

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?!

It's been a busy few months for the Queensland team!

We have been continuing to deliver all our events online and have been amazed by all your support and interest! Thank you to our wonderful group of children and young people for making the past few months fun, creative, and engaging for everyone and getting through this difficult time together! As always, we are blown away by the strength and determination of you all! Go team!

As things start opening up and returning the normal, we have started to return to monthly YAGs and reintroduce some physical events. Please keep in mind social distancing rules before attending CREATE events and stay home if unwell. Give us a call to chat if you have any concerns or suggestions for events to ensure they are a safe environment for all. We always love your feedback!

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NAIDOC ART WORKSHOP CONNECTION EVENT

We asked young people how they would like us to celebrate NAIDOC week this year and they voted for an arts workshop. Cherbourg-based artist Niketa Law ran a wonderful Aboriginal Art Workshop and showed us the meaning of traditional symbols and how to create an artwork that reflected young people's connection to culture and community.

*"This was the best!
Can we do more like
this please!"*

Mallory, 12 years

AMY CELEBRATES 4 YEARS @ CREATE!



Hello team! I'm Amy, a Community Facilitator at CREATE. A lot of you would have met me in person at Wet'n'Wild or Child Protection Week events over the last few years or, more recently, via Zoom! I've loved working at CREATE over the past 4 years. Every day, I am amazed and inspired by the young people we work with. This helps me to aim a little higher and dream a little bigger!

A huge shout out to my amazing QLD co-workers who are the best bunch of people to work with. They are 100% dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people in care!

NEXT STEP PLUS

You may have heard the Next Step program has changed. Here are the key things you need to know:

Are you eligible? Who can apply?

- Must be aged between 15- 25 years
- Under a care order after or on 12th birthday in QLD
- Young people can apply themselves or with CSO as part of transition plan

What are the new phases?

- Transitions Phase (15 - 17 years), ensures young people become familiar with the program before they leave care, and know how to access help once they leave care.
- Futures Phase (18 - 25 years), young people who have left care will be able to access localised, culturally appropriate support to assist them achieve greater life outcomes.

How can I access support?

Visit nextstepplus.com.au to find your nearest location.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HARLEY!

Harley, 18, is an awesome Young Consultant living on the Sunny Coast. Since completing Speak Up in April last year (and showing off his Parkour skills!) he has been involved in connection events, consultations and advocated for change in the sector with the Minister for Child Safety, Di Famer. "Speak Up taught me how to get my points across" says Harley, who has since advocated for himself to have more time with his brother, move in with family and brought his first car - all before his 18th Birthday! Go Harley!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

"And I thought, 'This was amazing' because this is actually my first time being involved with CREATE. I really hope you guys continue Zoom calls. It's very important for a Young Consultant to know people from different communities and be involved with events and take actions for a better future."

- James, 19, Cairns

VOICES IN ACTION PODCAST

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Have you heard the Voices in Action podcast yet?! Young Consultants Damon, Lucas and Sharneece discuss topics that impact young people with care experience, like transition and support needs. This podcast which is for workers and carers gives a platform to children and young people in care. The next episode will be released this month so keep an ear out!
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EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
29 Sept - 1 Nov	Speak Up (1,2,3)	Albion, Brisbane	andrew.foley@create.org.au
12 November	Transition to Adulthood	Civic Square, Toowoomba	andrew.foley@create.org.au
7 November	Sailing & Kayaking	Raby Bay Foreshore	amy.jasper@create.org.au

QLD YOUTH ADVISORY GROUPS

Don't forgot to check up the list of upcoming YAGs on Facebook! www.facebook.com/rachael.create Or for more info contact hope.flentjar@create.org.au



WELCOME....

NEW YOUNG CONSULTANTS!

Between April - July 2020, we had 22 new Young Consultants join the CREATE team from across QLD! Unfortunately, we've only met a lot of you via ZOOM calls but we are looking forward to getting to know you all better in the future! If you haven't received your CREATE shirt yet please let us know! 3317 6020

GET IN CONTACT

If you would like to register for any of our events, find out information to be announced, or get information about CREATE then head to our QLD page on www.create.org.au or contact us at 1800 655 105 or 07 3317 6020. Alternatively, email us at qld@create.org.au



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