

Ageing and Disability Services demonstrate the love of Christ

through generous spirited commitment to the ageing in our community and those

living with a disability. These groups, often overlooked by society, benefit from personalised

practical programs and initiatives to enable them to maintain an active, rewarding role,

living as independently as possible.

Expanding in Sydney's South and South-West

Wesley Community Support Services obtained funding for 48 new Community Aged Care Packages to assist elderly people in their homes and expanded into the St George area over the past year. Ten additional Homeless Community Aged Care Packages have enabled expansion of these services into Sydney's South-West. This service also received a community grant of \$34,000.

Wesley Mission was successful in obtaining \$148,000 over a two-year period, for the purpose of obtaining private occupational therapists to support our Home Modification and Maintenance referrals. We are thankful for these additional resources which will enable us to address the extensive waiting lists for these services.

Wesley Community Support Services obtained funding for 12 new Extended Aged Care in the Home (EACH) packages in the northern beaches area and a new EACH program was established in the Sutherland Shire. These support services help elderly people stay at home for longer. In-Home Respite Northern and Southern Sydney areas both received direct allocations from the Department of Ageing Disabilities and Home Care (DADHC) to provide extra client services. Both elderly clients and individuals with a disability will benefit from these resources to support them in practical ways in their homes.

Disability Services received \$1.5m from DADHC to establish an emergency respite service for people with disabilities on the site of Charlie Woodward Lodge at Smithfield.

Carelink connects with local services

Commonwealth Carelink services provide information to the public about available community resources for assisting elderly residents. Partnerships have connected Carelink with local services across diverse target groups, streamlining the sharing of information on services within the Inner West community. The Inner West Carelink has increased its participation in presentations and public events with the large Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community of Sydney's Inner West.

Wesley Mission's Summer Hill office also now offers new Carer Respite Programs for young carers or those caring for people with disability or mental illness, assisted by professional working parties with key organisations and partnerships with other local service providers.

Upgraded facilities for the aged

Aged accommodation facilities, WG Taylor Lodge, RJ Williams Lodge, RE Tebbutt Lodge, Hoban House and HC Foreman Lodge have been upgraded to increase the comfort and functionality of resident rooms, support expanded gymnasium and physiotherapy services and establish internet cafes for resident use.

Chaplains in residential, independent living and community support facilities provide valuable Sunday and weekday services, visiting residents, talking with staff and conducting funerals and annual memorial services in memory of deceased residents and clients.

Families forced to wait

Respite centres, catering for people with disabilities, are located in the heart of the community in Minto Heights, Smithfield and Northmead. Together they have provided services to over 100 client families on their regular list, yet a further 40 await service. Each centre provides emergency respite to eligible clients throughout the year.

Development of care models

A person-centred care focus is the ideal model of service for Wesley Mission programs together with a comprehensive range of service options for clients to choose from. This model of care emphasises personalised care planning and enables residents to maintain existing social networks and interests outside of their assisted living home.

Development plans for the vacant land on the Dalmar site at Carlingford have been approved. A 70-bed ageing-in-place facility and 16 additional self-care units are planned with building expected to commence in February 2009. Development plans for the Frank Vickery Village site at Sylvania have been with Council for 12 months, delaying commencement. However, it is hoped that building will start in late 2009. The re-development of both sites will provide an extended range of care options and social networking opportunities for all residents in the future.

Community Support Services, in discussion with the Community Planning and Development Unit, plans to expand into new Sydney and regional areas in the 2008-09 year as funding opportunities become available.

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Helping Karen to overcome

Karen* is one of many who have benefited from the assistance of the Wesley In-Home Respite Service. A single mother, Karen is raising her two sons, Ben*, 4, and Justin*, 5. The boys suffer from severe autism and developmental delay. Karen receives no help from their father or other family members, but manages alone with the huge challenge of providing the specialised care her sons require on a day-to-day basis.

To complicate her situation, Karen does not have a driver's license and depends on public transport for the boys' many appointments. The Wesley Respite Service have co-ordinated visits to enable two personal carers to attend the in-home visits together. Each personal carer looks after one child, freeing Karen up to have driving lessons. She is now close to undertaking her driving test.

Karen is extremely grateful to the Respite Service for providing this opportunity for her family, acknowledging what a difference it will make in the way she overcomes these obstacles and cares for her children.

*Not their real names or photo.



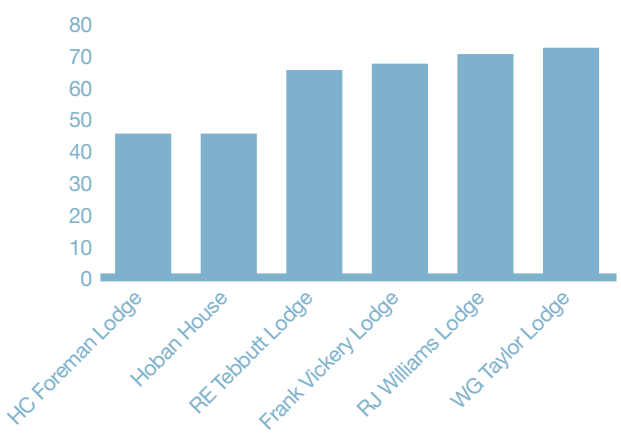


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Residential aged care services

Elderly clients in residential care

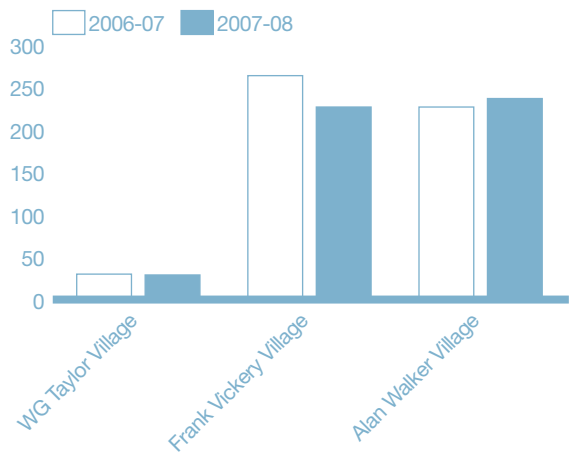
Total number of permanent residential beds in 2007-08 was 364.



Village services

Self-care villages

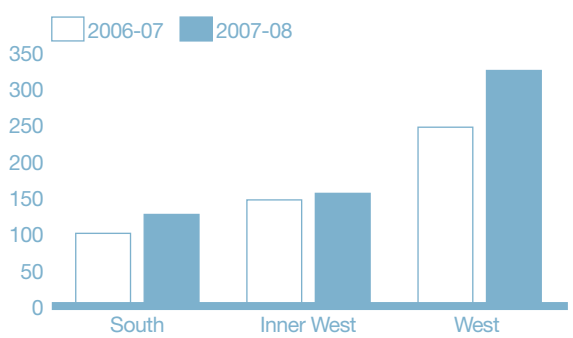
Total number of residents in 2007-08 was 493.



Community support services

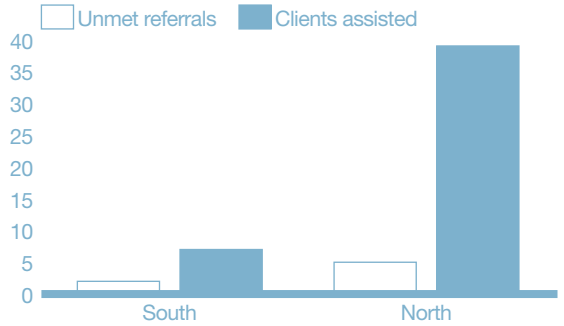
Low-care support in the home (Community Aged Care Packages)

Total number of clients assisted in 2007-08 was 605.



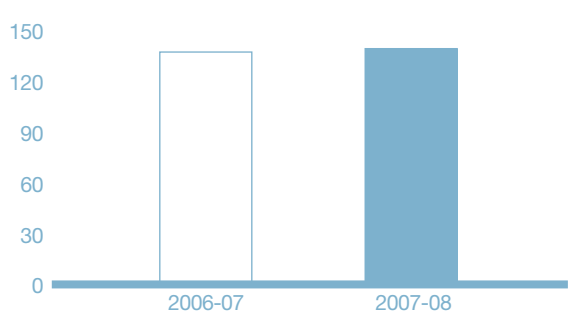
High-care support in the home (Extended Aged Care Packages)

Total number clients assisted in 2007-08 was 36. Total number of unmet referrals in 2007-08 was 7.



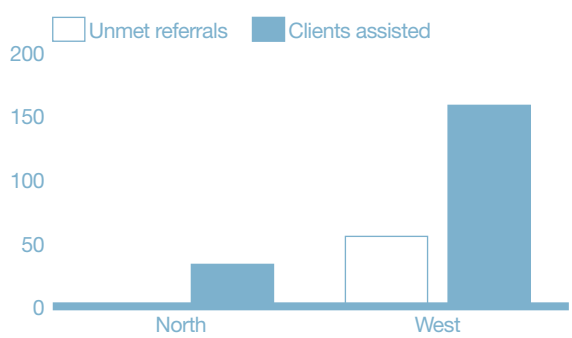
Elderly homeless support (Aged Care Housing Assistance)

Total number of clients assisted in 2007-08 was 139.



Domestic assistance

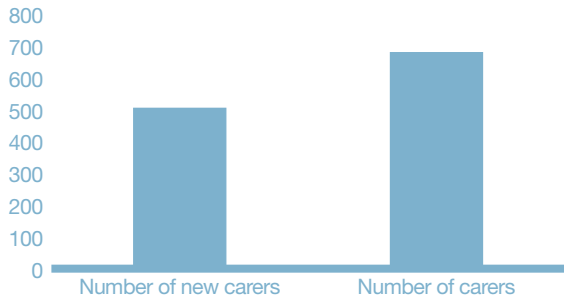
Total number of clients assisted weekly in 2007-08 was 191.



Respite services

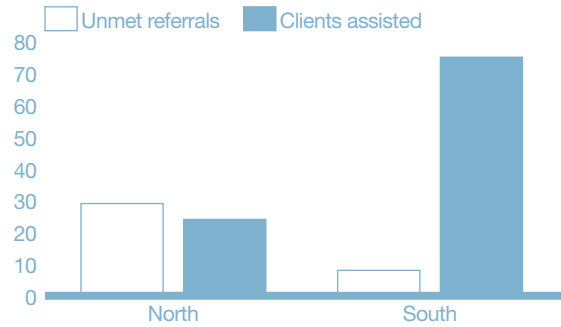
Carers assisted in the community (Commonwealth Carer Respite)

Total number of carers assisted in the community in 2007-08 was 679.



Carers assisted in the home

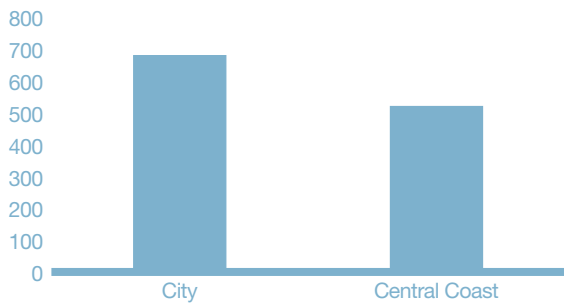
Total number of carers assisted in the home in 2007-08 was 99.
Total number of unmet referrals in 2007-08 was 37.



School for seniors

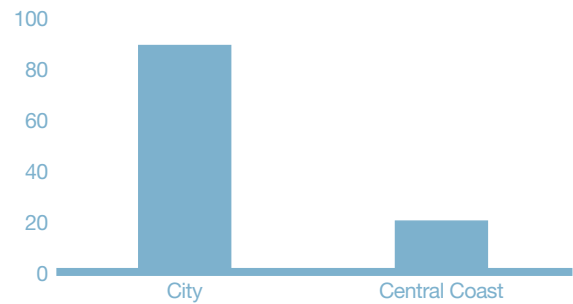
Students

Total number of students in 2007-08 was 1200.



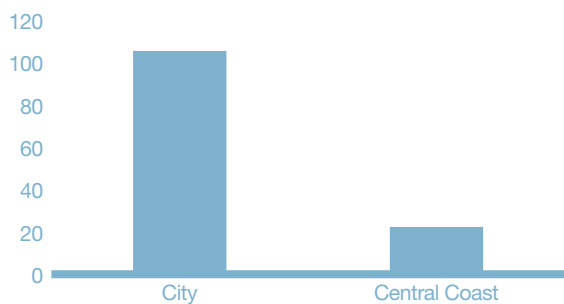
Courses

Total number of courses in 2007-08 was 109.



Volunteer tutors

Total number of volunteer tutors in 2007-08 was 127.



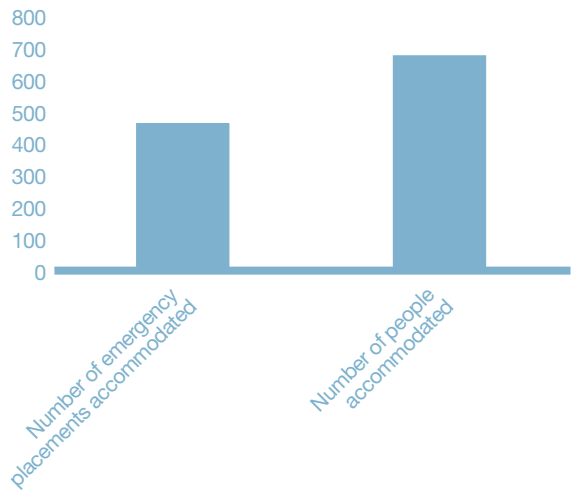


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Disability services

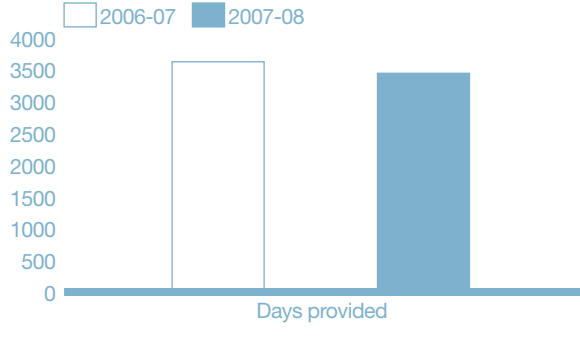
Disability respite accommodation

Total number of people accommodated in 2007-08 was 1137.



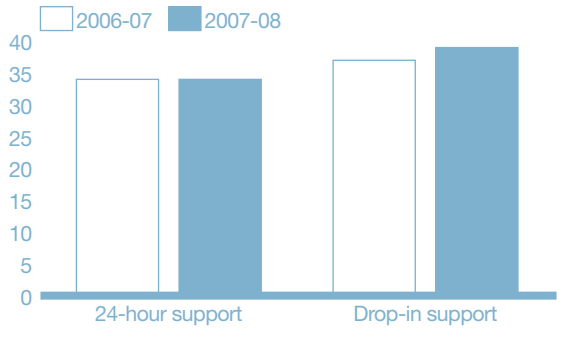
Respite

Total number of respite days provided in 2007-08 was 3438.



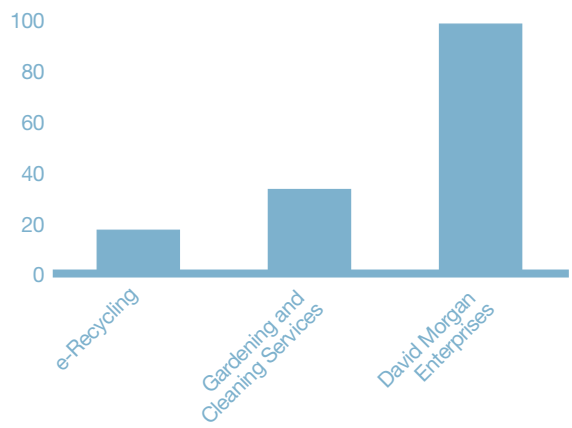
Disability accommodation

Total number of clients supported in 2007-08 was 73.



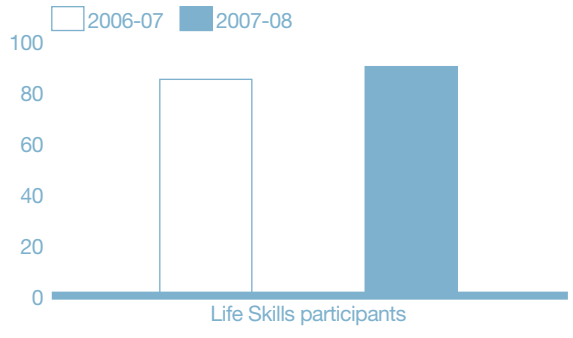
Supported workers with a disability

Total number of workers supported in 2007-08 was 148.



Disability support in the community

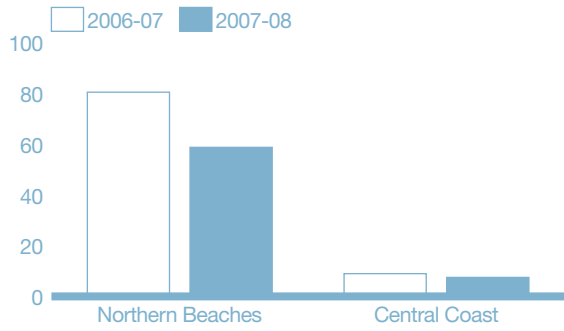
Total number of clients assisted in 2007-08 was 90.



Nursing agency services

Community and home support services (,000)

Total number of community/home support instances in 2007-08 was 66,044.



Facilities support services

Total number of facilities support service instances in 2007-08 was 881.

