

Newcastle Community +



*Newcastle Youth Interagency
26.2.2015*

@Samaritans- 32 Brunner Rd, Broadmeadow

- Minutes -

Attendance:

Jacque Ashworth-**community member**, Kynda Dixon- **Canteen**; Jacob Blenkinsop **Ability Links** Allison Forsyth- **Brighter Futures Sams**, Tonkoh -**Northern Settlement Services**; Mohamed Massaquoi **Catholic Care**, Byron Williams -**Headspace** , Gwen McKenzie **Bira-Li** , Dale Garbutt **MCNC**, June Smith & Richard Harrison **DHS**; Shane Kennedy **Up & Up**, Joel Shakesphere **Youth SHS Newcastle** , Laura Baird **Reconnect**- Jaime Boys & Jocasta Mosley-**Dale School**, Megan Lowney **Red Cross**; **Kelly Greenan and Craig Haidle**, Mere Johnson **Alesco**, Shanthi Ramanathan **Hunter Research Foundation** Dr Jennifer Gore **Newcastle University**

Apologies:

Kobe Butcher **Create**

Newcastle University The Aspirational Longitudinal Study Jenny Gore

A summary of the project is below:

The Aspirations Longitudinal Study is a mixed method, multi-site study involving students, their parents/carers and teachers from around 80 state schools in New South Wales. The schools are located in socially, culturally and geographically diverse regions of the state, yielding a sample of more than 8,500 students in the middle years of schooling. Participants respond to online surveys in each year of the study, allowing the research team to track the development and change of educational and career aspirations over time. Interviews and focus groups have also been held with a sub-sample of these participants, allowing further exploration of the trends identified by the survey data. The research team are also analysing [NAPLAN](#) and school assessment data to investigate the relationship between aspirations and educational outcomes. The study receives funding from the Australian Research Council and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

This study is gathering data in order to understand processes in the formation of

educational and career aspirations and inform what schools and school systems might productively do to intervene for greater equity. Our data demonstrate both the early solidification of students' aspirations and the significant, but complex, impact of socio-economic and other differences. Evidence indicates that students' career aspirations begin to form early in their schooling and complex influences hold students in patterns that are socio-economically based. These analyses will allow us to develop principles for how and when to optimally intervene in the process of educational and career aspiration

The most relevant documents for the study are on our [website](#) and current research findings can be found in the latest publication which I have attached. We also update our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) page regularly.

**Hunter Research Foundation YOUnite
Shanthi Ramanathan**

Attached are the slides for my presentation.

The following link takes you to the publication as well as each of the individual presentations on the day.

<http://www.hrf.com.au/news-events/news/younite-findings-released-at-sold-out-summit>

**D.A.L.E School
Jaime Boys**

DALE Christian School is for students who have difficulty staying engaged in mainstream accredited education. The Young Mothers' part of DCS is a welcoming environment where young women (teenagers) who have a child, or who are expecting one, can come and be taught in a highly flexible environment.

The Young Mothers' teaching, welfare and crèche teams are committed to helping the students grow in three ways:

- a. As a young woman;
- b. As a student studying an accredited school program; and
- c. As a young mother.

There are activities and community support people who are part of the weekly experience of the YM students in order to assist in each of these three areas.

D.A.L.E. Young Mother's Program would like to thank Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations for their financial support formation, with the goal of increasing equity for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

<http://www.spcc.nsw.edu.au/youngmothers.php?c=6&category=youngmothers>

Service and Sector updates

ORGANISATION: Community Youth Development Project- RYDON

REPRESENTATIVE: Astrid Gearin

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INFO SHARE:

Sign up to the Monthly RYDON Newsletter

<http://www.rydon.org.au>

Register for RYDON Conference

<https://rydonconference2015.eventbrite.com.au>

YAIR- Youth Arts in Recovery Workshops

June and November please contact Astrid if your service would like to host an arts table, invite to planning meeting to follow in next few weeks

See CYDP Sector Survey and some plans for 2015 attached

April 18th FREE Youth Week Pop-Up Short Film Night

Youth Week 2015 – ‘It starts with us’

The Newcastle Community Youth Development Project (CYDP) in partnership with Screen Hunter are excited to present young people and community with a pop-up theatre located outdoors in the tranquillity of Civic Park.

As a part of youth week, we'd like to invite you to join us and celebrate with the young people in our community where we will be screening a selection of films made by young people or made for young people

‘It starts with us’ and our creative minds, so come and breathe in some fresh air and bask in the creative talents that our young community possess.

Bring a blanket and a picnic or pull up a patch of grass and grab a bite from the food carts.

Get a seat early and watch the sunset with films kicking off at 6pm and winding up around 8pm.

“There is simply a need to experience meaningful, life-enriching stories unfolding on the screen”, Richard Raskin

ORGANISATION: Northlakes Youth Project
REPRESENTATIVE: Shane Kennedy
EMAIL: nypemnc@bigpond.com **PHONE:** 49 588 648

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Here are our two main creative initiatives to start the year.

Our Shirt Front Art Prize has launched. Please find the flyer attached to promote to any young people with a flair for art. We will host an art making workshop in the first week of school holidays and a curation workshop before our celebration and exhibition day on April 14th.

https://www.facebook.com/events/869302086445533/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming

The Soap Box Studio program has commenced and we are inviting expressions of interest from participants for term 2. Please use the attached form if you are supporting a student / client to get involved. The program is for young males 12 -25.

<https://www.facebook.com/thesoapboxstudio>

I would really appreciate if you could pass this on to art and music teachers to promote in the schools.

ORGANISATION: Oasis
REPRESENTATIVE: Craig Haidle & Kelly Greenan
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INFO SHARE:

Please find attached PDF brochures for youth services currently offered by The Salvation Army Oasis Hunter. The four main areas are:

1. Youth and family: programs offering a range of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) interventions such as information and education; reduction to abstinence; relapse prevention; and family support.
 2. AOD awareness: a short education program that comprise workshops exploring the risks of continued substance misuse, as well as education on the short and long term effects of substances, to provide the catalyst for change.
 3. Anger management: a tailored program designed to help young people effectively deal with anger and avoid the negative and destructive consequences that often occur.
 4. Hospitality training: programs to achieve nationally recognised qualifications in hospitality and provide hands-on experience within an operational café, and in a support environment.
- The Salvation Army Oasis Hunter is also an approved organisation to supervise Work Development Orders, which allow eligible clients to help pay off their fines through unpaid work and/or engaging in programs.

Oasis workers are also available to provide an inservice presentation about our services and how we can support young people within your organisation.

ORGANISATION: Newcastle Women's Alliance
REPRESENTATIVE: Via Email
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The Newcastle Women's Alliance presents

**** WIN OUR VOTE ****

What will your candidates do for women in Newcastle?
An alliance of women's groups and organisations have formed to organise a candidate forum for the 2015 NSW Election. The forum will focus entirely on issues of importance to women.

Thursday 26th March

11am-1pm

**Victor Peters Suite, Cathedral Function Centre,
841 Hunter St, Newcastle West**

Format will include a 5 minute presentation from each candidate on their policies that matter to women, followed by pre-prepared questions directed to the panel by the facilitator.

***** RSVP ESSENTIAL as numbers are limited RSVP to:**

newcastlewomensalliance@gmail.com

*** Please send any questions you would like directed to your candidates to:

newcastlewomensalliance@gmail.com

Lunch can be purchased from the on-site café

<https://www.facebook.com/events/397191787108557/>

Upcoming special days/Events

Please Share anything your service is doing

Aboriginal Youth Health Forum 11th

RVSP and program details - [Youth Health Forum Rego Information- 11 March 2015](#)

Ride to School Day Friday March 13th

Close the Gap Day Thursday March 19th

Harmony Day March 21st

Win Our Vote March 26th

Earth Hour Saturday March 28

Youth Week April 10th - 19th

**Youth Week Pop Up Film Night Saturday April 18th 5pm Civic Park
(See Flyer)**

Youth Homelessness Matters Day Wednesday April 15

(Early Event @ Hamilton TAFE Campus Tuesday 24th at 11am see Flyer)

NEXT NYI MEETING: 10am; Thursday 29th May 2015 Uniting Church 199 Broadmeadow Rd, Broadmeadow *Subject to change

