



Police & Community Youth Centres

# 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT





A photograph of two young girls hugging in a gymnasium. The girl on the left is wearing a blue shirt and has a white bow in her hair. The girl on the right is wearing a red dress. They are both smiling and looking at the camera. The background is a blurred gymnasium with other people and colorful decorations.

# Our Vision

Western Australia's leading youth organisation working with the Western Australia Police Force and the community to empower children and young people to reach their potential.

# Our Purpose

The Western Australian Police and Community Youth Centres (WA PCYC) exists so that disadvantaged children and young people at risk across Western Australia have a safe place to go – somewhere they can feel at home, make friends and do things that young people should do. Our recreational activities, diversionary programs and alternate education and training opportunities keep children and young people active and engaged so that they can reach their potential and stay on a positive life path.

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Front cover: Proud members of the Carnarvon Kingsford Lions Football Team.



## MINISTER'S FOREWORD



**Hon Michelle Roberts MLA**  
Minister for Police;  
Road Safety

PCYC continues to be a fantastic institution in this state. It has involved youth in positive activities in the community for nearly 80 years and made a difference to the lives of tens of thousands of young people.

As Police Minister I have had the pleasure, more than once, to hear firsthand of a life that has been turned around because of a young person's involvement with a PCYC. This is a direct result of the fantastic programs that PCYC operates throughout our great state, from Broome and the Pilbara, down to Albany and Collie, and throughout the metropolitan area.

The McGowan Government understands the crucial role that PCYC plays in assisting our most vulnerable young people. This year, we have supported WA PCYC through the provision of an extra \$11.3 million. This additional funding guarantees the future of WA PCYC and will enable expansion in the Kimberley to create an East Kimberley PCYC in Kununurra. Funding has also been provided to upgrade PCYC's facilities in Carnarvon.

As part of the funding, \$1.3 million has been allocated for Stage One of the Broome-based West Kimberley Youth Resilience Hub. This will provide a safe space for young people to participate in a whole range of activities and build their life skills and experience.

The McGowan Government is a proud supporter of WA PCYC. We recognise the benefits brought to our community from the outstanding work that is done by PCYC across the state. It delivers essential programs and support for young people in a safe and stable environment.

I am delighted to present the WA PCYC 2018-19 Annual Report.

**Hon Michelle Roberts BA DIPED MLA**  
Minister for Police; Road Safety



Jess Brooks – 1C Constable, Youth Police Officer

## MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON



**Chris Dawson APM**  
WA PCYC Patron  
Commissioner of Police

As Commissioner of the Western Australia Police Force and Patron of the Federation of Western Australian Police and Community Youth Centres I am committed to changing the lives of young people in WA for the better.

The partnership between the WA Police Force and WA PCYC is crucial in the delivery of programs for young people that support healthy, safe lifestyles and educate and empower youth to develop themselves, create opportunities for employment and make positive contributions within their community. During the past 12 months I am proud to say the partnership between our two agencies has gone from strength to strength.

Executive WA Police Force members Deputy Commissioner Gary Dreiergs APM and Assistant Commissioner Jo McCabe APM both now complement WA PCYC's Council of Management, reinforcing the strong connection between our two agencies and enabling valuable contributions to be made at a strategic level.

Our partnership has been further strengthened with an \$11.3 million State Government grant that was allocated in the 2019-20 State Budget. This funding will be delivered within the next two to three years to enable the establishment of a new PCYC in Kununurra, upgrade a PCYC Centre in Carnarvon and assist in a major long-term redevelopment of Broome PCYC. Critically, this funding also allows WA PCYC to continue to deliver both core and tailored youth intervention programs in each of their seven metropolitan and 12 regional locations. It will also support an enhanced service delivery model to enable improved capacity and sustainability for WA PCYC to deliver structured youth intervention activities.

“The partnership between the WA Police Force and WA PCYC is crucial in the delivery of programs for young people.”

I want to make special acknowledgement of the leadership provided by former President of WA PCYC, Sue Gordon AM, and current President Geoff Stooke OAM, who together helped obtain solid State Government support and funding from the Minister for Police, the Hon Michelle Roberts MLA and the WA Cabinet in its entirety. The merits of this achievement have already bolstered the operations of WA PCYC and I have no doubt there are further successes to follow.

From a WA Police Force perspective and in recognition of this agency offering greater strategic oversight and leadership on youth policing matters, in July this year the WA Police established the new Youth Policing Division. This new team is dedicated to ensuring that the young people who police officers interact with are given every chance to transform their own lives and divert them from antisocial behaviour and a cycle of crime. It is my belief that the Division will also ensure our partnership with WA PCYC will continue to furnish opportunities to young people throughout WA, and reinforce the expansion of PCYC programs in even more locations statewide.

An additional benefit of the Division will be the greater oversight, consistency and support to the role of Youth Policing Officers throughout WA, so they can better focus their efforts on children and young people at risk. These officers have the latitude to engage positively with young people through the programs and forums offered by WA PCYC, all of which are crucial in diverting young offenders away from entering the justice system.

The WA Police Force will continue to focus on building and maintaining positive relationships with young people across the State, and we will work towards further intensifying our partnership with WA PCYC.

**Chris Dawson APM**  
WA PCYC Patron  
Commissioner of Police

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Geoffrey Stooke**  
OAM CitWA  
WA PCYC President

It was an honour for me to assume the role of President of WA PCYC, in November last year.

I must first acknowledge the work of my immediate predecessor, Dr Sue Gordon AM, and give thanks for her significant contributions and commitment to PCYC. They are much appreciated.

Thanks also, to Greg Meyerowitz and Lysle Cubbage, for their contributions, who retired as directors in November 2018. Welcome to our new Board Members, Jo McCabe APM and Peter Morrison.

2018-19 has been a challenging year for PCYC. In particular, the financial position was concerning. Without adequate funding, PCYC would not be sustainable or able to meet its objective of empowering children and young people in Western Australia to reach their potential.

However, with outstanding support from the Minister for Police, the State Government, the Police Commissioner and the Western Australia Police Force (WAPOL), together with the efforts of the CEO and his team, PCYC was able to secure financial support from WAPOL through to 30 June 2019 and further government funding through to 30 June 2021. In addition, funding for significant capital works was granted.

## A summary of the additional funding is as below:

- Sustainability Funding: 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021: \$7 million
- Kununurra PCYC: 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022: \$2 million
- Broome PCYC Upgrade: \$1.3 million
- Carnarvon PCYC Upgrade: \$1 million

## A summary of the year's highlights is as follows:

- Negotiation of new funding agreement with the State Government
- Acquisition of funds for a new Kununurra Centre
- Completion of the FY 2019-20 business plan
- Establishment of Board Committees to support management
- Integration of Youth Policing Officers with the respective Centres
- Commenced introduction of a new accounting and IT system
- Appointment of new key senior management staff to existing positions

- Establishment of new management positions to address management shortfalls
- Move of head office to larger, modern and more appropriate office facilities in Subiaco - at no additional cost
- Significant increase in grant funding for programs totalling over \$3 million.

The achievements this year wouldn't be possible without the support of many people. The collaboration with the State Government and WAPOL has been outstanding and cannot be underestimated. Our sincere appreciation is extended to the Premier, the Minister for Police, the Police Commissioner and all their respective staff who assist PCYC.

Our thanks and appreciation are also extended to our various sponsors, partners and supporters. Without their ongoing support, PCYC could not provide the many learning and development, recreation and diversionary programs to assist children and young people throughout Western Australia.

PCYC is an iconic organisation that has and continues to provide significant support to the community. However, this is only possible because of the efforts and contributions of a loyal and committed team of staff and volunteers. My sincere thanks to all those who have made PCYC what it is over the past twelve months.

I would like to specifically acknowledge the efforts of our CEO, David van Ooran, and his Executive Team who have effectively steered the organisation through the threat of closure to the vibrant organisation it is today. I would also like to make special mention of our Centre Managers. Our Centres are the heart of PCYC, and our Managers go above and beyond to make them a welcoming place, often under challenging circumstances. This doesn't go unnoticed.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Board Members. They are all volunteers who give their time freely to provide critical oversight and governance, so necessary for PCYC to provide services and support to the Western Australian community. Your efforts are much appreciated.

We look forward to the coming year with confidence and enthusiasm.

**Geoffrey Stooke OAM CitWA**  
WA PCYC President

# CEO'S REPORT



**David van Ooran**  
WA PCYC CEO

2018-19 has been a transformational year. Whilst I'm proud that we've made significant progress in many areas, I am conscious that we have so much more to do in our work of empowering children and young people and inspiring them to reach their potential.

Issues facing young people are broad and widespread, from poverty and family dysfunction to mental illness or interactions with the juvenile justice system.

As a newcomer to the organisation, I am amazed by the passion and commitment of our people and partners.

This is never more evident than when visiting our Centres and witnessing firsthand the profound difference our people make in the lives of children. I also feel fortunate to have met so many wonderful children and young people whose lives have been influenced or transformed by attending PCYC programs and activities.

As well as a great vote of confidence in our organisation, operational commitments from the Commissioner of Police and WA PCYC Patron, Chris Dawson APM, have already resulted in positive outcomes for Western Australian children.

Further to this strong partnership, significant sustainability funding from the State Government means that PCYC is now well-placed to plan ahead and focus on what really matters – playing our part in providing more recreational and personal development programs for children and young people that need it most. However, despite this funding, we must continue to identify and develop new income streams to ensure continued viability and to deliver more programs on the ground.

Reflecting on 2018-19, there have been too many achievements to mention, but achieving a 17% increase in participation across the state, significantly expanding our safeSPACE Program, and a 163% increase in young people attending our alternate learning programs are three highlights that make me proud.

Looking ahead to 2019-20, I am delighted that PCYC will be able to considerably improve its reach to disadvantaged children and young people in WA's North West through three major state-funded projects: a new PCYC in Kununurra, the first stage of a major redevelopment in Broome, and considerable renovation of Carnarvon PCYC.

Whilst considering our achievements, I must acknowledge our people – for the impact we have in children's lives wouldn't be possible without the incredible commitment of our staff and volunteers, the hard work of the Executive Team, and support and guidance of our Board Members.

As we move towards 2020, I am optimistic that PCYC will play a bigger role ensuring more children and young people in Western Australia have the opportunity to realise their potential.

**David van Ooran**  
WA PCYC CEO

“ The new partnership and fantastic support from the Western Australia Police Force this year has been a pivotal point in our history. ”



# ABOUT US

The Western Australian Police and Community Youth Centres (WA PCYC) exist so that disadvantaged children and young people at risk across Western Australia have a safe place to go – somewhere they can feel at home, make friends and do things that children should do.

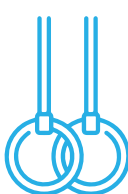
Throughout 2018-19 we recorded over 350,000 attendances to our Centres across the state. Some come to enjoy recreational or personal development activities, some as a safe place to go in the evening, and some are referred by schools, the Western Australia Police Force or the Juvenile Justice System to take part in alternate learning or diversionary programs.

Issues facing youth today are complex and we know that many misdemeanours are born out of boredom or disadvantage, so PCYC provides a range of programs and activities with the aim of keeping children and young people active and engaged so that they can reach their potential and stay on a positive life path.

Wherever children or young people are referred from, we make it our mission to ensure they feel valued, listened to and have the opportunity to reach their potential.

# FAST FACTS

**7,110**  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM  
ATTENDANCES

 **1,750**  
GYMNASTS  
ACROSS  
12 CENTRES

**383**  
EMPLOYEES

**26,000+**  
safeSPACE  
ATTENDANCES

**163%** ALTERNATE  
EDUCATION  
& TRAINING  
ATTENDANCE  
INCREASE

**350,000+**  
ATTENDANCES  
17% INCREASE ON 2017-18

 **BOXING AT**  
**12**  
CENTRES

**325**  
POLICE RANGERS

**400**  
VOLUNTEERS

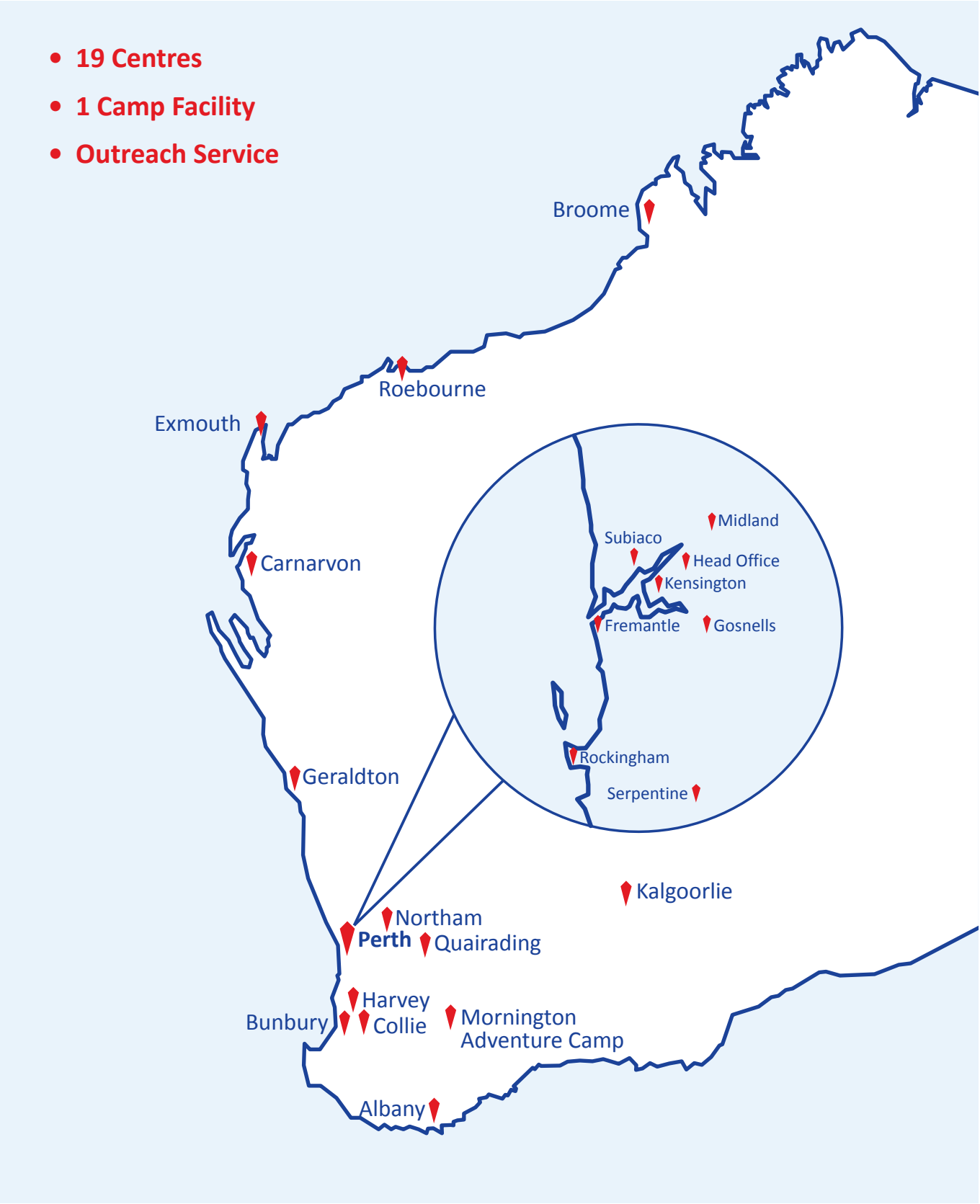
**CAMO PLAY**  
**17,730**  
ATTENDANCES

**27**  
BLUE LIGHT™  
YOUTH  
ACTIVITY UNITS

**\$3M**   
GRANTS

# OUR REACH

- 19 Centres
- 1 Camp Facility
- Outreach Service





## ALTERNATE EDUCATION & TRAINING

**163% INCREASE**  
IN ALTERNATE EDUCATION & TRAINING  
ATTENDANCE FROM 2017-18

The Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA) 2017 'State of the Youth Sector' report stated that alternate education programs were important elements in breaking the cycle of poverty and disadvantage. The cohorts mentioned as needing to be a priority are a core focus for PCYC, including children and young people leaving care and young people in the justice system.

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), the PCYC Alternate Education and Training Department provides young people and youth at risk, between the age of 15-25, the opportunity to take part in accredited and non-accredited training courses.

For a variety of reasons, many students are unable to engage in traditional, mainstream education settings. Without effective alternatives, the future for many of these young people is uncertain, leading to a cycle of disadvantage.

Fortunately, the Department of Education, the Western Australia Police Force, Juvenile Justice Teams and employment training agencies refer students that are disengaged or not attending school to PCYC, where they are given the opportunity to gain qualifications.

Alternate Education and Training is delivered at seven Centres (Kensington, Midland, Rockingham, Bunbury, Subiaco, Gosnells and Broome). PCYC Trainers also deliver courses at several schools throughout the Perth Metropolitan region.

To minimise barriers to young people completing courses, PCYC also provides transportation to and from each Centre, as well as providing healthy meals.

The long-term goal of all PCYC Alternate Education and Training courses is to provide young people with the skills and confidence to transition back into a school environment, or to progress to further education, training or employment.

### COURSES

- Stepping Stones
- Weld to Life
- Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate I in Leadership
- First Aid

### STEPPING STONES

#### 22472VIC – CERTIFICATE I IN GENERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Funded by the Department of Education, Stepping Stones is an alternate education program for young people who are of compulsory school age, but for a variety of reasons are not attending school.

As a preferred program supplier of the Department of Education, PCYC delivered Stepping Stones at our Midland and Northam centres throughout 2018-19.

As well as improving basic literacy and numeracy, Stepping Stones teaches young people basic life skills to improve self-confidence and reignite an interest in learning.

Throughout the course Trainers also aim to identify issues that have caused disengagement to address any future barriers to learning and ensure long-term success.



PCYC Trainer Marlyn Chircop delivering Stepping Stones.

# Transforming lives



“Lucca’s completely turned his life around.”

As a regular offender, Forrestfield teenager Lucca was a familiar face to local Police Officers.

Working closely with PCYC, the Forrestfield Youth Policing Officers, Senior Constables Jess Gunnis and Mike Gibbons helped Lucca turn his life around, providing mentorship, education and support.

Over the course of 2018-19, Lucca took part in Stepping Stones, a numeracy and literacy program delivered in a welcoming, relaxed environment, and Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation.

During his time with PCYC, Lucca was supported closely by Midland PCYC Manager, Jackie Abbott. “Lucca’s achievements and behaviour at the Centre have been exceptional, he’s completely turned his life around”, she said.

Lucca was so engaged and hardworking that PCYC offered him paid employment as a mentor working with children aged 8-12.

Lucca’s story is just one example of how young lives are transformed by PCYC and the Western Australia Police Force working together, creating better outcomes for Western Australia’s children and young people.



## ALTERNATE EDUCATION & TRAINING

### WELD TO LIFE

The Weld to Life course, delivered at Rockingham PCYC, consists of two components: Certificate I in Engineering and Certificate I in Wider Opportunities for Work.

### MEM10105 – CERTIFICATE I IN ENGINEERING

Certificate I in Engineering provides students with an opportunity to learn in a simulated industrial work environment. Students learn the basics of welding as a first step to a potential career as a boilermaker or in other careers where welding is a required skill.

During the course, students work as a team to build a tandem trailer. This requires significant communication, planning, problem solving, initiative, teamwork and use of technology.

Job opportunities include a pathway into further study within the engineering industry.

### 52770WA – CERTIFICATE I IN WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK

Certificate I in Wider Opportunities for Work is an ideal stepping stone for entry into other certified training courses and a pathway into various vocational qualifications. Participants gain general educational support in literacy, maths, technology as well as study and general work-readiness skills.

### AUR10116 – CERTIFICATE I IN AUTOMOTIVE VOCATIONAL PREPARATION

Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation provides young people at risk with an introductory qualification to pursue an Automotive/Mechanical apprenticeship, further qualifications or a job in the automotive industry.

Currently delivered at Kensington and Midland PCYC, the 6-week course teaches students practical skills relevant to an automotive workplace. These include learning how to strip and rebuild engines or disc and drum brakes, the basics of car servicing, how to splice and solder wires, how to make a working circuit and refit and balance tyres as well as car electrics.

### AUR20716 – CERTIFICATE II IN AUTOMOTIVE VOCATIONAL PREPARATION

Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation is offered to students that complete Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation. Throughout this 12-week advanced course, students learn how to identify and inspect mechanical and electrical components and systems of automotive vehicles and equipment, as well as perform minor maintenance and repair to an automotive vehicle body.

Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation was developed and will be introduced at Kensington PCYC in July 2019.

Job opportunities include vehicle service assistant or entry to an Automotive/Mechanical apprenticeship.

“The ideal stepping stone to further qualifications or employment.”



Rockingham PCYC Weld to Life students with their tandem trailer.





# ALTERNATE EDUCATION & TRAINING

## 52773WA – CERTIFICATE I IN LEADERSHIP

Certificate I in Leadership is a 12-week bridging course that assists youth at risk to progress to further education, training or employment through the development of employability and leadership skills and increased community participation.

Participants learn valuable skills to help gain further employment such as delivering presentations, participating in brainstorming sessions, learning about health and safety in the workplace and how to prepare a resume and perform in job interviews. All participants also take part in a community project. For example, building community garden beds, preparing meals for the homeless or visiting a children’s hospital.

Students also have the opportunity to gain other qualifications such as the ‘Provide First Aid’ course and ‘Keys for Life’, a driver education program that promotes safe road use.

Certificate I in Leadership is delivered at our Broome, Bunbury, Gosnells, Midland, Kensington, Rockingham and Subiaco centres with 263 students enrolled throughout 2018-19.

## HLTAID003 – PROVIDE FIRST AID

This course provides an excellent general grounding in first aid compliance, providing students with the skills and knowledge required to provide first aid response and management of a casualty until qualified help arrives.

Participants are required to complete eight hours of pre-course online reading, plus a multiple-choice online assessment and eight hours of face-to-face training. This unit satisfies training requirements across a range of community and workplace settings.



## ABORIGINAL SCHOOL BASED TRAINING (ASBT)

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Indigenous children are twice as likely to be developmentally vulnerable. In 2015, around 42% of all Indigenous children in their first year of full-time schooling were categorised as developmentally vulnerable in one or more of the five key areas of early childhood development, compared with 21% of all non-Indigenous children.\*

From March 2019, the Alternate Education and Training Department delivered the Certificate I in Leadership course as part of the Aboriginal School Based Training Program to year 10 students at Duncraig and Warwick Senior High School, Aranmore Catholic College, Belmont College and Hampton Senior High School. This training initiative forms part of the schools’ Vocational Education and Training (VET) Program, in which PCYC Trainers deliver the course to 25 students, one day a week at each school, throughout the school year.

\*Australian Institute of Health and Welfare



“I never wanted to go to school, but once I started at PCYC I never missed a class.”

Mainstream schooling was not for Ben. Seeing that Ben was disinterested and disengaged, Calvary Youth Services Mandurah stepped in and referred him to Kensington PCYC to take part in the Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation course.

This was to be the turning point for Ben, who for the first time in his teenage years earned a 100% attendance record.

“I never wanted to go to school, but once I started at PCYC I never missed a class,” said Ben. “I wanted to be there.”

With a renewed passion for learning, Ben stayed on at PCYC to complete Certificate I in Leadership course, again demonstrating perfect attendance. And that wasn’t all. Ben returned to Kensington PCYC to complete his Certificate II Automotive Vocational Preparation course and then obtained his driver’s licence through the PCYC Drive to the Future Program.

“If it wasn’t for PCYC, I wouldn’t have achieved any of this”, said Ben, who is now excited to use his skills to pursue a career as an Automotive Mechanic.

*The future’s bright for Ben.*



# DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS

Alongside many sport and recreational activities, PCYC delivers a number of diversionary programs with the main aim of educating or keeping young people active to ensure they stay on a positive life path. Issues facing children and young people today are broad and widespread, so PCYC diversionary programs are designed in conjunction with the Western Australia Police Force and other key partners, who see the gaps in the community and are often inspired by the young people themselves.

## SAFESPACE

safeSPACE is PCYC’s core diversionary program for vulnerable children and young people at risk. Delivered at 13 PCYC locations from Albany to Broome and many in-between, this After School Hours Program provides young people with a safe place to go. Somewhere they can feel at home, make friends and take part in fun activities.



Each community is different, so each safeSPACE Program is different too. Where possible, we engage with the local Police and community to co-design activities so that our programs meet the needs of the local children.

Most programs run after school or during the evening to give young people something to do when they might otherwise be bored and start to loiter or cause problems in community areas.

When children and young people live too far to walk to a Centre, we provide transport to safeSPACE sessions, collecting them and taking them home at the end of the session. Sadly, many come to our Centres hungry too, so we provide healthy snacks and dinner before transporting them home.

A huge range of activities are offered at safeSPACE Programs, from basketball to skating, bike riding, arts and crafts, cooking, and help with homework, as well as the chance to hang out with friends in a safe, supportive environment.

“Over \$1.5 million has been spent to deliver over 30 safeSPACE sessions per week across WA, recording over 26,000 attendances from people aged 4–17 years.”

A PRIORITY OF PCYC IS  
KEEPING YOUNG  
PEOPLE SAFE

As well as entertaining children and young people, the safeSPACE Program plays a vital role keeping them safe. As young people build relationships with PCYC staff and trust them to talk to, this provides an avenue for PCYC to refer participants to other agencies and services that can help with further issues such as their mental health, family violence or drug abuse.

The safeSPACE Program is delivered at 13 Centres including Broome, Exmouth, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Roebourne, Gosnells, Kensington, Midland, Fremantle, Kalgoorlie, Bunbury, Albany and Collie.

Our vital safeSPACE Programs are only able to run thanks to generosity from;

- The Australian Government, Department of Industry Innovation and Science Safer Communities Fund (\$1.115m for Carnarvon, Geraldton, Gosnells, Kensington and Midland PCYC)
- The National Indigenous Australians Agency (\$846,000 for Kalgoorlie PCYC)
- Regional Development Australia (\$257,000 for Roebourne PCYC)
- The Australian Government, Department of Social Services (\$225,000 over two years for Fremantle PCYC)
- The Western Australia Police Force Special Plate Funding (\$208,000 for Broome and Fremantle PCYC)
- The Department of Communities (\$140,000 for Collie PCYC)
- Amity Health (\$26,000 for Albany PCYC)
- Coal Miners’ Welfare Board of Western Australia (\$15,000 for Collie PCYC).



Roebourne's  
Safe space

“We sit and eat as a family, and that’s when most of the conversations happen.”

Without its local PCYC, the Pilbara town of Roebourne would be a very different place. The centre provides the local youth – many of whom are vulnerable – with a safe place to hang out, participate in activities, eat meals and access the health nurse.

The main focus of the safeSPACE Program is to provide a safe environment for the town’s youth – away from harm and unhealthy activities.

Roebourne PCYC has a very high attendance rate with up to 90 children turning up on weeknights to hang out, play sport and help prepare a meal.

“We sit and eat as a family, and that is when most of the conversations happen,” PCYC Manager Samantha Cornthwaite said. “This is their safe space.”

Without PCYC providing the safeSPACE Program for the young people of the town, there’s every likelihood they’d be participating in anti-social behaviour such as drinking and creating a disruption to the community. Instead, they’re coming along in the evenings and school holidays to engage with friends and mentors in a positive, supportive environment.

“Roebourne PCYC attracts 45-90 young people a night with huge positive engagement,” Samantha said.

“Roebourne PCYC is also a huge part of the community in which we continuously support most community events and initiatives – we have the respect of the community. We also have fantastic support from local police, who utilise PCYC programs to positively engage with the youth.”



# DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS

## OFF THE RAILS

Off The Rails, funded by the Western Australia Police Force is a diversionary program that aims to reduce anti-social behaviour on the Armadale train line and stop young people travelling into the City by providing them with something to do on weekend nights.

Young people identified at risk are collected from known trouble spots and taken to Gosnells PCYC where they are provided with a healthy meal and the opportunity to take part in sport and recreational activities, then dropped home.

The Gosnells Program has resulted in a reduction in children on the street, including the surrounding suburbs of Armadale and Kelmscott.

Thanks to collaboration and input from the Western Australia Police Force and local stakeholders, Off The Rails was modified until it became an effective program for the local community. The outcomes justified the need for an ongoing safeSPACE Program at Gosnells and the Program was expanded to multiple nights at the Centre.



Ben proudly completing the Drive to the Future Program.

\*Australian Law Reform Commission

## DRIVE TO THE FUTURE

In Western Australian remote and regional towns, the only way to get to work is by car. So being able to drive is crucial. Unfortunately, getting a licence to drive is an expensive process, often out of reach for many young people.

A number of our Centres throughout the state deliver a Drive to the Future Program – where young people over the age of 17 years are taken through the theory, practice and testing required to obtain their driver's licence, at no cost.

In 2018-19, the Drive to the Future Program was delivered at Northam and Rockingham PCYC thanks to the Western Australia Police Force Community Crime Prevention Fund, and at the Collie, Broome, Geraldton and Kensington PCYC, thanks to the Australian Government, Safer Communities Fund.

“ Less than half of all eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders hold a driver's licence compared with 70% of the non-Indigenous population.\* ”



Cohen drives to the future

“ I'm much more independent now and I'm so grateful to PCYC for helping me achieve this. ”

My name is Cohen Taylor – I'm a Noongar boy from the Great Southern region. I moved to Perth to study and take part in the Western Australia Police Aboriginal Cadet Program.

The Cadet Program is like an apprenticeship for the policing world.

When I started the program, I didn't have my driver's licence. Financially, I was struggling and couldn't afford driving lessons, but I knew it would be hard to get a job without a licence. With the very kind assistance of 1/C Constable Matt Schmechtig at Cannington Police Station, I was able to get a position in the Kensington PCYC Drive to the Future Program.

PCYC provided financial assistance for 50 hours of lessons and matched me with the perfect instructor. PCYC basically gave me all the tools I needed to obtain my driver's licence.

I'm so much more independent now, and I'm so grateful to PCYC for helping me achieve this.

I'm now completing my Cadetship at the Wembley Police Station, and I feel like I have so many opportunities – all thanks to the Youth Policing Officers and PCYC.



# DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS

## ICE BREAKERS

Western Australia continues to report the highest average use of meth (2.7%)\*, which is nearly double the national average (1.4%)\*\*. The highly addictive drug continues to hold a tight grip around many regional and rural communities, stretching services to the limit.

Responding to the need for services in the Great Southern region, the Ice Breakers Program is delivered at Albany PCYC. Funded by the Mental Health Commission for a two-year trial, Ice Breakers is a non-residential rehabilitation and support program for current and recovering meth users.

The Ice Breakers Program provides mental and emotional support to participants through facilitating both one-on-one and group sessions. The program focuses on cognitive behaviour learning and application through a strong education component which empowers participants to manage their addiction and recovery.

In 2018-19, 233 people participated in the program, recording over 900 attendances to both individual and group sessions. Over 3,000 hours in service delivery have been dedicated to helping people addicted to, and families affected by meth, with a third of these (1,000 hours) being voluntary or unpaid.

The program has had positive outcomes with the lives of many meth users reporting over a 12-month period a:

66%

Reduction in primary drug use

65%

Improved physical health

63%

Improved mental health

53%

Improved relationships with others

\* National Drug Strategy Household Survey 2016  
\*\* Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission Report

## FULL THROTTLE

Full Throttle is a bike rebuilding program, where young people aged 12-18 years old, who are disengaged from school and the community, are encouraged to restore damaged or donated bikes. Once the bikes are roadworthy, the participants donate the bikes back to the community or families in need.

As well as developing technical skills about bike mechanics, the program aims to improve participants' sense of respect for property and a sense of connection to the community they live in.

Delivered predominantly at Gosnells PCYC, the success of the program is attributed to the dedication of volunteers and PCYC life members. Local community organisations also support the program by providing financial assistance for tools and materials.



Full Throttle Program at Gosnells PCYC.

“It’s about more than bike rebuilding, it’s about giving kids a sense of purpose.”





## BLUE LIGHT™ YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Blue Light™ Youth Activity Units are established in remote and rural areas where there's no PCYC. Units are managed by Police Officers who organise events and activities where young people can let their hair down and have fun in a safe, supervised environment away from negative influences such as drugs and alcohol.

In partnership with the Western Australia Police Force, PCYC currently operates 27 Blue Light™ Youth Activity units across Western Australia.

Blue Light™ Units reach thousands of young people in remote and rural locations across Western Australia each year, providing them with positive lifestyle alternatives.

Blue Light™ has a strong place in the heart of many Western Australians. Many generations remember the days of their Blue Light™ discos, and they still play just as important role as they did yesteryear. Today, activities extend far beyond discos to pool parties, sport, movie nights and family events.

As well as keeping children and young people entertained, Blue Light™ Youth Activity Units help prevent young people engaging in anti-social behaviour or becoming a victim of crime.

IN 2018-19, THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE STATE WIDE  
ENJOYED A BLUE LIGHT™ EVENT

Blue Light™ activities were rolled out as far and wide as Boddington, Boyup Brook, Carnamah, Dwellingup, Jigalong, Kambalda, Kellerberrin, Kojonup, Mount Magnet, Narrogin, Newman, Northampton, Warburton and Wyndham.

It is also thanks to the effort of many volunteers and support from local communities, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and St John Ambulance that these events are such a success.

### LOOKING AHEAD

With more funding it is our aim to increase the outcomes of Units throughout the state. As such, 2019-20 will see the employment of a Blue Light™ Youth Activities Coordinator who will be responsible for overseeing and supporting all the Units across the state.

## Blue Light™ Brightens Warburton

Policing an area such as Warburton is not without its challenges – the largely transient population fluctuates from 200 to 400 people, depending on events and family commitments. Of this number, there are around 40-60 young people considered at risk, due to their personal circumstances and vulnerability.

Because of this, the Police Officers of Warburton are committed to engaging and educating the local young people. Blue Light™ Youth Activities are the perfect solution for this remote community, to give children and young people something to do and something to look forward to.

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Our Blue Light™ Disco allows kids to be kids in a fun and safe environment. The discos are great because everyone comes along and it doesn't matter what group you are in, or who you hang around with. Everyone comes to the disco for the same reason – to dance and have fun.

We also hold a Blue Light™ Movie Night and run a café as it allows youth to develop life skills in an enjoyable environment without them feeling like they're working.

Our Blue Light™ Youth Activity Unit is hard work, but worth it to see the local youth learn new skills and show an interest in their community.

**Benjamin Gartner**  
Brevet Sergeant – WA Police Force

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## POLICE RANGERS

THROUGHOUT 2018-19,  
325 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN  
THE POLICE RANGERS PROGRAM

Police Rangers is an adventure-based, youth development activity, funded by Cadets WA and operated by the Western Australia Police Force and PCYC. Police Rangers is open to all young people of high school age – not just those interested in becoming a Police Officer.

Police Ranger Units operate at 10 PCYC locations and select secondary schools throughout Western Australia. The program is structured on the Western Australia Police Force ranking system. Promotion is achieved when Police Rangers complete set tasks – providing participants with a sense of achievement.

The program is designed to increase self-confidence, team-building skills and self-esteem. Police Rangers learn first aid and other emergency skills and take part in bushcraft, survival procedures, abseiling, climbing, exploring, orienteering, drill techniques, archery, bushwalking, camping and much more.

Police Rangers undertake a range of training that covers basic first aid, bush survival, navigation, marching, radio communication, memory recognition, forensics and physical training.

Police Rangers also participate in excursions such as an adventure camp where the Rangers take part in indoor and outdoor activities.

Furthermore, the training programs for First Class Ranger and Senior Ranger are currently endorsed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority of Western Australia and enable Police Rangers who successfully meet the course standards to gain points towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

Police Rangers also have the opportunity each year to take part in community events such as ANZAC Day, Police Remembrance Day, WA Day flag raising ceremony at Government House and a number of PCYC fundraising initiatives.



Police Rangers at the Anzac Day Parade in Perth CBD.



# RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

From its early beginnings in 1941, the core of PCYC has been sport. Boxing was a foundation activity that continues today, but now PCYC provides children and young people with access to so many other sports, including gymnastics, air rifles, basketball, martial arts, and many more.

At PCYC, sport isn't just about competition – it's about teaching young people to work as a team, to learn how to follow the rules and most importantly, how to make friends.

In addition to our fee-for-service, funding for PCYC sporting programs in 2018-19 came from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), to help get young people involved in activities who might not otherwise have the opportunity. The physical and mental benefits of engaging in sport are recognised by the DLGSC as a way to build individuals and communities, an ethos that aligns closely with PCYC.

To ensure all children and young people have the opportunity to participate in community sport, 17 Centres are registered as a 'KidSport Club' and accept vouchers for a range of recreational activities.

## AIR RIFLES

Air Rifles runs at eight Centres across the state including Albany, Collie, Gosnells, Harvey, Kalgoorlie, Quairading, Rockingham and Fremantle PCYC.

Air Rifles is a competitive shooting sport that requires a high level of discipline, focus and patience. The sport requires participants to shoot an Air Rifle at a target from a 10m distance in a standing or laying down position. Through practice and good coaching, participants develop their skills and complete specific safety requirements, to progress on to more challenging targets based on skill level.

Safety is paramount so Air Rifles at PCYC is delivered by trained coaches who have their firearms licence and have completed courses in firearm safety and firearm range.

Every year PCYC hold an Air Rifle Championship. The 2019 event was held at Rockingham PCYC. 110 shooters competed over the two-day event in the novice, junior, adult and senior division competitions. The overall winning club of the championship was Kalgoorlie PCYC, with Gosnells PCYC coming in as runner up.



## BOXING

Boxing has been a key activity at PCYC since its inception in 1941 and is still as popular 78 years on.

Boxing is a highly structured sport, which requires dedication and discipline. As well as improving cardiovascular fitness and muscle condition, the mental focus makes it a perfect sport for young people at risk, who can learn to harness their energy and use it in positive ways.

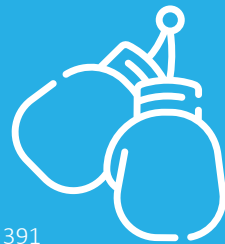
Proudly, three PCYC Centres are Boxing WA registered clubs, which allows them to participate at competitive Boxing WA events across the state. Almost 60% of PCYC Boxing attendances come from these clubs at Geraldton, Gosnells and Northam PCYC.

# Thanks to the DLGSC

PCYC was also able to run the below programs throughout 2018-19:

Broome PCYC	\$3,000 funded the much-loved Boxing Program
Carnarvon PCYC	\$10,000 funded the fully subscribed Boxing Program and a further \$3,000 funded youth basketball
Exmouth PCYC	\$7,500 funded a girls' Outdoor Recreation Program encouraging girls to get active in the isolated North West town
Geraldton PCYC	\$10,000 funded the PCYC Boxing Club including participation from four local schools
Kalgoorlie PCYC	\$10,000 funding enabled children and young people to participate in gymnastics classes which they otherwise would not be able to afford
Rockingham PCYC	\$14,000 funding for Basketball
Roebourne PCYC	\$50,000 over three years has funded Roebokit Boxing and a further \$10,000 has funded Connect Kids, providing children with access to sport that otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to attend.

# Boxing Highlights



- Incredible support of \$72,832 funding from the DLGSC, enabled PCYC to provide boxing at Broome, Carnarvon, Geraldton and Roebourne, and the employment of two accredited Boxing WA coaches at Geraldton PCYC.
- PCYC members competed in seven registered competitions with both male and female members claiming championships in separate events.
- Northam PCYC Boxing Club run six classes per week. The club has also competed in a number of registered competitions with two participants ranking highly.
- Carnarvon Boxing Club is so popular with 391 attendances in the first 10 weeks, it now operates three groups; junior boys in grades 4-7, young boys in grades 8-12 and teenage girls aged 13-17 years.
- The Geraldton Boxing Program has been a huge success with 440 attendances over 32 weeks. In addition, students from four local schools were engaged in the program totalling 182 sessions.
- Gosnells Boxing Club run six classes per week, averaging 25 participants per session.



# RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1,750 GYMNASTS  
ACROSS 12 CENTRES

## GYMNASTICS

PCYC is well known for developing elite gymnasts. Throughout 2018-19, 1,750 children and young people took part in gymnastics across 12 Centres, with many of our gymnasts participating in state, national and international competitions.

Children and young people from all backgrounds enjoy gymnastics at PCYC, with some members being fee-paying and others attending thanks to support from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).

PCYC provides a range of classes from beginners to state and national squad levels, designed to allow children to progress appropriately, at their own rate.

## CAMO PLAY

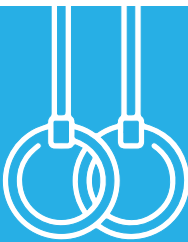
Camo Play is a PCYC playgroup for babies and children up to five years of age. In soft play settings Camo Play introduces children to basic gymnastics, improving children’s flexibility, coordination, motor and social skills in a safe and structured environment.

With 11 Centres recording a combined attendances of over 17,000 throughout 2018-19, Camo Play is a very popular activity, acting as a great first introduction to PCYC in their local community.



Bunbury PCYC gymnasts.

# Gymnastics Highlights



### SEPTEMBER 2018

Eleven PCYC gymnasts from the Fremantle, Bunbury and Rockingham PCYC clubs competed at the Gymnastics WA Junior State Championships.

### DECEMBER 2018

PCYC coaches from Bunbury, Kensington and Fremantle PCYC travelled to the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in ACT, where they gained their Advanced Silver Coaching accreditation. The Coaches have since been awarded an International Accreditation by the International Gymnastics Federation.

### MAY 2019

Twelve PCYC gymnasts competed in the Gymnastics WA State Championships with three gymnasts from Kensington and Fremantle PCYC excelling in the competition. Two gymnasts were crowned state champions in floor and vault, with a third gymnast gaining selection into the WA State Team, achieving fifth in Australia for beam and floor.



“Our gymnasts learn life lessons, such as perseverance and teamwork. We teach so much more than gymnastics.”



## OUR CENTRES

### OUR CENTRES ARE THE HEART OF OUR ORGANISATION. THIS IS WHERE LIVES ARE CHANGED AND MEMORIES ARE MADE.

Every PCYC is unique, depending on the local community and the needs of the local children. We work closely with the WA Police Force and local communities to co-design programs and activities to ensure they are effective for each area. Where the local population has a high number of Indigenous children, we endeavour to work with local Aboriginal Community Organisations and Elders to deliver services and support in the community.

We're working hard to ensure there is a PCYC or Outreach service in every community where children and young people need extra support.



# North West Centres



## BROOME

With a population of just over 16,000 people and over 16,000 PCYC attendances throughout the year, PCYC is central to the Broome community.

Broome PCYC was established in 1978 when the community identified local children and young people needed a safe place to meet, to play sport and take part in activities to keep them entertained and on the right life path. Since then, Broome PCYC has evolved with the needs of the local people and now provides a range of recreational activities and diversionary programs for young people at risk and young offenders.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Drive to the Future Program
- School Holiday Program
- Certificate I in Leadership
- Boxing
- Camo Play
- Gymnasium



## CARNARVON

Opening its doors in 1992, Carnarvon PCYC continues to be the only indoor facility in the local community that delivers a wide variety of recreational activities. The Centre also provides diversionary programs to ensure children and young people are engaged all year round.

Like many other Centres in the North West, the majority of Carnarvon PCYC programs and activities are provided free of charge to young people due to operating in an isolated location of low socio-economic status.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- School Holiday Program
- Boxing
- Basketball
- Football
- Gymnasium



## EXMOUTH

Exmouth PCYC has been operating in the small coastal town since 1991. Made up solely of junior members, Exmouth PCYC sees over 650 attendances per month from its 200 members. Exmouth PCYC is central to the community with nearly half of all young people in Exmouth participating in a PCYC activity.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- School Holiday Program
- Outdoor Girls Program
- Football
- Cricket
- Little Athletics
- Coder Dojo



## GERALDTON

Geraldton PCYC was originally established in 1944 and opened in its current location in 2001 as a multi-level facility with a second-story gymnasium. Now our busiest Centre in the North West, Geraldton PCYC sees over 2,000 attendances each month.

The Centre has made a positive impact in the local community. Since the PCYC School Holiday Program started in term one of 2019, there were only 39 reported offences of juvenile crime or anti-social behaviour, a 43% reduction from 2018, and in term two, only 30 reported offences, a reduction of 21% compared to term two the previous year.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- School Holiday Program
- Drive to the Future Program
- Police Rangers
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Football
- Martial Arts
- Camo Play
- Gymnasium



## ROEBOURNE

Located in the centre of Roebourne, surrounded by the only school, a pool and a basketball court, stands the '50 Cent' Hall, formally known as Roebourne PCYC. As a low socio-economic area, Roebourne PCYC relies solely on grant funding, corporate partnerships and local community support to provide a safe place for young people to participate in programs and activities.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- School Holiday Program
- Football
- Boxing
- Children's Health Nurse



# Metro Centres



## GOSNELLS

Originally established in 1974, Gosnells PCYC has continued to expand, outgrowing a number of its previous locations. With over 2,200 attendances a month, Gosnells PCYC has become our second busiest Centre in the Perth metro region.

Gosnells PCYC's success has been attributed to the delivery of core programs such as safeSPACE and Full Throttle, the introduction of an accredited training course and the continued delivery of popular recreational activities such as gymnastics, boxing, judo and air rifles.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Full Throttle Program
- Off the Rails Program
- Certificate I in Leadership
- Police Rangers
- Gymnastics
- Camo Play
- Air Rifles
- Martial Arts



## KENSINGTON

Kensington PCYC is one of our largest multi-purpose facilities with a large stadium, youth hang out room, multiple classrooms and a workshop to deliver a mix of recreational, diversionary and accredited training courses. The site also hosts a Men's Shed which encourages community involvement and a detached building which delivers Out of School Hours Care and School Holiday Programs, including collection and drop off for up to 60 children per day.

Kensington PCYC is at the forefront of our Alternate Education and Training delivery, now delivering three accredited training courses.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Drive to the Future Program
- School Holiday Program
- Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate I in Leadership
- Gymnastics
- Boxing
- Out of School Hours Care



## NORTHAM

Northam PCYC was established in 1943 operating from various locations until it consolidated its service delivery to its current location in 1958. Since then, the Centre has been transformed with the addition of a hall twice the size and amazing gymnasium facilities. Further refurbishments in 2017 and 2018 saw the addition of computer rooms for more Alternate Education and Training Programs, a new kitchen, toilets, roof and exterior cladding.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Drive to the Future Program
- School Holiday Program
- Stepping Stones Program
- Boxing
- Gymnastics
- Camo Play
- Gymnasium



## MIDLAND

As one of the first Centres that opened in 1941, Midland PCYC moved to its current location in 1962. In its early days Midland PCYC was renowned for mat sports and weightlifting, but is now focussed on delivering high quality diversionary and accredited training programs for young people – many of whom are considered at risk.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Stepping Stones Program
- Certificate I in Leadership
- Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Police Rangers
- Boxing
- Gymnastics



## SUBIACO

Subiaco PCYC is a busy Centre with over 2,000 attendances a month. It is renowned for its recreational activities, especially gymnastics, with several gymnasts reaching competition level each year.

In 2018, the Certificate I in Leadership course was piloted for young people that didn't respond to or engage in a traditional school environment. The pilot was successful and Certificate I in Leadership is now an ongoing program at Subiaco PCYC.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Certificate I in Leadership
- Police Rangers
- Gymnastics
- Camo Play
- Wrestling



# Southern and Goldfields Centres



## FREMANTLE

With over 6,500 attendances each month, Fremantle PCYC is our busiest Centre across Western Australia. Operating in its current location since 1976, Fremantle PCYC gives local children and young people the opportunity to participate in a range of recreational activities.

In recent years, government and corporate funding have enabled the Centre to expand its service delivery to provide programs for young people at risk, such as safeSPACE and the Breakfast Club. Fremantle PCYC is a real community hub, with a diverse cross-section of community groups using the Centre.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Breakfast Club
- School Holiday Program
- Gymnastics
- Air Rifles
- Boxing
- Basketball
- Camo Play
- Wrestling



## ROCKINGHAM

Rockingham PCYC is a popular Centre with over 2,400 attendances per month. The Centre now provides a broad range of recreational activities, diversionary programs and accredited training courses.

Thanks to a \$100,000 donation from Mineral Resources Ltd, Rockingham PCYC will benefit from a new purpose-built Training Facility that will enable the delivery of more Alternate Education and Training Programs for young people at risk.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- Certificate I in Leadership
- Certificate I in Metals and Engineering
- Certificate I in Wider Opportunities for Work
- School Holiday Programs
- Police Rangers
- Gymnastics
- Air Rifles
- Camo Play



## KALGOORLIE

In 2017, Kalgoorlie PCYC underwent a major refurbishment and extension, allowing for the delivery of a broader range of programs and recreational activities including gymnastics, boxing and air rifles.

In 2018, the Centre was successful in securing a major grant from the National Indigenous Australians Agency to run the safeSPACE Program, which is coming into its second year of successful operation.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- School Holiday Program
- Boxing
- Gymnastics
- Football
- Gymnasium
- Camo Play
- Air Rifles



## SERPENTINE

The scope of the Serpentine PCYC is smaller than other Centres, solely running a Gymnastics and Camo Play Program.

In operation since 1988, Serpentine PCYC is a close-knit community Centre supported by local families in the region.

## KEY ACTIVITIES

- Gymnastics
- Camo Play



# South West Centres



## MORNINGTON ADVENTURE CAMP

Located just two hours from Perth, Mornington Adventure Camp attracts over 10,000 visitors per year.

Whilst the Camp is a place for everyone – schools, corporate groups and families, we continue to focus on providing programs for young people that attend our Centres who might not otherwise have the opportunity to engage in adventure camp activities.

The Camp facilities include dormitory-style accommodation with showers and toilets, communal kitchen and dining areas, a swimming pool, a large dam for water activities and two recreational halls.



## COLLIE

Collie PCYC was one of the first Centres to open in Western Australia back in the 1940's and moved to its current location in 1989. As a small rural town, Collie PCYC is at the heart of the community, both in its location in the centre of the town and as the main go-to place for local young people. The Centre has great support from the local community.

Collie PCYC has been successful in receiving grant funding from multiple supporters throughout 2018-19, which has enabled PCYC to impact far more children and young people over the last year.

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Climbing Wall
- High Ropes course
- Mid Ropes course
- Low Ropes course
- Raft-Building/Canoeing
- Abseiling Tower
- Bush Biking
- Shelter Building
- Crate Climbing
- Navigation/Orienteering
- Flying Fox

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Drive to the Future Program
- School Holiday Program
- Police Rangers
- Gymnastics
- Air Rifles
- Boxing
- Mountain Biking
- Street Gym
- Coder Dojo



## ALBANY

Thanks to Government funding of \$450,000, Albany PCYC reopened in 2005 as a purpose-built facility for the young people of Albany. Our busiest Centre in the South West with over 3,000 attendances a month, Albany PCYC is well known and regarded in the community as the place to go for young people.

Albany PCYC also offers After School Care and School Holiday Programs, providing services to over 150 children and young people every week.

## BUNBURY

Bunbury PCYC has been operating in its current location since 1982. Perfectly situated next to extensive recreation grounds, the Centre attracts young people of all ages.

After a refurbishment in 2016, Bunbury PCYC reopened with a dedicated space for young people to hang out. Since then, the Centre has continued to deliver several diversionary programs, such as safeSPACE, and in recent years has added accredited training courses to their service delivery.



## HARVEY

Whilst a part of the local fabric since 1959, Harvey PCYC is a small operation run solely by volunteers throughout 2018-19 and based out of the community recreation centre.

## QUAIRADING

With a population of just over 1,000 people, Quairading PCYC is a very small operation, run by volunteers. Air Rifles is the only activity, providing a safe and controlled environment for young people to enjoy this popular sport.



### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Ice Breakers Program
- Police Rangers
- Gymnastics
- Air Rifles
- Boxing
- Camo Play
- Out of School Hours Care

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- safeSPACE Program
- Certificate I in Leadership
- School Holiday Program
- Police Rangers
- Gymnastics
- Boxing
- Camo Play

### KEY ACTIVITIES

- Gymnastics
- Air Rifles

### KEY ACTIVITY

- Air Rifles



# OUTREACH SERVICES

In a state as vast as Western Australia, there are many remote and rural communities where children and young people at risk are unable to get to a PCYC.

We aspire to be able to reach all of those in need of support, so a PCYC Outreach service was established to do just that. Now we are working hard to secure more funding to reach more people in these areas.

In the Perth Metropolitan area, our Outreach team services locations throughout the City of Swan, and most recently have expanded service delivery in the south to the City of Melville.

Outreach sessions are designed for children aged 7-15 years and young people at risk, giving them a safe environment to socialise, play games and build rapport with Youth Workers. This vital relationship building allows for an insight into a number of issues facing young people, including bullying, mental health, family conflict, personal safety, discrimination, youth crime, and drug and alcohol abuse.

From the session, young people are often referred to PCYC diversionary programs, recreational activities or even enrolled into accredited training or to other youth service providers where young people can feel safe sharing information around issues they may be facing.



## PCYC FUN TRUCKS

As part of the Outreach service, the 'Fun Truck' is taken to hot spots identified as areas where young people want to 'hang out'. A two-three hour outreach session includes a range of fun activities such as basketball, sumo suits, bouncy castle, BMX bikes, scooters, ramps, soccer, football, basketball cricket, tennis along with a free sausage sizzle and refreshments.

## CLIMBING WALL

Measuring 8 metres tall, and providing some of the most competitive climbing routes for up to five climbers at one time, the PCYC Mobile Climbing Wall also forms part of the Outreach Service.

In 2018-19 the Climbing Wall was set up at 25 locations throughout the state, including many remote locations, giving hundreds of children and young people the opportunity to participate in a fun and challenging activity. The Climbing Wall is also utilised throughout Metropolitan Perth and by a number of Police Ranger and Blue Light™ Youth Activity Units.



“ We encourage children to push their boundaries. ”



# BREAKFAST CLUB

In Australia, one in five children go to school without eating breakfast which can affect their ability to concentrate as well as their attendance.\*

The Breakfast Club is delivered at Fremantle and Rockingham PCYC twice a week, providing up to 80 students, from five surrounding schools with a healthy breakfast, who may otherwise arrive at school hungry.

In addition to removing the barrier to learning when a child is hungry, the program aims to provide the young people with a safe environment where they can engage with Youth Workers, learn basic hygiene such as brushing teeth, enjoy recreational activities and have a healthy breakfast. Young people are then dropped off at school to increase school attendance and reduce anti-social behaviour created in the community if these children don't go to school.

At Fremantle PCYC, children are also provided with a packed lunch to take to school. Before the Breakfast Club, 50% of the local Hilton Primary school children reported not eating breakfast before school. After just 14 weeks, the school saw a 7% increase in attendance thanks to children being fed, dropped off and being mentally and physically ready to start their day of learning.

\* Foodbank, The Foodbank Hunger Report, 2017

IN ONE SCHOOL TERM, FREMANTLE PCYC PROVIDED 344 MEALS TO 42 YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 4 TO 15 YEARS.



## Impact100 changes the odds for children at risk

In November 2018, Fremantle PCYC received \$100,000 in funding from the Fremantle Foundation through an Impact100 grant, to continue the successful Breakfast Club for children and young people in the Fremantle area.

Many people are shocked to learn there is such a high degree of poverty in the Fremantle area. "There's an assumption that all of our young people have a secure home life," explained the Fremantle PCYC Manager. "But in truth, there are many heart-breaking stories of children who come into the Centre hungry, cold and lonely."

Making this situation even more dire, many children are attending school without recess or lunch. Through the Breakfast Club, Fremantle PCYC now provide fruit, snacks and sandwiches. It's not uncommon for students to attend without a uniform, school bag or clean clothes. PCYC is the place where children can ask for these items without shame, and can move from feeling uncomfortable and being disengaged to feeling like they fit in and can concentrate on their learning.

The Breakfast Club is an excellent example of PCYC changing lives. PCYC Youth Worker Daniel Roy saw two young children, aged six and nine huddled together walking in the rain early one morning. They were brought into the program and given dry clothes, shoes and a hot breakfast. The nine-year-old girl told staff they were walking to their Grandma's house, five kilometres away because they had been at home alone all weekend and didn't know where their mum was.

Fast forward to today and PCYC has given this little girl opportunities she would never have had. She's now also a member of the PCYC gymnastics program and recently participated in her first competition, winning a medal for the first time in her life.

Thanks to the Impact100 grant, the Fremantle Breakfast Club will continue to provide breakfast for up to 30 children aged 4-15 years, every Monday and Wednesday morning throughout 2019. With more support, PCYC would love the program to run every day to make sure more children have the chance to start each day the right way.

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

PCYC provides School Holiday Programs at 12 Centres across the state, engaging thousands of children and young people each year.

Bearing in mind many misdemeanours are born out of boredom, keeping disadvantaged children and young people entertained during the school holidays is key to keeping them on the right path. It is well known that once a young person enters the justice system, they are more likely to re-offend, so the role PCYC plays in preventing this behaviour is essential for the young people and the local communities in which they live.

Thanks to generous support from Woodside, Synergy, Collie Community Bank, City of Rockingham, Regional Development Australia, Western Australia Police Force and the City of Greater Geraldton, School Holiday Programs were run at 12 Centres throughout 2018-19.

Activities offered through School Holiday Programs vary from location to location. Excursions may include sports carnivals, adventure camps, bushwalking, paintballing, laser tag and visits to the movies, aquatic centres, museums and playgrounds.

Incursions and in-centre activities include structured activities such as sports and recreational activities, art and craft projects, cooking, workshops, discos and many more.

By providing an accessible School Holiday Program to the local community, PCYC also aims to ease the pressure on disadvantaged and low-income families to find activities for children and young people during this period.

7,110

School Holiday Program Attendances

12

Centres across the state

School Holiday Programs are provided at: Broome, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Collie, Exmouth, Fremantle, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kensington, Northam, Rockingham and Roebourne PCYC.

## Evening School Holiday Program reaps rewards for Carnarvon

Juvenile crime is a major factor not only in Carnarvon but across the entire Mid-West Gascoyne District, with rates significantly increasing after dark. These issues are mainly attributed to young people being bored, needing money for food, feeling unsafe at home and a lack of parental supervision due to drug and alcohol abuse.

In response to this, Carnarvon PCYC developed a School Holiday Program with a difference. Thanks to funding from the Safer Communities Fund and feedback from the local Police Officers, the Centre was able to deliver an evening program, operating from 5:00pm to 10:00pm, when local young people needed entertaining the most.

From December 2017 to January 2018, a total of 321 incidents were reported in Carnarvon when there was no Carnarvon PCYC School Holiday Program in place.

From December 2018 to January 2019, after the School Holiday Program started at the Centre, only 166 incidents were reported – a 48% decrease in incidents. This included a 54% reduction in the number of burglaries, 56% decrease in the number of damages and 73% drop in stealing offences.

Over the 7-8 weeks of school holidays in summer 2018-19, an average of 30 young people attended programs between 10:00am and 4:00pm and 67 young people attended the evening program between 5:00pm – 10:00pm.

It is only with the support of grants and corporate funding that PCYC can make this level of impact in communities and the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. With more support we would love to run School Holiday Programs at every PCYC to give all children and young people the opportunity to enjoy their holidays in a safe and supportive environment.



# PATRON, BOARD & EXECUTIVE TEAM

## PATRON



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Camp and Outreach



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**Ms Rachel Horton**  
Executive Manager, Marketing,  
Communications and Fundraising

# OUR PEOPLE

The People and Safety Department consists of Human Resources, Health and Safety, Training and Development and Volunteer Management.

2018-19 was an incredibly busy year for the People and Safety Department, managing a large restructure and recruitment of 51 staff.

Throughout the year the team also focussed on implementing technology to improve efficiencies. To date, the majority of recruitment and onboarding of staff has been paper-based. The introduction of two major HR systems towards the end of 2019 will ensure our Centres can focus on what matters most – running programs and activities for children and young people.

## STAFF ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

The People and Safety Department introduced a new staff engagement survey in this financial year. The results were overwhelmingly positive, with 95% of staff reporting that they are dedicated to their work, 88% believing their work has a positive impact in the lives of children and young people, and the majority of staff saying they are willing to go ‘above and beyond’ for PCYC.

A training plan has been developed in response to feedback, which will be implemented throughout 2019-20 and several initiatives put in place to improve internal communication.





VOLUNTEERS

Invaluable contributions

PCYC wouldn't be the organisation it is today without the amazing support of its volunteers. Many of the children and young people we work with don't have a strong family support network, so PCYC is a place for them to build relationships and connect with their community. We become a home away from home, and often those life-changing connections are with people that give their time so generously to help young people reach their potential.



Wendy Everett

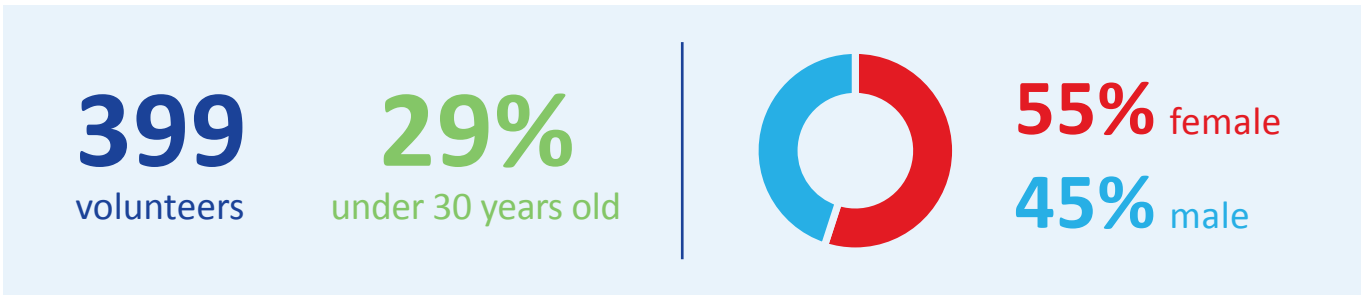
Fifteen years ago, Wendy Everett offered her time to Fremantle PCYC, lending a hand and helping out with various administrative tasks. She proved such an asset to the Centre that she's still there today – volunteering two days a week, every week, rain or shine.

Today, Wendy can be found doing any number of different tasks, from scoring at an air rifle competition to cooking sausages for a fundraiser. She delivers bread, provides catering, records gymnastics statistics, oversees School Holiday Programs and goes on excursions with the safeSPACE kids, who love having her around.

Wendy is well-known at Fremantle PCYC, with everyone appreciating her warm and welcoming smile.

Thanks to her reliability, dedication and commitment as a volunteer, Wendy has been awarded PCYC Life Membership for her invaluable contribution to the organisation, and no one deserves it more.

VOLUNTEERS



Steve Chynoweth

It's fair to say that Gosnells PCYC wouldn't be the same without Life Member Steve Chynoweth, who's been volunteering his time and talent to the Centre for more than 17 years.

Steve's a firm favourite with the children and young people at Gosnells PCYC, who look to him as a friend and a mentor. It doesn't matter what situation they're coming from; whether they're disengaged from school or living with a disability – Steve has time for everyone.

At Gosnells PCYC, Steve runs Full Throttle, a bike rebuilding program where young people disengaged from school and the community are encouraged to restore damaged or donated bikes. He's also a big part of the Certificate I in Leadership course, where he provides students with practical assistance when delivering their community project.

Steve even finds time to run the canteen, clean and maintain the centre, and modify equipment so that people living with disability can enjoy specialised programs such as gymnastics.

On average Steve volunteers between 10-20 hours during the week and school holidays. You could even say he is 'on-call' responding to any requests within minutes.

Centre Manager Alan Elliott said, "Steve is one of those guys that can never be replaced. He's made such a difference to so many young people, to PCYC and the local community. And after all this time he still refuses to become a paid member of staff."



# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

	12 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2019	15 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2018
	TOTAL \$	TOTAL \$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grant revenue	2,796,600	2,891,087
Fundraising	1,795,879	3,681,249
Program and centre activities	3,063,724	3,518,748
Camp operating income	535,444	749,727
Other income	658,409	847,501
Interest income	33,145	123,205
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>8,883,201</b>	<b>11,811,517</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Employee expenses	8,049,850	8,322,257
Fundraising expenses	1,098,003	2,458,113
Marketing expenses	40,224	72,921
Program and centre activities	858,542	802,061
Motor vehicle expenses	306,131	334,705
Occupancy related costs	748,287	783,616
Communications and IT	337,129	350,782
Insurances	162,082	184,709
Administration, consultants and finance	482,941	792,855
Camp operating expenses	57,635	115,248
Other expenses	90,213	195,785
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>12,231,037</b>	<b>14,413,052</b>
<b>Operating Deficit</b>	<b>(3,347,836)</b>	<b>(2,601,535)</b>
<b>NON OPERATING INCOME</b>		
Capital funding	183,264	2,712,940
<b>TOTAL NON OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>183,264</b>	<b>2,712,940</b>
<b>NON CASH EXPENDITURE</b>		
Depreciation	1,445,102	1,161,000
<b>TOTAL NON CASH EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,445,102</b>	<b>1,161,000</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Deficit</b>	<b>(4,609,674)</b>	<b>(1,049,595)</b>

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	30 JUNE 2019	30 JUNE 2018
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	940,849	3,887,267
Trade and other receivables	175,517	137,839
Other assets	258,996	238,336
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>1,375,362</b>	<b>4,263,442</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	13,563,584	14,434,438
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>13,563,584</b>	<b>14,434,438</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,938,946</b>	<b>18,697,880</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	905,554	855,379
Provision for employee entitlements	381,987	214,811
Deferred Income	1,577,834	1,071,232
Other liabilities	104,705	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,970,080</b>	<b>2,141,422</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Provisions for employee entitlements	89,372	67,290
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>89,372</b>	<b>67,290</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,059,452</b>	<b>2,208,712</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>11,879,494</b>	<b>16,489,168</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Retained surplus	11,879,494	16,489,168
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b>11,879,494</b>	<b>16,489,168</b>



# BUDGETED PROFIT OR LOSS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2020

	12 MONTHS ENDING 30 JUNE 2020
	TOTAL \$
<b>INCOME</b>	
Grant revenue	8,108,488
Fundraising	2,501,900
Program and centre activities	3,899,383
Camp operating income	536,721
Other income	744,858
Interest income	36,706
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>15,828,056</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Employee expenses	9,962,329
Marketing expenses	445,076
Fundraising expenses	1,388,937
Program and centre activities	1,443,457
Motor vehicle expenses	399,930
Occupancy related costs	808,967
Communications and IT	270,016
Insurances	156,645
Administration, consultants and finance	556,037
Camp operating expenses	68,196
Other expenses	84,239
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>15,583,829</b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>244,227</b>
<b>NON OPERATING INCOME</b>	
Capital funding	1,958,000
<b>TOTAL NON OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>1,958,000</b>
<b>NON CASH EXPENDITURE</b>	
Depreciation	1,366,436
<b>TOTAL NON CASH EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,366,436</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Surplus</b>	<b>835,791</b>

# SECURING OUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

In May 2019, the Western Australian Government announced a sustainability funding package. The \$7m commitment was a much-needed lifeline to PCYC, which assured the future of the organisation.

The funding means PCYC can now demonstrate its sustainability to other supporters, including corporate organisations and individuals, as well as continue to secure funding through grants.

It is important to note, however, that the State Government funding does not cover the cost of programs on the ground to Western Australian children and young people – it’s only through self-funded

income and grants that PCYC is able to run programs such as safeSPACE, Drive to the Future and our sporting and recreation activities.

Grants in 2018-19 enabled us to fund 65 different programs across our 19 Centres, camp and through our Outreach services. Without support from Federal, State and Local Governments as well as a range of corporate and philanthropic organisations, we would not be able to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people at risk.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Going forward, PCYC will continue to seek support from a variety of funders, including corporate partnerships.

An evaluation program will be rolled out towards the end of 2019 to help demonstrate the key role PCYC plays in enriching the lives of Western Australian children and shifting those at risk or with a history of offending, onto a positive life path.

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Thanks to significant State Government funding in 2019, PCYC will be able to considerably improve its reach to disadvantaged children and young people in WA’s North West, through three major infrastructure projects over the next three years.

**KUNUNURRA NEW CENTRE - \$2M**

One of the most exciting projects in the year ahead is the creation of a new PCYC in Kununurra, in the State’s far north.

With a new Centre, children and young people in this remote regional community will have the chance to participate in recreational activities and personal development programs that they’ve never had access to before.

Programs will be delivered leveraging off existing community sport and recreation facilities and by bringing a range of community stakeholders together to co-design programs that are tailored for the local children and young people of Kununurra.

**CARNARVON PCYC RENOVATION - \$1M**

PCYC received significant government funding of \$1m for the repair and renovation of the Carnarvon Centre.

The funding will improve facilities and ensure PCYC can develop and deliver new, engaging programs and activities for local children and young people.

**WEST KIMBERLEY YOUTH AND RESILIENCE HUB PROJECT - \$1.3M**

Government funding of \$1.3m will enable a significant renovation of one of our critical Centres – Broome, again in WA’s North West. The vision for Broome PCYC is to develop it into a true community youth hub, as an inclusive and welcoming environment for all young people.

To date, \$1.3m funding has been secured for stage 1 of the project, which will enable renovation of the existing gym, basketball courts, kitchen, changing rooms and associated works.

The future stages 2 and 3 will require significant further funding to fully develop the Centre into a community youth hub, involving a complete remake of the existing facilities, creating a new Alternate Education and Training Centre, new gym and boxing training facility, renovations to the existing indoor gymnasium, and rejuvenation of the existing oval to meet AFL Auskick standards.

The ultimate aim is to develop a safe place where children and young people can enjoy recreational activities and the wider community can re-establish their cultural link and shared values with PCYC to make it ‘their place’.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## KEY PARTNER



## KEY SUPPORTERS



## GOVERNMENT

Department of Education  
Department of Child Protection and Family Services  
Department of Communities  
Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
Department of Justice  
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
Department of Social Services  
Department of Training and Workforce Development  
Job & Skills WA  
Mental Health Commission  
Mid-West Development Commission  
National Indigenous Australians Agency  
South Metropolitan TAFE

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Albany  
City of Bunbury  
City of Fremantle  
City of Gosnells  
City of Greater Geraldton  
City of Kalgoorlie Boulder  
City of Karratha  
City of Rockingham  
City of South Perth  
City of Subiaco  
City of Swan  
Shire of Augusta-Margaret River  
Shire of Broome  
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Shire of Collie  
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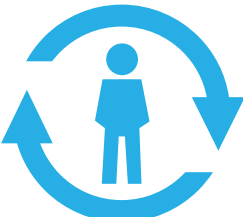
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South32  
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WA Primary Health Alliance  
Water Corporation WA  
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Woodside Energy

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## There are so many ways you can support PCYC.

PCYC could not continue to provide programs and activities to vulnerable children and young people at risk without the support of the Western Australian community. We are endlessly grateful to all the families, volunteers, donors and sponsors who helped make PCYC what it is throughout 2018-19.

Here are just some of the ways you can support PCYC:



Individuals

### INDIVIDUALS

- **Volunteer** – Get involved at your local PCYC!
- **Regular Giving** – Provide essential on-going support
- **Donation** – Large or small, one-off or regular, every gift is truly appreciated
- **PCYC Big Change Raffle** – Your small change can make a big change to a child's life
- **Bequest** – Make a lasting difference by leaving a gift in your will.



Organisations

### ORGANISATIONS

- **Corporate Partnerships** – Develop a mutually beneficial partnership with PCYC and help thousands of Western Australian children
- **Workplace Giving** – Get your team together to make a difference
- **Skilled Volunteering** – Use your talents to make an impact at PCYC!
- **In-kind Donation** – Your trash may be our treasure! Talk to us about donating old computer equipment or office furniture.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP

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