



DELEGATE'S REPORT

13 October 2009

DR3	KEMPSEY POLICE AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (PCYC) AGM 2009
FILE: 25	KEO (NRN) {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting on attendance as the Deputy Mayor to the PCYC annual general meeting held at the Kempsey PCYC, 38 Bloomfield Street, Kempsey on 25 August 2009.

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DESCRIPTION:

Due to a lack of nominations for committee positions prior to the AGM, no changes can be reported. The meeting therefore concentrated on the ongoing operational aspects of the centre and this report to Council will highlight this.

The Mission of the PCYC is to engage youth to be active in life by working to develop skills, character, leadership, as well as reducing crime by and against young people.

Club Manager Paula Skinner who commenced in October 2008 presented a report outlining the increases in usage, membership and activities since she began as Club Manager.

There has been a 125% increase in membership subscriptions with a year to date figure of 950. A 35% increase in venue usage/hire, as well as a 32% increase in program funding.

The Club has introduced numerous activities such as: Vacation Care, Active After School Care, Boxing, Aerobics (HeartMoves), Archery, Gymnastics, Cooking Program and Midnight Basketball.

The Gymnastics Program has 85 participants and runs Thursday nights and Saturday mornings.

The PCYC Boxing Program commenced in April 2009 with 20 participants regularly attending weekly training. One male and one female are also in training to become amateur boxers.

HeartMoves is a specialised aerobics class for 15 people who attend twice weekly and who may have had cardiac issues or are re-entering/starting fitness training.

Active After School Program is a program co-ordinated from the Club whereby they offer a fee for service to schools either at the Club or at their premises. Currently four schools from Telegraph Point to South West Rocks have undertaken this scheme.

Cooking with Clive is a project funded by Mid North Coast Area Health. This life skills program runs Monday and Tuesday evenings. Since this program was implemented, 80 young people have participated. This project has been very popular with several students on a waiting list for future courses.

Midnight Basketball is a crime prevention program and has over 65 youths attending each Friday evening. The Mid North Coast Local Area Command statistics show a 57% reduction in youth crime during the period of the tournament.

Traffic Offenders Program commenced in April after lengthy discussions with the local Magistrate. This program has seen the club develop a partnership with Mid North Coast Area Health Drug & Alcohol Service who perform assessments on potential participants. Partnerships have also been forged with local legal and health providers to assist in delivering the scheme.

Community Garden: Youth who are achieving at school and participating with the cooking program are participating in the program. The garden will be positioned around the perimeter of the club with the production of vegetables and bush tucker. The items grown will be utilised in the cooking program.

The PCYC has employed their first trainee activity assistant at the Club.

Police officers attached to the PCYC have been renamed Youth Case Managers in order to accurately reflect the roles of constables in this Command, focusing on individual case management of young offenders as the primary strategy for reducing youth crime.

Andrew Stoner MP Member for Oxley has again accepted the position of Club Patron.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be noted.

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