

Fairfield World Cup

Social Planning and Community Development



Overview

The Fairfield Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), in partnership with Fairfield City Council, NSW Police, local community services and high schools held the Fairfield World Cup wellbeing event on the 21 June 2022 at the Fairfield Showground. The purpose of the event was to provide a soft entry point for young people to engage with local support services and learn about Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) harms through interactive stalls and guest speakers.

The theme of the day centered around wellbeing, mental health, and raising awareness about AOD harms. The event was very successful with 250 students attending and 8 local high schools engaged in the planning and delivery of the event. The Fairfield CDAT has received funding to deliver the event again on Tuesday 20 June 2023 at Fairfield Showground.



Summary of day

The Fairfield World Cup capped off the end of Term 2 of school with a bang. Led by Natasa Zekanovic, Sean Ly and Gemma Navarrete (Youth Advisory Committee Convenor) the Fairfield World Cup was an inter-schools football (soccer) tournament based around wellbeing and awareness of support services for young people.

Over 200 high school students participated from

eight local schools and included volunteers, young referees in training, and the players competing for the grand prize. The team worked hard to pull together resources and collaborated with 12 different youth and community organisations from the Community Drug Action Team and the Fairfield Youth Workers Network. Members of the Youth Advisory Committee also managed to sweat it out helping to cook a

barbecue and keep the soccer fixtures on track. After 2 years of disruption, this was a joyful return to inter-school events for local high schools, and welcome relief from local high schools, and welcome relief from local Youth and Community Workers, and members of the Social Planning and Community Development team, who were able to get back to face-to-face events with young people.





Results

Some of the feedback we received:
PDHPE Teacher – Cabramatta High School

“Thank you all again for organising such an amazing event. My students enjoyed it very much. One student said she'd like to seek school counselling. The message really got through to her.”

Student Support Officer – Verona School

“Wanted to say a huge thank you for having our school involved in your event. The students had a fantastic time and so nice to see them apart of the local community.”

Case Manager – Anglicare

“I was just contacting today to say a big thanks to you and the other Fairfield Council members involved for all your efforts in helping organise, plan, and set up the Fairfield World Cup last Tuesday! It was a great opportunity and chance to be able to engage with the students, teachers, and other services, and I know that my fellow Anglicare team members had a good time as well.”

Survey Comments from Students

- It was nice and relaxing :)
- It's a good time to relax
- Thank you so much, this event was so fun!!
- It was fun

