



Seymour Fun Centre!



What?

- Imagine a place in Seymour where kids, youth and families get together and have a good time. A place that may have different types of activities at different times of day. A daytime playgroup space and Toy Library, afternoon youth hangout, evening Movie nights or pool competitions. There may be mini-golf, rock climbing, craft, large screen gaming, Air Hockey/Pool/Table Tennis and of course a Café with Ice Creams ...

Who are we?

- We are a group of locals working to create a permanent “Fun Centre” for young people and their families in Seymour with activities like a Play Centre, Rock Climbing and Mini Golf. We are backed by Scripture Union Victoria (<https://www.suvic.org.au>), an organisation with Christian Foundations that works from Asset Based Community Building principals; helping children, young people and families to discover life.

Why?

- I moved to Seymour in 2018 to take up a community connections role with the Uniting Church. I started by researching needs in the community. One that jumped out was the need for a safe place for young people and families to gather, particularly in the hot summer and cold winter months when being outdoors is less enticing. Why do we need to travel for an hour for family friendly fun?
- Help young people and families to discover life – physically, socially and spiritually.

How? - A community owned and operated social enterprise.

- Community Owned - Seymour locals having ownership of the business. Not just one or two people with the money to invest, but larger numbers of locals all taking a smaller ownership stake, much like community owned supermarkets or pubs.
- Community Operated – Local people able to respond to local needs, with direct interest in providing activities their own kids/grandkids will want to use. Providing an employment option for young people in town with roles such as customer service, catering, cleaning, management ...
 - Imagine if the café could also be a training facility!
- Social Enterprise – A business run with a purpose of positive impact in the community. The aim is community building, not making money, yet it cannot be a money pit. Profits would be invested back into the business or to fund other community projects to improve the lives of young people and their families in Seymour and surrounds.

Next Steps?

- Grow our team of people with a heart to provide a “Fun Centre” for young people in Seymour.
- Research what may work, where it could happen, funding required, legal structures etc.
- Trial events and learn as we go.
 - We are working towards running our second Seymour Fun Day on 27 September 2024.

If this is a project that excites you, please make contact and let's make it happen in our community.