- YAW continues to provide space and various activities to young people including music and drama.
- All RYSS programmes have met their KPI’s for the year and iPlanit provides a wealth of evidence based information for the business and is a valuable resource. It was noted that in the 2016/2017 RYSS had over 9,000 contacts with young people.
- Attention was drawn to the relay video that was being displayed of RYSS’ activities and acknowledgment was made to Sharon Aldrick.

6. Youth Presentation – Alex:

- Gail Cosentino introduced Alex, a RYSS young person, to tell his story of strength and resourcefulness, of where he has been and where he has come to today.

7. Chair of meeting taken by Returning Officer - Ric Norton

- Returning Officer noted his position and relevance to RYSS as being the Community and Planning Officer at FACS Gosford.
- It was noted and congratulated on RYSS’ 31 years in operation for youth on the Central Coast and the strong representation that RYSS has with the interagency’s.
- It was also noted that RYSS has a strong reputation in the sector especially with its service delivery and that FACS does not hear any negative feedback or complaints.
- **Nomination/Election of Association Members**

Returning Officer announced nominees:

Barry J Duncan, Alex O’Neal, Virginia Walshaw, Chris Holstein, Alexa Morris-Lovell, Sandy Small, Simon Stevens, Kim McLoughry, Gail Cosentino, Brad Perry, Paul Easter, Leah Weber, Alicia Settle, Adam Brierley, Lara Jones, Janice Atkinson, Sharon Aldrick

Resolution: Returning Officer – show of hands. Carried

- **Nomination/Election Office Bearers:**

Returning Officer announced nominees:

Chairperson:	Geoff Hynd
Vice Chairperson:	Deborah Warwick
Secretary:	Taylor Bartley
Treasurer:	John Mazaroli
General Committee:	Wayne Fuller Ray Southern Erin Poulton

Resolution: Returning Officer – show of hands. Carried

8. Nomination/Election of Public Officer:

Returning Officer announced nominee:

Geoff Hynd

Resolution: Returning Officer – show of hands. Carried

9. Election of Auditor for 2017/2018:

Returning Officer noted that due to a restructure there is a new Auditing company however the auditor is the same and noted that Robert O’Neil was in attendance as its representative.

Returning Officer announced Auditor:

Horizon Accounting Solutions

Resolution: Returning Officer – show of hands. Carried

10. Incoming Chairperson takes chair of meeting – Geoff Hynd

- Chairperson thanked the Returning Officer.
- Chairperson thanked Peter for providing music preceding the meeting.

Close meeting 4:40 pm

Next General Committee Meeting 28th November 2017 5:00 pm

Annual Report - RYSS -2018

Regional Youth Support Services Inc
ABN 62365679631
For the year ended 30 June 2018

Prepared by Horizon Accounting Solutions

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Committee's Report

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

1. Committee's Report

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Regional Youth Support Services Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

Committee Members

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

- Geoff Hynd
- Deborah Warwick
- Ray Southeren
- Wayne Fuller
- Taylor Bartley
- John Mazaroli
- Erin Poulton (24/10/2017)

Principal Activities

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

- Providing youth support services.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to:

	CURRENT YEAR	LAST YEAR
Profit		
Profit	233,412	59,834
Total Profit	233,412	59,834

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

Chairperson: 

Secretary: 

Dated this 10/9/18.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

Regional Youth Support Services Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2018

Auditor's Independence Declaration

"To the Committee of Regional Youth Support Services Inc "

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the 2018 end year there have been:

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

Name of Firm: Horizon Accounting Solutions

Signed: 

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

Dated this 10/9/18.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

	NOTES	2018	2017
Revenue			
Revenue	2	2,937,599	1,869,849
Other Income	2	43,560	85,604
Total Revenue		2,981,159	1,955,453
Total Income			
		2,981,159	1,955,453
Expenses			
Depreciation		45,082	67,194
Employment Costs		1,692,312	1,209,896
Interest Expenses		-	(165)
Other Expenses		1,010,353	618,693
Total Expenses		2,747,747	1,895,619
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation			
		233,412	59,834
Net Profit After Tax			
		233,412	59,834

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

Balance Sheet

Regional Youth Support Services Inc As at 30 June 2018

	NOTES	30 JUN 2018	30 JUN 2017
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	751,806	588,573
Trade and other receivables	6	562,867	51,415
Other current assets	7	57,735	48,921
Total Current Assets		1,372,408	688,909
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	201,091	187,094
Total Non-Current Assets		201,091	187,094
Total Assets		1,573,498	876,003
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	239,006	66,399
Provisions	10	78,860	65,672
Other current liabilities	11	505,650	227,362
Total Current Liabilities		823,516	359,433
Total Liabilities		823,516	359,433
Net Assets		749,983	516,570
Equity			
Retained Earnings		749,983	516,570
Total Equity		749,983	516,570

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

Movements of Equity

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
Equity		
Opening Balance	516,570	456,737
Increases		
Profit for the Period	233,412	59,834
Total Increases	233,412	59,834
Total Equity	749,983	516,570

Statement of Cash Flows

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
Cash flows from Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	2,856,054	1,973,078
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,654,815)	(1,906,352)
Interest received	8,043	7,982
Finance costs	-	165
Total Cash flows from Operating Activities	209,282	74,873
Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	13,636	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(59,685)	(72,495)
Total Cash flows from Investing Activities	(46,049)	(72,495)
Cash flows from Financing Activities		
Repayment of borrowings	-	(2,992)
Total Cash flows from Financing Activities	-	(2,992)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	163,233	(614)
Cash Balances		
Opening cash balance	588,573	589,187
Closing cash balance	751,806	588,573
Movement in cash	163,233	(614)

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

Notes of the Financial Statements

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

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

Income Tax

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

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

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

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

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

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

Depreciation

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

Impairment of Assets

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

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

Employee Provisions

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

Provisions

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

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

Revenue and Other Income

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

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

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

Leases

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

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

Financial Assets

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

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

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

Grants

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

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

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

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Unearned Income

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

Economic Dependence

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

	2018	2017
2. Revenue		
Revenue		
Donations and fundraising	58,128	53,796
Deductible Gift Recipient DGR	220,100	200
Membership Subscriptions	34	40

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

Notes of the Financial Statements

Rental Income	50,048	52,991
Grants Received	2,609,288	1,762,822
Total Revenue	2,937,599	1,869,849
Other Revenue		
Other Revenue	35,517	77,622
Bank Interest	8,043	7,982
Total Other Revenue	43,560	85,604
Total Revenue	2,981,159	1,955,453
	2018	2017
3. Profit		
Capital Expenditure < \$20,000	1,437	9,091
Capital Purchases < \$1,000	7,321	-
Depreciation	36,324	58,103
	2018	2017
4. Auditor's Remuneration		
Audit Fees	3,150	3,150
Total Auditor's Remuneration	3,150	3,150
	2018	2017
5. Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Bank Accounts		
CBA 1077 4957 EIPP	299	481
CBA 1077 4965 IJP	398	307
CBA 1077 4973 CEO	404	4,626
CBA 1077 4981 Ops Mgr	614	286
CBA 1077 5001 Arts	203	283
CBA 1077 5036 Abilities	401	170
CUA 50831706	9,500	-
NPBS Cash Mgt 985448802	126,574	125,692
NPBS Chq 985415103 - Asset	44,592	26,772
NPBS Term A/c 710857906	314,150	306,413
CBA Chq 1077 4818	253,919	122,330
Total Bank Accounts	751,056	587,359
Other Cash Items		
Cash on Hand	750	1,214
Total Other Cash Items	750	1,214
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	751,806	588,573
	2018	2017
6. Trade and Other Receivables		
Trade Debtors	559,426	48,640

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

Notes of the Financial Statements

Interest Receivable	189	766
TILA Advance	(123)	(106)
Total Other Debtors	3,441	2,775
Total Trade and Other Receivables	562,867	51,415
	2018	2017

7. Other Current Assets

Current		
Prepaid accounts	17,635	21,193
Prepaid Insurance	14,608	13,615
Prepaid M/V Insurances & Rego	7,582	8,760
Prepaid Workers Comp Insurance	17,910	5,354
Total Current	57,735	48,921
Total Other Current Assets	57,735	48,921
	2018	2017

8. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles

Plant & Equipment		
Computer Software @ cost	1,250	1,250
Computer Software Accum Deprec	(422)	(110)
Furniture & Equipment - At Cost	199,899	184,154
Furniture & Equipment - Less Accumulated Depreciation	(175,392)	(176,594)
Leasehold Improvements - At Cost	90,961	78,686
Leasehold Improvements - Less Accumulated Depreciation	(49,695)	(43,187)
Motor Vehicles - At Cost	267,726	257,187
Motor Vehicles - Less Accumulated Depreciation	(133,237)	(114,292)
Total Plant & Equipment	201,091	187,094
Total Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	201,091	187,094
	2018	2017

9. Trade & Other Payables

Trade Payables		
ATO Liabilities	39,288	21,537
Accounts Payable	34,166	5,116
Accrued Expenses	-	1,457
Bonds YAW & WYC	1,500	1,000
Client Bonds	400	400
Electronic Clearing Account	5,662	-
Grants In Advance	143,602	27,500
RESC Salary Sacrifice	440	440
SGC Accruals Payable	13,949	8,948
Total Trade Payables	239,006	66,399
Total Trade & Other Payables	239,006	66,399

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

Notes of the Financial Statements

	2018	2017
10. Provisions		
Provisions		
Provision for Annual leave (21520)	46,171	23,610
Provision for LSL	32,689	42,063
Total Provisions	78,860	65,672
Total Provisions	78,860	65,672
11. Other Financial Liabilities		
Unearned Income	505,650	227,362
Total Other Financial Liabilities	505,650	227,362

12. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2018 and none in the prior year.

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

Certificate by Members of the Committee

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

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

The Committee of the association declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, present fairly the associations' financial position as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. in the Committees' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Chairperson: _____



Secretary: _____



Sign date: _____

10/9/18

Independent Auditors Report

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Regional Youth Support Services Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

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

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Associations Incorporations Act*.

Basis for Opinion

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

Other Information

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in Regional Youth Support Services Inc annual report for the year ended 30 June 2018, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

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

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

Independent Auditor's Report

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

Signed on:



Robert O'Neill - Registered Company Auditor

Firm: Horizon Accounting Solutions

Unit 3 - 42 Victoria Avenue, Toukley NSW 2263.

Dated: 10/9/18

Trading Income Statement

Regional Youth Support Services Inc For the year ended 30 June 2018

	NOTES	2018	2017
Income			
Donations and fundraising		58,128	53,796
Deductible Gift Recipient DGR		220,100	200
Membership Subscriptions		34	40
Rental Income		50,048	52,991
Grants Received		2,609,288	1,762,822
Total Income		2,937,599	1,869,849
Other Income			
Other revenue		35,517	77,622
Bank Interest		8,043	7,982
Total Other Income		43,560	85,604
Total Income		2,981,159	1,955,453
Expenses			
Administration and management fees		513,070	153,864
Motor vehicle		23,888	19,754
Accounting Fees		-	188
Advertising & Promotions		20,476	16,347
Audit Fees		3,150	3,150
Bank Fees & Charges		348	272
Bookkeeping Fees		1	-
BUS Furnishings		140	3,035
Bus Repair & Other		5,225	10,286
Capital Expenditure < \$20,000		1,437	9,091
Capital Purchases < \$1,000		7,321	-
Car Allowance		4,413	854
Cleaner & Cleaning		6,513	4,519
Client Costs - Living Skills		764	762
Client Costs - Rent		8,184	8,966
Client Costs - Sundry Purchase		20,592	23,544
Client Costs Removal/Clean/R&M		3,042	1,600
Computer		-	726
Computer Repairs & Maintenance		833	1,351
Computer Software		290	108
Conferences/Seminars		7,236	2,106
Credit Card Fees		24	60
Depreciation		36,324	58,103
DIS - Other		-	4,395
Donations (61210)		1,250	2,700
Electricity		4,569	4,397
Electronics		457	-

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Trading Income Statement

	NOTES	2018	2017
Entertainment/Gifts/Flowers		541	3,371
Equipment & Set-up Fees		6,205	-
Equipment Including Hire		1,780	1,752
Fees - Workshops, stalls		390	915
Fines		-	650
First Aid Allowance		10,330	750
First Aid Supplies		26	403
Food, Games & Materials		24,462	12,403
Insurance		15,971	12,439
Interest on car loans		-	(165)
Internet Expenses		3,102	934
iPlanet		20,908	22,198
Legal Fees		-	798
Licences & Fees		190	450
Motor Vehicle		15	-
Office Expenses (61270)		3,233	3,281
Office Furniture		290	-
On-call Allowance		4,097	107
Parking Fees		3,001	2,754
Performer's / Artist's Fees		3,745	1,800
Photocopier Maintenance		3,493	2,117
Police Checks		-	109
Postage		281	308
Printing, Stationery, Supplies		21,416	13,520
Professional Supervision		1,290	1,280
Program Transport Costs		3,847	1,947
Provision for Annual leave (62060)		80,033	61,896
Provision for Long Service Leave		(686)	13,965
Provision for Personal Leave (62063)		26,886	12,487
Recording		4,000	-
Rent		40,997	39,966
Rental Outgoings		57,617	57,725
Repairs & Maintenance		5,329	2,973
Resources / Books/ Videos		2,271	-
Security		3,469	3,529
Sleepover Allowance		-	132
Sound & Light Engineering Fees		4,060	9,567
Staff Amenities		4,096	1,081
Subscriptions/Prof M'ships		7,880	2,306
Superannuation		148,170	109,792
Telephone/Mobile Phones		15,355	17,350
Theatre Materials, props etc		1,022	1,223
Tolls		364	182
Training		5,842	7,682
Travel/Accommodation Exps		1,887	1,710
Uniforms		2,467	1,053
Venue Hire		4,773	8,050
Wages & Salaries		1,525,301	1,098,263

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Trading Income Statement

	NOTES	2018	2017
Water Usage/ Waste services		1,425	2,929
Website		556	196
Workers' Compensation		6,220	23,832
Workshop Art & Photo Materials		152	29
YAW Equipment		-	186
YAW R&M / Renovations		100	3,216
Total Expenses		2,747,747	1,895,619
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		233,412	59,834
Net Profit After Tax		233,412	59,834

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