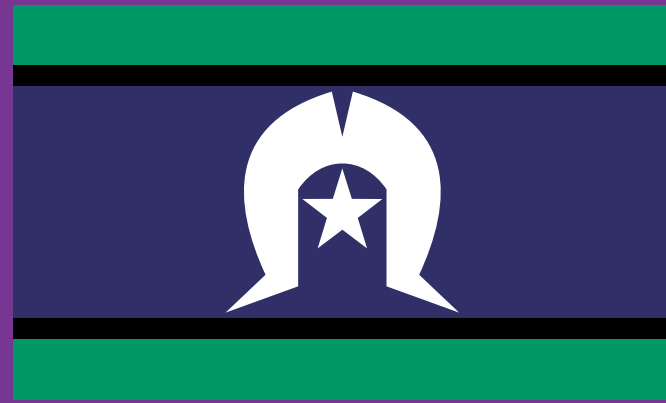




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The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands, waterways and plains on which we live, work and play on.

We extend our respect to Elders, both from the past and those who guide us today, and we embrace this connection with all young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who we work alongside of.

THIS LAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WILL ALWAYS BE, ABORIGINAL LAND.

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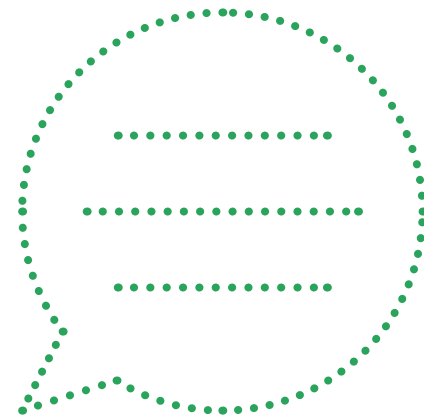
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FUNDERS & SUPPORTERS

OUR MEMBERS

Members are at the heart of all YACWA does and achieves - we can't do our work without you.

The collective voice of our membership lends power to our submissions, our advocacy and our theory of change. We'd like to thank the diverse group of organisations and people who support YACWA's mission, along side the many young people and individual sector professionals committed to uplifting young people in Western Australia.



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CEO & CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As the world adjusts to a post-pandemic status, we are acutely aware that the challenges young people experienced pre-pandemic continue to be exacerbated. Now more than ever we need to ensure the voices of young people and the sector remain strong.

As we all know, advocacy can occur in many ways and across several channels and opportunities. This year we approached our advocacy with continued focus on at-risk young people and were pleased to co-launch the [At Risk Youth Strategy 2022- 2027](#).

YACWA is co-chairing the At-Risk Youth Strategy Reference group that will work on the first implementation plan with a cross government agency approach. Through this work we have provided advice and guidance on best practice engagement with young people across the strategy implementation plan and to ensure that Sector is engaged in future initiatives. This year YACWA has also given the Youth At Risk Network a home through an auspice agreement with YACWA.

Youth Homelessness continues to be an area of work with YACWA successfully gaining 3 years funding to relaunch the Youth Homelessness Advisory Council – bringing the voices of eight young people with lived experience to the advocacy and service development. The initial work of the group is training and development for its members including lived experience story telling as well as gaining a broad understanding of the Homelessness System. We thank the Sisters of St John of God Ministries for their support and belief that a youth voice is critical in ending homelessness. YACWA continues to work in partnership with the WA Alliance to End Homelessness and the Office of Homelessness to progress a Housing First for Youth Model with recommendations on a way forward developed with sector and presented to the Minister in December 2022.

We strengthened our regional connections through two Youth Sector Forums in the Great Southern (Katanning and Albany), resulting in two great reports and our people fostering interagency connections and support. The Midwest Listening Tour visited 25 sector stakeholders across three Midwest towns and added even more members to the Midwest Youth Sector Interagency Meeting with 85 members and more than 60% attending regularly. We also invested in young people in the regions with Young Changemaker training in both Geraldton and Albany (including online options).

With our Lotterywest regional project funding coming to an end in June 2023 YACWA is working hard to ensure that we continue to have strong regional connection and interaction whilst we pitch new regional projects and work in partnership with members and young people wherever we can.

Our Advisory Service (formerly our Consultancy Service) also had a strong regional focus this year working with the Shire of Ashburton to deliver their Youth Strategy 2022-2025. We visited Onslow, Pannawonica, and Tom Price, speaking with young people, parents/caregivers and a range of staff and stakeholders across the Shire. The team also visited Broome to deliver their Youth Hack forum and worked to deliver online training to the Town of Port Hedland to strengthen their Youth Advisory Groups.

Our work in the Multicultural Youth sector has been very project-based this year while we took time to better understand the broader needs of our MYAN WA stakeholders. We partnered with Centre for Multicultural Youth on the Seat at the Table project – a board observership for young CaLD women, and with Red Cross in a classroom-based community education initiative educating young people about how to prevent violence against women and promote healthy relationships in our communities. After a number of challenges, we also had the opportunity to get to both Christmas and Cocos Islands to host youth summits and support the establishment of Youth Advisory Groups.

Finally, after a five-year hiatus we were pleased to re-introduce the fair.ground Conference back to the youth sector of WA, offering a jam-packed two-day program with 66 speakers and 239 delegates from more than 15 locations state-wide and interstate. Feedback from the event was brilliantly positive with many attendees expressing that fair.ground is an important feature of the youth work calendar.

These achievements would not be possible without the tireless efforts of all those who contribute to YACWA's mission. To our wonderful staff, volunteers, Board and members, thank you for your deep commitment and dedication towards achieving our vision.



SAL CLEVERAY
Chairperson



SANDY MCKIERNAN
CEO



Our Work & Impact: Youth Leadership

YACWA'S ADVISORY SERVICE



The 2022/2023 period has been a busy one for YACWA's Advisory Service. We are going from strength to strength in what we are able to offer organisations to support best practice youth engagement. We continue to assist a range of sectors with unique, bespoke approaches to involving young people in decision making. Youth-led practice is at the core of what we do and YACWA has a strong team of youth consultants who help deliver all aspects of our advisory service work.

YACWA'S CLIENTS IN 2022/2023

- Accordwest
- Australian Childhood Foundation
- Carers WA
- City of Busselton
- City of Cockburn
- City of Fremantle
- City of Kwinana
- City of Melville
- City of Stirling
- Commissioner for Children and Young People
- Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries
- Inclusion Solutions
- MercyCare WA
- Road Safety Commission
- Ruah Community Services
- Shire of Ashburton
- Shire of Broome
- Town of Victoria Park
- Town of Port Hedland
- Water Corporation
- Youth Action

The Highlights

STRATEGY

In 2022/2023 YACWA continued to deliver Youth Plans and Strategies, with a focus on local government authorities. We were delighted to work with the Shire of Ashburton to deliver their Youth Strategy 2022-2025. We visited Onslow, Pannawonica, and Tom Price, and spoke with young people, parents/caregivers and a range of staff and stakeholders across the Shire. The result is a place-based strategy that addresses the unique needs of young people in each of the Shire's four towns with a vision that 'young people feel a sense of belonging to the place that they live, are empowered to engage in opportunities and are supported by a connected and caring community'. The Shire also has a youth-friendly snapshot of the strategy they can use to inform young people about the results of this work.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

YACWA is often engaged by organisations to support the development of Youth Advisory Groups. This year, YACWA was thrilled to work with three organisations to establish brand new Youth Advisory Groups—Carers WA, Ruah Community Services and MercyCare WA. In instance, YACWA worked closely with the host organisation on the foundations needed to make these groups a success including cultivating safe spaces, developing welcome packs, code of conduct, terms of reference, delivering youth training and supporting staff to continue running the groups at the end of our work. We look forward to the amazing things we know that these young people will achieve in these groups in the coming years!

TRAINING

YACWA continues to deliver upskilling workshops for both young people and the sector. During WA Youth Week, we were elated to partner with the Water Corporation to deliver a new workshop—Recruiting and Retaining Young Staff. Staff at the Water Corporation discussed topics such as what motivates young people, how to develop youth friendly recruitment and induction processes, and how to address systems change in the work place. YACWA also delivered youth-focused training in person for the City of Cockburn and online for the Town of Port Hedland to help strengthen and develop their Youth Advisory Groups through our Everything You Need to Know about Youth Advisory Groups training. YACWA's training options can be viewed on our website.

THE REGIONS

YACWA has been honoured to be engaged by a number of organisations to head to regional WA and work with their young people. We finished the 2022/2023 year with a bang in Broome, working with the Shire to deliver their annual Youth Hack forum. YACWA collaborated with the Shire's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) to develop a fun day of activities that saw young people from Broome and the Bidyadanga Community come together to plan their dream calendar of activities, map key locations and talk about how these could be better activated for young people, as well as learn more about being a changemaker in a mini-advocacy session.

Our Work & Impact: Youth Leadership

THE YEP PROJECT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During this period YEP delivered professional development workshops, webinars and/or presentations to **450 metropolitan professionals and 113 regional professionals across Western Australia**. Those joining from regional areas online included participants in the Pilbara, South West, Mid West, Great Southern, Goldfields and the Kimberley; as well as services operating state-wide, nationally and in the Northern Territory. Some sessions were held by YEP and open to the youth and sexual health sectors to attend, but most workshops were delivered upon request from community services and delivered on their premises. YEP also hosted sessions delivered by SECCA, MCLinic and Women's Health and Family Service.

Check out the impact of our work:

88% of participants recorded an increase in their knowledge, skills and/or capacity about the relevant topic.

96% of participants reported feeling more supported in providing sexual health referral pathways to young people in Perth.

94% of participants reported feeling equipped with knowledge, skills and resources about the syphilis outbreak. 100% felt that the session was relevant to their professional role.

FAIR.GROUND

YEP's influence was definitely felt at YACWAs fair.ground Conference this year. With YEP pushing to increase youth workers knowledge of sexual health issues via a mainstream platform, 12 SHBBV presentations were included in the conference programming.

For the keen beans, YEP also hosted an additional breakfast session for 30 youth workers in a workshop format. This workshop brought together the latest tools and resources for supporting young people's sexual health in a fun, practical format.

AWARENESS RAISING AND EDUCATION PROTESTATIONS

YEP provided 4 in-person workshops in Kalgoorlie to a total of 52 people in September 2022. Engaging professionals from Juvenile Justice, Hope Community Services, Curtin University, Escare, Centrecare, Department of Health, Eastern Goldfields College, WACHS, headspace, Education Department and Kalgoorlie Boulder SHS.

YEP also delivered presentations at the SIREN conference, Department of Health Quarterly Forum and the AAYH Conference. During this period YEP supported 14 organisations through its consultation service. This included ACT Family Planning, Curtin University students and sexology staff, GP Down South, Department of Health, Hope Community Services, WACHS Kalgoorlie, Escare, Australian Red Cross, Constable Care, North Metropolitan Health Service, SiREN, Department of Education and St John of God Health Care.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

We launched 39 new educational resources, including posters, videos and social content. The cumulative online reach (Tiktok, Facebook, Instagram, website) this period is at least 70,773.



LAUNCHED NEW WEBSITE

YEP had a very successful launch of their new website (theyeproject.org.au), which has received positive feedback from young people and the youth and sexual health sectors. In particular, youth workers made comments about the ease of being able to quickly find resources to support SHBBV subpopulations. Resource tabs include youth voices, safer sex, STIs and BBVs, contraception, bodies, pleasure, consent, healthy relationships, sex and technology, Aboriginal, CaLD, disability and LGBTIQ+ sexual health, youth sector best practice recommendations, referrals and more.

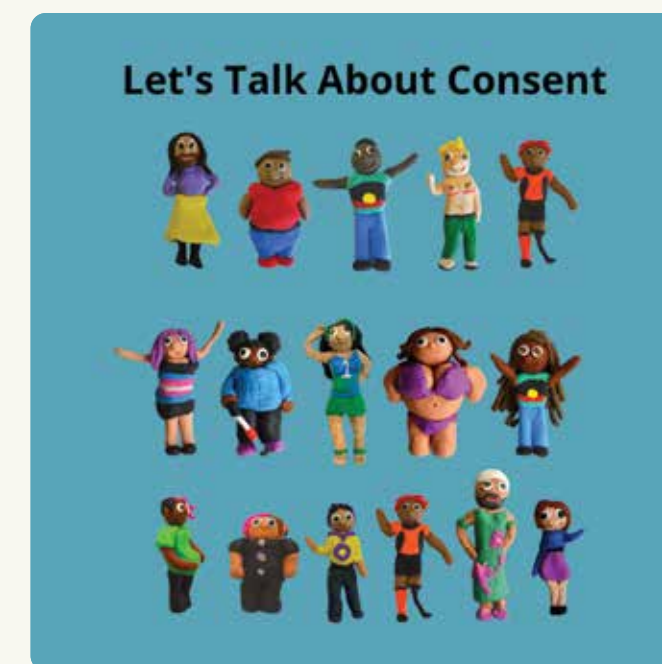
The website was co-designed as a youth led resource and received consultation with YEPs youth reference group, sector reference group and clinical partners.

MONKEYPOX CAMPAIGN

In response to the outbreak of Monkeypox, YEP partnered with WAAC to release a series of informational content related to Monkeypox (MPX). This included where to get tested, information about the virus, and content specifically related to Pride.

CONSENT CARDS

Due to the success of the consent cards social media campaign, the consent cards are now available for purchase via the WAAC store as a hard copy resource.





YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

During this period YEP had 1,730 metropolitan engagements with young people at schools, out of home care services, youth centres, mental health facilities, and drop-in centres.

YEP engaged with 405 regional young people, largely face-to-face in Kalgoorlie but also online in hybrid sessions with youth groups in Albany and Geraldton. Approximately 330 referrals to SHBBV clinical services were made to young people face-to-face during the reporting period.

INNOVATIVE CO-FACILITATION OF REGIONAL YOUTH WORKSHOPS

YEP adopted an innovative hybrid approach to enable regional workshop delivery to young people living in the

regions. YEP Peer Educators delivered sessions online, supported by a staff member from the organisation/ service in the room with the young people.

Prior to the workshop YEP works with the organisation/ service youth worker to teach them how to do the in-person activities and provides them with printable versions of our resources.

YEP's Senior Educator and Peer Educator deliver content online for the workshop and leads the session. The youth worker is in-person, co-facilitating as an assistant and supporting the group. Staff feedback has been positive and organisations/services have expressed that they would be willing to do it again. We identified that this model works best for engaged groups of young people such as Youth Reference Groups and Student Leadership groups.



KALGOORLIE REGIONAL TRIP

YEP travelled to Kalgoorlie and provided a free series of youth, professional workshops and professional consultation services. Topics of delivery were based on a needs and interest analysis conducted with the community prior to arriving. All workshops also contained information and resources about the syphilis outbreak and local STI testing services.

YEP provided 4 in-person professional workshops in Kalgoorlie to a total of 52 people.

YEP also provided 3 additional consultation sessions to professionals during the trip.

YEP engaged with over 300 young people, whilst providing workshops in high schools and local youth services. 100% of young people reported an increase in their knowledge about how and where to get an STI test.

YEP liaised with networks in Kalgoorlie to invite local services to promote themselves during our trip and created a local referral resource (available on our

website), which was provided to all professional and youth participants. Youth workers requested that the resource also identify local places to obtain condoms and pregnancy tests, this information was also included in the resource.

Hepatitis WA was seeking to gain a greater understanding of the needs of the local Kalgoorlie community to evaluate the viability of a pop-up STI testing clinic. YEP provided youth and sector surveys to all workshop attendees and encouraged discussion about the idea. These questions were aimed to support Hepatitis WA to establish a pop-up STI clinic in Kalgoorlie, that best meets the needs of young people in the area. The evidence-based results were provided to Hepatitis WA.

YEP also did a piece with ABC Goldfields radio to promote their workshops and to promote discussions around consent and the syphilis outbreak. YEP has maintained its connection with professionals in Kalgoorlie, who continue to liaise with YEP and utilise our online resources and networks.

Our Work & Impact: Youth Leadership

MYAN WA

We spent a good part of the year engaging with sector stakeholders to learn more about key challenges for services and understand where MYAN WA could best support their work.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Running a networking forum on mental health during Mental Health Week in October 2022. The theme was 'Where we live. How we live. What we've lived.' Understanding how the body, mind and environment intersect is essential to overall wellbeing. The theme took on more a holistic approach to mental health. We heard from speakers around their experience working with multicultural young people and the unique challenges with their mental health.
- Continuing to promote opportunities, projects, consultations and events to the sector and young people through our e-news and social media channels. We have 338 people on our network list.
- We hosted MYAN Australia staff in WA. We had two visits, firstly in November from Carmel Guerra (CEO of Centre for Multicultural Youth) and Rana Ebrahimi (MYAN National Manager), facilitating stakeholder meetings and informing MYAN's work at a national level. Secondly, MYAN Policy staff visited us in June to facilitate a youth and sector workshop. This was focused on settlement policies and procedures for young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, with the aim of understanding successful initiatives and challenges.
- Sector engagement for the first half of 2023 – we paused networking forums for this financial year as we focused on stakeholder engagement and consultation. We held 11 consultations (10 individual and 1 group) with a total of 23 individuals across 15 organisations. Additional stakeholder meetings were also undertaken by YACWA's CEO and Youth Development Coordinator. Key findings of the consultation were compiled into a snapshot report which will assist us to refine MYAN WA's role moving forward to best support the needs of the sector and young people.
- A social 'anything but networking' sundowner was held for multicultural young people in collaboration with Propel Youth Arts WA during Youth Week, with 15 young people attending to build community and connection.
- Assisted in planning the Inclusive Eid event with the Youth Pride Network.
- Attended networking events, meetings and consultations to advocate for the needs and perspectives of multicultural young people.
- Despite having low speaker numbers, we were able to facilitate 2 x Shout Out speaker bookings.



SEAT AT THE TABLE

We partnered with Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) to bring the Seat at the Table initiative to WA to increase the representation of young women from refugee and migrant backgrounds in governance and leadership positions. Seat at the Table provides the opportunity for young women from refugee and migrant backgrounds to undertake a 10-month observership placement on a Board and participate in a leadership and governance training program.

Key highlights:

- Recruitment of a Seat at the Table trainee to work with the team at CMY and support this important project
- 8 Boards engaged to provider observership placements
- 8 active participants as of the end June 2023
- 8 professional development sessions run for participants
- 4 women of colour guest speakers engaged

ROADS 2 RESPECT

At the end of 2022 we partnered with the Australian Red Cross to plan and deliver the Roads2Respect initiative.

This is a classroom-based community education initiative educating young people about how to prevent violence against women and promote healthy relationships in our communities. It is funded as part of the Department for Communities' [Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence 2020-2030](#) and has a special focus on the unique experiences and perspectives of students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

To help deliver this work we recruited 2 x part-time Youth Peer Educators to work with the Australian Red Cross team to design and develop youth-friendly content.

CHRISTMAS AND COCOS ISLANDS PROJECT

After holding a successful Youth Summit on Christmas Island in 2020, MYAN WA and YACWA were invited back to Christmas Island to provide support to establish a Youth Advisory Council through grant funding received by the Shire of Christmas Island. Funding administered by the Office for Multicultural Interests also supported this engagement.

YACWA and MYAN WA staff also visited Cocos Keeling Islands to engage with stakeholders and young people. Setting foot on the Islands proved to be more challenging than we first expected, with both trips needing to be rescheduled not once, but twice (due to weather conditions and COVID-19). The teams successfully touched down third time lucky on Christmas Island in May 2023 and Cocos Keeling Islands in June 2023.

The Christmas Island visit originally comprised of a weekend's worth of youth workshops focused on building awareness and enthusiasm to join the Christmas Island Youth Advisory Council. The interactive sessions focused on storytelling, leadership, advocacy and governance. However, due to inclement weather conditions the plane was turned around on the Friday night and rescheduled for Monday. The team did a great job of pivoting to fit a new and much-shorter timeframe, delivering a whirlwind engagement with young people through a Monday evening and Tuesday daytime engagement before heading back on the plane Tuesday evening.

On Cocos Islands, the team engaged with stakeholders to understand issues impacting young people on Cocos Keeling Islands. They also delivered a workshop for 20 young people (including members of the Cocos Islands Youth Advisory Council) on leadership and changemaking, which included learning more from young people about the issues impacting them. A social dinner and informal consultation held with stakeholders and young people was another opportunity to learn more about issues and opportunities for young people on the islands.

WA YOUTH AWARDS 2022

The WA Youth Awards is the flagship event of YACWA's annual calendar, and the cornerstone of our organisation's work to develop and recognise youth leadership in Western Australia.

We recognise that young people and the sector that supports them frequently work outside of the spotlight, yet their accomplishments in fields like activism, technology, education, creativity, community support or peer leadership are worthy of greater recognition. The WA Youth Awards exists to bridge that gap and bring to the forefront the outstanding work of young people and youth organisations in Western Australia.

The WA Youth Awards returned in October 2022, taking place as a gala dinner in the historic Hackett Hall within the WA Museum Boola Bardip. There were 76 nominees, 37 finalists, hailing from across Western Australia, including 11 finalists from regional WA.

228 people joined us for the gala dinner celebration underneath the iconic blue whale skeleton within the WA Museum for a night of celebration and reflection in honour of young people and the youth sector.

At this year's awards, we were joined for the first time in our history by both State and Federal Ministers for youth - Dr. Ann Aly (Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth) and Honourable Dave Kelly (WA Minister for Water; Forestry and Youth).

The winner of the 2022 Young Person of the Year Award is Zahra Al Hilaly.

Without the generous support from our partners and sponsors we would not be able to host this amazing event. A shout out to our major partners, Lotterywest and the Department of Communities; our category sponsors, ECU, the Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Aboriginal Health Council of WA, Mission Australia, Propel Youth Arts WA, Youth Futures, The Y WA, Youth Focus and the State Library of WA; We're grateful for your ongoing support.



Zarah Al Hilaly
WA Young Person
of the Year 2022
and The Mission Australia
Young Changemaker Award

Lucy Stronach
The ECU Community Leadership Award

Fatoumata Toure
The Commissioner for Children and Young
People Participate Award

Ishar Multicultural Women's
Health Services
The Youth Focus Sector Collaboration Award

Dr YES
The Y WA Collective Action Award

Akira Vickers
The Aboriginal Health Council of WA
Positive Achievement Award

Alexis McDonald
The Youth Futures Innovation for a
Sustainable Future Award

Grace Newton-Wordsworth
The Propel Youth Arts WA
Creative Contribution Award

Briana Fiore
The Charmaine Dragun Memorial Award

Olivia Colja
The Minister for Youth's
Outstanding Youth Worker Award

Our Work & Impact: Youth Sector Development

ABORIGINAL YOUTH



EMPOWERMENT GRANTS

In partnership with the Department of Communities, YACWA administered the Aboriginal Youth Empowerment Grants program, providing almost \$275,000 in funding to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and organisations specialising in the delivery of empowering programs for Aboriginal young people.

The program supported projects that elevate the voice of Aboriginal young people through strengthening representation, enhancing engagement, and building new opportunities to empower Aboriginal young people to partake in decision-making in the broader community.

Aligning with the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy – Western Australia 2021-2029, careful and sensitive research and consultation point towards a path to empowerment, spanning three key elements: **Investing in foundations and futures, Walking together and Empowering Aboriginal young people**

The Grants Scheme attracted 22 applications for a total ask of \$501,746. With 13 successful recipients, YACWA distributed \$273,456.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT RECIPIENT CASE STUDY – MARRA WORRA WORRA

The Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Organisation’s primary focus is to collaborate with several Indigenous groups in the Fitzroy Valley, including Bunuba, Gooniyandi, Wangkatjungka, Walmajarri, and Nyikina, to strengthen culture, support the community, and develop sustainable solutions. They aim to provide support services to both existing and emerging groups in the region, helping them establish strong and sustainable communities and organisations.

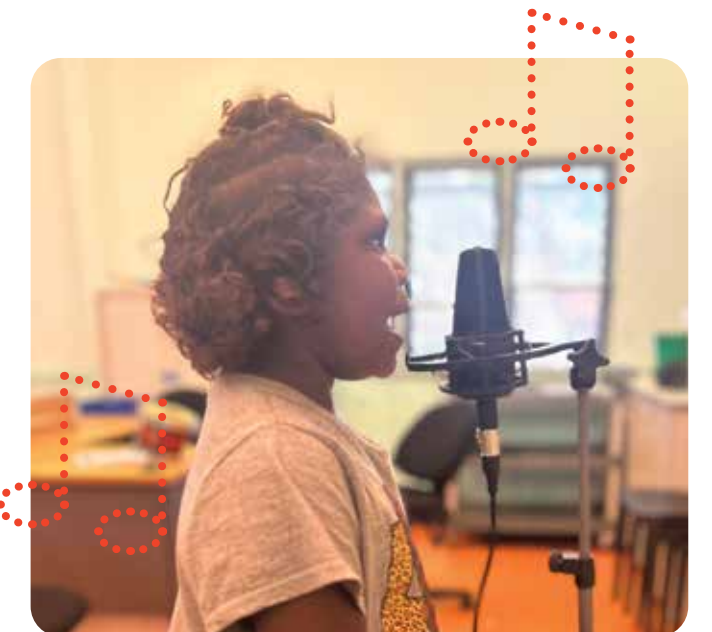
One of their recent initiatives, “**Safe People, Safe Places,**” aimed to empower Aboriginal youth in Fitzroy Crossing to address a pressing community issue: the lack of a safe environment to return to, especially at night. Through a trauma-informed co-design process, Marra Worra Worra worked with young people to understand their needs, reduce the risk of harm, and build on the strengths of family and kinship networks in the community. The process involved collaboration with young people, selection of a co-designer, and active engagement to encourage participation.

During an interactive workshop, young people expressed concerns about the unsafe conditions at home during nighttime due to various factors like alcohol, gambling, lack of essentials, unsafe individuals, overcrowding, and absence of parents or guardians. They voiced a strong desire for a safe space where they could find refuge and engage in positive activities.

The discussions emphasised the need for empowering young people, fostering better decision-making, and exploring funding avenues to create secure spaces within the community. The project also aimed to establish connections with extended families and kin groups while recognising the preference for short-term safe spaces.

The “**Safe People, Safe Places**” initiative led to the planning and development of a “Safe Place,” which would serve as a drop-in center for young people until 3am, providing essential support, facilities, and a temporary safe haven when returning home is not an option. This initiative works towards addressing the gap in services available in the Fitzroy Crossing for children and young people.

Throughout the workshops 20 at-risk and disengaged local young people who had nighttime street presence and were vulnerable to engaging in anti-social behaviours participated. Participants gained confidence and expressed their desire to have their own space, where they could contribute to decoration, set rules, and decide on activities and available facilities. The community has shown overwhelming support for this initiative, recognising the urgent need for safe spaces for children and young people in Fitzroy Crossing, with backing from various organisations, including the Department of Justice and the local police.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVOCACY & SPEAKERS BUREAU

We were successful in obtaining a \$10 000 grant from the Department of Communities from the COVID-19 Youth Recovery Grants Program to deliver a short-term leadership, advocacy and storytelling project for young people from diverse backgrounds.

Three upskilling sessions were held in the last quarter of 2022, facilitated by young people aged between 18-30, largely from the MYAN WA alumni and the Shout Out

speaker network. 11 young people participated across the three sessions. These sessions covered topics such as effective advocacy and pitching to decision-makers on issues impacting young people, tips and information on how to communicate your story effectively and impactfully, understanding different types of public speaking and advocacy engagements available to participate in, and establishing and practising self-care in advocacy.

REGIONAL YACWA

Regional YACWA is focused on strengthening relationships between YACWA, the regional youth sector and young people, amplifying regional voices in our advocacy work and supporting capacity-building and collaboration initiatives.

We delivered the second and final year of our Regional YACWA pilot project, funded by Lotterywest. Our team has worked extremely hard to provide positive outcomes to place based regional areas across the two-year pilot project. With a focus on including the voices of young people, empowering the youth sector that supports young people and building the capacity of both young people and the communities that support them.

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Holding two **Youth Sector Forums** in Albany and Katanning (36 attendees in Katanning and 60 in Albany) + collating and launching a report highlighting key issues and discussions from both forums.
- Conducting a **Listening Tour across the Midwest** region with 25 sector stakeholders across 3 locations to learn more about key challenges and opportunities.
- Training was delivered to the youth sector on **Involving Young People in Planning and Decision-making**, with workshops held in Albany, Katanning and Geraldton
- Coordinating the monthly **Midwest Youth Sector Interagency Meeting (MYSIM)**, growing the network to 85 members
- **Participating in and supporting interagency networks** across the Great Southern to strengthen processes and participation





- **Youth Changemaker training** was held in the Midwest and Great Southern, delivered in school and alternative education settings and after-school workshops in-person and online.
- Holding an online **Meet Your Peaks** event and developing a resource to raise awareness amongst the regional sector of peak bodies and how they can support.
- Supporting **justice reinvestment conversations** to take place in the Midwest with Social Reinvestment WA, following on from the Midwest Youth Sector Forum and further stakeholder discussions.
- Undertaking **consultation** to better understand the challenges and enablers for regional local governments to develop youth strategies
- Hosting a **Youth Networks Community of Practice**, bringing together the leads of the various youth sector interagency networks across WA. We aimed to facilitate peer sharing to strengthen the effectiveness and sustainability of the networks.
- **Increasing our networks and relationships** in both the Midwest and Great Southern, and raising awareness of YACWA
- **Linking people together, sharing information and supporting collaboration** in the Midwest and Great Southern.
- Putting **young people on the agenda at a strategic level** in the Midwest and Great Southern
- In addition to place-based work in the Midwest and Great Southern, the Programs & Regional Engagement Manager and Policy & Sector Engagement Manager conducted **regional youth sector engagements across WA** in May and June, visiting a total of 14 towns across 6 regions and meeting with 186 stakeholders. The final visits to 5 towns across the Wheatbelt and East Kimberley are planned for July 2023. Regional relationships and engagement are critical to our work, and this was a unique opportunity for YACWA to engage in the regions and build relationships, with the aim of broadening participation in advocacy, consultation and projects. We loved connecting with everyone, raising awareness of YACWA and learning more about some of the strengths, challenges and opportunities in each place.

The challenge of short-term funding means that with the pilot ending, we will continue to seek funding for targeted place-based initiatives and projects that build on the strong foundations of the work in this pilot phase and support ongoing and strategic engagement in the regions.

Our Work & Impact: Youth Sector Development

FAIR.GROUND



“YOUTH WORK IS EVERYWHERE”

After a five-year hiatus, YACWA was excited to host the 2023 fair.ground Conference at Boola Bardip – Museum of WA on the 8th and 9th of June.

Attended by 239 delegates, the conference brought together youth workers, sector leaders, community development workers and young people for two days of learning and enlightenment. The program included 4 keynote speakers, plenary and panel sessions, practice development workshops and sector presentations.

Initially planned for 2021, due to the Pandemic, fair.ground was postponed 3 times and finally held this year. Themed – **Youth Work is Everywhere** the conference was planned by a Conference Committee that included YACWA staff, academics, youth workers, sector

representatives and young people. The key goals were to develop a program that held something for everyone – whether you are a newcomer to the sector – or an experienced practitioner.

Our abstracts continued with the themes incorporating **This changes everything** (new innovations), **Perspectives from everywhere** (place based/regional focus) and **Health and wellbeing for everyone** and we were oversubscribed with 49 abstracts for 24 session times.

This event reengaged the sector and provided evidence based professional development across a range of issues and topics areas that met the needs of our audiences and gave much needed connection and networking opportunities across the sector.

239

Delegates

58

Regional attendees

49

Abstracts submitted

64

Presenters/panelists

15+ HOURS

Professional development



Thank you to our sponsors:

- Commissioner for Children and Young People
- MercyCare
- Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
- Youth Futures
- Mission Australia
- Anglicare WA
- Edith Cowan University
- St Vincent de Paul Society (WA)
- Carers WA

"Seggs on toast was brilliant and all the information about sexual health for young people, as well as facts on FASD that I don't think the community in general are aware of."

"At least 6 colleagues have asked our manager if they can also attend next year :)"

"Great job, jam packed full of great information. Thanks so much for providing this for the opportunity. It represented the sector and youth 'vibe' well."

"The variety of presentation topics was excellent, and the networking opportunities were fantastic, I love the lunch voucher idea because it helps to facilitate networking and a sit-down lunch is much better than the usual stand-up buffet at conferences."



Our Work & Impact

POLICY & ADVOCACY

Policy and Advocacy is at the core of YACWA's purpose as the peak body that represents young people and youth services in Western Australia.

We aim to amplify the voices of young people and the youth sector to support long-term positive systemic change. In forming our core advocacy positions YACWA is informed by three key components:

1. The knowledge and experiences of young people;
2. The practical expertise of the youth sector; and
3. A robust evidence-base underpinning the key issues facing young people and the solutions to address them.

These components are guided by an overarching focus on ensuring the human rights of young people are at the core of all the work that we do, as well as a desire to discover and explore new and innovative solutions to longstanding problems at the heart of our systems that impact young people.

YACWA's Policy and Advocacy agenda is guided by the expertise and priorities of networks of young people including the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network WA (MYAN WA), Youth Pride Network (YPN), Youth Homelessness Advisory Council (YHAC), and Youth at Risk Network (YARN).

PRIORITIES

In 2022-2023, YACWA prioritised the following areas in our Policy and Advocacy agenda:

- Housing and homelessness,
- Mental health, and
- Youth Justice.

We focus on these areas to ensure that the voices of Western Australia's most vulnerable young people are heard by decision makers.

Other significant areas of our Policy and Advocacy work include:

- Regional equity,
- Cost of living,
- Gender and sexuality,
- Climate change,
- Family and domestic violence,
- Child Safe Standards.

Key milestones and relationships

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

YACWA continued to have conversations with key youth services around the progress of implementation of the State Homelessness Strategy to inform our submission to the Inquiry into the Financial Administration of Homelessness Services in WA. YACWA was also invited and provided to give testimony to the Inquiry into the Financial Administration of Homelessness Services in WA.

YACWA continued to share information around the implementation of Department of Communities' Commissioning Plan, attending a workshop on youth homelessness services, as well as presenting to the sector on the Housing First System in WA at our Housing First for Youth Workshop.

YOUTH JUSTICE

YACWA has continued to work closely with Social Reinvestment WA to provide ongoing support to state and national based campaigns on the issue, including co-chairing the Raising the Age Campaign Sub-Committee, participating in quarterly Coalition executive meetings and raising broader community awareness through our online profile on this and other critical issues in the youth justice system.

YACWA's CEO continues to sit on the Target 120 Executive Steering Group and continues to advocate for improved sector communication regarding program outcomes.

Through these key connections YACWA continued to provide updates on emerging State Government reform in the youth justice space, including investment to refurbish Banksia Hill Detention Centre and developing a new Model of Care in the centre which was progressed in partnership with Nous Group.

Following the launch of the SRWA Youth Justice Blueprint in August 2022, we continued to share learnings from the document to the sector on the governance and operation of the youth justice.

REGIONAL EQUITY

This year, YACWA staff undertook travel to the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid-West, Wheatbelt, Peel, South-West, Great Southern, Goldfields-Esperance and Indian Ocean Territory regions to connect with youth sector stakeholders, young people and service providers.

These trips are evidence of YACWA's commitment to meaningful engagement with the sector in non-metropolitan WA. We participated in two-way consultations with regional young people and youth sector members to both inform and learn from the sector as WA's peak body for youth affairs.

The feedback from these conversations was then incorporated into our advocacy agenda, including into key documents such as our 2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission.

AT RISK YOUTH STRATEGY

The first meetings of the At Risk Youth Strategy Reference Group were held this year. YACWA's CEO was invited to co-chair this reference group and YACWA staff will participate in the Implementation Working group established in the second half of 2023. The reference group is an interagency approach to implementing the At Risk Youth Strategy.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

YACWA is monitoring the roll-out of the Child Safe Standards closely, with particular regard to ensuring how the diversity of organisations these apply to will be supported to meet requirements. YACWA continues to provide representation on the Supporting Communities' Forum's Child Safe Standards Working Group.

NATIONAL CONNECTIONS

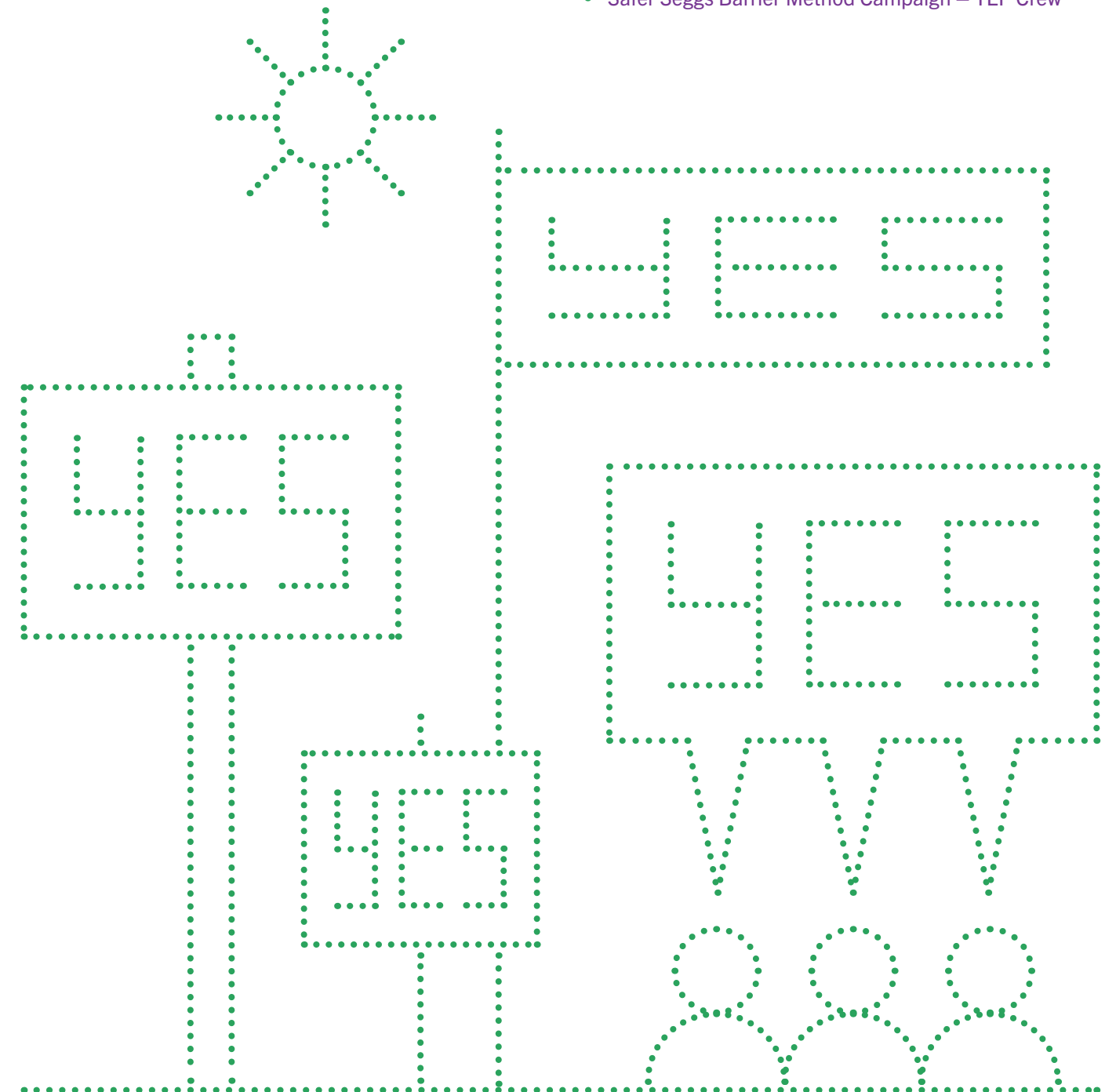
YACWA's national connections enable us to integrate policy and advocacy learnings from other jurisdictions, while advocating for the rights of young Western Australian people in a federal context.

YACWA participates in meetings with the following national groups:

- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
- National Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network
- Youth Affairs Peaks Forum
- National Youth Peaks Policy Teams to keep informed of national issues and collaborate on national advocacy
- National Raise the Age Campaign Meetings
- Informal connections with Federal Office of Youth

YACWA's involvement in key campaigns 2022-2023:

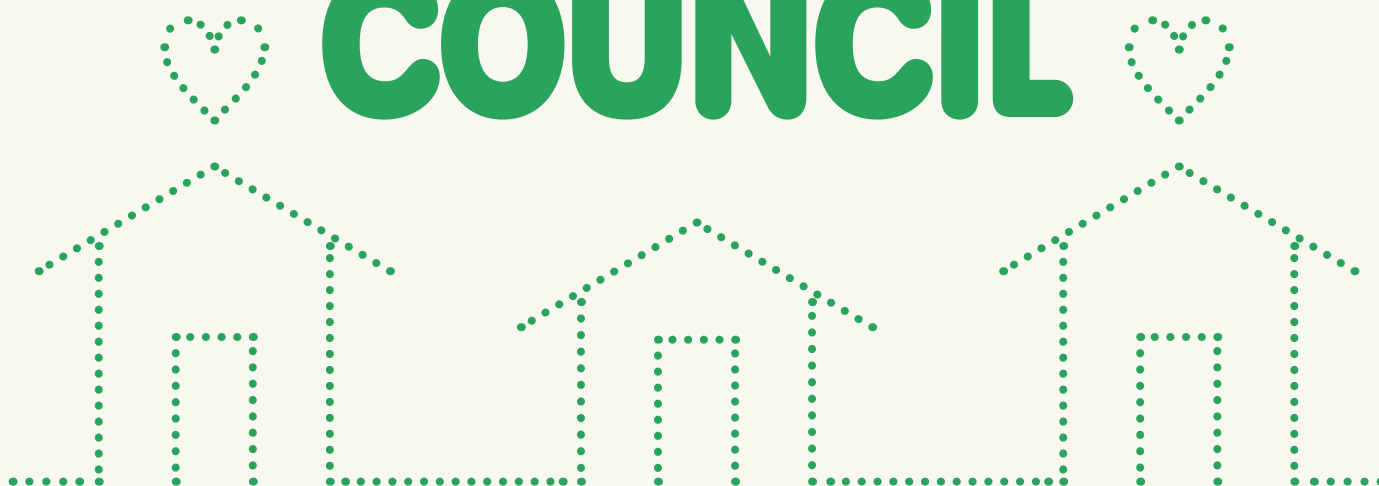
- Raise the Rate (ACOSS)
- Raise the Age (Change the Record & Social Reinvestment WA)
- Banksia Hill Detention Centre Reform (YACWA & SRWA)
- Make Renting Fair WA (Circle Green Legal & Shelter WA)
- Intergenerational Fairness Campaign (Think Forward)
- Yes23 Campaign
- Valuing Children's Initiative— To End Child Poverty
- STI awareness week – YEP Crew
- Safer Seggs Barrier Method Campaign – YEP Crew



YOUTH HOMELESSNESS



ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Youth Homelessness Advisory Council (YHAC) is a WA youth-led advocacy group for young people with lived experience of homelessness.

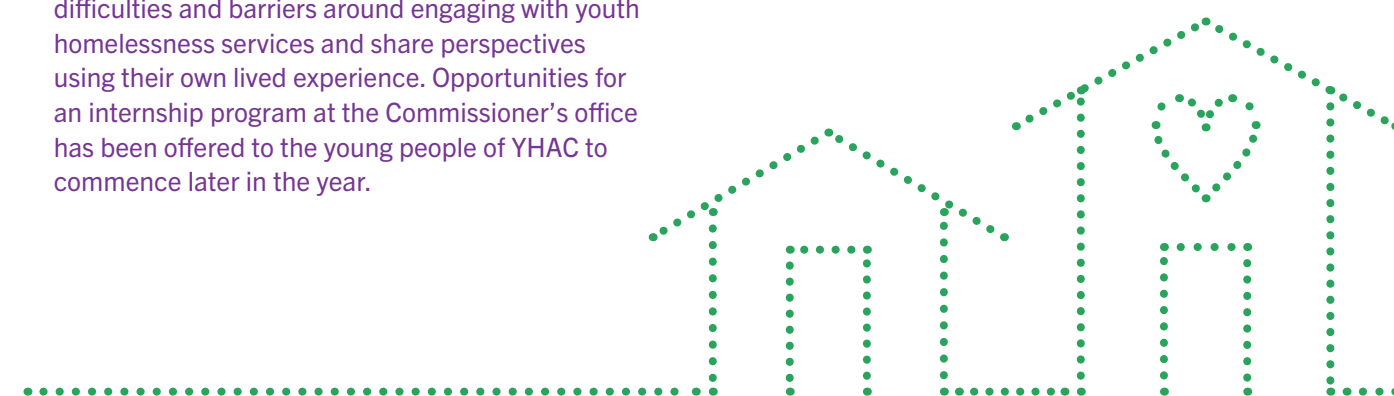
The aim of YHAC is to understand and gather feedback and insights from young people with lived experience, including identifying the key challenges that young people face when experiencing homelessness and housing instability. YHAC supports young people to advocate for improved policy, service systems, programs and outcomes in areas that impact them.

YHAC has been reestablished in March 2023 currently with 7 Committee Members and a Policy and Project Support Officer. A key focus this year has been the establishment, onboarding and training of the YHAC.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED

- YHAC conducted a youth-friendly lived experience training program delivered by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH). This training equips YHAC members to work safely and in a trauma-informed manner, ensuring the protection of themselves and others while advocating for change.
- Following the training, YHAC are working on sharing their stories to embed their learning and build their confidence in public speaking. YHAC is scheduled to deliver their presentations internally with the YACWA team as well as at external events.
- Internal consultation was held with YACWA's consultancy team to inform their work with Accordwest, delivering a project focused on youth homelessness in the South West region.
- YHAC met with the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP). The YHAC Committee was able to give feedback around the challenges young people face when experiencing homelessness, highlight difficulties and barriers around engaging with youth homelessness services and share perspectives using their own lived experience. Opportunities for an internship program at the Commissioner's office has been offered to the young people of YHAC to commence later in the year.

- A YHAC Committee member joined the Western Australian Alliance to End Homelessness' (WAAEH) Steering Committee as a youth lived experience representative. The Steering Committee provides input on strategic direction for WAAEH.
- A priority focus area for the next reporting period is undertaking service audits, the development of a service audit framework and process is scheduled as a key focus for YHAC for the next 6 months. There has already been interest from key organisations in the sector who are planning on engaging YHAC for an audit of their service when ready.
- YHAC will start the process of identifying resources that are useful to both young people experiencing homelessness and the youth homelessness sector.
- The YHAC Coordinator attended YACWA's Housing First for Youth (HF4Y) workshop, which may lead to future opportunities for YHAC to be involved in this work.
- The YHAC Coordinator and YACWA Policy and Advocacy Officer sit on WAAEH's Youth Improvement Team. The Youth Improvement Team aims to provide a coordinated approach to sharing information, resources and make improvements in data collection in the youth homelessness sector.
- The YHAC Coordinator and YHAC Project Support Officer have been invited to attend WAAEH's Strategy to End Homelessness review meeting.
- YHAC is planning to attend and provide support for WAAEH's Advance to Zero Education Workshop.
- The YHAC Coordinator attends the Youth at Risk Network (YARN) monthly meetings. YHAC will be participating in the YARN youth event for Homelessness Week in August 2023 to engage directly with street present young people as well as to network with the sector and collect interest for upcoming service audits.



YOUTH PRIDE NETWORK



The Youth Pride Network (YPN) is the peak body for LGBTIQ+ young people in Western Australia, with the end goal of creating a WA in which all LGBTIQ+ young people are fully included, accepted and celebrated by their community.

2022-23 was a big year for the YPN team, where they saw continued growth for the organisation, some major policy wins for queer young people, and supported even more community connection building through their events. YPN continued to deliver this work through its three pillars of advocacy, education, and community.

Key highlights included:

ADVOCACY

- Securing an additional 2 years of funding through to 2025, including an increase in funds to support engagement with LGBTIQ+ young people in regional WA.
- Conducting our very first in person regional engagement with a trip to Albany.
- Providing advice on health and wellbeing support for regional LGBTIQ+ young people as part of Living Proud and Curtin University's Regional Community Leaders LGBTIQ+ Health Priorities Consultation.
- Overseeing Government commitments to YPN's advocacy priorities, including reforms to the Equal Opportunity Act, abolishment of the Gender Reassignment Board, and a ban on conversion practices.
- Providing oral testimony to both the Inquiry into the Esther House Foundation and Inquiry into the Financial Administration of Homelessness Services.
- Providing submission to the Inquiry into Religious Educational Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws.
- Providing consultation and drafting support to the Commissioner for Children and Young People for their report on the experiences of trans and gender diverse young people.

EDUCATION

- Releasing the YPN's podcast 'Queer And?' exploring local LGBTIQ+ young people's intersectional identities and their experiences.
- Launching 'Pride Yarns With Mob', a groundbreaking, LGBTIQ+ First Nations-led intergenerational resource in collaboration with Walkern Katatdjin.
- Providing advice on LGBTIQ+ inclusion to a number of schools, organisations and services including WACOSS, City of Fremantle, Pride In Health and Legal Aid.

EVENTS

- The launch of the YPN's first Queer Person of Colour (QPOC) Community Social.
- Hosting Queer Dungeons and Dragons, in collaboration with the City of Vincent for the third year running.
- Collaborating with Propel Youth Arts to deliver a Queer Zine workshop for the Kickstart Festival.
- Marching alongside LGBTIQ+ young people in the Perth Pride Parade.

SOCIAL MEDIA

YPN continued to develop original, engaging, and educational content for LGBTIQ+ young people and the broader WA community. In 22-23, our social media grew exponentially, with Instagram alone accounting for a 68% increase in engagement.

50,753

People our social media reached

+1,211

Following growth

5,271

Profile views

46,859

TikTok views

89,125

Reel views



Our Work & Impact

YOUTH & SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

The Youth Affairs Council utilises five social media platforms as well as MailChimp with a total following of 15,261 on all social media platforms, and over 3,000 subscribers on MailChimp.

Our reach particularly over Facebook and Instagram has grown steadily over time with continued improvement shown through the addition of a Digital Communications and Events Officer role in February 2023. The role has been attributed to consistently higher reach and engagement over the YACWA platforms.

FACEBOOK REACH

64,051 ↑ 8.4%

In the period between July 2022 and June 2023, we've reached over 64,000 accounts via Facebook. Our engagement has grown steadily over time with a considerable spike in October 2022 post the WA Youth Awards 2022.

INSTAGRAM REACH

7,998 ↑ 337%

Our Instagram reach has grown steadily overtime with a total reach of 7,998 over the last financial year.

YOUTH PRIDE NETWORK

150,359

Total views

12,594

Total engagement (comments, share, likes)

5,498

Total followers across platforms

75

Total posts

EMAIL MARKETING

79,774

Emails sent ↑ 66%

28%

Open rate ↑ 8.3%

12%

Click rate ↓ 3.1%

0.18%

Unsubscribe rate ↓ 19%

During the period of October 2022 through to June 2023, 79,774 emails were sent to YACWA subscribers sharing sector-specific news, event information, and other relevant information for young people. Our statistics show a highly engaged audience with a 8.3% increase in the amount of successfully delivered emails opened by our audience.

**Industry average for a not for profit: 25.5% open rate, 2.79% Click Rate (ref: Mailchimp)*

OUR PEOPLE

As at 30 June 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Georgie Carey (Chairperson, Under 26)
- Katherine Browne (Vice Chair)
- Clare Grealy (Treasurer)
- Sharon Gough
- Sal Cleveray
- Naomi Blitz (Secretary, Under 26)
- Arbie Pattiselanno
- Celeste Astorino
- Omar Ali MacIntyre (under 26)
- Sandy McKiernan (ex-officio)

OUTGOING BOARD DIRECTORS

- Locket Lee (Nov 2022)

LIFE MEMBERS

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Philippa Boldy | Kerstin Stender |
| George Davies | Audrey Turner |
| Louise Giolitto | Brian Wooller |
| Mark Goerke | Andrew Hall |
| Nic Hastings-James* | Ross Wortham |
| Elise Jorgensen | Vik Jeyakumar |
| Jude Sorenson | |

YACWA would like to recognise the amazing contributions of Nic Hastings-James - a founding member of YACWA who passed away on the 25th April 2023.

Nic contributed significantly to the Youth sector in WA and dedicated his career to bettering the lives of young people. YACWA would not exist without pioneers like Nic and we honour him for his contribution to our sector.

REST IN PEACE NIC



GOVERNANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

July 2022 – November 2022

- Locket Lee (Chairperson)
- Katherine Browne
- Georgie Carey
- Sal Cleveray
- Ayden McKenzie (co-Opted)
- Parul Goplani (co-Opted)
- Sandy McKiernan (Ex-Officio)

December 2022 – June 2023

- Sharon Gough (Chairperson)
- Sal Cleveray
- Arbie Pattiselanno
- Omar Ali MacIntyre
- Naomi Blitz
- Sandy McKiernan (Ex-Officio)

FINANCE & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

July 2022 – November 2022

- Sharon Gough (Chairperson)
- Clare Grealy
- Naomi Blitz
- Arbie Pattiselanno
- Gaurav Singh (Ex-Officio)
- Sandy McKiernan (Ex-Officio)

December 2022 – June 2023

- Clare Grealy (Chairperson)
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YACWA STAFF

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|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Ashara Wills | Finlaey Hewlett | Marissa Cotter | Samara Maeder |
| Ashton Kealy | Gabriel Osborne | Mason Rothwell | Sandy McKiernan |
| Bella Jia | Gaurav Singh | Matilda Griffiths | Selam Kumlachew |
| Brooke Dalton | Hanifa Yousofi | Matthew Clancy | Shania Eddy |
| Caitlin Eaton | Hannah Sorenson | Matthew Tomich | Songul Gozuacik |
| Charlotte Glance | Isabella Choate | Melissa Myers | Sophie Manning |
| Cheyenne Henderson-Watkins | Jake De Visser | Mia Anderson-Hyde | Stefaan Bruce-Truglio |
| Claudia Bedford | Karlee Davis | Mia Attard | Troy Wood |
| Drew Sweet | Kate Clements | Michele Petty | Willow Wessling Machin |
| Elijah Van Stam | Kerry Haynes | Morgan Leaman | Yande Chali |
| Elizabeth Knight | Kim Schroeder | Olive Bennet | Zac Cawdron |
| Emily Sullivan | Kushagra Rathore | Olivia Knowles | Zahra Al Hilaly |
| Ethan Holmen | Lianda Gibson | Raj Soares | Zinab Al Hilaly |
| Fatema Shalemie | Lorna Geraghty | Rebecca Evans | Zoe Sullivan |

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the financial statements for the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA) for the period ending June 2023.

This report should be read in conjunction with the 2022- 2023 Financial Report. The accounts audited by Dry Kirkness (formerly Butler Settineri) are included in the annual report. In the 2023 financial year, we've seen a further significant increase in YACWA's income, increasing from \$2,152,608 (year ended 30 June 2022) to \$2,787,096 (year ended 30 June 2023).

YACWA's main sources of income were consistent with the prior year, being the Department of Communities, Department of Health and Lotterywest funding. This year's income also included fair.ground Conference of \$249,568. We thank all our event sponsors for both the 2022 WA Youth Awards and fair.ground 2023, as without them these events would not be possible.

Expenditure for the 2022-2023 financial year was \$2,686,811 with key expenditures on employee costs (57%), sector-wide events and activities. YACWA's Advisory Service is providing valuable service to organisations such as Carers WA, Ruah Services and MercyCare and continues to provide advice to Local Governments across the state.

YACWA's Statement of Profit and Loss denotes finishing the 2022-2023 financial year with a surplus of \$100,285 compared to of a surplus of \$27,421 in the previous financial year. YACWA continues to work towards financial sustainability and this year recognises an increase in total equity from \$340,030 to \$440,315.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to YACWA's CEO Sandy McKiernan, Finance Manager Gaurav Singh and members of the Finance Committee, for their commitment to maintaining robust financial oversight. In addition, I want to offer special thanks to the wonderful YACWA team who continually demonstrate their capacity to build and strengthen relationships and partnerships through their commitment to young people.



CLARE GREALY
Treasurer



STATEMENTS

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income*

*as at 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
INCOME		
Grant and Service Income	2,269,586	1,807,865
Interest	9,639	740
Conference and other income	487,981	322,376
Membership Income	19,890	21,627
	<u>2,787,096</u>	<u>2,152,608</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Employee Benefits	1,536,789	1,401,656
Events & Activities	873,530	512,719
Occupancy	57,841	50,500
Depreciation	12,767	10,427
Vehicle and Travel Expenses	99,550	45,562
Financial and Insurance Costs	31,765	30,618
Impairment of Debtors	-	5,000
Administration and Other Costs	74,569	68,705
	<u>2,686,811</u>	<u>2,125,187</u>
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	100,285	27,421
Income Tax Expense	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER INCOME TAX	100,285	27,421
Other Comprehensive Income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss	-	-
Items that may be reclassified to profit and loss	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>100,285</u>	<u>27,421</u>

Statement of financial position

*as at 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,974,978	1,633,314
Trade and other receivables	180,786	287,114
Prepayments	29,411	53,401
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,185,175</u>	<u>1,973,829</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	8,040	13,739
Right of use Lease Assets	14,013	21,081
Rental Bond	16,116	10,010
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>38,169</u>	<u>44,830</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,223,344</u>	<u>2,018,659</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	395,333	208,488
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	86,723	103,021
Project Funds Received in Advance	1,242,957	1,299,139
Lease Liability – ROU	7,423	7,067
Make Good Provision	20,000	20,000
Membership Paid in Advance	1,909	7,172
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,754,345</u>	<u>1,644,887</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease Liability – ROU	7,611	15,034
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	21,073	18,708
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>28,684</u>	<u>33,742</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,783,029</u>	<u>1,678,629</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>440,315</u>	<u>340,030</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Retained earnings	440,315	340,030
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	<u>440,315</u>	<u>340,030</u>

Statement of changes in equity

*as at 30 June 2023

	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	312,609	312,609
Profit/(Loss) for the year	27,421	27,421
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	<u>340,030</u>	<u>340,030</u>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	100,285	100,285
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>440,315</u>	<u>440,315</u>

FINANCES

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

The Directors have determined that Youth Affairs Council of WA 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 of the financial statements.

The directors declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes as set out on pages 1 to 14 present a true and fair view of the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia Inc financial position as at 30 June 2023 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.

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

Chairperson: **Sal Cleveray**



Treasurer: **Clare Grealy**



Dated this day: 27 / 10 / 2023

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