

QUARTER 2 REPORT 2026

REACH



CEO UPDATE



ALISON WRIGHT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

This quarter marked one of the most significant moments in Reach's history, with the announcement of our merger with The Youth Impact Foundation. It was a milestone built on months of careful planning, thoughtful consultation and an unwavering commitment to protecting what makes Reach special. Throughout the process, our focus remained on our people, our programs and, most importantly, the young people and communities we serve.

The merger positions Reach to have an even greater impact into the future. As part of a larger national organisation, we now have greater scale, stronger capability and increased opportunities to invest in innovation, partnerships and prevention. This new chapter gives us the platform to reach more young people than ever before and continue building the confidence, connection and resilience that have defined Reach for more than three decades.

In the last quarter, our impact also continued to grow, with program delivery expanding into Gippsland and participation in the Worawa Sports Carnival during Reconciliation Week providing an opportunity to engage with schools from across Victoria. We also continued our long-standing presence in Central Australia through a leadership and cultural immersion experience in Alice Springs. The visit reinforced the need for youth wellbeing programs in the region and highlighted the importance of working alongside local schools, Indigenous-led organisations and community leaders.

We were proud to deliver another Heroes Day with students from South Oakleigh Secondary College, Brentwood Secondary College and Ashwood High School. Thousand Faces Camp in Kinglake, brought young people and adult mentors together for a powerful weekend in June of reflection, highlighting the lasting value of opportunities that encourage people to better understand themselves and one another.

The completion of our Annual Report marked an important milestone for the organisation, documenting 27,262 instances of participation across the previous year and underscoring the scale of Reach's impact. This momentum was further supported by the launch of our new website, making it easier for young people, schools, partners and supporters to engage with our work. A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters for their ongoing commitment to our work and young people.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

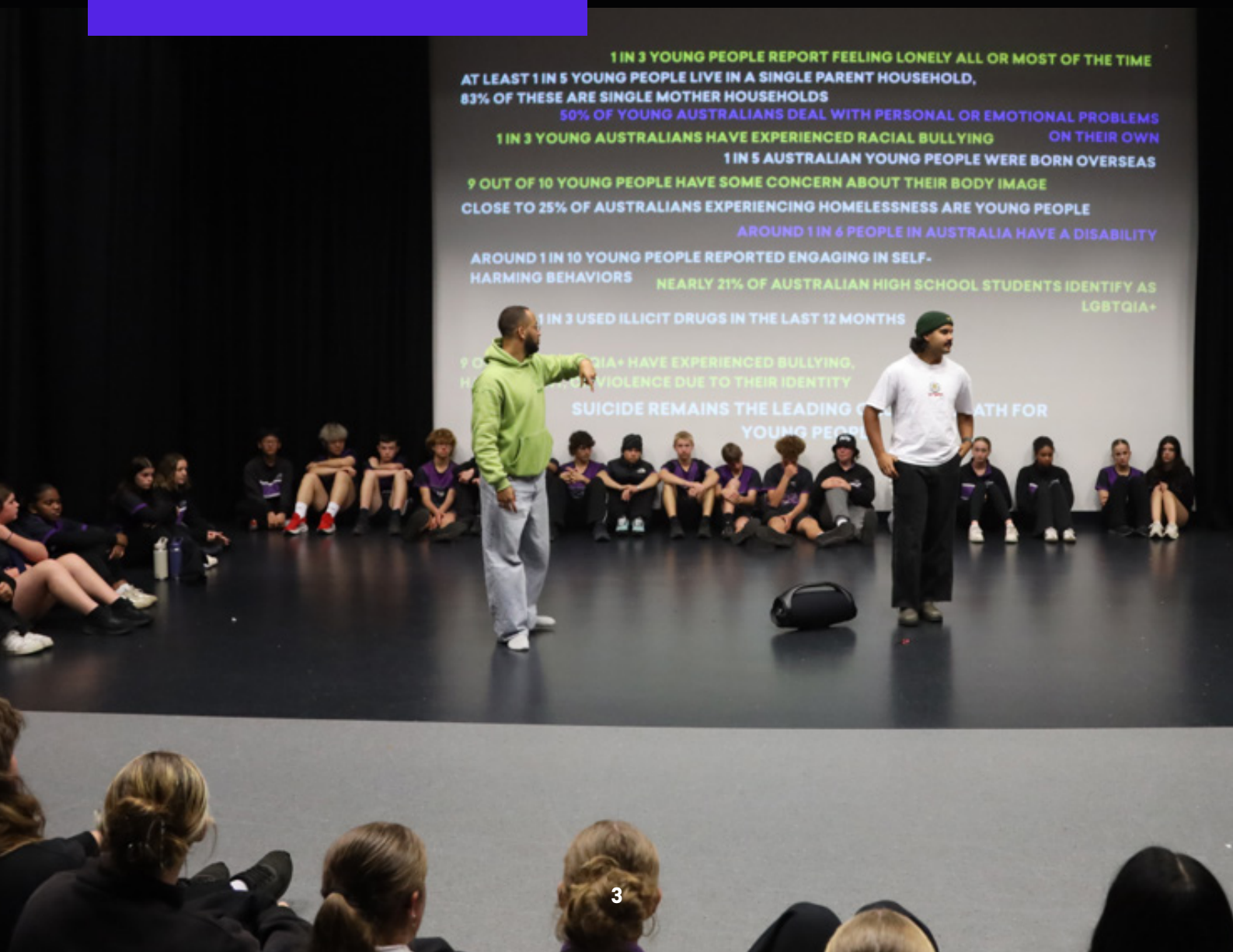
The Reach Foundation respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work, and play – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We honour their enduring connection to land, skies, and waterways, and pay our deepest respects to Elders past and present. We recognise that these lands have never been ceded, and acknowledge the strength, resilience, and continuing culture of First Nations peoples.

AT A GLANCE

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

4,966 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

101 WORKSHOPS



SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Reach workshops created opportunities for young people to engage in honest conversations about the issues most affecting their lives. Across primary and secondary schools, participants explored themes including loneliness, body image and the complexities of peer relationships. Facilitators supported young people to challenge assumptions, build empathy and better understand the experiences of those around them.

The quarter also saw Reach deliver a series of funded workshops in Western Heights, Warragul, Colac and the Mildura region, increasing access to wellbeing programming for schools that may not otherwise have been able to participate. Strong partnerships continued with schools such as Melbourne Grammar and Harrisfield Primary School, while ongoing delivery through Portsea Camp supported young people experiencing disengagement and out-of-home care. Together, these programs strengthened self-reflection and helped foster more supportive school communities.

4,776 YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED

88 WORKSHOPS DELIVERED

73 SECONDARY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

15 PRIMARY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

REGIONS WORKSHOPS DELIVERED TO

ASHWOOD BRAYBROOK CAMBERWELL COLAC
CRANBOURNE EAST ELWOOD EUROA KEW
SHEPPARTON SOMERVILLE TRARALGON VIEWBANK
WARRAGUL WERRIBEE SOUTH YARRA CAULFIELD
EAST MELBOURNE

STUDENT OUTCOMES

94% of students would recommend the workshop to others

89% of students felt the workshop was a safe space

FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP

91% improved their empathy

84% increased self-awareness

82% increased confidence

85% improved their confidence to make positive choices

83% felt more accepted

Note: These insights are drawn from data collected across 859 individual Q2 program participants.

FEEDBACK

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The workshop was the most engaging of my years at school.

YEAR 9 STUDENT, IONA COLLEGE, TERM 1 2026

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The students felt empowered after this workshop. A lot of the boys involved in the workshop spoke up about things for the first time ever. It was powerful for other students to hear more about their peers and what has gone on, contributing to who they are.

STAFF FEEDBACK, MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE, TERM 2 2026 (YEARS 11-12)

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I learnt how I am valued by people. I did not realise the effect I had on others.

YEAR 9 STUDENT MENTONE GRAMMAR, TERM 1 2026

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I also learnt that I'm not alone in situations that make me feel isolated and I can always reach out for support.

YEAR 6 STUDENT, COLAC SOUTH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL, TERM 2 2026

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Workshops were amazing and very well received by students and teachers - very happy from our end and will definitely book in for 2027!

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OUTCOMES AND ENGAGEMENT, VIEWBANK COLLEGE

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It was great to have your team with us here at school and at the year 12 camp. The feedback we've received from the students has been overwhelmingly positive, so that's great.

**HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING
EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE**



COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Across Thousand Faces, Grounded, RAMP and Reach's work in Alice Springs, participants responded most strongly when programs created space for genuine honesty and reflection. Regardless of age, background or setting, people were willing to engage with challenging conversations when they felt respected and able to contribute on their own terms. The quarter reinforced that meaningful growth rarely comes from delivering content alone; it emerges through shared experiences, curiosity and the opportunity to see situations from a different perspective. Work in Central Australia further highlighted the importance of sustained local presence, with established community relationships creating the credibility needed for deeper engagement. Together, these experiences demonstrated that lasting impact is built through consistency, authenticity and a willingness to meet people where they are.



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The REACH workshops provide supportive and meaningful experiences that build confidence, connection and self-awareness in young people who have faced disengagement, trauma and significant barriers to education. Their team connects naturally with our students, creating opportunities and outcomes that many would not otherwise have access to. REACH continues to have a genuinely positive impact on both our students and our broader community.

NIC MILLWOOD, EID LEADER, CASEY FLC

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I have a whole new level of love and appreciation for REACH. What you do is incredible. The connections you foster, the environments you create and the positive culture you've built are truly remarkable.

ADULT PARTICIPANT AT THOUSAND FACES

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I know she doesn't use the words 'life-changing' lightly. The experience had a positive and profound impact on her, and I truly cannot wait to see what lies ahead because of it.

MOTHER OF A YOUNG PARTICIPANT AT THOUSAND FACES

CREW TRAINING

Reach's Personal Development Training encouraged young people to explore the stories, behaviours and emotional patterns that influence how they relate to themselves and others. Through reflection, storytelling and courageous conversation, participants developed a greater awareness of what drives their choices and where they may be limiting their own growth. As trust developed within the cohort, young people became more willing to step beyond their comfort zones, engage with differing perspectives and approach challenges with greater honesty and intention.

If you know a young person aged 15 or over who may be interested in joining Reach's training program, please contact Bri at bri.lalley@reach.org.au

91
YOUNG PEOPLE ENROLLED,
INCLUDING:

44 NEW CREW

47 JUNIOR CREW

4 NEW CREW TRAININGS:

4 JUNIOR CREW TRAININGS



PARTNERS UPDATE

This quarter, Reach secured support from the Danks Trust, Brasher Family Foundation, The John and Margaret Schneider Charitable Trust and Anthony Costa Foundation, strengthening the organisation's ability to extend its impact.

This investment complemented ongoing partnerships with organisations including the Jim Stynes Foundation, Melbourne Football Club, Geelong Community Foundation, Newsboys Foundation, DM Property and Riverlee Foundation, whose support continues to bring Reach programs to young people across metropolitan, regional and rural communities.

The quarter also provided opportunities to spend time with funding partners, including at the Geelong Community Foundation Gala and Anthony Costa Foundation Gala, reinforcing the shared commitment that underpins this work.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our major partners, Harris Family Foundation, Highland Foundation, the Victorian State Government and Villawood Properties, whose ongoing support is instrumental to the strength of our organisation and the impact we create alongside young people and communities.

MAJOR PARTNER

- Harris Family Foundation
- Highland Foundation
- Victoria State Government
- Villawood Properties

PARTNER

- AIS International Group
- Altus Group
- Andrews Foundation
- Anthony Costa Foundation
- Australian Association Of Graduate Employers
- Bastion
- DM Property
- Geelong Community Foundation
- Mclardy Mcshane
- Melbourne Football Club
- Mick Fanning Golf Day
- Mosaic Private
- NAB
- Newsboys Foundation
- Perpetual
- Retailors
- The Deloitte Foundation
- The Pierce Armstrong Foundation
- Thomson Geer

RESEARCH PARTNER

- Deakin University

COMMUNITY PARTNER

- Berry Street
- Carer Gateway
- Centre For Multicultural Youth
- Foundation Learning Centre
- Heavy Metal Chopper
- Jim Stynes Foundation
- Kids First
- Kinglake Forest Adventures Camp
- Little Dreamers
- Minus18
- Operation Newstart Victoria
- The Mirabel Foundation
- Very Special Kids
- Youth Activating Youth

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**GOT QUESTIONS?
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