



Yfoundations
Annual Report
2021/22

Acknowledgements



In the spirit of reconciliation, **Yfoundations** acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



We celebrate diversity in all forms and believe diversity amongst our staff makes **Yfoundations** a more effective organisation.

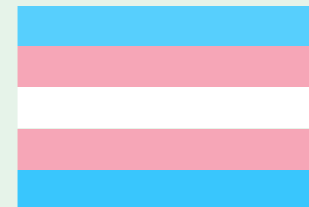
We are a proud member of ACON's Welcome Here Project.

As a member, we agree to support three project commitments:

- > We welcome Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, Asexual and other gender or sexuality diverse people.
- > We publicly demonstrate support for the LGBTIQ+ community.
- > We actively promote a prejudice and discrimination-free space.



Yfoundations acknowledges that our efforts towards inclusivity and solidarity must be ongoing and always evolving. We always welcome feedback from the sector and community members.



Thank you to all the workers striving to create a future without youth homelessness.



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About us



Yfoundations is the NSW peak body advocating for children and young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness, and the services that provide direct support to them. It is proudly a membership-based organisation with a network of over 50 organisations across NSW. Yfoundations aims to create a future without youth homelessness by providing a voice for children and young people at risk.

For over 40 years, Yfoundations has been an authority on youth homelessness, working collaboratively with members, NGOs (non-government organisations), government departments and community members to provide policy and structural advocacy, services for children and young people, health projects, and research and sector development.

Yfoundations represents the services that provide direct support to children and young people. With a focus on working closely with young people with a lived experience of homelessness, Yfoundations is helping to bridge the gap between the private and not-for-profit sectors.

As a peak body, we work to raise awareness in the community and increase support for and understanding of youth homelessness, including working to reduce stigma, and educating the community about false assumptions and misleading narratives.

The Youth Homelessness Representative Council is a group of 10 to 15 young people (aged 18-25) who meet quarterly to discuss and act on issues affecting children and young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The group aims to engage with young people in decision making around issues that affect young people experiencing homelessness, by providing them with a platform to voice concerns on issues that matter to them.

Yfoundations also acts as a link between different areas of the sector providing wrap-around care that includes early intervention and preventative initiatives – with the aim of seeing children and young people live full, independent lives.

Yfoundations has been instrumental in advocating for the review and relaunch of the Unaccompanied Children and Young People 12-15 Years Presenting to Specialist Homelessness Services Policy. The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) worked together with

Yfoundations and other youth specialist homelessness organisations to review and change the policy, resulting in better outcomes for vulnerable children and young people experiencing homelessness.

During the initial stages of the COVID-19 outbreak, Yfoundations worked alongside key stakeholders and partners to respond to the youth homelessness sector through partnerships that provided food supplies, PPE and psychosocial supports to its members.

Yfoundations educates and informs the government on areas to prioritise, including highlighting funding gaps, leading research projects to gain insights and understanding, and filling any potential knowledge gaps. The organisation's CEO is regularly called upon to speak about youth homelessness in media outlets such as the Sydney Morning Herald, Yahoo7, 9Honey, ABC News, ABC Radio Sydney and many more.

As a proud member of ACON's Welcome Here Project, Yfoundations welcomes and celebrates lesbian, gay, bi, trans, intersex, queer, questioning, asexual and other gender or sexuality diverse people. Yfoundations publicly demonstrates its support for the LGBTIQ+ community and actively promotes a prejudice-free and discrimination-free space.

Yfoundations identifies the following five foundations as vital to the growth and development of all children and young people: safety and stability, home and place, health and wellness, connections and participation, and education and employment. Each foundation represents an important component of a child and young person's developmental process.

Our Vision

To be the peak body responding to youth homelessness in Australia.

Our Values



Teamwork

Actively collaborate to bring out the best in each other to achieve common goals.



Gratitude

Recognise and acknowledge people's contributions and efforts.



Fun

We take our work seriously whilst adopting an attitude of creativity and play.



Communication

We listen to diverse voices and respond in a clear and respectful manner.



Integrity

We honour our word. We act in line with our shared values.

Organisational Strategy



Vision: That Yfoundations is the peak body responding to youth homelessness in Australia. Yfoundations will continue to be the strong NSW peak body leading change to end youth homelessness in NSW.



- Activating Expertise**
- Yfoundations will:**
- > Activate the expertise of the membership to inform and enhance the work of Yfoundations
 - > Promote the lived experience voice of young people
 - > Develop a recognised and respected youth homelessness research program, including partnerships with research partners
 - > Advocate for change across government and the community to end youth homelessness

- Organisational Excellence**
- Yfoundations will:**
- > Deliver good governance and organisational excellence
 - > Diversify funding and income streams
 - > Look for opportunities to collaborate and increase stakeholder engagement
 - > Be dedicated to quality improvement and accreditation

- Connected & Informed Sector**
- Yfoundations will:**
- > Represent the voices of the sector
 - > Build a strong, diverse membership
 - > Develop and promote research and training opportunities
 - > Provide a strong resource hub for services to access support and information

- Strong State & National Presence**
- Yfoundations will:**
- > Provide a strong youth homelessness voice through collaborative partnerships and practices
 - > Raise awareness of youth homelessness
 - > Build a strong marketing and media presence that communicates our values and purpose

President's Report



As the President of Yfoundations, I am pleased to deliver the President's report for the financial year 2021-2022.

Since 1979, Yfoundations has worked closely with NSW specialist youth services that support homeless and vulnerable young people. This year, as in the last, the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, social restrictions and considerably long lockdowns severely impacted services across NSW and, in particular, our young people. The consequent 'great resignation' has influenced employee trends and created significant supply and demand issues for talent across our sector.

Yfoundations has also been directly influenced by these trends, experiencing challenges and change. Although it has been tough for all of us in the social service sector, we have continued to see resilience and strong leadership in the youth homelessness sector.

Over the last 12 months, Yfoundations has accomplished a lot and the Board is proud of the work the team has delivered. We saw the financial capacity of Yfoundations remain stable and key advocacy issues addressed. Internally, Yfoundations has undertaken the development of a state-of-the-art Client Relationship Management System (CRM) with an inbuilt members portal, which is designed to entice collaboration, foster community, increase access to resources and sector information, and strengthen relationships and advocacy efforts across NSW.

Yfoundations has worked closely with the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), Health and, most importantly, our members to continue to progress key issues that affect our services and vulnerable young people. It has been an exceptionally challenging year, but our members' commitment and passion have ensured that young people have received vital support.

We bid farewell to CEO Pam Barker who has led the organisation and team, and thank her for her work over the last couple of years. We welcome the new CEO, Trish Connolly, who brings extensive experience and skills in the homelessness sector that will be enormously beneficial to our members. I'm excited to see what Yfoundations will achieve over the next year with Trish at the helm.

Finally, I would like to thank Yfoundations' Directors for their ongoing commitment, support and dedication to young people.



Nerida Ackerman
President
Yfoundations

CEO's Report



I am pleased to present to you Yfoundations' Annual Report. Over the last 12 months, Yfoundations has produced a large amount of work that has made a meaningful impact in our sector.

In October 2021, we launched our research report, Young, in trouble and with nowhere to go: Homeless adolescents' pathways into and out of detention in NSW. At the launch, we hosted more than 100 attendees who heard from our Research and Policy Team about the findings and gained a deeper understanding of Yfoundations' recommendations. Then in December, the report was tabled in NSW Parliament and all our recommendations were endorsed by both parties. This was an important step in changing the lives of young people in NSW. Yfoundations has continued to work closely with DCJ and will continue to meet in the coming year to hold DCJ accountable in the implementation of the recommendations.

Reflecting on the last 12 months, Yfoundations has had some substantial changes. We had also faced challenges with access to resources, staffing and managing our new way of working post-COVID-19. The pandemic has taught us a lot about the importance of people, flexible working and the need for a more agile service system. Yfoundations embarked on the development of our CRM and members portal, which will allow our members to have better access to resources that will strengthen networks and support more collaborative participation with Yfoundations as a peak body. The CRM will also allow Yfoundations to support our members better through data collection, amongst other features.

This year, Yfoundations has taken over the National Youth Homelessness Matters Day Campaign (YHMD).

We are honoured that the sector trusts us to take on this initiative and manage it into its next phase. I would like to thank the YHMD Advisory Committee for their time, expertise and passion in guiding the national campaign and supporting Yfoundations in its efforts to elevate YHMD annually.

I would like to thank our members – without you Yfoundations would not exist. Your passion for helping our most vulnerable children and young people knows no bounds. You all work tirelessly and we thank you for your passion and commitment.

I would like to thank the Yfoundations team for your hard work and commitment to our young people and member services, DCJ for their partnership, and our Board for your wisdom and guidance.

It has been a tough couple of years and without our collective advocacy we would not have come this far.

On a personal note, this will be my last report as CEO. I wish our Board, members and the Yfoundations team all the best as I embark on new opportunities. It has been a privilege working alongside you.

I hope you all enjoy the report, and we invite you to celebrate the last 12 months.

Pam Barker
Chief Executive Officer
Yfoundations



Youth Homelessness Representative Council



After a recruitment drive for new members in early 2021, the Youth Homelessness Representative Council (YHRC) reunited with some fresh and energised new faces. We also sadly farewelled some of our members who had outgrown our youth category. We sincerely thank them for their time and passion, and for sharing their personal experiences to help guide our work. Their involvement and input assisted in getting young people's voices heard as we work towards creating a future without youth homelessness.

During the past year, the YHRC has been involved in some incredible opportunities. We were approached by researchers who were working on behalf of Shelter NSW, exploring the area of overcrowding. What a session this meeting became. It was insightful and raw, with the majority of our YHRC making invaluable contributions to the discussion. Their enthusiasm and willingness to speak openly meant this short one-hour meeting more than doubled in time. Our understanding is that the researchers greatly appreciated the engagement with the YHRC, which provided greater substance to their project.

We had a fun half-day meeting/ Christmas party to see out 2021. Finally, this group of young people who had only previously met virtually had the opportunity to gather face to face. We focused our discussion on health-related concerns for a young

person experiencing homelessness. What do they wish they had been told or known earlier? Keep your eyes open for some new resources coming during the next financial year!

The voice of our YHRC has also been heard in the media over this past year. One young member contributed to a newspaper article that was printed in The Daily Telegraph, alongside our CEO Pam Barker, a Yfoundations Board Member, and a CEO from an interstate service. Another of our young people contributed to a Yfoundations Podcast for our Young & Homeless series. In this episode, Yfoundations explores the Foyer model from the perspective of a Foyer Manager and a young person residing there. We also had a member interviewed for an online Mamamia article titled, "It's the nicest place I've ever lived" - Youth homelessness doesn't always look how you think'.

And, sneaking in right before the end of the financial year, another of our young members participated in other Yfoundations work, taking the opportunity to be involved in a video production around areas of sexual health, including consent, STIs and contraception.

We had a fantastic year with our young YHRC and look forward to creating new opportunities and experiences with them during the next year. We are also looking to grow our members, so please let us know if you know a young person with passion and enthusiasm who would love to have their voice heard.

YHRC members

Alana, Brendan Brest, Courtney Fisher, Jacob Osborne, Jasmine, Korrine-Lee Hellier-Bartholomew, Lucy Gooch

YHRC Christmas photo. Top, left to right: Jasmine, Jacob Osborne, Korrine-Lee, Lucy Gooch, Alana. Bottom, left to right: Megan Hall, Courtney Fisher, Olivia Iannelli.



Research and Policy

Submissions

The Research and Policy team made the following submissions throughout the year:

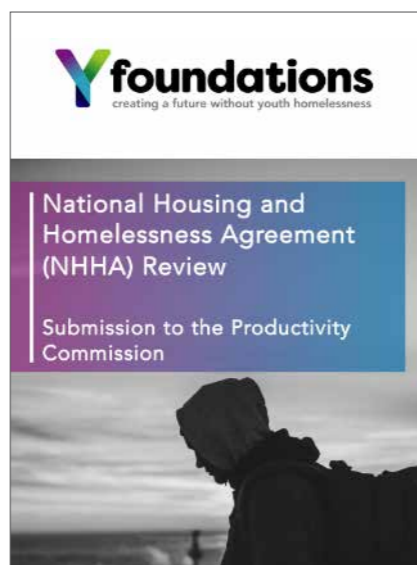
- > Inquiry into options to improve access to existing and alternate accommodation to address the social housing shortage
- > NSW Pre-budget submission 2022-23
- > Submission to the Productivity Commission – National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) Review.

In our submission to the Productivity Commission for the NHHA review, we continued to call for an overarching National Youth Homelessness and Housing Strategy. This strategy would commit funding to better understand the causes and consequences of youth homelessness in Australia, outline approaches and resources required to prevent youth homelessness, and intervene and respond to children and young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Our submission also called for a commitment to quarantine 20% of social housing properties for young people and to build more youth-specific social housing.

Yfoundations also compiled an evidence-based and fully-costed pre-budget submission and campaign that made key recommendations to address urgent issues facing children and young people in NSW, including:

- > medium-term accommodation services
- > accommodation and support for homeless young people facing incarceration
- > specialist accommodation for homeless children and young people involved in youth justice.

Unfortunately, the NSW Government missed a vital opportunity to support homeless children and young people, and the budget did not include any new funding measure for this cohort. Yfoundations will build upon this momentum and continue to push for this critical investment in the upcoming state election cycle and beyond.



Other advocacy activities and campaigns

Sector Insurance Failure

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the National Redress Scheme resulted in services having difficulties securing insurance coverage. To mitigate the situation temporarily, the NSW Government announced a limited indemnity scheme and is working towards a National Scheme. Yfoundations is working with its members and the NSW Government to resolve the situation beyond the current temporary measure. Yfoundations will continue to be involved in future work to monitor the situation and determine a suitable way forward.

Foot in the Door Evaluation

Foot in the Door (FiTD) provided training to real estate agents and case workers on how best to support young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and the subsidies available to them. An evaluation of the program found that it was well received across the sector, improved real estate agents' knowledge and attitudes relating to young people experiencing homelessness, and encouraged Real Estate Agents and caseworkers to collaborate and engage with one another.

The program also increased caseworkers' understanding of Rent Choice Youth (RCY) and increased the uptake of RCY. The evaluation made a number of recommendations to the NSW Government, including that it must fund another project like FiTD, and provide additional supports to young people for whom RCY is not appropriate, including more youth-specific social housing.



2020-21 Annual Survey

Each year, we survey our membership and other stakeholders. This survey aims to evaluate and improve our advocacy for young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness and the sector that supports them. The number of people who responded to our survey this year was almost double the previous year, with respondents spread across a wider range of areas in NSW.

The majority of respondents reported that they trusted Yfoundations to a high or moderate level and were overall satisfied or neutral with the amount of our engagement with their organisation in the last year. Many respondents also felt that our work was useful to them and were overall familiar with our programs and initiatives.



Articles and written outputs

An opinion piece by CEO, Pam Barker was featured in Parity's April 2022 special edition titled 'Homelessness and Young People: Support During Troubled Times'. The piece called on governments for a National Youth Homelessness Strategy that provides a roadmap to tackle this issue in Australia and address the systemic issues that drive and exacerbate child and youth homelessness.

Working with the Department of Communities and Justice, Yfoundations also put together a business case to NSW Treasury for funding for medium-term accommodation. In consultation with existing medium-term accommodation providers, the paper provided a costed-out case for the delivery of medium-term accommodation, a key gap in the NSW youth homelessness service system. There are only five medium-term accommodation services in NSW, all located in major cities and severely underfunded. Yfoundations called on the NSW Government to provide \$5,740,000 to fund seven new medium-term accommodation services in regional, country and rural areas across NSW, and \$1,291,028 per annum to top up the five existing medium-term services. This proposed investment will offer significant social returns as it will enable homeless young people to avoid negative long-term outcomes and support their transition to independence.

The team also wrote a series of Research Bites and position papers summarising key research reports and Yfoundations' positions on issues of interest to the sector.

These were disseminated among the sector and are hosted on our website. They include:

- > Responses to Homelessness: Research Bite
- > Factsheet – Youth specific social housing
- > Factsheet – Rent Choice Youth
- > Factsheet – Homeless Youth Assistance Program (HYAP)

We learnt that many respondents felt we could support them better by advocating more on behalf of the sector and facilitating more cross-sector collaboration, and that we need to foster a higher level of trust amongst members. We continue to use these insights to work closely with our members to improve our service offering, advocacy and communications.

Under-18s Meetings

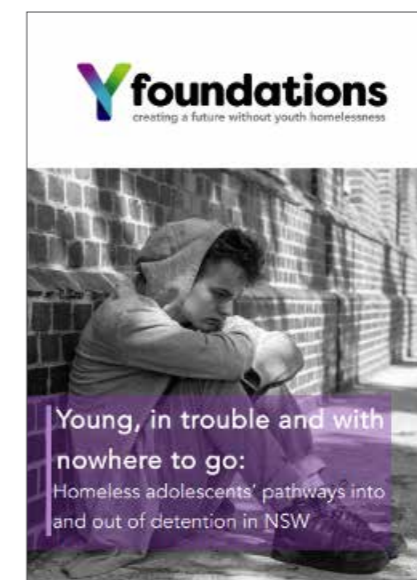
Yfoundations held four under-18s meetings with youth specialist homelessness service (SHS) providers, addressing key issues in relation to policy, escalation processes, young people deemed as high needs, and Homeless Youth Assistance Program (HYAP) contract program reconfiguration processes. The group held its last meeting on 11 March, deciding to dissolve as it had achieved its key objectives. Throughout 2020-21, the group had been working towards finalising the 'Unaccompanied children 12-15 years accessing Specialist Homelessness Services Policy' and, in July 2021, the new policy was published and in operation.

Yfoundations would like to thank the key organisations that attended each meeting, providing their expertise and knowledge that led to positive changes being implemented for this age cohort. We would also like to thank DCJ for its commitment to getting it right for our young people.

Research activities and reports

This financial year, we finalised, distributed and promoted our report 'Young, in trouble and with nowhere to go: Homeless adolescents' pathways into and out of detention in NSW'. Expanding on our earlier research, this new report explored the pathways that homeless adolescents – both sentenced and unsentenced – take into and out of detention in NSW.

The report was informed by an additional 127 interviews with caseworkers, managers and organisational leaders who worked



in the Youth Justice system, SHS and other NGOs. These interviews shed light on the two-way relationship between adolescent homelessness and incarceration in our state.

The report offers six key recommendations to break this cycle. They include amending the Bail Act to remove the offence of breaching a bail condition for juveniles, and expanding the Bail Assistance Line to become an all-hours service that assists NSW Police and Youth Justice caseworkers.

The report was tabled in NSW Parliament in November 2022 by Peter Poulous (Liberal) and John Graham (Labor), with both parties supporting all six recommendations.



- > Factsheet – Premiers Youth Initiative (PYI)
- > Factsheet – Youth Foyers
- > Factsheet – Medium-term accommodation
- > Factsheet – Crisis and Transitional Accommodation.

Presentations and webinars

We launched our Youth Justice report ‘Young, in trouble with nowhere to go: Homeless adolescents’ pathways into and out of detention in NSW’ at a webinar in November, with over 100 people in attendance.

We also facilitated three webinars for our members on DCJ’s Core and Cluster program. The Core and Cluster program will deliver 75 domestic and family violence refuges as part of a ‘core and cluster’ model, involving self-contained accommodation located next to essential services. As domestic, family and sexual violence (DFSV) is an insidious issue for children and young people accessing specialist homelessness services, Yfoundations provided feedback on the model and advocated to ensure it included the 18-24 year-old age cohort. Our series of webinars disseminated information and answered questions about the Core and Cluster program and funding process to ensure our members were best placed to establish partnerships and be competitive in the process. Questions and concerns tabled at the webinars about the model and processes were taken to DCJ for response. We are supporting our partners through Tranche 2 of the program and will continue to support them when Tranche 3 is rolled out later this year.



Joint statements

Raise the Age campaign

Yfoundations actively supported the ‘Raise the Age’ campaign and participated in joint letters to the Attorney General, advocating for the age of criminal responsibility to be increased from 10 to 14 years.



Home Stretch campaign

Yfoundations is a partner in the Home Stretch campaign, which seeks to increase the age of leaving care to 21 years across Australia in order to limit the rates of young people who become homeless after leaving the out-of-home care (OOHC) system.



Health Projects and Training



Yfoundations’ Health and Training arm had a very successful year, reaching many goals and milestones along the way.

Sticky Stuff webinars were, and continue to be, highly sought after. We had 653 individuals in youth-facing positions attend a session during this past year. Since the webinars began in July 2020, we have now reached a whopping 1,102 attendees over the last two financial years. That should certainly make for some amazing and educating conversations across the sector.

We briefly saw Sticky Stuff once again go face to face. A fantastic and energetic team of SHS workers in South-East Sydney had the benefit of spending the day with Megan and one of the HIV and Related Programs (HARP) Health Promotion Officers. The team increased their knowledge, participated in the games, and developed greater confidence to engage in these super important conversations with the young people they work with. We do hope we will see a few further face-to-face sessions happening in the coming year.

Our Online Learning Modules (OLMs), Sticky Stuff Online and Because You Care have now seen 1,300 registered users within the system. These fantastic self-paced modules are a great way to brush up on your knowledge or learn a little something new in the areas of sexual health, and sexual health under a trauma-informed lens.

Yfoundations’ partnership with NSW Health’s Play Safe Programs continues to reach goals and improve the lives of young people across the state. Yfoundations participates in and co-leads two major programs that are scaling up across the state and capturing young people in different cohorts. The purpose of the Youth Services Project is to upskill workers within SHS (Specialist Homelessness Services), assist them by supporting the implementation of organisational change within their policy, and

ensure greater access to resources whilst creating local connections in their own community. This project has expanded in some SHS, with one building a yarning circle and fire pit area to encourage organic conversations, and another doing additional training to support their staff around LGBTIQ+ young people and diversity. It’s been incredibly exciting to see these services and others embrace the opportunities provided within this project.

The other program we co-lead and work closely on is the Sexual Health and Peer Education (SHAPE) program. This program is currently working with tertiary education settings and either creating a peer education program, adding a sexual health component to an existing program, or reviewing a program to ensure they are working at best practice. The program is gaining momentum after being heavily impacted by COVID lockdowns and re-deployments, etc. We anticipate exciting things happening in this space over the coming year.

In addition to all our regular work, we have some exciting resources that have been developed. We took on a student for their placement period and, with this student’s help, we developed some amazing resources to support the work conducted in SHS. We spent a day in the studio filming a video, which is now in its final



stages of production, and we created fact sheets around many areas of sexual health. Keep your eyes peeled – these will all be available soon.

We cannot wait to see what the 2022-23 financial year has to offer; it has already provided some brilliant opportunities to engage with young people and build relationships within our networks. We are certainly looking forward to the journey ahead.



Communications and Advocacy

Social media

Yfoundations has been posting regular updates and sharing news of our events, resources, advocacy work and members' activities. We have enjoyed a steady rise in our social media presence, including solid increases in follower numbers and engagements for the reporting period. Across our four key platforms – Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram – our follower numbers increased by 11.6% and engagements by an impressive 80%.

Member and sector communications

Yfoundations kept our members and supporters up to date with our news and events as well as news and events from the broader youth homelessness sector throughout the year via:

- > Yfoundations monthly eNewsletter (12 issues)
- > General and Annual General Meeting invitations
- > News and research report releases
- > Event invitations and alerts.

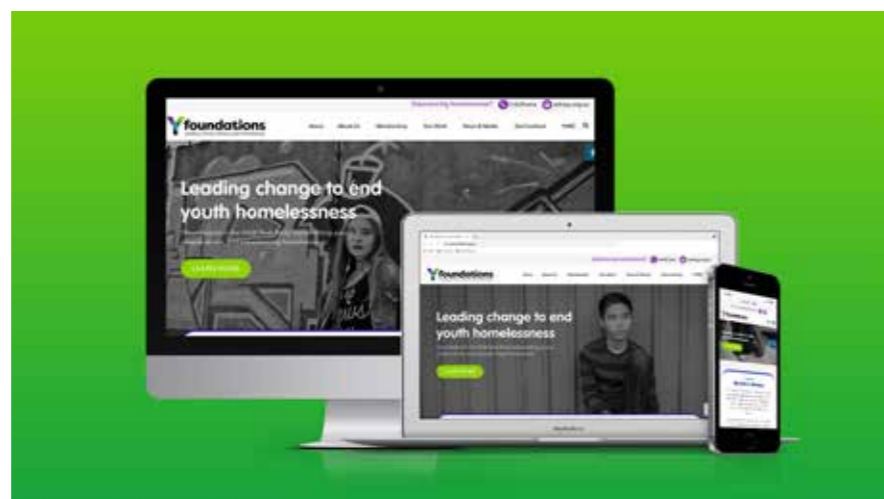
Youth Homelessness Matters Day (YHMD)

Youth Homelessness Matters Day Committee Launch

In 2021–2022, Yfoundations acquired the management of Youth Homelessness Matters Day from the National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH). In 2022, an advisory committee was set up to support future national days.

Yfoundations is excited to support this much-needed national campaign and create a day that both celebrates young people's resilience and advocates for better systems that prevent and respond to homeless children and young people.

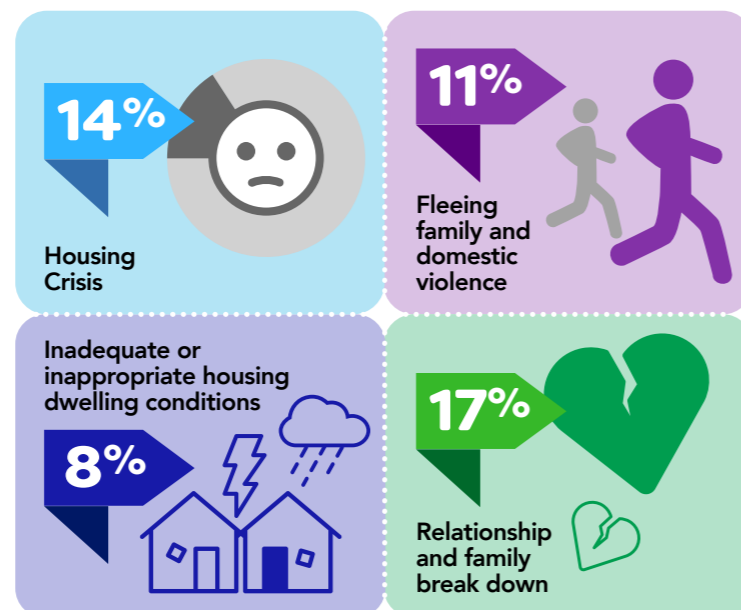
To date, Yfoundations has held two committee meetings to plan and support YHMD 2023.



SHINING A LIGHT ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Yfoundations
creating a future without youth homelessness

Young people in NSW commonly seek support from a Specialist Homelessness Services for:



AHWS Specialist Homelessness Collection Datacube 2019-20, commissioned by Yfoundations

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List of Committee members (at 30 June 2022):

- > Pam Barker, CEO, Yfoundations (NSW)
- > Nerida Ackerman, President, Yfoundations Board
- > Justin Barker, Youth Coalition (ACT)
- > Lorraine Dupree, Queensland Youth Housing Coalition (QLD)
- > Kate Mills, Property Industry Foundation (National)
- > Sandy McKiernan, Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (WA)
- > Ojisi Charlie, Alice Springs Youth Accommodation and Support Service (NT/Central Australia)
- > Michael Coffey, Catholic Social Services (NSW/ACT)
- > Jason Juretic, Stepping Stone House (NSW)
- > Kate Pockley, Yfoundations Marketing and Communications Officer
- > Trish Connolly, Yfoundations Manager of Policy and Research
- > Catherine Robinson, University of Tasmania (TAS)
- > Stephen Nash, Kids Under Cover (VIC)
- > Brisbane Youth Service representative, (QLD)

YHMD 2022 report

YHMD was held on 20 April 2022. Our preparation for this year's event was hampered by staff shortages as well as strong media competition from major news events, including the federal government election, national flood disasters, and the war in Ukraine. As a result, we did not get the wide traction we would have liked; however, we did obtain some positive coverage across the nation in the media.

Key activities of the campaign include:

- > website landing page: containing the Campaign Kit and social media resources. Our social media assets were shared widely around Australia (see below)
- > promotion in Yfoundations newsletter
- > organic social media posts
- > media articles (see below).

Media coverage:

- > Total Number of Media Clips: 13
- > Total Estimated Audience Reach: 935,489

Media articles included:

- > 8 April: 'Mission Australia Targeting Youth', Coffs Coast News
- > 24 April: 'Kids left out in the cold', Sunday Mail Adelaide
- > 24 April: 'Yfoundations calls for national youth homelessness strategy to tackle growing problem', Daily Telegraph

The Young & Homeless Podcast

Our podcast series continued to grow this year with three new episodes produced:

October 2021: Foyer housing – with Belinda Manevski and our YHRC member, Courtney

December 2021: Refugees and people seeking asylum – with Dor Achiek

January 2022: Youth Justice Report launch – with an interview panel of contributors

In this podcast series, we talked with some amazing speakers who are service providers, academics, and people with a lived experience of homelessness. We tackled some of the important issues faced by children and young people who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

You can access our podcasts through our website and on Spotify and the Google Podcast App.

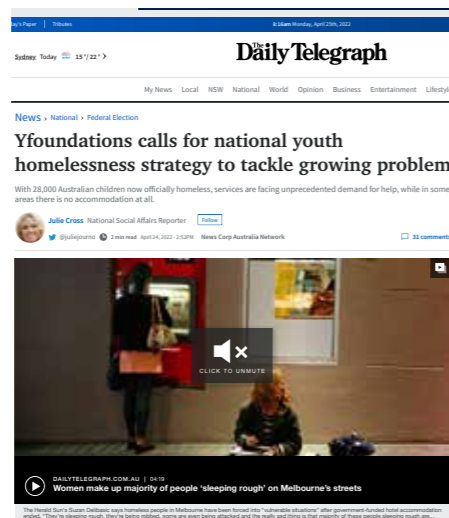


Yfoundations in the News



We use our voice to raise awareness and ensure children and young people and communities in need can thrive. We, our YHRC and our members have been very active in the news this year.

We worked closely with Pure PR to make sure we were telling authentic stories that reflected issues faced by our sector and young people across NSW.



Mamamia website	Youth homelessness doesn't always look how you think: interview with YHRC member, Courtney. 6 August, 2021
It's a Minefield! Podcast	Interview with Pam Barker, CEO. 14 August, 2021
Sydney Morning Herald online	'People fear police': Leader says decades of collaboration are being undone: Pam Barker quoted. 26 August, 2021
Balance the Grind website	Balancing the Grind interview with Pam Barker 27 September, 2021
Pro Bono Australia	Under 18-year-olds are still being locked up simply because they are homeless: article by Dr Elizabeth Watt, Olivia Iannelli and Shoshana Booth from Yfoundations on the Youth Justice Report. 7 October, 2021
The Guardian online	Teenagers 'charged for petty crimes' locked up in NSW because of homelessness: Pam Barker quoted. 8 October, 2021
ABC Radio National	Fears camping gear may be the only option for homeless youth when NSW lockdown lifts: interview with Pam Barker. 12 October, 2021
Daily Telegraph	Change bail laws and end cycle of homelessness: opinion piece by Pam Barker. 13 December, 2021
Sunday Telegraph	Homeless teens 'saved' with \$6m: interview with Pam Barker. 26 December, 2021
Parity Magazine	Calling on Governments for a National Youth Homelessness Strategy: opinion piece by Pam Barker. April 2022
Daily Telegraph online	Yfoundations calls for national youth homelessness strategy to tackle growing problem: Pam Barker and Jacob Osborne (YHRC member) quoted. 24 April, 2022
AusBiz. website	Yfoundations is making sure the kids are alright: interview with Pam Barker. 1 June, 2022

Financial Overview



Treasurer's Report

Dear Members,
I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year 2021-2022.

After a most challenging year, the current financial position and reserves of Yfoundations continue to be strong. All projects and grants were fully expended, and all legal accruals and entitlements were provided for.

In 2021-2022, Yfoundations received funding from DCJ for the State Peaks Program/Research and Policy Team, the Social Sector Support Fund and the Social Sector Transformation Fund. We also received funding from NSW Health for Sticky Stuff Training.

Thank you to the member services who have contributed nearly \$11,300 in membership fees, and a special thank you to those members who support Yfoundations by allowing the time for their staff to participate on the Yfoundations Board. I would also like to thank our external advisers who provide specialist financial support including our auditors Stewart Brown, and Purpose Accounting.

So, as I reflect on another year, I am aware of how fortunate we are to enjoy the kind of governance you only get from an experienced, skilled and effective board and I recognise the value that we derive from our experienced staff team led by CEO Pam Barker. Thank you, Pam, for your leadership and contribution to the work of Yfoundations. I wish you all the best in your new role and I look forward to working with your successor Trish Connolly.



Eleonore Johansson
Treasurer



member services have contributed **\$11,300** in membership fees

Board Members' Report

Financial Report – 30 June 2022

Yfoundations (Formerly Yfoundations Incorporated) ABN 20 512 756 029

Yfoundations is registered as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital under the provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Board Members present the financial report on Yfoundations for the year ended 30 June 2022 and report as follows:

Board Members

The names of the Board Members in office during or since the end of the year are as follows:

Nerida Ackerman (President)
Lex Lutherborrow (Secretary)
Eleonore Johansson (Treasurer)
Alan Brennan (Board Member)
Jody Pearce (Board Member)
Laurie Matthews (Board Member)
Nigel Parker (Board Member)
Kellie Checkley (Board Member)
Richard Ayoub (Board Member)
Lisa Graham (Board Member)
Meena Johnson (Board Member)
Daniel Roy (Board Member)

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was to raise the public profile of youth homelessness and support the community sector to better meet the needs of disadvantaged young people. There were no significant changes in the nature of the principal activities during the year.



Operating Result

The net result of the company for the financial year was a surplus of \$16,144 (2021: \$128,639). The company is a not-for-profit entity and is exempt from the payment of income tax.

Mission and Vision

Yfoundations represents the services that provide direct support to children and young people. With a focus on working closely with young people with a lived experience of homelessness, Yfoundations is helping to bridge the gap between the private and not-for-profit sectors.

Yfoundations mission: is to continue to be the strong NSW peak body leading change to end youth homelessness in NSW.

All of Yfoundations efforts focus on five foundations: Safety & Stability, Home & Place, Health & Wellness, Connections & Participation, and Education & Employment.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members:

Nerida Ackerman
President

17 September 2022

Eleonore Johansson
Treasurer

Surplus of
\$16,144
 (2021: \$128,639)

Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 30 June 2022

Yfoundations (Formerly Yfoundations Incorporated) ABN 20 512 756 029



	Note	2022	2021
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	\$1,082,892	\$1,155,829
Trade and other receivables	7	\$46,112	\$69,484
Total Current Assets		\$1,129,004	\$1,225,313
Non-current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	\$22,023	\$30,445
Right-of-use assets	9	\$51,173	-
Total Non-Current Assets		\$73,196	\$30,445
Total Assets		\$1,202,200	\$1,255,758
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	\$61,938	\$176,873
Lease liability	11	\$59,369	-
Provisions	12	\$18,368	\$32,247
Total Current Liabilities		\$139,675	\$209,120
Non-current Liabilities			
Provisions	12	\$15,644	\$15,901
Total Non-Current Liabilities		\$15,644	\$15,901
Total Liabilities		\$155,319	\$225,021
Net Assets		\$1,046,881	\$1,030,737
Funds			
Accumulated funds		\$1,046,881	\$1,030,737
Total Funds		\$1,046,881	\$1,030,737

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Profit or Loss & Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2022



	Note	2022	2021
Revenue	4	\$1,013,197	\$1,276,203
Other income	4	-	\$5,142
		\$1,013,197	\$1,281,345
Expenses			
Administration and other expenses		(\$29,159)	(\$60,060)
Conferences, events and workshops		(\$17,699)	(\$20,076)
Depreciation	5	(\$59,596)	(\$98,268)
Finance costs: lease liability	5	(\$3,158)	-
Occupancy		(\$8,416)	(\$36,068)
Office expenses		(\$32,060)	(\$43,941)
Professional fees and insurances		(\$68,559)	(\$88,714)
Project expenses		(\$167,597)	(\$17,589)
Salaries and employee benefits		(\$565,603)	(\$727,766)
Telecommunication		(\$27,246)	(\$41,186)
Travel		(\$17,960)	(\$19,038)
		(\$997,053)	\$1,152,706
Surplus Before Income Tax		\$16,144	\$128,639
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus for the year		\$16,144	\$128,639
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		\$16,144	\$128,639

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Funds

for the year ended 30 June 2022



	Accumulated Funds	Total
Balance at 30 June 2020	\$902,098	\$902,098
Comprehensive income		
Surplus for the year	\$128,639	\$128,639
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	\$128,639	\$128,639
Balance at 30 June 2021	\$1,030,737	\$1,030,737
Balance at 1 July 2021	\$1,030,737	\$1,030,737
Comprehensive income		
Surplus for the year	\$16,144	\$16,144
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	\$16,144	\$16,144
Balance at 30 June 2022	\$1,046,881	\$1,046,881

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2022



	Note	2022	2021
Cash Flows From Operating Activities			
Receipts from customers and government		\$1,058,153	\$1,261,663
Payments to suppliers and employees		(\$1,086,488)	(\$1,181,173)
Donations received		\$459	\$2,027
Interest received		\$1,075	\$4,178
Interest paid - leases		(\$3,158)	-
<i>Net cash flows from operating activities</i>		(\$29,959)	\$86,695
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	\$24,091
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(\$34,511)
<i>Net cash flows from investing activities</i>		-	(\$10,420)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liabilities		(\$42,978)	(\$58,135)
<i>Net cash flows from financing activities</i>		(\$42,978)	(\$58,135)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(\$72,937)	\$18,140
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		\$1,155,829	\$1,137,689
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	\$1,082,892	\$1,155,829

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2022



	2022	2021
Note 4 - Revenue		
Operating revenue		
Government grants - State Government	\$1,000,361	\$1,073,842
Dividends	-	\$128,262
Membership fees	\$11,291	\$11,851
	\$1,011,652	\$1,213,955
Other Revenue		
Donations	\$459	\$2,027
Interest income	\$1,075	\$4,178
Miscellaneous income	\$11	\$56,043
	\$1,545	\$62,248
<i>Total revenue</i>	\$1,013,197	\$1,276,203
Other Income		
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	\$5,142
<i>Total other income</i>	-	\$5,142
<i>Total revenue and other income</i>	\$1,013,197	\$1,281,345
Note 5 - Expenses		
Depreciation and amortisation		
Property, plant and equipment	\$8,422	\$41,295
Right-of-use assets	\$51,174	\$56,973
<i>Total depreciation and amortisation</i>	\$59,596	\$98,268
Finance costs: lease liability	\$3,158	-
Note 6 - Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and on hand	\$349,607	\$423,232
Term deposit	\$733,285	\$732,597
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	\$1,082,892	\$1,155,829
Note 7 - Trade and other receivables		
Current		
Trade receivables	\$68	\$1,533
Prepayments	\$45,864	\$30,485
Other receivables	\$180	\$37,466
<i>Total current trade and other receivables</i>	\$46,112	\$69,484

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 June 2022



Note 8 – Property, plant and equipment

	Leasehold Improvements	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
At 30 June 2021				
Cost	\$75,437	\$14,556	\$34,511	\$124,504
Accumulated depreciation	(\$75,437)	(\$12,665)	(\$5,957)	(\$94,059)
Net carrying amount	-	\$1,891	\$28,554	\$30,445
Movements in carrying amounts				
Opening net carrying amount	-	\$1,891	\$28,554	\$30,445
Depreciation charge for the year	-	(\$1,520)	(\$6,902)	(\$8,422)
Closing net carrying amount	-	\$371	\$21,652	\$22,023
At 30 June 2021				
Cost	-	\$14,556	\$34,511	\$49,067
Accumulated depreciation	-	(\$14,185)	(\$12,859)	(\$27,044)
Net carrying amount	-	\$371	\$21,652	\$22,023

	2022	2021
Note 9 – Right-of-use assets		
Leases - at cost	\$102,347	\$116,272
Accumulated depreciation	(\$51,174)	\$116,272
Total right-of-use assets	\$51,173	-
Movements in carrying amounts		
Opening net carrying amount	-	\$59,299
Additions - new leases entered into	\$102,347	-
Lease adjustment	-	(\$2,326)
Depreciation charge for the year	(\$51,174)	(\$56,973)
Closing net carrying amount	\$51,173	-

Note 10 – Trade and other payables

Current		
Trade payables	\$23,759	\$29,523
Income in advance	\$5,386	\$90,386
GST payable	\$7,414	\$20,711
Other payables	\$25,379	\$36,253
Total current trade and other payables	\$61,938	\$176,873



	2022	2021
Note 11 – Lease liabilities		
Current		
Leased office	\$59,369	-
Total current lease liabilities	\$59,369	-
Movements in carrying amounts		
Opening net carrying amount	-	\$60,461
Additions	\$102,347	-
Lease adjustment	-	(\$2,326)
Repayments	(\$46,136)	(\$58,135)
Interest	\$3,158	-
Closing net carrying amount	\$59,369	-
Note 12 – Provisions		
Current		
Annual leave	\$18,368	\$32,247
Total current provisions	\$18,368	\$32,247
Non-Current		
Long service leave	\$644	\$901
Make-good	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total non-current provisions	\$15,644	\$15,901
Note 13 – Auditor's remuneration		
Fees paid to StewartBrown, Chartered Accountants:		
Audit of the financial report	\$7,800	\$7,400
Preparation of the financial report	\$1,800	\$1,700
Total auditor's remuneration	\$9,600	\$9,100
Note 14 – Government grants		
The company has recognised government grant revenue from the following levels of government and departments:		
State - New South Wales		
Department of Communities and Justice	\$750,361	\$791,842
NSW Health	\$250,000	\$282,000
Total government grants	\$1,000,361	\$1,073,842
Note 15 – Contingent liabilities		
At balance date the company is not aware of the existence of any contingent liability.		
Note 16 – Events occurring after balance date		
There were no significant events occurring after the balance sheet date.		

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Yfoundations Incorporated

Financial Report – 30 June 2022

Yfoundations (Formerly Yfoundations Incorporated) ABN 20 512 756 029

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Yfoundations which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Board Members Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Yfoundations Inc is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to

our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, which has been given to the responsible persons of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the responsible persons as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Board Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board Members of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as the responsible persons determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible persons either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



Stewart Brown
Chartered Accountants

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the website address is <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>

We communicate with the responsible persons regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



S. J. Hutcheon
Partner

17 September 2022



Board Members' Declaration

Financial Report – 30 June 2022

Yfoundations (Formerly Yfoundations Incorporated) ABN 20 512 756 029



The Board Members of Yfoundations Incorporated declare that:

1. The financial statements, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures (including Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
 - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
2. In the opinion of the Board Members, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members.



Nerida Ackerman
President

17 September 2022



Eleonore Johansson
Treasurer

Our Team



Pam Barker
Chief Executive Officer



Trish Connolly
Manager of Research and Policy



Alice Taylor
Senior Research and Policy Officer



Megan Hall
Health Promotion and Training



Kate Pockley
Marketing and Communications Officer

We said goodbye to the following staff members:

Natalie Poulos
Admin Support to CEO

Dr Elizabeth Watt
Manager of Research and Policy

Olivia Iannelli
Senior Research and Policy Officer

Shoshana Booth
Research and Policy Assistant

Caitlyn Ellender
Marketing and Communications Officer

Thank you for your service and commitment to supporting NSW's most vulnerable children and young people.



Our Board



Nerida Ackerman
President



Eleonore Johansson
Treasurer
Illawarra Representative
Southern Youth and Family Services



Lex Lutherborrow
Secretary
Sydney Representative
Youth off the Streets



Richard Ayoub
Nepean Blue Mountains Representative
Platform Youth Service



Alan Brennan
Hunter New England Representative
Pathfinders



Laurie Matthews
South Eastern Sydney Representative
Caretakers Cottage



Nigel Parker
South Eastern Sydney Representative
St Laurence House



Jody Pearce
Western NSW Representative
Veritas House



Kellie Checkley
Specialist Delegate
SYC Ltd



Lisa Graham
Metropolitan Delegate
Taldumande House



Meena Johnson
Northern NSW
Wesley Mission



Daniel Roy
First Nations Representative
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Thank you



A sincere thanks to all our members and funders

Blue Sky Community Services
 Caretakers Cottage
 Coast Shelter
 Core Community Services
 Eleonore Johansson
 Hume Community Housing Association
 Jewish House
 Launchpad Youth Community
 Lighthouse Community Care
 Lillian's (Lillian Howell Project Inc.)
 MacKillop Family Services
 Marist 180
 Mission Australia
 Moree Family Support
 Oasis Youth Support Network
 Parramatta Mission

Pathfinders
 Phoenix House Youth Services
 Platform Youth Services
 Port Stephens Family & Neighbourhood Services
 Project Youth
 Quality College of Australia
 Relationships Australia
 Samaritans Maitland
 Settlement Services International
 Social Futures
 South East Women's & Children's Services
 Southern Youth and Family Services
 St Laurence House
 St Saviours Youth Liverpool
 Stepping Stone House

SYC Limited
 Taldumande Youth Services
 The Burdekin Association
 The Crossing
 The Family Centre (St Joseph's Youth Service)
 The Girl's Refuge
 The Salvation Army
 Twenty10
 Veritas House
 Vinnies Reconnect
 Weave Youth & Community Services
 Wesley Mission
 YES Youth and Family Services
 Youth Action
 Youth Off The Streets
 YP Space

Government partners

NSW Ministry of Health
 NSW Department of Communities and Justice

Community partnerships

We are exceptionally grateful to the following organisations and companies that have supported our work during a year of floods and COVID-19.

This work has supported our sector as well as children and young people.

Pure PR: Phoebe Netto – support with PR and media coverage advocating for vulnerable young people and the youth homelessness sector.

Creative Promo: Barbara Isaacs – generous donations of excess stock and clothing to our member services.

Half Sunk Sound: James Ellender – audio production and music composition for our Young & Homeless Podcast.

Miscible: Molly Patton – supporting Yfoundations with all our design work.

Charity tick

Yfoundations is proud to be a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and has the highest commitment to transparency, accountability and governance.





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