



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The team have been very busy trying to chat with as many young people as we can to help shape the future of CREATE. This is called Strategic Planning!!

We are still collecting information from young people around Tasmania for this, but some of the things that many young people want us to advocate for, is mental health support, sibling connection and education supports.

You can still complete the survey by scanning the QR Code here.

We will then get together with all the other states and see where the crossovers of ideas are and come up with the plan for the future of CREATE over the next 3 years.



## LOTS OF QUESTIONS!

Earlier this year 24 young people took part in YAG's around the state. We focused on the questions *"What do young people want to know about Child Safety Services and how it works?"*

**Some of the many questions we are in the process of getting answered are:**

- How do carers train to be carers?
- What types of orders are there?
- Why are there different types of care?
- Why do people such as kids get moved around a lot and not stay in one placement?
- Why do kids get taken from their carer?
- What is guardianship?
- How many team leaders are there?
- Why do we change case managers?
- How do we find out who our CSO is?
- How to have a say about your life?
- How many people in a team (CSO team) and how many teams are there?
- Is there a number to call to reach anyone (from the department)?
- How many people are in a care team?
- How many teams are there?
- How many people are in a care team?
- Why can't I access my file earlier if my care team are agreeable?

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**SHOUT OUT TO...**

**LARA!**



Our amazing young consultant Lara was chosen to attend the Youth Parliament in July School Holidays.

Youth Parliament educates young people about the parliamentary system and provides an opportunity for students to create Youth Motions and Bills and communicate their opinions to government.

We hope Lara loved her stint in Parliament and runs the next election, as the youngest candidate ever in Tassie to create mega change for young people with a care experience! (Joking, not joking) :)

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## **OUT AND ABOUT**

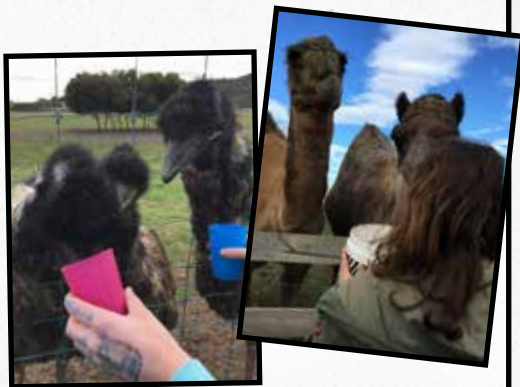
We had a roaring good time at ZOO DOO, a perfect location to undertake our Legit Wellbeing workshop, with plenty of animal therapy!

The PCYC in Launceston was also a great place to learn about wellbeing and to burn off some energy rock climbing!

In the south we hit the streets on a Great Race adventure, visiting services, solving clues and winning prizes! The day was filled with laughs and competitive spirit, plus learning a thing or two about vital services that are out there to support young people in Tasmania.

Here is a quote from a young person who recently attended a CREATE Your Future Workshop.

*"I can get quite anxious in my head and not want to do things. But when I attend a CREATE event/workshop, I always feel so much better mentally and I'm always glad that I go."* - Female, 20.



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# YOU'RE AWESOME!

**Our Young Consultants are awesome! Some of the amazing things they have done this year include:**

- Running activities at the Waterslide Party!
- Taking on important jobs at the Easter Party, including collecting surveys and helping out the Easter Bunny
- Attending training for case workers and telling their stories and how case workers can best support young people (plus how awesome CREATE is!)
- Coming along to meetings at Child Safety with CREATE and helping promote the work we do
- Participating in a panel at a conference for foster carers, this included speaking on stage with a microphone alongside some very important people! Young Consultants spoke about the new Care Team Model and how they can help kids feel comfortable with this model.
- Helping out at YAGS and CREATE Your Future workshops, taking the lead with the Team Charter and coming up with the best consequences for breaking the 'team rules' (We love a good chicken dance!).

**You seriously are all amazing!**

# HEAL COUNTRY



The CREATE TAS Team were very honoured to attend the flag raising at Pijura Kitinia (Risdon Cove) to celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week 2021.

We also attended the NAIDOC Week Disco at Pijura Kitina ('which means 'little native hen)'). We made over 100 NAIDOC Week badges and also some animal origami.

During NAIDOC Week we also visited the North West and spoke with some young people who had been enjoying wallaby and mutton bird prepared by their carers.

We love hearing stories about how carers and case workers are supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to have connection with their culture.

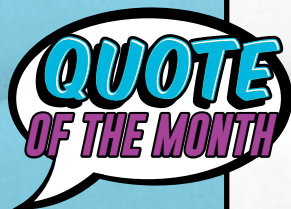
If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young person in care and would like to know more about your culture, CREATE TAS encourage you to talk to your case worker about a cultural plan.

# EVENTS CALENDAR *COMING SOON!*

DATE	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
8 Oct	Youth Advisory Group	Launceston	Tenielle
29 Oct	Halloween Party!	Hobart	Bec
19 Nov	Youth Advisory Group	Hobart	Tenielle
27 Nov	CREATE Your Future	Hobart	Bec

*It can be a big step to come along to a workshop if you have never been before, especially if you don't know anyone. We encourage you to take the leap and give it a go! You never know unless you try :)*

*"I felt nervous at the start of the CREATE Your Future Workshop, but I grew in confidence as it went on and enjoyed making contributions"*  
Female, 17



## 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 TAS page on [www.create.org.au](http://www.create.org.au) or contact us at **03 6281 9243** or [tas@create.org.au](mailto:tas@create.org.au)



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