

## Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs

### **ZONES - Day Activities Program**

Zones is a day activity program which provides learning and developmental opportunities for young people aged 12 - 21 years. Four program components including life skills, vocation, employment and recreation are provided for young people linked with local Drug Treatment, Health and Youth Services.

*Funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS)*

### **YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Youth Outreach Program aims to facilitate access into alcohol and other drug treatment services for young people aged 16-25. The program is based in Geelong and provides assessment and appropriate referrals for young people with identified alcohol and other drug issues.

*Funded by St John of God Health Care*

### **COMPLEX CARE**

The Complex Care program assists young people in the community who are experiencing a range of problems associated with alcohol & other drug use. Mental health issues and those with an acquired brain injury are a prime focus for assistance.

*Funded by St John of God Healthcare*

### **BARWON SOUTH WEST YOUTH ALLIANCE (BSWYA)**

The BSWYA is a collaborative service response amongst ten agencies within the Barwon Region for young people aged 12 - 21 affected by problematic drug use. A community development approach is coordinated by staff at Barwon Youth who assist in the regional policy development of drug and alcohol, health and educational responses amongst service providers.

*Funded by Drug Treatment Service DHS*

## Co-located Programs

### **BARWON HEALTH/JIGSAW DUAL DIAGNOSIS & MENTAL ILLNESS FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH SUPPORT**

As part of the Homelessness 2020 Strategy, Barwon Health and the Mental Illness Fellowship have co-located workers within the Homelessness Services Program at Barwon Youth. Assistance is provided to clients within the housing programs to enhance access to mental health and drug and alcohol services within the region. Both of these programs complement the work of Homelessness Services, and provide the agency with significant capacity building linkages across the service spectrum.

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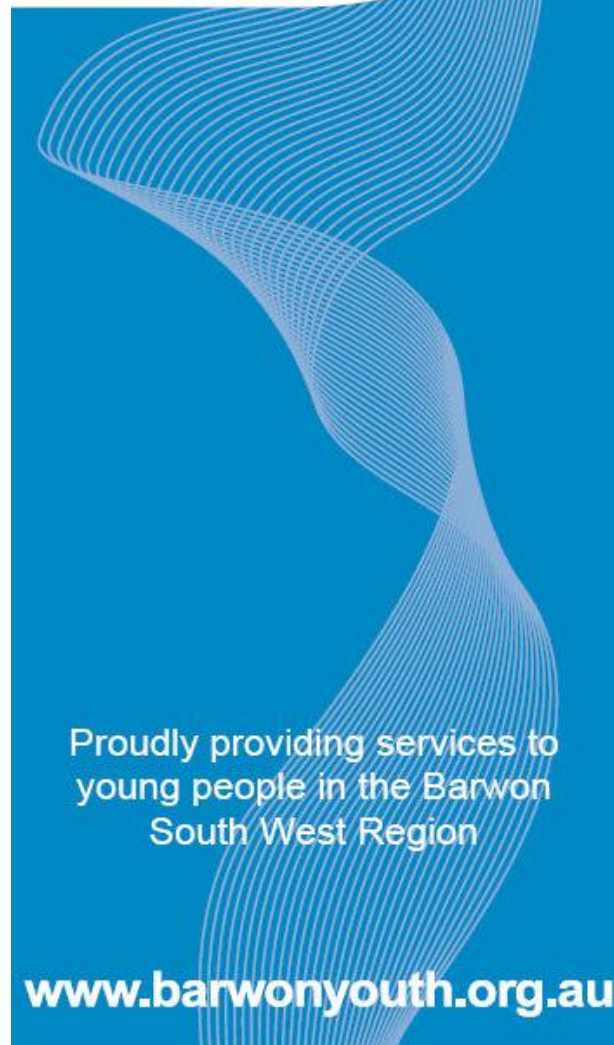


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Barwon Youth is:

- An accredited community organisation under the Quality Improvement Council Ltd (QIC)
- A Registered Housing Provider Vic Housing Registrar

## Youth Support

### **YOUTH JUSTICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE (CSS)**

The CSS Program provides intensive case management and support to young people on Youth Justice Orders who are assessed as experiencing a range of high level needs. The program has a particular focus on assistance with vocational, educational, drug and alcohol issues, housing and connectedness to family and the community. The program supports young people both in the community and those transitioning from custody.

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### **YOUTH JUSTICE GROUP CONFERENCING**

Youth Justice Group Conferencing is a program based on restorative justice principles. It provides a problem-solving approach to offending that aims to balance the needs of young people, victims and the community. It encourages dialogue between individuals who have offended, their victims and police.

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### **LOCAL SUPPORT PROGRAM (LSP)**

The Local Support Program (LSP) provides support to young people aged 12 – 25 years disadvantaged by their socio-economic circumstances. The program provides an immediate intake response, identification/assessment of needs, referral, advocacy, information, interim support and access to group work. The LSP also plays a primary role in a number of community development initiatives.

*Funded by Dept for Planning & Community Development (DPCD)*

### **BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS (BBBS)**

The BBBS program matches young people who may benefit from additional friendship and support with positive adult volunteers from the community. Young people are aged 12-18 years, from across the Geelong region and may be disengaged from education or training.

*Funded by Dept for Planning & Community Development (DPCD) and United Way*

## Homelessness Services

### **YOUTH ENTRY POINT (YEP)**

#### **Barwon Housing and Homelessness Support Service**

Barwon Youth is responsible for the provision of the *Barwon Housing & Homeless Support Service "Opening Doors" Youth Entry Point*, for homeless young people and those at risk of homelessness in Geelong & Colac. Services include initial assessment & planning, housing information & referral, housing establishment fund, access to support, crisis accommodation and Transitional Housing, assessment and assistance to access public housing and Bond Loan Scheme. Homelessness Services has a long-standing service collaboration with *Time for Youth*, which provides a worker one day per week at the Youth Entry Point.

**All enquiries to the Youth Entry Point can directly be made by telephoning 1800 825 955**

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### **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING MANAGEMENT (THM)**

THM provides housing for young people aged 15-25 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and low income earners unable to maintain accommodation in the private rental market. The THM Program manages *Office of Housing* owned properties across the Barwon-South Western Region, and works with a number of community service agencies that provide support to young people.

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### **ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (ASP)**

ASP provides a range of supports and creates connections for disadvantaged young people (15-25) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Support services include crisis accommodation and transitional housing; individual support is provided for young people in, or seeking, other accommodation options including private rental. There is a strong focus upon creating meaningful connections to assist young people in their transition to independence, including those exiting institutions or statutory care.

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### **LEAVING CARE**

The Leaving Care program focuses upon engaging with young people in the development of future plans to assist with their transition from the state care environment to independent living. The program funds Post Care Support and administers brokerage funds across the Barwon South-West region to assist young people with their transition to independence.

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## Education Training & Employment

### **FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Barwon Youth delivers the Certificate of General Education for Adults to young people aged 15 to 21 years who are no longer in school and have not completed year 10. The young person can expect to have an individually managed pathway plan, work in small group learning situations, be provided with a case worker and be in a safe, respectful and inclusive environment. The program provides a range of flexible learning opportunities to assist the young person to develop the skills and knowledge required to reach their individual goals.

*Funded by Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) and Skills Victoria*

### **YOUTH CONNECTIONS**

Youth Connections provides an individual case manager to assist young people in overcoming their barriers to education, training and employment. The program utilises an existing range of programs across Barwon Youth and the Geelong Region to assist young people to re-engage. Youth Connections identify and work with young people who are disengaging or severely disengaged through a range of the following strategies:

- Liaising with schools/welfare staff to identify and support young people becoming disengaged or exiting school
- Community Development role in proactive approaches to ensure young people's access to the Youth Connections service, including liaising with and providing information to Centrelink, and other relevant services organisations..
- Assertive outreach initiatives such as the Streetsurfer Youth Bus and provision of venues that provide support and positive activities for young people.

*Funded by Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)*

### **STREET SURFER BUS**

The Street Surfer Bus is a community outreach mobile venue that provides early intervention to young people (aged 15-21 years) potentially at risk in their own environment, by creating a safe space for information, recreation, counselling, referral and or linkage to other services.

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