



**2023**  
**YAL Annual Report**  
**Thrive**



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YAL pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of this Nation and to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their strength and resilience and their continues knowledge and care for the land and waterways on which we live, work , learn and love

The Whadjuk Noongnar and Gimuy-Wakuurra Yidi people are the traditional owners of the lands of which YAL Perth and Cairns has a physical presence

## Our People

### Our Staff

Tammy-Rae Schaper, **CEO**  
 Amanda Brickwood, **CFO**  
 David Stanley, **YAL Cairns Manager**  
 Georgie Lockyer, **Communication Coordinator**  
 Jess, **Scholarship Coordinator**  
 Rae Rae, **Facility Support**  
 Dee Dee, **Facility Support**  
 Vee, **Facility Support**  
 Merv, **Facility Support**

### Our Scholarship Judges

Sean	Mick	Frank
Mafa	Mia	Jodie
Shontae	Karen	Par Chin
Erin	Lewis	Steph
Sarah	Ranju	Mike

### Highlights

- YAL Spirit, a program that addresses the barriers in the lives of young people who need financial support provided financial assistance to **39 young people**.
- **Supported 21 young people** throughout the scholarship program with holistic assistance in all areas of their lives.
- Launch of YAL Patch food garden
- YAL Cairns team travelled to Perth to celebrate the YAL Connect Presentation Event.

### Our Board

Sean Henbury, **Chair**  
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In the dynamic tapestry of 2023, the seeds planted by YAL have blossomed into vibrant blooms, enriching the lives of countless young Australians. At our core, YAL remains steadfast in its mission to uplift and empower disadvantaged youth across Australia, guiding them towards a future brimming with possibilities.

Throughout the year, we've remained dedicated to expanding our programs while staying attuned to the voices of the young people we serve. In our ninth year of YAL Connect, we joyfully welcomed 12 new members into our family, embarking on a journey to support them in achieving their aspirations. Their addition brings our YAL Connect recipients to a total of 74.

As we eagerly anticipate our milestone 10th anniversary, it's heartening to witness the enduring connections within our community. This year, we took a new approach by involving YAL alumni in our judging panels, enriching our assessments with their invaluable insights and experiences. A huge thank you must go out to Sarah, Erin, Par Chin, Lewis, Shontae & Mia.

It has always been critical that YAL continues to understand the changing needs of the young people of Australia. With the expansion of our full-time staff, we have had the opportunity to form our inaugural Youth Advisory Committee. Being formed at the end of the year with a focus on examining our current program and providing feedback while also giving us a greater understanding of the changing needs of the young people we serve. We thank the board for being extremely receptive to hearing from the team.

With the success of the YAL Spirit Pilot last year we launched the inaugural program this year. The program has been fully funded by YAL which has enabled us to

have complete autonomy over the program's outcomes and objectives. Choosing to partner with other youth organisation who are doing amazing on ground impacts with a diverse group of young people has been incredibly rewarding. When we first proposed this program in 2021 it was in recognition that many young people fall through the cracks of current funding opportunities who with an injection of funds for a specific item or opportunity can make such a vital impact on their journey. The outcomes have consistently shown that this is indeed the case.

With having teams on two sides of this vast country it was fantastic to have the opportunity to bring our Cairns team to Perth to celebrate the new Connect recipients in May. This was the first time that the whole YAL team have been able to all be together which was incredibly motivating. The teams trip coincided with the YAL Connect presentation event & Fun Day which allowed the team to see firsthand the young people we support.

In August, we celebrated the long-awaited garden project in Cairns, YAL Patch. On what turned out to be an unseasonably drizzly Cairns day we officially 'opened' the garden. The project has focused on providing a meeting place for growth, learning and connecting for the clients who are supported from Anglicare QHome team. In addition to the garden, we created a training room which will be utilised for additional training for QHome clients. Steps have partnered with us to provide tailored training to QHome clients which will engage other opportunities once they transition. With the climate in Cairns providing the perfect growing environment it has already produced a bounty of produce which the QHome kitchen has made great use of. It has been a privilege to provide this space as a sanctuary for learning and healing.

As we reflect on another successful year, we're humbled by the profound impact even the smallest gestures, like our stationery drive, can have on young lives. It's a poignant reminder of the power of community and compassion in effecting positive change.

YAL isn't just a sum of its programs and outcomes it is the family, the connections, understanding, learning and experiences that we all go on together. We are stronger because of our history, our connections and our love and respect for each other. Boss was a man of integrity, embracing of learning and continuing to meet the needs of the young people who would eventually become the change makers of tomorrow. This is as true today as it was 118 years ago, we should all be proud of continuing to come together to make this a continued reality.

Just before I close, I would like to say a special thank you to Amanda who gallantly stepped in for me while I took my long service leave earlier this year. Amanda has worked along side me for many years now and has always provided me with stability and sounding board which I am eternally grateful for.

Closing with thanks to our sponsors, our partners, our board and my incredible team who each day live and breathe the values of YAL in everything they do. It is a privilege to work with you all and I look forward to 2024 and beyond as we continue to strive to meet the ever-changing needs of young Australians.

*"It's with partnership and connections that we thrive."*

Tammy-Rae Schaper  
Chief Executive Officer



# Notes from the Board

2023 has been another amazing year for YAL, and as a Board we have been privileged to see our organisation through some significant achievements, in what is now our 118th year supporting young Australians ! Our commitment to creating a supportive place for young Aussies to grow and reach their potential is unwavering and I am proud to report continued progress in advancing our vision and mission.

Our CEO Tammy-Rae, and the team have worked tirelessly this year, with purpose and enthusiasm. Tammy continues to provide the YAL Team with exceptional leadership, mentoring and her unwavering dedication to the needs of young people is unparalleled. Tammy even had time to take some long service leave (That's right she hit the 10 year milestone!) and our talented CFO, Amanda Brickwood stepped in to take the reins.

Many congratulations to Tammy for your 10 years of commitment to YAL, which have significantly contributed to us achieving sustainable, long-term success. We are also grateful to Amanda for stepping in to some big shoes in Tammy's absence – thank you kindly.

The YAL Team continue to respond to an ever-changing environment and have delivered on our strategic priorities which include

Engagement, Growth, Capacity & Sustainability. Key highlights that were a pleasure for us to oversee were:

- The expansion of YAL Connect where 12 scholarships were awarded.
- We held our 7th, annual YAL Stationary Drive.
- YAL Patch in partnership with Anglicare NQ & STEPS Education & Training was launched at our YAL Cairns, to make the facility feel more like home.
- Continued success of YAL Spirit
- Establishment of YAL Youth Advisory Committee

Our Cairns Team traveling to Perth to attend the YAL Connect Presentation event and participate in the recipient fun day.

In terms of our work as a board, this year we have placed high value and focus into the governance of YAL, specifically in the development of new policies and the review of existing ones. We believe that this concentrated focus will bolster our foundation and enable us to continue to effectively strengthen our processes, in preparation for future growth.

In terms of financial performance, we have remained diligent in stewarding the resources entrusted to us. We have maintained fiscal responsibility and maintained a healthy balance sheet, whilst advancing our mission. We couldn't do this without your help and as we reflect on the accomplishments, challenges and strides over the past year we are filled with gratitude. Without our members, donors, partners, supporters and volunteers we would not be able to deliver such unique opportunities ,that create a space for young Aussies to grow and reach their potential.

Specific thanks go to the City of Wanneroo, City of Swan, Schiavello WA, Schindler WA, Harrison Family Trust, City of Stirling, On Sixth Business Psychology Services, Cairns Regional Council, Anglicare NQ, Stars Foundation, Kalamunda and Districts Basketball Association, Direction Psychology, and the family of the late Hilary Farrant for their contribution to YAL throughout 2023. We would also like to thank all those who participated in our stationery drive.

As we look into the future of YAL we are filled with optimism and determination. We remain committed and are confident with your continued support, we can overcome any challenges that lie ahead whilst building our capacity to support more young people. We have some exciting opportunities developing and can't wait to share more with you as they are realised.

In conclusion, our Board would like to express sincere appreciation to our entire YAL family, for your ongoing commitment and passion. Together we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of many, and we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead in 2024 and beyond.

Yours in writing  
YAL Board of Directors





## Patrick's Journey

Patrick joined the YAL Connect family in 2020, from his application we could sense this was a young man that put everyone before himself and it was time we offered him that same kindness. Coming from a family of 17 he forged his own path and tirelessly worked to create spaces for young people whom needed connection. It was this tenacity that saw him be awarded a YAL Connect Scholarship.

Deferring his first year, 2020, saw him center himself in his dreams and desires around studying medicine and working towards becoming a doctor. He moved from Albany WA to Perth and began his studying journey at Curtin University.

However, what Patrick soon learned there is barriers to being a medical student who needs to make ends meet, working two jobs and having to provide for his 2 younger siblings who were living with him at the time he would have to miss seminars and conventions over working. It was the YAL Connect Scholarship that provided him the freedom to turn down that extra shift to attend these events and get his foot in the door. In a sense leveling the playing field between him and his connected classmates.

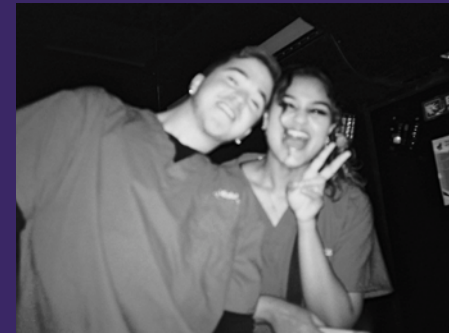
Over time in the YAL Connect program Patrick got to see new additions to the program and consistently gave back doing a speech at our 2021 Annual General Meeting where he discussed candidly the impact of the scholarship and his gratitude in what YAL provides for young people like himself.

Patrick  
2020 YAL Connect Post Secondary Recipient

As he moved through the program and gained Jess, our Scholarship Coordinator, as his advocate. Together they worked through the tumultuous and demanding nature of his degree and his journey through life. Patrick's story and words illustrates the profound impact that comprehensive support can have on a student navigating the demanding path of medical education.

***"I honestly don't think I would have made it this far through my medical degree without YAL's support. And by far, it has not just been about the financial assistance; it's about the faith you've shown in me and my dreams."***

It highlights the importance of providing financial stability, encouraging work-life balance, and fostering personal interests alongside professional ambitions. Patrick's resilience, dedication, and gratitude for the support he received from YAL serve as a testament to the potential success that can be achieved when students are given the resources and encouragement they need to thrive.





# YAL Connect

YAL Connect is not your typical educational scholarship program. We strive to support young people facing various challenges that hinder their educational aspirations. These obstacles are unique to each person, and regardless of their magnitude, YAL is committed to standing by them throughout their personal journeys.



## A Glimpse into 2023

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In 2023, we successfully met the goals outlined in the 2022 YAL Connect Report. A significant objective was broadening the role of the Scholarship Coordinator to serve as an advocate for the YAL Connect Program. This involved establishing partnerships with high schools, particularly those in low socioeconomic areas and specialised educational institutions, resulting in 59% of applications for the 2024 program originating from these efforts. The quality of these applications posed a significant challenge for the judging panel due to the remarkable young individuals they represented.

Following from the successful addition in 2022 the provision for individual interviews with the shortlisted applicants provided further opportunity to gain a more diverse insight of the applicants story. This addition aims to bridge literacy gaps, allowing applicants to discuss their potential impact candidly.

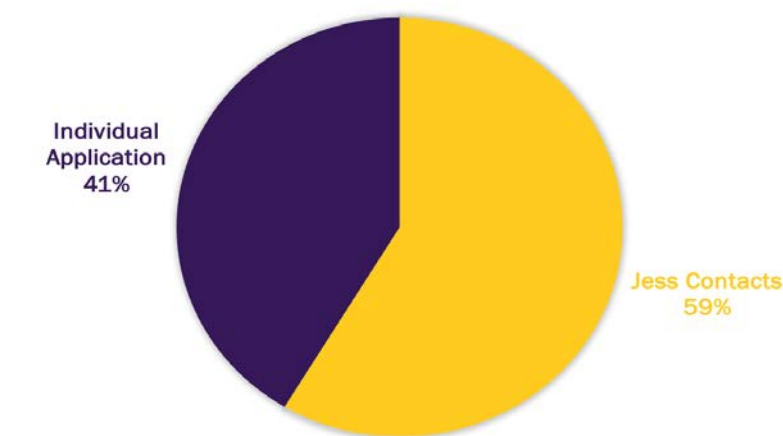
What was a welcome addition to the judging panel in 2023 was the inclusion of the YAL Alumni! We had the honour of having inaugural recipients Sarah & Mia join us as well as 2017 recipients Par Chin & Shontae, 2018 recipient Erin and 2020 recipient Lewis. Having the alumni on the judging side was not only welcome as they could attest to the outcomes the program provides but also provided knowledge of the process and how young people communicate their challenges.

We believe the addition of alumni will continue to take the program in a positive direction and aid in providing the panel a sense of understanding to the young people, as well as embracing a networking opportunity for them and their professional connections.



Left to Right: Luke Bayley, Alex, Jess, Kristina Antonio

SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR CONTACTS VS INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION





# Measuring Outcomes

This year, YAL introduced a new initiative for more structured tracking YAL Connects five key outcomes. The Scholarship Coordinator undertook the process of tracking these outcomes in a variety of ways to truly discover the impact both herself and the program have on our recipients.

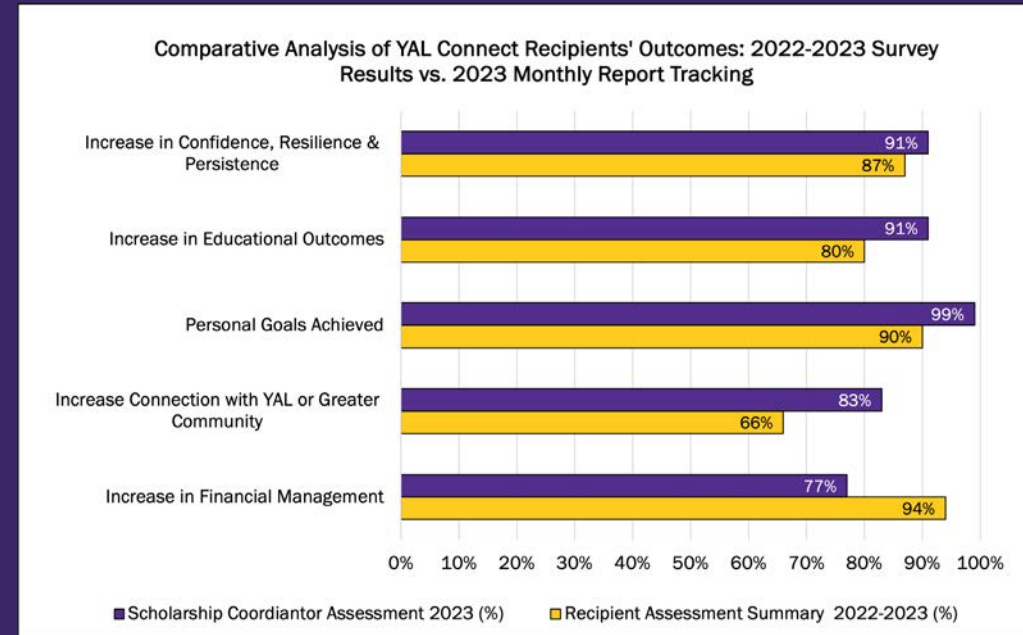
Initially captured at the on boarding of new recipients, we work alongside the young person to assist them to create individual goals with the focus for us to assist them to reach/work towards achieving them. At their monthly catch-ups, the Scholarship Coordinator worked in collaboration with the young people to monitor how they were going against the programs key outcomes.

A survey is undertaken at the halfway point of their scholarship journey to see how they are going and is assessed against the 5 key outcomes making sure to link back to their already determined goals. A graduation survey is completed to discover how they feel they have grown before they graduate from a recipient to an alumni in the YAL Connect Family.

The desire when collecting this information is not only to give YAL a further understanding of the impact of our program but also to act as a tool to examine the journey of growth these young people go on in the duration of the scholarship.

We recognise that we are just one component of the catalyst for growth in the young people that we support. However, what the data is confirming is that the structure and individualised tailored approach that YAL has in this program is having a significant impact on our recipients.

Throughout this annual report, there are stories and quotes from the young people who, in their own words, discuss the support YAL provides. It's these messages and quotes that encapsulate the validity of the YAL Connect program.



# Our 2023 Recipients

This year we welcomed 12 new recipients into the YAL Family, each with their own stories and getting to grow with them over 2023 and into 2024 will be a privilege. The YAL Connect presentation Event is YAL's pinnacle event of the year and this time we had the honour of the Cairns team coming over to celebrate with us. Together with the Cairns team, we had 60 people join us at the WA State Library Theatre. With our CEO on leave our CFO stepped up with the assistance of Bec our deputy chair, and they acted as the MC for the event. Going down without a hitch it was a beautiful morning with the recipients and saw them bright-eyed and bushie-tailed the next day.

The 'Fun Day' has been a welcome addition to the YAL Connect Program which sees the recipients spend the day together to not only get to know each other but also a way to celebrate them. This year 23 of us, the whole YAL Staff and 12 YAL Connect recipients were off to Swan Valley Adventure Centre.

We worked together to get through an escape room, worked out some tension with archery and ended the day at Araluen Botanic Park. A place that is special to YAL and our history, spending the afternoon altogether playing and exploring was a long but rewarding day.

It is these opportunities that solidify connection with the YAL Connect program for those recipients who are interstate as they don't get that chance of face-to-face catch-ups monthly, so the Presentation Event and Fun Day are moments we all look forward to.







“As now, my self-confidence is significantly higher that it was when I first joined YAL Connect. Knowing that I have a caring group of people supporting me whatever I choose to do makes me more confident in myself and my decisions.”

**Ruby**  
2022 YAL Connect & City of Swan Lower Secondary Scholarship

**Thank you Spark Opportunities**





## Alax's Story

Coming to YAL in 2022 Alax has grown into a confident, intelligent and warm young person. Before graduating the YAL Connect program when she first joined the YAL family she had just lost her "Aboriginal Bursary" scholarship due to the terms of the scholarship changing.

Finding out she received this scholarship lit a fire in her that was almost squandered by the recension of her previous scholarship. She used our faith in her to fuel her passion and knuckled down at school to secure her own entry into university and general high academic achievement. It was this hard work that saw her receive early acceptance into the University of Western Australia where she will complete her Bachelor of Engineering.

It is her pure unwavering faith in herself and her ability that makes her an incredible young person and YAL Connect Alumni. Now actively engaged in YAL's Youth Advisory Committee she is channeling that drive into assisting YAL and the future of the YAL Connect Scholarships.

Coming from a single mother and being the older sister to two siblings half her age and growing up in rural Western Australia Alax has known her fair few challenges. This has never stopped her from becoming a strong, proud Indigenous woman who is going to change the world.

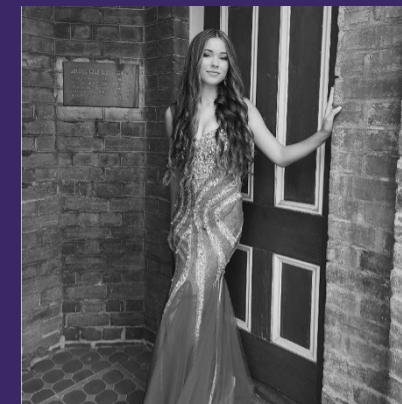
### Alax

2022 YAL Connect & Schiavello Systems WA Upper Secondary Scholarship for Indigenous Students Recipient

During her time in the YAL program Alax and our Scholarship Coordinator Jess worked closely together to develop professional relationships. Jess again took on the role of mentor and sounding board for Alax building for her a network of people who would be in her corner. It might be a simple role but the unique style of youth work that the YAL youth workers play is one specific to each recipient providing them with an opportunity to thrive.

***"It helped me to develop some skills in having casual professional conversations and not being afraid to ask questions or make conversation with those older than me."***

Alax is a very diligent and self motivated young person and the knowledge of having a team of people in her corner gave her the foundation to launch into her dream career. Her story reinforces the importance of providing targeted financial assistance, educational support, and opportunities for personal development to empower individual growth. Through her journey, YAL has learned the value of fostering environments where young people can thrive academically, develop leadership skills, and engage meaningfully with their communities.





## Notes from YAL Cairns

YAL Cairns experienced its own share of challenges in 2023 though the highlight was travelling to Perth head office to join us for the YAL Connect Presentation Event. Going on a plane across the country was exciting, leaving 30-something weather the Cairns team were eager to see what Perth had to offer but stepping off the plane in the beginning of May they realised the chill that was in store.

With feet firmly on Perth soil, the team all headed to Kings Park where the whole YAL staff got to have lunch together and the Perth team got to proudly show off our City. The desire to bring the Cairns team over was not only to have all the staff in one place but also to act as a perspective. Without YAL Cairns and the diligent hard work from Rae Rae, Dee Dee, Vee and David we wouldn't be able to provide such integral support to the young people in YAL Connect.

What was even more special was one of our 2023 recipients, Ellie, is from Cairns. Getting to meet, talk and learn from Ellie and her story was something welcomed by the Cairns team and the desire to get more recipients from Cairns the goal for the new year.

Experiencing Perth like locals, the team did an incredulous amount of exploring from the old churches to

historic buildings and naturally the Swan River which of course, being Queenslanders, they were curious to fish in it and what they would catch. It was a pleasure to have them join us.

Getting the opportunity to all be together in the same place at the same time is a rarity being a small team but getting to hear the stories between team members and sharing what each other's jobs look like was an absolute privilege.

Of course, the team couldn't just come to Perth Tammy-Rae, Amanda and Georgie headed to Cairns to join them for the launch of YAL Patch just 4 months later. Setting some roots through YAL programming in Cairns was a stellar opportunity and to see the impact it has on the QHome community is an added celebration.

One of the highlights for 2023 was how often the teams got to get together being able to share and interact and get to know each other not only bridges the gap between generations but makes the team feel as though there are two YAL homes across the country.



## Growing YAL Patch

YAL Patch, the food garden project at our Cairns facility, moved out of the planning stage and into fruition this year. While the Cairns weather decided to throw in some hurdles the groundworks were underway in May, with some in-kind assistance from the council depot next door through the Cairns Regional Council Essential Assistance Grant. The council has been a great supporter of our food garden, discussing various ways they could assist and also awarding financial assistance for purchasing the rainwater tank through their Sustainability Grant. Together with composting and worm farm we were making headway towards our sustainability goal.

The team set to work, making sure to plant the vegetable seedlings that were generously donated by Bunnings Cairns, and setting up the area to prepare for the formal presentation. Recognising the importance of giving back to the land and the Indigenous people who lived on it before, the YAL team made the purposeful choice to grow indigenous bush tucker and understand how to utilise and work with the plants. In securing these plants we were blessed with a substantial donation of indigenous seedlings and saplings from Abiculture, whom went out of their way to educate us on what each seedling grows and its story behind it.



YAL invested in groundworks, initial four garden beds, remaining small equipment and consumables, and of course our wonderful team to get this project up and running. We couldn't be happier with how this area of our facility has been transformed for the clients in Anglicare NQ QHome program.

We officially launched on 2nd August with an event open to all stakeholders and QHome program clients on site. Welcome To Country was performed by Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji Elder Uncle Pete and Smoking Ceremony conducted by Juju, kicking off a wonderful day to be connected to our natural surroundings.

Some clients were eager to be hands on with the garden right from the building stage, and Anglicare kitchen staff embraced the garden with feeding the worms, adding food waste to the compost bins, and utilising the produce.

Education is at the core of everything we do at YAL and YAL Patch will not be any different. Although taking a little longer than anticipated, we have partnered with STEPS Education and Training as they deliver flexible and customised training that addresses the needs of each of their clients. They will be bringing hands-on and situational based learning through the food garden to develop literacy and numeracy skills. We can't wait to see the next step in action for YAL Patch.





## YAL's Annual Stationery Drive

YAL stationery packs provide 'back to school' resources with a dash of fashionable fun added to the essentials, with the aim of making the school experience more enjoyable for disadvantaged young people, and in this one little way on par with their peers.

On the back of producing 80 stationery packs for the 2021 stationery drive, the YAL team was determined to go bigger and went forth with a target of 120 stationery packs. This was a tall order considering the financial challenge experienced across the community with a significant increase in living costs. Never giving up a fight the team scoured for bargains to complete all the packs and managed to reach the target.

### During the 3 month Campaign

YAL Created



120

Stationery Packs

\$ 2,347.4

Donations in cash



These stationery packs are for secondary school students and each year YAL partners with new organisations who assist young people in the youth sector to distribute the packs. This year our partners were:



Both organisations see the value and impact this gesture can make to their clients, and we are so proud to play a small part. A massive thank you goes out to all the people who make this possible, to donors, to partners, to advocates in our network spreading the word, and to our staff for their tireless efforts going above and beyond for a good cause.

## Sparking Opportunities through YAL Spirit

YAL Spirit aims to address the barriers in the lives of young people (12-25 years) who need financial support to continue to actively participate in educational opportunities. YAL has engaged with partners that are already providing support and active engagement with the young person whom they identify as needing assistance. We link with Spirit Partners that have a close relationship and provide wrap-around support for the young people they engage with, the reason for this is to see a greater impact on the young person and their endeavors.

2023 saw the Scholarship Coordinator take over YAL Spirit when the Admin Assistant left early in the year and juggling the two programs was a challenge that she took in her stride. 2023 was the first full year for YAL Spirit and the outcomes were varied but we are enthusiastic about the future of the program.

There are two streams of data that YAL Spirit undertakes to gain an understanding of the impact. The first is the initial referrals and the letter of recommendation, these allow us to get a deeper understanding of the young person and their connection/involvement with the organisation. The second is from the surveys, which were sent 2 weeks after the referral was approved and fulfilled, the surveys allow the YAL team to see what outcome the service, item or experience had on the young person.

This year YAL Spirit received 41 spirit referrals and fulfilled 39 of them which saw an overall spend of \$19,246.40. We deduced the area that YAL Spirit funded the most was in IT with 47% of the funds distributed towards purchasing devices. The second highest area in need of assistance was transport substantiating 20% of the outgoings funds, this looked like bicycles, refilling SmartRiders and even paying off registration and fuel cards.



## Survey Results

Of the 27 surveys received back from the referring partners at the time of program review (September 2023) we obtained the following data:

- 3.7% of referring participants had an increase in self-improvement.
- 11.11% of respondents had an increase in attendance/participation.
- 3.7% of young people felt included after their YAL Spirit referral was complete.
- 55.56% of applicants had an increase in reduced stress for recipients or immediate family.
- 0% of applicants felt improved engagement with referring organisation.
- 25.93% of respondents were provided an opportunity of experience.

## Khin's Journey

When Khin joined the YAL Connect family she was in her second year of medical school and the pressure and challenges of being an imergrent who was hard of hearing was beginning to bubble over. The YAL Connect scholarship came into her life at the perfect time and enabled her to access materials and learning opportunities out of her previous scope.

Being born deaf in a developing country meant getting access to medical assitance was a challenge. Khin was lucky to have an incredible team around her that saw her get diagnosed and the help she needed. It was this team of professional and trustworthy doctors inspired Khin to study medicine.

She's worked hard to make her dreams come true and being one of the only medical students in her class with a physical disability she needed to have the right equipment. With her first set of YAL Connect funding she purchased a stethoscope that is for people hard of hearing. Getting the opportunity to communicate with patients in her unique and specified way gives Khin a different perspective to her classmates. Her ability to build community with other deaf and disabled medical students as well as balance her study has been the most satisfying part of her development over her time with YAL Connect.

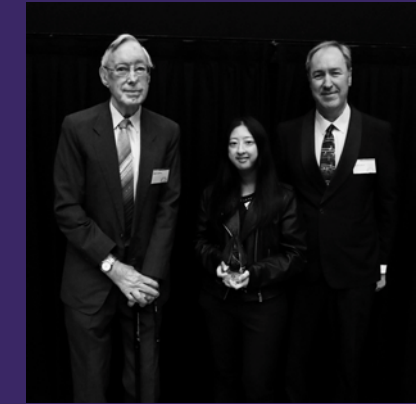
Khin

2021 YAL Connect & Hilary Farrant Post Secondary Scholarship for students with Disabilities

Khins engagement with her medial education and various learning experiences, supported by YAL, has contributed to her academic success. Her consistent support to YAL and the other young people in the YAL Connect program has seen her take on a mentor role and assist Jess in developing the outputs of the program.

***“Regular contact with Jess, monthly blogging and YAL itself was a source of motivation that led me to believe in myself.”***

Khin's story illustrates the importance of supporting medical students in ways that extend beyond financial assistance. By enabling access to resources, encouraging participation in diverse learning experiences, and supporting a balance between work and personal life.







# Lets talk Finances

Examining the dollars and cents

## Treasurer's Notes

A summary of the audited performance and position of Young Australia League Ltd (YAL) and the Young Australia League JJ "Boss" Simons Charitable Endowment Trust (Trust) have been provided herein. To view the complete set of audited financial statements please visit our website at [www.yal.org.au](http://www.yal.org.au) or the ACNC website at [www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.au)

Financially, 2023 was a year of solidifying the strategies that were brought in during the transformative financial period prior.

One of the highlights is seeing the YAL Connect program in totality sitting within the accounts of YAL, with the Trust identified as a donor, to represent the funding and operational structure more clearly. Our valued Sponsors and Donors provided the funds for \$39,000 of the total \$93,000 that was distributed to scholarship recipients in 2023.

We are extremely proud that 100% of scholarship sponsorship and donations were distributed directly to the recipients, and 100% of sponsorship and donations to our other programs became items for disadvantaged young people to support them on their educational journeys.

The change in accounting policy the previous year for accelerated depreciation of capital works continues to push the gross operational surplus for the company to a net deficit result. Current management chooses to bear the brunt of this book entry and avoid leaving for future successors. The net loss for 2023 was \$39,366 however excluding the depreciation of \$131,515 a surplus of \$92,149 was produced which is a fantastic result. The company is in a strong financial position, building on our program portfolio and delivering our mission to more young people in Australia.

Everyone on our team is a driving force in serving our purpose. Combined with strong financial management, good governance, and a clear direction, we continue to thrive.

Micheal Wainwright  
Treasurer





**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

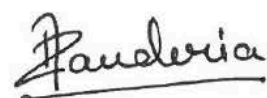
**To the Board of Young Australia League Ltd**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as auditor for the audit of Young Australia League Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

*Reliance Auditing Services*

Reliance Auditing Services (WA) Pty Ltd



Naz Randeria  
Managing Director  
Perth  
25 March 2024

**Young Australia League Limited**  
**Directors' declaration**  
**31 December 2023**

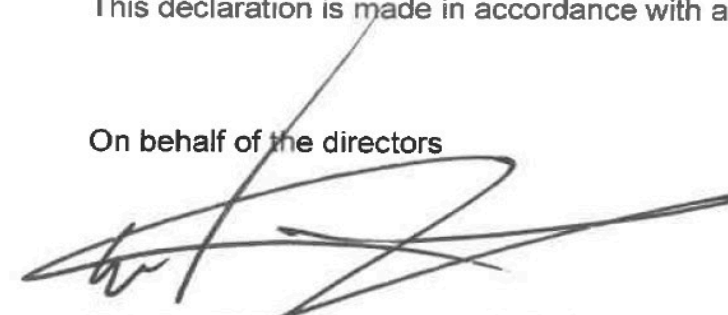
As detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This special purpose financial report has been prepared to meet the Directors' reporting requirements under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

In the Directors' opinion:

- a) The special purpose financial report is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
  - (i) Complying with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and other mandatory professional reporting requirements as detailed above and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*; and
  - (ii) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial positions as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the 12 month period ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and
- b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the board of Directors.

On behalf of the directors



Mick Wainwright  
Treasurer

25 March 2024



# Finances - YAL

## SUMMERISED FINANCIAL REPORT

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### Income Statement

For the 12 months ended in 31 December 2023 with comparison to 18 months ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	12 mths ended 31 Dec 2023	18 mths ended 31 Dec 2022
Operational Revenue		1,068,766	1,446,223
Donation Revenue		92,171	7,810
Sponsorship Revenue		24,000	-
Grants/Subsidies Revenue		8,000	1,500
Financial Support to Young People		(137,914)	(17,180)
Operational Expenses		(1,041,921)	(1,323,154)
Gross operational profit/(loss)		13,102	115,199
Net gain/(loss) on investments		79,047	5,981
Depreciation		(131,515)	(174,087)
Profit/(loss) for the period		(39,266)	(52,907)
Other comprehensive income - Revaluation of Perth office		200,000	
Revaluation of Furniture and effects	1		311,000
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>		<b>160,634</b>	<b>258,093</b>

1 To bring to account artifacts at valuation

### Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	347,042	458,104
Trade and other receivables	48,300	8,000
Related Party Loan	-	-
Prepayments	42,151	29,174
Investments	719,761	576,798
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,157,254</b>	<b>1,072,076</b>
Property, plant & equipment	1,977,373	1,876,535
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>1,977,373</b>	<b>1,876,535</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,134,627</b>	<b>2,948,611</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	94,747	80,905
Contract liabilities	47,300	32,000
Employee benefits provision	37,509	42,896
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>179,556</b>	<b>155,801</b>
Employee benefits provision	2,094	467
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>467</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>181,650</b>	<b>156,268</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,952,977</b>	<b>2,792,343</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Surplus	1,846,977	1,886,343
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,106,000	906,000
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,952,977</b>	<b>2,792,343</b>

# Finances - YAL JJ “Boss” Simons Charitable Endowment Trust

## SUMMERISED FINANCIAL REPORT

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### Income Statement

For the 12 months ended in 31 December 2023 with comparison to 18 months ended 31 December 2022

	12 mths ended 31 Dec 2023	18 mths ended 31 Dec 2023
Donation Income	-	1,697
Sponsorship Income	-	24,000
Operating Costs	(1,000)	(5,453)
Scholarships paid/awarded	-	(80,000)
Donations	(76,000)	
Net gain/(loss) on investments	239,560	56,830
Profit/(loss) for the period	162,560	2,926
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>162,560</b>	<b>2,926</b>

### Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	260,842	380,555
Trade and other receivables	7	15
Investments	1,944,018	1,625,936
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>2,204,867</b>	<b>2,006,506</b>
Property, plant & equipment	-	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,204,867</b>	<b>2,006,506</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	39,000	3,200
Related Party Loan	-	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>2,165,867</b>	<b>2,003,306</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained surplus	2,165,867	2,003,306
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,165,867</b>	<b>2,003,306</b>

The Young Australia League JJ "Boss" Simons Charitable Endowment Trust

Trustee's Declaration

The Directors of the Trustee entity, Young Australia League Ltd, declare that the trust is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Directors of the Trustee entity declare that:

- (i) The financial report, as attached, presents fairly the trust's financial position as at 31 December 2023 and its performance for the 12 month period ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- (ii) In the trustee's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made for and on behalf of Young Australia League Ltd (Trustee)



Sean Henbury  
Chair



Michael Wainwright  
Treasurer

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

# Our Manifesto

## *Young People are the future.*

Let's help make a difference today because education is different, people are different, life looks different, and we want to make a difference tomorrow.

*We provide a platform to celebrate and learn from our differences.*

We dare to dream for something greater.

We will empower.

We will level the playing field.

We will shorten the gap.

*We will spark opportunities.*

And we won't settle for anything less.



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