



GATE PROGRAM

*Freo Mens Shed PCYC
Youth at Risk
Partnership Program*



The GATE (Gaining Access to Training and Education) for Indigenous youth program ran at Fremantle PCYC in 2007 but due to a drop in numbers the course was relocated to Challenger TAFE in Beaconsfield.

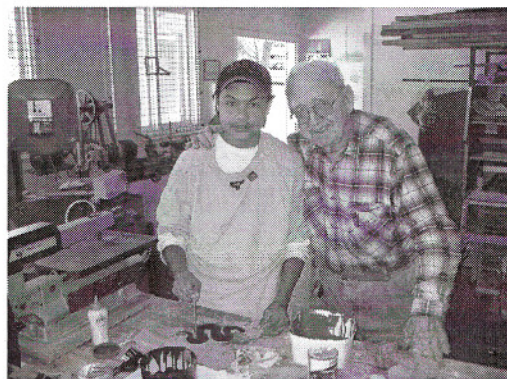
The program provided an alternative Year 10 equivalency for TAFE admission and is directed towards young people who are not attending or succeeding in a normal school environment. GATE incorporates units in literacy, numeracy, use of technology, career guidance, life skills and project work.

During 2007 the students participated in workshops at the Men's Shed in White Gum Valley where they participated in woodwork

classes and were able to create some pieces that they were able to take home. The Fremantle PCYC through providing connections with the local indigenous community was an appropriate cultural venue for these students to feel comfortable and succeed in.

As well as Challenger TAFE, support through the program comes through the Education Retention and Participation Teams, Harmony in Hilton, The Health Dept and local community volunteers.

In addition to the Academic aspect of the program, students are learned practical life skills such as budgeting and cooking, drug and health education. An integral part of the course is project and cultural work.



GATE also aims to bridge students back into mainstream vocation education and training through the main campuses of Challenger TAFE. Once they graduate from GATE they will be eligible to apply for a huge range of other programs such as pre apprenticeship courses in construction and automotive, business and hospitality, opening up apprenticeships, traineeships employment and career options which otherwise would not have been possible, through the Fremantle PCYC Gate program.

We would like to thank Gerard Laumen and the Challenger TAFE staff for their efforts in setting up the program and for their dedication and professionalism in dealing with the myriad of issues these young people are faced with on a daily basis.

GYMNASTICS

At the Fremantle PCYC we have conducted gymnastics for children with the main aims being:

- * To increase personal fitness in an enjoyable and safe environment.
- * For the children to progress through the skills and achieve their level badges.
- * To have fun and compete in competitions.

To generate an environment where the children can develop – not only physically but also socially and emotionally. Gymnasts and families are great helpers with fundraising ventures such as chocolate drives, raffles, canteen etc. This type of support is appreciated and of course the children are reaping the benefits.

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