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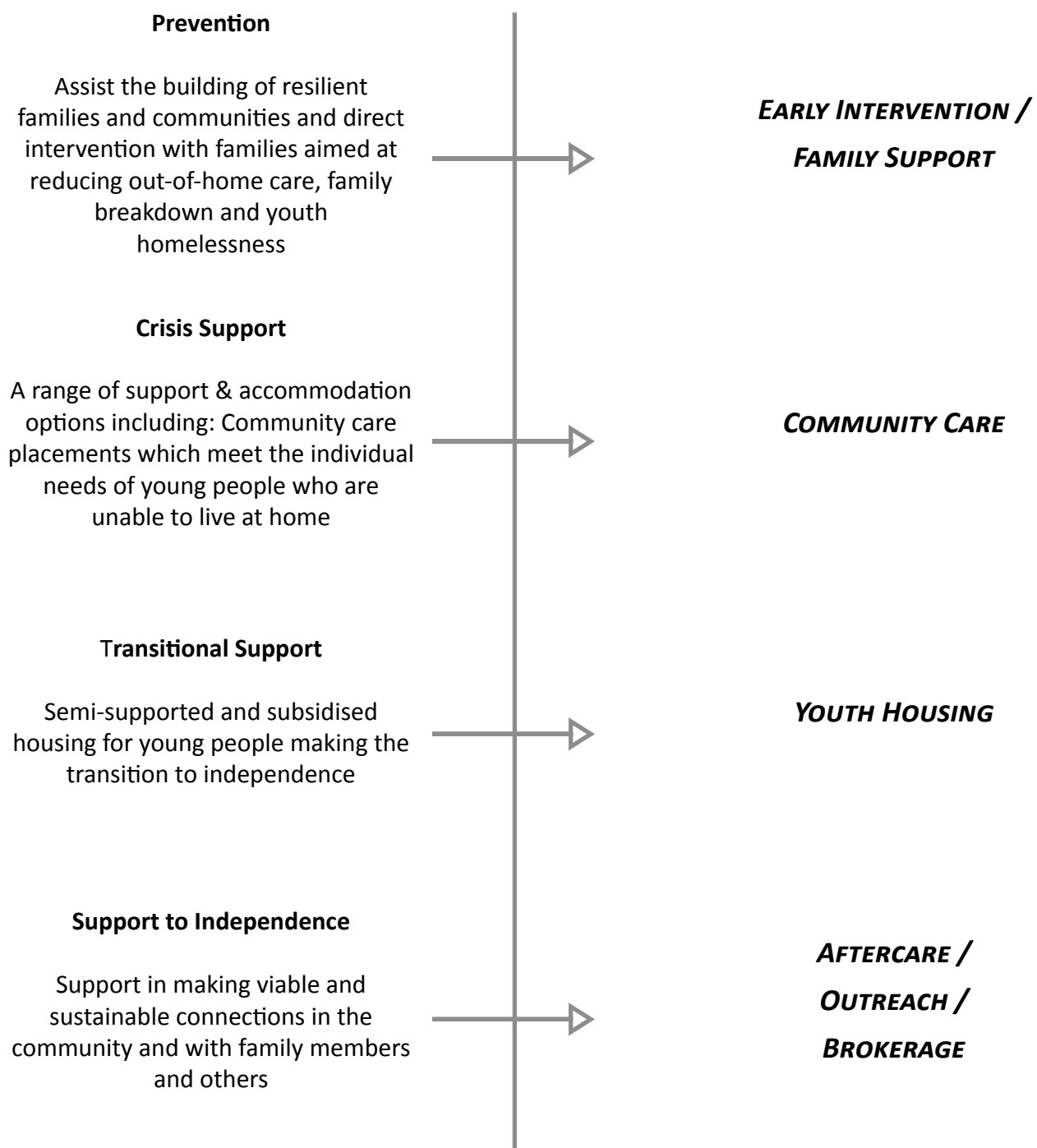
SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

The Burdekin Association holds to the following principles in its approach to the provision of services to young people and their families:

- **Family:** - The young person's primary relationship is with their family. Young people will be encouraged and assisted to develop and sustain quality relationships with family members
- **Community:** - Young people live in a community and experience life within that context. Their community has many parts that may include family, neighbourhood, school, work, friendships, social groups, sporting groups, support services. Maintaining links within their community is encouraged and facilitated
- **Prevention:** - The Association is committed to preventing homelessness and the breakdown of existing support or family relationships. The Association will explore all non-care options with a young person and their advocate as part of the referral and assessment process
- **Client Focus and Flexibility:** - The Association will be flexible in its delivery of service and support and where ever possible customise and tailor the services to ensure the best outcomes for the young person and their family
- **Autonomy:** - Young people are considered competent and capable of making choices and achieving change. Young people's choices and preferences are respected. Young people are enabled to develop skills to make choices, set goals, make decisions and move to independent living
- **Agreement:** - While a young person is a client of the Association, a shared and joint agreement between the service and the client and any other appropriate parties, such as parents or carers as to planned outcomes of the arrangement will be developed and jointly reviewed
- **Continuity:** - While a young person is a client of the Association, every effort will be made to provide continuity of case management through the range of services provided by the Association. The young person's need for continuity with personal relationships and community ties is encouraged and facilitated
- **Service Standards:** - The quality of service provided by the Association will be at or in excess of the level prescribed by the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program and Out-of-Home-Care Service Standards



CONTINUUM OF RESPONSES TO PREVENT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



ABOUT US

OUR VISION

For young people to have a safe and secure home and access to opportunities available in the community

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Burdekin Association works with young people and their families to:

- Reduce family breakdown and prevent youth homelessness
- Provide a range of accommodation and support options
- Work towards achieving client stated goals
- Co-operate and collaborate with local agencies and the community

OUR VALUES

The Burdekin Association values:

- Self responsibility and self determination
- Working in co-operation and partnership
- Openness, honesty and integrity
- Effective, resourceful management of services
- Quality outcome focused service delivery

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Provide a range of safe and secure accommodation and support services to young people aged 12 - 21 years in the Northern Beaches area
- Assist young people to pursue educational, training and employment opportunities
- Enable young people to develop interpersonal skills and practical living skills to equip them for independent living
- Work in partnership with local agencies and the community to ensure services are responsive, effective and of high quality
- Support, develop and reward staff and carers to maintain and improve client services
- Promote and effectively manage the organisation to ensure legislative, governmental and community expectations are achieved
- Advocate for and represent the interests of disadvantaged young people in the appropriate forums

WELCOME

Change is inevitable - so the saying goes. However change is not always for the better.

Unfortunately we are seeing changes in many areas of family and individual's lives that are contributing to them becoming homeless and in need of support and specialist services. Our service delivery continues to strive to meet the needs of all young people who find themselves with no place to call home.

Governments are trying to respond to these increases by reviewing and reforming funding areas to change the way services are delivered to be able to achieve better access and outcomes that will be sustainable into the future. We embrace these changes in the hope that better quality outcomes for our young people are achieved.

We were successful in our bid for Industry Development and Innovation funding to assist us to align our service system with the Going Home Staying Home reform agenda and create an evidence base to highlight the successes of our young people. We are immersing ourselves in the process and we believe this has already contributed to strengthening our work with young people and their families.

We believe our continuum of care model continues to offer young people and their families with a range of assistance, support and accommodation options that are flexible and tailored to meet the unique needs of the individual and family. This model of service allows young people to move between program areas in a seamless manner that allows us to meet the needs of the young person at any given stage.

We have included some individual stories in this report to reflect the level of achievement of young people and their families within our programs. It is inspiring to see how young people when provided with a home, a bit of practical support and a sense of security and dignity, are then able to overcome situations and achieve their dreams.

We thank our Federal and State funding bodies for their continued support in us enabling us to maintain a quality service. We maintain strong partnerships and links with local community organisations and government departments allowing better access for our clients.

Thank you to the dedication and commitment of our carers, staff and volunteer Management Committee who maintain an enthusiasm for the delivery of quality services that achieve positive outcomes in the lives of families and young people.



*Justene Gordon
Chairperson*



*Karen Berman
Executive Officer*

ASSISTING FAMILIES

I always welcome the opportunity to reflect back over the year and refer to 3 main evaluation areas which include: - where we have been, where we are going and what we have achieved.

Where we have been: -

The Burdekin Association has been operating on the Northern Beaches for over 30 years through its 3 main program areas and the Early Intervention Program is an integral part of the Government's focus of preventing homelessness. Our Early Intervention and Family Support Program will continue to provide support to families where there is imminent risk of family breakdown which may result in a young person becoming homeless. The age criteria is between 12 – 18 however, we are flexible when there is willingness for change in order for the circumstances to be better at home.

There are some excellent services providing great resources for Parents. Warringah Council provided some excellent guest speakers where Paul Dillon discussed issues relating to Drugs and Alcohol and the very popular Michael Carr Greg gave a presentation to approx 400 parents on surviving Year 12. The idea of bringing International guest speakers to build a parenting database was discussed at the Regional planning meeting in November 2012 where we would take a collaborative approach to parenting and pool resources and funds to ensure parents across the region could access International speakers. This happened in May when North Sydney Council brought back the internationally acclaimed speaker Steve De Groot, which was again very well received and also proved that parents are willing to travel providing the topics are relevant and the speakers are engaging.

Where we are going?

As the end of 2013 is quickly approaching and with all the changes, reforms and strategies, one thing remains constant and that is that Burdekin will continue to provide support to young people and their families to prevent the risk of homelessness.

A major change came in the form of Minister Pru Gowards (GHS) "Going Home Staying Home" which highlighted the planned SHS "Specialist Homeless Service" reforms which included Prevention and Early Intervention as one of the four main focus areas. The reform clearly stated that "young people who are at imminent risk of homelessness are identified and supported to remain safely in their existing housing or to secure stable housing". Government also talks about prevention and restoration for young people entering (OOHC) Out Of Home Care, so with this in mind, what does this mean regarding the future direction of our program.

One of the major concerns facing our service is the number of 12 – 15 year old young people presenting to our service as homeless. Unfortunately many of these young people are already known to Community Services, some with numerous risk of harm reports to relevant child protection agencies. Due to the over stretched child protection service; Community Services struggle to provide adequate assistance to this age group as they prioritise a younger age group. Our Early Intervention program has the capacity to assist the government in addressing this age group and could also explore providing support options for young people and families in restoration work, provided we are adequately funded.

What we have achieved: -

For some parents just a few sessions with a support worker can be the difference between having a loving, caring secure relationship and months or years of conflict which can eventually contribute to family breakdown and homelessness. It appears that most parents found practical support to be the most helpful, things like focusing on what “they” can control and not trying to control others. E.g. parents cannot control their son or daughter’s behaviour but they can control how they respond to the behaviour. This was the case for one particular family who are now enjoying the relationship they once had with their son and found the strategies we discussed at a session responsible for the change of which they are most grateful.

Another family found that building the relationship with their daughter and with both parents, laid the foundation for open communication which helped establish practical solutions and strategies. A pleasing comment was that they found our approach more helpful in one session than the numerous services and counselors they had previously engaged with. Such is the flexibility of our program. We also managed to help a young person in our Youth housing program to move back home to his parents after establishing a restoration plan, another area of focus for the coming year. These are just a few examples of the importance of this program in preventing homelessness.

If I could send out one message to all parents and young people who find themselves in a home with constant conflict, it would be to focus on what you yourself can change and never stop trying to do something different to make things better at home.

Neil Davies

Early Intervention and Family Support Coordinator



CARING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Celebrating our people that care: -

This program is funded by NSW Family and Community Services as part of the Out of Home Care (OOHC) system accommodating and supporting young people who are in court ordered care. We are fortunate to have the capacity to house two young people with each of our carers in the local community to maximise the potential for stability and continuity of care.

Lenore has been a carer with The Burdekin Association for 9 years and without her and all of our carers over the years the program would not be the success that it is. Lenore has had many young people in her care and has made a wonderful contribution to their lives and our organisation. Managing a house with a couple of teenagers has its challenges however Lenore consistently looks to the positives and has an unwavering focus on the fundamental needs of our young people. The essential elements of shelter, food, warmth and the space to develop independence come first for Lenore. Having a home cooked meal and a welcoming environment is a steady platform on which to build and Lenore does this very well. Young people come from a range of backgrounds and their experience of a home may have been very different so adapting to each individual young person is an important part of the process. We thank Lenore for her care and compassion over the years on behalf of all the young people that have called her place home.

We welcome our newer carers to the team and look forward to working alongside them to support our young people to develop the skills they will require to strive for a better future.

Young people achieving their goals: -

We have a young girl who travels for 2 hours each morning to a school where she is able to participate in the classes she loves like drama and singing.

Another young lady has been attending TAFE regularly after spending many years alienated from education. She is planning to return to school to complete her HSC and is doing really well.

While another young person has started a job after many attempts at a number of schools and TAFE courses. It is a privilege to share in her happiness as she makes this transition to a full time job.

A young man moved from our care this past year to live with friends, this was his wish, his goal and we supported him. We have stayed in contact and we would also welcome him back if he once again needed our accommodation and support.

I would also like to mention a young lady who started her Burdekin experience in this program who is accommodated in another Burdekin program and has almost completed her university studies. She has been supported and accommodated by us for 8 years.

Let's celebrate each and every achievement of these young people.

Tanya Preston

Community Care Coordinator



YOUTH ACCOMMODATION

We celebrate another year of successfully providing innovative semi-supported affordable housing to homeless young people on the Northern beaches. The Burdekin Association Youth Housing program aims to put our young people in the centre of the frame, with our wrap-around case management and support services customised to meet their individual needs and goals.



It has been a year of reform in the sector since the NSW state government introducing the “Going Home Staying Home” reforms last year and the Burdekin Association has been sought to share our experiences and recognised good practices at various working groups and expert panels.

People occasionally ask me the key components to the Burdekin Association’s long term success in assisting homeless and at risk young people, aged 16 to 21, some with high and complex needs turn around their often troubled young lives.

I genuinely believe the tributes should go to the young people themselves, as it is they who do the work to sustain their tenancies. No range of service delivery models, philosophical approaches or living skill provision can make the absolute difference, it is up to the individual to put their hand up to be *the best possible version of themselves they can be*.

People like *Tim* who has been with us three years and is now in his 4th year of an automotive apprenticeship, still supporting and actively encouraging his younger sisters to do well at school, whilst ensuring through mainstream service providers that Dad’s medical needs are being met and regularly monitored.

Or *Greg* and *Michelle* a lovely couple who have both overcome adversity and leaving school early to now be both gainfully employed. *Michelle* with trade qualifications and with their two young daughters at school, are about to embark on living independently in the community and paying market rent. The long hours of budgeting, work, study and co-parenting are now paying dividends for them as they set about securing a stable future for their young family in their local community.

In 2014 the Burdekin Association hope to again be a valuable contributor to ending youth homelessness as the sector seeks to continue to develop better responses to homelessness and its myriad of causes. Bricks and mortar must be an all of government priority as the lack of affordable housing continues to be a critical issue.

Next year we will use our 42 beds to provide affordable safe stable housing to local homeless and at risk young people including young families in an effort to optimise client outcomes through a solution – focused and trauma informed case management model, always aimed at increasing the individual’s life skills capacity.

Warren Welsh

Youth Housing Coordinator

THEIR STORIES

Only a parent can fully appreciate the hurt, pain and guilt when they feel they are driven to remove their child from the family home. The anxiety of doing this is multiplied when there is no extended family, friends or obvious support infrastructure for the child to access. As a parent, you develop a heightened sense of fear for the child's basic safety and security. However, in our situation, this needed to be balanced with a number of years of escalating issues with our son. This led to ongoing family conflict, which almost resulted in a complete family break-up. It was in this context and with a very heavy heart that we took one of the hardest decisions of our lives.

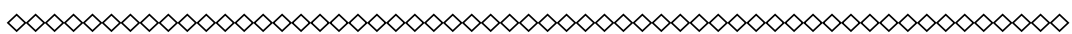
After sleeping rough in local parks, our 19 year old son was referred to a shelter on the Northern Beaches. Whilst this provided increased security for him, the accommodation was only provided on a day-to-day basis and the situation did not lend itself to allowing him to get things back on track. Whilst the staff did their best to support him, the priority for the shelter was directed at supplying the basic necessities to people who were typically middle-aged and with long-term medical or physiological issues. With no fixed address, our son saw job applications as futile and there was a lack of direction as to where he should go next. Thankfully he was referred to The Burdekin Association, at which point things started to get back on track.

Initially focussing on providing a safe and secure environment, Burdekin housed our son in a shared accommodation along with similar-aged people. Ongoing support was provided by Burdekin staff in helping our son with the basic day-to-day tasks that he had previously struggled with: - Engaging with the wider support agencies such as Centrelink; accessing medical and counselling services; shopping; budgeting etc. After only a few weeks, there was a noticeable degree of self-sufficiency that our son had never demonstrated previously. There was also a marked improvement in the attitude and outlook of our son and he started on the road to finding employment. Again, coached and directed by Burdekin staff, my son applied for and was successful in finding a position as an apprentice chef.

From day-one, Burdekin involved us and provided regular updates on our son's progress. The Association made it clear that their primary objective was to reunite the family in an environment that was sustainable for all parties. Both our son and ourselves were involved in regular meetings to discuss the issues and devise a strategy that could see our son return to the family home. The Burdekin staff facilitated these meetings, providing tools and techniques that would allow all of us to communicate better and work through conflict resolution.

After 6 months of living away, we are expecting our son to move back to the family home imminently, fully employed, significantly more self-sufficient and with a more focused sense of direction. As parents, Burdekin also equipped us with tools and techniques, which would allow us to better cope should issues arise in the future.

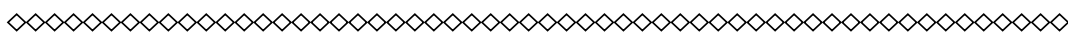
We are not so naive as to think that life will be a bed of roses moving forward. However, we do feel better prepared and ready to face the challenges that may arise. Our sincere and heart-felt gratitude go to the tireless efforts of the Burdekin staff and the associated agencies which have helped our family to reunite and get us through this period.



I was 20 years old when Burdekin came into my life. At the time I went through a sudden relationship breakup and my daughter had just turned 1. It was a difficult time, as I not only had to learn how to cope as a single parent but also did not have any money that could provide us with stability on our own. I am from a large family, and had nowhere to go. I lived with my mum in a full house with sisters and brothers and I had to share a small room with my daughter. Things changed when my mum sought help for me and told me about Burdekin. I went to a Interview where I was treated with such kindness and respect. Within 3 months I was given a 2 bedroom unit to live in with my daughter Jasmine.



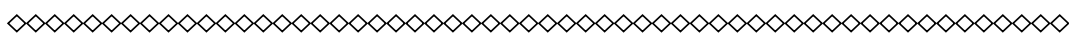
Burdekin changed my life for the better. I had so much support as Burdekin provided us with shelter and stability. I went to classes that taught me how to cope financially and that improved my basic life skills as well as Mother's groups that helped me form friendships that I still have today. I became so comfortable and confident from Burdekin's support that I was able to study veterinary nursing and volunteer at a local vet hospital while still looking after my daughter and the house all at once. A lot changed so positively since being with Burdekin, I met a caring man and we are now engaged. This year we moved into a nice house, I completed my certificate IV in vet nursing and I now work full time. I am able to manage life in such a positive way. I am now 24 years old and I always think about how Burdekin helped me became the strong person I am today. I cannot express how grateful I am to all of the caseworkers and staff at Burdekin. I would never be where I am today, if it wasn't for them.



I first came to Burdekin when I was 17. I moved into a caretaker's house where I learnt to cook and clean and look after myself. After a while I moved out and Burdekin kept in contact and helped me lead a stable life.

I ended up moving home and then I needed to leave there so I stayed at The Oasis Youth Support Networks Refuge. I applied back with Burdekin and was lucky enough to get a bedsit with Link Housing.

Burdekin have helped me by giving me support through my hardest times. I'm coming up to my last few months with them. They are now supporting me with moving into my own place.



I am writing to recount a few experiences in particular; the overwhelming majority are very good. In particular, my case manager has done more to advance my life than anyone else I've met, including my family, in an incredibly short period of time. I would neither be housed nor in a program of education without her patience and support and her attitude is, I would wager, exactly what disenfranchised youth need to regain their footing in an increasingly tempestuous world.

I am extremely grateful for what the Burdekin Association has done for me and it warms my heart to think that I can remain on the insular Peninsula, in an arrangement I enjoy, with support and assistance as I attempt to psychologically rehabilitate myself into a functional adult. It has saved me from the emotionally abusive nightmare I would've faced with my Mother and her boyfriend and has granted me a bastion from everything else; the executive authority of having a home that is my own. As such, I feel that I owe great thanks to many involved, though I reiterate that my case manager has, I feel, saved my life by tolerating my lackadaisical communication early on and tirelessly encouraging me to gain not only residential but personal independence.

YOUNG PARENT'S PROJECT



The Young Parents Project has continued to provide resources and information to families supported by Burdekin. Throughout the year Burdekin has provided accommodation support to twelve young parents and their children. Amongst them we have sole parents, couples, brand new babies and primary school students, people completing tertiary studies, returning to study and gaining full time employment.

As cliché as the well known proverb *"it takes a village to raise a child"* is, we at the Burdekin Association know it to be true, therefore Burdekin Case Managers encourage young parents to connect with others in their family and community to assist with their parenting and raising their

children. Burdekin also aims to work collaboratively with Dalwood Spilstead, Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre, the Northern Beaches Family Support Service, Catholic Care, Pregnancy Help and others to better support the young families known to the organisation.

Since the last annual report the Young Parent's Project has facilitated various social and recreational activities such as a craft and canvas art workshop in partnership with the Manly Warringah Women's Resource Centre, a morning tea at Play Planet, a picnic in the park and a special Mother's Day lunch to celebrate the wonderful job the young women are doing to parent their little ones.

Supporting young families is an important part of what Burdekin does. We aim to build supportive and respectful relationships with the young people we work with and assist them to develop personalised goals for their family.

We at Burdekin are aware that it is in fact the young parents themselves that 'do the work' of parenting, so we applaud them for their commitment and devotion to their children and we wish them all the best for the year ahead!

Recently we asked some young women what they like most about being a parent: -

"He makes me smile every day and getting to teach him and watch him grow".

"Watching her grow up and learn new things".

"Being a teacher, supporter, guider and protector. Being able to raise my kid and watch her grow in to a beautiful young person."

Tahnee Appel

Case Manager



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS MATTERS DAY

“Couch surfing” might be cool in the eyes of some young people, but the reasons behind it are often serious.

That is the advice from staff of The Burdekin Association at Brookvale, who offered sausages and knowledge to passers-by at Dee Why SLSC yesterday.

The government-funded youth accommodation provider ran it's stall to inform people how they could help the many youngsters among the homeless.

Family support co-ordinator Neil Davies said exact figures of homeless youth were difficult to ascertain but not all slept outdoors.

“There is a hidden side of homelessness, especially in our area and that is couch surfing” he said.



Children and young people often resorted to staying with friends rather than face conflict at home, said Mr Davies.

He believed there was an increasing reluctance to deal with conflict.

Burdekin provides more than 40 beds, mainly in Dee Why and Narraweena, to youth in these situations while working with their families.

A study in 2006 found 10,587 people aged between 12 and 24 years were homeless in NSW.



Steven Deare

Manly Daily





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Back in muggy March a batch of Burdekin staff were hand-picked to participate in the Channel Nine's Easter with the Women's Weekly – "Backyard Blitz" at the Warringah Council Cromer Community Centre.

It was fun to get out of the office and do a bit of hard physical work over a few days with other local community groups and it was very interesting to see the behind the scenes filming of these segments and to witness some of the deadline dramas.

The show was supposed to star celebrity gardener Jamie Dury and landscaper Nigel Ruck, and the Voice's Prinne Stevens but with Burdekin's staff on site we certainly gave them a run for their money in the looks, singing and definitely in the hard work stakes.

The finished product, hanging gardens, "made over" kids playroom and gazebo and outdoor gardens looked fabulous. We got to feast on the final day with a Mexican meal from celebrity Chef Julie Goodwin as well as receiving a certificate of appreciation for "Outstanding Volunteer Service". On Easter Sunday the program aired and we got to see ourselves on TV. A job well done!





BARRINGTON TOPS

Seven energetic young Burdekin ladies and staff had the privilege of spending two nights camping at Barrington for a mountain bike riding adventure. After a long drive in the hired van with a number of important food stops and some windy dirt roads we arrived at the Barrington Outdoor Adventure Centre (BOAC). There was only one concern... no mobile phone reception! Although this was not well received at first, the girls all handled the technological black hole very well.

We arrived at The Steps Campground to find our tents already set up only metres from the edge of the flowing creek. After a walk exploring the area and kangaroo spotting we met our chef for the next few days. With the warmth of a blazing campfire we were fed like queens. With little light and stars filling the sky most people made their way into their tents fairly early.

We woke to a delicious cooked breakfast to give us the energy for the intense day of mountain bike riding that lay ahead. We hopped on our bikes and only minutes later had our first casualty - not a great start! Fortunately she got back on her bike with great resilience; no fall could stop her from taking on the challenge. Our first test was in the local area on designated tracks following alongside the Barrington River. There were a few stacks and many squeals but all made it through relatively unscathed with only a few scratches and bruises.

Our second challenge was the man-made mountain bike park. This was very intimidating but everyone took it on. Again, you could hear the squeals a mile away! By this stage some of the girls were ready to relax so went to have a swim in the very cold river and explore the surroundings.

A group proceeded to take on the afternoon mountain bike challenge. We put our bikes into the four wheel drive and drove through the mountains with our guide. The next three hours were both physically and mentally exhausting. The scenery was magnificent and we even had the pleasure of spotting an echidna. Some big uphill climbs and some bumpy downhill descents made for a tough ride. However, not even a run in with a herd of cows would stop us from making it back to camp for a well deserved feast put on by BOAC!

Overwhelmingly the camp was a great success. The girls became close friends following the camp and started meeting regularly for 'Burdekin girls catch ups'. Congratulations to all who attended and took on the mountain bike riding challenges!

Adrienne Chartres

Case Manager



WORKSHOPS

Workshops are designed to enhance living skills, social skills and the well-being of the young people involved in our service. They are a great opportunity for young people to learn new skills, ask questions and also to have fun. After sending out a survey to all tenants it became evident that not only were workshops desired by our clients, but that they also had great workshop ideas.

The first workshop facilitated by staff was the Beyond Burdekin Workshop. Ten young people attended with their goals being to prepare them for life and accommodation after Burdekin. The *Rent it Keep it (Housing NSW)* worksheets were utilised and all young people in attendance went home with an information package. The participant evaluation form showed that the attendees felt more confident about renting and maintaining tenancies at the end of the Beyond Burdekin Workshop.

The following workshop was a Healthy Cooking Workshop. Facilitated by staff at the Northern Beaches TAFE campus this workshop gave attendees the opportunity to work in a commercial kitchen, to learn about healthy food choices and to learn how to cook a stir fry and strawberry meringue nest. The seven young people who attended were able to choose their ingredients and create their own stir fry recipe. Throughout the workshop education was provided around the benefits of healthy food choices. The participants were provided with a take home package which contained recipes and healthy eating tips. All attendees provided a positive evaluation and expressed interest in further cooking workshops.

The final workshop held at the Burdekin office facilitated by staff was the Budgeting Workshop. The aim was to enable young people to develop skills in budgeting, completing a tax return and managing on a low income. Although a less appetising topic a fantastic nine Burdekin young people attended hoping to improve their budgeting skills. It was excellent to observe the participants sharing budgeting tips and recommendations. Attendees learnt how to distinguish between essential and non essential spending, how to develop their own budget and were provided with tax return tips.

Adrienne Chartres

Case Manager



TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with great honour that I write another Treasurer's Report for The Burdekin Association for the 2012/2013 year.

The finances of The Burdekin Association Inc. remain in a sound position at the end of June 2013, despite a \$22,000 budget deficit from our operating activities for the year. This is a significant reduction in the deficit of 2012 which was \$59,000 and a good result given that mid-year we were expecting a deficit of around \$60,000.

The Association held approximately \$545,000 in cash as at 30 June 2013 for development plans.

We have again budgeted for a deficit in 2013/2014 of \$9,496. We had budgeted for a rental expense of circa \$130,000p.a., but in September we were able to re-negotiate the lease at a rate of \$74,000p.a., saving the organisation a significant amount of money and meaning that we should be able, for the first time in a few years, return a budget surplus this year.

I would like to thank NSW Treasurer, Mike Baird, for his assistance in working with the NSW Department of Human Services Family and Community Services to secure our Out of Home Care funding for another 2 years. I mentioned last year that there was a lot of uncertainty about this funding, so we are very happy to now have this guaranteed for a further 2 years.

We are currently in the process of tendering for our Specialist Homelessness Services funding and we hope to have more clarity and certainty around this in coming months.

A big thank you must go to the major ongoing funding sources of The Burdekin Association, including the NSW Department of Human Services Family and Community Services and Northern Sydney Central Coast NSW Health.

Thanks to all staff and the Management Committee for so diligently completing all financial obligations of the organisation over the past 12 months. We look forward to another fantastic year of serving our community in 2013/2014.

Phil Knox

Treasurer

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Burdekin Association Inc. - ABN 98 571 551 434

Income and Expenditure Statement - For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Grants Income	1,097,907	1,063,820
Interest Received	21,103	28,378
Other Income	<u>80,778</u>	<u>81,781</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1,199,788	1,173,979
Occupancy Expense	(156,677)	(149,691)
Administrative Expense	(123,753)	(134,116)
Depreciation	(29,716)	(26,397)
Employee Costs	(810,225)	(840,692)
Other Expenses	<u>(101,661)</u>	<u>(82,595)</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(22,244)</u>	<u>(59,512)</u>

The Burdekin Association Inc - ABN 98 571 551 434

Balance Sheet - As at 30 June 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	545,124	599,398
Trade and other receivables	2,249	2,820
Other Assets	45,563	47,963
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>592,936</u>	<u>650,181</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, Plant & Equipment	239,130	210,461
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>239,130</u>	<u>210,461</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>832,066</u></u>	<u><u>860,642</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade & Other Payables	27,831	36,299
Employee Benefits	93,687	88,226
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>121,518</u>	<u>124,525</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee Benefits	6,350	9,675
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>6,350</u>	<u>9,675</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>127,868</u>	<u>134,200</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>704,198</u></u>	<u><u>726,442</u></u>
EQUITY		
Reserves	459,501	459,501
Accumulated Funds	244,697	266,941
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>704,198</u></u>	<u><u>726,442</u></u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Committee have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The Committee have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report comprising Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and notes thereto: -

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Burdekin Association Incorporated as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Burdekin Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by: -

Justene Gordon
Chairperson

Phil Knox
Treasurer

Dated this 1st October 2013

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of The Burdekin Association Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2013, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee Member's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee members of The Burdekin Association Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Burdekin Association Inc. as at 30 June 2013, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) 2009.



THANK YOU

A. Gray

ACCO Australia Pty Ltd – Mr Mark Griffiths

Angela & Robert Laier

Brian Burdekin, Patron

Community Services NSW, Department of Human Services

Dee Why RSL Club

Grace City Church

Lions Club of Bondi

Lions Club of Manly

NSW Health

Office of Community Housing

Sharon Moss Legal

Sinclair Knight Merz

St Anthony In The Fields Catholic Church

The Salvation Army

Tropical Plant Rentals

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