Welcome to our first WA Round Up of 2019!

In true CREATE style we have started the year with a bang with heaps of different events happening including... Youth Advisory Groups, leadership training, events in Albany, a camp in Perth and a pool party!

It has been great to see so many awesome clubCREATE members already this year and there is still so much to come! Check out the calendar on the back page for events happening over the next few months.

Don’t see an event happening near you and you have a great idea? Let us know! We always love to hear from clubCREATE members. To get in touch, please see the back page for our contact details.

We are loving 2019 so far and hope you are too! Hope to see you at a CREATE event soon,

The CREATE in WA Crew

CREATE had a great time in January running a camp for clubCREATE members aged 15-17. Over the 3 days, campers broke boards karate style, played drums, listened to Dreaming stories, saw animals at Caversham Wildlife Park, and even climbed to the top of a stack of milk crates! We were super impressed with everyone’s energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude and hope you all had as much fun as we did!

This camp also included 2 CREATE Your Future workshops where campers explored how they can get involved in decisions affecting their lives and also reflected on their own identity and goals they want to achieve.

If you would like to find out more about these workshops or other events we have coming up, please get in touch.
Some of you might have heard, but Elly, (one of CREATE’s Community Facilitators here in WA) has moved to CREATE’s Alice Springs office for a year and she wanted to send you all this message...

Hi amazing clubCREATE members,

After 3 years in CREATE’s WA office I am moving to CREATE’s Alice Springs office to work in the Northern Territory! I am really excited to share all the things you have taught me with the team in the NT and to bring new experiences back to WA in 2020.

Thank you for all being so brilliant and inspiring me to make sure the voices of children and young people are at the centre of everything I do here at CREATE.

Have the most fantastic 2019 and if you are ever in Alice Springs feel free to give me a call (1800 655 105) and drop into the CREATE office and say hi!

Elly

CREATE had a great time at The Maze in December for our annual Christmas Party! There was Christmas craft, games, paper plane comps, water slides and a visit from Santa! Thank you also to the awesome Swan Districts Lions Club for providing the sausage sizzle- the food was awesome!

In February we also threw a party at Waterlands in Maylands. Thank you to everyone who came along- we hope you had a brilliant time and enjoyed the pools, mini golf and meeting other clubCREATE members!

These parties are called Connection Events and are for all clubCREATE members and anyone you live with. If you have an idea for another party we should hold, please let us know!

We will be holding a big party later in the year because CREATE is turning 20 and if you have any ideas about how we can make this party as awesome as possible we would love to hear from you.
In January we were super lucky to head down to Albany for a CREATE’S 20th Birthday Party Celebration (Albany Celebration) and Speak Up Level One!

CREATE’S 20th Birthday Party Celebration (Albany Celebration) was heaps of fun with a Bouncy Castle, Zorb Balls, Jamie the Clown making fabulous balloon animals and of course CAKE! It was great to meet some of our Great Southern ClubCREATE Members. We are looking forward to heaps more 20th Birthday Celebrations throughout the year.

A huge WELCOME to all our new Great Southern Young Consultants! We had a great time doing Speak Up with you and look forward to some more exciting opportunities with you!

We are really excited to head back to Albany soon to do some more Speak Up and maybe a Youth Advisory Group and a fun activity!

Youth Advisory Groups 2019- have your say!

At the camp in January, we chatted about what topics you thought would be important to discuss at Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) in 2019.

YAGs are for clubCREATE members aged 12-25 and happen each month. At each YAG we do something fun (e.g. rock climbing, bowling, going to the footy) and will also chat about a topic that is important to young people.

These are the top issues young people voted on to talk about in YAGs this year...

1. Support with Schooling + Education & Future Learning
2. Accessing Case Files
3. Raising the Leaving Care Age
4. How to Get Support if You’re Leaving/Have Left Care
5. Knowing Your History & Background

We have also asked clubCREATE members on FB what they would like to talk about at YAGS.*

If you haven’t had a chance yet to let us know what you think, please do get in touch- we would love to hear from you!

*On FB? Add ‘CREATE WA’ to keep up to date with what’s happening in the state! This Facebook is just for clubCREATE members.
**Are you a CREATE Young Consultant?**

Young Consultants (YCs) are clubCREATE members who have completed CREATE’s leadership course, Speak Up. YCs have opportunities to take on different leadership roles at CREATE. To find out more about becoming a YC or Speak Up, please get in touch!

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If you would like to register for any of our events, find out the missing details or get information about CREATE head to our WA page on [www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au) or contact us at 1800 655 105 or (08) 6336 9726 or wa@create.org.au

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