



Annual Report 2019–20

Educate • Employ • Empower
to end youth homelessness

Image: Logan Youth Foyer



foyerfoundation



Southern
Youth Foyer



EFYF Shepparton

Our Vision

is all young Australians experiencing disadvantage have a pathway to **education**, **training** and **employment** that is founded on access to stable and secure **housing**

Our Year

Keith Bryant Chair



I have been involved with the Foyer movement in Australia for nearly 8 years. People often identify youth foyers as a homelessness solution for young people. But I see what we do as more about improving young people's access to education and training.

Foyers are a safe place where young people can be surrounded by people who believe in them, a place where they have access to support as and when they need it, a place where their journey to independence is respected, a place where they learn the role that their friends and their communities will play in supporting them through the many opportunities that life can offer them.

As real as those sentiments are, the Foyer Foundation remains an organisation committed to the rigor and discipline of identifying what works; and continuously moving towards what works better.

The last twelve months has been another very positive period of growth and improvement, as we continue to build our capacity to lead a vibrant foyer movement in every state and territory of Australia. We now see a pipeline of youth foyers, accredited by the Foyer Foundation, emerging across our nation. Our target of 30 Accredited Youth Foyers by 2030 feels very achievable.

In this report the Board acknowledges the significant contribution of Sinead Gibney Hughes as our first Executive Officer and is delighted with the appointment of Katie Hooper, our new CEO, who joined us in February 2020. We are particularly pleased with the increase in the breadth of private sector funding we have received in the last 12 months – and Katie has been instrumental in leading that work.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions made by my fellow board members and we will continue to set high standards for ourselves and our organisation.

There is much more to be done. The pathways for our nation's most challenged young people has become a lot harder than it was 12 months ago. But the momentum is with us and I look forward to reporting more progress in another 12 months.



Katie Hooper CEO



After a very warm welcome as the new CEO, I've been delighted to witness just how the Foyer Foundation continues to live its values; focusing on heart, collaboration, innovation and an ongoing commitment to Advantaged Thinking especially during these times of COVID-19.

I'd like to highlight the passion and care I have observed since starting at the Foyer Foundation. From the active leadership of the Board to the engagement of the Foyer community, with a special thanks to Sinead (Executive Officer 2017-2019) and Sally (Youth Manager BSL) for their support and guidance during my first few months, and of course our National Foyer Family, so full of heart!

The collaboration seen by the eight Accredited Foyers in their shared commitment to the National Community of Practice and the promise to excellence shown by the advisory group in the development of the Australian Foyer Foundation Accreditation Framework (AFFAF), reinforce our commitment to a culture of sharing best practice. Engaging staff and skilled volunteers at Foyer Foundation has seen the team approach strengthen and we will develop new methods and programs for further engagement during 2021.

They 2019–20 year has been one of laying foundations for the future expansion and scaling of the Foyer Network to increase the number of young people we can support on any given night. We enter next financial year excited by the prospect of growth, impact and community building.

Ongoing innovation and partnerships will showcase our work and demonstrate our impact. With plans to develop and implement an impact framework that demonstrates the outcomes and establishes an evidence-based model to bring the Foyer Impact story to life, exciting times ahead.

I would like to thank everyone in our amazing Foyer Family; the staff, volunteers, and our ever-growing community of young residents, past, present and future, who continually inspire us with their determination and courage.

I look forward to keeping you updated as we continue our foyer expansion and support of young people into the 2021 year.

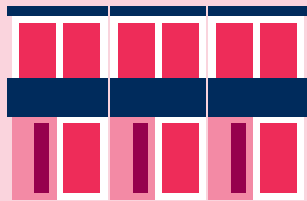


Our Young People

Who we support



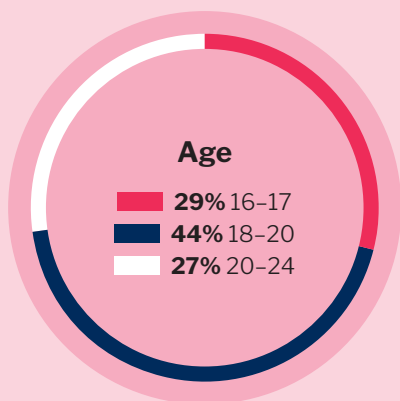
**Young people
16–24 years of age**



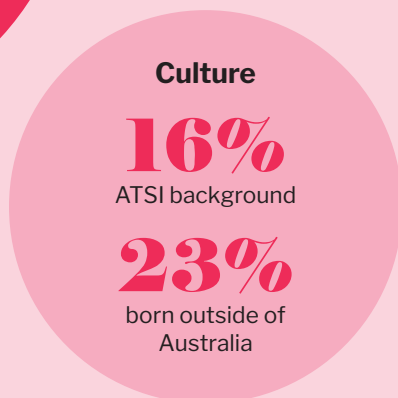
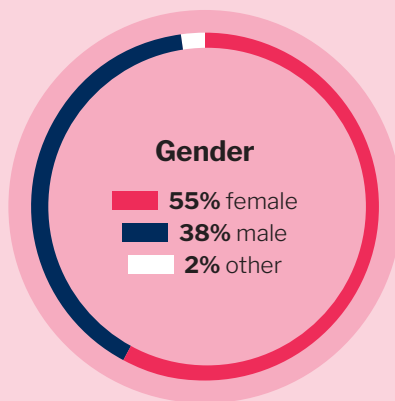
**With no stable
housing**



**Motivated for education
and employment**



Of our
497
students/residents
in 2019/20



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Moving into the Foyer was the best choice I made in my life, my life has turned around big time. It helped me realise what I want in life and what I want to achieve in the future. The staff and other students have helped me to be more confident and find the real me again. We are like one big family.

Today I am happy.
Today I am feeling alive.
Today I am doing better.
**Today I will continue on
building my future.**

”

— **Vilita**, 23 (Student)

Foyer Movement

#foyerproud

500+

young people
supported this year

383

units, across

9

accredited/in
accreditation Foyers

6

Foyers in development

9

12

3

11

10

2

1

7

16

5

6

8

17

4

Accredited/in accreditation

- 1 Our Place, Braddon (26 units)
- 2 Southern Youth Foyer, Illawarra (60 units)
- 3 Logan Youth Foyer, Logan (40 units)
- 4 Foyer Port Adelaide, Port Adelaide (23 units)
- 5 EFYF Kangan, Broadmeadows (40 units)
- 6 EFYF Holmesglen, Glen Waverley (40 units)
- 7 EFYF Shepparton, Shepparton (40 units)
- 8 Foyer Warrnambool, Warrnambool (16 units)
- 9 Foyer Oxford, Lederville (98 units)

In development

- 10 Foyer Central, Sydney
- 11 Gold Coast
- 12 Townsville
- 13 Davenport
- 14 Hobart
- 15 Launceston

Other

- 16 Lilydale
- 17 Ballarat

National Community of Practice

Foyers love to collaborate

2

National Community
of Practice

30

hours of collaboration

14

organisations

138

staff and young people
attendees



2019 Mad Cow

Fun Run

(Shepparton team)



Spring preparation
at Foyer Oxford

Chloe Shorten

as 2020 Ambassador
launches podcast series
with Lelani Nelson,
student and youth advisor



Foyer Port Adelaide
learn to cook



Our Place Foyer have young
Baristas in the making

Foyer Life

(sometimes in
lockdown!)



COVID-19 virtual dumpling
making lessons at
Holmesglen



Logan celebrated
International Women's Day
with a Sister Circle



Warnambool welcome

100th

resident

Kangan hosts a socially
distanced hamburger feast



Southern Foyer
was featured on
documentary
"Filthy, Rich and
Homeless"

Our People and Supporters

The Foyer Foundation thanks and acknowledges the generous support of partner organisations, Trusts/Foundation and individuals who enable us to undertake our important work to drive the Australian Foyer Movement

We are delighted to have further philanthropic support for Financial year 20/21 and we welcome the partnerships with John T Reid and Paul Ramsey Foundation.

Board

Keith Bryant (Chair) | NSW
Peter Kingston (Treasurer) | NSW
Bevan Warner | VIC
Jennifer Samms | VIC
Melissa Wilton | NSW
Rhys Edwards | TAS
Michelle Hoad | WA
Dayna Fiel | QLD (retired 2020)

Meet our board: <https://foyer.org.au/about-us/board-and-executive-officer/>

Philanthropic Partners

John Grant of the Grant Charitable Family Trust
Jim and Fiona McKnight of the McKnight family charity at the APS Foundation
Street Smart
Ave Fenix Pacific Foundation Limited
John T Reid Charitable Trusts
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UBS Foundation
Paul Ramsay Foundation

Foyer 5000 Supporters

Keith Bryant
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Our Financials

The last financial year to June 2020 was one of considerable change for the Foyer Foundation. We finished with a loss of \$45,998, net equity of \$152,002 and staff costs representing some 68% of total expenses.

We invested in the development of the Foyer Foundation website, recruitment, financial reporting and the COVID-19 related awareness activities and programs for Foyers.

Strategic initiatives will continue to rollout this year as we refine the Foyer related evidence base through data of the effectiveness of improving access to education for young people within the confines of a safe place to live.

A key focus remained on broadening the depth of our private sector funding for the Foundation working with philanthropic partners and establishing the Foyer 5000 group of donors. We thank each and every donor for working with us to improve the lives of young people within the Foyer family.

Peter Kingston, Treasurer

2020 at a glance

	2020 (\$)	2019 (\$)
Statement of Financial Performance for the Financial Year		
Revenue and Other Income from operating activities	153,473	174,000
Expenses for operating activities	199,471	111,000
Operating deficit	(45,998)	63,000
Summary Statement of Financial Position		
Total Assets	155,426	203,180
Total Liabilities	3,423	5,180
Net assets	152,002	198,000
Net equity	152,002	198,000



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volunteer**

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We do not receive Government funding and rely on the generous support of all our donors.

Join us with a commitment of funding or by contributing your time and expertise to enable those young Australians who are experiencing challenging circumstances to thrive.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live.
We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect
to Elders past, present and emerging.

