

Partnership in action!

Growing Churches

In the early 90s, St Columb's Anglican Church in West Ryde, NSW was a small church of roughly 70 members. There was no youth service and the church lacked of any real presence of young people.

In 1993, Young Life formed a partnership with St Columb's. As the local Young Life ministry grew and new believers joined the church, an evening service was added, helping attract even greater numbers of young people. Former Young Life kids not only joined the church as members, but many got involved in service as children and high school leaders.

Ingrid began coming along to Young Life activities in Year 7. Through the persistence and care of a few leaders, she began to consider Jesus and the role he played in her life. As a year 8 student, she committed her life to Christ, joined a Young Life Bible Study and got involved at St Columb's. Today, Ingrid is an active member committed to service. She cleans the church on a weekly basis, serves in the children's ministry and plays in the church band.

Ingrid is just one example of many former Young Lifers who have contributed to the growth and vitality of St Columb's. Today, the church has 200 members, an active youth ministry and a thriving evening service for young people.

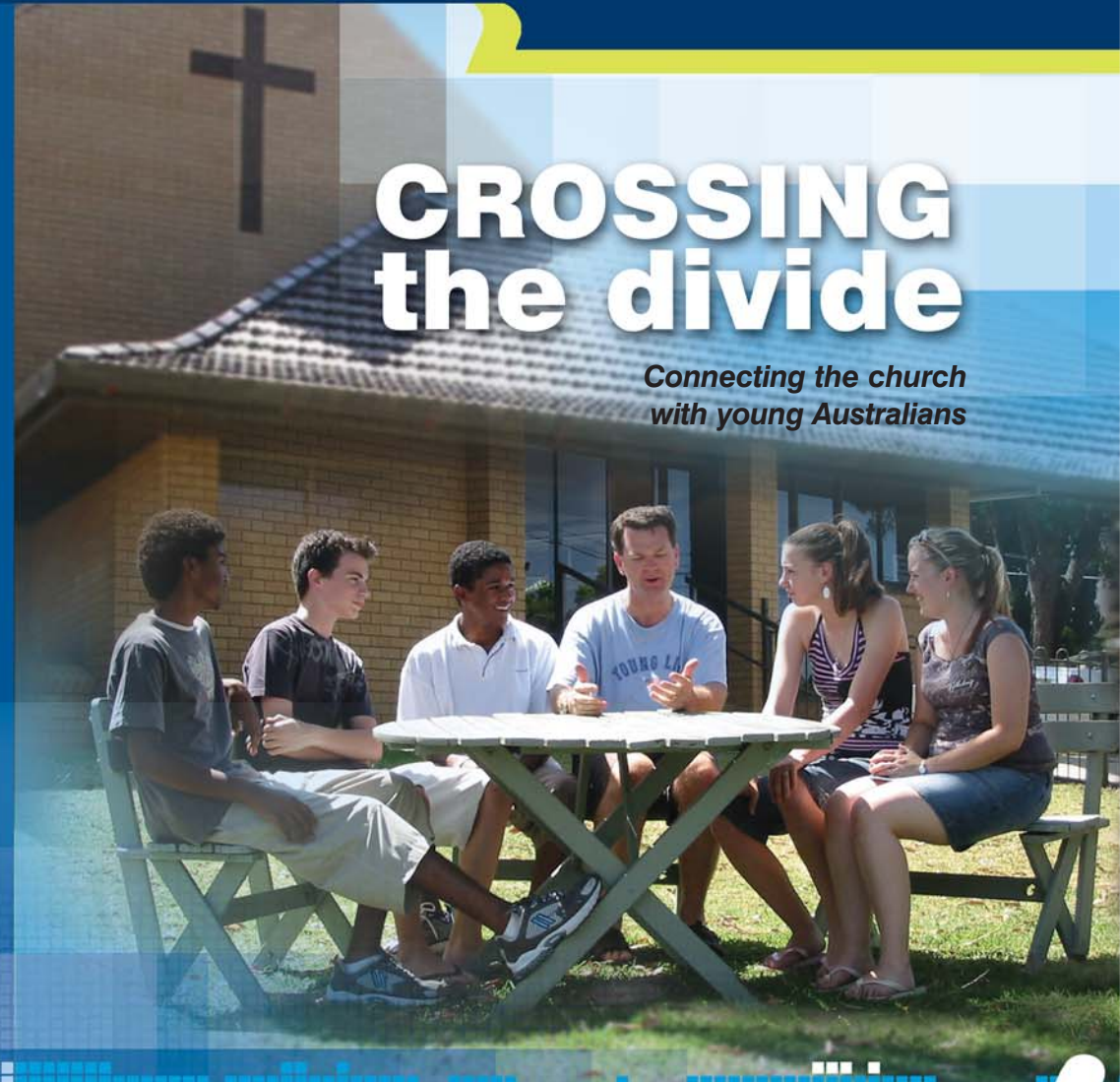
Long-Term Impact

"The impact of Young Life on the growth of Christian City Church is difficult to overstate. Today, former Young Life leaders can be found making significant and creative contributions in our churches and ministries throughout the CCC movement."

Dr. Phil Pringle, Senior Minister CCC Oxford Falls

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Church and Young People

Recent statistics from the Australian Census and the 2001 National Church Life Survey give us a startling glimpse of young people and the church today:

- Only 5.7 percent of 15-19 year olds are present in church
- By the time these young people finish secondary school and enter young adulthood, 40 percent will stop attending church
- More children and young people encounter church teachings through contact at school than through Sunday schools or church groups.

Young Life can help!

Young Life is a not-for-profit Christian organisation that is passionate about sharing the message of Christ with the unchurched young people of Australia. Dedicated volunteer leaders leave the comfort of their own worlds to enter the world of teenagers, spending time in schools, the shops or anywhere else you find young people. Their aim is to build relationships that give young people the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus Christ from someone they know and trust.

Young Life has operated in Australia for over 30 years and internationally for over 60 years in 45 countries. Globally, 4,000 staff and 28,000 volunteers reach an estimated one million young people annually.

“Young Life is expert. They have honed the techniques that go with connecting with young people where they are.”

*Dr Tony Campolo
Author, speaker, sociologist*



We want to share our experience with local churches in reaching the young people of Australia.

Through partnership, we can provide:

- Access to local schools
- Training of church members in our Leadership Foundations training program
- An established weekly program for unchurched young people to attend
- Camping programs designed to reach unchurched young people
- MUCH MORE!

Churches can provide opportunities for:

- Involving new believers in vibrant churches who will be committed to their ongoing discipleship
- Provision of passionate leaders to reach out to unchurched youth
- Financial resources to coordinate outreach efforts
- Volunteers to help in the governance of the local ministry

We'd love to meet with you to discuss how we can help you reach the young people of your community!

