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### **YOUTH STRATEGY HELPING TEENS 'RISE UP' TURNS ONE**

The RISEUP youth employment strategy has seen roaring success in its first year running, with over 140 young people referred into workplace opportunities.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott joined NSW Police Commissioner Mick Fuller APM and PCYC NSW CEO Dominic Teakle at Woolloomooloo PCYC to thank employers and businesses for their support of RISEUP.

“This success is testament to the hard work and dedication of police and PCYC to improve the lives of young people across the State and steering them away from a life of crime and disadvantage,” Mr Elliott said.

The strategy, launched in August last year, collaborates with PCYC NSW and business leaders to provide young people with on-the-job training and workshops on relationship building, nutrition and leadership.

Mr Elliott said the initiative was not just about keep young people on the right side of the law, but about boosting their employment prospects.

Mr Fuller said NSW Police, together with PCYC, have shown incredible initiative in reengaging with some of the State’s most vulnerable young people.

“By partnering with a number of commercial and local businesses, we are helping our youth realise their true potential,” Commissioner Fuller said.

Mr Teakle said the suite of programs offered by the PCYC under the RISEUP strategy creates a place of belonging for young people and gives them a sense of purpose.

Since 2011, the NSW Government has invested a record of almost \$80 million towards PCYC club infrastructure, programs and staff across NSW.