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# **ABOUT THE YMCA**

### **WHO WE ARE**

YMCA NSW (the Y) is a vibrant, not-for-profit charity delivering contemporary programs to more than 100 locations in over 40 communities. Our programs focus on:

**Family** 

**Healthy Living** 

**Developing Young People** 

Those Less Fortunate

We do this through our core operational divisions of Camping, Children's Services and Recreation. We also raise funds to deliver much needed community programs.

### **OUR VISION**

Every community deserves a Y

### **OUR PROMISE**

The Y connects people to their communities to live happier, healthier lives.

# PRESIDENT AND CEO'S REPORT

At the Y we believe every family should spend quality time together and connect. We operate a large number of community facilities that offer this opportunity via recreation, children's services and camping programs. Our aim is to make a difference to people's lives and also give back through charitable endeavours.

Our vision is simple; to create healthier, happier lives. And this is something we have been striving to achieve since we were established in NSW 160 years ago. This Community Impact Report highlights our accomplishments and the difference we make to individuals, families and communities across the state.

The past year has been challenging for the Y, but we are proud to say our dynamic organisation has continued to evolve for the better - a milestone we would have not been able to achieve without the hard work of our dedicated and talented staff.

During 2013 we welcomed 27 new contract partners, entering into 21 new children's services partnerships and six new management contracts with local government partners, including Whitlam Leisure Centre with Liverpool City Council and UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre with the University of New South Wales.

A key highlight was the launch of the YMCA Annual Appeal. With the theme "Everyone deserves a chance", the campaign raised almost \$40,000 for much needed community programs to help change the lives of children, teens and adults in our communities. Hearing 16-year-old David's story and the impact of YMCA Epping on his journey to recovery from depression was a touching reminder of the difference our programs are making in the lives of many.

Our Community Programs division was created, offering more programs and services to satisfy community needs. This included the recruitment of a General Manager of Community Programs and a Disabilities Programs Manager, along with the development of the YMCA Youth and Government suite beyond the Youth Parliament program.

Our state-wide organisation was challenged by our involvement in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This challenge has, however, helped us to grow. We are committed to evolving and learning from our experiences and through the Commission's processes we have begun, and continue to develop, proactive child safety measures.

In 2014 we will focus on consolidation and building on our foundations to create a stronger and more robust organisation. We will continue to work with government and corporate partners who are also committed to the happiness and health of all in NSW.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Y's success in 2013 and hope you enjoy reading about our journey.

David Mayes President

Phillip Hare Chief Executive



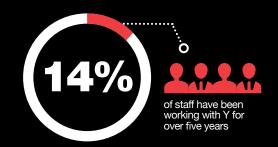




# **OUR REACH**

Found in over 100 locations across NSW, the Y helps to connect people with their communities to live happier healthier lives.

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# **FAMILY**

5,900+ families developed healthier lifestyles on a Y Family Membership

people created life-long memories at a Y Camp



groups reconnected

staff employed by YMCA NSW

200+

volunteer their time to the Y



average number of people on a Y Family Membership

# **HEALTHY LIVING**

4.39m

visits to Y programs and services



children enjoyed excursions with Y Flexible Respite

16,000+

people maintained their health and fitness routine last year

1,000+

mature adults regained their fitness with Y PrYme Movers



people worked out with Y Brightside Mental Health and Wellbeing **Program** 

520,000+

3,500+

9,834

1,142

attendances in Y Swimming Lessons

got more splash for their cash with a Y Aquatic Membership

built their fitness, skills and confidence in Y SwimAbility

developed independent living skills in Y Integrated Recreation

# **DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE**

young people were heard in Y Youth & Government

young people got fit and healthy in Y Teen Gym

3,000+ tumbled, jumped and spun into Y Gymnastics

brekkies were served at Y Breakfast Club

young people took part in the Y's Healthy Futures at Cobham Juvenile Justice Centre

500,000+

attendances at Y Outside School Hours Care

# THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

families attended a Y Rebuilding Families Camp

418

people given a healthy start with Y Fee Assistance

people Dived In and Helped Out in the YMCA Swimathon



people ran for Team Y in the Citv2Surf

\$210,000+

raised nationally through the YMCA Swimathon

75,000+

raised through YMCA Charity Golf Day

raised through the YMCA Annual Appeal

# A WEEK AT THE Y

9,000+

visits to a Y Outside School Hours Care centre each week



schools took part in the Y's School PE program each week

young people worked out with the Y's School PE program each week 33,000+

198,000+

made a splash at a Y aquatic centre each week

competed in Y Sports Competitions each week

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# BRINGING FAMILY TOGETHER

Single parents with dependent children are more at risk of experiencing loneliness. The number of one-parent families is projected to increase by between 40% and 77% over the 25 year period from 2006-2031.<sup>1</sup>

The Y is dedicated to bringing families together and providing a "third place" away from the pressures of work and home where they can connect and be active together.

## Chris's Story

For Chris and his three sons – Brad, Ben and Lachlan – time to hang out and connect is precious. Thanks to the Y they can unwind and create special family memories.

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The four are regular participants in our Rebuilding Families Weekend Escapes at the Y's Camp Yarramundi, where single-parent families who are doing it tough can experience a weekend of fun, adventure and quality time together. "I first heard of the Y's camps in 2009 through the boy's school. It was just after their mother, my wife, passed away after a five year battle with seleroderma."

With the tragedy of his wife's death came further hardship for Chris's family. Her care and medical expenses had forced the sale of their family home, which meant they had to move in with the boys' grandmother. In addition, Chris has to work two jobs just to make ends meet. He has just enough time to prepare the boys' dinner after his day job as a cabinet-maker before heading out to his night job stacking supermarket shelves.

Weekends away were out of the question until Chris and his boys discovered Camp Yarramundi.

"We always have a good time at camp," Chris says. "The Y has given us time together as a family. I really appreciate the opportunity to just chill with my boys, away from the stresses and pressure of everyday life. It's also the only chance I get to interact socially with other adults and I've been fortunate to develop quite a support network as a result."

"Camp Yarramundi and the Y has helped change our lives in a positive way... big time!"



In 2013, 354 families participated in the Y's Rebuilding Families Camps



# DEVELOPING YOUNG PEOPLE

Almost 1 in 10 children skip breakfast regularly.3

The Y is focused on nurturing the potential of every child and teen through a range of age appropriate programs to develop skills and confidence.

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# Sam's Story

To catch the bus to school, Sam, aged 11, has to leave home so early she has no time for breakfast. This means going hungry, unless it's Breakfast Club day at Y-managed Lake Haven Recreaion Centre.

"I come to Breakfast Club every Thursday after I get off the bus. It means I don't have to go to school hungry on Thursdays," she says.

Unfortunately, through differing circumstances, breakfast is not the main meal for many children who attend the Y's Breakfast Club. Many also take the opportunity to mix with other kids in a positive, supportive setting.

For kids who can't eat breakfast at home, the Y's Breakfast Club helps get their school day off to a healthy, nutritious and fun start. Volunteers help to run the program, often cooking food such as muffins in their own time to serve for the kids as a treat. Sixteen-year-old Nathan comes to Breakfast Club early to help set up and get the breakfast ready for peers.

"The staff are really nice, they're like family now," says Nathan. "I like to be there to help out and it means I get a good, healthy start to the day too."



In 2013, 2984 meals were served in the Y's Breakfast Club program

THE Y'S BREAKFAST CLUB MEANS I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL HUNGRY ON THURSDAYS

# SUPPORTING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE The high cost of putting kids in organised sport is a key reason why over a million children aged five to 14 in Australia do not take part in outside school sport today.4 The Y believes participation in any of its programs and services should not be restricted to the financially privileged. As a charity, the Y offers much needed benevolent programs that are having a positive impact on the lives of those less fortunate in our communities. Kerry's Story Kerry cannot praise the Y's Fee Assistance program enough. With her husband, she fosters seven children between the ages of three and 16 and says that without the program, her family would be broke. "Fee Assistance has been wonderful. Without it, things would be very different." When the kids first came along, swimming lessons were the first social outlet they had available to them," she says. As part of the Y's commitment to overcoming disadvantage and making healthy lifestyles accessible to all, Fee Assistance allows anyone willing but unable to pay to enjoy the Y's programs and services. Each of Kerry's children have participated in Swimming Lessons at the Y-managed Hawkesbury Oasis Lesiure Centre but have taken away much more than swimming skills. "The kids have changed dramatically through the swimming lessons. They are now more confident and more social. It's something they all look forward to very much. "Without Fee Assistance we would not be able to afford to send them all to the pool or learn to swim to give them skills that could potentially save their lives. The two youngest ones have Cerebral Palsy and Autism so the pool has had a really positive impact on them especially. "The staff at the centre are amazing at what they do and how they treat you. It's just fantastic." In 2013, 418 members were supported with the Y's Fee Assistance program WITHOUT YMCA FEE **ASSISTANCE WE WOULD** PROBABLY BE BROKE

# YMCA ANNUAL APPEAL

In Australia, 160,000 young people (16-24 years) live with depression and around 1 in 6 have anxiety.<sup>5</sup>

Our 160<sup>th</sup> year was a time of reflection. Of looking at our history and appreciating the journey we have taken to become the organisation we have grown into today.

Throughout this process we realised that our impact today is just as significant as ever as we continue to focus on societal issues that affect the communities we serve.

In recognition of this, the Y held its first appeal campaign – the YMCA Annual Appeal.

Themed "Everyone deserves a chance", the Appeal raised almost \$40,000 for much needed charitable programs that help change the lives of less fortunate children, teens and adults in our communities.

The Appeal aimed to assist people like David, 16, who discovered so much more than 'just a gym' when he signed-up to his local Y.

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## David's Story

David, 16, had been living with depression and anxiety for eight years. That was until he discovered a new family at YMCA Epping.

The Y's Fee Assistance program has allowed David to train up to four times a week at the Y. He is thankful for the opportunity to be physically active; even more for the support and friendship of trainers Jarryd and Greg.

"Coming to the gym is my escape," said David. "It's like an instant anti-depressant, where I feel comfortable and safe."

Change was almost immediate for David who said the levels of anxiety and the depression and loneliness he felt daily significantly decreased.

"If it wasn't for the Y I would be in a very bad place," he said. "I have just started Year 11 and if I wasn't going to the Y I wouldn't be able to get through my day. I often wake up and think about going for a workout after school and that gives me the confidence to face the day.

"Greg and I are great mates now. I can tell him about anything troubling me and he'll give me the guidance I need. It's a great support network."

For added support, David's mum Linda, who has recently been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, has started working out at the Y alongside her son.

""My dad is also going to sign up," said David. "I'm looking forward to spending time together at the Y. It will bring us closer together."

To find out more visit www.ymcansw.org.au/making-a-difference

THE Y IS MY ESCAPE. IT'S LIKE AN INSTANT ANTI-DEPRESSANT

family



# **THANK YOU**

**RECREATION PARTNERS**Bankstown City Council // YMCA Bankstown, YMCA Greenacre Bellingen Shire Council // Bellingen Shire Pool Broken Hill City Council // Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre Camden Council // Mount Annan Leisure Centre, Camden War

Memorial Pool Campbelltown City Council // Minto Indoor Sports Centre Cessnock City Council // Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre City of Ryde // Ryde Community Sports Centre

City of Sydney // lan Thorpe Aquatic Centre, Cook+Phillip Aquatic and Fitness Centre

Cooma-Monaro Shire Council // Cooma Festival Pool, Cooma Youth Hub

Eurobodalla Shire Council // Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre, Moruva Pool, Narooma Pool Goulburn Mulwaree Council // Goulburn Aquatic Centre

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Sydney Olympic Park Authority

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# **EXECUTIVE**

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Kylie Pearson // General Manager, Human Resources
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# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Leading and overseeing the Y is a board of 10 talented and committed Directors. These individuals are extraordinarily generous with their time, wisdom and strategic insight.



David Mayes President since 2008

Bob Parcel, Vice President since 1980

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