



YMCA OF BALLARAT

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2016-2017



OUR MISSION

The YMCAs of Australia work together from a base of Christian values to provide opportunities for all people to grow in body, mind and spirit.

OUR VISION

With the Y, everyone can be healthier, happier and connected to their community, and help those who are not.

OUR VALUES

- Honesty
- Respect
- Caring
- Responsibility

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OUR BELIEF

We **believe** in the power of **inspired young people**



YMCAs of Australia are committed to a united belief in the power of inspired young people. This shared belief is at the heart of our organisation and central to our purpose. At YMCA Ballarat, we work with children and young people every day and strive to give them a voice, and inspire and engage them to reach their full potential.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The safety and protection of children and young people is at the core of what we do. Our organisation is committed to safeguarding children and young people and YMCA Ballarat is proud to be a recognised Safeguarding Children and Young People organisation, accredited by the Australian Childhood Foundation.



Every child and young person deserves the right to thrive, learn and grow, be respected, valued and enabled to become an effective adult member of the community. We ensure that each person involved in the delivery of our programs and services understands their role and the behaviour we expect in safeguarding children and young people from abuse and neglect.



OUR LEADERS

What a year! The re-birth of YMCA in Ballarat and across Australia has continued in 2017, as we establish ourselves as an organisation dedicated to young people and amplifying their voices in our local community.

We were delighted to launch our new strategy *Plan 2020: Belief into Action* in April. Organised and led by a team of talented young people, the event saw us look to the future with confidence, announcing a three-year plan with a clear evidence base adopted from the World Health Organisation. This plan addresses the social determinants of health (SDH), or the 'causes of the causes' of disadvantage, in all that we do. We adopted the globally agreed YMCA Areas of Focus: Healthy Living, Empowering Young People and Social Impact, which address the SDH of employment, education and social connectedness, so our work can achieve maximum positive impact.

Plan 2020: Belief into Action is a road map to help affect positive change, empower our young people and ensure everyone can be healthier, happier and more connected, so that current health inequities no longer exist.

As we began the work of bringing our vision to life, we quickly achieved impact and would like to share some highlights from the 2016-17 year:

- The Boxes of Joy campaign led by local inspired young person Jessy Malham doubled its impact in 12 months from 78 boxes gifted to 135 in just two years. We partner with 12 local agencies to ensure the Christmas gifts are delivered straight to those who need it most. A volunteer who delivered a special load to a local primary school shared that upon receiving his own box of joy, a nine-year-old student wept with happiness, saying it was the first Christmas gift he had ever received.
- WinterFest Market raised \$2,000 for Open Doors, with over a thousand people attending the event on a chilly July evening in Ballarat.
- We led the State with our sugary drink advocacy, saving our communities 135 kilograms of sugar last summer. YMCA works in communities with some of the highest daily sugar sweetened beverage consumption in Australia. This first step was vital in transforming outdoor pools and stadiums into leading recreation and wellness hubs.
- We achieved accreditation with the Australian Childhood Foundation for the second time; a momentous achievement that reflects our commitment to child safety and ensuring everyone has the right to a safe and happy childhood.

- Our talented team were recognised with nominations at the Ballarat Youth Awards, VicHealth Awards and the YMCA Australia Awards.
- We extended our partnerships with four valued Council partners, and was announced as the successful operator of the Lucas Community Hub Kindergarten. Set to open in January 2018, this will be our flagship kindergarten, setting the benchmark for kindergarten quality in a state of the art facility, with a dedicated team to match. We look forward to impacting the quality of life, social connectedness and education outcomes for Ballarat's growing community in the West.

So much of what we do is life changing. We would like to thank our wonderful staff and volunteers who make that happen. Your passion, strength and total commitment is inspiring and leaves all of us with immense gratitude and pride in the difference our far reaching YMCA team has made. We would also like to thank our Board members whose leadership, generosity and governance has been outstanding.

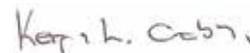
Not only do we believe in inspired young people, but the power of this incredible organisation and its people.

Best wishes,

Kate Phillips
Chief Executive Officer



Keryn Crebbin
Board President




YMCA AT A GLANCE

OUR REACH

We deliver programs and services to over 45 communities in 14 local government areas. Our reach is over 1000km across Victoria where we help create healthier and happier communities.

“ We are uniquely positioned to impact communities where it is needed most.”
Source: Plan 2020: Belief into Action



KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

We address the 'causes of the causes' of social disadvantage across Ballarat and regional Victoria and have chosen three of the World Health Organisation's Social Determinants of Health to underpin our goals so our impact is most powerful.

HEALTHY LIVING



We inspire healthy and active living through YMCA services, connecting everyone in the community to discover the powerful benefits of healthier and happier lives.

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE



We believe in the power of inspired young people. We believe every child and young person has the right to a happy, healthy and safe childhood full of opportunity, so that everyone can thrive.

SOCIAL IMPACT

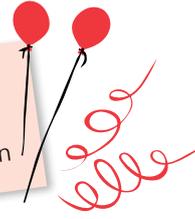


We enhance the lives of people and their communities by having a greater impact in areas of need, and by addressing the causes of disadvantage through the power of education, employment and social connectedness.



YMCA Kindergartens and Early Years Programs saw **8,632 visits** a week in **47 locations**

In 2017, YMCA Ballarat celebrated **139 years** of continuous operation



The total number of visits by children at YMCA managed kindergartens was **353,912**

Our team of **446 dedicated staff** is made up of 91% female and 9% male



In April 2017, we launched **Plan 2020: Belief into Action**, YMCA Ballarat's new strategic plan



657 families were supported with Outside School Hours Care in Ballarat



413 people attended Fun Skate



36,185 visits by children to Before School Care and After School Care

Sebastopol Youth Centre opened to provide a Practical Skills Program for local young people aged 12 to 16 years, with **record attendances** for a new program



Our holiday program attracted **4,518 attendances**



100 young people attended our Youth Centres a combined **1,879 times**

YMCA Ballarat became a **CoRE Alliance Partner** to help promote a vision for safe, equal and respectful communities



1,200 people attended WinterFest and shopped at **42 stalls**



Removing sugary drinks at YMCA Ballarat's outdoor pools saved communities from consuming **135kg of sugar** in one summer



Our 11 Outdoor Pools had a total of **74,698** summer visits



Volunteers clocked up **1,086 volunteer hours** at our Youth Centres

ReCranked fixed **277 bikes** and **donated 220** to people who needed them, including partnering with Bicycles for Humanity who distributed **64 ReCranked bikes** overseas



HEALTHY LIVING



SUGARY-DRINK FREE SUMMER



In a bold move that aims to help reduce rising obesity levels, the 11 outdoor pools managed by YMCA Ballarat, together with our partners, introduced a new healthy eating initiative which saved the community from consuming a whopping 135 kilograms of sugar!

In the 2016-2017 summer season, sugary sweetened beverages were removed from outdoor pool kiosks in Corangamite, Moyne and Pyrenees Shire Councils and the results were tremendous.

In an initiative embraced by local patrons, water and lightly flavoured water drinks replaced soft drinks and juices for the four-month pool season and this simple change resulted in 25,749 less teaspoons of sugar being consumed by people living in regional communities!

The YMCA, a member of the Rethink Sugary Drinks Alliance, will build on the success of this initiative in coming seasons with a review of other kiosk food items to ensure outdoor pools are a thriving hub of activity and health.

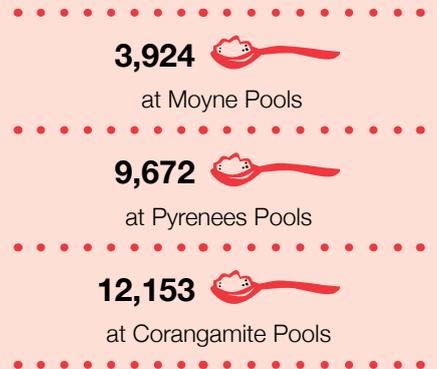
“As a member of the Rethink Sugary Drinks Alliance and a health leader in our communities, we are delighted that this small step has seen immediate success at our Outdoor Pools, which helps create healthy, active community hubs during the summer season. We strive to be part of the solution for combating rising obesity levels and plan to expand our impact further in coming seasons.” **Kate Phillips, CEO**

Statistics show that 47% of Australian children aged between 2 and 16 years consume a sugary drink every day and 11.2% of Victorians report consuming sugary drinks daily.

*Australian Government Department of Health 2007, 2007 Australian National Children's Nutrition and Physical Activity Survey- Main Findings Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Preventative Health National Research Flagship, and the University of South Australia, Canberra

POOLS SUGAR CRACKDOWN

The number of teaspoons of sugar that were not consumed at YMCA Outdoor Pools during one season:



That's a total of... **135 kilograms**



LET'S PLAY BALL!

As part of YMCA World Challenge 2017, YMCA Ballarat joined in the global event with Hoop Jam at Delacombe Stadium. Held during Y Week, more than 30 children, young people and their families learned skills, drills and played basketball, with the support of the Ballarat Miners and Ballarat Rush players. Although they towered over the children in height, the basketballers were impressed with the skills and engagement of the young participants, making 200 hoops in just a few hours!

The Challenge celebrates the empowerment of young people by YMCAs across the world, through a global activity with a different focus each year.

This year, YMCAs participated in a variety of basketball activities to acknowledge the YMCA invention of the popular game in 1891 as a means of empowering disengaged students.

“There was plenty of energy in the stadium and it was terrific for the kids to meet the Miners.”
Rachael, local parent



BALLARAT SPECIALIST SCHOOL SPINNING STARS

Spinning Stars is part of our OSHC program at Ballarat Specialist School. It has been running for more than five years and each year the program and staff continue to support students of all ages and abilities. The popular activity helps build confidence as students learn about dance, drama and physical activity. Every year, the students hold two concerts, where families and friends enjoy seeing how much students have learned as they perform group dances, solo items and a play of their choice. Each child thoroughly looks forward to Spinning Stars and many enrol year on year. In fact, a number of students participate in the program every school year, until graduation day.

KINDERS GO BUSH

As a movement, YMCA has embraced nature-based learning in the early years of education and has embedded regular nature play and outdoor learning into the curriculum through the YMCA Bush Kinder Program.

Bush Kinder has an emphasis on child-led learning and involves immersing children in nature; spending prolonged play periods in the great outdoors. As children navigate the natural landscape they not only learn about the environment and importance of sustainable living practices but inevitably develop their gross-motor, balance, risk-taking and coordination skills through play.

Our nature based play philosophy supports children to engage beyond the screen and connect with the world around them.



RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS IN KINDERGARTENS

During 2016, YMCA Ballarat participated in a world-first trial on respectful relationships. Six kindergarten teachers from Donald, Newstead, Inverloch, Mirboo North and Lakes Entrance kindergartens learned skills to help teach the principles of equity and respect in the early years setting.

The early years are a critical time to help children develop a secure sense of self and healthy respectful relationships with others and to value diversity. Recent findings in the Family Violence Royal Commission Report unequivocally stated that society needs to move beyond a crisis response to the prevention of family violence and primary prevention in the early years is a well-evidenced setting to address that.

The two-day professional learning package aimed to empower early childhood educators to develop and promote respectful relationships and provided learning opportunities to help educators resolve conflict respectfully and contribute to changing broader social attitudes to the use of violence.

“ *I value diversity, inclusion and above all equity for all and strive for excellence in pedagogy. The Respectful Relationships trial epitomises our values and ensures we intentionally use the kindergarten years as a successful primary prevention setting.*

Pauline Whyte,
Educational Leader



STADIUMS A BUZZ OF ACTIVITY

The Camperdown Stadium and Timboon Sporting Centre are pivotal sporting hubs for their communities, each providing people of all ages and abilities a place to connect, be healthy and have fun. The multi-purpose facilities host a range of recreational activities including indoor soccer and netball, basketball and badminton.

Understanding that exercise needs to be fun in order for people to be committed, YMCA introduced Netball – Fast 5 in 2017; a new and exciting team initiative that was welcomed by local patrons at the Timboon Sporting Centre.

In 2016-17, YMCA's junior gymnastics program, Fun-nastics was delivered again with success and Ninja Gym, an obstacle course designed for children 10 years and under, was introduced for Timboon's youngest community members.

A SEASON OF EVENTS AT OUTDOOR POOLS

In partnership with the Corangamite, Moyne and Pyrenees Shire Councils, YMCA Ballarat celebrated a summer of activity and a strong sense of community connectedness during the 2016-17 outdoor pool season with over 70,000 visits to the eleven pools.



The vast range of events and initiatives included community BBQs, interschool swimming carnivals, the annual YMCA Swimathon, Inflatable Days, water aerobics, pool parties, Top 5 challenges, Family Fun Days, waterpolo competitions and Australia Day celebrations.

Importantly, the initiatives delivered at the YMCA managed outdoor pools are often instigated and managed by young people for young people.



EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUNG CEO FOR A DAY



As part of National Youth Week 2017, many inspired young people around Australia took over the reins at their local YMCA as CEO for a day. YMCA Ballarat welcomed Carli Mitchell to the position of CEO on the 31st of March, 2017, bringing her passion for equality and inclusion to the Executive role.

Carli, a Coordinator at Ballarat Specialist School OSHC Program, stepped up and embraced the challenge, using the opportunity to advocate and advance our support for people with a disability and ensure progress on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was on track.

An early morning breakfast with Ballarat's business leaders and City of Ballarat Mayor, Councillor Samantha Macintosh, started the day and a unique opportunity to chair a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) meeting with key stakeholders followed. Several meetings filled the day and YMCA Ballarat CEO, Kate Philips was thrilled to shadow the inspiring Young CEO while she worked.

Carli has a huge passion for working with young disadvantaged children and children with disabilities and brought her enthusiasm to the role of CEO for a Day.

At the Y, we believe in empowering young people with genuine opportunities for leadership and to enhance their voice. Carli's insight, perspective and advice was invaluable in ensuring we have real impact in the communities in which we work and never take for granted the role we can play in supporting inclusive communities.

“ *The YMCA has given me so many opportunities not only to help other people in the community, but also to grow as a person. I am a strong believer that no matter your age, culture or ability you can reach any goal you set out to achieve.* **”**
Carli Mitchell, CEO for a Day



YMCA AND BOY GEORGE CALL FOR YOUNG VOICES TO BE HEARD



In a ground-breaking musical moment 40-years in the making, the YMCA reclaimed the Village People's global hit of the same name, partnering with Boy George in June 2017 to re-release the iconic party anthem - "YMCA".

This song, together with the question young people have always asked - "Why Not?" - was at the heart of the new national campaign that reached one in four Australians, attracted one million views online and amplified the voice of young people on issues that are important to them today – mental health, marriage equality and youth unemployment.

Inspiration for the campaign was born from new research in the "YMCA Voice of Young People in Australia Report 2017" which revealed that today's youth feel unheard and powerless on the primary issues that they face. The song, and campaign, provides a message of hope to young people across Australia and encourages their voices to be heard by those in power.

“ *This message is too important.* **”** **Boy George**



INSPIRED YOUNG PEOPLE



The power of inspired young people is at the forefront of our work. YMCA programs and services are delivered with and for young people to support them to achieve their full potential.

But why take our word for it? Let's hear from a few of our inspired young people...



OLIVIA

I'm Olivia and I'm 20 years old.

I have been volunteering with the YMCA for 2 years. I provide administration support and organise the Ballarat YMCA Annual WinterFest Market which allows money to be raised to fund important YMCA programs such as Open Doors. The YMCA has inspired me to pursue a career in Counselling/ Psychology and to have a 'Why Not?' approach.

The YMCA has given me many opportunities to network and achieve goals beyond my comfort zone. I am amazed by the extraordinary lengths the YMCA goes, to support and benefit local and broader communities. I guess the YMCA believes I am an inspired young person because I have countless dreams to pursue and I actually believe I can achieve them! Becoming a volunteer for the YMCA has shaped me and has made me realise how fulfilling it is to volunteer for agencies who strive to help individuals and communities just like the Y.



PREM

I'm Prem and I am 30 years young.

I started my journey with YMCA Ballarat in February 2016, and since then I have become a passionate change-maker who believes in empowering communities and encouraging young people to make choices that improve their lives.

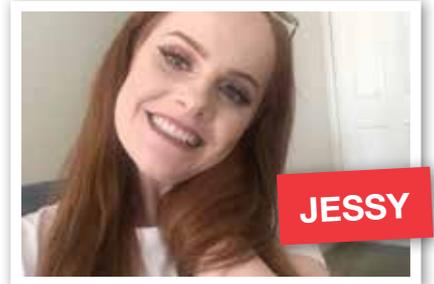
I received the opportunity to work with young people at the YMCA Ballarat's youth centres in Wendouree and Sebastopol, where I was involved in mentoring young people to achieve their full potential through healthy activities and positive engagement. This was my greatest accomplishment where I was inspiring young people directly.

My dedication, passion, enthusiasm and faith in humanity have made me believe that with support, guidance and encouragement, great things can be achieved by anyone!

Volunteering has helped me develop my leadership skills and enhance my self-confidence for who I want to be.

My future looks positive and challenging at the same time. As a recently qualified social worker, I look forward towards an exciting journey of helping individuals, groups and communities to overcome obstacles and improve their quality of life.

I am grateful and thankful to the YMCA for believing in me.



JESSY

My name is Jessy Malham and I am 21 years old.

I became involved with the YMCA back in 2015. I had the idea of wanting to give disadvantaged children of Ballarat shoeboxes filled with gifts to open on Christmas Day because I wanted to make a real change, one that I could see had a genuine positive outcome for my local community.

I approached several organisations, but it was with the YMCA that I found my success. This amazing organisation took on my idea and made it even better than I ever could imagine!

YMCA's vision of helping inspired young people and promoting healthy and happy living are the main reasons I am so proud to be a part of this organisation. Working with the YMCA has been incredible. Their belief in me has helped me achieve my goal of helping disadvantaged youth and affirmed my desire to work within the mental health field.



SAFE AND ENGAGING SPACE FOR YOUTH

Sebastopol, a suburb of Ballarat, is now home to a new YMCA Youth Centre thanks to funding received from the City of Ballarat through its Engaging Communities, Sebastopol Program 2016-17. The addition of a new Youth Centre is one of the ways we aim to bring to life our belief in the power of Ballarat's inspired youth, and our passion to provide them with every opportunity to thrive.

YMCA Ballarat officially opened the Centre on August 12, 2016 with Mayor of the day, Cr Des Hudson.

The venue, provided in-kind by RISE Church, offers a safe place and Practical Skills Program (PSP) for young people aged 12 -16 years. The mixed program on Friday afternoons focuses on physical activity, community involvement, skill building and social development including woodworking, barista-training, cooking, community art projects, resume writing and mock interviews.

The PSP replicates the successful program that has been operating in Wendouree for two years. It develops skills and builds positive experiences for young people to assist them in gaining future employment.

“ Seeing the growth and development of the young people involved in the Practical Skills Program makes it easy to love my job. The young people have so much to offer and so much to gain from this type of program.”

**Chantelle Cutler,
Youth Centre Coordinator**



PREM AND HIS WINNING PITCH



At the YMCA National Convention, 300 YMCA people - staff, volunteers and Board members from across the nation, celebrated the power of inspired young people.

Amongst the group was Ballarat's very own passionate and proud young person, Prem Nath Chakarvarty. Prem presented his idea of bringing young people together to make an impact on his community and won \$5,000 to make it happen.

Prem not only won the funding, but also the hearts and minds of everyone in the room when he spoke passionately on behalf of young people, seeking support to commence a youth committee that would raise money for causes that were important to them.

Prem's project promised to;

- Bring young people together
- Listen to young people
- Raise money for the causes that they believed were important
- Support young people on their journey

At the conclusion of Prem's speech, the audience erupted with applause and voted to support the pitch. Local forums have been held to gain insight in to issues that are important to young people today and more are planned for the future.

Put simply, we believe in the power of inspired young people. Everything else will follow.

TERANG POOL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Terang Outdoor Pool instigated its inaugural Youth Committee in summer 2016-17, a group of young people who worked together to plan and deliver events and initiatives for their community. Additionally, through their committee participation, young people had the opportunity to learn new skills, take on responsibilities and prepare for employment.

The new Community Mural was an initiative that started as a 'thought bubble' and ended up as a colourful, inclusive and effective project that raised funds for the pool. The Committee assisted with the Aquathon, Freeza and Swimathon events. With the support of the YMCA, many of the Youth Committee members have gone on to complete training and qualifications and are now employed as Lifeguards at the pool during the summer months.

“ We can really see a positive change since having our Youth Committee on board – their passion to get things done and impact their community is inspiring.”

**Kate Gay,
Terang Pool Manager**



SOCIAL IMPACT



BIKES FOR BALLARAT AND BEYOND

After five successful years operating the ReCranked Program in Wendouree, YMCA Ballarat has formed an exciting partnership with Bicycles for Humanity. ReCranked receives donations of unused bicycles, re-cranks them with the help of young people and volunteers and then distributes them to people in need.

The Bicycles for Humanity partnership enables a number of refurbished bikes to be transported overseas to communities living with disadvantage and low-resources, in places such as Nepal and Cambodia. This partnership has seen mass collection days across Ballarat with both programs benefiting from the generosity of the community. Not only are more bikes donated and given to people who need them both

here and abroad, extended learning opportunities and value have been added to the ReCranked in Schools Program. Fostering this partnership has included an international aspect to the program, encouraging discussions with young participants and broadening their outlook and understanding of global communities and how they can help those in need.



KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

In 1991, Grace Berglund Kindergarten opened its doors for the first time and recently celebrated a quarter of a century. The kindergarten, part of the YMCA Kindergarten Cluster, recognised this significant milestone along with many past and current students and families, staff and committee members who visited the centre to reflect on their time at kinder.

Following a home-cooked afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream, visitors enjoyed a slide show of the Centre over the years and a celebratory cake, cut by the current staff team including Pauline Whyte, who has been part of the kindergarten's journey since it opened.

Pauline, Educational Leader, shared in the kindergarten's change and growth over the years and was delighted to see familiar faces attend the celebration. In 25 years, significant transformations have led to the outstanding facility that is in operation today.

Congratulations to the present staff and Committee on receiving the ACECQA Assessment and Rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standards.

“ We have had lots of comments about how magnificent the kindergarten looks now and on the improvements that have been made, particularly from past students keen to keep in touch, which was lovely.”

Pauline Whyte,
Educational Leader



Photo courtesy of Warragul & Drouin Gazette



CHANGING LIVES OF YOUNG AND OLD IN MIRBOO NORTH

Mirboo North Kindergarten values community engagement and recognises the importance of providing strong connections for children and their families within the local community. This is done in many ways including attending community events and visiting the local CFA, libraries and aged care facilities.



In 2017, creating valuable experiences and bringing joy to people living in aged care became a focus. Research has shown how inter-generational relationships and engagement with children activates the brain and regular visits by the children to the Grandridge Lodge Aged Care facility have allowed residents and children to interact in a relaxed and friendly environment.

The kindergarten has been visiting this facility since 2015 and over the years the children have enjoyed singing and dancing for the residents. The visits are now more interactive with children taking an assortment of toys and games with them, for an engaging session where residents, children and nursing staff come together in a hands-on and fun way. It is a wonderful group session that helps children to build confidence and new relationships. The regular sessions are enjoyed and valued equally by the children and residents.

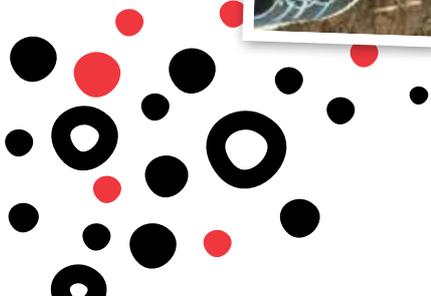
KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM GROWS

In July 2017, Californian Gully Kindergarten joined the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classroom community, in what was an extension of an established kitchen/garden program already on offer.

Staff are experienced in providing nature based learning opportunities for the children and know the further value that this program adds to healthy eating and lifestyle education for young students and their families. The kindergarten grows, harvests, prepares and shares fresh seasonal delicious food with the kindergarten community.

The kindergarten team and children cook daily, making bread, yoghurt, fruit platters, soup, hummus, dips, herb breads and pizza with seasonal produce straight from the garden. Activities and recipes are added to *Shared Table*, a vibrant online space for Kitchen Garden Classroom members to share experiences and events.

An abundance of learning opportunities are present both in the kitchen and garden, where children discover real life authentic experiences first hand which contribute to life-long learning in the areas of literacy, maths, science and sustainability. The benefits of connecting with nature are important in a child's learning and development in every way. The kindergarten is fortunate to have received support from external sources to continue and extend this program.



GOVERNANCE

SAFE, EQUAL AND RESPECTFUL COMMUNITIES

This year, YMCA Ballarat joined Women's Health Grampians' CoRE Alliance (Communities of Respect and Equality) working to achieve a shared vision for safe, equal and respectful communities.

This partnership is one we are very proud of and together we were amongst the first 50 member organisations to join CoRE, a number that has now grown to over 75 organisations.

“ We believe that by taking action to promote change, our communities will be better and more equal places in which to live.”
Erica Smith,
People and Culture Manager

Through the CoRE Alliance's combined leadership, influence and action, we aim to build a new future for our region, its cities, towns and communities, where gender inequality and violence against women is an issue of the past.



NEW LIFE MEMBER

Shirley Walters was welcomed as a new Life Member of YMCA Ballarat in 2017. Ms Walters began her twenty-seven year involvement with the organisation in 1988 and ended her tenure on the Board of Directors in 2015. Shirley was Board Secretary for twenty-four years between 1991 and 2015 and still maintains many of her lasting friendships from her time with the Y.

Ms Walters' valuable contributions include countless fundraising initiatives, volunteering hours and tireless involvement. Over the years, she has passionately supported YMCA activities including judging Deb of the Year, fundraising for the Ballarat Aquatic Centre and participation at SpringFest, YMCA Swimathons, the Delacombe Fair and many trivia nights.



Ms Walters was instrumental in preserving YMCA Ballarat's historical documents when the headquarters moved in the 1990s from Field Street. To this day, these items that date back as far back as 1878, are some of the Y's most treasured possessions.

We thank Shirley for her years of outstanding dedication and commitment.

OUR BOARD



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2016-2017

YMCA Ballarat Inc.	2016-2017	YMCA Ballarat Youth Services Inc.	2016-2017
Income	\$4,130,127	Income	\$272,380
Expense	\$4,190,946	Expense	\$266,043
Net	(\$60,819)	Net	\$6,337

THANKYOU



Our Partners

Active IT
Alfredton Primary School
Australian Childhood Foundation
Baha'i Community
Ballarat Community Health
Ballarat Family Guide
Ballarat Health Services
Ballarat Roller Derby League
Ballarat South Community Hub
Ballarat Specialist School
Basketball Ballarat
Bass Coast Shire Council
Baw Baw Shire Council
Best Start
Bicycles for Humanity
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Buloke Shire Council
Buninyong Primary School
Caledonian Primary School
Central Goldfields Shire Council
Central Highlands Primary Care Partnership
City of Ballarat
City of Greater Bendigo
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Committee for Ballarat
Community Child Care
Corangamite Shire Council
Creswick Primary School
Delacombe Chairs Forum
Delacombe Primary School
Department of Education and Training, Victoria
Developing Other Talents and Skills (D.O.T.S)
East Gippsland Shire Council
Federation University
Filipino Basketball Association
Gforce
Hepburn Primary School
Lumen Christi Primary School

Magpie Primary School
Mallee Family Care
Mildura Shire Council
Mount Alexander Shire Council
Moyné Shire Council
Noah's Ark
Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School
Phoenix P-12 Community College
Pinarc
Plum Publishing
Pyrenees Shire Council
Rise Christian Church
South Gippsland Shire Council
Sports Central
St Aloysius Parish School
Swan Hill Rural City Council
The Ballarat Foundation
UnitingCare
Urquhart Park Primary School
VicHealth
Wendouree Alliance
Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre
Western District Employment Access (WDEA)
Women's Health Grampians (CoRE Alliance Member)
YMCAs of Australia
Yuille Park Community College
Y Service Club Ballarat

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