

# Partner Update

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Ganbina - Agents of Change

## Ganbina: Unlocking the power of Indigenous potential

Ganbina is the only organisation in Australia which mentors young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continuously throughout their crucial development years.

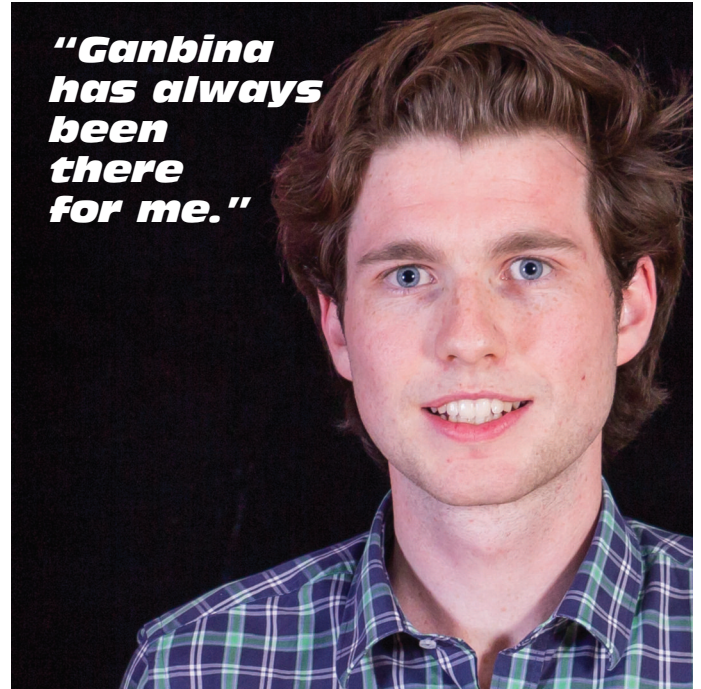
This means that as our participants make the long and often difficult journey from childhood through to adulthood, Ganbina is there for them, every step of the way, providing guidance, support and encouragement to help them unlock their full potential.

It is this long-term, sustained support which enables our participants to make the most of the wonderful opportunities which are open to all Australians. Opportunities to get a great education, take up vocational or tertiary training, have meaningful careers and live rewarding, independent lives.

This issue features two Ganbina participants who are well on their way to unlocking the power of their full potential – Sam Muir and Carly Mohamed.

As members of Ganbina's 1000+ cohort of 'Agents of Change,' these young people are, by example, inspiring and leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to a brighter future.

***"Ganbina has always been there for me."***



**Ganbina has mentored 21 year old Sam Muir throughout his education journey from primary school through to secondary school and on to university. He won Ganbina's Youth of the Year Achievement Award in 2016. Sam's story is a great example of how Ganbina's continuous guidance can help young people unlock the power of their potential.**

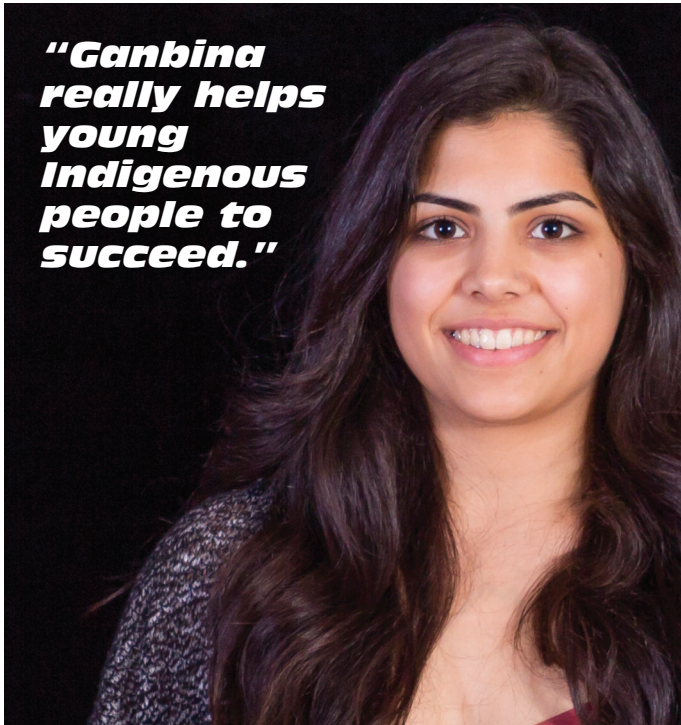
Sam began his journey with Ganbina in 2007 when he enrolled on our JOBS4U2 Education Program in primary school in Grade 5. Today, he is registered on our Vocational Program while he studies for his Bachelor of Communications at RMIT.

Over the last 11 years, Ganbina has formed a close relationship with Sam, providing one on one mentoring, life skills and experiences, and connections to our unique network of partners in the wider community.

"Ganbina helped me through school and when I moved to Melbourne, they were able to connect me with some away from home support networks. I also got my driving licence through the Ganbina Driver Skills Program.

"As well as studying at uni, I also work part-time at Crown Resorts, one of Ganbina's corporate partners. I am a Recruitment Consultant, Indigenous Programs and I love it."

**“Ganbina really helps young Indigenous people to succeed.”**



Carly Mohamed is 21. She has been involved with Ganbina since secondary school. Carly has won several Ganbina Youth Achievement Awards and was joint Ganbina Youth of the Year in 2013, 2014 and 2017. She is currently enrolled on Ganbina's Vocational Program while she studies for an Arts/Law Degree at Monash University.

“Ganbina helped me get a job with PwC’s Indigenous Consulting (PIC) who are one of their corporate partners,” said Carly. “I do evaluations on various Indigenous programs and the more reviews I do, the more I realise how impressive the Ganbina program is.

“Their success rates are unbelievable, particularly for Year 12 attainment averages.\* I really respect Ganbina for the way they are helping young Indigenous people to succeed.”

\* Over 91% of Ganbina participants complete Year 12 (National Indigenous average = 61.4%)

### Tribute to William Cooper (1860-1941)

Ganbina would like to pay tribute to Yorta Yorta man, William Cooper, an Indigenous activist and human rights advocate. A memorial statue was unveiled in his honour in the Queens Gardens in Shepparton last month.

William Cooper established the Australian Aborigines’ League, the National Day of Mourning, and is recognised as the Father of the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). He is also commemorated in the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Melbourne for leading a delegation of the Australian Aborigines’ League to the German Consulate in 1938 to petition against the Nazi government’s persecution of Jewish people.

### Jobs4U2 Funding Status

Jobs4U2 is the umbrella name for Ganbina’s school to work transition program activities. Every year, at least 80 per cent of all young people who enrol complete their program successfully.

Ganbina operates Australia’s most successful Indigenous school to work transition program. A registered charity, we are an independent organisation which is free from any political, religious or other affiliations. We rely entirely on support from philanthropic trusts, corporate partners and individual donors to carry out our work.

Program	Annual Cost	Funding Jan - Dec 2018 (red indicates shortfall)
Jobs Education Jobs Training Jobs Employment	\$707,987	\$58,417
Scholarships	\$141,780	\$22,350
Leadership Training	\$211,140	47,140
Driver Skills Program	\$33,000	0
Youth Achievement Awards	\$20,000	\$10,000
Operations	\$489,171	113,017

If you would like to invest in, or know more about Ganbina’s activities, please contact our CEO, Anthony Cavanagh, on 0428 217 332.