

Safe Space and Take Kare Ambassador Program

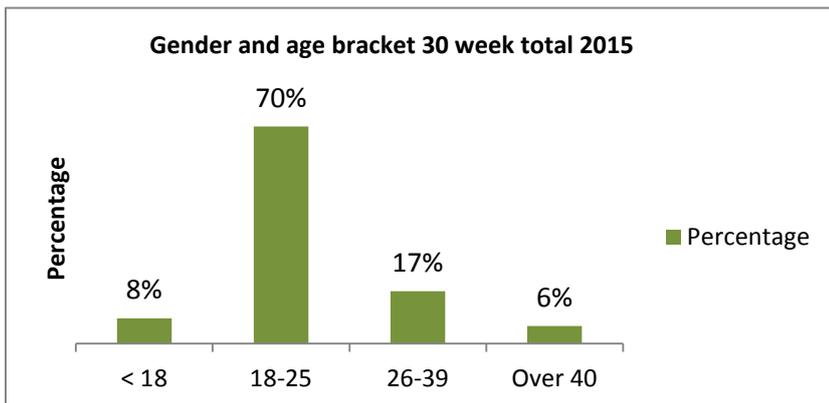
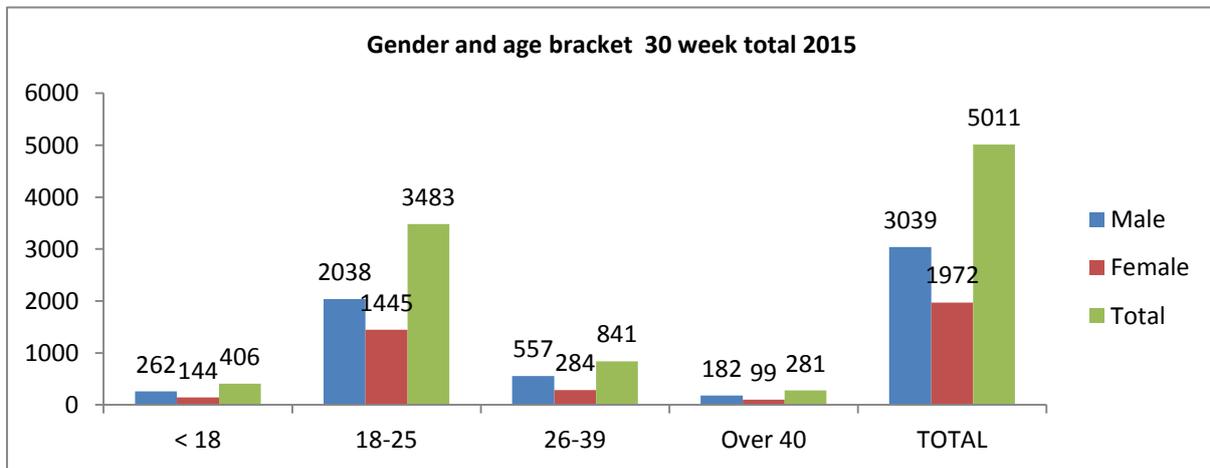
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Over the thirty weeks of the Safe Space Program (5-6 Dec 2014 – 26-27 June 2015) 5011 people have been assisted. This report includes the gender and age breakdowns of those assisted for the thirty weeks as well as the referrals. It also contains highlights of the anecdotal evidence collected, other assistance and a total of the consumables (water, chupa chups, vomit bags and thongs) to date.

GENERAL OVERVIEW



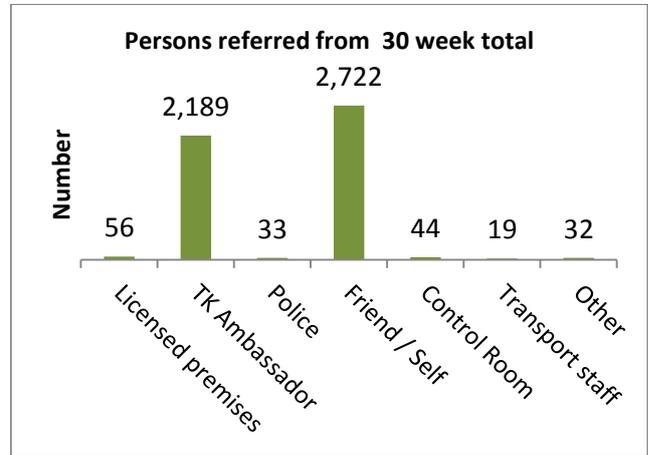
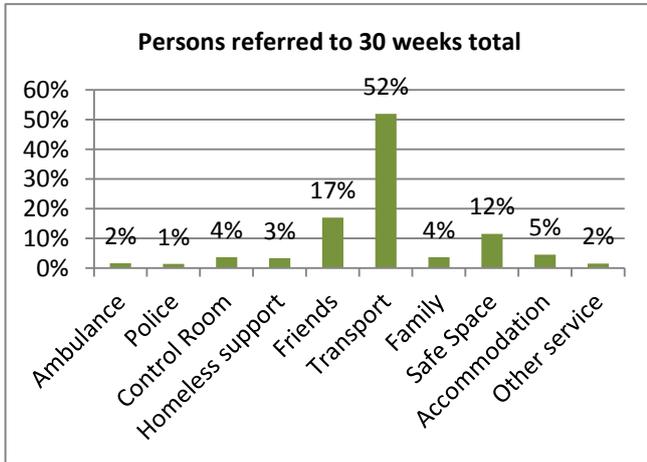
Of those using the service over the 30 weeks 61% were male and 39% were female. The largest demographic overall is the 18-25 age group at 70%



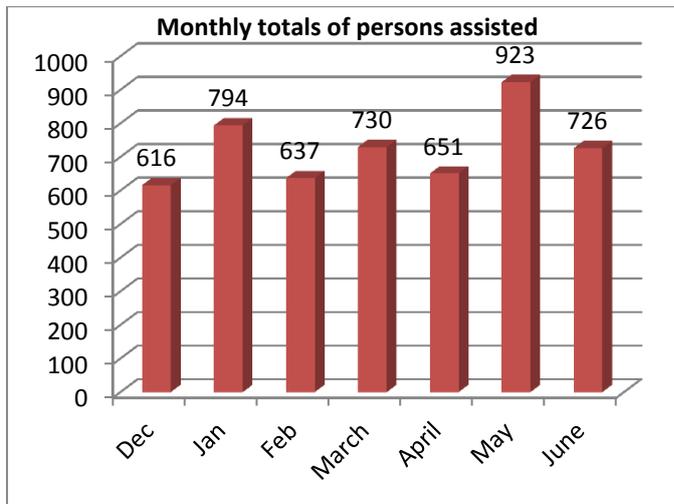
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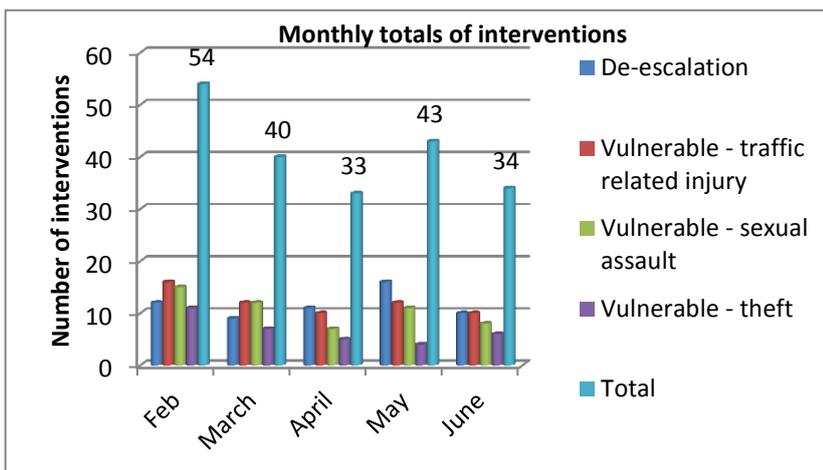


MONTHLY TOTALS OF PERSONS ASSISTED OVER THE 30 WEEKS



The graph on the left indicates that January and May were the busiest months (these months had 5 weekends rather than 4). However, it does illustrate that numbers are fairly consistent and the autumn/winter months are as busy as the summer

MONTHLY TOTALS OF INTERVENTIONS FROM FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2015



Data on interventions was collected for the full months of February to June. February was the busiest month with the following months recording a similar amount of interventions.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE OVER THE 30 WEEKS

- A young man had been the victim of an assault in a club. Security had kicked him out of the club thinking he was at fault. He was waiting 50 metres from the club, aggressively waiting for the assailant to leave the club so that he could retaliate. Our team spoke with him and they called the police on his behalf. As he spoke with the police his aggression subsided and he went with them to the station to make a statement. (2-3 Jan 2015)
- On March 21, a 19 year old woman got separated from the friends she had been clubbing with before suffering a severe asthma attack on the street. A Take Kare team provided first aid and called an ambulance. After being released from hospital a few hours later, our teams then supported her to get home safely. She contacted us two days later, keen to spend her time differently at the weekends. During the week she came to a Volunteer Training night and spent her first night volunteering as a Take Kare Ambassador on Friday night (March 27, 2015)
- At 11.30 pm on Saturday night a Take Kare team was alerted by the public about a situation where a man was carrying a very drunk woman to her apartment in the city. The team checked her ID and realised that she didn't live in the city and also learned that she did not know the man who was "helping" her. Once sprung the man left the woman with the team who immediately referred the situation to the police and ambulance. (20-21 March 2015)
- A Take Kare team came across an older lady who seemed to be quite uncomfortable in the city late at night. She had escaped a domestic violence situation within the last week and had subsequently found herself homeless. The Team was able to provide the woman with referrals to appropriate Domestic Violence support services, which she was unaware of, before helping her get the right bus to the emergency accommodation she had for the night. (April 17-18 2015)
- At 3am on Saturday morning, a Take Kare team came across a volatile conflict situation between a few groups of people. Initially the team were able to provide some support but when the situation escalated to violence the team maintained a safe distance and radioed through to the CCTV for police support. Police responded quickly and were able to sort the situation. It turned out that one of the men had outstanding warrants and was subsequently arrested. Also whilst the CCTV control room were searching for camera coverage of the incident they saw a very drunk man





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- getting into his car to drive home. The police were able to respond to that situation and prevent a dangerous driver from getting behind the wheel. (May 8-9 2015)
- At 12 am on Saturday a Take Kare team came across an 18 year old male who explained that he was addicted to heroin. He was feeling depressed and felt like self-harming. The team brought him to the Safe Space where he was very appreciative of the chance to talk to someone. He was also given referral information for Oasis Youth Support and Lifeline. (May 22-23 2015)
 - At 12am on Saturday morning a Take Kare team approached a young woman on King Street Wharf who was having an adverse reaction to MDMA (methamphetamine). The team called an ambulance and provided first aid and support until they arrived. Paramedics were grateful for the help of the TK team, particularly in the way they supported the distressed boyfriend. (May 29-30 2015)
 - At 3am on Sunday morning a Take Kare team noticed a very young boy (estimated to be 12 years old) walking the streets by himself. He had run away from a group home in Campbelltown and said he had been on the streets for a few weeks. Take Kare volunteers took great care of him at the Safe Space, ensuring he got fed and warm. We engaged the help of a few police officers who were able to take Jackson with them in order to reconnect with his carers.(June 6-7 2015)
 - At 11.30 pm on Saturday night, a Take Kare team found a young man hunched over in the gutter on Goulburn Street. The man was experiencing severe chest pain and was having difficulty breathing. The team leader helped provide first aid while an ambulance was called. Whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive, the team worked well together to help keep the man's friends calm and keep bystanders away. (June 19/20 2015)
 - In March, Take Kare provided critical support to a young woman who was experiencing a severe asthma attack on the street. She has since volunteered with the program over 15 times. In May, the Take Kare team she was on provided support to a very drunk man in Martin Place. The man's friend, was very impressed with the work of the team and subsequently enquired about volunteering himself. On Friday night the young woman and the man's friend volunteered side by side on a team together. (June 19-20 2015)
 - At 11 pm, a Take Kare team found two 17 year old boys in Belmore Park, wrapped in blankets and planning to stay in the park overnight because they had missed lockout at their accommodation in the city. The team guided the boys to contact their parents and then helped them get a train to Blacktown where their parents could pick them up. (June 26-27 2015)

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INTERVENTIONS

The table below is an indication of how the Safe Space and Take Kare Ambassadors have intervened to possibly prevent more serious incidents occurring – this data has been gathered from 24/25 January – 26-27 June 2015)

De-escalation of conflict	Vulnerable to sexual assault	Vulnerable to theft	Vulnerable to traffic related injury	Total
65	56	43	67	231

OTHER ASSISTANCE

455 people were given basic first aid



714 people were able to charge their mobile phones at the Safe Space

589 people were helped with directions



329 vomit bags have been dispensed from the Safe Space



30 WEEK TOTAL OF CONSUMABLES



7650



8130



564