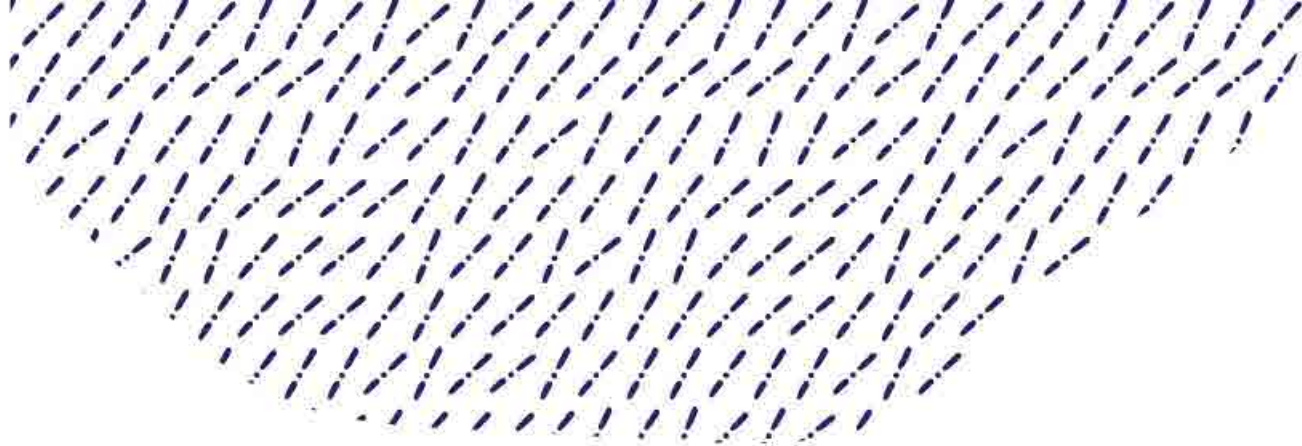




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## Kaya Wanju / Hello Welcome

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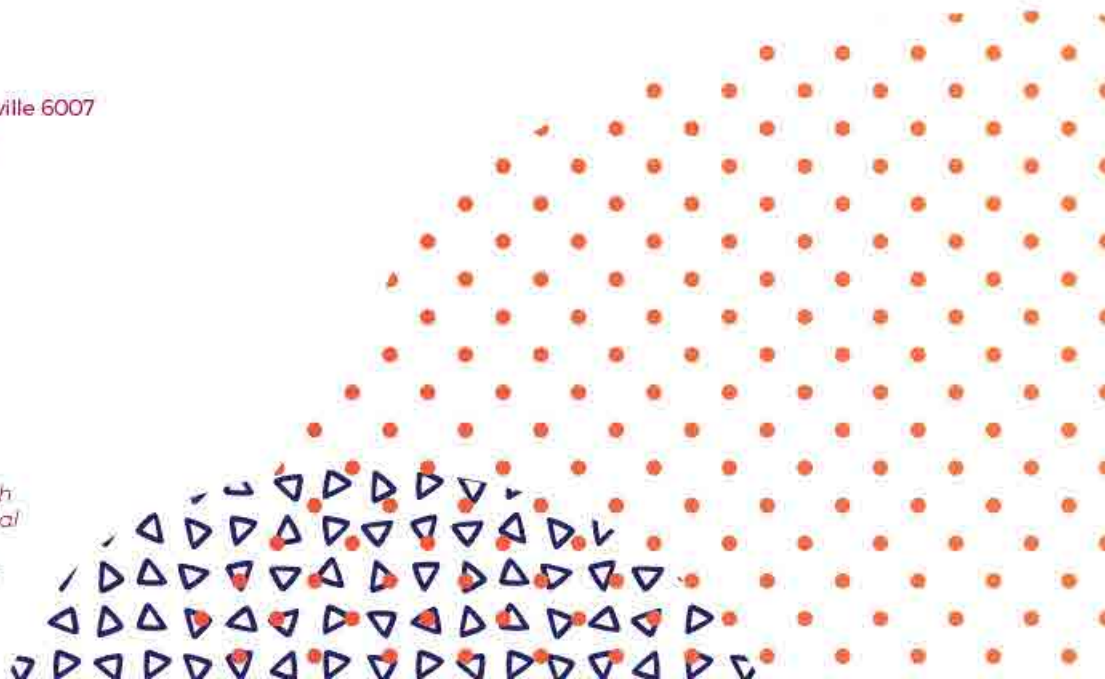
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# Why we exist

The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) is the peak non-government youth organisation in Western Australia. We operate primarily as a human rights organisation that seeks to address the exclusion of young people in a rapidly changing society. Our continued vision for Western Australia is one that celebrates, respects and engages young people and their voice in all aspects of community and governance. Our role is to strengthen the trust, cooperation, collaboration, professionalism and voice of the non-government youth sector to better serve the young people of Western Australia.

YACWA aims to be a united, independent and active advocate for the non-government youth sector and young people that is both supported and respected by the sector and the wider community. Focusing on young people's varied needs at local, State and Federal Government level, YACWA works to engender and enhance positive community attitudes towards young people. We provide a voice and act as a role model for the definition and demonstration of youth participation. Our work is governed by four guiding principles – respect, equity, integrity and the celebration of diversity.

# What we do

YACWA carries out a number of activities which seek to promote positive community attitudes towards young people and to assist and advocate for the sector that supports them.

These activities fall under four key focus areas:

- **Sector Support**
- **Youth Leadership**
- **Policy and Research**
- **Advocacy and Action**

# CEO's report



**The report you're reading symbolises the conclusion of YACWA's 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation.**

Four decades ago, YACWA was founded by a small collective of firebrands,

determined to upend and reinvent the support systems for young people in WA.

I'm proud to say that this year we've kept that fire burning, whether it's holding government's feet to the fire about their need to support the youth sector, igniting the passion of new and experienced youth workers alike or shining a light on the imminent needs and the profound accomplishments of young people throughout Western Australia.

## **Some of the highlights for me this year have been:**

- Completely reworking our biennial conference, Un-Fairground, into an interactive, disruptive sector gathering
- Hosting the 20<sup>th</sup> WA Youth Awards and crowning the 20<sup>th</sup> WA Young Person of the Year in Kamsani Bin Salleh
- The establishment of the Homelessness Youth Advisory Council
- The continuing growth of our affiliate networks: The Youth Pride Network, the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network WA and the Youth Disability Advocacy Network

- The delivery of critical sector events including WA Youth Week, Youth Homelessness Matters Day
- Continuing the development of the WA Youth Strategy
- The relaunch of P!ng as the WA Youth Services Directory, the peak resource for services and organisations in service of young people

These achievements are owned by each and every person who contributes to YACWA's mission. I'd particularly like to thank the devoted YACWA staff whose advocacy for young people in WA is unmatched. I'm so proud to be surrounded by such an inspirational, motivated group of people who carry out their work with passion, tenaciousness and integrity to support the young people of Western Australia.

I'd also like to thank the members of YACWA's Board, whose leadership and commitment to the youth sector is essential to YACWA's continued growth as a peak body.

As with every year, the next 12 months will be filled with its own slate of unique challenges. What I'm sure of is that whether those challenges are economical, legislative, financial or logistical, we're well-positioned to navigate what comes our way thanks to the immeasurable talents of the members, the Board, the staff and the young people that make up this family we call YACWA.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Wortham'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

**Ross Wortham,**  
CEO

# Chairperson's Report



YACWA has been a leading voice supporting young people for more than 40 years and I believe this collaborative voice is clearer and louder than ever. As you read through the 2018/19 Annual

Report you will undoubtedly join me in recognising the outstanding and dynamic work that has been forged together.

Throughout the year the Board navigated unprecedented government reform for YACWA as a peak body and the organisation played an essential role in brokering relationships with government and other key stakeholders as this change unfolded. We were pleased with the outcome for YACWA.

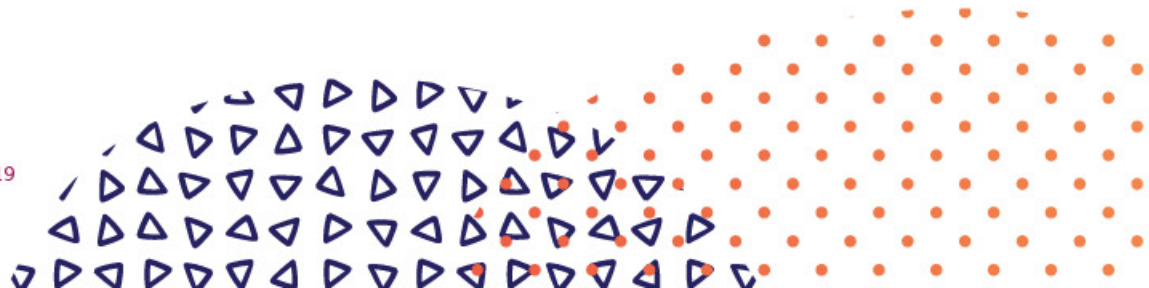
The Board of Directors has remained consistent in its service this year, with all Board members remaining the course.

The YACWA Board acknowledges that the success of the year is only possible because of the consistent, excellent and active work of the CEO, Ross Wortham, and his team who are steadfast to the cause and are a highly talented group of young people.

The Board would also like to thank the members of YACWA; a movement of many young people, older people and organisations who entrust us to represent them; their future and their work. Together, we are unyielding in our Vision to be *"A society where all young people feel valued and are supported to develop, thrive and reach their greatest potential."*

As a Board Director for six years and Chairperson for 3 years, I will not be re-nominating at this election time – it is time to make a path for other very competent and passionate people to step forward. It has been a true privilege to serve.

**Penny Webb**  
Chairperson



# Who we are

## Board of Directors (as at end of June 2019)

**Penny Webb** (Chairperson)  
**Karina Chicote** (Vice Chairperson)  
**Vik Jeyakumar** (Treasurer)  
**Katherine Browne** (Secretary)  
**Georgie Carey**  
**Brooke Draper**  
**Parul Goplani**  
**Daniel Roy**  
**John Thomson**  
**Ross Wortham** (ex-officio)  
**Katie Lew** (co-opted)

## Subcommittees

### *Finance Sub-Committee*

**Vik Jeyakumar**  
**Penny Webb**  
**Karina Chicote**  
**Katie Lew** (co-opted)  
**Parul Goplani**  
**John Thomson**  
**Ross Wortham**

### *Governance Sub-Committee*

**Brooke Draper**  
**Parul Goplani**  
**Ayden Mackenzie** (co-opted)  
**Penny Webb**  
**Ross Wortham**

### *Sustainability Sub-Committee*

**Katherine Browne**  
**Daniel Roy**  
**Georgie Carey**  
**Brooke Draper**  
**Stephan Lund** (co-opted)  
**Ross Wortham**

## Life Members

**Phillippa Boldly, George Davies,  
Louise Gjolitto, Mark Goerke,  
Nic Hasting-James,  
Jude Sorenson, Kerstin Stender,  
Audrey Turner, Brian Wooller**

## Staff (as at end of June 2019)

### *YACWA Core Staff*

**Ross Wortham** (CEO)  
**Llinda Gibson** (Project Manager)  
**Gaurav Singh** (Finance Manager)  
**Mason Rothwell** (Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer)  
**Stefaan Bruce-Truglio** (Policy & Advocacy Officer)  
**Matthew Tomich** (Member & Community Engagement Officer)  
**Milka Bazeley** (Project Officer)  
**Sara Shengeb** (Project Officer)

### *Youth Disability Advocacy Network*

**Lewis Price** (Project Officer - YDAN)  
**Laura Bullock** (YDAN Team Member)  
**Rhiannon De Cinque** (YDAN Team Member)  
**Madison Heady** (YDAN Team Member)  
**Rebecca Harvey** (YDAN Team Member)  
**Jack Meakins** (YDAN Team Member)  
**Tabitha Woo** (YDAN Team Member)  
**Vanessa Vljakovic** (YDAN Team Member)

### *Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network WA*

**Tamkin Essa** (Project Officer - MYAN WA)  
**Rafel Ismail** (Project Officer - MYAN WA)  
**Imara Mandred** (Project Coordinator - MYAN WA Training Project)  
**Amran Abdi** (Youth Consultant)  
**Zahra Al Hilaly** (Youth Consultant)  
**Delicia Cooper** (Youth Consultant)  
**Parul Goplani** (Youth Consultant)  
**Daniel Matabishi** (Youth Consultant)  
**Mohammed Hadi Rahimi** (Youth Consultant)

### *Young Carers Project*

**Shenali Perera** (Project Officer - Young Carers Project)  
**Nicole Chapman** (Youth Consultant)  
**Kyana Collard** (Youth Consultant)  
**Raaghav Raj** (Youth Consultant)  
**Faith Whitaker** (Youth Consultant)  
**Mohammed Hadi Rahimi** (Youth Consultant)

### *Youth Homeless Advisory Council*

**Kal Schwelzer** (Project Coordinator - YHAC)  
**Laura Beegan** (Project Officer - YHAC)  
**Kaya Caterer** (YHAC Member)  
**Danni Forster** (YHAC Member)  
**Telyla Galipo** (YHAC Member)  
**Jess Holden** (YHAC Member)  
**Jesse Leah** (YHAC Member)  
**Adriana Sowah** (YHAC Member)  
**Sky Pierce** (YHAC Member)  
**Ryan Pohl** (YHAC Member)  
**Kacey Renfrew** (YHAC Member)  
**Gabby Williams** (YHAC Member)

### *Youth Educating Peers Project*

**Lorna Graham-Geraghty** (Project Coordinator - YEP Project)  
**Habiba Asam** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Claire Foster** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Julla Morgan** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Jullian Ming** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Amelia Murray** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Jordina Qualn** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Fatema Shalemle** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Kal Schwelzer** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Susan Theselra** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Shaina Thomas** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Emily Wilding** (YEP Peer Educator)

## Past Staff

**Katie Cameron** (Manager, Member and Community Engagement)  
**Anania Tagaro** (YEP Project Coordinator)  
**Aksh Handa** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Matthew Bacon** (YEP Peer Educator)  
**Darci Miller** (YEP Peer Educator)

## Interns/Volunteers

**Madison Heady** (YDAN)  
**Elsa Silverstein** (YACWA History Project)  
**Levon Johnson** (Policy)  
**Grace Holness** (MYANWA Training Project)  
**Nicola Jones** (Young Carers Project)

# Our work is driven by our members.

Our members are more than just financial contributors or governance stakeholders. They're part of a movement dedicated towards upholding the rights and wellbeing of young people, standing in solidarity for the future of our state.

Our membership comprises organisations working across myriad sectors, youth workers, local governments and young people from all over the state.

In our 40<sup>th</sup> year we saw the continued growth of our membership, with over 90 organisations joining the movement to show their support and solidarity for young people in WA.

We'd like to thank the diverse membership that makes up the YACWA movement along with the countless organisations and individual supporters who support our mission across Western Australia.



# Organisational Members

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- Aboriginal Health Council of WA
- Accordwest
- Albany Youth Support Association
- Anglicare WA
- Australian Association of Social Work - WA Branch
- Australian Red Cross - WA Branch
- Bunbury Youth Advisory Council
- City of Albany
- City of Fremantle
- City of Kwinana
- City of Mandurah - Youth Services
- City of Swan
- City of Rockingham
- City of Vincent
- City of Wanneroo
- Dungeon Youth Centre
- Edmund Rice
- Escare
- Ethnic Communities Council of WA
- Fogarty Foundation Youth Leadership Program
- Foundation Housing Ltd
- Foyer Oxford (Anglicare WA)
- Freedom Centre
- Fusion Youth Service
- Geraldton Youth and Family Support Service (Ngala)
- Goldfields Women's Health Care Association
- Headspace Albany
- Hope Community Services
- Indigo Junction
- Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC)
- Kira Community Services
- Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
- Life Without Barriers State Office
- Mercycare
- Mission Australia
- Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia
- NDS WA
- Ngala - Midwest and Gascoyne
- Nyoongar Outreach Services
- Outcare Inc
- Passages Resource Centre
- PCYC
- Peel Youth Services Incorporated
- Perth Inner City Youth Service
- Reconciliation WA
- Rise Community Network
- Ruah
- Save the Children
- Scouts WA
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire
- Shelter WA
- Shire of Waroona
- South Coastal Health and Community Services
- St John of God Health Care
- St Patrick's Community Support Centre
- St Vincent De Paul Society
- Swan Alliance
- Telethon Kids Institute
- Town of Bassendean
- Unitingcare West
- WANSLEA
- Whitelion
- Wirrapunda Foundation
- YMCA
- Yorganop
- Youth Affairs Council of Victoria
- Youth Affairs Network of Qld Inc
- Youth Focus Inc.
- Youth Futures
- Youth Involvement Council Inc.
- YouthLink
- Zero to Hero

# Our Funders and Supporters

## Core Funding

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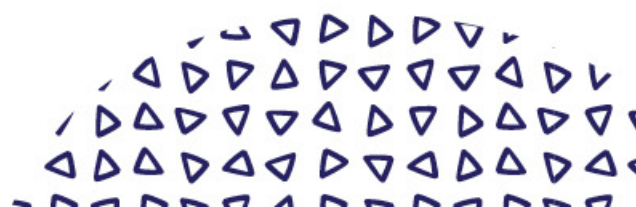
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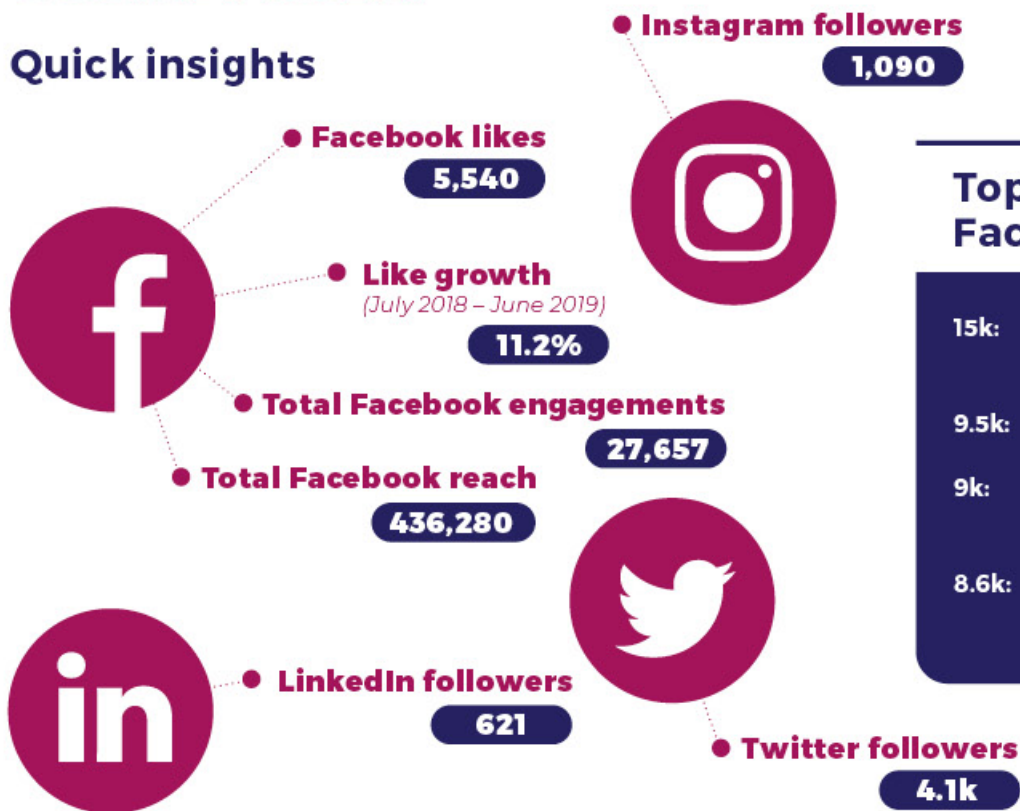
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Department of Local  
Government & Communities  
Edith Cowan University  
Harvey Local Drug Action Group

Hope Community Services  
Kira  
Life Without Barriers  
Lotterywest  
Mercy Community Services  
Mission Australia  
Propel Youth Arts WA  
RAC WA  
Rise  
Safe Foundation  
Save the Children Australia  
ShelterWA  
Telethon Kids Institute  
WACOSS  
YMCA Perth  
Youth Futures WA



# Communications/ Social Media

## Quick insights



## Top reaching Facebook posts

- 15k:** Federal election vote push for young people
- 9.5k:** My Health Record opt-out info
- 9k:** Hong Kong Youth Exchange applications open
- 8.6k:** Youth Homelessness Advisory Council callout

YACWA continued to expand its digital reach in the 2018-19 period with increased presence across social media platforms, a growth in engagements, content creation and new strategies for reaching young people and the broader youth sector.

YACWA's Instagram presence grew significantly and we greatly expanded our use of Instagram stories for documenting the myriad events, activities and youth consultations we run. Facebook continues to be our primary platform for sharing messages with the youth sector, while LinkedIn has become an increasingly important method for networking with leaders within our sector and beyond.





# Youth Leadership

# 2018 WA Youth Awards

The WA Youth Awards serve as the flagship event of YACWA's annual event calendar. It's an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of young people and the organisations that work to support them.

We know that young people deserve greater recognition for the significant contributions they make to their community, whether it be through activism and advocacy, storytelling, conservation, leadership, compassion, creativity or support.

The 2018 WA Youth Awards gala ceremony took place at the State Theatre Centre of WA on the evening of Friday 12 October. We were honoured to crown the 20th ever WA Young Person of the Year, Kamsani Bin Salleh, a 25-year-old Perth-based artist. Kam uses his art, which extends across mediums, to teach young people about meaningful interactions with Noongar culture through organisations like the ICEA Foundation and through his own practice.

The WA Youth Awards is an intensely collaborative endeavour, made possible through support from partner organisations including Lotterywest and the Department of Communities, the award category sponsors, and supporting sponsors Telethon Kids Institute and Youth Futures WA.



*Hon. Peter Tinley with WA Young Person of the Year, Kamsani Bin Salleh*

## **Congratulations to the 2018 WA Youth Awards winners:**

- **Mission Australia Cultural Endeavours Award & WA Young Person of the Year:** Kamsani Bin Salleh, 25, Cottesloe
- **Commissioner for Children and Young People Participate Award:** Scott Guerini, 12, Alkimos
- **ECU Community Leadership Award:** Drisana Levitzke-Gray, 25, Balga
- **Hope Community Services Positive Achievement Award:** Dale Rollason, 24, Broome
- **RAC Innovation for Sustainable Future Award:** Bella Burgemeister, 12, Dalyellup
- **Charmaine Dragn Memorial Award:** Lindsay Brennan, 23
- **Minister for Youth's Most Outstanding Youth Worker Award:** Jessica Vati, 42, Mandurah
- **Life Without Barriers Organisational Achievement Award - Small:** Youth Disability Advocacy Network
- **YMCA Organisational Achievement Award - Large:** Town of Bassendean Youth Services, RYDE Program

# 2018 WA Young Person of the Year Kamsani Bin Salleh

In October of 2019, WA Young Person of the Year Kamsani Bin Salleh used his \$10,000 travel bursary for winning the 2018 WA Young Person of the Year to create a collaborative art piece with young people in the Pilbara and the Kimberley.

Armed with a small collection of art materials and a canvas more than five metres long, Kam's trip took him first to Port Hedland, then across to the other eastern edge of WA to Kununurra, Wyndham, Halls Creek and finally Broome.

Working with young people from toddlers to teenagers, Kam created the skeleton for an expansive art piece reflecting ideas of culture and country throughout northern WA. Kam worked alongside young people in each community, illustrating images of wildlife in a stunning array of kaleidoscopic colours.

Special thanks to the organisations and individuals that partnered with YACWA and Kam on creating this artwork - the Youth Involvement Council, Wyndham Youth Aboriginal Corporation, Save the Children's Kununurra Office, Wunan Youth, Ronald Bin Swani, Jessica White, Katie Tyson, Vicki-Tree Stephens, Silia Vailala, Jonno Nicholas, Darcey Ryan, Sarina Morgan and the countless young people who expressed their creativity and contribute to this enormous, collaborative piece of work.

Kamsani Bin Salleh  
WA Young Person of the Year 2018



# The YEP Crew

The Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Project aims to support and educate young people on relationships, sexual health and blood-borne virus (SHBBV) issues. One of the ways it does this is utilising a peer-based model and employing young peer educators. These peer educators are called the YEP Crew.

In 2018-2019 the YEP Crew was comprised of 12 young people from diverse backgrounds. Over the year they delivered an outstanding amount of quality SHBBV education to young people which included:

- **Delivering 53 metro youth focused workshops and outreach activities reaching over 1,200 young people**
- **Attending the inaugural Falls Festival SHBBV testing site and engaging with over 400 young people**
- **Touring the Pilbara and delivering six youth workshops to over 100 young people**
- **Publishing 12 blog posts for the YEP website - [www.theyeproject.org.au](http://www.theyeproject.org.au)**
- **Partnering with the Youth Pride Network (YPN) to deliver four *Queer and A live with Sexperts* sessions**
- **Co-creating and co-delivering youth sector workshops and forums**

## YEP Crew Fast Facts

- 53** metropolitan youth workshops
- 6** regional youth workshops
- 1.6k** young people reached
- 12** blogs posted
- 2** presentations at events



# MYAN WA Youth Leadership

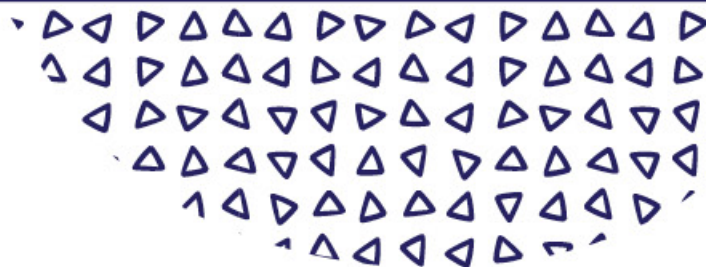
MYAN WA strives to centre young people in all projects and has a strong focus on building the leadership of refugee and migrant young people. MYAN WA's key youth leadership project, **Shout Out**, now has 20 young speakers from refugee and migrant backgrounds who attend schools, community organisations and businesses to speak up on issues of importance to them and their peers. In the 2018-2019 financial year, Shout Out speakers reached 2,711 people. The project also attracted funding from the Department of Social Services through their Fostering Integration Grant program to expand its reach into public schools, not-for-profit organisations and LGAs, with the program offering free speakers to these groups until March 2020.

**The leadership of refugee and migrant young people has also been developed this year through:**

- Including young people on the panels at each of the four MYAN WA sector forums
- Supporting four young people from WA to attend the National FUSE summit
- Hosting a MYAN WA stall at YACWA's WA Youth Week event
- Appointing two young people to sit on the MYAN WA Executive Group
- Employing seven youth consultants to co-design and deliver MYAN WA training
- Maintaining a Catalyst Youth of WA Facebook page for young people involved with MYAN WA, with 97 members

## MYAN WA Youth Leadership Fast Facts

- 2,711 people reached through the Shout Out program
- 20 Shout Out speakers
- 7 youth consultants trained
- 4 young FUSE attendees



# Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN)

In the 2018-2019 financial year, YACWA was delighted to continue to auspice the Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN) to deliver their ILC grant from the Department of Communities. YDAN is WA's leading advocacy organisation and peak representative body for young people with disability. Its committee is entirely comprised of young people with disability.

In 2018-2019, YDAN continued to provide workshops and presentations to the youth and community sector and young people, delivering seven sector workshops and six youth focused workshops and stalls both in the Perth metro area, and also in Mandurah and Katanning. They also delivered seven experiential audits of youth services and events, assessing accessibility for young people and providing feedback and advice on improvements. All of these workshops and audits were delivered by young people with disability employed as youth consultants on the project. Bookings can be made at [www.ydan.com.au/services](http://www.ydan.com.au/services).

YDAN hosted a number of significant events during the year with the aim of building networks for young people with disability and giving them an opportunity to talk about and advocate on issues of importance to them. These included:

- **A youth disability focused employment forum**
- *Youth Take Charge* - a forum focused on transitioning to the NDIS
- **A disability pride float in the annual Perth Pride parade**
- **A screening and discussion on the *Defiant Lives* documentary**
- **The Disability Day of Mourning**
- *Suicide Speaks* event

In addition to the above, YDAN also developed a youth-focused NDIS flyer, established a regional sub-committee, wrote and published seven blogs and grew their Facebook page following to over 2,000.

## YEP Crew Fast Facts

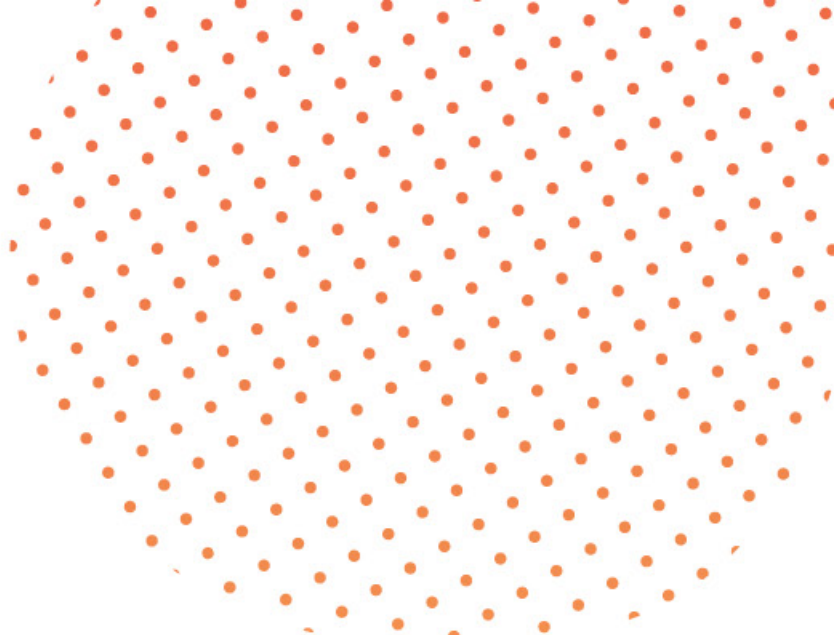
- 7 sector workshops
- 6 youth workshops or stalls
- 7 experiential audits
- 6 social or advocacy peer events
- 7 blog posts
- 8 youth consultants employed
- 2,081 Facebook followers

# Youth Homelessness Advisory Council (YHAC)

In the 2018-2019 year, YACWA, in collaboration with the Alliance to End Homelessness, was thrilled to support ten young people with lived experience of homelessness to form the Youth Homelessness Advisory Council (YHAC). This youth-led advocacy group was originally established to work with the Youth Cohort Action Plan team to co-design the Youth Homelessness Action Plan. However, since their work on this project, the group have continued to meet and now provide lived experience feedback and advice to several youth homelessness services around the Perth metropolitan area and other programs, events and initiatives that relate to youth homelessness. The group is extremely sought after for their advice and experience.

In 2018-2019, the YHAC project achieved the following:

- **Recruited ten young people aged 16 to 25 with lived experiences of youth homelessness from a diversity of backgrounds**
- **Held 10 YHAC team meetings**
- **Participated in three YHAC training sessions**
- **Visited six youth accommodation services on a Service Safari**
- **Held a stall at WA Youth Week**
- **Provided input into the development of the Youth Homelessness Action Plan**
- **Delivered three presentations, including at the Tenancy Conference 2019**



# Youth Pride Network

The Youth Pride Network is a youth-led organisation that represents the interests of LGBTIQ+ young people to decision makers. In its second year, YPN has grown as an organisation, receiving its first grant to provide opportunities for LGBTIQ+ performers at a gig that provide safe spaces for all ages of LGBTIQ+ young people. YPN produced its second submission to the Law Reform Commission, which highlighted desperately needed changes to the WA Equal Opportunity Act. YPN also directed an advocacy campaign protesting the Federal Religious Freedoms Bill.

This year 7 new committee members joined the team and have been vital to the growth of our social media presence and setting a revitalised direction for YPN. YPN continues to lead the conversation on LGBTIQ+ youth rights and advocate for a range of issues.

## Youth Pride Network Fast Facts

**746** Facebook followers

**7** New committee members

**178** Instagram followers



*The YEP Crew with facilitators at National Condom Day 2019*



# Policy and Advocacy

Policy and advocacy are critical elements of how YACWA aims to make a difference in Western Australia for young people and the youth sector. By providing young people a voice — both direct and representative — as well as evidence-based advice and analysis to decision-makers, we create a Western Australia that values and supports young people

Our policy and advocacy work this year involved the following activities and products:

- **Government responses;**
- **Targeted lobbying and influence;**
- **Member and youth consultation;**
- **Member representation in key networks, committees and meetings;**
- **Creating platforms for youth voices and influence;**
- **Regional representation;**
- **National influence; and**
- **Awareness raising campaigns**

YACWA continues to achieve far beyond the size of our organisation. Despite our relatively small size, we've achieved incredible policy outcomes through our policy and advocacy work. Below are some of the ways YACWA achieved real change for young people during this financial year.

# Responding to Government

## YACWA Submissions

- **Written Submission to the Inquiry into the Monitoring and Enforcing of Child Safe Standards**
- **Written Submission to the Inquiry into Lowering the Voting Age (Electoral Amendment Bill 2018)**
- **Written Submission to the Inquiry into Lowering the Voting Age (Electoral Amendment Bill 2018) [Joint Youth Peaks Submission]**
- **Written Submission to the Discussion Paper for the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness**
- **Written Submission to the Western Australian Youth Strategy**
- **Clinical Senate of Western Australia consideration of the transition of adolescents and young adults with complex conditions from paediatric to adult health services.**

## Pre-Budget Submission 2019/2020

In anticipation of the State Government's 2019/2020 State budget announcement, YACWA launched its annual Pre-Budget Submission in November 2018. Entitled 'Breaking the Cycle', this document provided a series of strategic and financial recommendations to government in an attempt to ensure that they put the

best interests of young people and the community at the core of long-term thinking.

The submission was based on the feedback provided by our members, including 190 young people and 330 members of the youth sector from both metropolitan and regional areas. This was gathered at our biennial Un-Fairground Conference and through individual and group consultations with our youth network. We also drew on international and national research and best practice as well as YACWA's previous work.

## State Budget Analysis 2018/19

In response to the 2019/20 State Government budget announcement, YACWA provided analysis and advice to the WA youth and community services sector on our impacts. YACWA spoke at the WACOSS State Budget Forum in May 2019, noting insufficient spend on prevention services, and failures of the State Government to meet mental health, alcohol and other drugs services spending targets. The advice and analysis YACWA undertook regarding the State Budget will form the basis of the 2019/20 State of the Youth Sector Report and annual Pre-Budget Submission.

## WA Youth Strategy 2019-2029

Continuing from 2017/18, YACWA continued to provide advice and guidance to the development of Western Australia's very first state-wide youth strategy. Through our submission to the Better Choices: Youth



in WA Strategy Discussion paper, YACWA advocated consistently for a whole-of-government approach to the Strategy, knitting together diverse reforms and initiatives. In early 2019, our advocacy resulted in the establishment of an across-government Design Team to weave together disparate policy portfolios into a holistic approach to improving youth outcomes. We also continued to advocate for more young people to be directly involved in the design and development process and provided structure and support for members of the Ministerial Youth Advisory Council to become members of the Design Team. We're continuing to work with the State Government to support the development of the Strategy.

## Member Representation

2018/19 saw YACWA continued to represent our members across the many portfolios impacting young people and the youth sector. This included specific focus on cross-government collaboration, climate change and environmental issues, trauma-informed practice, and marginalisation.

The following are some examples of committees and key stakeholders that YACWA regularly engaged throughout the year.

## Committee Representation

- **Adoption Act Review Reference Group**
- **Advisory Group – Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of WA**
- **Anti-Poverty Week Reference Group**
- **Australian Youth Affairs Council Committee**
- **Building Bridges Research Project Reference Group – Telethon Kids Institute**
- **Closing the Justice Gap Sub-Committee – Social Reinvestment WA**
- **Department of Justice Youth Justice Reference Group**
- **Executive Group – Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia**
- **Home Stretch Guiding Committee**
- **Homelessness Week Reference Group**
- **Housing Authority Round Table (HART)**
- **Looking Forward, Moving Forward Research Project Reference Group – Telethon Kids Institute**
- **Navigating Through Life Advisory Group**
- **Social Reinvestment WA Coalition**
- **Supporting Communities Forum**
  - Collaboration Working Group [Co-Chair]
  - Communications Working Group
  - Data Linkage and Sharing Working Group
- **UNICEF Child Rights Taskforce**
- **WA Alliance to End Homelessness**
- **WA Council on Homelessness Ministerial Advisory Group**
- **WA Homelessness 10 Year Strategy Working Group**
- **WA Peaks Forum**
- **WA Youth Strategy Design Team**

- **WACOSS Children's Policy Advisory Council**
- **YDAN membership on the NDIS Transition Advisory Group to the Minister**
- **Youth Mental Health Services Integration Project Advisory Group**
- **Youth Partnership Project Executive Committee**
- **Youth Work WA Committee**

## Parliamentary Hearings

- **Oral Testimony to the Inquiry into Lowering the Voting Age (Electoral Amendment Bill 2018)**

## Regular Meetings with Key Decision Makers

- **Quarterly meetings with the Minister for Youth**
- **Quarterly meetings with the Commissioner for Children and Young People**
- **Quarterly meetings with the Assistant Director General, Services (metro and regional), Department of Communities**
- **Quarterly meetings with the Executive Director, Office of Multicultural Interests**
- **Regular meetings with the Minister for Child Protection, Women's Interest, Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services**
- **Regular meetings with the Department of Communities across multiple function areas**
- **Regular meetings with a variety of Members of Parliament on a range of issues**
- **Roundtable with Senator Jordon Steele-John**
- **Roundtable with Shadow Minister for Youth, Ms Terri Butler MP**

# Consultations

## Youth Sector Roundtable on the At-Risk Youth Action Plan

YACWA hosted this forum on behalf of the Department of Communities to inform the development of the At-Risk Youth Action Plan. 98 representatives from service providers, including Funded Services for Young People attended. These roundtable discussions examined existing Funded Services for Young People, the housing and homelessness sector, young people leaving care, and youth justice, and improvements to the At-Risk Youth System to better outcomes over the life of the new Action Plan.

## Youth Interviews for the At-Risk Youth Action Plan

As part of the development of the At-Risk Youth Action Plan, YACWA met with 40 young people who met criteria for the definition of 'at-risk'. By hosting informal, loosely structured conversations with young people at service providers of their choice, we gained an insight into their experiences and desires for a better system to support other young people.

## Developing the Youth Homelessness Action Plan

In April 2018, The WA Alliance to End Homelessness launched a community led 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness. As part of this collective effort YACWA was tasked with developing a Youth Homelessness Action Plan (The Action Plan) which was a cohort specific strategy aiming at outlining a number of tailored actions to meet the needs of young people experiencing homelessness as well as providing a roadmap for early intervention for those at risk. In order to do this a design team was formed consisting of the Youth Homelessness Advisory Council, a group of young people with lived experiences of homelessness, youth sector organisations working in the homelessness space as well as state and local governments

Throughout April and June 2019, the team came together for several workshops where they followed a co-design process to co-develop a youth-specific action plan. The group used various design tools like 'system maps,' 'journey maps,' and 'future narratives' to empathise, discover, analyse and gain new insights together as well as utilising the knowledge of young people to assess the impact of particular homelessness services in WA. This process was completed with a view to launching the Action Plan in late 2019.

## Surveys

- **2019 Annual Members Survey (63 responses)**
- **Age Discrimination in Australia (27 responses)**
- **At-Risk Youth Action Plan – Sector Workshop Evaluation (29 responses)**
- **Action Plan to End Youth Homelessness – Creating an Action Plan (22 responses)**
- **Harvey LDAG Youth Survey (139 responses)**
- **Harvey LDAG Parent/Caregiver Survey (25 responses)**
- **Un-Fairground 2018 Feedback Survey (30 responses)**
- **Culturally Informed Approach Training**
  - City of Armadale – Culture 101 (49 responses)
  - Culturally Informed Approach Training – Full Day (67 responses)
  - 'How To' Culture Training (28 responses)
- **The YEP Project**
  - The YEP Experience Survey 2018 (14 responses)
  - The YEP Youth Sector Feedback Survey 2018 (22 responses)
  - The YEP Youth Survey 2018 (30 responses)

# Awareness Campaigns

In 2018/19 YACWA carried out and supported a number of state and national campaigns that aimed to raise awareness on issues affecting young people, as well as promote youth engagement.

These included:

- **Anti-Poverty Week 2019**
- **Opposition to the introduction of electronic racing gambling machines in Western Australia**
- **Social Reinvestment WA**
- **Youth Homelessness Matters Day 2019**

## Regional Representation

As the largest state in the nation, it is important YACWA engages regional and remote communities, young people, and service providers in our policy and advocacy work. There are many unique challenges for these groups and require their expertise to be acknowledged in the often highly metropolitan-focused policy development cycle.

YACWA aims to ensure our policy responses and state-wide engagement consider the views, issues and opinions of regional young people and organisations at all times; including in our grant applications, project submissions and sector events. Regional bursaries were available for a number of our major events, including the Un-Fairground 2018 conference through which we

supported 48 regional individuals to attend the event and join the WA Youth Awards.

We're continuing to work to facilitate more opportunities for young people and the youth sector to participate in our policy and events, through regional visits, travel bursaries, and remote participation methods.

**During 2018/19 YACWA's policy work included direct face-to-face engagement in the following regions:**

- **Mid-West**
- **Great Southern**
- **Pilbara**

With limited resourcing, face-to-face engagement wasn't always possible throughout the year. Instead, YACWA often relies heavily on online dialogues to engage the regions. We maintained engagement through our social media presence, e-newsletters, our fortnightly policy updates, and dedicated outreach strategies within our projects and policy work.

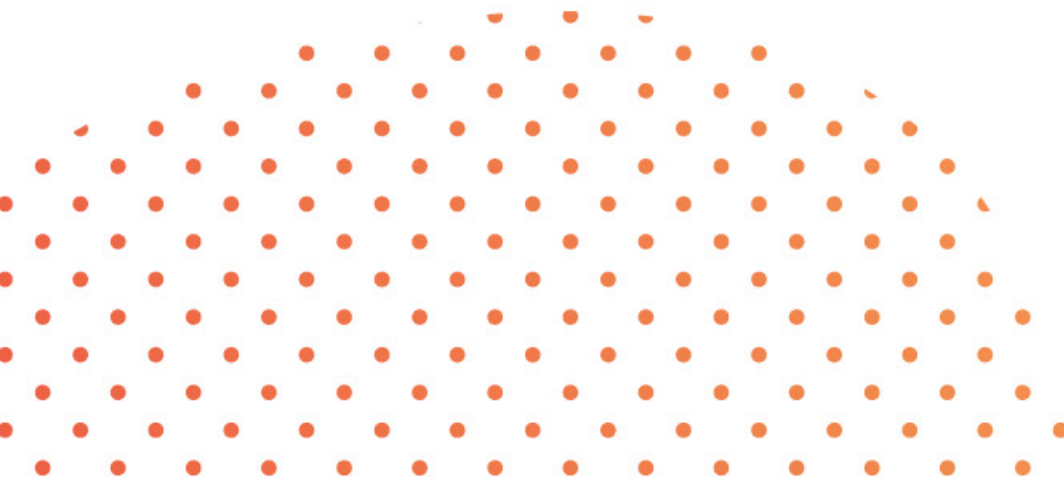
## National Influence

YACWA is a state-based organisation but exerts considerable national influence alongside other state-based youth peak organisations. With a Federal Election in May 2019, as a member of the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC), we maintained a keen lens of national policy developments and activities. We're also collaborating more than ever before with our counterparts in other states and territories, with the establishment of a Youth Peaks Policy Group, meeting bi-monthly.

YACWA provided input on a number of issues in the lead up to the Federal Election, including the establishment of a Federal Minister for Youth, the impacts of My Health Record, and the Inquiry into Lowering the Voting Age, in which we also supported five young people to represent their own views in a Parliamentary Hearing. Our joint advocacy saw the ALP commit to re-funding the AYAC for the first time since 2014, should they be elected, alongside many youth-focused election commitments from the major parties. Following the May 2019 Federal Election, we were successful in a long-term campaign to re-establish a Minister for Youth, now filled by Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck.

YACWA also maintained its national presence by sitting on the following boards and committees:

- **The Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Board**
- **MYAN Australia Executive Group**
- **National Youth Coalition on Housing**
- **Homelessness Australia**
- **National Multicultural Youth Census Advisory Group**





# Sector Support and Development

One of the key roles at YACWA is our mandate to develop and support a strong youth sector. Having a strong youth sector ensures that the organisations that support young people are competent and confident in delivering evidence-based, effective services for young people.

During the 2018/19 financial year, YACWA held a number of sector development events not only to facilitate this strength but also to:

- **provide an opportunity for networking across the Western Australian youth sector;**
- **to hear from leading experts working in relevant fields;**
- **to improve collaboration and information sharing; and**
- **to improve the evidence base for our advocacy.**

# Un-Fairground

YACWA's 2018 biennial conference emerged under the theme of "Un-Fairground". The name played on the traditional carnival atmosphere of the event and the growing barriers young people and the uneven playing field young people faced in six key areas: Education, Youth Unemployment, Mental Health, Child Protection, Homelessness and Youth Justice.

We reconfigured the structure of the conference, breaking out into multiple venues in Northbridge across two days in October. Speakers ranged from academics, Aboriginal elders and government ministers to youth workers, youth sector leaders and, most importantly, young people.

Un-Fairground attracted over 300 attendees who worked together to produce six key manifestos:

## Education

We believe education is not one-size-fits-all. Education is successful when it responds to the needs of the student and not the convenience of the system.

We value individualised learning, systems that reward engagement and wellbeing over educational attainment, and affording young people a voice in their education.

We're working to challenge standardised curriculums and testing, championing Aboriginal knowledge

and science, and advocating for youth work as a fundamental of wellbeing in healthy schools.

## Employment

We believe that as a society we have the tools needed to end youth unemployment. We're calling for public, private, and community sector unity in our response. We want to provide those most vulnerable with the support and resources they need to gain stable and secure employment.

We want to raise Youth Allowance and Newstart, to make educational and vocational training more accessible, and provide direct pathways into paid employment.

Together we can break down the barriers to employment and ensure every young person has the opportunity and support needed to gain employment and pursue their dreams.

## Mental Health

We believe that when we invest in connection, community, and spirit, we invest in mental health. We're working to transform our siloed mental health system and create a society that looks beyond symptoms and at human beings.

We stand united in championing equality, collaboration and reconciliation as cornerstones of wellbeing and suicide prevention.





Our goals are greater investment in prevention and community supports, ensuring interventions are trauma-informed and appropriate, and balancing our mental health system both economically and morally.

## Alcohol and Other Drugs

We believe that addressing alcohol and other drug harm is about addressing hurt, disconnection and trauma. We believe in not punishing people for their relationships with alcohol and drugs, and instead connecting them with the supports they need.

We champion trauma-informed, community-focused practice that tears down current barriers for people to access support.

We're working together for a Western Australia that has ended drug-related harm.

## Child Protection

We believe in the right of every young person to live safely and have a home.

We know that if we invest in early intervention, family mediation, and in providing young people with a strong and nurturing support network, we can ensure more young people have safe and happy lives.

We are working to ensure connections to family and culture are maintained without exception, to support young people to achieve whatever their life goals are, and to address the factors that lead many to enter the child protection system.

## Youth Justice

We believe in a society with justice that is unmotivated by class, race or prejudice. We also believe that we can't talk about justice without truth as our starting point and reconciliation as our finish line.

A justice system that goes beyond managing crime and instead creates communities where crime is a thing of the past – that's our goal.

By devolving power to communities, investing in relationships, and dismantling systems that unfairly punish those doing it tough, we're creating a society that has no need for prisons and punishments.

## Youth Engagement

We believe in the value of young people now—not in the future. We believe young people should be involved in every strategy we develop, every youth centre we build, and every service model we prototype.

We value young people's contributions and expertise by relinquishing control, compensating their time, and meeting them on their terms. We're working together to ensure that any program or services designed for

young people is done so by properly engaging those who will be accessing them.

We're working towards a society that truly values the voices, experiences, and ideas of young people.

# Transformative Evaluation in Youth Work Training and #YouthWorkWorks

YACWA continued its work with Edith Cowan University, commenced in early 2018, on providing metro and regional youth service organisations with Transformative Evaluation in Youth Work training. The training centres around the Most Significant Change model (MSC), a story-telling technique used for documenting, analysing and detailing the impact of youth work on both the young people and the youth workers themselves.

The training led to the development of the #YouthWorkWorks project, a digital storytelling campaign combining four core elements:

- **a permanent website ([youthworkworks.org.au](http://youthworkworks.org.au))**
- **a directory providing practical academic resources for youth workers**
- **the #HumansOfYouthWork social media project detailing the motivations and aspirations and stories behind youth workers from across the state**
- **a 13-minute documentary titled *Holding On To Hope*, exploring the stories several WA youth workers and the impact they've had on young people**

# The Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Project

In the 2018-2019 financial year, the YEP Project is proud to have delivered professional development training to 417 youth, community and health sector workers in the metro area through 23 professional development workshops. Ten of these were delivered in regional areas, including Bunbury, Albany, Katanning and an epic tour of six towns in the Pilbara.

The workshops delivered included:

- **Check Yo Self: Attitudes and Values**
- **Creating Safe Spaces: The YEP Youth Sector Guidelines v2.0**
- **Engaging Young People in SHBBV Issues**
- **Trans and Gender Diverse Sexual Health 101: Gender Identity Toolkit**
- **What's Culture got to do with It? (new)**
- **Sex and Mental Health - delivered by Connection and Wellbeing Australia**

The most frequently requested workshop was the *Gender Identify Toolkit*, which includes the newly released Gender Burger video. This workshop provides a comprehensive overview of sex and gender from a youth perspective. The video has been highly acclaimed in the community and has been adapted by many organisations and schools to increase their understanding and inclusion of trans and gender diverse young people.

## The Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Project Fast Facts

**23** youth sector workshops delivered

**417** sector workers reached

**2,100+** Facebook followers

**500+** workers accessed the Youth SHBBV referral resource

This year saw the YEP Project develop a guidebook for youth sector staff in the Pilbara with outlined descriptions of activities and how to run these with local young people, building sustainability into the visit. The YEP Crew has also distributed the *YEP Youth SHBBV Referral Resource* distributed and accessed by over 500 workers in the metro area.

# Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of Western Australia (MYAN WA)

YACWA continued to auspice Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of WA (MYAN WA) during the 2018-2019 period. MYAN WA helped support and develop sector knowledge on issues of importance to refugee and migrant young people through forums, training and regular communications.

In this period MYAN WA hosted four well attended forums on the topics of:

- **Youth employment**
- **LGBTIQA+ CALD young people**
- **Trauma**
- **Sexual health**

MYAN WA also received funding from the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) to develop and deliver youth focused cultural awareness training. Two training packages were co-designed and co-delivered by a team of refugee and migrant young people. These were:

- **Culturally Informed Approach (CIA) – full-day session**
- **How to Culture – half-day session**

During the 2018-2019 period, the team delivered four full-day, one half-day and two bespoke training sessions, including one in Katanning. In total, 156 workers and

## MYAN WA Fast Facts

4	sector forums
190	forum attendees
7	sector training sessions
156	training attendees
556	e-newsletter recipients
12	newsletters
1,691	e-newsletter views
819	Facebook followers

volunteers from a range of sectors, including youth, community, health, education, justice and recreation attended the training. This training remains available to organisations on a fee for service basis – [myanwa.com/training](http://myanwa.com/training).

In 2018-2019 MYAN WA continue to deliver monthly newsletters full of information, events and resources relevant to working with refugee and migrant young people. In total 12 newsletters we distributed and were viewed 1,691 times. MYAN WA's Facebook page continued to have a strong reach, increasing to 819 followers.

## WA Youth Services Directory

The YACWA-led resource previously known as PInG underwent significant change over the past 12 months, relaunching as a beta version of its new iteration: the WA Youth Services Directory.

With a new name and brand, the WA Youth Services is a large-scale revamp of the directory which began development in 2011. With a new Wiki-style layout, the directory is now open for user editing, allowing services and organisations to alter their listings to keep information up to date regarding service availability, opening hours, contact information, accessibility and more. YACWA continues to administrate the database, monitoring changes, additions and removals to services.

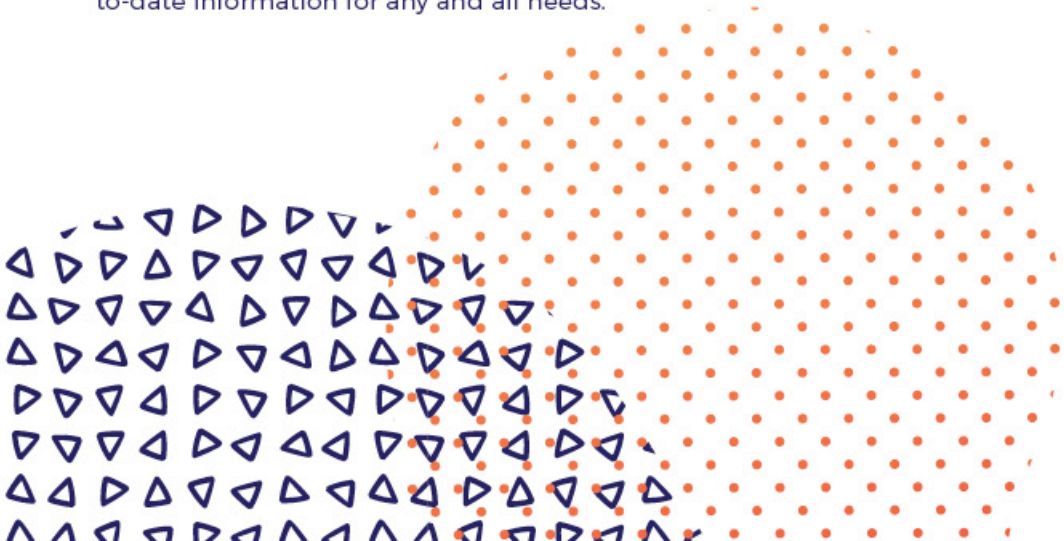
The continues to develop thanks to partnerships with youth sector organisations that will ensure young people have access to the most appropriate and up-to-date information for any and all needs.

## Sector Events

Part of YACWA's core role is to bring people together, to learn from one another, to build skills, and to create new ideas. We do this through a variety of sector and youth led events throughout the year, based on the needs and feedback from our members.

### Youth Homelessness Matters Day 2019

YACWA's Youth Homelessness Matters Day activity was led by the Youth Homelessness Advisory Council (YHAC), a group of 10 young people with lived experience of homelessness. The YHAC visited critical services for young people as part of a Service Safari, leading conversations on how to improve the systems for youth workers and the young people they work with. The group visited with five services - Foyer Oxford, Indigo Junction, Perth Inner City Youth Services, Youth Link and DAYS (Drug and Alcohol Youth Services).





## WA Youth Week 2019

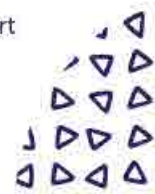
On April 18, YACWA ran our first-ever WA Youth Week event to reflect the theme of *Nurture the Now*. Held in Leederville, the event brought together over 100 young people and gave them an opportunity to contribute to a collaborative artwork, designed by the 2018 WA Young Person of the Year, Kamsani Bin Salleh.

The event also featured live talent from young musicians in Perth and young attendees participated in activities at a number of stalls from key youth services and youth-led advocacy groups in WA, which gave them opportunities to:

- **Learn about the importance of conserving and protecting the environment through an interactive activity with Millennium Kids**

- **Design and burn artwork onto wooden boards with Whitelion**
- **Interact in a human library with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds from the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of WA (MYAN WA)**
- **Learn tactile Auslan from the Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN) raising their awareness of inclusion and accessibility;**
- **Understand safe sex practices through a condom race activity using various shaped objects to embrace different body shapes with members of the Youth Educating Peers (YEP) project**
- **Contribute to a drawing board for young people to share their experiences of being a member of the LGBTIQA+ community with the Youth Pride Network (YPN)**

The event was a great success bringing the community together to celebrate young people, while linking them up with services that are out there to support them.



# YACWA Consulting

YACWA Consulting is our fee for service arm of the organisation. YACWA is widely acknowledged as a leader in the field of current youth participation best practice. This reputation has a national profile and is supported by academic research, proven training and project management and, most importantly, extensive engagement with young people.

The resources generated through YACWA's fee for service work goes directly towards our strategic goals of supporting the youth sector, helping young people be heard and youth advocacy.

The 2018-2019 year was a busy one with YACWA working with ten organisations on a variety of projects including strategy development, youth leadership training, youth consultation and specialist resource development.

In the 2018-2019 year, we commenced or completed the following pieces of work:

- **City of Bayswater** – youth consultation and youth action plan development
- **City of Gosnells** – youth strategy development
- **City of Rockingham** – youth leadership training
- **City of Stirling** – Stirling Youth Advocates (SYA) program
- **Department of Communities** – At Risk Youth Strategy youth consultation
- **Harvey Local Drug Action Group (HLDAG)** – youth consultation and report
- **Red Cross WA** – young carer's project
- **Student Edge** – Dream Spark camp evaluation
- **WA Police** – youth forum and report



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# Treasurer's Report

## 2018-19 YACWA AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements for the Youth Affairs Council WA (YACWA), for the period ended 30 June 2019. This report should be read in conjunction with the 2019 Financial Report. The accounts audited by Hewitt Turner and Gelevitis, are included in the Annual Report.

The report from the 2018-19 financial year demonstrates that YACWA remains in a stable financial position due to the diligent use of its resources to ensure our mission is achieved. YACWA's financial position remains stable with a slight increase to income from \$1,311,309 to \$1,312,620. YACWA's main source of income stems from grant funding through the Department of Communities, Department of Health, Department of Finance and Lotterywest which saw a marginal increase. YACWA's Biennial Un-Fairground Conference occurred during this period, consequently reflecting an increase in conference income.

YACWA's current assets to current liabilities ratio continues to improve from 0.97 (2017), 1.033 (2018) and to 1.22 (2019) improving our sustainability. Our expenditure for the year was \$1,269,141 with employee costs as well as sector event and activities being where the majority of expenditure was incurred. YACWA continues to improve our financial position, ending the 2018-19 financial year with a surplus of \$43,479, an increase from \$13,605 in the prior year. This could not have been achieved without the discipline and

commitment from the staff and management team. YACWA's retained earnings also increased from \$52,718 in the prior year to \$96,197. Full details of these accounts can be found in the annual report.

The 2019-20 budget was endorsed by the Board with the aim to extend YACWA's reach and impact whilst enabling YACWA to sustainably meet its obligations and goals in the coming years. I'd like to thank YACWA's Sustainability and Finance Subcommittees for their diligence and focus on continuous improvement in ensuring strong and functional governance systems are in place.

I wish to also acknowledge Ross Wortham (CEO), Gaurav Singh (Finance Officer) and the Board Finance and Sustainability Sub-Committees for their diligent approach in ensuring YACWA's financial health is enhanced. Your disciplined approach to governance allows YACWA to continue to make a significant impact in enhancing the rights of young people and the sector that supports them.

A heartfelt thank you to outgoing Chairperson Penny Webb and Treasurer Katie Liew for your leadership in strengthening YACWA's governance. Through your disciplined and supportive approach to governance, YACWA has grown from strength to strength during the past few years – and for this we are thankful.



**Vik Jeyakumar**

Treasurer

21 November 2019

**YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grant and Service Income		966,606	963,314
Interest		4,383	3,983
Conference and other income		323,528	161,694
Membership Income	2	18,103	2,318
		<u>1,312,620</u>	<u>1,131,309</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Employee Benefits		700,189	594,547
Events & Activities		341,866	293,769
Occupancy		44,492	45,070
Depreciation		14,994	14,994
Vehicle and Travel Expenses		70,831	84,968
Finance and Insurance Costs		19,778	13,567
Administration and Other Costs		76,991	70,789
		<u>1,269,141</u>	<u>1,117,704</u>
Profit/ (Loss) before income tax		<b>43,479</b>	<b>13,605</b>
Income Tax Expense		-	-
		<u>43,479</u>	<u>13,605</u>
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER INCOME TAX</b>			
		<b>43,479</b>	<b>13,605</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss		-	-
Items that may be reclassified to profit and loss		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/ (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b><u>43,479</u></b>	<b><u>13,605</u></b>

**YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	361,177	480,179
Trade and other receivables	5	43,675	83,400
Prepayments	6	12,623	22,214
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>417,475</u>	<u>585,793</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	8,746	23,741
Rental Bond		10,010	10,010
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>18,756</u>	<u>33,751</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>436,231</u>	<u>619,544</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables		56,074	93,199
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	9	33,688	32,990
Project Funds Received in Advance	8	249,272	432,737
Membership Paid in Advance	2	1,000	7,900
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>340,034</u>	<u>566,826</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for Employee Entitlements		-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>340,034</u>	<u>566,826</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>96,197</u>	<u>52,718</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained earnings		96,197	52,718
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>96,197</u>	<u>52,718</u>

**YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC  
ABN 47 288 240 388**

**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The Directors have determined that Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia Inc is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 1 to 13 present a true and fair view of the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia Inc financial position as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act (Western Australia) 2015 and the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012 the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. To the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia will be able to pay its debts, as and when they become due and payable

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this day

**YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**  
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE MANAGEMENT  
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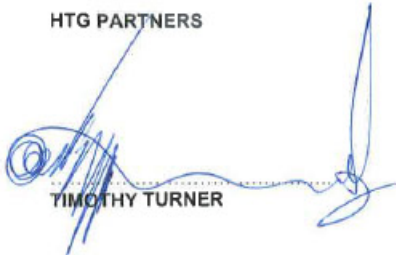
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I, declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2019 there has been:

- i. No contraventions of the auditor's independence requirements set out in the APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.
- ii. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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**TIMOTHY TURNER**

Dated in Perth this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Youth Affairs Council of WA Inc, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view, in all material respects the financial position of the Youth Affairs Council of WA Inc as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (Western Australia) 2015* and the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*, incorporating Subdivision 60-D-Requirements for annual financial reports.

**Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Incorporation Act (Western Australia) 2015* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and to meet the needs of the members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

***Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report***

The directors of the Youth Affairs Council of WA Inc, are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the members and their reporting requirements under the *Associations Incorporation Act (Western Australia) 2015* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as they determine necessary to enable the preparation and true and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**TIMOTHY TURNER  
PARTNER**

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019

