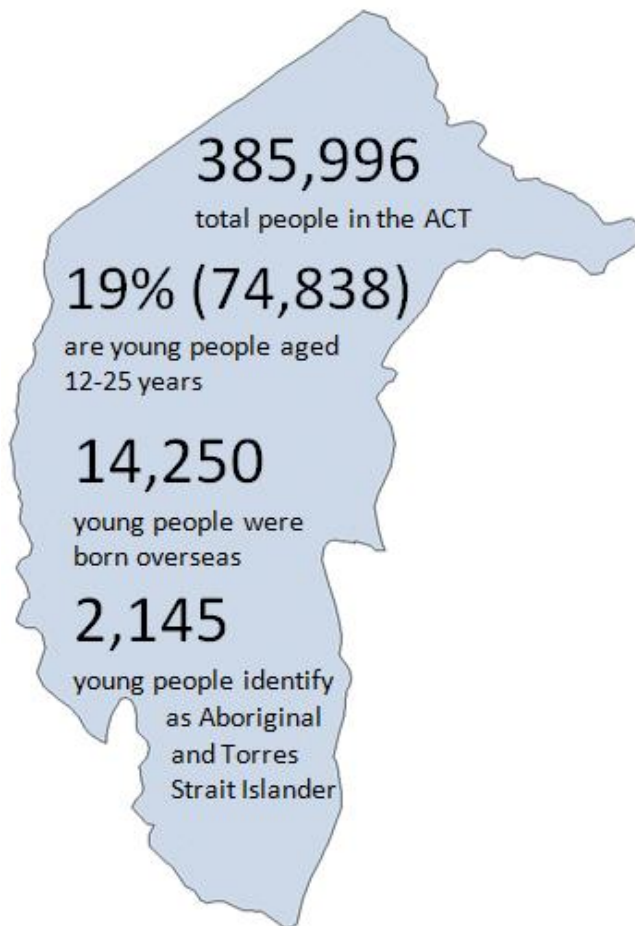


ACT Young People's Plan 2009-2014

Summary of Final Report



HEALTH, WELLBEING & SUPPORT

- Participation in sport or recreation activities by young people **increased to 90%**, significantly higher than the national average
- Proportion of secondary students who report alcohol, tobacco or illicit drug use **declined**
- Rate of offending by young people **declined**
- Number of young people under youth justice supervision **decreased by 22%**.



FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

- Number of families accessing early intervention and prevention services from the Child and Family Centres **increased**
- Volunteering rate of young people **increased** to one of the highest rates nationally
- Over **1,400 young people received homelessness services** in 2013-14 representing a quarter of all clients of ACT homelessness services.



PARTICIPATION & ACCESS

- ACT secondary school students are staying at school longer, with the Year 10 to 12 apparent retention rate **higher than the national average**
- The apparent retention rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students continuing from Year 10 to 12 **increased by 20%**
- Percentage of Year 12 graduates employed or studying six months after graduation **increased**.



TRANSITIONS & PATHWAYS

- ACT rate of transition to further education or training remains **higher than the national average**
- Number of young people supported to undertake Australian Apprenticeships **increased**
- 31 senior secondary students received Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships since 2009
- Support for young people transitioning from out of home care **expanded** with 101 young people receiving assistance in 2012-13 and 119 young people in 2013-14.



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

- **ACTSmart Schools accreditation was awarded** to 38 schools for sustainable management of energy, 58 for sustainable waste management, 58 for sustainable water management, 23 for biodiversity and schools grounds management and three for sustainability in curriculum.
- **67 schools** received advice on irrigation, plant selection and garden design, keeping chickens, composting and establishing vegetable gardens.

Future direction

The Young People's Plan will be replaced with the *ACT Children and Young People's Commitment 2015-2025*, due for release in 2015.

For more information and to read the full report go to www.communityservices.gov.au.