YUMCHA is our hero of the week

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YUMCHA (Youth United Making Change Against Homophobic Attitudes) has been operating for seven years as a support group for young people (under 25) who identify as straight, gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual or anything else. In other words, it really doesn't matter what your sexuality is, you are welcome.

This important message has cut through to the wider community, where attitudes toward gays, lesbians and transgender people in South-West Victoria have turned 360 degrees from where they were even a decade ago. Diversity makes for a progressive community: one that opens its hearts and minds.

It also makes for a community where ALL young people feel they

belong and that’s the sort of community we want to live in.

So we would like to recognise **YUMCHA** and its leader **Lyn Eales** for their incredible work. We are going to let them decide who will enjoy the coffee and cake voucher!

Bluestone Magazine is donating a voucher for coffee and cake to each of our quiet heroes. This week it will be at Wyton’s Cellars, 127 Kepler St, Warrnambool.

[box] YUMCHA meets each Monday between 4pm-5pm at the Brophy Community & Youth Complex, 210 Timor St, Warrnambool. [/box]