

## PCYC NSW closing South Sydney Club to support Landmark Housing Project

PCYC NSW has made the difficult decision to close the current South Sydney PCYC premises from 31 December 2024. The decision follows several operating extensions and ongoing positive collaboration with Homes NSW and Bridge Housing, who require PCYC NSW to vacate the site so that a critical social and affordable housing redevelopment project on Elizabeth Street can commence.

For 72 years, PCYC South Sydney has been a cornerstone for youth and community services, and we deeply thank the South Sydney community for their unwavering support and understanding during this transition period. While this marks the end of an era for the current facility, it represents a generational opportunity to focus on the long-term, purpose-built new facility solution for the community.

The transformative housing project planned for the Elizabeth Street precinct is also set to deliver a new 3,500-square-metre community facility currently earmarked for PCYC NSW. PCYC NSW remains committed to serving the people of South Sydney for the long term and has been exploring interim facility solutions in the area for over two years. The NSW Government has committed \$13.4M towards the cost of the community facility. PCYC NSW are hoping for further funding to ensure our social impact can continue, in conjunction with our Police partnership, in a planned, modern, purpose-built facility that will dramatically enhance our ability to meet the needs of the South Sydney community for decades to come.

As a charity driven by its mission to empower disadvantaged and at-risk youth, PCYC NSW remains steadfast in its dedication to delivering programs and services that strengthen and empower communities. We invite current PCYC South Sydney members to attend the PCYC City of Sydney Club (in Woolloomooloo) after the closure and will honour the transfer of PCYC membership between Club locations. PCYC will also seek to continue community outreach engagement, including an open invitation for any young people to join our life-changing programs at the PCYC Club in Woolloomooloo.

PCYC remain committed to returning to the South Sydney area in the newly redeveloped premises to continue connecting with community members and make a positive difference in the lives of local youth.

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