

annual report 2009-10

Ensuring the growth of sustainable, quality youth mentoring

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Metropolitan Project Coordinator



Chairperson's Report



Michael Poulton, Minister James Merlino (Minister for Youth), Sarah Johnson and Darvell Hutchinson AM (Helen Macpherson Smith Trust)

In offering my second report as Chairperson of the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance (VYMA) I would like to begin by acknowledging and expressing appreciation for the financial contribution provided to the Alliance by the Victorian Government's Office for Youth and the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust.

Without this tangible support, our ability to continue to support our members, and to enhance our effectiveness as a focal point for the youth mentoring sector, would not have been possible.

It has been both a challenging and satisfying year and this annual report references some of the milestones we have set and achieved during the last twelve months.

The VYMA Board of Management has a fundamental belief that mentoring provides young people with an important anchor and offers access to a wider network that can assist them in life and work choices and other important decisions.

Youth mentoring providers seek to be represented in the policy making forum and this is the role which the VYMA seeks to fulfil. This year has been key in establishing the credibility and capability of the Alliance to speak to the essential needs of the sector.

Our guiding principle is to ensure the support provided to all our stakeholders is effective and relevant. To do this we must focus on our core priorities and, above all else, must be viable as an organisation. At a time when many organisations are seeking support from government and corporate agencies, there will certainly be fiscal challenges into the future. Yet we are committed to achieving the goals we have set for ourselves to further support and advocate for youth mentoring.

As with our member programs, the VYMA could not effectively address its diverse agenda without voluntary support. Many people have continued to contribute in various ways over the last year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the commitment made by my peer Board members, whose contributions of expertise and time have been so important. I would also like to underline the commitment that our dedicated staff and pro bono supporters have shown in responding to the needs of youth mentoring programs across the State.

I thank everyone for their support of the VYMA to date and encourage your ongoing partnership with the Alliance in the year ahead. We look forward to working alongside our members, associates and various supporting bodies for the advancement of youth mentoring in Victoria.

Michael Poulton

"The VYMA challenges youth mentoring programs to continue to raise their standards of practice, resulting in far better outcomes for young people."

Executive Officer's Report

What an incredible journey we have had over the past year. I have been constantly awed by the commitment of our member organisations to support young people to reach their potential through high quality youth mentoring experiences.

The strength of the VYMA is to be found in our members – individuals and organisations who have a commitment to collaboration and to sharing knowledge and resources to build a stronger youth mentoring sector in Victoria.

This year, we have been able to build upon the vision of our founders and truly strengthen youth mentoring through our leadership and capacity building activities. We now have more than 200 youth mentoring programs supporting more than 5,500 young people across the State.

Through our strong connections with other youth and volunteering peak bodies, we have participated in a range of policy forums, ensuring the struggles of youth mentoring were heard by decision makers across government. We have presented at various conferences and networks, acting as consultants to both youth mentoring programs and government departments, to raise awareness of quality youth mentoring.

This year saw the development of a number of resources to assist our members in approaching the media, advocating for their needs to government Ministers and a training package to be used by programs in ensuring new mentors are prepared for the journey ahead.

Finally we continued our commitment to research through a scoping of current Victorian research and evaluation data. Developing evidence that outlines the benefits of youth mentoring is key to the successful promotion and support of youth mentoring and we look forward to working with our partners to strengthen this focus area in the coming year.



Sarah Johnson, Jordan and his mentor Leigh Melbourne (Victorian Mentor of the Year)

We know that youth mentoring is an effective way of providing young people with supportive and enriching experiences. We are committed to working with our members and supporters to strive towards our vision for "strong, connected Victorian communities where young people have the opportunity to reach their potential through quality mentoring experiences."

I would like to thank our members for all their support, especially those who have given their time to the Member's Advisory Group, Coffee Club facilitation, professional development forum panels and resource development consultations. My thanks also to Lauren Holst, Metropolitan Program Coordinator, who provides fantastic support to almost 100 programs in Melbourne. Finally I would like to acknowledge our dedicated Board who have worked tirelessly to plan for our future sustainability.

I also recognise our supporters in philanthropy and government, in particular the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust and Office for Youth. I look forward to an ongoing dialogue with a range of government departments, philanthropics and other supporters of youth mentoring as we move into the next financial year.

Sarah Johnson

Who Are We?

The Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance is the peak body for youth mentoring in Victoria. We are an independent, not-for-profit organisation providing leadership and expertise to ensure the growth of quality youth mentoring across the State.

Our vision is for strong, connected Victorian communities where young people have the opportunity to reach their potential through quality mentoring experiences.

Since its establishment in 2005, the Alliance has become accepted as the voice of youth mentoring programs in Victoria. Today, the VYMA provides an effective mix of consultation, professional development, resource development and advocacy.

How the VYMA works

The VYMA is committed to supporting safe, consistent, quality and sustainable youth mentoring. We work with local and state governments, philanthropic organisations, businesses and youth mentoring providers.

What is Youth Mentoring?

Youth mentoring provides structured and trusting relationships that bring young people together with volunteer mentors who offer guidance, support and encouragement.

Mentoring is an effective way of providing young people with a supportive and enriching experience.

Many young Victorians lack a positive role model in their lives, often resulting in disengagement from their school and community. The consequences can include social isolation, low self-esteem, depression, and even crime.

Early intervention through youth mentoring programs reduces disengagement and helps young people lead fulfilling & productive lives.

The whole community benefits from youth mentoring. It creates positive links between generations and increases community connections for both young people and volunteer mentors.



The VYMA Value

- Delivers unique resources, tools, training and consultation
- Promotes quality and excellence across mentoring programs
- Responsive to the needs of youth mentoring programs and supporters

The VYMA Difference

- Provides a voice for all Victorian youth mentoring programs
- Represents the entire spread of youth mentoring, including community and school based programs
- Supports programs across metropolitan and rural areas

The VYMA Experience

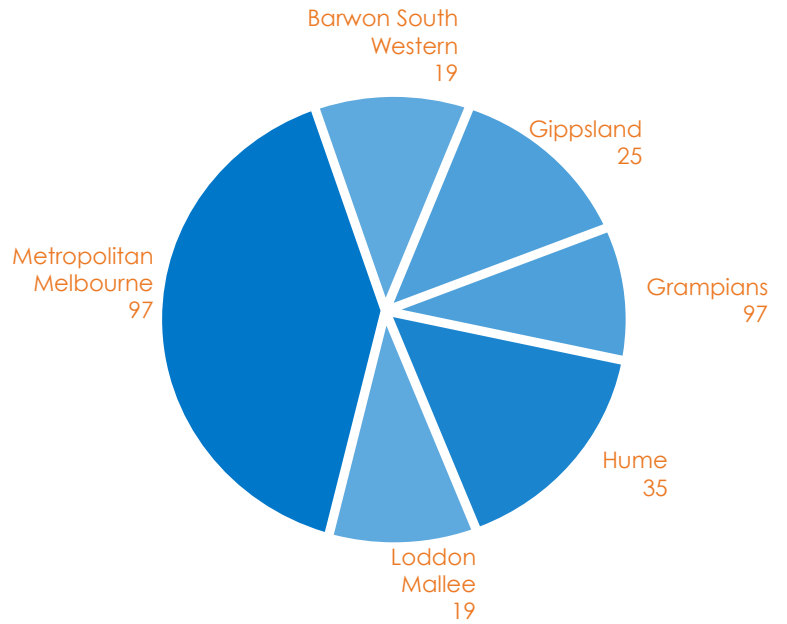
- Expert knowledge
- Practical & relevant advice
- Quality online resources
- Online program referral service
- Access to networks & professional development
- A one-stop shop for youth mentoring providers

Number Crunch

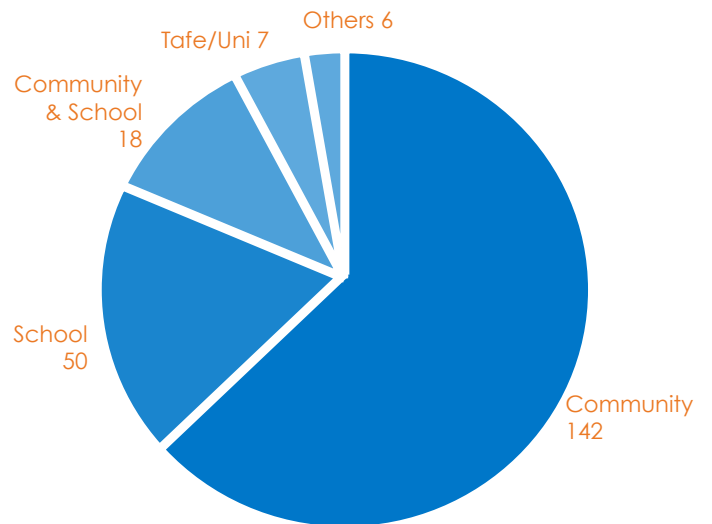
The VYMA has 223 youth mentoring programs involved in its work. We estimate that at least 5,500 young people and 5,200 volunteer adult mentors are involved with youth mentoring programs across the State.

The majority of these are community based programs where young people are matched one-on-one with an adult volunteer mentor. Programs can also be found in schools, universities, tafes, workplaces and even on the internet through e-mentoring. Models can also include group and peer mentoring.

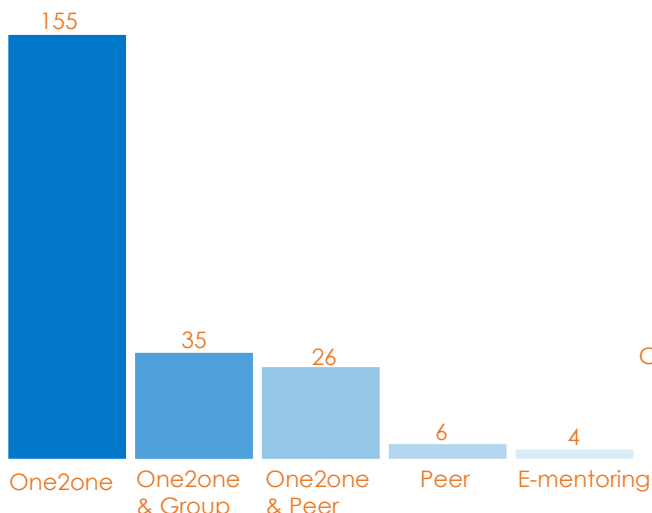
Programs by Region



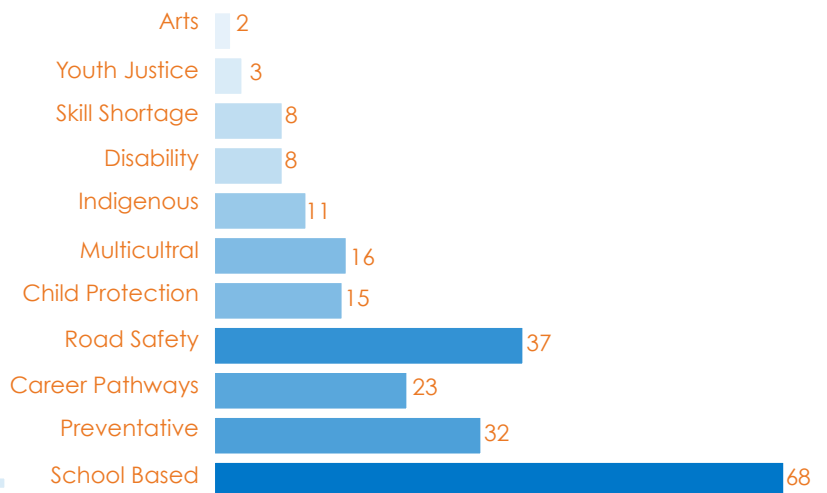
Programs by Setting



Programs by Style



Programs by Focus Area





Issues Facing Youth Mentoring

- Sourcing sustainable funding to ensure long term benefits for young people
- Ensuring coordinators are properly resourced, so they can fully support young people and mentors
- Supporting young people and volunteers when a program closes due to lack of funding
- Recruiting appropriate mentors - especially males
- A lack of mentoring opportunities for disconnected young men
- Staff turnover and specialist knowledge retention
- Rural transport challenges for volunteer mentors and young people

Leadership and Expertise

Goal

Provide leadership and advocacy for quality youth mentoring across Victoria

In 2009-10, the VYMA became truly recognised as the peak body for mentoring in Victoria. Through our relationships with other Victorian representative bodies (including Victorian Council of Social Services, Volunteering Victoria and Youth Affairs Council of Victoria), we were able to strengthen the presence of youth mentoring within both youth and volunteering policy.

Our ongoing relationship with the Australian Youth Mentoring Network ensured Victoria played an important role in the National arena.

We continued to input into policy that impacts on the youth mentoring sector, playing a key role in the development of the Department of Planning and Community Development's 'Leading the Way Strategy' as well as providing advice to a number of government departments.

Consultations and Presentations

Department of Planning and Community Development

- Fortnightly meetings with Office for Youth regarding direction and support for youth mentoring
- Presentation to Youth Mentoring Whole of Government Working Group (August 2009)
- Participated in Not For Profit Futures Summit (September 2009)
- Focus Group with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria exploring ideas for youth leadership development in the indigenous communities (September 2009)
- Consultation for Aboriginal Affairs Victoria regarding mentoring models for indigenous youth leadership (October 2009)
- Presentation to Ministerial Advisory Council of Senior Victorians Participation Task Group (February 2010)
- Participated in Office for the Community Sector roundtable on leadership in the community sector (April 2010)
- Coordination of Metropolitan consultation for the Office for Youth's 'Leading the Way Strategy' (September 2010)

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

- Consultation with Youth Transitions Division regarding opportunity for mentoring in Youth Connections (April 2009)
- Consultation for Wannik project regarding mentoring models for rural indigenous youth (February 2010)
- Presentation to DEECD and Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations operations staff on Victorian youth mentoring opportunities (May 2010)

Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS)

- Represented youth mentoring at consultations on VCOSS Platform for the 2010 State Election and Partnership agreement between DEECD and the community sector (April 2010)

Metropolitan Networks

- Presentation to Western Regional Youth Affairs Network (August 2009)
- Presentation to Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) (May 2010)
- Presentation to Brotherhood of St Laurence and Rotary Club of Melbourne (June 2010)
- Presentation to Port Phillip Youth Education Network (June 2010)

Written Submissions

- Response to 'Stronger futures for all young Victorians: A discussion paper on the youth transitions system' (June 2010)
- Response to 'National Volunteering Strategy Consultation Paper' (June 2010)



Metropolitan Program Consultations

The VYMA has undertaken 39 individual program consultations during this period. Over half of these sessions were provided to programs in their establishment phase, ensuring that new programs are aware of how to provide quality youth mentoring.

"The best thing about the VYMA is its leadership and confidence in youth mentoring as a fantastic way to make a real difference in the community."



Raising the profile of youth mentoring

Youth Mentoring Week (25-31 October 2009) once again played an important role in raising the profile of youth mentoring. Programs across the State used the 'Youth Mentoring Week Celebration Kit' enjoying dinners, BBQs, mentor training and visits to the zoo using 2000 free Zoos Victoria tickets for young people and their mentors. The VYMA succeeded in getting youth mentoring in the media during this period through various radio interviews, newspaper articles and letters to the editor.

In 2009-10 the VYMA also promoted youth mentoring and its benefits at a range of conferences and events, including YACVic's Statewide Conference (October 2009) and a function of the Australian Professional Services Marketing Association (June 2010).

In addition a range of mentoring matches and innovative programs showcased via our bimonthly newsletters and website.

Referrals

The VYMA provides an online and telephone referral service for both young people seeking mentoring and adults interested in volunteering as mentors. The number of telephone referrals has increased by 60% in the past year. Over 90 referrals have been made in the 2009-10 financial year. 70% from parents and community agencies.



Member Capacity Building

Goal

Build the capacity of members to ensure best practice across Victoria

Resource Development

The VYMA has developed a range of resources and templates to assist quality practice. In November 2009 we launched a new improved website to ensure we had the online capacity to provide members with the resources they require. Over 90 pro forma resources are now available on the member's page and notes and presentations from all VYMA events are available online.

The 'Youth Mentoring Media Kit' assisted our members in promoting their program via the media and was developed in partnership with the Australian Youth Mentoring Network. Programs also took advantage of the new 'VYMA Local MP Advocacy Kit' in the lead up to the State Election.

The 'VYMA Mentor Training Package' was developed during this period, and was guided by an online consultation with 43 stakeholders, VYMA Member's Advisory Group discussions and a 5 month pilot phase. The tool will be released in November 2010 for use by programs across the State.

During this period the VYMA commenced planning for a major Accreditation Initiative to assist programs in delivering safe, high quality youth mentoring.

Professional Development

Professional Development Workshops

Four workshops were provided in the last year exploring media and marketing, business engagement skills, cross cultural awareness and communication and the supervision and support of mentors. One hundred and twenty nine representatives from 54 organisations attended.

Practice Network Meetings

Quarterly meetings have again allowed coordinators to come together to share their highlights and challenges. The meetings harnessed the collective knowledge of coordinators to resolve issues. In the last year 31 participants from 20 youth mentoring organisations attended meetings. Topics included ideas for group activities, saying 'no' to unsuitable mentors, dealing with program expansion, mentor recruitment and supporting matches.

Coffee Clubs

Ten informal Coffee Clubs were hosted in 3 metropolitan locations by local program coordinators. This setting has provided a comfortable space for workers to come together and chat informally about issues.

Mentoring Summit

Fifty four young people and mentors attended a summit to share stories and celebrate their achievements at Melbourne Zoo in August 2009. The group enjoyed a graffiti workshop and their stories have been used to promote the benefits of youth mentoring.

Beyondblue Training

The VYMA partnered with Beyondblue in May 2010 to run 2 free training sessions for volunteer mentors at Melbourne Zoo. Participants from across Victoria learned more about depression and anxiety and how to respond to young people who may be struggling with mental health issues.

"If the VYMA didn't exist our organisation would not have access to qualified support and professional development opportunities to ensure that our youth mentoring programs are in line with quality benchmarks."



Keeping connected with our members

The VYMA Member's Advisory Group represents the spread of youth mentoring programs in Victoria. The group meets quarterly to ensure the VYMA continues to remain a true Alliance, maintaining links with its membership and responding to the interests and needs of youth mentoring.

Regional Support

The Regional Coordination Projects, funded through the Office for Youth and Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, aim to coordinate effective regional delivery of new and existing mentoring programs and strengthen community collaboration and capacity for the delivery of mentoring programs. The projects play an important role in providing regional information to the VYMA.

The VYMA has helped to build the capacity of the projects through the provision of quarterly planning and support meetings. Presentations at Youth Mentoring Week Celebrations in Hume region (October 2009) and a National Volunteer Week dinner for mentors in Ballarat (May 2010) also ensured the VYMA had a regional and rural profile.



Research and Data

Goal

Develop an evidence base to inform the promotion and advocacy of quality youth mentoring

As a relatively new initiative, ensuring we have the evidence to promote youth mentoring is a real challenge for the youth mentoring sector. The VYMA is committed to developing and disseminating a Victoria specific evidence base and, during this period, undertook a scoping of Victorian youth mentoring research to understand how different programs build an evidence base.

A call to our members resulted in 16 diverse responses that demonstrated programs aim to measure impact in: self awareness, self esteem, trust, communication skills, resilience, school, relationship with family and peers, involvement in positive activities, community connections, risk taking and goal setting.

The VYMA continues to work with the Office for Youth and Helen Macpherson Smith Trust to develop a research framework to measure the impact of youth mentoring across Victoria.



Internal Resources and Governance

Goal

Ensure the ongoing efficiency and sustainability of the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance

The VYMA has had a clear focus on building our financial capacity during this period. In July 2009 we developed a strategic plan that, not only outlined the service delivery elements of the Alliance, but ensured we were meeting our regulatory compliance, legal and fiscal responsibilities.

Despite generous pro bono legal advice from Middletons, we were unable to secure DGR status. However we have worked to identify future projects, including an accreditation initiative and corporate sponsorship strategy, to ensure our ongoing sustainability. We have also been highly successful in maintaining and expanding our membership base during this period, welcoming 28 new members to the Alliance in the last year.

In November 2009 we further strengthened our governance structure by recruiting three new Board members with expertise in finance, marketing and project management.

New Board Members

Brenda Mainland

Brenda holds a Masters of Management from Monash University, and has broad experience in general and project management, as well as business development, strategy and relationship growth. Her skills have been utilised to increase awareness of the VYMA, and to work towards long-term sustainable funding to enhance the services offered to members. Brenda is passionate about youth mentoring and is currently mentoring a young person.

Carolyn Aldous

Carolyn joined the VYMA Board as a way to further her participation in youth mentoring. She is currently a youth mentor and has seen first hand the positive impacts of youth mentoring. Carolyn is the Client Account Manager at Middletons, where she works with the business to develop clear strategies to enhance client relationships. Carolyn has a Bachelor of Commerce (Management), a Graduate Certificate in Employee & Industrial Relations, a Masters of Marketing and is currently undertaking a Masters of Business Administration.

Chris Nairn

Chris has been a mentor since 2005. He is passionate about the impact mentoring can have, not only on the young person's life, but also for family and friends of the young person. Chris became involved with the Board to help spread the message of youth mentoring and its positive effects across the community. Chris is a financial planner and lifelong supporter of the Melbourne Football Club.

Financial Report

Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2010

	2009-10
	\$
Income	
HMST Grant	60,000.00
Office for Youth	100,000.00
Donations & Sponsorships	265.00
Membership Fees	7,289.09
Workshops and Forums	1,019.55
Metro RCP Support	5,000.00
Interest received	2,310.61
Total Income	<u>175,884.25</u>
Expenditure	
Administrative/office expenses	9,119.47
Finance & Governance	3,700.42
Staff Costs	116,244.14
Activities related	13,842.08
Total Expenses	<u>142,906.11</u>
Operating Profit	<u>32,978.14</u>

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 30 June 2010

	2009-10
Current Assets	
Total Cash On Hand	109,621.65
Deposits Paid	200.00
Pledges Receivable	165.00
Total Current Assets	<u>109,986.65</u>
Non Current Assets	
Property Plant & Equipment	1,376.56
Total Non Current Assets	<u>1,376.56</u>
Total Assets	<u>111,363.21</u>
Current Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	74.60
Other Current Liabilities	294.00
Prepaid Grant	10,000.00
GST Liabilities	
- GST Collected	612.45
- GST Paid	-559.16
Total GST Liabilities	53.29
Payroll Liabilities	
- Long Service Leave	8,369.52
- PAYG Withholding Payable	9,076.00
- Superannuation Payable	0.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	17,445.52
Total Current Liabilities	<u>27,867.41</u>
Net Assets	<u>83,495.80</u>
Equity	
Accumulated Retained Earnings	50,517.66
Current Year Earnings	32,978.14
Total Equity	<u>83,495.80</u>

The Income and Expenditure Statement and balance sheet have been extracted from the audited financial report of the Organisation.

Statement by Members of the Board of Management

In the opinion of the board the financial reports set out:

- Presents a true & fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2009 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
- At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to meet its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the Board by



 Michael Poulton Chris Nairn
 Chair Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of November, 2010


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The Members:
Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance Inc.

Scope
We have audited the attached Financial Statement of the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance Inc. as set out in the attached pages for the year ended June 30th, 2010.

The Officers of the organisation are responsible for the preparation and the presentation of the Financial Statements and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Members.

This Report and Financial Statements have been prepared specifically for the Members of the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance Inc. and as such, they are not general purpose Financial Reports.

The Audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Financial Statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Statements and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects the Financial Report is presented to give a true and fair view in accordance with the requirements of the Association's Incorporation Act and the Association's Constitution so as to present a view of the Association which is consistent with the understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows. As the Association cannot exercise accounting controls prior to the receipt of any funds, our audit is limited to verifying the amounts recorded in the accounts.

The Audit Opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above bases.

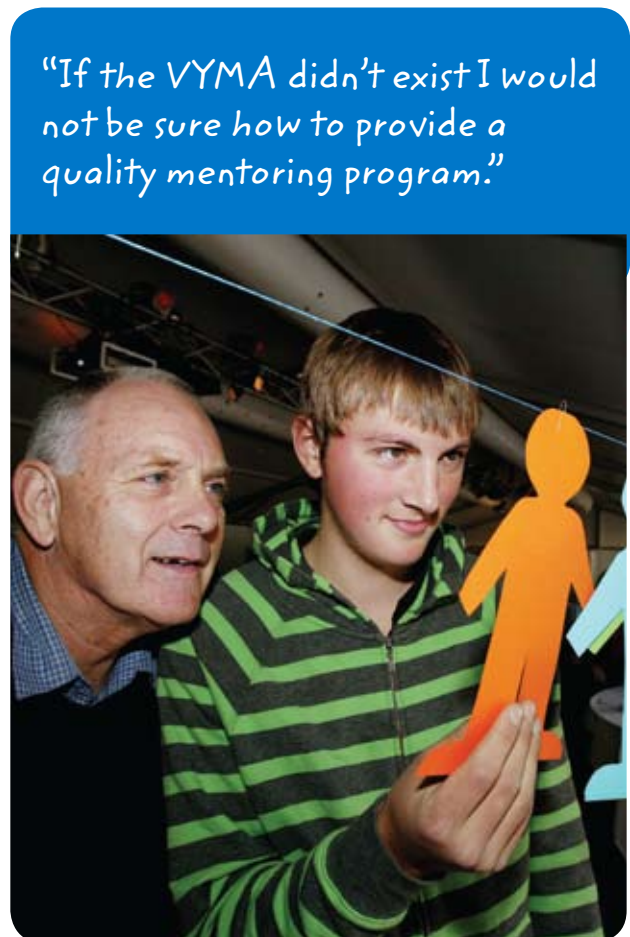
Independence
In conducting our Audit, we have complied with the Independence requirements of the Australian Professional Ethical Pronouncements.

Audit Opinion
In our opinion the Financial Report of Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance Inc. presents a true and fair view of the financial position in accordance with the Association's Incorporation Act (if applicable) and the Association's Constitution as at the period ended June 30th, 2010 and the results of its operation and cash flows for the period then ended.

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Supporters

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Speakers at forums

Amanda Wiggs (Yarra Ranges Youth Services), Andrew Eadon (Zoos Victoria), Brett de Hoedt (Hootville Communications), Caitlin Wilks (Centre for Multicultural Youth), David Imber (Essential Media Communications), Eloise Brown (YWCA Victoria), Jamie Ramsay (Whitelion - Mentor), Jeremiah Temple (The Salvation Army), Kate McCabe (Zoos Victoria), Mark Watt (Whitelion), Meri Ivanovska (Inner Northern LLEN), Sarah Pant (facilitator), Simon Webb (Inner Northern LLEN - Mentor), Sophie Dutertre (Centre for Multicultural Youth), Tanya Edmonds (YWCA Victoria - Mentor), Vishal Tandon (Whitelion)

Coffee Club Hosts

Allan Snashall (MacKillop Family Services), Amanda Wiggs (Shire of Yarra Ranges Youth Services) and Eloise Brown (YWCA Victoria)

Member's Advisory Group

Allan Snashall (MacKillop Family Services), Allison Trethowan (Whitelion), Amanda Wiggs (Shire of Yarra Ranges Youth Services), April Livesley (Lead On Geelong), Caitlin Wilks (Centre For Multicultural Youth), David White (YMCA Victoria), Eloise Brown (YWCA Victoria), Guy Hatfield (Shine for Kids), Linda Cusworth (Strathbogie Shire Council), Margaret Crisp (North East LLEN), Meri Ivanovska (Inner Northern LLEN), Nicole Abbatangelo (RMIT), Shona Coutts (The Smith Family), Simon Gray (Stride Foundation) and Simon Kuut (Big Brothers Big Sisters - Melbourne)

Mentoring and Capacity Building Initiative Regional Coordinators

Vicki Colman (Grampians Regional Mentoring Program Support and Coordination Project) Rashmita Samrai (Barwon South West Youth Mentoring Network), Kate Boyer (Gippsland Mentoring Alliance), Leigh Candy (Loddon Mallee Youth Mentoring Project), Lauren Holst (Melbourne Metropolitan Youth Mentoring Implementation & Coordination), Sue Watts (Make Mentoring Matter)

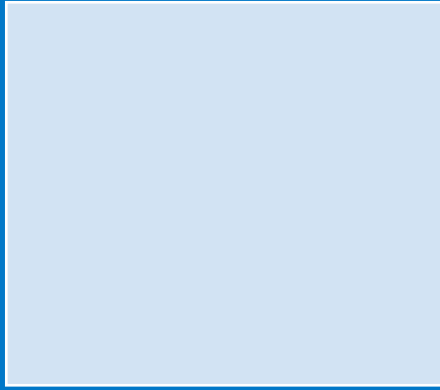
Individual Members

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Brenda Mainland (Survey Matters)
Carolyn Aldous (Middletons)
Chris Nairn (Protecting Wealth)
Hong Nguyen (Inner Northern Local LLEN)
Kate Boyer (Gippsland Mentoring Alliance)
Lyn Simmons (Berry Street Victoria)
Mark Watt (Whitelion)
Michal Wright (MacKillop Family Services)
Michael Poulton (Glenvern Associates)
Paul Mathewson (Big Brothers Big Sisters - Melbourne)
Silvana De Pretto (Inner Northern LLEN)
Sue Fowler (Maribyrnong Moonee Valley LLEN)

Organisational Members

AFL Players Association (Ladder Mentoring Program)
Anglicare (Buddies Program)
Baimbridge College (Standing Tall - In School Mentoring Program)
Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN
Bayside Glen Eira Kingston LLEN
Berry Street Victoria (Assorted Programs)
Big Brothers Big Sisters - Melbourne
BRACE Education, Training and Employment (Arts Path)
Brimbank City Council (Brimbank L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program)
Brotherhood of St. Laurence (Future's Club)

Carers Victoria (YCM 121 - Young Carer's Mentoring)
Centre for Multicultural Youth (Building Relationships & Initiating Change - BRIC)
City of Yarra Youth Services
Concern Australia (3 WAY Mentoring Program)
Deakin University (Willing & Able Mentoring Program)
Department of Planning & Community development (Office for Youth)
Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) (EACH Mentoring Program)
Eastern Industry Education Partnership (Girls in Trade)
Emerald Centre for Hope and Outreach (ECHO) (Beyond All Expectations Mentoring Project)
Farnham St Neighbourhood Learning Centre (Flemington/Kensington Mentor Program)
Geelong Regional Vocational Education Council (Mentoring for our Young People)
Gippsland East LLEN (Plan It Youth - Gippsland East Mentoring Program)
Goldfields LLEN
Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services (Yarra L2P Driver Education)
Gunditjmara Aboriginal Cooperative (Kalay Wartee Sister Brother)
Hume Whittlesea LLEN (L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program)
Inner Eastern LLEN (IELLEN Youth Mentoring Program)
Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (Mentors for our Students)
Inner Northern LLEN
Jesuit Social Services, Brosnan Youth Services (Leaving Care Mentoring Program South)
Kildonan Uniting Care (Kildonan Youth Mentoring Program)
Kilmany UnitingCare (Creative Respite Options)
MacKillop Family Services (Bayside Youth Mentoring Programme)
Mallee Accommodation Support Service (Kokoda Youth Leadership Program)
Maribyrnong City Council (Wheels in the West)
Maribyrnong Moonee Valley LLEN (Youth Mentoring Assisted Pathways - YMAP)
Melton Shire Council (Melton Shire Youth Mentoring Project)
Mission Australia (Getting to Work Program)
Mornington Peninsula Shire (It's All About Me)
NESAY North East Support & Action for Youth (Making Mentoring Matter)
NMIT Youth Unit (Mentoring Training Provider)
North Central LLEN (Links for Life)
North East LLEN (Huron College Pilot Project)
Outer Eastern LLEN
RMIT (Linking Young People into Education & Training - LYPET)
Sandy Beach Centre (Pathways to Employment: Community Learning Partnership Program)
Shine for Kids (Sky Mentoring Program)
Shire of Yarra Ranges Youth Services (Jindi Woraback)
South Eastern Migrant Resource Centre (Refugee and CALD Youth Mentoring Program)
Southern Directions Youth Service (MOIRA Post Care Mentor Program)
Southern Grampians Adult Education (Youth Education Program)
St Kilda Youth Service (SKYS) (L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program)
St Luke's (Loddon Mallee Youth Mentoring)
Strathbogie Shire Council (Making the Links Mentoring Project)
Stride Foundation (Mentoring through Music)
The Bridge Youth Service
The Salvation Army (Northern Mentoring Support Program)
The Salvation Army Karinya (LARF)
The Smith Family (i-track e-mentoring)
Upper Yarra Community House (Making Trax)
Vic Roads (L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program)
Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS/ ALOC Youth Leadership Program)
Whitelion (Various Programs)
World Vision (Kids Hope)
YMCA (YMCA Youth Mentoring)
Young Life Australia (Volunteers in Schools Program)
Youth Now (Mentoring for our Students)
YWCA (Asista Mentoring and Friendship Program)



Get Involved

How you can get involved

- Sponsor a VYMA project initiative
- Sponsor an event
- Make a donation
- Become a corporate partner

Support a program

- Become a mentor
- Partner with a mentoring program
- Sponsor a mentoring program

Youth mentoring providers across Victoria can become a member of the VYMA at www.youthmentoringvic.org.au

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