

Submission

No 60

INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 9-14 YEARS IN NSW

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Dear Ms Tebbutt,

Please find attached my submission for the needs of children aged 9 -
14.

Thank you for your consideration. Your feedback would be greatly
appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Ms Kaliopi Andrew

INTERNET
GAMES
JOB SEARCH

DANCE FLOOR
HIP HOP, LATIN DANCING
SINGING
TALKS

'Tween' years overlooked

THE vital 'tween' years, which preface the vital young children and adolescents for the challenges of adolescence, will be the subject of a parliamentary inquiry.

The NSW Parliamentary Committee on Children and Young People is seeking submissions from parents and interested organisations on the needs of children aged 9 to 14.

Committee chair Carmel Tebbutt MP said there was excellent research being conducted

... on young children and adolescents yet the 9 to 14 years age group was overlooked.

Factors such as work, media, laws, sport, ethnic disadvantage and gender will be considered.

Ms Tebbutt said the committee was looking forward to working closely with the NSW Commission for Children and Young People, Sydney's 13th place of NSW's endowments will assist in this.

KIDS ROOM
DIFFERENT ROOMS SO
KIDS CAN PLAY

ADULTS ROOM
MASSAGE

TIME OUT
RELAXATION

ADULTS
MASSAGE

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MY PROPOSAL IS A FACILITY TO CATER FOR CHILDREN 9-14 yrs (as well as other ages)

Aim - For children to realize their potential whilst having fun.

Keep them out of trouble by putting their time and energy into something they enjoy.

Funding - Banks, government, NAB. (and myself when my business lifts off.)

• Upon entry of facility the children put 50¢ (if able) into the jar, then they write down where they would like to go (Jambaroo recreation park). Every 6 months take the children on a outing.

The input of 50¢ will show that if they invest in something they will have a outcome that can be enjoyed.

• I was told at a young age by my mother, find something you enjoy doing and make a career out of it.

* CAREER ADVISORS

Talks to children whom the children can relate to, and will listen to.

Whether it be a everyday job, Bikers (children tend to listen to them) all ranges of the spectrum, to broaden their mind and to start them thinking of what their possibilities could be. eg (pilot whatever the case may be)

• Self worth classes - realization that we can be what we want to be - what to hold onto and what not to hold onto.

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● Music Room-

I feel this is very important. Older children can teach younger children how to play, (children tend to listen & learn off each other). I'm sure some bands would only be too happy to come & play to inspire. I'm sure @ Angry Anderson would assist in ~~the~~ rounding up some bands.

● Talks that make an impact from all walks, whether it's night or day people.

Workers need to suit the needs of the individual with communication lines open.

Kids are there to have fun and be happy.

● Children can go for bike rides, I'm sure that should be a problem.

● Children find it uneasy to approach the problem of learning to read, again older kids can teach young kids when the need arises without a big song and dance made of his/her inability.

The older children will experience a sense of maturity and the genuine need to help one another. Their focus will change into something better.

● The freedom of choice not to push them into a particular path, but to give them the confidence not to be pushed into anything without thinking of consequence.

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- ① Skate board ramp and appropriate skate facilities (not boring ones)
I knew a friend who was a skate boarding champion sponsored by pepsi, who went far, unfortunately he shot himself in the head.
- ② Stage or floor for children whom want to learn how to sing.
- ③ Acting classes as well.
- ④ I know a young Aboriginal girl who used to teach kids hip hop. I have spoken to her, and the young girl is only too happy to be involved.
- ⑤ For the older kids help them to get their licence, if unable to afford.
- ⑥ A Baseball team with clothes freely provided. This will enhance team spirit with a sport as comm interest. Other sports can be intergrated. (cricket, tennis).
- ⑦ If children want to learn how to swim, a bus could take the children to the pools and a scheme might be available to resource this. The pool centre might be able to cater for this, even members of the public.
- ⑧ Explaining to the children that the facility is for them and the equipment is there for them within the facility, so the need of theft will hopefully be illiminated if explained correctly.

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① The councellors should not be forced upon the children.

Slow approach is essential.

I remember when I was at school and a school councellor was employed.

I recall "There is no way I am going to limit the student is pulled out of class and action is enforced being DOLS etc.

The pupil feels ~~ex~~ overwhelmed and alone. It's more frightening than a help.

② Any volunteer work might be able to be reward in this life or afterlife.

Hex or whatever their personal needs/wants are

③ I believe the intergration of the older generation with the younger generation is vital.

④ Art / craft classes for older and younger people for self expression, relaxation.

The younger kids (not all) would help an elderly across the room resulting in friendships.

⑤ Parents get time out, knowing where their children are.

⑥ Internet cafe (monitored) maybe a 2hr limit. There is a place where children can sleep over and play with wireless for more computers to be available.

If the child wants to go home. To notify parent before midnight. (lock down) Bedding available. In search network available

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• Horses with a stable - children learn how to care for the animals if they want to ride the

• Maybe a roster for the children. They put their names down and this enforces routine.

• Fruit trees. Children helping to cultivate land. This will ~~ene~~ enhance appreciation for the land.

• This might sound lame - but what child doesn't like hot chips. A potato patch. children can get the potatoes. Have a chip cutter.

• Barrells of cordial / Fruit juice.

Angry Anderson has helped a lady build a similar centre in Cronulla. A parents noticed the children had nothing to do. Mr Anderson help get funds and construction is still onway.

• Massage room \$5. what a relaxed community if the residents could get a local massage. If the government could put it on medicare every 3wks Imth a more relaxed Australia will be

• Relaxation classes / Breathing exercise / yoga and Pilates would be an advantage.

• Maybe woodwork - metal work - etc.

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The employers or volunteers to work for the community with a genuine need to care for the users of the centre.

Aim

All users can contribute and help run centre to learn responsibility, care and gratitude for each other and what is being provided.

⑥ Kids Room 3-8-

Different play rooms for their imagination jungle room, caves - pirate room - fancy dress box - put on a play (snow white).

Climbing equipment, learning blocks, puzzles and games, to help stimulate the mind.

⑤ The expose children to possibilities to enjoy their time on earth.

④ No matter which road one is on, we should be able to enjoy and do what makes one happy; shown as many options as possible without discrimination.

A centre near doonside as long as the residents home do not get interfered, interest solely within in & centre.

Another centre at Riverstone.

this is to avoid Train change over at Blackt and risk of children getting train fines.

Good or Bad, we just want to see our children have fun and grab opportunities, so they can be at their happiest.

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I ~~wish~~ am adamant that the workers be of all walks otherwise there is too much interfere causing conflict.

I have been asking people for several years now what they want/need as a community for a centre. This is what I have collaborated.

⊗ Avocado trees - we could sell & profit go to centre.

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⊗ Baseball team

ANY SPORT THE CHILDREN WANT TO EXPLORE