

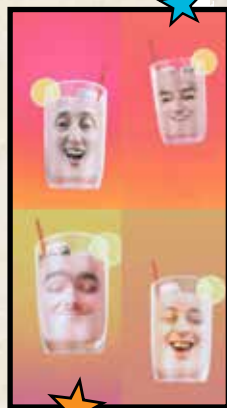
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Hello everyone! We have missed getting out and about and seeing you at our different events. We have been thinking about you and wondering how you have been going with doing things in different ways.

Hopefully many of you would have heard from us by email, phone or Facebook. We have been trying to touch base to see how you are, and to get your ideas about how we can do things in new and different ways. It's been challenging - but also a lot of fun (see the picture on the right of when Nicky and I caught up with Dylan and Alex using Facebook messenger).

We have also been lucky to receive some funds from The Snow Foundation for more staff hours for Connection calls with children and young people - so stay tuned.

We are using Zoom for some things, and are looking at other ways we can link in and make you feel connected with our Connection activities. If you have any ideas please contact us.



YOUTH ADVISORY GROUPS (YAGS)

Some of our last face to face YAGs included pancakes, games, a chat about rights, and an afternoon tea planning events for the coming year.

Since the changes, we have been experimenting with other ways to connect for YAGs. In April we held our first Zoom YAG with some very patient Young Consultants. Thanks Tameka, Dylan and Jacqui!

We ordered pizza for everyone and ate together as we talked about how we had

been going with the social isolation - what was challenging, what we were finding was positive, and things which could be helpful. We also talked about ideas for our future Connection events - such as art or photography competitions.

We will be holding 2 YAGs each month using Zoom or other ways of connecting, until we are able to get back to face-to-face YAGs. See the back page for more details.



A big CONGRATULATIONS to the winners of our Easter colouring competition. Jen, Ava and Kaylee!

COLOURING COMP

CELEBRATING EASTER!

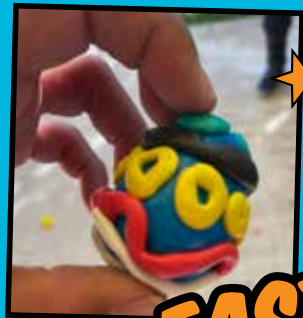
Without an Easter Party we put the call out to children, young people and caregivers - can we help you celebrate Easter? We asked who would like to receive an Easter craft or activity pack.

We sent out packs to 58 children and young people, ranging in age from 18 months to 17 years old. Take a look at the pictures of some of the fantastic creations.

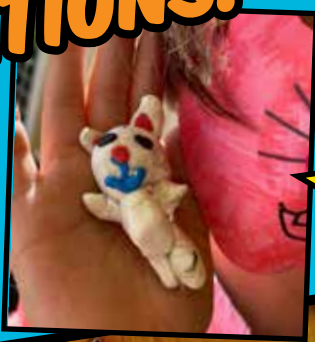
Of course we ran our traditional 'Guess How Many Easter Eggs in the Jar' competition. Always very exciting! We encouraged people to guess through email and Facebook. 72 people had a guess - ranging from 36 to 2 million gazillion (is that even a number?) The winner was Tallai (yay!!) who guessed the exact number (drumroll) - 95!

Thanks again to all of you who took part in this bit of fun and please do let us know if you have any other ideas for new things to do, however big or small.





EASTER CRAFT CREATIONS!



If you are still in care you would have received your new copy of the ACT Charter of Rights for Children and Young People in Care. We encourage you to have a read through the factsheets and activities which were put together with input from young people who came along to our Youth Advisory Groups last year. Have a read and you might spot some of your words in print!!



EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
15/5/2020	YAG - 18yrs and up theme TBA	Zoom	Susan/Nicky
25/5/2020	YAG - 12 to 17yrs - theme TBA	Zoom	Susan/Nicky
18/6/2020	TAG - age and theme TBA	Zoom	Susan/Nicky
29/6/2020	YAG - age and theme TBA	Zoom	Susan/Nicky
May-June	Sibling Connection activity	TBA	Susan/Nicky
May-June	Connection activity: art/photography comp	TBA	Susan/Nicky
July school holidays	Speak Up Youth Leadership workshop Level 1-2	TBA	Susan/Nicky
July	YAG - participation	TBA	Susan/Nicky

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 ACT page at:

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