

# Partner *update*



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## **Another year of Jobs4U2 is coming to a close... October Partner Update**

Dear <<First Name>>,

As we enter the third quarter of the year, another year of Jobs4U2 will soon come to a close.

This year will be our 26th year of delivering our school-to-work transition program for Aboriginal children and youth in the Goulburn Valley.

**In 2023, Jobs4U2 registered 372 Aboriginal children and youth. This is an increase on our 2022 program numbers of 346.**

For the remainder of the year, our staff will be focused on supporting our participants as many of them approach the final few months of the schooling year, including Year 12 graduation.

The end of year will include our annual Aboriginal Youth Achievement Awards. An annual gala dinner where we recognise Goulburn Valley Aboriginal youth achievements in education, training and employment. It is a lovely way to end the year and always a highlight on the Ganbina calendar.

Continue reading this edition for an update on what's been happening at Ganbina, including the Year 11 and Year 12 Youth Leadership Program trip to New Zealand and a Q&A with Ganbina's newest Project Officer Brad Argæet.

At the board level, we are pleased to welcome new board members Dr Ash Francisco and Fallon Wanganeen, who will provide invaluable experience and expertise to our board.

Thank you for all of your continued support of Ganbina and the work that we do.

Kind Regards,



Anthony Cavanagh,  
Ganbina CEO

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## **Ganbina Highlight: Yr 11 & 12 Youth Leadership Program trip to New Zealand**

One of the highlights on the Ganbina calendar for our Year 11 and Year 12 leadership program participants is the annual trip to New Zealand.

To encourage more Aboriginal youth to remain in mainstream education, Ganbina participants who join the Youth Leadership Program and are in Year 11 or 12, are able to go on an all-expenses paid week-long trip to New Zealand.

For many of the participants, this is their first trip overseas. They are also often the first in their family to have a passport and travel internationally.

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## NEW STAFF MEMBER: Q&A with Brad Argæet, Ganbina Project Officer



### **"I tell the kids to not drop out of school like I did"**

Ganbina has recently welcomed a new staff member in our Shepparton office. Brad Argæet has joined the team as a Project Officer.

A Yorta Yorta man, Brad was one of those Aboriginal youth who dropped out of the education system by Year 9. As an adult, Brad regrets not completing secondary school and uses his life experience to encourage Ganbina's Aboriginal youth to not make the same mistake he did. In this Q&A he speaks about his experience growing up as an Aboriginal youth in Shepparton and how he's finding his new role.

#### ***How did the opportunity to apply for the Project Officer role come about?***

It was a conversation with Lisa (Ganbina staff member) when I brought in my nephew to the Ganbina office several years ago. She suggested I work for Ganbina and I was off work at the time due to being on Workcover. I kept it in the back of my mind and when I was ready to return to work, there was a role available. So it was good timing.

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## **New Ganbina board members - Welcome Ash and Fallon!**

### **New Board Member - Dr Ash Francisco**



Ash is a proud Wiradjuri woman who grew up on Wurundjeri and Bunurong Country and is now based on Taungurung Country in North Central Victoria. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) from the University of Melbourne and a Master's degree in Applied Cultural Analysis from Lunds University in Sweden.

Her industry experience has focused on advancing Indigenous success and restorative justice in both the corporate and public sectors. She obtained a PhD from the University of Newcastle detailing the history of the NSW Aboriginal Protection Board throughout the 1930s and the Welfare Board throughout the 40s. Her current research agenda focuses on the Indigenous future of work, regional Indigenous business development and access and youth leadership.

### **New Board Member - Fallon Wanganeen**



Fallon is a proud Narungga man from the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia. He is a results-driven professional with a proven track record in championing diversity and inclusion. His roles have spanned across Talent Acquisition, Employment Program Management, and Employee Journey Enhancement. As ANZ's Inclusion Program Manager, he focuses on harnessing the power of diversity by creating employment avenues for underrepresented groups and fostering workplace capabilities.

His expertise lies in strategically stabilising program frameworks, cultivating stakeholder relationships, and driving process enhancements that translate into tangible and cost-effective improvements.

*We are very excited to be benefitting from Ash and Fallon's experience and expertise!*

***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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