

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



We hope that you had a wonderful festive season and a Happy New Year.

Our Christmas Party went off! Loads of clubCREATE members came for games, fun and epic waterslides at Wet 'n' Wild for our Christmas Party. Gus the Gorilla and Santa also made an appearance.

2020 kicked off with a bang! CREATE trekked to Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Townsville, Logan, Rockhampton and Brisbane to hear from care-experienced young people about extending care to 21. Thanks to all the amazing young people who got involved. We will be writing your feedback into a report and resource in the coming months.



## ON THE ROAD



CREATE recently went to Toowoomba for a Speak Up workshop, consultation and Youth Advisory Group (YAG).

We had fun eating pizza, playing games and having loads of fun as we learnt about leadership, speaking and advocacy. Congrats to our new young consultants.

The YAG was awesome with laser tag, bowling and an opportunity to give feedback.

We had a great turn out for YAG in Bundaberg as well. Congrats to the young people who won the intense laser tag battle at Bundy Bowl.

# MEET MONICA!

Hi everyone, I am the new Youth Facilitator here in Tropical North Queensland. I am so happy and excited to be working with the team at CREATE and look forward to getting to know everyone.

I love living here in North Queensland because of the amazing adventures and exhilarating exploring that it has to offer. I have been privileged to have taken many trips out to The Great Barrier Reef, and have seen a lot of the Islands scattered across our region.

I am passionate about 'freedom of expression' and think art is an amazing medium for people to articulate their thoughts and feelings.



# TOWNSVILLE CREW



CREATE in Townsville recently facilitated an awesome Speak Up Workshop. We had an amazing time sharing food, learning about advocacy, talking about Strength-based communication, playing games and meeting new friends.

We recently hosted a consult at the Community Information Centre, in North Ward, Townsville. The consult was about extending care to 21 (support and a place to stay). We had some very engaging and insightful conversations.

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# JOY ROCKS!

Hi Joy, congrats on winning some awesome awards. Can you tell us a bit about some of the things you have achieved recently?

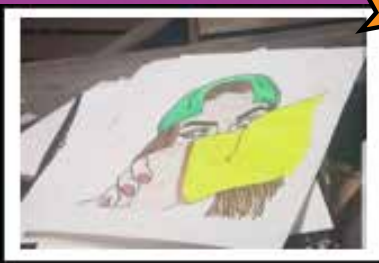
I got a Barista qualification, First Aid qualification and a Principals' Award. The Principal's Award is for highest academic change and highest positive change in the school environment.

**Awesome! How did you achieve this!**

I knuckled down on my schooling and wanted to change my family cycle to be a role model to my younger siblings and people in my community. My family, Child Safety and CREATE Speak Up really helped me. I have a passion for writing and got a statewide award for my poetry writing.

**What is some advice to other CREATE Members who are in school?**

Never give up on your schooling, just keep going. Even if it is really tough, the achievement you will achieve at the end is better than the result if you don't put the effort in.



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**"IT WAS AN AWESOME EXPERIENCE!"**

(Young Person sharing about a Youth Advisory Group)

## COME ALONG TO A YAG!

Do want to connect with some new mates, share food, share thoughts about improving the care system and attend fun socials (like laser tag)? We'd love to see you at a YAG!

Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) are for young people with a care experience who are 12-25 years of age. One month we have a meeting where we share a hearty meal in our lounge room and share ideas and experiences about the care sector.

The next month we have a social where we do something really fun like bowling, movies or laser tag and also share some feedback.

**We'd love to see you at a YAG!**

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# EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
7th April	Youth Advisory Group - Social	Townsville TBA	Donna on 07 47677 042/ donna.clemments@create.org.au
8th April	Connection Event	Townsville	Donna on 07 47677 042/ donna.clemments@create.org.au
April TBA	Speak Up (Level 3)	Brisbane	Andrew on 07 3317 6020/ andrew.foley@create.org.au
15th May	Sibling Connection Event	Ipswich	Amy on 07 3317 6020/ amy.jasper@create.org.au
16th May	Connection Event - TBA	Brisbane	Amy on 07 3317 6020/ amy.jasper@create.org.au
22nd May	Youth Advisory Group Meeting	Brisbane	Andrew on 07 3317 6020/ andrew.foley@create.org.au

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