

Hi, my name is Rene. Instead of telling you how awesome attending PYV camps and events are, I would like to take this opportunity to thank PYV.

PYV has been to me an important link between sitting in church and hearing about Christian living, and seeing role-models put this teaching into practice. I was fortunate enough to attend camps from the ripe old age of 12. It's been wonderful to look back on the leaders who spent time doing everything from opening the bible with me, to playing "theatre sports"; today many of these people are some of my closest friends. As I've grown over the years, I've become more aware of the effect the PYV leaders have had on my life.

Currently I'm a member of PYV council. I help with the running of PYV so that in years to come when my children are of age to attend PYV they are able to receive the blessings I have. So...

- Thank you to the leader who encouraged me to bring my violin along to jam with the band.
- Thank you to the speaker who opened up the bible and brought to us some challenging talks from Deuteronomy.
- Thank you to the dorm leader who was a familiar friendly face on my first camp.
- Thank you to the two awesome study group leaders who made the verse "and shudder" in James 2:19 stick like glue.
- Thank you to the three campers from the country for being such awesome examples of Godly Christian friends.
- Thank you finally to our Lord for putting the needs of the youth into the hearts of many great people.

Is God calling you to participate in PYV's ministry?

You don't have to be young, hip or mega-talented. There are plenty of ways you can help. We need administrators, cooks, musicians, bible study leaders, multimedia gurus, book-keepers, drivers, First Aiders, prayer coordinators, creche leaders, and people who are just there to care for people. If you are passionate about youth ministry, and would like to serve with us through PYV, we'd love to hear from you.



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.



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What is PYV?

Presbyterian Youth in Victoria was formed in 1995 by the General Assembly of Victoria. It replaced the Victorian branch of the organisation formerly known as Presbyterian Fellowship Association (PFA).

Who runs PYV?

PYV is run by a Council of ten members who come from various Presbyterian congregations around Victoria. They are appointed year by year at PYV's Annual General Meeting in February. The PYV Council is accountable in all matters to the Christian Education and Nurture Committee of the General Assembly of Victoria.

PYV leaders are assisted by the CENC Youth Worker (full-time), and an administration assistant. The bulk of the work, however, is done by over 75 volunteers, who give their time and money for the young people involved in PYV.

How do I get involved?

You can find out about events, or subscribe to our mailing list via our website: www.pyv.org.au. Alternatively, you could speak to your church leaders, as every minister in the state receives publicity about PYV activities.



What does PYV do?

PYV's ministry is focused on young people aged 11-35 who are connected in some way with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Camps:

PYV holds at least three camps per year:

- **Junior Camp** is for those from grade 6 to year 10. Here young people are taught the basics of Christianity, and can make new friends through fun activities. It is usually held on the first or second weekend of the September school holidays.
- **Senior Camp** caters for those aged year 11 and up and is usually held over the Labour Day weekend in March. The teaching on this camp is intended to equip Christians to live out their faith in the challenges of today's society.
- **Summer Camp** is PYV's biggest camp for the year. It is for anyone from year 7 through to university and beyond. On this camp, a variety of relevant issues are tackled from a gospel perspective. Campers aged 17 and up can apply to be a part of the Intensive stream, (see below).

Training:

There are three avenues of training for youth ministry involving PYV:

- **On-camp leadership training** - In many ways the best way to learn is by doing, and thus camp leadership is a great way to train church leaders. Before all camps there is pre-camp training, and all leaders are also assigned a chaplain, who is there to support and mentor leaders during camp.
- **FUELLED** - Run as a day-long seminar, these are the times when many of the "nuts and bolts" issues of local church youth ministry are addressed. FUELLED runs several times per year, usually once in metropolitan Melbourne and twice in regional Victoria.
- **Foundations** - This is a six unit training course following the syllabus of the Australian College of Theology's "Certificate in Theology." Participants can choose to audit the classes (i.e. just sit and listen), or can complete assessment tasks to gain credit with the Australian College of Theology. Units are accessible in three ways: through the Intensive Stream on Summer Camp, by "Cafe Theologica" distance CDs or through selected short courses at the Presbyterian Theological College.



State Youth Activities:

These events are a great opportunity to involve your local youth group in a wider fellowship of believers, and also of bringing unsaved friends to hear a gospel message:

State youth activities run by PYV include:

- **The Social**
- **The Volleyball Competition**, and
- **The Girls' Day Out**.

AGM

Held every year in February, this is an opportunity for church-sponsored delegates to review the past year of PYV, and give direction to the coming year by electing the PYV Council and setting goals.