

# Partner Update

November 2017

Ganbina - Agents of change



## Ganbina takes the lead in Indigenous change

Yarra Yarra Dancers at Ganbina's Inaugural Fundraising Dinner.

In the late 1990s, Ganbina decided to pioneer a new, ground-breaking program to empower young Indigenous people to create a brighter future for themselves, their children and their children's children.

This innovative new program proposed that Ganbina would partner, one-on-one, with young Indigenous people from childhood through to adulthood, mentoring them to complete their secondary education, get vocational or tertiary training, learn important life skills, and plan long term, rewarding careers.

Less than a decade later, the results are extraordinary.

Today, there is a new generation of 1000+ Ganbina 'Agents of change,' which is educated, skilled, confident, and proud of its heritage. This is the generation which will lead Indigenous people to achieve true social and economic equality with all Australians.

Agents of change

“ *We are half way through our journey and we still have much to do. But our goal is simple.* ”

*We want to double corporate and philanthropic investment in Ganbina, so that we can empower more Indigenous children to step up to a brighter future.*

*This is social revolution on the grandest scale. But change has well and truly arrived – and it is Ganbina.* ”

**Anthony Cavanagh, CEO, Ganbina**

# Ganbina's Inaugural Fundraising Dinner

Over 130 people including our current partners and supporters, as well as new friends, attended Ganbina's Inaugural Fundraising Dinner in November.

The evening was a celebration of Indigenous culture including a Welcome to Country from Aboriginal elder Gnarnayarrahe, a traditional Indigenous song and dance from the Yarra Yarra Dancers, and panel discussions from Indigenous leaders, Ganbina participants, and team members. It concluded with a guest performance by Isaiah Firebrace, Indigenous winner of the 2016 X Factor and Australian representative at the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest.

Our special thanks to PricewaterhouseCoopers, who hosted the event; Geraldine Doogue, AO, who was our MC; and to Peter Costello, AC, who shared his views on Indigenous change.

*Among the guests was the Chief Executive Officer of Gandel Philanthropy, Vedran Drakulic OAM, whose organisation has partnered with Ganbina since 2012 and has just renewed its support for another two years.*

*Vedran said: "The evening was a wonderful celebration of Ganbina's achievements over the last 20 years. It was also inspiring to hear Ganbina's plans to increase participant numbers and look to expand its model around Australia in the coming years.*

*"We are strong supporters of Ganbina because it is addressing what we believe is one of the underlying causes of Indigenous inequality in Australia, which is a lack of education and training. At Gandel Philanthropy, we believe that education is the key which enables everyone to open life's doors, and that is why we continue to support Ganbina's JOBS4U2 program. Results show that it is delivering tangible value and really hitting the mark in terms of making positive, lasting change in Indigenous communities."*

Guests at Ganbina's Inaugural Fundraising Dinner.



# Ganbina produces remarkable results

Since inception, we have carefully evaluated our program results every year to ensure that we can:

- Measure our impact accurately.
- Share results with partners and supporters on a regular basis.

The graphs on the right are from independent reviews of our program results. They show that Ganbina participants are not only well ahead of most Indigenous youth in terms of education and employment, but they are also fast approaching parity with non-Indigenous young people.

## Ganbina's goals 2018 - 2023

- 1 Double financial partnerships with philanthropic organisations and businesses to further develop the Shepparton program, specifically:
  - a Increase participant numbers in the Goulburn Valley to 500+.
  - b Expand employment pathways to support participants who relocate to Melbourne.
  - c Develop more opportunities for partners to be involved with participants.
  - d Host forums with education partners to strengthen their understanding of Indigenous issues.
- 2 Trial the Ganbina model in selected communities around Australia.

## Why we need your support

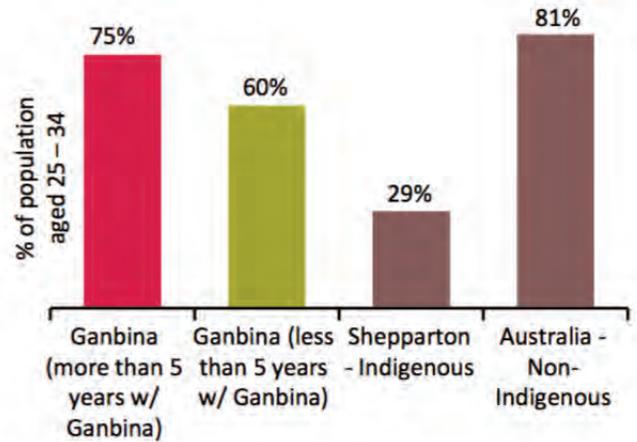
Results show that Ganbina is Australia's most successful Indigenous school to work transition program.

But as an independent organisation, we rely solely on corporate, philanthropic and individual funds to help Indigenous children step up to a brighter future.

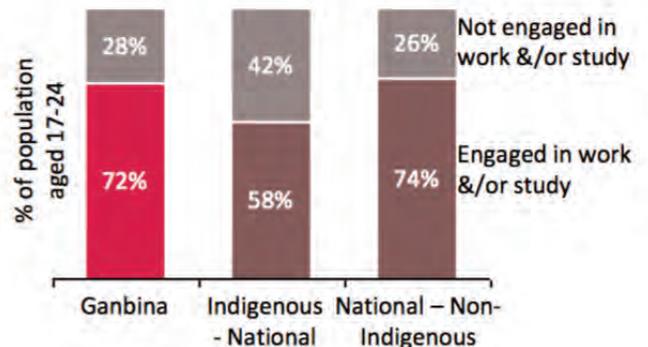
To find out more about funding options, please contact Anthony Cavanagh, CEO, on 0428 217 332.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

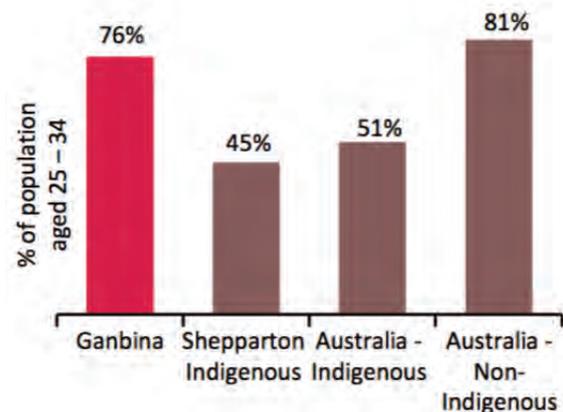
Year 12 attainment of Ganbina participants aged between 25-34<sup>1</sup>



Engagement rate of Ganbina participants in education and/or work<sup>1</sup>



Employment rate of Ganbina participants aged between 25-34<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Social Ventures Australia (2016), Ganbina Impact Assessment



Ganbina participants with Isaiah Firebrace.

## Agents of change: a new generation

Several Ganbina participants and graduates attended Ganbina's Inaugural Fundraising Dinner. Three participants, Chanoa Cooper, Lachlan Harlow and Allen Roberts, took centre stage and spoke candidly about the many challenges facing Indigenous children to stay at school, take up training or tertiary studies, and get a good job.

Mentored by Ganbina, all three of these young people have achieved remarkable things.

Chanoa, who has a Certificate IV in Business, is Ganbina's Gifting Program Project Officer. Lachlan, who has a special interest in anthropology and Indigenous social justice, is studying for his Bachelor of Arts at Monash University. Allen graduated from Melbourne University (Arts) and is now a Relationship Manager, Corporate Banking with Bank West.

As some of our first 'Agents of change,' Chanoa, Lachlan and Allen are inspiring and leading others to believe that they too, can achieve their full potential and make social and economic equality a reality for all Indigenous Australians.

### Jobs4U2 - an outstanding success

Program	2017 Target	Enrolments Actual	Annual Cost \$
Jobs Education	140	123	} 618,848
Jobs Training	30	31	
Jobs Employment	65	72	
Scholarships	300	353	190,500
Leadership Training	21	18	158,703
Driver Skills Program	40	46	33,000
Youth Achievement Awards applications	50	41	20,000
Operations	-	-	334,552