

## **2020-21 VICTORIAN BUDGET**

### **SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH VICTORIA'S RECOVERY**

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# YOUTH PORTFOLIO

**Supporting young Victorians to access opportunities and reach their potential**

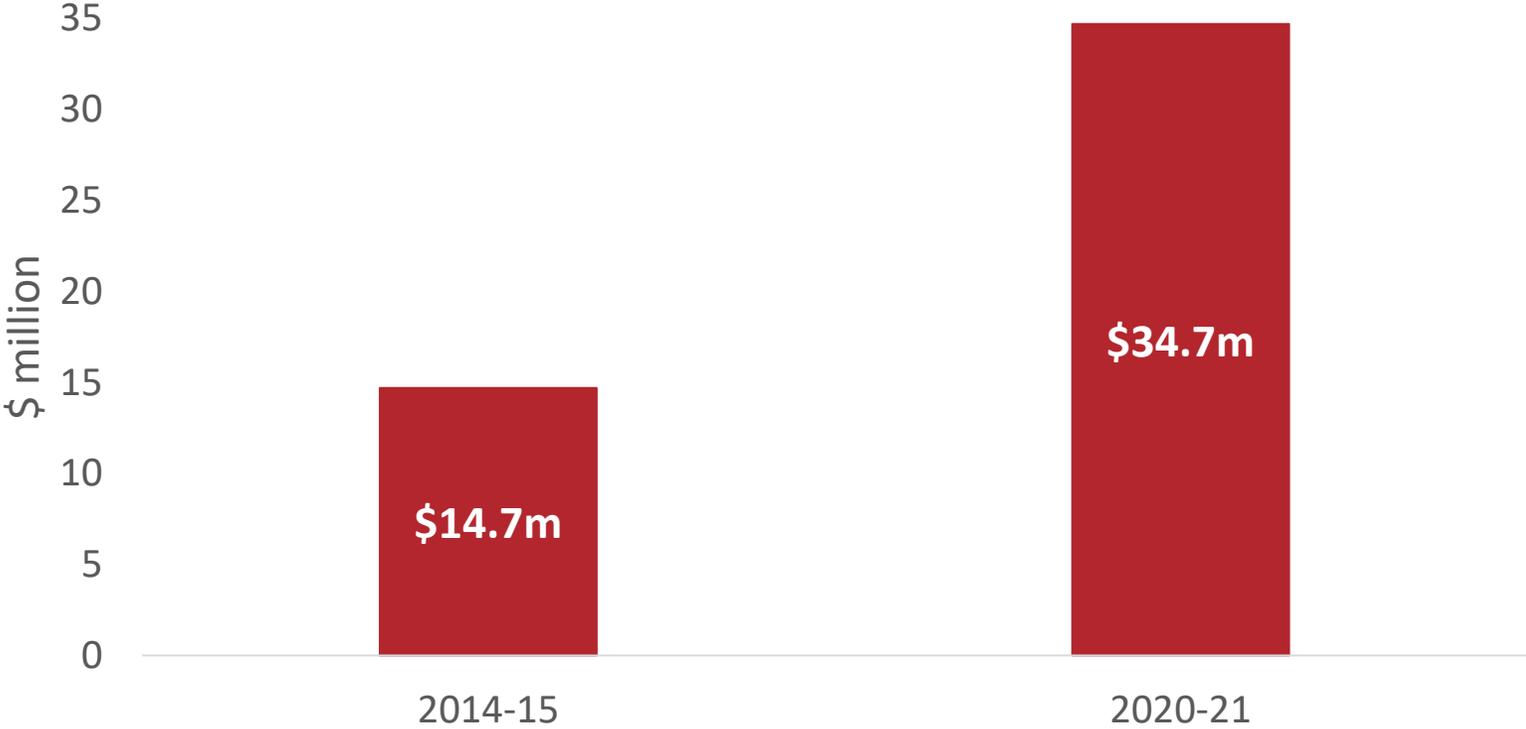
- > Providing young people with a voice in shaping government policy, programs and services
- > Supporting young people to positively and actively contribute to Victoria's society and economy
- > Driving initiatives to support young people to connect, engage and thrive



# OUR ANNUAL INVESTMENT HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED

Youth portfolio budget 2014-15 vs 2020-21

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# THIS BUDGET DELIVERS WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE NEED IT MOST

The 2020-21 Victorian Budget provides an additional \$11.5 million to continue successful initiatives that are engaging and supporting young people at a time when they need it most

- > Continuation of **Community Support Groups** for South Sudanese young people and families in Wyndham, Melton/Brimbank and Dandenong/Casey, as well as Community Support Groups for Muslim young people in West Heidelberg, Dandenong, south east Melbourne and Melbourne's west.
- > Continuing the **Le Mana Pasifika Project** for vulnerable Pasifika young people – support through schools, community programs and individual casework.
- > Continuing the **Regional Presence Project** through Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) offices in Warrnambool, Morwell, Ballarat and Swan Hill.
- > Continuing the **Latrobe Youth Space** in Morwell to deliver programs which support youth employment, re-engagement with education and connection with the local community for young people across the Latrobe Valley.
- > Funding for five Aboriginal organisations to develop and deliver bespoke **community-led mentoring programs for young Aboriginal Victorians** – strengthening connection to culture and pathways into training and employment.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR

## Listening to and acting on the needs of young people

- > Launched an online state-wide consultation process to inform the development of a new **whole of government youth strategy**.
- > Established the new **Victorian Youth Congress** (youth advisory group with 21 representatives from across the state) which is partnering with government to co-design and deliver the youth strategy consultation.
- > Convened a series of **virtual roundtables with young people and a range of sector experts** on the mental health and employment impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on young people.
- > **Community Support Groups** and **Le Mana Pasifika Project** supported young people and families during the pandemic, including supplying laptops and internet devices to **support online learning** and **emergency relief** for families in self-isolation.
- > Announced funding for a further eight **Scout Hall projects** as part of the Government's **\$5.5 million election commitment** for Scouting infrastructure.



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