

ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25





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The Anganya program supports Benalla’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Along with academic support, students work with local Elders and Aboriginal community members to deepen their cultural knowledge and connection.

Benalla and district is in North East Victoria.

Tomorrow Today acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we live, learn and work: the Yorta Yorta, Bangerang and Taungurung peoples and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from other lands who are part of our community. We pay our respects to their elders past and present and endeavour to continually value and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and practices.

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Tomorrow Today is Benalla’s independent community foundation. We connect people, resources and ideas to create a bright future for our great rural community.

Local people are able to help shape our community's future by donating time, money and skills to help us respond to local needs.

We believe that everyone should have the chance to thrive – and that education is the answer.

Working together with families, schools and the community, we are leading a long-term project to ensure all our children and young people can achieve their potential in school, work and life.

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**It is with great pride
that we present
Tomorrow Today's
Annual Report for
2024/25.**

CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Tomorrow Today is part of the growing network of community foundations across Australia. Each one is unique, reflecting the diversity of needs and strengths within our communities. One of the features that community foundations have in common is the ability to unlock assets of all kinds from within a community, to help create a brighter future. These assets are not just financial but include networks, trust and aspiration. We are grateful that our community so generously supports Tomorrow Today with all these assets.

The Education Benalla Program is a whole-of-community approach to improving educational outcomes for Benalla's young people. Unfortunately, the rising incidence of developmental and learning difficulties amongst young children is a significant problem nationally. Early intervention is critical to future learning and to the wellbeing of these children and their families. For regional families, access to timely specialist assessment and care is not only costly but access can be challenging as there is no publicly funded service. We have been able to negotiate to have a private paediatrician from North East Children's Clinic consult one day per month in Benalla, increasing access for all local families. In addition, working in partnership with preschools and primary schools, we have introduced a 12-month pilot program to "fund the gap" for paediatrician appointments. As a result, local families facing financial hardship can now access the specialist care their children need.

By the time the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Back-to-School voucher program reached its scheduled conclusion in 2024, it had contributed \$350,000 to Benalla over 20 years. A wonderful contribution to our community. We are extremely grateful to the generous local donors whose recent support has allowed us to continue this program in Benalla and district, purchasing \$30,000 of vouchers for our schools to distribute when and where they are needed.

Through our Annual Grants Program and responsive Stepping Stones Grants, we were pleased to award funding to 19 local organisations, our largest distribution since our grants began in 2003. Almost \$63,000 was invested into community-led projects that build capacity, strengthen resilience, and support the education of Benalla's children and young people. The support of these projects is only possible because of the generosity of the people who contribute to our Community Fund.

This year we commenced two new initiatives within the Education Benalla Program: Motiv8 and Anganya. Motiv8 has been designed to improve the wellbeing of Year 8 students in response to the need identified as part of our program evaluation. Through hands-on activities with residents at Estia Health and members of Benalla SES, participants develop stronger collaborative skills, both with their peers and the wider community.

Anganya, a partnership with Ganbina in Shepparton, supports the learning of Benalla's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. In its first year, the program has already reached more than 50 students who identify as Indigenous. Anganya works with local Elders to deliver cultural learning sessions, provides one-on-one tutoring in key learning areas, and assists secondary students as they plan their career pathways. We are pleased to see the program also making use of Benalla's Aboriginal Garden for informal gatherings and cultural activities led by local Elders.

Tomorrow Today has been involved in the development of the Aboriginal Garden from the first discussions over 20 years ago. It is a place for sharing, healing and knowledge, which continues to evolve in its role as a community resource. This year we established an advisory committee, which includes local Elders and community members, to guide our work in its continued development, ensuring the Garden acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians of the land while serving as a place of connection and learning for all.

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, who continue to deliver programs and support to the Benalla community with professionalism, respect and compassion. Thanks also for the commitment of our volunteer Board directors, whose strong governance and strategic leadership guide the organisation with clarity and purpose. This year we were pleased to welcome Rosie Koop to the Board, who many will know from her past role as Tomorrow Today Executive Officer.

We are equally grateful for the contribution made by more than 100 local volunteers whose time, energy and goodwill make our work possible. The success of our programs is a direct reflection of their commitment to supporting the children and families of our community.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge the generosity of our donors, partners, funders and community supporters. Their ongoing belief in our vision of creating a bright future for Benalla strengthens and sustains our work. A special mention of our partnership with The Ian Potter Foundation. Their announcement of a new five-year commitment will result in 20 years of support for the Education Benalla Program and Tomorrow Today.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to ensuring that Tomorrow Today continues to build opportunities for children and families, strengthen community connections, and respond to emerging challenges with innovation and care. Together with our volunteers and supporters, we are confident in our shared ability to create lasting, positive change for our community.

Louise Pearce - Board Chair
Jodie Fleming - Executive Officer



Benalla's Aboriginal Garden is a place of connection and learning for all.





In 2025 we awarded \$52,702 in funding to 13 projects which will help build a stronger, more connected community; or improve the educational and social outcomes of our children.

BENALLA'S COMMUNITY FUND

The Community Fund exists to give back to Benalla and district by turning local generosity into lasting impact. Donations are pooled and carefully invested, with the income used to provide grants that strengthen and support our community. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're able to fund a range of local projects year after year that help build a more connected, resilient, and thriving rural community.

Over \$1.6 million is held in Benalla's Community Fund.

NAMED FUNDS

Some donors choose to establish a Named Fund to give ongoing support to a particular charitable cause that's important to them. These special accounts within the Community Fund are managed by Tomorrow Today to track donations and grants for a particular donor or cause.

Current Named Funds that are benefiting our community:

Education Fund - supports young people to access educational opportunities.

Kingston Smith Memorial Fund - established in memory of local toddler Kingston Smith. This Fund supports early intervention programs that enhance the education, health and wellbeing of young children in need.

Lonsdale Fund - provides financial support for young people whose educational opportunities are limited by alcohol or drug use within the family unit.

Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Memorial Fund - this fund was established in 2024 to support students in Years 10-12 to access educational opportunities.

WE WELCOME DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FUND, OR NAMED FUNDS, AT ANY TIME.

Donations can be made over the phone, in person, by cheque or online.

Scan the QR code to donate online



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

In the 2024/25 financial year Tomorrow Today distributed \$123,136 in funding to groups, families and individuals across Benalla and district.

Support for children and young people in families experiencing financial hardship | \$60,234

Education, Sport and Hobbies | \$30,234

Through funding from philanthropic grants, BPACC Scholarship Fund, Education Fund and Lonsdale Fund, we supported 131 children and young people to access items including shoes and clothing, spectacles, travel and paediatric appointments; or participate in sport and recreation activities and school excursions. A further six students received Year 12 Scholarships.

Through the support of the Kingston Smith Memorial Fund, the Education Benalla Program has been able to invest in high-quality, evidence-based resources designed to strengthen the literacy and numeracy skills of Benalla's youngest learners. We've purchased a set of 40 Comprehension Question Cards and matching storybooks specifically designed for 6 and 7-year-olds. Guided by research in the Science of Mathematics, we've also developed hands-on kits to introduce key mathematical concepts such as number, shape, size, length, weight, and time - combining exploration with direct instruction.

Back to School vouchers | \$30,000

The Back to School program provides timely financial support for students to purchase educational items like uniforms, bags and books. For 20 years we have distributed Back to School vouchers in conjunction with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

(FRRR). At the scheduled conclusion of the FRRR funding in 2024, Tomorrow Today sought to continue the program locally. This was made possible through several funding sources including The June Canavan Foundation, Community Underwriting, the Rotary Club of Benalla, Olive Tree Op Shop and from the generous support of local business and individual donors.

400 vouchers valued at \$75 each were given to local schools to distribute to families to help meet the cost of school essentials.

Support for groups and organisations | \$62,902

Tomorrow Today supports a range of local projects each year through our Annual Grants Program and Stepping Stones Grants. Both programs are funded by income from the Community Fund.

Our grants support projects that align with two major themes:

- **Building a stronger, more connected community.**
- **Improving social and educational outcomes for Benalla's children and young people.**

Our Annual Grants Program awards grants of up to \$5,000 to fund community groups and organisations to deliver projects that build skills, strength and resilience in Benalla. Annual grants open in February each year and are announced in June. In 2025, we awarded \$52,702 to fund 13 community projects. This represents our largest ever distribution of funds.

Stepping Stones Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for community projects throughout the year. This year we awarded \$10,200 to fund six projects.

The successful projects are detailed in the following pages.

ANNUAL GRANTS

AUSTRALIAN INDIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Legacy of Siva Singh | \$5,000

The Australian Indian Historical Society creates educational resources to share the rich history and contributions of Indian communities in Australia to help reduce racism and promote social cohesion. This grant will fund a book about the life of Siva Singh, an Indian immigrant to Benalla, focussing on his deep connections to the Benalla community and significant contribution to the rights of immigrants in Australia. The book will be distributed to local schools, libraries and community centres to foster learning and awareness of the multicultural history of our region.

BADDAGINNIE COMMUNITY INC
Disco for Kids | \$2,600

In response to feedback from local young people seeking opportunities to socialise locally, Baddaginnie Community Inc will host a disco for young people aged 10-16. The funds from this grant will help to fund a DJ, refreshments and security for the event as well as the purchase of a first aid kit for the Baddaginnie Jubilee Hall.

BENALLA HOMELESSNESS
RESPONSE GROUP
Community Upskilling Project | \$5,000

The Benalla Homelessness Response Group was established to provide support for people in Benalla and district who are experiencing homelessness, disadvantage and crisis. This grant will contribute to training up to 50 community volunteers in Safe Talk Suicide Prevention and Accidental Counsellor programs. The training will build significant capacity within the Benalla community in an area of crucial need.



The Beyond Books project provides resources for students and families navigating difficult emotions and challenging situations.

BENALLA SCOUTS
Country Women’s Association
Garden Project | \$5,000

Scouting is all about the healthy development of young people, preparing them for a constructive and active life. Part of this is learning important skills to help build strong communities. This grant will help to fund the rejuvenation of the front garden of the Benalla CWA Hall. The collaborative project will not only make the garden more appealing, it will encourage everyone involved in the project to learn new skills like landscaping, soil maintenance and preparation, and how to install an irrigation system.

BENALLA SWIMMING CLUB
SONR Training Headsets | \$2,425

For many children, especially those who are hearing impaired or with ADHD, a noisy pool environment can be a difficult place to learn. SONR training headsets allow swim coaches to speak directly to individual swimmers while they are in the water via a radio transmitter. Benalla Swimming Club will use the grant funding to purchase a set of SONR training headsets to ensure all members have access to coaching that meets their individual needs.

BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE
Beyond Books | \$3,000

The Beyond Books project supports students with resources that help them manage challenging feelings and life situations. Funding will go towards books selected by the school’s wellbeing team to suit different ages and needs. These books will be gifted to students and families across all three campuses.

BERNARD BRIGGS KINDERGARTEN
Outdoor Play Equipment | \$3,786

With the increase in children attending three-year-old kinder, the need for high quality learning equipment is vital. This grant will fund the purchase of a range of new outdoor equipment to support the children’s gross motor skills and improve their physical wellbeing.

EDSPACE
Rethink Resources – Resale Enterprise
| \$5,000

EdSpace provides family centred support services in health and education for people with a disability and their families living in rural Victoria. The Resale Enterprise will resell food sourced from the local food network that would otherwise go to waste. The project will not only have environmental benefits, it will provide low-cost produce for community members, help students learn vital retail and administration skills, and provide a framework for them to participate in community activities.

LIFE CHURCH BENALLA
Life Play Outdoor Yard | \$5,000

Life Play is a free community playgroup. It aims to provide a fun, friendly, relaxed and safe environment for children and families to gather and connect. The grant funds will be used to create an outdoor play space that includes a sandpit, grass and soft-fall area for climbing and jumping.



Benalla Swimming Club members are diving into a new level of coaching with SONR training headsets.



Munro Avenue Preschool's new outdoor learning equipment is giving preschoolers more ways to climb, balance, play and imagine. Helping to build important gross motor skills and meeting the diverse needs of every child.

MUNRO AVENUE PRESCHOOL **Outdoor Preschool Equipment | \$4,991**

Outdoor play provides the opportunity for children to engage their senses. It supports imaginative play and builds children's gross motor development. This grant will enable the preschool to build on and upgrade its range of outdoor play equipment to cater to the diverse learning needs of all children at the centre.

NORTH EAST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION **Children's Week Activities | \$3,400**

North East Multicultural Association (NEMA) is a pivotal advocate for multiculturalism within our region, supporting new and established migrant and refugee communities across five Local Government Areas, including Benalla. As part of national Children's Week, NEMA will be hosting a range of engaging activities for kindergarten and early-school-aged children.

RIDE AVENUE KINDERGARTEN **Small World, Big Imaginations | \$5,000**

Small World play nurtures children's creativity and cognitive, physical, language and social skills through imaginative play. Using small toys and props, children can create detailed mini-worlds which help them connect with and reflect upon what they see, hear, feel and think in their everyday lives. This grant will fund new resources to encourage the awe and wonder in children's play experiences.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL **Indigenous Garden Project | \$2,500**

The Indigenous Garden Project will provide a culturally rich space for students to learn about Indigenous heritage, native plants, and environmental sustainability. The garden will feature a Welcome to Country area, native flora, and student-created Indigenous art pieces in collaboration with the school's Visual Arts program. This initiative aims to enhance student involvement in the local Indigenous community and strengthen connections with the Benalla Aboriginal Garden.

STEPPING STONES GRANTS

BENALLA ART GALLERY **Benalla Festival Fringe Events | \$2,000**

This grant supported two community social activities as part of the broader Benalla Festival. "Deep Soulful Sweats" an immersive performance event for adults to experience improvised movement; and, "Stage School" a theatre making workshop for children aged 7-12, to explore aspects of theatre production.

BENALLA FLEXIBLE LEARNING CENTRE **The Aboriginal Yarning Circle and Dreaming Garden Artwork and Workshop | \$2,000**

This grant funded an intensive 2-day workshop facilitated by Taungarung artist Sammy Trist. This formed part of a larger project designed to strengthen students' connection to self, community and country. The finished artwork hangs next to the centre's yarning circle and represents the Aboriginal totems of our region.

BENALLA HEALTH **Mighty Movers | \$1,200**

As part of the collaborative RESPOND project, Deakin University, Tomorrow Today, Benalla Health and Benalla Rural City Council worked together with the community to identify barriers to healthy eating and physical activity for children. This grant supported two Mighty Movers sessions which provided guided physical activities and games for children aged 6-12 years old.

BENALLA RURAL CITY COUNCIL **Kids Zone @ the Benalla Street Art Festival | \$2,000**

The Kids Zone at the 2025 Benalla Street Art Festival was a free hands-on creative space facilitated by local artists and volunteers. It included a range of artistic workshops, crafts and educational activities centered on the Growling Grass Frog.

CARERS AND PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP **FASD Information and Training Day | \$1,000**

Benalla's Parents and Carers Support Group has been providing information, advocacy, referral and support to carers, parents and families for 35 years. This grant funded a training and information day about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to raise awareness about diagnosis and available support services.

GOULBURN AND NORTH EAST ARTS ALLIANCE **Mural Music | \$2,000**

As part of Children's Week activities, Mural Music provided art-making, music and dance activities for children and families. The grant funded immersive creative arts experiences for children to broaden their connection to others within their community.



Mural Music brought children and families together through art and music, sparking creativity and connection.





A night time, town-wide scavenger hunt is an opportunity for Connect9 participants to dress up and discover the secrets Benalla holds.

EDUCATION BENALLA PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Education Benalla Program (EBP) began in 2010 to address the clear indicators that Benalla’s children and young people were not achieving similar educational outcomes to other students in Victoria. Now in its fifteenth year, the EBP is an integral part of the fabric of Benalla, working to ensure that Benalla’s children and young people have the chance to thrive in learning and in life.

Our Early Years programs empower parents to see themselves as their child’s first and most important ongoing educator. We also deliver literacy, numeracy and oral language programs within local preschools and schools to directly support young children’s learning. We provide funding for school and community activities helping to break down barriers so that every child can take part in educational and extra-curricular opportunities.

Our Future Work programs encourage young people aged 11–19 to raise their aspirations, grow in confidence, and develop the skills they’ll need for further education and employment. Working closely with schools and other organisations, we open doors to career exploration, leadership opportunities, and pathways for young people to connect, contribute, and be heard.

We work in partnership with families, preschools, schools, and a wide network of government, business and community organisations. With the support of more than 80 dedicated program volunteers, these connections create strong networks and opportunities that improve the learning and developmental outcomes of Benalla’s children and young people.

Together we strive to ensure that:

- every Benalla child starts school ready to learn,
- numeracy and literacy are measurably improved,
- student wellbeing is improved, and
- community aspirations for children’s education are raised.

Anganya - Deepening cultural connection

In Term 3, 2024 we launched Anganya, a pilot program in partnership with Shepparton’s Ganbina, to support the learning of Benalla’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Prep through to Year 12. In its first year the program has successfully engaged with 70% of Benalla’s students who identify as Indigenous.

Anganya is based on Ganbina’s highly successful Jobs4U2 program and is delivered in part by local Elders and Aboriginal community members.

There are four key elements the pilot is focusing on:

1. Education – providing direct, one-to-one and small group tutoring in key learning areas including activities that support cultural connection.
2. Employment and Training – supporting students to secure part-time work, strengthen their employability, and improve their money management skills.
3. Driving – reducing the barriers to employment by supporting students to obtain their driver’s licence.
4. Financial Support – sharing the cost with families for things like school shoes, school fees and laptops.

“Ganbina has long enjoyed its pioneering spirit, and knowing that, we stand with Tomorrow Today for the fulfilment for our children and youth and the achievement that knows no bounds – their aspirations have always been, and remains, our inspiration”

- Anthony Cavanagh Ganbina CEO



Local Elders impart their wisdom to deepen Anganya student’s connection to culture.

2024/25 PROGRAMS
AND ACTIVITIES

ConnectParent

Trained volunteer Community Connectors work with families through pregnancy and the first two years of their child’s life, supporting them to thrive in the critical first 1,000 days. The program’s first year highlighted how every connection is unique but equally strong. For some families, Community Connectors are a bridge to access essential services; for others their Connector becomes a trusted part of their support team during childbirth and in the very early days of parenthood.

7 trained
Connectors
paired

9 new
Connectors
trained

313 volunteer
hours given

“I love the opportunity to be part of a support team for new mums during their most exciting, yet challenging time.”
- Community Connector

Benalla Imagination Library

Launched in 2024, the Benalla Imagination Library is a part of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library scheme. Currently, 72% of children aged 0-2 in Benalla Rural City, have been registered to receive a free, high quality, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. Resources are also provided to help families engage with the book in ways that promote language development and early literacy.

261 children
registered

2,219 books
distributed



Learning through touch is one of the many ways that children learn about the world.

PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership)

PEEP currently reaches around 80% of Benalla families with children aged 0-5. The program offers a welcoming and supportive space where parents can connect, share experiences, and learn from one another. Children take part in engaging play and craft activities that build early literacy, numeracy, language, social, and motor skills. Parents join guided discussions on child development and parenting, and together families enjoy songs, books, rhymes, and learning games. Regular outings and family events help strengthen community connections. This year, we have continued to offer evening sessions and groups designed especially for dads.

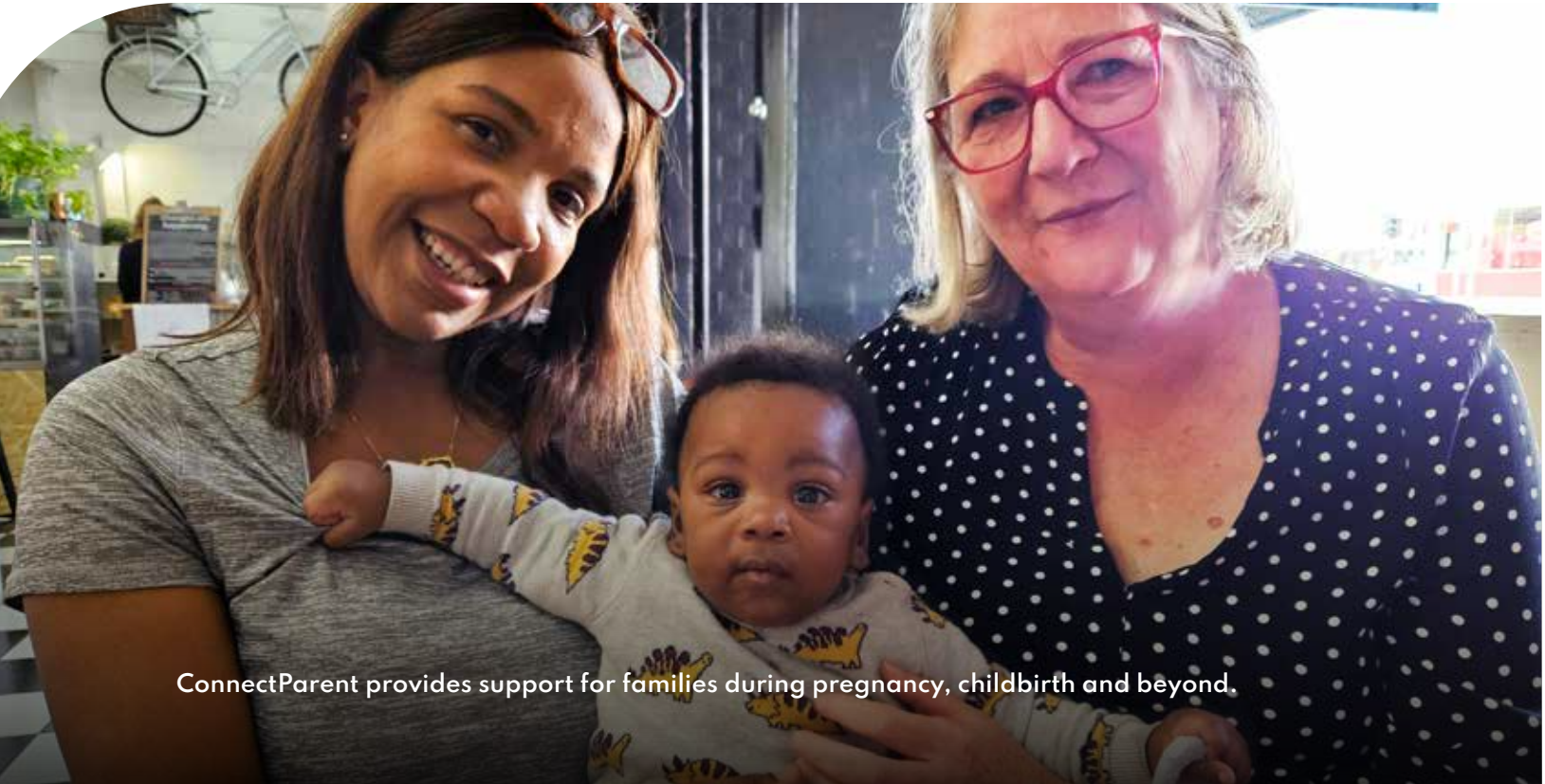
“We love PEEP. It’s been great to make friends and interact through songs and play. It’s been great for my shy son. I personally have made some great friendships and really look forward to the support and encouragement each week.”
- Parent

214 families with

288 children attended
at least one term
of PEEP

14 PEEP groups delivered
each week assisted by

16 volunteers



ConnectParent provides support for families during pregnancy, childbirth and beyond.



Colour, music and motion are the focus in our Creative Movement sessions.

Early Years Support program

For families experiencing geographical isolation, health, or accessibility issues we provide an in-home Early Years Support program. This program helps primary caregivers develop strategies to support their child's learning and navigate the challenges of parenting. Our trained early years specialist works with families to build and maintain important connections and supports them to transition their child from home to preschool, and from preschool to primary school.

122 home visits made to
32 families with
33 children

Creative Movement

In our Creative Movement classes, a trained facilitator runs fun, energetic lessons that incorporate music, movement and singing. In hour-long sessions each week of the school term, children aged from 18 months to 5 years (along with their parent or caregiver) develop their gross motor skills while exploring their creativity and improving their emotional expression.

30 families with
46 children participated in
37 sessions

Preschool screening

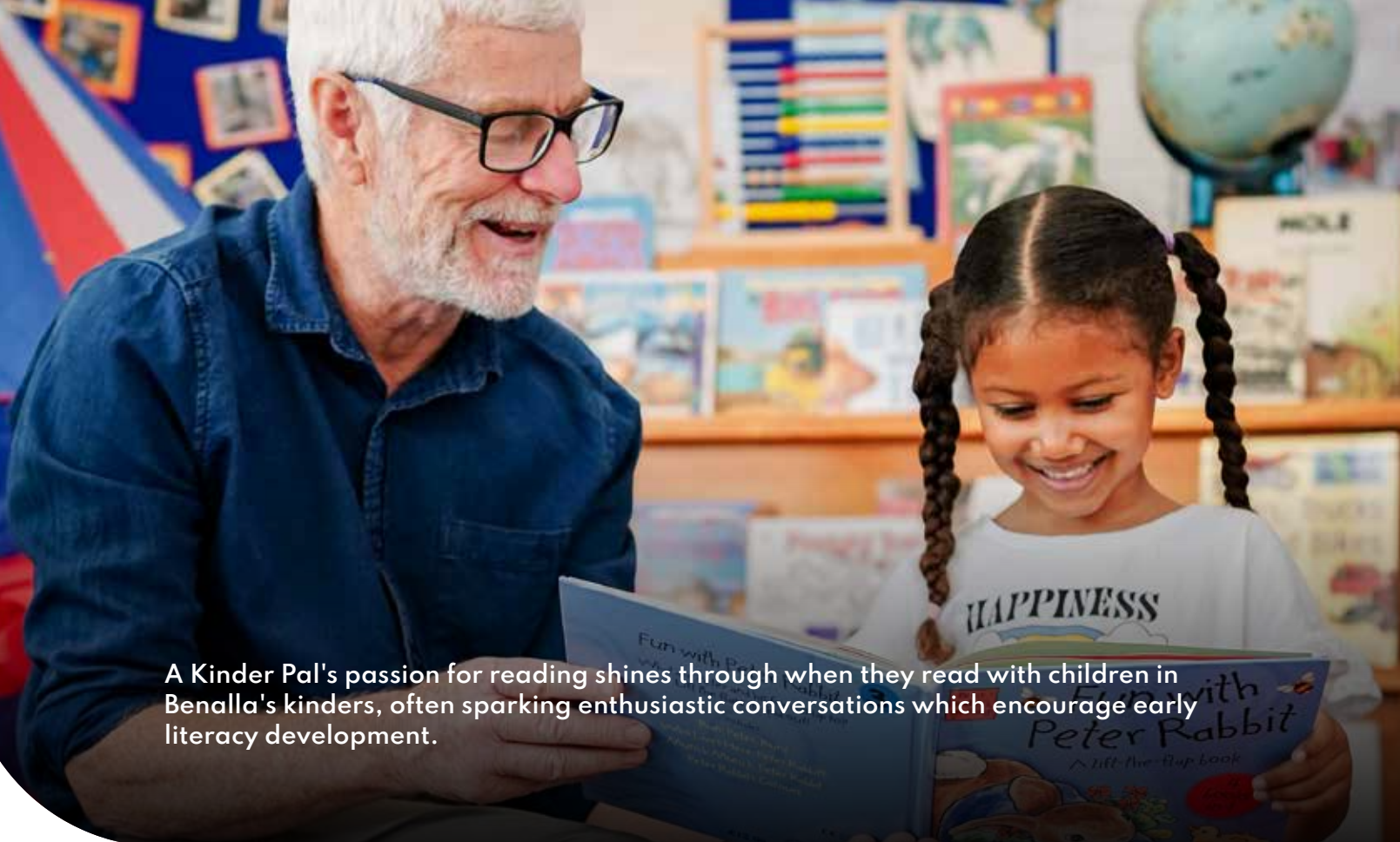
In partnership with local preschools, we offer pre-literacy, pre-numeracy and oral language screening for all 4-year-old children. This year we have reached more than 90% of Benalla's 4-year-old children. At the conclusion of the screening we provide parents with support to further develop these skills through everyday activities at home, and preschool teachers with play-based resources and activities to expand children's knowledge.

"I would 100% recommend this program. It was really helpful. My child has speech delays and the program was just what he needed."

- Parent



228 children were screened at
5 preschools



A Kinder Pal's passion for reading shines through when they read with children in Benalla's kinders, often sparking enthusiastic conversations which encourage early literacy development.

Kinder Immersion

The six-week Kinder Immersion program was offered to children who would be starting primary school in 2025 but had been identified by their educators as needing a little extra help to be 'school-ready'. Working with children in small groups at three of Benalla's preschools, our staff employed play-based activities to enhance their pre-literacy, pre-numeracy and oral language skills to prepare them for school entry.

Great Start to School

Great Start to School aims to empower parents to transition their child into their first year of school with confidence. Over two sessions, parents and caregivers learn about the importance of before and after school routines, strategies to promote physical and emotional independence, and how everyday activities can help their child's pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skill development.

21 children participated for
3x30 minute sessions per week for
6 weeks

54 families starting at
2 Benalla schools participated in
2x2 hour sessions across three sites

Kinder Pals

Kinder Pals are trained volunteers who help preschool children build their early literacy and numeracy skills. Working in small groups within Benalla's preschools, Kinder Pals read picture books and engage the children in story retelling, picture description and rich conversation.

11 Kinder Pals worked in
4 preschools and gave
196 volunteer hours

"I'm a passionate reader and I like sharing that. Reading has got me through some tough times in my life. If I can be a part of helping kids getting some of that joy, then that's fantastic. I also like the idea of being involved in helping kids be prepared to go to school."

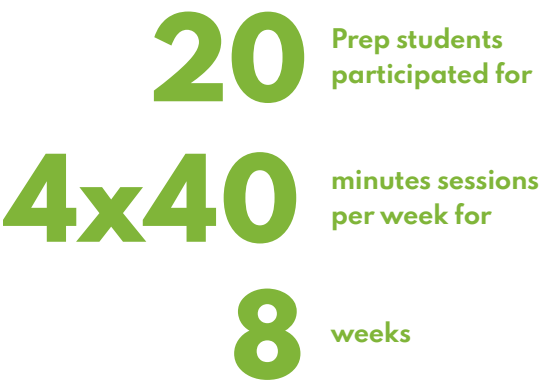
- Kinder Pal



Kinder Immersion uses play-based activities to encourage early literacy and numeracy.

Prep Immersion

In conjunction with Benalla P-12 College Prep teachers, our staff identified students who had commenced school but were not ‘switched on’ for learning. Over eight weeks in Term 2, we worked with students four times a week building the skills they need to ‘catch-up’ to their peers. Throughout the program, staff regularly communicated with class teachers and parents about student progress and supporting their learning.



Reading Buddies

Tomorrow Today trains and supports volunteer Reading Buddies to help students improve their reading and writing levels. Thirteen Reading Buddies provided one-to-one support for children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 at Benalla P-12 College and St Joseph’s Primary School.



“Thank you so much for letting my son be a part of this. The change in him from first term is amazing! He is constantly sounding out words at home, attempting to read words and loved telling us what he has learned each day.”
-Parent

Benalla Early Years Network

The Benalla Early Years Network brings together representatives from local preschools and schools, family support, health, disability and welfare services. Tomorrow Today coordinated three networking and two professional development events.

Participate! Funding

Participating in activities outside of school helps children and young people build connections, increase their sense of belonging and improve physical and mental wellbeing. This in turn can boost children’s enthusiasm for learning and engagement at school. Our Participate! Funding provides financial support for children from families with a pension or health care card to join local clubs and participate in regular out-of-school activities. This year we have had a 30% increase in the uptake of this assistance reflecting the increased cost-of-living pressure families are experiencing.



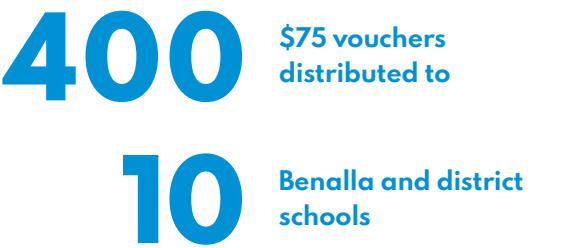
Individual funding assistance

With the support of generous donors, we provide financial assistance for children and young people to participate in a wide range of school and community activities. Students are referred for assistance by local schools, clubs and organisations.



Back To School vouchers

We continued providing Back to School vouchers in Benalla’s schools this year, funded by generous local supporters. Back to School Vouchers can be used to purchase education-related items like school uniforms, shoes, school bags and stationery.



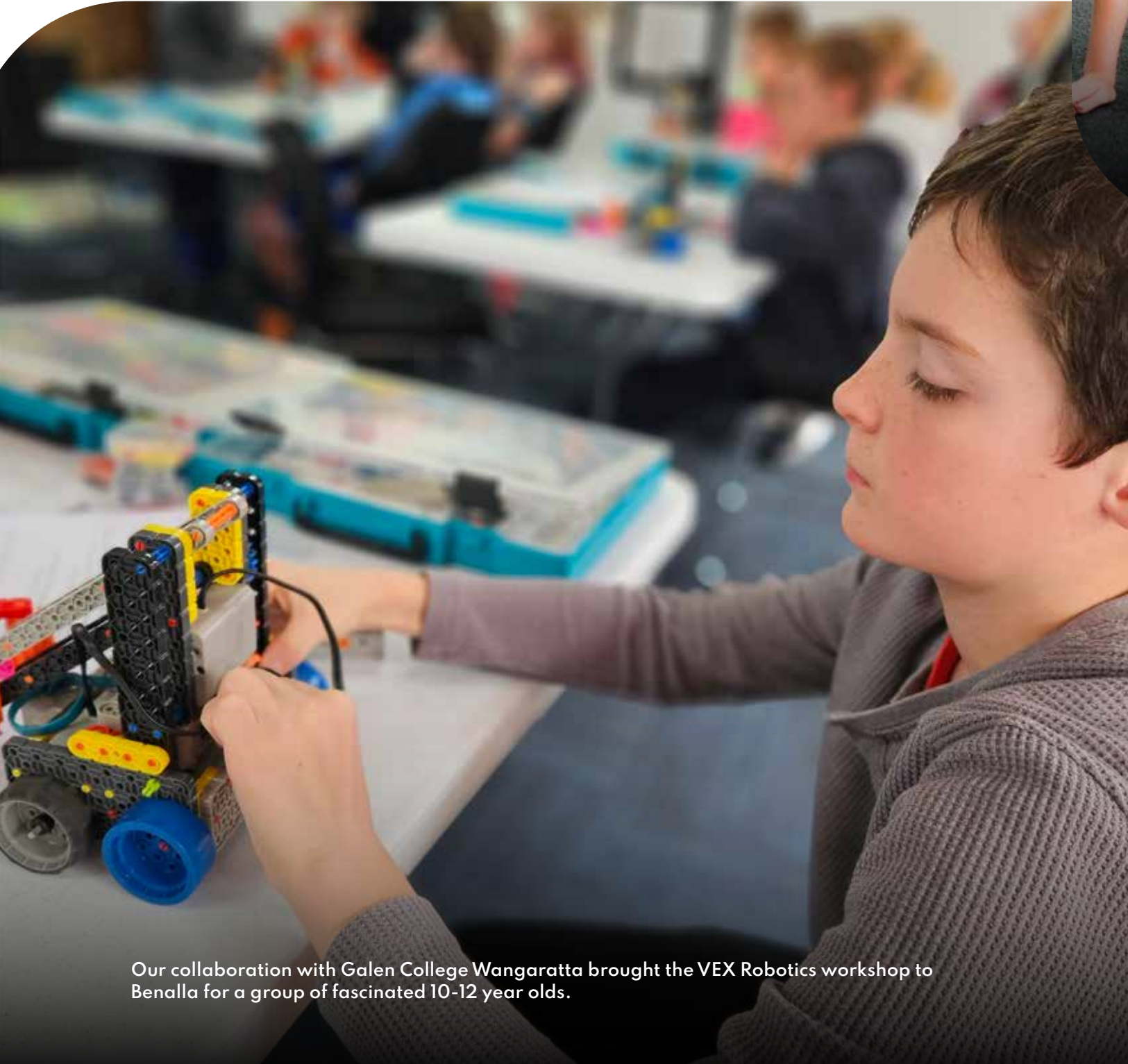
“I am a single mum and I’m completing the extra study to support my role as a nurse at our local hospital and give back to our community. I am super grateful to receive this support for my children at the start of the school year”
- Parent



Robotics workshops

In collaboration with Galen College Wangaratta's VEX Robotics Program, Tomorrow Today facilitated a full day workshop for students aged 10-12. The hands-on workshop taught students how to build, control and code a robot.

20 students from
4 schools,
1 full-day workshop



Our collaboration with Galen College Wangaratta brought the VEX Robotics workshop to Benalla for a group of fascinated 10-12 year olds.



Dream Seeds workshops help students understand their values, the importance and power of community, teamwork, making decisions, and setting goals.

Year 5 & 6 Careers Activities

Building aspiration and exploring what's possible is the cornerstone of our Year 5 & 6 Careers activities. Students participated in financial literacy sessions, Dream Seeds skills and strengths workshops, visited learning institutions and workplaces and, at our Living Libraries event met 19 local professionals from a range of industries. These experiences broaden their understanding of the world of work and help them identify their own strengths and interests.

“It was really beneficial for our students to see the career options in our local community and a great opportunity for them to interact with students from other schools.”

- Teacher

200 students attended
Living Libraries
114 students participated
in Dream Seeds
Workshops
47 professional hours
contributed



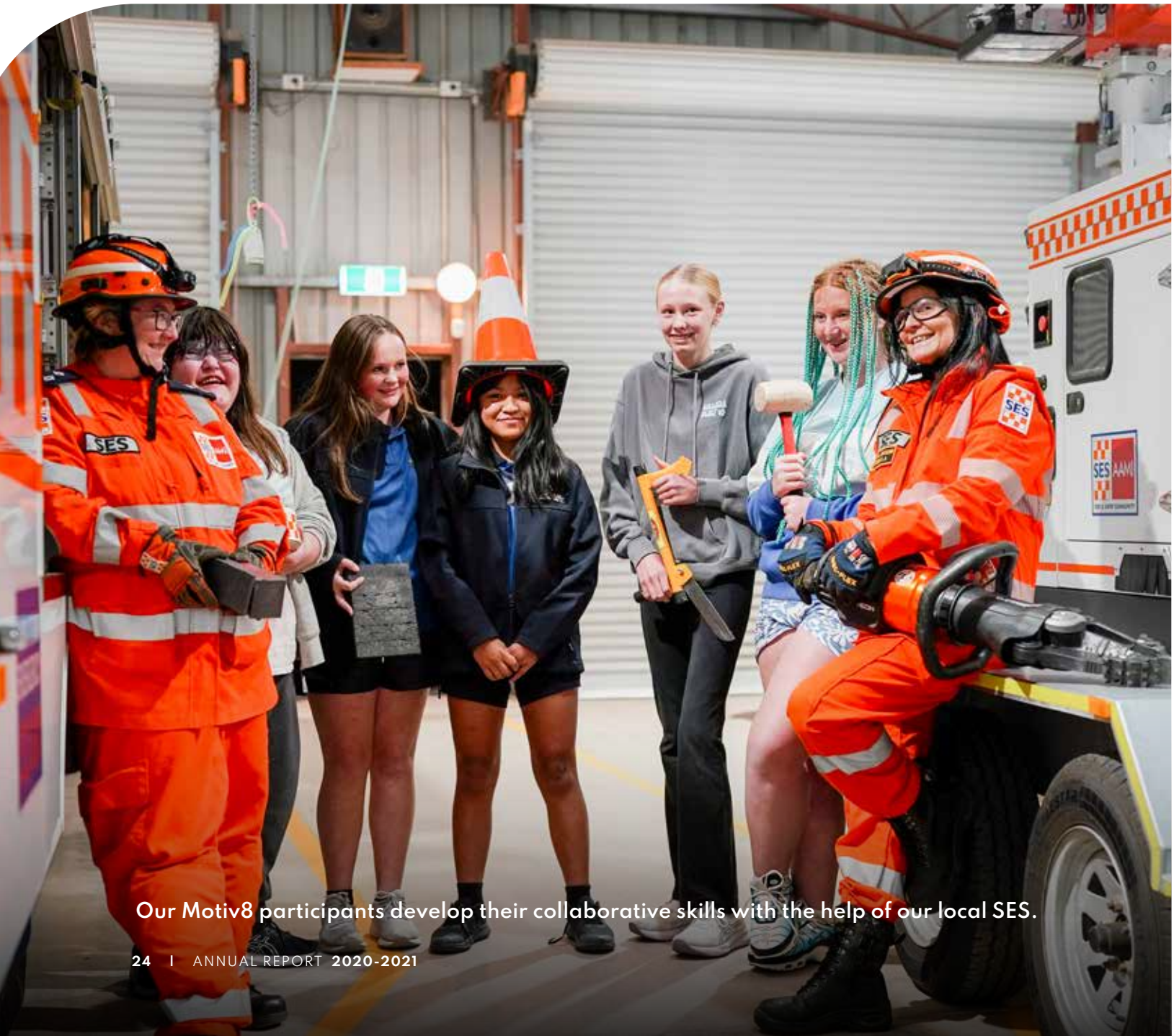
Motiv8

Motiv8 launched in Term 2, 2025 and was developed in response to our research indicating that Year 8 students were disengaging with peers and their community. Over three school terms, small groups of Year 8 students meet fortnightly to work on a project or participate in hands-on activities designed to help them develop their collaborative skills. In its inaugural term, 12 students joined the program. The students visited Estia Health to record the life stories of the residents or participated in workshops facilitated by Benalla SES to develop emergency plans.

12 young people engaged in
5 sessions with
2 organisations.



At our Community Celebration in 2024, members of the Full Impact Squad served food and emceed the formal part of the event, showing off the range of skills they've learnt throughout the year.



Our Motiv8 participants develop their collaborative skills with the help of our local SES.

Full Impact Squad

A youth-led program for young people aged 11 to 19, Full Impact Squad is a community approach to empower Benalla's young people to become a confident voice representing their peers in our region. This year the Squad participated in regular workshops with local Council and the community to help inform local government strategy in the youth space. They also planned and implemented community events to support the issues they have identified as meaningful to them, in particular youth mental health and environmental sustainability. This year the Squad has experienced significant growth, with a membership increase of 46%.

38 young people engaged in
8 workshops
1 leadership camp and
5 community events planned and implemented



The Squad's Tunes, Tees and Treasures event used the creative arts to promote the importance of youth mental health.



Big sky dreaming - the Connect9 program culminates in a glider flight over Benalla.

Connect9

Connect9 was one of the first programs Tomorrow Today implemented. Now in its fourteenth year, it is as important as ever for Benalla's young people. This community mentoring program matches students in Year 9 with a local volunteer mentor. Together, they engage in a 10-week structured program which aims to keep students connected to the community through participating in sport, hobbies and volunteering; and to remain engaged at school through building career aspiration. The relationships forged with their mentor and fellow participants often last well beyond the program completion.

29 young people were supported by

29 volunteer mentors who gave

821 volunteer hours.

109 professional hours donated

"It's a good way to get out of the house, try new things with people you can trust and can help with your confidence as well as help you find out what you need to do for your dream job"

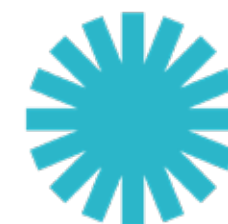
-Mentee



Building aspiration and discovering career pathways are part of the Connect9 journey.

"Connect9 helped our daughter to feel accepted and more connected in general to her community and is now more interested in what the world has to offer her as she heads toward being an older teen and beyond. Absolutely amazing the transformation in our daughter."

- Parent





Benalla students get hands-on at the Trades and Careers Expo.



Hands on Trades and Careers Expo

Tomorrow Today is a proud supporter of Hands on Trades and Careers Expo, funding transport for 235 Benalla students to the event held at Winton Motor Raceway. In 2024, 1,500 students from our region and beyond attended the Expo to discover the huge array of trades and see careers in action.

Hands on Learning

Tomorrow Today has provided input and financial support for the Hands on Learning program at Benalla P-12 College since 2010. This long partnership has allowed the program to deliver consistent benefits for students who struggle in traditional classroom settings. By engaging small groups of students in authentic 'hands-on' projects, Hands on Learning encourages the development of the skills and attributes students need to succeed in life.

43 students in Years 5-10 attended for at least

1 term of Hands on Learning

Live4Life

Live4Life is the only mental health education and youth suicide prevention model designed especially for rural communities. Tomorrow Today has been a community partner of Live4Life since 2017, specifically in the delivery of free mental health training for teachers, parents, community members, service providers and students in Years 8 and 10 attending Benalla P-12 College, FCJ College, ACC Hume and Benalla Flexible Learning Centre.

161 Year 8 students and

112 Year 10 students undertook training in Teen Mental Health First Aid



Dedicated staff continually inspire students in the Hands on Learning program at Benalla P-12 College. We are proud to have been involved with the program since 2010.

University Bus Trips

Distance from major centres, lack of reliable transport options and reduced economic circumstances mean that country students often struggle to explore all available options for further study. Our University Bus Trips help young people to see universities in action, visiting lecture theatres, recreation and accommodation facilities. This year we’ve facilitated students from Benalla P-12 College, FCJ College, EdSpace and Benalla Flexible Learning Centre to visit LaTrobe University Bendigo, RMIT and Australian Catholic University in Melbourne.

210

students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from

4

Benalla Schools, visited

3

university campuses

“I got a lot of information about what uni life is like. It made me want to go to uni.”
- Student

“The scholarship took away some of the financial burden that comes with paying rent, bills, parking, school fees, etc. To have less stress about having to move away built some space for me to have more fun with it, to worry more about making friends and connections.”
- Scholarship recipient

Year 12 Scholarships

To help reduce the barriers regional students face to access tertiary studies, Tomorrow Today awards \$2,000 scholarships to Year 12 students who are intending to pursue further education at university, TAFE or in a trade. This year we awarded scholarships to six students to assist them in pursuing the study pathway of their choice. Four of the students commenced study in 2025 in the following courses :

- Diploma of Sport and Business at SEDA College
- Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science at RMIT
- Bachelor of Science at Melbourne University
- Cert IV in Dance Teaching and Management, and a Diploma of Dance (elite performance)

Benalla Future Work Steering Committee

Tomorrow Today chairs the Benalla Future Work Steering Committee. Partners meet bimonthly to discuss opportunities for career development for Benalla’s young people. Meetings are attended by key representatives from Benalla’s schools, Australian Apprenticeship Support, APM, Benalla Health, Benalla Rural City Council, The Centre for Continuing Education, Charles Sturt University, Cooyinda Aged Care, Geared4Careers, GOTAFE, Sureway, NETracks LLEN, Schneider Electric and Ovens Murray Country University Centre.



Our Year 12 Scholarships help ease the financial burden regional students face when pursuing further study.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Tomorrow Today is privileged to have the support of 110 volunteers whose generosity makes a lasting impact for Benalla’s children, young people and families. Through roles such as Kinder Pals, Reading Buddies, Connect9 Mentors, PEEP volunteers, and Community Connectors, they help families grow their confidence, support children to improve their literacy, and nurture young people to strengthen their connections. Along with our Board and committee members supporting strong governance, and our vital ad-hoc volunteers, the dedication of these selfless people underpins the success of Tomorrow Today and helps to build a stronger, more resilient rural community.



“My daughter’s mentor is incredibly kind, understanding, supportive and the right fit for her. They have organised days out together on weekends and hope to continue to catch up with each other after the Connect 9 program finishes.”
- Parent

COUPLES WHO INSPIRE

BRE AND JAKE



When you meet Bre Hewitt and Jake Whitmore, they strike you as a happy, relaxed couple who clearly care for one another. So, it’s not surprising to learn that they both work in caring professions – Jake is a disability support worker and Bre is a mental health advocate. Earlier this year, Bre started volunteering with Tomorrow Today in the PEEP program and it wasn’t long before Jake joined her.

“I started volunteering a few months after Bre. I just heard how much fun she was having and I thought ‘I’ll come in and see what it’s all about!’ and I just enjoyed it and haven’t stopped.” Jake recalls.

For Bre, the volunteering experience is a deeply rewarding one; “I just love the program and I love seeing the kids interact with each other and I love that PEEP is a safe space. The environment’s great. But what I love the most is just seeing the kids grow; every time that there is a kid that is a bit shy and a bit more reserved, over the weeks you see them sort of open up and come to you and talk to you and want to play.”

“Having Bre and Jake in the PEEP room is such a gift. They are both such gentle, nurturing people who engage exceptionally well with the children and their parents. I think the children can sense that positive energy too. We are very lucky to have them both,” shared PEEP Coordinator, Rachael Heywood.

JOEL AND IAN



Connect9 holds a special place in the hearts of Joel Spencer and Ian Gonzaga. When they moved to Benalla in 2022, it didn’t take long for them to learn about the teen mentoring program that has become a fixture of the Education Benalla Program. “We heard about the program when we first moved here and the next year we volunteered to be mentors,” said Ian. “At first I was a bit nervous, but I didn’t need to be. It’s like anything, you just need to be present. You’re there with your mentee and the group and you’re going to have fun!

Seeing the different dynamics within the group, the kids interacting with each other and with us. I don’t know what it is, but it just works and that’s just what it’s been like each year.”

For Joel it’s seeing the teenagers grow in confidence that makes the program memorable; “One of my mentees, on the first day he was in the corner by himself, kicking the ground, not talking to anyone. By the end he was talking with the other kids. Every time I see him now he’s super confident, he comes to say hello. I think Connect9 made the difference for him.”

Alex Ross, our Youth Engagement Coordinator was full of praise for the pair; “We couldn’t ask for better mentors than Joel and Ian. They totally embrace the program and bring a wealth of life experience that their mentees and the whole group really benefit from.”

NEVILLE AND LINDA



Neville and Linda Scriven have been Benalla residents for a number of years and are well connected in the community through schools, preschools and the Rotary club. In 2022 Neville became a Connect9 mentor, for him the program is a chance to support local young people; “Each year is different. Sometimes you bond with your mentee really quickly and other years it takes a little more time. Either way there’s a trust that grows during the whole program. I think they know that you’re trying to support them as much as you can.”

In 2025 Linda joined the program too; “Each time Neville came home from Connect9 he’d tell me something different and about how rewarding it was. So, this year I said I’d give it a go.”

The most memorable part of her first program involved law enforcement; “The Scavenger Hunt was a lot of fun although I got pulled over by police (as I was) dressed as a zombie running down the road to catch up to my mentee!”

Despite her tangle with the law, Linda was keen to encourage others to volunteer; “This is very local. These are our kids and it is only a small amount of time to give to make a bit of a difference in your community and that is a really lovely thing.”

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS DURING THE 2024/25
FINANCIAL YEAR

Thank you to all our volunteers, without you our work would not be possible.

Every effort has been made to identify all our active volunteers. Our apologies to anyone who we have inadvertently omitted.

Aldous, Adrian	Hill, Sasha	Rankin, Josh
Arnold, Jacqui	Huett, Ruth	Ransom, Karen
Bailey, Katrina	Humphries, Dean	Raschke, Lisa
Bowman, Gary	Humphries, Melanie	Reaburn, Jenny
Boyd, Ruby	Kimberley, Ann	Rees, Philip
Brandellero, Hayley	Kinderis, Erin	Roper, Sarah
Branigan, Vince	King, Peter	Ross, Heather
Bridgfoot, Cathy	Kohler, Maddi	Saunders, Mark
Brownstein, Gerard	Koop, Rosie	Schipp, Tricia
Burke, Emmalee	Lawley, Melinda	Scriven, Linda
Canty, Rachael	Lees, Ochre	Scriven, Neville
Capewell, Barbara	Lefebvre, Leanne	Sidhu, Lynne
Cassidy Michelle	Little, Kaye	Simmons, Wendy
Challis, Jane	Macdonald-Johnson, Bianca	Smith, Martin
Chaplin, Ashleigh	Mann, Kirstin	Smith, Tony
Claridge, Pat	Matheson, Peter	Spencer, Joel
Coles, Kidji	May, Eni	Tanner, Denise
Cooper, Aunty Cheryl	McBay, Michael	Taylor, Kate
Cooper, Shannan	McKean, Erina	Taylor, Nick
Davies, Esther	Montgomery, Larissa	Teichert, Cayla
Dennis, Kylie	Nankivell, Karen	Thivillier, Florent
Durance, Denise	Nankivell, Peter	Thorne, Chris
Ellett, Josie	Newton, Krystal	Trethowan, Lorraine
Erskine, Irene	Nguyen, Marine	Trounson, Terry
Fleming, Lily	O’Gorman, Bek	Turner, Cassie
Flint, Rebekah	O’Kane, Joanna	van den Akker, Sheryl
Foy, Amy	O’Kane, Xavier	Wade, Riki
Gamble OAM, Sally	Paez, Deb	Walker-Chiswell, Cassie
Gommers, Tammy	Pearce, Adam	Wallis, Sarah
Gonzaga, Ian	Pearce, Hayley	Wapling, Jenny
Gray, Cameron	Pearce, Louise	Warren-Foody, Trish
Hadden, Fiona	Pearce, Tammy	Watson, Shanae
Hammond, Abby	Perry, Gavin	Whitmore, Jake
Hewitt, Bre	Perry, Malaika	Williams, Cate
Heywood, Rachael	Perry, Vicki	Winkler OAM, Carmyl
Heywood, Richard	Petch, Lisa	
Hill, Geoff	Plum, Natalee	



Our PEEP volunteers support children
and families to learn and thrive.

Scan the QR
Code to learn
more about
volunteering with
Tomorrow Today



BOARD DIRECTORS



**LOUISE
PEARCE**
Chair

Louise works as a Senior Skills Advisor for the Victorian Skills Authority. Her career is focused on education with a particular passion for supporting young people. Louise and her husband raised their family in Benalla where she has been an active community member holding positions of office in sporting clubs, Guides and Scouts. Louise is a member of the Committee of Management of the local NE Tracks LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network).

Committees: Audit, Education Benalla Program Management



**MELINDA
LAWLEY**
Deputy Chair (from Nov '24),

Melinda is the CEO of The Bridge; a non-executive director of Benalla Health and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has worked with young people throughout her career, initially as a secondary teacher before moving into community and health fields. She has extensive experience working with Boards and Executive teams across Health, Education and Community Services. Her focus is on prevention and early intervention strategies to reduce health and education disparities.

Committees: Aboriginal Garden Advisory (Chair), Risk Management, Education Benalla Program Management



NICHOLAS TAYLOR
Deputy Chair (until Nov '24),
Company Secretary

Nick is a commercial builder who established his business, Landmark Construction Group Pty Ltd, in Benalla in 2001. His long history of community involvement includes serving on St Joseph's Primary School Council, the Sandhurst Diocese Education Board and the Benalla Racing Club Committee. Nick has been a volunteer with the Samaria CFA for more than 30 years, for a large part of this time as Captain.

Committees: Audit (Chair), Finance and Investment



SALLY GAMBLE OAM
Treasurer

Sally is a founding director of Tomorrow Today, serving as Chair from 2009 to 2021. She is also a Director and Company Secretary of Community Foundations Australia and a member of the Investment Dialogue for Australia's Children, Community Leadership Council. Locally, she has contributed to numerous other community organisations over the years. In 2024 Sally was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for services to education and to the community.

Committees: Audit, Finance and Investment (Chair), Grants (Chair), Education Benalla Program Management



FLORENT THIVILLIER
Convenor, Education
Benalla Program

Florent is an industrial engineer who came to Benalla in 2001 from his native France. Originally moving here to work at Schneider Electric, he and his wife fell in love with Benalla and chose to raise their family here. Florent's active involvement in the community has included being a participant and coach in numerous local sporting clubs. After many years working across the region he has returned to Schneider Electric, now as Operations Manager.

Committees: Grants, Education Benalla Program Management



**LARISSA
MONTGOMERY**

Larissa is a senior project officer with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and has a career background in environmental sustainability. She has experience in project management, community engagement and governance and is passionate about building strong, resilient and connected communities. Larissa grew up and continues to live in Tatong and has been an active member of many different community groups over the past 18 years.

Committee: Grants



**SARAH
WALLIS**

Sarah brings a wealth of experience and local community connections to the board. As well as working for Agriculture Victoria as the Young Farmer Coordinator, which incorporates leading the Young Farmer and New Entrant Mentoring Program, Sarah has been involved in several community groups in the Benalla district including Landcare as a facilitator, delivering accredited training, administering scholarships and mentoring programs; Tatong Playgroup; and roles in emergency response.



**ROSIE
KOOP**

Rosie, along with her husband and four children, has a farming enterprise near Benalla. She has strong ties to the North-East region having served on the boards of Tourism North East and Alpine Valleys Community Leadership and as a member of Ovens Murray Regional Partnership. She has a deep knowledge of Tomorrow Today and the broader philanthropic sector. Rosie was Executive Officer at Tomorrow Today from 2020-2023. She joined the Board in April 2025.



**MARTIN
SMITH**

Martin is a senior operational risk manager and Chartered Accountant, with experience in compliance, banking and finance roles in Australia and overseas. Now Melbourne-based, he has been an active member of the local primary school council and a committee member and coach in junior sport. Martin remains connected to his home-town of Benalla. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Committees: Risk Management (Chair), Finance and Investment

WITH THANKS TO OUR SKILLED VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Adrian Aldous (Audit, Finance and Investment)
- Cameron Gray (Audit)
- Geoff Hill (Audit)
- Terry Trounson (Finance and Investment)
- Aunt Cheryl Cooper (Aboriginal Garden Advisory)
- Gerard Brownstein (Aboriginal Garden Advisory)
- Chris Thorne (Aboriginal Garden Advisory)

FINANCIALS

TOMORROW TODAY FOUNDATION

The objective of Tomorrow Today Foundation (company name - Tomorrow Today A Foundation for Rural Community Development), is to enable the people of Benalla and district to create a stronger, more resilient and prosperous rural community.

The company is trustee of the Tomorrow Today Public Fund which provides tax deductibility for all gifts over \$2. The Public Fund and the Open Fund (for supporters not needing a tax deduction) together make up Benalla’s Community Fund. During the year, funds were raised to continue building the Community Fund and grants from Community Fund income were made to benefit the district.

Tomorrow Today Foundation purchased the commercial property at 66-68 Nunn Street, Benalla, in 2017. Ownership provides a secure base for all Tomorrow Today’s community activities and a long-term rental income stream from leased offices. Costs are kept to a minimum thanks to substantial pro bono property management, legal and other support, along with the installation of solar panels.



TOMORROW TODAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The objective of Tomorrow Today Education Foundation is to reduce the level of social disadvantage in Benalla and district.

During the year, the company worked with families, schools and the wider community to deliver the Education Benalla Program. The Program responds to the multiple effects of high levels of social disadvantage to improve the educational outcomes of Benalla’s young people. Our staff coordinate and deliver more than 20 different activities that make up the Program, supported by generous grant funding from beyond Benalla.

Generous grant funding from Benalla and beyond has supported the Education Benalla Program since it began in 2010. A full list of this year’s supporters can be found on pages 42 & 43.

Tomorrow Today is pleased to acknowledge the support of the Victorian Government.



VICTORIA
State Government

The following pages include financial reports for our three charitable entities. We submit full reports to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) by the reporting deadline each year. Copies of our audited financial reports are available on request or from www.tomorrowtoday.com.au

TOMORROW TODAY EDUCATION FOUNDATION - ABN 90 610 420 123

	2025	2024
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2025		
REVENUE		
Grants	1,361,554	638,969
Donations	93,328	72,546
Other income	35,775	26,991
Total revenue	1,490,657	738,506
EXPENDITURE		
Employee benefits expense	919,061	780,762
Program expenses	248,709	281,737
Community Grants distributed	85,246	79,623
Other expenses	49,566	42,968
Professional fees	6,720	6,680
Total expenditure	1,309,302	1,191,770
Current year surplus	181,355	(453,264)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	181,355	(453,264)
Statement of Financial Position For the year ended 30 June 2025		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,164,191	900,825
Accounts receivable and other debtors	221,292	14,820
Total current assets	1,385,483	915,645
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant and equipment	44,231	36,978
Total non-current assets	44,231	36,978
Total assets	1,429,714	952,623
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	51,712	47,286
Employee provisions	139,955	88,330
Funds in advance	703,902	461,251
Total current liabilities	895,569	596,867
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Employee provisions	-	2,966
Total non-current liabilities	-	2,966
Total liabilities	895,569	599,833
Net assets	534,145	352,790
FUNDS		
Education Benalla Program reserve	257,925	129,071
Special purpose reserve	204,360	137,131
Retained surplus	71,860	86,588
Total funds	534,145	352,790

TOMORROW TODAY A FOUNDATION FOR RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- ABN 19 096 214 907

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Donations, sponsorships & fundraising	8,796	23,487
Rental income	125,966	112,266
Investment income	33,108	23,857
Profit on disposal of investments	1,535	1,429
Other income	28,062	24,923
Total revenue	197,467	185,962
EXPENDITURE		
Community grants distributed	26,425	32,857
Investment property expenses	17,670	18,061
Investment property loan - interest paid	2,437	3,188
Management fees	67,894	57,700
Professional fees	11,215	9,785
Investment fees	4,540	4,974
Other expenses	25,823	23,591
Total expenditure	156,004	150,156
Current year surplus	41,463	35,806
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items to be reclassified subsequent to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:		
Net changes in fair value of investments	26,558	20,337
Net changes in investment property valuation	-	440,224
Other comprehensive income	26,558	460,561
Total comprehensive income	68,021	496,367
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	274,083	302,758
Accounts receivable and other debtors	31,256	28,036
Total current assets	305,339	330,794
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	634,770	562,082
Plant, equipment and improvements	32,417	28,706
Investment property	1,675,000	1,675,000
Total non-current assets	2,342,187	2,265,788
Total assets	2,647,526	2,596,582
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and other payables	18,444	10,521
Borrowings	25,000	25,000
Total current liabilities	43,444	35,521
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	50,000	75,000
Total non-current liabilities	50,000	75,000
Total liabilities	93,444	110,521
Net assets	2,554,082	2,486,061
FUNDS		
Open Fund capital reserve	666,300	650,050
Open Fund income reserve	77,409	50,660
Special purpose reserve	68,050	78,755
Property equity reserve	1,513,223	1,471,693
Retained surplus	229,100	234,903
Total funds	2,554,082	2,486,061

Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended 30 June 2025

TOMORROW TODAY A FOUNDATION FOR RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC FUND - ABN 98 553 570 389

Income Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Donations	90,818	98,752
Investment income	48,499	35,759
Profit on disposal of investments	2,599	1,697
Total income	141,916	136,208
EXPENDITURE		
Grants distributed	40,500	35,273
Investment fees	6,584	7,090
Loss on disposal of investments	1,350	2,255
Other expenses	8,885	9,998
Total expenditure	57,319	54,616
Surplus	84,597	81,592
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Net changes in fair value of investments	33,851	25,507
Other comprehensive income	33,851	25,507
Total comprehensive income	118,448	107,099

Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended 30 June 2025

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	273,530	220,862
Accounts receivable and other debtors	7,802	990
Accrued income	16,856	9,850
Total current assets	298,188	231,702
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments	804,197	752,235
Total non-current assets	804,197	752,235
Total assets	1,102,385	983,937
LIABILITIES		
Total liabilities	-	-
Net assets	1,102,385	983,937
FUNDS		
Settled Sum	100	100
Corpus	953,601	884,159
Accumulated funds	148,684	99,678
Total funds	1,102,385	983,937



The Tomorrow Today team consists of dedicated local people. L-R: Rachael Heywood, Stacey Mudd, Melinda Andersen, Heidi Perry, Alex Ross, Karen Curl, Nonie Daniel, Sally Matheson, Robyn Saunders, Debbie Rees, Jodie Fleming. Absent: Cathy Pianta, Janene Humphries, Janelle Osborne.

OUR SUPPORTERS

Our board and staff wish to thank the many individuals, families, community groups, businesses and philanthropic funders who have given to Tomorrow Today to support our work. We also appreciate the significant contribution made by local volunteers and partnering organisations. Their generosity makes our work possible.

WE ARE PROUD TO
ACKNOWLEDGE
THE FOLLOWING
FUNDING PARTNERS
FOR THE 2024/25
FINANCIAL YEAR

- Victorian Government
- Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
- The William Buckland Foundation
- Ganbina
- Paul Ramsay Foundation
- The Ledger Charitable Trust
managed by Perpetual
- June Canavan Foundation
- Benalla Rural City Council
- Rotary Club of Benalla
- Community Underwriting
- Community Foundations Australia

GIFTS RECEIVED DURING THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR



We know that **people give what they can, when they can. It all makes a difference.** The following people, organisations and businesses have donated, sponsored or provided in-kind support this financial year. We are very grateful to everyone who has chosen to support us.

- Aldous OAM, M & A

Aldous, C

Alexander AO, B & R

Anonymous (26)

Benalla Baptist Church

Benalla Church Street Surgery

Benalla Foreplayers Golf group

Benalla Veterinary Clinic

Benalla Young Sportsperson Trust

Bennison, J

Bridgfoot, C

Brown, M

Brownstein, G & Gamble OAM, S

Burston, G

Burston, L

Chapman OAM, L

Claridge, P & D

Collins, C

Complete Metal Industries

Cuming, A

Davis, G

Dobson, B & K

Donnelly, K & F

Duffy, C

Eddy, J & C

Edwards, J

Estia Health

Falkiner, D

Friends of Benalla Library

Friends of BPACC

Gourley, J

Griffiths, L

Holland, B & M

Jenny Milner Marsha Watson Pharmacy

Jenny Milner Marsha Watson Pharmacy workplace giving
- Jenvey, K

Kelly, P & R

Ladies Probus

Landmark Construction Group

Lindsay, J & B

Martin, D

Martin, M

Matheson, S

McIntosh, K

Messenger OAM, P

Mitchell, K & P

Monger OAM, A

Morton, E

North East Life

O'Brien, D & M

O'Connor, B & P

Parris, B & J

Pianta, C

Piper, M & S

Pruden, J

Read, U

Reece Ltd. (Benalla)

Rotary Club of Benalla

Rubira, R & F

Schneider Electric

Smith, N & L

Smyth, M & S

Stephens, H

Sykes, B & S

Tallis, M

Thivillier, F & Lefebvre, L

Thompson, P

Vial, B & Stevenson, A

Widdup, R & J

We are privileged to have the support of many local community members, some of whom have been with us from the very beginning, notably, Tomorrow Today founder, Liz Chapman OAM (right).



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