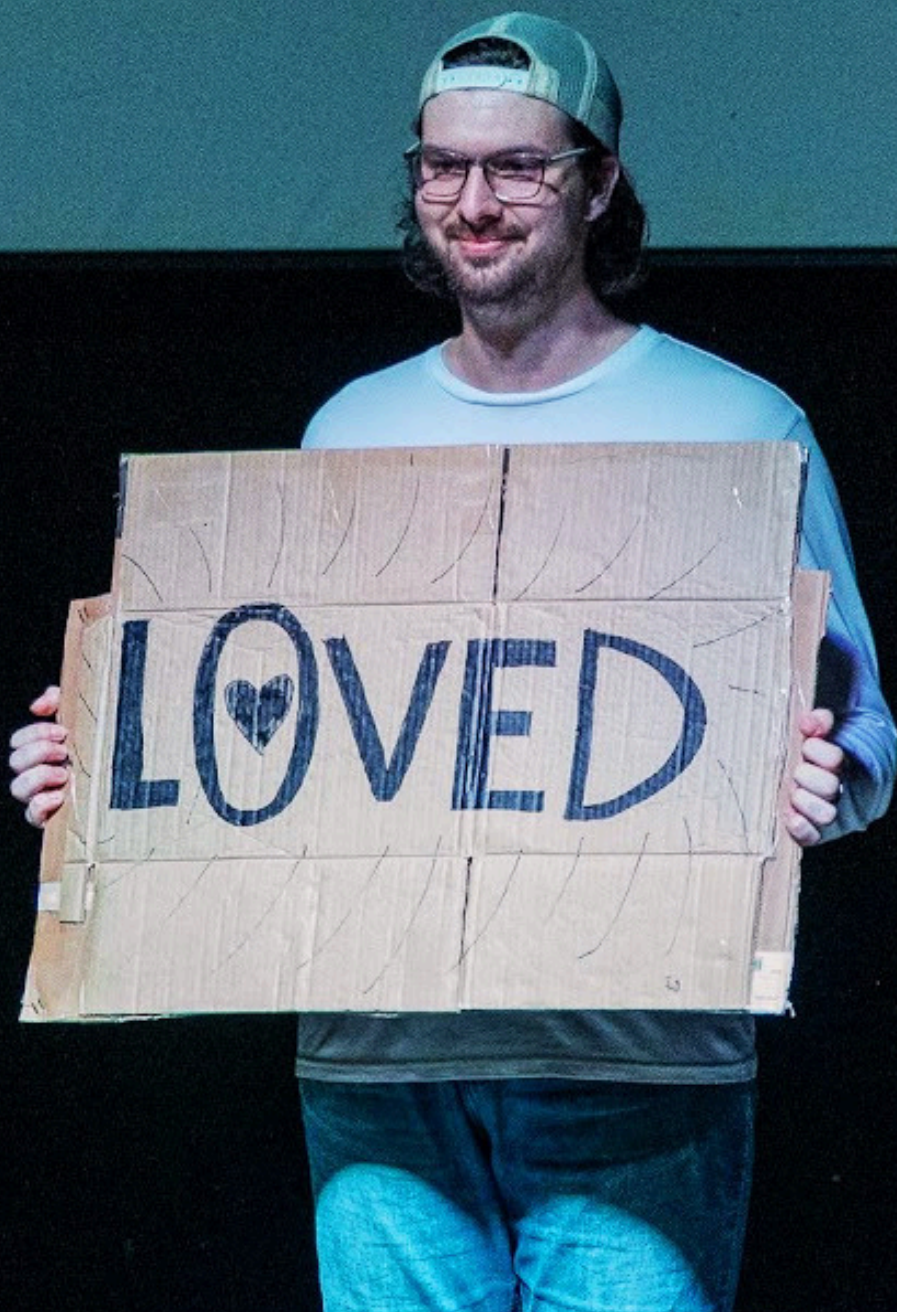




**GROWING TOGETHER.
REACHING EVERY KID.**

Dear friends,

Thank you for your generous support throughout the 2025-2026 financial year. Whether you gave through our End of Financial Year Appeal, volunteered your time, prayed faithfully, or encouraged our ministry in other ways, you are helping create spaces where young people are known, valued, and invited into authentic community. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

As you read this edition, you'll see how your partnership is making a difference across Australia. From launching new ministries and equipping new leaders to strengthening local communities and preparing for another Summer Camp, every story reflects what is possible when we work together to ensure every young person is known, valued and given the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

Thank
you!



Investing in New Leaders Across the Pacific

From 13–17 July, Young Life Asia Pacific celebrated an exciting milestone by hosting its first New Staff Training designed specifically for the Pacific Region. Held in Sydney, the training brought together four new staff members for a week of learning, collaboration and encouragement.

Yadah Cruz, Sharon Johnson, Jason Lal and Sam Millar participated in practical workshops, ministry discussions and hands-on training as they prepared to serve young people across the Pacific.

The week was led by Robbie Yasi from the Asia Pacific Learning Team, Kelly Winiata (Country Director, Young Life Australia) and Mike Cruz (Sydney Area Director).

Investing in leaders is one of the most significant ways we strengthen ministry for the future, and we are excited to see the lasting impact these new staff members will have in their communities.



Capernaum Launches in Armidale

This quarter marks the exciting launch of Young Life Capernaum in Armidale.

Capernaum is Young Life's ministry alongside young people living with disabilities and neurodivergence. It creates places where every teenager is known, valued and given opportunities to experience genuine friendship, adventure and the love of Jesus.

The launch represents an important step forward as we continue expanding ministry opportunities for every young person. We are incredibly grateful for the local leaders, volunteers and supporters whose vision and commitment have made this possible.

As this ministry begins, we invite you to pray for the young people and families who will become part of the community, for volunteer leaders building meaningful relationships, and for opportunities to share hope through everyday moments.

Current Need: We're seeking to raise \$2,000 to establish and support this new ministry. younglife.org.au/give-new-england

Growing Momentum in Hobart

Young Life Hobart continues to build relationships through the simple yet powerful ministry of showing up consistently.

Each Friday morning, volunteer leaders serve pancakes at two local schools before classes begin, creating welcoming spaces where students feel seen, valued and known. These weekly moments have become opportunities for genuine conversations, trust and lasting relationships.

Today, the team knows more than 60 young people by name.

These relationships are creating exciting momentum as the Hobart team prepares to relaunch Young Life Club. More than simply starting another programme, this represents the natural next step in relational ministry, creating another place where young people can experience being known and loved.



Inspiring a Volunteer Movement in Blacktown

This quarter, volunteer leaders from across Blacktown gathered for a local Training Day focused on equipping leaders to continue reaching young people through relational ministry.

As the ministry continues to grow, investing in volunteers remains one of our highest priorities. Healthy, supported leaders create healthy ministry, and it is encouraging to see new volunteers stepping forward to serve teenagers in one of Australia's fastest-growing communities.

Welcome Jason to the Team

We're excited to welcome Jason Lal to the Young Life team as a Staff Associate serving in Blacktown. Jason first discovered Young Life through Summer Camp and was inspired by its commitment to relational ministry and reaching young people where they are. Having experienced the impact of adults who faithfully invested in his own life, Jason is passionate about consistently showing up, building authentic relationships, and sharing the hope of Jesus with young people across Western Sydney.

Please join us in praying for Jason and all our staff and volunteer leaders as they continue creating places where every young person is known, valued and encouraged.

"It's about consistently showing up and knowing that God is at work." – Jason Lal





Gap Year Program

Our six-month Gap Year Program is off to a wonderful start, with the first Intensive Weekend held in Armidale. The three participants came together for a weekend of discipleship, leadership development and ministry training, immersing themselves in teaching, reflection and shared experiences. Already, the program has challenged and stretched each participant – at times even bringing them to tears – as they grow in faith, character and resilience.

While each of the three participants is at a different stage in their journey with God, it has been inspiring to see their willingness to lean into the process, encourage one another and wholeheartedly commit to what God is teaching them. We look forward to seeing how He continues to shape their lives over the months ahead.



Campaigners Flourishing in Redlands

One of the most encouraging stories this quarter comes from Redlands. When the team began rebuilding ministry earlier this year, launching a Campaigners group was considered a possibility for later in the year. Instead, the opportunity came much sooner than expected.

A group of students approached their school chaplain asking if they could start a Bible study on campus. The school's leadership enthusiastically supported the idea, opening the door for Young Life Campaigners to begin meeting inside the high school.

A call for volunteers resulted in six local leaders stepping forward to serve each week. The group welcomed around a dozen students on its first week and quickly grew to more than twenty students attending regularly.

It has been a wonderful reminder that God often opens doors beyond what we imagine. As students invited friends, school leaders offered support, volunteers stepped forward and Young Life responded, a new ministry has taken shape through a shared willingness to take the next faithful step together.



Strengthening the Backbone of Ministry

While ministry continues to happen in schools and communities across Australia, significant work is also taking place behind the scenes.

Our Operations and Support teams are currently:

- developing a new Young Life Australia website;
- implementing a new youth ministry database;
- preparing for Summer Camp registrations;
- completing insurance and compliance reviews; and
- strengthening organisational systems that support ministry nationwide.

These projects may happen behind the scenes, but they help ensure our local staff and volunteer leaders are equipped with the tools, systems and support they need to focus on what matters most – building relationships with young people.

If you are interested in supporting these behind the scenes endeavours please let us know!

Join Our Team

Young Life Australia is currently seeking passionate leaders to join our ministry team.

Current opportunities include:

- Hobart Area Director
- Barossa Valley Area Director

If you, or someone you know, is interested in investing in the lives of young Australians through relational ministry, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact
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more information.





Around the World: Lithuania Summer Camp

Young Life Australia is part of a global movement reaching young people in more than 100 countries, and this quarter we're celebrating an incredible ministry milestone from Lithuania.

The first summer camp of the season welcomed 55 young people, including 24 attending for the very first time. Alongside 30 Lithuanian leaders and four international volunteers, campers enjoyed days filled with canoeing, Airsoft, sport, water fights and meaningful conversations about life and faith.

Most encouraging of all, 27 young people made a first-time commitment to follow Jesus, with another 17 recommitting their lives to Him. We thank God for the faithful leaders serving in the Baltics and for the life-changing impact of camps like these. Thank you for partnering with Young Life's global mission through your prayers and support.

Around the World: Montenegro Summer Camp

We're also celebrating the impact of Young Life ministry in the Balkans, where 24 campers gathered for a week of adventure, friendship and faith in Montenegro. Camp began with energetic team games that quickly helped campers connect with their cabin groups and leaders. Reflecting the unity of the global Young Life family, the volunteer leadership team included leaders from Russia, Ukraine, Poland and Montenegro, all serving together to create a welcoming and life-giving camp experience.

Throughout the week, young people experienced genuine care, fun and opportunities to hear about the love of Jesus. As camp has now concluded, we invite you to pray for local leaders Dime, Kristina and their volunteer team as they continue building relationships with these young people and encourage them to keep exploring faith back home.



Join us in prayer

We would like to invite you to pray with us for this ministry. Prayer comes first before all we do. Join us at the start of each month.

Join up here:

Pray for YL:

forms.office.com/r/EST2Zrzpud

Our next meeting will be in October

Global Week of Prayer

6-13 September

Young Life International will unite for a Global Week of Prayer.

Throughout the week we will intentionally pray for young people, volunteer leaders, staff and communities across the globe. We invite you to join us as we seek God's guidance and blessing for the year ahead.

[Let us know you are praying](#)



Summer Camp 2027

Planning is well underway for Summer Camp 2027, taking place 11-16 January, Jindabyne NSW.

Expressions of Interest are now open, with registrations launching in the coming weeks.

Visit our website for more information:
younglife.org.au/events



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