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## Charity Event \$40,000 Raised

With a revitalized format, a visit from Santa and a fantastic show by the Enormous Horns, the 2006 Charity Event was a fun night enjoyed by many. The event provided an opportunity for local businesses and individuals to get together and at the same time give financially to Youth Solutions. The funds that were raised on the evening, through ticket sales and auction bids will assist us in delivering programs to young people, families and the community over the coming 12 month. Specifically the service hopes to:

- Work with local schools, parents and young people to assist in planning for safer celebrations
- Work with licensed premises to create a safer environment for patrons
- Maintain the Youth Solutions website
- Develop, coordinate and distribute drug prevention resources to schools, teachers, youth services, parents and community members, as well as to
- Continue to be a referral service to increase people's access to help and information.



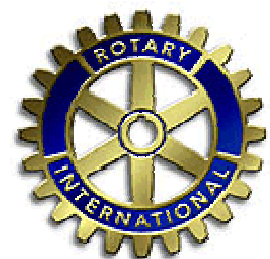
Debbie, Linda & Santa with Corporate Partners: (Above) Gordon Hay - Macarthur Wealth Management (Right) Chris Paul - President of the Rotary Club of Narellan



## Corporate Event Partners



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Rotary Club of Narellan

Sincere appreciation is extended to MC Geoff Ellis, the sponsors and generous donors as well as all those who attended on the night.

Special thanks to Corporate Event Partners the *AMP Foundation* through Macarthur Wealth Management and the *Rotary Club of Narellan* and Corporate Event Sponsors: *Barrie Grimes Finance & Insurance*, *Business Diagnostics and Solutions*, *C91.3FM*, *Camden Valley Golf Resort*, *Chris Agius Standards & Conformance/Bradbury Pharmacy/Simply Divine Beauty/ Strands of Colour*, *GDC Tax Pty Ltd*, *M&M Truck Bodies*, *The Macarthur Chronicle*, *Macarthur Financial Planning*, *Moody Kiddell*, *MTM Transport*, *Protectors Insurance Brokers*, *Rotary Club of Campbelltown*, *Snap Printing Campbelltown*, *Southern Cross Truck Rentals*, *Tri City Trucks*, *Wollondilly Accounting* and



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## Community Support

Welcome to the third edition of Solutions for 2006!

The year continues to be hectic with many major projects being completed and new ones beginning.

In July we held another successful charity night with over \$40 000 being raised. Many thanks to our corporate partners for the event, AMP Foundation through Macarthur Wealth Management and the Rotary Club of Narellan. The night was well attended and a credit to all the staff who were involved as well as our fundraising committee, Carole Hutchison, Wayne Quick, Nicole Ellis, Leanne Agius, Jose Drumond, Sharon Moyle and Graham West.

We have been thrilled to receive a grant from the IMB Community

Foundation to develop a Youth Drug Forum resource supported by training. The grant received provides a wonderful opportunity to make our successful Youth Drug Forum model accessible to many more organisations. This opportunity would not be possible without the generous support of the IMB Community Foundation. The resource will be available in mid 2007.

We were pleased with the Commonwealth Governments decision to provide a further round of Community Partnership Grants. We have submitted three applications and look forward to a successful outcome.

The Schools Solution project is nearing completion. While funding for this project is now complete, Youth

Solutions continues to provide support to the various schools that were involved. A final detailed report will be available later in the year.

Youth Solutions continues to be actively involved in advocating for prevention in the AOD field. Involvement on various state committees is proving strategic and giving Youth Solutions an opportunity to raise the profile of prevention and address issues around building the capacity of the prevention sector.

Enjoy the rest of Solutions.

**Linda Goldspink-Lord**  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## School Solutions

### Work Continues

Despite the completion of funding, Youth Solutions will continue with the School Solutions project for the remainder of 2006. Importantly, all of the schools involved with this project have committed to integrate their 'School Solutions' work into forward planning for 2007 and beyond. This is achievable as schools have been able to incorporate their initiatives into such things as school policy and support booklets.

Action within individual school communities has been impressive with a number of significant achievements made, including:

- The publication of various drug and alcohol articles and info pages in school newsletters as well as daily notices that have been written by students
- The development of a number of items which will be included on

school web pages and computers including alcohol information on school computer desk tops and website welfare pages

- Work with local feeder Primary Schools as part of a High School readiness program
- The staging of a 'Drug and Alcohol Awareness Afternoon' organised entirely by students for all senior students
- Drug and alcohol information sessions for parents
- A student workbook titled 'Quit Smoking Support Booklet' that has been developed by two schools for students caught smoking at school. Plans for complementary support booklets targeting other drugs to be developed
- The development of 'Stay Safe' contact cards that were distributed to

students that contain emergency contacts useful for young people in our community

- The development of a mobile graffiti board as a 'Visual Smoking Prevention Display' that will be utilised at different locations around the school.

For more information on the Schools Solutions, check out the Youth Solutions website.

The School Solutions Project Report will be available in 2007.



## Helpful Phone No.s

Drug & Alcohol Treatment Access Line  
Sydney South West Area Health Service  
**9616 8586**

ADIS (Alcohol Drug Info Service)  
24 hour free service  
**1800 422 599**

For Emergencies  
**000**

After Hours Counselling  
**Lifeline 13 11 14**

## Helpful Websites

Information about Cannabis,  
young people and local services  
**[www.dope-efxu.com.au](http://www.dope-efxu.com.au)**

Comprehensive drug information site  
**[www.druginfo.adf.org.au](http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au)**

Provides accessible counseling  
service to all Australian children  
**[www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)**

Online service for young people  
looking for support through  
difficult times  
**[www.makeanoise.ysp.org.au](http://www.makeanoise.ysp.org.au)**

# Inspiring Youth Solutions

Resource under development



# Community Foundation

The Service is excited to announce that we will once again partner with the *IMB Community Foundation*. The Foundation has generously sponsored the production of a long awaited resource that will detail our awarded Youth Drug Forum.

Every intricate detail of a Youth Drug Forum will be comprehensively outlined in a user friendly and interactive CD Rom. This resource aims to assist other communities so that they can learn from and duplicate the forum process.

The resource will include all instructions, activities, PowerPoint Presentations and hand outs necessary to successfully facilitate a forum.

In support of the resource, Youth Solutions will also run training programs which will be available to the communities across Macarthur, the Illawarra and Wingecarribee regions in 2007.

*"The passion and enthusiasm displayed by young people to make community change after their participation in a youth drug forum is inspiring. This resource will ensure that a greater number of young people will be supported in creating action in their communities",* stated Project Coordinator Rebecca Whitford.

**Watch this space for further updates on 'Inspiring Youth Solutions'.**

## Parent Links

### Thanking our Volunteers

The Parent Links Project which is currently in its evaluation phase was made possible because of a number of parents who were able to volunteer their time. Parents supported the community and in particular other parents by providing the link to information and support regarding young people and the issues and concerns they have about alcohol and other drugs.

Thank you to all the parents involved in the project, we sincerely hope your friendship with our Service continues for many years to come.

Check out the Parent Links Page of the Youth Solutions website by logging onto [www.youthsolutions.com.au](http://www.youthsolutions.com.au) and clicking on the 'Parents Info' section.



## Dope EFX u

### Awarded as a Finalist



*Sue Willoughby, Geoff Ellis, Linda Goldspink-Lord, Kaitlyn Rowlands, Debbie Roberts and Rebecca Whitford celebrate the achievement*

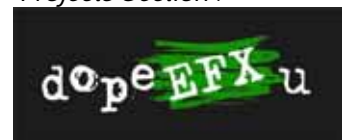
Youth Solutions was awarded as a Finalist in the 2006 National Drug and Alcohol Awards in the category for Excellence in Prevention for the *Dope EFX u Social Marketing Campaign*.

This project was made possible because of funding received under the Commonwealth Governments Community Partnerships Initiative.

Thanks also to the Steering Committee which brought a wealth of experience to the project as well as the enthusiasm displayed from all the young people involved.

The project asked young people to design a message for other young people about the effects of cannabis use, and hence the slogan Dope EFX u was born. The message was supported with the by lines, Dope also effects your: community, relationships, job, family and life.

For more information about this project check out the supporting website [www.dope-EFXu.com.au](http://www.dope-EFXu.com.au) or download a copy of the report from [www.youthsolutions.com.au](http://www.youthsolutions.com.au) under the 'Projects Section'.



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- The Protectors Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd
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## Board Acknowledgement 2006

- Deborah Gander – President
- Tim Clancy – Vice President
- Wayne Quick – Treasurer
- Helen Clancy
- David Michell
- Graham West MP
- Gordon Hay
- Geoff Ellis
- Tony Ross

### Warm welcome to new members:

- Peta Hudson
- Jose Drumond

## Thanks to the Fundraising Committee

- Carole Hutchison
- Wayne Quick
- Nicole Ellis
- Leanne Agius
- Jose Drumond
- Sharon Moyle
- Graham West MP

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## Diary Dates

### Annual General Meeting

5.30 pm Thursday 23 November

Youth Solutions

RSVP by phoning 4628 2319

### Charity Golf Day

Thursday 30 November

Camden Valley Golf Resort

Enquiries to David Michell 9601 0105

## Our Mission

Supporting young people to make safer life choices to achieve their full potential

## Our Vision

Creating solutions with young people, families and the community to promote positive life outcomes by preventing harmful drug use

## Service Info

### Youth Solutions – What we can do for you?

- Answer your questions and provide information about alcohol and other drugs.
- Find someone who can help you if we can't
- Help you take action on drug related issues in your community
- Refer you to treatment and counselling services

If you would like a hard copy of our *Alcohol and Other Drugs, Referral Information Booklet for the Macarthur and Wingecarribee Area* please phone or email us today and we will mail one out to you.

## Celebrating Accreditation

### @ the 2006 Annual General Meeting

You are invited to our upcoming Annual General Meeting, to be held from 5.30 pm Thursday 23 November 2006 @ our offices.

The AGM traditionally celebrates the achievements of the Service and this year we have a whole lot to celebrate.

Yes we did it! Youth Solutions achieved Accreditation Status, of which we are very proud.

The Service received accreditation from the national Quality Improvement Council for 3 years.

Please RSVP your attendance to the AGM by phoning Sue on 4628 2319 or emailing [info@youthsolutions.com.au](mailto:info@youthsolutions.com.au)

*The Youth Solutions Team - Marcia, Kevin, Debbie, Geraldine, Linda, Sue and Rebecca*



## 2006 Charity Golf Day

### Calling All Golfing Enthusiasts to Camden Valley Golf Resort!

The Protectors Insurance Brokers Charity Golf Day in support of Youth Solutions is growing in strength each year.

Team spots are well sought after, so if you'd like to be part of a great day out on Thursday 30 November, phone **David Michell on 9601 0105**. David will also have info about Sponsoring a Hole – which is a great opportunity to put your businesses signage on display.



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