# YOUTH ORGANISATION



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### **BRIDGE BUILDERS YOUTH**

have provided hundreds of young people with confidence and skills to navigate thier world and the challenges they face. Through a variety of programs that we offer, our youth have gained self-esteem, self-confidence, life skills and ultimately have become more resilient individuals. We are so proud of the results they are achiveing and we love playing our part in their journey.



**\$246,579** annual turnover

### HISTORY

Bridge Builders was founded in 2002 as a not-for-profit charity and has a well established reputation in our community. For the past 18 years we have been changing the lives of disadvantaged young people, through a variety of events, programs and activities. Our target audience is youth 12-25 years old.

### **FROM OUR CEO**

"Since I was 14 years old I knew my calling was to work with youth, it is something I am incredibly passionate about. I founded Bridge Builders with a good friend of mine, Richard Lanham and it's been a privilidge to serve and help young people be their best for nearly two decades. 2019 has been an extraodinary year, we have seen thousands of youth rise above their challenges and find gold within themselves"

Current Founder and CEO, Phil Stenhouse OAM.

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"I have been involved with Bridge Builders for five years and during that time I have gained valuable skills and developed self confidence. It has helped me overcome many challenges, including self doubt. I am now a leader and have found a passion to help other young people. Bridge Builders has changed my life for the better and given me a place to belong, where I have made life long friendships"

### **BONNIE, YOUTH LEADER**

### THE YEAR THAT WAS

THROUGHOUT ANY GIVEN YEAR BRIDGE BUILDERS PROVIDES A HUGE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT ENGAGES AND SKILLS YOUNG PEOPLE. THE FOLLOWING LIST IS A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF OUR MAIN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019.



### LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP

18 bright, young leaders participated in a 12 month leadership development program, designed to skill and equip them in all areas of their leadership.

### BUSINESS BREAKFAST

20 local secondary students partnered with 15 of BB our team to deliver our 14th Annual Business Breakfast. These students form part of our Advance Leadership Program at Yarra Hill Secondary College.





### **POSTIE BIKE RIDE**

16 CEO's rode thier postie bike's around country Victoria and NSW to raise funds and awareness for Bridge BUilders. a 15 strong support crew joined the epic 1,500km, 5 day journey!

### **FUNDRAISING GALA**

Our Executive Officer, Beck Mitchell set herself the goal of completing the World Marathon Challenge. As part of the campaign we held a Gala Evening to support her fundraising efforts in preventing youth suicide.



### RUN FOR THE YOUNG MARATHON

On Sunday 24th of November hundreds of local, national and international runners participated in our 6th Annual Run for the Young Marathon. Our young people designed and delivered all aspects of the event.





### KINSMEN MENTORING

Kinsmen involves a group of young adult men meeting on a regular basis to recieve valuable mentoring with business men in the community.

### EMINENCE MENTORING

15 young adults participated in a 12 month mentoring program with business women within the community. They held monthly group sessions as well as recieving ongoing one on one support.



### **UR RETREAT**

Our 14th Annual UR Retreat was a huge success! It involved 50 young women and 15 leaders who spend 4 days immersing themselves in a safe and positive environment. Through a variety of inspirational speakers, workshops and activities the young women were empowered and to be their best and reach their potential.

### **BB NIGHTS**

Our weekly program provided ongoing support for hundreds of young people who needed a place to belong and guidence for the challenges they faced. Through a 20 strong leadeship team, young people were inspried, motivated and supported to become the best version of themselves.



## OUR TEAM

"I started at Bridge Builders 7 years ago, when I started I was nervous, lost in life and didn't have a purpose. Since then I have learnt how to build and develop my confidence, learn about my self to identify where I am going in life, built life long friendships who have stepped alongside me the entire way and helped me find a career to pursue my dreams. I am now honoured to do the same for every new young person that comes through our door that is in the same position I was 7 years ago"

### JOSH, EXECUTIVE TEAM MEMBER

### **FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY**

We beleive very strongly that charities should provide complete transparency and as such we include financial data on our website and in our annual report. We highly appreciate every dollar that is donated and therefore it's important it gets spent where it's needed the most. The following information provides details about our annual income and expenditure for the 2018-2019 financial year. Previous years are available to veiw on our website.



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# OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

"Bridge BUilders is a fantastic organisation that has helped my son. I have been a business partner for over 10 years and have seen first hand the life changing work they do. I would highly recommend their services"

### LINDA, BUSINESS PARTNER

### **THANK YOU**

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