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Annual General Meeting Agenda

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| 2. Present | Joy Venning |
| 3. Apologies | Joy Venning |
| 4. Additions to Agenda | Alex Venn |
| 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting | Joy Venning |
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On behalf of PYV Council, I welcome you to the 2010 AGM. In the following pages you will find reports on all aspects of PYV's ministry to the youth of Victoria in 2009. We hope you enjoy reading them!

*Joy Venning
PYV Secretary*

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Minutes from 2009 AGM

	TOPIC	COUNCILLOR
9.001	Devotion / Constitution	Alex Venn
	Alex Venn asked Andrew Venn to open the meeting with a short devotion.	
9.002	Members Present	Alex Venn
	Alex Venn, Jess Venn, Russ Graham, Rene Graham, Sarah Brightwell, Kirsty Watson, James Venning, Joy Venning, Joel Mestry, Peter Owen, Lachlan Grant, Matt Graham, Dean Carroll, Marton Murany, David Drennan, Ruth Ronalds, Brad Ronalds, Hayden Millstead, Josie Millstead, Shady Mehanni, David Bruce, Evelyn Cannon, Ben Cannon, Brad Haughey (PYV Operations Manager), Andrew Vines (CENC Youth Worker), Scott Kroeger (CENC Representative), Andrew Venn (CENC Representative)	
9.003	Apologies	Alex Venn
	Kane Georgiou, Andrew Burns, Kingsley Davidson, Michelle Davidson, Pip Taylor	
9.004	Additions To Agenda	Alex Venn
	None	
9.005	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Alex Venn
	Unavailable due to technical difficulties	
9.006	Business Arising From Previous Minutes	Alex Venn
	None, due to technical difficulties	
9.007	Correspondence In / Out	Rene Graham
	None	

	TOPIC	COUNCILLOR
9.008	Annual Reports (January - December 2008)	Various
	<p>Time allowed for attendees to read through reports. Each report then elaborated and/or questions taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>President's Report</u> - Alex Venn spoke about the challenges and workload that PYV is facing in 2009. Stated that there is a bright future for PYV. No questions asked. • <u>Youth Worker Report</u> - Andrew Vines took no questions on OS08 • <u>Senior Camp</u> - Sarah Brightwell summed up, enthused about speaker Richard Quadrio and identified the major challenges faced by the leadership team. No questions asked. • <u>OS08</u> - Andrew Vines summarised the mission trip to Egypt • <u>Social</u> - Brad Ronalds took no questions • <u>Volleyball</u> - Alex Venn outlined future for volleyball tournament. No questions asked. • <u>Girls' Day Out</u> - Joy Venning stated that this ministry should continue. Discussion took place about possible reinvented Guys' Day Out. • <u>Junior Camp</u> - Shady Mehanni summed up and there were no questions. • <u>Summer Camp</u> - Marton Murany outlined the challenges faced by the camp committee. Congratulated Rene Graham on her role as First Aid Officer on camp. Thanks to Joy Venning and Katey Misso on the New Year's Eve Carnival. • <u>Leadership Accrediation Committee</u> - Kirsty Watson outlined internship program, and asked for prayer for those undertaking it. 	
9.009	Financial Reports	Sarah Brightwell
	<p>Outlined a small surplus for 2008. Explained losses experienced on camps, being due to PYV subsidising campers cost. Question about Volleyball and Social figures. Small profit from Social donated to Croydon Hills. Volleyball figures will be investigated by Sarah Brightwell, and report given to Council.</p> <p>Spoke about the drop in interest rate that PYV has experienced due to financial crisis. Sarah also outlined the monetary gift from the Presbyterian Church in Victoria to celebrate the church's 150th anniversary, and the role that these funds will play in the next two years.</p>	

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	<p>Operations Manager position will require more funds to be directed to this ministry, with CENC also contributing to the funding for this position.</p> <p>Questions taken about PYV's assets.</p> <p>Also mentioned that PYV has been donated a minibus, and there will be added costs for maintenance of this vehicle.</p> <p>Question taken about PYV's relationship with Church Office. Sarah and Alex spoke about desire for relationship to improve.</p> <p>Motion: Alex Venn moved to accept the 2009 / 2010 PYV Budget. Seconded by Russ Graham. Motion Passed.</p>	
9.010	2009 Calendar	Russell Graham
	<p>Thanked Rachel Stasse for design work on 2009 flyer. Outlined the combining of Junior and Senior Camps into Winter Camp at Campaspe Downs. Encouraged all those in attendance to get up in front of their congregations to promote PYV. Also outlined new campsites for 2009.</p>	
9.011	Strategic Plan Update	Andrew Vines
	<p>Outlined the development of PYV's aims and plans from 2002 through to 2012. Explained how PYV wants to equip youth for work in their local church and community.</p> <p>Spoke about development of 2008 to 2012 plan at the 2008 Council Retreat, including introduction / implementation of Internship and its role in PYV's camping ministry.</p> <p>Discussed new camp model, and the challenges that PYV will face with recruiting leaders for two camps held simultaneously. Outlined desire to commence a Primary Camp stream for Winter Camp from 2010 on.</p> <p>Discussed role of Operations Manager and the importance of this role during the transition between Youth Workers in late 2009 - early 2010, and the need to have someone more devoted to administration.</p>	
9.012	Interview With PYV Operations Manager - Brad Haughey	Alex Venn
	<p>Brad spoke about how PYV has impacted his life in the past 12 months, and his desire to assist PYV in its growth. Brad was presented PYV merchandise as a welcome gift to PYV.</p>	

	TOPIC	COUNCILLOR
9.013	Additional Business	Alex Venn
	Nothing To Add	
9.014	Election of 2009 PYV Council	CENC Representative
	<p>President - Alex Venn nominated by Russ Graham. No other nominations, therefore approved.</p> <p>Secretary – Joy Venning nominated by Jess Venn. No other nominations, therefore approved.</p> <p>Treasurer – Sarah Brightwell nominated by Dean Carroll. No other nominations, therefore approved.</p> <p>Remainder of Council was voted upon, with final approval to the new Council given by the CENC.</p>	
9.015	Close	CENC Representative
	Scott Kroeger closed the meeting in prayer.	

It has been another year of God showering PYV with his abundant grace and equipping our leaders with the wisdom needed to spread His Gospel.

Camp attendance is up. The leadership base is growing. The Internship is in its second year. Outsourcing events is spreading to new and enthused churches, wishing to help PYV by event hosting. More extensive training through internship, Train24, Rain24 and Fuelled has led to a greater understanding of youth ministry, better leadership skills and a greater depth of spiritual maturity.

Most importantly, the opportunity PYV brings for the development of relationships is aiding the spread of the Gospel.

One of the greatest challenges of 2009 involved the budget and struggling with finances with other members and committees of the PCV. It was frustrating and time-consuming, but in retrospect, it highlighted for the State Council a greater need to strengthen our relationships with those we must work alongside to make PYV work.

The need for a professional and wise approach from the State Council and paid workers is needed more than ever. The need for excellence in all areas of ministry is being pushed by the PCV and this is a good thing. God demands our best in all areas.

I congratulate the State Council, the State Youth Worker and Operations Manager of 09/10 for their dedication, prayerfulness and willingness to go the extra mile to ensure the rising standard of PYV. I also thank God for the leaders who make all camps and activities possible. Without them there is no PYV and our vision is impossible.

The State Council also thanks the CENC for an established and excellent working relationship. Their expertise, wisdom, generosity and prayer is not taken for granted.

We rejoice in the strengthening relationship and awareness of PYV amongst the members of the General Assembly. We especially thank them for the generous gift of \$50 000 from the 150th PCV celebrations. From all accounts, Summer Camp was brilliant! We praise God for the first Winter Camp and we look forward to fine tuning it in 2010, as well as introducing Junior PYV.

But we have many challenges ahead and there is a lot of hard work to be done. Funding the rising costs of camps by establishing relationships with members of the General Assembly is pivotal to financial future of PYV. This is something that the State Council will have to work on in 2010, working alongside the CENC and the Trusts Corps, to find solutions for our growing financial burdens.

Although our camps are growing rapidly - praise God - the State Council feels that bigger camps are not necessarily the way to go. With PYV's financial difficulties, our new camping ministry plan is something that the State Council will be developing in 2010. We don't want to lose the intimacy, focused teaching, age diversity and relationally-based camp qualities upon which PYV has been built. But we also want camps and events to remain affordable and accessible for everyone.

Finally, we praise God for the dedicated work of our Youth Worker, Andrew Vines. The search for a new youth worker is proving harder than anticipated, with few applications. Please consider this also in your prayers along with the challenges PYV will be working through in 2010.

As stated in the 2009 Big Plug, the future is now! PYV and its young people are here in our local churches and wider denomination now. Please pray for the incoming State Council and that the work of PYV will continue to assist the congregations of the PCV in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.

Alex Venn

PYV President

2009 has been a year of significant new things:

The most obvious change has been rearrangement of the camping calendar. The combined date and location of Senior and Junior camps worked well in 2009. I think we are in good shape to add a grade 5-6 stream in this coming year. In hindsight, however, we could have avoided some headaches by taking an extra year to publicise and budget for the new setup.

Another significant development has been the completion of the first Foundations Internship. This has surpassed my expectations in many ways and I pray that the investment we are making in this generation of leaders will be used by God to bear gospel fruit for many years to come.

A third change has been the employment of the Operations Manager. This has substantially changed the Youth Worker role to one almost entirely focussed on leadership training, and has allowed for effective organisation of camps alongside development of the internship.

Fourthly, PYV moved office during 2009. Previously, the office had been set up in a room at the PTC manse, but when this became no longer available, Heathmont Presbyterian Church generously offered some space in a house on their property. There are ongoing renovation happening at the house, which causes some disruption, but will make the facility into a a very useful base for PYV's ministry.

On a personal note, 2009 has been my last full year with PYV, since I plan to move into other areas of service after Winter Camp 2010. This will be the end of four years as CENC Youth Worker, 13 years as a PYV leader and 17 years total PYV involvement. Needless to say, PYV has been a big part of my life. I praise God for those older leaders who taught me, those peers who encouraged me along the way and those young leaders who have brought me such joy. Thanks guys.

As to the future direction of PYV - that's up to you. I am confident that PYV will continue to humbly grow deep roots in Christ and His word, that we will continue to encourage solid evangelism and discipleship through local churches and that God will continue to transform campers' lives.

Andrew Vines

CENC Youth Worker

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Operations Manager's Report 2009

One year ago I stood before the AGM excited (and slightly nervous) about starting work with PYV. A year on, I can't praise God enough for His grace as I have settled into my role.

Every one of PYV's activities in 2009 had an element of newness to it. Whether that be new convenors, new locations, new dates or new events, there was something for everyone.

With record attendance at Volleyball, the Social event (Trivia Night) and Summer Camp, PYV was able to reach more youth with the Gospel than ever before.

My highlights for 2009 were:

- *Winter Camp Combined Worship Service* - To see all 260 people attending the two camps in one room worshipping together gave me goosebumps. Thanks to the Senior Camp Sessions team, service leader Scott McNabb and speaker Ben Johnson for making it a memorable morning.
- *Trivia Night* - I must admit my personal bias towards this event, as I was the convenor, but it truly was PYV's "Night of Nights". It was an amazing experience planning and executing the event, and I can't thank those who assisted in the operation of the night enough. The night was one of the best things I have ever done and I am thankful to the PYV Council for allowing me to do it.
- *Summer Camp* - There were so many highlights at Summer Camp that it would take too long to list them. My overall feeling looking back was one of thankfulness. I am thankful for the PYV leaders, because they performed as a team. Everyone knew their role, took responsibility for it and executed it, and with the restricted leader numbers this year this was vital to the success of the camp. I also want to praise God for his awesomeness in providing PYV with these amazing leaders, and His grace in keeping all who attended safe and healthy throughout camp.

One of the privileges and joys of my position has been the opportunity to travel around Victoria visiting churches and youth groups.

The welcoming I received in each church and youth group I visited blew me away. So many of our young people are on fire for God and to see them want to learn more and serve Him showed me how vital PYV's ministry is. I would also like to thank all those who welcomed me into their homes, your generosity continues to take my breath away.

I would also like to thank the PYV leaders for welcoming me so openly. I can't describe how much of a blessing it has been to me to spend time getting to know and serve with you. Thank you to all the convenors for your patience and support, and I look forward to serving with you again.

I am in debt to Andrew Vines for his patience, love and support this past year. Andrew has taught me so much, always demonstrating his humbleness and patience even with the dumb questions I often asked. I look forward to spending the next few months getting as much information out of his head as I can.

Andrew, may God continue to bless you, Suzy and the kids in the next phase of your life later this year.

As has been explained elsewhere, PYV has several major issues facing it in 2010. Can I encourage everyone, whether you are a camper, leader, council member or an observer from afar, to pray regularly for PYV. Pray that we will continue to rely on God to assist us through 2010 as we minister to the youth of this great state.

Personally I would ask that you would pray for me as I work with convenors and leaders to present camps and events that challenge the youth in their faith. Please pray that the Lord will keep me in good health, continue to provide good counsel for me, and bless the relationships I have developed.

All glory be to God for His amazing grace and may He continue to bless PYV in the years to come.

Brad Haughey

PYV Operations Manager

The first batch of Foundations Interns graduated at PYV Winter Camp 2009. This has been a big undertaking, with about 300 hours committed to this project by the Youth Worker alone (more than one day per week), not to mention the contributions of mentors, lecturers, chaplains and others.

Applicants:

From twenty applicants, fourteen interns graduated on Winter Camp 2009, and another two graduated on Summer Camp 09/10.

The leadership accred sub-committee adopted the followed approval process for interns:

1. Leadership accred committee – reviewed applications, and approve those deemed suitable for internship.
2. Intern’s Session – The Youth Worker wrote to church sessions asking them to endorse the intern, appoint a local church mentor-supervisor, and express willingness to support them in the internship.
3. Intern’s Mentor/Supervisor – In the latter stages of the internship, the Youth Worker interviewed each Intern’s supervisor prior to Winter Camp to determine whether Intern should / should not lead on Winter Camp.

1. Core Subject:

Phillip Burns taught New Testament according to the ACT Certificate in Theology syllabus. The subject was found to be helpful by interns, especially the unit on the inter-testamental period, they also found Philip’s approach friendly and engaging. Thirteen interns completed the subject for audit, three completed the subject for assessment.

2. Ministry Skills:

Ministry skills was a two hour unit run in the afternoons of Summer Camp, using a syllabus developed and taught by the Youth Worker. The first hour of each sessions covered:

- Daily Time with God, using material from the “Ministry Papers.” This was chosen as the first unit to emphasise that before ministry is about skills, it must be about character.
- Preparing Bible Studies, using material written by Andrew Vines.
- Giving a Short Talk, using material from the Ministry Papers.
- Personal Discipleship, using material written by Andrew Vines and taught by Scott Kroeger.

The second hour of ministry skills was an opportunity for the interns to take turns leading a same-sex bible study or giving a short talk. They were assigned a passage from the gospel of Mark prior to camp. After giving their talk/study on camp, interns were given feedback.

3. Ministry Study Elective

Interns could choose one of three options as a Ministry Elective:

- Outlook Camp. One intern attended outlook camp run by Drouin Presbyterian.

- PTC Short Course. This was on Youth Ministry, taught by Andrew Vines over six weeks. It was attended by six interns, three of whom did the assessment.
- Christian Education - Cafe Theologica (downloaded material from cafetheologica.com.au). Two interns did the subject for assessment (with one more due to complete it in semester 2), and five for audit. Several interns were initially disappointed after listening to the first couple of sessions, but grew to appreciate the material more as they went along.

4. Field Education

Field Education was conducted in the local congregation under the supervision of a mentor who was appointed by the session before Summer Camp began. Five interns are completed this subject for ACT assessment. This was probably the area of the Internship in which there was the most quality fluctuation. Some interns met weekly with mentors and gained good experience in their local church youth ministry. Other interns had infrequent meetings with their mentor, and some interns were not adequately given opportunity to be involved in the local church's youth ministry.

5. Rain24

All of the interns but one attended Rain24. There was the usual orientation stream for new leaders. For next year, it would be good to work on collating the material into an "orientation pack" which could also include other items such as a gender ministries policy etc.

6. Winter Camp

The interns were valuable contributors to camp, with nearly all of them leading study groups on Junior Camp. At the combined worship service on Sunday morning, there was a graduation ceremony for fourteen interns, who were presented with certificates of completion (although the Youth Worker did forget to put a signature on them!).

1. At lunch there was an information lunch for those interested in the Internship. And even though we ran out of pizza, fourteen people asked for follow-up information.
2. Financial Statement

Income: \$1,990

Expenses: \$2,807

Net: -\$817

Recommendations:

- Continue the internship in its current form. The concept is a winner.
- Ensure earlier approval by local sessions.
- Have an optional training session for mentor/supervisors in November.
- Ask interns to meet with their mentor once before Summer Camp.
- Have a few people team-teach the Ministry Skills units.
- Consider offering a DVD resource of the short course, done in a small group setting as an option for the Ministry Skills Elective.
- Sign students up for Cafe Theologica and ACT enrolments on camp.

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Leadership Accreditation Report 2009

2009 has been an amazing year to see the growth of the PYV Leadership Team! The Leadership Accreditation Committee is a sub-committee of the PYV Council made up of four members, Kirsty Watson, Andrew Vines, Brad Haughey and Joy Venning. The LAC is responsible for reviewing and approving leadership and internship applications and coordinating appropriate positions for different leaders.

2009 saw:

- 30 new leaders including 16 graduated interns
- 15 new interns currently undergoing the Internship

PYV has been actively training up its Junior Leaders to be ready to take Senior roles at camps and events. 2009 was a great demonstration of this with all camp and event Convenors being under the age of 25. For 2010 and beyond, PYV will continue to put Junior Leaders in training positions under more experienced leaders to equip them to serve in their local Church.

Joy Venning

Leadership Accreditation Committee Member 2009

Volleyball 2009 was one of many firsts. Breaking with tradition, we left Ashburton Recreation Centre because of last year's enormous growth. We instead headed to the Victorian Volleyball Centre on Stud Road, which was much more accessible for almost all teams and so much bigger than Ashburton.

We managed to once again break the record for the number of people attending the day, with over 330 people walking past the registration desks, which were run so smoothly by Jess and Chris Brown, Emily Venning, Joel Otten and Aiden McKee. Thanks to those guys! Another factor in the ease of registration was that it cost a round \$10, and I recommend we leave it there for future years!

We had a record 60 teams from 23 churches enter this year, with the Ballarat South and Warrnambool Presbyterian (who left at 5:30 AM) churches even managing to bring some teams up! We had five teams pull out during the week and on the morning, but fixturing for 60 teams was a massive task, and I think we need to look at investing in a program to generate fixtures. There are a few requirements for this though, so please talk to me and I can state those for you.

This year we also saw the introduction of coloured bands, denoting whether you were playing or spectating and we also saw lunchtime reintroduced, with Joy Venning and her team doing an amazing job of running the BBQs. Many thanks to Joy for her efforts! She was also the mastermind behind the bands, which will be used once more next year, in a more extensive manner.

The day ran unbelievably smoothly (praise God) and the games were played in a spirit befitting the Christian nature of the tournament.

Fawkner once again took out both the men's and mixed titles, well played to them!

Many thanks to all who helped out, particularly Brad Haughey, who organised all the equipment and ran himself ragged on the day while I was busy playing.

A couple suggestions for next year include a women's comp and a beach volleyball comp.

Matt Whelan
Convenor
PYV Volleyball 2009

What is real beauty?

How can one be successfully single?

What is Biblical romantic love?

Over 40 girls came clamouring to know the answers to these questions at the Girls Day Out on the 2nd of May. Held at St Stephens' Surrey Hills Presbyterian, girls came from Presbyterian churches all over Melbourne to attend. Our very competent speakers, Rachel McConchie, Sarah Weber and Jean Burley spoke respectively on modesty, singleness and romance.

Rachel McConchie began the day by encouraging us all to pursue godliness in our dress; she told everyone that real beauty comes from the heart (which, by the way, is apparently more instrumental in attracting the right kind of guys than dressing immodestly). Rachel gave practical advice in dressing, such as being aware of one's body shape and being conscious of how clothes move on the body. Throughout the talk, she repeatedly pointed us all towards Christ, showing that our relationship with Him affects the way we live.

Following Rachel's talk on modesty, Sarah Weber spoke on the opportunities and challenges of singleness. Sarah was very open and honest in her words. While she acknowledged that marriage is equally as commendable as singleness, Sarah candidly described how singleness is good, urging us to think about how best we can serve God and what is most appropriate for us at this point in time.

Finally, Jean Burley discussed the difference between society's' view of love and Biblical love. Illustrating her point with clips from 'The Notebook' to the soundtrack of Taylor Swift's 'Love Story', she showed how popular culture idealises romance, turning it into an unrealistic fantasy. Jean told us that these expectations that can actually harm relationships, as they exalt feeling over reason. She explained that Biblical love expects an attitude of labour and service towards the other person; it is an action rather than a feeling. Jean challenged us not to base our views of love on what we see in movie theatres, but rather on Biblical examples of sacrificial love.

After each talk, we gave the girls an opportunity to discuss what they had just heard. We all divided into groups and went through a series of questions which our speakers had provided, presenting everyone with a chance to express their own opinion and thoughts on the topics. This helped to clarify any questions the girls had, and also assisted the girls in working out how they could apply the principles they had just learned to their own lives.

As well as during the discussion times, lunch provided a great opportunity for the girls to get to know each other. Many of the girls had not met each other before, as the day attracted many girls who had not been to previous PYV events, so in this way they were able to get to know the wider PYV community. We pray that these girls will come back to future PYV events, and that God will continue to work in their lives. We were very blessed with the godly speakers of this years' Girls' Day Out who were able to teach us all so much, and we trust that their words will have an impact upon the way the girls of PYV live out their lives.

Josie Millstead & Hannah Moody
Convenors
PYV Girls' Day Out 2009

Senior Camp 2009 was an amazing camp! We had our own great little area at Campaspe Downs with a beautiful conference centre, and a great lounge complete with fireplace! We had everything we needed to set us up for a great camp!

Prof. Douglas Milne presented two talks on "Man's Chief End". Talk 1 was about how we can glorify God in our workplace. We had a great discussion time afterwards which enabled us to chat about different ethical issues that come up when one works in the secular environment. Talk 2 challenged us in our thinking about what areas we can glorify God in the Church. We thought about spiritual gifts and we were challenged to use them freely and for the good of others. Prof. also ran a question time on the last day where he picked up some of the campers questions that related to the topic and spent some time answering them.

On camp we also ran two workshop sessions. After the first talk, we had some practical workshops on how you can glorify God in different professions. Toby McIntosh did Agriculture, Andrew Vines did trade, Jason Coghill did the Music Industry, Stephen Moody did Health, and Jeremy Dover did sport. These were a great opportunity to really apply the things spoken about in the first talk and we really valued the input of those speakers who ran them. After the second talk we looked at various aspects of ministry. Scott Kroeger did ordained ministry, Nancy Kroeger did lay ministry, Andrew and Suzy Vines did hospitality, Brian Harvey did outreach, and Ian Jones did music ministry. We really valued the way we could have these speakers come in and share about really practical ways people can be making the most of their spiritual gifts.

Saturday night we had Jason Coghill present the Ministry of Psalms to us. He sang different Psalms and spoke about them. I think it was really refreshing to have a Bible related activity, and many of the campers mentioned how much they enjoyed just sitting and listening to the Psalms!

Across camp we had a number of leaders who were available as mentors to the campers. This was particularly important because we had a fairly young camp with the addition of the year 10 students. The mentors were able to facilitate discussion time and prayer time, and they made themselves available to the campers if they had any other needs during camp.

Our sessions were run by Andrew Burns, with his music team led by Ben Maxwell and his tech team, David Sprague. These guys did a fantastic job! The highlight for us was the combined worship service we had on Sunday Morning. It was fantastic to have so many people in the one room, all worship God and hearing the proclamation of his Word, together! I definitely recommend continuing to have the combined service as an integral part of camp.

Joy Venning
Convenor
Senior Camp 2009

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Junior Camp Report 2009

This year's Junior Camp "*The Amazing Race*" with held in conjunction with Senior camp at Campaspe Downs in Kyneton during the July school holidays. A chilly weekend is an understatement to how cold the weather actually was. Ben Johnson presented four talks from the book of Exodus with the titles being "I will rescue you; I will provide for you; I will not share you; I will be with you." The campers seemed to have benefited from the talks and Ben was able to preach the messages in a down to earth manner.

Pete Brown along with Matt Pluke and Andrew Vayne ran the program and games over the weekend with the highlight game coming on the Sunday arvo. The campers enjoyed themselves and the guys did a great job of putting on a show, It is highly recommended that Pete is asked to run the program and games in future camps.

The sessions were run by Scott McNabb which included Tanya Siriweera as the Music leader. Matt Pennycuick was switched on in the tech aspect of the sessions. Scott took on the role of the master of ceremonies on camp and he did a brilliant job. Overall it sessions ran fairly smoothly. The minor issue arose from the fact that leaders weren't asked to participate in the music which meant that they needed to practice during quiet time and free time and as the camp was such a short time, it was emphasised that the leaders spend this time with the campers. However we did have an exception to this on camp. Hopefully we will be moving to a camp that is void of study leaders on the music team, possibly involving only individuals such as those involved in sessions/program/chaplaincy/camp parents. However at Summer Camp it is appropriate to incorporate leaders and even campers into the music team.

Diana Azer did a terrific job of providing the necessary materials for the leaders in their studies and introduced a "reflective" diary to the leaders which aided them to ponder about the studies of the day and how they may be improved. The study leaders were terrific on camp, everyone knew what they were doing, they constantly portrayed a servant attitude towards every aspect of camp which is credit to them, and more importantly a wonderful praise point.

James Venning did a neat task of registrations. He once again showed that first-night registrations aren't a hassle as he ran an smooth and effective registration process.

Kirsty Watson was our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and she produced an immense effort in continuously praying for camp along with the chaplains as well as the camp parents (the Moodys), ontop of nurturing the leaders. Maddy O'Brien ran the largest ever Crèche (called Kid's Club now) really well.

This year saw the introduction of the radio-show (Scott McNabb and Sherif Mehanni), and it gained momentum as the camp went on portraying great interest and enthusiasm from the campers.

It was real encouragement to have the combined session with Senior camp as we got to witness just over 250 young people worshipping and praising God. We should implement this on every winter camp.

Overall the camp was great to the point that I was bored on the Sunday because I had nothing to do as everyone fulfilled their roles as well as took initiative in other aspects of camp really well.

The camp however wasn't run without hiccups primarily due to the campsite and their staff. Meal times was by far the almost despised part of camp as the we were dealing with constant frustration and yelling from the staff in the first day (however this quietened down as the camp went on) as well a lack and poor quality of food. It was sad because the campsite could be a great place to book for the next 5 years or so as it meets our needs of an ever expanding PYV, however it seemed like our the relationship had been fractured throughout camp. It is suggested that if we were to consider the campsite again we would need a list of "regulations" or an agreement that needs to be in writing by the campsite before running a camp.

Shady Mehanni
Convenor
Junior Camp 2009

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Trivia Night Report 2009

Dubbed PYV's Night of Nights, the 2009 Trivia Night was held on Saturday August 15th at Donvale Presbyterian Church.

With over 200 people in attendance, the night was absolutely AMAZING!

The night began with registrations and then a brief introduction to the venue.

There were six question topics, with ten questions per topic. The six topics were Melbourne; Food; School; Entertainment; Sport; and News and Knowledge.

The catch was that none of the questions would be asked from the stage on the night. Five of the six question topics were pre-filmed prior to the night. Four of these involved Ashleigh Haughey and myself conducting filming sessions at my home, and in and around the Melbourne CBD. The fifth section consisted of teachers known to PYV asking the questions to camera. The final section of the night consisted of me wandering around the audience and asking them to ask the ten questions.

The questions finished at 10PM, and was followed by 30 minutes of mingling / dancing time. The night concluded with thank yous and the presentation of prizes to the winners and runners-up.

Congratulations to the table of (mainly) Canterbury people who won. Each member of the winning team received a \$20 Koorong voucher. The table that finished second received a soft toy puppy each.

A portion of the proceeds from the night has been donated to PYV to allow two more campers to attend Summer Camp. The remaining proceeds will assist Donvale youth leaders to attend PYV training weekends and camps, and also those youth at Donvale who would like to attend PYV camps but are unable to due to financial circumstances.

My thanks go to those who helped in various capacities.

To Bob Speck, Christa Cloete, Barbara Kentler, Kirsti Le Page and Suzy Vines for asking the School questions.

Tony and Jennifer Arnold looked after catering for the evening, and it was a massive task. They bought much of the food, but also made a large percentage also. As an example, they hand made over 400 sausage rolls for the night. They were assisted on the night by Lindy Caldwell, and my thanks to Tony and Jen for all the work they put in. Thanks to Ben Arnold too who assisted in the kitchen and with all the other jobs he did on the night.

Kate Wall and Bec Graham created an awesome setting using balloons, streamers, origami, twigs, and candle lights to transform the church and hall. Thanks too go to the setup team of Eddie Kentler, Evan Pell, Matt Schurink, Nathan Pennycuick, Emi Arnold, Jonathan Arnold and Serge Ragozzini.

Finally, my thanks go to Ashleigh Haughey. Ashleigh was unable to attend the night due to travel arrangements made late last year. However, without Ashleigh's support, ideas and assistance the night would not have happened.

Brad Haughey
Convenor
Trivia Night 2009

What an incredible camp Summer Camp 2009/10 was! God totally blessed the time we spent at the Phillip island Adventure Resort. God really looked after everyone on this camp, it was amazing to see how the friendships and fellowship grew. The staff and food were amazing.

One of the best things on camp was the incredible team of leaders and to witness them working as Christians together. Everyone stepped up to their assigned positions and went the extra mile as well.

The leadership team (unfortunately I am going to sound like a broken record or a scratched DVD) blew me away with their dedication, and how everyone worked together as a team. Most of the time I was 'bored' because everyone had organised themselves so well.

We had a fantastic group of camp executives:

- Study Coordinator, Joe Dunning, organised some intense studies and work shops (one of them he even ran himself). Thank you to all the workshop speakers, it is especially great to see younger men stepping up to the challenge and showing what they have taught over the years, inspiring other leaders to do the same.
- Sessions Coordinator, Sonja Otto, did a magnificent job organising all the teams related to the sessions. Running a session for 250 people is a crazy task, well done to Sonja, the tech team and the music team for their brilliant work.
- Pastoral Care Coordinator, Dean Carroll, was the right man for the job. The chaplain team he put together that was perfect and were such an encouragement to everyone and such a positive influence on the camp.
- Program Coordinator, Chiara Bilyj, and her team were fantastic at organising the activities. For a group as large as we had it's a massive task and I feel so sorry for their voices that really were put to the test. The activities on the campsite (flying, fox, giant swing, canoeing, etc.) were enjoyed by everyone, and the use of the beach was brilliant. Almost 50 campers and leaders took up the option to get surfing lessons one afternoon, and had fun, though unfortunately the conditions for surfing were quite average. Also the New Years night organised was wonderful, and hilarious, and could not have worked any better. Thankfully Chiara changed everything that was planned for outside to be inside once she saw the weather forecast. The massive storm that ran through the centre of the night could have made it quite interesting! It was especially wonderful to see study groups passionately praying together after midnight, and even continuing to pray outside when the dance music started again!
- The Registrar / Operations Manager, Brad Haughey, was such a support to me all the way through the camp but in particular prior to camp, with help to organise everything. It has been incredible to see Brad manage his complex roles so expertly.
- Peter Owen, our speaker.. what can I say? He is such a powerful speaker who is so convicted by what he knows that he has to spread it to everyone he sees. His incredible passion was contagious on camp and you could really see the effect on so many of the campers. There were tears of joy and wonder at the end of some of the talks! I really look forward to hearing Peter speak again as it really was an inspiration to me and was so clear for everyone, no matter their background, to understand.

Thank you to David Johnstone for his photos, they're of magnificent quality and have been really enjoyed online where he's let us all access them for free.

There were so many other leaders that took on positions of responsibility for the first time and performed their roles so well. Thank you to: our prayer organiser Jordan Brown; everyone on the music team; tech guys Steve Kumnick and David Sprague; meals quartermasters Joel Otten and Jono Owen; radio show hosts Scott McNabb and Pete Wishart; the first aid team of Linda Webster, Scott McNabb, Jess Cafarella, Hayden Millstead, Nancy Seedhom and Jordan Ridgewell; and all the dorm leaders and chaplains. Nearly every single leader had to multitask so as to allow more kids to come to camp, and everyone performed their roles brilliantly.

This camp was a great learning experience where we were pushed out of our comfort zones, challenged, limits were hit and each expectation was surpassed.

The entire camp was such an encouragement, where the gospel and the meaning of freedom in Christ was faithfully preached and a real answer to prayer. I just pray that we use this awesome opportunity to get out and follow up with the kids, helping them to confirm in their minds that the freedom that Christ gives us is real and everlasting, and encouraging them to act accordingly.

To God Be the Glory

Nic Bilyj
Convenor
Summer Camp 2009/10

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Financial Report 2009

1 July 2008 - 30 June 2009					
Statement of Financial Performance					
Activity / Account No.		YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Year Budget
Volleyball					
1020	Income	3,689	1,000	2,689	1,000
2720	Expenditure	(2,910)	(800)	(2,110)	(800)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Volleyball	779	200	579	200
Merchandising					
1022	Income	361	0	361	0
2722	Expenditure	(1,750)	0	(1,750)	0
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Merchandise	(1,389)	0	(1,389)	0
Training Day					
1023	Income	50	0	50	0
2723	Expenditure	(1,340)	0	(1,340)	0
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Training Days	(1,290)	0	(1,290)	0
Summer Camp					
1025	Income	39,307	33,100	6,207	33,100
2725	Expenditure	(52,181)	(43,080)	(9,101)	(43,080)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Summer Camp	(12,874)	(9,980)	(2,894)	(9,980)
Girls/Guys Day Out					
1170	Income	163	0	163	0
2730	Expenditure	(575)	(350)	(225)	(350)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Girls/Guys Day Out	(412)	(350)	(62)	(350)
Senior Camp					
1026	Income	8,155	16,550	(8,395)	16,550
2286	Expenditure	(1,360)	(18,790)	17,430	(18,790)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Senior Camp	6,795	(2,240)	9,035	(2,240)
Junior Camp					
1027	Income	18,170	14,570	3,600	14,570
2727	Expenditure	(24,885)	(26,364)	1,479	(26,364)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Junior Camp	(6,715)	(11,794)	5,079	(11,794)
Leaders Retreat					
1041	Income	732	0	732	0
2729	Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Leaders Retreat	732	0	732	0
Social					
1039	Income	0	500	(500)	500
2729	Expenditure	0	(300)	300	(300)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Social	0	200	(200)	200
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on all Activities		(14,374)	(23,964)	9,590	(23,964)

Other Income					
1169	Donations	8,270	30	8,240	30
1181	Equipment Hire	685	2,100	(1,415)	2,100
1359	Interest Common Fund	59,437	65,000	(5,563)	65,000
1245	Metro Apprentice Funding	10,288	10,000	288	10,000
1248	CENC Youth Worker Subsidy	54,276	54,275	1	54,275
1249	Grants (MFC)	2,000	0	2,000	0
Total Other Income		134,956	131,405	3,551	131,405
Expenses					
2060	Bank Charges & Debits Tax	117	50	(67)	50
2130	Computer & Software Costs	2,490	3,000	510	3,000
2180	Depreciation	3,632	2,500	(1,132)	2,500
2220	Leader Training	2,017	600	(1,417)	600
2275	First Aid	202	500	298	500
2278	General Publicity & Printing	2,313	2,900	587	2,900
2279	Music Expenses	447	500	53	500
2280	General Expenses	2,056	2,000	(56)	2,000
2281	PA Equipment Storage	384	3,000	2,616	3,000
2290	Donation - Outside Camps	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
2291	Metro Apprentice Expenses	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
2390	Insurances	2,273	2,200	(73)	2,200
2600	Motor Vehicle Expenses - Van	1,210	0	(1,210)	0
2721	AGM Expenditure	0	250	250	250
2769	Repairs & Maintenance	109	700	591	700
2810	Wages - Administrative Worker	9,999	8,000	(1,999)	8,000
2929	Travelling Expenses	400	350	(50)	350
2950	Workcover Premium	265	525	260	525
Total Expenses		29,914	39,075	9,161	39,075
Youth Worker					
2811	Stipend	26,400	44,373	17,973	44,373
2640	Non-cash Benefits	17,592	0	(17,592)	0
2790	Manse Allowance	18,447	17,160	(1,287)	17,160
2870	Superannuation	6,129	4,438	(1,691)	4,438
2910	Telephone	1,825	1,600	(225)	1,600
2911	Internet Costs	249	650	401	650
2705	Office & Stationery	2,740	2,835	95	2,835
2920	Travelling Expenses	2,041	5,000	2,959	5,000
Total Expenses - Youth Worker		75,423	76,056	633	76,056
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		15,245	(7,690)	22,935	(7,690)

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Statement of Income & Expenditure

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Account No	Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Year Budget
Volleyball - March					
1020	Income	0	0	0	2,000
2720	Expenditure	0	0	0	(1,600)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Volleyball	0	0	0	400
Merchandising					
1022	Income	64	750	(686)	1,500
2722	Expenditure	0	(750)	750	(1,500)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Volleyball	64	0	64	0
Training Day					
1023	Income	220	0	220	0
2723	Expenditure	(1,917)	0	(1,917)	0
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Summer Camp	(1,697)	0	(1,697)	0
Summer Camp - December					
1025	Income	6,381	12,074	(5,693)	12,074
2725	Expenditure	(3,839)	0	(3,839)	(71,363)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Summer Camp	2,542	12,074	(9,532)	(59,289)
Girls/Guys Day Out					
1170	Income	115	0	115	300
2730	Expenditure	(104)	0	(104)	(300)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Girls/Guys Day Out	11	0	11	0
Senior Camp - July					
1026	Income	6,505	0	6,505	13,945
2726	Expenditure	(19,616)	0	(19,616)	(20,413)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Senior Camp	(13,110)	0	(13,110)	(6,468)
Junior Camp - July					
1027	Income	11,369	0	11,369	20,372
2727	Expenditure	(19,514)	0	(19,514)	(32,501)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Junior Camp	(8,145)	0	(8,145)	(12,129)
Leaders Retreat					
1041	Income	0	0	0	0
2729	Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Leaders Retreat	0	0	0	0
Social - August					
1039	Income	300	500	(200)	500
2729	Expenditure	(273)	(500)	227	(500)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Social	27	0	27	0
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on all Activities		(20,310)	12,074	(32,384)	(77,486)

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Account No	Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Year Budget
Other Income					
1169	Donations	890	174	716	350
1060	Equipment Hire	925	402	523	800
1061	Bus Hire	334	0	334	0
1062	Internship Income	2,096	0	2,096	0
1359	Interest Common Fund	28,825	27,100	1,725	54,200
1245	Metro Apprentice Funding	14,350	14,350	(0)	28,700
1248	CENC Youth Worker Subsidy	28,224	28,224	0	56,446
1249	Grants	58,774	60,000	(1,226)	60,000
Total Other Income		134,418	130,250	4,168	200,496
Expenses					
2060	Bank Charges & Debits Tax	44	48	4	90
2130	Computer /Website/ Software	1,455	750	(705)	1,500
2180	Depreciation	2,307	2,082	(225)	4,160
2220	Leader Training	663	348	(315)	700
2275	First Aid	690	252	(438)	500
2278	General Printing & Publicity	975	900	(75)	1,800
2279	Music Expenses	0	150	150	300
2280	General Expenses	29	750	721	1,500
2731	Family Camp Expenditure	(391)	0	391	0
2390	Insurances	2,000	3,036	1,036	3,036
2540	Light & Power - Office	101	0	(101)	0
2600	Motor Vehicle Expenses - Van	1,851	750	(1,101)	1,500
2721	AGM Expenditure	0	0	0	200
2750	Rates & Taxes - Office	37	0	(37)	0
2769	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	0	348	348	700
2810	Wages - Operations Manager	16,346	13,164	(3,182)	26,325
2871	Super - Operations Manager	1,488	1,182	(306)	2,369
2929	Travelling Expenses	0	198	198	400
2950	Workcover Premium	611	300	(311)	300
Total Expenses		28,208	24,258	(3,950)	45,380
Youth Worker					
2811	Stipend	14,040	14,040	0	28,080
2640	Non-cash Benefits	8,616	8,616	0	17,232
2790	Manse Allowance	9,126	9,012	(114)	18,018
2550	Long Service Leave	450	0	(450)	0
2870	Superannuation	2,946	2,946	0	5,890
2910	Telephone	831	840	9	1,680
2911	Internet Costs	120	342	222	683
2705	Office & Stationery	1,127	1,488	361	2,977
2920	Travelling Expenses	974	1,302	328	2,600
Total Expenses - Youth Worker		38,230	38,586	356	77,160
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		47,670	79,480	(31,810)	470

(b) Movement in Funds

	Common Fund	ANZ Frankston	Total
Opening Balance 1/7/08	109,580	2,859	112,438
Plus Surplus (Deficit)			47,670
Add back Depreciation			2,307
Decrease/(Increase) Current Assets			(3,182)
Assets (Purchased)/Disposed			(1,832)
Closing Balance	155,425	1,977	157,402
Perpetual Funds	268,250	0	268,250

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General Operations
Income & Expenditure Budget 2010/11

Inflation: 4.0% 4.0%
 12% 12% 12%

Account No	Description	2010/2011 Proposed	2011/2012 Projected	2012/2013 Projected
Volleyball (~Mar 2011)				
1020	Income	2,080	2,163	2,250
2720	Expenses	1,664	1,731	1,800
Surplus/(Deficit) on Volleyball		416	433	450
Merchandising				
1022	Income	1,500	1,560	1,622
2722	Expenses	1,500	1,560	1,622
Surplus/(Deficit) on Merchandising		0	0	0
Training Days - Rain24 (27 Nov 2010 & ~May 2011)				
1023	Income	2,750	2,860	2,974
2723	Expenses	3,750	3,900	4,056
Surplus/(Deficit) on Training Days		(1,000)	(1,040)	(1,082)
Summer Camp (27 Dec 2010 - 1 Jan 2011)				
1025	Income	65,918	68,554	71,296
2725	Expenses	65,582	68,205	70,934
2726	Subsidised Campers conditional on funding			
Surplus/(Deficit) on Summer Camp		335	349	363
Senior Camp (2-5 Jul 2010)				
1026	Income	19,732	20,521	21,342
2726	Expenses	20,602	21,426	22,283
Surplus/(Deficit) on Senior Camp		(870)	(905)	(941)
Junior Camp (2-5 Jul 2010)				
1027	Income	32,773	34,084	35,447
2727	Expenses	32,348	33,642	34,987
Surplus/(Deficit) on Junior Camp		425	442	460
Primary Camp (2-5 Jul 2010)				
	Income	13,453	13,991	14,551
	Expenses	13,464	14,003	14,563
Surplus/(Deficit) on Junior Camp		(11)	(11)	(12)
Ministers Family Camp (~Sep 2010)				
	Income	1,600	1,664	1,731
	Expenses	1,600	1,664	1,731
Surplus/(Deficit) on Junior Camp		0	0	0
Social (7 Aug 2010)				
1039	Income	2,000	2,080	2,163
2729	Expenses	2,000	2,080	2,163
Surplus/(Deficit) on Social		0	0	0
Girls/Guys Day Out (~Feb 2011)				
1030	Income	312	324	337
2730	Expenses	312	324	337
Surplus/(Deficit) on Girls/Guys Day Out		0	0	0
Internship				
	Income	2,000	2,080	2,163
	Expenses	3,000	3,120	3,245
Surplus/(Deficit) on Leaders Retreat		(1,000)	(1,040)	(1,082)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on all Events		(1,704)	(1,772)	(1,843)

Other Income				
1169	Donations Miscellaneous	500	520	541
	Fundraising to Sponsor Campers	1,500	1,560	1,622
1060	Equipment Hire	1,000	1,040	1,082
1062	Internship Income		0	0
1245	Operations Manager Funding	29,705	30,744	31,666
1249	Grants		0	0
1990	Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset		0	0
1359	Interest Common Fund	46,500	47,400	48,200
1245	Metro Apprentice Funding		0	0
1248	Youth Worker Funding (CENC)	58,704	61,052	63,494
Total Other Income		137,908	142,316	146,605
Other Expenses				
2060	Bank Charges & Debits Tax	80	83	87
2130	Computer / Website / Software	2,000	2,080	2,163
2180	Depreciation	5,225	2,880	1,500
2220	Leader Training		0	0
2275	First Aid	1,500	1,560	1,622
2278	General Printing & Publicity	2,200	2,288	2,380
2279	Music Expenses	650	676	703
2280	General Expenses	1,500	1,560	1,622
2281	PA Equipment Storage		0	0
2290	Donation - Outside camps	2,000	2,080	2,163
2392	Insurances	2,100	2,310	2,541
2540	Light & Power		0	0
2600	Motor Vehicle Expenses - Van	1,700	1,768	1,839
2721	AGM Expenditure (~Feb 2011)	200	208	216
2731	Family Camp		0	0
2739	Police Checks		0	0
2750	Rate & Taxes Office		0	0
2769	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,040	1,082
2810	Wages - Operations Manager	29,063	30,225	31,434
2870	Superannuation - PYV (Ops Manager)	2,616	2,720	2,829
2929	Travelling Expenses	200	208	216
2950	Workcover Premium	625	650	499
Total Other Expenses		52,658	52,337	52,897
YOUTH WORKER				
2811	Stipend	28,922	29,935	30,833
2640	NCB	17,749	18,370	18,921
2790	Rent assistance	18,252	18,252	18,252
2550	Long Service Leave Levy	464	480	494
2870	Superannuation - PYV (Youth Worker)	6,534	7,246	7,463
2910	Telephone	1,747	1,817	1,890
2911	Internet access/usage	710	738	768
2705	Office / Stationery	4,000	4,160	4,326
2920	Travel	3,000	3,120	3,245
Total Youth Worker Expenses		81,378	84,118	86,192
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		2,168	4,089	5,673
Deposits in Common Fund		126,652	133,622	140,795
ANZ Bank		5,000	5,000	5,000
Total General Funds		131,652	138,622	145,795
Perpetual Funds		268,250	268,250	268,250

Summary of Camps:

Income	131,876	137,151	142,637
Expenses	131,996	137,276	142,767
Surplus/(Deficit)	(120)	(125)	(130)

Numbers Attending Camps:

Senior Camp	111		
Junior Camp	181		
Primary Camp	75		
Summer Camp	224		
Total Campers	591	0	0

Average per Camper

Income	223
Expenses	223
Subsidy	(0)

Camp Fees - Inc GST

Senior Camp	210
Junior Camp	210
Primary Camp	210
Summer Camp	325

Camp Costs per Camper

Senior Camp	204
Junior Camp	197
Primary Camp	197
Summer Camp	322

Saturday, 13 February 2010

RE : FUTURE PYV CAMP COSTS

Dear PYV Camper / Parent

I am writing to highlight the issue of increased PYV camp costs for 2010 and beyond.

Campsite Costs

The overwhelming cost involved in running a PYV camp is accommodation costs. Regrettably the cost campsites have charged PYV for camps has consistently and rapidly increased over the last 5 years. These rises have been due to a range of factors such as:

- Better campsite facilities
- Increased insurance premiums & regulatory requirements for campsites
- PYV no longer being able to self-cater
- Larger PYV camps requiring larger campsites, of which there are fewer options.

For example, the cost of accommodation at Summer Camp has gone from \$106 in 2002/03 to \$347 in 2009/10.

Subsidies

Thankfully for a number of years PYV has been blessed with above-average investment income and generous subsidies from a range of sources (such as the Allan Bequest and the Presbyterian Church of Victoria's 150th Grant), enabling the increasing cost of camps to be significantly offset. These subsidies and PYV's general funds have amounted to tens of thousands of dollars per year.

PYV's Financial Outlook

The Global Financial Crisis and related economic downturn has resulted in dramatic cuts to the investment income of PYV and of other possible funding sources (church committees and trusts). This means that it is no longer sustainable or possible, for the cost of PYV camps to be subsidised in the way they have for so many years. From 2010 the true cost of camps will have to be charged to campers regrettably resulting in significant increases in camp fees. It is estimated that in 2010, Primary / Junior / Senior Camp will cost \$210 and Summer Camp \$325. This level of camp costs is likely to become the norm for the foreseeable future.

What Can Be Done?

The PYV Council are acutely aware of the financial burden this will place on families sending their children to PYV camps and hope that this letter will provide you with sufficient time before camp to plan for the expense. We would also encourage you to contact your church's Board of Management, grandparents or other church members, to ask for their support in meeting the cost.

The PYV Council would like to thank God for his generous blessings to PYV over many years, and are confident that He will provide in these leaner times. We believe PYV camps are a great investment in building up youth for the service of Christ, and hope and pray that these fee increases will not stop any youth coming to PYV camps.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Russell Graham

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Saturday February 6th - Annual General Meeting at Eltham Presbyterian Church

Saturday February 27th - Girls' Day Out at Aspendale Presbyterian Church
Speakers: Annette Koker & Erica Sorrenson

Saturday March 27th - Volleyball at State Volleyball Centre, Dandenong North
Speaker: Rev. Martin de Pyle

Friday 21st to Saturday 22nd May

- Rain24 at Upper Plenty Conference Centre

Friday 2nd to Monday 5th July

- Winter Camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort
 - Primary Camp Speaker : Brian Harvey
 - Junior Camp Speaker : Rev. Andrew Vines
 - Senior Camp Speaker : Rev. Clinton Le Page

Saturday August 7th - PYV's Got Talent
Speaker : Rev. Bill Medley

Saturday November 27th - Train24 at Heathmont Presbyterian Church

Monday December 27th 2010 to Saturday January 1st 2011

- Summer Camp at Forest Edge
Speaker : Rev. John Diacos

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Draft Camping Ministry 2012 Onwards Proposal

Aim:

To improve PYV's camping ministry by replacing Winter Camp with a number of regional camps from 2012.

This would be part of a multiply-divide-multiply vision. Just as PFA/PYV Junior Camp has grown from 12 campers/11 leaders in 1993 to 109 campers/45 leaders in 2009, so regional camps could start small, and in 2028 we could hope to see five camps of 170 people. These could then split into local church camps, again starting small, but by 2044, under God's blessing, we could see every church in Victoria having its own youth camp for 100 people.

Pros:

- Smaller campsites will allow cheaper camps, including self-catering options.
- Less campers creates a more intimate environment. (Some campers are daunted by the big crowd).
- Closer involvement and integration with local church youth ministries.
- Increased leadership base as a wider pool are involved.

Cons:

- Lose age-based focus of primary, Junior and Senior camps.
- "Public relations" challenges of managing change.
- Loss of momentum in developing state-wide relationships.
- Question of how PYV's non-camping ministries fit in to calendar.
- More work for leadership accred committee.

Organisation:

To ensure these camps run well, it would be important to have these camps run by PYV, rather than by Presbyteries. The camp would be a PYV camp, run for the youth of [Maroondah/Melb North]. One option could be to partner with the leadership team from one particular local church.

We would aim to create camps with a minimum starting point of 25 attendees, (minimum 5 leaders). PYV staff would attend each camp, the Youth Worker training leaders (and speak at the camp if required), and the Operations Manager would assist with logistics (and convene the camp if required). The same talks and activities could be reused multiple times each year.

All leaders would need to go through PYV Internship (or have recognition of prior learning granted by the leadership accred committee).

Possible Camping Calendar:

Date	Presbyteries	Location	Notes
27 Dec - 1 st Jan	Summer Camp (All)	Phillip Island	Including intensive stream.
Labour Day	Melb West/Geelong/ Kilnoorat	Anglesea - Burnside	4 day camp
April holidays	Flinders/Melb East	Merricks	3 day camp
Queen's birthday	Melb North/Benalla	Upper Plenty	4 day camp
July holidays	Maroondah/ Gippsland	Forest Edge	3 day camp
September holidays	Bendigo/Ballarat	Halls Gap - Acacia	3 day camp

These Presbyteries pairings have been chosen on a geographical basis, also attempting to promote fellowship between city and country churches. The dates have been chosen to make best use of the campsites. All of these details are flexible.

We may need to consider restructuring Summer Camp along age-based lines a-la Winter Camp.

Internship & Training:

Intensive Stream would still run on Summer Camp, with interns leading on their regional camp just as they would have on Winter Camp. Graduation would be held at the following Summer Camp.

Train24 remains as a weekend preparation for Summer Camp. Rain24 is replaced with single-day events before each camp. Interns attend PYV leadership orientation day (covering Breaking the Silence etc) & picnic in early March.

Timeline:

February 2010	Idea presented to AGM for discussion
August 2010	Council would need to approve the proposal, in consultation with the new Youth Worker.
September 2010	Council to write to all Presbyteries, asking for opportunity to attend meeting, present plan, and gain feedback.
October 2010	Operations Manager to check availability of campsites and obtain quotes.
November 2010	2011-2012 budget to be prepared with new schema in mind.
February 2011	Proposal presented for final approval.
March 2011	Budget sent to CENC and campsite bookings finalised.
July 2011	Final Winter Camp - key leaders for regional camps recruited.
March 2012	First regional camp.

1 NAME

1.1 The youth organisation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the state of Victoria, subject to the authority of the General Assembly and its Christian Education and Nurture Committee (CENC), shall have the name Presbyterian Youth in Victoria (PYV).

2 BASIS

2.1 PYV accepts:

- a) The word of God as its supreme standard in all matters of faith and life.
- b) The Westminster Confession of Faith as its subordinate standard as an expression of the sense in which we understand and accept the Holy Scriptures.

2.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this constitution, PYV is subject to the rules and procedures of the code book of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

2.3 PYV operates under the authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, which has delegated oversight to its Christian Education and Nurture Committee (CENC).

3 AIMS

3.1 PYV aims to glorify God by assisting the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.

3.2 Specifically PYV's objectives are:

- a) To provide support and nurture for youth in their Christian development and outreach.
- b) To provide opportunity, influence and assistance to youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- c) To promote unity of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria through providing opportunities for socialising and fellowship.
- d) To encourage and provide the opportunity for the equipping and training of youth leaders with the skills necessary to serve and lead.
- e) To adequately represent the needs of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the courts of the Church.

4 THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.1 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of PYV shall be held annually at such a time and place as the preceding AGM or the PYV Council may determine. Such a meeting shall take place within 13 months of the preceding AGM.

4.2 Delegates to the AGM shall consist of a maximum of three people from each parish who are appointed annually in writing by their local Session. Such appointments are to be presented to the President by the commencement of the AGM. Delegates are to be communicant members of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and shall be not less than 18 years of age.

4.3 Each delegate shall have one vote. Any person who does not meet the requirements of 4.2 above, or is not physically present at the AGM will not be entitled to vote on any matter considered at the AGM.

4.4 Notice of the proposed business of the PYV AGM shall be given in writing to each Session in Victoria at least fourteen days before any such meeting.

4.5 The quorum for the PYV AGM shall be 10 voting delegates representing parishes in at least 3 Presbyteries.

4.6 The business of the PYV AGM shall be conducted as far as possible under the standing orders of the code of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and shall meet to:

4.6.1 Consider the PYV Annual Report.

4.6.2 Endorse the PYV Budget for the financial year following the year reported in the Annual Report.

4.6.3 Consider any proposed amendments to the PYV Constitution.

4.6.4 Elect the PYV Council.

4.6.5 Deal with any other business as the AGM deems fit.

4.7 The procedure for the election of office bearers to PYV Council shall be as follows:

4.7.1 All positions on the PYV Council shall be declared vacant and the CENC's delegate to the PYV AGM shall preside over the election.

4.7.2 Candidates for election must fulfil the criteria for being a delegate to the PYV AGM as in 4.2 above. Nominations will be accepted in writing in absentia where the nominee demonstrates that they meet the criteria in 4.2 above and 4.7.3 below.

4.7.3 Save with the consent of CENC, candidates for election shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.

4.7.4 Nominations shall be called for President.

4.7.5 Nominations shall be called for Secretary.

4.7.6 Nominations shall be called for Treasurer.

4.7.7 Nominations shall be called for any other office-bearing position as deemed necessary by the PYV AGM.

4.7.8 Nominations shall be called for non office-bearing positions on PYV Council.

4.7.9 Each delegate shall receive a purpose designed sequentially numbered voting form (approved by the CENC).

4.7.10 Where the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions available for each office-bearing or non office-bearing position each delegate shall indicate their order of preference for those nominated.

4.7.11 No results of the elections will be announced at the PYV AGM.

4.7.12 The CENC's delegate to the PYV AGM shall collect the completed voting forms and delegate nomination forms and present them to the next meeting of the CENC. At this meeting the CENC will:

a) Verify results against the returned voting forms,

b) Check the suitability of the nominees,

c) Check that the nominees have appropriate member status and their session's approval and;

d) Inform all nominees by mail as to the success of their nomination.

e) Where any nominee is judged unsuitable, the CENC shall personally inform the nominee of their unsuccessful nomination and the reasons for their lack of suitability.

f) The CENC may - after discussion with the outgoing PYV Council - substitute an unsuitable nominee with the next suitable nominee.

4.7.13 The outgoing PYV Council remains in place until the convening of the new PYV Council.

5 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 A 'Special' General Meeting of PYV may be convened by:

a) PYV Council or the CENC at any time, or

b) The Secretary who shall convene a 'Special' General Meeting, within one month, on receipt of a requisition in writing signed by at least 8 voting delegates representing parishes in at least 2 Presbyteries.

5.2 Except as noted in 5.1 above, the announcement and conduct of a 'Special' General Meeting of PYV shall be subject to the same procedures as those of the AGM.

6 PYV COUNCIL

6.1 The PYV AGM shall delegate the oversight of the affairs, business and property of PYV to the PYV Council.

- 6.2 Save with the consent of the PYV AGM, the CENC and the General Assembly, neither PYV Council nor any of its sub-committees shall:
- a) Borrow money (whether on security or otherwise) or mortgage any assets of PYV: or
 - b) Enter into any contract or arrangement for the acquisition or disposal of any real estate or for the erection of, or substantial alterations to, buildings or property.
- 6.3 The positions within PYV Council will be:
- a) President
 - b) Secretary (AGM may resolve that this is to be an extra-council position.)
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Up to a maximum of seven additional Councillors including such other office bearers as the PYV AGM deems necessary
 - e) A representative of the CENC.
- 6.4 The quorum for a PYV Council meeting shall be at least the number of members of PYV Council less two.
- 6.5 In absentia, elected members of PYV Council may not vote, have a proxy vote or initiate action at PYV Council. Each member of PYV Council present at a meeting of PYV Council shall have one vote.
- 6.6 Members of PYV Council are to be given at least ten days notice of all meetings.
- 6.7 PYV Council meetings shall be chaired by the President, or in his/her absence, a member delegated by the President.
- 6.8 Should an elected member of PYV Council not regularly attend PYV Council meetings and other PYV events the CENC may remove the member from office, following consultation with the member regarding their non-attendance at such meetings and events.

7 TENURE

- 7.1 No person may be a member of PYV Council for more than ten consecutive years.

8 SPEAKERS AT ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY PYV COUNCIL

- 8.1 The names and addresses of proposed speakers at PYV events should be given to the CENC for approval before the proposed persons are asked to speak.

9 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

- 9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of a PYV AGM or 'Special' General Meeting, or by the PYV Council, subject to final approval by the CENC.

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Councillor's Job Description

Aim

As a PYV State Councillor you will aim to:

- Glorify God by assisting the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.
- Provide support and nurture for youth in their Christian development and outreach.
- Provide opportunity, influence and assistance to youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- Promote unity of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria through providing opportunities for socialising and fellowship.
- Encourage and provide the opportunity for the equipping and training of youth leaders with the skills necessary to serve and lead.
- Adequately represent the needs of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the courts of the Church.

Who you report / are responsible to

You are directly responsible to the PYV State Council and the CENC Representative.

Prerequisites

As a member of State Council you should:

- be firmly committed in faith to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Bible as the written word of God.
- be genuinely concerned for the spiritual welfare of Christian and non-Christian youth.
- be outgoing and able to readily relate to Christian and non-Christian youth.
- have experience with local church youth ministry.
- be a communicant member of a Presbyterian Church and not younger than eighteen years of age.
- be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the Scriptures and be able to apply them to youth work in
- be able to demonstrate a growing Christian maturity through daily Bible Study and prayer. This includes the need for a humble, servant attitude towards all people associated with PYV.
- be willing to sign the Declaration of Commitment.
- As per the PYV Constitution, save with the consent of CENC, State Council members shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.

Responsibilities

You are responsible to:

- Attend all State Council meetings where possible. Should an elected member of PYV Council not regularly attend PYV Council meetings and other PYV events, the CENC may remove the member from office, following consultation with the member regarding their non-attendance at such meetings and events.

- Represent a true voice in Council meetings of the cross section of PYV youth, eg. male, female, Year 7 to 18+, city, country, regional, etc.
- provide assistance in running events.
- promote PYV events where possible.
- ensure that all decisions made at State Council meetings stay in line with affairs passed by Annual General Meeting.
- Never make decisions on behalf of the Council without having it approved by the Council first.
- Follow and ensure the PYV Constitution is upheld at every PYV State Council meeting, camp and event.
- Be a friendly and approachable representative of PYV at camps, events and any other public appearances, including answering any questions people may have about PYV.
- Submit to the authority and decisions of PYV state council meetings and the directives of the CENC Committee as a whole.
- Evaluate this job description with modifications and suggestions.

Requirements for the position

You must:

- Complete the Breaking the Silence application for working with children and/or young people form.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Protecting Children Policy – for your information.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Reporting an Incident Policy and Form – for your information.
- Complete a police check.
- Sign a copy of this job description.

Child Protection Protocols for this position

All 'campers' (or young people attending a PYV event who are under the age of 18 years) and others under your leadership, regardless of age, are covered by these protocols. NOTE: These do not replace the Declaration of Commitment or the PYV Protecting Children Policy:

- Do not allow yourself to be in any area alone with a camper or person under your leadership. Always have other campers or another leader with you.
- If a camper of the opposite sex comes to you for counselling, immediately take them to a Camp Parent of the same sex as the camper who can talk to them. NEVER counsel or talk through issues with a camper of the opposite sex.
- If a camper of the same sex comes to you for counselling, ensure you do so in an open area, never a closed room.
- If a camper discloses information to you regarding any kind of abuse or neglect, you must divulge this information to the CENC Representative. However, be careful not to reveal this confidence to any other person on camp.

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

President's Job Description

Aim

As the PYV President you will aim to:

- Glorify God by assisting the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.
- Provide support and nurture for youth in their Christian development and outreach.
- Provide opportunity, influence and assistance to youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- Promote unity of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria through providing opportunities for socialising and fellowship.
- Encourage and provide the opportunity for the equipping and training of youth leaders with the skills necessary to serve and lead.
- Adequately represent the needs of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the courts of the Church.

Who you report / are responsible to

You are directly responsible to the PYV State Council and the CENC Representative.

Prerequisites

As a member of State Council you should:

- be firmly committed in faith to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Bible as the written word of God.
- be genuinely concerned for the spiritual welfare of Christian and non-Christian youth.
- be outgoing and able to readily relate to Christian and non-Christian youth.
- have experience with local church youth ministry.
- be a communicant member of a Presbyterian Church and not younger than eighteen years of age.
- be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the Scriptures and be able to apply them to youth work in PYV.
- be able to demonstrate a growing Christian maturity through daily Bible Study and prayer. This includes the need for a humble, servant attitude towards all people associated with PYV.
- be willing to sign the PYV declaration of commitment.
- As per the PYV Constitution, save with the consent of CENC, State Council members shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.

Responsibilities

You are responsible for:

- Attend all State Council meetings where possible.
- Chair State council meetings, ensuring that:
 1. they are run in a God-honouring way,
 2. all decisions made at State Council meetings stay in line with the practices of our church, including affairs passed by Annual General Meeting.

3. Delegate a council member to act as President for the following meeting if the President cannot be present.
 4. The needs of the cross section of PYV youth, eg. male, female, Year 7 to 18+, city, country, regional, etc are considered.
 5. The council and its office-bearers are diligent in their short and long-term planning of events.
 6. Promote PYV events where possible.
- Be a friendly and approachable representative of PYV at camps, events and any other public appearances, including answering any questions people may have about PYV.
 - Present a spoken report at General Assembly if invited or delegate another member of State Council to speak.
 - Pastorally care for the members of the State Council throughout the year in prayer, devotional studies, guidance, advice and personal care.
 - Ensure that the CENC Youth Worker is being adequately supervised - by the appointment of two PYV councillors to the Youth Worker's review panel.
 - Evaluate this job description with modifications and suggestions.
 - Write a report for the AGM on how you fulfilled your role as President.

Requirements for the position

You must:

- Complete the PYV Leadership Accreditation process.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Protecting Children Policy – for your information.
- Complete a Working With Children Check.
- Sign a copy of this job description.

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Treasurer's Job Description

Aim

As the PYV Treasurer you will aim to:

- Glorify God by assisting the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.
- Provide support and nurture for youth in their Christian development and outreach.
- Provide opportunity, influence and assistance to youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- Promote unity of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria through providing opportunities for socialising and fellowship.
- Encourage and provide the opportunity for the equipping and training of youth leaders with the skills necessary to serve and lead.
- Adequately represent the needs of the youth within the PCV and in the courts of the Church.

Who you report / are responsible to

- You are responsible to the CENC via PYV State Council, the CENC, and must also report to the PCV Church Office Manager.

Prerequisites

As a member of State Council you should:

- be firmly committed in faith to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Bible as the written word of God.
- be genuinely concerned for the spiritual welfare of Christian and non-Christian youth.
- be outgoing and able to readily relate to Christian and non-Christian youth.
- have experience with local church youth ministry.
- be a communicant member of a Presbyterian Church and not younger than eighteen years of age.
- be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the Scriptures and be able to apply them to youth work in PYV.
- be able to demonstrate a growing Christian maturity through daily Bible Study and prayer. This includes the need for a humble, servant attitude towards all people associated with PYV.
- be willing to sign the Declaration of Commitment.

Responsibilities

You are responsible for:

- As per the PYV Constitution, save with the consent of CENC, State Council members shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.
- Attend all State Council meetings where possible. Should an elected member of PYV Council not regularly attend PYV Council meetings and other PYV events, the CENC may remove the member from office, following consultation with the member regarding their non-attendance at such meetings and events.

- Represent a true voice in Council meetings of the cross section of PYV youth, eg. male, female, Year 7 to 18+, city, country, regional, etc.
- Promote PYV events where possible.
- Ensure that all decisions made at State Council meetings stay in line with affairs passed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Follow and ensure the PYV Constitution is upheld at every PYV State Council meeting, camp and event.
- Be a friendly and approachable representative of PYV at camps, events and any other public appearances, including answering any questions people may have about PYV.
- Submit to the authority and decisions of the PYV President and CENC Representative; and the CENC as a whole.
- Be familiar with basic accounting, banking and general financial procedures.
- Maintain the financial records of PYV.
- Keep the PYV council and CENC accurately informed of the finances by presenting a monthly financial statement to both committees.
- Report on a monthly basis to the PCV Church Office Manager.
- Act on behalf of the council to make payments to nominated payees from accounts belonging to the council.
- Act as registrar, if required, for any events that receive money or delegate a suitable person to do so, in negotiation with the Camp or Event Convener.
- Present an annual financial report at the annual AGM and to the CENC.
- Present a budget report for the coming financial year at the AGM and to the General Assembly via the CENC.
- Submit a budget to the GMP Committee for funding (if necessary).
- Keep a record of all assets owned by the PYV and the locations at which they are kept.
- Evaluate this job description with modifications and suggestions.
- Write a report for the AGM on how you fulfilled your role.

Requirements for the position

You must:

- Go through the PYV leadership accreditation process,
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Protecting Children Policy – for your information.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Reporting an Incident Policy and Form – for your information.
- Keep a copy of this job description.

Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Secretary's Job Description

Aim

As the PYV Secretary you will aim to:

- Glorify God by assisting the congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the development and nurture of youth for the service of Christ Jesus.
- Provide support and nurture for youth in their Christian development and outreach.
- Provide opportunity, influence and assistance to youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- Promote unity of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria through providing opportunities for socialising and fellowship.
- Encourage and provide the opportunity for the equipping and training of youth leaders with the skills necessary to serve and lead.
- Adequately represent the needs of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the courts of the Church.

Who you report / are responsible to

You are directly responsible to the PYV State Council and the CENC Representative.

Prerequisites

As a member of State Council you should:

- be firmly committed in faith to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and the Bible as the written word of God.
- be genuinely concerned for the spiritual welfare of Christian and non-Christian youth.
- be outgoing and able to readily relate to Christian and non-Christian youth.
- have experience with local church youth ministry.
- be a communicant member of a Presbyterian Church and not younger than eighteen years of age.
- be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the Scriptures and be able to apply them to youth work in PYV.
- be able to demonstrate a growing Christian maturity through daily Bible Study and prayer. This includes the need for a humble, servant attitude towards all people associated with PYV.
- be willing to sign the declaration of commitment.

Responsibilities

You are responsible for:

- As per the PYV Constitution, save with the consent of CENC, State Council members shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.
- Attend all State Council meetings where possible. Should an elected member of PYV Council not regularly attend PYV Council meetings and other PYV events, the CENC may remove the member from office, following consultation with the member regarding their non-attendance at such meetings and events.

- Represent a true voice in Council meetings of the cross section of PYV youth, eg. male, female, Year 7 to 18+, city, country, regional, etc.
- provide assistance in running events.
- promote PYV events where possible.
- ensure that all decisions made at State Council meetings stay in line with affairs passed by Annual General Meeting.
- Follow and ensure the PYV Constitution is upheld at every PYV State Council meeting, camp and event.
- Be a friendly and approachable representative of PYV at camps, events and any other public appearances, including answering any questions people may have about PYV.
- Submit to the authority and decisions of the PYV President and CENC Representative; and the CENC Committee as a whole.
- be reasonably familiar with the basic business meeting procedures involved at State Council meetings.
- record accurate minutes within State Council meetings.
- Email a draft minutes out as an agenda to all council members prior to the next council meeting.
- Print out a final copy of the draft minutes the night before the Council meeting for each Council member.
- Email the completed minutes all council members at least ten days after the last council meeting.
- handle all correspondence within State Council meetings.
- represent state PYV when responding to incoming mail and when posting outgoing mail, using the PYV letterhead.
- collate annual reports for presenting at Annual State Conference.
- Evaluate this job description with modifications and suggestions.
- Write a report for the AGM on how you fulfilled your role.

Requirements for the position

You must:

- Complete the Breaking the Silence application for working with children and/or young people form.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Protecting Children Policy – for your information.
- Obtain a copy of the PYV Reporting an Incident Policy and Form – for your information.
- Complete a police check.
- Sign a copy of this job description.

Appendices

See your job description's templates and documents under the Leaders section of the PYV Website on www.pyv.org.au to help you plan, organise and fulfil your role year round.