

Commissioner launches [getaroundit_sa](#) to showcase young SA thinkers, makers and doers

Profiles of young South Australians aged 14 to 22 are being pegged to a backyard clothesline to create a new gallery of inspiration and awareness.

The pop-up clothesline gallery is the centrepiece of **Get Around It**, an initiative of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly, launched as a culmination to this year's Youth Week celebrations.

Get Around It came out of conversations Commissioner Connolly had with young people across the state who told her they wanted more opportunities to share what they were doing with their peers, not only as a way of building their own confidence but also to inspire other young people to think, make and do their own ideas and projects.

Because young people exist in a world where being online and offline are interchangeable, the Commissioner was looking for a way to express this that made sense to young people, while also creating awareness amongst older South Australians who would connect with the familiar backyard clothesline display. Inspired by South Australia's iconic Hill's Hoist, the South Aussie backyard clothesline emerged as the perfect portable gallery, translating well into the online space on Instagram where the online gallery has unlimited room to grow.

While being focused on building confidence and providing inspiration to other young people, **Get Around It** is also designed to challenge and disrupt our traditional view and perception of young people as members of our community who are either 'at risk' and therefore needing our protection, or 'risky' and in constant need of supervision or restraint. It aims to show the breadth and depth of youthful creativity, entrepreneurial spirit and natural innovation our young people bring to this State.

Unveiled at key locations and events throughout Youth Week, the **Get Around It** clothesline has popped up at the **Malls Balls** in Rundle Mall, the **Neo Teen Takeover** at SA's Art Gallery and yesterday at **Parkfest** in Light Square, attracting plenty of interest from young and old South Australians alike.

Of approximately a dozen profiles featured so far there is local young rock band Vicious Pandas, who are gaining national recognition via Triple J's unearthed initiative; 18 year old Clare Sander who runs her own dance school; and Hannah Southcombe who is committed to creating safe spaces for women through her GIRL SPACE initiative, to name just a few.

Each of the **Get Around It** profiles has a uniform style using a Fuji Film instax wide (polaroid style) photo that a member of the Commissioner's team snaps of the young South Australian thinker, maker or doer, who is then asked a series of short questions about their particular project or activity. These snapshot profiles are then autographed and pegged on-the-line, then mirrored in the online version of the gallery [@getaroundit_sa](#).

Young South Australians are invited to connect by following [@getaroundit_sa](#). They can nominate themselves or their friends to be featured. The talent bank of young SA thinkers, makers and doers is expected to grow exponentially, creating opportunities for young people to connect with other enterprising and innovative young South Australians in ways that have not yet been imagined. It is also likely to reflect the reality that young people's activity and contribution to shaping our communities in positive and inspiring ways is much more far reaching than we currently know. Parents and carers of young people who believe they know an inspiring young thinker, maker and doer in their family or community are also invited to nominate them by emailing commissionercyp@sa.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Commissioner for Children and Young People, Helen Connolly:

I wanted to find a way to enable our young people to showcase themselves and the amazing things they're thinking, making and doing every day. When I hear about the projects young South Australians have instigated, I am stunned by their ingenuity, their capacity for innovation and their boundless energy and creativity.

It isn't just about profiling the best and brightest – it's about showcasing those children and young people who are the quiet achievers in our community – who are in our own backyards doing what they love and having a positive impact on themselves, their friends and families, and on our broader South Australian community.

Background: The Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly was appointed in April 2017 and is responsible for promoting and advocating for the rights, interests and well-being of children and young people across South Australia. For more information about the work of the Commissioner for Children and Young People and go to www.ccyp.com.au

To view a gallery of photographs of the **Get Around It** clothesline on display at the various locations throughout Youth Week visit <https://www.facebook.com/ccypsa/>

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