



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



Happy 2020 everyone! I hope everyone has been having a great summer and for all the students out there, hope you have had a brilliant start to the year.

Our thoughts are with everyone that has been effected by the Victorian bushfires, we hope you are all safe and reaching out to people if you need any support. If you're not sure who to call, you can call us and we can let you know what support services are your area.

In this edition we say farewell to 2 of our amazing CREATE crew. Luke farewelled us in December for his further studies in teaching and our Michelle is jet set off around the world in January. A big thank you to Michelle and Luke for all of their commitment and passion for the voices of children and young people in care. And Good luck on their new adventures.

Happy Easter everyone hope your world is chocolaty good .

Cath and the Vic CREATE Crew

## BRIGHTER FUTURES!



Brighter Futures is back in 2020 and WE want some amazing youth ambassadors to join!

Do you live in the East region?

Are you 18 or over?

Do you want to be a part of the youth ambassador team that promotes Brighter Futures?

We need you!!

Great opportunities for engaging with the sector, council, community organisations, other young people, there are some great events coming up to get stuck into:

Regular YAGS for planning, scheming and dreaming up ideas and making them happen!

Fun activities are been planned and we are having our very own Hour of Power focusing on issues in the East. If this feels like something you want to be apart of please contact Deb for more info [deborah.watson@create.org.au](mailto:deborah.watson@create.org.au)

**BYE  
MICHELLE!**



Our hearts are a little bit broken here in the Victorian office as we farewelled Michelle. After 7 years with CREATE Michelle has decided to go and travel the world.

It has been an incredible adventure working at CREATE for the last seven years, and getting to know, support and encourage so many of you. I am always super proud of what you all have achieved and who you have grown up to as people. I remember when I came for my interview at CREATE, I asked our State Co-Ordinator, Cath, what a typical day would be like. Cath said "well, you could be face painting with young people in the morning and meeting the Minister in the afternoon". And this has been on of my favouirte things about CREATE, having the ability to do SO many very different things.... And they ALL matter and help young people to live better lives. It has made

me a much better human along the way. And I absolutely LOVED any opportunity where I have had the privilege of helping a young person shine, whether that is in sharing what matters most to them in a big room full of people, or in their own lives. I would love to thank all of the young people , workers and carers that I have had contact with over the years, the CREATE Crew who have been like my family, and I wish that you continue to create magic in your own lives, and for those who you meet along the way :)

And for now, I am taking off on a huge travel adventure which all begins in Asia.

Thank you once again for a huge incredible time at CREATE! You all will be missed.

All my best,  
Michelle.

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# CREATE YOUR FUTURE


Deb is continuing with **CREATE** your Future in the South of the state and is planning some amazing fun activities and camps for you to get involved in. If you are in the South of the State, make sure you get in touch with Deb and see what events are coming up or for more details on how you can be involved with **CREATE** Your Future.



# TRAINEESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*The Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP), Bendigo TAFE and Kangan Institute have partnered to provide five Forest and Fire Operations Officer Traineeships commencing 1st April 2020.*

*The Forest and Fire Operations Officer Traineeships with DELWP has been designed to provide traineeships opportunities to youth from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait young people. It provides the trainee with the ability to work and earn money while studying to achieve a nationally recognised qualification on completion of training. Further strengthening the benefits of this opportunity are the extensive supplementary support services that will complement the traineeships. There is a web-page that has more information about the traineeship: <https://info.bendigokangan.edu.au/clm-traineeship-enquiry>*

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# TEAM PHOTO



## EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

<i>DATE</i>	<i>WHAT</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
<b>Feb 23</b>	CREATE Your Future pre camp workshop, Frankston	Deb 04357 35510
<b>March 30</b>	Under 18S journey camp, TBA	Deb 04357 35510
<b>April 7</b>	Easter Event. TBA	CREATE Vic crew

## GET IN CONTACT

If you would like to register for any of our events, find out the missing details or get information about CREATE head to our VIC page on

[www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au) or contact us at **1800 655 105** or **03 9918 0002** or [victoria@create.org.au](mailto:victoria@create.org.au)

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