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New Year at Ganbina: One generation down. One to go.

Dear <<First Name>>,

In 2023, Ganbina enters its 26th year of operation. However, this year is not only our 26th year of helping Aboriginal children and youth in the Goulburn Valley unlock their full potential. It is also the first year of our second generation, of our two generation (or 50 year) pilot program.

When Ganbina began operations in 1997 (under the name KEETA), the vision was that within two generations, Aboriginal children and youth would achieve economic and social equity.

Twenty-five years later, we have completed that first generation - and the community landscape could not look more different than what it did in 1997. Aboriginal kids in Shepparton are now staying in school, graduating Year 12 and working in after-school service jobs all over town in numbers that have never been seen before.

While we are thrilled to have achieved so much in our first 25 years, we are always conscious that we may be one generation down, but there is still one generation to go.

We are always looking to the future and at the time of writing, registrations for the Jobs4U2 program are in full swing and have been so since early February.

Our community has also recently experienced devastating floods that affected the Shepparton region last year. We have also been able to celebrate our first Ganbina

Youth Achievement awards in person in more than two years.

Looking to the future, we are making the next steps with our digitisation project, as well as our expansion project, which looks to expand the Jobs4U2 program to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that could benefit from our model.

Exciting times lie ahead and without your support, none of this would be possible.

Regards,



Anthony Cavanagh,
Ganbina CEO



Ganbina Youth Achievement Awards - A Celebration of Resilience and Joy

Aboriginal children are often bombarded by negative stereotypes about Aboriginal achievement in education, training and employment. Common stereotypes include 'Aboriginal kids all drop out of school' or 'are great on the footy field but not in the classroom.' These negative stereotypes have been shown to have a harmful impact on Aboriginal people's self-esteem and perpetuate a myth that academic achievement is not for them.

In order to counteract this negative stereotype and its negative effects on Aboriginal children and youth in the Goulburn Valley, Ganbina have been hosting the Ganbina Youth Achievement Awards since 2005.

Open to all Aboriginal children and youth in the Goulburn Valley, the annual awards night celebrates Aboriginal achievement specifically in education, training and employment. Winners not only receive a certificate acknowledging their achievements, but also a cash prize, at a gala dinner surrounded by their family, friends and peers.

Current Ganbina board member, former Ganbina participant and Youth Achievement

Award winner Lena Charles-Loffel, remembers the impact the awards night had on her as a young Aboriginal person.

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Up & Coming at Ganbina

Meet a few of our Ganbina participants below, who are currently enrolled in our education, training and/or employment programs.

Corey Colger

School

St Anne's College, Year 7

Interests

Football, basketball and cricket

Current Career Goal

A paleontologist and a football/cricket player



Frances Atkinson

School

Greater Shepparton
Secondary College, Year 12
(graduate)

Interests

First Nations dancing,
football

Current Career Goal

To join the Victorian police
force



Lakota Hayes-Atkinson

School

SEDA College

Interests

Building sports and motor skills in young children

Current Career Goal

Sports coach



Muna Brown

Employer

Empire Painting

Interests

Basketball, football and netball

Current Career

Painter (full time)



Jobs4U2 Funding Status

Program	Annual Cost	Funding Jan – Dec 2023 (Red indicates shortfall)
Jobs Education		
Jobs Training		
Jobs Employment	\$422,929	Gap – \$79,180
Scholarships	\$219,500	Gap – \$18,249
Leadership Training	\$276,567	Gap – \$78,567
Driver Skills Program	\$20,000	Gap – \$0
Youth Achievement Awards	\$25,000	Gap – \$25,000
Operations	\$410,801	Gap – \$25,800

If you would like to invest in, or know more about Ganbina's activities, please contact our CEO, Anthony Cavanagh, on +61 428 217 332.



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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