

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Happy New Year, QLD Crew!  
Hope you all had a safe and restful break!

We finished off 2020 with some great Christmas parties at Wet 'n' Wild and Chermerside pools - such a great way to relax and spend some time together after a hectic year. Thanks so much to everyone who joined us! We also had a small and cosy Speak Up here in Brisbane. Rachael, QLD State Co-ordinator, Caroline, a fab Young Consultant and our CEO Jacqui Reed also met with the new Minister for Children and Youth Justice, Hon Leanne Linnard.

We've already kicked off the year with 2 YAGs (Sunny Coast and Ipswich) and an online Speak Up! Woohoo! 2021 is looking up!



*Hope and Tracey cooking up a storm at our YAG Christmas party.*

## WET 'N' WILD



Despite a wild year, the CREATE QLD team still celebrated in style with our end of year party at Wet'n'Wild! We had over 300 children, young people and their carers and family attend on the day. It was so great to finally catch up with a lot of our members that we did not see throughout the year!

A great day was had by all; we had a scavenger hunt, lolly bags, Gus the Gorilla, games and prizes galore!

*"THANKS for the GREAT day at Wet'n'Wild. Thanks to all the Create staff for being so helpful."* - Carer

*"It was the best day ever!!!!"* - Siblings



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## CALLING ALL YOUNG CONSULTANTS!

We are planning for this year and want to hear from you! Tell us what you want us to be working on this year!

- Do CSO trainings make you feel empowered?
- Do you want to meet the Minister?
- Is Home Stretch your number 1 priority? #makeit21
- Are you passionate about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues?
- Is Transition 2 Adulthood support your big push?

Whatever you care about we want to know and what we should be doing better to engage young people! Email [hope.flentjar@create.org.au](mailto:hope.flentjar@create.org.au) with your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

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## HOMESTRETCH #MAKEIT21

Have you heard about the Home Stretch campaign? This is a national campaign to raise the leaving care age from 18 years to 21 years. Almost 500 young people in Queensland leave care at the age of 18 with little to no support – and we want that to change! Victoria has done it, WA have an election promise and now all eyes are on Qld! Can you help us make it 21 in 2021?!

Learn more about #makeit21 and find out how you can help [thehomestretch.org.au/learnmore/](http://thehomestretch.org.au/learnmore/)

Send us your story about your transition from care and tell us why you think this needs to change! [qld@create.org.au](mailto:qld@create.org.au)



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## **MEET RAYMOND YOUNG CONSULTANT**



Raymond, 18 is an awesome Young Consultant who has been coming to CREATE events since he was 13 years old and been a YC since 17.



Hey Raymond, tell us a bit about yourself? What are your interests/passions? I am very passionate about drag. I am also working on setting up a YouTube channel that focuses on mental health of young people. I love advocating and drag is another platform that allows me to do that.

**What inspired you to become a Young Consultant?** Growing up in foster care, I felt like I could talk to and looked up to the Youth Facilitators at CREATE. CREATE gave me an opportunity to empower others and show young people there are people out there who care about them.

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## **YAG GET CONNECTED!**



We hold regular Youth Advisory Groups where we discuss topics relating to the care system and do a fun activity together! Come along for a yummy meal, lots of fun and connect with other awesome young people (12-25).

The next one is on 12th March in Brisbane. Please call Andrew on 07 3317 6020 or email [andrew.foley@create.org.au](mailto:andrew.foley@create.org.au)

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## **CSO TRAINING FROM A YOUNG CONSULTANT'S VIEW**

*When I did CSO training it made me feel listened to and respected. I felt like the CSOs really wanted to learn about my experience so that they can do better in the future. I felt empowered after the training and am excited to do it again - Khesan, 23, Brisbane*



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# EVENTS CALENDAR

COMING SOON!

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
11 March	YAG - Have your say on a national level!	Brisbane	Andrew on 07 3317 6020 andrew.foley@create.org.au
12 March	Youth Advisory Group	Cairns	Andrew on 07 3317 6020 andrew.foley@create.org.au
13 March	Connection event	Cairns	Andrew on 07 3317 6020 andrew.foley@create.org.au
19 March	Youth Advisory Group	Townsville	Monica on 07 4767 7042 monica.abel@create.org.au
27 March	SUP 2	Townsville	Monica on 07 4767 7042 monica.abel@create.org.au
April	Speak Up	Brisbane TBA	Andrew on 07 3317 6020 andrew.foley@create.org.au
April	Connection Event	TBA	Amy on 07 3317 6020 amy.jasper@create.org.au
13,14,15 April	Speak Up, 1/2/3	Brisbane	Andrew on 07 3317 6020 andrew.foley@create.org.au



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## GET IN CONTACT

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