

MEDIA RELEASE

21 February 2022

Calling young creatives for contributions to Youth Week Art Exhibition

Photo opportunity:

What: Young people who will be creating artwork for the upcoming Exhibition

Where: The Y, Barkly Square 25 – 39 Barkly Street

When: 4pm, Monday 21 February 2022

The Y Ballarat (YMCA) along with BGT and Ballarat Community Health are excited to announce that as part of National Youth Week they will again be hosting an Art Exhibition featuring the work of local young people and are calling for submissions.

Young people aged 12-25 are invited to register and submit their artwork, with the Exhibition open to all skill levels and pieces created using any medium.

The exhibition will run weekdays at Barkly Square, 25 Barkly Street, Ballarat between 9am – 5pm, between 4th April – 2nd May and provides young people with the opportunity to showcase their work, gain exposure and potentially sell their pieces.

The Exhibition Opening event will be held on Monday 4th April at 5.30pm with an invitation extended to the wider community to join in with the young artists to celebrate their achievements. A selection of the artwork will also be for sale.

Artistic Excellence and Highly Commended Awards will be presented at the Opening event. There will also be a People's Choice Award which will be based on the votes of the Ballarat community made during the Exhibition.

“Last year’s Exhibition really highlighted just how important having these opportunities to be recognised and share achievements are for young people,” said Larelle Kuczer, Youth & Community Impact Manager. “We’re hoping that this year we will have even more artwork to display. We welcome art from all young creatives, whether they are just starting out or have been creating artwork for some time.”

“Barkly Square is also a great community space and backdrop for the Exhibition and we’re really looking forward to showcasing the amazing talents of local young people,” she added.

Last year’s exhibitor, Jasmine, aged 16, found that the Exhibition provided a focus for her to develop new skills. She enjoyed having others view her work and received a lot of positive



We believe in the power of
inspired young people

comments both at the celebration event and afterwards. She also sold a number of her pieces.

Registrations are now being taken via an online application on the Y Ballarat website (yballarat.org.au/national-youth-week-art-exhibition). Pieces should be ready to exhibit, light and easy to move and are being accepted until 5pm, Friday 28 March.

More information is available by contacting Y Ballarat Reception at info@yballarat.org.au or on 4311 1500 or visiting the website yballarat.org.au.

About Youth Week

National Youth Week is an annual, celebration of young people (aged 12–25) throughout Australia. It is a joint initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments. Each year, all over Australia, events are planned and organised to celebrate and recognise the contribution of young people.

About the Y

At the Y, we believe in the power of inspired young people. As a movement, we provide a wide range of programs and services in over 500 communities across Australia, including rural and remote communities. The Y is a community not-for-profit and the oldest youth organisation in the world. The Y Ballarat's services include: Children's Services (Early Years Services and OSHC) and Youth and Community Programs.

For further details visit: yballarat.org.au.

Contact

Larelle Kuczer
Youth & Community Impact Manager
The Y, Ballarat

P: (03) 4311 1500

M: 0477 377 242

E: Larelle.kuczer@yballarat.org.au

THE Y BALLARAT

Barkly Square, 25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat, VIC, 3350

p: 03 4311 1500 **e:** ballarat@ymca.org.au **w:** yballarat.org.au **f:** /BallaratYMCA