



Every Cent Counts

The time to give is now! Why? three reasons

1. So we can budget for next year. This is a very practical reason.
2. We are nearing the end of the financial year and all donations are tax deductible, so instead of giving the money to the tax man, give some to Open House so we can continue our good work.
3. We need your support, this year we are looking at an 100K deficit.

THE PAST

This year Open House celebrates its 45th birthday.

Backyard Sports also celebrates 10 years.

We have been in the business of helping people for a long time but for this to continue we need your support.

THE FUTURE

We could just sit back and focus on the past but we can't keep looking back we need to look forward to the future. Yes, we can learn from the past but we can't dwell on it. We are going forward in faith building on our solid foundations. We

have just produced our strategic plan for the next five years but to fulfill everything on it we need to raise more funds. For example, our minibuses are very tired and need to be replaced this will approximately cost 65K each.

That said as we have our own premises without a mortgage this means our costs are relatively low. The majority of our costs are staff salaries, which equates to approximately 88% of our expenses. However our staff, which I hope you will agree are very good value for money and we could not provide such a great service without them. So at the end of the financial year please dig deep and help us to continue this great work.

Paul Burgess
CEO

Thank-you

We would like to thank Gospel Resources who have given \$40,000 to further support our youth services. The team at Gospel Resources have been long time supporters and we are very grateful for their generosity.



"Committed to service, change and hope in God's world"

PROGRAM UPDATES

Six participants and three team members embarked on a wet but exciting Easter Camp to the Gums Camping Ground in Kinglake. It rained most of the time, however participants never once complained and everyone chipped in, helped with the cooking, cleaning and setting up camp.

Participant feedback highlighted that; the game capture the flag, Potjie (South African hot pot) and celebrating Daniels 16th birthday were the highlights of camp.

Fun and laughter were the key takeaways from the camp however some participants struggled with payment, so if you are interested in sponsoring a participant in the future, please contact Brett Ross/Steve Marks in the YWMP on 9450 7600.

New Staff: Bec Cole

I have recently joined the youth team at Open House and I am very excited about the future. I have already heard of the lives that have been impacted by the wonderful programs that are offered at Open House, and I cannot wait to see the many more lives that will be changed because of God and the dedicated staff and volunteers. The future of the Open House youth programs is bright and the team cannot wait to expand these programs and create even more outreach within the local community.





NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS EVER WASTED

We are very grateful for those donors who in the past have remembered Open House and have given generously. There are a number of ways to financially support Open House including donations and bequests. Both are vital to the long term success of Open House. Naming Open House in your will or contacting us to donate is not difficult and you can designate any amount you wish. As you make plans for the end of financial year we hope you keep Open House in mind. If you would like any more information on bequest or donations please contact Anne at reception 9450 7600

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