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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Surrey Hills Presbyterian Church



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Agenda for December 2011 AGM

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | Joy Venning |
| 2. Devotion | Brian Harvey |
| 3. Present & Apologies | Tia Wishart |
| 4. Additions To & Confirmation of Agenda | Joy Venning |
| 5. Minutes of February 2011 AGM | Tia Wishart |
| 6. Annual Reports | Various |
| 7. 2012 Calendar | Brad Haughey |
| 8. Additional Business | Joy Venning |
| 9. Election of PYV Council | CENC |
| 10. Close | CENC |

On behalf of PYV Council, I welcome you to the 2011 AGM - December Edition. In the following pages you will find reports on all aspects of PYV's ministry to the youth of Victoria in 2011. We hope you enjoy reading them!

*Tia Wishart
PYV Secretary*

Minutes of February 2011 AGM

	TOPIC	COUNCILLOR
11.1	Devotion / Constitution	Dean Carroll
	Brian Harvey opened the meeting with a devotion from Luke 13	
11.2	Members Present	Dean Carroll
	Delegates: Jordan Ridgewell, Alex Venn, Jess Venn, Maddy O'Brien, Trevor McKeeman, Casey Pluke, Jeff Douglass, Toby McIntosh, Joy Venning, Laura Morris, Catherine Wentworth, Daniel Turcato, Dean Carroll, Sandra Carroll, Tia Wishart, Peter Wishart, Nic Bilyj, Vasil Vasiliades, Hayden Millsteed, Josephine Millsteed, Aaron Jaraba, Jacki McLeod, Joseph Dunning Observers: Brad Haughey, Ashleigh Haughey CENC Reps: Brian Harvey, Scott Kroeger	
11.3	Apologies	Dean Carroll
	Katherine Goswell, Lilly Lietz, Kirsty Watson, Kate Misso, Lauren Venning, Marton Murany Carried	
11.4	Additions To Agenda	Dean Carroll
	None	
11.5	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Joy Venning
	Carried	
11.6	Business Arising From Previous Minutes	Joy Venning
	None	
11.7	Correspondence In / Out	Joy Venning
	None	
11.8	Constitution	Dean Carroll
	Dean outlined the major changes in the constitution <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2.3: Rewrote the point to clear up the order of authority 2. 4 and 5: Rearranged the order between 4 and 5 so that it deals with the Council before the AGM 3. 4.3: Change the name from President to Convenor 4. 4.5: Councillors are now elected for a two year term 5. 5.8: Council now elects the office bearers at the first council meeting after the AGM 6. 4.3: The Treasurer can be an extra-conciliar member 7. 4.12: Council can fill any vacant positions during the year subject to CENC's approval 8. 5.2: Delegates to the AGM can be 16 or over and Councillors can be 18 or over 9. 5.6: No longer will the AGM approve the PYV budget because the CENC oversees our budget. The AGM will receive the budget 10. 5.8: Modifying the way the elections happen 	

	Alterations for Councillors 2.Motion: The AGM moves the amendment in point 4.5 that councillors should only be on for a one year term Declined 3.Motion: The AGM moves that the new Constitution be adopted Passed	
11.9	Annual Reports (January - December 2010)	Various
	Time allowed for attendees to read through reports. Each report then elaborated and/or questions taken. 1. <u>President's Report</u> – No President's Report was submitted – a Secretary's report was submitted in lieu 2. <u>Training Report</u> 3. <u>Girls' Day Out Report</u> 4. <u>Volleyball Report</u> 5. <u>Senior Camp Report</u> 6. <u>Junior Camp Report</u> 7. <u>Primary Camp Report</u> 8. <u>PYV's Got Talent Report</u> 9. <u>Summer Camp Report</u> Carried	
11.10	Financial Reports	Brad Haughey
	Brad outlined the basics of the financial report for the year. Carried Brad took us through the budget for the next year. Carried Alex Venn recommended that a line item be added for the Heathmont House expenses	
11.11	2011 Calendar	Brad Haughey
	Brad outlined the plan for 2011 and received minor questions about different events	
11.12	The Future of PYV	Dean Carroll
	Dean outlined the Council's plan for the next few years in PYV highlighting the continued partnership with local Church youth ministry. Various councillors expanded on the different elements of the new ministry model.	
11.13	Additional Business	Dean Carroll
	None	
11.14	Election of 2011 PYV Council	Scott Kroeger
	The AGM will be electing the Council for 2011 Nominations were as follows: Joy Venning, Nic Bilyj, Chiara Bilyj, Jordan Ridgewell, Joseph Dunning, Tia Wishart, Maddy O'Brien, Josephine Millstead	
11.15	Close	Dean Carroll Scott Kroeger

Convenor's Report

2011 has seen some significant changes in the priorities of the PYV Council. We have been refocussing our efforts and resources to more effectively serve the local Church. I have really been blessed to be a part of the strategy and planning, and am really thankful for the incredible opportunity to convene the council for 2011.

Highlights - *Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"*

One of the highlights of 2011 has been the opportunity to minister to local Church youth leadership teams and equip them in ministering effectively. It has been a great encouragement to see the way God is working in some of our local Churches.

It has also been a highlight of mine to follow the progress of the 2011 youthMETRO trainees as they are equipped and challenged to work in their own local Churches and as they develop a heart to serve God. It has been so exciting to see so many young people come through the trainee program this year, and invest themselves in leadership opportunities both in their Churches and in PYV.

Struggles - *Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"*

One of the struggles in the ministry of PYV is the financial burden we seem to constantly wrestle with. At the beginning of 2011, our budget was significantly reduced almost to the point where it was difficult to see how we could effectively function. And yet, it has been a wonderful testimony of God's grace to us, that we have had the necessary funds to accomplish what we needed.

We have also been praying for a full time Youth Ministries Director to invest in training and equipping local Church leaders for youth ministry. The Council sees this as a real need if we are going to be effectively ministering to local Churches. Please continue to pray that God will raise up an appropriate person to serve the Church in this way.

Thanks - *Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"*

PYV has been greatly blessed by having a team of committed, dedicated, Christians who have given up their own time and resources to be able to serve on PYV Council. I personally, have been blessed and encouraged in working with a fantastic team who are keen to wrestle with the issues in order to produce the most effective result. I'd like to express my thanks to the Council for their tireless efforts!

I'd also like to acknowledge the work of the PYV Operations Manager, Brad Haughey. It has been a great blessing to have a competent person who can be on top of all the administrative demands that the PYV ministry involves. Thank you, Brad, for patiently and generously working with all of us!

Our ministry in 2011 has been significantly supported by the work of the Youth Ministries Director, Rev. Brian Harvey. It is a tremendous blessing to have Brian on the team to support and build up those in local Church youth ministry, and to coordinate the teaching elements of PYV's ministries. Thank you so much, Brian, for giving up your time to support the Council and the work of Youth Ministry in Victoria. We thank the CENC for their support and leadership of the PYV Council, and especially Brian as he has facilitated this.

Looking to the Future - *Philippians 3:14 "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

2012 is looking to be a very exciting year in the history of PYV. I am looking forward to the first year of Regional camps, more opportunities to train and equip youth leaders at a local church level, the planning and preparation for PYV's first Youth Leaders' Conference, and the continuing evidence of lives being transformed by the Gospel!

Philippians 4:20 "Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen!"

Joy Venning
Convenor

Portfolio Reports

Financial Report 2010/11

Presbyterian Youth in Victoria General Operations Statement of Income & Expenditure

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Account No	Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Year Budget
Senior Camp - July					
1026	Income	12,537	19,732	(7,195)	19,732
2726	Expenditure	(16,011)	(20,602)	4,591	(20,602)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Senior Camp	(3,474)	(870)	(2,604)	(870)
Junior Camp - July					
1027	Income	18,883	32,773	(13,890)	32,773
2727	Expenditure	(23,770)	(32,348)	8,578	(32,348)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Junior Camp	(4,887)	425	(5,312)	425
Primary Camp - July					
1028	Income	8,374	13,453	(5,079)	13,453
2732	Expenditure	(10,310)	(13,464)	3,154	(13,464)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Primary Camp	(1,935)	(11)	(1,924)	(11)
Social - August					
1039	Income	1,846	2,000	(154)	2,000
2729	Expenditure	(1,192)	(2,000)	808	(2,000)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Social	654	0	654	0
Ministers Family Camp - September					
1029	Income	1,500	1,600	(100)	1,600
2731	Expenditure	(938)	(1,600)	663	(1,600)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Primary Camp	563	0	563	0
Summer Camp - December					
1025	Income	53,898	65,918	(12,020)	65,918
2725	Expenditure	(65,281)	(65,582)	301	(65,582)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Summer Camp	(11,383)	336	(11,719)	336
Girls/Guys Day Out - February					
1030	Income	809	312	497	312
2730	Expenditure	(219)	(312)	93	(312)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Girls/Guys Day Out	590	0	590	0
Volleyball - March					
1020	Income	2,452	2,080	372	2,080
2720	Expenditure	(1,745)	(1,664)	(81)	(1,664)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Volleyball	707	416	291	416
Training Day					
1023	Income	463	2,750	(2,287)	2,750
2723	Expenditure	(583)	(3,750)	3,167	(3,750)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Summer Camp	(120)	(1,000)	880	(1,000)
Merchandising					
1022	Income	1,145	1,500	(355)	1,500
2722	Expenditure	(3,493)	(1,500)	(1,993)	(1,500)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Volleyball	(2,347)	0	(2,347)	0
Internships					
1062	Income	1,510	2,000	(490)	2,000
2733	Expenditure	(2,087)	(3,000)	913	(3,000)
	Surplus/(Deficit) on Social	(577)	(1,000)	423	(1,000)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) on all Activities		(22,211)	(1,704)	(20,507)	(1,704)

Presbyterian Youth in Victoria
General Operations
Statement of Income & Expenditure

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Account No	Description	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Year Budget
Other Income					
1060	Equipment & Bus Hire	1,468	1,000	468	1,000
1163	Surge Training Income	180	0	180	0
1169	Donations	2,937	500	2,437	500
1170	Fundraising for Campers	1,342	1,500	(158)	1,500
1241	CENC Funding - Camps	20,000	0	20,000	0
1245	CENC Funding - Operations Manager	29,705	29,705	(0)	29,705
1248	CENC Funding - Youth Worker	0	58,704	(58,704)	58,704
1359	Interest Common Fund	47,414	50,600	(3,186)	50,600
1990	Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Asset	0	0	0	0
Total Other Income		103,045	142,009	(38,964)	142,009
Expenses					
2060	Bank Charges & Debits Tax	478	80	(398)	80
2130	Computer /Website/ Software	2,000	2,000	(0)	2,000
2150	Council Expenses	320	1,000	680	1,000
2180	Depreciation	3,151	5,225	2,074	5,225
2220	Leader Training	7	0	(7)	0
2275	First Aid	977	1,500	523	1,500
2278	General Printing & Publicity	2,147	2,200	53	2,200
2279	Music Expenses	604	650	46	650
2280	General Expenses	2,003	2,000	(3)	2,000
2281	PA Equipment Storage	126	0	(126)	0
2290	Donation - Outside Camps	500	500	0	500
2390	Insurances	2,000	2,100	100	2,100
2540	Light & Power - Office	0	500	500	500
2600	Motor Vehicle Expenses - Van	2,737	1,700	(1,037)	1,700
2705	Office & Stationery	3,726	4,000	274	4,000
2721	AGM Expenditure	101	200	99	200
2750	Rates & Taxes - Office	173	800	627	800
2769	Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	556	1,000	444	1,000
2810	Wages - Operations Manager	41,506	29,063	(12,443)	29,063
2871	Super - Operations Manager	4,151	2,616	(1,535)	2,616
2910	Telephone	1,395	1,747	352	1,747
2911	Internet Costs	486	710	224	710
2920	Travelling Expenses	2,945	3,700	755	3,700
2950	Workcover Premium	713	625	(88)	625
Total Expenses		72,802	63,916	(8,886)	63,916
Youth Worker					
2811	Stipend	0	28,922	28,922	28,922
2640	Non-cash Benefits	0	17,749	17,749	17,749
2790	Manse Allowance	0	18,252	18,252	18,252
2550	Long Service Leave	0	464	464	464
2870	Superannuation	0	6,534	6,534	6,534
Total Expenses - Youth Worker		0	71,921	71,921	71,921
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		8,032	4,468	3,564	4,468

(b) Movement in Funds

	Common Fund	ANZ & Paypal A/cs	Total
Opening Balance 1/7/10	114,569	6,537	121,106
Plus Surplus (Deficit)			8,032
Add back Depreciation			3,151
Decrease/(Increase) Current Assets			(368)
Increase/(Decrease) Current Liab			26,152
Assets (Purchased)/Disposed			(2,177)
Closing Balance	155,672	225	155,897
Perpetual Funds	268,250	0	268,250

Draft Budget Summary for 2012/13 Financial Year

INCOME	\$
Common Fund Interest	48,700
Funding (CENC, Allan Bequest)	64,200
Camp Income	114,968
Events	4,500
Other Income	5,500
TOTAL INCOME	237,868

EXPENDITURE	
Salaries & Oncosts	87,993
Camp Expenses	120,499
Events	3,500
Office & Rent	4,415
Other Expenditure	20,277
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	236,684

Surplus/(Deficit)	1,183
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* Note this is a DRAFT of PYV's 2012/13 budget

Training

2011 has been an exciting year in training for PYV. We have been in a cross over period in our Internship program, where we have been handing over responsibility to the METRO Committee. We have seen 15 young trainees successfully complete the program and graduate this year. We are excited about the in-depth training next years trainees will receive under the youthMETRO program, and we look forward to the continuing partnership with the METRO Committee.

PYV has also been developing its training for local Church youth leaders. We have been involved in a number of Surge Training Days in 2011 to prepare us for launching a new program in 2012. We are hoping to be invited to local Churches to engage with the youth leadership teams over better strategies and skills in order to be Biblically based in our Youth Ministries. These training events will run 4 times a year and will have opportunity for follow up and implementation. All the details and an application form are available on the website.

Finally, our training portfolio for 2011 has also included the preparation and planning for PYV's first Youth Leaders' Conference, looking to be held in January 2013. While preparations are only in the early stages, we are excited by the opportunity to hold a training conference to encourage, challenge and equip local youth leaders and church members involved in ministry.

We look forward to a growth in training opportunities branching from these three areas of PYV's ministry and praying that effective training will really encourage local Churches and build up gospel ministry in Victoria.

Joy Venning
Training Portfolio Holder

Missions

This year has been a busy year for PYV's mission component. We have been planning and preparing to send a team of 10 young people from various Presbyterian churches over to India. After initial plans to return to the Middle East proved impossible due to serious unrest and instability, we developed a new strategy to partner with other established Presbyterian Missionaries. The team is led by a team of four: Adel and Mona Mousa, Joseph Dunning and Joy Venning.

With guidance from the APWM committee, we contacted John and Lyn Ellis in India and are now looking forward to working alongside them. The hope is that the team may be exposed to the importance of global mission, gain some experience in serving cross-culturally, and learn from established missionaries about long term mission.

Our plan is to work in the Hope Children's Home which has connections with the Presbyterian Theological Seminary. We will contribute to the life of the Home and the Seminary with some maintenance work, Bible teaching and chapel services, tuition and activities.

Our preparation for the trip has included an in-depth theological study on the importance of mission work, how to minister cross culturally and the attitude of a missionary, and cultural training from Indian friends and most recently, Nathan Grills (a short term mission team leader to India). It has been fantastic to spend time studying the culture and preparing ourselves for the trip.

Joy Venning
Missions Portfolio Holder

Leadership Accreditation Committee

Over the past year, the LAC has approved quite a number of new leaders eager to serve through PYV. Most of these have become leaders through completing the youthMETRO traineeship, while many have brought great experience and knowledge with them, and so were duly welcomed as leaders. There have also been several enthusiastic applicants who were deemed by the committee to require more theological study before they could take on the responsibility of leading a study group. The committee recommended various suitable methods of 'study', including reading books like *Fruit That Will Last* by Tim Hawkins, or attending a FUELLED training day. It has been a delight to see youth leaders growing in their knowledge, skills and passion as they strive to serve God in PYV and in their own churches.

Chiara Bilyj
Leadership Accreditation Committee Member

First Aid

With a continued rise in numbers at camps and events and with the new camping calendar planned for 2012, we decided that PYV needed more first aiders trained to serve on camps. The first aid training day was held earlier in the year and was well attended. However it continues to be a challenge to find willing and able people to help out in this area. If you're interested in becoming a first aider then please speak to one of the councillors.

Many thanks to all the first aiders who have served on camps- it is a tough job that often goes unnoticed. Special thanks to Leanne Kumnick who has put a lot of work in over the last couple of years.

Jordan Ridgewell
First Aid Portfolio Holder

PA / Equipment

PYV continues to be blessed with great resources in this area.

On Winter Camps over the last few years, it has been difficult to distribute the equipment between the three programs. We are very grateful to those who have bought along their own gear to help out. With the introduction of regional camps we are confident that our current resources will be adequate.

Thanks to Steve Kumnick and Zack Grace for coming to do a stock take of the PA equipment and repair the trailer.

If you are interested in learning about how to be a 'techie', then please let one of the councillors know. It's a skill that will make you extremely useful on camps and at your home church.

Jordan Ridgewell
PA Portfolio Holder

Merchandise

Merchandise had another 'drop' this year, having taken on the portfolio I got a little over enthusiastic and over estimated the demand for merchandise, I will continue to sell it at the various events but try and make it more desirable to the kids. We also have some caps, beanies and temporary tattoos left over from the 'old' merchandise which we will continue to sell.

Tia Wishart
Merchandise Portfolio Holder

Website

Although it is not yet obvious, the website portfolio has been quite active this year! In the next few weeks PYV will be unveiling it's new website design. The new design improves the focus, functionality, aesthetics and usability of the old site. In this digital age, it is important we stay up to date to remain connected to the youth we minister to, as well as constantly review how we can best support local churches and youth groups around the state.

Facebook and twitter have also been used in conjunction with the website to publicised events and camps.

Maddy O'Brien
Website Portfolio Holder

Camp & Event Reports

Girls' Day Out

Girls Day out 2011 was held on the 26th of February, at Scot's Presbyterian Church. Starting at 1 for lunch, girls from all over the state showed up across the four sessions that were held, finishing with dinner. The topic of the day was 'Friendships' and five Presbyterian ladies spoke to the seventy girls and ladies revolving around that topic.

Anne Harvey, from Warburton Presbyterian opened the afternoon speaking on Biblical Examples of Friendships. Leanne Kumnick, from Frankston Reformed Presbyterian taught the girls, and lead them in discussions about the treasures of female friendships. After a short break for afternoon tea, Sue Murrany, along with Kerryn Selveraj, from Drouin Presbyterian, spoke about Mother Daughter friendships. We finished off the talks with Alison Morrow, from Donvale Presbyterian, who shared about girl and boy friendships.

We saw many blessings from God come from the Girls Day Out. Seventy girls, ladies, mothers and friends came along to learn and grow and take part in the day. This was a real blessing because we were not sure how many people would show up. Many of these ladies could ask questions, of the speakers, and having quite a few older ladies there was great, because they were able to share things from their point of view, and many years of experience. Although it was great to see such a mixed age of ladies there, it was sad not to have many female PYV leaders. A lot of the usual camp leaders did not make it for the day, and maybe this would be something we could encourage for next year.

Having the PWMU, HMWA, and South Yarra Presbyterian Church cater for us was not only great for us because it was cheaper, these ladies also played a big part in the whole day. They came long before their meal was required, and were very friendly with all of us. It was a great encouragement for us to hear them tell us how great it was to be a part of Girls Day Out, and how they wish they could have had something like that when they were growing up. They all were a big help, going above and beyond, not only setting up but also packing up after their meal and staying around to hear the speakers. PWMU and HMWA, were also given an opportunity to present to the group who they were and what work they were doing. This opened up many of the girl's awareness of what was going on in the wider church.

Although it was such a great day, there were a few things we would love to keep in mind for next year. The church building itself was great for such a gathering but the location turned out to be a bit difficult. Having it in the city made it hard for many people to make it. Also, parking was difficult because all the church spaces were used for the caterers. Having it start later than previous years also added to the difficulty of the city, because it meant that people had to travel home around 7 on public transport. Although, we attempted to resolve this problem by cutting out the proposed panel time we wanted at the end, and finishing at 7 instead of 8. This did help to make travelling easier for people.

Thankyou so much for the opportunity in learning and growing by convening this event. We learnt a lot and had so much fun doing it.

Lilly Lietz & Lauren Venning
Convenors
Girls' Day Out 2011

Volleyball

Volleyball 2011 was once again held at the Victorian Volleyball Centre on Stud Road, which has been a fantastic venue for us since we switched to there in 2009. We kept the colour band theme running and these proved to be a great success once more. As in 2010, each player was restricted to one team and the colour band indicated which team and competition they were to be playing in.

This was made slightly more difficult this year with 4 different competitions being run, with random numbers of teams for each group, but Sherif and Matt managed to deal with this issue by organising the fixtures to avoid any clashes across courts and competitions.

This year we introduced a women's competition, which had 4 teams, and we split the mixed competition into 2 groups – advanced (5 teams) and social (27 teams – 3 groups of 7 and one of 6). As usual, we ran with a men's competition, which had 10 teams in 2 groups of 5.

We had a 46 teams from 16 churches enter this year, which meant that we had about 250 players participate. We also had large groups of supporters come along and cheer on their teams.

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

Fawkner took out all 4 titles, although they were given a real scare in the social mixed by Drouin Thunder. This grand final was the highlight of my day, since both teams comprised of teenagers – they were coached by adults but it was the kids who played. The game was what PYV volleyball was all about – seeing the youth of Victoria play their hearts out and having a blast doing so.

Many thanks to all who helped out, particularly Brad Haughey, who organised all the tech equipment. Thanks also to Tim White, Marton Murany and David Bruce who were all involved in setting up and pulling this event together.

Thank you also to Sherif Mehanni and his team Shebab youth group for their assistance in setting up and packing up and – of course – for offering to run volleyball in 2012.

Matt Whelan
Convenor
Volleyball 2011

Senior Camp

This year's camp focused on the topic of Christian Apologetics. Rev. Bill Medley gave four talks on the apologetic theme and four leaders led a series of workshops in other areas of apologetics. The feedback from campers on they liked and what could have been better was essentially unanimous. I will outline this report in line with the feedback forms that campers filled out and returned to us.

Topic & Speaker

Christian Apologetics is quite an intense area of study and has very specific and practical application in real life. It was great that PYV could have a camp where a theological topic was the theme of the camp. The feedback was unanimous that this was a topic that needed to be taught and it was appreciated by our campers.

The feedback also indicated that Rev. Medley was fantastic. Some of his talks may have reached near an hour, but his personality and talent enabled him to keep the talks interesting and engaging when it could have been otherwise dry and laborious.

Workshops or Study Groups?

This is the first year in my camping experience that there were no study groups. Instead our campers cycled through four workshops and Dean Carroll, Aaron Jaraba, Ben Drew and James Venning led a workshop each. The feedback was quite divided on which approach the campers would prefer. Many campers indicated they would prefer the old approach of having a facilitation style study group after each talk. Other campers indicated the workshops were better because only 3 or 4 people usually contribute to study groups and are more suitable for the topic of apologetics.

Whichever approach people prefer we really struggled to find and recruit committed leaders willing to write a study and lead it themselves and had no choice but to opt for workshops in the end.

In terms of the workshops themselves: finding the balance between solid and informative teaching and being able to have the campers interact and participate is always tricky to manage. Individually the workshops tended to stray towards either side but taking the four as a whole it was a good balance.

James Venning, Ben and Ariel Drew in particular received outstanding feedback on their ability to teach the Word of God and if possible it would be great if PYV could utilise their talents in the future in this capacity.

Meaning of Life Discussed Intelligently (MOLDI) Dinner

On the Sunday night the senior campers had a formal dinner followed by a meaning of life discussion with the prompting of select movie clips. The feedback indicated almost unanimously that the MOLDI dinner was a really enjoyable and interesting concept, but that it went for too long and was missing a few extras that could have made it more enjoyable (dancing, mock awards etc.)

Overall it seemed campers enjoyed the experience and were challenged to take something away from the night.

Convenor & Executive Team

As Convenor I took a fairly laissez faire approach over the camp by entrusting the executives to manage their own particular areas. I am not sure if this is the best approach as a rule but if the executives are competent I think it works fine. I was disappointed to find out either a day later, or a week later in one case, that certain campers had gone home from camp sick, or not sick, but otherwise the camp from the Convenor's perspective ran quite smoothly.

Joy Venning looked after the sessions and co-ordinated the music, tech team and combined service in what was probably the busiest role on camp, and she did a commendable job. Lilly Lietz, Lemuel Suraj and Chris Leboeuf were a great tech team which ran without a glitch.

Jordan Ridgewell co-ordinated the studies and imparted his own genius on the choice of workshop topics which he had been formulating since August last year. The greatest difficulty in this role was trying to find willing and competent leaders for the task.

Sonja Otto did a great job in putting together videos for our sessions and for the MOLDI dinner, and helping in other areas such as getting people to go to bed and get up for sessions.

Laid back Approach

Around 80-90% of those that gave feedback strongly indicated that they didn't like the laid-back approach of Senior Camp and would prefer organised activities, or at least optional organised activities. It was indicated that it was difficult to meet and develop friendships with new people. It seems the Senior Camp model of the past doesn't work for our current crop of senior attendees. With 1/4 of our camp being year 11 students and another 1/4 international students, in retrospect it would have been wise to organise at the very least a get to know you game, and some optional activities.

In Summary (& Some Recommendations)

- The topic and speaker were great and campers responded well to the challenge. PYV ought not to be afraid to give our campers something more than milk and cheese. They can handle more and dare I suggest it is not just the senior campers.
- Study groups are a sacred cow to some people, but workshops can work really well presuming we have talented people to run them. Those who want to learn will really benefit from them.
- Be careful to ensure our convenors and executives are organised and don't leave things to the last minute (or try to 'wing it'). Give them time lines and deadlines to work with.
- Keep our talented young bible teachers, such as James Venning for instance, teaching the Bible, and not feel the need to turn them into managers and administrators by giving them executive roles to fill.

It was a good camp and the most important part of the camp: the topic, and the talks, was a winner. It wasn't perfect and improvements can be made for future camps of this kind, but we can only pray the Lord may use our imperfection to His glory.

Blessings,

Joseph Dunning
Convenor
Senior Camp 2011

Junior Camp

The preparation for this year's PYV Junior Camp was significantly more straightforward than the 2010 version. Contributors to this fact included prior knowledge of the campsite, a reliable executive team, and past convening experience to draw from. The most challenging aspect of running such a large camp alongside three other similar events was the recruitment of leaders. Thankfully, due to the reformatting of the PYV event calendar, this problem should hopefully not resurface due to regional camps being scattered at various intervals throughout the year.

Firstly, a special mention must go to the program team. Ashleigh Haughey and Jess Cafarella, with Callum Haughey as an assistant pulled off one of the best programs ever seen at a Junior Camp. The kids seemed to love every minute of it, even if the sun did not shine on us over the weekend. The team's capacity to adapt the program in the face of adverse weather conditions must be applauded.

Toby McIntosh was unable to attend the camp as head of Pastoral Care, but did a great job setting up the team. I was able to speak to Toby numerous times before camp to find out how preparations were going and offer suggestions. His team had to deal with several minor issues throughout the camp, and provided fantastic support especially for the executive team. Again, however, a lack of options seems to be available when finding leaders to fill these positions. This may need to be addressed when planning future camps.

As the end of camp drew near, I realised that I had not heard anything (either positive or negative) on the studies aspect of camp. This fact is a tribute to Josie Millstead, who ran a flawlessly tight ship in both organisation and implementation of her duties as Study Coordinator. That is all I need to say on the matter.

Jeremy Dover has a wealth of experience as a youth pastor, as clearly utilised it as speaker on the camp. It is difficult to present a compelling message to such a wide age range as that found on Junior Camp (ages 12-16), and some of the feedback from the older kids indicated that they would have preferred longer talks. However, JD was clear in his presentation of the Gospel and directed the study leaders in their preparation of materials for their study groups.

Laura Morris did a solid first-time job in coordinating sessions, which ran smoothly in general. However, problems occurred on the audiovisual team due to our tech leader turning up late and having to leave early. This created issues surrounding setup and pack-up, but thankfully the manpower was made available (thanks to the other camps) to counter this. Having coordinated sessions myself in the past, I believe the key to success is being highly organised and giving those helping out as much notice as possible.

While the regional camps will complement the development of PYV extremely well, it is sad to bid Junior Camps farewell. Let's hope that all those who have attended Junior camp over the years have taken away as many fond memories with them as I did from this camp.

Scott McNabb
Convenor
Junior Camp 2011

Primary Camp

What a blessing it was to be on Primary Camp this year. Between 34 campers and 22 leaders, we had a room full of energy, fun and excitement!

Leadership

We had a very young leadership team on Primary Camp. Eight of our ten study/activity leaders were leading on their first PYV camp, with six of them Trainees. This is not an ideal situation, for any camp age group. However, they all did a terrific job, leading with enthusiasm and maturity, and were able to deal with a number of campers who were more challenging. The chaplains were a great support to the leaders, and were able to step in and help out when needed. Camp Parents Stephen and Wendy Moody were able to keep an eye on a couple of campers who were homesick and also assist where needed.

Talks/Studies

Katey Misso did a terrific job coordinating the Studies and Sessions. The talks on Daniel by Hayden Millsteed were great for the Grade 5 and 6's. They were engaging, and everyone will have come away with the key message, knowing that God is wise, powerful and faithful. The studies were designed to be interactive, suiting multiple learning styles, including skits, discussions on butchers paper and diorama's.

Sessions

The interactive sessions involved songs, memory verses, prayer, Bible readings and the talks. Three duo's taught the memory verses, which related to the themes of Hayden's talks. Jacki McLeod led the very talented music team, singing a variety of songs during the sessions. Daniel Arnold did a great job on his first camp, running the audio and visual aspects of sessions, as well as taking many photos and videos.

Devotions

The three devotions, prepared by Brian were based on the three memory verses. This enabled the campers not only to memorise the verses, but also understand them! These devotions were done just before bed in the dorm groups, with the dorm leader demonstrating and teaching the campers how to do devotions as many children at that age haven't been exposed to spending that time with God and studying the Bible. The leaders had the option of having their chaplain join them if they weren't confident in leading it by themselves, an option which was taken up on the first night by one leader.

Activities

Wow! There was hardly a moment when there wasn't anything for the campers to be involved in! Jesse Cutler and Emily Venning did an amazing job in organising all the the activities for the camp. Jesse and Emily made quite a balanced team, with Jesse the 'up front' guy, running the actual games and filling the room with never-ending energy, while Emily brought her organisation, calmness and practical nature to the team!

Mobile Phones

After seeing numerous mobile phones around on the first night, we asked that they leave all mobiles and electronic devices in their rooms. However, we did have two children ring parents saying they felt homesick. This led to one parent actually turning up in our room (as they were staying in Cowes) to our surprise, and the other got passed around until it got back to a leader on Junior Camp, who informed me of the phone call that was made to a mother. I am not sure what/if there is anything we can do differently next time in regards to mobiles. If/when there is another Primary Camp, this is something they can think about before camp.

It is quite sad won't be another Primary Camp! Judging by enthusiasm and interest from campers and their families, it would be terrific if another Presbyterian committee took up running a Primary Camp. We have set up a lot of the ground work, and the program and concepts could be transferred. One bit of feedback from a parent of a camper in Grade 6 I have heard, is that they now have to delay their trip overseas so he can come to Summer Camp because he enjoyed it so much!

Maddy O'Brien
Convenor
Primary Camp 2011

Bushdance

On Saturday the 12th of August, PYV held the Bushdance. It was a fantastic and overwhelming success! The event was most encouraging and uplifting to see, for Surrey Hills Presbyterian Church was seemingly filled to overflowing. There were so many young Christians, fellowshiping with each other and being able to dance with one another. Those who didn't dance were able to just sit and watch while talking with friends and meeting other Christian youth.

In regards to the logistics of the night, it went really well. The concern before the actual night was if the location was big enough to suffice the people that was there. The amount of calls, emails and messages that Brad Haughey, myself and others received wanting to come was overwhelming. In many ways, I don't think we realised the amount of people that were interested in coming. Praise God, the church was big enough! The only thing that would be advisable would be possibly finding out what the interest is in the event, and organise a venue accordingly.

One of the things I thought worked really well was the relaxed environment. I think the kids enjoyed being able to dance, then being able to chill over supper catching up with all their PYV friends, and meeting others. This worked really well!

This for me was a great thing to organise, and I was so happy to see so many kids that enjoyed it! I have many people to thank, who made the night possible. Thank you first and foremost to Jesus our Saviour who caused the night to go without a hitch. Without Him, this event certainly would have failed, so praise God that He blessed the bushdance and for His many mercies.

A big thank you for my two fellow convenors, Lish and Casey. They both did a massive amount of work organising with me, decorations and the running of the night. They are great girls, and we made a great team, I couldn't have done it without them. Thank you also to Brad for helping us do the logistics of the night and brainstorming. He did a great job!

Thank you to Ben Drew for doing the talk, who did a fantastic job, and I pray that God would save souls through the word He spoke through him. The bushdance band was fantastic, very easy going and so helpful in the way they ran the night. A big thank you to my mum and dad, Jacqui Pluke and others who were in and out of the kitchen helping to serve food and manning the snow cone machine and fairy floss machine.

Also a big thank you to Surrey Hills for allowing us to use their hall, it was a fantastic venue and I'm very thankful for the use of it. Thanks for everyone who stayed behind and helped clean up, Steve and Leanne Kumnick, Lucas Brown, Jeff Douglass, Steph Alblas, Brad Haughey, Matt and Danielle Whelan and the many others who helped throughout the night. This was most helpful and made it much less stressful getting things cleaned and put back in its place.

Thank you to the PYV Council for allowing us to run the Bushdance, and for everyone who came and made it the great night it was! I had a lot of fun and I hope that it will be something that these youth will remember. Praise God for making it such an awesome night!

Joel Otten
Convenor
Bushdance 2011

2012 Calendar

February

OS-12

Convenors: Joy Venning & Joe Dunning

March

EighteenThirty Retreat @ Camp Acacia, Halls Gap

Saturday 10th to Monday 12th

Convenor: Joe Dunning

Speaker: Ben Nelson

Volleyball @ State Volleyball Centre, Dandenong North

Saturday 31st

Convenor: Sherif Mehanni

Speaker: TBA

April

West Camp @ Norval Lodge, Halls Gap

Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th

Convenor: Rev. Toby McIntosh

Speaker: Jared Keath

June

PYV's Got Talent @ TBA

Saturday 30th

Convenor: Lilly Lietz

Speaker: TBA

September

North Camp @ Crystal Creek Christian Camp, Alexandra

Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd

Convenor: Shady Mehanni

Speaker: Heath Easton

East Camp @ Oasis Christian Camp, Mount Evelyn

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th

Convenor: TBA

Speaker: Rev. Ben Johnson

December

Summer Camp @ Campaspe Downs Country Resort, Kyneton

Thursday December 27th 2012 to Tuesday January 1st 2013

Convenor: TBA

Speaker: Rev. Brian Harvey



Presbyterian Youth Victoria

Constitution

(Last Updated 12/02/2011)

1. TITLE

- 1.1. The youth organisation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of Victoria shall have the title Presbyterian Youth 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 represent the needs of the youth within the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in the courts of the Church.

4. PYV COUNCIL

- 4.1. The PYV Council shall have oversight of the affairs, business and property of PYV.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. The PYV Council shall consist of:
 - a) Convenor (elected by PYV Council at its first regular meeting following each PYV AGM)
 - b) Secretary (elected by PYV Council at its first regular meeting following each PYV AGM)
 - c) Treasurer - PYV Council, in consultation with the CENC, may deem this to be an extra-conciliar position (elected by PYV Council at its first regular meeting following each PYV AGM)
 - d) Up to a maximum of seven additional Councillors (or eight if the Treasurer is not on Council)
- 4.4. In fulfilling its delegated oversight of PYV, up to two members of the CENC shall attend Council meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- 4.5. Councillors are elected for a term of two years. One half of their number retire annually in rotation but are eligible for re-election. No councillor may serve for more than five consecutive terms.
- 4.6. Members of PYV Council are to be communicant members of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and shall be not less than 18 years of age.
- 4.7. The quorum for PYV Council meetings shall be 60% of the current elected councillors.
- 4.8. In absentia, elected members of PYV Council may not vote, have a proxy vote or initiate action at PYV Council meetings. Each member of PYV Council present at a meeting of PYV Council shall have one vote.
- 4.9. Members of PYV Council are to be given at least seven days notice of all meetings.
- 4.10. PYV Council meetings shall be chaired by the Convenor, or in his/her absence, a member delegated by the Convenor.
- 4.11. Should a member of PYV Council not regularly attend PYV Council meetings and/or other PYV events, following consultation with the member regarding their non-attendance, the CENC may remove the member from office.
- 4.12. Any PYV Council vacancy that exists between PYV AGMs may be filled at a PYV Council meeting, in consultation with the CENC, providing the nominee satisfies the criteria for a Councillor (as outlined in 4.6). A person appointed in this way remains on PYV Council for the balance of their predecessor's term.

5. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 5.1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of PYV shall be held annually at such a time and place as the PYV Council determines. Such a meeting shall be held within 13 months of the preceding AGM.
- 5.2. 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 CENC Representative/s by the commencement of the AGM. Delegates are to be communicant members of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and shall be not less than 16 years of age.
- 5.3. Each delegate present shall have one vote.
- 5.4. Notice of the proposed business of the PYV AGM shall be given in writing (includes email) to each Session in Victoria at least fourteen days before any such meeting.
- 5.5. The quorum for the PYV AGM shall be 10 voting delegates representing parishes in at least 3 Presbyteries.
- 5.6. 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:
 - 5.6..1 Consider the PYV Annual Report
 - 5.6..2 Receive the PYV Budget for the next financial year
 - 5.6..3 Consider any proposed amendments to the PYV Constitution
 - 5.6..4 Elect the PYV Council
 - 5.6..5 Deal with any other set Agenda items
- 5.7. Candidates for election to PYV Council:
 - 5.7..1 Must fulfil the criteria for being a Councillor as in 4.6 above.
 - 5.7..2 Save with the consent of the CENC, shall have a demonstrated history of recent and regular attendance and involvement in PYV events.
 - 5.7..3 If unable to attend the PYV AGM, their nomination will be accepted in writing by the CENC.
- 5.8. The procedure for the election of vacant positions on PYV Council shall be as follows:
 - 5.8..1 Nominations shall be called for by the CENC Representative/s
 - 5.8..2 Where the number of nominations exceeds the number of positions available, each delegate shall indicate their preference on a CENC approved voting form
 - 5.8..3 The results of the election will not be announced at the PYV AGM. The CENC's Representative/s 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:
 - 5.8..3.1 Verify results against the returned voting forms
 - 5.8..3.2 Check the suitability of the nominees against the delegate nomination forms
 - 5.8..3.3 Inform all nominees by mail/email as to the success of their election

- 5.8..3.4 Where any nominee is judged unsuitable, the CENC shall personally inform the nominee and the reasons for their lack of suitability
- 5.8..3.5 The CENC may - after discussion with the outgoing PYV Council - substitute an unsuitable nominee with the next suitable nominee
- 5.8..4 The outgoing PYV Council remains in place until the first meeting of the new PYV Council.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1. A Special General Meeting (SGM) of PYV may be convened by:
 - a) PYV Council or the CENC, at any time; or
 - b) The Secretary, within one month of receiving of a requisition in writing signed by at least 8 voting delegates representing parishes in at least 2 Presbyteries.
- 6.2. The announcement and conduct of a SGM of PYV shall be subject to the same procedures as those of the AGM.

7. SPEAKERS AT EVENTS ORGANISED BY PYV COUNCIL

- 7.1. The name and church of proposed speakers at PYV events should be given to the CENC for approval before the proposed persons are asked to speak.

8. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

- 8.1. This Constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of a PYV AGM or SGM, subject to final approval by the CENC.



Presbyterian Youth Victoria

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.