



MacKillop Youth Services

MacKillop Youth Services provides an integrated range of services for young people that includes emergency, short-term and long-term residential accommodation, case management, and lead tenant services. Throughout the year, the service has met the many challenges posed by the high needs and high risk adolescents who come into its service. The options for these young people include:

- Two **Family Group Homes** that each meet the needs of up to four long term clients with challenging behaviour;
- Three **1:2 Units** that meet the needs of two high needs/high risk clients;
- **Adolescent Specialised Home Based Care** for 10 young people aged 10 – 18 years;
- **1:1 Home Based Care** – for 2 high risk adolescents;
- Two **Lead Tenant Units** for 3 young people preparing to move into independent living;
- **Reconnect Program** providing case management for 16 clients.

Program Manager:
Ruth Dorman

Staff:
28 staff including a team leader, four case workers, residential supervisor, permanent/part-time residential workers, casual residential workers and lead tenants.

Volunteers:

12 carers

Expenditure budget:

\$2,120,303

Highlights

During 2000/01, MacKillop Youth Services:

- Cared for a total of 47 high needs young people through its residential and lead tenant services, including 22 in long term care; 17 in short term/transitional care, 7 emergency and 1 reception;
- Received a 50th Anniversary Grant of \$100,000 from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust for the purchase of a residential unit for high needs adolescents.
- Supported by the Geelong Region Training Group who provided a one-year youth worker traineeship;
- Received funding from the Geelong Foundation to run A Homework Centre for Young People in Care;
- Redeveloped its rostered residential services to better care for high needs adolescents in residential care;
- Formally launched the Reconnect Program in February 2001;
- Took over the management of a property in the Anglesea area to be used as a contingency unit.