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### **Lorne 160 relay run raises \$44,000 for local charity**

In glorious conditions on the last day of Term 3, twenty Year 11 students completed the annual Lorne 160 relay run from Corio Campus to Lorne and back again. The team (accompanied by teaching staff, Craig Durran, Tony Green, Emma Ulrick and Tom White) departed Corio Campus just after midnight and completed the relay in a faster time than last year's cohort; a fact that pleased the group ALMOST as much as the final fundraising figure of \$44,000.

The beneficiary of this year's Lorne 160 was The Power In You Project; an arm of South Geelong-based not-for-profit Community Veracity. The Project's mission is "to inspire and empower people affected by alcohol and other drugs to achieve lasting change in their lives". Kane Nuttall, who drives the Project, was on hand to accept the cheque and said that the funds raised by the Lorne 160 ensured the Project's survival for another year. "We've been running on the fumes of an oily rag for the past few years," Kane said. "These funds will help with the building of our drop-in centre and allows us to purchase software for accurate note and record-keeping for our programme participants."

One of the first tasks for each Lorne 160 cohort is, effectively, a pitch process where each participant recommends a charity/ not-for-profit to support and the group then decide from there. Sarah Sutherland (Yr11 He) nominated The Power In You Project and, from the time they were the nominated charity, Kane was very engaged in the Lorne 160 process. "He was even out supporting us on the run today," Eja Collins (Yr11 Ga) said. For Eja, the whole experience has left her with a feeling of pride; pride in what the group had achieved, both in completing the 160-kilometre relay run and in all of the fundraising efforts that preceded it. "If we've been able to help the cause through what we've done in any way, then it's been really worthwhile."

For further information about The Power In Your Project, please visit: <https://www.communityveracity.com.au/the-power-in-you-project>

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