Margaret House to build hope in the region with new project

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The vital new project will cost a lot of money and require support from Hilltops Council as well as funding from potential grants.

Margaret House are hosting a Building Hope Ball which has already been well supported by the community with only limited tickets available to attend.

As part of the ball there will be an auction where some fantastic products and services will be up for grabs.

"The Ball is being supported by a long list of generous sponsors who will help ensure the financial success of the evening, which will include a live auction and raffle with some amazing prizes, a sit-down dinner and live music," Ali Hogan said.

The Building Hope Ball will be held on Saturday August 26 at the Young Showground, there will also be a photo booth and photographer on hand to ensure that the night will be memorable.

Though Margaret House supports those in need in Young, Boorowa, Harden, Temora and Cootamundra they have said the housing issue is not just local.

"The shortage of housing is being felt nationwide," Ali said.

"There is an ever-increasing need for accommodation at all levels - emergency and crisis, temporary, social and affordable - these are all in short supply, particularly in regional Australia.

"Unfortunately YCAC cannot place all of their clients into emergency or temporary accommodation because there is not enough available in our region."

Margaret House is a community-run and owned organisation, providing emergency and temporary accommodation properties.

To donate or find out more visit the website at https://www.margarethouserefuge.org.au/ or follow them on Instagram or Facebook.

Return to inspire students

THE student really did become the teacher at Young High School last Thursday when a former student visited to help make a special presentation.

Luke Doldissen was part of the team from the University of Canberra who presented Young High School with five new Compound and five new Dissecting microscopes.

In 2015 Luke graduated from Young High School before going on to study a Bachelor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Canberra, now working as part of their student engagement team the former local led students on Thursday in a fascinating and fun experiment.

"I used to go to Young High," Luke said.

During his time at the school Luke was a part of the leadership team, he played sports and was very much involved in all aspects of the school.

"I went on to study at the University of Canberra, what I did was a Bachelor of Envi-

Luke with students.

ronmental Science," he said.

Luke went on to explain his reasons behind completing his studies and crediting his geography teacher from Young High School as the one who led him in his future career direction.

"Probably one of the main reasons I did Environmental Science and went to university was I did geography upstairs," Luke said.

"I don't know if you know Ben Cooper? He was mostly the reason why."

At the same time that Luke was crediting him, Mr Cooper walked into the classroom, using the opportunity to catch up with his former student at the end of the session.

"We got on really well and I absolutely loved that class so he's a big reason I went to university and the reason I did that degree too," Luke said.

According to Luke his studies at the University of Canberra were the best years of his life.

"I was always really passionate about it," Luke said.

"It was probably one of the best experiences of my life too."

Luke was able to share with students his experiences both studying and working at the University of Canberra showing students photos of many of the activities, assessments and experiments that he undertook that have taken him all over the place.

"I love Environmental Science, I love hiking, I love camping, so it was an awesome degree," Luke said.

"You just immerse yourself in science, get to know all your tutors and you actually can get to be a part of their research."