



TEMPORARY HOME FOR YIC YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Involvement Council's (YIC's) popular drop-in Youth Centre has a temporary new home.

The change of venue has occurred in collaboration with the Town of Port Hedland while the YIC's original premises in Lawson Street undergo renovations.

You may notice the new logo that has been developed for the new facility which will be referred to as YIC HQ – Youth Involvement Council Headquarters.

These days you can find the YIC Youth Centre operating from the JD Youth Zone's Youth Lounge on Cottier Drive, South Hedland.

The popular after school, weekend and school holiday program is open to kids aged 10-17.

Fully supervised activities have an educational base and include cooking, cleaning, numeracy/literacy games, arts, crafts, music, sports, excursions, camps and more.

YIC's Operations Manager Stacey Turale states YIC youth workers work with the kids to develop their skills and self confidence.

"Most of our staff have been here for over a year, so the youth have a really good rapport with them.

"What we are trying to do is build resilience skills in these kids that will help them outside of YIC," says Stacey.

"The kids we are mainly working with are at-risk, disengaged indigenous youth. That is our main target group.

The program and its activities are well received by the kids with the Youth Centre accommodating anywhere between 20-50 kids a week.

"The Town of Port Hedland have been really fantastic with letting us run out of the JDYZ and we are integrating the youth that we work with into their programs, so it's a really good collaborative approach from both sides," says Stacey.

A bigger more functional premises in Lawson Street has passed the planning stages and building works are expected to take up to twelve months.

PHOTOS

1. The front of the JDYZ which is a popular venue for young people to frequent;
2. YIC Operations Manager Stacey Turale oversees the programs delivered by YIC;
3. The JDYZ is run by the Town of Port Hedland and YIC is proud of the strong partnership they have;
4. The Youth Lounge has a range of resources and activities including access to computers.
5. As above;
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7. As above;
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