

Partner Update

Ganbina - agents of change

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Welcome to this new bi-monthly publication to update you regularly on how you are helping young indigenous people to achieve positive change in their lives so that they can carve out a brighter future for themselves and for generations to come.

Jobs4U2 Program - Status 30 June 2011

Ganbina is an independent organisation which receives no external funding, so we sincerely appreciate all financial or in kind donations to keep our programs active. For more information about how you can help, please contact CEO, Adrian Appo, at adrian@ganbina.com.au

Program	Enrolments Target	Enrolments To date	Annual Cost	Funding Jan - Dec 2011 (red indicates shortfall)
Jobs Education	155	179	\$662,253	
Jobs Training	15	25		
Jobs Employment	65	65		
Scholarships	155	136	\$84,250	\$33,750
Leadership Training	21	20	\$154,715	\$37,715
Driver Skills Program	40	65	\$12,500	
Youth Achievement Awards	49	Announced Nov 2011	\$20,000	
Operations	-	-	\$375,774	\$16,446



Allen – a story of success

Twenty year old Allen Roberts from Shepparton has his sights firmly set on a career in investment banking, a profession he says he once would never have dreamed of pursuing.

Allen, who has been involved with Ganbina since Year 8, is our 2010 Youth of the Year Award winner. He won a scholarship to Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne in Year 11 and is currently an honours law and international politics student at the University of Melbourne. One of eight children, he is the first in his family to go to university.

As well as studying, Allen plays in the first division of the university's Indigenous Football Team and is President of the Technology Committee. Last year, he completed an internship in Sydney with a management consulting firm and also walked the gruelling Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.

This year, he has secured part time internships with KPMG and Goldman Sachs so he can get some more work experience under his belt.

"Ganbina have always been there for me personally and financially and I really appreciate their support," said Allen. "I love being at uni and I'm so looking forward to developing a rewarding career in the next few years."



Sponsor spotlight

Kmart supports young indigenous people on the Jobs4U2 Program in a number of different ways including work experience roles and job opportunities.

"Mentoring is another way we work with Ganbina youngsters," said Wayne Dagger, Store Manager, Kmart Shepparton.

"For example, we have a mock interview program which helps students to gain experience in a 'safe' environment on how to carry out a successful interview," he said.

"This helps them to make the most of their interview opportunities, not only with Kmart, but with other employers too.

"It's a very practical way of investing in the job search skills of these young people and improves their opportunities for more successful interviews further down the track," he said.

Ganbina news

CEO receives OAM

Ganbina's CEO, Adrian Appo, received an OAM earlier this year for 'service to indigenous youth in rural and regional Victoria through career planning, employment and training programs.'

Receiving the award, Adrian thanked the many people and organisations who have supported his work at Ganbina over the last 10 years.

"Thanks to the support of our community partners, Ganbina is Australia's most successful school to work transition agency in Australia with 80 per cent of participants completing their programs every year," he said.

"Together, we are ensuring that these young people achieve a decent education, get proper jobs and go on to make positive contributions to their own communities and to society as a whole."