Hi everyone! Welcome to our first edition for 2019.

We hope you have been loving the warmer weather and had a fab Christmas and New Year period. We had our Christmas Party in early December and had phenomenal feedback! We are so wrapped that you had a great time at Adventure Park with us.

In January we held our annual Beach Party in Geelong and it was a hit! It’s always an interesting time of year for us as we plan all of our events for the year before the years end, so there is a HUGE sense of anticipating in the early months of the year around the CREATE office and can’t wait to bring you some exciting YAGs, activities and even another Hour of Power platform.

Keep smiling and speaking up for yourselves.

From the CREATE Crew!

Cath, Michelle, Amanda, Russ, Deb, Renee, Sharney, Matt, Pat and Luke

We would like to say a huge thanks to some of the legends who have been working with CREATE to make a better care system.

So THANK YOU Ashleigh, Aedan, Victor, Ella for presenting to workers and attending working group meetings and bringing the voice of children and young people.

Well done Kim for taking the leap to move overseas, we will miss you!

And props to Nikita for co-facilitating her first Speak Up! You rocked it.
In 2019 CREATE turns 20 years old and we will have a MASS celebration at our conference which... drum roll... is going to be held right here in MELBOURNE at the Zoo! How exciting?! Grant applications are now open, so make sure that you roar in and get yours in before they close in May. We would love to have as many Vic CREATE members celebrating with us as we can. Head to voicesinaction.create.org.au for all the details and application form.

And in 2019 CREATE isn’t the only one celebrating a milestone. In January, Cathy our amazing State Coordinator celebrated 13 amazing years with us at CREATE.

Cath is the glue to our office and we are very lucky to have her. We’d love to know your Cath Highlight is from over the years, send them to russell.mulry@create.org.au With “Cath Milestone” in the subject line and we might feature some in our next round up.

Thanks for all the wonderful work you do Cath.
Are you in care in the east of Victoria?
Do you want to have your say and meet other young people in care?
We’re out in the East meeting up with young people in care. We are holding Youth Events, YAGS, Speak UP sessions across the east, including Shepparton, Wodonga, Eastern Melbourne and more and we want you involved. This is your opportunity to get involved, meet other young people in care and share your ideas. You too can be a leader and help make a difference.
Shoot us message to be kept in the loop for when we’re next in your area.
Hit us up and share with us ideas to make care better. Can call or message The East team on 0431 220 052
Phone: 03 99 18 000 or email luke.westwick@create.org.au or Sharney.Wise@create.org.au

Nikita is a CREATE Young consultant.
How long have you been a Young Consultant for?
I’ve been a Young Consultant for just under a year.
What do you like most about CREATE and your highlight?
By far my favourite thing about being involved with CREATE is the friends I’ve made and opportunities that working with CREATE has given me, such as working on the 2018 HOP.
A highlight would definitely be the SUP 3 camp, all the fun we had and all the wonderful people I met.
Dream holiday destination?
I’ve always dreamed of going to visiting the 7 waterfalls in Lake Sebu, Philippines.
Random or interesting thing about you?
I used to have 2 dingos as pets, Ruby and Rusty.

“THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR ALL THE EFFORT YOU AND YOUR STAFF MADE TO MAKE IT A BRILLIANT DAY”
— Carer
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