

Introducing Gippsland Youth Spaces Inc.

Gippsland Youth Spaces Inc. (GYS Inc.) is youth led and adult guided. Young people have a central seat at the decision-making table: both at board level and when leading the Youth Programs Committee and being involved in finding solutions to local issues. We're a not-forprofit legal entity and 5 of our 10 board members must be younger than 25 – one of them is our Youth Co-Chair and has the 'casting vote' in case of a tied decision. The Youth Programs Committee is comprised of young locals aged between 12-25 and plays the lead role in the planning, decision making and delivery of activities.

The CHALLENGE

In late May 2023, we received the shocking news that our funding had been cut in the most recent State Government Budget. This means come January 2024, Latrobe Youth Space as we know it, will cease to exist, and our members will lose their safe space, opportunities and supports. Our board and staff are working tirelessly to continue to deliver services while adapting our model and seeking alternate funding. But we need your help.



READ ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS, SUPPORT SERVICES AND OUR 600+ STRONG YOUNG MEMBERS IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We know times are tough, so we're calling on every one to contribute what they can, so we can continue to provide meals, learning, personal development opportunities, career pathways, community connection and a safe space for Gippsland's young people.

Whether you're a large business interested in funding a 12 month food program (\$10K) or a small business able to support a tank of fuel your contribution can make all the difference.

Base Total Amount Sought	Purpose	Example
\$150,000	Naming rights of a space/bus. This total would provide for 12 month lease of our bespoke drop in centre in Latrobe Valley and cover basic running costs.	
\$50,000	Annual cost of 1x Part time Youth Development Officer who supports young people.	
\$10,200	Weekly food budget around \$200 per week – drop in meals, snacks	LYS had more than 500 individual young people 'drop in' over the past year. Conservative estimates distributed more than 4,200 meals in the last year~50 fruit/veg boxes from Manny's market~15kg's snacks consumed per week
\$6,000	Toiletry packs valued at over \$20ea	We gave out around 300 toiletry packs last year to vulnerable and transient youth
\$1,500	Registration for both Latrobe Buses	We use the buses to transport youth for appointments, meetings, events and programs
\$30,000 TBC	Insurance	To operate we need extensive insurance including public liability, directors indemnity
\$1,400	Internet	\$109 per month plan with Aussie Broadband
\$500	1 x 3hr Drop In Session - Providing a safe place for young people to go, supervised by 2 staff at all times, to hang out, safely connect with peers, connect with support, have a meal, use the showers, do their washing, use free wifi, access resources such as laptop, printer, charger, games and activities.	We held 246 drop-in sessions last year with more than 500 individual young people utilising the service.
\$3,000	6 weeks x 1 session x Pathway projects - Assorted programs for young people to upskill, access opportunities i.e. D&D, get connected, re-engage	
\$15,000	Growth Scale refinement - A measurement tool to be used to gain a baseline of participant wellbeing, administered by staff, partially directly by participant, completed at intervals to gain insight to development and to assess correlation of participation at Youth Space.	
\$50,000	Evaluation & Report compiled by an external third party about the impact of Youth Space on local youth.	

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Whether its a monthly small business subscription for 2024, or a once off donation, your contribution big or small, is critical for our continuation. All contributions are recognised in scale, and we welcome your creative ideas about how your organisation can partner with us and be acknowledged. We provide evaluation and reporting on your investment, and transparent accountability for every dollar quarterly.

Option 1: Subscribe to a monthly contribution

We are seeking **15-20** small to medium businesses for whom a singular large investment may not be viable. With a \$500 contribution once a month, your donation will see a \$6000 investment in our young people over the course of 2024. We are actively pursuing DGR status so that we may be able to offer gift deductible tax concession on your donation.

We'll include your logo and business name on our website and materials and provide a regular update on your donation impact. We also invite you to participate in our programs and events however suits your business.

Option 2: Once off or specific sponsorship of our organisation, or program or item

Perhaps you're interested in a particular project, item or amount but a once investment better suits your business - we are seeking both large scale partners and smaller once off contributions and we'll recognise your donation in scale - every dollar counts.

Why Sponsor?

Your help will frankly help us keep the doors open. You'll keep our young people engaged, fed, supported, connected and provide opportunities for them to flourish. You'll also receive amazing exposure for your organisation and a measurable, accountable impact for your investment.

Benefits for Sponsors

- From logo and business name tagging, social media and website exposure, we'll scale your recognition to your contribution
- The opportunity to engage with young people across Gippsland
- De-identified data of youth engagement and outcomes across the Gippsland region

Want to know more?

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