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AYCC 2018 IMPACT REPORT

WE'RE FIGHTING FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE



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OUR SCHOOLS

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Our Mission

Young people want to grow up in a kinder, safer world.

But old and dirty fossil fuels like coal and gas are polluting our air and warming our planet, and the companies profiting off this damage are manipulating our politicians.

To ensure a safe climate for our generation, powered by clean renewable energy, we've got to build unprecedented people power, led by those with most at stake, to squash the dirty dollars of the fossil fuel lobby.



WHAT IS CLIMATE JUSTICE?

The climate crisis is unjust, because those that have done the least to cause the problem, feel the effects first and worst. And we think this is unfair.

Working for climate justice means all people, regardless of where they're born, their age, or the colour of their skin - everyone has access to a safe climate and healthy environment, and are empowered to create solutions to the climate crisis that work for them.

The climate crisis is a moment to rethink the way this world operates, ensuring we don't create the same problems in the future. If we embed justice and sustainability at the heart of this transition, we can create a brighter future for all.

WHAT WE DO:

SEED INDIGENOUS YOUTH CLIMATE NETWORK:

Led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, Seed is a branch of the AYCC that is empowering Indigenous young people to lead climate justice campaigns and create change in their communities.

CAMPAIGNS THAT WIN:

We work together as a movement to make a difference through campaigns that reduce climate pollution, move Australia beyond fossil fuels and supercharge the transition to 100% renewable energy.

NATIONAL GRASSROOTS NETWORK:

We support volunteers through one-to-one mentoring and local groups to be part of campaigns that protect our climate.

SWITCHED ON SCHOOLS:

Each year we educate thousands of high school students about how to make a difference on climate change, and empower them to start their own campaigns in their school or community.

TRAINING PROGRAM:

We are building the leaders of today with training programs that give young people the skills they need to create change, including understanding climate change, campaigning, communication, organising and leading a team.

GRACE'S STORY

My name's Grace Vegesana and I've had the pleasure of being a State Leader in NSW for the past year. The best day of my life was looking out over 5000 school students striking for climate justice, tears clouding my eyes as the pride of being apart of a generational movement that is educated, intersectional and reclaims youth as the greatest asset a future defender could have washes over every fibre of my being.

However, the best part of being part of the AYCC during these monumental pieces of history is being behind-the-scenes; seeing the organisers, marshalls, banner painters, and everyone else the world doesn't see. Being a State Leader is having the pleasure of mentoring the same person who learnt about personal narrative through a workshop you facilitated at an AYCC training, share their climate impact story in front of thousands a few weeks later at the March For Our Future.

In a world so centred around monetary possessions and capitalistic purposes, every second that young people dedicate to volunteering in the fight for climate justice adds years to the collective time we have left thriving on a healthy planet; and you can bet that this generation will neither wait, nor waste time.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR



This year the youth of Australia made it clear - we will no longer wait patiently for our leaders to take action on climate change, we are demanding you take action now, and if you don't we'll make it count at the next election.

Our generation is fighting for a kinder world, with clean air and water, where no community gets left behind. To make that vision a reality, we need to solve the climate crisis. We'll do that by taking the power back into our own hands, away from greedy corporations who are destroying our climate for a quick buck, and make our democracy work to protect people and our planet.

We have a global agreement to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees, and as we get closer to the end of what scientists call 'The Critical Decade' for action on climate change we must supersize our efforts to change the course of history for our generation - and we are.

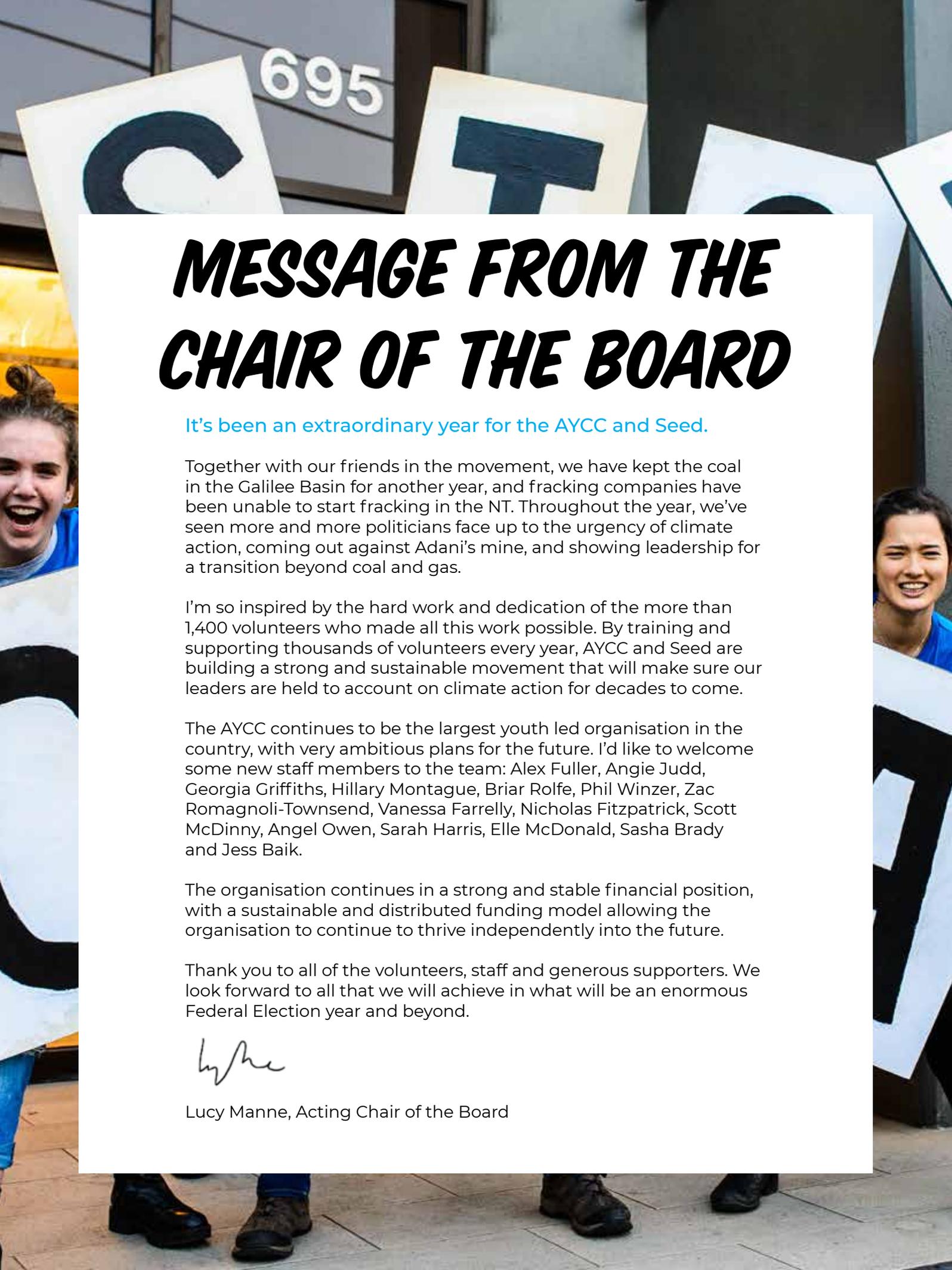
As we look back at everything we have achieved together this year, we have so much to be proud of. This year, we doubled down organising in key communities to shift the politics of coal and gas, with our volunteer network growing to over 1,400 young people. We organised in three epic by-election campaigns in Cooper (Batman), Longman and Wentworth, making climate change and stopping Adani the number one issue. We released our 'Solar Schools Report', outlining a pathway for Victoria and New South Wales to support schools to go 100% renewable and securing key state policy outcomes. And in November, we supported thousands of students across the country to stand in solidarity with Greta Thunberg from Sweden and go on strike from school, with huge rallies across the nation.

Meanwhile, Seed brought together over 100 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for a transformative two-day leadership summit and launched a corporate campaign, turning their sights to Origin Energy to stop fracking in the Northern Territory. Together, Seed and AYCC ended the year with a People's Parliament in the foyer of Parliament House, alongside snap rallies nationwide, with over 15,000 marching for climate justice.

It's been an enormous year, which was only possible thanks to all of our volunteers, staff, supporters and funders. Thank you for your unwavering support in our people powered movement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Borgo-Caratti".

Gemma Borgo-Caratti for the whole AYCC and Seed team



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

It's been an extraordinary year for the AYCC and Seed.

Together with our friends in the movement, we have kept the coal in the Galilee Basin for another year, and fracking companies have been unable to start fracking in the NT. Throughout the year, we've seen more and more politicians face up to the urgency of climate action, coming out against Adani's mine, and showing leadership for a transition beyond coal and gas.

I'm so inspired by the hard work and dedication of the more than 1,400 volunteers who made all this work possible. By training and supporting thousands of volunteers every year, AYCC and Seed are building a strong and sustainable movement that will make sure our leaders are held to account on climate action for decades to come.

The AYCC continues to be the largest youth led organisation in the country, with very ambitious plans for the future. I'd like to welcome some new staff members to the team: Alex Fuller, Angie Judd, Georgia Griffiths, Hillary Montague, Briar Rolfe, Phil Winzer, Zac Romagnoli-Townsend, Vanessa Farrelly, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, Scott McDinny, Angel Owen, Sarah Harris, Elle McDonald, Sasha Brady and Jess Baik.

The organisation continues in a strong and stable financial position, with a sustainable and distributed funding model allowing the organisation to continue to thrive independently into the future.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, staff and generous supporters. We look forward to all that we will achieve in what will be an enormous Federal Election year and beyond.



Lucy Manne, Acting Chair of the Board

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**1,500
PARTICIPATED
IN OUR TRAINING
PROGRAMS**



**1,400
VOLUNTEERS
FIGHTING FOR
CLIMATE JUSTICE**

**7,000
PEOPLE TAKING
ACTION TO
STOP FRACKING**



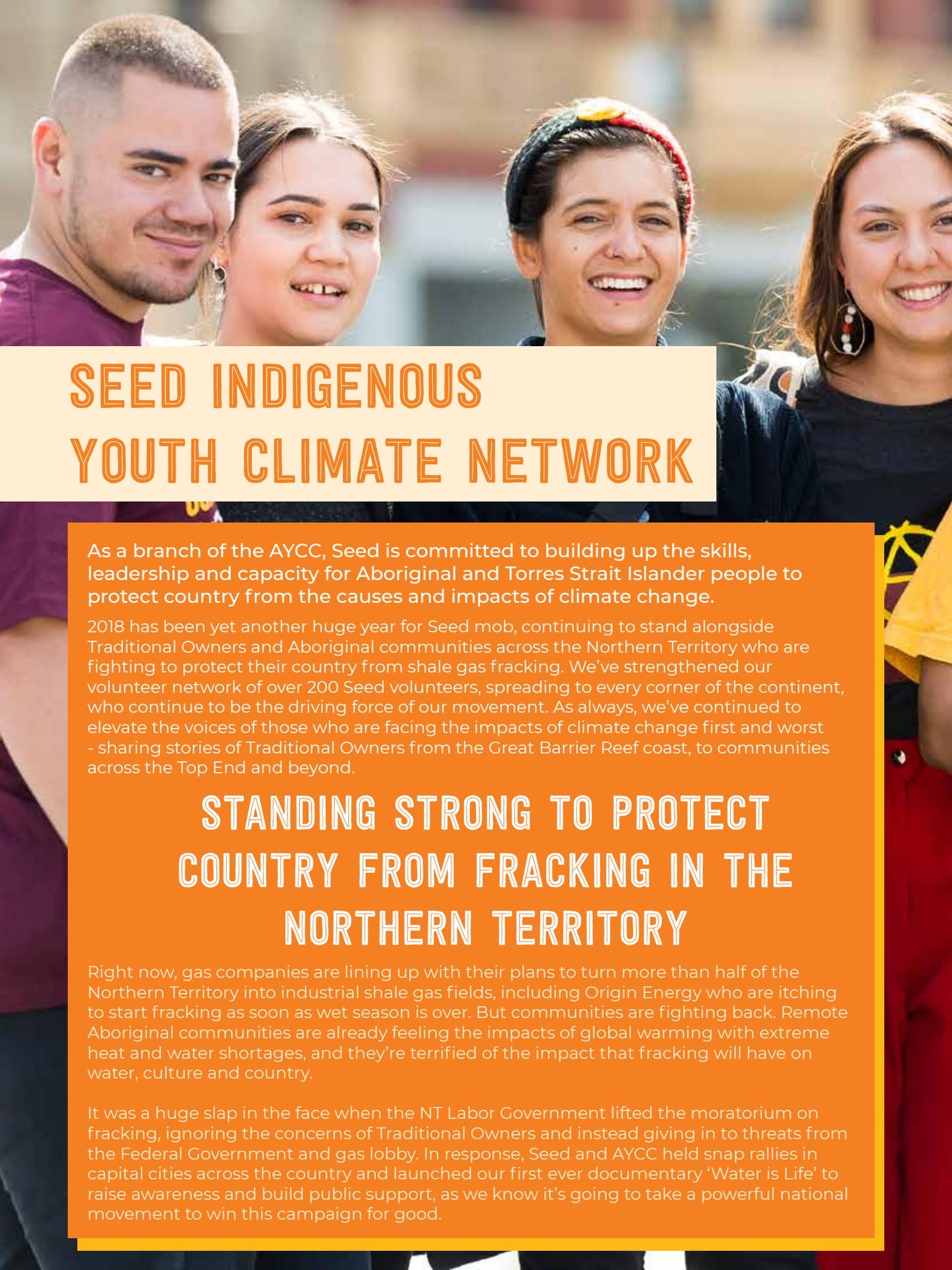
**10 MILLION
PEOPLE
REACHED
ONLINE**



**30,000 PEOPLE
MARCHING
IN THE
STREETS FOR
OUR FUTURE**

**500 SCHOOLS
INVOLVED IN
OUR SWITCHED
ON SCHOOLS
PROGRAM**



A photograph of four young Indigenous people, two men and two women, smiling and looking towards the right. They are wearing casual clothing, including a maroon shirt and a black headband with a yellow and red pattern. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

SEED INDIGENOUS YOUTH CLIMATE NETWORK

As a branch of the AYCC, Seed is committed to building up the skills, leadership and capacity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to protect country from the causes and impacts of climate change.

2018 has been yet another huge year for Seed mob, continuing to stand alongside Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory who are fighting to protect their country from shale gas fracking. We've strengthened our volunteer network of over 200 Seed volunteers, spreading to every corner of the continent, who continue to be the driving force of our movement. As always, we've continued to elevate the voices of those who are facing the impacts of climate change first and worst - sharing stories of Traditional Owners from the Great Barrier Reef coast, to communities across the Top End and beyond.

STANDING STRONG TO PROTECT COUNTRY FROM FRACKING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Right now, gas companies are lining up with their plans to turn more than half of the Northern Territory into industrial shale gas fields, including Origin Energy who are itching to start fracking as soon as wet season is over. But communities are fighting back. Remote Aboriginal communities are already feeling the impacts of global warming with extreme heat and water shortages, and they're terrified of the impact that fracking will have on water, culture and country.

It was a huge slap in the face when the NT Labor Government lifted the moratorium on fracking, ignoring the concerns of Traditional Owners and instead giving in to threats from the Federal Government and gas lobby. In response, Seed and AYCC held snap rallies in capital cities across the country and launched our first ever documentary 'Water is Life' to raise awareness and build public support, as we know it's going to take a powerful national movement to win this campaign for good.

HERE'S WHAT WE ACHIEVED:

Despite the NT Government's decision to allow fracking to go ahead, Aboriginal communities across the NT are more committed than ever to fighting to protect their country. That's why we are now taking the fight to the gas companies, to delay fracking for as long as possible, and eventually secure a permanent Territory-wide ban.

ORIGIN ENERGY: DON'T FRACK THE NT

In October, Seed supported NT Traditional Owners who travelled to Sydney to make their concerns about fracking heard at Origin's AGM. Their stories dominated media coverage of the AGM, forcing Origin to respond publicly and putting the risks of fracking in the headlines.

This is just the beginning. Remember when AYCC & Seed successfully campaigned against the Big 4 Banks to rule out funding Adani's coal mine? Together we can do it again.

**Over 50 screenings of
'Water is Life' documentary**

**Delivered a petition to the
Deputy Chief Minister of the NT
with over 20,664 signatures
calling for a ban on fracking**

**500 people turned out to snap
actions in 7 cities on the National
Day of Action to ban fracking**

**46,000
people saw Seed's
video of the Origin
AGM action**

**4,500
people pledged to
do whatever it takes
to stop Origin
fracking the NT**



BUILDING OUR MOVEMENT OF ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

From the 25th-28th May Seed held their biennial national summit, bringing together over 100 incredible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. This year we focused on bringing together young people from communities and regions most affected by climate impacts and fossil fuel extraction, including the Kimberley, Tasmania, remote Northern Territory and the Torres Strait Islands. Over four transformative days, these young people had the opportunity to share, learn, discuss, make plans and empower one another.

In the months following on from the summit, Seed volunteers were supported to make their plans a reality, continuing to build their leadership through outreach at NAIDOC week, raising funds & awareness through the For the Love of the Reef campaign and growing the movement in their community through AYCC & Seed's climate justice bootcamps.

**Trained 110 young mob in May
at Seed Summit**

**Trained 25 volunteer leaders through
Climate Leaders Program, including 15 leaders
who stepped up to lead recruitment, logistics and
program facilitation at Seed Summit & Climate
Justice Bootcamps in their region**

**Trained 150 young mob across
the country at AYCC & Seed Climate
Justice Bootcamps**





VOLUNTEER STORY

Being a volunteer coordinator for Seed honestly changed my life. I never thought I would be able to do the things I can do now. Seed built my confidence, so I could stand on stage in front of hundreds of people and talk confidently, I could organise and run huge events because I knew the secrets of recruitment and facilitation. I learnt how to talk to media, write media releases and organise interviews. Through Seed I got to know my community more, and they got to know me. Now, I am running a language revival program with my family to save our language - and every little thing I learnt from Seed has empowered me to step up and fight for my people.

Vanessa Farrelly, former Central Australia Coordinator (and previously ACT Coordinator). Vanessa is now Seed's NT Campaigner and Organiser, leading our work on the ground in the NT.



VOLUNTEER STORY

"In SA we have our challenges. Oil drilling in the Bight, transitioning to renewable energy sources and the threat of fracking in the South-East. It can feel overwhelming. But knowing that you're part of a nation-wide network of passionate mob keeps you going. It lets you know you're not alone.

As the state coordinator for SA I have had a platform to bring our challenges to the table. I have been able to echo the voices of community in the public domain, letting people know we are still here and will continue to protect country as our ancestors did before us.

I have been involved with Seed since 2016 and every year I am inspired by the passionate young people who continue to join the movement.

For me Seed is much more than a climate movement. It is a place to connect. A place to learn and grow. A place to find your voice and learn how to use it.

As a state coordinator, you grow in ways you did not imagine. You are given the opportunity to develop communication and organisational skills, make new friends and network. You laugh, cry, get frustrated and curse. And at the end of the day you know you were a part of something much bigger than yourself."

Seth Westhead, State Coordinator for South Australia

CAMPAIGNS THAT WIN

Shifting the Politics to Move Australia Beyond Coal

In 2018, we channeled the momentum from previous wins in the #StopAdani campaign to focus on shifting the politics to stop new coal mines and secure a safe climate future.

We focussed on pushing the Labor Party towards a #StopAdani position, building internal champions and turning up the heat of those MPs who still support the mine or are on the fence. Meanwhile, we mobilised thousands of Australians to call out the Coalition Government for their support of new coal and scrapping climate policy. Along the way, we brought the narrative on Adani back into our frame: that stopping Adani is the first step in the fight for climate justice and a safe future.

#STOPADANI CAMPAIGN SHAPED THE COOPER BY-ELECTION

When a by-election was announced in the electorate of Cooper (formerly Batman), the #StopAdani movement hit the ground running, with a critical opportunity to turn up the heat on the Labor Party and demand they speak out against the mine.

Our network of volunteers wasted no time planning snap actions and sparking conversations about climate change. From dressing up in fish suits and crashing press conferences, to postering the town and talking to voters, our volunteers were everywhere to make sure everyone was talking about Adani.

Our cheeky tactics gained national media attention (in the Sydney Morning Herald, ABC, SBS and more) and shaped the public conversation, with climate change and Adani's mine clearly in the spotlight.

And our message was heard, loud and clear. During the campaign, Bill Shorten told the National Press Club, "if [Adani's mine] doesn't stack up economically and environmentally, it won't get our support." While we're still fighting for a firm commitment from Labor to #StopAdani, the elected candidate in Cooper, Ged Kearney, has spoken publicly against the mine and continues to push within the party for ambitious climate action.

ALL PARTIES AGREE: NO PUBLIC MONEY FOR ADANI

Coal? We don't dig it. And we made sure the idea of public money going to Adani's coal mine was so unpopular that the leaders of both major parties were on record speaking against it by the middle of 2018.

Volunteers in Queensland, backed up by our online community, put pressure on Trade, Tourism and Investment Minister Steven Ciobo to give the Government a taste of the public backlash if Efic (Australia's Export Finance and Insurance Corporation) were to fund Adani.

35,000

people watched our video explaining EFIC and how they could take action

2,000

supporters added their voice to the campaign online

200

people rallied in Steve Ciobo's electorate to #StopAdani and save the Reef

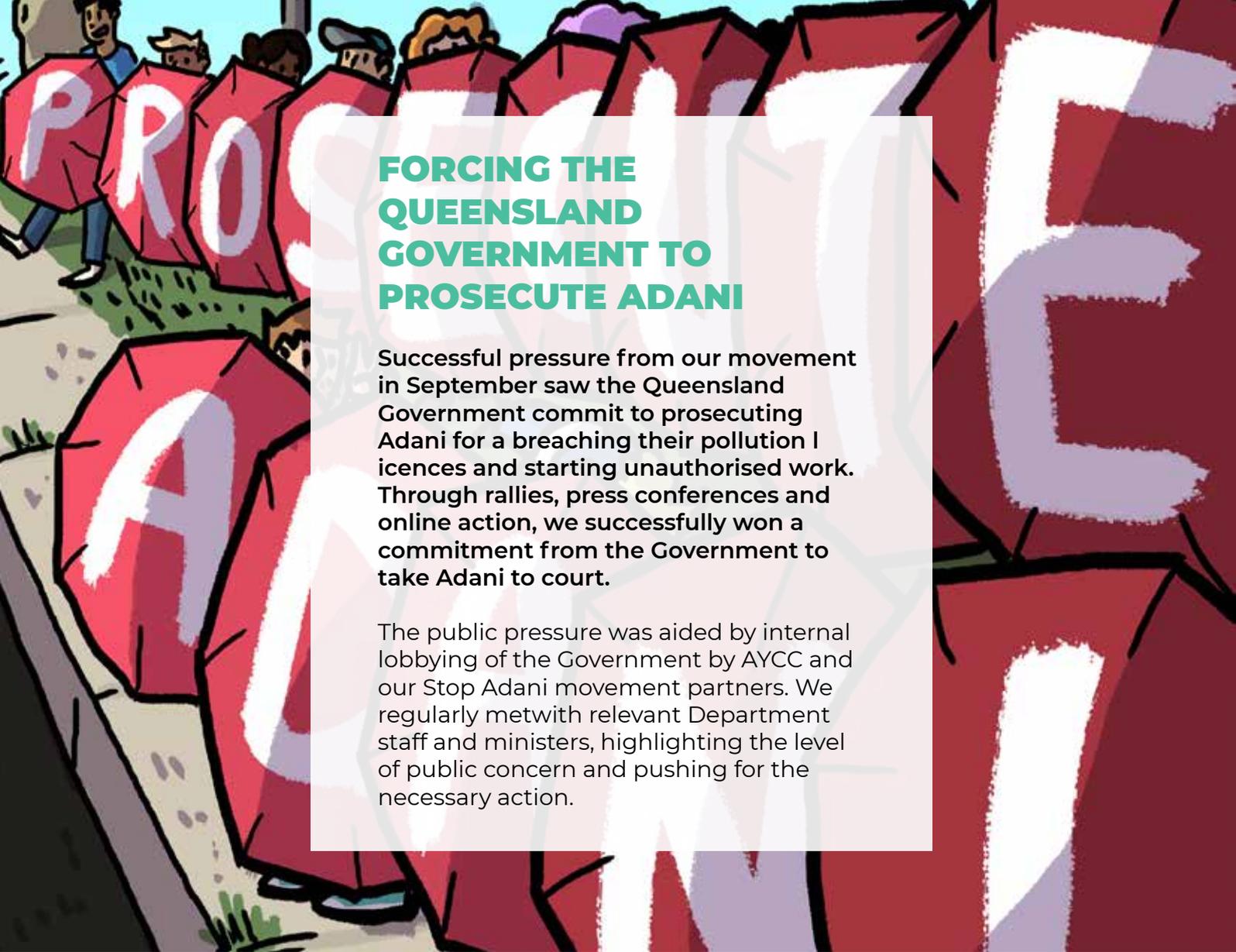
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volunteers turned out to snap actions to turn up the heat on Minister Ciobo

Then, during the Longman by-election, our Queensland campaigners forced PM Turnbull to face up to Adani, getting him to reiterate a commitment on camera that he had no intentions of propping the project up with public money.

When we think back to how hard our movement had to fight to stop the NAIF loan a year ago, it's clear how much progress we've made. All that work has paid off in completely shifting the landscape of what is politically possible.





FORCING THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT TO PROSECUTE ADANI

Successful pressure from our movement in September saw the Queensland Government commit to prosecuting Adani for breaching their pollution licences and starting unauthorised work. Through rallies, press conferences and online action, we successfully won a commitment from the Government to take Adani to court.

The public pressure was aided by internal lobbying of the Government by AYCC and our Stop Adani movement partners. We regularly met with relevant Department staff and ministers, highlighting the level of public concern and pushing for the necessary action.

110,000
people
reached with
updates and
actions about
the campaign

2,000
supporters
took online
action and
made calls to
politicians

Over 300
people
turned out
to rallies at
Queensland
Parliament





TURNING UP THE HEAT ON LABOR TO STOP ADANI AND NEW COAL

With the LNP repeatedly failing to respond to public pressure for climate action, we turned our attention to building champions within the Labor Party to #StopAdani and adopt a climate policy in line with the scale of the crisis.

45
meetings with
MPs and Senators

20,000
people contacted
key Labor targets

30
actions outside Labor
electorate offices



Building upon sustained pressure throughout the year, we made a splash at Labor's National Conference in December and took our message straight up to decision-makers. 800 people rallied outside the conference to keep fossil fuels in the ground, and #StopAdani logos were everywhere you looked in Adelaide! A dedicated team of 40 volunteers prepared and ran a stall at the conference, having **conversations with 100 Labor members, delegates and MPs**. After the conference, there is no doubt that Labor knows stopping Adani will be a defining election issue and they will need to come out with a strong policy if they want it to go away!

We now have five Labor MPs who are championing a #StopAdani platform and 20 Labor MPs we know are privately against Adani, as well as 50 Labor branches who have passed stop Adani motions.

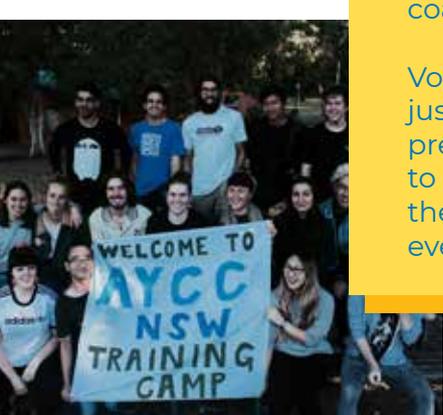


BUILDING POWER IN IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

ORGANISING IN TOWNSVILLE

In 2018, our volunteer network in Townsville grew from 8 people to 108 people! The group currently has 34 active volunteers who are regularly involved, with seven core leaders. The group has developed a strong relationship with Federal Labor Mp Cathy O'Toole, meeting with her five times in 2018 to discuss the importance of climate action and transitioning beyond coal to a clean energy future.

Volunteers are sparking conversations about climate justice across the community through doorknocking and presentations in high schools. And when politicians come to town, they're quick to make sure climate change is on the agenda, becoming experts in bird-dogging political events like Scott Morrison's Sky News live audience.





Meet Ellen!

19-year-old Ellen (pictured right) has lived in Townsville all her life, and experienced some of the worst climate impacts the region has gone through - from droughts and coral bleaching, to having her family home flooded by Tropical Cyclone Yasi in 2011. She started the AYCC Townsville group in May, collecting signatures on a Repower Townsville petition and recruiting her first 6 volunteers. Since then, Ellen has delivered climate justice presentations in high schools, run recruitment stalls at her university, facilitated climate action meetings for high school students, organised planning meetings and action factories with volunteers, and attended AYCC leadership training in Victoria. She also met with her local federal MP Cathy O'Toole in Townsville and in Canberra, and ALP President Wayne Swan, to raise young people from Townsville's concerns about climate change and desire for renewable energy. "Thanks AYCC for this opportunity - I've learned so much and can't wait to share the skills and knowledge gained with young people in Townsville," said Ellen.

AYCC WESTERN SYDNEY

In 2018, our volunteer network across Western Sydney grew to 124 people across two grassroots groups. To allow room for growth and build more localised grassroots power, AYCC Western Sydney split into two groups mid-year; AYCC Bankstown and AYCC Parramatta. These two groups hold a strong shared identity, and are grounded in values of diversity & inclusivity. They've closely supported one another throughout 2018 in event organising, recruitment, and navigating the unique challenges and opportunities that organising in Western Sydney presents. Over 20 volunteers from across Western Sydney attended the NSW State Training Camp in April 2018 and Climate

Justice Bootcamp in October 2018. AYCC Bankstown has a group of 15 active volunteers, including a core 5 volunteers and high school students engaged through our Switched on Schools program. They have a strong team culture with regular social events, all-inclusive planning sessions and are building relationships with Federal Labor MPs Jason Clare and Tony Burke. AYCC Parramatta has a group of 10 active volunteers, including a core of 3 volunteers. Throughout 2018, they organised a series of 'paint the town' actions, sparked conversations about climate justice and Adani's mine, and developed a stronger relationship with local Labor MP Julie Owens.

ELEVATING THE VOICES OF SCHOOL STUDENTS DEMANDING CLIMATE ACTION

Late last year, a group of students from Castlemaine in Victoria had an idea: to go on strike from school, in solidarity with Sweden's Greta Thunberg, to protest government inaction on climate change. They reached out to friends in the climate movement for help, and AYCC jumped at the chance to support the students and make the strike huge. Our team and volunteers helped to spread the word about the strike, get student stories in the media, and coordinate the logistics for some of the larger strike events to make sure they were safe and successful.



250+ media stories putting climate justice in the spotlight

15,000+ students took part nationwide

3,000+ New volunteers connecting with AYCC for more action



The schools strike was a turning point for the youth climate movement and the public conversation about climate change. Suddenly, young people's stories of climate impacts and action were making national and international headlines. The moral case for climate action was all that the media, the internet and people brand new to this movement wanted to talk about. Politicians had to answer up for their inaction, their denial and their support of the coal lobby. It created space for new champions, while isolating those on the far-right with their heads in the sand on climate. The success of the strike was a reminder of the unique power that young people have to change the world. And it was a celebration of the thousands of conversations, hundreds of trainings and years of energy that the AYCC and many others have put in, sowing the seeds for an unprecedented grassroots moment like this. To all the students who led this, thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and know that our community has got your back.

Don't ignore the **FACTS**



LEARNINGS TO TAKE FORWARD

One of the core values of AYCC and Seed is that we are always learning. Learning from our wins, our failures, from other movements - to make sure we're as powerful as we can be.



This year we learnt that change only happens when a strong movement of people demand it - we can't afford to just ask politely any more. Students going on strike from school, tens of thousands of people taking to the streets, and shutting down Parliament House for a day - we are more powerful than we have ever been led to believe.



This change doesn't happen overnight. It's the product of years of training young activists, of taking the public on a journey of understanding about climate change causes and impacts, and of pushing politicians to be better by being uncompromising in our asks.



We worked in powerful alliances across the movement for a better future. We're stronger together - finding roles, niches and points of collaboration, working with other youth movements and ensuring affected communities are up the front.

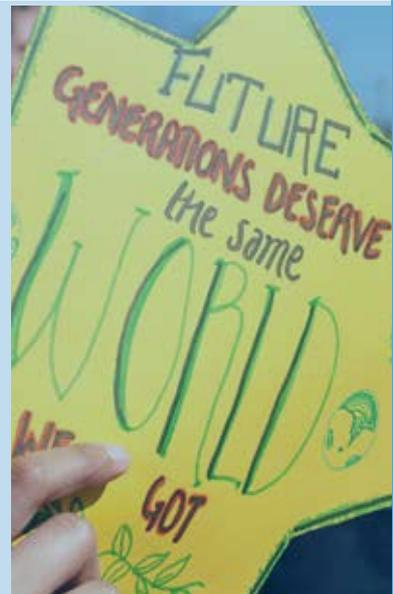


DEFENDING OUR MOVEMENT AGAINST ATTACKS TO CIVIL SOCIETY

In May, AYCC and Seed launched a rapid response campaign to fight back against a trio of toxic bills introduced by the Federal Government which threatened to drastically reduce our freedom to fundraise and speak out for climate justice.

This was a critical moment to spark a public conversation about the importance of civil society organisations who can advocate independently on issues that matter to our communities. And the response was huge. Within weeks, 10,000 supporters took action to defend AYCC and Seed and stand against these bills, with 1,000 champions making calls and sending emails to political leaders.

Working in coalition with the Hands Off Our Charities alliance, we won important changes to the bills that means charities like us were exempt from restrictive new donation laws that could have crippled our funding base. And thanks to hundreds of people contributing to our crowdfunder, we're in a position to protect this movement from any future legal challenges that could arise from the changes to protest laws which did pass Parliament.



REPOWERING OUR SCHOOLS FOR A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

The Repower our Schools campaign in 2018 was huge! We supported students in over 220 schools to repower their school with clean energy, and they had over 2000 conversations with people in their school community about the benefits of switching to solar. What's more, we launched A Plan to Repower our Schools: a research piece for the Victorian and New South Wales governments, which provides a roadmap for repowering public high schools with clean energy. Students met with 10 MPs to deliver the report and discuss the importance of investment in clean energy, while dozens more received the report digitally.

220 student-led campaigns to repower schools

15,000 students took action in the Repower campaign

94% of people surveyed support every school being

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The renewables revolution is here, and high school students across Australia are taking power into their own hands. In 2019, we'll be following up with the NSW and Victorian state governments to discuss implementation of the report recommendations. Meanwhile, we'll support student leaders to adopt a peer-to-peer model and reach more young people with the campaign for renewables, not just in schools but across Australia. We are excited to continue supporting students to lead the repower campaign in their schools and communities, as well as advocating for our big-picture vision of a Federal commitment to 100% renewables by 2030.

REPOWERING THE LATROBE VALLEY

Building the skills and power of young people in a coal community to lead campaigns for a cleaner and fairer world, and a plan for a just transition to renewables.

Victoria's Latrobe Valley has historically relied on jobs in coal-fired power generation, and many young people in the region are now looking to a future beyond coal powered by clean energy. AYCC is working closely with our local branch A New Power and other community organisations towards a just transition to clean energy, empowering young people to understand and lead solutions for their community. Our Latrobe Valley school summit brought together over 120 students from across the region to discuss a positive vision for the Valley and the need for climate action. In 2019, our focus is building a strong local group, running another schools summit and mentoring students in the area to continue campaigns for renewables.

EMPOWERING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Our schools program is one-of-a-kind. Every year we work with thousands of high school students through in-school workshops, huge training summits, and transformational leadership programs. We focus on educating students about climate justice and ensure they have the skills, tools and confidence to lead change for their generation.

In 2018, our schools work had a big focus on training and mentoring student leaders to engage their peers, while linking the schools program more closely with AYCC's organising and other campaigns. This ensured that students not only led awesome campaigns to repower their schools locally, but got involved with the #StopAdani campaign and actions for climate justice more broadly. This year, we doubled the number of active student volunteers compared to 2017 - and we're excited to keep growing the program in future!

OUR IMPACT

Our four summits in Western Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, and the Latrobe Valley allowed us to train 610 students from 50 schools to take climate action, while drawing local media attention to the benefits of clean energy. Meanwhile, our student leadership program supported 40 students through six months of transformative training. With the skills these leaders developed, many led local MP engagement and campaign actions towards clean energy policy, while others stepped up as volunteers to coordinate our schools programs in 2019.

100
schools
repowered with
clean energy

20,000
students reached
through our
program

50
volunteer mentors
supporting
students

MEET TOBY!

"I'm Toby, I am 17 and I had the privilege to volunteer as one of the Schools Coordinators in Tassie for 2018. Launching SCAN and building the schools team across the state was a huge success in the year. Connecting and hearing the stories from students who are leading repower campaigns has been a true motivation to keep fighting for a better world. I think the school's program is incredibly important not only because it plays a fundamental role in empowering high school students, but it takes the Climate Justice movement to every corner of the country, and that's what is so magical about the work AYCC does."



BUILDING A MOVEMENT

1500
people trained
1300
volunteers
50
local groups

OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN 2018

STATE TRAINING CAMPS

We organised two rounds of state training camps for AYCC and Seed volunteers. Through the camps, volunteers developed a range of skills including how to communicate climate change effectively, how to lobby your MP, how to build a group in your local community, and how to plan and execute creative actions with political impact. The camps created space for volunteer branches to make plans and commit to action to #StopAdani, ban fracking and repower their schools with clean energy. The training camps were an entry point for many new volunteers to join the movement, while guest speakers provided insight and inspiration for winning big on climate justice.

CLIMATE LEADERS

Climate Leaders is a six-month training and mentoring program for core volunteers with AYCC and Seed to build their skills and confidence to take on leadership roles in the movement. This year, we ran two, four-day residential retreats for 50 AYCC and Seed volunteers. These created space for leaders to learn about campaign strategy and the power of social movements, and gain practical skills like how to engage the media, motivate others to take action and design an impactful campaign tactic.

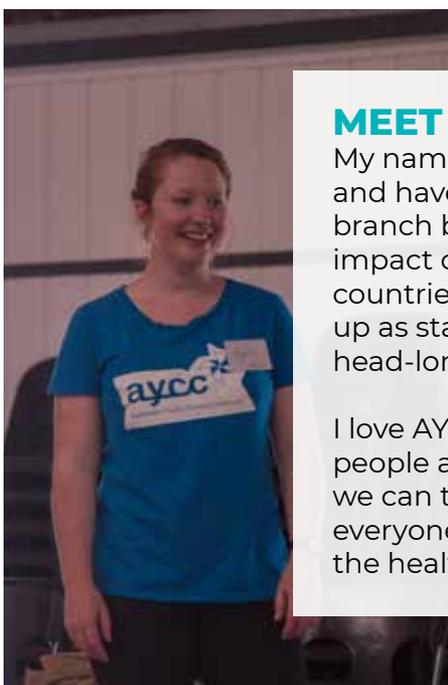
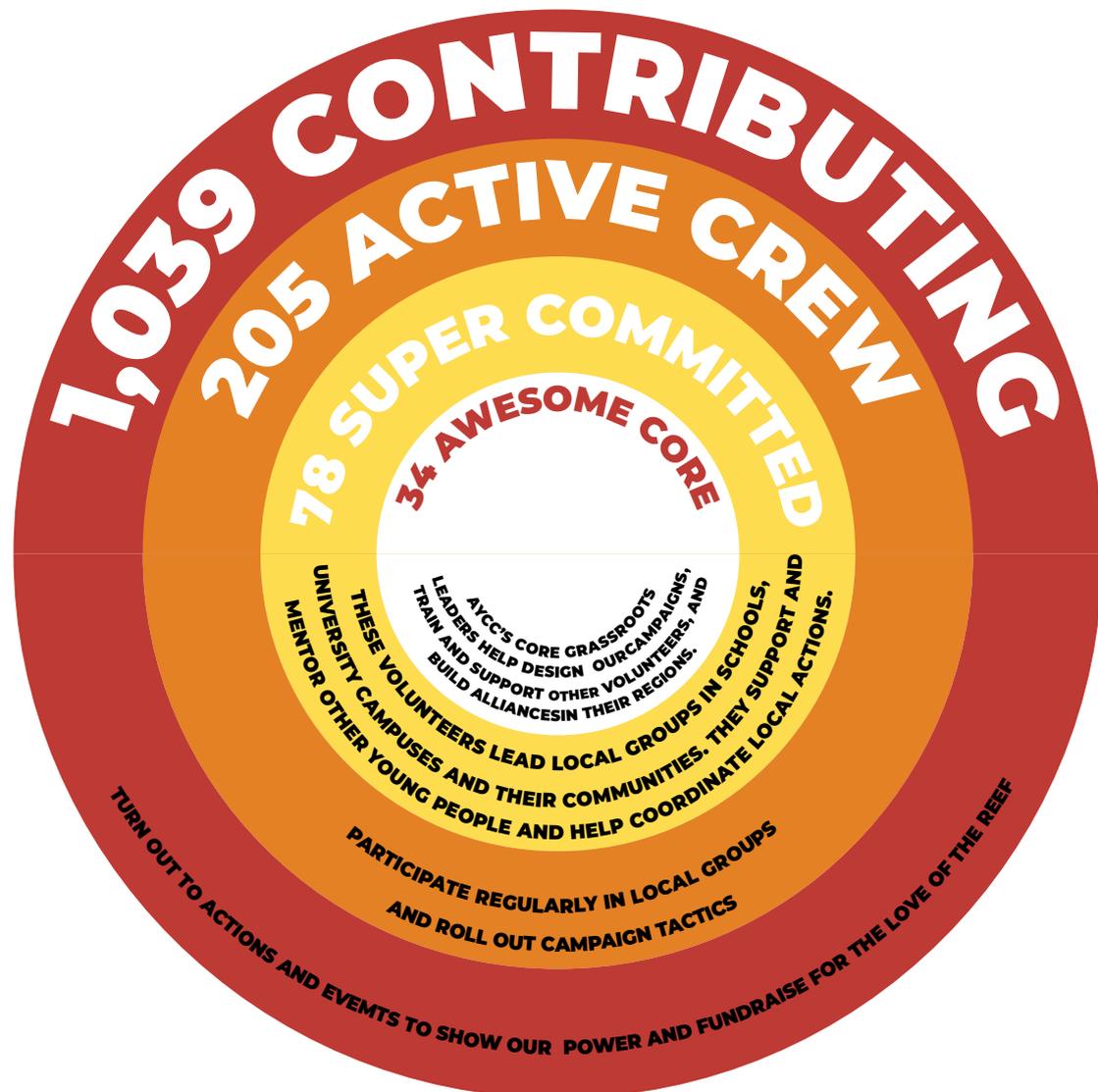
SOLIDARITY TRAINING

In 2018 we developed a one-day solidarity training alongside Karrina Nolan from Original Power. This training is designed for non-Indigenous people to gain a better understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and resistance, as well as current issues facing First Nations communities, so they can work better in solidarity. 80 AYCC volunteers took part in the training this year. AYCC also delivered three solidarity trainings for 100 people in the broader climate movement.

Alongside these big training moments, state leaders and local groups ran their own creative training workshops - in everything from activism and graphic design, to the science of climate change, to self care in the climate movement. Legends!



OUR VOLUNTEER NETWORK



MEET APRIL!

My name is April McCabe - I'm 24, studying public health in Brisbane and have been involved in AYCC for the last 2 years. I got involved in the branch because through my studies; I was learning so much about the impact of climate change on public health, particularly in developing countries, and wanted a way to take action. Six months ago, I stepped up as state leader during the Longman by-election and have dived head-long into supporting the Queensland branch of volunteers.

I love AYCC because of the passion and commitment of all our young people and our shared goal of supporting each other to do everything we can to fight for a safer future. I want to stay involved to make sure everyone who commits to AYCC can take action sustainably, because the health of volunteers and the planet is so important to me.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

AYCC & Seed volunteers go on to do incredible things with the skills they learned with us. We call them 'Old Mates' because they're always a friend of the AYCC & Seed, with many supporting with training and on the ground actions. Here's a couple that we're super proud of this year...

JAMES HA:

I volunteered as State Coordinator for a year, and it was the most rewarding year of my life. Meeting, training and organising passionate young Victorians taught me a lot about the joys and challenges of activism. In trying to empower others, I developed a new confidence in myself; I learned that age is neither a sign of competence nor a barrier to achievement. And I've carried this knowledge and sense of purpose into my next chapter, working to effect policy change with an independent think-tank. AYCC is its people, and I'm incredibly grateful for the work they do, the mentoring they provide and the opportunity to be a part of the solution to the climate crisis.



MOIRA CULLY:

AYCC taught me that young people aren't just the leaders of tomorrow, we're the leaders of today. I was a volunteer for many years in different roles, including as state coordinator for the ACT. AYCC taught me how to run smart, fun and effective campaigns. I learned a multitude of community organising skills and also how to dance in novelty costumes (which has really been surprisingly handy). Most importantly, AYCC helped me to understand climate change as a systemic and intersectional issue, and the importance of solidarity. Today I work at the Victorian Trades Hall Council as a digital organiser. In my job, I get to help people build power to fight back against big corporations and the power structures that are part of the same system underpinning climate change. I wouldn't be where I am today without AYCC.



SHIFTING THE NARRATIVE

In 2018, our online campaigns and media presence reached millions of people with a message for urgent, ambitious climate action - and inspired tens of thousands to take action. This year, we introduced a new brand that celebrates the youthful energy and vibrancy of AYCC (did you notice the fresh logo?!) and reinvigorated our campaign narrative with bolder messages, demanding politicians break up with the coal lobby and fight for our future.

OUR ONLINE IMPACT

10 million

people reached with online campaigns for climate justice

200,000

subscribers supporting our work - with 50,000 new supporters in 2018!

80,000

social media followers amplifying our message

55,000

people took online action pressuring politicians

CAMPAIGNS THAT CHANGE THE CONVERSATION

We collected thousands of signatures on creative petitions that looked to the root causes of climate inaction - like kicking coal out of politics and telling our decision-makers get their facts straight on climate change.

SOME OF OUR ONLINE CAMPAIGNS IN 2018

Demand a Climate Science Test for Every Politician

Coal Donations Have No Place in Parliament

No New Coal Power Stations, Renewables Now!

IN THE NEWS

AYCC's campaigns featured in over 100 print, television and radio news stories, reaching millions of Australians in 2018. From coverage of our cheeky tactics to #StopAdani, to calling out the unfair influence of the coal lobby in politics, to our work empowering high school students - stories about our movement helped shift the media conversation on climate change.

Activists take over Parliament House foyer in protest of Adani coal mine
- Daily Telegraph, December 5

Fish grills Shorten on Adani during Batman by-election
- SBS News, March 17

Climate Change Protest Draws Thousands of Australian Students
- The New York Times, November 30

PM confronted by Adani protesters in Qld
- Herald Sun, July 21

Origin Energy faces AGM questions over NT gas drilling
- Financial Review, September 14

OUR PEOPLE-FUNDED MOVEMENT

For the Love of the Reef 2018

1,500

**Reef Lovers
Took the challenge**

\$165,000

**Raised for climate
justice campaigns**

21,000+

**Coffees, avocados and
sweet treats sacrificed**

Our For the Love of the Reef fundraiser challenge in 2018 was epic! Thousands of people gave up something they love for two weeks to raise funds and awareness for climate justice, including over 200 people who had never been involved with AYCC or Seed before.

Our volunteers and supporters around the country made the challenge a huge success by organising great fundraising events, running creative social media campaigns and having thousands of conversations with friends and family about why climate justice matters to them. Seed leaders visited Gimuy Country on the Reef coast and connected with Traditional Owners to hear and elevate stories about what is happening on the Reef and the importance of protecting country from climate damage.

Over 3,000 amazing donors supported the campaign - and we had our biggest "double donation day" ever, raising \$53,000 in a single day thanks to our generous partners and supporters. Together we raised a total of \$165,000 for AYCC and Seed to supercharge our campaigns to Stop Adani and stop fracking in the NT in 2019.



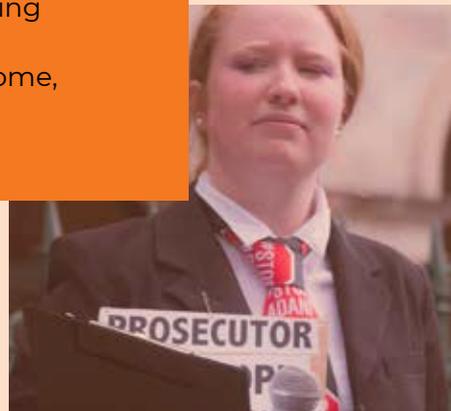


THE FINANCES

In the 2018 financial year we received a total of \$2,486,588 in community and major donations from more than 9,000 supporters. Our total expenses for the year were \$2,361,515 resulting in a total annual surplus of \$124,972.

During the financial year, our number of Climate Champion regular donors grew to 3,000+ people with the average sized donation \$20.

We have been working hard over recent years to build a strong and sustainable funding model for the organisation, distributing the number of income streams. We continue to invest in our regulargiving program now representing 26% of our total income, to improve our long term income and independence.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

A massive thank you to everyone who supported AYCC and Seed in 2018. Thank you to our major donors, who gave not only your donations, but your invaluable advice and encouragement. Thank you to foundations and local councils for awarding grants and investing in young people and projects in your communities. Thank you to our Champions of Change - our 3,000+ monthly donors - your ongoing, regular support gave us the security to plan with confidence.

Thank you to supporters of our campaigns and training programs. Because of you, young people were able to build skills in organising, leadership and communications while planning real action to stop Australia's largest fossil fuel projects.

Thank you to supporters of the Seed Indigenous Youth Climate Network. Our Climate Justice Bootcamps were the largest ever gatherings of young Indigenous people fighting for climate justice.

Thank you to supporters of Switched on Schools, including in-school workshops, Climate Justice Summits, and the Student Climate Action Network (SCAN). You empowered high school students to lead their own sustainability projects. With your help, we are building renewables from the ground up.

To all of our supporters, thank you for believing in young people. With you behind us, we are leading solutions to the climate crisis.
Thank you.

Thank you again to our most generous supporters:

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"It has been a pleasure for me to channel much needed financial support to AYCC in recent years. I have witnessed how this inspiring bunch of energetic youth are helping to shift the politics in this country on coal, climate and clean energy. They are out there, bringing high school students together and motivating them to act on climate. They are empowering young indigenous Australians to take a stand and lead their communities. They are training young people to become tomorrow's leaders, capable of bringing about the change we need. I am honoured to have this association."

- David Rothfield, The NR Peace and Justice Fund



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