

**City of Sydney**

**Youth Interagency Youth  
Strategy & Action Plan**

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Interagency and the young  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Based on 2001 census and Council's internal research, young people aged 12 – 24 years make up 20.2% of the total City of Sydney population or 25,819. This is higher than the Sydney Statistical Division (which is 17.9% of the total population). The number of young people is probably higher than this as there are many homeless and transient young people living in the City area who were not accounted for on Census night. Due to rapid redevelopment across the City of Sydney, including in areas such as Green Square and Ashmore Estate there will be approximately 43,201 (or 20.2%) young people aged 12-24 living in the City of Sydney LGA.

Young people in the City are faced with many of the same issues as young people in other areas. Issues such as education and training, access to sport and recreation, transport, health, and use of public space. However, they are also faced to a greater extent than other communities, with issues such drug and alcohol use in the community, mental health issues, homelessness and lack of support services, lack of free recreation opportunities, unemployment, and prostitution.

The City of Sydney Youth Strategy 2006 (the Youth Strategy) provides an overview of City of Sydney's (the City's) young people, aged 12 – 24 years, the City's youth services, and an assessment of priority youth needs and issues. The Youth Strategy was developed in partnership between Council, members of the City of Sydney Youth Interagency (the Interagency), and the City's young people.

The development of a Youth Strategy will assist the City and members of the Interagency develop partnerships with each other and collectively prioritise and address youth issues in the City.

The Strategy provides:

- Demographic Analysis of young people across the City.
- Outcomes of Consultation with young people and youth agencies.
- Priority Issues and Needs.
- Guiding Principles for the City of Sydney Youth Interagency, and
- Action Plan for implementing Actions to address major Youth Issues and Needs.

# 1 SCOPE OF STRATEGY

## 1.1 PURPOSE

The Purpose of this Strategy is to:

- Provide an overview of young people aged 12 – 24 in the City of Sydney (the City),
- Identify issues affecting young people in the City and related needs
- Detail existing youth services and programs provided by Council, other spheres of government, and non-government organisations.
- Identify gaps in service provision for young people, and
- Develop a set of **Guiding Principles** for the **City of Sydney Youth Interagency**.
- Develop an **Action Plan** that will assist City of Sydney Youth Interagency to provide targeted, coordinated and appropriate services to young people.

Based on demographic analysis, and consultation with young people and service providers, this Report provides **Guiding Principles** and an Action Plan to assist the City of Sydney Youth Interagency to work together to provide the most equitable and relevant services and programs for all young people in the City area.

The development of a clear policy framework will assist members of the Youth Interagency to develop partnerships with each other and to collectively prioritise youth issues in the City.

## 1.2 DEFINITION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

For the purpose of this Report, young people are those young people residing in the City of Sydney aged 12 – 24 years. Within this age group there are a number of specific subgroups:

1. **10 – 14 years** – Although not defined as a young person, 10 – 12 year olds are included in this subgroup as they make the **transition** from child to young person.
2. **12- 17 years** – Consideration is given to the specific needs of young people **outside of school hours** and in relation to training and employment.
3. **16 – 24 years** – The major focus for this group is **training and employment**.

For some groups of young people in the City of Sydney a wide range of other issues are considered including: access to appropriate and affordable accommodation, access to services, sexuality issues, homophobia, safety and health issues.

In addition, a large number of young people visit the CBD area on a daily basis for recreation, entertainment, access to services, transport and employment. 55,501 workers are aged 15 to 24 (or 16% of all workers) working in the City of Sydney each day, many of these in the CBD area. These young people access recreation and other services and facilities in the City also. They are valued by the City of Sydney for adding to the City's economy, energy and life. These young people need to be considered in facility and urban design planning.

## **1.1 ROLE OF COUNCIL**

Council has a lead role in youth affairs in the City of Sydney area. Council has a responsibility to improve the lives of all people by providing access to facilities and resources for everyone.

Council is well-placed to respond to the needs of young people as it is the level of government which is closest to the people and has knowledge of the community. Council also has a significant impact on community design, development, and operation and has a range of existing facilities, services, and resources. The role of Council in youth affairs is about building youth needs and issues into the existing functions of Councils and ensuring young people's needs are catered to.

City of Sydney needs to cultivate a proactive response in working with young people to address youth related issues that are important to the whole community. Council is involved with young people through its focus on families. Council understands the value of providing appropriate recreational activities and facilities (both formal youth centres and informal youth friendly public spaces), along with employment and vocational programs and a range of other services and responses.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tasmanian office of Youth Affairs, Tasmanian Youth Policy Framework for Local Government July 1999 page 2

## **1.2 ROLE OF YOUTH INTERAGENCY**

The City of Sydney Youth Interagency is an important forum to facilitate coordinated services for young people and preventing duplication of services.

The Inaugural City of Sydney Youth Interagency had its first meeting on 10 May, 2004. The Interagency aims to foster and maintain close working relationship between Council, government agencies, and non-government youth agencies in the City of Sydney area, to consider issues of concern and make coordinated recommendations to all levels of Government when required.

## **1.3 RATIONALE FOR THE INTERAGENCY**

Structures for effective communication are required between Council, non-government agencies, and other government agencies. An Interagency provides a tool through which relationships between youth communities, their providers and Council can be developed and maintained.

An Interagency made up of government and non-government agencies provides an important framework for the community's input into policy development, strategic planning and project development.

The Interagency compliments existing City of Sydney advisory and consultation structures, and a number of community and government committees.

## **1.4 AIMS OF THE INTERAGENCY**

- To promote positive images of young people.
- To involve and empower young people in discussions and decision making where appropriate.
- To provide advice to organisations who provide services to young people on issues and projects of significance for youth, and to develop recommendations on these for consideration.
- To facilitate improved access to resources and services, by local youth agencies and their clients.

- To contribute to the development of “models of best practice” in policy and programs targeting young people.
- To promote a holistic approach to youth issues.
- To advocate on behalf of youth agencies and their clients.
- To make recommendations for the allocation of resources based on need.
- To advocate on behalf of youth agencies and their clients.

## 1.5 METHODOLOGY

The Methodology used for developing this Youth Strategy was:

- Demographic analysis of young people aged 12 – 24 in the City of Sydney area. Consideration was also given to the 10 – 12 year aged group – or the Transition Group. Demographic analysis was limited to ABS data. Gathering of further demographic data is incorporated as an action within the strategy.
- Interviews with young people at youth services and schools in the City of Sydney area.
- Interviews with a number of youth services in the City of Sydney area.
- Service Maps completed by youth services.
- Interviews with key Council staff.
- Review and analysis of existing Council reports and reviews, audits, and issue papers.
- Review of youth papers from other Councils and other spheres of government.
- Youth Interagency workshops to develop Action Plan with key responsibilities and Priorities.
- Draft Action Plan.
- Report to Council.
- Draft Interagency Youth Strategy and Action Plan put on exhibition.
- Changes arising from comments received during exhibition process incorporated into Youth Strategy and Action Plan.
- Draft Strategy returned to Council for adoption.

## 2 PROFILE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CITY OF SYDNEY

### 2.1 CURRENT YOUTH POPULATION

Based on 2001 census and Council's internal research, young people aged 12 – 24 years make up 20.2% of the total City of Sydney population or 25,819. This is higher than the Sydney Statistical Division (17.9% of the total population). 21.3% of 12-24 year olds were aged 12-17 or 5,242 showing that the majority of young people are aged between 18-24.

The number of young people is probably higher than this as there are many homeless and transient young people living in the City's East and CBD area who were not accounted for on Census night: increasing the number of 12 – 24 year olds closer to 20.5%.

In most areas of the City of Sydney the majority of young people are in the 20-24 years age group. Millers Point, Glebe, Camperdown, Redfern and Rosebery also have a high percentage of 15-19 year olds. The largest number of 10-14 year olds is in Glebe and Waterloo.

### 2.2 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Due to rapid redevelopment across the City of Sydney, including in areas such as Green Square and Ashmore Estate there will be approximately 43,201 (or 20.2%) young people aged 12-24 living in the City of Sydney LGA by 2021. Table 2 over page provides a breakdown of young people across the eight planning<sup>2</sup> areas of Council for 2001 to 2021.

The areas with the highest **number** of young people based on 2001 census data are:

1. City Centre CBD – 5,445 young people or 27.3% of the population (this is slightly skewed because of the number of international students living in Haymarket).
2. Glebe/Camperdown – 5,489 young people or 27.10%, and
3. Central/Surry Hills/Redfern – 5,057 or 15.9% of the total population

The areas which will have the greatest **growth** in young people by 2021 are:

1. City Centre CBD – from 5,445 to 11,959 young people.
2. Green Square - from 573 to 3,983 young people, and

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<sup>2</sup> These regions correspond with the Metropolitan Development Program Zones reported on by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR).

3. Glebe/Camperdown – from 5,489 young people to 7,445.

**Table 1 Projections to 2021 Young People aged 12-24 across 8 planning Areas**

Area	Total Pop 2001	2001 Young People No.	2001 Young people %	Total Pop Growth 2021	Total Pop 2021	2021 Young People No.
City Centre CBD (inc. Haymarket)	19,910	5,445	27.30%	23,897	43,807	11,959
Pyrmont/Ultimo	10,949	2,476	22.60%	4,790	15,739	3,557
City East (KX, Darlinghurst, East Sydney, EBay Rushcutters Bay)	23,479	3,287	14.00%	5,957	29,436	4,121
Glebe/Camperdown	20,242	5,489	27.10%	7,233	27,475	7,445
Central/Surry Hills/Redfern	31,786	5,057	15.90%	9,059	40,845	6,494
Green Square	3,335	573	17.18%	19,042	22,377	3,983
Alexandria/Rosebery	3,918	812	20.70%	2,416	6,334	1,311
Newtown/Erskineville (inc. Chippendale)	15,556	2,680	17.20%	9,626	25,182	4,331
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>129,175</b>	<b>25,819</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>82,020</b>	<b>211,195</b>	<b>43,201</b>

*Note: The method used to project the number of young people in the City to 2021 involved the application of the proportion of young people in the 2001 population to the projected 2021 population. This method is limited and likely to be conservative, as it does not apply pertinent social trends, specifically the increase proportion of children in the City's population between 2001 and 2005.*

### **NOT ACCOUNTED FOR ON CENSUS NIGHT**

In areas such as Redfern/Waterloo, Surry Hills, CBD, Glebe and Kings Cross/Potts Point there are also a number of young people who are homeless and/or have mental health issues who are not included in ABS Census data.

### **2.3 DISABILITY**

From the 1998 Survey of Disability, the ABS estimated that the City of Sydney had about 1,559 young people with a disability, or about 6% of youth residents. Disability rates were highest among those aged 20–24 years at 6.7% while lowest for those aged 15–19 years at 4.4%. Among those aged 10–14 years, 5.2% had a disability.

The NSW Dept of Ageing, Disability & Home Care reported that the Local Planning Area containing the City of Sydney served some 417 young people in 2000.

## 2.4 LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Of young people living in the City of Sydney 22% of 15–24 year-olds lived with their parents – 13% were dependent students and 9% were independent, presumably working.

Another 15%, both men and women, had started their own family and were either married, living with a partner or as a single parent.

Of the other 63% of 15–24 year-olds, 12% lived with relatives, 5% with an unrelated family, and 35% in a group household. Some 11% lived alone.

Most often, young people lived with their parents in dwellings which were rented (61%), with 21% in homes that were fully owned and 14% in homes that were being purchased.

The 2,006 young people living alone most commonly lived in homes that were rented (74%), followed by fully owned (11%) and being purchased (6%). The 5,746 young people in group houses most commonly lived in homes that were rented (91%).

The NSW Department of Housing reported that, in the year 2000 in the Allocation Zone including the City of Sydney, there were 76 young people (under 25) in public housing receiving a rent rebate, while there were another 763 who had applied for public housing.<sup>3</sup>

## 2.5 INCOME

The average incomes of the City of Sydney teenagers aged 15–19 was about \$172 a week in 2001, and the average for young adults 20–24 was \$459 a week.

Among teenagers, the most common income band was nil or less, which 22% of them received. Altogether, 25% received under \$40 a week, and would seem to rely upon pocket money rather than work.

About 3,300 teenagers received over \$40 a week and are probably working. Among these, the median income band was \$160–\$199 a week and the average income was \$265 a week.

Young adults aged 20–24 were often attending tertiary education but more were in the workforce than were teenagers. Their median income was \$400–\$499 a week. However, 10% relied on pocket-money incomes under \$40 a week (probably students).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Public Practice, City of Sydney Population Sketches, July 2004

<sup>4</sup> The Public Practice, City of Sydney Population Sketches, July 2004

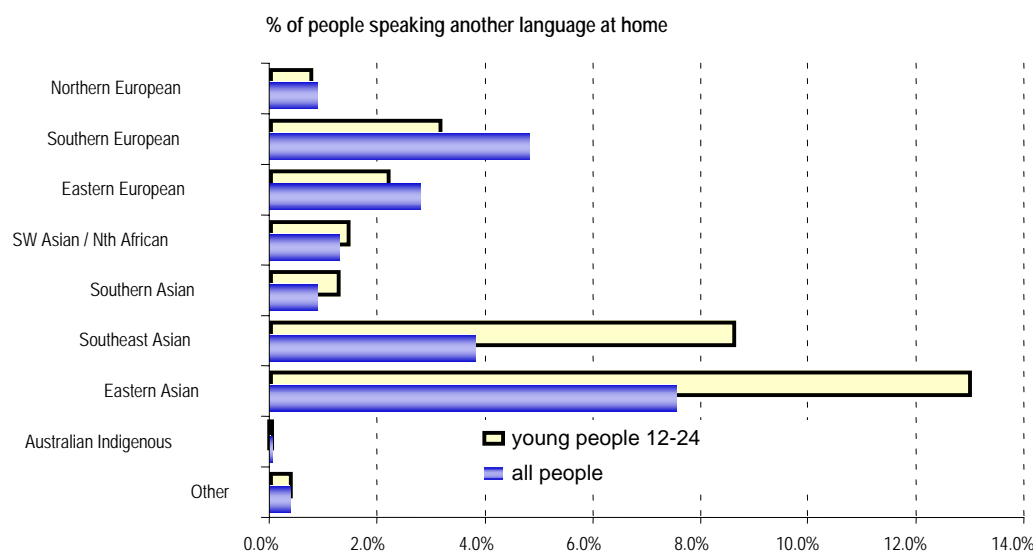
## 2.6 CRIME

From July 1999 to June 2000, there were 343 Children's Court appearances by the City's young people aged 10–17 years. The gender ratio was 2.7 boys for every girl. The most common crimes that they were charged with were non-vehicular theft (15%) and assault (13%); other common charges were motor vehicle theft (10%) and break, enter and steal (9%). Boys' most common crimes were motor vehicle theft with 32 charged (compared with 3 girls) and non-vehicular theft with 30 charged (22 girls). Girls' most common crimes were other crimes with 32 charged (compared with 83 boys) and non-vehicular theft with 22 charged (30 boys).

## 2.7 BIRTHPLACE AND CULTURE

Some 46% of the City of Sydney's young people were born in Australia, with 7% born in another English speaking country. Another 28% were born in a non-English speaking country, higher than the overall proportion of the City of Sydney born overseas.

Some 31% of young people spoke a non-English language at home, which was two-fifths larger than the proportion in the whole population.



If a high proportion of young people speak a non-English language, relative to the overall proportion speaking that language, this suggests that the language has a larger youth population and a strong ethnic culture. In the City of Sydney, this occurs most among speakers of South-east Asian languages, spoken by 127% more young people than overall.

**Table 2 Birthplace**

BIRTHPLACE OF INDIVIDUAL	Males	Females	Persons
Australia	5,489	6,018	11,507

Overseas			
In a mainly English speaking country (a)	896	908	1804
Other countries	3287	3719	7,005
<i>Total</i>	<i>4183</i>	<i>4627</i>	<i>8,809</i>
Not stated/inadequately described (b)	2579	2110	4689

1.5% of young people were Indigenous. This was about 10% larger than the proportion of indigenous people in the overall population. However, the number of young Indigenous people is probably higher than this as 4,510 young people did not state their nationality in this ABS survey.

In Redfern/Waterloo the numbers are much higher with 4% of young people Indigenous (3% of all residents in Redfern/Waterloo are Indigenous).

**Table 3 Indigenous Youth**

	Males	Females	Persons
INDIGENOUS STATUS			
Indigenous	188	195	383
Non-Indigenous	9,590	10,522	20,111
Not stated	2472	2038	4510

## 2.8 EDUCATION

Altogether, 52% of the City of Sydney's young people (12 – 24 years) were attending an educational institution in 2001, with 1% still in primary school, 11% in high school and 7% at TAFE and 30% at university.

**Table 4 School Enrolments, 2000**

	primary	high school		
Age:	12+ yrs	<13 yrs	13–17 yrs	18+ yrs
public schools	66	526	2,835	134
private schools	54	598	3,538	188
<b>all schools</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>6,373</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>public share</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>42%</b>
<i>NSW Dept of Educn &amp; Training; Dept of Educn, Training &amp; Youth Affairs.</i>				

## **2.9 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WORKERS**

In addition to making up 20.2% of residents of the City of Sydney, 55,501 workers are aged 15 to 24 years (or 16% of all workers) - many of these are in the CBD area. These young people require access to recreation and other services and facilities in the City also. They are valued by the City of Sydney for adding to the City's economy, energy and life. Retail and hospitality industries provide the main job opportunities.

## **2.10 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VISITORS**

Hundreds of thousands of young people also visit the City each year. Data provided by Tourism NSW identified that there were 113,664 international visitors to Sydney aged 15 to 19 years, and 340,830 international visitors to Sydney aged 20-24 for the year ending September 2005. A total of 454,493 international visitors to Sydney for the year ending September 2005.

Domestic trips were much higher with 450,000 overnight stays in Sydney for young people aged 15-19 years and 600,000 overnight stays in Sydney for young people aged 20-24. A total of 1,050,000 domestic overnight visits to Sydney to the year ended September 2005.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Based on research provided by Tourism NSW to the City of Sydney December 2005.

## 2.11 BREAKDOWN BY AGE GROUP BY SUBURB

**Table 5 12 – 24 year olds by suburb in City of Sydney**

	<b>12-24 years</b>
<b>City of Sydney</b>	25,871
<b>Alexandria</b>	640
<b>Annandale</b>	1102
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	75
<b>Camperdown</b>	1718
<b>Centennial Park</b>	340
<b>Chippendale</b>	781
<b>Darlinghurst</b>	1259
<b>Darlington</b>	595
<b>Dawes Pt</b>	62
<b>Elizabeth Bay</b>	381
<b>Erskineville</b>	726
<b>Forest Lodge</b>	512
<b>Glebe</b>	2240
<b>Haymarket</b>	1563
<b>Millers Pt</b>	181
<b>Newtown</b>	2089
<b>Paddington</b>	1457
<b>Potts Pt</b>	1016
<b>Pymont</b>	1708
<b>Redfern</b>	1759
<b>Rosebery</b>	1412
<b>Rushcutters Bay</b>	228
<b>St Peters</b>	360
<b>Surry Hills</b>	2329
<b>CBD</b>	2980
<b>The Rocks</b>	102
<b>Ultimo</b>	1125
<b>Waterloo</b>	782
<b>Woolloomooloo</b>	447
<b>Zetland</b>	72

**Table 6 10 – 14 year olds by suburb in City of Sydney**

	<b>10-14 years</b>	<b>12-24 years</b>	<b>% total youth</b>
<b>City of Sydney</b>	4,149	25,819	16.06
<b>Alexandria</b>	116	640	18.13
<b>Annandale</b>	244	1102	21.75
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	17	75	22.67
<b>Camperdown</b>	83	1718	4.83
<b>Centennial Park</b>	61	340	17.94
<b>Chippendale</b>	51	781	6.5
<b>Darlinghurst</b>	187	1259	14.62
<b>Darlington</b>	37	595	6.22
<b>Dawes Pt</b>	15	62	24.19
<b>Elizabeth Bay</b>	67	381	17.59
<b>Erskineville</b>	141	726	19.42
<b>Forest Lodge</b>	80	512	15.63
<b>Glebe</b>	512	2240	22.75
<b>Haymarket</b>	179	1563	11.45
<b>Millers Pt</b>	68	181	37.57
<b>Newtown</b>	307	2089	14.70
<b>Paddington</b>	370	1457	25.39
<b>Potts Pt</b>	195	1016	19.19
<b>Pymont</b>	198	1708	11.59
<b>Redfern</b>	283	1759	16.09
<b>Rosebery</b>	389	1412	27.55
<b>Rushcutters Bay</b>	43	228	18.86
<b>St Peters</b>	71	360	19.72
<b>Surry Hills</b>	336	2329	14.43
<b>CBD</b>	447	2980	15.0
<b>The Rocks</b>	23	102	22.55
<b>Ultimo</b>	112	1125	9.96
<b>Waterloo</b>	277	782	35.42
<b>Woolloomooloo</b>	124	447	27.74
<b>Zetland</b>	21	72	29.17

**Table 7 12 – 17 year olds by suburb in the City of Sydney**

	<b>12-17 years</b>	<b>12-24 years</b>	<b>% total youth</b>
<b>City of Svdnev</b>	5,242	25,819	21.3
<b>Alexandria</b>	138	640	21.6
<b>Annandale</b>	282	1102	25.1
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	27	75	36.0
<b>Camperdown</b>	113	1718	6.6
<b>Centennial Park</b>	76	340	22.4
<b>Chippendale</b>	68	781	8.7
<b>Darlinghurst</b>	268	1259	21.0
<b>Darlington</b>	54	595	9.1
<b>Dawes Pt</b>	19	62	30.6
<b>Elizabeth Bay</b>	74	381	19.4
<b>Erskineville</b>	171	726	23.6
<b>Forest Lodge</b>	89	512	17.4
<b>Glebe</b>	710	2240	31.5
<b>Haymarket</b>	276	1563	17.7
<b>Millers Pt</b>	85	181	47.0
<b>Newtown</b>	364	2089	17.4
<b>Paddington</b>	410	1457	28.1
<b>Potts Pt</b>	319	1016	31.4
<b>Pvrmont</b>	270	1708	15.8
<b>Redfern</b>	382	1759	21.7
<b>Rosebery</b>	473	1412	33.5
<b>Rushcutters Bay</b>	48	228	21.1
<b>St Peters</b>	98	360	27.2
<b>Surry Hills</b>	450	2329	19.3
<b>CBD</b>	624	2980	20.9
<b>The Rocks</b>	29	102	28.4
<b>Ultimo</b>	159	1125	14.1
<b>Waterloo</b>	359	782	45.9
<b>Woolloomooloo</b>	142	447	31.8
<b>Zetland</b>	20	72	27.8

**Table 8 15 – 19 year olds by suburb in the City of Sydney**

	<b>15-19 years</b>	<b>12-24 years</b>	<b>% total youth</b>
<b>City of Svdnev</b>	7,182	25,819	27.76
<b>Alexandria</b>	136	640	21.25
<b>Annandale</b>	313	1102	27.90
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	19	75	25.33
<b>Camperdown</b>	737	1718	42.90
<b>Centennial Park</b>	75	340	22.06
<b>Chippendale</b>	125	781	16
<b>Darlinghurst</b>	301	1259	23.53
<b>Darlington</b>	162	595	27.23
<b>Dawes Pt</b>	23	62	37.10
<b>Elizabeth Bay</b>	83	381	21.78
<b>Erskineville</b>	164	726	22.59
<b>Forest Lodge</b>	122	512	23.83
<b>Glebe</b>	737	2240	32.74
<b>Haymarket</b>	476	1563	30.45
<b>Millers Pt</b>	74	181	40.88
<b>Newtown</b>	441	2089	21.11
<b>Paddington</b>	395	1457	27.11
<b>Potts Pt</b>	289	1016	28.44
<b>Pvrmont</b>	405	1708	23.71
<b>Redfern</b>	452	1759	25.70
<b>Rosebery</b>	502	1412	35.55
<b>Rushcutters Bay</b>	56	228	24.56
<b>St Peters</b>	124	360	34.44
<b>Surry Hills</b>	529	2329	22.71
<b>CBD</b>	884	2980	29.66
<b>The Rocks</b>	34	102	33.33
<b>Ultimo</b>	313	1125	27.82
<b>Waterloo</b>	324	782	41.43
<b>Woolloomooloo</b>	126	447	28.19
<b>Zetland</b>	22	72	30.56

**Table 9 20 – 24 year olds by suburb in the City of Sydney**

	<b>20-24</b>	<b>12-24 years</b>	<b>% total youth</b>
<b>City of Sydney</b>	16,145	25,819	62.4
<b>Alexandria</b>	434	640	67.8
<b>Annandale</b>	678	1102	60.4
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	42	75	56.0
<b>Camperdown</b>	932	1718	54.2
<b>Centennial Park</b>	225	340	66.2
<b>Chippendale</b>	629	781	80
<b>Darlinghurst</b>	866	1259	67.7
<b>Darlington</b>	413	595	69.4
<b>Dawes Pt</b>	30	62	48.4
<b>Elizabeth Bay</b>	263	381	69.0
<b>Erskineville</b>	473	726	65.2
<b>Forest Lodge</b>	337	512	65.8
<b>Glebe</b>	1178	2240	52.3
<b>Haymarket</b>	979	1563	62.6
<b>Millers Pt</b>	67	181	37.0
<b>Newtown</b>	1469	2089	70.3
<b>Paddington</b>	859	1457	59.0
<b>Potts Pt</b>	599	1016	59.0
<b>Pymont</b>	1180	1708	69.1
<b>Redfern</b>	1132	1759	64.4
<b>Rosebery</b>	692	1412	49.0
<b>Rushcutters Bay</b>	147	228	64.5
<b>St Peters</b>	196	360	54.4
<b>Surry Hills</b>	1607	2329	69.0
<b>CBD</b>	1832	2980	61.5
<b>The Rocks</b>	54	102	52.9
<b>Ultimo</b>	747	1125	66.4
<b>Waterloo</b>	284	782	36.3
<b>Woolloomooloo</b>	249	447	55.7
<b>Zetland</b>	38	72	52.8

## 2.12 DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS BY REGION

### *Glebe/Forest Lodge*

In the 2001 Census, there are 2,763 people aged between 12 and 24 years in Glebe/Forest Lodge, which is over one-fifth (21.1%) of the population of this area. This was higher than the Sydney-wide average of 17.9%. Young people aged 15-24 in Glebe/Forest Lodge are less likely to be living in a family situation than those living in other areas of Sydney. Of these people, one-third (33%) are living in a group house arrangement and 10% live alone. In comparison, of the young people living in the Sydney metropolitan area, only 8% live in a group house and 3% live alone.

There are 598 young people enrolled in secondary school in Glebe/Forest Lodge, of which about 50% are in non-government schools. This represents over three-quarters (77%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census, which is similar to the Sydney-wide average of 84%.

Around two-thirds (67%) of 15-24 year olds are in the labour force compared to 64% for the Sydney metropolitan area. Of those in the labour force, a higher proportion was working part-time (49%) than for other 15-24 year olds in both the rest of the City of Sydney and the Sydney metropolitan area. The revealed rate of unemployment among this age group (12.4%) was marginally less than the rest of Council's area but in excess of the Sydney-wide average (10.9%).

Those young people living in Forest Lodge have a higher median income at \$286 per week than those living in Glebe, at \$253 per week.

### ***Kings Cross/Woolloomooloo/Elizabeth Bay/Darlinghurst/Potts Point***

According to the 2001 Census, this area has around 3,100 young people aged 12-24 years, with increasing numbers of school age young people, as compared to declining numbers of those aged between 18-24 years. Less than a fifth (12.6%) of the population was aged between 12 and 24 years in this area, which is less than the Sydney-wide average of 17.9%.

The young people in the area aged between 15-24 years are less likely to be living in a family situation than young people in other areas of Sydney. Of these, 30% are living in a group house arrangement and 23% live alone. In comparison, of the young people living in the Sydney metropolitan area, only 8% live in a group house and 3% live alone. The suburb of Woolloomooloo is a partial exception to this, with 75% of its 15-24 year olds living in a family household, including 23% living as a "dependent student" and 19% as an "independent child".

The proportion of the 15-24-age group who are married is 3.7%, which is lower than the 5.1% for young people in the rest of Sydney.

There are 380 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which about 60% are in non-government schools. This represents only about half (48%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census. A further 630 people, which represents 27% of the 18-24 age population, also attend a TAFE institution. Again, the majority (60%) attend part-time.

### ***Redfern/Waterloo***

In the 2001 Census, there were 2,541 people aged 12-24 years, which equates to 15.5% of the Redfern/Waterloo population. In Waterloo, the biggest proportion of young people (35%) is aged between 10-14 years of age. In Redfern, most young people (66%) are aged between 20 and 24, and 25% are aged between 12 and 17.

There are 483 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which 59% are in government schools. This represents almost two-thirds (65%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

Redfern/Waterloo has a high concentration of social disadvantage and has a disproportionate share of negative social indicators which affect the young people living in the area. These include: 42% of residents have incomes less than \$400 per week; 23% of Redfern's and 73% of Waterloo's dwellings are Department of Housing homes; Almost 60% of Waterloo's residents are unemployed and 46% of households with children under 15 in Waterloo have a single parent at its head. There are a significant number of young families and young single mothers. 4% of the young people in Redfern/Waterloo are Indigenous (only 3% of all residents in Redfern/Waterloo are Indigenous).

### ***Rosebery, Zetland, Beaconsfield***

Around 1,559 people, or 18.7% of the population of this area, are aged between 12 and 24 years, which is slightly higher than the Sydney average of 17.9%. The majority (1412 people or 91%) of these young people live in Rosebery where 33% of the young people are aged between 12 and 17 years. Rosebery has the third highest percentage of young people behind Haymarket and Forest Lodge. Haymarket's numbers are skewed because of the large number of international students living in the area.

There are 431 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which 50% are in government schools. This represents more than three-quarters (83%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

### ***Ultimo, Pyrmont, Haymarket***

Just under 4,400 people, or 22% of the population of this area, are aged between 12 and 24 years, which is above the Sydney metropolitan average. The largest number of young people is aged between 20 and 24 years (at 66%), most likely because of the proximity of these areas to local universities. Only 10% of the 12 to 24 year age group are 10-14 and 15% are 12-17 years of age.

There are 327 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which 50% are enrolled in government schools. This represents almost half (46%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

### ***Millers Point, Dawes Point, The Rocks***

Only 9.3% of this population, or 345 people, are aged between the ages of 12 and 24 years. In Millers Point, however, the biggest proportion of young people (at 47%) are aged between 12 and 17 years of age.

There are 84 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which 52% are enrolled in government schools. This represents almost two-thirds (63%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

### ***CBD***

Around 2,980 people, or 15% of the CBD population, are aged between 12 and 24 years. This is below the Sydney average of 17.9%. Of these people, 21% are aged between 15 and 19, but the majority (61%) are aged between 20 and 24.

There are 169 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which only 30% are enrolled in government schools. This represents only 27% of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

### ***Eveleigh, Darlington, Chippendale, part Camperdown***

3,094 young people live in this area, which equates to approximately 28% of the area's total population, which is much higher than the Sydney-wide figure. It should be noted that 1718 of these people live in Camperdown and only part of Camperdown is in the City of Sydney area. It is assumed that most of these young people attend Sydney University.

There are only 124 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which 58% are enrolled in government schools. These people represent more than half (53%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

### ***Erskineville, Alexandria, Part Newtown***

Approximately 15% of the population, or 3,455 people, are aged between 12 and 24 years in this area, which is less than the Sydney-wide proportion of 17.9%. Around 20% are aged between 12 and 17 years and about 60% are aged between 20-24 years.

There are 457 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which 64% are enrolled in government schools. These people represent more than two-thirds (68%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

***Surry Hills, Part Paddington, Moore Park, Part Centennial Park***

In this area, 4,126 people or 14% of the total population are aged between 12 and 24 years. This is lower than the proportion of young people across the Sydney metropolitan area, which is 17.9%. Although not the highest percentage of young people, Surry Hills has the second highest number (behind the CBD) of young people at 2329. The greatest proportion of young people (around 65%) are aged 20-24 years. However, Paddington has approximately 25% 10-14 year olds, and Surry Hills 22% 12-17 year olds.

There are 512 people enrolled in secondary school in this area, of which a third (at 32%) are enrolled in government schools. These people represent more than half (55%) of the 12-17 year olds in the area at the time of the 2001 Census.

## **3 PROFILE OF YOUTH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

### **3.1 EXISTING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

There are a large number of government and non-government youth services in the City of Sydney area.

#### ***Council Services***

City of Sydney currently provides five direct services or drop-in youth services:

- Erskineville
- Millers Point
- Pyrmont
- Redfern, and
- Woolloomooloo.

In addition, a number of programs are run by Council in partnership with non-government youth services, and throughout the LGA in parks, leisure centres and community centres. For example, the After Dark Program at Broadway Shopping Centre and youth programs at Pine Street Creative Arts Centre in Chippendale.

#### ***Non-Council Youth Services***

In the community or non-government sector there are 27 direct services provided for young people. In addition, there are a number of groups providing services and programs for young people throughout the City of Sydney. These are detailed in the table below based on services and programs operational in 2005.

**Table 10 Non Council Youth Services**

<b>Direct Services</b>	<b>Agencies providing services, or support for young people in City of Sydney area</b>
Cellblock Youth Health Service	ACON
Come In Youth Resource Centre	Alexandria Park Community School
Creative Youth Initiatives – Mission Australia	Barnardos
Erskineville Youth Housing	Bondi Youth Accommodation
Fact Tree	Broadway Shopping Centre
Girls and Boys Brigade, Surry Hills	Campbell House (18+)
Glebe Police Citizens Youth Club	Central Sydney Area Health Service
Glebe Youth Service	Eastern Respite and Recreation
Shopfront Youth Legal Service	Elsie Women’s Refuge
Kings Cross Adolescent Unit	Glebe Police
Leichhardt Community Youth Association	Glebe Primary
Lillian’s	Glebe School Childcare
Oasis Youth Support Network – Salvation Army	Hillsong Emerge
Open Family – CBD Youth Service	Homelessness Action Team Support and Outreach Service
PACT Youth Theatre, Erskineville	Hope Street Urban Compassion
PEIPOD – Program for Early Intervention and Prevention of Disability	Kirketon Road Centre
Reconnect Inner City	Mission Australia
The Settlement	Primary Connect
South Sydney Police Citizens Youth Club	Redfern Police
South Sydney Youth Services	Rough Edges
The Crossing – Mission Australia	Sex workers Outreach Project (SWOP)
Theba Youth Refuge	Sydney Sexual Health Centre
Walla Mulla, Woolloomooloo Family and Community Support	TAFE NSW
Waterloo Girls Centre	Wayside Chapel
WAYS Youth Services	We Help Ourselves (WHOS)
Woolloomooloo PCYC	Women and Girls Emergency Centre
Youth Off the Streets – City Outreach Service	Youth Matter
	YWCA

### **3.2 SERVICE MAPS**

City of Sydney sent a survey form to all youth services in the City of Sydney area to map services and programs provided to young people and to ascertain where gaps in service may exist. Information is limited to that provided by organisations that completed the surveys. Information provided by these groups is summarised in

Appendix 2 of this Report. Mapping of daily program activities highlights that there are a large number of drop-in services operating during the day and after-school for young people in the City of Sydney area. However, there are few evening and weekend activities and targeted counselling services.

### **3.3 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF SERVICES IN NORTH PRECINCT**

Linda Stevens Consulting was employed by City of Sydney to undertake a review of all services in the former City of Sydney areas of Glebe/Forest Lodge and in the areas of Kings Cross, Darlinghurst, Woolloomooloo and Potts Point

Initial research of community services in **Kings Cross, Darlinghurst, Woolloomooloo** and Potts Point, by Linda Stephens & Associates<sup>6</sup> in 2004 found that:

- Less than half (47%) of 3100 young adults aged 15-24 live in a family situation.
- There are an increasing number of people with mental illness in the area, combined with a shortage of dedicated beds and specialist services.
- There are some services for high needs youth; however, a lack of services for young people in the general community.
- Homeless young people are seeking shelter in streets near Matthew Talbot Hostel and Walla Mulla Park.
- There is a strong emphasis on outdoor sporting activities that should be balanced through other learning programs, for example, reading skills.
- Better supervision is needed at the Sydney Place Tennis courts to assist in combating drug dealing in the area.

An initial survey of community services by Linda Stephens & Associates in **Glebe/Forest Lodge** found that:

- Greater population of Aboriginal residents than metropolitan Sydney 1-.8%
- High proportion of public housing
- High proportion of university students – 72% of 18 – 24 year olds
- There are an increasing number of people with mental illness in the area.
- Youth services are under resourced to deal with all the issues facing young people in the area. Referral to specialist agencies might be more appropriate.
- There is a lack of services and programs for young adults aged 10 – 14 years.

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<sup>6</sup> Linda Stephens & Associates for City of Sydney, 23 October 2004 p.4

- There is a lack of services for after-five programs for youth. However, there are opportunities for the City of Sydney to work with existing services to provide a greater range and access to appropriate programs.
- Many youth cannot afford memberships and activity fees for local sports clubs.
- Council should continue to build on the much-improved relationship with the Glebe PCYC and Leichhardt Police.

### **3.4 REDFERN/WATERLOO SERVICES – REDFERN/WATERLOO SAFETY PLAN**

There are four main youth service providers in Redfern Waterloo namely, South Sydney Youth Services, Fact Tree, South Sydney PCYC, and the Settlement as well as the services provided by City of Sydney. These organisations provide a range of services including, case work and counselling, outings, school holiday programs, employment and education programs, recreation services, leadership and sports. The consultations undertaken by South Sydney Youth Services, as part of the Redfern/Waterloo Partnership Project, revealed that local young people are generally satisfied with the quality of service being provided by these organisations.

The quality of facilities was raised as an important local issue for the two suburbs. Youth Facilities need to be improved.

## 4 CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

### 4.1 YOUTH SURVEYS AT YOUTH CENTRES

Consultation with young people attending youth services and programs in the City of Sydney area were undertaken for this Report. Consultations were conducted with approximately 65 young people to establish issues affecting them in areas such as employment, leisure, school, public space, housing, and transport. Many young people declined to be involved in the interviews. A copy of the Survey used to interview young people is attached **Appendix 4**. Young people were interviewed as follows:

Location	Number	Female/Male
Glebe PCYC	6	2 F/4 M
Balmain High School	8	5 F/3 M
Glebe Schools Community Centre (Young Parents Group)	3	3 F
Redfern PCYC	9	4 F/ 5 M
Pact Youth Theatre	5	4 F/ 1 M
Glebe Youth Service	5	1 F/ 4 M
Glebe Public School	9	5 F/4 M
Boys and Girls Brigade Surry Hills	7	1 F/ 6 M
Abraham Mott Youth Service	3	2 F/1 M
Alexandria Park Community School	8	2 F/ 6 M
Fact tree Redfern	2	2 F/ 0 M

#### ***Summary of Issues***

Outcomes of interviews are detailed in **Appendix 5**. However, there are a number of main issues that have come out of the interviews. These are:

- Relationship between police and young people is negative. All young people interviewed made extremely negative, untrusting comments regarding police including that they consider them to be racist.
- The major interests and activities for young people are sport followed by dancing.
- Young people would like part-time employment, but don't have any training.
- School is an important place for many of the young people.
- Young people in Redfern/Waterloo do not feel safe in public places because of drugs & "junkies", alcohol and "drunks".
- Getting around is difficult for young people who depend on walking and public transport.

- About 60% said they would go to services in other areas if transport were provided.
- A lot of young people get their meals from centres and at home.
- Young people get most of their information about services and activities from friends and family. Some from pamphlets and posters.
- Many young people in Redfern/Waterloo and Glebe smoke marijuana.
- The most requested change to public places to make them more user friendly is outdoor courts, and outdoor dance spaces.
- Young people were positive about their teachers and service staff.

## 4.2 SURVEY WITH CLEVELAND STREET HIGH STUDENTS

Council also conducted a survey with 25 young people between the ages of 12 and 16 from Cleveland Street High School to determine the type of activities that they would like to attend after school. These activities would be held on campus at Cleveland Street High. Results are as follows:

	Males	Females	Total
Self defence	7	0	7
Cooking	5	7	12
Spray Art	4	5	9
Jewellery making	6	6	12
Boxercise/kickboxing	9	2	11
Pottery	1	0	1
T-shirt painting	2	3	5
Screen printing	1	3	4
Softball	2	1	3
Volleyball	1	1	2
Hip Hop dance lessons	5	6	11
Fashion design	1	4	5
Video production	4	4	8
Photography	2	5	7
<b>Other</b>			
Football	2	0	2
Basketball	3	0	3
Rap	2	0	2
Weights	1	0	1
Yoga	1	0	1
Sport	0	1	1

### 4.3 STREET-BASED YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Off the Streets City Outreach Program provided information relating to street-based youth in the Kings Cross, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Woolloomooloo areas who came into contact with their service. Streets analysed include William, Oxford, Bourke, Victoria, Flinders, Yurong and College Streets, Talbot Lane, and Darlinghurst Road.

The sample size of young people was approximately 170. Information and conclusions have been based on statistics collected by staff and volunteers of the Youth Off The Streets City Outreach Program which operated over a 12-month period from July 2003 to July 2004.

- On average each month the Youth Off the Streets City Outreach Program makes contact with 14 young people under the age of 18 that are homeless or at risk of becoming chronically homeless.
- 70% of these young people are regular clients that we see each month.
- 30% are new clients that we come into contact with each month.
- Each of the clients present with many different needs and requests, so the types of assistance we provide varies:
  - 60% required assistance to find accommodation
  - 15% required assistance with court issues or related legal matters.
  - 10% required urgent living assistance such as food.
  - 10% required assistance to discuss and sort out various personal issues.
  - 5 % required assistance to maintain levels of health and hygiene.
- 60 % of the young people we help are male and 40 % are female.
- The average age of our clients is 15.5 years. The average seems to be skewed by two very low ages in the statistics.
- The vast majority of the young people we help report they use a combination of Marijuana, Heroin and Speed.
- Over the last 12 months the number of available dedicated beds for young people after 8 pm at night has dropped significantly.
- Over the last 12 months we have seen a slight increase in the number of young people who are working to support either themselves or their habits.
- Over the past 12 months we have seen a decrease of young people in the Kings Cross-area and an increase at “The Wall” and Oxford St areas.
- There is often a lack of resources in the combined services for young people to adequately meet young people’s specific needs.

## 5 OTHER YOUTH PLANS, PAPERS, AND RESEARCH

### 5.1 REDFERN/WATERLOO COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

This information is taken from the City of Sydney Redfern/Waterloo Safety Plan, 2004.

- 65% of Waterloo residents and 23% of Redfern residents live in public housing.
- 66% of Waterloo residents and 39% of Redfern residents have an income of less than \$300 per week.
- 16.6% of Waterloo residents and 7.6% of Redfern residents are unemployed.
- 22.8% of Waterloo residents and 8.5% of Redfern residents are single parent families with children under 15 years of age.
- 4.2% of the population of Redfern/Waterloo are Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander.

The Redfern/Waterloo Community Safety Plan devotes one Section of safety issues affecting young people in Redfern/Waterloo area. It identified that:

- Adolescence is a time of great change as young people are increasingly influenced by their peers, begin to participate in risk taking behaviour and begin to assert their own sense of identity.
- Young people are often depicted by the media as constituting an increasingly dangerous and criminal group. The fact is that most crime is committed by adults. Research has shown that young people aged 15 – 24 are more likely to be victims of crime than any other group.
- Young offenders are often from disadvantaged backgrounds, and are victims of family breakdown, homelessness, maltreatment, neglect and other social, economic and cultural pressures.<sup>7</sup>
- A recently released study of 175 organisations that use sporting activities to reduce anti-social behaviour in young people across Australia revealed that sport and physical activity programs can facilitate personal and social development through which behaviour may be positively affected.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> NSW Council of Social Services (2003)

South Sydney Youth Services were contracted to undertake consultation with young people on issues that affected them. Results of the consultation are summarised below:

- Young people are sceptical about being consulted
- Young people who felt safe in the area knew a number of people and felt protected them
- Young men are afraid of other young men and adult men
- Young women are afraid of being “hassled” by adult men
- There is a lack of safe or crisis accommodation
- Young people are concerned about their relationship with the police
- Young people have a positive impression of existing youth services
- Young people identified school as a place they are inspired by
- Young people are concerned about the state of the Redfern-Waterloo environment including the quality of youth services<sup>9</sup>

## **5.2 SOUTH SYDNEY YOUTH ISSUES PAPER 2002**

In 2002, former South Sydney City Council contracted S S Consulting to prepare a Youth Issues Paper for the South Sydney City Council LGA. The major issues highlighted in this Report were:

- The major social issues affecting young people in South Sydney are:
  - Crime and safety
  - Education and training
  - Employment
  - Health
  - Housing
  - Information Access
  - Use of Public Spaces
  - Participation in Decision making processes
- The Issues Paper further noted that access to appropriate, affordable and diverse opportunities for recreation and leisure and cultural pursuits is a major issue

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<sup>8</sup> Australian Institute of Criminology (2003) Sport, Physical Activity and Anti-Social Behaviour in Youth, Trends and Issues Paper No 249

The Report noted, in particular, the need for young people to meet and mix in safe public spaces. This is important for both the development of a social life and the development of a sense of community. Strategies need to be adopted to generate youth-friendly communities in which young people can mix with confidence and safety.

### **5.3 SOUTH SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL – SERVICES AND DRAFT SOCIAL PLAN – YOUNG PEOPLE**

The former South Sydney Council Draft Social Plan (2003) has identified a number of priority issues and needs for young people:

- Relations between police and young people can be improved
- Safety is a primary concern for local young people including fear of victimisation and fearfulness on public transport
- Young people are portrayed quite negatively in the press which in turn encourages negative stereotypes of young people in the community
- Young people feel too often that decisions which affect them are made by adults without any regard for their views
- Youth services have limited budgets to promote their services
- Youth services believe they are under-funded
- Youth services are targeted more toward mainstream young people rather than the disadvantaged
- There is a trend toward local young people leaving school earlier
- Young people are particularly vulnerable to unemployment
- Misuse of alcohol and other drugs are major issues in South Sydney
- Homelessness is an increasing problem amongst young people in South Sydney and
- Young people are concerned about the quality of local facilities

### **5.4 NSW YOUTH POLICY**

The NSW Government has developed the NSW Youth Policy which provides a universal framework targeting all young people in the state. The policy has six main strategies which cover a broad range of issues to address the needs of young people, namely:

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<sup>9</sup> South Sydney Youth Services (2002) Youth Consultation Report, Redfern-Waterloo Partnership Project

- Increasing participation of young people in the community and involving them in decisions and processes that impact on their lives
- Supporting young people to achieve their educational and employment goals
- Enhancing opportunities for young people to sport, recreational and development activities
- Providing information and services to help young people lead healthy lives now and in the future
- Improving the safety and well-being of young people by improving the safety of their environments and by providing appropriate support before their problems become acute, and
- Facilitating partnership building and collaboration in local communities to improve planning, services and programs for young people.<sup>10</sup>

## **5.5 SOUTH SYDNEY CITY COUNCIL – GAY, LESBIAN AND TRANSGENDER ISSUES PAPER APRIL 2000**

The former South Sydney City Council, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Issues Paper identified a number of issues for gay, lesbian and transgender youth. These included

- Gay and lesbian youth have a higher than average rate of suicide and attempted suicide
- Lesbian and gay youth have high rates of homelessness – generally related to lack of family acceptance. This is compounded by the fact that they are often subject to discrimination within services and excluded from accommodation
- Gay and lesbian students often experience discrimination, harassment and victimisation in school. This experience, compounded by social isolation, family breakdown and lack of adequate service supports has left many young gay and lesbian people at significant risk.
- Gay, lesbian and transgender youth have higher rates of depression and drug and alcohol use than their heterosexual counterparts.
- With the exception of youth support groups, there are few places where gay and lesbian young people can interact with, and meet other people in a similar situation.

The Issues paper identified initiatives which may assist in addressing some of these issues including:

- Support to families and promoting family reconciliation

- Suitable places for young gay men and lesbians to meet and socialise
- Positive role models within schools, recreation and community through the employment of gay, lesbian and transgender people

## 6 ISSUES AND GAPS

### 6.1 CONSULTATION WITH YOUTH SERVICES

Consultation was undertaken for this Strategy with youth agencies in the City of Sydney area to identify major issues affecting local young people and gaps in service delivery and planning. Youth agencies in the City of Sydney area were consulted with either through interviews or through feedback provided through the City of Sydney Youth Interagency Forum.

### 6.2 ISSUES & GAPS IDENTIFIED

A summary of the major youth issues and gaps in service delivery identified by youth agencies, young people, and based on other research, are provided below in Table 11. Identified Principles and Needs are based on the City of Sydney Draft Social Plan 2004 Priorities and outcomes of consultation with young people and youth agencies. An Action Plan to address these issues is provided in Section 11 of this Strategy:

**Table 11 Issues and Gaps in youth service delivery and planning**

Principles/Needs	Issue
Diversity is Strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people in the City of Sydney area are a diverse group and a one-shoe-fits-all approach to youth services will not work.</li> <li>• There is a lack of culturally sensitive services and culturally specific programs.</li> <li>• The City of Sydney area has the largest number of gay and lesbian residents in Australia.<sup>11</sup> A large number of these are part of the youth population particularly in the 18 – 24 year category.</li> <li>• The City of Sydney area has a culturally diverse youth population.</li> </ul>
Access for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many young people are not accessing established</li> </ul>

<sup>10</sup> NSW Government Website (2003)

<sup>11</sup> Based on research by South Sydney City Council (Community Facilities Plan 2004) and Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Issues Paper 2000.

	<p>youth services because of a perception that they are unsafe. Many young people's parents will not let them attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are not enough services for young people with disabilities or programs to integrate young people with disabilities into established youth services.</li> <li>• Many GLBT Young people feel unsafe in mainstream youth services due to homophobia, harassment and violence either feared or experienced.</li> <li>• Lack of demographic information on young people not included in ABS Census data and other reporting mechanisms.</li> </ul>
A Safe Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are a number of young (including under-aged) streetworkers in the inner-city areas.</li> <li>• In many areas of the City, there is a negative relationship between young people and police.</li> <li>• Young people are concerned about people who use drugs and alcohol in public. Drug and alcohol abuse in the community needs to be addressed to make the public domain a safe place for young people.</li> <li>• Safety is a primary concern for local young people including fear of victimisation and fearfulness on public transport.</li> </ul>
Access to Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a large number of transient youth in the inner city that do not form part of ABS surveys and other research.</li> <li>• Agencies do not have enough funding to promote their services.</li> <li>• Young people access most information from friends or family and new methods of providing information to all young people in the City area are required.</li> <li>• There is not enough information available for young people on what is available to them.</li> </ul>
Fostering Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community volunteers of all ages are needed on weekends and after school to support local sporting competitions and cultural events.</li> <li>• Need to involve schools in Youth Interagency activities, for example, Interagency sports days, promotion through schools, cultural activities and events.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people need to be properly resourced to participate in community projects.</li> <li>• The participation of young people in the community needs to be increased and they should be involved in decisions and processes that impact on their lives.</li> </ul>
Employment & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day programs with a training/employment/education focus are needed for unemployed young people and those outside the school system.</li> <li>• Young people identified school as an important place to them and this should be supported.</li> <li>• Young people would like part-time and full-time employment, but many do not have any training.</li> </ul>
Quality Community Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a lack of free, outdoor sport and recreation options. For example basketball courts, tennis courts.</li> <li>• Many youth centres are located in run-down and inappropriately located facilities. Young people like to hang out in places they are proud of and feel comfortable in.</li> <li>• Facilities exist in the community, which youth services cannot access.</li> <li>• There are no youth facilities in areas such as Rosebery, where there are large numbers of young people.</li> <li>• Hang out spaces are needed on weekends and nights.</li> </ul>
Provision of Targeted & Coordinated Programs and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many children aged 10 – 14 find the transition from child to young person difficult and need programs to address this.</li> <li>• There is a need for training programs and joint projects for police and staff of youth services to be developed.</li> <li>• Responsibilities in relation to schools and youth agencies need to be defined.</li> <li>• There are a lack of services for young streetworkers and no coordinated response to dealing with the issue.</li> <li>• Lack of drug and alcohol services and in particular, culturally appropriate drug and alcohol services. This is particularly important in the Redfern/Waterloo</li> </ul>

	<p>area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More targeted night and weekend activities are required, for specified age groups.</li> <li>• Programs involving families need to be developed.</li> </ul>
Safe and Accessible Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people in Millers Point have transport issues to attend school, as most of them go to Balmain High. There is no free transport home from this area.</li> <li>• Young people need transport (via foot, bike or public) to other services and programs in areas outside the suburb they live in.</li> </ul>
A Healthy & Active Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug and Alcohol usage affects young people in the inner city.</li> <li>• Young people cannot access organised sporting competitions because of transport, registration fees, cost of uniforms, and level of social skills.</li> <li>• There is a rising incidence of young people with mental health issues in the City as these young people come to Redfern/Waterloo and Kings Cross because of proximity to services and rail stations.</li> <li>• Health and nutrition is a big issue with many young people not accessing healthy meals. Young people need access to affordable nutritious meals in a youth friendly environment.</li> <li>• Access to youth friendly sexual health services is also a big issue with higher than average incidence of STI's among young people.</li> </ul>
Building on Social Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agencies &amp; Council should partner in programs.</li> <li>• Need to give young people the opportunity to create change and have opinions heard.</li> <li>• Young people, services and community members need opportunities for philosophical discussions.</li> <li>• Young people should be taught leadership skills and trained and supported to advocate on their own behalf.</li> </ul>
Appropriate and Affordable Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an increasing number of homeless young people in the inner city &amp; a lack of services for homeless young people.</li> <li>• There is a need for safe crisis or supported accommodation in the area that they young person lives – and in particular, culturally appropriate crisis</li> </ul>

	or supported accommodation services.
Keep Public Space Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people should be involved in the planning of public spaces.</li> <li>• Young people should be involved in the planning of more non-structured, public hang out spaces for young people with appropriate design. For example, performance space, street skating.</li> </ul>

## **7 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The following are guiding principles for the City of Sydney Youth Interagency to address the needs of local young people.

1. Resources and services should be distributed across the LGA according to areas of highest need at any time.
2. Young people are a diverse group within the community and require equal access to services, strategies, and processes for all young people.
3. The needs of young people will be considered in planning processes for public space or urban design in the City of Sydney area.
4. Those young people in the transition period from child to young person will be supported.
5. Young people will be encouraged to participate in planning and managing one off events and/or ongoing activities held in public spaces.
6. A variety of services and activities for young people, including a range of appropriate recreational, cultural, employment, education, health, and vocational activities will be provided.
7. Council, non-government youth services, other government services and the community, will work together to address the needs of young people.
8. Sustainable programs or projects for young people through seed funding and partnerships will be investigated.
9. Young people need to live in safe communities, and strategies should be developed which promote safety for the whole community.
10. Agencies should work in partnership with the community to ensure that supported housing is available for homeless young people.

11. Programs to improve the attitude and perceptions of young people will be developed.
12. Access to transport for young people in terms of accessing services, employment, education, recreation, counselling, and housing is vital.
13. Council is committed to the development of integrated bikeways where possible, and to consulting with young people in their development.
14. The issue and the incidence of crime in the community committed by young people and against young people needs to be addressed.
15. Opportunities will be explored for young people to access healthy, affordable meals in youth friendly environments.
16. Positive relationships between police and young people will be fostered.

## **8 YOUTH INTERAGENCY ACTION PLAN**

### **8.1 BACKGROUND**

The City of Sydney Youth Interagency Action Plan is based on the Needs/Principles, identified in this Report and the Principles identified in the City of Sydney Draft Social Policy 2004.

For each Action, a responsible agency has been identified to coordinate implementation of the Action.

A range of possible funding sources are identified that would assist with the implementation of actions.

As actions are implemented, the status of each action will be updated in the table. The City of Sydney Youth Interagency Action Plan is designed to be updated every year, as recommended actions are achieved, and priorities change.

The implementation of the City of Sydney Youth Interagency Action Plan will be monitored by City of Sydney with regular updates at Youth Interagency meetings.

The City of Sydney Youth Services Coordinator will coordinate and facilitate the actions in the Action Plan to achieve the major directions and principles outlined.

The Youth Interagency Action Plan is outlined in the following tables over the page:

## 8.2 DIVERSITY IS STRENGTH

Issues	Action	Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
A diverse range of youth services addressing needs of all young people is needed.	Development of a Youth Interagency Youth Strategy. Including service mapping of youth services in the City of Sydney area.	City of Sydney	City of Sydney and Youth Interagency	Complete. Action Plan to be updated
Increased culturally sensitive services and positive role models for a diverse community of young people including Indigenous, CALD and GLBT young people.	When recruiting seek diversity among applicants and new employees.	City of Sydney & Youth Agencies	City of Sydney & Youth Agencies	City - Part of City's youth services recruitment process
	Training programs for indigenous youth workers and young people identified as potential positive role models.	City of Sydney and TAFE Outreach	City of Sydney & Youth Interagency (referral and placement)	First course commenced September 2004 2 <sup>nd</sup> course commenced May 2005
The City of Sydney area has the largest number of gay and lesbian residents in Australia. <sup>12</sup> A large number of these are part of the youth population particularly in the 18 – 24 year category.	Identify demographic information about gay and lesbian young people in City of Sydney area. Through consultation and needs analysis with GLBT young people	City of Sydney	City of Sydney in partnership with ACON, 2010, SPACE project at Cellblock and Queer facilitators interagency.	Commence May 2006

<sup>12</sup> Based on research by South Sydney City Council (Community Facilities Plan 2004) and Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Issues Paper 2000.

### 8.3 ACCESS FOR ALL

Issues	Action	Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Many young people are not accessing established youth services because of a perception that they are unsafe. Many young people's parents will not let them attend.	Develop Programs for young people not attending existing youth services in particular for 10 – 14 year old (transition). For example "On the Move"	DOCS, Better Futures.	Youth Agencies	Glebe program commenced 2003. Alex Park program commenced July 2004 Woolloomooloo program commenced May 2005
	Youth Service Expos and joint social functions so that young people can visit services (open days).  Invite school groups, residents, families.	City of Sydney & DET	Youth Interagency	Neon Festival Woolloomooloo 2005. City Youth Services involved in regular Community BBQ's. Further projects to be followed up by Interagency.
Lack of demographic information on young people not included in ABS Census data and other reporting mechanisms.	Collect available demographic data from sources other than ABS on young people in City of Sydney eg. Health, DoCS, Homeless person's research centre, and existing outreach and disability projects	City of Sydney	City of Sydney	To be followed up.
There are not enough services for young people with disabilities or programs to integrate young people with disabilities into established youth services.	Consult with local disability services to identify issues and strategies, and solutions.		Local youth and disability agencies	Eastern Respite joined CoS Youth Interagency.
	Disability Access audit of all local youth services.			Plan to be developed

## 8.4 A SAFE COMMUNITY

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
There are a number of young (including under-aged) streetworkers in the inner city areas.	Coordinated planning meetings to be held between City's Sex Industry Liaison Worker, SWOP/ACON, Local Police, DOCS, and relevant local youth agencies.	City of Sydney	To be organised by City of Sydney	Plan to be developed
In many areas of the City, there is a negative relationship between young people and police.	Engage Young people and Police in joint events such as touch football, camps etc.		NSW Police and City of Sydney and Interagency	Police involved in youth camps running in Redfern, Police Vs Young People touch football games held in Glebe and in Millers Point. Police Youth Liaison officer has been active in the MPYEP. Initial meetings held with Police in Pymont to engage them in Basketball program with young people. City of Sydney has introduced

				Police Award to Youth Week Program of events, April 2006. Police supporting the Midnight Basketball Program planned for commencement in Redfern Waterloo February 2006.
	Take young people to visit Police Headquarters & Mounted Police	City of Sydney, Youth Agencies, NSW Police.	City of Sydney head agency	Program held in Term 2 - 2004
	Increased partnership programs with PCYCs – Redfern/Glebe/Woolloomooloo	PCYC & City of Sydney	PCYC, City of Sydney, Youth Interagency.	City of Sydney currently running programs in partnership with all City PCYC's. Including ongoing "On the Move" program in Glebe and Woolloomooloo and development of one off and sporting programs in partnership with South Sydney PCYC.
Drug and alcohol abuse in the community needs to be addressed to make the public domain a safe place	Ensure that Youth Agencies/Issues are represented at Drug and	N/A	City of Sydney, CDATS & Youth Interagency	Ongoing

for young people.	Alcohol Forums – Work with City's Community Safety Officer			
	Support regional Drug and Alcohol education initiatives including Peer education Initiatives such as the Safe Summer Survival Project.	HIV and Related Diseases Unit SEIAHS	City of Sydney, Youth Interagency and Safe Summer Survival Steering Committee	SSS and HOT team conducting outreach and education programs with City Youth Services.
Safety is a primary concern for local young people including fear of victimisation and fearfulness on public transport.	Where possible provide safe transport to and from youth programs & services		City of Sydney Streetbeat, Individual agencies	Ongoing.

## 8.5 ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
<p>Agencies do not have enough funding to promote their services.</p> <p>There is not enough information available for young people on what is available to them.</p>	<p>Produce Wazzup Youth News Quarterly</p> <p>Produce a poster on youth services that is distributed to schools, TAFE and youth facilities</p>	City of Sydney	City of Sydney, youth Interagency	Ongoing quarterly distribution of Wazzup. Also available online on the COS website. Poster subcommittee established at June 2005 Interagency meeting with youth services poster due to be launched in Youth Week 2006

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Possible Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Develop Elist for interagency to circulate information between members	N/A	City of Sydney	Youth interagency yahoo group set up June 2005.
Young people access most information from friends or family and new methods of providing information to all young people in the City area are required.	Investigate web based dissemination of information to young people including elists, use of noticeboards, websites			New City of Sydney Website completed July 2005 and incorporates all COS Youth Services and Programs
	Visits to schools from Youth Service staff to promote youth programs	Youth Agencies	Youth Agencies	COS Youth service staff have attended City secondary schools assemblies for promotion of programs. End of school term promotion of youth projects and school holiday programs. On the Move program run on school grounds at APCS.

## 8.6 EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Day programs with a training/employment/educational focus are needed for unemployed young people and those outside the school system.	<p>Develop supported vocational, education and training programs.</p> <p>Investigate existing successful employment/education/vocational programs to model and build on.</p>	DET & Premiers & the Redfern Waterloo Authority	Youth Interagency	Plan to be developed following release of Redfern Waterloo Human Services Plan. COS Youth Services are conducting a number of training projects in partnership with Sydney TAFE.
Young people identified school as an important place to them and this should be supported.	Develop a community tutoring program with school involvement to get young people back into school.	DET, Youth Agencies		Exodus Foundation are establishing a tutoring program in Redfern. Homework support available through Redfern Community Centre and Abraham Mott Youth Centre. Online Homework help available through COS Libraries commencing Feb 2006.
Young people would like part-time and full-time employment, but many	Develop relationships/programs with	Seek funding from Department of Fair	City of Sydney as initiator,	Millers Point Youth and Employment

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Possible Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
do not have any training	<p>local business and employment service providers, which lead to work experience, mentorship and potential placement for local young people.</p> <p>Establish strong partnership with City of Sydney Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Establish a database of participating businesses and interested young people. Supported through Good News Stories in Inner City News.</p>	<p>Trading, DET, Federal Agencies, Job Network Providers (Investigate possible grant funding)</p> <p>Investigate Corporate Funding possibilities and potential corporate partners</p>	employment agencies who are members of interagency, Links to Learning projects, TAFE	<p>Partnership established 2003 won the NSW and National Prime Minister's Award for Community Business Partnerships in August 2005.</p> <p>Oasis Youth Support Network coordinates the "Work It" Program which employs at risk young people doing maintenance and gardening in DoH properties.</p> <p>City of Sydney Drivin' for Employment Program assists unemployed young people to access a driver's licence.</p> <p>COS Lights Camera Action Project is linking indigenous young people with employment</p>

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Possible Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
				<p>opportunities in the Film and Television Industry.</p> <p>Workventures Work at the Loo project running youth employment programs in partnership with COS at Woolloomooloo.</p>

## 8.7 FOSTERING PARTICIPATION

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Community volunteers of all ages are needed on weekends and after school to support local sporting competitions and cultural events.	Structured volunteer training program for people identified, for example, Aunties, mothers, brother, sisters.	Volunteers Australia, Rotary, Leagues Clubs.	Youth Interagency	Plan to be developed by Interagency.
Need to involve schools in Youth Interagency activities, for example, Interagency sports days and cultural events promotion through schools.	Establish open lines of communication with schools, in particular, principals.	N/A	City of Sydney and Youth Interagency	Draft Youth Strategy circulated to all secondary schools in the region. Communication Plan to be developed.
The participation of young people in the community needs to be increased and they should be involved in decisions and processes that impact on their lives.	Young people Consulted on Social Impact Assessments for major developments. – Establish formal process with City Projects staff.	N/A	City of Sydney	Young people have been involved in consultation with City Projects staff on the development of plans for the Waterloo Skate Facility.
	Establish a range of consultative mechanisms to involve young people in decision making processes and in youth event planning.		Youth Interagency and COS	Pyrmont Youth Steering Committee Established June 2005 Rocksfest youth committee successfully ran first event May

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
				<p>2005. Better Futures Participation and Leadership project commenced June 2005. This is a regional project available to young people from City areas. Youth representatives involved in Smart Arts and Youth Week 2006 event planning.</p>

## 8.8 QUALITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
There is a lack of free, outdoor sport and recreation options. For example basketball courts, tennis courts.	Subsidised access to local sporting facilities in exchange for increased sport and recreational programs for residents.	Dept Sport and Rec	COS	To be followed up.
	Develop agreement with Glebe Basketball Association for subsidised rate of PFA for support of young people in Glebe Estate.	N/A	COS	Glebe Basketball Assoc is receiving subsidised rates and an agreement is being developed.
	Work with other areas of Council to plan for new outdoor sport and recreation opportunities eg. Outdoor skate parks and basketball courts.		COS	Waterloo skate plaza is under construction. Youth and Skate Facilities Needs Study is underway. Youth Services involved in consultation for COS Skate Strategy.
Many youth centres are located in run-down and inappropriately located facilities. Young people like to hang out in places they are proud of and feel comfortable in.	Undertake a Youth and Skate Facilities Needs Study of all Council Youth Facilities and existing and new skating facilities.		COS	Youth and Skate Facilities Needs Study due for completion March 2006.

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Possible Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Audit of all recreation and cultural facilities operated by Council, who can access them, who can't, why and how much do they cost to use		COS	
Facilities exist in the community, which youth services cannot access, for example Newtown PCYC.	Advocate for access to facilities by youth services		City of Sydney, Youth Interagency	
There are no youth facilities in areas such as Rosebery, where there are large numbers of young people.	Action Plan to be developed with youth interagency on completion of Youth strategy  City of Sydney to support establishment of Junior Neighbourhood Watch Youth Group coordinated by the Green Square community Church to be conducted weekly on Friday nights as of October 2005 at Beaconsfield Park		CoS, Youth Interagency	Junior Neighbourhood Watch Youth Group invited to join COS Interagency. Youth facility and Skate Facility Needs Study being developed to plan for future youth services.
Hang out spaces are needed on weekends and nights.	Investigate integrated service delivery planning to ensure programs are meeting gaps in service delivery where possible.	Redfern Waterloo Authority	Youth interagency	Late night opening piloted at Abraham Mott Youth Centre Christmas 2005 Holiday period.

## 8.9 PROVISION OF COORDINATED & TARGETED PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Many children aged 10 – 14 find the transition from child to young person difficult and need programs to address this.	Implement Transitions programs for the 10-14 year olds in area's where needed	Better Futures (Cabinet) DoCs	COS, Interagency, PCYCs and schools	Program commenced in Glebe Sept 2003 Woolloomooloo program implemented May 2005 Protocol developed between Redfern children and youth programs July 2005. Better Futures to fund demonstration projects in 2006.
Responsibilities in relation to schools and youth agencies need to be defined.	Coordinate information session and training in Department of Education Absentee Policies and responsibilities for young people under 15 years	DET	Interagency in partnership with DET area office	Interagency presentation made to DET forum November 2006. Information and training session to be followed up.
There are a lack of services for young streetworkers and no coordinated response to dealing with the issue.	Coordinated meetings with all agencies and representatives responsible for working with the target group		Youth Services Coordinator and COS Sex Worker Liaison Officer,	Plan to be developed

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Possible Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
			Health workers and SWOP	
Lack of drug and alcohol services and in particular, culturally appropriate drug and alcohol services. This is particularly important in the Redfern/Waterloo area.	Lobby State and Federal Governments to provide money and infrastructure for the development of these services		Youth Agencies, COS, RWA, NSW Health	Awaiting outcome of Redfern Waterloo Human Services Plan.
More targeted night and weekend activities are required, for specified age groups.	Develop more programs based on the Glebe After Dark model	Attorney Generals Dept – Crime Prevention	COS and Youth Interagency	After Dark (Glebe) has been funded for three years by COS  Midnight Basketball Program Pilot to run in Redfern Waterloo on Saturday nights Feb-April 2006.
Programs involving families need to be developed.	Develop family and adolescent counselling services	DOCS, Families First	Youth agencies	COS Youth Services working in partnership with Reconnect and Cellblock to promote access to counselling programs.
	Involve families in youth activities where appropriate eg. sporting activities	N/A	Youth Agencies	Ongoing.

## 8.10 SAFE & ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Young people have transport issues to attend school, as many young people attend schools outside of the community in which they live. There is not direct transport to and from school. (eg. Millers Point)	Advocate for adequate provision of public transport to and from school for students.		DET	To be followed up.
Young people need transport (via foot, bike or public) to other services and programs in areas outside the suburb they live in.	Youth services and young people to have input into transport plans being developed for the City of Sydney area and advocate for improved transport provision on a needs basis	N/A	COS, Interagency and youth consultative groups	Ongoing.

## 8.11 HEALTHY AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Many young people cannot access organised sporting competitions because of transport, registration fees, cost of uniforms, and level of social skills.	Develop an accessible (low cost, supported uniforms, supported transport) sport competitions for high needs young people.	ATSIS, Sport and Recreation	City of Sydney Youth Interagency and PCYC	Funding received program to commence in 2006. All COS Youth services have subsidised sporting teams in competitions.
There is a rising incidence of young people with mental health issues in the City as these young people come to Redfern/Waterloo and Kings Cross because of proximity to services and rail stations.	Develop recreational and social programs for young people with mental health issues.  Facilitate Youth Worker training in Mental Health		Youth Agencies/ Health, CoS	SSYS conducting drama project and social support group for young people with mental health issues.
Health and nutrition is a big issue with many young people not accessing healthy meals. Young people need access to affordable nutritious meals in a youth friendly environment.	Facilitate access to healthy food and nutrition programs through research into availability of food distribution services eg. Oz Harvest		Youth Interagency, CoS	Oz Harvest is linked to and providing food to a number of interagency members. COS Youth Services are running nutrition programs in partnership with KRC (NSW Health)

## 8.12 BUILD ON SOCIAL CAPITAL

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Agencies & Council should partner in programs.	Joint Youth Week Program	Cabinet Office City of Sydney	City of Sydney Youth Interagency Youth Week Subcommittee	Youth Week April 1-9 2005 Youth week Subcommittee established at June 2005 Interagency Meeting.
	Interagency Sports Competition	Sport and Rec, ATSSIS (approved)	City of Sydney, PCYC, Youth Interagency	Glebe and Redfern Youth services hold weekly interagency sports activities. Glebe PCYC conducts competition for juniors.
Need to give young people the opportunity to create change and have opinions heard.	Youth representatives on event planning committees, for example, Youth Week	NA	Youth Interagency, City of Sydney	Rocksfest held in May 2005 organised by young people in Millers point. Youth representatives on Smart Arts and Youth Week Committees 2006.
Young people should be taught leadership skills and trained and supported to advocate on their own	Research successful youth leadership programs and models and investigate what	Better Futures	Better Futures	Better Futures commenced a Regional Youth

<b>Issues</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Possible Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Status</b>
behalf.	is already running in the area.			<p>Leadership Project for 15-18 year olds in June 2005. Safe Summer Survival is providing leadership opportunities for young people employed as Peer Educators.</p> <p>MPYEP sponsoring young people from Millers Point to participate in Activate Youth Leadership program.</p> <p>COS sponsored 4 students to attend Young Leaders Event in Sydney December 2005.</p>

### 8.13 APPROPRIATE & AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
There is an increasing number of homeless young people in the inner city & a lack of services for homeless young people.	Lobby State and Federal Governments to provide money and infrastructure for the development of these services.		YAA, Youth Interagency, COS	To be further developed.
There is a need for safe crisis or supported accommodation in the area that the young person lives – and in particular, culturally appropriate crisis or supported accommodation services.	Lobby State and Federal Governments to provide money and infrastructure for the development of these services		Youth Interagency, COS, YAA	To be further developed.

## 8.14 KEEP PUBLIC SPACE PUBLIC

Issues	Action	Possible Funding Source	Responsibility	Status
Young people should be involved in the planning of public spaces.	Consult with young people through existing consultative bodies and by holding focus groups in direct services.		City of Sydney, Youth Interagency,	Ongoing.
Young people should be involved in the planning of more non-structured, public hang out spaces for young people with appropriate design. For example, performance space, street skating.			City of Sydney, Youth Interagency, and existing youth steering committees groups.	Young people consulted on design for Waterloo Skate Plaza.

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Jack Tyler-Stott - Redfern Police
Jane Saunders - Shopfront Youth Legal Service
Jennifer Anderson - Juvenile Justice
Jo Poynter – Oasis Youth Support Network
Joanne Senior – Wayside Chapel
John Gilbert – Better Futures/Waverley Council
John Mozejko – Department of Juvenile Justice
Jonathan Beninca - Railcorp
Kate Mason - WallaMulla
Kathleen Clark - Barnardos
Katlan - Youth matter
Katrina Mitchell – Eastern Respite and Recreation
Kerry Macguire – Girlzone/ Centipede
Lance Chilly – department of Juvenile Justice
Leander Klohs COS – Manager
Lesley Yasso – TAFE Outreach
Lorraine Ventura COS – Erskineville Youth Development Officer
Louise Brennan Home School Liaison
Lynda Mckenzie Hicks Crime prevention – Newtown
Maggie Brown –Better Futures/ Waverley Council
Marisa Ingleton – Safe Summer Survival
Matt Knight - Redfern Computer Centre

Grant Cummins COS – Woolloomooloo
Mereani Cooke COS - Redfern
Mia Downer - Primary Connect
Monica Barone COS – Director
Newtown Police Liaison Officer
Paula Bolivar – Girls and Boys Brigade
Renaë Buchert – WAYS Youth Services
Samantha Sidwell – South Sydney PCYC – Redfern
Sam Donni - Glebe PCYC
Sarah Benbrick - PEIPOD
SWOP
Scott Rutter – Sydney Sexual Health Centre
Shane Brown – South Sydney Youth Services
Sharne Dunsmore - Fact Tree
Sinead Kelly COS - Pyrmont
Siobhan Bryson – South Sydney Youth Services
Son Nguyen – Open Family
Michael Gravener - The Settlement
Theba
Veck Apostolovski – Reconnect Inner City
Vicki Pogulis Principal – Glebe Primary
Vincent McManus COS – Lights Camera Action
Youth Accommodation Association

## APPENDIX 2 SERVICE MAP – CITY OF SYDNEY YOUTH SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Service/Program	Suburb	Target	Average Attending	Hours	Funding	Main Activities	Future Plans
Alexandria Park Community School. On The Move – Transitional Program. (COS program)	Alexandria	911-14years	Not yet started	Thursdays 3 – 5 pm	CoS	Hip Hop Homework Oztag	Start program at St Marys Primary and Erskineville Primary
Settlement Neighbourhood Centre							
Abraham Mott Centre	Millers Point	12-24	Daily – 22 60%/40% M/F	Mon – T hurs 2.30 – 5.30 F – 2.30 – 7.00	CoS	Drop in, clinic & school Holiday program. Case Work by Appoint.	10 - 2 rotating vocational/ recreation programs
ACON	Surry Hills	Under 26 years	N/A	10-6 M-F	Foundation for Young Australians NSW Health	Queer peer project. Peer Support and Peer Leadership for young queer people Ins and Out - Group for same sex attracted women 6 week program by referral Needle and Syringe exchange Fun and esteem Workshops "Start	Will be bringing a Youth publication GLBT needs analysis Annual Forums for young queer people commencing 2006

						Making Sense” and “Schools Out” (U18), Sex and Relationships workshops, One on one support, Referrals, Counselling, Anti Violence Project	
Cellblock Youth Health Service	Camperdown	12 – 20 yo who are homeless or at risk, or marginalised (eg. disconnected from school, unemployed, mental illness, in JJ system, GLBTQ, CALD, AOD, Y parents)	10 daily 50 weekly 40/60 M/F	9.00 to 5.30 M, T, Th, F 2.00 – 5.30 Wed	CSAHS – 70%; Innovative Health Services for Homeless Youth Program (IHSHY) 30% (joint commonwealth/state funding)	Counselling Medical Services Health Promotion & Health Education Dental therapy & referral (not dentistry) Needle & Syringe Program (NSP)	Continuation of Service
Come In Youth Resource Centre	Paddington	14-24years	100 p/wk	M-F 9-6 Activity centre M-Th 12-6pm F 1.30-6pm	DoCS and fundraising	Activities centre, Counselling, Housing, Young Mothers program, HYPAs, Dual Diagnosis residential support.	
Creative youth Initiatives	Surry Hills	16-25 years	Daily: 20 Weekly: 35 50/50 Male/Female	M-F 9-5 Art Course W-F 10.30-4 Music T-Th	Albert Music, Duetsche Bank	Training Programs: Sounds of the Street, Artworks,	Artworks! exhibition November 2005 CD Launch

				1-4.30 Photo. Fri 11-4	The Caledonia Foundation The Sir David Martin Foundation The Sony Foundation and others	Photography, Case Management and support for students of the program	2006
Eastern Respite and Recreation	Maroubra but cover COS Young People	13-17 years living with a carer and intellectual or physical disability	Drop in av. 10p/day	M-F 9-5pm Drop In Th. 3-6 Sat 10-4pm by referral	Gov Grants	Drop in Program, Saturday Program (organised group) Holiday Programs Annual Camp	
Erskineville Youth Housing	Erskineville	18-23 years				Medium – Long Term and semi Independent Accommodation	
Erskineville Youth Centre	Erskineville	11 – 18years	Daily 15 Weekly 50	Mon-Wed 3 – 6 Fri 3 - 8	CoS	Drop in, Mon – Recreational. Friday - Educational & Vocational, School Holiday Program	Late Night & Day vocational & recreation activities
Fact Tree Youth Services	Waterloo	11-24 years	100	M 9-6 Drop-in 3-6 T 10-8 Drop-in 3-8 W 10-9 Drop-in 3-9 T-F 10-9	DOCS Health SAAP	Drop-in Legal Support Job Search Counselling Accommodation	Not provided – have to speak to management
Girlzone - Centipede	Glebe	Girlzone program 12 -	25 p/day	Wed. 3.00-5.30pm	City of Sydney	Activities and workshops for	

		15years girls				young women.	
Glebe PCYC	Glebe	10-17 years of age (all Com)	Daily 25	9-8pm M-F other sporting activities on weekends	NSW Police	Recreational, sports	More arts based programs and outings
Glebe Youth Service	Glebe	12-25 years and their families	25	M-F 10-2 GYS support/advocacy M-F Drop-in 3-5 W-Sports time 3-5 & Social Night 5-7 T-Links to Learning F-young people's fitness 12-2	DOCS CoS	Case Work Court Support Recreation After Dark 8 pm–12am Friday & Saturdays	
Hillsong Emerge Shine Program	Redfern	12 –16 years	Weekly 10	Thursdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm	St George Bank	Mentoring, dance, leadership skills	More creative activities.
Inner City Reconnect	Surry Hills	12 – 18 years and their families	Unable to give accurate number	9 – 5 M – F	Family and Community Services Federal	Individual and early intervention services to prevent homelessness	Consolidate the collaborative working relationship with services in the LGA. Work with other services in the development of early intervention strategies.
Juanita Nielsen Youth Service	Woolloomooloo	12 – 25	20 per session – older males	M- T 3 – 6 F 3 – 8 W 3-6 10-	Family Liaison and Youth	Drop In, recreational, Clinic,	Increase no. of young people and specifically

				14's On the Move program School holidays M – S 10 – 6	Activities FACS CoS	employment, School Holiday Program Case Work by appt	11 – 14 age group
Kings Cross Adolescent Unit	Kings Cross/Inner City	12-18 years 55% male	177 p/yr	M-T 9-5pm W 9-5pm/9-2am (alt) T-F 9am-2am S_S 10am-2am	DoCS	Child Protection Casework, support and referral, Streetwork, joint police operations	
Kirketon Road Centre	Kings Cross	At Risk Youth up to 25 yrs		KRC M-F 10-6pm K2 7 Days 1.30-10pm Langton M-F 9-5pm Outreach 8pm-12mn Youth Outreach clinics Tues 4-6pm W'loo Wed 4-6pm Oasis Fri 4-6 Millers Point	NSW Health	Medical, nursing, counselling and social welfare, methadone access program, needle and syringe exchange, sexual health services, outreach.	
Leichhardt Community Youth Association – Not for profit employment services	Rozelle	13 - 21	Daily 10 Weekly 27 60% mail, 40% female	M – F 9 - 5	JPET – FACS Grant POEM – DEST Grant	Vocational Opportunities Employment services Free and subsidised courses	Seeking Community Grant for Youth Camp Health Education for young people (JPET, POEM)

Lillian's	Erskineville	13-18 years (Young women Only)				Medium – Long Term Accommodation	
Maybanke Youth Services	Pymont	13 – 24	150-200 month 17% female	M – Thurs 3 9.30 – 6 F 9.30 3– 7	CoS & some grants	Casework by appointment and Drop In, School Holiday Program	Extend no. of educational & training for unemployed youth
Oasis Youth Support Network	Surry Hills	16-25 years Homeless/at risk		Accom. 24hours Education and support services M-F 9-5		Crisis Accommodation Education program, POEM JPET, Choices, Radio Program, Work It	
On the Move (Tweenies)	Glebe PCYC	10 – 14 years	24 per session	3 – 6pm Wednesdays	CoS	Drop in Recreation Service, School Holiday Program	Introduce girls based programs
Open Family	CBD	U 18 yrs at risk/ homeless		M-F 9-5 but offer 24hour support to clients engaged in case management		Street outreach work, intensive Case management, referrals to existing services	
PACT Youth Theatre	Erskineville	10– 12 13 – 16 17 - 26	Daily 20 – 50 per project Weekly av. Varies according	M – S 10 – 6 Evening performance	Triennial & Project Funding (Aust.	Youth Theatre	

			to project – 40 - 70 70% F 30 % M 72% local		Council) Ann Ops & Project Funding (NSW Ministry) Big Brother Movement; CoS		
PEIPOD	Darlinghurst	16-25 years with recent onset or first episode psychosis or mood disorder		M-F 8.30-5pm	St Vincent's Hospital	Mental health outreach Health Promotion Case Management Family and Carer support Dual Diagnosis	
Redfern Community Centre – youth program	Redfern	12-24 yrs	Daily av. 10	Drop in M-F 3-5.30 Ind. support by appt.	City of Sydney	Drop in, sports program, computer program, music program, employment/education support, school Holiday program, Lights Camera Action	
Redfern Waterloo Street Team	Redfern/Waterloo	U 18 Years		M-Sun 10-8pm	DoCS		
Rough Edges	Darlinghurst	All Ages approx 50% of client under 25 years	Av 50-60 p/night	W-Sun 7.45-11.30 Community Assistance W-F 10.30-2pm Legal	Not Provided	Community centre and Coffee Shop Community Assistance and Partnership Legal counselling	

				assistance – Mon 6-8pm		and referral Computer classes Supervision of CSO's	
Shopfront Youth Legal Service	Darlinghurst	Homeless/dis advantaged young people aged 25 yrs and under	450-500 p/yr	M-F 9.30-5.30 after hours by appt.	Freehills, Salvation Army, Mission Australia	Free legal service for homeless and disadvantaged young people. Legal education for Youth Workers, law reform and advocacy	
South Sydney PCYC	Waterloo, Redfern	5-186-24Years (Juniors) 19+ Seniors	Daily 30 Weekly 35050	9.30-7pm M-F during term	NSW Police Dept of sport and Rec, NRMA, Gonski Foundation, St George foundation, COS and corporate sponsors Community Contributions	Recreation, sports, food program, Drop in, computers and homework assistance, art programs, holiday activities. Driver Traffic Education SHP	Redevelopment of Club Space and facilities Establishing a boxing program
South Sydney Youth Services	Waterloo	12-26 years	Too many to count	M-F 9-5 – 1-4 F	Dept of Ed & Training Links to Learning JJ National Elicit Drugs Dept of	Case work Counsellors Social Group Mental Health Housing - Crisis	Purpose built building

					Health Premiers Dept DOCS Street Beat GETS Council		
SWOP	Chippendale	Sex workers, Management, clients and partners of sex industry workers	Not provided	M/Tues 10- 6pm Wed 2-6pm Th/F 10am- 6am	NSW Health, Workcover NSW, Attorney Generals Dep.	Outreach, Health' Employment and safety Legal referral Educational resources Counselling and support Budgeting/ Financial advice	
Sydney Sexual Health Centre  Satellite Sexual Health Youth Clinic	Macquarie Street Sydney  Bondi Junction	All ages      U 25yrs	1500p/mth 366p/mth U 25yrs 60% male  140 clients seen on 333 visits p/yr 75% female, 60% aged 14-19 years	M, T, Th, F 10-6pm W 2-6pm  M 1-6pm Th 3-7pm	NSW Health	Sexual Health Services, Counselling, STI testing, HIV testing, Contraception, pregnancy testing, Hep A and B Vaccination, Free Condoms and Lube, Health promotion, NSP, Sexual Health Infoline. Drop in or by appt.	
The Crossing	Kings Cross	16-25 yrs homeless or at risk of	140p/yr	Mon-Fri 9- 5pm	DoCS and donations	Intensive Casework	

		homelessness					
The Girls and Boys Brigade	Surry Hills	Youth 12 – 18 Child 5-12	Daily 5 – 10 Weekly 20 - 40	Tues & Thurs; 3.30pm – 7pm Wed; 3.30pm – 7.45pm Fri; 3.30pm – 5.45pm School Holidays: Tues – Fri; 10am – 5pm	Donations, public and corporate, charitable trusts and foundations and investment income	Recreation and Cultural	Homework tutoring Establish referral service Develop existing program from Primary to High School
Theba Young Women's Service	Newtown	18-25 yrs	100% Female			Supported Independent Living Program	
Twenty10 Gay and Lesbian Youth and Family Service	Newtown	Young same sex attracted/gender questioning people 12-25 years	Not provided	Mon - Fri 9.30-5.30	DOCS, FACS and community support	Casework, supported medium term accommodation, family and individual support, advocacy, information and referral for NSW, training and community capacity building	Urban training strategy, permanent group worker position
Walla Mulla Family Support Services	Woolloomooloo, Kings X, Darlinghurst	12-25 years of age	TBC	M-F 10-6pm	DOCS	Counselling, Casework, Referral Accommodation, Camps, Court Support	Would like to cater for the older part of youth as have identified gaps in service delivery
WAYS Youth Services	Redfern		Job Network –	M-F 9am-	DEWR,	Employment and	

		15-25 years	194 PSP 22 JPET 10	5pm	FACS, DJJ	training, casework and support for young people/ homeless/ at risk/unemployed	
Woolloomooloo PCYC	Woolloomooloo			M 12-8pm T-F 10-8pm Wed 10-9pm Sat 10-6pm	NSW Police	Recreational and sports based	
Youth Off The Streets City Outreach service	Surry Hills	14-19 years	274 p/yr	8pm-3am	Various inc. donation, corporate sponsorship	Outreach and referral to link clients to other services	

## APPENDIX 3 SURVEY FORM – YOUNG PEOPLE

### City of Sydney Youth Consultation

<b>Area</b>	(eg. Redfern/Waterloo)
<b>Interviewed at</b>	(location/service name/program name)
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	
<b>No. of young people</b>	(no. in attendance at interview)
<b>Responses to Questions: General</b>	
1. What youth services do you use, or programs do you attend? These could be in the City of Sydney area, or outside the City of Sydney area.	
2. Are there any services, programs that you'd like to access, but can't?	
3. Would you be willing to travel to another suburb to access a service (what would make it easy for you?)	
4. What do you like/not like about the current services/programs that you use?	
5. How do you find information about youth services/Programs? Are there any ways information could be provided to young people that would be better?	

6. As a young person living in the City of Sydney area, what concerns/worries you?	
7. What needs do you have, and are they being met? (Give some examples here to prompt responses)	
8. How do you get around?	
9. Do you have safety concerns when in the public domain (eg. Parks, shopping centres, neighbourhood)?	
10. How do you spend your weekends, and after school?	
11. Where do you go in the evening once a service closes?	
12. Do you feel welcome in public places?	
13. What could be done to make public places more youth friendly?	
<b>Responses to Questions: Targeted</b>	
1. Are you employed? Yes (what do you do) No (what would you like to do)?	
2. Are you at school? Yes (where do you go, do you like it) No (why not)?	
3. What interests do you	

have outside of school	
4. Is there any avenue you know of to pursue your interests?	
5. What barriers do you experience in gaining employment/studying at school?	
6. Where do you currently live (questions will follow depending on answer eg. Rental questions about affordability, safety etc. Living at home, would you like to move out? Barriers to achieving your goal)	
7. Do you have a child? Do you have access to childcare? What prohibits you from accessing childcare?	
8. How do you relate to police in your area?	
9. Do you go home to eat, or do you eat at services? Why, why not?	

**APPENDIX 4 OUTCOMES OF INTERVIEWS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

<b>Area/School</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Issues/Responses</b>
Redfern/Waterloo	Youth Services	Attend Facttree, PCYC, South Sydney Youth Services Generally happy with services, but some would like better equipment and more to do at services Like the teachers and workers Want to do Driver's License course Would attend other services if had transport
	Transport	Use Public Transport and Walk - all responses
	Concerns about local area	Use of alcohol. Feel unsafe because of junkies, drunks and some of the young people
	Safety Issues	Alcohol abuse
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	Go to friends or cousins' house At home Down the Block smoking pot. After services close, hang out on the street or go home.
	Information	Find out about services through word of mouth Find out through pamphlets and magazines (3D)
	Needs	Need to get to school easier. Need a licence. Want to get educated Want to learn hip hop and other classes
	Public Space	Generally feel welcome in the public domain. Feel it is friendly. Feel welcome, but it depends on what you wear, if you are alone or in a group.
	Employment	At school – would like a part-time job Employed doing babysitting, bar work and reception (Hip Hop Girls) Barriers to employment because too young and not enough experience.
	Interests outside of school	Shopping Sport and dance (sport was very popular response)
	Living Arrangements	With parents – all responses

	Police	Don't get on with them – think they are racist. Hate the police, they don't know how to deal with us.
	Access to meals	Eat at home and services Eat at home and services if they have food on.
Glebe/Forest Lodge/Camperdown	Local Youth Services	Glebe PCYC and Settlement Would like to attend Glebe Youth Service if there was transport via a bus. Not willing to travel to another suburb to access services (Glebe PCYC interviews) Like the current workers at Glebe PCYC and the services and equipment. Glebe Youth Service and Glebe Schools Community Centre Would attend more parents groups if transport was provided Workers are excellent Like getting meals at Glebe Youth Service
	Transport	Public Transport, on foot and one with parents Hard to get to services and programs.
	Concerns about local area	Did not raise any concerns about the local area
	Safety Issues	No – all responses
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	At home, playing sport, hanging with mates. Go home once services close (Glebe PCYC) With baby & partner (young mums) Hang out with mates in Glebe (GYS) After GYS closes hang out on the streets or go home if it is cold
	Needs	Education – going to school. Attend Annandale North Primary and Annandale Public Information and support for young mothers Being safe – this is being met
	Public Space	Need skateboard ramps and basketball courts to make the public domain more youth friendly Feel welcome in public spaces.
	Employment	Not employed (Glebe PCYC) Young mums – waitressing, support work, stay home with bub. Hard to get jobs being a young mum

	Interests outside of school	Sports and friends Boxing, smoking pot (GYS)
	Police	Do not relate well with the Police in the area – all responses “they are dogs” – Glebe Youth Service
	Living Arrangements	Live at home Young mums – rental accommodation
	Information	Find out about services through word or mouth and parents, pamphlets and support workers
	Access to meals	Eat at home & services
Balmain High	Local Youth Services	Only 3 attend a service, they use Maybanke and Glebe Youth Service. Not interested in accessing any other services. Find the kids at Youth Centres to be “standovers” but the workers are ok.
	Transport	Public transport, on foot, parents
	Concerns about local area	Did not raise any concerns
	Safety Issues	No
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	Friends, playing sport
	Needs	Education – going to school – teachers meet our needs
	Public Space	No safety concerns and feel welcome. Would like more outdoor basketball courts, and parks for teenagers that they can hang out in. A dance area would be good.
	Employment	No at school
	Interests outside of school	Sport and dancing. Not sure how to pursue interests
	Living Arrangements	At home with family
	Information	Word of mouth – through family
	Access to meals	Go Home
Erskineville/Newtown/ Eveleigh	Local Youth Services	PACT Like the workers and equipment – better if more young people Would use other services if had access to transport
	Transport	Public transport, on foot, with parents
	Concerns about local area	No real concerns

	Safety Issues	No real concerns
	Needs	Education, performing
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	PACT, sports and friends houses
	Public Space	Youth friendly
	Employment	None employed – attend school
	Interests outside of school	Performing, sports
	Living Arrangements	Live with parents
	Information	Word of mouth, pamphlets
	Police	No opinion - Don't have anything to do with them.
	Access to meals	Eat at home
Glebe Public School	Local Youth Services	Don't use any services. Would not travel to another service if had transport.
	Transport	On foot
	Concerns about local area	No concerns
	Safety Issues	No concerns
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	Sport (most popular) and friends houses. church
	Needs	Help with school
	Public Space	Feel welcome, but need more dedicated youth spaces, lights, outdoor tennis courts. Water slides.
	Employment	No – at school
	Interests outside of school	Sport
	Living Arrangements	With Family
	Information	Word of mouth
	Access to meals	Home
Surry Hills/Paddington/Centennial Park	Local Youth Services	Boys and Girls Brigade, Redfern PCYC. Not willing to travel to another suburb to access services. Love the workers and the equipment.
	Transport	Public transport, on foot parents
	Concerns about local area	Sometimes get followed by old men.

	Safety Issues	
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	At home, playing sports, hanging with friends
	Needs	Going to school.
	Public Space	Ok as it is.
	Employment	Not employed – at school
	Interests outside of school	Sports, friends, and dancing
	Living Arrangements	Live with family
	Police	Don't relate well with police
	Information	Word of mouth. Parents.
	Access to meals	Eat at home
Millers Point/The Rocks	Local Youth Services	Abraham Mott Youth Service Use KGV as part of service Would go to other services if transport was provided Good service but it is really cold – not heated. Nice workers
	Transport	Public transport, on foot
	Concerns about local area	No
	Safety Issues	
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	Hanging with friends
	Needs	Getting a job. Going to school – encouraged by centre.
	Public Space	Need more outdoor courts and fields
	Employment	Not employed –would like job but no training
	Interests outside of school	Football and shopping
	Living Arrangements	Live with family
	Police	"They stay out of my way, I stay out of their way"
	Information	Word of mouth. Family & Friends, posters
	Access to meals	Eat at home
Alexandria Park Community School	Local Youth Services	Attend Facttree, PCYC & GYC Would like to access Waterloo Girls Not willing to travel to another suburb to access services

		Want food at the Waterloo Centres
	Transport	Public transport, on foot parents
	Concerns about local area	Sometimes get followed by old men.
	Safety Issues	
	How spend weekends and after school/evenings	Hanging with friends
	Needs	Going to school.
	Public Space	Ok as it is.
	Employment	Not employed – at school
	Interests outside of school	Netball, Sports, friends
	Living Arrangements	Live with family
	Police	“They are nasty, watch us, pull over all the time, and are racist”
	Information	Word of mouth. Parents.
	Access to meals	Eat at home