Youth Strategy 2014 - 2016

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* All photos in this report were taken at the West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference 2012
Executive Summary

An important theme that emerged from the West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference in 2012, was the need for strategic direction in the youth sector of the West Kimberley. The West Kimberley Youth Strategy 2014 -2016, has been established to further explore the range of issues that young people face, and provide recommendations for key considerations improving outcomes for young people in the region.

The Strategy aims to provide a framework for directing services in engaging, supporting, and working with young people, their families and their communities in the region by considering themes, identifying issues and imperatives. It aims to also provide direction to place resources, guide funding and training provision in the youth sector.

It is acknowledged that whilst this report contains valuable information and reflects many of the opinions of young people and workers in the youth sector, these are preliminary findings with a number of shortcomings. To be fully comprehensive, the Strategy would benefit from further consultations in more remote areas and with parents, caregivers and others significant to young people. Further value can be achieved by using more varied methods of data collection, such as focus groups, face-to-face interviews and short surveys based on specific topics and locations.

This strategy has been developed with input from the region’s young people and youth sector, and guided by the West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference Working Group, comprising of representatives from:

- headspace Broome;
- The Kimberley Institute;
- Kimberley Mental Health and Drug Service; and
- West Kimberley Regional Youth Justice.

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- WA Department of Aboriginal Affairs;
- WA Mental Health Commission;
- WA Department of Corrective Services;
- WA Department of Child Protection and Family Services; and
- WA Department of Communities.

Purpose:

To carry out consultations with West Kimberley youth sector Service Providers, community members and young people in order to determine the strengths and challenges facing young people in the region, and to present a series of recommendations for improving the long term outcomes of young people in the region.

Strategy Objectives:

- Improve delivery of services to at-risk youth;
- Identify and address training and professional development needs of service providers;
- Increase accountability and coordination amongst service providers to better meet young people’s needs;
- Identify priorities and gaps in services for young people; and
- To provide targeted information to inform prospective funding.
The Strategy consulted a diverse range of youth aged 12 to 25 years from throughout the West Kimberley through surveys and discussions. Service Providers were consulted via surveys and a service mapping exercise. A total of 371 surveys were completed.

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“Unique culture, respect for tradition, family importance, community feel, the environment” 20 year old female, University student, Broome.

Response to survey question: What are the good things about living in the West Kimberley as a young person?

The surveys revealed the key issues that impact on young people’s lives, in ranked order are:

- alcohol use;
- young people roaming the streets;
- suicide;
- youth not attending school; and
- crime.

These views closely align with the views of service providers.

The predominant feedback from the surveys on what could be improved for young people in the region, was the need for more things for young people to do in their communities, and more places to spend leisure time that cater for the youth population. An underlying theme throughout the survey responses was that young people need to be involved and engaged in youth service provider planning processes, and take an active role in their communities through participation and opportunities to be involved in leadership positions.

There are limitations in the representation of the data from the consultations, due to low response rates to several questions and from a number of locations. These limitations are discussed further in the Strategy.

Several priority areas were identified through these consultation findings. This strategy details a series of recommendations to address these priority areas.
Background

Demographics

The Kimberley Region is a geographically large and remote region of Western Australia, located in the far north of the state, and spanning an area of 424,517 square kilometres. The terrain spans from arid desert lands, rugged gorges and river systems in the East and Central parts, to beaches and islands off the North Western coastline.

The history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) inhabitation of this ancient region, combined with the influx of immigration from a wide range of regions, has shaped the culture of the West Kimberley.

Of the total population of 38,850 people (2012) in the Kimberley, the West Kimberley Region is home to 67% of the population, with 26,080 people. Many of those people who reside in the region live in the 237 remote communities and outstations.

The population of the Kimberley Region is characterised by strong rates of growth and high Aboriginal representation. Additionally, the region has a significant transient population. The Aboriginal population in the Kimberley Region represents 44% of the total population, which is a far greater representation than the Aboriginal population in Western Australia as a whole (3.4%).

Socio Economic Data

Rich in both natural and cultural assets, the West Kimberley is a place of diversity. This diversity has shaped the varied lifestyles and economy of the region. An abundance of resources and natural attractions has led to the expansion of the mining and tourism industries over the past 10 years.

Employment in the region’s mining industry grew by 47% from 2006-2011, and in construction by 64%. Many workers are utilising Fly-in-Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in-Drive-out (DIDO) transport options to work outside their local towns.
The 2006 Census revealed that the largest employer in the Kimberley Region was the healthcare and social services sector, followed closely by the public administration and safety sector, retail, education and training.\textsuperscript{v}

The West Kimberley region faces a number of socio-economic challenges. The 2011 Census of Population and Housing showed that compared with the rest of the state, the West Kimberley region had a higher rate of unemployment, lower incomes but higher mortgage repayments, a lower rate of home ownership, a higher rate of overcrowding in households and a lower proportion of households with a motor vehicle. Additionally, the West Kimberley region has lower SEIFA (Socio-economic Indexes for Areas) scores, with Derby ranking third in the state.\textsuperscript{v}

Health

There are several determinants of health that are of significance in the Kimberley region. Socio-economic disadvantages, levels of remoteness and lifestyle factors are all contributing factors for poor health outcomes. Lifestyle factors that have been reported as major determinants of health amongst the region’s population are behaviours related to smoking, alcohol use, diet, exercise and body mass index.\textsuperscript{vi} The Kimberley region has been classified as Very Remote Australia \textsuperscript{vii} with a very low population density, creating a challenge for health service delivery and accessibility.

Mortality is an important indicator of the health of the population. There are more deaths among Kimberley residents than all residents of the state.\textsuperscript{viii}

Mental health issues have been reported as prevalent amongst the Kimberley population, with one in seven (14.6%) adults aged 16 years and older in 2009, having current mental health problems.\textsuperscript{ix}

Suicide is one of the leading causes of avoidable mortality in the Kimberley region, and is the highest for the state.\textsuperscript{x}

Despite this, there have been some positive outcomes for health in the region in recent years. There have been advances in health service delivery such as increased funding to deliver new initiatives and infrastructure. This has resulted in a number of health improvements such as a significant decrease in rates of Syphilis in recent years, and the Kimberley region having the highest rates of screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections in the state.\textsuperscript{xi}

Additionally, new and expanded services have been provided in the past ten years and include (but are not exclusive to) Alive and Kicking Goals Suicide Prevention, Anglicare, Boab Health, Broome Residential College, headspace Broome, Red Cross, Save the Children, Youth and Family Support Service within West Kimberley Regional Youth Justice, and the State-wide Specialist Aboriginal Mental Health Services (embedded within other services).

Alive and Kicking Goals! Suicide Prevention
The Youth Population

The Kimberley Region is characterised by having a young population, with the median age for Aboriginal people being 23 years, and 33 years of age for non-Aboriginal people. People under the age of 25 years represent over 30% of the region’s total population. Male and female populations are in relatively equal proportions, with males representing just over 50%.

According to the 2011 Census, the top five employment industries for youth in the West Kimberley aged 15-24 years are:

- Construction
- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Retail trade
- Accommodation & food services
- Mining

The Kimberley Region’s relatively young population is coupled with high levels of disadvantage in some parts of the region. Literature reviews suggest that the issues affecting young people in the region include; lack of employment opportunities, low school attendance, barriers to education and training, and mental health issues.

In addition to this, Aboriginal children and youth consistently demonstrate poorer outcomes than non-Aboriginal youngsters across most domains of living, including health, mental health, education and vocation. Several studies report that Aboriginal young people experience a high rate of family violence, alcohol and drug misuse, suicide, sexual abuse, and socioeconomic disadvantage.

The Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey (2006) found that families of Aboriginal children in the Broome Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) region reported extraordinary levels of stress. Family financial strain and the number of community issues, such as alcohol use and street violence, were the two main factors associated with these high levels of stress.

Smoking is also identified as a risk factor for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region, with 42% being regular smokers, compared with 35% in the rest of the state. Broome females in particular smoked at a higher rate than in the rest of the state (58% compared with 40%). This survey also highlighted the higher levels of combined alcohol and drug use in the Broome area, compared with the rest of the state.

Whilst painting a concerning picture of life for young people living in the West Kimberley, these issues importantly provide a foundation from which to build and deliver services in the region, highlight the opportunities for Service Providers to increase service coordination and enhance partnership approaches, ultimately improving the long term positive outcomes for the region’s youth.

“Close to friends and family, good activities to take part in, landscape is great and the communities are fantastic.”

13 year old female, high school student, Broome.

Response to survey question: What are the good things about living in the West Kimberley as a young person?
Despite these issues, there have been many positive outcomes for young people in the West Kimberley in recent years, including:

- DEEWR’s Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE) Program has contributed to improved school attendance rates in recent years by helping families to engage with schools;
- State-funded boarding accommodation in Broome for students who live in other areas of the Kimberley;\textsuperscript{xix}
- Post school qualifications (at least a Certificate 1 or 2) of people over the age of 15 years increased from 33% in 2006 to 47% in 2011;\textsuperscript{xx}
- Kimberley Training Institute (KTI), which offers vocational education and training, had a growth of 37% in 2011, positioning it as one of the fastest growing State Training Providers in Australia;\textsuperscript{xxi}
- Employment opportunities in the mining sector for young people through funding and partnerships, such as Garnduwa and Leighton Contractor’s school-based traineeships, and scholarships programs;
- The Yiramalay/Wesley Studio school located at the Leopold Downs Cattle Station, near Fitzroy Crossing, recently had its first five students from the Senior Years Learning Framework program, graduate from Year 12 with vocational qualifications;
- Broome Senior High School was voted WA’s Top Public School in 2011, and Best Secondary School in 2012 at the WA Education Awards. Their attendance rates are higher and have improved more when compared with state averages, with 76 Year 12 graduates in 2012;
- Fitzroy Crossing Clontarf Academy was established in 2012 and has contributed to academic and employment successes of students, and improved school attendance and performance;
- Six students from the Derby Clontarf Academy graduated Year 12 in 2013;
- Youth from the area have been drafted into AFL football leagues, competed and won medals at the National Athletics Championships, and competed in national dance competitions;
- Dancers from St Mary’s College, Broome were the winners of the YOHFEST (Youth on Health Festival) original solo production in 2013, competing against schools from around the state. They also had the opportunity of touring Europe on a Performing Arts tour in 2011; and
- Broome Senior High School recently added a $10 million multi-purpose art facility to its campus, enhancing opportunities in performing arts, music and media studies.

\textbf{“People in the Kimberley do good things such as camping, fishing, eating bush food and stay really happy”}

13 year old female, primary school student, Looma.

Response to survey question: What are the good things about living in the West Kimberley as a young person?.
The landscape is changing in the region and there are more opportunities for young people to be involved in their communities and have a voice. This is demonstrated by a young Broome representative attending the 2010 Indigenous Youth Parliament, held in Canberra, who spoke alongside other Indigenous youth from around the country.

In recent years there have also been representatives from the region in the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Program.

Now in its tenth year, the Kimberley Girl program empowers young Indigenous women by building leadership skills and creating strong community role models, through mentoring, professional development and modelling training.

These achievements are coupled with a lifestyle and connection to culture that young people of the region rated as integral to their wellbeing. As identified in the surveys, sports and outdoor recreation are a leading past time, and represent a strength to young people through connections to family, community, health and fitness, culture and heritage.

These are important factors in the wellbeing and long term outcomes for young people, and can be further built upon to engage and empower young people. These assets are highlighted throughout the Strategy.

“The diverse culture and education opportunities we are presented with throughout the Kimberley are ones that I feel are very valuable and had helped me in becoming the best person I can possibly be.

I believe that nowhere else in Australia can we see such a unique range of culture and environment, and I am very grateful for that”

14 year old female, high school student, Broome.

Response to survey question: What are the good things about living in the West Kimberley as a young person?
Methodology and Consultation Approach

Consultation was sought through the completion of surveys, conducted between October 2013 and June 2014. The surveys were delivered using SurveyMonkey®, online survey software that allows customised surveys to be created and delivered via the internet. Paper copies were also distributed and the responses were then manually entered into SurveyMonkey®.

These surveys were conducted predominantly in schools throughout the West Kimberley, as well as the Broome Airport and shopping centres, and distributed through youth networking organisations via email and in person. All surveys were treated confidentially, and participants were given the option of remaining anonymous.

The Youth Survey comprised of 31 questions capturing the following information:

- Demographic data;
- Community participation;
- Lifestyle factors;
- Issues facing young people;
- Access to services and support; and
- Improvements for young people.

The Service Providers and Community Members Survey was developed with 13 questions, collecting the following key information:

- Demographic data;
- Issues facing young people;
- Identification of key service providers;
- Strengths and weaknesses of service provision; and
- Improvements for service provision.

371 surveys were completed with 216 collected from young people, and 155 collected from Service Providers and community members.

For quantitative questions, graphical summary data is presented.

Qualitative data from the open-ended questions was analysed by breaking down statements into their smallest meaningful parts and forming categories from these statements. This data is represented as the sum of the feedback from all the respondents.

Where feedback from individual communities was significantly predominant in specific themes, these were taken into consideration to reflect the perceptions of that community e.g. Looma respondents requested the provision of Telstra.

These consultations aimed to identify young people’s perceptions and needs, and the priorities for supporting and engaging young people in the region. The qualitative and quantitative data collected during these consultations, in conjunction with the literature research, was used to inform the recommendations outlined in the Strategy.
Limitations

At times the survey responses lacked depth and a number of the answers for qualitative questions were low. One possible reason for this was the low levels of literacy amongst some of the youth respondents. The information resulting from several questions therefore lacked statistical significance. For example, question 12 which asked respondents to outline their involvement in committees, planning groups or volunteering groups had low response rates, and in question 19, many respondents needed clarification regarding the terminology.

There were some limitations with interpreting the surveys due to the bias in community representations for the region. This occurred due to a low response rate from several areas including Fitzroy Crossing, Fitzroy Valley, Dampier Peninsula and some isolated remote communities. To address these issues, future recommendations may be necessary as new information is collected from under-represented communities.

The West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference Working Party acknowledges that some of the questions may have been too personal for some respondents, and therefore could have affected the responses given. This is a possible explanation for results that are inconsistent with existing data. e.g. housing data.

Summary of Findings

Demographic Data

The demographic questions from the young people’s survey responses revealed:

- Almost one third of respondents were 14 years of age;
- Over 60% of respondents were female;
- Approximately half the respondents were of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin;
- Over two thirds of respondents were high school students;
- Almost half the respondents live in Derby, Dampier Peninsula, Bidyadanga and Looma;
- All respondents speak English at home; and
- Almost a quarter of respondents live in a household of 4 residents.

The demographic questions from the survey responses for youth Service Providers and community members revealed:

- Almost half the respondents were between 36-45 years of age;
- Over 70% of respondents were female;
- Over 30% of respondents were of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin; and
- Over half the respondents live in Broome.
This information emphasises the importance of strategies for increased youth participation in service planning due to their under-representation in the workforce.
This information emphasises the importance of delivering culturally appropriate services due to the under-representation of ATSI people in the workforce.
This information is inconsistent with data regarding overcrowding issues in households throughout the region.
Social, Sporting and Volunteering

The survey results showed that young people in the West Kimberley are actively involved in sporting and social clubs, but are not engaging in other committees or volunteer groups.

- Almost two thirds of youth respondents were involved in sporting, social or cultural clubs (65.36%);
- Almost one third of youth respondents were involved in committees, planning groups or volunteer groups (32.65%); and
- The majority of these clubs were sporting, with football being the highest ranking, followed by basketball and netball. Other sporting and social club involvement included cricket, dance and volleyball.

Figure 6: Youth respondents involved in committees, planning groups or volunteering

To further increase youth participation in committees, planning groups and volunteering in the region, more comprehensive research needs to be undertaken, as the response rate for this question was too low to extract meaning.

Figure 7: Youth respondents involved in sporting, social and cultural clubs

This information highlights that many young people are involved in sporting clubs, which may be an effective arena for the youth sector to build capacity and reach the target group.
Support, Communication and Opportunities

The following survey responses from young people are listed in ranked order and revealed:

- Over half the respondents find out about work and education opportunities through internet searches (54.35%).
- Respondents predominantly rely on family and friends for support.
- The main services used and facilities accessed are:
  - schools and educational services;
  - health clinics and hospitals;
  - sports and recreational facilities;
  - shops, cafes, movies; and
  - Police
- The main barriers to accessing services are:
  - embarrassment and peer pressure;
  - distance, lack of transport;
  - lack of availability;
  - service not needed; and
  - cost.

“This sometimes there is a lack of youth-friendly staff at some services, or services don’t demonstrate an understanding of young peoples’ needs”

24 year old female, working, Derby.

Response to survey question: What stops you from accessing services that support young people?

- Respondents predominantly like to keep in touch with other people by seeing someone in person (76.62%) or phone calls (74.68%).
- The majority of respondents find out about opportunities or events happening in their community through friends, family or colleagues (82.35%).

This information highlights the importance of Service Providers utilising word of mouth for information exchange.

“Shyness and not brave enough to speak to people whom I don’t know”

14 year old female, high school student, Looma.

Response to survey question: What stops you from accessing services that support young people?

The survey responses from Service Providers and community members are listed in ranked order and revealed:

- Service Providers identified the following agencies as being Key Service Providers to Youth:
  - schools and educational institutes;
  - headspace Broome;
  - Broome Youth Support Group (Drop-In centre);
  - Burdekin Youth In Action;
  - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (KMHDS); and
  - Derby Youth Centre.

*These results are indicative of the high response rates from Service Providers in Broome.
Respondents also identified that Service Providers do well at:

- supporting and engaging youth;
- inter-agency collaboration and support;
- sporting and holiday programs;
- coordinating and providing activities for young people; and
- mental health support.

Respondents let young people know about opportunities in their community through:

- word of mouth;
- advertising (e.g. Posters);
- face-to-face;
- school/training institutions;
- social media;
- inter-agency communication; and
- Email.

Service Providers can improve service coordination and reduce duplication through:

- better communication and collaboration;
- sharing information and resources;
- building networks;
- regular meetings; and
- more clarity about Service Provider roles.

Figure 8a: Work and education opportunities
Figure 8b: Opportunities in community

This information emphasizes the importance of communicating with families and educational institutions, and using technology-based modes of communication to deliver service information to young people.
Again this information emphasises the strong ties young people in the region have with their family and friends, and the importance of Service Providers working with these support people.

This information highlights the importance of service provision utilising technology to communicate with young people, e.g. text messages and Facebook.
Young People Living in the West Kimberley

The results of the survey responses from young people, Service Providers and community members show similar perceptions in the strengths and challenges that affect young people living in the West Kimberley region.

The majority of respondents were very positive in regards to living in the West Kimberley region (85.37%). Over half the young respondents agreed that the West Kimberley region is a great place to live (51.83%), and one third strongly agreed (33.54%).

“It's a cool place to live!!!”
15 year old female, high school student, Derby.

Of a series of lifestyle factors, respondents ranked the following as most important:

- family (89.70%)

“Having a good education. Staying Strong with your family close to you.”
13 year old female, high school student, Looma;

- health (79.39%); and

“To be happy, healthy and fun.”
14 year old female, high school student, Broome

- training and education (72.73%)

“Bidyadanga is a good place to get a job and I love going to school everyday”
15 year old female, high school student, Bidyadanga.

The good things about living in the Kimberley for young people were:

- a sense of community, family, friends and the people;
- the outdoors lifestyle and nature (fishing, camping, being out bush); and
- the strong culture and heritage.

“Culture, community working together, strong family bonds, landscape, heritage/ history”
21 year old female, University student, Perth.

“Fishing, hunting camping and playing football”
13 year old male, high school student, Fitzroy.

“Good people, beautiful place with many places to go swimming and fishing, lots of arts and culture”
25 year old female, working, Broome.

“Going fishing, hunting, keeping our culture & being close to my family (most of them live here)”
15 year old female, high school student, Bidyadanga.
The biggest issues of concern for young people living in the West Kimberley as identified by Youth respondents and Service Providers are shown in Table 1 below.

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<td>Young people roaming the streets</td>
<td>56.52</td>
<td>74.11</td>
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<td>Suicide</td>
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Young people also identified kids not going to school and crime (both 54.32%) as major issues. Service Providers also identified substance use (70.54%) and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder-FASD (69.09%) as major issues.

“When I graduate school I want to be a good role model in the community for the younger kids that are roaming the streets.”
13 year old female, high school student, Looma.

“Kids need to stop what they are doing like breaking in to houses”
13 year old male, primary school student, Looma.

“The amount of alcohol & drug use in schools”
14 year old female, high school student, Broome.

“Stop smoking and drinking”
12 year old female, primary school student, Beagle Bay.

The majority of Youth respondents did not identify as disadvantaged, marginalised or at-risk (87.42%).

The responses are inconsistent with data regarding levels of disadvantage in the region and indicates possible limitations in data collection due to low literacy levels, lack of understanding of terminology and the potential stigma associated with the given question.

The most common answers to respondents’ dreams for the future in ranked order were; to be a sports player, finish school and go to university, be happy and healthy, start a family, and get a job.

“To grow up, be happy, and have a family.”
15 year old female, high school student, Broome.

“My future is wide open.”
13 year old female, high school student, Broome.

“To be an AFL player”
13 year old male, high school student, Fitzroy.

“To graduate from uni with a degree”
19 year old female, university student, Broome.
Improvements for Young People

Common themes emerged regarding what needs to be improved for young people, and how youth services can be more useful to them. These key themes were:

1. Increase recreation and community based activities
   - More programs and activities for young people in all towns and communities including sports, after-school, Friday & Saturday nights; and
   - Increased youth participation in community activities.

   “More sports. More fun stuff. Youth centre”
   12 year old female, primary school student, Beagle Bay.

   “Opportunities to distract young people from roaming streets at night e.g. a youth group night where kids go somewhere on a Friday or Saturday night.”
   14 year old male, high school student, Derby.

   “Immediate support for kids - reduce of alcohol and drugs - more stuff in town to reduce boredom at an affordable cost e.g. sport.”
   16 year old female, high school student, Broome.

2. Reduce anti social behaviour
   - Increased support for those wanting to reduce alcohol and drug use; and
   - Young people still identify fighting and bullying as issues of concern.

   This highlights the importance of increased Service Provider support for young people dealing with issues relating to substance use, violence and bullying.

   “Cut down the drinking and smoking and start coming to school and work more often”
   14 year old female, high school student, Derby.

   “The crime and alcohol that they participate in”
   20 year old male, vocational training, Broome.

   “Be nice to each other with no grogs, no gunja and stop bullying.”
   13 year old female, primary school student, Looma.

3. Improve relationships in my community
   - Safer communities;
   - Safe places to go when in need;
   - More peer support/ mentors available; and
   - Increased mental health support.

   “The safeness of streets at night”
   13 year old female, high school student, Broome.

   “Provide role models, provide places of safety, provide coordinated services utilizing all the funding effectively.”
   36-45 year old male, service provider, Broome.
4. **More education, training and employment opportunities**
   - increased school attendance; and
   - more employment opportunities.

   **“Go to school more”**
   14 year old male, high school student, Derby.

   **“Access to services, engagement in education and training. Education around sex and alcohol”**
   22 year old male, working, Halls Creek.

   **“More opportunities for employment, activities and education.”**
   13 year old female, high school student, Broome.

5. **Increased access to local facilities, resources and services**
   - provision of more youth-focused centres and recreation facilities;
   - services extending to remote communities;
   - services being accessible after-hours; and
   - increased youth involvement and participation in service provision.

   **“I think there should be more opportunities for people living in the community, just because we are isolated doesn’t mean we should miss out on opportunities that people in the city would receive.”**
   14 year old female, high school student, Broome.

   **“Permanently based youth services in at risk communities”**
   21 year old male, looking for work, Broome.

   **“Young people need to become more involved in their community and to voice their ideas and opinions”**
   24 year old female, working, Derby.

   **“Be accessible- deliver services from Youth friendly venues at youth friendly times”**
   46-60 year old female, community member, Derby.

6. **Improve community infrastructure** (these responses were unique to the following communities)
   - provision of Telstra and a swimming pool in Looma;
   - provision of a Youth Centre/Recreation Centre in Beagle Bay; and
   - upgrading of the skate park in Broome.

   12 year old male, high school student, Looma.

   **“A new skate park”**
   14 year old male, high school student, Broome.

   **“Youth centre”**
   12 year old female, high school student, Beagle Bay.
Recommendations

The West Kimberley region is characterised by significant and unique strengths and opportunities. There are many valuable and effective services focusing on young people. We also have a diverse range of 12-25 year old youth whose achievements are remarkable and varied.

Overall recommendations have been developed as a tool to further address the priority areas listed below. A fundamental element of this work needs to be the adoption of a whole of sector commitment to partnership and collaboration.

A best practice approach which incorporates principles of shared aims and objectives for the provision of services within the Youth Sector is required. This in turn will guide the delivery of services, whilst being mindful of legislation, individual service agreements and funding body requirements. Recommendations include:

- Development of shared aims and objectives amongst the youth service sector;
- Further consultation with under-represented areas including Fitzroy Crossing, Fitzroy Valley and Gibb River Road communities;
- Capture the views of families, carers and others significant to young people who have had limited consideration within this study. The need for this is emphasised in the feedback provided by young people;
- Progress the given strategies through workshops at the 2015 West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference;
- All West Kimberley Youth Service Providers receive a copy of this report and consider the document in conjunction with their organisation’s future planning and service delivery framework; and
- Adopt varied and in-depth methods of data collection, such as focus groups, face-to-face interviews and focus-testing of surveys in various locations, when undertaking future research.

In light of the findings from consultations with young people, Service Providers and community members in the region, several priority areas emerged. These are:

- Accessible Youth Services and Facilities;
- Education, Training and Employment Opportunities;
- Health and Wellbeing;
- Service Provider Coordination and Training; and
- Youth Participation
1. Accessible Youth Services and Facilities

All towns and communities consulted across the region have identified the need for more youth focused services, programs and recreation facilities. The surveys and service mapping highlight that service providers in the main are based in Broome, with limited reach to remote communities and towns elsewhere in the West Kimberley. Availability of activities and facilities after hours, on weekends and during school holidays has also been identified as a need. Significantly, there is also a need for youth services to be delivered in a more engaging and appropriate way, utilising and prioritising input from young people in order to remain relevant to the youth population.

**Priority Area 1: Accessible Youth Services and Facilities**

**Objective:** To improve access to, and value of services and facilities for young people.

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<td>Establish governance structures to ensure ongoing sustainable programs and activities for young people in a range of locations, particularly during weekends and after hours.</td>
<td>Feedback from youth, families, carers and significant others. Feedback from service providers. Youth Coordinating Network reports.</td>
<td>Long term funding and management of cohesive, sustainable programs. Continued collaboration amongst service providers and funding sources.</td>
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<td>• Upgrade Broome skate park</td>
<td>Number and type of facilities/resources provided. Feedback from local Shires and funding sources.</td>
<td>These actions are based on the survey responses from young people, and therefore do not include all towns and communities in the region due to low response rates.</td>
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<td>Provide opportunities for young people to be involved in decision making and input into local youth services, facilities, activities and events. This is also considered in priority area 5.</td>
<td>Number and type of opportunities for input provided. Number of youth representatives attending forums and WKYS Conference. Feedback from relevant interagency networks, young people, their families, carers and significant others.</td>
<td>Capacity building approach utilising skills and talents of young people to improve service delivery. Adopt shared decision making principles in service delivery.</td>
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<td>Provide youth friendly access to a regional youth services directory, to assist in directing youth to appropriate services.</td>
<td>Number of services mapped. Feedback from YACWA and regional youth network groups. Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others.</td>
<td>Utilising existing resources through YACWA’s mobile phone app, Pl!ng. Build capacity and strategic approach to Youth Coordinating Networks.</td>
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<td>Identify innovative ways that local businesses and secondary resources contribute to youth-focused initiatives.</td>
<td>Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Feedback from community members and Service Providers.</td>
<td>Opportunities to adopt community partnerships with local businesses. Opportunities to improve on under utilised existing physical resources.</td>
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2. Education, Training and Employment Opportunities

Young people identified education, training and employment opportunities as being important factors to their long term health and wellbeing. Many young people leave the region to continue further education and training as it is not available in the West Kimberley. Education, training and employment services should engage and support young people by utilising technology based communication methods to better inform young people of opportunities in the region. Re-engagement programs targeting at-risk youth, as well as education on sexual health and substance use are also priorities.

Priority Area 2: Education, Training and Employment Opportunities

Objective: To increase education, training and employment opportunities for young people.

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<td>Advocate for provision of increased secondary and tertiary education opportunities.</td>
<td>Feedback from local education institutions and Shires. Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Data from educational institutions regarding student enrolments.</td>
<td>Opportunities for building community assets through retaining an educated youth population. Building local leaders and assisting with career pathways/mapping.</td>
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<td>Promote and provide volunteer and/or work experience opportunities for young people to develop vocational skills, increase employability and community participation.</td>
<td>Feedback from vocational training services and volunteer organisations. Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others.</td>
<td>Opportunities for long term community investment through retaining a skilled youth population.</td>
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<td>Promote education, training and employment opportunities through online/ internet based media.</td>
<td>Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Feedback and data from training and employment Service Providers.</td>
<td>Utilising youth friendly modes of communication to extend the reach of education, training and employment opportunities to young people.</td>
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<td>Further provide transition support programs to reconnect disengaged youth in all towns and communities with education, employment and training opportunities.</td>
<td>Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Feedback and data from education, training and employment service providers.</td>
<td>This action acknowledges the survey responses from young people that low school attendance is a major barrier to education for young people in the region.</td>
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3. Health and Wellbeing

Health and wellbeing are integral to the long term outcomes for young people, and incorporates issues such as at-risk behaviours related to drug and alcohol use, and social and emotional factors. Increased support around mental health, drug and alcohol issues, and community safety, is a clear need.

Priorities for young people and Service Providers are: diversionary activities, safe places to meet, and involving youth in health promotion initiatives. A successful way of engaging the youth population of the region is involvement in sport and recreation, which offers benefits to health and wellbeing, as well as providing an opportunity for young people to participate in their community in a fun and interactive way.

Priority Area 3: Health and Wellbeing

**Objective:** To improve the health and wellbeing of young people.

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<td>Identify and adopt educational programs on mental health, drug and alcohol use, violence, sexual health, and harm minimisation in existing youth activities and peer groups.</td>
<td>Number of education initiatives implemented. Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. In the long term: data from health services such as Kimberley Population Health Unit,</td>
<td>Opportunities to reach youth not already engaged in health education.</td>
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<td>Expand organised sport and recreation programs and activities for young people in remote communities, including developing partnerships with town based sporting clubs.</td>
<td>Feedback from community councils. Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Statistics from organised recreational events.</td>
<td>Opportunities to engage youth in diversionary activities, whilst promoting physical health and fostering a sense of community belonging and ownership.</td>
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<td>Promote youth in a positive way through further development of programs that engage young people, through art, music and cultural projects.</td>
<td>Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Feedback from Service Providers. Media coverage.</td>
<td>A strengths based approach to youth engagement, providing a forum for young people’s voices to be heard. Reduce stigma around issues facing youth and promote positive help seeking.</td>
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<td>Identify existing safe places/venues and facilitate access for young people.</td>
<td>Evidence reported by relevant agencies and young people. Further assessment at WKYS Conference on the provision of safe places.</td>
<td>This action is based on survey responses from young people and service providers in Derby, Broome and Fitzroy Valley.</td>
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<td>Provide accessible youth services after hours.</td>
<td>Evidence of extended services as reported by agencies and young people.</td>
<td>Opportunities to offer youth friendly services that cater to the needs of young people seeking crisis support.</td>
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4. Service Provider Coordination and Training

Increased collaboration and coordination of services between Service Providers was highlighted as a need in the training needs analysis. Specific skills training has been identified as a priority area, along with youth mentor roles to further support and engage young people. Sharing of information through building interagency networks, and providing information to young people regarding the services available are priorities.

**Priority Area 4: Service Provider coordination and training**

**Objective:** To increase Service Provider coordination and training opportunities, resulting in improved service delivery to young people.

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<td>Shared training opportunities for service providers and natural helpers working with young people around issues of mental health, drug and alcohol use and sexual health through fostering a culture of openness around these issues.</td>
<td>Future training needs analysis at WKYS Conference. Data on shared training opportunities.</td>
<td>To build the capacity of the workforce to work with young people on the given issues.</td>
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<td>Service map of youth related Service Providers in the region that is updated regularly to provide current information to the youth sector and young people.</td>
<td>Number of current Service Providers mapped Inclusion and utilisation of YACWA’s P!1ng service directory.</td>
<td>Operational aspects of maintaining, updating and promoting services.</td>
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<td>Develop local, culturally appropriate youth mentoring programs throughout the region.</td>
<td>Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others. Number of programs identified with cultural input.</td>
<td>Opportunities for young role models as support people. Engagement with Aboriginal Elders and ATSI specific services.</td>
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<td>Identify and develop a peak West Kimberley youth interagency forum to guide future coordination of service provision.</td>
<td>Number of groups in network. Feedback from WKYS Conference.</td>
<td>Opportunities to strengthen the coordination of the youth sector. Improve collaboration amongst service providers.</td>
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5. Youth Participation

Young people are a vibrant part of the community and should take a lead in decision making impacting them. Young people and Service Providers highlighted the need for more youth participation in community groups and committees. Peer leadership opportunities and youth forums empower young people and assists services to be accessible and working in a way that meets the needs of young people.

Priority Area 5: Youth Participation

Objective: To increase youth participation in community groups, youth services, and decision making to improve health and lifestyle outcomes for young people.

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<td>Work with young people to develop new community initiatives that are managed and run by young people.</td>
<td>Feedback from Service Providers, community members, young people, their families, carers and significant others. Number of initiatives implemented.</td>
<td>A strengths based approach to youth participation, providing ownership and leadership opportunities to young people.</td>
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<td>Identify and implement youth advisory councils in towns and communities across the West Kimberley.</td>
<td>Number of youth advisory councils in place. Feedback from local Shires.</td>
<td>Opportunities for young people to have a voice and take responsibility for decision making.</td>
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<td>Develop ways to attract and connect young people to community events and groups through social media.</td>
<td>Feedback from young people, their families, carers and significant others.</td>
<td>Opportunities to reach youth population through youth friendly modes of communication.</td>
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<td>Further identify community “champions” that are willing to take on peer leadership roles and be involved in planning and running youth events.</td>
<td>Number of community “champions” identified. Number of youth participants attending WKYS Conference.</td>
<td>Opportunities to utilise the skills and assets of young people in community development. Ensure recognition of youth contributors within the youth population.</td>
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Training Needs Analysis Summary

The West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference 2012 recognised the rapidly expanding youth sector within the West Kimberley. One challenge of this expansion is meeting the needs of this more diverse workforce and providing relevant training and development options in an efficient manner. As part of the conference planning process, the Conference Working Group conducted a Training Needs Analysis to determine what training the sector believed it required and how it would like this training delivered. The Training Needs Analysis was delivered as a questionnaire, using SurveyMonkey®, and 111 valid responses were collected. The aim of this process was to inform the sector and respondents of future training and professional development needs, and to facilitate its delivery in a targeted and accessible manner.

The results gave some clear lessons for future planning:

- **Supervision**: Only 11% of responses indicated that formal supervision was a method of self-care in their workplace;

- **Counselling Skills and Mental Health**: Counselling skills and mental health were identified as areas in which members of the youth sector believed they needed further training. This resonates with the high need and complexity of issues impacting on youth in the West Kimberley;

- **Specific Skills in Mental Health & Alcohol and Other Drugs**: Mental health counselling skills (e.g. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy), Mental Health First Aid, and general alcohol and other drug training were specific skills Service Providers identified as requiring more training;

- **Service Coordination**: Information about local services was identified as a main area in which more information and knowledge was required. This reflects the need for more collaborative events such as the West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference which provide opportunities for services to network and share information;

- **Further Research**: Interestingly, counselling skills and mental health were two areas identified in which Service Providers stated they did not require further training. This appears contradictory to the needs for further training identified above. This may reflect a heterogeneous sample, in which certain youth sector workers (e.g. mental health professionals) feel adequately trained in the same areas in which other workers (e.g. youth workers) feel they need further training. Future training needs analysis will require larger sample sizes and a refined design to examine this possibility; and

- **Logistics**: The training preferences reported suggest that future training would ideally take place in Broome, be face to face, and run in the months of February, March, and April. Training offered in a variety of formats (e.g. on the job training, short course, conferences) may allow service providers more access to training. Again the limitations of the survey reach should be considered when planning future training.

Future Training Needs Analysis will be conducted prior to, and during the next Conference to further examine the needs of youth sector service providers.
Looking Forward

The West Kimberley Youth Strategy has highlighted many of the strengths and challenges facing young people living in the region, and identified several gaps and opportunities for growth in the youth sector. It is anticipated that these findings will provide a basis for ongoing discussion and collaboration within the youth sector in future forums, such as the second West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference, proposed for 2015.

Evaluation of the strategy recommendations and priority area actions will be conducted through further consultations with young people, their families, carers, significant others, youth sector Service Providers and community members. This will be done to assess improvements in service delivery and coordination within the youth sector following this strategy, and for future strategic planning, and as a vital component of the Conference.

The West Kimberley Youth Strategy will require ongoing refinement and review as input from young people and the youth sector contribute to improved outcomes for youth in the region. Hence, it has been established as a working document to provide a framework from which to refer when addressing service provision for young people in the region.

The Working Party would like to acknowledge and thank the young people, Service Providers and other workers who have participated in the surveys, training needs analysis and other information gathering events. Their valuable contribution has provided considerable insight and information on which this report is based.

Feedback and comments are encouraged through email to the West Kimberley Youth Sector Conference at wkys.conference@gmail.com
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<td>Peer-led psycho-education and counselling.</td>
<td>All, but with a focus on ATSI youth</td>
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<td>Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Kimberley</td>
<td>Broome and remote communities</td>
<td>Workshops focusing on awareness of violence and alternative ways of resolving conflicts.</td>
<td>All people, schools, youth groups</td>
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<td>Support, counselling, information sharing and advocacy for families/carers of those with mental health problems.</td>
<td>All mental health carers in Broome and through the phone/online across the Kimberley</td>
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<td>Facilitates participation in sporting, recreation, cultural and community programs.</td>
<td>All young people</td>
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Phone: 08 9193 7100  
Address: 34 Blackman St, Broome. PO Box 1678, Broome, WA, 6725  
Website: www.nirrumbuk.org.au |
| Broome Youth-CARE Council                         | Broome   | The main purpose of the YouthCARE Council is to be sensitive to the needs of the schools within its geographical area, those of the staff and students, and to seek to help in meeting those needs. | Schools                                 | Email: info@youthcare.org.au  
Phone: 9376 5000 (Perth)  
Website: www.youthcare.org.au |
| Broome Youth Support Group                        | Broome   | Ready Set Go (mums & young children), Drop In (non structured program for children & youth), Life Skills Development (structured program for children & youth), Helping Young People Engage “HYPE” (afterhours night patrol for children and youth), Broome Chilling Space (after hours program for children and youth). | 0-17 year olds, Mums & Bubs            | Email: bysg@bigpond.com  
Phone: 9193 6559  
Address: 30 Dora St, Broome PO Box 2417, Broome, WA, 6725  
Open Monday 8am – 5pm Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday 8am – 7pm Friday 5:30pm-10pm |
| Broome Youth Coordinating Network                 | Broome   | An emailing network providing youth services information on training opportunities and upcoming events.                                                                                                                                                   | Young people and youth service providers | Email: bycn@live.com.au |
| Burdekin Youth in Action                          | Broome   | After school activities, holiday activities for young people, case management services for young people and families, young Mums group, holiday camping activities.                                                                                   | Young people and their families          | Email: Burdekin@wn.com.au  
Phone: 9193 6391  
Address: 33 Louis St, Broome. PO Box 2754, Broome, WA, 6725 |
| Department of Child Protection-Parent Support     | Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, West Kimberley remote communities | Work with parents of school aged children who are involved in criminal and anti-social behaviours.                                                                                                                                                       | Young people and their families          | Broome  
Email: Amber.Fabry@cpfs.wa.gov.au  
Phone: 9193 8400  
Address: 19 Coghlan St, Broome. Po Box 176 Broome, 6725  
Derby  
Phone: 9193 3700  
Address: Post Mail Bag 951, 17 Nevill St, Derby 6728  
Fitzroy Crossing  
Phone: 9163 9800  
Address: PO Box 36. Cr Fallon Rd & Flynn Dve, Fitzroy Crossing 6765  
Website: www.dcp.wa.gov.au  
Open 8.30-4.30 Mon - Fri |
| Department of Corrective Services - Community Youth Justice | Broome Derby Fitzroy Crossing | Management of young people on community orders, a youth family support service, bail service, short-stay accommodation for young people on diversion options, program provision. | Young people at risk of offending and those who commit offences | **Broome**  
Phone: 9158 3888  
Address: Cr Frederick & Weld St, Broome  
**Derby**  
Phone: 9193 1207  
Address: 16-22 Loch St, Derby  
**Fitzroy**  
Phone: 9191 5969  
Address: Tarunda Shopping Centre, 21 Forest Rd, Fitzroy Crossing  
Website: www.correctiveservices.wa.gov.au |
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| Derby Youth Advisory Council | Derby | Volunteers aged between 12 - 25 who keep the town council informed about important issues facing youth, promote a positive image of young people, support events, hold forums that relate to youth issues. | All young people | **Email**: cdo@sdwk.wa.gov.au  
**Phone**: 9191 0999  
**Address**: The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley, PO Box 94, Derby, WA, 6728.  
**Website**: www.sdwk.wa.gov.au |
| Djarindjin Youth Drop-in Centre | Djarindjin | Offers after-school activities, pinball machine, foosball, cartoons, sports equipment. | All young people and their families | **Email**: simonenosa@hotmail.com  
**Phone**: 0439 468 967  
Open every day after school |
| Feed the Little Children | Broome | Provide emergency food service 365 days a year, direct to children in need. | Anyone under 18 years old | **Email**: admin@feedthelittlechildren.org.au  
**Phone**: 0410 447 900  
**Address**: Lotteries House, Lot 642, Cable Bch Rd East, Broome PO Box 746, Broome, WA, 6725  
**Website**: www.feedthelittlechildren.org.au |
| Foundation Housing | Broome Derby | Provide transitional accommodation with a focus on developing the life skills, education, and training of young people. | Young people | **Email**: admin@foundationhousing.org.au  
**Phone**: 9193 7641  
**Address**: 34 Frederick St, Broome. **Website**: www.foundationhousing.org.au |
| Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan | All West Kimberley towns and remote communities | Offer a range of inter school competitions such as basketball, football, cricket, softball, training in sport for community members, Leadership Camp for young men and women. | All young people | **Broome**  
Email: dann@garnduwa.com.au  
Phone: 9195 5752  
Address: Unit 2, 23 Coghlan St, PO Box 1321, Broome WA, 6725  
**Derby**  
Email: Sonny.Ozies@garnduwa.com.au  
Phone: 9193 2188  
Address: Derby Recreation Centre, Ashley St, PO Box 1062, Derby WA, 6728  
**Fitzroy**  
Email: chaz.garnett@garnduwa.com.au  
Phone: 9191 5358  
Address: Lot 101 Fallon Rd, Fitzroy Crossing, PO Box 49, Fitzroy Crossing, WA, 6765  
Website: www.garnduwa.com.au  
Open 9am- 3pm Mon- Fri |
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<td>Counselling, Doctor’s clinics, Sexual Health Clinics</td>
<td>Young people aged 12-25 years old</td>
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<td>Provides specific support for Indigenous young males in need of long term accommodation and care.</td>
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<td>Jalgygurr-Guwan Multifunctional</td>
<td>Broome</td>
<td>Provides early childhood services (child care) to the indigenous community in Broome.</td>
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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:admin@jalgygurr.org.au">admin@jalgygurr.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Jubudah Programs- Kids, Youth and</td>
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<td>Programs based on understanding feelings, grief, relationships, addictions and promotes respectful behaviour and self-esteem.</td>
<td>People of all cultures and ages</td>
<td>Email: <a href="mailto:pctrans@bigpond.com">pctrans@bigpond.com</a></td>
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<td>Kimberley ApprentiCentre</td>
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<td>Manages the apprenticeship and traineeship system in the region.</td>
<td>All job and training seekers 15 years or older</td>
<td>Email: <a href="mailto:apprenticentre@dtwd.wa.gov.au">apprenticentre@dtwd.wa.gov.au</a></td>
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<td>Free community based confidential assessment, treatment planning and intervention for young people and their families regarding mental health disorders including emotional, behavioural and social difficulties.</td>
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| **Life Without Barriers** | **Broome** | Provides family support and out-of-home care, youth justice, mental health, homelessness. | All people | Email: grant.roberts@lwb.org.au  
Phone: 9194 5400  
Address: Unit 1 & 2, 22 Coghlan St, Broome, PO Box 51, Broome WA 6725  
Website: [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au) |
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| **MADALAH & Nyaarla Projects** | **Broome**  
**Derby**  
**Fitzroy Crossing** | Supported accommodation program to provide support to learn life skills and work related skills to maintain traineeships, apprenticeships and employment. | 16 to 28 year old Aboriginal and Torres Islanders in traineeships, apprenticeships and at the start of employment | Email: jhall@nyaarla.com.au  
Phone: 9192 6743  
Address: 154 Frederick St, Broome PO Box 3422, Broome, WA, 6725  
Office hours: 8am – 2pm weekdays  
Accommodation - 24 hrs day 7 days week  
Staff in attendance  4pm to 9am daily |
| **Save the Children** | **Broome** | Provides early childhood education programs, child protection, family support and youth development programs in the West Kimberley Region. | Young people aged 12-18 who are at-risk | Email: lesley.czulowski@savethechildren.org.au  
Phone: 9192 8715  
Address: Red Cross Offices, 2/38 Frederick St, Broome, WA, 6725  
Website: [www.savethechildren.org.au](http://www.savethechildren.org.au) |
| **Strong Families Kimberley** | **Broome & West Kimberley** | Interagency coordination and collaboration of services to provide family support. | West Kimberley families in need of agency support | Email: Kathryn.Dowling@cpfs.wa.gov.au  
Phone: 9192 5466  
Website: [www.strongfamilies.wa.gov.au](http://www.strongfamilies.wa.gov.au) |
| **West Kimberley School Business Community Partnership Broker, Wunan Foundation** | **Broome**  
**Derby** | This project is designed to foster a whole-of-community approach to improving education and transition outcomes for all young people. | All young people in the West Kimberley region | Email: wendy.kelly@wunan.org.au  
Phone: 0400 494 776  
Address: PO Box 8476, Broome, WA, 6725  
Website: [www.wunan.org.au](http://www.wunan.org.au) |
| **Workforce Development Centre- Kimberley Employment Services** | **Broome & West Kimberley** | Career advice/Guidance, Education and Training Options, Job Seeking Tips, School Based Activities and Workshops. | Year 10 – 12, School leavers, anyone who is work ready or need assistance to get ready for employment or training | Email: nathalie.ishiguchi@kimberleyemploymentservices.com.au  
Phone: 9192 6466  
Address: Kimberley Regional Offices, 2 Weld St, Broome PO Box 1311, Broome, WA, 6725  
Open 8am – 4:30pm Mon - Fri |
| **Youth Connections, Skill Hire** | **Broome**  
**Bidyadanga** | Education, training and employment transitional support for at-risk and disengaged youth. | Disengaged and at-risk youth aged 13–19 years old | Email: rachelb@skillhire.com.au  
Phone: 0457 571 663  
Address: 23 Robinson St, Broome PO Box 1637, Broome WA 6725  
Open 8am -5pm Mon - Fri |