

Youth Foundation 2018 Newsletter

Youth-led projects for West Heidelberg
and Parkville College

This year we... worked with 462 young people to develop 20 diverse projects at the total value of \$26,000. Our YF Community came together to celebrate 10 years of YF and to share the many diverse projects where young people get to: connect, participate, contribute and lead. Check out our fantastic new film [here](#). A big thanks to our partners, supporters and most importantly the young people themselves who make change in their community happen. Have a happy and safe holiday everyone!



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Charles Latrobe College - Tool Shed

A group of disenfranchised students in Grade 9 want to turn around their education and how others see them by setting up a hands on learning Tool Shed in their school.

"We'll be able to learn bike maintenance and grow it into other areas as we go along. It will give us a chance to work on something we love and enjoy."

Exodus Youth Group - Spring Social for 12-15 Year Olds

Young people hosted a buzzing evening dinner dance to bring 12-15 year olds together in the school holidays. They planned and organised every aspect, and donated the profit to a local homeless charity.



"Everyone is asking - will we run it again next year?!"

Melbourne Polytechnic - Growing Ourselves and Supporting Others

VCAL classes came up with completely different projects this year. Lorna's class fundraised for a trip to the Escape Room in the City. The intention - to bond a diverse group of young people by working together to solve challenging puzzles against the clock. Michelle's class raised money for Hayden's Helping Hands, a local charity set up by a 10 year old boy. In discussion with him, they created support packs of food and toiletries ready to support the homeless at Christmas.

Pavilion School - Camp Cave Hill Creek

Two students from Pavilion fundraised for their class to go on a 3 day camp and hike at Cave Hill Creek.

“The students undertook a 20km 2 night hike near Beaufort. This was a very challenging but rewarding experience. It really helped to build our resilience and teamwork skills and also proved that no matter how tough something is we can overcome it!”

Open House

A group of school non-attenders organised a trip to the Snow, where they challenged themselves, bonded together and had loads of fun. Watch a video of their trip [here](#).



“My friends and I had a sleep over the night before and woke up early so we wouldn't miss the bus! It was such a great day and I hope we get to do it again next year.”

Olympic Village Primary School



Over 5 weeks, Grade 5s and 6s worked with local artist Emma Grace, exploring different elements of design to create totem poles which will decorate the new school sand pit and encourage play. Within each pole is a door with a personal message from each student.

Waratah Special Development School - I Can!

Film Company, Little Lightening Stories, worked with a team of students. The result? A wonderful film. Watch it [here](#).

“The students assisted in the filming of a documentary about themselves, their school, their learning, and their individual strengths. They were very proud to see the end result and attend the presentation day.”

Himilo - Sports Opportunities for the Somali Community

Two fantastic initiatives have come out of Himilo this year, giving Somali boys and girls opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular sport, mentored by older teenagers within the community.



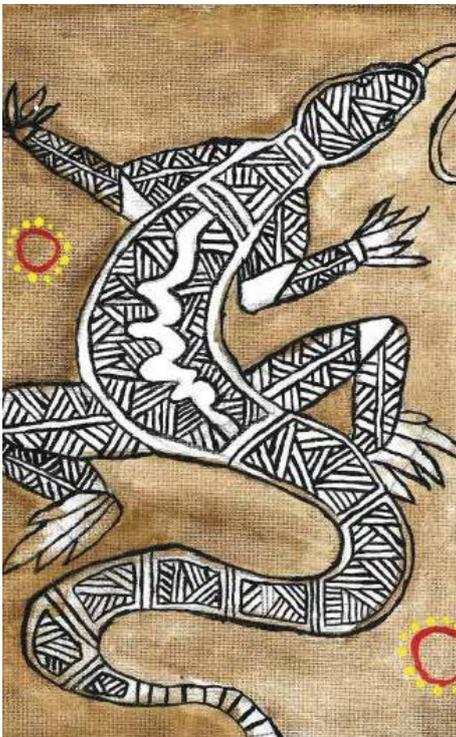
“Many Somali families are large and the fees for sport activity is prohibitive. This has been a great opportunity, which some of our young people have excelled at.”

Youth Foundation Parkville College

Parkville College is a specialist Victorian Government School that provides education to students who are, or have been, detained in custody. Many of the students we work with have had limited and disrupted education and YF enables students to build on a personal learning passion or idea which the school wouldn't be able to provide otherwise.

Art Materials for Every Student

VCAL art students incarcerated at Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre applied for a grant to buy art materials which all students in the Open Unit will have access to.



"Having access to good quality materials means we've done more and better art work and been able to mount and exhibit it, showing off the talent we didn't know we had 'til we were inside."

Building Mini Houses at Malmsbury

Learning construction when you are not allowed access to tools can be tricky. Students at Malmsbury Secure Units applied for mini house kits where they can turn their VCAL construction learning from theory into practice in a safe and acceptable way.

Cultural Cooking at Malmsbury

Catering students at Malmsbury Open Unit organised a cultural cooking program, where students learned to cook South Sudanese, Aboriginal and Pacific Islander dishes.

"We never get to sit down like this as a massive family. It's been great to remember and show off my culture and check out some others."

T Shirts for Parkville College Flexible Learning Centre

Students have designed and printed a series of t-shirts which gained surprise popularity and sales at the YF Celebration. This success has inspired conversation of a future social enterprise.



"We got involved in discussions about culture and community through the creative process. Plus, the end result was amazing and something that we could all celebrate and enjoy."

A Story to Tell by Smokie Productions and Triple M

This grant provided 1 apple mac book, 1 midi key board and 7 headphones to Malmsbury Open Unit.

"We didn't have enough software and laptops in the music room and had to take turns which meant never enough time on something we love. Now I get straight on with my work. I honestly feel overwhelmed getting this grant because it means I can complete my first album."



The Malmsbury Magazine

A Malmsbury Secure Student has worked with his English teacher to edit a full colour Malmsbury Magazine. He hopes this will become a biannual publication.

"It's difficult to talk about feelings here but at lock up you'll have something to read where people talk about their experiences and how to help. It also shows off clients' great art work and lyrics, giving us something to work towards."

Art Show at Parkville College Flexible Learning Centre

Parkville FLC recently hosted a magnificent art exhibition, showcasing students' work from across the campuses, raising over \$1300 for Headspace and the Smith Family from the sale of their work.

Purchase a Parkville students' art work and support Headspace and the Smith Family. T Shirts are available [here](#). For colouring and children's books email Parkville.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

"We had a place to show our art and share our voice, where we felt safe, loved and supported. We have also given back to the community - mental ill health effects most of us here."



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Congratulations to...



Samira Liban who hosted the 2018 YF Celebration held at La Trobe University. Samira applied for a YF grant to run a trial girls' group at Olympic Village Primary School. It's regular full attendance has reflected a real need in the community for after school activities. Samira has also been invited as young consultant on Vic Health's Staying on Track Program and to Governor House to take part in the Governor Breakfast Series.



Akolda Bil is completing his Community Development Diploma this year. Read [here](#)

about his inspiring journey from Malmsbury Youth Justice to Youth Worker showing his resilience, hard work and determination, supported by agencies such as Parkville College and Youth Foundation.

Other News

Community Foundation supported a student leaving Malmsbury to purchase software and a lap top so he could continue his music production once leaving incarceration. Good luck in the future!

Another Malmsbury student has had the idea to bring supporters and clients together at a 2019 *Feast for Funders* showing off and celebrating all the good work which has come out of YF this year. Watch this space.

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