

ANNUAL REPORT



2010

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Purpose & Aims

As stated in our trust deed dated 24th September 1989:

- 1) To provide an avenue for practical Christian service such as the provision of monetary, practical or spiritual assistance to the community and in particular to the youth.
- 2) To provide such assistance in such a manner as to carry with it a good Christian testimony so that those served in any way will experience the worth and concern of Christian love.
- 3) To provide such assistance (but not exclusively) in the geographical area served by New Brighton Baptist Church/now Grace Vineyard Beach Campus.

Relationship with Grace Vineyard Church

Youth Alive Trust was originally established by the leadership of Brighton Baptist Church to serve the young people of our community. The Trust was then used to purchase 111-113 Seaview Road, which then became known as Seaview Christian Centre. In 1998 the church merged with a larger city church, and became Grace Vineyard Beach Campus. Youth Alive Trust has always based most of their programmes and offices in this building and in support, the church has always taken responsibility for building costs, insurance, renovations and building activities. The trustees of both trusts work closely together to find suitable outcomes for all involved.

Our purpose and aims clearly show the importance of “practical Christian service” and “Christian love” and this is primarily shared through our staff and volunteers. The majority of our leaders attend Grace Vineyard and believe that supporting their community, giving of their time and energy and living a Christian life in view of local children and young people is part of their Christian service. Most of our programme have a element of Bible teaching, which is made clear to all parents. The Christian faith is not forced or coerced upon any child or young person on a Youth Alive Trust programme and children are freely encouraged to share their own beliefs, whatever they may be.

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Chairman's Report 2010

I guess this year will be remembered as the year that Christchurch suffered the big quake, something that tended to pale any other event. While our trust was in the final stages of planning a 21st Birthday Celebration, people's lives were changed by an incredible force that we had no control over. At the time we did not feel like celebrating, and the 21st event got postponed until mid November. What did happen was a sense of solidarity, and as soon as the schools, trust offices and buildings were cleared by the structural engineers, YAT staff were back doing what they do so well. A big thank you to our staff and volunteers that put aside their own feelings to support the local community kids during this time.

The earthquake commission helps finance putting people's houses back together but not many fund putting people's lives back together. Youth Alive Trust like many organisations, churches, sports groups, have had loyal providers that have been so consistent over many years. To them "*Kia ora koe mo to takoha, ma te Atua koe e tiaki*" (God Bless and thank you so much).

But we would only scratch the surface if it were not for the faithful support and dedication from the many volunteers that have put time, effort, and their own resources into making YAT what it is today. We have a very good reputation with both our funders and the organisations that we provide for, and that is in no small way due to the countless volunteers and staff that have humbly got on and done the job. It is an honour to work with you all.

So as we now finally get to celebrate and look back over the last 21 years and think about the young lives that we have been privileged to affect, may we look forward to challenges ahead with the confidence to know that we are, as Grant Brewster one of the founding trustees said, "making a difference".

Please take the time to read on through this report, and see all the wonderful groups, programmes, activities and events that Youth Alive Trust has been involved in.

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Scott Pickering

What DO We DO?

Youth Alive Trust was established in 1989 to meet the needs of children and young people in Brighton and surrounding suburbs. We aim to support young people holistically; socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually through our programmes and our dedicated staff and volunteers. This project has grown and adapted to meet changing community needs and currently we do this through 7 different areas;

1) Safer Streets Programmes. These are all our after school and evening programmes, ran by many volunteers and staff. Including **Cheeky Little Monkeys** (weekly club for Years 1 - 4), **WAVE** (weekly club for Years 5 & 6), **Rock Solid** (weekly club for Year 7 & 8) and **Sodium Youth Café** (weekly drop-in for Years 9-13)

2) In-Schools Programmes. Supporting the students in their classrooms, at lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities. Offering mentoring, one on one support, sports coaching, lunchtime activities and being positive role models. Our key schools are Central New Brighton, North New Brighton & Aranui High Schools.

3) Holiday Programmes. These fun filled programmes run 4 times a year for two different age categories, 5 – 9's and 9 – 12's, for one week in every school holidays. These are CYF's approved and we are contracted to the MSD.

4) Camps. We also take teenagers on trips, camps and weekends away throughout the year, Rock Solid Camp, Base Camp, 40 Hour Famine Camp and sleep-overs.

5) Library Youthworker Support. We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth leaders in New Brighton Library 7 days a week from 3-6pm.

6) Community Events. We support Christchurch City Council events such as the Beach Blasts, Skate Jam and other youth initiatives. We organise an annual Family Fun Night and also host dance groups and bands when available.

7) Youth Leader Training and Support. Attracting and training volunteers to work in their community. Placing them on different Safer Street Projects and organising training events throughout the year. We also host Praxis students, offering them experience, support and a structure for their practical work.

The Stars of Youth Alive Trust 2010

Youth Alive Trust wishes to thank the following staff & volunteers! Without their hard work, faithfulness, dedication, commitment and servant heart, these programmes would not have been possible!



YAT Staff 2010

James Ridpath (Team Leader), Liz Baynes, Ben Hughes, Matt Tait, Emily Deck, Mandy Hart, Andrew Hill

Cheeky Little Monkeys

Gwenda Cripps

Lorraine Harris
Liz Baynes
Mandy Hart
Esther Pickering
Erin Blackwood
Colby Jones
Dylan Hanright
Abbie Gilmore-Scott

WAVE

Dave Crooks

Cherie Crooks
James Ridpath
Robert Hart
Sam Thomson
Tom Lochrie
Emily Deck
Eloise Wookey
Sophie McKenzie
John Simpkins

Library Youthworkers

Abiel Dayo
Gemma Creek
Emily Deck
Fiona Thomson
Ben Ellis

Sodium Youth Café

Matt Tait

Ben Hughes

Emily Deck

Matt Tonkin
Mandy Hart
Jess Brown
Gregg Brown
Rob Hart
Kirsten Clement
David Ramage
Anita Baars
Steflin Hanekan
Elliot Skinner
Lucy MacMahon
Abiel Dayo

Rock Solid

Kim Grooby

James Ridpath
Sam Haythornthwaite
Mandy Hart
Connor Watson
Georgia Dickson
Kieran Fitzgerald

5-9's Holiday Programmes

Liz Baynes

Tamara Clemett

Cameron Trow
Georgia Dickson (junior leader)
Kieran Fitzgerald (junior leader)
Molly Roberts (junior leader)
Esther Pickering (junior leader)

9-12's Holiday Programme

James Ridpath

Tom Lochrie
Emily Deck
Jess Mortimer
Jess Brown
Josh Haythornthwaite
Mandy Hart
Sam Thompson (junior leader)
Connor Watson (junior leader)
Laura McFadden (junior leader)
Michael Pickering (junior leader)
Eliza Cowey (junior leader)
Eloise Wookey (junior leader)

Trustees

Scott Pickering (Chairman)
Andrew Hill (Treasurer)
Linda Hampton (Secretary)
John Grant (Business Advisor)

What is youthwork?

Youthwork can be misunderstood by society. New Zealand Ministry of Youth Development have released a strategy encompassing all youthwork. The Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (YDSA) consists of a vision, principles, aims and goals, and also suggests actions that can be taken to support the positive development of young people.



The Vision

A country where young people are vibrant and optimistic through being supported and encouraged to take up challenges.

The Principles

The principles of youth development outline what the youth development approach is all about. They can be used as a checklist and a tool for developing youth policies and programmes and in working alongside young people.

The principles are as follows:

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS SHAPED BY THE 'BIG PICTURE'

By the 'big picture' we mean: the values and belief systems; the social, cultural, economic contexts and trends; the Treaty of Waitangi and international obligations such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE BEING CONNECTED

Healthy development depends on young people having positive connections with others in society. This includes their family and whānau, their community, their school, training institution or workplace and their peers.

3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS BASED ON CONSISTENT STRENGTHS-BASED APPROACH

There are risk factors that can affect the healthy development of young people and there are also factors that are protective. 'Strengths-based' policies and programmes will build on young people's capacity to resist risk factors and enhance the protective factors in their lives.

4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS THROUGH QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

It is important that everyone is supported and equipped to have successful, quality relationships with young people.

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS TRIGGERED WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE FULLY PARTICIPATE

Young people need to be given opportunities to have greater control over what happens to them, through seeking their advice, participation and engagement.

6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS GOOD INFORMATION

Effective research, evaluation, and information gathering and sharing is crucial.

Together, these six principles can help young people to gain a:

- sense of contributing something of value to society
- feeling of connectedness to others and to society
- belief that they have choices about their future
- feeling of being positive and comfortable with their own identity.

Networks 2010



Youth Alive Trust is a member of the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective. We abide by their Code of Ethics, all our staff are individual members and we attend appropriate training throughout the year.



Our Holiday Programmes are a part of the Oscar Network in Christchurch. We attend local support meeting, obtain advice, get ideas from newsletters and attend training when appropriate.



We send trainee youthworkers to complete the Praxis course, and team with them on the progression of the staff member. James is also on the local TAG board.



We join with and support local Christchurch City Events by sending our staff and volunteers to events such as the Beach Blasts & the Skate Jam.



We have a contract with Christchurch City Libraries to supply paid Youth Leaders 7 days a week including the school holidays in New Brighton Library.



We are a part of the Canterbury Youth Services network and attend training, camps and meetings with other members.



We are registered with the Charities Commission of New Zealand, as advised by the IRD, grant making bodies and the government.



We are part of the 24-7 network. We have 2 Youthworkers in Aranui High School who are supported with Training and meetings where other 24-7 Youthworkers meet to encourage and support one another.

Cheeky little Monkeys

Years 1-4



I am really pleased with how Cheeky Little Monkeys Club has gone this year. We have hovered around 36 children on our roll which is close to our maximum. Most of the children have come across from Central New Brighton School with the number from other schools increasing from word of mouth.

As stated in last years report, we went from 13 children at the end of 2008 to closing the roll at 40 children four weeks into 2009. We then experimented to find the best way to run the club that kept everyone occupied but still allowed us to build relationships with the children. We have done this by putting the children into four groups with an adult leader and a junior leader for each group. The children do activities in their smaller groups and at other times they are all together. A typical session would include afternoon tea, games, crafts and Christian content but we vary this format often. Outings have been restricted to local parks due to the lack of vans to transport our increased numbers.



We have been able to keep the fees at only \$10 per term thanks to the community funding Youth Alive Trust has received. We have also managed to secure 5 places for our Year 4 children at Woodend Christian Camp in January. Again, with the help of community funding and fund raising, we are able to keep this opportunity affordable for our families.

What am I proud of? Thirty six enthusiastic children, listening, learning, talking and playing together, then telling their family and friends all about it. Adult leaders who have put a lot of time and effort into making each week a success because they care about the children and their families.



I wish to thank Lorraine Harris, Liz Baynes, Mandy Hart, Matt Tait, Joyce Bailey and the reliable Andre in the kitchen, as well as our dedicated and enthusiastic junior leaders (Esther, Erin, Dylan, Abbie, Kesya, Tyler and Renee) who have come alongside the children, done what they are asked cheerfully, and taken the initiative when seeing a job that needs doing. We couldn't have done this without you. With the continued support of our families, leaders, Youth Alive Trust and funders, we are looking forward to another great year in 2011.

Gwenda Cripps (Volunteer Coordinator)

WAVE 2010

*"Ride the Wave
of life and live
above the line"*

YEAR 5 & 6

WAVE has had a big year - our largest numbers, we stopped taking new enrolments once we hit 41 children! The Monday Club, runs from 4:30pm - 6pm, for Years 5 & 6, children aged 8-10 years olds. They have come from 9 different schools in the area, the key ones being Central



New Brighton Primary (46%), North New Brighton Primary (20%) and St Pauls (13%). Key

Leader, Dave Crooks started his 3rd year with WAVE, recruited as a volunteer, now the volunteer Coordinator! His enthusiasm, passion and ideas is what inspired the team around him, including Tom, Rob, Sam, Emily, Eloise & Rachel. Dave has recently stepped down from his Coordinators role, due to his wife having a 3rd child in 3 years, however extra

leaders; James, John & Sophie joined the team.

The culture of the club had the theme of "riding the WAVE of life and living above the line" - and any behaviour or sportsmanship issues were always pointed back to being above the line. Key Club nights this year were our Top Chef Night, the Crazy Animal Party, The Meal Night (created and eaten by the young people) & the creation of our epic Music Videos!



This year's trips included Clip & Climb, Laser Strike, The Aquarium, 10 Pin Bowling and The Cinema. One night that will be remembered by both the children and youth leaders was our chance to meet and get signatures from the All Blacks at QE2. Creating memories that will last a lifetime!



Rock Solid



Years 7-8

Clip n Climb, Laser Strike, Driving Range, Swimming at QEII, Dessert Challenges, and the annual Rock Solid Camp at Waipara are just some of the many highlights of 2010!! I joined Rock Solid at the start of the year and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team and witnessing the growth in the young people attending Rock Solid.

The annual Rock Solid Camp was a source of great excitement. It was a fantastic opportunity to head away for the weekend to the Waipara Boys Brigade Camp where there were many cool activities such as 4-wheel driving on quad bikes, flying fox, sports, orienteering, and an awesome swimming hole & water slide!

This year we desired to challenge the young people as much as possible. Our nights are based around fun activities, but there is always something to learn from it. Our night on justice was a memorable night, as was our night on money - with a live version of Deal or No Deal! Seeing them in new situations, dealing with group dynamics and taking part in challenging activities, is seeing them grow! With our leaders alongside them, we want to see them mature into teenagers making positive decisions and future leaders of Rock Solid.

We have grown to having 47 young people on our Rock Solid database this year, coming from nine different schools (many of whom have graduated from WAVE). 43% of our young people come from Central New Brighton School, 22% come from Freeville School, and 14% come from Chisnallwood Intermediate. Friends bring friends and some people only attend fortnightly due to living with Dad one week and Mum the next. We say a sad farewell to our Year 8's who are moving onto High School next year, hoping they've been challenged and enriched this year by their involvement - and hoping we'll see them around next year at Sodium or Unity East.

As leaders we did not want to settle with doing all the same old activities, but we were always looking out for new ways of doing things and ways in which we could grow our leaders. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who have done an amazing job throughout the year. You have given up much time and energy because you desired to be a role model for young people in the New Brighton Community. And thanks to the funders that make it possible for us to run these clubs at an affordable price for young people.



Sodium

YOUTH Cafe

2010

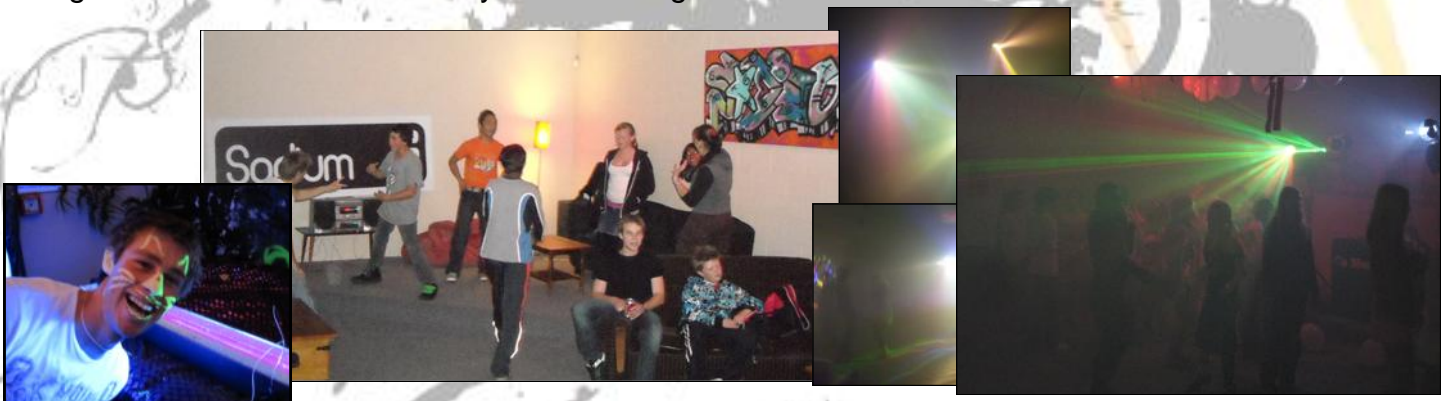


Sodium is a Youth Cafe that runs on Friday nights throughout the year. At Sodium we provide a safe environment where young people from the ages of 13 to 18 can relax and have fun. This environment is smoke, drug and alcohol free. We average 20 to 30 teenager every night, although at times we can have more. On an average evening the youth are given a wide range of activities ranging from Video Games, pool, movies, table tennis, cards, and more. We also have regular events like live bands, dessert nights, dance parties, camps and so on. One of our best events in 2010 was our floro party, which attracted over 70 people. We're also expecting a big turn out for our Live Band Night, part of our 21st Birthday Weekend celebrations, as 2 local bands perform - Aranui Hip Hop Band 'Restoration' and cover band - The Middlemen!

Our goal and vision at Sodium is to provide a healthy alternative for youth that could be tempted to use narcotics or to get in trouble with the law. We aim to be successful role models for these kids, role models that aren't promoting a life of crime or self destructive behaviour. Our leadership team consists of guys and girls in their twenties. All of our leaders are passionate about helping young people into positive ways of life.

Within our leadership team we have two permanent youth workers that work at Aranui High. I (Matthew Tait) and Emily are these youth workers and we seek to strengthen and equip our team of volunteers. Every Sodium night we run a meeting before and after the Youth Cafe'. This is a time for leaders to have an open forum to discuss any issues or general information to the rest of the team. Last term we set aside a Friday night just for the leaders. For this meeting we went to Fuse Youth Cafe in Sumner for a night of training, learning and inspiration. Training is important, especially for volunteers that wouldn't normally have to do mandatory training. Therefore we look forward to more nights set aside for our volunteers.

At Sodium we have a strict policy on violence and inappropriate behaviour. If a youth is seen doing either, there is a strict ban, and the young person and their parents will be informed of the consequence. Sadly we have had to deal with 2 incidents this year, but these were well dealt with and the young people know where the bar is set. If the behaviour is illegal, the police will be involved straight away. We believe it is our job and responsibility as youth workers to keep the Youth Cafe' a safe zone where youth can be themselves and not be intimidated. We allow no gang colours and our youth leaders are always approachable, and able to talk with young people about home and school life too. We'd love to see Sodium as an even more regular programme in New Brighton, but funding and resources limit us - maybe something for the future....





ARANUI HIGH SCHOOL

2010

Currently we have three Youth Workers within Aranui High School. Ben Hughes, Matthew Tait, our new Sodium leader and Emily Deck, who is also involved in Wave & as a youthworker in the library. As a team, we commit over 20 hours a week to the school through a variety of activities. The Drop-In Centre on Tuesday lunch times boasts 30 to 40 kids each week. The school would love this to become a more regular activity, but time limits us. We attend the schools breakfast club that runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as an added pair of hands. We helped with the Peer Support at the beginning of the year, aswell as Athletics Day, getting to know most the Year 9's straight away.

Emily has been working closely with a group of girls, some of whom are going through very traumatic experiences. This is where we work closely with the School social workers and refer when need be. Ben continued coaching the First 11 Football team alongside the schools caretaker. Our youth workers also attend school functions, regularly set up recreational games or walk around at lunch-time building relationships with youth. The job of all our Youth Workers is to lift up and support school spirit, guide young people into successful life paths and to be a listening ear to trouble youth.

After the 7.1 magnitude earthquake on September the 4th and its numerous aftershocks, it's understandable that students could have felt slightly anxious. Therefore the school Pastoral Care worker Nardine approached us and asked if we could run two weeks of lunch time events before the start of the school holidays. Over those two weeks we ran sports events such as, soccer: student's v's teachers, 4 Square, Volleyball and touch rugby. We also ran a Scavenger Hunt and invited a band from Vision College to come and perform. The events have given students something to do and we hope that they have worked as a mood lightener for those worried by the aftershocks. Those events have also been a catalyst for many conversations over fears and frustrations around the earthquake.





Central New Brighton Primary School

We were able to continue our work in Central New Brighton Primary School this year, as our Praxis Trainee started her youthwork career volunteering on lunchtimes and at special school events. In Term 3, she started a Singing Group with a group of Year 7 & 8 girls - choosing music they enjoyed and performing at a school concert.



James was also able to get more involved in school life, and in Football World Cup year, coached the Year 5 & 6 football (soccer) team. Playing for the first time at Hagley Park every Friday afternoon, the team eventually won their grade. Football became a key theme on lunchtime with a staff v students game and a Year 5 & 6 challenge game with the Years 7 & 8! He also has the joy of going on school camp to Hanmer with the seniors, which included a climb up Mount Isabelle! In 2011 we'll be sorry to see long time supporter, the Principal Brian Thompson leave, but we look forward to building on our work and seeing the whole of CNB won over to football!!



North New Brighton Primary School

Unfortunately we didn't have the staff or funds to have a youthworker in the school throughout 2010, as we have had in the past. However, we were able to offer a programme for a group of girls in Year 7 & 8 called Dare to be You! DARE to be You is a programme administered by NZ Police and is about making a difference to the lives of people in our community. It challenges children to make choices in life, and takes a fresh approach to dealing with the issues New Zealanders face today. Liz and Mandy lead the group throughout Term 2 and part of Term 3. While reading through 'Run for the Trees' by Mandy Hager, they were able to talk through life issues relevant to these pre-teens. Again, we said a sad farewell to long time supporter, principal Gina Holland, but look forward to establishing new contacts and supporters in the future!



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Our vision for running Holiday Programmes at Youth Alive Trust is to give the children of the New Brighton community a fun safe holiday option and allowing parents who work or study a quality, affordable childcare option. It also gives us a chance to introduce families to other programmes we offer and also train and build up our junior leaders for the future.

2010 saw another 8 successful Holiday Programmes (*January, April, July, September*). Both of our programmes the 5-9's and 9-12's which cater for up to 24 children each were booked up in every holiday - with a waiting list which stretched back over 1 year!

All our staff come from other area's of Youth Alive Trust, and we also use some of our up and up coming high school aged leaders in junior roles. This gives us a great chance to develop leadership in our young people who get to work alongside some of the best holiday programme leaders in the city! Thanks to our MSD Contract and Christchurch City Council grants all our staff are now paid a wage and we can offer high quality activities at affordable prices! Our Holiday Programme are always spoken of very highly, and a recent parent questions found that 86% of parents said our activities were of Very High or Excellent Standard! We're not babysitters - we're youthworkers! We even made the local newspaper - with a write up and photos to be very proud of!

Junior Programme: Years 1 - 4

The junior programme welcomed a few new young ones into the group in 2010 while welcoming back a lot of the children from last years programme. Some of the highlights in 2010 for the younger group were - *A trip to the Airforce Museum, gymnastics at Qell, Baking, Caddy Shack City (Mini Golf), Van Rally, Weka Pass Train Day and the Amazing Race Challenge.*



Senior Programme: Years 5 - 8

We are sad to be loosing a number of our older children from the senior programme as they are starting High School in 2011. The good news is that they are making way for a whole heap of 9 year olds absolutely bursting to get into the more challenging activities found in the older programme.

Some of the highlights in the older group this year were - *Laser Strike, Archery at Aim Tru, Adrenalin Forest, Exploring the tunnels at Godley Head, Master Chef challenges, Orana Park, the movies, the Weka Pass Train, Heads & Tails Van Rally, and our very own World Cup Sports Tournament!*

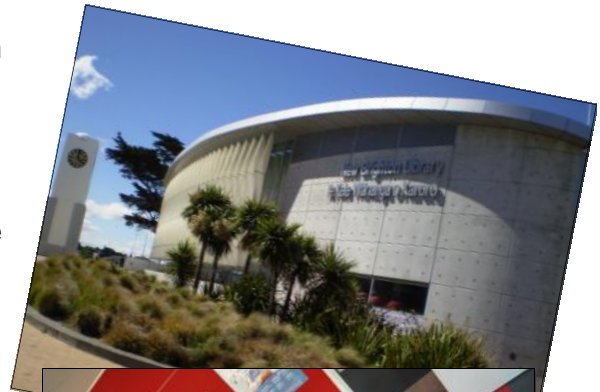


Library Youthworkers

This year we have continued to have a Youth worker present in the New Brighton Library 7 days a week.

Youth Alive is all about supporting the Community, and although this is on someone else's turf so to speak, our workers come with the same principles and practices that are held in all areas of Youth Alive.

Their work is very positively received by Library staff as they interact with the young people, defuse conflict situations, organise and distribute the games in the Pipeline, monitor the computer room and even take time to play games with kids who have been 'dropped off' by parents.



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Youth workers helping out at library



Youth worker Emily Deck left, plays cards with Jayden Wall, Jayden Thompson and Sonia Prakash at New Brighton Library.
Photo: Tania Butterfield

Tania Butterfield

A PIONEERING project to stop disruptive behaviour at New Brighton Library has seen a 'huge decrease' in incidents over the past year.

The trial involved cancelling the library's contract with a security company and relying solely on youth workers from Youth Alive Trust (YAT) for dealing with the library's younger visitors.

Libraries and information manager Carolyn Robertson said the library had previously encountered some behaviours that were 'quite challenging in nature' and had originally used both security guards and youth workers to manage the issues.

"The problems we have experienced in the New Brighton Library can be as simple as loud and disruptive behavior and as difficult as aggression towards other customers and staff.

"Our aim in [using only youth workers] was to manage problems by working proactively with the

youth and to build relationships with staff so that using the library would be a positive experience for the youth and everyone else," Ms Robertson said.

She said the youth workers had been an important factor in the decrease in incidents.

"The New Brighton experience shows how we can work closely with the wider community to make sure the library is welcoming for all.

"It is really pleasing that we have seen a significant reduction in the number of incidents."

YAT youth workers spend three hours a day, seven days a week at the library.

Youth worker Emily Deck said workers play games with the children or take them outside to burn off energy. One youth worker even teaches the boys how to do flips.

"It's working so much better. They've had no problems with the kids since we've been here," Miss Deck said.

Other libraries in Christchurch are also looking at our model and evaluating the need for placing youthworkers in their libraries too. The Mail even did a newspaper article about our youthworkers!

In 2010 our Library based Youthworkers were Gemma Creek, Abiel Dayo, Emily Deck, Fiona Thomson and Ben Ellis. They share the work after school daily from 3pm- 6pm, on weekends and in school holidays!

Community Events

Beach Blasts

We began the year by sending our leaders to help two Beach Blasts ran by the Christchurch City Council in North and South Brighton. We sent 6-8 leaders each weekend to help run the events. This involved helping to set-up, pack down, run games such as Ripper rugby and pentanque, sand model competitions, Frisbee targets, completing participants surveys and the face painting. A great start to the year and a great chance to support our community.



Skate Jam

In March we joined with the Christchurch City Council again to run the annual Skate Jam in Thomson Park, North New Brighton. Hundreds of youth and families joined in the skating, watched demo's and ate free sausages. The new skate bowl attracted a large crowd as people gathered to see the awesome skating displays (and the gnarly accidents!). Our key responsibilities were hiring the skates, crowd control, survey completions and the clean-up.

Family Fun Night 2010

Around 500 people attended our fifth annual Family Fun Night on the night of Halloween and were treated to a huge variety of games, activities and treats! For only a Gold Coin Door entry, all the activities were free with opportunities to win heaps of prizes, such as the Stringy Apple Game, Pea Shooting, a Basketball shoot-out and Play Your Cards Right. Aside from the games, there were also bouncy castles, an arcade room with games like 4 player Guitar Hero & Wii, jewellery and bead making, face painting, café, BBQ, Candyfloss and well known Magician Elgregoe. Over 40 volunteers helped staff the event. Many commented how awesome the event was and how pleased they were to bring their children to a safe, fun alternative to trick or treating. Again, we made the Newspaper!



Big thanks to our sponsors for helping this event to happen, Christchurch City Council, Funky Pumpkin and Norths Bread.

MEDIA COVERAGE

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NEWS



Chock full: Volunteer Johanna Lendnal leads the highly popular chocolate wheel game.

Photos: EMILY DECK

Fun night is popular

More than 500 young people and parents plunged into Family Fun Night at Grace Vineyard Campus on Sunday as an alternative to Halloween.

Carnival-style games, bouncy castles, face painting, jewellery making, hair braiding, and dollops of prizes were on the agenda with guest magician Elgregoe who amazed the crowds with disappearing acts, ventriloquism, and cute animals.

A barrel load of 400 sausages, 150 bags of candy floss and 200 scones were also sold as part of a fundraising drive to buy a new van for campus-based Youth Alive Trust's weekly youth activities.

By charging only a gold coin entry, all the activities were free with help from a small grant from the Christchurch City Council and donations from local businesses like The Funky Pumpkin. "Another brilliant year with lots to do - the kids didn't want to leave," parent Caryl Hanright said.



Vanishing act: The crowd enjoy Elgregoe the Magician.

Another parent, Mary Melloch, said her children were hooked. "My kids absolutely loved it. What an awesome community feeling."

Local mum Anita Baars brought two nephews and sons. "Although they were a bit

apprehensive about coming into a church, they loved it and want to come back," she said.

Youth Alive Trust chair Scott Pickering was thrilled by the success of the fifth Family Fun Night. "Every year it just seems to get better. I've seen the same people



Big apple: Jayden Edwards, 10, tackling the apple on a string game.

come back year after year, and from this event new people get involved in our other youth programmes or mother and tot groups," he said.

He credited staff and about 50 volunteers who made it all happen, including volunteers from as

young as 12 to enthusiastic people aged 60-up.

"It really is about building up community," he said.

Trust team leader James Ridpath said the safe and fun alternative to Halloween looked like a winner.

CHRISTCHURCH MAIL, NOVEMBER 3, 2010

NEWS

A wet and windy beach blast

A strange storm and towering but aggressive swell did bring trouble to Beach Blast at North Beach on Saturday as beachgoers braved the gusty 13 degree Celsius and mild southerly to enjoy the action.

Young beachgoers had a go at surfing, beach volleyball, bungee jumping and the like and had themselves a ball. The New Zealand Surfing Club took out trophies, and the local and visiting clubs, North Beach, gave bungee jumping and bungee surfing lessons.

A music competition, face painting, cricket and tennis rugby were run by the New Brighton-based Youth Alive Trust. Canterbury University also gave lessons in beach volleyball.

Spot prizes were handed out throughout the morning. The event was organised by Christchurch City Council recreation and sports and hosted by the Inverclyde-Papua Community Trust. The next Beach Blast party will be at the South Brighton Surf Lifeguard Club this Saturday, from 9.30am until 1pm.

Cold plunge: Beachgoers were off the ocean as a few lucky surfers fought with the choppy waves.

Playing ball: Beachgoers and Youth Alive Trust staff had a go at beach volleyball.

Tall tales: Lee White stands at over 2.2 metres (7ft 6in) tall, one of the tallest people in the world and a member of the 2009 Special Olympics New Zealand National Games. He is the tallest person in the world and a member of the 2009 Special Olympics New Zealand National Games.

Party babies: George Williams, 11 months and young, and his mother, Amy, are seen with George's father, James, at the Beach Blast.

Beach volleyball: Steve Cadden and Dave Stone, both 11, and Johnny Stone, 11, are seen playing beach volleyball.

Small fry: The cold southerly deluging in the afternoon of this beach blast did not stop the young beachgoers.

Ready, steady: Emily McLaughlin waits to catch the ball after a young beachgoer.

Good sport: Emily, 11, gets the face painting treatment from Beach Blast volunteer Mary Jane.



Party babe: Amy Ridpath, a volunteer, with the youngest at the Family Fun Night, seven-month-old Leah Dayo.



YouthAlive TRUST

Serving young people in New Brighton since 1989

Thursday 18th Nov 10am-11am – Presentation to the Community

Friday 19th Nov 7pm – Sodium Live Band Night

Sat 20th Nov - Celebration Meal – by invitation only.

Sun 21st Nov – 10:30am Morning Celebration Service

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Youth Alive Trust celebrates 21st

Tania Butterfield

NEW Brighton's Youth Alive Trust is celebrating its 21st birthday this month.

The trust was established in 1989 by members of Seaview Christian Centre (now known as Grace Vineyard Beach Campus) to meet the needs of children and young people in New Brighton.

It runs several after school programmes including Cheeky Little Monkeys and WAVE for primary school students and Rock Solid for intermediate level children.

Team leader James Ridpath, who has been involved with the trust since 2004, said the biggest change to the trust had been the increased need for safety and new technologies which affected the activities they ran.

"There are now more options for young people to be entertained and different ways to socialise, with the internet and home gaming consoles able to keep young people happily occupied for hours without leaving home.

"Our programmes are about creating group dynamics you can't get by yourself and interacting with young people where they already go."

Youth workers from the trust already frequent New Brighton library and various local schools.

Mr Ridpath said volunteers interacted



Rock solid: Year 7 and 8 students complete a spaghetti and marshmallow challenge at an after school programme run by the Youth Alive Trust.

with hundreds of youth each week but the trust would need extra funding to grow.

"If money wasn't an issue I'd love to see a purpose built youth facility in New Brighton with an indoor sport hall, a more frequent youth café, and a drop-in style environment where young people and parents can get advice from youth councillors."

The Mail

The Press

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21st celebration for trust

A trust formed to challenge and inspire young people in the Christchurch suburb of New Brighton celebrates its 21st birthday this week.

The Youth Alive Trust works with hundreds of young people every week, providing activities through after-school clubs, holiday and school programmes and camps.

Team leader James Ridpath said the trust offered team

building and challenging activities with the help of about 40 volunteers.

He said it could provide different opportunities for young people, including a recent Waipara camp that gave some their first holiday outside Christchurch.

The 21st celebrations include a community presentation on Thursday, a booklet about the trust's history, and a night of live music on Friday.

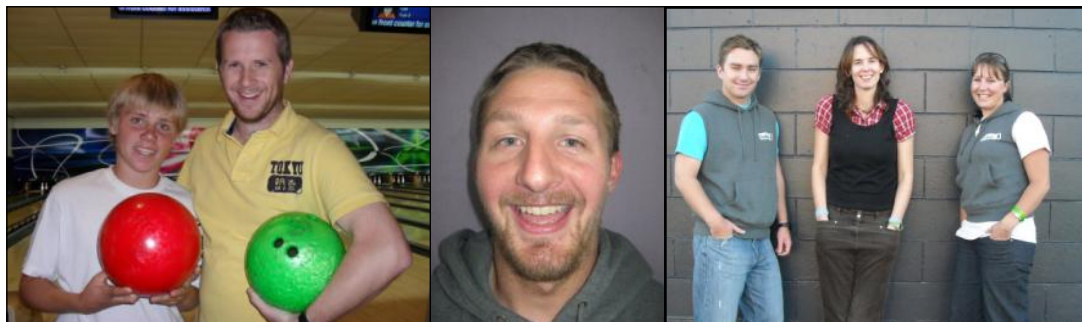
OUR Leaders

The glue of Youth Alive Trust is our enthusiastic, energetic, passionate, faithful, dedicated, servant hearted leaders! Nearly all are volunteers, who give of their time, energy, resources and often money to the children and young people of the community! We value them highly and believe in treasuring them and treating them as our most precious resource! Throughout 2010 we have had around 50 volunteers and staff on all our programmes!

Throughout the year, volunteers and staff are trained 'on site' by other more experienced Youthworkers. This has been in areas like Positive Programming, Behaviour Management and Child Protection. There are also specialised training events throughout the year such as leaders retreats, which have elements of social, bonding, envisioning and planning for the year.

We sent 10 of our up and coming young leaders to 'Emerge' which is a camp primarily looking to develop and encourage young youth leaders from all over the South Island. They are taught on issues such as youth culture, self care and being an effective leader.

As usual we end the year with a celebratory meal and reflection of the year just gone. These are valuable times to excite our team about next year and reward all the hard work people generously gave for free!



FUNDERS

Without the generous and consistent support of donors and grant making bodies, the work of Youth Alive Trust would not be possible. Many of our activities are volunteer lead, but without the support of key staff, administration, transport, and the constant overheads, we could not operate. We have held a long standing relationship with many of our funders, but with continued rising costs and more groups asking for money, we are struggling to meet our budget. In 2010, we have launched Friends of Youth alive Trust, as a way of attracting personal donors - those who believe in the work we do and wish to back it financially. However we are still reliant and very grateful to the following funders:

- Christchurch City Council
- Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD)
- Canterbury Community Trust
- NZ Lottery Grants Board
- Grace Vineyard Church
- Eureka Trust
- Pub Charity Inc
- Lion Foundation
- Springhill Trust
- ANZ Staff Foundation
- NZ Community Post
- Mainland Foundation
- BP Petrol Vouchers for Volunteers



Youth Alive Trust Budget 2011

Youthworker Wages

Team Leader, High Schools Manager,	}	\$68,340
High Schools Worker Supervisor		
Male High Schools Youth Worker,		
Female High Schools Youth Worker		
Intermediates Youth Worker (1 day)		<i>Volunteer</i>
Two Praxis Students (Fees & Expenses)		<u>\$8,000</u>
		\$76,340

Weekly Safer Streets Programme Costs & Expenses

Sodium Youth Café (Years 9-13)	\$4,000
Rock Solid (Years 7-8)	\$4,000
WAVE (Years 5-6)	\$4,000
Cheeky Little Monkeys (Years 1-4)	<u>\$2,800</u>
	\$14,800

Holiday Programme Costs & Wages

Junior Programme 5 – 9's	\$18,151
Senior Programme 9 – 12's	\$18,151
Coordinators Salary	<u>\$15,200</u>
	\$51,502

Camps

Sodium BaseCamp (Years 9-13)	\$2,150
Rock Solid 40 Hour Famine Camp	\$525
Rock Solid Regional Camp	\$2,450
X-Tend Leadership Camp (young leaders)	<u>\$915</u>
	\$6,040

New Brighton Library

Christchurch City Council Contract	\$20,202
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Schools Work Programme Costs

\$1,000

Family Fun Night

\$1,400

Training

Staff Training Resources, Events & Camps	\$2,000
Volunteers Training Events	\$800
Supervision & Mentoring	\$500
Volunteer EOY Celebration	<u>\$1,000</u>
	\$4,300

Office & Admin

Koha/Guests	\$500
Printing & Office costs	\$1,500
24-7 Youthwork Trust Network Fee	\$2,981
Office Administrator (1 day)	\$7,600
Financial Administrator Wages	\$4,500
Audit Prep & Fees	\$1,000
Marketing & Publicity	\$1,500
Vehicle costs	<u>\$4,000</u>
	\$23,581

Equipment

When Needed: Gaming Charity Applications

Building Lease

\$5,200

*All building & insurance liabilities transferred to Grace Vineyard

TOTAL

\$204,365