

CURRENT YOUTH PROJECTS (possible linkages)

Sticky Beak Bus Tours (NABU):

Tour of local services – general across the service system

Linkages: provides young people with important connections & support. Important for school leavers, transition points & family/individual support needs

Sister Speak / Brother Talk (Sarah Redfern):

School based only at this point

Midnight Basketball (1st & 4th term):

Collaborative project under Campbelltown Council to keep young people off the street, provide workshops on personal development & social interaction. Project is keen to increase Aboriginal engagement.

Linkages: Aboriginal workers to develop teams e.g. MNM young males group. This would increase young Aboriginal engagement and encourage Aboriginal parents to attend and volunteer. Promotion needed through SW Koori Interagency, MacUnity and Muru Nanga Mai)

WILMA – WOMEN’S GROUPS:

Young Sister Group – cultural space to discuss issues e.g. cyber bullying

Young Women’s Group – empowers young women to gain employment

Domestic Violence Group – for women in the local area

Community Welfare Course for women

Linkages: where to from here – link to pathways / traineeships. DEEWR / Aboriginal Affairs through Aboriginal Jobs Compact – has a broad commitment)

TAC Holiday Activities (sport / arts / crafts):

Activities for under 12 with approx. 20 – 40 Aboriginal children attending. Transport is available.

Linkages: If promoted well in advance would enable more community members and volunteers to support the activities.

Koori Flow:

Cultural program for years 7 – 10 in a number of schools in the region

Linkages: Could encourage Aboriginal young people to stay at school to year 12 as empowers through demonstrating the principles of being Aboriginal

Wollondilly Big Bash:

Annual event in November engaging schools across Wollondilly in culture, song and dance

SSWAHS / Muru Nanga Mai Young Men’s Group:

Weekly young males group (15-17) based on culture and health. Young males currently coming from James Meehan, Sarah Redfern and Picton High Schools currently and meeting in Minto.

Linkages: pathways to education, training and employment through mentoring & role models. DEEWR possible linkage with Jobs Compact.

MTC Youth Connections:

Program for 11 – 19 year olds at risk of disengaging from school or have already disengaged. Also provides case management to young people. Year 10 equivalent

available as well as TAFE courses and outreach activities. Willing to broker partners to build up the resilience in the area

Linkages: Link to AECG and other Aboriginal Education Units. Link also to suspension centre in Glenfield. Possible linkages across a number of other programs including Koori Flow, Bus Tours & camps

Sport & Recreation – TIG

Trains individuals to run Aboriginal Indigenous Games with youth workers engaged.

Linkages: Engaging the people trained to use their skills to support other projects and provide further training. It would be helpful to connect to various Aboriginal groups currently running and for Aboriginal workers to attend with community members / young people to encourage attendance. Sport & Rec to look at making the database of trained people available. Also could link to the Youth Attainment and Transition Program (MWLP & MTC – see below)

Airds Fitness Program (Sport & Rec):

Mixture of inside (boxing / weights) and outside sports with good numbers attending. A number of organisations are involved including Elders and Aboriginal community leaders. A sports subsidy scheme is also connected to this program for Airds / Rosemeadow and Ambarvale schools that pays 80% of the cost to get in. This program has led to 50% of kids being supported to play other sports.

Linkages: Keen to make stronger linkages to other Aboriginal projects e.g. Tharawal, Koori Flow to increase participation from the Aboriginal community. It would be helpful for Aboriginal workers to attend with community members to make connections.

Minto Kids in the Park:

Currently runs at Minto and Airds one day per week. Sports facilitators are contracted and supported by Aboriginal people such as Rhett and Chad. Has reasonable attendance from Aboriginal young people.

Linkages: Good to connect to programs running at the schools. It would be helpful for Aboriginal workers to attend with community members to make connections.

Muru Nanga Mai Cultural Camps:

Pending further funding as very successful way to engage the young people and build connections with their peers and role models

Minto Building & Construction:

Indigenous Pre Vocational Program which the students have recently finished. Miller TAFE also looking to run similar courses

Linkages: Pathways to further training, apprenticeships or employment needed for courses such as these. Jobs Compact.

DEEWR also running Master Builders for 50 students – contact Donna Fox

TAC Plumbing / Carpentry Course:

One course has been held and new one started end of June 2010.

Linkages: Pathways to further training, apprenticeships or employment needed for courses such as these. Jobs Compact.

Above trades course to be linked through pre vocational course action plan being developed with David Puckeridge, JSAs, NGOs and RTOs.

Deadly Vipe:

3 on 3 Basketball Program run as a travelling circuit. The last one was held in Casula in June 2010.

Linkages: Encourage this program to be run in the local region that could then potentially link the Aboriginal Young People to other sporting programs as above.

Juvenile Justice 6 Week Drug Program:

Young people from JJ go through a 5 week education program (using Beer Goggles) and one week social activities. Currently seeking further funding.

Linkages: JJ to be more aware of all youth programs available for Aboriginal Young People (as above) to provide ongoing support and engagement. C4C reps.

Youth Justice Conferencing:

To support young people in the justice system and to link with other services and programs where appropriate.

Community BBQ – Tahmoor Community Centre:

BBQ held for the community the last Friday of each month 5pm – 7pm to connect young people with family and the Aboriginal community. Sport and social activities are held for the children.

Linkages: To include guest speakers relevant to the community. Reps from MacUnity to attend and build relationships with the community and engage them in the work where appropriate

Benevolent Society 5 – 12 year old program:

Two new long term projects are currently being developed and will be operational by July / August.

DEEWR Youth Attainment and Transitions Program

National Partnership Agreement with a variety of programs for young people e.g. Partnership Brokers and Youth Connections. Partnership broker for Macarthur is Macarthur Workplace Learning Program (MWLP – Steve Montgomery – steve.montgomery@mwlp.com.au ph: 4625 1863) and MTC Youth Connections (Manell Abdallah – Mabdallah@mtcwork.com.au ph: 9601 9402)

Winter School

This school provides one week uni taster course to empower participants to consider doing further education and career paths. Work Ventures through Airds High School

Making it our Business (Government Aboriginal Awareness Program)

Open Family Australia (OFA)

Street outreach – corner Dickens Rd & Bilikin Way, Ambarvale (Monday 4pm – 7pm). Open to all young people 12-25 and their families. Hot nutritious meals, access to nurse on the Nutrition Outreach Support Health Van, access to Xbox, music, internet on the Chatterbox. Young people also encouraged to join in various sports including touch football. Contact Adrian Camilleri 0420 278 265

Campbelltown Youth Services Outreach (Uniting Care Burnside)

Wednesday 3.30pm – 5pm at the Community Meeting Place, 2 Mowbray Way, Rosemeadow for young people 12-18

Youth off the Streets Outreach

Friday 5pm – 7pm behind MacDuff Way (or Community Meeting Place as above if wet). Young people are offered meals and activities.

Mentoring Opportunities:

- Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience
- Centrelink Mentoring Training Program (10 mentors trained in Macarthur)

Linkages: mentoring has been identified as one of the most beneficial approaches to working and developing Aboriginal youth. There are a number of mentoring programs / training courses to become a mentor but improved linkages need to be made between mentoring needs and what exists and also funding for trained mentors to be able to work with Aboriginal youth

Other opportunities / suggestions (from last meeting):

- Aboriginal Events Working Group to develop an annual program plan for the region so that workers and the community are given enough notice to more adequately support and bring volunteers along
- Setting up an Indigenous Garden that engages job seekers and volunteers
- MacUnity to hold a BBQ for the community occasionally to engage the Aboriginal community and not just the workers and demonstrate we are willing to be engaged. Could also attend other community events / BBQs where relevant e.g. Minto Open Door Luncheon alternative Tuesdays, Youth off the Streets BBQs in Airds, Macquarie Fields and Rosemeadow, Burnside Open Families Chatter Box in Rosemeadow etc.
- PCYC is an excellent venue to run programs but little happens there. Need to bridge connection to offer to Aboriginal youth
- Link in with Volunteering Macarthur to develop culturally appropriate volunteer positions across the projects. There is a need for increased volunteer engagement and VM can support people who need to do work experience for their benefits.
- Increase opportunities for a collaborative approach to services to young people:
 - Posters advertising events
 - Use schools and school newsletters to promote
 - Increase word of mouth (both Aboriginal and non Aboriginal)
 - Develop flyers advertising opportunities collaboratively
 - Increase partnerships with Department of Education re opportunities
- Other opportunities to improve linkages?