

A portrait of a young person with dark skin and short hair, wearing a light-colored hoodie, set against a background of overlapping circles in pink, purple, and blue.

ANNUAL REPORT  
2024

Youth Futures acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live and work and we pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise the importance of the young people who are the future leaders.



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



**"As we celebrate 40 years of supporting young people across Western Australia, we are deeply grateful to our supporters, partners, and community."**

I'm proud to share the 2024 Annual Report for Youth Futures. Over the past year, we've continued to change young people's lives for the better, giving them the support, education, and opportunities they need to build a brighter future.

Our commitment to helping at-risk young people is at the heart of everything we do. This year, we've expanded programs, strengthened partnerships, and deepened community connections. From growing housing, education programs and employment pathways, we're breaking down barriers and creating better outcomes for the young people we work with across WA.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated staff, volunteers, and generous donors. A special thank you to our key supporters The Hon. John Carey BA MLA, The Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA, Mark Folkard MLA, Emily Hamilton MLA, Lotterywest, and the Department of Communities - your commitment helps us make a lasting impact.

# OUR BOARD



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Director



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Director



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Director

We welcomed three new board members this year and I'd like to thank the entire Board for their energy, ideas and commitment in an often challenging environment. A special welcome to our new CEO, Michelle Jenkins whose strong leadership has been remarkable. We also extend our thanks to former CEO Mark Waite for his years of service, during which Youth Futures grew significantly.

Looking ahead, we're committed to reaching more young people in our communities, providing the support they need to overcome challenges and reach their full potential. Together, we can create lasting change and brighter futures. Thank you for believing in our mission and being part of this journey.



**Kellie Benda, Board Chair**

# MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



**“Young people are at the heart of everything we do, our focus is always on providing the support they need to thrive.”**

**As I step into the role of CEO, I reflect on our progress and future at Youth Futures. Young people are at the heart of everything we do, whether through education, safe accommodation, or pathways to employment, our focus is always on providing the support they need to thrive.**

This past year, we've expanded our reach, strengthened partnerships, and enhanced our services. Moving forward, we're investing in our staff, growing our programs, and embedding a trauma-informed approach to better support young people. By improving our systems and technology, we're ensuring every young person gets the right support at the right time.

Our CARE School remains a vital lifeline for students struggling in mainstream education. With a trauma-informed approach, we've seen higher attendance, increased student success in further education and employment, new vocational training opportunities, and expanded mental health and pastoral support services.

Demand for our homeless accommodation and outreach services continues to grow. This year, we housed over 250 people, with many transitioning to long-term housing. We strengthened partnerships with housing providers and provided crisis intervention, health referrals, and outreach support.



To improve efficiency and impact, we launched a new case management system, invested in staff training, ensured financial sustainability for future growth, and expanded Registered Training Organisation (RTO) programs with successful reaccreditation.

Looking ahead, we will focus on strengthening early intervention to prevent homelessness, expanding vocational training and employment pathways, advocating for policy improvements, and enhancing community partnerships for integrated support.

I am incredibly grateful to our staff, volunteers, and supporters for making our mission possible. A special thanks to Mark Waite, our outgoing CEO, for his leadership in positioning Youth Futures for continued success. I look forward to a year of growth, impact, and meaningful change.

**Michelle Jenkins, CEO**



# **At Youth Futures, every young person matters.**

For 40 years, we've empowered young people to take control of their futures. No matter their challenges, we provide the support, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive.

Our passionate team creates a safe, inclusive, and non-judgmental space where everyone feels valued. We celebrate individuality and believe in each young person's strength to overcome obstacles and build a better future.

# Our Values

## EMPATHY

Everyone's story is unique. We listen, connect, and truly understand so we can make a difference.

## EMPOWERMENT

We believe in young people's strength. We help them build confidence, take responsibility, and stand up for themselves and others.

## UNITY

Together, we're stronger. By working as a team, we overcome challenges and create lasting change.

## INTEGRITY

We lead with honesty and respect. We keep our word and build trust through our actions.

## VIGOUR

We're passionate and determined, and our energy is contagious! We are driven to make a positive difference in every way we can.

## OUR VISION

A future where every young person is valued, respected, and celebrated for their unique strengths and contributions.

## OUR PURPOSE

We stand with young people facing adversity and discrimination, empowering them to build brighter futures. Everyone deserves opportunity, no matter their background or circumstance.

## OUR MISSION

We provide professional services that help young people participate in their communities, improve wellbeing, and take control of their lives.

# TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE



## BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

By embracing trauma-informed practices, we create an environment built on empathy, understanding, and respect, helping young people feel heard, valued, and supported on their journey forward.

## HOW WE'RE USING TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE AND TRAINING

We're rolling out a three-year plan to integrate trauma-informed practice across all areas: **Youth Futures Community School, Homelessness Services, Leadership & Management, and Staff Wellbeing**. This research-backed initiative will strengthen support systems and create lasting change across our organisation and the people we work with.

## WHAT IS TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE?

TIP is a supportive approach that acknowledges trauma's impact, focusing on safety, empathy, and understanding. It helps young people feel valued and supported, promoting healing and resilience in schools, healthcare, and social services.

## YOUTH FUTURES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Trauma informed education creates a safe, supportive space where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

## HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

Empathy and understanding help young people rebuild trust, stability, and independence.

*"At Youth Futures, we believe every young person deserves a safe, supportive space to heal and grow. Over the next year, we are excited to introduce the systemic implementation of trauma-informed practice, guided by research and evidence-based best practice, creating meaningful and positive change within our organisation and the wider community."*

*- Jennifer Achari,  
Head of School, TIP Lead*

## STAFF WELLBEING

Prioritising mental health and self-care reduces burnout and strengthens support for young people.

## LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Trauma informed leaders foster a culture of trust, inclusivity, and resilience.

# OUR IMPACT IN 2024 – A SNAPSHOT

**Our programs provide more than just shelter, they offer holistic support, helping youth gain independence, stable housing, education, employment, and essential services.**



## Homelessness

Over

**250**

young people  
supported in our  
homelessness services

Provided

**100%**

of parents maintained  
parental  
responsibility of their  
child in Nest program

**17,808**

safe night's sleep



## Education

**226**

qualifications were issued to students

**290**

senior and

**60**

junior enrolments in 2024

**1,500**

support session provided by the Literacy Support program



## Support and Wellbeing Services

Provided hands-on support to

**136**

young people settling into life in Australia

**223**

Emergency Relief essentials care packages provided

**356**

one-to-one wellbeing sessions held with our psychological services

# HOMELESSNESS

**"In 2024, we stayed true to our mission of supporting young people facing homelessness across Perth. Through our dedicated programs, we've made a real difference in the lives of many young people and their families."**

## Message from our Head of Homelessness Services

Our programs go beyond just providing a place to stay. They offer holistic case management, helping young people build independence, find stable housing, continue education or training, gain employment, and connect with essential services.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited to expand our reach even further! We'll be launching the Djinda program in Merriwa, offering short-term accommodation, and adding nine new transitional units in Brentwood where young people can stay for up to 12 months, giving them the time and support they need to access services and education pathways. These additions will provide even more young people with opportunities to secure long-term housing and build a brighter future.

At our core, we believe every young person deserves a safe and secure place to call home. Homelessness is just a chapter, not the whole story. Together, we'll continue empowering young people to overcome challenges and reach their full potential.

**Rachael Nudds,  
Homelessness  
Services Manager**



# Our services



## TINOCA

(Teenagers in Need of Crisis Accommodation) provides short-term accommodation for young people aged 15 to 19 who are experiencing homelessness or are unable to stay in their family home.

## TAP NORTH & SOUTH

TAP (Transitional Accommodation Program) helps young people aged 16 to 21 work toward independent living. Youth Workers provide regular support, helping with education, jobs, and housing. TAP South also offers Outreach Support for those moving into community housing.

## HOUSING SUPPORT NORTH METRO

This program helps young people aged 16 to 25 and families transition from homelessness to stable housing. Support includes mental health, substance use, education, and employment guidance.

## HOUSING SUPPORT CORRECTIVE SERVICES

For young people aged 16 to 18 leaving the justice system, this service provides housing support, life skills training, and assistance with tenancy, finances, and family relationships.

## YOUTH PLACE

In partnership with St. Patrick's, Youth Place helps young people aged 15 to 25 in Fremantle secure housing and overcome challenges like mental health, substance use, and family breakdowns.



We believe every young person deserves a safe home. Homelessness is just a chapter, not the whole story. With the right support, young people can overcome challenges and build brighter futures. Together, we're making that possible.

## SAFE IN THEIR NEST

**Nest** provides a safe and supportive space for young mums and their babies facing homelessness or unsafe conditions, including domestic violence. Through Outreach and Housed Support Programs, Case Managers help parents develop essential life skills in parenting, finances, and independent living. They also create personalised plans to secure stable, long-term housing while prioritising overall wellbeing.



## CHARLIE'S STORY

When Charlie first connected with our Nest Outreach and Housing Support Corrective Juvenile program, she was facing homelessness, domestic violence, and a history of offending. On top of it all, she had just discovered she was pregnant. But from day one, she was determined to create a better future for her baby.

With support from our Nest Outreach Case Manager and Housing Support Worker, Charlie worked hard to turn things around. She secured ID documents, Centrelink income, and a payment plan for fines, while also attending all her court dates. Her dedication paid off and she successfully completed her juvenile justice order with no further offenses.



Throughout her pregnancy, we helped Charlie stay on top of appointments, prepare for her baby, and develop essential parenting skills. Her biggest milestone? Moving into stable transitional housing, which led to the closure of her Child Protection Family Service (CPFS) case, a huge achievement.



Today, Charlie is thriving as a loving mum, caring for her little one and working toward her next goal: getting her learner's permit. We couldn't be prouder of how far she's come!

Thanks to our incredible team, we provided:



**Safe, short-term accommodation** for 72 young people



**Transitional housing** for 55 young people and 30 children



**Housing support** for 50 young people and 25 children



**Outreach support** for 85 young people and 23 children

## EMILY HAMILTON MLA A COMMITTED SUPPORTER OF YOUTH FUTURES

Emily Hamilton has been a strong advocate for Youth Futures since taking office as the MLA Member for Joondalup in 2017, securing key funding to support young people in the northern suburbs.

In 2017, she announced a \$20,000 grant for the Nest program through the WA Government's Local Projects, Local Jobs initiative. In 2021, she secured a \$94,000 election commitment, helping purchase furniture, nappies, baby supplies, and a people mover to assist young families with transport. That same year, the WA Labor Government committed \$3.4 million to expand crisis accommodation for homeless young people through TINOCA 2, now known as Djinda, meaning 'star' in Noongar language.

Ongoing government and Lotterywest funding continue to support Youth Futures' vital programs. Looking ahead, Emily Hamilton has confirmed the re-elected Cook Labor Government's \$25,000 commitment for the Nest program to Youth Futures to support young parents in the northern suburbs.

**"The program provides an invaluable accommodation and outreach service to young parents and their children, with safe and secure single-dwelling accommodation for up to 18 months. I'm proud that this commitment will provide support for young parents in the northern suburbs, with items including furniture, nappies, baby food and clothing."**

**- Emily Hamilton MLA**

## DJINDA, OUR BRIGHT, NEW STAR

**Djinda** will provide short-term crisis accommodation for young people 15 to 19, offering case management and life skills training.

In 2025, thanks to significant investment by the WA State Government, we're expanding! Djinda ('star' in Noongar language) will offer six bed short-term accommodation and 24-hour support across two sites. And nine new transitional units in Brentwood will provide even more support for young people who need help.

Construction of the purpose-built facility is being funded by Youth Futures, Lotterywest and other donors. The project expands on the existing TINOCA service, which Youth Futures has successfully delivered for more than 20 years.

**"We're committed to delivering a Housing First Approach. The State Government will continue to partner with service providers like Youth Futures who play a critical role in supporting Western Australia's most vulnerable people." – Hon. John Carey MLA**



Rachael and the Youth Futures' Homelessness team show the Hon. John Carey MLA our brand-new service, Djinda.

## BINDI'S JOURNEY TO STABILITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Bindi, a 20-year-old Aboriginal woman, faced immense challenges from an early age. After enduring domestic violence and sexual assault by her father, she sought refuge in her vehicle due to ongoing family conflict. Struggling with declining mental health, Bindi found support at Youth Future's short-term accommodation service, TINOCA, before transitioning to TAP South for long-term assistance.

Upon arrival at TAP South, Bindi battled trauma, anxiety, and depression, complicating access to essential services. Losing her driver's license after a serious accident further hindered her independence, while struggles with a difficult relationship and cannabis use added to her hardships. Despite these obstacles, Bindi remained determined to rebuild her life with the support of Youth Futures.

Through dedicated case management, Bindi accessed mental health care, obtained a passport, and enrolled in TAFE's Automotive program. She secured priority housing and received assistance in managing legal matters and utilities, accessing financial assistance programs such as Mercy Care, and employment preparation with job providers and employment services including Waalitj Hub (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service). Support from her Youth Support and Development Worker (YSDW) empowered Bindi to advocate for herself, navigate insurance claims, and build essential life skills.

Now settled in stable, long-term housing with her support animal, Bindi has regained her driver's license and purchased a new vehicle. Strengthening her relationship with her mother and partner, she has also adopted effective coping strategies to manage trauma. With the perpetrator of her assault remaining in custody, she feels a renewed sense of safety.

Bindi's journey highlights the power of holistic support in transforming lives, showing resilience, growth, and building a path toward lasting independence.

# SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

This year, we remained committed to breaking down barriers and empowering young people through our Support and Wellbeing services.

Our holistic approach boosts young people's confidence, life skills, and connections to education, employment, and services. With new funding and partnerships, we're excited to grow our impact in 2025.

## Our impact



Expanded our **Settlement Engagement and Transition Support (SETS)** program across Perth



Welcomed 251 young people to our **Alton Youth Centre's** drop-in sessions



Distributed food hampers, Coles vouchers, and other essentials to 213 young people in need

# Our Key Programs

## EMERGENCY RELIEF

Immediate support for young people in financial crisis, providing food, hygiene items, transport passes, and referrals for ongoing assistance.

## YOUTH SETTLEMENT SERVICE (SETS)

One-on-one support for young people on humanitarian visas, helping them build independence and a sense of belonging through workshops and activities.

## YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SERVICE (YNAS)

Accessible mental health support from psychologists, reducing wait times for young people already engaged with Youth Futures.



## ALTONE YOUTH CENTRE

A welcoming drop-in space in Beechboro where young people can access meals, workshops, informal counselling, and practical support.

## DRUG EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICE (DESS)

Confidential counselling and harm reduction education on alcohol, drugs, mental health, and legal issues.

As we move into 2025, we're excited to keep growing and supporting young people. Thank you for being part of this journey, we couldn't do it without you!



# Altone Youth Centre

## FUN, SAFE AND FREE!

Altone Youth Centre holiday programs offer 12-18-year-olds in Beechboro and surrounding areas a fun, safe space to play, learn, and make memories during term breaks. Thanks to funding from the City of Swan, these programs are all about building friendships, exploring new experiences, and having a great time in a supportive and welcoming environment.

For many young people from tough backgrounds, these sessions offer activities they wouldn't usually get to try, helping beat boredom and social isolation. Best of all? It's completely free! We cover food, transport, and activities like gaming, cooking, and trips to Bounce. We engage the young people in the planning of the program and make sure we're providing activities they love.

**In 2025, we're expanding Altone Youth Centre programs with three weekly sessions, after-school drop-ins, and activities with other City of Swan Youth Centres.**

I like coming to school holidays because then I get out of the house instead of sleeping all day. I get a feed and hang out with friends. — S



I like attending the school holiday sessions to socialise and have fun with my friends. — J



It's a fun thing to do during the holidays. My favourite activity is the excursions. — C



# Christmas Cheer

A big thank you to our amazing community for making 2024's Christmas Cheer a huge success. Your generous donations helped create 215 hampers with essentials and treats for young people in need. A special thanks to Soroptimist International Joondalup for an impressive five years of support. Your kindness and warmth have truly made a difference and spread holiday cheer. Thank you!



Dear Youth Futures Community School,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift bags. I am very thankful to you all, as the stuff I've been given will be very useful. The notebook and pencils will come in handy. The brush and body care will help as my mum's been struggling because Christmas is around the corner. The gift card will help so much with things I need.

Thank you for being so kind and thinking of me. It means a lot.



# EDUCATION

## Education Message from Our Principal

At Youth Futures, we believe education is key to opportunity but understand that mainstream schooling isn't for everyone. Our holistic approach combines academic learning with wrap-around support, helping students reach their potential. Our team includes teachers, trainers, youth workers, psychologists, and support staff, all working together to create a nurturing environment.

2024 has been a year of achievement. Many students have surpassed expectations, gaining qualifications and transitioning into further education, training, or employment. This year, we welcomed new students and staff across key programs like Literacy Support, Comet Connect, and Youth Work services, strengthening our support network.



**"In 2024, we issued a record 226 qualifications to our students, enhancing their employability and independence."**



Another highlight is our partnership with the Motivation Foundation is now in its fourth year, enabling students to complete Civil Construction and Education certificates, leading to swift employment.

Across our schools we issued a record 226 qualifications, including White Cards, WHS certifications, learner's permits, and driver's licenses, enhancing employability and independence. Many students have secured apprenticeships, TAFE placements, or direct employment.

The resilience and growth of our students is inspiring. Whether they stay with us or move on, they remain part of the Youth Futures community, always welcome for support or to share their success.

**Paul Jones, Principal**

**Our students' growth  
inspires us every day.  
They're always part of the  
Youth Futures community,  
whether moving on or  
still working toward  
their goals.**

## **Our Education Programs**

### **YOUTH FUTURES COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

We offer a flexible alternative to traditional schooling for students in Years 8 to 12. With campuses in Albany, Caversham, Clarkson, and Midland, we provide accredited courses and wrap-around care, focusing on personal development, work readiness, wellbeing, and an engaging curriculum to help students reconnect with learning and get-ahead.

### **ANCHOR POINT**

A flexible space for students aged 15 to 19 who've found traditional education tough. With personalised study plans, one-on-one support, and a focus on personal development and wellbeing, students work toward VET-accredited courses for a brighter future.

**Here's what made  
2024 unforgettable:**



**Issued 226 Qualifications**



**New Staff:** We've welcomed new staff who've integrated seamlessly into our holistic model of care.



**Partnership Success:** In partnership with the Motivation Foundation, students completed Civil Construction and Education certificates, leading to quick employment in the industry.



**Skills for Life:** Students earned White Cards, WHS certifications, learner's permits, and driver's licences, all key steps toward independence and employability.

## COMET CONNECT

A mobile classroom for students aged 14 to 19 in Perth's north-east. Comet Connect brings education to safe spaces like homes and libraries, offering flexible learning with support from trainers, psychologists, and other services. Comet Connect is a great way to meet students where they are, facing challenges like caring responsibilities or mental health struggles.

## PATHWAYS

Helping young people aged 14 to 19 transition into education, training, or work. We provide work-readiness sessions, connect students with job trials, and offer ongoing support as they move into employment or further study.

## LLSP (LITERACY AND LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM)

Offering one-on-one literacy and numeracy support to help students succeed in accredited courses and complete their Certificate I in General Education for Adults, ensuring they're on track to meet their goals.

## EDUCATIONAL HUBS

	CLARKSON HUB	CAVERSHAM HUB	MIDLAND HUB	ALBANY HUB
JUNIORS, YEAR 8 - 9	 Community School CLARKSON HUB	 Community School CAVERSHAM HUB	 Community School MIDLAND HUB	 Community School ALBANY HUB
SENIORS, YEAR 10 - 12	Clarkson	Caversham	Midland	Centennial Park
	 A YOUTH FUTURES INITIATIVE Anchor Point	 A YOUTH FUTURES INITIATIVE Anchor Point	 A YOUTH FUTURES INITIATIVE Anchor Point	
	Joondalup	Mirrabooka	Bayswater	
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# TRAINING/RTO

FEAT (Futures Education and Training) is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO 52833) with one goal: to give young people skills and a meaningful employment path. We offer nationally recognised qualifications through Youth Futures Community Schools, Anchor Point Programs, and Comet Connect, giving our students real opportunities to build a better future.

Here's what we offer:

- 22476VIC Certificate I in General Education for Adults (Introductory)
- 22472VIC Certificate I in General Education for Adults
- 22473VIC Certificate II in General Education for Adults
- 22474VIC Certificate III in General Education for Adults
- BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills
- FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

Quality is at the heart of everything we do. We're dedicated to providing the best experience for our students, including developing curriculum, managing audits, offering professional development, and building strong industry partnerships. We also run the Literacy Support program to ensure every student gets the personalised support they need.

We're excited for 2025 and with plans for an online curriculum, we'll make our nationally recognised courses more accessible to students. Every young person deserves the chance to succeed and together, we'll keep building a future full of opportunity.

**2024 has been an incredible year for FEAT. Here's what we've achieved:**



Awarded a record-breaking 226 qualifications to young people.



Enrolled over 350 students, with 40% returning for a second or third course.



Successfully transitioned to a new and improved student management system.



Reduced non-compliance occurrences by an impressive 82% across key RTO processes.



Delivered error-free AVETMISS reporting results.



Facilitation of internal audits and inspiring professional development coaching sessions.





# Break out programs with creative visionaries

## HIPHOP101

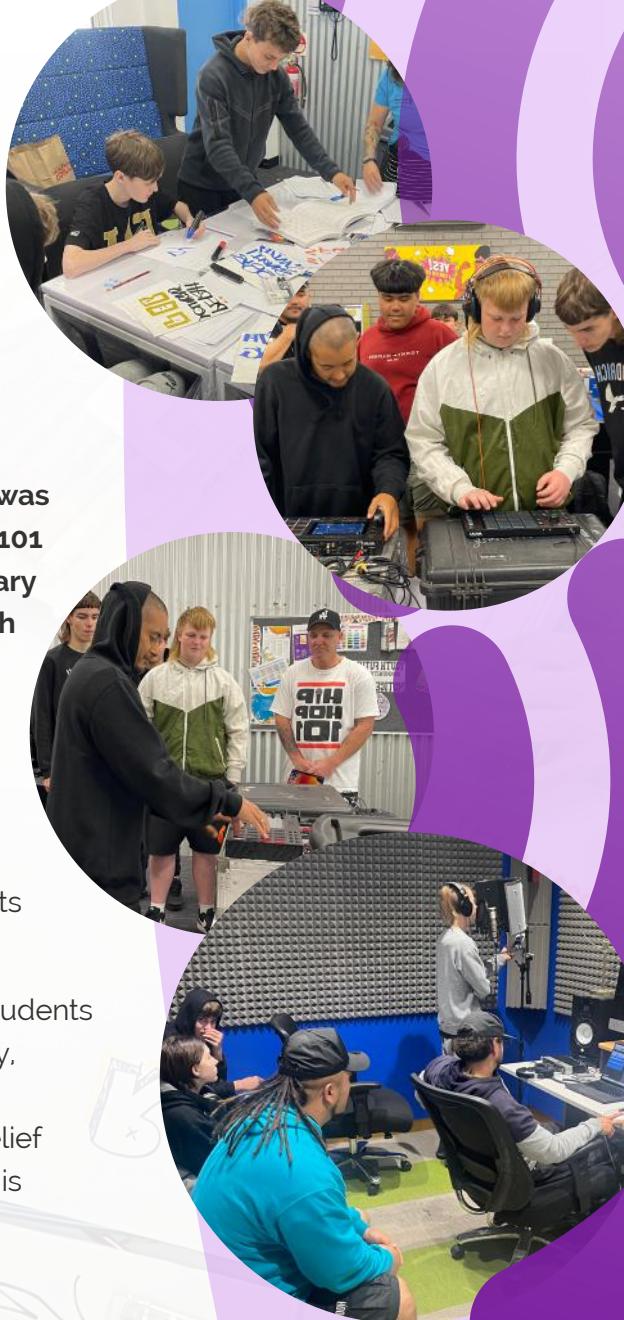
In late October Youth Futures Community School Midland was humming with creativity during the unforgettable HIPHOP101 program at Swan City Youth Service, led by Perth's legendary hip hop group, Downsyde. Known for sharing the stage with big names like Jurassic 5 and Hilltop Hoods, they brought their energy and skills to inspire our young people.

The HIPHOP101 program isn't just about music, it's an award-winning workshop that dives into beat-making, lyric writing, and song design. It encourages self-reflection, creativity, and personal growth. Led by Optamus and Dazastah, students explored storytelling and self-expression through hip hop.

From the first session, the room was alive with excitement. Students discovered how hip hop is an art of resilience and community, transforming emotions into rhythm and words into strength. Beyond new music skills, they built confidence, hope, and belief in their potential. A huge thank you to everyone who made this experience unforgettable!

**"I really enjoyed learning something new and doing something creative at school". – Cooper L**

**"It was cool that we could have that experience at school. I really enjoyed the beat making". – Xye R**



## ANDY QUILTY PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

In award-winning artist Andy Quilty teamed up with the young people at Youth Futures Community School Midland for an exciting series of printmaking workshops, inspired by life in the outer suburbs. The project, *The Outside In Between*, was made possible with support from FORM and Midland Junction Arts Centre. It gave youth from Midland, Armadale, and Rockingham a creative outlet to share their stories.

Andy's passion and energy sparked the students' creativity, encouraging them to break the rules and think outside the box. They explored new art techniques, from idea generation to printmaking, using the Centre's top-notch printing press.

The workshops were a game-changer, boosting confidence and providing a platform for self-expression. The results? Stunning collaborative pieces full of emotion and creativity. These works were showcased at the Perth Festival and will continue to travel to Armadale and Rockingham in 2025. We can't wait for everyone to see the magic these young artists have created!



# Steering toward a brighter future

At 16, Dirk's life was at a crossroads after being asked to leave his school due to behavioural issues. He joined the Comet program, now Youth Futures Community School, as his last chance to finish Year 10. "It gave me a fresh start and a chance to grow," Dirk recalls.

At Youth Futures, Dirk learned valuable lessons in resilience, taking responsibility for his actions, and personal growth, skills that still shape his career. He also gained practical skills like cooking, boxing, and drawing, which taught him discipline, creativity, and perseverance.

Inspired by his own second chance, Dirk became a driving instructor and now provides lessons to students of Youth Futures. His passion for road safety stems from a personal loss - his father, a driving instructor, tragically died in a car accident. Dirk focuses on mentorship, guiding students to become confident, safe drivers and showing them that setbacks don't define their future.

*"Each student's journey is unique, and it's rewarding to see them overcome challenges and reach this milestone. I focus on building their confidence and share my own story to show them that setbacks don't define their future."*

*- Dirk*



## Comet Connect Letter

Dear Morag and superiors of Morag,

I, Jovania, am writing this letter out of gratitude to you all. Morag has made school a day to look forward to and a day for me to work my hardest. Without the help of Morag and Comet Connect, I think I would have been a high school dropout with no insight of what career I wanted to try and succeed at.

After becoming a teen mum, a lot changed for me. I still wanted to finish school, but it seemed impossible. After a few sessions with Morag, real estate became something that I could still try and reach, and that has become my motivation.

Thanks to Morag and Comet Connect, I am in my finishing year of high school and am planning on going to TAFE the following year. I could not have gotten this far without their help and understanding.

(Thank you for the care packages as well. 😊)

Jovania



# Community and partners

## PIPELINE CHALLENGE 2024

The Pipeline Challenge is more than a bike ride, it's an adventure with purpose! Since 2015, this five-day mountain biking event has united passionate riders and volunteers across WA, all pedalling for a powerful cause.

In 2024, the event reached new heights, raising an incredible \$250,000 to support the Youth Futures Nest program. Thanks to this generosity, young parents and their babies have access to safe housing, support, and a fresh start.

This impact is made possible by the amazing people involved - riders, donors, and corporate partners like Office Solutions IT. Their dedication fuels this 600km journey through WA's breathtaking but tough terrain.

The Challenge is about more than just riding. It builds resilience, connection, and confidence, especially for students from Youth Futures Community School, who push their limits and grow in the process.

One of the most moving moments of 2024 came at the finish line when Eli, a young parent supported by Nest, shared her story with us:

"The Nest gave me hope. I wasn't coping, but now I feel valued and supported. Thank you for making this possible." Eli.

This is what the Pipeline Challenge is all about - compassion, community, and changing young lives for the better.



## GIVING MACHINES

We were honoured to be part of the Giving Machines initiative for the second year in a row. Set up at Joondalup Gate in December, these machines gave Christmas shoppers a unique way to give back by donating and supporting young people.

Thanks to this incredible support, we received \$4,195, helping provide essentials like bedding, medicine, and meals for young people facing homelessness. Beyond fundraising, the Giving Machines also raised awareness about local needs, making a real impact in our community.



# COMMUNITY AND PARTNERS

## WORKING TOGETHER

When we come together, connect, and collaborate — amazing things happen.

The meaningful outcomes in this report wouldn't be possible without the power of partnership.

We're so grateful to our incredible partners and supporters across Government, corporate, charity, and philanthropy sectors for sharing our vision and walking this journey with us.

Together, we're making a real difference and creating brighter futures for young people facing tough times. And we couldn't do it without you.

## TO ALL OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Your generosity is the heartbeat of our mission. Every contribution you make fuels our ability to create brighter futures, empower young people, and strengthen our community. Because of you, we can provide life-changing programs, essential resources, and unwavering support to the young people who need it most. Thank you.

Community Supporters  
Academy of Performing Arts  
Adopt A Beach  
Adventure World  
AIDS Council of WA  
Albany 8 Ball Association  
Albany Bowling Club  
Albany Driving Lessons  
Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre  
Albany Youth Support Association  
Anchors Youth Centre  
Andy Quilty  
Anglicare WA  
Apprenticeship Support Australia  
Aqualyte  
Australian Taxation Office  
Balga Senior High School  
Bayswater Waves  
Binar Futures  
Bizlink  
Boolar Bardip (WA Museum)  
Boomerang Campers  
Bounce Cannington  
Bunnings Midland  
Busy Bodies Health & Fitness Club  
CAMHS  
Can Do Games  
Caversham Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre  
Centrelink  
Charles Taylor- Macs 4 U Midland

Cirque De Soleil  
City of Albany / Cleanaway Waste Facility  
City of Joondalup  
City of Swan  
City of Swan – FOGO  
Classic Hire  
CLIF Bar  
Constable Care  
Construction Training Fund  
Containers for Change  
Dandelions WA  
Department of Education  
Department of Education - North  
Metro Participation Unit  
Department of Justice – Albany Justice Complex  
Dr Yes  
Dream Builders  
Driving West Motor School  
Dulux  
ECU Joondalup  
Edge Youth Centre  
Elmstock Tea  
Fantastic Furniture  
Fishability WA  
Focus Minerals  
Foodbank  
Foodbank Albany  
FORM  
Fremantle Prison

Frontier Tennis- Cameron Fenner  
Giving Machines  
GIVIT  
Good360  
Green Chair  
Happiness Co  
HBF  
Headspace  
Helping Minds  
Hepatitis WA  
Herb Graham Recreation Centre  
Hijinx Challenge Hotel  
HIPHOP101- Scott Griffiths & Darren Ruetens  
Impact Services  
JCDecaux  
Jetts Fitness - Beechboro, Dianella, Midland  
Job and Skills WA  
Jobs and Skills Centre Albany  
John Forrest Secondary School  
Kalgan River Retreat  
Kids First Australia  
Kings Park  
Koora Retreat  
Landgate Midland  
Laserscape Albany  
Legal Aid  
LEGO WA  
Lisa Clarke – The Roving Vet  
Little Owl Coffee Roasters

Little Things  
Lotterywest with the Royal Agricultural Society of WA  
Malaga Laser Tag  
Man Up WA  
Manna Kitchen  
Midland Junction Arts Centre  
Midland Library  
Midland Police  
Motivation Foundation  
Murdoch University  
Murdoch University - Murder Mystery Boxes and Tour  
Nev Clarke  
Noble Deliverer  
North Metro TAFE  
North Metropolitan Education  
Northbridge TAFE - Underground Simulation  
Northern Star Resources Limited  
Optus Stadium  
Otherside Brewing Company  
Outback Splash  
Oz Harvest  
Palmerston  
Parliament House  
Pasta in the Valley  
Pelvic Pain Foundation of Australia  
Perth Convention Centre  
Perth Mint  
Perth Zoo  
RAC  
Rapid Relief Team  
REC Link  
Recfishwest  
Reclink  
Red Ginger Wellness  
Red Hill Waste Centre  
Region  
Relationships Australia  
Rosemount Bowl  
Royal Agricultural Society of WA  
Ryan Nicholls- RKD Martial Arts  
Sculpture by the Sea  
SDERA  
Second Bite  
Senty Gear  
Sexual Health Quarters  
Share the Dignity  
Shire of Merredin  
Shire of Mundaring- Susanne Harapeet  
Shire of Northam  
Shire of Yilgarn  
SHQ (Sexual Health Quarters)  
Skill Hire  
Skill Hire Albany  
South Metropolitan TAFE  
South Regional TAFE

St John Ambulance Albany Sub-Centre  
St Johns WA  
StreetSmart  
Swan Active  
Swan City Youth Service  
Swan Districts Football Club- Elevate Program  
Swan Gymnastics  
Swan View Youth Centre  
The Essentials Collective  
The Laptop Initiative  
The Nappy Collective  
The Nostalgia Box  
The West Australian  
Thread Together  
three 1 nine  
Thriving in Motion  
Tiny Equine Therapy- Rebecca McDonald  
Tots Town  
Transperth  
Transperth- David McMahon  
Two Good Co.  
Tyler Andrews – Spencer Park Variety Meats  
WA Country Health Services  
WA Opera  
WA Police  
WAAC  
West Oz Wildlife  
Whiteman Park  
Whitfords Anglican Community Church  
YEP Crew  
Your Health  
Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia  
Youth Educating Peers  
Youth Focus  
Zone Bowling Cannington

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City of Canning  
City of Stirling  
Foundation Housing  
Housing Choices Western Australia  
Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Services  
Multicultural Services Centre WA  
St Patrick's Community Support Centre

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City of Stirling  
City of Swan  
Department of Communities

Department of Corrective Services  
Department of Education WA  
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
Department of Justice  
Department of Social Services  
Lotterywest  
Mental Health Commission  
Sporting Schools  
Water Corporation

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Sporting Schools  
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Variety WA  
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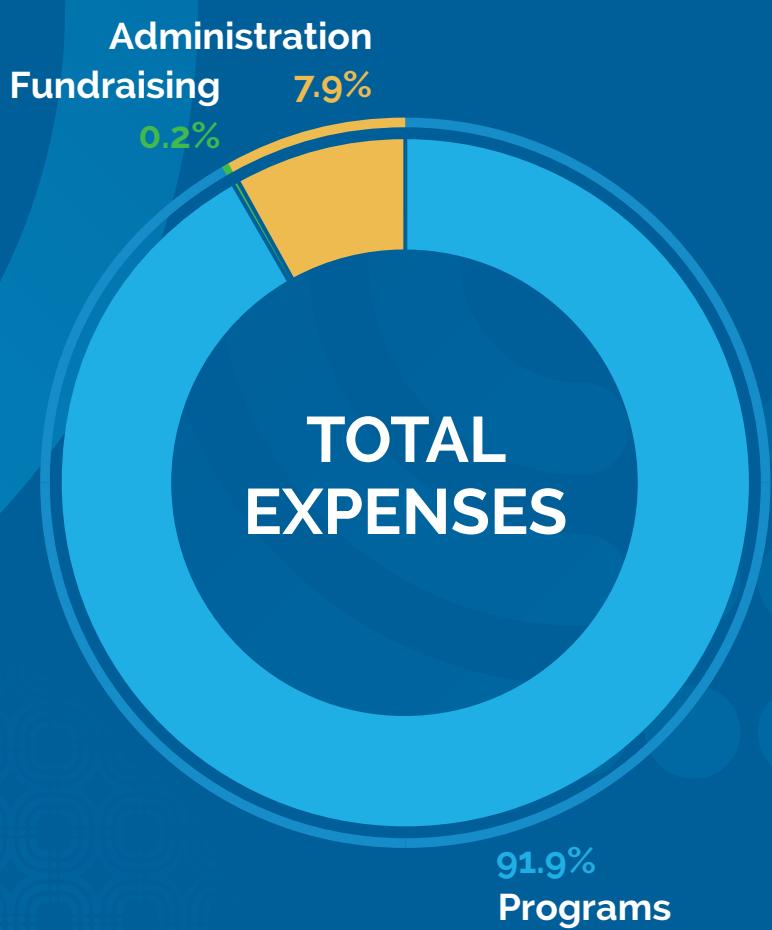
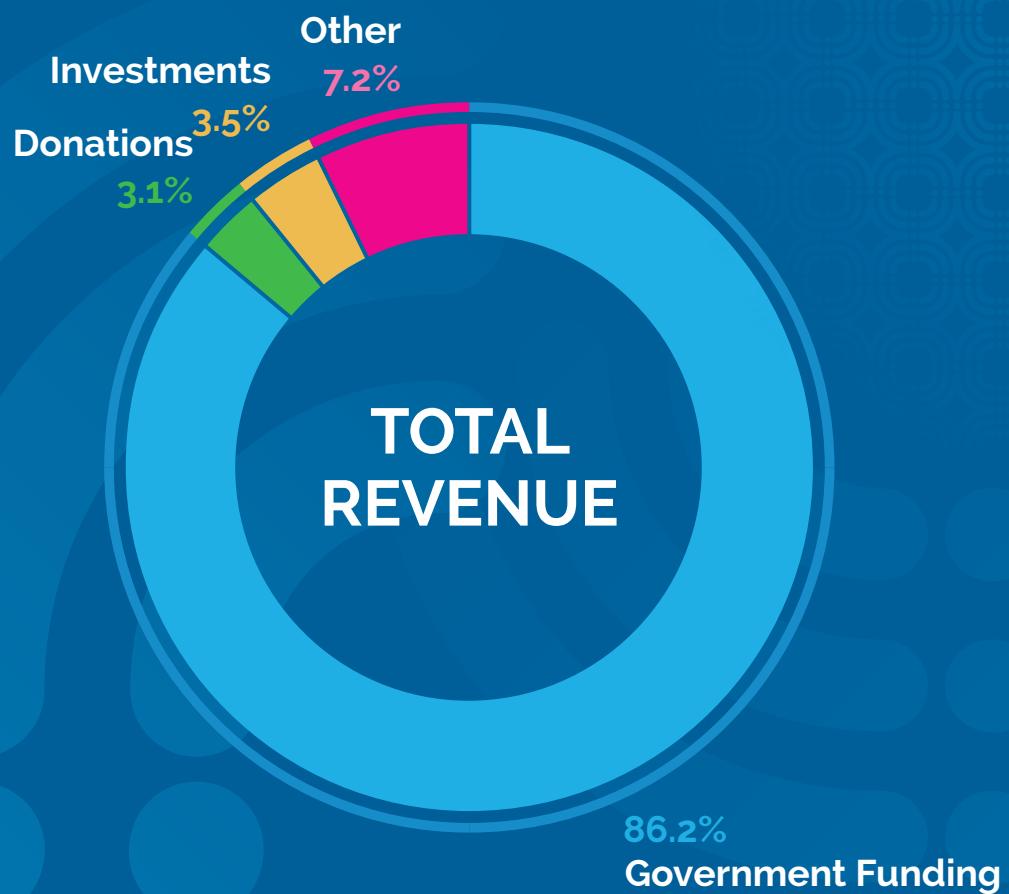
# OUR FINANCES

This overview is focused on the audited Financial Statements of all Youth Futures entities as a combined Group for the year ended 31 December 2024. This overview does not detail the day-to-day financial operations of the Organisation and the audited Financial Statements for each entity are available on the ACNC website: [www.acnc.gov.au](http://www.acnc.gov.au).

Youth Futures' Financial Year coincides with the Calendar Year. The Board of Directors appointed PKF Perth as the independent auditor for the Youth Futures entities for the 2024 financial year.

For 2024 the Organisation finished with a strong profit across the Group and continues to have a solid, and growing, asset base. Through effective financial management we strive to prioritise where donation and funding income is used, to direct the largest possible proportion to our direct client programs and services.

The Organisation is funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments, grants, philanthropy, and donations. The Pipeline Challenge (established in 2015) is an annual fundraising event hosted by Youth Futures, proceeds from which continue to fund desperately needed programs run by the Organisation. Funding received from all sources enable Youth Futures to continue to deliver existing programs and essential services, as well as new initiatives, for the benefit of the most vulnerable of young people in the community.



# GET INVOLVED

**Together, we can achieve incredible things! Join our mission to empower young people facing adversity and help break down the barriers of discrimination.**

## GIVE

Your support makes all the difference. Whether it's a one-off donation, a regular gift or a bequest – your generosity shows young people that they are valued. Every little bit counts and is truly appreciated.

## SPONSOR

Ready to take your impact to the next level? We offer exciting opportunities to sponsor student scholarships and more. Let's work together to create a custom sponsorship package that matches your values and goals.

## VOLUNTEER

There are so many ways to get involved, from event support to team-building volunteering days. Got a special skill or passion? We'd love to connect with you and see how you can make a difference in the lives of the young people we support.

## FUNDRAISE

The possibilities are endless! Host a morning tea, shave your head, organise a golf day, or trek a mountain – whatever inspires you, we're here to support your fundraising journey. Request a Fundraising Kit to get started and let's make it happen!

## FOLLOW

Stay in the loop with us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @youthfutureswa for all the latest updates and heartwarming success stories. Want to do even more? Become an ambassador for change by sharing our posts and spreading the word within your community!







**Together, we've got the power  
to create real, lasting change.  
Let's make it happen!**

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