

THEIR FIELD TRIP SO FAR

August – December 2015

Our mission: To help young people find their **passion, peers and path.**



LIAM (10): Liam joined The Field Trip and within a month was the recipient of Share Your Dream, a \$500 grant given to him by the other Field Trip members, kids 10-17 voting on the Field Trip member most deserving of the money to pursue their dream. Liam bought a camera with the money to pursue his passion of photography and has grown enormously in confidence, still a passionate Field Trip member 12 months later.



CHARLOTTE (15): Charlotte joined The Field Trip to participate in *Little Red Riding Hood*, a community production as part of The Field Trip program: Age Irrelevants (events produced by those whose age is irrelevant). Charlotte thrived in the Field Trip environment and was thrilled to have the experience.

THANK YOU

Dear Field Trip

My name is Charlotte Warner and I am 15 years of age. In 2015, I joined the Field Trip because I wanted to try something new, and that is exactly what I was able to do with the Field Trip program. The activities I participated in were unique, inspirational and fun and they all gave me a chance to do something I had never thought I could do. When I first arrived to the Field Trip, the topic had been "Share your Dream", a great program that gave a \$500 grant to a worthy member of the group to put towards achieving a dream. I heard some incredible dreams from my fellow Field Trippers which showed me just how creative and thoughtful the group was. Another activity I participated in was an activity day between the Field Trippers and a group of 50+ men and women during their "Someday Retreat". I learnt a lot from the group and had a great time working with both the Field Trippers and the "Someday" participants, making paper planes, playing games and talking of our experiences. I went on a photography trip around Lancefield and I also helped to plan and manage an open mic event at the Aspy Café in Lancefield. This experience taught me valuable leadership and management skills, and helped me become more responsible. One of my favourite parts of the experience was participated in a funny and exciting pantomime of 'Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' with some of my fellow Field Trippers. The Field Trip has been a wonderful experience and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to make friends, try something new and have fun doing it.

Love from Charlotte (Gisborne)



OWEN (21): Owen, from a farm outside of Lancefield, joined the Field Trip as a driver (leader) to complement his study to be a teacher. He played as a musician for the Field Trip's production of *Little Red Riding Hood* and quickly blossomed in the role and environment soon becoming Director of the Lancefield branch before the end of 2015. Owen joined the Board of the Field Trip Macedon Ranges Inc. when it formed in 2016 and was nominated for Young Business Person of the Year in the Macedon Ranges in July 2016 for his skill in managing the Lancefield Field Trip chapter.

KEY STATS AND NEWS:

Launch of first Field Trip chapter: Lancefield
Total number of employed leaders (aged 18-24): 3
Total number of kids signed up (aged 10-17): 15
Delivery of weekend retreat for Seniors: called Someday

NEW PARTNERSHIPS SECURED:

Victorian Seniors Festival: Someday retreat included in VSF program
Farmers Arms Hotel (Lancefield): where the Someday retreat was held
ASPY Café (Lancefield): where we held an open mic event for Field Trip participants
Drama Acting and Workshops (Paul Canlan): who directed *Little Red Riding Hood* as part of the Field Trip's Term 4 program: Age Irrelevants.

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER:

From Laura (67), participant of the Seniors Retreat 'Someday' run by Field Trip participants: "Someday surpassed all expectations as a personal development program. I enjoyed it immensely and was surprised how much I had (and have) to learn from such young people. It has given me a positive outlook on the rest of my life, and a greater appreciation for my past."