



Youth Affairs
Council Victoria

Annual Report 2016-17



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About YACVic

YACVic is the leading advocate for young people aged 12–25 in Victoria. As a peak body, we work closely with young Victorians and the sector that supports them to deliver effective advocacy, events, training, resources and support – so that young people can live their best lives. We’re driven by our valuable members and their vision for a positive future for young Victorians.

YACVic is an independent, not-for-profit organisation with core funding from the Victorian Government’s Office for Youth. We pursue social justice by maintaining a focus on those young people in our community who face disadvantage or marginalisation.

We provide additional targeted advocacy and services through our core agencies, YACVic Rural and the Youth Disability Advocacy Service, and proudly auspice and support our partner agencies, the Koorie Youth Council and the Victorian Student Representative Council.

YACVic respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the Aboriginal nations within Victoria where our work takes place. We pay our respects to Elders both past and present and acknowledge the children and young people of past, current and future generations.



Chairpersons' Report

Last year we talked about how impressed we were by the incredible momentum that YACVic had built as it has grown, strengthened and driven forward its new Strategic Plan. This last financial year, however, has once again been a year of significant growth, but also one of consolidation in the face of one of the biggest changes YACVic has ever faced: the departure of our long serving CEO, Georgie Ferrari.

Georgie served YACVic with dedication, passion and skill for 14 years and leaves behind a legacy of an organisation with similar traits and an unwavering commitment to serve Victoria's young people. From the humble beginnings in her role with 4.5 staff, there are now well over 30 staff spilling out of our new offices. This team is vibrant, dynamic and passionate plus highly skilled, and this mirrors Georgie through and through. The personal quality that consistently stands out is her inclusiveness and acceptance of all people. Georgie always had a genuine passion and commitment and an ability to be simultaneously personal and professional.

Georgie built a grassroots advocacy organisation into an operationally rigorous, talent driven and nationally recognised peak body. She has mobilised our partner agencies for greater diversity of voices being represented to peak levels throughout Victoria, and built significant connections and partnerships across an incredibly diverse sector. This is evidenced by exciting new initiatives like the Young Thinker in Residence program and a new youth participation framework.

A time of sadness and farewell, however, also brings new opportunities. It is with great pleasure we welcome Leo Fieldgrass to lead YACVic into its next chapter as the new CEO. The Board was rigorous in its search for a new CEO, and in Leo we have found someone with extensive experience in youth policy and practice, and with the vision and drive to confidently lead YACVic.

During this time of significant change the team have continued to work tirelessly to continue YACVic's important work, supporting a seamless transition. On behalf of the Board of Governance, we would like to thank and applaud Georgie, Leo and the entire staff team for their excellent work and for positioning the organisation as one of strength, capacity and leadership.

We also want to acknowledge the support of our volunteers and members whose knowledge, time, passion and skill all help ensure YACVic continues to be a strong peak body.



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Louisa Ellum
Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Loveless'.

Kerrie Loveless
Deputy Chair

CEO's Report

While I'm honoured to write the CEO's report for this annual report, all credit for YACVic's leadership in 2016–17 must go to my predecessor, Georgie Ferrari. In this year, Georgie planned and oversaw the continued, significant expansion of our organisation, allowing us to work with and support more young people and more youth workers in more parts of our state.

I was, however, proud to serve as YACVic's Deputy CEO in 2016–17, so I've experienced first-hand the excellent work of our dedicated staff team over this year. We've refreshed and revitalised how we engage with and involve young people across our work. We've influenced and challenged policy and legislation, shining a light on the pressing topics of school expulsions and youth offending. And we've continued to support our members and the Victorian youth sector to take local and systemic action in the best interests of young people and youth work.

Our YACVic Rural team not only built strong relationships with communities in its Great South Coast and Southern Mallee base regions, but also coordinated a series of youth forums right around the state. Almost 500 young people attended the 'Turning Ideas into Action' forum series and we've made sure the issues and ideas they raised continue to be prioritised in local and state-wide policy-making.

Our Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS) has evolved into an exciting new decade of existence. Still maintaining its unique individual casework and systemic advocacy provision, run for and with young people with disability, additional NDIS transition funding grew YDAS' capacity. It has enabled more specialist support for young people and their families to learn about, and take full advantage of, the scheme.

And our valued partner agencies have continued to thrive. The Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC) has increased its leading-edge work in promoting and supporting student voice and agency, with school-aged Victorians reaping the rewards.



And the Koorie Youth Council (KYC) has welcomed new staff and new projects, engaging with and representing more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people than ever before. The Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program has firmly demonstrated how well KYC and YACVic collaborate and work together with government and Aboriginal-controlled organisations to create opportunities for young people and further strengthen communities.

Finally, on behalf of the wider YACVic staff team, I'd like to acknowledge and thank the Board of Governance for its support and strategic direction, and of course, all of YACVic's members for driving everything we do.

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Leo Fieldgass, YACVic CEO





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Our Vision

Young Victorians have their rights upheld and are valued as active participants in their communities.

Our Mission

As Victoria's youth peak body, we work across the state in the best interests of young people and the youth sector to:

- lead policy responses to issues affecting young people
- represent the youth sector to government
- resource high quality youth work practice
- research and advocate on youth issues.

We value our members and prioritise their needs.

YACVic Board of Governance



From left to right:

Chair Louisa Ellum

Deputy Chair Kerrie Loveless

Treasurer David Anderson

Rural Representative Paul Turner

Executive Members

Jan Farrell

Bev Hoffmann

Evelyn Zhaochen Bian*

Katerina Dandanis*

James Campbell*

Matthew Church*

Harald Klein (finished term end 2016)

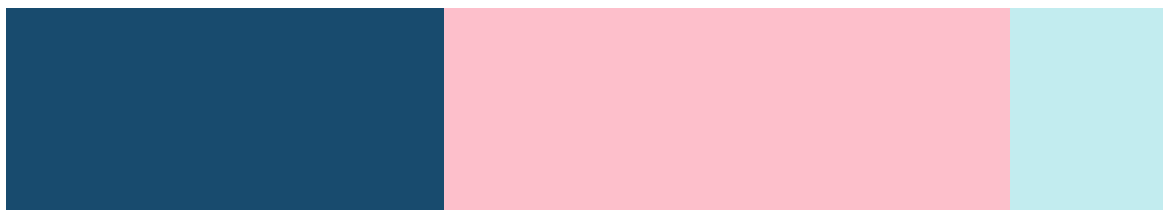
Jessica Moyle* (finished term March 2017)

* young board member

Membership

A strong membership base ensures young people and youth issues are heard.

2016–17 total members: 342



132
Young members

169
Organisational members

41
Individual
members

Additional: 4

Associate: 6

Individual Concession: 10

Individual: 31

Local Government Metro: 20

Local Government Rural/Regional: 25

Small/1-500K: 42

Medium/500k-1M: 8

Large/1M+: 34

Reciprocal: 14

Under 25: 132

VicSRC Executive: 9

YDAS: 1

Youth-led: 2

Organisational Members

Anchor Inc	Central Ranges LLEN	Gateway LLEN
Anglicare Victoria	Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare	Geelong Region LLEN
Ardoch Youth Foundation	Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)	Gippsland East LLEN
Association for Children with a Disability	City of Ballarat	Gippsland Lakes Community Health
Australian Catholic University – Youth Work	City of Casey	Glenelg and Southern Grampians LLEN
Australian Red Cross Victoria	City of Greater Bendigo	Glenelg Shire Council
Banyule City Council	City of Greater Dandenong	Goldfields LLEN
Banyule Nillumbik LLEN	City of Greater Geelong	Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service Inc.
Barwon Adolescent Task Force	City of Kingston	Goulburn Murray LLEN
Bass Coast Shire Council	City of Monash	Greater Dandenong Community Health Services
Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN	City of Port Phillip	Heywood Secondary College Standing Tall Program
Bayside City Council	City of Whittlesea	Highlands LLEN
Bayside Glen Eira Kingston LLEN	City of Wodonga	Holmesglen Institute of TAFE
Benalla Rural City Council	City of Yarra	Hume City Council
Berry Street	cohealth	Hume Whittlesea LLEN
Berry Street	Connections UnitingCare	Inglewood & Districts Health Service
Boroondara Youth Services	Consumer Policy Research Centre	Inner Eastern LLEN
Brimbank Melton LLEN	Corangamite Shire Council	Inner Northern LLEN
Brimbank Youth Services	DOXA	Job Watch
Brophy Family & Youth Services Inc.	E-Focus	Kids Under Cover
Camberwell High School	Express Media	Knox Youth Services
Campaspe Cohuna LLEN	Family Access Network Inc.	Les Twentyman Foundation
Campaspe Shire Council	Federation Uni Australia	Living Positive Victoria
Capital City LLEN	Foundation for Young Australians	Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Cardinia Shire Council	Frankston Mornington Peninsula LLEN	MacKillop Family Services
Centacare Ballarat	Fusion Australia	Mansfield Shire Council
Central Grampians LLEN	Gannawarra Shire Council	

Organisational Members

Maribyrnong & Moonee Valley LLEN	Praxis Victoria	Victorian Trades Hall Council
Maribyrnong City Council	Rainbow Network	Volunteering Victoria
Marist Youth Care	Reach Foundation	WAYSS Ltd
Maroondah City Council	Re-Engage Youth Services	Wellington Shire Council
Melbourne City Mission	RMIT University	Whitehorse City Council
Melbourne City Mission – Frontyard	Rural City of Wangaratta	Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
Member for Prahran	Salvation Army – Crossroads/Youth & Family Services	Wimmera Uniting Care
Mildura Rural City Council	Scouts Victoria	WynBay LLEN
Mitchell Shire Council	South East LLEN	Yarra Ranges Council
Moonee Valley City Council	South Gippsland Bass Coast LLEN	YMCA Ballarat
Moorabool Shire Council	South Gippsland Shire Council	YMCA Southern Peninsula Youth Service
Moreland City Council	South West LLEN	YMCA Victoria
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	St Kilda Police & Citizens Youth Club	Youth Action
Mount Alexander Shire Council	State Library of Victoria	Youth Affairs Council of South Australia (YACSA)
Murray Mallee LLEN	Stonnington Youth Services	Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA)
Murrindindi Shire Council	Strathbogie Shire Council	Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ)
NE TRACKS LLEN	Surf Coast Shire Council	Youth Coalition of the ACT
Neami National	SYN Media	Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT)
Nillumbik Shire Council	The Bridge Youth Service	Youth Research Centre
North Central LLEN	The Drum Youth Services	Youth Workers’ Association
North East LLEN	UN Youth Victoria	Youthlaw
North East Support & Action for Youth (NESAY)	University of Melbourne – Library	YSAS Pty Ltd
Northern College of the Arts & Technology	Victoria University – Youth Studies	
Northern District Community Health Service	Victorian Applied Learning Association (VALA)	
Northern Mallee LLEN	Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS)	
Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre	Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)	
Outer Eastern LLEN		

Youth participation and sector development

This year, youth participation at YACVic has been an exciting journey of reflecting, consulting and strategising.

In 2016, we commissioned an independent review of youth participation at YACVic. The key findings highlighted that although the previous model of youth engagement centred around the Youth Reference Group (YRG) and was largely successful, it faced a number of limitations, particularly when it came to clarity of responsibility and process for feeding participation into governance. The most significant recommendation was that while YRG gave 15 young people a voice and role, it was a missed opportunity for over one hundred more YACVic young members to contribute. In response, we gathered a working group comprising four YACVic young members, one key stakeholder, the YACVic Participation and Development Coordinator, and the CEO. We met once a month to create the vision, processes and documentation for bringing the findings and recommendations of the review together with the YACVic Board of Governance's strategic vision and its priority for youth participation at YACVic.

The efforts of this working group have resulted in the creation of YACVic's Commitment to Youth Participation. This is a valuable framework with which to pilot our new youth participation strategy in three key areas across the organisation: Policy, Communications, and Human Resources. Youth engagement did not stop throughout this planning period, with YACVic supporting many opportunities for young Victorians to contribute to meaningful community and government projects such as the Victorian Youth Summit, the Parliamentary Inquiry into Youth Justice Centres, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Diverse Communities and Intersectionality group. We continue to progress our youth participation model and look forward to strengthening this central principle of our work at YACVic.



3

Code training sessions

115

attendees of youth participation training

18

Fail to Disclose and Fail to Protect training sessions delivered in partnership with YouthLaw

95%

of Fail To Disclose participants were satisfied and/or extremely satisfied with training

3

YACVic presentations

School expulsion

On September 1 2016, the Ombudsman announced an investigation into student expulsions at Victorian government schools. The investigation was prompted by four primary factors, namely: direct complaints from families with similar grievances regarding expulsion; access to data which revealed a 25% increase in expulsions from 2014-2015; a spike in Victorian youth crime and the well-evidenced correlations between disengagement from education and contact with the youth justice system; and, through YACVic's continued advocacy in the space.

The Ombudsman's office was aware that we were working on a report into expulsions and student engagement in early 2016. As part of this work, YACVic held a forum in April 2016, which was attended by education professionals, advocates, academics and two officers from the Ombudsman. This forum made concerns crystal clear; attendants had a sense that expulsions were growing, vulnerable groups were over-represented, and that informal expulsions were an ongoing and potentially larger issue. However, what was lacking was detailed information and meaningful data to confirm this.

In October 2016, YACVic together with core agency, the Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS), and partner agencies, the Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC) and the Koorie Youth Council (KYC), put forward a strong submission welcoming the Ombudsman's review and offering key recommendations for consideration. The joint submission argued for comprehensive, accessible data on expulsions; adequate support for all schools to engage all students meaningfully in their

own education and work appropriately with students experiencing trauma and mental illness; and expert support for all students facing expulsion to help them re-engage with education, training and employment. It was well-received by the Ombudsman, going on to contribute to a large portion of the report's final recommendations.

We're extremely proud of what we achieved in this space. Not only was our advocacy a key driver in initiating the Ombudsman's review and shaping its recommendations, but we're now one step closer to ensuring young people are being fairly supported by the education system. We look forward to young Victorians reaping the benefits of these improvements.

[Read our submission here.](#)

Policy and research

What a year it's been for young Victorians! We've been delighted by the new opportunities that have emerged for young people to engage directly with the Victorian Government, as we discussed in our response to the 2016 Youth Policy. The wellbeing and equality of young people were also strengthened by the Victorian Government's new Gender Equality Strategy, and by the Ombudsman's investigation of expulsion of students in state schools, both of which YACVic contributed to. We also welcomed new opportunities to reflect on young people's struggles against transport disadvantage, as articulated in our advocacy in support of the L2P program and our submission to the parliamentary inquiry into the probationary driving age.

On a different note, 2016-17 saw rising community concern about serious crimes committed by young people, and about the distressing conditions in youth justice centres. Youth justice was a big focus of YACVic's advocacy this year, including submissions to the parliamentary inquiry into youth justice centres and the investigation by the Commission for Children and Young People into the use of isolation, separation and lockdowns in youth justice centres. Youth justice continues to be a priority area for YACVic.

We also saw moves at a national level to slash penalty rates in industries like retail, fast food and hospitality. YACVic is concerned by the likely impacts of these changes on young people, especially young women and early school leavers, and we'll continue to advocate on such issues. Meanwhile, the year presented new opportunities for us to advocate about local government provision of youth services, young people's place in long-term infrastructure planning, and information-sharing between services on child protection and wellbeing.

As a peak body, it is both a challenge and a privilege to be a public voice for young people on such a wide range of diverse, important issues.



2,279

people accessed our resource
'Youth Offending: Know the facts'

9

member gatherings to
consult on YACVic's policy work

10

policy submissions and
research papers, advocating on
topics including youth justice,
transport disadvantage, gender
equality, school exclusion and
penalty rates.

5

rural/regional consultation
sessions held with YACVic Rural

14

Yikes articles published

YACVic on youth justice

Between July 2016 and June 2017, YACVic undertook comprehensive advocacy work concerning the urgent and topical space of youth justice.

Throughout the year, YACVic's CEO sat on a key advisory group, feeding into the Ogloff Armytage Youth Justice Review (2017) and raising issues including youth voice, diversion, design of youth justice centres, and working with vulnerable and marginalised young people.

We responded publically to significant changes announced to the Youth Justice system, including the introduction of more intensive supervision sentences, the employment of new youth specialist officers for Victoria Police, the expansion of bail supervision services, and the decision to move Youth Justice from the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department of Justice. We were also active members of the Smart Justice for Young People network, supporting their development of media campaigns and a substantial policy platform in support of justice reinvestment.

Following the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner's Youth Summit, we coordinated eight other youth/community organisations to write a joint letter to the Premier. We urged the government to help prevent and reduce youth offending by raising the age of leaving out-of-home care to 21, reducing and preventing exclusion of children from schools, funding new initiatives to recruit, train and employ culturally diverse youth workers, and fund strategic, targeted support for offending young people. Over the past year since then, we have seen a number of funding and policy undertakings in relation to these areas.

We also met with the Victorian Auditor General's Office in August to inform their research into youth justice and diversionary programs, and took part in a roundtable briefing with the Hon Lisa Neville, Minister for Police, to discuss new interventions being founded in the youth crime prevention space. And, we released a short fact sheet for the community, *Youth offending — know the facts*, to counter some common misconceptions about youth justice in Victoria, which received a great response online with over 2,279 hits.

We submitted to the inquiry by the Commission for Children and Young People into Isolation, Separation and Lockdowns in Youth Justice Centres and, in collaboration with the Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) and Smart Justice for Young People, held a youth sector forum for 60+ people about the changes taking place in the Youth Justice system and their key messages for us to pass on to government. We made a written submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Youth Justice Centres in Victoria, and presented to the parliamentary committee in person. As part of this presentation, we supported a young person with a lived experience in a youth justice centre to come along, present and answer questions.

Moving forward, we are just as driven to continue our efforts to ensure young people's rights are upheld — in these settings, and as part of the systematic frameworks that serve it.

[Read our response to the Ogloff Armytage Youth Justice Review here.](#)

Communications

The communications team at YACVic certainly had a big year of change. We embarked upon a major website redevelopment which has informed a welcomed refresh for YACVic's digital presence. We also retired our member publication Yikes after 17 years, turning towards more open and accessible storytelling around our advocacy, events and members, a move which is taking shape in the form of YACVic's blog.

YACVic communicates with multiple audiences, from young people to youth sector professionals, to government influencers and the broader community. Because of this, we have been thinking a lot about new ways to reach and engage our specific audiences meaningfully, experimenting with a show-not-tell approach through more video content and targeted campaigning, and reviving our Instagram account. We have also embedded youth participation into our team and practice, welcoming our first communications intern, Michelle, in May, and engaging young graphic designer Qambar Ali to rebrand YDAS. While these were two very different approaches to the youth participation model, the experiences certainly highlighted how valuable communications opportunities can be — for young participants, and for us at YACVic!

Another change involved re-evaluating our email communications, and retiring YACVic Updates in order to increase our newsletter, Announce, from monthly to fortnightly editions. We continued to increase our newsletter subscribers and grow our social media community and website visitors, and we look forward to carrying this momentum into more exciting times of change for YACVic.

YACVic website top 5 pages:

1. Homepage
2. How do I become a youth worker?
3. The Code of Ethical Practice
4. Policy > Publications
5. Studying youth work



2,268

subscribers to our newsletter *Announce*, over 23 editions

4

issues of *Yikes*, including the last ever

4,175

Facebook likes

4,213

Twitter followers

40,704

visitors viewed 129,360 of our website pages

Top 10 media mentions

Surge in school explosions triggers Ombudsman probe

9 Sep 2016

Youth Affairs Minister Jenny Mikakos took a selfie with Wendy Tshuma, Anastasia Gackenheimer-Shaw and Tim Hayden in Swan Hill on Wednesday (Swan Hill Youth Forum)

23 Sep 2016

VCE students average three weeks off a year as pressure mounts for results

7 November 2016

People rally in support of the Safe Schools program in Melbourne

16 December 2016

Crime rise sparks call to raise age of responsibility to 12

21 March 2017

774 Melbourne Jon Faine with Georgie Ferrari on youth unemployment and underemployment

27 March 2017

Young people have always had big issues to tackle, and each generation faces a world vastly different to that of previous generations

6 April 2017

Parkville Youth Justice Centre: Razor wire installed at youth prison

30 April 2017

What's in the 2017-2018 state budget for the south-west?

2 May 2017

Anti-Safe Schools parents' group targets Victoria's Deputy Premier

2 June 2017

12 media releases

YACVic Rural invites Southern Mallee young people to turn ideas into action

19 September 2016

Pornography, young people and sexuality today

6 October 2016

A great opportunity for Gippsland's young people to turn ideas into action

6 October 2016

World AIDS day at committee launch announcement – YACVic Rural

29 November 2016

Port Fairy youth forum forced to find bigger venue after unprecedented interest from local young people

2 December 2016

Youth justice reforms must tackle the causes of crime

8 December 2016

YACVic voices concern that Safe Schools will suffer under new leadership

20 December 2016

Fears the adult corrections system will 'train young people in crime'

6 February 2017

Concerns for Aboriginal young people amidst changes in the youth justice system

9 February 2017

Overcoming youth disadvantage – the difference a license makes

23 February 2017

Safe Schools are for everyone, say youth and disability advocates

3 March 2017

Safe homes for Victoria's young people key to this state budget

2 May 2017



YACVic Rural



RURAL

YACVic Rural expands our state-wide advocacy and support for young people in rural and regional communities. We knew it was going to be an exciting year for YACVic Rural — with two operational sites in Southern Mallee and Great South Coast up and running (driving!), we've been building effective networks right across country Victoria.

Through prioritising and facilitating collaborative relationships with service providers and young people, we've seen an enormous shift in engagement with the youth sector in regional and rural areas. We've attended over 300 networking meetings and delivered a range of training, including Culturally Competent Youth Practice; Code of Ethical Practice; Youth Participation; Failure to Protect, Failure to Disclose; Centre for Excellence in Rural Sexual Health; Pornography and Young People; Youth Project Development and Model for Action training.

We were thrilled to coordinate 12 youth forums in 12 different locations across the state from September — December 2016 as part of our 'Turning Ideas into Action' forum series. The key themes arising from the forums helped guide the agenda for our two YACVic Rural Conferences, held in Halls Gap and Echuca this year. What a pleasure it was to connect young people and the wider youth sector to share ideas in such supportive forums.

Core to the success of the implementation of the YACVic Rural Project has been our evaluation framework developed with Cube Group which articulates the overarching and site-specific strengths and concerns for the sector. Our interim evaluation report in October 2016 highlighted the need in both regions for stronger advocacy for the sector, better communication of positive stories about young people, clarity of YACVic Rural planning and support for better engagement in the outlying towns.

With two more years funding from the Victorian Government now confirmed, YACVic Rural is in great shape to drive our objectives and facilitate lasting improvements for young people and the sector that supports them in regional Victoria.



674

young people participated
in YACVic Rural events

312

sector professionals attended
trainings across both sites and
other regional areas of Victoria

56.5K

kilometres travelled
by YACVic Rural

17

sector training, 5 policy roundtables
and 2 rural conferences facilitated

14,376

people reached in our best
Facebook post (418 engagements,
206 likes, 48 shares and 17 comments)

Turning Ideas into Action

From September to December 2016, YACVic Rural ran a series of 12 youth forums across Victoria. Titled 'Turning Ideas into Action', the forums were in partnership with the Victorian Government as part of YACVic's ongoing commitment to ensuring young people's ideas are front and centre in state policy-making.

Turning Ideas into Action was coordinated with the support of over 60 partner organisations. The series was a strong first step in the implementation of the Victorian Government's 2016 Youth Policy, 'Building Stronger Youth Engagement in Victoria', and was designed as a vehicle for young people to amplify their voices and help shape future policy decisions.

Four hundred and seventy-two young people joined a youth forum in one of 12 state-wide locations. Over 3,000 individual statements of need or ideas for action were captured, which will ensure policy-makers know the priority issues for young people. For us at YACVic, the most valuable part of the project was hearing directly from young people across Victoria about the issues that actually matter to them, and empowering them to be a part of positive change in their communities.

Our Turning Ideas into Action summary

report shares the concerns and ideas generated by young Victorians, community partners, and local and state government departments throughout the series. All the information gathered fed into other Victorian Government initiatives, such as the inaugural Victorian Youth Summit held in National Youth Week 2017. Young people will also elect regional representatives to the Victorian Youth Congress to advise government and help steer decision-making in favour of the true needs of young Victorians.

Read the [Turning Ideas Into Action Summary Report](#).

Turning Ideas into Action in numbers

- + 12 youth forums held in 12 locations over 12 weeks
- + 472 attendees at an average of 39.3 young people per forum
- + 3,053 individual issues, ideas and responses captured and coded across all forums
- + 60+ local community partners contributed to the success of the forums
- + 4,300kms travelled to and from forum locations
- + 100% surveyed participants agreed that the forums gave them the opportunity to talk about issues that are important to them
- + 85% reported that they left the forums with new thoughts on how to turn their ideas into action

Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS)



ydas



Youth Disability
Advocacy Service

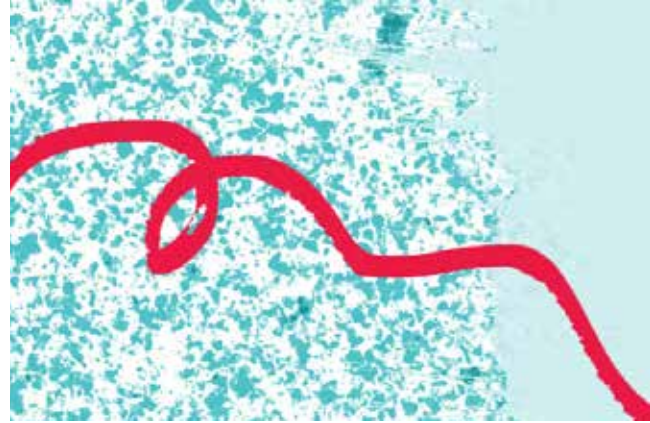
Over 2016–2017, YDAS has supported over 100 young people with disability to uphold their human rights. Our incredible individual advocates responded to the needs of young people with a range of disabilities who were having trouble getting access to school, finding a safe and accessible place to stay, or just trying to get the support they need. A big new area of work for us has been the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as well.

As part of our systemic advocacy we advised government what needs to happen for the NDIS to work well for young people with disability. We've represented young people with disability on Victorian government committees, and made six submissions on issues as varied as housing, safety in the NDIS and the needs of young people with psychosocial disability.

YDAS also maintained an active public presence on social media, making sure young people with disability know about the disability movement, disability pride, the NDIS and how to access YDAS support.

Thanks to the Victorian Government, YDAS was funded to run workshops to help young people with disability get ready for the big changes coming with the NDIS. We worked wherever young people were — to camps, TAFEs, schools, and support units across Victoria, and we held open workshops as well. Through the workshops, young people told us that they want more relatable videos about the NDIS which are easy to understand and feature young people.

And, we helped young people kick start their lives. In September 2016, YDAS held the Life After School Expo, which gave young people the chance to explore their options beyond Year 12. Over 300 young people, teachers, parents and services came along to see what was possible. As part of our funding to get young people NDIS ready, we also developed Map Your Future, a trial kicking off in 2017–2018 to help young people plan for their own lives ahead. We can't wait to do it all again — and more — next year!



106
clients

603
people reached through
NDIS Readiness workshops

311
people at the
Life After School Expo

6
policy submissions

3,551
followers on Facebook
and 1,903 on Twitter

Koorie Youth Council (KYC)

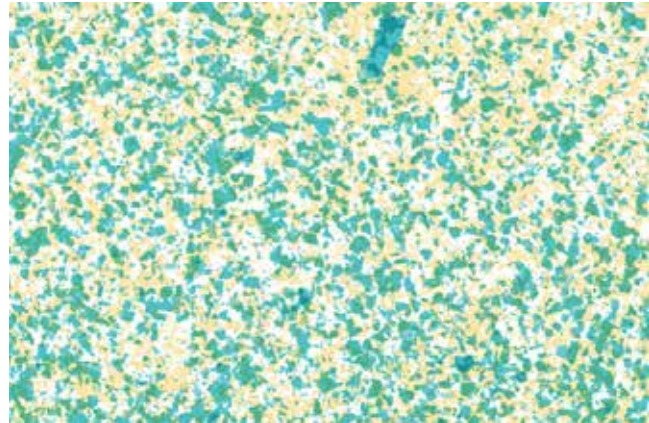


This financial year has been a time of significant growth for us at the Koorie Youth Council. Thanks to increased funding and further strengthening community partnerships over the last 12 months, KYC has gone from 1.6 FTE staff to having six incredible team members. This has enabled KYC the resourcing to increase our advocacy and representation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, including travelling to all regions of Victoria and meeting with young people from all areas of community to discuss their views and aspirations.

We have been busy supporting and delivering a number of exciting initiatives and projects. We established our BLACK-OUTs, regional Aboriginal youth forums which aim to provide a platform for young people to have their say. KYC delivered BLACKOUTs in Swan Hill, Warrnambool and Wodonga. We also began planning for a Koorie Youth Participation Resource, and a project aiming to hear and amplify the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in the youth justice system and bring about systemic change to support them.

Another highlight was hosting the fourth annual Koorie Youth Summit which continued to go from strength to strength. Over 150+ young people attended and 50% of our delegates joined us from rural and/or regional Victoria. The Summit is a place for Aboriginal young people to gather from around the state to connect with each other, discuss what is important, be proud, learn, share, connect and celebrate our culture. The theme this year was 'Our Identity, Our Resilience, Our Story', stemming from our belief in storytelling and the collective power that we as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young people possess and represent. Every year, young people stand up to have their say, meet a deadly bunch of fellow young people and bring an overwhelming feeling of positivity and balance to our communities.

[Read our Summit 2017 report here.](#)



162 delegates

12 young facilitators,
24 scholarships and
5 workshops at
the Summit

50%

of Summit delegates
were from regional
and rural Victoria

people power

1.6 FTE to
6 staff members

3

regional Aboriginal
youth forums

53% increase

social media audience grew
from 1400 to 2152 followers

Marram Nganyin

YACVic, together with partner agency, the Koorie Youth Council (KYC), has been funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to support the development of Aboriginal youth mentoring programs across Victoria. This program is now known as Marram Nganyin, a name provided by the Wurinderi Tribe and Lands Compensation Heritage Council meaning ‘we are strong’ in language provided by the Wurundjeri People.

Youth mentoring is defined as “a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement” (AYMN 2017). Among Indigenous Australians, mentoring has been taking place for generations. It is often innate and/or informal, occurring spontaneously through the Elders’ traditional role of sharing the wisdom, the knowledge and the spirit. The work of Marram Nganyin and the local mentoring projects seeks to capitalise on this natural mentoring process and combine it with formal structures to further improve outcomes for the young participants.

The program is designed to support the delivery of mentoring opportunities being provided for Aboriginal young people (12–25 years old) by local Aboriginal services, assisting local programs to:

- consult with young Koories about project design and delivery;
- provide training for new mentors;
- assist with developing resources to support local projects in delivering mentoring programs;

- ensure local mentoring projects are delivered in line with the Australian National Mentoring Benchmarks;
- ensure local mentoring projects meet the Victorian Child Safe Standards and utilise the Code of Ethical Practice for the Victorian Youth sector.

Marram Nganyin kicked off in October 2016, with a literature review and consultation process to help guide the project’s development. KYC led surveys and consultations with young people in various locations across Victoria, and many Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations were consulted to gauge the capacity for local mentoring programs in their communities.

Key emerging issues centred around the importance of co-design, and ensuring we are developing projects beyond 12-month timelines and which offer young people access to weekly mentor meet-ups for at least two hours each time. Young people told us they want mentors that are, above all, respectful, culturally aware, knowledgeable and supportive. They also want mentor projects to support them having a voice, and to address issues like substance abuse, mental health, lack of support, lack of cultural knowledge and family breakdown.

We continue to work closely with all Marram Nganyin projects and look forward to supporting Aboriginal young people as they create meaningful, impactful change in their communities.

Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC)



VicSRC believes in a student-focused education system that enhances young people's capacity to change the world. We facilitate student-led advocacy in our schools and community, advocating for positive change in every aspect of education. We provide resources and events for students and educators, contributing to positive education and wellbeing outcomes.

The past year has been huge for VicSRC – we welcomed five new staff members, 13 new Executive student members and worked with over 1,800 students and 800 teachers across over 200 primary, secondary, Catholic, independent, special and flexible education settings across Victoria.

We launched three new models of our [Teach the Teacher](#) program to ensure we could offer the right fit for every school. We partnered with Bastow Institute to deliver 15 Student Voice Workshops across the state to empower student voice and leadership within schools, and we delivered our first Congress Open Morning, inviting stakeholders and visiting students to witness the excitement and glory of student voice in action!

June 2016 saw the release of the VicSRC Policy Platform, created with the voices of thousands of students along with the culmination of over 10 years of research into what students want from their education.

A look into the current involvement of students on school governance councils was made possible by a partnership with Deakin University and six student research assistants along with funding from the Department of Education and Training. This impactful report, including 10 recommendations, was published on our website in late 2016.

The VicSRC would like to thank our partner organisations YACVic, YDAS and KYC as well as our funding partners, the Department of Education and Training, the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership, Newsboys Foundation, Catholic Education Office Melbourne and Pearson Australia — and of course all our supporters, volunteers, teachers, member schools. Also, most importantly, the thousands of students that make what we do every day possible and purposeful.



180

students from 68 schools attended Congress. 94% said they would take action as a direct result of participating in VicSRC Congress

931

participants from across Victoria in the Student Voice Workshops with 52% from rural/regional areas

63

nominations from 47 schools in the Recognition Awards

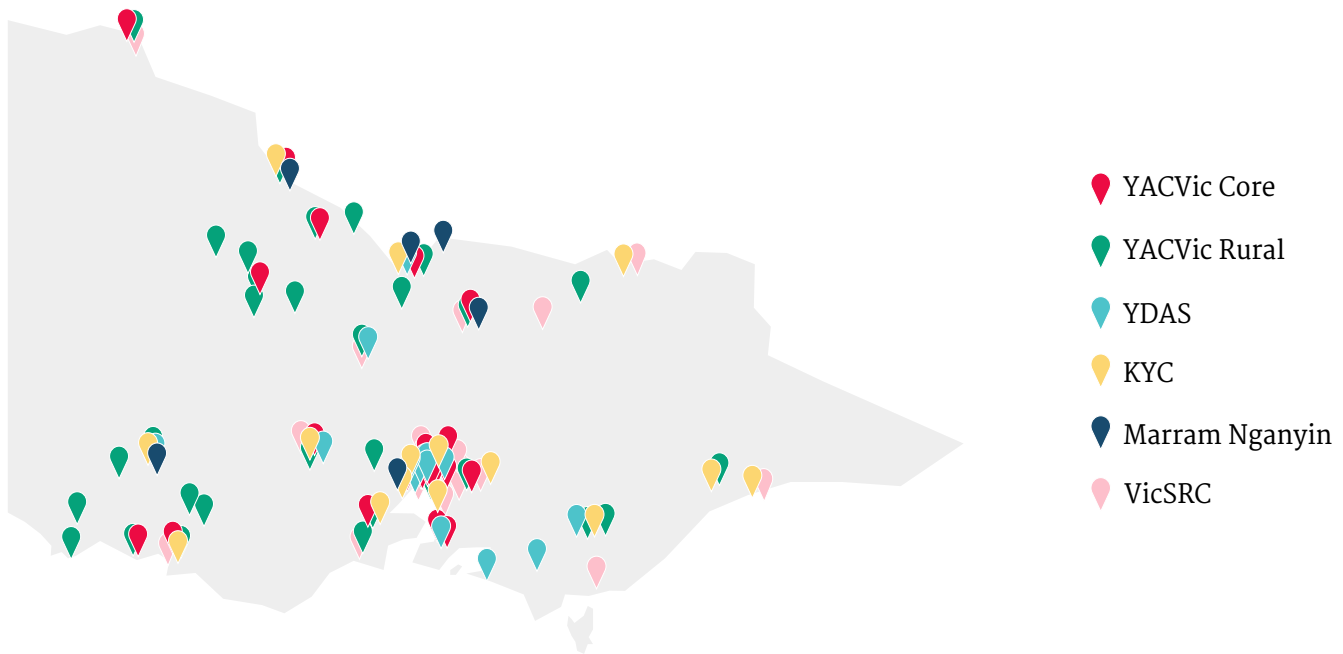
512

students from years 5-12 across 31 schools received Teach the Teacher training

75

engagements attended by the Exec including 6 ministerial meetings, over 20 DET consults and 6 ongoing reference groups

Where we've been



YACVic: Ballarat, Broadmeadows, Charlton, Dandenong, Echuca, Fitzroy, Footscray, Geelong, Hamilton, Hastings, Hawthorn, Kerang, Maribyrnong, Mildura, Mill Park, Mornington, Port Fairy, Richmond, Ringwood, Shepparton, Sunbury, Sunshine, Swan Hill, Torquay, Warrnambool

YACVic Rural: Bacchus Marsh, Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Beechworth, Bendigo, Birchip, Camperdown, Charlton, Cohuna, Dandenong, Donald, Dunkeld, Echuca, Geelong, Halls Gap, Hamilton, Heywood, Kerang, Marybrynong, Melbourne, Mildura, Mortlake, Morwell, Port Fairy, Portland, Rochester, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Torquay, Traralgon, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Wedderburn, Wycheproof

YDAS: Ascot Vale, Ballarat, Bendigo, Bulleen Heights, Dunkeld, Echuca, Hoppers Crossing, Leongatha, Melbourne CBD, Moe, Mornington Peninsula, North Melbourne, Northcote, Sunshine, Warragul, Wonthaggi

KYC: Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Echuca, Frankston, Geelong, Healesville, Heywood, Lakes Entrance, Morwell, Parkville, Preston, Swan Hill, Warrnambool, Wodonga, Wyndham

Marram Nganyin: Baraba Baraba (Echuca), Gunditjmara (Heywood), Ngurrailam (Shepparton), Wathaurong/Woiworung and Boonwurrung (Hoppers Crossing/Melton/Melbourne), Wemba Wemba (Swan Hill), Yorta Yorta (Barmah)

VicSRC: Ballarat, Benalla, Bendigo, Berwick, Carlton, Churchill, Clifton Springs, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Docklands, Doncaster, East Melbourne, Eltham North, Flemington, Foster, Frankston, Geelong, Hallam, Hampton Park, Hawthorn, Keilor Downs, Kings Park, Lakes Entrance, Lilydale, Maribyrnong, Melbourne CBD, Mildura, Mount Waverley, Mulgrave, Noble Park, North Melbourne, Parkville, Preston, Rochester, Roxburgh Park, Scoresby, Shepparton, South Oakleigh, St Kilda, Sunshine, Templestowe, Thornbury, Thornton, Torquay, Warrnambool, Wodonga



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Council Victoria

Finance Report 2016-17



Finance Report

The 2016–17 financial year shows that YACVic and its auspiced partner agencies continue to grow the services provided to young Victorians and the youth sector.

Additional government funding of \$431,342 for the Koorie Youth Council and \$200,000 for the Marram Naganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Initiative assisted in lifting total revenue by 35%, to \$3,293,491 (2016: \$2,374,933). With the increased activity, costs also increased by 42%, to \$3,204,529 (2016: \$2,249,114), largely through the employment of additional staff during the year.

For the 2016–17 financial year, YACVic returned an operating surplus of \$88,962 (2016: \$128,817), increasing net assets to \$782,045 (2016: \$693,083). YACVic remains in a strong financial position due to the diligent use of the organisation's resources.

As at 30 June 2017, YACVic had cash reserves of \$2,028,865 (2016: \$1,526,615) including term deposits to fund its operations. Our current assets of \$2,481,126 are 1.35 times higher than current liabilities. This ratio is lower than the previous year (1.49 times) due to funding received in advance for our expanded activities.

Many thanks to the board, Georgie Ferrari and the staff and volunteers over the past year for their efforts in executing YACVic's strategy and ensuring we have a strong financial base.



David Anderson

Treasurer

Income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue		
Administration charges	479,278	334,424
Conferences	62,712	54,432
Forums and training	-	93,208
Government grants	2,100,831	1,311,957
Interest received	26,306	32,062
Membership	34,748	33,734
Other grants	430,000	452,946
Other income	159,616	62,168
	3,293,491	2,374,931
Expenses		
Accommodation	136,878	106,319
Administration	631,570	360,367
Communication	43,325	58,051
Depreciation	67,174	15,202
Equipment maintenance	10,602	568
Employee leave provisions	33,151	62,546
Other staff costs	31,001	23,082
Publication and printing	21,689	14,657
Professional development and training	22,565	13,043
Project costs	218,996	283,677
Salaries and wages	1,630,198	1,045,976
Sector development and consultation	184,546	154,594
Superannuation contributions	148,116	98,181
WorkCover	24,718	12,851
	3,204,529	2,249,114
Current year surplus	88,962	125,817
Retained surplus at beginning of financial year	693,083	567,266
Retained surplus at end of financial year	782,045	693,083

Assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	1,700,741	1,207,259
Trade and other receivables	3	411,581	114,261
Other current assets		40,680	40,777
Investments		328,124	319,356
Total current assets		2,481,126	32,062
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	130,884	175,191
Intangible assets	7	49,423	-
Total non-current assets		180,307	175,191
Total assets		2,661,433	1,856,844
Current liabilities			
Trades and other payables	8	392,396	185,107
Other liabilities	9	1,300,276	786,763
Provisions	10	144,959	159,170
Total current liabilities		1,837,631	1,131,040
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	10	22,565	13,043
Total non-current liabilities		41,757	32,721
Total liabilities		1,630,198	1,045,976
Net assets		184,546	154,594
Equity			
Retained surplus		782,045	693,083
Total equity		782,045	693,083

Statement of changes in equity ended 30 June 2017

	Retained surplus \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2015	567,266	567,266
Surplus for the year	125,817	125,817
Balance at 30 June 2016	693,083	693,083
Surplus for the year	88,962	88,962
Balance at 30 June 2017	782,045	782,045

Statement of cashflow for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cashflows from operating activities			
Receipts for customers		3,721,580	2,826,473
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,172,346)	(2,435,048)
Interest received		26,306	32,150
Net cash provided by operating activities	12	574,540	423,575
Cashflows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(22,867)	(184,196)
Purchase of intangible assets		(49,423)	-
Investment in term deposits		(8,768)	(249,056)
Net cash used in investing activities		(81,058)	(433,252)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		493,482	(9,677)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		1,207,259	1,216,936
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	2	1,700,741	1,207,259

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Accounting Policies**(a) Revenue**

Revenue is recognised on the following basis:

- Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.
- Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.
- Membership revenue is recognised progressively over the period to which the membership relates. Any portion of membership fees received relating to the following financial year is brought to account at balance date as membership in advance.
- Government revenue is derived from services and programs performed on behalf of state, commonwealth and local governments. These are recognised in the period in which the services are provided, having regard to the stage of completion of activities and targets within each program as specified in the funding and service contracts. Any funding received for services which have not been performed is recorded as funding in advance in the statement of financial position.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Income Tax

The association is exempt from paying income tax under section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and subsequently has not been charged any income tax expense.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are initially recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables include amounts from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(g) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period, the committee reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

(h) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(i) Employee provisions**Short-term employee benefits**

Provision is made for the company's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages and salaries. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The company's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages and salaries are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements of obligations for other long-term employee benefits for changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur. No long service leave provision is made for casual employees.

(i) Employee provisions

Other long-term employee benefits (continued)

The company's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the company does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

(j) Provision for parental leave

The Enterprise Bargaining Agreement entitles staff to twelve weeks paid parental leave on the birth or adoption of each child. A provision has been made reflecting past experience that three full time equivalent employees will take parental leave during the year. The provision has been measured as the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(k) Funding in advance

The liability for funding in advance is the unutilised amounts of grants received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are anticipated to be provided or the conditions usually fulfilled within 12 months of receipt of the grant.

(l) Comparative figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(m) Key judgements and estimates

The directors of the Company assessed the provision for parental leave based on the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement under which staff are employed. In making their judgement, the directors considered the likelihood of employees taking their entitled 12 weeks paid parental leave in the proceeding 12 months.

The directors of the Company assessed the funding received in advance based on the estimated stage of completion for each grant agreement. In making their judgement, the directors considered each grant agreement and the services still yet to be performed under these agreements.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Cash on hand	1,801	1,501
Cash at bank	1,173,028	692,795
Short-term investments - term deposits	525,912	512,963
	<u>1,700,741</u>	<u>1,207,259</u>
Note 3. Trade and Other Receivables		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Trade receivables	401,293	114,261
Other receivables	10,288	-
	<u>411,581</u>	<u>114,261</u>

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Note 4. Other Assets		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Prepayments	38,169	38,115
Accrued income	2,511	2,662
	<u>40,680</u>	<u>40,777</u>
Note 5. Investments		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Investment in term deposits	<u>328,124</u>	<u>319,356</u>
Note 6. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Leasehold improvements		
At cost	166,026	166,026
Accumulated depreciation	(68,930)	(15,034)
	<u>97,096</u>	<u>150,992</u>
Office furniture and equipment		
At cost	81,262	58,395
Accumulated depreciation	(47,474)	(34,196)
	<u>33,788</u>	<u>24,199</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>130,884</u>	<u>175,191</u>

Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movements in carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Leasehold improvements	Office furniture and equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	978	5,219	6,197
Additions at cost	151,733	32,463	184,196
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(1,719)	(13,483)	(15,202)
Balance at beginning of year	<u>150,992</u>	<u>24,199</u>	<u>175,191</u>
Additions	-	22,867	22,867
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(53,896)	(13,278)	(67,174)
Carrying amount at year end	<u>97,096</u>	<u>33,788</u>	<u>130,884</u>

	2017	2016
Note 7. Intangible assets	\$	\$
Website intangible		
At cost	49,423	-
Accumulated depreciation	-	-
	<u>49,423</u>	<u>-</u>
<p>YACVic commissioned a website to be developed during the period. This has been capitalised as an intangible asset and work in progress. As the website was not yet in use as at 30 June 2017, accumulated amortisation has not been brought to account.</p>		
Note 8. Trade and Other Payables		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Trade payables	136,856	42,994
Other payables	1,175	511
ATO payable	140,310	63,700
Accrued expenses	114,055	77,902
	<u>392,396</u>	<u>185,107</u>
Note 9. Other Liabilities	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Funding in advance	1,263,153	764,684
Membership paid in advance	37,123	22,079
	<u>1,300,276</u>	<u>786,763</u>
Note 10. Provisions		
<i>CURRENT</i>		
Employee benefits - annual leave	75,141	56,804
Employee benefits - parental leave	51,481	51,480
Employee benefits - long service leave	18,337	50,886
	<u>144,959</u>	<u>159,170</u>
<i>NON-CURRENT</i>		
Employee benefits - long service leave	41,757	32,721
Provision for make good on lease premises	-	-
	<u>41,757</u>	<u>32,721</u>

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Note 10. Provisions (continued)		
<i>Provision for Long Service Leave</i>		
A provision has been recognised for employee entitlements relating to long service leave. In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based on reasonable estimates that the employee will reach this entitlement.		
Note 11. Capital and Leasing Commitments		
(a) Finance lease commitments		
Youth Affairs Council of Victoria do not have any finance leases in place at 30 June 2017		
(b) Operating lease commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
- not later than 12 months	102,216	123,417
- between 12 months and 5 years	90,437	177,557
- greater than 5 years	-	-
	192,653	300,974
The property lease commitment is a non-cancellable operating lease contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements with a three-year term. The lease commenced on the 25 April 2016. An increase in lease commitment of 3% will occur on each anniversary date.		
The printer and photocopier lease is a non-cancellable operating lease contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements with a three-year term, expiring in September 2017.		
The motor vehicle leases are non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements with 12 and 17 months terms, expiring in September 2017.		

	2017	2016
Note 12. Cash Flow Information	\$	\$
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax		
Profit after income tax credit	88,962	125,817
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- Depreciation	67,174	15,202
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(297,320)	(6,451)
- (Increase)decrease in other assets	97	(26,401)
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	207,289	308,502
Increase/(decrease) in income in advance	513,513	-
- Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(5,175)	6,906
Cash flows from operations	<u>574,540</u>	<u>423,575</u>

Note 13. Related Party Transactions

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

No committee members have entered into any material contract with the association since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving committee members interests subsisting at year end. There were no loans to committee members.

Note 14. Events after the Reporting Period

There have been no events subsequent to the balance sheet date that have an impact that would require disclosure in the financial statements or notes there of.

Note 15. Association Details

The registered office of the association is:

Youth Affairs Council of Victoria
3/180 Flinders Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

The principal place of business is:


Youth Affairs Council of Victoria
3/180 Flinders Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000

Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc. Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 10:

1. Present a true and fair view of the financial position of Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc as at 30 June 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Chair 
Louisa Ellum

Treasurer 
David Anderson

Dated this 27th day of October 2017.

Independence

We are independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of 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.

Committee's responsibility for the financial report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* and for such controls as the committee determines is necessary to enable preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intend to liquidate the association or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility 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 the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatement can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in 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.



Andrew Frewin Stewart
61 Bull Street, Bendigo, 3550
Dated this 27th day of October 2017



Adrian Downing
Lead Auditor

Thank you

A big shout out to all our funders, partners and supporters for making our work possible and pleasurable, and to our board and staff for working tirelessly and with such passion. Thank you to our members for sharing our vision of a positive future for young people, and to the young people of Victoria for helping us to understand what matters.



YACVic acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government