

BATEAU BAY PCYC – CHANGING THE LIVES OF CENTRAL COAST KIDS

Wallarrah 2 Coal Project has provided funding to the Police and Community Youth Club to allow it to continue to support the work of NSW Police who provide targeted youth crime reduction and prevention. The pillar values of the organisation are: respect, integrity, resilience, citizenship and commitment.

“We support NSW Police in implementing community based policing programs. Police attached to the Youth Command are termed as Youth Case Managers, there are 108 Case Managers in NSW. We each support a small group of young people who are identified as either ‘young offenders’ or ‘at risk’ with some from disadvantaged circumstances” says Bateau Bay PCYC Case Manager, Snr Constable Racquel Hassett.

PCYC provide programs that enable these young people to participate in sporting, artistic, educational and recreational activities. For the past 10 years Snr Const. Hassett and Snr Const. Webb have worked on the Central Coast, case managing youth individually and through 10 week group programs for both teenage girls and boys. They have an impressive 88% success rate with their young offenders not re-offending over 2 years.

“This year we have been running the RAGE and Love Bytes Program which is a boys anger management and domestic violence program. Domestic violence in NSW is number 1 on the Central Coast which means that most young people are exposed to violence and have a high chance of developing anger and mental health problems. This grant from the Wallarrah 2 Community Foundation will fund a 10 week program for 10-12 teenage youth, 14-16 years of age, who have disengaged from education or have low attendance at school.

They will attend the Bateau Bay PCYC for 2 hours each week, participating in a theory workshop, lunch, then a physical fitness session of basketball, hockey or boxing for fitness. The program also includes a trip to Cessnock Gaol where they speak with a warden about the consequences of getting a criminal record. This program also has a ripple effect on their direct family, friends and siblings, followed by their school and community” says Snr Constable Hassett.

“Wallarrah 2 is proud to support the PCYC’s work as it is adding significant benefit to young people as well as the broader community” said Peter Smith, Environment & Community Manager of the Wallarrah 2 Coal Project.



Peter Smith Environment & Community Manager of Wyong Coal with Senior Constable Racquel Hassett in front of a poster hand painted by one of the talented PCYC teenagers.