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Windsor delighted Youth Insearch gets funding

The Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is delighted that the Youth Insearch organisation is to receive a substantial funding boost from the Federal Government.

“I have had the pleasure of supporting Youth Insearch over many years and seen the results it achieves with young people.

It is an excellent organisation that has consistently maintained its focus on providing pathways that lead youth away from potentially self destructive lifestyles.

The \$982,000 funding will provide 8 part time liaison officers operating in regional NSW, QLD and Tasmania to integrate with existing agencies to aid referral of youth into the Youth Insearch program.

We are all aware that for many young people guidance from responsible and loving adults is not always available and the outcomes from this lack of guidance are increasingly apparent in our society.

Youth Insearch provides solutions to this growing problem through local support networks coupled with intensive two day workshops at the Kurrajong Heights youth camp and Keepit Dam camp, that are aimed at confronting and seeking change to negative lifestyles,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor met with Ron Barr and Paul Simpson from Youth Insearch in Canberra recently when they were seeking this Government support where Mr Barr expressed his gratitude to the support he had received from people in Tamworth area.

“Mr Barr mentioned the vital support network offered in the Tamworth area by our Rotary clubs and particularly the work of Mr Mal McPherson and Mrs Evelyn Parkinson for their energy and commitment to young people.

I offer my personal congratulations to our local Rotary clubs and particularly to Mal McPherson and Mrs Evelyn Parkinson.

These examples of personal commitment and care for youth are at the core of changing the lives of those who have often lacked strong examples of responsibility and care.

Youth Insearch is a program that has had phenomenal results in terms of a helping young people at critical stages of their development.

I would rate Youth Insearch as amongst the most impressive diversionary programs available to youth.

I was very happy to have spoken with the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs the Hon Larry Anthony to add my support to the funding request by Youth Insearch to the Stronger Families and Communities program and I look forward to Youth Insearch continuing to achieve positive results for our young people,” Mr Windsor said.

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