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**Virginia Judge MP**



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## **MINISTER CONGRATULATES POINT ZERO YOUTH SERVICES**

Minister for Citizenship, Virginia Judge today congratulated Point Zero Youth Services for providing outstanding support, assistance and education to young people and their families for more than a decade.

Ms Judge said Point Zero is a non-denominational, not-for-profit youth service which was established in 1997 to address youth behaviour issues around Sydney, particularly anti-social behaviour and substance abuse.

The community-based service provides support and services with the help of 70 volunteers working from three vans.

“Point Zero Youth Services has helped thousands of young people and their families across Sydney overcome the complex issues facing today’s youth through targeted school programs”, Ms Judge said.

“These issues include drug and alcohol abuse, sexuality, health and eating disorders, stress management and conflict resolution skills.

“Point Zero addresses the needs of youth with practical and pro-active solutions, approaching young Australians in the public spaces where they meet, rather than waiting for teenagers to drop in to a centre”, Ms Judge said.

“I am particularly impressed with their youth outreach vans, which operate every Saturday night and assisted with over 1,500 young people in Byron Bay during NSW Schoolies Week last year.”

Point Zero can be contacted on 02 9389 0399, or online anonymously at [www.pointzero.org.au](http://www.pointzero.org.au).

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