



ARMIDALE YOUTH FUTURES INC

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INSPIRING HOPE AND PURPOSE

2015: A BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD

This year is shaping up to be one of the best in the life of AYF. On the back of some very positive meetings with the principals of the high schools, who were full of praise for the way SRE was conducted in their schools in 2014, we're again looking forward to serving the school communities by providing an excellent SRE program complimented with a range of extra activities. This coincides with the extension of Les's employment to 5 days a week to meet the extra work load.

But to truly look forward to a bright year, we ask that you as a supporter would join us in praying that God will open many doors and soften many hearts, that the next generation who are hearing of Jesus through SRE classes and the ministry of AYF, would come to know Jesus and have their lives captivated by his cause.



ANTICS AT THE WORD OF LIFE NIGHT.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Prayer Breakfast – Saturday February 28th 8-9:30am at the Baptist Church.
- Fund Raising Dinner – 28th March at Ex Services Club.

SWITCH ON CAMP

At the beginning of November we set off for a weekend at Green Valley Farm with 15 Year 7 and 8 students in tow. It was a beautiful sunny weekend and Green Valley Farm was a great new venue, especially with the waterslide to cool us down and entertain us.

Over the weekend we were joined by a number of youth leaders, primarily from YSPY, Gravity Youth and Young Life who were able to make meaningful connections to their ministries that enable youth to grow their faith. It was such a joyful and encouraging time as every student that came along made some big strides in their growing faith.



SEMINARS

In 2014 AYF negotiated a new seminar program for Years 9 and 10 students. This began in the later part of the year and will be fully realised in 2015.

The program consists of 5hrs per term of seminar time for each Year 9 and 10 student enrolled in SRE.

A key difference between SRE seminars and regular classes is that seminars mean taking on a whole year group (as many as 100 students) at one time and often having them for upwards of 2 hours twice a term.

In running these seminars our goal is to have one outside organisation come and present the seminars each term. This adds interest and excitement to the program often being accompanied by an evening activity for either parents or students. In Term 3 of 2014 Word of Life conducted a World Cup night with games and a really challenging message with 140 teenagers attending and in Term 4 Marc Ersleben from U Chooz ran an evening for parents.

The majority of the seminars are run locally by Les and given this difference, AYF has sought the support of a number of helpers to be able to facilitate, comprising mainly of youth pastors, UNE students and retirees.

In 2015 a seminar will be held each Friday. If you're interested in helping, please contact Les on 0428111985.



RESPONSE FORM: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE- GREAT NEED.



During 2014 the form and hours of SRE in the high schools finally came to a resolution. The emphasis of work now for the management committee is around support and oversight of Les and financial management.

Due to changing circumstances of a number of the committee members we have had a number of resignations and are currently down to 5 men. We are therefore really searching for at least 2 women who have a heart for this type of ministry to join the committee.

Around the AYF committee we've been blessed with the provision of people able and willing to lend the time, energy and expertise in running the major events of the year.

Through their ongoing support this year we will again run our major fundraisers, our dinner on March 28th and our garage sale in September.

If you think you can serve on the Management Committee or help at one of our major fundraising events, please contact AYF President Rob Dewhurst on 6775-1727.

PLEASE PRAISE GOD FOR ...

- The wonderfully successful switch on camp.
- The improved relationships with the schools.
- New arrangements for the delivery of SRE to Years 9&10.

Thank you

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- A large majority of students to elect to do SRE.
- That the momentum created in 2014 continues into 2015.



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