

FACT SHEET

A street-based outreach program assisting homeless and at risk young people 15-25 years old in the Perth inner city area

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What is Street Connect?

Street Connect is a youth friendly outreach service which assists homeless and “at risk” young people aged 15-25 in the Perth inner city area in making positive life changes. Two qualified youth workers utilise a mobile youth resource centre (the bus) to engage street present young people, aiming to develop solid relationships and offer support and information to “at risk” young people.

The bus is a safe space for all youth and is stocked with various pamphlets, a mobile phone to call services with, sandwiches and water as well as blankets, sleeping bags, hygiene packs, pregnancy tests, condoms and a first aid kit.

There is also a free Wi-Fi hotspot, phone chargers and an iPad, tablet and laptop available for young people to access.

What does Street Connect do?

We provide:

- **Information** - on a range of issues such as accommodation, physical and mental health, sexual health, drugs, low cost food and more
- **Support** - for both emotional and practical issues like Emergency Relief appointments, recreation or just a chat
- **Referrals** - to other agencies, we can support you through the whole process
- **Advocacy** - can speak and act on your behalf to help you find information and have your say
- **Crisis intervention** - you are not coping well and need help now!
- **Follow-up support** - we can call or check in to see that you are doing okay or maybe in need of further support
- **Case management** - ongoing one on one support with your youth worker to achieve your goals

Specialist services that visit the bus

A number of services visit the bus on a weekly basis and provide access to counselling, information, drug and alcohol, mental health and financial support, such as:

- Drug and Alcohol Youth Service (DAYS)
- Centrelink
- Youthlink
- Street Law
- Recreational activities (Rec) - sign up is necessary
- Emergency Relief

Call the bus to find out when these services are available: **0418 942 475**



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What about Recreational activities?

Street Connect offers regular recreational activities with small groups of young people in order to introduce them to positive experiences in a safe setting. The recs will focus on engaging young people in activities based around Perth or taking the bus out to alternative places and events.

The rec is free and usually takes place Thursday afternoons.

If you want to attend you need to contact the street mobile and sign up with the youth workers!

Where is the bus?

We are somewhere in the inner city. The bus can at present be found on the corner of William Street and Hay Street (out the front of Wesley Church) operating from Monday to Friday.

Please call or text our Street Connect mobile phone 0418 942 475 for our whereabouts as we could be out doing outreach or attending to a crisis situation.

Opening hours as of January 2015:

Office hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

On the street: Monday - Friday 11am to 3-4pm

Our office is located in East Perth, 23 Adelaide Terrace (closest Red Cat bus stop is Queen's Gardens).

Contact:

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