

# YOUTH ALBURY WODONGA INC.

## ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help young men and women from the Albury/Wodonga area, achieve their full potential. We provide an outdoor adventure experience for those who are in need of different challenges and an alternative setting to develop their personal attitudes, values, motivation, and sense of responsibility so they may grow as valued members of the community.

### ABOUT US

YAW is a youth development organisation that is made up of volunteers from all walks of life, with a common interest in helping young people. The group is helped by other groups such as the Victoria and NSW Police, the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau. The committee aims to provide young people with meaningful experiences and support networks through wilderness leadership programs, to assist educational and employment futures.

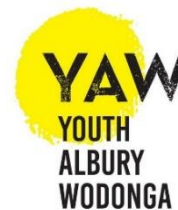
### OUR AIMS

- Provide young people in the Albury/Wodonga regions with alternative settings for social development;
- Work with local schools and other agencies to assist with the development of young people;
- Access local wilderness programs within the Albury Wodonga region and across Australia.
- Continually improve the quality of the program;
- To engage qualified, motivated, and experienced volunteer staff;
- Effectively respond to the needs of relevant agencies; and,
- Initiate effective partnerships with the community, corporate, benevolent and private sectors.

***When we neglect what matters to us, that becomes the matter with us.***

***We want to help youth not just create lives that work, but lives that count.***

# CHAIRPERSON REPORT



Ten youth leadership, development and recognition programs were delivered during 2024 involving 669 young people.

**Towong Emerging Leader's Program** – The year started with an 8 day leadership program for young people (18 – 30) from the Towong Shire, as part of the Border Trust's Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund. We had 9 participants on this program which included 4 days based in Corryong, a 3 day trip to Canberra, and a 1 day celebration held in Tallangatta.

**Engage Emerging Leaders' Summit (ELS)** – This was held from Thurs 2 to Sun 5 May. We had 8 participants (7 females / 1 male). It was a 4 day residential style program held in Yackandandah that included guest speakers Matt Shanahan who spoke about the Hero's Journey, Tammy Atkins who delivered a session on Networking and Rachel Habgood ran a session on Project Planning.

Along with a number of initiatives and activities, the group was also presented with a fairly significant team challenge of organising a Talent Show as part of the Gala Weekend at the Bright Autumn Festival. They rose to the challenge magnificently.

**B.R.A.V.E camps** – two camps were held this year. The first was residential one held at the Great Aussie Resort out at Bowna in early July. It had 12 young people participate from 5 different local High Schools. It was organised by 3 participants from the May ELS program.

The second B.R.A.V.E camp was run as a basecamp style camp in late October out of the Jarvis Creek Recreational Reserve. It was organised by two participants from the 2022 Engage ELS. This program had 9 young people from 4 different local high schools and included a service project with Jarvis Creek Landcare.

**Financial Literacy** – four sessions held with Year 10 -12 students from Tallangatta High and the Indie school were delivered. The sessions provided information on all things financial that schools usually don't cover. Things like financial freedom, money smarts, earning money, budgeting, saving, insurance, investing and superannuation.

**Speaker in schools** – This year took on a more workshop type approach. Ben Hamilton spoke at the two Middle Years colleges, Victory Lutheran College and to all Year 9's at Catholic College Wodonga.

Ben delivered a session on conflict resolution, through enhancing the student's knowledge around legal, moral and ethical consequences of their actions and decisions. Some of the areas that his workshop covered were: self, behavioural and environmental awareness; understanding violence; effects of trauma; verbal de-escalation strategies; identifying red flag behavioural signs and hands on awareness drills.

**Rekindle Family Forge Programs** – two programs were held in September and October. These were delivered with Border Trust funding through their Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund and targeted family duos of any combination from the Towong Shire. They were held at the Tharwa Valley Forge in the A.C.T with duos having the opportunity to weld a firepit together and make fire pokers in the forge. All up we had 16 different duos participate across the two programs.

**Hear Our Voices (HOV)** – A committee of 6 Year 10 and 11 students from various local Schools met weekly over a 3 ½ month period at the Felldimber Community Centre in Wodonga. This included a full day of training where they were taught interviewing techniques, using their device to record a video and video editing by Tash from Digital Storytellers.

From this training, committee members sourced other young people to be interviewed and then undertook the interview, video and editing process, and put this together with the videos premiered at the Gala dinner held on Friday 23 July. The committee also organised all components of the gala evening (ie sourced a venue, MC'd the event, organised catering, a guest speaker and music/entertainment, as well as any other roles that needed filling).

Around 100 people attended the Gala dinner with lots of positive feedback from the night.

**Intergenerational program** – YAW contributed financially via a donation made to them to help deliver the inaugural Intergenerational program delivered by The Mandala Project. This program brought together 7 young people (15 – 17 years old) and 5 'Young at Heart' (63 – 74 years old) over a 4 day period where they were presented with challenges and opportunities to get to know each other on a meaningful level. The program was a resounding success.

**Thank you** to the Youth Albury Wodonga Committee, particularly the youths from previous programs who have stepped up to provide new perspectives on our programs.

Our volunteer committee contracted the services of professional youth workers (The Mandala Project and others) to deliver these programs and supervise youths volunteering to help run these programs. Funds were also invested into building a new website due to improvements in technology.

**Joe Calvert, Youth Albury Wodonga Chairperson**

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Individuals (participant payments and donations)

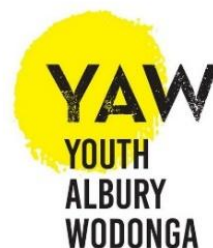
Junction Support Services

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Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund

Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

Wilsons Transformer Company



# Youth Albury Wodonga Incorporated

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

1 January 2024 to December 2024

2022	2023		2024
\$	\$		\$
		<b>Reciepts</b>	
	7,000.00	Donations Received	3,000.00
60,000.00	111,000.00	Grants Received (Note 2)	125,000.00
3.51	4.41	Interest Received	2.94
		Participant contributions	
<u>60,003.51</u>	<u>118,004.41</u>	<b>Total Income</b>	<u>128,002.94</u>
		<b>Less: payments</b>	
242.00	242.00	Audit fees	330.00
911.00	841.00	Meetings & Operations	805.00
60,164.80	63,219.10	Program facilitation & consumables	154,330.35
950.00	0.00	Program advertising & social media	4,952.50
12,000	3,820.30	Program Speakers & Presenters	7,575.33
<u>74,257.80</u>	<u>68,122.40</u>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>169,518.18</u>
<u>(14,264.29)</u>	<u>49,882.01</u>	<b>Excess (deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	<u>(41,515.24)</u>

### RECONCILIATION

as at 31 December 2024

2022	2023		2024
\$	\$		\$
28,349.13	14,084.84	<b>Opening Balance at 1 January</b>	
		Hume community Link Account	63,966.85
		Hume Bank Term Deposits	
<u>28,349.13</u>	<u>14,084.84</u>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>63,966.85</u>
(14,264.29)	49,882.01	Excess (deficit) of receipts over payments	(41,515.24)
<u>14,084.84</u>	<u>63,966.85</u>	<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<u>22,451.61</u>
		<b>Represented by:</b>	
14,084.84	63,966.85	Hume Community Link Account	22,451.61
		Hume Bank Term Deposit	
<u>14,084.84</u>	<u>63,966.85</u>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>22,451.61</u>

**YOUTH ALBURY WODONGA INC**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

- a) The organisation is not a reporting entity because in the Committee of Management's opinion there are unlikely to be users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specially all of their information needs. This is therefore a special purpose financial report.
- b) As it is not a reporting entity the organisation is not required to prepare general purpose financial statements or comply with Australian Accounting Standards. The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis.



# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

## TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUTH ALBURY WODONGA INC

Year ended 31 December 2024



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### **INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT** **TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUTH ALBURY WODONGA INC**

#### **Audit Scope**

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising of Receipts and Payments and Reconciliation of Youth Albury Wodonga Inc for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The Executive Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Youth Albury Wodonga Inc.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is prepared in accordance with the accounting policies, if any, disclosed in note 1.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### **Qualification**

As an audit procedure it was not practicable to extend our examination of cash receipts and payments beyond the amounts recorded in the books and records of the association. Accordingly, as is usual with this type of association we are unable to report whether all monies received and paid have been recorded in the books of the association, although we have no reason to suspect that they have not been recorded. It is also noted that it is the responsibility of the committee for the approval of payments.

#### **Qualified Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effect of the matters referred to in the above qualification paragraph, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of Youth Albury Wodonga Inc as at 31 December 2024 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in note 1.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025

Yours sincerely,  
**Schnelle Partners**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michaela Adams', written over a light blue horizontal line.

 **Michaela Adams CA**

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