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## Victorian Youth Week to be celebrated again

Local youth will be front and centre this April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> when Victorian Youth Week kicks off.

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) have once again received state government funding and will partner with students from the five local Secondary Schools in Gannawarra and Loddon Shires to roll out a range of youth led initiatives.

"Young people are our future residents, leaders, families, workforce and volunteers," NDCH CEO Mandy Hutchinson said. "Victorian Youth Week gives the community as a whole, the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge our local young people".

Students will design and run events, activities and workshops themselves, with NDCH's Youth Health Promotion Worker, Matt Allan there to support them. Students gain valuable skills in event management and self-confidence as they organize the events, which can be enjoyed by their peers. Events will vary across the region, depending on youth interests and ideas.

Local youth are encouraged to showcase their unique skills and talents during Victorian Youth Week. Last year's successful and engaging events included musical performances, sporting games, arts and crafts workshops, and food stalls. New and innovative ideas are encouraged this year.

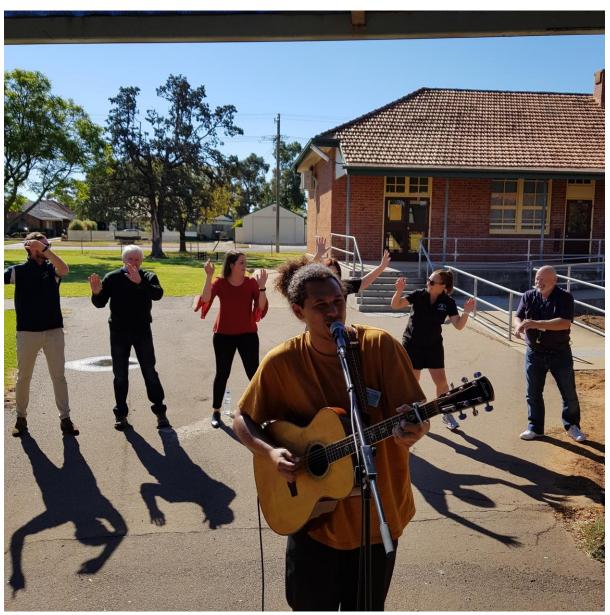
Over 100 events are planned during Victorian Youth Week across regional and metro Victoria this year. Additional youth events will take place in the Gannawarra Shire including Skate Workshops and 'Art in the Park', a collaborative art project between young people and professional artists. To keep up to date on all youth events, follow NDCH FReeZA on Facebook.

If young people have any ideas for Victorian Youth Week they would like to discuss further with our Youth Health Promotion Worker, Matt Allan please contact NDCH on (03) 5451 0200. All events are delivered in a safe and inclusive environment that is alcohol, drug and smoke-free.

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Media Enquiries

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Pictured: Bendigo Musician, Toli, performs at Kerang Technical High School for Victorian Youth Week 2019.