

# Partner Update

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Ganbina - Agents of change



## Ganbina youth forge ahead

Our latest evaluation report shows that Ganbina is achieving outstanding results. Empowered with education, training and life skills, our participants are equipped and eager to create bright futures for themselves and their communities.

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### Jobs4U2 targets 2017

Jobs4U2 is the umbrella name for Ganbina's school to work transition program activities. Every year, at least 80 per cent of all young people who enrol complete their program successfully.

Ganbina operates Australia's most successful Indigenous school to work transition program. A registered charity, we are an independent organisation which is free from any political, religious or other affiliations. We rely entirely on support from philanthropic trusts, corporate partners and individual donors to carry out our work.

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Program	2017 Targets	Annual Cost
Jobs Education	160	\$661,365
Jobs Training	30	
Jobs Employment	65	
Scholarships	380	\$190,500
Leadership Training	21	\$158,703
Driver Skills Program	40	\$20,000
Youth Achievement Awards	50	\$25,000
Operations	-	\$334,552



Five Ganbina participants shared details of their personal struggles, triumphs, hopes and dreams with guests at the Report launch earlier this month.



**TALITHA MACRAE** will be the School Captain at Mooroopna Secondary College when she starts Year 12 in 2017. She won Ganbina Education Youth Achievement Awards in 2015 and 2016 and is a member of our three year Leadership Program.

“Being on the Leadership Program is amazing. I’ve learned so much about how to present myself and ask questions and get the most out of opportunities. We went to Uluru with Ganbina this year and I loved learning about the culture there. I want to go to university and train as a nurse and midwife so I can travel to remote Indigenous communities and help out.”



**LACHLAN HARLOW** moved from Shepparton to Melbourne in Year 10 to take up a scholarship with Melbourne Grammar School. He is now 22 and in his second year of a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University. His special interests are anthropology and Indigenous social justice issues.

“Ganbina really encouraged me to move to Melbourne and I’m so happy they did. It was a real turning point for me, it helped me see the bigger picture and made me realise I want to do as well as I can in life. They always keep in regular contact with me and help me financially. They assisted with my transition to university and my part-time job at Crown Resorts. I wouldn’t have done any of this without Ganbina. They have always believed in me.”



**CODY MOHAMED** won the Principal’s Award at Goulburn Valley Grammar School this year and starts her Year 10 studies in 2017. She won Ganbina Education Youth Achievement Awards in Year 7, 8 and 9 and was the joint winner of Ganbina’s Youth of the Year Award in 2014. Fifteen year old Cody works one day a week after school in a shop and another day in a primary after-school care program.

“Working is great, it’s taught me a lot about dealing with other people, looking after customers and managing my time effectively. I’ve thought a lot about what I want to do when I leave school and I want to go to The University of Melbourne and study to become a paediatrician so I can help kids and their families.”



**TAYLAH JONES** is 21 and in her third year of a Bachelor of Arts (double major in criminology and sociology) at The University of Melbourne. She has been invited to apply for the Charlie Perkins Scholarship and a Rhodes Scholarship for Cambridge or Oxford Universities in 2018.

“Without Ganbina, I would definitely not be at university now, I would probably be working in a supermarket,” said Taylah. “But Ganbina helped me realise I could go to university. They helped me get through high school, apply to uni, organise accommodation and a cadetship and scholarships to help pay for my fees. I really think that Ganbina makes a bigger difference to people’s lives than they realise. They definitely changed mine and eventually, I want to work in social justice.”



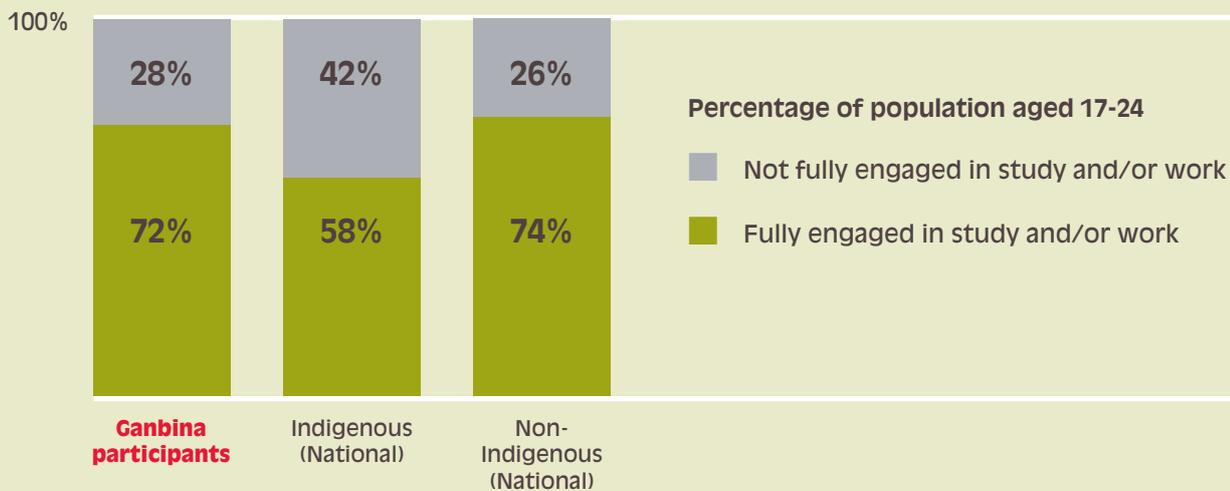
**THERESA JOACHIM** is in her second year of an Associate Degree in Business at RMIT. She gained her driving licence this year through Ganbina’s Driver Skills Program. She also works as a Personal Assistant to RMIT’s Indigenous Director and as the Co-ordinator of RMIT’s Indigenous Centre.

“I’m 24 and working full-time and studying full-time is busy, but it’s great for networking and gaining confidence,” she said. “I also do all the admin for a tyre shop that my partner and I own. The scholarships I get from Ganbina are a great help with my books and the clothes I need for work. I want to start a business in hospitality when I leave uni. I love cooking and baking and my dream is to combine that with my business skills to open a café or a restaurant.”

The Ganbina Impact Assessment Report 2005-2016 shows that Ganbina's model is successfully empowering young people with all-important education, training and life skills. As a result, Ganbina participants are well on their way to achieving our goal of being 'Agents of change' who will help their communities to achieve true social and economic equality within a two generational time frame.

## Ganbina youth close the gap

Ganbina participants are out-performing other Indigenous young people in terms of education, training and employment and are fast approaching parity with non-Indigenous people in those areas.



### New goals 2017-2020

**The Report also found that Ganbina has a continuing role to play, in Shepparton and beyond, in bringing outcomes of young Indigenous people in line with those of young non-Indigenous people.**

To achieve this, we aim to double financial philanthropic and corporate investment in Ganbina so that we can:

- Escalate Ganbina participant numbers to more than 500.
- Expand our employment pathways and transition support programs for participants who relocate to Melbourne for study or work.
- Dedicate additional resources to broaden partner relationships and in particular, to develop further opportunities for partner involvement with Ganbina participants.
- Host forums with our education partners to strengthen their understanding of, and commitment to, deepening Indigenous engagement in education and training.

*If you would like to know more about Ganbina's activities, please contact our CEO, Anthony Cavanagh, on 0428 217 332 or visit our website [www.ganbina.com.au](http://www.ganbina.com.au)*

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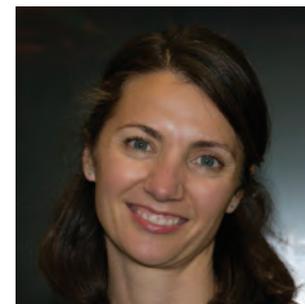
*Genevieve Timmons, Portland House Foundation; Vedran Drakulic, Gandel Philanthropy; Jackie Coates, Telstra Foundation; and Sylvia Admans, The R E Ross Trust, were members of a Q&A Panel which shared its news, views and strategies on philanthropy in the Indigenous space.*

*Top: Dr Phil Moors and Lin Bender  
Above: Alisha Fernando, Dane Yule, Ranjitha Shetty*



*Top: Peter Winneke and Louise Doyle  
Above: Janine Lum and Elizabeth Tudor*

*Sean Armistead, Chair, Ganbina; the Hon Heidi Victoria, Victorian Shadow Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Arts & Culture and Aboriginal Affairs; Lynne Jensen, Deputy Chair, Ganbina; Anthony Cavanagh, CEO, Ganbina; and Nora Scheinkestel, Director, Telstra Board.*



*David Spears, Rikki Andrews, Richard Tudor, John Paterson*

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