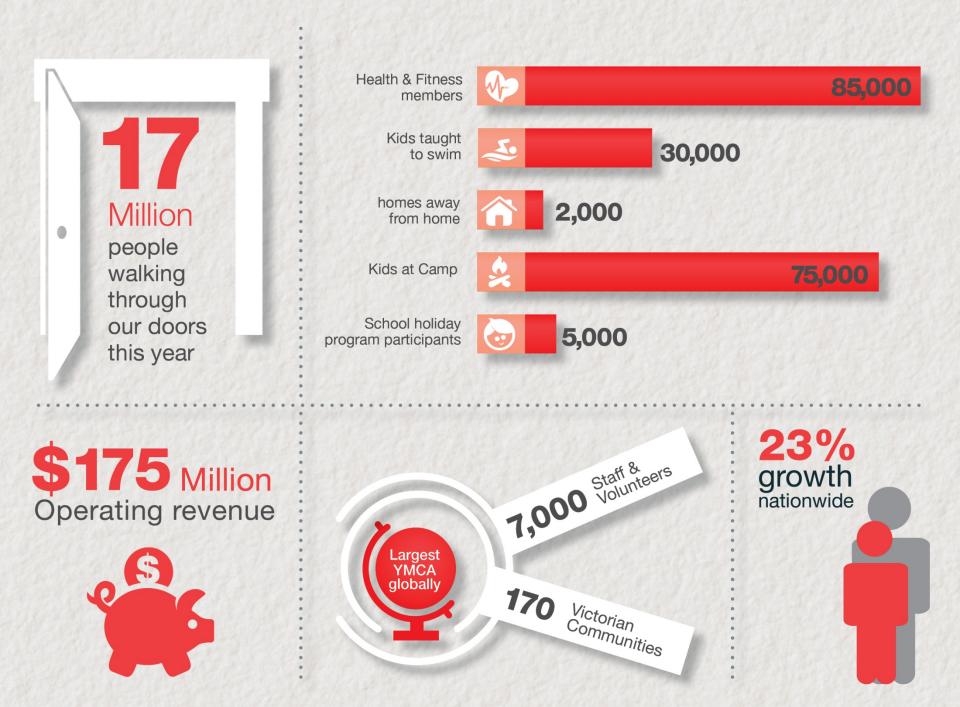
## The Bridge Project Community Leadership in Action

Peter Burns Chief Executive YMCA Victoria





### YMCA & Youth Justice – an unique opportunity

For 17 years the Y has been the only nonstatutory agency in contact with *every* young



person in custody daily.

## Transition support = The Bridge Project



## YMCA Bridge Project?

Mentoring
Education & Training
Employment
Housing
Advocacy

 Reoffending rate cut from 66% to 3%
 Victorian community saves \$8 million per annum

# YMCA Bridge Project – excellent collaborative leadership

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#### Funding

- Department of Business Innovation
- •Department of Corrections
- •Federal Attorney Generals Dept
- •DEEWR Indigenous Funding

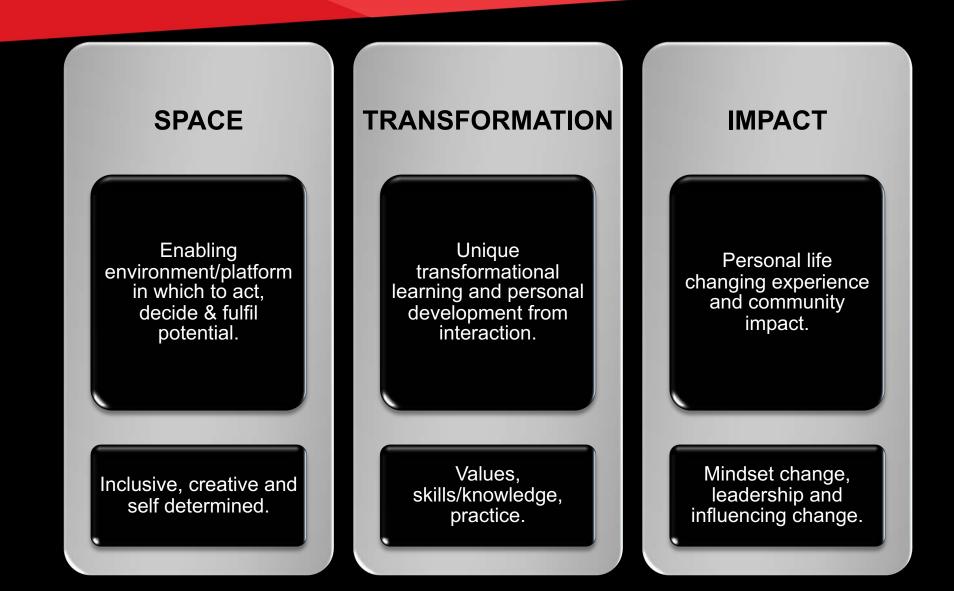
#### In Kind

- Collingwood Football Club
- Transport Workers Union (TWU)
- Ford Broadmeadows
- KPMG
- •Melbourne Fire Brigade
- Ultrafeedback
- •PVS Workfind

#### Employers

- Doncaster BMW
- Westpoint Ford
- Ford Broadmeadows
- Transfield Services
- •Melb Water
- •Yarra Valley Water
- Amenino Active
- •Simons Fine Gardening
- Lend Lease

## **YMCA Empowerment for Change Model**



## **The Bridge Council**



## Passionate, adaptive collaboration...



## **Empowered Leadership**

#### SPACE

A lone nut First followers Real issue High touch Role clarity Senior advocates

Leadership Victoria Victorian Government YMCA



...it's the effort to give a chance, you don't know what will come out of it – but if you change the lives of one of these kids to the affirmative – how fantastic do you feel?

- Mick Malthouse, Patron, The Bridge Project

Thank you Peter Burns Chief Executive, YMCA Victoria



To lead people, walk beside them ... ...as for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence... When the best leader's work is done the people say, 'we did it ourselves!' Lao-tsu

