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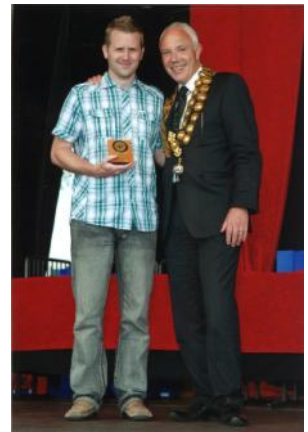
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Chairmans Report

2012 has been one of the biggest growth years in our 23 year history. We now have 5 full time staff, 2 part time staff, an intern and over 40 weekly volunteers. With post earthquake grants we have employed two new full time staff members to help spread the load and relieve the pressure on our current staff. The need in our community is still great and the continuity of our programmes, plus the new ones we've started post earthquakes, have been gratefully received by young people, families and the wider community.

Stephen Dodge has been employed as Programmes Manager, to manage all the clubs, volunteers, training, and events. He brings with him years of experience in the youth work industry, both paid and voluntary, as well as fathering 4 children of his own! He has settled into the role well and is already planning a new training programme for junior leaders next year. Matt Barnes has been employed as a Male Mentor to work with boys in 3 of our local primary schools. Having just completed two years worth of youthwork training with Praxis, he has brought a new energy, ideas and his 'man skills' to the team. This has strengthened our relationships with our local schools, who are having further ongoing stresses, with the pressure of school mergers and closures.

The continuity of other staff, like James, Matty, Gemma, Teish & Amber has been heavily appreciated. Like all good youthwork, we believe long term work is the best, and we are thankful to these staff for working with us, not on big wages, and in difficult times. 2011 will be remembered in history as the year of the EQ, but it brought us closer together as a community and gave us a chance to shine. This was recognised in February this year, when the Christchurch Mayor, Bob Parker, presented Youth Alive Trust with an Earthquake Award for the work done after the February Earthquake, going above normal work expectations on numerous programmes throughout the year as the community began its recovery.



We are excited about the future, as plans are being made for renovations and extensions to make better use of our facilities. Part funding has already been granted, yet we know that more will be needed to see this come into reality. The recent feasibility study is an independent review which clarifies the large impact we are having in the community, and how important our current work is. We are interested to see what will come from some of the outcomes and recommendations, and are open to the new ideas if that is what the evidence is pointing towards. Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday break.

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Scott Pickering
Youth Alive Trust Chairman

What we do...

Youth Alive Trust was established in 1989 to meet the needs of children and young people in New 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 8 different areas;

1) Safer Streets Programmes. These are all our weekly after school and evening programmes, ran by many volunteers and staff. 2012 clubs include **Cheeky Little Monkeys** (Years 1 - 2), **Connect** (Years 3 - 4) **WAVE** (Years 5 - 6), **Rock Solid** (7 - 8) and **Sodium** (Years 9 -13).

2) In-Schools Programmes. Supporting the students in their schools such as mentoring, lunchtime support & activities, sports coaching, school camps, boys & girls groups and whole school fun days. Our key schools are Central New Brighton, North New Brighton, South New Brighton & Aranui High Schools.

3) Holiday Programmes. These fun filled programmes run 4 times a year for four different age categories, 5-9's, 9-12's and 13-18's, for one week in every school holidays. These are CYF's approved and we are contracted to the MSD.

4) Mentoring. Meeting 1-on-1 with young people to discuss current issues, set targets & goals, and speak words of encouragement over them. Referrals from local schools, ministry of justice and our own programmes.

5) Camps. We take young people on trips, camps and weekends away throughout the year, Amped Camp, Base Camp, Boot Camp, Famine Sleepover, Xtend, Eastercamp.

6) Library Youth Worker Support. We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth workers in New Brighton Library 7 days a week from 3-6pm. We also provide free daily activities for children in the school holidays.

7) Community Events. We partner with other organisations to run larger events in the community such as Beach Blast, Skate Jam, I Heart New Brighton and other youth initiatives. We organise an annual Family Fun Night, an EPIC Dance Party and also host dance groups and bands when available.

8) Youth Worker Training and Support. Recruiting & training volunteers to work in their community on our programmes or with BBBS. We provide regular training, support and recognition to over 40 volunteers. We also host youthwork interns, offering them experience, support & structure for their practical work.

Who we are...



YAT Staff & Students 2012

(left to right)

James Ridpath - Trust Manager
Teisha Nicholson - Admin & HPs
Gemma Creek - Youthworker
Stephen Dodge - Programmes Manager
Amber Henderson - 2nd Year Intern
Matty Tait - Youthworker
Kirsten Clement - 1st Year Intern
Matt Barnes - Male Mentor

We wish to thank the following staff & volunteers. Without their hard work, faithfulness, dedication, commitment & servant heart, these programmes would not have been possible!

Cheeky little Monkeys

Lorraine Harris*
 Andra Patterson
 Hannah Smit
 Toni Tuck
 Tyler Handley

Connect

Marie Roverts*
 Gwenda Cripps
 John Penny
 Stephen Dodge
 Abbie Gilmore-Short
 Ben Mayo
 Josh Price
 Kezia Berkahn

WAVE

Stephen Dodge*
 Deborah Swaney
 Matthew Swaney
 Saasha Dodge
 Sam Thomson
 Tom Lochrie
 Amber-Rose Te Huia
 Campbell Crimp
 Molly Roberts
 Tyler Collins

24-7 Youthworkers

Matty Tait
 Gemma Creek

Rock Solid

Amber Henderson*
 Connor Watson
 James Ridpath
 Jeremy Shute
 Kate Rayner
 Kelsi Henderson
 Kieran Fitzgerald
 Kirsten Clement
 Matt Barnes
 Richard Paterson
 Steve Hannen

Sodium

Gemma Creek*
 Matty Tait
 Greg Brown
 Jason Greenwood
 Kirstin Woodlock
 Simon Woodlock
 Stephen Dodge
 Xavia Tankhilevich

Library Youthworkers

Amber Henderson
 Gemma Creek
 Kelsi Henderson
 Matt Barnes
 Matty Tait
 Jeremy Shute
 Kirsten Clement
 Sam Thomson

Junior Holiday Programme

Teisha Nicholson*
 Gemma Creek
 Josiah Dayo
 Joyce Bailey
 Rob Hart
 Stephen Dodge
 Tash Graham
 Laura Dickson (junior leader)
 Leanne Hammersley (junior leader)
 Josh Price (junior leader)
 Shavaughn Polglase (junior leader)

Senior Holiday Programme

James Ridpath*
 Abbie Bergman
 Amber Henderson
 Georgia Dickson
 Josh Haythornthwaite
 Lauren Herley
 Amber-Rose Te Huia (junior leader)
 Bryce Cattermole (junior leader)
 Emma Fitzgerald (junior leader)
 Michael Pickering (junior leader)

Trustees

Scott Pickering* (Chairman)
 Andrew Hill (Treasurer)
 John Grant (resigned Nov 2012)
 Linda Hampton (Secretary)
 Rick Mardon
 Stan Tawa

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Staff

Newsletter

YouthAlive TRUST
Serving young people in New Brighton since 1989



JAMES RIDPATH
Age: 33
Trust Manager

I started doing **youthwork** as a junior leader aged 12 in my home town of Withernsea, in **Yorkshire** (England). I always wanted to make the world a better place, and providing a safe & fun environment for children & young people, that challenged them in their **self worth, ethics** and **faith** was doing that. We don't know the long term effects of speaking positively into the life of young people - but we know it does more good than TV & PS3's! I've been with YAT for **8 years** and my job involves **managing** staff, networking, marketing, **fundraising** and doing the practical youthwork in school and on our programmes. Outside of work, I play **football**, think about work, and spend time with my beautiful wife of 6 years **Amy**.

NAME: STEPHEN DODGE
Age: 46
Programmes Manager



In May I took up the newly created role of Programmes Manager, for me this is more than just a job – this is a opportunity to **serve** God and people, which has always been a passion of mine. My role is **supporting & enabling** the staff and the many volunteers in the running of the programmes. I am **mentoring** a young boy at Central New Brighton School and also organise the **training & support** of our volunteers. I have been married to **Sue** for 23 years we have 3 daughters and 1 son and also a 1 year old granddaughter. We've been serving voluntarily at **Grace Vineyard** for the past 5 years. Over the years we have been involved in various aspects of church life. I enjoy **gardening** and spending time with the **family**.



TEISHA NICHOLSON
Age: 41
Administrator

I was employed in Jan 2011 as **Administrator** and Holiday Programme Coordinator. My role involves planning, running and administering our **Holiday Programmes**, & other administrative tasks around the office. I mentor a young girl at Central New Brighton School and also **mentor** other 'up and coming' youth leaders. It excites me to see so many of the children that used to attend our clubs and programmes, become **junior leaders** and give back to the community that gave to them. I really believe in what is being done here at the Trust, as we **journey** with the young people and work alongside the church and other organisations to make our community a better place. Originally I come from **Southland**, but have lived in Christchurch for the last 16 years. I have been married for 8 years to **Fil** & we have 2 boys, Noah & Joshy

NAME: MATT BARNES
Age: 21
Primary Schools Male Mentor



I'm employed in a new role as **Male Mentor** with Youth Alive Trust with funds donated post EQ. I work in **Central, South** and **North** New Brighton **Primary Schools** working specifically with the boys. This role involves doing heaps of **activities** with the guys that keep them engaged and allow for a safe place for them to **open up** and give new things a go. This is done 1-on-1, in small groups and in class. Highlights so far have been teaching some boys how to **weld** (we're making the school some soccer posts), activity based learning sessions and **Boys Club!** (first rule of Boys Club - don't talk about Boys Club). In my time outside of work I'm a real **outdoors man**, I love rock climbing, fishing, surfing, snowboarding and just getting out into the **wild** and **exploring**. I'm also right into cooking and a great coffee.



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Gemma Creek
 Age: 24
 High Schools YouthWorker

Kia Ora. I'm employed to work with community teenagers - particularly the girls. I work in **Aranui High** as a Youth Worker under the **24-7** framework, the **New Brighton Library** and lead **Sodium** our High School aged club on a Monday night. I also **mentor** a few girls and help out with Unity East & the **Breakaway Holiday Programmes**. Before I started working at YAT I worked for another youth organisation in Aranui, and really fell in love with the community. I'm really glad that I still work in that community and with some of the same young people & families I used to work with. I'm a **Brighton Girl** born and raised so love being able to work in the community I used to cause mischief in myself. I love being a youth worker and being able to support young people in some of the **tough** things they go through and help them to discover the potential they do have.

Matty Tait
 Age: 25
 High Schools YouthWorker



I've been working at Youth Alive Trust since September 2010 with our community teenagers. I started a year after finishing a Bachelor of Ministries at **Laidlaw College**. I work in a few different areas; in Aranui High under the **24-7** framework, **mentoring** students, helping Breakfast Club, a **Drop In** Centre, events and I lead a weekly **Running Club** for teens. I work at Beach Campus as a leader for **Sodium** on Monday nights, a leader at **Unity East** on a Wednesday nights and coordinating **holiday programmes** for teenagers. I work in the community, mentoring teenagers, helping at **big events** and weekly shifts at the **New Brighton Library**, which is awesome for meeting a large range of young people. Outside of work I'm a passionate runner, an enthusiastic gamer & enjoy all things Star Wars. I love my job, and just in case you're wondering, **"I'm loving life"**!



AMBER HENDERSON
 Age: 21
 Year 2 Trainee YouthWorker

I'm a 2nd year **intern** @ Youth Alive Trust doing a **diploma** in youth work & community studies with **Praxis**. I predominantly work with our local **Year 7 - 8's**. However I do help out with both our **Holiday Programmes** and at the local **Library** twice a week. I work in 2 of the local full primary schools; Central & North New Brighton. My roles include mentoring, lunch time support, running a Year 8 **Girls Group** aimed at getting the girls ready for high school and building their self confidence and self worth. I coordinate an after school club called **Rock Solid** which is for Year 7 & 8's young people every Friday night - probably the coolest club in town! Outside of work I enjoy **a good coffee**, good friends and a good movie.

Kirsten Clement
 Age: 19
 Year 1 Trainee YouthWorker



I'm a first year **intern** for Youth Alive Trust doing a **youthwork certificate** with **Praxis** and my practical ours with YAT. I came in touch with YAT as a young person, then a junior leader and I decided to give a year of my life to **serving** God & my community. My main roles are **school** support at Central New Brighton, including **BBBS** mentoring. I'm a key leader with **Rock Solid** on Friday nights and **Unity East** on Wednesday nights. I also coordinate the Holiday Activities in New Brighton **Library**, which is both stretching and rewarding to see so many smiles on so many faces. In my freetime I enjoy being **creative**, experimenting with art and listening to good music.

Youth Alive Trust was established in **1989** to meet the needs of children and young people in New Brighton and surrounding suburbs by the **local church**. We aim to support young people holistically; **socially, emotionally, mentally** and **spiritually** through our programmes and our dedicated **staff** and **volunteers**. We do this through 8 different ways;

- 1) Safer Streets Programmes** Our after school & evening programmes including; Cheeky Little Monkeys (Years 1 - 2), Connect (Years 3-4), WAVE (Years 5 - 6), Rock Solid (Years 7 - 8), and Sodium (Years 9 - 13).
- 2) In-School Programmes** Supporting the students in class, on lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities in Central, North & South New Brighton Schools and Aranui High School (24-7).
- 3) Holiday Programmes** The programmes run 4 times a year for three different school year categories, 1 - 4's, 5 - 9's, 9-13's every school holidays, catering for 100 young people every holidays.
- 4) Mentoring** Meeting 1-on-1 with young people, often referred to us. Both formal & informal.
- 5) Camps** We take youths on trips, camps and weekends away throughout the year, such as Base Camp, Bootcamp, Eastercamp, 40 Hour Famine Sleepover, and AMPED Camp.
- 6) Library Support** Our Youth Workers are employed in New Brighton Library everyday outside of school time, plus weekends offering support to young people. In the school holidays we run free activities for community youth.
- 7) Community Events** Large community events eg: Skate Jam, I Heart New Brighton, Beach Blasts, Family Fun Night.
- 8) Youth Leader Training and Support** Attracting, supporting and training volunteers & interns.

Why we do it...

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.

History & 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 2008 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 support the upkeep of the building when possible. The trustees of both trusts work closely together to find suitable outcomes for all involved. Youth Alive Trust celebrated 21 years of service in 2010.

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 programmes have an 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.

How we do it...

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.



Cheeky little Monkeys

Safer Streets Programme

What is it ?

Cheeky Little Monkeys is a weekly after school club for children in Year 1 & 2 at school (ages 5 - 6) on Wednesdays 3pm - 4:30pm. Only \$10 a term, they run a variety of arts & craft activities, games, trips, Christian content and provide the all important afternoon tea!

What have you done in 2012 ?

At the beginning of 2012, we split our youngest club into two groups, due to such a big difference in children attending, eg: year 1 girls & Year 4 boys enjoy very different things! Lorraine & her group of junior leaders; Hannah, Toni, & Tyler organised many varied and exciting activities such as the carnival afternoon, African drumming, mini Olympics, card making, finger puppets, face painting and mirror decorating. The group has been on combined outings to Chipmunks, 10 pin bowling, local parks and shopping for secret Santa gifts.

What positive difference has it made ?

Lex* started Club in March this year, a shy sensitive boy with a winsome smile and way. Lex has come out of his shell a lot since coming to club. He enjoys participating with others in the group, but at times he will choose to take himself to the fringes of the group. We have seen him become more and more relaxed and articulate in the smaller group and more communicative in combined group time. This is really rewarding for the leaders and encouraging as there are others similar to him in the group. He enjoys the game time – although he finds this more enjoyable in the smaller group.





Connect

Safer Streets Programme

What is it ?

Connect is a weekly after school club for children in Year 3 & 4 at school (ages 7 - 8) ran on Wednesdays from 3pm - 4:30pm. Only \$10 a term, they run a variety of arts & craft activities, games, trips, Christian content and provide the all important afternoon tea!

What have you done in 2012 ?

Connect was the new club at the beginning of 2012, as it split from Cheeky Little Monkeys. Marie & her group of volunteers; Gwenda, John, Abbie, Ben, Kezia, & Josh ran a variety of exciting activities and crafts including African drumming, mini Olympics, rope work, face painting, card making and a carnival afternoon! The group has been on combined outings to Chipmunks, 10 pin bowling, local parks and shopping for secret Santa gifts.

What positive difference has it made ?

Ben* has been coming to club for a few years and has lots of energy! He has difficulty sitting quietly and has struggled to listen to instructions from leaders. This year he has found an outlet for some of his energy with the activities run by the male leaders and providing a stronger structure. The active programme has enabled him to be more focused and leaders have commented on a positive change in behaviour. He has taken on a lead role in the end of year parents performance - the perfect place for the boy who loves to be centre of attention. Ben has been partnered with a mentor in his school and Mum has been grateful for the extra effort made with him - shown through providing the club with regular treats!





WAVE

Safer Streets Programme

What is it ?

WAVE is a weekly after school club for children in Year 5 & 6 at school (ages 9 - 10) ran on Mondays 4:30pm - 6pm. Only \$20 a term, they do all kinds of crazy games, activities and challenges that build team work and social skills, as well as making friends from other schools and having new experiences.

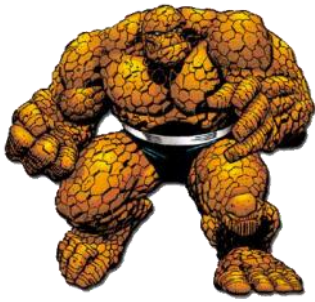
What have you done in 2012 ?

WAVE kicked off the year with a group of experienced senior leaders Matt & Deborah Swaney, Tom Lochrie, Sam Thomson along with the junior leaders, Amber Rose, Campbell, Molly, Saasha & Tyler. When Stephen Dodge joined our staff in May he took on the leadership. This years best nights have been Pizza making, Fear factor, 10Pin Bowling, African drumming, Mini Olympics, sandcastle competition, Pimp my Leader, Wave Factor, Ice Cream Challenge, Van Rallies, Photo Challenge, and making a meal. We have been on outings to places like Clip & Climb, Cinema, Mini Golf and Swimming!

What positive difference has it made ?

In post earthquake Christchurch, one of our focuses has been building consistency, and fun memories in a highly volatile area. We are always being told that WAVE is a highlight of the week for those who attend, and often hear positive verbal feedback from parents. Bethany* is a vivacious girl who was living in a damaged red zone house. She loved WAVE and the chance she had to meet friends outside of school and make new ones from other schools too. On the Survivor Night, at Rawhiti Domain, when asked to create a shelter, she took lead of her group and went beyond creating just a cover from rain, but made a clothes line, a garden path, a fire (not a real one!) and even a spa bath! Maybe this was a reflection of what she's been through and what it really means to make a home in difficult circumstances. Sadly Bethany has now left WAVE due to moving with family to the North Island.





Rock Solid

Safer Streets Programme

What is it ?

Rock Solid is a weekly after school club for young people in Year 7 & 8 at school (ages 11 - 13) on Fridays 4:30pm - 6pm. Only \$20 a term, they claim to be the wildest, zanniest, funkiest club in town with a variety of team challenges & activities that stretch young people to grow and blossom into young men & women.

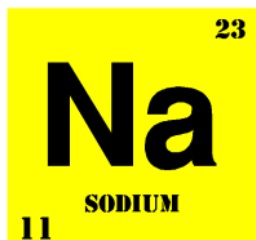
What have you done in 2012 ?

Rock Solid began the year with superb, dedicated leaders and as a club it has gone from strength to strength. Relationships have been built and then strengthened both between the young people coming along to Rock Solid and the volunteer leaders. Rock Solid really has become like a whanau. Highlights were the mid winter Christmas party, dessert challenge, balloon heaven, fizz-tastic, poverty night, photo challenge and the family quiz. We went on trips to Living Springs, Hanmer, Ice Skating and went on a weekend camp away with other intermediates from Christchurch called Amped Camp.

What positive difference has it made ?

Our leaders always give the message to young people to be themselves and not conform to what others expect them to be. Bex* recently approached one of our leaders and said how she had realised that she had been placing too much value on a few other people in her class. She had thought that if she wasn't friends with these particular girls, then she wouldn't be "cool" and would just be another girl in the class. However after several chats with her she has realised that they are just normal people like herself. They only hold that sort of power and expectation over her if she lets them. This has changed her whole outlook on herself and the way she views others. She is more comfortable with herself and happier than she can remember.





Sodium

Safer Streets Programme

What is it ?

Sodium is a weekly evening club for Year 9 - 13 (ages 13 - 18) on Mondays 7pm - 9:30pm. Only \$2 a night, they run a variety of activities suitable for teens, but also drawing them out of their comfort zones. Giving young people quality leaders they can role model from & caring adults willing to walk and talk with them about life.

What have you done in 2012 ?

We tried something different with Sodium this year, changing it from a drop-in to a registered club that started each night with dinner together cooked by a leader & young person. Like a family meal it brings us all together naturally around a table where we can catch up, have some laughs and eat good food. It is also something consistent in the lives of these youth who often lack consistency in their lives. After dinner we usually have some fun activities or we go out and do something together. Highlights have been; bonfire nights, Olympic night, fear factor, timezone, car rallies, competition nights, boy/girl split nights, combined night with another youth group, target shooting (yes - with real guns...at a gun club) & other generally crazy antics.

What positive difference has it made ?

Unfortunately this year in Sodium two of our young people have sadly had parents pass away. One of the boys said to Matty and I that Sodium helped get him through the really hard time he was going through with his mum passing away. A different young person said how he loves that he knows he can always come down and talk to us and that we are good people to talk too. One of the teenage girls gave birth this year, which although was unexpected, allowed us to support her through such an important part of her life. Our youth workers continue to see Mum & Baby giving her ongoing support.





Aranui High

In Schools Programmes

What is it ?

Youth Alive Trust has placed youthworkers in Aranui High School since 2004, doing a variety of programmes and activities to support both the school and pupils. Youthworkers have listened to the direction of the school and focused their time on things like lunchtime events, sports coaching, mentoring, individual classroom support and the peer support programme. In 2009 we increased our commitment to the school by joining the 24-7 Network providing 10 hours per youthworker every week, and joining with others from all over the country.



What have you done in 2012 ?

Matt Tait & Gemma Creek continued in their same roles from 2011, building on relationships and strengthening ties with both school and young people. Their weekly timetable consisted of mentoring (in school and out of school), helping breakfast club twice per week, organising a Thursday lunchtime drop-in event, establish a new running club and general break time support on school grounds. They have helped with Peer Support, school trips, organised one off lunchtime challenges and events, ran staff morning teas and connected pupils with other community events and camps to get involved in.



What positive difference has it made ?

Matt has been working alongside Tony*, a Year 9 boy who was referred to him by the schools pastoral support team. He was really shy and lacking confidence. Each time they met up for mentoring he relaxed and opened up more. They have done fun activities like table tennis, the driving range and playing basketball. Over the year we have really noticed him getting more involved in sports, building new friendships and enjoying school. He was stoked when Matt went to watch one of his basketball games. It's been awesome seeing Tony relax and come out of his shell. His friendship circle has grown a lot and he told Matt recently how he had helped a friend of his become more confident!





Central New Brighton

In Schools Programmes

What is it ?

Our staff have had a voluntary role in our closest school for many years offering various support, such as lunch time activities, sports coaching, mentoring, classroom assistance, community connections and advocacy.

What have you done in 2012 ?

Three of our youthworkers have regularly worked within the school. James has coached the Year 7 & 8 football team to a near unbeaten year - again qualifying for the Canterbury tournament. Matt Barnes has started his role as male mentor, working individually with younger pupils to set goals and targets, running a leadership group with the middle school and starting to make skate ramps with older boys. Kirsten Clement has run weekly lunchtime events and been a support at playground times. We instigated the partnership with Big Brother Big Sister putting 8 mentors into the school every week straight away, helped connect the school with funding for the school pool & hall and helped with transport & support such as Waka Ama training in Lyttelton Harbour.

What positive difference has it made ?

We'd always had a good relationship with Samantha*, both in school and on our after school programmes. Other members of her family had also connected to our youthworkers, and therefore it wasn't a surprise when Mum asked one of our youthworkers if we could 'catch up' with her. She'd become a closed book, and wasn't talking to anyone, was having big mood swings and Mum didn't know what to do. They started an informal mentoring session which involved fun activities such as baking and crafts, and were able to talk about what's happening on the inside. The trust relationship with school, youthworker, student and family is so important when identifying need, and assessing who may be the best support. Being part of the fortnightly pastoral care meetings for the whole school has also helped a lot.





North New Brighton

In Schools Programmes

What is it ?

Our staff have had a role in this local full primary school for many years offering various support, such as lunch time activities, groups, sports coaching, mentoring, classroom assistance and community connections.

What have you done in 2012 ?

Amber, continued the success of her 2011 Girls Group by working with this years Year 8 girls on a weekly basis. They cover key topics such as self image, esteem, diet, hygiene, family, relationships and their future. Matt Barnes started his role as Male Mentor working with middle school boys building and welding football posts - which are now being used on the school playing fields. He also works 1-on-1 with boys referred to him by the school and helps the senior class with their Guy Time! The youthworkers have also been involved in school camp, tramping trips, coaching the senior netball team and running a fun afternoon for the whole school!

What positive difference has it made ?

The schools public health nurse, referred Chrissie* to our youthworker to start weekly mentoring and specifically to address girl things. This student lives with only males and doesn't have significant females in her life. They started meeting every week, chatting, and also writing difficult discussions out on whiteboards when they were too hard to say allowed. They do reflective journaling when the youthworker responds to what is written and questions or challenges their response. Through writing it down a reflection process happens naturally. Chrissie has engaged on topics she had never engaged with before and has built a trust relationship and process she needs at such a pivotal time in her life. The teacher tells the youthworker of specific situations that need addressing and we have seen really positive change in this girls life.





South New Brighton

In Schools Programmes

What is it ?

We have stepped up our commitment to this local full primary school with the introduction of our male mentor and building closer links with staff. Our youthworkers used to be involved in the school on a weekly basis a few years ago, but only this year have we received the funds to return to the school on a regular basis, providing lunchtime support, mentoring, community connections and a whole school fun day.

What have you done in 2012 ?

We started the year by organising a whole school fun day, as a celebration for a new year, after probably the worst year in Christchurch history. Matt Barnes, our male mentor, started his role working with a variety of individuals and groups who'd be chosen for him by the school. One project was focus groups of boys in the junior school, and another group was challenging senior boys doing construction projects such as hand build gliders from balsa wood and making a trebuchet. He also helped with weekly Boys Club, attended camp and ran a termly Guys Day Out for 20 local intermediates.

What positive difference has it made ?

One of the 7 year old boys Matt Barnes has been chosen to work 1 on 1 with has had good recent feedback. They spend time in the school library chatting and looking at different books. He didn't know if it was making much of a difference until recently when Matt couldn't make their session (due to another school camp) he got really upset that Matt wasn't there. The teacher made special care to tell us that she's seen a big improvement in his behaviour since Matt's been working with him and he's great value to the school. Another young boy Matt had been working with, told him that he really really loved spending time with him in the library looking at different books of scary animals and that he was really going to miss getting to hang out for a bit every week. He left the school due to his earthquake damaged home.



What is it ?

We have been running holiday programmes since our conception, and they are one of the most popular programmes we run. We run two programmes at the same time for different age groups, and on the first week of each school holiday. We are OSCAR & WINZ approved, and we attract children from over 10 different local schools.

What have you done in 2012 ?

In April we passed our MSD audit magnificently and also got our Holiday Programme numbers increased from 24 to 32 children per programme - giving us a total of 64 each holidays! Having the same Junior Leaders for this year has bought continuity and a really good bond being formed with the leaders and the children. We have had some good training on Behaviour Management, Child Protection & Ethics. We have done activities such as Orana Park, Knights & Princesses Day, Clip & Climb, Gymnastics, Corsia Bay, Ice Skating, Castle Park, Baking, Tye Dye, Paddle Boats, Hammer Springs and heaps more!

What positive difference has it made ?

We do such a wide and varied amount of activities on the programme, many of them are new experiences for some of them. It's a privilege to see children go Ice Skating for the first time and see them celebrate when they've completed their first lap by themselves without holding the edges! It's great to see young people do a Tye Dye T-Shirt for the first time, and for it to work better than expected - to the point where Mum tells us they love it that much, they wore it to bed! It's special to see children ride a horse for the first time, see the glowing faces and hear them ask Mum if they can get one for themselves! It's reassuring to see children in a Kayak for the first time, forced to fall out, and with composer follow instructions on how to get back in. Some of these experiences will go onto become life long passions for some - and we're so glad to have introduced them!



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Breakaway

Holiday Programmes

What is it ?

Breakaway is our free holiday programmes for teenagers supported by FACS. It's about providing less privileged teenagers with positive activities in their school holidays, giving them new experiences, and filling the void - which otherwise could be filled by crime, gangs or other forms of destructive lifestyle choices.

What have you done in 2012 ?

This year we have run four successful programmes with Year 9 to 13s - a total of 108 places for the year. This has been our second year of running Breakaway and the momentum and continuity is helping it become one of our most sought after programmes. The youth have enjoyed kayaking, rock climbing, coasteering, trips to Hanmer Springs, tball, capture the flag, cinema, 10 pin bowling, pizza making, indoor sports, ice skating, team photo challenges, paintball, Jelly Park and much more.

What positive difference has it made ?

On one of the Sodium Breakaways we went rock climbing at a scouts hall in St Martin's. The rock climbing was great and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. What really stood out for me as a leader was one lad in particular who is a bit of trouble and doesn't know his own potential and strengths. However he was quite outstanding at rock-climbing, listening to instructions and even helpful. He was a real natural with rock climbing and he helped others that were struggling and even fixed their harness rope for them. I really enjoyed seeing him do something he was good at and the look on his face was priceless, he was acting like it was easy when everyone else was struggling. Everyone saw a side of this young person they'd not seen before and he received so much encouragement that day. It's now given an angle to talk to this young person about, something to do while mentoring and discuss career opportunities.



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Mentoring

Holiday Programmes

What is it ?

Mentoring happens in a variety of ways within Youth Alive Trust. Formal mentoring is set up between school or ministry of justice & our staff. Semi formal mentoring happens when we make an effort with a particular young person of our choosing and or regularly meeting with a junior leader. We've developed a partnership with Big Brother Big Sister to recruit and train volunteers to work in the local school and community. Informal mentoring is happening all the time with our leaders on clubs and programmes speaking positively into the lives of the young people they're working with.

What have you done in 2012 ?

The Big Brother Big Sister Partnership took off, putting 8 weekly volunteers into Central New Brighton School. We meet for 1 hour per week with a chosen student, and do special trips once a term like bowling, or the live filming of What Now! Matt Barnes has done a lot of mentoring in his 3 different schools, and all our staff have young people they meet up with regularly to support and speak positively into on a 1-on-1 basis.

What positive difference has it made ?

Matt Barnes: This year I have had several really encouraging experiences and conversations as well as seen improvements in many of the guys that I have been working with. One of these conversations was brought up by just going for a walk around the field with one guy that has been through some unbelievably tough experiences; while we walked he opened up and shared with me his whole life story (he was going strong for a good half hour). The things that he was telling me were things that you wouldn't want anyone to have to go through, let alone to have gone through by the time you are 12. He told me afterwards that he found it really tough to share what he did but was incredibly glad that he had shared it with me and that it felt a whole lot more comforting having someone else in his life that he could trust with these things.





Camps

What is it ?

Camps are memory makers, and often the highlights young people remember into their adult life. We give young people the opportunity to attend different camps throughout the year, depending on their age. Camps are an opportunity to have new experiences, show that leaders are the same on & away from club nights, and a chance to grow deeper more trusting bonds.

What have you done in 2012 ?

The teenagers have been to their regular camps; Base Camp at Ashley Gorge for the Juniors, and BootCamp at Motuaka for the seniors, as well as the massive Easter Camp, with 4000 other teenagers from the South Island. We partnered with CDN Trust with two of their camps providing staff and transport. Our intermediates did a 40 hour famine sleepover at the Papanui Youth Facility (well - if you can call it sleep?) and also joined with other intermediates from around the city to enjoy a weekend at the A & P Showgrounds called Amped Camp.

What positive difference has it made ?

Gemma Creek: After a day of Jetboating and activities with our teenagers on Basecamp, everyone was in good spirits and pretty relaxed. We got the bonfire going and everyone crowded around. Leaders & young people were asked to share their HOPE for themselves, some one else and for Christchurch. Stories about ambitions & dreams, careers, family members, their Christchurch rebuild ideas and what part they could play. It was such a special time, as they shared deep and meaningful stories - and people made themselves so vulnerable. This has been one of the only times in the year that some of these 13 & 14 year olds have opened up. It is the trust and acceptance built up over the year and just getting away from the norm which made this camp experience such a special one.





New Brighton Library Youthworkers

What is it ?

Youth Alive Trust has youth workers working at the New Brighton Library after school each day and in the week-ends. The youth workers are kept very busy down at the library as it gets full of young people coming down to go on the computers, play games and hang out with each other and the youth workers. The main role of Youth Workers in the library is to connect with the young people who are coming in to use the library facilities and to support the library staff in making the library a safe place and a place of respect for all people.

What have you done in 2012 ?

The continuity between youthworkers in school, in the library, at club and at other community events has been invaluable in post earthquake Christchurch. The young people have positive, stable role models they really do value. We have built on the holiday activity programme and have run free activities in every holiday in 2012, doing things like Skate Skool, Hacky, Cup Cakes, hip hop, art classes, ukulele lessons, and much more.

What positive difference has it made ?

Amber - Library Youthworker: Last week I was talking to a librarian about one of the regular girls at the library. We will call her Tahlia. We were chatting about how she seems to be doing well currently. A few months back she went missing after she'd ran away from home. At that stage she was doing a lot of drugs and drinking quite heavily. I haven't met Tahlia's family, I only know her. She's not an overly open person either. Tahlia has been brought up by her grandparents. She doesn't have a very strong or good relationship with her mother. Through chatting we realised that she's seeking approval and a sense of belonging. Tahlia is a Maori young person and carries a good voice from a young Māori perspective. We are now giving her ideas and options of groups she could get involved with such as the New Brighton Youth Forum - a new initiative that had it's first meeting at New Brighton Library this year.



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Community Events

What is it ?

We love partnering with other groups to put on bigger and better events! Sharing resources, planning time and volunteers to make New Brighton events some of the best in the city. We take pride in being involved in our community - because that's what we were set up to do!

What have you done in 2012 ?

We began the year by running whole schools fun afternoons for South NB, North NB & NB Catholic. We were a major partner in the I Love New Brighton event - in its 2nd year. Over 2000 attended, becoming one of this communities biggest events! We helped with the annual Skate Jam at Thomson Park, and also partnered with Blue Light to run another Epic Dance Party. Held at North New Brighton War Memorial Hall, over 8 schools of intermediates attended - many of whom don't have school halls due to the earthquakes. We helped with NB Catholic School Fair and South NB School Fair, with games and a BBQ. We also hosted our own Family Fun Night, with lots of carnival games, bouncy castles, food and Carrot & Pickle were this years entertainers.

What positive difference has it made ?

James: While walking around the perimeter of the "I Love New Brighton" event, a parents see me and says, "oh, it's you guys again". I loved that. Yes you saw us at your daughters school. Yes you saw us as the Skate Jam. Yes you saw us at the school Fair. Yes you saw us at the New Brighton Market. Yes you saw us in the Christmas Parade. We love our community, we love getting involved and we love working with other groups to put on bigger and better events than what we could do by ourselves. We Love New Brighton!





Volunteer Recruiting, Training & Support

What is it ?

The amount of programmes and activities we offer is not reflected by the number of paid hours given by staff - more the 8000+ hours given by more than 40 volunteers every week! Ranging from 13 - 60+, we recruit, support and train these volunteers to serve the young people of their community - growing both at the same time!

What have you done in 2012 ?

We have run various training events to assist them in their dealings with young people; including behaviour management, youth worker code of ethics, drugs and dealing with stress in Christchurch post EQs. Our mid winter Christmas dinner had over 50 attend, and was so encouraging for everyone to see the big picture. A group of our junior leaders went to training week ran by CYS specifically for junior leaders. Next year we are launching a more formal programme for the junior leaders, to cover all areas of leadership and give them greater recognition for their volunteer hours. We realise we're not just building leaders for ourselves, but leaders for the community too - in work places, in business, in sport, in the home and maybe a future prime minister!

What positive difference has it made ?

Amber started attending WAVE as a 9 year old with her friends having heard about it at school. She enjoyed it and as she got older came through Rock Solid too. When in High School, sport and study took her away from our weekly programmes, but after Feb 22nd, she stumbled across the community children's activities we were running and came and helped everyday. This re-connection reignited something and she came on camp with us to Auckland, was invited to help with our holiday programmes and now volunteers as a junior leader for WAVE every week. She knows what it's like to attend club as a child, and her ideas are really appreciated. We have seen her grow in confidence and skills and feel blessed to have her as part of our team.



Our 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.



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



We send trainee youth workers to complete the Youthwork Praxis course, and offer supported work experience. James is also on the local TAG Management board.



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



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 & 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 Youth Workers in Aranui High School who are supported with Training and meetings where other 24-7 Youth Workers meet to encourage and support one another.



We are partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide mentors for young people in the community & local schools, specifically Central New Brighton Primary.

We have worked alongside a number of partners this year, particularly in light of the Christchurch Earthquakes. We have ran joint events, shared resources, staff and skills at different programmes and events. We will continue to work with these agencies and develop these partnerships.

- Blue Light
- Tiddlers Multisport
- Sport Canterbury
- Rawhiti Community Sports Inc
- White Elephant Trust



Funding

We're often asked how financially we manage to do everything we do? The Answer - only just! Through a variety of grants, donations, fundraising and fees. We estimate it would cost a business more than 3 times our budget to do the amount of work we do - through our volunteers, scrimping & creative activities!

We are so thankful to the many donors that make the work of Youth Alive Trust possible. We receive various yearly grants from organisations such as Christchurch City Council, Canterbury Community Trust, Lotteries, COGS and United Way. We have a couple of contracts for service with MSD, such as our holiday programmes. We have received one off grants from trusts such as the Lion Foundation and Pub Charity Inc, towards specific costs such as IT upgrades. We do fundraising through the Entertainment Book, Sausage Sizzles and one-off events. Individuals give donations to our ongoing costs through the Friends of Youth Alive Trust scheme and we get one off donations from different individuals. Our final income stream is through fees from young people towards clubs and camps - again supplemented by funders!

We have been grateful to receive new funding sources over the last year or so, and employing new staff has meant our work has been sustainable and we have been able to support more young people. A large donation from Christchurch Earthquake Appeal & Vodafone Foundation allowed us to employ a new Programmes Manager and increase the hours of our senior youthworkers, in line with the increased needs. A donation from the Todd Foundation enabled us to employ the Male Mentor to work in the Primary Schools, and we're very thankful to regular grant making bodies, who believe in our work and have supported us in 2012:

- Christchurch City Council
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD)
- Canterbury Community Trust
- NZ Lottery Grants Board
- The Todd Foundation
- Christchurch Earthquake Appeal Trust
- Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)
- Grace Vineyard Church
- United Way
- Vodafone Foundation
- Pub Charity Inc
- Lion Foundation
- NZ Community Post
- Z New Brighton



Stephen & James receiving a cheque for \$1050 from Z New Brighton, as part of their Token Game where members of the community vote to support their favourite community group.

Friends of Youth Alive Trust

We're only able to continue doing our work because of funders and donors who also believe in what we do! A community organisation like ours needs good infrastructure, resources and staff to be effective, and that comes at a cost. If you've seen the impact Youth Alive Trust is having in the community, we're asking you to consider becoming a regular donor. With your support we're able to plan for the future and be less reliant on the lottery of Funders.

Friends of Youth Alive Trust is encouraging donors to give at least \$10 a month, preferably via Direct Debit. Many people will be able to give more, and we're hoping that this scheme will raise enough funds to support more youth workers in schools and in the community, more programmes and provide more resources and activities. As a friend you can choose to receive all, any or none of:

- ☐ Regular newsletters by post or email
- ☐ Invitations to Special Events and Presentations
- ☐ Youth Alive Trust Pen & Car Sticker

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Future Plans & Needs (1)

Feasibility Study

We have just had an independent Feasibility Study completed on Youth Alive Trust. The objective of the report was to complete an analysis of youth activity provision in the wider New Brighton area including current supply of facilities, programmes and services and any latent demand that might exist; and using this information to project future trends toward a reconfiguration of building used by Youth Alive Trust. The 44 page, 17,000 word document is available for anyone to read - ask us for a copy or find it on our website. There is a 4 page synopsis in this report, which makes for good reading. It makes really encouraging reading, knowing the impact we're having on our community, hearing ways to go forward and ways we can work better, from an independent perspective.

Building Renovations

Plans are well on the way to develop the back of the building into a modern purpose built youth and children's facility. Plans have changed and adapted over the year and now architects and engineers are putting pen to paper. We have been pre-granted part funding towards the project, and further fundraising will take place in 2013. We hope to get the complete funding and renovations done as soon as possible, in order to bring new hope to the east of Christchurch and the many young people and families who still live here. Plans include:

- Make the run down YouthHall (Sandpit) as large as possible by knocking out corners & prefab walls.
- Raising the YouthHall roof, allow for greater versatility of games, especially basketball & netball.
- Building a spring wooden floor in the YouthHall, suitable for sports, games and dance.
- Reorganise the current under 5's crèche so it is upto modern standards and can be utilised more
- Create new offices for youth workers - having lost the main one to YouthHall extension.
- Create a youth lounge that can be multi use for all programmes and just off the YouthHall.
- Build a sound proof room for music practice and instrument learning.
- An information and guidance room for young people, parents or anyone in the community to get relevant information about young people, local programmes and where to go for help.
- Create a gate, lock & alarm system to allow the youth centre to be used by itself, without interfering with other areas of the building.

Drop-In

There has been ongoing requests from young people and the community for an open venue they can safely 'hang out'. We are looking at trialling a drop-in once per week, and evaluating its success before committing to more. We can use our existing building, and once renovations have been completed, the building will be even more appropriate. However we're open to other venues, if the need and resources were made available.

Future Plans & Needs (2)

Sodium Split

Our Monday evening teenage club is to be split from Feb 2013, into a junior and younger club. This is in recognition of the many younger teens coming through from Rock Solid and the big difference in life stages they're at compared to 16-18 year olds. We will be recruiting more volunteer leaders for the new younger programme, as they will be doing some activities & events together, and some separate. We hope to provide the same key leaders to these programmes that young people already had a connection with in their younger clubs.

Male Youthworker in Primary Schools – Year 2

We are more than pleased with the work Matt is doing in the community. He is only 3 terms into his role, and he has excelled in his ability to make connections with pupils, teachers and community supporters, as well as adapting to what the schools ask, and preparing good admin and reporting systems for his work. I know he has appreciated the encouragements and support he has already received from many teachers. Matt Barnes has received 1 year of funding from the Todd Foundation and resources supported by the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal, and it finishes at the end of Term 1 2013, therefore we are looking for new funding streams and avenues. We have employed him on a 2 Year contract, in faith that the money will come from somewhere! Long term, we would love the schools to value this role so much, that it becomes a part of the school budget, shared with the other schools and topped up by external funding sources.

Female Youthworker in Primary Schools

The next level, would be to employ a Female Mentor to do similar work as Matt Barnes in the local primary schools, but focusing on the girls. Amber Henderson has been volunteering her time in North New Brighton for the past two years, with a part role in Central New Brighton too, while completing a Youthwork Qualification through Praxis. She has been running a weekly girls group, helping girls journal, mentoring one-on-one, sports coaching, lunchtime support and helping with other schools activities and camps. Outside of schools, she coordinates Rock Solid, mentors Year 9 girls and helps with holiday programmes, library support and other big events. We would love to employ Amber once she has completed her course at the end of the year, and are desperately searching for funds to employ her. We were recently turned down from a funder for this position, but will continue to seek out funds to employ her, as we believe she is too valuable to the young people she has already starting working alongside.

Youth Alive Trust Youth Facility Development

Feasibility Study Synopsis November 2012

**Completed by Peter Burley – Director
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Report Overview and Objective

The current situation at the Youth Alive Trust is one of a need to renew focus in terms of the physical facilities based at the “Grace Vineyard Beach Campus” site. To do this there is a desire to be clear about YAT’s relationship with youth people, and to use this to determine a possible configuration of facilities and spaces connected to what we know about youth participation patterns and trends. The objective of this report is to complete an analysis of youth activity provision in the wider New Brighton area including current supply of facilities, programmes and services and any latent demand that might exist; and using this information to projected future trends toward a reconfiguration of the Grace Vineyard Church Beach Campus.

Findings

The report finds that there is substantial supply of facilities; services; programmes and activities even though there has been a loss of physical infrastructure (i.e. QEII). There were many organisations involved in that delivery but Youth Alive Trust is by far the most significant contributor in programmes covering about 80% of all provision according to City Council Community and Recreation workers. The report also found a large increase in the number and type of events running in the East. There was some concern at the possible closure of the Central New Brighton and Freeville Schools and the impact that might have.

When reviewing the Grace Vineyard Facility it was clear that it is operating at or near peak with many activities happening within the spaces on a daily basis. Many of the spaces are adequate but there is constraint in the quality of provision, in the flexibility of the spaces and the need for a refocusing of use. Generally areas within the building are run down and many of the facilities are not fully ‘fit for purpose’. This is in the context of a growing YAT suite of programmes and increasing staffing and demonstrable capability existing in the organisation.

As a result of applying a set of principles linked to commentators views it was possible to identify development options. The principles related to the value of mentors; the need to specify a particular purpose for spaces but to realise the need for flexibility to provide a greatest adaptability in use; the need to acknowledge and link to what others are doing in events; the arts, music, sport facility development; and to acknowledge gaps in provision related to so called “Magnet” activities that excite youth and encourage them to participate.

These principles identified what would be needed to attract young people and pointed to research and what it said about what young people look for in experiences. It was determined that the spaces of the Grace Vineyard Church Beach Campus could be reconfigured as follows:

Development Options

| No. | Development Option | Principle | Evidence (See full report to source page and section references) |
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| 1 | Digital Space Provide or reconfigure a space within the building for technology and music-related activity (add to the adaptability of an existing space). Build a sound studio, video suite, broadcast media, computer lab cross-over space, | 5,6,7,10 | Digi Club at NB Library proves concept Huge uptake in technology and social media use for leisure, p 11. Need to introduce “active” video games Aaron Webb p 27 |
| 2 | Performance Space Adapt the Church space for a range of performance, theatre, drama contexts, making sure that there is available adjacent space for a green room/props construction/performance practice area adjacent to this space. | 5,8 | Roy Stokes hall Stage Area reasonably large, p 5. Dance is very popular among young people RCSI Research identified need for indoor event venues (Reference removed) Technology spaces including video, music and dance p 26. |
| 3 | Adaptable Activity Space Upgrade the existing ‘sandpit’ as a multi-purpose activity space for physical activity. Provide adjacent storage to assist with this and upgrade surfaces, focus use toward games, small ball activities, dance and physical theatre /performance spaces | 1,2,3,7 | CNB school reluctant in the past to hire Roy Stokes for sport, making the provision of a space for physical activity important for this area p 5/6 Loss of QE2 Decline in organised sport and upsurge in fun semi-structured activity p 23 Wanting to try and do more than one thing, tasting, sampling, hang out with gold coin entry, adaptable experiences in spaces – create own games Table 16, p 30. Indoor sport popular p 23. Participation rates for almost all sports/ activities are highest when young people are "mucking around" with friends, families or on their own Any new space needs to be able to adapt Stacey Holbrough, John Harrington p 26.p 27. Magnet activity distinguishes youth centres p 29 |
| 4 | Partnership Space Work in partnership with other providers, CCC, RCSI, NBCS (Roy Stokes Hall) to further utilise these spaces for programmes and activities | 4,9 | RCSI indicate a desire to partner with YAT on a number of projects , p15 Youth as a partnership process is reinforced p 24 Working with CCC encouraged p 23. Potential to further reinforce YAT links into High Schools Link with Youth and Health (South African Study) Table 16 p 30 |

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| 5 | Taking Performance Outdoors Build capability to move equipment and resources for music and other performance into outdoor settings in New Brighton (especially Pier and Foreshore) | 4, 5 | Building on success of mural madness p 10 Participation rates for almost all sports/ activities are highest when young people are "mucking around" with friends, families or on their own p 28 Village squares and green space important to youth. P 25 Virtual fitness Xbox outdoors p 28. Localised delivery)(increased one parent families) Fig 3, p 38 |
| 6 | Social and Network Space Provide a social space more open to the internal corridor and to the outside. Continue to provide a drop-in, social, meetings and back-up space supporting Digital Space, Performance Space and Activity Space. If possible link to the kitchen and make into a café accessible from the street. | 6 | Huge uptake in technology and social media use for leisure, p 23. Youth entertainment sites important p Youth friendly cafes encouraged p 25 Increased involvement in post primary school age groups p 27 |
| 7 | Mentoring Space Provide a quite small meeting space for one-to-one mentoring of youth by youth workers | 5,7 | Comments of direction of YAT and new initiatives indicated by James Ridpath |

The development options link to what young people have indicated that they want. Much of what they were interested in related to performance, culture, music and entertainment. Not surprisingly there was substantial interest in traditional activities of swimming, fun rides, and youth friendly spaces. A summary of these trends is listed below:

| Youth Trend (From researching youth and Youth professionals) | Expressed By |
|---|--|
| Huge uptake in technology and social media for recreation and leisure | Youth Voice Study |
| Gaming Culture | Youth Voice Study VFA Case Study |
| Decline in organised sport but increase in desire for indoor activity for fun | Sport New Zealand Youth Voice Study |
| Comfort seeking (enclosed malls) | Youth Voice Study |
| Wanting to try and do more than one thing, tasting, sampling, hang out with gold coin entry, adaptable experiences in spaces – create own games | Sport New Zealand Youth Voice Study Aaron Webb, Sport Canterbury John Harrington, Canterbury Youth Collective |
| Mainly interested in “informal” activity but with some structure | Sport New Zealand Ministry of Youth Development |
| Keen on places for swimming – utilisation of beach | Aaron Webb, Sport Canterbury Youth Voice Study |
| As move to Secondary kids drop away from YAT activity – need magnet activities | Aaron Webb, Sport Canterbury Ministry of Youth Development |
| Linking Youth and Health | South African Study, Movement Centres |
| Music, performance | Youth research, observations Te Koru examples |
| Youth friendly spaces (outdoors and indoors with a local village feel) and social café spaces for youth Youth Hub collaboration | Youth Voice Study Rebecca May, Renew New Brighton |

An overview of the community 'out East' post earthquake reinforces the key role played by YAT, not only in the plethora of programmes delivered but also in the mentoring and community and youth development roles they undertake in many communities. A key strategic aspect to their operation is the location of Grace Vineyard Church and the need for a drop-in and community facility in this location. This need would increase if the school was to be removed depending on the nature of the redevelopment of the mall.



In summary, there are many useful pieces of information in the report. Much of what is provided paints a picture of a complex, integrated and wide ranging delivery. YAT is a key player in all of this and has a substantial involvement in youth programme delivery. Their facilities need upgrading and there is opportunity for them to tune that upgrade in such a way as to make their provision more meaningful and more focused on "magnet" activities of youth. This would increase the level of engagement and participation of young people and excite them about being involved in YAT programmes.


The report recommends:

1. That the 'Sandpit' facility reconfiguration focus on improving the "Adaptable Activity Space" for a range of informal and structured activities, mainly small ball games but as a complementary site for performance space and other activities. (This will require a big focus on increasing storage capacity, so that the activity space can be reconfigured for multiple games).
2. That YAT continue to support partnerships for the creation of Youth Hubs, 'Magnet' activities and a Performance Centre with others and that they look to either deliver the programmes associated with these and/or reconfigure their own facility to operate these activities. That they look to purchase equipment that will allow them to move music and performance activity between indoor and outdoor spaces as part of this.
3. That YAT increase their capability in the areas of technology, computers, computer gaming in a drop-in or café space, and/or that they increase their involvement with the New Brighton Library on this basis.
4. That YAT reconfigure its internal spaces at Grace Vineyard Beach Campus so that small group and one-on-one mentoring sessions can occur and so that staff and other community groups have spaces for planning, organising and staging activity.
5. The recommendations recognise and acknowledge the many activities already being delivered by the Youth Alive Trust but they seek to complement these with suggested new directions that will further increase the opportunities on offer. This becomes an exciting world of possibilities for cross-over of activity and for a large community of participants with multiple needs to seek out YAT for different things at different times and to explore different experiences over a longer duration.

NB: To read the Full Feasibility Study see www.yat.org.nz or pick one up from our office.

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