

YOUTH REPORT

The start of this year saw another fantastic youth camp for our young people. In April we took approximately 25 teenagers out to The Station on Harvey's Range Road for 4 days and 3 nights. This was an incredible time for our young people as God moved powerfully and impacted their lives in a way that they will never forget.

The following school holidays saw our annual combined churches youth conference "Epidemic" take place. This was another awesome time of praise and worship as well as practical teaching and powerful meetings. The young people from Sun City Youth who attended all walked away having had incredible encounters with God.

The past twelve months have been an exciting time in Sun City Youth. We have undergone many changes to our teenage program such as:

- changing our name to CRASH Youth; and
- uniting the junior and senior teen programs to the one Friday night meeting.

We have had the opportunity to go into a number of different high schools every week. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at Northern Beaches State High School a team of youth leaders help run a breakfast club for students. As part of this program, sports and activities are also run by our team. As a result of this program we have seen many new young people come to our Friday night youth program and become part of our church. We have also started running a weekly lunch time activities and sport program on a Wednesday at Northern Beaches High which has been a fantastic contributor to seeing young people get connected into our youth ministry and church.

On a Thursday morning we also have the opportunity to run a "chill out" room at Thuringowa State High School. This has been another great way that our team can be of practical help to our local high schools and build relationships with young people to see them come to know Jesus through our youth ministry.

Every Friday night we provide free transport to and from youth for the majority of our young people. This in itself is a massive logistical operation and is made even more complex when we consider that we have young people literally from all over the city. Each week our buses and cars go anywhere from Balgal Beach to Kelso to Wulguru or Railway Estate! At the beginning of term two this year, a partnership was formed between Sun City Youth and the Salvation Army Recovery Centre in the city, where by we are able to hire two brand new 12 seat buses every Friday night at no charge! This has been a huge help to our Friday night transport for which we are very grateful.

All in all we have had an amazing year so far. God is doing great things among our teenagers and we are expectantly looking forward to an even better year in 2010.

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