



CYC TRUST
Community Youth & Childrens Trust

2025 + 2026 **ANNUAL**
REPORT

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS





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WHO WE ARE

CYC Trust is committed to building strong relationships with young people and children to help them feel seen, heard, and hopeful about their future. Our goal is to create resilient individuals and a stronger local community.

We are privileged to have been operating on the Hibiscus Coast since 2006. As we move into our 20th year of being active and present in our local community, our partnerships with the local College and Primary schools, local Police, Springboard, Ministry of Social Development, and many other community organisations and businesses remain pivotal to our work with young people.

In 2025, we worked through three key services to impact the lives of hundreds of young people:

- 24-7 Youth Work in Whangaparāoa College
- Tamariki Tipu in three local Primary Schools: Whangaparaoa School, Red Beach School and Gulf Harbour School
- Youth Service, supporting young people in our community into education, employment or training, or onto the Youth Payment or Young Parents Payment



A NOTE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Adam
Trust Leader



Sarah
Operations Manager



Hannah
Team Leader - 24-7 Youth
Work & Tamariki Tipu
(2025)



Vaughan
Youth Service
Manager



Claudia
24-7 Youth Work
Team Leader



Liam
Tamariki Tipu Team
Leader

2025 has been a year of growth and deepened community connection for CYC Trust. As a leadership team, it has been an exciting year as we have worked to expand our services for children and young people. We have also been encouraged by the impact that this has had in building a sense of connectedness and belonging in daily community life. We remain grateful for the opportunity to serve the young people of the Hibiscus Coast, continuing to deliver high-quality support while expanding our reach across the community.

In 2025, we were excited to launch a new service, Tamariki Tipu, into several primary schools in our community. It has been a privilege to partner with Whangaparaoa School, Red Beach School, and Gulf Harbour School, supporting both students and staff as they nurture and invest in their tamariki. In 2026, we have been delighted to expand this programme to Stanmore Bay School, creating an incredible opportunity to now be present in four primary schools across the Hibiscus Coast, alongside our continued strong presence at Whangaparaoa College.

Alongside this, we are celebrating 20 years of CYC Trust in 2026! We are incredibly grateful to all those who came before us — those who carried the vision, established the Trust, and invested countless hours to turn that dream into a reality. It is a privilege to be part of the team celebrating this significant milestone, and we warmly invite you — our partners, supporters, and wider community — to join us throughout the year. We are proud that our mission remains deeply connected to the original heart of the Trust: building strong relationships with young people and children so they feel seen, heard, and hopeful about their future. Through this, we aim to help create resilient individuals and a stronger local community.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the various events and gatherings planned throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support and for being part of this journey with us.

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

OUR ORIGIN

Coast Youth Community Trust (CYC Trust) was established in 2006 as an independent charitable trust. There was a need identified on the Coast, for Youth Workers to be able to walk alongside young people in the community, supporting them emotionally, mentally and vocationally.

CYC Trust introduced '24-7 Youth Work' in Whangaparaoa College after seeing the amazing work in action from Spreydon Baptist Church (now South West Baptist) at their local school. The newly formed team from CYC Trust was able to work along-side the Principal, Brian O'Connell and the Guidance Counsellor, Kim Osbourne (née Stephenson) at Whangaparaoa College to establish what is now, 20 years later, a thriving team of Youth Workers in the College.

CYC Trust was incorporated on 16th Feb 2007 and became a registered charity on 17th July 2007. Anna Sanford (née Long) Joe Youssef, Warren (Wok) Henton and Clinton Sanford formed Coast Youth Community Trust. The Trust immediately employed an additional male youth worker, Jono Dempsey, followed by Mairi Barrett (the first Trust administrator), and then two more youth workers, Susan Barrett and Josh Sanford.

From there, the CYC Trust staff team grew and services expanded, including taking on government contracts for Strengthening Families and Youth Service. Plus, creating new support programmes for young people through Coast Mentoring, FWD (Forward With Direction – an NCEA credited full time programme for 16-18 yr olds) and running other events, workshops and community spaces.

CYC Trust would not be where it is today without the hard mahi, sacrifice and aroha from those key people in the early days as well as the support and continuous prayers from the whanau at Whangaparaoa Baptist Church.

CYC Trust has grown into a thriving organisation, committed to seeing young people flourish on the Hibiscus Coast.



original youth workers in 2008



24-7
YouthWork
Aotearoa

As a part of the '24-7 Youth Work' Network, our youth workers support young people in Whangaparāoa College through one-on-one mentoring and running programmes focused on leadership development and building resilience. Youth workers intentionally facilitate connection between students with positive environments and events, and support staff to maintain a healthy learning environment.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

3,700

HOURS OF
YOUTH WORK

100

GROUP PROGRAM AND
CAMP ATTENDEES

4

YOUTH WORKERS IN
WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

892

MENTORING
SESSIONS

CATHRYN BROOMFIELD, HEAD OF GUIDANCE

"It is a privilege beyond words to have CYC Youth Workers supporting our young people at Whangaparāoa College. They are our first layer of support, our go to for school camps, groups, and events, and the familiar faces our learners see at break times. The caravan is a safe place for our youth to gather, connect, play games, gain support, and interact with the CYC team. They are a crucial part of the support we provide as a kura and a significant part of our Āhuetanga and culture - Youth Workers create a sense of community naturally, and all young people want to belong. All learners want to be seen, heard, and understood and CYC are a pivotal part of this for our learners. CYC inherently creates a sense of belonging in all they do and we couldn't do what we do for our youth without their presence and support. Thank you CYC for all you do!"



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A YOUTH WORKER

Every day looks different as a youth worker; however, there are always the connections made during morning tea and lunch. Most days, I see up to six young people for one-on-one mentoring, and on other days I help facilitate programmes, attend assemblies, and support school events. No two days are ever the same. Some conversations are light-hearted and full of laughter, while others involve supporting young people through challenges at home, school, friendships, or mental health. A big part of the role is being a safe and consistent person who listens without judgement and encourages young people to believe in themselves.

~ Danielle, 24-7 Youth Worker, Whangaparaoa College



Hannah (2025)



claudia



damo



ellen



caleb



kezia



liam



danielle



Life can be tough at times, and we all need support around us in life - someone to encourage us, to believe in us, and to celebrate with us.

Youth Service Coaches get to be that support for the young people they work with every day.

Youth Service Coaches at CYC Trust spend time listening to young people, assisting them to create goals for their future, and then supporting them in reaching those goals. Young people's goals often include - getting a driver's license, searching for and maintaining employment, enrolling in further education, and improving their wellbeing.

There are three different avenues of Youth Service support we provide:

- NEET Programme: for 16-17-year-olds who are either not in education, training, or employment, or are at risk of disengaging with school.
- Youth Payment: for 16-17-year-olds who aren't able to live with their parents or guardians.
- Young Parent Payment: for young parents aged 16-19 years who are the main caregivers for a child/children.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



11 YOUNG PEOPLE
RE-ENGAGED IN
WORK / EDUCATION



57 YOUNG PEOPLE
SUPPORTED



48 COURSE
ATTENDEES

PAM CUMMINGS - WCR ADMIN MANAGER

Over the past year, we have continued to work collaboratively with CYC Trust transitioning a youth into pre-trial and training before registering into an apprenticeship scheme with continued guidance and support. This partnership has been built on open communication, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to achieving positive outcomes.

We have maintained our involvement by continuing to support youth, presenting at the Learners Course. This ongoing collaboration has allowed for consistency in guidance and has contributed to growth in confidence and capability for youth.

We value this working relationship and the alignment in our shared goal of supporting young people to develop practical skills and meaningful pathways for their future.



vaughan



claudia



**Youth Service
Coaches**

GROWING INTO A PERSON I'M PROUD OF

The following is a story from a young person who has had the support of one of our Youth Coaches, Claud. We are incredibly proud of her grit and resilience to not only be a great Mum to her child, but to set and achieve goals for her future.

"I met my Youth Coach, Claud, just before I became a Mum, and from the very beginning she has been there to help me navigate motherhood.

Over the last year, Claud encouraged me to come to Mums Group and connect with others. We have also spent time drinking strawberry matchas and chatting about what I would like to do in the future.

One of the biggest goals I set for myself was to do something really hard around the one-year postpartum mark; something that would prove to myself that becoming a Mum didn't mean losing who I am. Claud and I talked about competing in a Hyrox Relay and how fun that would be to do it together.

I trained hard and spent lots of time in the gym which has been really good for me physically and mentally. I also recently completed 100 classes at F45 which I am stoked about.

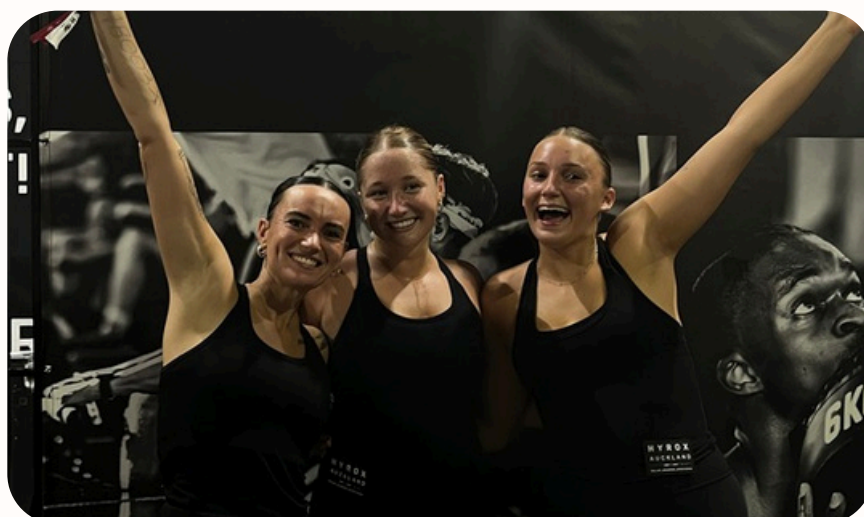
In January 2026, we competed at Hyrox. It was a tough race, but super fun to do it with Lexi, a long time friend of mine, and Claud. To know that I could still show up, push myself, and achieve something hard meant so much to me.

That race wasn't just about fitness. It was about identity. It was about resilience. It was about proving to myself that I can still be Sophie, and I can still do hard things.

I am so proud of what I achieved and even more proud of the person I've become.

Further to this, I have been exploring education options to set me up for the future ahead. I have just enrolled into a Police Prep Course and will be commencing that in July 2026.

I am grateful for Claud being by my side and helping me to keep pushing forward and chasing my goals"



Tamariki Tipu has three goals which are grounded in the idea of a seed; Know, Grow and Flourish. Just as seeds already have everything within them that they need to grow, but require the right environment and inputs to be able to reach their full potential, children are the same. To see a child know, grow and flourish, their 'roots' need to be nourished with what they each need to fully develop, allowing them to flourish and be encouraged in all they are.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

480 MENTORING
SESSIONS AND 1:1
CONNECTIONS

248 CHILDREN
PARTICIPATING IN
PROGRAMS



liam



lexi



ellen



jessiah

WHAT THE CHILDREN SAY

We have loved receiving feedback from some of the children who interact most with our Children's Workers across the schools. Below are some of the words from students about what they notice and value about their Children's Worker:

"She helps people feel they are special and know that just because people say stuff, it doesn't mean its true"

"She's really nice and always there when you need to talk"

"He helps me become a much better person because at the start of the year I was really stupid and I was making bad decisions like skipping class and running away and when he came, he helped me become a better person"

"He talks to me about stuff like what's happening to me and what's happening in my life, we talk together and he can be fun and serious and he teaches me that "nothing lasts forever"

SCHOOLS WE PARTNER WITH

GULF HARBOUR SCHOOL



RED BEACH SCHOOL



WHANGAPARAŌA SCHOOL



STANMORE BAY SCHOOL



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CHILDREN'S WORKER

I feel really privileged to be part of the Red Beach School community and to walk alongside tamariki as they grow in confidence, connection, and emotional wellbeing. Each day looks a little different, which is one of the things I love most about the role, but it is always centred around being a consistent, safe, and supportive presence for students across the school.

A typical day might involve:

- *Spending time in classrooms, working alongside teachers to support individual students or small groups with emotional regulation*
- *Running morning tea games to create fun, inclusive spaces where students can connect and build positive relationships*
- *Being present on the playground, joining in with games, supporting students to navigate conflict, and simply sharing in the fun*
- *Facilitating small group sessions focused on managing emotions, friendships, and social skills*
- *Meeting with students 1:1 to set goals, reflect, and develop strategies for things like managing emotions, building confidence, and knowing who to go to for support*

Across all of this, being a Children's Worker is really about building relationships and creating spaces where tamariki feel seen, supported, and able to thrive both socially and emotionally.

~ Ellen, Tamariki Tipu Children's Worker, Red Beach School

ADAM HARRIS, DIRECTOR OF CYC TRUST

2025 was a significant year for CYC Trust as our work expanded beyond youth services through the development of partnerships with our four local primary schools. This enabled children's workers to work alongside school staff in supporting Tamariki within the school environment.

Throughout the year, we celebrated many stories of young people making positive choices, growing in confidence, finding joy and support through relationships with youth and children's workers, and engaging well in education. For those no longer in school, it was encouraging to see young people stepping into education, training, and employment opportunities that will help set them up well for the future.

During the year, we also moved into the establishment phase of a social enterprise aimed at creating employment and mentoring opportunities for young people, while generating sustainable funding to support our work.

With our team continuing to grow, planning also began in late 2025 for new offices and a dedicated youth space, which we are excited to move into during 2026.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank our supporters, grant funders, local business partners, and wider community for your generous support. Every life impacted in 2025 reflects something we achieved together.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**



Trim & Grow is more than your typical lawn care business. Alongside delivering great service, we invest in the futures of young people on the Hibiscus Coast—providing meaningful employment opportunities and supporting them to grow into confident, active members of our community. Every job we do helps create pathways forward, with profits flowing back into our Trust to further support local youth wellbeing.

GET INVOLVED

CYC Trust is a charitable trust that operates on the generosity of individuals, local businesses and grant funding. Each year as the demand grows, so does the cost of meeting the needs of young people in our area. Would you consider supporting us in 2026?

SIGN UP TO OUR EMAIL

Sign up to our email data base (email admin@cyctrust.org.nz) and follow us on Instagram & Facebook to stay tuned for what we are up to and any needs we have.

SUPPORT

Attend, promote and bring along friends to our fundraising events in 2026 (These will be promoted via email and social media)

BECOME A KEY SUPPORTER

Consider becoming a Key Supporter. In 2026, we are needing an additional 12 businesses or individuals to donate \$2,000 a year to continue the work we do. Could you be one of these?

CONNECT US

Do you know of local businesses who value community wellbeing that might be willing to support us? Could you connect us?

DONATE

We are always grateful for one off donations of any size also. Details for this can be found on our website www.cyctrust.org.nz

2025 LOCAL SPONSORS

A huge thank you to our key sponsors who continue to believe in the work we do.



WE ALSO WANT TO THANK

Businesses who supported us in 2025

Haven NZ, Ze Build, Tahi Electrical, HBC Roof Maintenance Repair & Paint, Betta Plumbing & Gas, Baldry & Sanford, NZ Sailing, ComGro NZ Ltd, Good in the Hood, Drue Match, Tony Gatman Real Estate, Shine On, CBD Group, Chris & Nadia Bone

2025 COMMUNITY FUNDERS

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