



# THE PRIDE EDITION CLUB CREATE MAGAZINE

## IN THIS EDITION:

What young people in care said about  
accessing their **documents!**

Let's talk **pronouns**

Listen to a song written by CREATE  
young people! **#SpeakUp**

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# HELLO FROM THE CEO!

## Hey clubCREATE-ers!

Welcome to 2022! We are gearing up for a huge year ahead, so get ready...

We have our Voices in Action Conference happening very soon - at the end of April! It's an online event now because of COVID, but that doesn't mean it will be any less fun. Keep an eye out for a wrap-up of the event in the next few weeks on our website!

While COVID is still hanging around, that hasn't held us back with our teams still connecting with you as much as possible - online if it hasn't been safe in person. We've loved seeing your faces and hearing what you have to say.

This edition of the mag we are focussing on being **proud** of ourselves and Snapping Stigma! Being confident and proud of yourself can feel really tough sometimes, but it's so important to remember we are all unique and special in our own ways and to celebrate that!



We also hear from some cool young people, update you on what CREATE has been up to and also have some fun comps for you to enter. Make sure you send in your entries so you can go into the draw!

Can't wait to connect again soon,

*Jacqui Reed,  
Head Honcho*



## Acknowledgement of Country



CREATE acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's first people and Traditional Custodians. We value their cultures, identities, and continuing connection to country, waters, kin and community.

## CLUBCREATE'S EDITORIAL POLICY

clubCREATE magazine is produced by CREATE Foundation for children and young people in care. This magazine contains information about CREATE programs that create a better life for kids in care and also has articles and artworks by clubCREATE members. The views expressed by these young people are not necessarily the views of CREATE Foundation. It's really important to us that children and young people in care are safe and protected and we do our utmost to ensure their privacy. For safety reasons state laws don't allow the faces of kids in care to be

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# WHAT'S THE LATEST?



# IN THE LOOP

What have we been up to here at CREATE

## A little extra note from Jacqui...

I've had the wonderful privilege of being CREATE's CEO for over 14 years and during this time I have met the most amazing, courageous and resilient children and young people. My job involves meeting a lot of decision makers and trying to influence them to improve the system for children and young people. I can only do this well after I have heard the voices of children and young people either through our research, consultations or by speaking directly to them. The

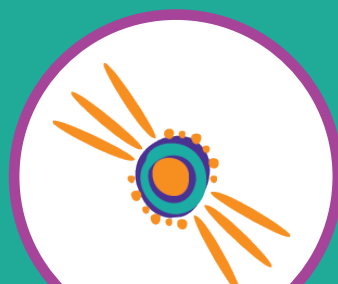
last two years with COVID has really stretched our resources, and our capacity to meet with children and young people in person and I've missed being able to do this. It's just not quite the same on zoom, although it is certainly better than phone and email. I'm looking forward to our new Strategic Plan coming into force from July 2022 and want to thank all the young people who provided feedback about what our priorities should be for the future.

## We wanted to do a little shout out to one of our incredible Young Consultants Leticia!

Leticia is not only an advocate but an awesome graphic designer with her own business. She is a proud Aboriginal woman and recently created some amazing graphic elements for us to use, that really presents CREATE! Thanks Leticia, we love them and everything they represent. Take a look at some of them below and check out more of her work at [@leticia\\_anne.designs](https://www.instagram.com/leticia_anne.designs) on Instagram!



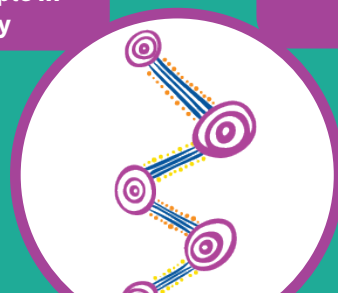
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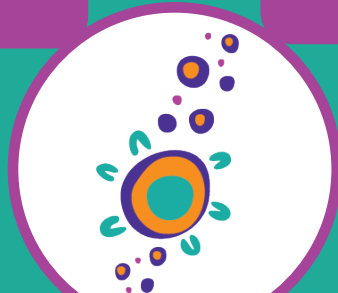
Meeting Place



Children and Young people being Empower



Connecting to different communities



Community focussed

## Voices in Action 2022

Once this edition is in your mailboxes, the ViA2022 conference will only be DAYS away. We are so excited!! If you've missed out on attending this year, don't be disheartened! We will be sharing lots of insights from the conference with you on our socials and website in the weeks to come. If you're attending the conference - we can't wait to see you there and make change together!



## International Care Day 2022

In February it was Care Day! This day is about bringing together people from all over the world who have a care experience and celebrating them!

This year the theme is "It takes a village". Shortly after the Care Day celebrations we released a podcast where you can hear young people talk about their stories! Ask your carer if you can listen to Spotify or Apple podcasts! Search for "Voices in Action podcast".

## New National Standards

It's really important for children and young people to have rights. For the past 10 years, there have been National Standards that outline the rights of children and young people in out of home care in Australia. Now, the Government has put out a new report called Safe and Protected: The National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children. This framework is still being worked on, so we don't know a lot about it yet but we know that children and young people in out of home care are a special priority group. We will keep you up to date as we know more!



## Stay up to date!

We post regular updates on our blog. Make sure you check it out for all the latest news and advocacy updates!



## National Families Week coming in May!

Every year, all around Australia we celebrate National Families Week! This campaign is all about celebrating families in all their diversity. This year is the 20th year celebrating National Families Week! Make sure you keep an eye out on our socials as the date gets closer to learn more about what we're doing to mark the occasion!



# PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month takes place every year in June and is a celebration designed to recognise the influence of the LGBTQIA+ community. Celebrating diversity and people's right to live how they choose without discrimination, Pride Month promotes positivity and equal rights for all. Pride Month helps raise awareness of issues facing the LGBTQIA+ community and provides an opportunity to celebrate the culture of inclusivity.

**In the lead up to Pride Month, and in the spirit of being proud of our identities, we talked to one of our awesome Young Consultants about pronouns - which can be a really important part of a person's identity!**

*Hi, my name is Electra and my pronouns are they/them.*

**Can you explain why it's important for people to use the correct pronouns?**

It's important to use the correct pronouns because misgendering someone can be extremely damaging to a person's self-worth and world view. When you use a person's correct pronouns, you are telling that person that you respect and celebrate that person's true self.

**How can people ask about someone's pronouns if they forget or are unsure?**

The best way to ask for someone's pronouns is simple "hey what are your pronouns?" If you are too rambling or over apologetic for not



knowing it can make someone feel uncomfortable and guilty for causing confusion. Sometimes people feel awkward or unsure about someone's pronouns. Remember that you should be respectful of what pronouns someone uses, regardless of whether they are familiar to you or not. People are the experts of their own experiences.

**Thank you, Electra!**

At CREATE we know that identity is important, and that it is important to be respectful of other people's identities too! Knowing who you are can make you feel more confident in your own skin, and we want everyone to feel proud of who they are!

A great resource for LGBTQIA+ is Minus18 -  
check them out here!  
<https://www.minus18.org.au/>

# SPEAK UP!

We've always known we've got an incredibly talented community here at CREATE but we have been blown away by this awesome song that some of our members in Western Australia have written! We've included some of the lyrics here, but it is also uploaded on our YouTube channel. You can listen here!

*"You are not alone. Challenges come and go. Snap that stigma, raise the age. Kids in care take the stage. Be who you want, gotta be who you are. We are stronger than they say we are... You have a voice, everybody speak up."*

## Did you know?

We run empowerment programs called Speak Up designed to help you gain confidence and find your voice. Through the three levels of Speak Up you can become a Young Consultant and help us to advocate for change in the care system! If you want to meet new friends, gain confidence and learn some new skills, head to the link below for more information or get in touch with your state office.

[www.create.org.au/speak-up](http://www.create.org.au/speak-up)





# ACCESSING YOUR RECORDS

## WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SAYING

Stories, photos, written records, language, songlines, mementos, artworks are all ways by which young people develop a sense of who they are, where they fit in the world, and how they are connected to family, community, and country. For young people in out-of-home care, their story-tellers include those connected with their life in-care (e.g., caseworkers, carers, residential care workers). CREATE talked to 26 young people with a care experience about their views on accessing their records.

**"These records are the replacement of family stories people share, the replacement of photos and home videos. For some of us, this is all that we have. These records aren't scientific records about a thing, it's about someone – a person. You're telling someone's stories through these documents."**  
(Female, 23)

**"There are things in there I didn't know about myself – that I didn't know until I had access to them."**  
(Male, 18)

**"It is hard to do anything without ID documents. Not having those documents add an extra layer of barriers to young people who have been in care."**  
(Female, 23)

**"Because it is all important to know. I have a lot of questions and I really want to read everything."**  
(Non-binary, 19)

### WHAT DID WE FIND:

All young people thought their records should contain many different types of documents and information. In particular, more than 50% stated they wanted their records to contain their placement history, the reason for their being in care, and their medical history. Further, more than 50% of those who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander wanted information about their cultural history and mob documents.

Young people valued good quality records as they helped them:

- navigate and participate in the world (e.g., apply to university, get a job, get a driver's license);
- to know their story and what happened in their life;
- to maintain good health and wellbeing (e.g., be able to answer questions about their medical history; communicate with medical professionals); and
- to remember.

Barriers to accessing and reviewing records included:

- not being aware of their rights;
- unclear or complicated application processes;
- duplicate application processes for records from inter-state or another agency;
- incorrect information or a lack of support from caseworkers; and
- documents that were unclear, confusing, inaccurate, long, or heavily redacted

Young people wanted to be informed of their rights, have access to clear and accurate information, be able to access their records at any time, and apply for them using a process that was quick and easy. When reviewing their records, they wanted practical and emotional support from trusted sources that met their individual wishes and needs.

### WHAT DID WE DO?

CREATE sent a report to the Queensland Government about what young people with a care experience in their state were saying about accessing their records. We urged the Queensland Government to:

- Enshrine record-keeping rights in legislation and policy;
- Ensure ALL young people are informed of their rights;
- Ensure caseworkers and Departmental staff are well informed so they can implement good practice.

Good practice includes:

- Writing good quality, accurate, meaningful, and appropriate records;
- Involving children and young people in writing records in an age-appropriate manner; and
- Supporting access to records.



# GETTING SORTED

## with Sortli



Did you know that one of the most visited pages within the Sortli app is the 'About Me' domain. That's because it's jam packed with easy to follow steps on getting connected to important services and essential identification documents you'll need in adult life. Things like getting your own Medicare card or connecting to MyGov for example!

Sometimes the process of getting ID documents and getting connected to services can be challenging and confusing. We have listed 10 steps to getting connected in preparation for independence. Everything you need including forms, links, who to call for help and more can be found in Sortli.

1. Secure a copy of your Birth Certificate
2. Get your own Medicare Card
3. Connect with MyGov
4. Apply for a Student ID through your school
5. Get an ID with your photo on it like a Proof of Age Card from the Department of Transport.
6. Register for a Tax File Number
7. Set up a Centrelink Account
8. Connect with your After Care Support Service
9. Start the process to get any Leaving Care Reports. This can be key documents, information about where you've lived, gone to school, your achievements, medical history and cultural information.
10. Once you have the ID documents, set up your own Bank Account.

Download Sortli where you get all your good apps and set your goals, find help and get sorted!  
You can also visit [createyourfuture.org.au](https://createyourfuture.org.au) for more.

## Go on an egg hunt in Sortli to win \$100!

All you need to do is find the golden egg hidden in the Sortli app for your chance to WIN 1 of 3 \$100 vouchers\*!

**How to win:** Get hunting! Go on a treasure hunt while exploring the Sortli app. When you find the golden egg that's been hidden somewhere in the app, take a screenshot and send it to [sortli@create.org.au](mailto:sortli@create.org.au) before 30 April, 2022!

**What you can win:** Win 1 of 3 \$100 Coles Myer Gift Cards!

### Terms and Conditions

Competition open to Australian residents only and will run for the entire month of April 2022. One entry per person only. Winner/s will be drawn at random in the first week of May 2022 and will be notified by email soon after. Winner/s announced by CREATE is final. The prize is a 3 x \$100 gift vouchers for select stores only. See full T&Cs' at [createyourfuture.org.au](https://createyourfuture.org.au)



# MEET CREATE MATE

## EMILIE SANTOSTEFANO

### Tell us about yourself! What's your role?

My role is Youth Engagement Officer for Residential Care which means I work together with young people to improve their experience of living in Residential Care through advocating, consulting and delivering programs like CREATE Your Future.

### Why are you a CREATE Mate?

I am a CREATE Mate because I believe the work that CREATE does is incredibly important in improving the care systems and giving young people a voice. Young people are the experts and are in the best position to tell us about their experiences. CREATE provides a number of opportunities for young people to engage and connect with each other and their wider community through consultation, activities and programs.

### What's something you're passionate about in the care sector? What's something you're proud of?

I am passionate about giving young people a voice and empowering them to take control of their lives and decision making for better outcomes. I am proud of the young people that I get to work alongside and their continued resilience.

### Everyone's a bit wacky in their own way... what's a fun fact about you?

I love to travel! I have visited over 10 countries and had the amazing opportunity of working with young people in the Home of Love program in Cambodia over a 7-year period.





# GET INVOLVED!

CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH CREATE IN THE WORDESEARCH BELOW?

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## Words to Find:

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| 1. Confidence       | 4. Learning            | 7. Advocacy        |
| 2. Snap that stigma | 5. Meeting new friends | 8. Systemic change |
| 3. Find your voice  | 6. Have Your Say       | 9. Fun             |
|                     |                        | 10. Workshops      |

## To enter this competition:

1. Send your entry via email to [clubCREATE@create.org.au](mailto:clubCREATE@create.org.au)
  2. Send us a message on Instagram @CREATEfnd or Facebook /CREATEfnd
  3. Enter on our website at [www.create.org.au/competitions](http://www.create.org.au/competitions)
  4. Post it back to us free of charge! Send to Reply Paid 87694 SPRING HILL QLD 4004
- Entries close May 6, 2022
- Make sure you include your name and age, and if you know it your clubCREATE ID number.

# RIDDLE ME THIS...

Answers are on the back, but don't cheat!

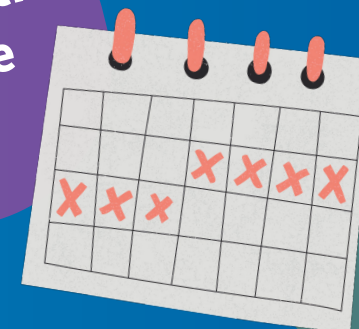
What goes away as soon as you talk about it?

Shh!

What kind of room has no doors or windows?



How many months of the year have 28 days?



## AND NOW FOR THE CHALLENGE .

Send in your answer for your chance to win!

A bus driver was heading down a busy street in the city. He went past three stop signs without stopping, went the wrong way down a one-way street, and answered a message on his phone. But the bus driver didn't break any traffic laws. How?

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1. Send your entry via email to [clubCREATE@create.org.au](mailto:clubCREATE@create.org.au)
  2. Send us a message on Instagram @CREATEfnd or Facebook /CREATEfnd
  3. Enter on our website at [www.create.org.au/competitions](http://www.create.org.au/competitions)
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## Hey clubCREATE-ers!

Well, 2021 was a non-stop roller coaster! But 2022 has brought a new year and we are looking forward to facing any challenges together. Here at CREATE in NSW we are starting this year off with a new team of two new Community Facilitators - we can't wait for you to meet them!

While we reflect on the year that was, we've got grins on our faces, gratitude for the connections we've made via Zoom and BIG goals and dreams to achieve in 2022. Rising to the various challenges presented in 2021, we have been able to create incredible change in the system with your help and your voices. We just want to say a massive thank you to all young people, especially our Young Consultants who have been a crucial part of our advocacy platform. **Without your voice, there is no change.**

Recently, our events have had even greater impact with important decision makers as our guest speakers. We've had CEOs and Ministers and more! This has enabled our young people to have their voice heard by those in position to create change.

We'd love to have you involved - so why not come along to our next event? If you are not receiving updates about our events, message us on [nsw@create.org.au](mailto:nsw@create.org.au) to fix that! We want to hear from you!

### Young Consultant in the Media

One of our awesome Young Consultants Mathew spoke to the Daily Telegraph about extending care:

*"The instability of being in care and the lack of support ... how are we supposed to be cut off at 18 and stay afloat without someone looking out for us?"*

Thanks for speaking up Matthew!

## What's been happening in NSW



**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Want to find out what events are coming up in your state?

## What's been happening in the ACT



### Hello Everyone!

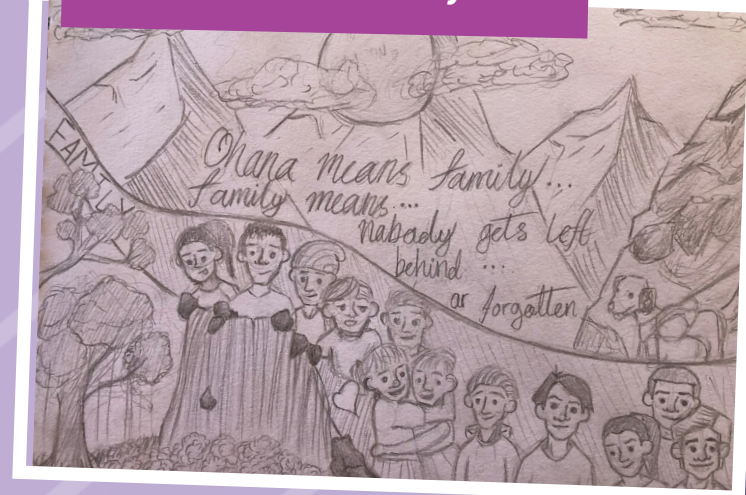
Keeping pace with the ever-changing environment has not always been easy but we are very proud of the ACT community. Not only has the ACT become the most vaccinated city in the world, but we also could not be more proud of our young people and their ongoing contributions and commitment to the CREATE community. They truly do embody the CREATE ethos of connecting, empowering and changing and never cease to amaze us!

The past few months have been packed with fun connection events and insightful Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs). In spite of our January program being postponed, we quickly transitioned back into the world of technical difficulties and hilarious Zoom backgrounds. Perhaps most notably was our Christmas trivia party that saw young people test their Disney and Christmas knowledge. Many laughs were shared and a good time was had by all.

Another big success was our most recent Youth Advisory Group saw young people from NSW and ACT come together to share



Art Theme: What is family to me?



and discuss their experiences of mental health services in care. The session was highly fruitful and was an absolute pleasure to be a part of.

We would love to take this opportunity to remind everyone to submit their entries for our upcoming art competition. There have been so many amazing entries already (see below for some amazing examples) and we can't wait to see what is still yet to come!



**HEAD HERE:**

[www.create.org.au/find-an-event](http://www.create.org.au/find-an-event)

or call 1800 655 105



## Happy New Year, QLD Crew!

Hope you all had a safe and restful break! We finished off 2021 with some great Christmas Parties at Wet 'n' Wild and Chermside pools! We also had an amazing YAG focused on LGBTQIA+ experience and kicbox! If you haven't heard of Kicbox check it out!.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/family-social-support/young-people-in-care/kicbox>

kicbox is a private, digital memory box that keeps everything safe and in one place. It also provides a more convenient way for you to communicate and share information with your Child Safety team.

They will upload your information, photos and documents into your account so you can access them throughout your time in care. If you are aged 12 and above, your Child Safety team will also give you access to add items to your kicbox account yourself. Chat to your team today about getting you set up if you haven't.

As we kick off 2022, we've got heaps of events happening both in Brisbane and in Cairns. Get in touch if you're interested in joining us for one of our upcoming events! Send a friend request on Facebook or give us a call! Check out the links below to get in touch! We'd love to see you there.

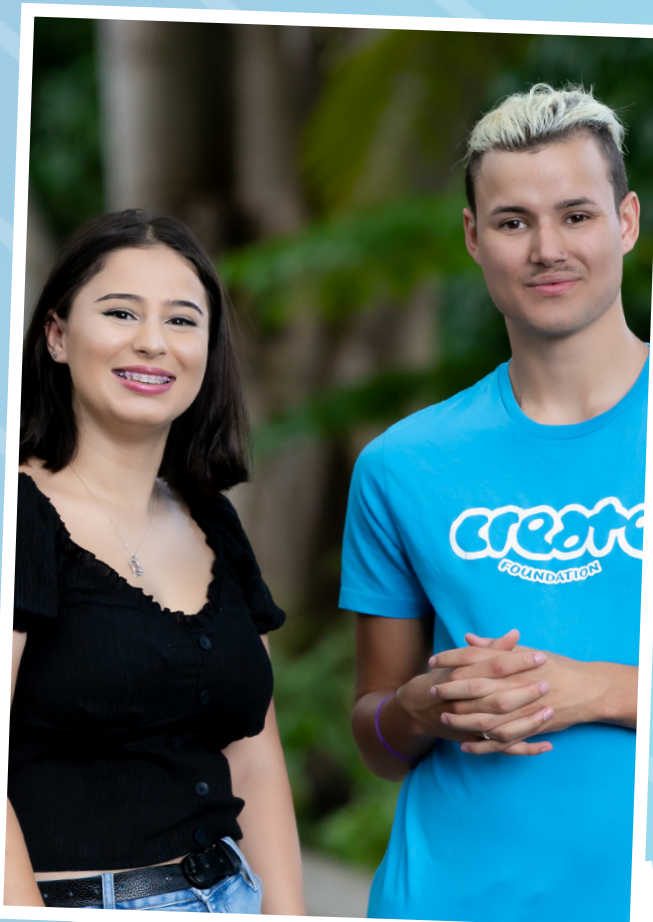


## What's been happening in QLD

We asked young people.... what do you think of kicBox?

*"I really like that CS has the app, I have felt we have needed that for so long."*

19, Non-Binary, regional



## What's been happening in VIC



2021 ended with 12 days of Christmas! It was exciting to see so many of you join us in the events to celebrate the festive season. We have welcomed 2022 with heaps of online events to get involved in.

In January we met with DFFH to talk about how to make Family Group Conferencing (FGC) better for children and young people. FGC is a meeting for families to help plan the best way to stay together healthy and well.

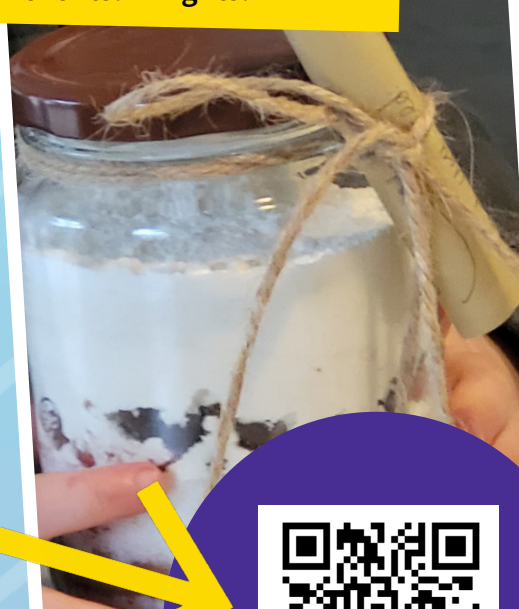
A new child protection Minister was appointed for Victoria in December. We look forward to our Ministerial Youth Advisory Group working with Minister Anthony Carbine to hear the voices of our clubCREATE members.

CREATE in Victoria is excited to be selected to participate in the 2022 Youth Parliament. Six young people will have the opportunity to join 120 young people from across the state to create a community of change makers. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to develop and deliver a Bill to parliament that the young people are passionate about. Our Youth Parliament team will be announced next edition.

### Meet Kaz

"Hi, I'm Kaz, I've been involved with CREATE for over a year now as a Young Consultant. I've done all 3 levels of Speak Up and different speeches telling my story. A little bit about me, I'm from Lake Tires Gunaikurnai mob. I have been in foster care since I was born and now I am in permanent care. I've been lucky enough to have been offered the opportunity to work at William Warrain, which is an Aboriginal gathering place down here on the Mornington Peninsula. I get to work with kids and elders to learn and teach more about the history and culture of the First Nation's People. We run a deadly kids program, a women's group and a men's group to teach everyone the history of our People. The reason I do the work I do is so I have so many open doors to the new journeys ahead of me. My message to all the young people in care: "Grab every opportunity you have!"

One of our fun Christmas events! DIY gifts!



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## Advocacy Initiative

Leading up to the election, CREATE in South Australia, has been meeting with the Minister Rachel Sanderson and the Shadow Minister, Katrine Hildyard to provide opportunities for young consultants to share their experiences and key advocacy messages. We have focussed on Sibling Connection, Cultural Connection and Extending Care Until 21 Years.

## Late last year 2021

Later in 2021 we were able to sneak a few events in before COVID hit. We had a painting poles YAG and a few water based connection events! It was great to see everyone face to face and enjoy some outdoor events before Christmas!

## COVID can't keep us down!

All of you fabulous humans have been amazing, adapting with us as we have moved back onto online events for the start of 2022. We have had fantastic turnout for our YAGs as we focussed on areas such as mental health and wellbeing, sibling connection and what young people appreciate knowing/receiving when entering care. We have also had a number of young people complete SUP 1 and 2 on Zoom!! We had fun, and the food deliveries and gift cards help.

## YAG quote of the quarter

If you could wave a magic wand and improve things with your siblings what would change?

*"We'd all get along, live closer together and break the cycle of the negative relationships."*



## What's been happening in SA



## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Want to find out what events are coming up in your state?

## What's been happening in TAS



### We're welcoming back Bill!

We have welcomed Bill back!! That's right, after spending nearly a year working on other things, Bill is back on board! You might see him at CREATE Your Future workshops or running connection events.

### Youth Advisory Groups

We gathered some super informative info from young people at YAGs all around TAS about feeling Loved and Safe and also about Mental Health. We even joined in with young people from South Australia to discuss what's working and what could be improved in the Mental Health Space for young people in care. It was an awesome opportunity to meet and chat with other young people from another state. We are so impressed with the fabulous ideas and solutions young people provide to contribute towards positive change within the system!



### What's changing in the Tasmanian Child Safety Space?

Review of Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act! The Act is law which Child Safety and other agencies have to follow to make sure kids are kept safe and it's 25 years old! So it's time for a review! CREATE in Tasmania will be chatting with children and young people soon to make sure your voices are at the centre of the new law! Get in contact if you want to be involved, this is super important work!

### COVID and Connection Events

As COVID continues to throw curveballs, we have changed up the waterslide party this year to a super summer scavenger hunt! Did you enter? Did you find a fish, beach umbrella or a palm tree? So many stunning entries from clubCREATE members all-round the state, thank you!! Check out [create.org.au](http://create.org.au) and follow the link through to view all entries online.

We lastly want to thank young people for being so awesome with adapting to changes with Speak Up and CREATE Your Future workshops as they moved online for hopefully what is a short stint in 2022! You guys are seriously amazing and it has been great to still connect with you during this time.

To end on a fun note, here's a little joke:  
What's a pirate's favourite letter?

**Arrrrrrrrrr!!**



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## Big changes...

We had had some BIG changes to our team, and an exciting couple of months!

Welcome our fantastic new State Coordinator, Deb! Deb is from up north and is super passionate about the care system. She is excited about Homestretch and making sure regional young people are getting heard!

We also welcome... Ellie! She is our new Community Facilitator and we are so excited to have her on the team! She is running our YAGs and has lots of fun activities planned for you all. We sadly said goodbye to Bridget - big thanks to Bridget for her amazing work. She said *"You're an awesome bunch of young people and I can't wait to see what incredible things you all achieve!"*

## Highlights

Our YAGs have been crazy fun lately! To celebrate the new year, we got fancy and went on a boat cruise. We celebrated all of our 2021 achievements. We also did a mug painting workshop YAG where young people expressed what important areas of advocacy they want to focus on this year. December was full of CELEBRATION! Our Christmas party in Bunbury was a huge hit. We loved meeting more of our members in Bunbury. Kym also went and hung out with the Safe Sistas girls from Geraldton in Perth for summer camp. It was really nice seeing them and we can't wait to head to Geraldton again soon.



## New YC's!

We have introduced 6 brand new Young Consultants. We are SO excited to have some powerful new voices join us. We're also so proud that our YC's also made an AMAZING song with rap artist and beat maker Paulie P! Check it out on YouTube (Speak Up! A song by CREATE Young Consultants) - also featured in this magazine. Well done guys!

See you soon!  
From the WA CREATE Team

## What's been happening in WA



## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Want to find out what events are coming up in your state?

## What's been happening in the NT



## Welcome Chris!

*"Hi everyone, my name is Chris and I have recently joined the CREATE team in Alice Springs. I love cooking, spending time at the oval kicking a ball with friends, and really hate sleeping in (controversial I know!). I am really excited to be a part of the team and can't wait to get to know all of the amazing young people within the CREATE community."*

## Youth Advisory Groups

Have you attended one of our Youth Advisory Groups? Not only are they lots of fun, but you will get to express your thoughts about your experiences in care. In November we held a YAG at the local Table Tennis club and our Acting Children's Commissioner, Sally Seivers attended to hear what our members had to say about caseworkers. In December our members attended Minister Worden's Ice Skating Party and reflected on the year as well as focusing on goals for 2022. We hold YAGs every month in both Darwin and Alice Springs so if you would like to come along get in touch!

## Young Consultants

Two of our Young Consultants have been invited to sit on an Aboriginal Cultural Advisory Panel for Life Without Barriers, who run some of our resi care houses. They will be able to make sure that young people are receiving a service that is culturally appropriate. If you'd like to do things like this, you can become a Young Consultant by completing our Speak Up program! Get in touch for more information!

## Youth Media In Alice Springs

The Alice team are currently working alongside Saltbush and other local organisations to develop a Youth Media opportunity for Aboriginal young people. We want to give young people the mic to talk about what's affecting them and what goals and aspirations they have.



We're currently looking for young people who are interested in radio or media to help shape what the program looks like and to be involved in bringing it to life. Ask us for more info on how you can learn advocacy and media skills and be empowered to share your stories, talk in language, make music and challenge stereotypes.



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## How do you feel about CREATE and the work we do?

CREATE wants to hear from you! By filling out this survey, you are helping us make sure that the programs and activities that CREATE provides are relevant and useful to children and young people with an out-of-home care experience. Your identity will not be released to anyone outside of CREATE and participation is voluntary.

### Because I am a part of CREATE:

#### 1. I feel more connected to others in the care system



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

#### 2. I know my rights



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

#### 3. I know how to make a complaint or have my say about CREATE



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

#### 4. I feel like I belong



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

#### 5. I feel heard



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

#### 6. I feel respected



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

#### 7. I find the magazines useful



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Strongly Disagree

What do you love most about CREATE?

What else would you like CREATE to do?

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Entries close 6th May 2022

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# **YOU ROCK**

## **Competition Winner**

**Niketa!**

**THANKS EVERYONE FOR SENDING YOUR ENTRIES IN.  
WE HOPE YOU LIKE THE PRIZES!**

### **RIDDLE ANSWERS:**

- 1. Silence**
- 2. Mushroom**
- 3. All of them! All months have at least 28 days.**
- 4. ??? Send in your guess for your chance to win!**

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