

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2023–24 Budget Estimates
14 June 2023

PORTFOLIO: YOUTH

Witnesses:

- The Hon. Natalie Suleyman MP
- Ms. Louise Perry
- Ms. Peta McCammon
- Mr. Anthony Plummer

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION 1

a) Provide information on organisations funded from Engage! program

Mr PLUMMER: Thank you, Mr McGowan, for the question. I might take you first to the Engage! program, which in 2022 the following 101 local government and community organisations received three-year funding through the 2022 to 2024 Engage! program: funded organisations included 59 organisations delivering the program across rural and regional Victoria and 42 in Melbourne. I can take you through, Mr McGowan, the Alpine shire, which received for the Alpine Youth Moving Forward program \$135,000.

Mr MCGOWAN: Perhaps in the interest of time, Anthony, would you be able to provide that list to us, because obviously the number is over 50? Unfortunately I do not have time for 56 to be read aloud, but if you could take that on notice, thank you, Anthony, that would be great.

Mr PLUMMER: I will see what information I can provide.

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Name of Committee members asking question: Mr Nicholas McGowan

RESPONSE**Answer:**

- The Youth Portfolio administered three-year funding for 101 local government and community organisations through the 2022-2024 Engage! Program.
- The list of all funded organisations can be found below.
- This list is also available at [Engage! | Youth Central](#).

Engage! 2022-24 grant recipient name	Program name
Alpine Shire Council	Alpine Youth Moving Forward
AMES Australia	Welcome to Melbourne
ARDOCH Limited	Youth Pathways to Participation
Arts Access Society Inc	Elixir
Banksia Gardens Community Centre	Platform!
Banyule City Council	Youth Voice Banyule
Baw Baw Shire Council	Baw Baw Shire Council Engage! Program
Bellarine Community Health	Bellarine Youth Agents of Change' environmental leadership initiative
Benalla Rural City Council	Engage! Youth Benalla
Bluebird Foundation	Propeller Plus
Bonnie Doon Community Group Inc	Bonnie Doon & District Youth Program
Boroondara City Council	Grow! Boroondara
Campaspe Shire Council	Campaspe Youth Futures Program
Cardinia Shire Council	Cardinia Youth Engagement Program
Central Goldfields Shire Council	Central Goldfields Youth Engage!
Central Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network Inc.	Youth Engage Stawell
Central Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network Inc.	Youth Engage Ararat
Centre for Multicultural Youth/WYPIN	WYPIN (Western Young People's Independent Network)
City of Ballarat	Strive to Thrive
City of Casey	Casey Engage!
City of Greater Bendigo	YO Bendigo
City of Greater Dandenong	Young People: Engaged, Active, Connected
City of Greater Geelong	Youth Engagement and Connections
City of Monash	Monash Youth Development Project
Colac Otway Shire Council	Local Young and Vocal
Community Health Advancement and Student Engagement Inc.	Community Health Advancement and Student Engagement
Corangamite Shire Council	Sync & Engage
Corryong Neighbourhood House Inc	Youth Led, Youth Cred
Deaf Hub Bendigo (Auspice - Deaf Australia Inc)	Get engaged with your life!
Different Journeys	Different Journeys Youth Celebration Events
Drummond Street Services (The Drum Youth Services)	MOTIV8
EACH	Footholds to the Future
Emerald Centre for Hope and Outreach Incorporated (ECHO)	ECHO Young Changemakers Initiative
Frankston City Council	YIPEE
Gippsland East Local Learning and Employment Network Inc	Learning for life East Gippsland

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Glen Eira City Council	Glen Eira "Your Program"
Glenelg Shire Council	Say It Louder
Golden Plains Shire Council	Learn and Lead
Greater Shepparton City Council	Careers and Life Skills Week
Hindmarsh Shire Council	Hindmarsh Engage!
HipHopportunities for Youth Inc	Bigger Than Hip-Hop
Hobsons Bay City Council	Hobsons Bay YOUTH CHANGE MAKERS CHALLENGE (HB YCMC)
Horsham Rural City Council	Engage! Culture Shift
Hume City Council	Hume Youth Engage, Lead, Celebrate
Indigo Shire Council	The Indigo Rising Up! Project
Kingston City Council	Platform 81 Youth
Knox City Council Youth Services	ASCK - Action Skills Consultation in Knox
Kyneton Community House	Youth in Action
Latrobe City Council	GPAC Collective
Macedon Ranges Shire Council	YEP! - Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Engage Program
Mansfield Shire Council	Mansfield Engage Program
Maribyrnong & Moonee Valley Local Learning and Employment Network Inc	Engage! (Pathways to Employment)
Maribyrnong City Council	The Maribyrnong Engage! Project
Maroondah City Council	Thrive Maroondah
Mildura Rural City Council	YES Engage Mallee
Minus18 Foundation Inc.	LGBTQIA+ Young Leaders Program
Mitchell Shire Council	MYE! (Mitchell Youth Engagement)
Moonee Valley City Council	Thriving Lives
Moorabool Shire Council	Moorabool Engage
Mount Alexander Shire Council	The Mount Alexander Engage! Program
Moyne Shire Council	Moyne Youth Engagement Program (MYEP)
Murrindindi Shire Council	Engaged! Youth Murrindindi
Nillumbik Shire Council	Nillumbik Engage! Youth in Action Program
North Central Local Learning & Employment Network	Buloke Engage! - Confident Youth Voice
North Central Local Learning & Employment Network	Loddon Engage! - Confident Youth Voice
Northern District Community Health	Engage Gannawarra
Operation Newstart Northern (Auspice – Operation Newstart Inc)	Operation Newstart Northern- Re-engaging Vulnerable Youth
Orygen	Small Steps and Life Skills Projects
Preston Neighbourhood House	YouthRecon - Reconnecting youth through community.
Pyrenees Shire Council	Engage! Pyrenees
Rural City of Wangaratta	Involve!
South East Community Links	Engage! Program Inspired and Created by Youth? (EPIC by Youth)
South Gippsland Shire Council	The 5 Project
Stonnington City Council	Expressions and Connections
Strathbogie Shire Council	HOPE - Strathbogie
Sunraysia Community Health Services	HomeBase
Surf Coast Shire Council	Surf Coast Youth Engage! Program
Sussex Neighbourhood House	SNH Youth Focus
Swan Hill Rural City Council	Elevate
The Foundation for Young Australians	Young Mayors
The Reach Foundation	Heroes Day by Reach
The Rural Foundation Ltd (t/a You thrive Victoria)	You thrive Victoria Engage! Support! Connect! Program

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The Salvation Army Victoria Property Trust	Tools for the Trade
The Wirrpanda Foundation Limited/ Waalitj Foundation Limited	Deadly Sista Girlz
VICSEG New Futures	Staying in the Education Loop
Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative Limited	Koorie Leadership and Development Program-Oven's Murray
Victorian YMCA Community Programming Pty Ltd	Engage! YES Youth Hub Bass Coast
Warrnambool City Council	Warrnambool Youth: Activate Connect Celebrate
West Wimmera Shire Council	ENGAGE! WEST WIMMERA
Western District Health Service	Community4YOUth
Whittlesea Community Connections	Participate & Thrive
Workways Australia Limited	Gippsland Engaged Mentoring
Wyndham City Council	Engage Program
Yarra City Council	Yarra Youth Voices (working title)
Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Yarra Ranges Youth Advisory Group
Yarram and District Health Service	The Youth in Yarram Project
Young Change Agents Limited	Building and Diversifying Victoria's Next Generation of Social Entrepreneurs
Young Men's Christian Association of Ballarat Youth Services Inc	Thing's no one told you
Youth Albury Wodonga Inc	YAW Engage Program
Youth Insearch Foundation	Youth Insearch Lived Experience Workforce Training Victoria
Youth Projects Limited	AcVICtism: Youth Advocacy Council Youth Projects