

**Youth Alive Trust**

*Annual  
Report 2007*

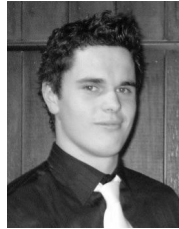
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## **Chairman's Report**

It is wonderful to reflect on what 2007 has brought and the stability achieved within the Trust. 2006 was a year of growth, new staff and setting foundations after change. In 2007 we have continued to run the same after school programmes with predominantly the same staff and volunteers, and have even added a New Club for Years 5 & 6 called Wave. This completed the missing gap in our age ranges of after school clubs, therefore we can now see children and young people grow through our clubs from the age of 5, through primary school, high school and hopefully as volunteers for the next generation of Brighton children and youth.

At the end of 2006 we sent 4 of our 6 staff with our blessings to new ventures. Angelina McLean & Fleur Hanner left to complete a Discipleship Training School with YWAM and serve on the missions field. Pete Howe moved closer to his family in the North Island to study at Faith Bible College. Thomas Lochrie joined the travelling music and drama band 'Y-one' making a 2 week stop in Christchurch this September. We have continued strong relationships with these young adults and hope one day they will return as staff or volunteers.

We have changed the way a number of our Safer Streets Programmes are catered for. To encourage stability in the club, rid ourselves of transport issues and leaders ratio problems, we have limited the club sizes. All but the teenage programmes sign up per term and pay a one off fee that helps cover the cost of the outings and activities. This has meant WAVE and Rock Solid have their maximum number of young people, and has also created an awesome club culture.

In Term 3 we were approached by North New Brighton to put a youth worker in the school. Historically we have had a close relationship with the school, but due to staff leaving this year, we limited our contact with North New Brighton and South New Brighton Schools. Yet this urgency helped us find a partnership with QE2 to put one of their employees, and our volunteer, Cameron Trow into the school for around 8 hours per week. Another excellent partnership!

Financially we have had a steady year of income that has allowed us to do our utmost for the community we serve. We kindly thank our generous donors for their continued support and look forward to sharing more positive results we can all be proud of. We welcome you to read through our years activities and smile at the wonderful work of many dedicated and faithful leaders!

*Scott Pickering*

# 2007 Statistics

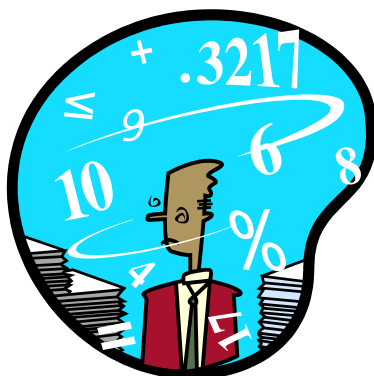
When we start to think about the size of Youth Alive Trust and the number of people it is influencing - it's mind boggling! In 2007, Youth Alive Trust ran 5 weekly Safer Street Programmes, totalling 230 hours of interaction with children and young people. We ran 6 camps totalling 317 hours of interaction, 8 Holiday Programmes at 240 hours per year, worked in 3 different schools for about 277 hours, took part in 5 Community Events totalling 26 hours and put youthworkers in New Brighton Library for 518 hours.

Therefore in 2007, Youth Alive Trust has spent 1608 hours of running programmes and activities with children and young people! This equates to 4.4 hours for everyday of the year or 8.3 hours per day for every school day of the year!!!

In 2007 our weekly Safer Street Programmes catered for approximately 75 children and young people a week. Our Holiday Programmes see approximately 60 children per year and our Community Events and School's Work interacts with hundreds of local children and young people!

In 2007 we have had approximately 40 staff and volunteers involved in our programmes and events (not including the extra 20 people who helped with the Family Fun Night)! Excluding our staff, our volunteers have put in a total of 1125 hours of voluntary time into our Safer Streets Programmes, 1392 hours into our camps, 1440 hours by our Junior Holiday Programmes leaders, 274 hours in all our Community Events and approximately 1004 hours of planning, debriefing, training days and weekends!

Therefore in 2007, Youth Alive Trust volunteers have donated a total of 5235 hours into their community. This is 101 hours per week! At the current minimum hourly rate of \$11.25 an hour, this equates to a saving of \$58,893.75!!!



## **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 Seaview Christian Centre.

## **Relationship with Seaview Christian Centre**

Youth Alive Trust was originally established by the leadership of Seaview Christian Centre (formerly known as Brighton Baptist Church) to serve the young people of our community. The Trust was then used to purchase 111-113 Seaview Road, now known as Seaview Christian Centre, and a car park on Beresford Street. Since this time, Seaview Christian Centre Trust has been established, and the new trust takes responsibility for building costs, insurance, renovations and building activities. Youth Alive Trust bases most of their programmes at Seaview Christian Centre and also permanently uses some offices. 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 Seaview Christian Centre 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.

Youth Alive Trust recognises, but does not take responsibility for the childrens and youth work undertaken by Seaview Christian Centre. This includes Sunday School, D:Vote (Bible Study for teenagers on Sundays), Youth Alpha and the Mothers and Toddlers group.

# 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 the young person 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 Monkeys** (weekly club for Years 1 - 4), **WAVE** (weekly club for Years 5 & 6), **Rock Solid** (weekly club for Year 7 & 8), **Unity East** (weekly club for Years 9 - 13), and **Sodium** (larger events for teenagers on a fortnightly or monthly basis).

**2) In-School Programmes.** Supporting the students in their classrooms, on lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities. Offering mentoring, one on one support, sports coaching, lunchtime activities and being positive role models. Our key schools in 2007 are Central New Brighton and Aranui High School.

**3) Holiday Programmes.** These fun filled programmes run 4 times a year for two different age categories, 5 – 8'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, such as Phatcamp, Rock Solid Camp, Eastercamp and sleep-overs.

**5) Library Support.** We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth leaders in New Brighton Library on weekends and in school holidays.

**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, such as Y-ONE.

**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.

# 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



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.

## **OSCAR Network** in Christchurch (Inc.)

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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. We have also opened up our venue to Christchurch City Council Events such as OASIS and given advice on local issues.



We have a contract with Christchurch City Libraries to supply paid youthworkers on weekends and school holidays in New Brighton Library.

Canterbury youth  
services

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



We have recently signed up to the Charities Commission of New Zealand, as advised by the IRD, grant making bodies and the government.

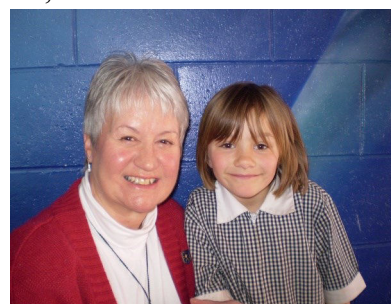
# Cheeky Little Monkeys









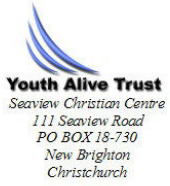







## 2007



We re-launched our programme at the beginning of Term 2 after finding new leaders. We started the term with 6 girls and 5 leaders – but it was always aimed at boys and girls! Although the group was small, it enabled strong, positive relationships to build between children and leaders that have lasted all year. The majority of children are picked up from Central New Brighton school as the bell rings, then walked across the road.

Our programme starts with afternoon tea – much needed after a long day at school! This varies from all kinds of fruit, biscuits, crackers and even making our own sandwiches with hundreds of thousands! The session usually has a physical activity slot, an arts and crafts slot and a spiritual input slot. Favourite games include Duck Duck Goose, In the River and also Parachute Games. The group has a strong art and craft streak, with activities such as card making, photo frame making and jewellery making. Other activities have included baking, feeding the ducks and end of term trips to QE2 and 10 Pin Bowling. In our spiritual time we have learnt about the value of treating others as we would want to be treated, we have learnt the Lords Prayer in Sign Language and also had a guest visit from a Clown! Throughout the year, our numbers grew and boys eventually joined the group. At the end of the year, we have a regular group of 11 children. Getting to know these children by having a positive input into their young lives is an awesome privilege. As they grow older, we will encourage them to attend other Youth Alive Trust Programmes suitable to their age and some will eventually become youth leaders themselves!



					
		<h3>Cheeky Little Monkeys</h3> <p>Wednesdays 2:45 - 4:15pm</p> <p>Years 1 - 4</p> 			
					



# WAVE

## **A Weekly Club for Years 5 & 6**

2007 saw the launch of a NEW Club for Years 5 & 6. This filled the gap of the past few years in Youth Alive Trust's after school programme's. The leadership team of James and Amy Ridpath, together with Ngarita, Karishma & Robert brought experience with new and enthusiastic leaders. We advertised the club in Central New Brighton and also to our regular Holiday Programme children which got a quick a positive response. We limited our numbers according to transport and driver ratio's, meaning a maximum of 14 children. We also set a \$20 a term fee to help cover the cost of outings, as we are able to further supplement the costs through grants and donations made to Youth Alive Trust.

In the first Term we went on trips to QE2, 10 Pin Bowling and Laser Strike. We also had a dessert night, a treasure hunt around New Brighton and tried our luck at amazing human feats at our World Record Night! We ended the term with a "W" Party and everyone was encouraged to come in Fancy Dress and take part in the W Games!

Our final term was just as action packed with trips to Mini Golf, Clip & Climb and end of year Beach BBQ. One special night involved advertising a meal and movie night. They expected to be fed and then watching a DVD - but we split boys/girls, made and ate Chicken Burrito's and Fruit Salad as teams, then went to the cinema to see The Game Plan (only released the previous night). Some of our best nights however were the simple team bonding events such as playing Capture the Flag at the park and also a peaceful night of jewellery making! Well done to all our leaders who have created such a positive atmosphere at the club and committed to club every Friday. We send our Year 6's with our blessing onto Rock Solid next year and look forward to building on our work with our current Year 5's in 2008!



# Rock Solid '07

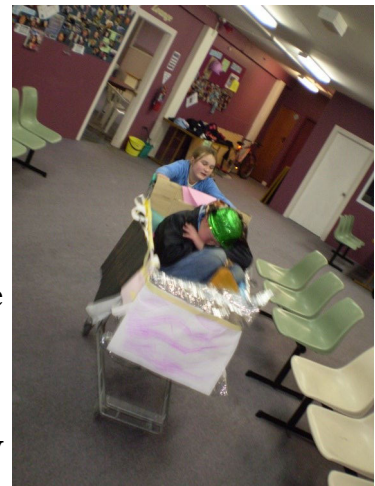


Rock Solid 2007 has been amazing! This year really stands out to me when reflecting on the three years that I have been leading, and most recently coordinating Rock Solid. This is due to a number of factors, including the team of leaders that have been involved this year, the activities that we have been involved in, and the enthusiasm of the children that have been attending.

This year our night have revolved around a number of activities, both 'In House' and Outings. These have included outings to Laser Strike, Ten Pin Bowling, Godly Head and to Aim Tru. We have also taken advantage of the locality of Seaview Christian Centre and were taught stone carving by the team at the workshop on



Seaview Road, and have used Rawhiti Domain and the New Brighton Mall to hold activities such as T-Ball and a Scavenger Hunt. Our 'In House' events have included a dessert designing competition, a Super Hero Night and Games nights.



The annual Rock Solid Regional Camp was a real highlight of the year. This year the camp was held at Waipara Boys Brigade camp, and this was loved by all who attended, and some really awesome relationships were created.

The Team of leaders this year has been of the highest standard, all of whom have a real passion for the kids, and who enjoy giving up their own time to create a fun environment for the them. I have been supported by Haley Grant, Matt Swaney, Mandy Hart, Ryan Cameron and Pip Grant who all bring their own talents and specialities to the team.

As a First Time Coordinator of a weekly youth programme, I have found this position both challenging and rewarding, but the rewards of running a group in which I can share my



# Unity East 2007

## End of Year Report

**Who:** 13-18 year olds

**When:** Weekly on a Wednesday night

**Young people:** 30-35 each week

**Leaders:** 8 Volunteers

Unity East is a group for high school students. It runs on a weekly basis, where young people come down to the centre and have a time of fun, challenge and sense of belonging.

This year we worked hard as a leadership team to bring a community feel to Unity East where regardless of your age, school, cultural background you would find yourself connected feeling



every much as part of the group as anyone. At the start it took awhile for people to bring down their walls, but by about the end of the first term we had accomplished this.

Unity East has been a real journey for many of the young people who are a part of the group, as a leadership team we want to do more than just entertain young people. We want to challenge them in important areas of life, encourage them to grow and develop their character. This is not always an easy journey for a young person but when you

know you are apart of a group that is loving and supporting it enables you to push through the harder times.

It's exciting to look at the group we have now, and how far they have come since the start of the year. Along the way we have seen some people leave and also some new people join, but I

think it has been a great reward for those who have come through they whole year. We are now thinking and dreaming about what next year will look like. One thing already planned is for a group of 17 young people and leaders to go over to Vanuatu on a missions trip to help dig wells and serve those in need.



We have managed to take our young people on 4 camps this year, which have been huge highlights of the year. They are always great times for bonding and making memories.

Another highlight this year was joining with other High School aged groups and running a Formal Dance. We hired and then decorated North New Brighton Memorial Hall and 120 young people from around the East Side of Christchurch danced all night! This is now going to become an annual event.



# Sodium 2007

## Events for Teens

Sodium is a club night we run at Seaview Christian Center particularly on Friday nights for



young people between the ages of 13 and 17. The idea of Sodium is to offer young people a fun and safe alternative to the typical youth culture of going to town on a Friday night to look for alcohol or any mischief. When Sodium first started, we pulled together some volunteer leaders to organise games and activities for the Friday night club. On some occasions the leaders would organize an outing for the young people to places such as Alpine Ice-skating, Laser Strike and Ten Pin Bowling. This year we ran Sodium a little bit different. We weren't able to sustain a regular club night due to lack of volunteer leaders, but we

were able to run events at certain times throughout the year.

We focused on a Youth Café Project, which ran under the Sodium name. It was our trials to see if Sodium would become a permanent Youth Café for the young people based in New Brighton. We hosted two Youth Café nights this year, each one featuring live bands.

Our staff consisted of young people from Unity East managing the café, door entry and equipment maintenance, while the leaders related to the youth while playing Pool, Table Tennis or Playstations or just generally chatting to them. The young people that attended these events were from the local community of New Brighton and Aranui as we advertised the Youth Café nights at Aranui High School and posters around the community. We had around 35 to 50 young people attend the Youth Café with 4 leaders and 4 junior staff. In 2008 we will seriously look at running Sodium Youth Cafés on a more regular basis providing we can find enough volunteer leaders and junior staff.

Other special events for the year included a "Round the City Treasure Hunt". The youth were split into teams (dependant upon transport) and given clues and tasks that must be completed. At one point they needed to eat and drink a bag of groceries such as iced buns, chips, banana's and a tin of mackerel! We joined another local youth group for a Mid Year Quiz, which we hosted. This brought a competitive edge between clubs (who we also joined with for a game of basketball!) yet also a sense of unity amongst the youth and leaders (we also joined with them for a Formal). One event was ran at Bot-tlelake Forest and the young people were sent on a Scavenger Hunt and another Friday they just used the facilities at our centre to relax and chat with friends. On Labour Day we took a large group of youth to Hanmer Springs where we relaxed in the Hot Pools and went for a walk up the hill. These bonding experiences are great for young people to have positive social interaction with peers and youth leaders, who role model positive life skills!



# School's Work

## Aranui High School

### Mentoring & Drop-In Centre

In 2007 we had two youth workers (Matt & Josiah) that visited Aranui High School on a weekly basis. During their time at the school they made themselves available to the students for catching up with them and mentoring when needed. One of the youth workers was a previous student to the school and had a familiar and friendly face to people. Having youth workers in the school made it very easy for young people to approach them and feel comfortable telling them a little bit about their weekend, how things are going in general for them and even playing simple games of Basket Ball and Hacky Sack. On Thursday lunchtimes at Aranui High School we ran a weekly drop-in centre where all young people were welcome into this safe environment to hang out, play games on the Playstations - Buzz & Singstar, Table Tennis, Pool and talk to the youth workers.

### Leadership Training

At the start of every year, Aranui High School takes on board a group of new, Year 13 students who volunteer to be Prefects. Part of their roll as a Prefect is to have Peer Support Leadership Training. Our Youth Alive Trust youth workers assisted Aranui High in the training for these Year 13 Prefects by helping them to develop their leadership skills and abilities when dealing with groups of Year 13's.

### Sports Competitions

Aranui High School is very proud of their sports achievements in all areas. We presented the idea to one of the key physical education teachers who was very keen to have us run a touch tournament for the Year 9 students. So during the second term of the year, our youth workers put together a Year 9 Touch Rugby Tournament, which ran on Thursday lunchtimes. The event went very well, as each Year 9 class would participate and at the same time it also encouraged each class team building skills and bonding time by working together and being part of a team.



## Central New Brighton

We were keen to continue our strong bond with the school 'across the road', so James connected with a Year 4 boy who had been causing trouble at our Holiday Programmes. In Term 2 he ran a life skills programme for 4 children from the same class for 45 mins per week which we called the Cooperative Group. This covered topics such as "All about me", "how do I feel", "managing my feelings", "bullying" and "friends". By Term 3 it was decided that I work 1-on-1 with the boy. This allowed for fun times, good debrief times, a hospital visit and arranging free camp for him. James also was on the playground once a week and became known to many children and staff playing games and having fun!

## North New Brighton Schools

At the end of Term 3, the principal of North New Brighton School approached the trust asking for any help they could offer. This brought about a partnership with volunteer Cameron Trow, the school and his employer - QE2. Cameron works about 8-10 hours a week supporting the Year 7 - 8 pupils in class, on their lunchtime and working 1-on-1 when advised. This role will continue into 2008 with a further partnership with QE2 and their Fear Factor programme!

# Holiday Programme 2007

## 5 - 8'S PROGRAMME

### END OF YEAR REPORT

#### Quick Facts

Age: 5-8 year olds

Programmes run: January, April, July, September 2007

Attendance Per Programme: 20-24 Children

3 Paid Staff

3 Volunteer Junior Staff



In 2007 we successfully ran four holiday programmes, one in each school holiday period. It was nice to start the year with some familiar faces from last year but also some new fresh 5 year olds. Each programme is filled with a variety of activities that make up the week, including Trips out, arts and crafts, games, Jump Jam, and some down time. We received a lot of great feedback from the children and families attending the programme this year, just how much they enjoy the quality of programmes we offer.

Another thing we try our best to do in our programmes is maintain consistency of leaders who work on our programmes. We think this is very important as it enables them to build and further relationships with the children who are attending. Also from the children's perspective this is important as they feel a lot more relaxed and comfortable in a place that can provide familiarity. Holiday programmes are always real highlights of the year for all who are involved.

#### Some of the highlights from 2007 were:

Living Springs Farm

Willow bank Wildlife Park

Mini Golf

Giant puzzle Hunt

Kaiopoi Aquatic centre

**Readings Movie Cinema**

The Theatre

**Magic Shows**

Gondola



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## 9-12'S PROGRAMME

### END OF YEAR REPORT

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Christchurch School of Gymnastics

Mystery Day

Weka Pass Steam Train Ride

Ice Skating

**Science Alive**

Mini Golf Marathon

**Clip and climb**

**Gondola**



# Easter Camp 2007

**When:** Thursday 5th - Monday 9th April

**Location:** Spencer Park

**Unity East Attendance:** 42 People

**Total Camp Attendance:** 3200 People

Over the Easter weekend we took our high school group 'Unity East' along to Easter camp. Easter camp is a huge camp run by Canterbury Youth Services out at Spencer park for young people from all around the South Island. The weekend is full of lots of activities, music and speakers. Some of the activities included Motor bike rides, bouncy castles, Ferris wheel, Sport competitions, and so much more.

We as a group had a excellent time at Easter camp. Each group gets designated it's own ground space to make your home for the weekend. We set up a big Marquee tent for hanging out and eating in, and then placed all our sleeping tents around the rest of our site. Being that it's such close living quarters, it really bonds the group together and creates a lot of fun group dynamics. It was a great time for our leaders to really get along side the young people and give them some quality time to chat and talk about where that young person is at. Our main marquee hub was filled with old couches, lights, and heaters to create a cool environment. It was also were we ran our group activities including the Battle of the Sexes - which span the length of the weekend (and the girls won!) Each day there is a morning and night meeting with everyone at camp. Each meeting will have a speaker who will bring a message to challenge and make young people think, which gave us as leaders great stepping stones to work from in our conversations.



Some of our boys in the main marquee before the night meeting having a good time



Some of our group hanging out in our camp site on a fresh early morning.

Easter camp is always one of the real highlights of the year for all the young people who attend, they go away with so many memories of fun as well as challenging themselves as to were they are at in life. They spend the rest of the year talking about the camp and looking forward to the next Easter Camp.

The Money we received from the ANZ Foundation enabled us help assist young people who could not raise the full costs of camp themselves, help pay for our volunteer leaders who give up their weekend to spend time with the young people and hire the community Marquee.

# Boys Boys Boys Weekend

June 2007

## Hanmer Springs

This weekend was just for the High School Boys. We loaded up the vans and headed up to Hanmer Springs where we had arranged to stay in a Batch to do Boy's things for the weekend. The first activity we did was getting dressed up in our camo gear and heading into the forest with a tray of eggs each and a map. The aim of the game was to navigate your team through the forest collecting clues along the way, and if you were to come in contact with another team you could egg them. It was great fun, with real suspense as we walked through the forest.



Boys Hanging out at the batch listening to music

In the morning we got up early and had a big cooked breakfast of Bacon and eggs, hash browns, and baked beans. After fueling our bodies we set off to claim Mount Isabel a 5 hour return trip. The weather packed it in on the way up and we made it as far as the Waterfall before turning around and heading back down. Once we were down the only thing on our minds was getting into the warm hot pools. We spent

the next 3-4hrs hanging out in the pools, chatting, laughing and playing a bit of pool rugby.



Making it to the Waterfall, half way up Mt Isabel, before coming back down because of the weather

We had a great mixture of boys attending the weekend, and it was a real privilege to watch how the activities we did really brought them together, and bonded them as a group. Going away as boys is something that worked really well and is something we would defiantly like to try again in the future.

# Rock Solid Camp 2007

Wairpara 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept '07



*Having a feed at in our Western Themed Meal*

## Hitting the Mark!!

This was our theme for Rock Solid Camp 2007. Rock Solid New Brighton, which runs as a part of Youth Alive Trust at Seaview Christian Centre, took a group of 19 young people and leaders away for an action packed weekend, full of excitement, new experiences and encouragement. Nearly everyone from our group attended!

Rock Solid Camp 2007 was held at the Waipara Boys Brigade campsite, an awesome facility, with so much space and freedom. We took full advantage of this space, and many activities were undertaken, ranging from air rifle shooting, to orienteering, from swimming in icy cold water, to rolling around in a giant Zorb ball!!! (one of the coolest activities around)

This camp was definitely the highlight of the Rock Solid Calender, and an amazing sense of unity amongst the members of the group is apparent as a result of the weekend. As well as the kids having loads of fun, the leaders also enjoyed themselves immensely, and appreciated the opportunity to take such an amazing bunch of young people away on such a camp.

Y-One, the amazingly gifted touring group accompanied us on the camp, two of which actually lead Rock Solid groups in 2006.

Getting back into the Rock Solid scene was a really special time for them, and they loved camp as much as we all did. They shared stories through word, music and drama that challenged our youth to reach for the stars!



*Pip joins the kids for the Saturday Night Line Dancing*

With the support of the ANZ Staff

Foundation we were able to dramatically decrease the cost of the camp for our youth, many of which would not have been able to pay the full cost of camp. We also partnered with our local ANZ branch who supplied our whole group with ANZ branded bags, jelly beans, mints, pencils and ponchos. For an amazing welcome pack!

# Phat Camp '07

## Takamatua

9th -11th November

This year's end of year camp for the high school group took place in Takamatua, 5 minutes away from Akaroa.

We took 20 young people and eight leaders to camp in a convoy of two vans and three cars. We all met at Seaview Christian Centre at 6.30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and set off around 7pm. We arrived at the Chisnallwood Intermediate, Takamatua, Camp Taylor site around 9pm and got settled in our rooms before all meeting in the main hall for rules, boundaries, and plans for the next day.

After the meeting up we decided to have a big chocolate hunt in the dark outside around the campsite. One of the leaders set out to place the chocolate in areas around the campsite while the rest of the group stayed in the main hall and played an upfront game to keep the young people busy for a few minutes. After the chocolate hunt we played a game of spotlight and sardines. We then gathered to the main hall where we had set up a projector and screen and we all watched the movie "Transformers." Lots of the kids fell asleep during the movie and woke up after the movie to then walk to their bunkrooms for bedtime.

Breakfast began at 8am, as we needed to be ready to have pre made our lunches for the day and leave the campsite by 8:45am and make our way to the Wainui YMCA outdoor activities base. In the morning we had three different groups of young people set off to do an activity for the morning. The activities of choice were, High Ropes, Coasteering and Sea Kayaking. We all then met back and had lunch together. During this time we played Frisbee and general hang out time.

Our last session started at 1:30pm where the young people could choose to do Archery, High Ropes or Kayaking.

Afterward we all headed back to campsite where we played cricket and general hang out time. We had a few volunteers that drove out to us to cook our dinner while we hung out and played games. We had an excellent meal of burritos and wedges. To finish the day we had a concert in the evening where each person at the camp must perform a skit, song, drama, dance or any inspiring thoughts and games. It went very well and everyone participated.

The next day we all set off around 10am to Akaroa for the Black Cat boat cruise around the Akaroa harbour and area.



Relaxing on the Black Cat, while watching for Dolphins.



A group of youth just after getting off the Kayaks.

This went well and we all got to see and hear about interesting historical facts about Akaroa. We all had fish and chips for lunch together and then had half an hour's free time to look around Akaroa before heading back to camp. Once we arrived back at camp it was then clean up and pack up time. Everyone helped participate in the clean up and loading up the vans with gear and then we set off home around 3pm back to Christchurch.

It was a great youth group community building camp where everyone participated and got involved the activities and games. For some it was the second Phat Camp they have been on, for others it was their first time and I believe they all really enjoyed it and will be looking forward to it next year.

# 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 event. This involved helping to set-up, pack down, run games such as touch rugby and pentanque, sand model competitions, completing participants surveys and the face painting. Although the sun wasn't great, there were still lots of families.



## Skate Jam

In March we joined with the Christchurch City Council again to run the annual Skate Jam in Tompson Park, North New Brighton. It was a scorching day and hundreds of youth and families joined in the skating, watched demo's, dance groups and ate free sausages. Our key responsibilities were hiring the skates, the sausage sizzle and the clean-up.

## Yone Concerts

In September, Y-One hit Christchurch. This travelling band of young people brought their music, drama and positive message to our local young people through 8 concerts! We hosted them for concerts in North New Brighton School, South New Brighton School, New Brighton Catholic



School, Hillview Christian School, Freeville School, Aranui High School and even an outdoor concert at Central New Brighton School! We ended this busy week with a full concert at Seaview Christian Centre that was attended by over 200 children from all these schools. It was a special privilege to host Y-One this year as one of their members, Thomas Lochrie, has been a volunteer and staff member of Youth Alive Trust for many years!

## Family Fun Night

See Report on the next page...

## New Brighton Christmas Parade

We ended the year by celebrating our achievements in the New Brighton Christmas Parade. This was another chance to market our name and achievements in the local community, do a sausage sizzle fundraiser and show off our musical skills by towing our Youth Band playing a live rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas!

# Family Fun Night 2007

## 31st October Report

Youth Alive Trust hosted a Family Fun Night on Wed 31<sup>st</sup> October as a fun safe alternative to Halloween. More than 250 children, parents and grand-



Taylah Hooper, Cameron Trow, Alex Pohatu-Trow, taking part in the "Feed Me" game.

parents attended the event at Seaview Christian Centre taking part in carnival style games and activities, as well as enjoying Hefty Geoff (the magician), the bouncy castle, BBQ and café. Everyone went home with plenty of lollies, and even healthy alternatives such as apples, thanks to a donation from the Funky Pumpkin. Many of the parents gave very positive feedback about having a safe, fun place for their children to go instead of trick or treating. "Our kids loved it, there was lots to do, they got

lots of treats and I'd much rather they were here than on the street" said one Mum.

There were many activities to take part in, including target games such as bowling, ping pong jars, marble madness, basketball shooting and frisbee flying. Simpler games such as Guess the Name of the Teddy and Guess the Number of Jelly Beans were alongside the magnet fishing and the lucky dip. Those wanting a greater challenge went for the Remote Controlled Car, Play Your Cards Right or Apple on a String.

Those more creative enjoyed some jewellery making, hair braiding and face painting, creating a colourful & vibrant atmosphere!



Brydie Shea taking part in Face Painting and Jewellery Making



Rob Hart looks on as locals try to win themselves treats

The night was staffed by a crew of more than 30 volunteers, including many teenagers who are part of other Youth Alive Trust programmes. This was just one of many events and programmes Youth Alive Trust runs at Seaview Christian Centre in the New Brighton Community. Their weekly clubs and programmes for all ages, holiday programmes, camps, schools work and special events are always welcomed in the community.

# Library Support



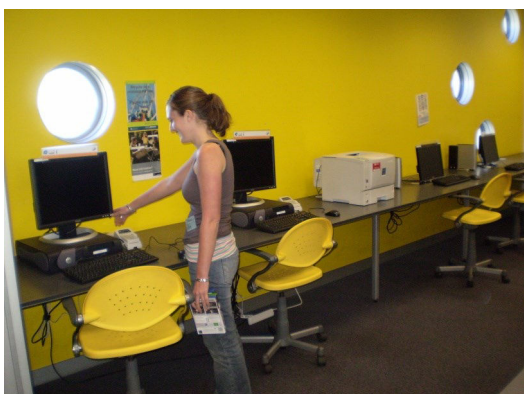
In 2007 we built on our relationship with the local library and had a variety of workers. Deborah and Jared continued their weekend work and deserved their pay rise having worked there for over 3 years!



In the school holidays, a number of youthworkers have served the library including Josiah, Gemma, Charlotte, Amy and Angelina. It is always good to serve our community, and although this is on someone else's territory, our workers come with the same values. Their work is very positively received by Library staff as they interact with the young people, 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.



The normal weekly hours were Saturday and Sunday 1-4pm and School Holidays 11-2pm. Yet towards the end of the year, due to problems with children and young people, the library staff increased the hours in school holiday time to 11-5pm. This is also good pocket money for some of our leaders who usually spend much of their time as volunteers!



# Leaders

The glue of Youth Alive Trust is our enthusiastic, energetic, passionate, faithful, dedicated, servant hearted leaders! Nearly all 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 2007 we have had nearly 40 volunteers and staff on all our programmes!

At the beginning of the year we have leaders retreats, which have elements of social, bonding, envisioning and planning for the year. Mid-Year, 11 of us went to Living Springs for a youth leaders weekend which many say was one of the most inspiring weekends they've had! World renowned speakers lectured to youthworkers from all over the South Island on issues such as youth culture, self care and being an effective leader. Also throughout the year we joined with other youth leaders and ran training covering an array of topics. These included Boundaries, The rights of a Child, how to run programmes and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. As usual we end the year with a celebratory meal and reflection of the year just gone. These are valu-



## **Youth Alive Trust Budget for 2007/2008**

### **Wages**

Team Leader: Community Youth Worker (5 days)	\$37,500
Intermediate Aged Youth Worker (3 days)	\$15,000
High School Youth Worker (3 days)	\$18,600
One Praxis Student	<u>\$6,000</u>
	<b>\$77,100</b>

### **Safer Streets Project Costs**

Unity East	\$1,500
Rock Solid	\$1,500
Sodium	\$1,500
WAVE	\$1,500
Cheeky Little Monkeys	<u>\$1,000</u>
	<b>\$7,000</b>

### **Holiday Programme Costs & Wages (Ministry of Social Development Contract)**

Junior Programme 5 – 8's	\$16,176
Senior Programme 9 – 12's	\$16,176
Coordinators Salary (2 days)	<u>\$11,648</u>
	<b>\$44,000</b>

### **Camps**

Phatcamp	\$2000
X-Tend Leadership Camp	\$410
Eastercamp	\$850
Boys & Girls Sleepovers	\$1100
Rock Solid Regional Camp	\$1350
Rock Solid Sleep Over	<u>\$550</u>
	<b>\$6,220</b>

### **Library**

CCC Contract	<b>\$8,000</b>
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### **Training**

Staff Camps	\$800
Volunteer Camps	\$500
Training Events	\$500
EOY meal	<u>\$500</u>
	<b>\$2100</b>

### **Misc**

Koha/Guests	\$1,000
Vehicles	\$4,000
Printing & Office costs	\$2,500
Financial Administrator	\$4,500
Marketing	<u>\$1,500</u>
	<b>\$13,500</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157,920</b>
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# Funders

Without the generous and consistent support of donors and grant making bodies, the work of Youth Alive Trust would not be possible. Therefore we would like to say a special thanks to:

- **Christchurch City Council**
- **Ministry of Social Development**
- **Canterbury Community Trust**
- **Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)**
- **Seaview Christian Centre**
- **Eureka Trust**
- **NZ Lottery Grants Board**
- **ANZ Staff Foundation**
- **Springhill Trust**
- **Inniskillen Lands Trust**
- **J R McKenzie Trust**
- **Blogg Charitable Trust**
- **NZ Community Post**

6 Wednesday, February 21, 2007 local news mail

## Donation will fund camps

■ JODY O'CALLAGHAN

Seaview Christian Centre can offer its New Brighton Youth Alive Trust child members four organised camps, thanks to the ANZ Staff Foundation's \$6000 donation.

The trust's official aim is to "meet the needs of children and young people in the north, south and central New Brighton areas".

Team leader, James Ridpath, said the donation from the ANZ Staff Foundation would enable the leaders to maintain better relationships with the children, through the bonds formed at the camps.

Funded solely by various grants and donations, the trust provides after-school and evening programmes, in-school programmes, library support, holiday programmes, events and camps to children from the various age group categories.

Thanks to similar donations and grants, two years ago the trust was able to take children to a mystery camp in Queenstown, which was the first trip away from Christchurch for many of them.

The trust, established in 1980, has tried to provide four or five camps each year in the past.

Ridpath said he and his team of volunteers worked hard to try to be positive role models in the children's lives.

"It's just about being able to speak positively in their lives. Many of them come from not very well off or broken homes," New Brighton ANZ manager Eric Claven, said he was glad to see the money go towards a local organisation.

"They definitely are a worthwhile organisation."

The staff foundation which created the donation, is a charitable trust where staff have the opportunity to donate a portion of their wages fortnightly.

The bank then matches each member's donation dollar for dollar, keeping the money on hold for the chosen charities.

A total of 902 ANZ National staff are registered on the trust nationwide.



Bank to camp: ANZ Local CEO Greg Kubala donates \$6000 to James Ridpath from Seaview Christian Centre for Youth Alive Trust camps for underprivileged children.

The foundation has put \$750,000 back into the community since it began.

Claven said the branch had always known of the good work Seaview Christian Centre was doing with local children and they did not hesitate to take up the chance to support them again.

"These camps are for kids who might not usually participate in camps so I think it's a real positive." The details of the camps have not yet been finalised but the money will be used for four separate camps this year.

Photo: Jody O'Callaghan