

# Focus

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## Hello Ganbina participants and families,

Welcome to the July edition of the Ganbina focus newsletter!

We hope that you all had a deadly NAIDOC Week, as well as the chance to celebrate with mob and community. It was great to see many of our Ganbina participants taking part in Welcome to Country dances at community NAIDOC Week events in Shepparton and the wider Goulburn Valley area.

This year the Shepparton community really came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week, particularly at our local schools with Greater Shepparton Secondary College hosting VAEAI's inaugural Koorie Big Day Out. GSSC was chosen for the event due to Greater Shepparton having the largest Aboriginal community in regional Victoria. The event included panel sessions, cultural activities and workshops aimed at supporting First Nations youth to dream big and achieve their aspirations.

You may have also spotted the Ganbina project officers in the Shepp News during NAIDOC Week, where we spoke about the importance of NAIDOC Week to culture and community. If you have a subscription to the Shepp News, [you can read the article here.](#)

Keep reading below to find out more about the Ganbina Youth Leadership Program's recent trip to Cairns. The Cairns trip is a great example of the opportunities and activities that are available to Ganbina participants who apply for the Youth Leadership Program. If you're currently in Year 10, you may want to speak with your Project Officer about applying.

You'll also find details about our upcoming major events, including a fantastic transition workshop for Year 12 students. If you are a Year 12 student, I highly encourage you to attend.

Regards,

Anthony  
Ganbina CEO



*Top story*



### **Youth Leadership Program: Year 11 Trip to Cairns**

The Year 11 Youth Leadership Program participants Lincoln Atkinson, Chenneil Fowler and Grace Jones recently had the opportunity to go on a trip to tropical Cairns, where they got to meet and learn about local mobs and the community work that's happening, meet with universities and experience the major tourist sites in Far North Queensland.

Continue reading below to find out about the deadly activities and experiences the Youth Leadership Program participants got to enjoy.

**READ MORE**

**FOR THE DIARY - Year 12 Transition Workshop - with a trip to  
ESCAPE, SMASH, PLAY Shepparton!**



If you're a Year 12 student enrolled in Ganbina's Jobs4U2 education program, you have access to the upcoming Year 12 transition workshop, which will include a free trip to Escape, Smash, Play Shepparton!

The workshop aims to help current Year 12 students with their goals and aspirations after Year 12. The workshop is an opportunity to come together with other Ganbina Year 12 Koorie students to talk about what they may like to do once they complete Year 12 and how Ganbina can support them post-Year 12, up until the age of 25.

The workshop will help students develop an action plan for how they are going to achieve that dream job or university study path, and also involve team building activities and discussions on finding out who you are as an individual! Dayna (Ganbina's Education and Training Project Officer) will be able to help with any assistance or support students may need.

For example, Dayna can help workshop participants:

- Start thinking about what they want to achieve after they complete school
  - Apply for university and/or TAFE courses
- Find out what subjects they will need to study in order to pursue their dream career
- Find a job directly after completing Year 12, e.g. casual/after university job or permanent part-time or full-time work
- Long-term goal planning (i.e. Where do you see yourself five years from now?)
  - What support Ganbina can offer participants aged 18-25

The workshop includes a trip to the new Escape, Smash and Play in Shepparton for an interactive team-building activity and a pizza dinner.

**WHAT:** Ganbina Year 12 Transition Workshop

**WHERE:** Ganbina Shepparton office - Suite 2, 1 High Street Shepparton

**WHEN:** Friday, July 28th 4pm-8pm

**RSVP:** By July 24th. Email Dayna by clicking the button below OR an SMS will be sent from your Project Office that you can reply to directly

**OTHER:** Pizza will be provided on the night for dinner.

**RSVP TO YEAR 12 TRANSITION WORKSHOP**

*On the radar*

**28 July** Year 12 Transition Workshop

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**2 August** Year 9 Industry Tour

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**16 August** Year 8 Industry Tour

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**18 August** Year 11 and Year 12 Youth Leadership Program Community Dinner

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**30 August** Year 7 Industry Tour

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**31 August** Accelerated Learning Program Ends - Maths

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**11 September** Year 11 & Year 12 Youth Leadership Program Travel Prep - New Zealand

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**17 September** Year 11 & Year 12 Youth Leadership Program Trip - New Zealand

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**25 September** Ganbina Awards open

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**13 October** Year 11 Youth Leadership Program - Communications & Public Speaking

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**20 October** Awards applications close

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**26-27 October** Awards winners notified

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**30-31 October** Awards photos

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Ganbina acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, learn and work upon. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and commit to working respectfully to honour their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to their respective communities.



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