



YHA DONATION AND BEQUEST PROGRAM



Your gift to YHA and the youth of Australia.

Celebrating over 75 Years of YHA in Australia

Since 1939, when the first youth hostel opened in Australia, at Warrandyte in the Victorian bush, YHA has been enabling Australians of all ages to venture out and appreciate the countryside. Long before the term 'sustainable tourism' was coined, YHA was running remote hostels to give young Australians a taste of the country, and to teach them respect for our unique environment.

YHA Through Time

YHA was founded in Australia at a meeting in Melbourne Town Hall in 1939. For decades YHA has provided a positive environment where young people can see the world in an uplifting light. The first youth hostels were often decommissioned huts or disused houses. These humble shelters were redecorated by eager volunteers, to provide simple, inexpensive accommodation to complement outdoor pursuits.

YHA Today

Today, YHA provides affordable accommodation in rural and metropolitan locations to young people from Australia and over 80 different countries. YHA also has a Small YHA Hostels Development Fund, to assist with establishing and improving smaller, regional hostels. YHA has several such hostels, for example at Apollo Bay, the Grampians, Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Heights, Mount Lofty in the Adelaide Hills, Pittwater in Sydney and Thredbo. YHA believes it is often the simple things in life that are the most rewarding. YHA

also recognises the organisation's responsibility to show leadership in protecting the environment and educating others in sustainability issues.

Small YHA Hostels Development Fund

YHA's Small YHA Hostels Development Fund was set up for the purpose of providing capital funds to smaller, regional properties that are much-loved by our Australian members, but that do not generate the necessary funds themselves for improvements. YHA is calling upon loyal members to consider donating to the Small YHA Hostels Development Fund, to help invest in environmentally-sensitive small, regional hostels in Australia. Your contribution would be applied to YHA's Small Hostels Development Fund, to enable current and future generations to appreciate the Australian outdoors.

Building Memories

YHA does not just build hostels, but also memories in the minds of our members. We hope that you have fond memories of warm nights around an open fire, sharing adventure stories - or of climbing the peaks of mountain ranges you never knew existed? You may still enjoy friendships that were formed over a hostel breakfast table, as you made tea and toast together. You will have seen some beautiful sights that made you proud to be Australian.

Your support for YHA means that more young people will find those special places and build the same kind of happy memories. They will explore and experience unique places in Australia, often making life-long friendships founded on ideals of equality and environmental awareness. They will also know more about their own country should they travel throughout the rest of the world using YHA hostels.

You can turn your memories into a lasting gift to young people. A donation of money or a bequest is a wonderful way to support worthwhile organisations such as YHA. Your generosity will make a genuine difference, and we would like to thank all our supporters, past, present and future.

Donations & Bequests

The following wording has been provided by YHA's solicitor to assist those who would like to support YHA by making a bequest:

"I bequeath to YHA the sum of \$..... to be used for the general purposes of the organisation and I direct that the receipt of the Executive Officer or Treasurer shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors who shall not be bound to proceed with the application of the proceeds."

If your solicitor would like to contact YHA's solicitor, the contact person is Denis Williams of Whitehead Cooper Williams, 30 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (Phone: 02 9264 3000).

If you would like to make a donation to YHA, or are thinking about including a bequest to YHA in your will, please email yha@yha.com.au or phone (02) 9261 1111.

