

March 2014

Computer Clubhouse Update

The Computer Clubhouse is a high tech digital studio where Tuggeranong youth collaborate with industry mentors to design, create, and pursue their passions.



Lachlan demonstrates "Makey Makey" at Barcamp Canberra



New furniture from Furnware arrives at the Clubhouse



Lachlan experimenting with animation techniques in Boston

We are delighted to welcome and introduce to you our Clubhouse Coordinator, Lachlan Howarth. Lachlan has a background in youth work and a passion for music and ICT, and brings tremendous energy and talent to this key role. Lachlan has already generated a groundswell of enthusiasm and interest in the Clubhouse among young people in Tuggeranong, and the broader Canberra community. You can Tweet Lachlan a welcome message at [@LachHowarth](https://twitter.com/LachHowarth).

Lachlan, along with Jan Skeyhill, Manager of the YWCA's Lanyon Youth & Community Centre, and Sherri Lake, Computer Clubhouse team member, travelled to Boston last month to participate in the Intel Computer Clubhouse Network Induction and Training program.

There they spent time with Network Staff and Clubhouse Coordinators from around the world, learning about engaging youth in the design process, working with mentors, marketing, and managing equipment. Held on site at the Flagship Clubhouse at the Boston Museum of Science, they had the opportunity to try out a range of hardware and software that our Clubhouse Members will use to design and build their own projects.

The YWCA Computer Clubhouse at Richardson Primary School is taking shape. The painting and carpeting is complete, and the colourful modular furniture from Furnware has transformed the community room into an inviting and collaborative workspace! The Dimension Data team is completing the IT environment design, with equipment and software deployment scheduled for May. Dimension Data is also hosting a charity ball on Saturday 5 April with Hands Across Canberra. A proportion of the proceeds are being generously donated to the Clubhouse. For more information about the Ball, [visit the Hands Across Canberra website](#). We understand there are still tickets available and we look forward to seeing some of you there!

We're pleased to advise that the Academy of Interactive Entertainment has generously donated hardware to the Clubhouse. We also want to thank Coordinate and Content Group for providing creative and strategic communications support to the project. Our team is very excited about working with you help to share the Clubhouse story with the Canberra community.

These new partnerships join the broad range of Clubhouse supporters, including CollabIT, Tuggeranong Re-engaging Youth Networks Board, AcidLabs, Richardson Primary School P&C, Microsoft, HSBC Canberra, Lockheed Martin, The Public Education Foundation, Meyer Vandenberg, 2CA, senior staff in the NICTA Canberra Lab, and Adobe – as well as numerous individuals in the Canberra community. Mentoring briefing sessions will commence in April, so stay tuned for announcements.

We continue to focus our efforts on raising \$50,000 to cover establishment costs, such as acquiring cutting edge robotics equipment and outfitting the music studio with professional recording and editing hardware and software. We are still waiting to hear the outcome of a submission for funding under The ACT Government Digital Canberra initiative. If you would like to find out more about partnership opportunities, or making a financial contribution to the Computer Clubhouse, please contact Joanna Allebone, Director of Corporate Relations and Communications at the YWCA of Canberra:

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KEY DATES

April 2014: Mentoring information sessions commence, and Dimension Data Charity Ball on 5 April

May 2014: Clubhouse doors open on 22 May, and tours of the space are held with partners and friends

September 2014: Clubhouse grand opening