



### **Humans in Geelong Inc.**

We aim to INSPIRE, CONNECT and STRENGTHEN our community!

Stories are powerful, inspiring and uplifting, they arouse feelings, open minds and stimulate positive change.

All of this brought to you by a team of dedicated volunteers. To support our project, please follow and share:

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[www.youtube.com/channel/UCFm8RuKjt\\_i-gzHj5IRfDmg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFm8RuKjt_i-gzHj5IRfDmg)

HuG for short, as we are creating the HuG Movement.

We are a dynamic team of 'Not-for-Profit' volunteer changemakers who report on the 'good news' stories of our home town Geelong and district. The stories are about the everyday locals who are taking action, one way or another, and making a difference.

We got our inspiration from Humans in Melbourne and thought 'Geelong needs something like this!'. In four years we have over 14,000 followers in 44 countries, a reach of 232k and have told over 500 diverse, inspiring stories.

On Oct 8<sup>th</sup> we held the first inspirational 'Humans in Geelong Expo 2017' that 1,500 people attended at Deakin Waterfront. Twice as many attended our 2018 and 2019 Expos. **SAVE THE DATE EXPO 2020 Sun 11 Oct Online.**

To inform the community of the project we:

- Tell 2-3 inspiring stories a week on our website and social media
- Hold the annual Humans in Geelong Expo
- attend events, fundraisers, walks/marches, community group meetings etc
- present talks/powerpoints to schools, libraries and community groups
- presented to the State Government's 'Creative State Summit 2019'.

We were recipients of the State Government Grant 'Pick My Project' to produce the Humans in Geelong Book which went free to all schools, libraries and community groups, injecting positivity and hope into our community.

### **Humans in Geelong aims to:**

- Use the powerful medium of storytelling to create positive social change
- inspire, connect and strengthen our community
- feature locals making a difference
- showcase creativity, sustainable practices, cultural diversity, health & wellness, equity and opportunities
- be a pathway to work
- create a better world by spreading positivity and hope

### **Humans in Geelong Expo 2019 Deakin University Waterfront Campus.**

A free community event with everyone welcome and something for everyone.

The uplifting start to Mental Health Month.

10am Welcome to Country by Nikki and Norm Stanley on the didge, Opening by the Mayor of Geelong Cr Bruce Harwood, Welcome to Deakin by VC Professor Iain Martin

Opening of Mental Health Month by Barwon Health CEO Frances Diver

55 inspiring exhibitors in the Gallery, 12 thought-provoking speakers over three rooms, 12 culturally diverse performances in the courtyard. This was a celebration of the individuals and groups in our region who are taking action and making a difference one way or another. The Expo's diverse, colourful, inclusive, full program can be found at <https://humansingeelong.com/humans-in-geelong-expo-2019/>