# Youth Forum: Warrnambool

Friday 3 June 2022

Brother Fox, Deakin University, Gunditjmara Country

## 9:30am: Arrivals

* Arrival and registration opens

## 10am: Welcome and Youth Forum Opening

* Welcome to Country
* Young MC to set the scene – Dylan Bermingham (he/him) – residential care worker, psychology student and deep thinker

## 10:20am: We are the leaders of today and tomorrow! Empowering young people

We will hear from amazing young people as to why empowering young people as leaders is so important for their communities and society as a whole.

Speakers:

* Michael Killen (he/him) – environmental justice advocate, Youth Parliamentarian and Councillor
* Aaron Morgan (he/him) – proud Gunditjmara man, Traditional Dancer and muso caring for Country and Culture
* Moderator: Cassandra Prigg (she/her) – activist, writer and student

### 11am: Morning tea break

## 11:20am: Where’s your head at? Addressing mental health and stigma

Mental health conversations often only cover general things, and don’t get deep. Join us for a chat about intersectional experiences, the stigma around mental health and more.

Speakers:

* Charlie Bassett (she/her) – Live4Life ambassador, trainee journalist
* Kyle Hayes (he/him) – Live4Life Ambassador, Worker at Batyr, Orygen Youth Health
* Melis Layik (she/her) – Centre for Multicultural Youth, mental health advocate
* Alexander Dalton (he/him) – ABC Takeover Melbourne Winner, LGBTQIA+ and mental health advocate
* Moderator: Jen Rowan (she/her) - mental health advocate and facilitator

### 12pm: Lunch and live music performance

Fully catered lunch with a live music performance by Grace Moloney.

## 1pm: Pathways to power

Young people are underrepresented in all levels of government, with the average age of an MP in Federal Government being 51. Young people are leading the way in social change, whether that’s calls for action on climate change, mental health, consent and so much more. We will explore how young people’s voices and perspectives can be heard, and how we can build your pathways to power.

Speakers:

* Sienna Gladstone (she/her) – student activist and VicSRC Executive
* Moderator: Cassandra Prigg (she/her) – activist, writer and student

## 2pm: Close

Wrap-up and close for the day.