



# Youth2 Campaign

## Our Issue

Approximately 220 young people are experiencing homelessness at any point in time in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula (FMP) region, and the problem continues to grow.

Between 2011 and 2016, there was a 17.4% increase in people experiencing homelessness in Frankston and a 9.6% increase in Mornington Peninsula.<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Young people in Frankston and Mornington Peninsula need support to achieve their aspirations.

Young people in FMP are experiencing disadvantage at a higher rate than the Victorian average.<sup>2</sup> FMP have a higher percentage of early school leavers and higher alcohol and other drug use among young people compared with the Victorian average.<sup>3</sup> Frankston has significantly higher levels of youth mental ill health compared with the Victorian average.<sup>4</sup> The region also has high levels of family violence and family breakdown<sup>5</sup> and socio-economic disadvantage.<sup>6</sup>

- ▶ There is no youth crisis accommodation in Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Region.

Recent data from the Frankston Access Point indicates that only 9% of young people presenting for housing assistance that presented in a three month period were able to be provided with supported crisis accommodation.<sup>7</sup> None of that was within the FMP region.

To access crisis accommodation, young people must look outside the FMP region. Young people are forced to leave their community supports, friends, family, school and work.

*“Homeless is ... not having a place to belong.”*

