



NSW Police Force

Police Conference 2018 Youth: Youth Justice – Demands on Policing

NSW Police Force - Commissioners' RISEUP Strategy

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RISEUP



SCOPE - Youth Environment

Youth Homelessness:-

- ▶ 16,400 accessing support from specialist homelessness – 4,600 being children in families.
- ▶ Young women and children, and young people presenting alone, are the highest users of homelessness services.

Youth in Care – in NSW for the period 2014-15

- ▶ 59,092 children receiving child protection services (all forms).
- ▶ 15,022 children subject of sustained notifications.
- ▶ 18,496 children on Care & Protection.
- ▶ 16,843 children in 'out of home' care.



Unemployment:

- ▶ Teenagers and youth unemployment is significantly higher than average unemployment.
- ▶ Education is no longer a transition into the workforce for young people, as entry level jobs disappears and the employment market undergoes significant changes.
- ▶ The number of graduates securing full time work 4 months after graduating has fallen from 83.6% in 2000 to 68.1% in 2014.

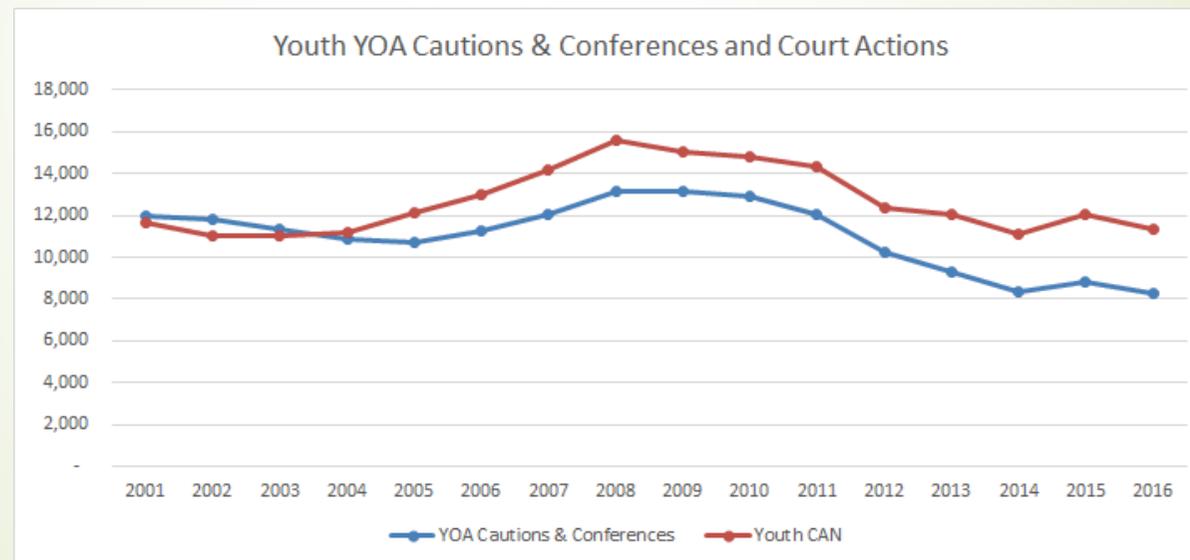
Youth Crime & the Justice System (on an average day in 2015-16)

- ▶ 1,494 young people (10-17 yrs) in NSW who were under Youth Justice supervision.
- ▶ 1,202 were the subject of Community-based supervision and 299 were in detention.
- ▶ Indigenous young people constitute 5% of the states youth population (10-17 years), but made up 47% under Youth Justice supervision. (National Ave – 48%).

Source: Data provided by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Bulletin 139 March 2007

Youth Crime

- In NSW 2008-2016, there has been a steady decrease in young offenders and youth subject to procedure under the Young Offenders Act, 1997.
- Young offenders (aged 10-17 yrs) for 2016 dealt with by way of CAN totalled – 11,366.



Source:- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Bulletin 139 March 2007

Impact of the Youth Justice Conference on re-offending

- ▶ NSWJP review – Cohort 7183 young offenders (650 or 9% ATSI) who had their first known Caution, Conference or Court Attendance Notice (CAN) in 2004 and followed them into adulthood.
- ▶ Measuring legal action type, subsequent legal action type (adult) and Indigenous status.
- ▶ Findings:-
 - ▶ 51% of young offenders did not offend into adulthood.
 - ▶ 49% of young offenders continued to offend into adulthood. Those who were dealt with by both charge and diversion programs (conference and cautions) prior to 18 yrs, on an average are charged more subsequently, than those who were only dealt with via CAN or only diversions.
 - ▶ Of the 650 (9%) ATSI identified, 441 (68%) of ATSI youth went on to offend as adults.
 - ▶ Need for NSWJP to develop a strategy to change this trend.



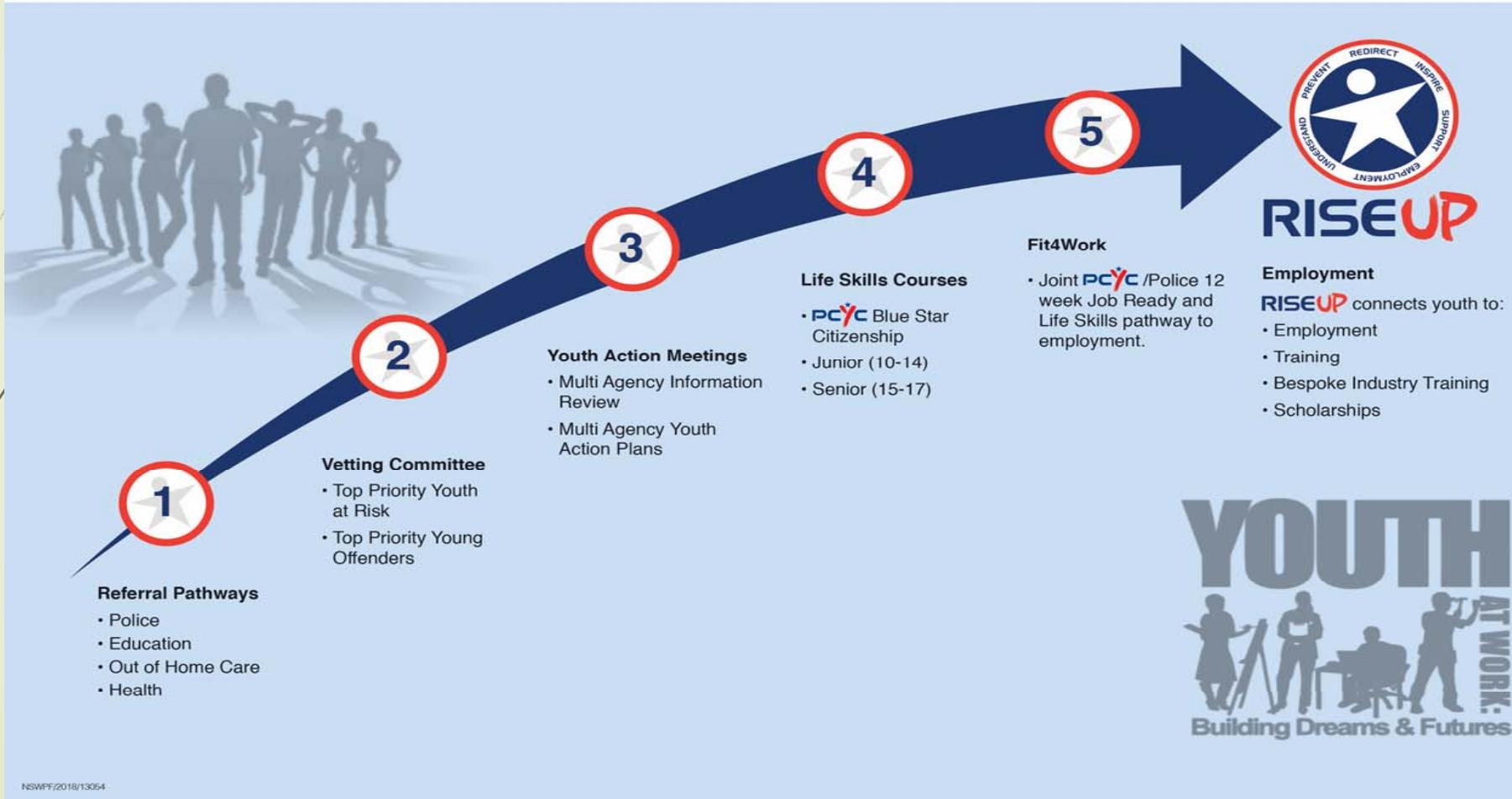
Where to for NSW Police?

- ▶ NSW Police Commissioner Fuller APM - Appointment of an Assistant Commissioner to head up the policing response to youth within NSW.
- ▶ Establishment of the *Youth Crime Prevention & Early Intervention Board*
 - ▶ TOR's:
 - ▶ Government Agencies to work together to establish strategies to provide a coordinated response to youth at risk of becoming entrenched in the criminal justice system.
 - ▶ Link Gov't Agency data bases more effectively.
- ▶ More effective use of NSW Police capability - 270 Police across NSW dedicated to working with youth or on youth program. 63 PCYCs.
- ▶ NSW Police Commissioner – RISEUP strategy.



NSW Police Commissioner's RISEUP Strategy

Redirect – Inspire – Support – Employment – Understand – Prevent





Thank you.