



# Report from Young Melksham

November 2016

Young Melksham have now been based at The Canberra Centre for 12 months and have seen huge growth of our clubs during that time.

In November last year we ran one club night on a Tuesday for secondary school aged young people. We are now running clubs four nights a week as follows:

- Tuesday evening, 6-8pm, years 5 & 6;
- Wednesday evenings 6.30-9pm, years 7 & 8;
- Thursday evening 6.30-9pm, years 9, 10 and 11;
- Friday evenings 7-9.30pm, years 7 to 11.

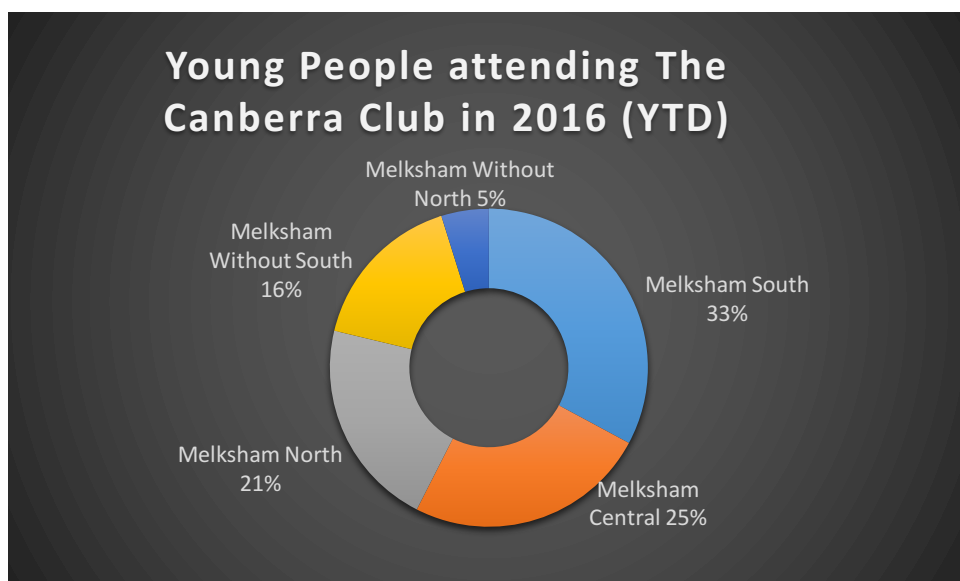
We are now regularly welcoming over 150 different young people through our doors each week to the four clubs as well as continuing the important counselling service on a Tuesday evening.

Some specific activities that we have recently undertaken have included: No Worries Sexual Health Advice, Motiv8 drug and alcohol prevention advice, Army Careers and a presentation of the Chelsea's Choice theatre show about child sexual exploitation.

The Charity are planning on opening a new club on a Monday evening starting in February 2017 which will focus on SEND Young People, working with those aged between 13 and 25. More details to follow.

One area that has not seen as much up-take as we would have liked is the minibus offering transport from the villages and Bowerhill estate into Canberra for club nights. We are looking at how to relaunch this as a dial-a-ride service

We attract young people from across most of the Community Area as demonstrated in the graph below.



The opening of the new Tuesday night club for Years 5 and 6 has also increased the age range of the young people we are working with as demonstrated below:

| <b>Age</b> | <b>Male</b> | <b>Female</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 9          | 1           | 5             | 6            |
| 10         | 29          | 17            | 46           |
| 11         | 22          | 21            | 43           |
| 12         | 17          | 9             | 26           |
| 13         | 24          | 25            | 49           |
| 14         | 18          | 15            | 33           |
| 15         | 8           | 4             | 12           |
| 16         | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| 17         | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| 18         | 0           | 0             | 0            |

We are currently in the final stages of organising this year's Melksham Young People's Awards. The awards evening will be taking place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at The Assembly Hall and are delighted that this year the awards evening will be presented by the amazing Ministry of Science theatre show (<http://www.ministryofscience.org/>).

We recently ran an Emergency First Aid at Work training course at Canberra for our Youth Work Team and were delighted to be able to accommodate a number of representatives from other community groups who were able to access the training for a heavily discounted cost. We were pleased to be able to offer this benefit to the community and will look to repeat this when we arrange any future training.

We are, as ever, grateful for the continued support from various organisations across the community including:

Melksham Without Parish Council  
Melksham Town Council  
Melksham Rotary Club  
Melksham Local Youth Network  
Herman Miller  
The Co-operative Stores