



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Hello everyone! Hope you have been well out there. What a strange couple of months!

In spite of all that was going on, we were able to connect with many of you in lots of different ways - which was hopefully as fun for you as it was for us. We made the most of 'snail mail' posting out craft packs and also special treats to children and young people who took part in our small connection competitions.

We were amazed to receive 26 incredible entries into our Connection Art Competition-maybe you sent us in an entry?! Winners will be announced soon and will also feature in our next state round up! We were thrilled with all the pieces of artwork we received - so a BIG thank you again to those of you who took part!

Below is an artwork from our youngest entrant, Taylashae aged 5 years.



It was even more important for us to think about how we could support siblings to connect during this time. We had to think creatively to provide opportunities for people who were keen for this to happen, as usually we would have an event at Inflatable World or the Pancake Parlour. So - What did we do instead? A lot!

We ran a fantastic in-house scavenger hunt put together by our CREATE mate Katie from Northside Community Services Yengage. Katie put together a great list of things that made us think creatively about what we brought back for each item on the scavenger hunt list. For example, Shaun used a Rubix Cube as something to make music. People also got points for being a good sport and encouraging others. Lots of fun all around!

We also offered siblings who usually came to our events the opportunity to get photo cushions or blankets made up - or to order a board game for each other. All different ways of looking after sibling connections - thanks again to support from The SNOW Foundation.

NEWEST YOUTH WORKER

@ THE JUNCTION YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE

Hey hey it's Tay Tay. You might know me from being the downstairs receptionist at Club 1225 and also being a CREATE mate and attending awesome events with everyone!

I have moved from my wonderful office space downstairs with Susan and Nicky to start my new job as a youth worker at The Junction, so I haven't gone far (just to level 2).

The reason behind my move is due to finishing my studies and being able to

go for a new job that really piques my interests. As a youth worker I can now offer assistance in many ways, such as support with:

- Centrelink
- Housing
- Emergency relief
- Referrals

And of course always up for a chat!

Come and say hey! :) - or give us a call on 6232 2423.



YOUTH ADVISORY GROUPS



Did you take part in one of the Youth Advisory Groups we held over the last couple of months? We held 2 a month using ZOOM- one for our 18 to 25 year olds; and one for 12 to 17 year olds. Of course we made sure food was part of these - generally pizza, pizza and more pizza!

We had some great conversations with our 18 to 25 year olds about access to their records and life-story with Edward, Senior Child and Youth Advocate (ACT Public Advocate's office). We then followed up with Moira from YouthLaw who answered a whole lot of questions and talked about how Youth Law can help young people. We played A LOT of Jackbox games with our 12 to 17 year olds, and talked about what was helping people stay well during COVID-19. People talked about how good it was to have routines and their own space when they wanted it. Family, friends and pets were also especially important.

In the July school holidays we got the chance to go to The Guild to chat and play games. I discovered a new game Yahtzee. Here is a pic of our winner Jacqui with her Yahtzee roll - yes she rolled five 2s!!

★ ★ ★ ★ **DISNEY TRIVIA AFTERNOON AND CONNECTION CALLS**

One of the other Connection activities we tried out was a trivia afternoon. We had a great time running Disney Trivia using ZOOM for 17 children and young people. Thanks again to Olivia from our CREATE SA for creating this for us. This was really really busy afternoon - but a fantastic way for us to reconnect with so many of you. The good thing about doing it over ZOOM was that it also let family connect with each other even though they were living in different states. It was so successful that we will look at running something like this again.

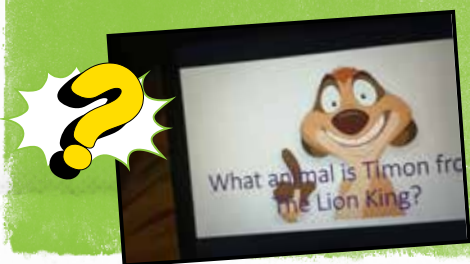
We also had our CREATE colleagues Makayla and Olivia helping us over a couple of months with Connection calls to touch base with people and see how they were going, if there was anything they needed and to let them know what was coming up with CREATE in the ACT. Connection calls are something that Nicky and I will be continuing over the coming months, and we will also be looking at different ways we can connect with you. So- if you have any ideas for events you would like us to run, or activities we can hold - we are keen to hear about them! Just give us a call or send us an email.



★ ★ ★ ★ **SPEAK UP!**

Taking part in workshops over ZOOM can be full on - but in May, Gabby and Jordan were determined to finish their Young Consultant training with us. Over 2 days we ran them through the third and last part of our Youth Leadership training - Speak UP 3, using ZOOM. This was a big effort - but they did it - and we hope to be seeing more of them in the future.

In our recent July school holidays, we were able to run Speak UP 3, for a small group of young people. A BIG congratulations to our 5 new fully fledged Young Consultants!! You know who you are! We were also able to enjoy a visit from Nils and his alpacas. As well as being alot of fun - this is the training that young people do to become Young Consultants with CREATE. Young Consultants are a HUGE part of CREATE - they can do everything from helping to plan and run Connection events, helping out with our Youth Advisory Group discussions, co-deliver our training for Caseworkers or come and speak to our Minister and other decision makers about what is important to children and young people with a care experience. Interested? Give us a call or see the back page for more details.



We always love getting feedback from caregivers as well as children and young people....

"Thanks for coming up with the ideas to help through this, and the kids heartily approve of food deliveries, a cool treat."

A bit of fun - Knock and drop to one of our club create members whilst practicing the right social distancing...



EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
17/08/20	Youth Advisory Group and activity	TBC	Susan or Nicky
28/09/20	Youth Advisory Group and activity	TBC	Susan or Nicky
9/10/20	Youth Advisory Group and activity	TBC	Susan or Nicky
8-9/10/20	Speak UP	TBC	Susan or Nicky
Sept/Oct	Connection event	TBC	Susan or Nicky
Aug	Catch ups - Nth Canberra	TBC	Susan or Nicky
Sept	Catch ups - South Canberra	TBC	Susan or Nicky
Oct	Catch Ups - Civic	TBC	Susan or 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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