

ganbina focus

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We're here for YOU!

More and more young people are enrolling with Ganbina every year, and so we have some new team members in the Shepparton office to provide extra resources to help you make the most of your time at school and plan a great career.

Our Shepparton team, who are there to help you every step of the way with your education, training and employment needs, are (pictured above, left to right): Rianne Hood, Leadership Program Coordinator; Larissa Falla, General Manager; Cecilia Ndala, Employment Program Project Officer; Talitha Macrae, Administration Assistant; and Lisa Marsden and Sue Davis, our Education Program Project Officers.

Ganbina - a world of fantastic opportunities for you!

When you take part in Ganbina's program, you get to enjoy a whole heap of unique learning activities, support and experiences that you might not otherwise have access to.

We help you to do the best you can do at school and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. We can help you to get work experience, write your CV, apply for jobs, and introduce you to employers in Shepparton and elsewhere.

Plus you can learn exciting new skills like personal development or leadership training with Ganbina.

You can also get your driver's licence through Ganbina and financial assistance with your education or work related expenses.

Our program is open to all young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, from the age of six to 25 years old. You can join at any age, and it's free.

For more information on what you can get out of Ganbina's program, you or your family members can drop into our Shepparton office at any time to talk to us (1 High Street, Shepparton). Or you can call us on 03 5821 7333, or email us at info@ganbina.com.au

"Ganbina changed my life. They opened up so many doors and opportunities for me that I would never had had otherwise."



Larissa Falla
General Manager

When you want to know more about:

- How the Ganbina program works.
- What extra tutoring support you can get.
- What financial support we can give you.

Larissa is a Dulgubarra Yidinji woman and has worked in the Greater Shepparton area for over 20 years. Before becoming the General Manager of our Shepparton office, she was a member of the Board of Ganbina, and her three children, Mya, Logan and Lacey, are all enrolled with Ganbina.

Larissa earlier had a fantastic career with GOTAFE, most recently as the Manager of Marketing & Creative Services, and she has also worked as a manager in the retail sector.

"I have been a supporter of Ganbina for a long time," she said, "and I am thrilled to now be part of the team on the ground who bring the program to life. I am passionate about empowering young Indigenous people to develop their full potential, so this is my dream job."

Larissa is responsible for managing the day to day operation of the Shepparton office, and for building relationships with our local partners.



Cecilia Ndala

Employment Program Project Officer

When you want to know more about:

- How to get some work experience.
- How to connect with local employers.
- How to apply for a job.

Cecilia has heaps of experience in the employment industry, so she's your go-to person when you want to know how to get a job. Before joining Ganbina, she helped hundreds of people find jobs through Max Employment, a national agency. She has extensive experience in multiple industry sectors and government, and she has great contacts with a wide range of local employers.

"I love helping young people to take their first steps towards a career of their dreams," she said.



Talitha Macrae

Administration Assistant

When you want to know more about:

- Who to speak to about a question you have.
- The forms you need for program registration or scholarships.
- How to update your details with Ganbina.

Nineteen year old Talitha knows all about Ganbina. A Yorta Yorta woman, she enrolled on our program when she was at Mooroopna Secondary College. Talitha is a former Ganbina Youth Leadership Program graduate; a winner of two Education Youth Achievement Awards; and she will start a business traineeship with Ganbina this year. "I have had so many amazing opportunities and experiences through Ganbina," she said. "I think it's a brilliant program for young Indigenous people."

**Lisa Marsden,
Sue Davis &
Rianne Hood**



Education Program Project Officers Lisa Marsden and Sue Davis; and Rianne Hood, Leadership Coordinator (L-R above), will be familiar faces to many of you.

Lisa and Sue have been with Ganbina for over 10 years. Their role is to be one on one mentors to young people enrolled on our program in their

day to day lives at school, helping them to make the most of the opportunities that come their way and to iron out any difficulties they may have.

Rianne runs our three year Leadership Program (Years 10-12). The program includes personal development, leadership skills, and special annual interstate and overseas trips.



Name

Logan Falla

School

Orrvale Primary School, Year 5

Interests

Basketball, football, camping, fishing

Favourite subject

Maths and PE

Early ambitions

Professional dog walker

Current Career Goal

A job with animals



Name

Kaitlyn Crowhurst

School

McGuire College, Year 9

Interests

Dance

Favourite subjects

Ceramics

Early ambitions

Teacher

Current Career Goal

Teacher



Name

Caylem Roberts

School

Wanganui Park Secondary College, Year 11

Interests

Footy, hanging out with friends

Favourite subjects

English

Early ambitions

To play AFL

When I grow up

Tradesperson

On the radar

1 April	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program – Travel Preparation
6 April – 13 April	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program – New Zealand Tour
10 April	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – First Aid Training
29 April	Internal Accelerated Learning Program begins
26 April	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Community Dinner
1 May	Careers Night
6 May	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program- Leadership Traits
10 May	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Looking at Culture and Local History
13 May	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Bloodlines
20 May	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Leadership Traits
15 June	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Communication
21 June	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Culture
24 June	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Travel Preparation
1-5 July	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Melbourne/Sydney Tour
15 July	Internal Accelerated Learning Program – Term 3 begins
22 July	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program – Community
26 July	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program – Community Dinner