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Community Support Charity Event Success

The theme for this years' Charity Event was party like it's the 80s and that's what we did, at the Campbelltown Catholic Club's new venue The Cube. We want to thank our Sponsors for making the event a success:

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For a free no obligation financial plan, contact: Gordon Hay and his team, phone 4655 8719 (ext 1) to make an appointment suitable to you.

Charity Event Silver Sponsor

The Rotary Club of Narellan



For more information about The Rotary Club of Narellan contact: Club President, Richard Leemen, phone 4655 2065 or 0413 533 340.



Thanks for your support!

Welcome to this October edition of *Solutions!*

After 15 years of service to the organisation I am pleased to be appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer.

It is easy to be passionate about this role as I have been involved in the evolution of the Service – what continues to drive me is the impact that we continue to have on the young people we work with. The satisfaction you get when you bump into participants of past workshops and forums and hear that “You have made a difference” – whether slight or large is enormous.

A number of changes have been made to the structure of our organisation and I am especially excited about the appointment of two new Project Support Officers, who will join our team over the coming weeks.

I welcome our new Executive Support Officer Nina Blair who shares this new role with Sue Willoughby. Congratulations to both Rebecca Whitford and Geraldine Dean, newly appointed to their roles of Program and Service Delivery Coordinator and Promotions Coordinator respectively, both of whom are celebrating 5 years of service to Youth Solutions.

I'd like to acknowledge the continued support of our business community, especially the support we received at our Charity Event as well as recent donations from Bradcorp \$10,000 (see next newsletter) and The Campbelltown Catholic Club \$15,000.

No community organisation can work alone, partnerships with all sectors of our community are essential in reaching a greater number of our young people. We need the whole community to assist our young people in keeping themselves safe!

Debbie Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

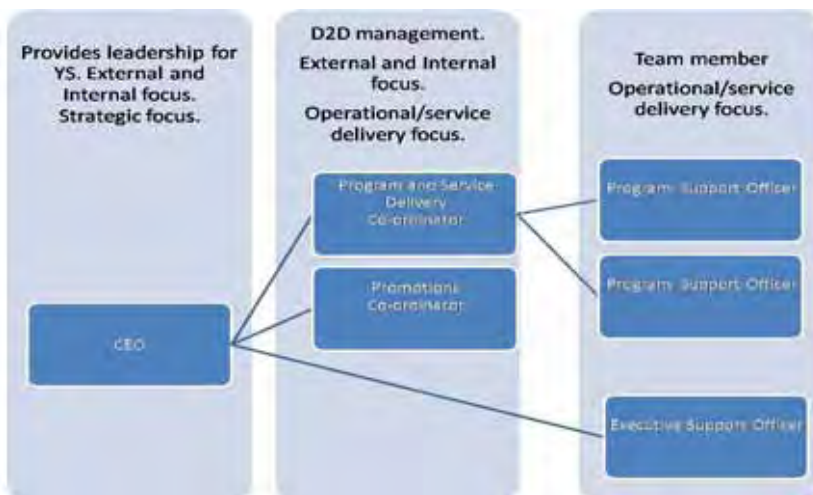
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In 2009, *Solutions* is going electronic. If you still receive a printed version of this newsletter and you'd like to receive our new e-newsletter email us at info@youthsolutions.com.au with your details.

To register to continue to receive a printed copy please phone 02 4628 2319.

Youth Solutions

Our Service Reviewed



The Board recently reviewed the structure of Youth Solutions to better meet the needs of our community. Some changes have been made to old positions and we are also pleased to introduce new faces bringing with them new skills and experiences.

Our 'old' crew with between 5 – 15 years experience in the field, have been reshuffled to get the most out of the diverse skills they have to offer.

Introducing: Chief Executive Officer Debbie Roberts, Program & Service Delivery Coordinator Rebecca Whitford, Promotions Coordinator Geraldine Dean, Executive Support Officer Sue Willoughby. With our newest team member: Executive Support Officer Nina Blair.

The new team is very excited to be working together. Watch this space for profiles of our two new Project Support Officers.

Lend Lease

Community Day Support



The Team from Lend Lease Group Delfin

Youth Solutions was lucky enough to be the recipient of a helping hand when Lend Lease Group Delfin held their annual Community Day at our office.

To accommodate our growing team, our new partners rolled up their sleeves and helped with office renovations - everything from painting to assembling desks. They also catalogued our array of drug and alcohol resources into an easy to use library.

Lend Lease Community Day encourages all Lend Lease employees around the world to give something back to the communities in which they live and work.

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
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After Hours Counselling
Lifeline 13 11 14

Helpful Websites

State Health Information
www.health.nsw.gov.au

Comprehensive drug information site
www.druginfo.adf.org.au

Provides accessible counseling
service to all Australian children
www.kidshelp.com.au

Web based service that inspires
young people to help themselves
through tough times.
www.reachout.com.au

Programs in Focus:

On Track



Campbelltown Performing Arts High School Interact members

The three recipients of grants for the On Track program are working hard to complete their individual activities by December 2008!

HUMmedia will hold a day for youth called *Express It*. The day will include band and other performances as well as provide information for young people.

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School Interact are using their grant to assist with the organisation and staging of the *Campbelltown Youth Excellence Awards*.

Narellan Interact is producing a *Road Safety DVD* from the perspective of young drivers in Narellan.

Smoking Cessation



Youth Solutions is excited about reviewing and updating our *Adolescent Smoking Cessation Program* and we are looking forward to receiving funds to assist us.

The new resource will be called **You Choose**. We will be broadening the application of **You Choose** to include young adults 12 – 24 years of age.

We have already received support from Traxside Youth Health Service and Ambarvale High School who will trial the revised program with young people who want to become non smokers.

We are pleased that a UWS Honours Student will be assisting in the review of this resource.

Training will be available with the new resource.

Watch this space for more information on our current programs!

Award Winners

Macarthur Chronicle
TrueLocal Business Awards



The *Macarthur Chronicle TrueLocal Business Awards* were recently held at the Campbelltown RSL Club. The night provided an opportunity to recognise the regions' most outstanding businesses.

Youth Solutions was recognised for our work in educating youth on drug and alcohol issues, winning the *Community Contribution Award*.

Tackling Alcohol Issues

Campbelltown Catholic Club

Our King of Clubs, Campbelltown Catholic Club has donated \$15 000 to Youth Solutions

"The Campbelltown Catholic Club has long been a supporter of Youth Solutions and this financial contribution and partnership will work towards reducing the negative impact that the abuse of alcohol can have on young adults and our community" said Michael Lavorato Chief Executive Officer Campbelltown Catholic Club.

"Youth Solutions is motivated by the determination of the Campbelltown Catholic Club to be a leaders in the responsible supply of alcohol and beyond that; to be a positive contributor to the overall health and safety of our community" stated Debbie Roberts CEO Youth Solutions

Excessive alcohol consumption continues to affect our young adults and

the community in negative ways, including: violence, vandalism, relationship breakdowns, contribution to study and work, increased antisocial behaviours and well as long term health problems.

Youth Solutions and the Campbelltown Catholic Club have already begun lobbying for funds to empower our young adults to make safer choices when it comes to alcohol consumption.



Michael Lavorato CEO Campbelltown Catholic Club and Debbie Roberts CEO Youth Solutions

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The Protectors Insurance Brokers

5 Year Service to Youth Solutions

Congratulations to **Rebecca Whitford**
and **Geraldine Dean** this years'
recipients of the 5 Year Service Award

Board Acknowledgement

- Geoff Ellis – President
- Tony Ross – Vice President
- Peter Campbell – Treasurer
- Emma Mcfarlane
- Karen Dries
- Gordon Hay
- Jennifer Gleeson
- Lisa Hunt
- Damon May

Youth Solutions Team

- Debbie Roberts
Chief Executive Officer
- Rebecca Whitford
Program and Service Delivery
Coordinator
- Geraldine Dean
Promotions Coordinator
- Sue Willoughby
Executive Support Officer
- Nina Blair
Executive Support Officer

Strategic Direction

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



This is a Quality Improvement Council
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Diary Dates

Youth Solutions Annual General Meeting
Thursday 20 November 2008
Details below

The Protectors Insurance Brokers Annual Charity Golf Day
Friday 5 December 2008
Campbelltown Golf Course
Become a **Sponsor** by phoning
David Michell **9601 0105**

You are invited to attend Youth Solution's Annual General Meeting

Thursday 20 November 2008

4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**Suite 19 Level 4 Macarthur Square Shopping Centre
Gilchrist Drive Ambarvale NSW 2560**

Light refreshments

Please RSVP by Thursday 13 November

phone 02 4628 2319 or email info@youthsolutions.com.au

Annual Charity Golf Day

The Protectors Insurance Brokers

Are you interested in a day on the Golf Course? Our friends at The Protectors Insurance Brokers are holding the Annual Charity Golf Day on **Friday 5 December 2008 @ Campbelltown Golf Course** and Youth Solutions will receive all funds raised on the day.

The Protectors Insurance Brokers have been a long term supporter of Youth Solutions since 2001. Since then, David Michell and his team have held a Charity Golf Day with Youth Solutions being the beneficiary, raising more than \$115,000 for our Service.

Each year, around 120 of The Protectors Insurance Brokers' clients, Insurers and Youth Solutions supporters get together to battle it out on the course while also having fun, knowing that they are contributing to making a difference in our community.

To become a **Sponsor** or for more information phone **David Michell** on **9601 0105** or Youth Solutions on 4628 2319.



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