

MITTAGUNDI

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

SUMMER 2023/2024



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DIRECTORS REPORT

It's time to say goodbye to 2023 which largely involves saying goodbye to Tully, Raph, Jack, Lil and Matthew, our 2023 leaders. It also means saying goodbye to the antics, laughs, jokes, highs and lows that were shared in 2023 as we create a new space for 2024. In case anyone is wondering, yes, it's challenging to say goodbye to 2023 when you've worked together, lived together and shared a Mittagundi experience for a whole year together. Then to suddenly part ways is only imaginable until you've experienced it yourself, like many in the Mittagundi community have. Then to continue moving forward for another year, with little breathing room, is something mostly only directors will have experience with. Thankfully for Michael and I, we've had the support from a new team of leaders, a supportive and understanding council and community to do this. We've also had continued encouragement from the 2023 leaders and our family and friends. With all that support, it's hard not to be ready and excited for what 2024 brings and boy are we excited and ready!

Since you last heard from us, we've had Woodchop Follow Up, Christmas, New Years, two 10 Day Programs (one of which is when we welcomed some of the 2024 leaders) leading straight into the festival/open day, said goodbye to the 2023 leaders and then we've had 2 months of training with some of our new 2024 team leaders. So, we haven't been up to much really. Although we did have a successful handover period. The 2023 team worked hard to get their job areas to a great standard and then to record it all and update their job area folders ready to pass it all over to the 2024 team and teach them what they know. This happened simultaneously to the running of the second January 10 Day Program and festival prep thanks to our amazing volunteers who jokingly became the third team during that time. This all meant that our 2024 leaders have been set up well going into their year.

Speaking of our 2024 leaders, we have Wil, Cailey, Sophie, and Sally. Wil was the first to join the scene as a volunteer in 2023 who just seemed unable to leave Mittagundi and when we finally got him out, he went straight to volunteering at Wollangarra until he could come back to volunteering for Mittagundi. Cailey was next on the scene, all the way from Wodonga. She has been studying outdoor education through TAFE, had volunteered at Wollangarra, and decided that a year at Mittagundi was what she wanted to be doing in 2024. Sophie was next, she interviewed from Melbourne as an ex young person who had finished 4 years of university and had decided that being a Mittagundi leader for 2024 was a good decision before continuing on to do her masters. Sally was around Mittagundi in 2023 as a volunteer and ex young person of both Wollangarra and Mittagundi. Michael and I had tried to convince her last year to become a leader to no prevail. Until we finally got a call out of the blue (as we believed she had her 2024 plans set in stone) saying she wants to defer her TAFE studies for a year and become a 2024 leader!

We've all been training together and going through the 'forming' stage with no sign of the 'storming' stage yet (bring it on). Getting ready for our first program at the end of the month and settling into 2024 life at Mittagundi.

A year or few at Mittagundi is not without its challenges but why would anyone be here if it was easy? Michael and I are hoping to see some more interest in the 2025+ directorship as we continue setting the groundwork for the new directors. We have been working hard towards a great handover, putting a lot of time into the business model, logistics and procedures. Now we just need the people to take over from us and lead Mittagundi into the second half of the decade.

2025 Directorship

Mittagundi is looking for director/s for the next directorship which will start in 2025. Michael and Dani (our current Directors) are happily committing to their second year here at Mittagundi and one of their visions is setting the groundwork for the next Directors. If you're interested in directing as an option for you or someone you know, feel free to get in touch with Mike via chair@mittagundi.org.au for a friendly discussion or to set up a date and time to visit Mittagundi.

2024 STAFF TEAM

Will Auld



Wil joins the 2024 team all the way from Idaho in the States and brings with him experience from working various outdoor jobs back home. Wil is also a keen advocate for outdoor education and its benefits for young people. This year at Mittagundi he endeavours to provide young people with similar outdoor experiences to when he was younger. Wil is most excited to learn and use his skills in relation to plumbing, pigs, the forge and doing the dishes. You will find him with a guitar in hand, talking about how he wishes the weather was colder and giving every job around the farm a crack.

Cailey Scott



Cailey joins the team from the nearby Victorian region. She has been studying Outdoor Education for the last 4 years and is super keen to be working in the industry. Cailey has been dreaming about working at Mittagundi for a few years and is so excited to finally be here. This year at Mittagundi Cailey is looking forward to learning with and from young people and sharing with them, her love for the outdoors. Cailey is most excited about maintaining the garden, learning how to build/fix fences, look after the animals and learn how to raft. You will find Cailey awkwardly dancing around the kitchen table, drawing, and trying to learn the ins and outs of Mittagundi.

Sophie Robinson



Sophie comes to Mittagundi from Melbourne, where she has just finished her Bachelor degree in Linguistics. As an ex-young person, she is keen to get back to Mittagundi to challenge herself and give back to the community. Sophie is looking forward to positively influencing young people in relation to looking after the environment. This year Sophie is excited to learn and apply her knowledge out in the orchard and garden, wishing to maintain the huge efforts from the 2023 team. You will find Sophie fulfilling her duties as chicken mum and also getting super excited to learn all farm related jobs.

Sally Freeman-Smith



Sally is the newest member of the 2024 team and joins us from Castlemaine. As an ex-young person and frequent volunteer of both Wollangarra and Mittagundi Sally brings with her valuable knowledge and experience. Working at Mittagundi was always on the cards for Sally, fortunately for us, 2024 is the year. This year Sally is excited to give young people unique experiences, similar to those she was fortunate enough to experience. Learning to milk and getting to know the horses is high on the agenda for Sally this year. You will find Sally jamming on the guitar or working on a crochet or knitting project.

Dani Donovan



Dani is back at Mittagundi for her second year as a director! Dani is excited to continue to call this beautiful place her home for one more year. Directing alongside Michael, the 2024 staff team, the cows, the chickens, the horses, the kangaroos and so much more, she is looking forward to all the highs (and the lows). Dani really enjoys rafting, abseiling, and even hiking with young people (which she may not admit to often). When not doing these things, you can find her trying to work out the farm life, admin life balance.

Michael Donovan



Michael is also back at Mittagundi for his second year co-directing with Dani! Michael was program manager in 2014 and has decided to come back. Which is about time as he has spent the last 8 years in New Zealand talking about Mittagundi endlessly with family and friends. Michael loves early mornings, negotiating with the chainsaws, and playing games with cows. He then loves to hit the pillow as the sun goes down, so he can wake up again in the morning and do it all again.

GOODBYE 2023

As we entered the new year at Mittagundi, we had to say our goodbyes to the 2023 team. We would like to say a massive thank you to the outgoing staff of 2023! Lil, Tully, Raph, Jack and Matthew, you all have left an incredible mark on Mittagundi, its young people and the community. Thank you all for your sacrifice, determination and passion for this place and its people. We all wish you the best for your next adventures and hope to see your faces back up here sometime in the future!



Raph is back in France, completing her internship so she can complete her Engineering degree after having taken a break to become a 2023 Mittagundi leader. She is loving the French coffee, cheese, wine, and French food in general. She's still in touch, reminiscing 2023 and keeping us all up to date on her life in France.

Tully is floating around, catching up on and enjoying the freedom to go anywhere, be anywhere and do anything. We may see her back at Mittagundi in April for the Alpine walk before she continues up the country most likely landing in Alice Springs for work and leisure.

Lil, similarly, to Tully is enjoying the freedom whilst planning and executing the 2024 Alpine Walk. Lil will be back at Mittagundi in April as she and Jack are leading the Alpine walk with 9 of our young people from Mittagundi and Wollangarra. After this, she plans on heading up to Alice Springs for work and leisure.

Jack has gone back to Melbourne to complete his final year at university. Whilst starting the semester, he has also been planning and executing the 2024 Alpine Walk alongside Lil and will be back at Mittagundi in April to lead the walk. After this, he will no doubt return to Melbourne to continue studying for the rest of the year.

Matthew has gone to work in New South Wales for OEG as his plan was to continue living and working in Australia for as long as he can/until another opportunity arises. He's closer to the beach and still working in outdoor education which is what he wanted to be doing post Mittagundi.



SUMMER PROGRAMS



Program #505

The kitchen was absolutely humming with goodies and great meals while the boys from program #505 were at Mittagundi. We prepared for the woodchop program and also got to chop wood while they were at it. The boys had excellent weather for their rafting, abseiling and hiking days. Plenty of frisbee was played especially on hike and the views from Mt Nelse on day 9 were brilliant! Thank you to all 22 boys for a great program from start to finish!

Program #506

We had young people from Tassie, New Zealand, from Queensland and all over Victoria and NSW attend this program. The hike in was wet, but nothing this program of young people couldn't handle! The hike out had much better weather and the sunset and sunrise at Octopus tree were some of the best! 21 young people hiked in, and 21 young people hiked out. Thank you program #506!



Program #507

In January, the 2023 team ran their last 10- Day program with the help of the incoming 2024 team and plenty of vollies. The group was greeted by an extra two days on the farm due to severe weather warnings, however, the group made the most of this opportunity! The young people put in a massive effort to help the Mittagundi crew prepare for Mitta fest and their hard work was greatly appreciated! The group all participated in the 'Orchard Bananza' and cleared out so many weeds from the orchard. The group also had a blast of a time out at the abseiling site and rafting down the Mitta Mitta. Some keen young people were also invited to help out at Tess and Graeme's, helping split wood and move soil. Thank you for your awesome energy program 6
507!

WOOD CHOP 2023



Filled with familiar faces! Young people ready to chop wood (most at least)! There's not much to say really, we all know that it was a brilliant follow up as it always is and it's all there in the title. However, if you'd like to go into detail, here's how woodchop 2023 went:

We picked up 24 keen young people, of course no less because who would want to miss out on woodchop?! We had lunch in Albury before heading to Mittagundi. We arrived to Mittagundi, the young people settled back into their cabins, for some, their second home. We had a great first night's dinner, followed by washup and called it a night knowing we'd be up at the crack of dawn already sweating from chopping copious amounts of wood.

Well, not quite. We got up the next morning, had breakfast, did wash up, played a morning group game and then split into our jobs for the day, wood chop, kitchen and garden. Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea all got consumed and then we'd conclude the day with dinner and washup.

We rinsed and repeated for another two days and then on day number 5, we woke up, had breakfast, did washup, took our group photo and began saying our goodbyes and Christmas/New Years wishes before departing back to Albury and concluding the Woodchop Follow Up Program.

ALOT of fun was had, A LOT of wood moved and chopped, A LOT of bays in the woodshed filled, A LOT of happy people at Mittagundi

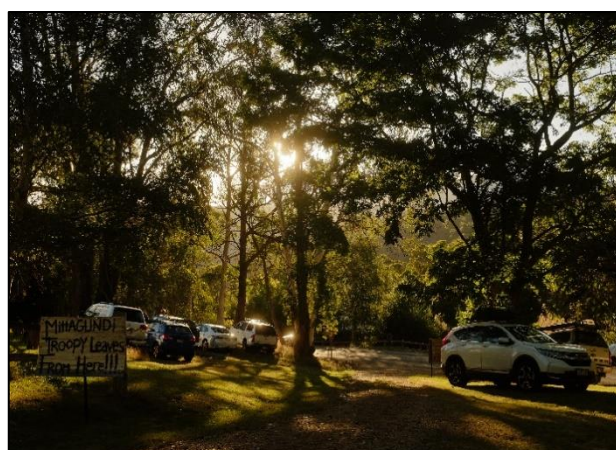
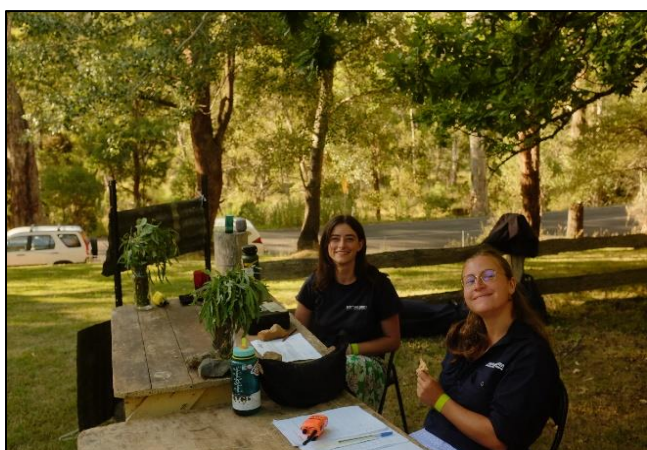


OPEN DAY/FESTIVAL 2024

We had a busy and fantastic start to 2024, running a 10-Day Program and then going straight into Festival weekend! We would like to say a massive thank you to the 2023 leaders, volunteers, and the young people from program #507 for the hard work to prepare for festival!

The property was busy with so many tasks getting ticked off such as the hanging of bunting, hanging of lights, setting up tents, figuring out PA systems, food preparation, mowing and snipping grass, moving wood and so much more! We are super grateful for every set of hands that helped in any way pre festival, during festival and post festival, specific thankyou's can be found below.

The atmosphere started building on the Friday night as people started arriving for the bush dance. It was amazing to see so many community members, ex-staff, family, and friends attending the event. The kitchen was underway, and an assortment of barbeque food and tasty pizzas kept all bush dance goers fed, thank you kitchen crew. We were fortunate enough to welcome the Briagolong Bush Band back for another year of brilliant entertainment! We could not believe how many people could fit in the hall and were dancing away to such lively music.



We also had the annual Festival auction, run by Tex Hallam. We would like to thank him for getting up and giving being auctioneer a red-hot crack! We auctioned off a range of pieces such as an embroidered jumper, quilted blanket, woven baskets and many more amazing pieces, thank you to everyone who contributed. The day was also filled with open mic music, where we had many talented individuals perform some lovely pieces for the crowd. We also had a handful of awesome demonstrators who were able to showcase their crafts to festival goers and pass on their knowledge. We had Richard in the Forge demonstrating blacksmithing techniques, Andy who was demonstrating axe work, and we also had Brian and Ian demonstrating bush carpentry woodwork, big thank you for your time and energy! We also had the epic 'Mittagundi Olympics', where people from all different parts of the community had a crack at various events such as the crosscut saw, telephone run, porridge eating etcetera. Many laughs were shared throughout the events, featuring a healthy dose of rivalry.

As the sun began to set everyone got to indulge in a variety of various salads, roast veggies, and meat. After dinner the speeches began and we said an official goodbye to the staff of 2023, who managed to bring so much life to Mittagundi over their year! We had a recap of the year from chair, Mike Heff, who handed over to Michael, who said his thankyou's to 2023 and also welcomed the 2024 staff.



The 2024 festival was a great success and demonstrated how strong the Mittagundi community is. It was incredible to witness how many people have dedicated time, energy, resources, etcetera, to ensure this magical place carries on. We would again like to thank every single person that has contributed in any way to Mittagundi and thank you for your continual support! We had a blast at festival and hope you all did too!

2024 TRAINING PERIOD



A day out on the rock for Abseil Training!



Raft Guide training on the Snowy!



Practicing our navigation skills in Maffra North!



Cutting some logs for chainsaw training!

ON THE FARM

CHOOKS

We have welcomed one baby chick! Their name is Raph, and they are growing up so fast! We are getting 4-5 eggs a day and hope to increase production. There has been specific focus on managing the chooks food intake, hopefully positively impacting their egg laying. Overall, the chooks are happy and healthy!

FENCES

The 2024 team have been getting out and learning the basics of fixing and building fences. Using their newly obtained skills to mend the dam paddock fence, the fence along the carport and a few others.

PLUMBING

There have been some plumbing jobs to attend to on the farm, including a burst pipe on the track to the carport. A trench had to be dug and the pipe replaced to successfully deal with the issue. The garden drippers are all still functioning well, ensuring that the garden beds are moist on hot days.

PIGS

Raphie and Patty were taken to the abattoir, put in the freezer, and then brought out for festival. The pigs were put on the spit and provided us with meat for all that attended Mitta fest. We have been on the search for some new piglets to join the farm and potentially have two arriving soon! We will be working on sprucing up the pig pen before their arrival.



HORSES

Our two horses, Arby and Winnie are being worked in the round yard or walked every second day. Arby is experiencing some soreness in his lower back and has been managed and attended to accordingly. Winnie is looking super fit and healthy, he is also getting worked on to maintain all the progress he has made during 2023. The 2024 team have been working with the horses to develop their skills and are excited to spend more time with them.

COWS

Our seven cows are all happy and have been enjoying roaming in the front paddock. Jakob and Jersey Girl have returned from a bull located near Omeo, with Jersey Girl being pregnant. This means we will be expecting a calf later in the year! Two of the cows Jakob and Jeanie have left the farm and will hopefully provide us with meat for most of this year. With their absence we are eagerly waiting on the the arrival of a milking cow.

GARDEN

The Mitta Garden is still producing cucumbers, tomatoes, massive summer squash and plenty of herbs as summer comes to an end. We have been enjoying making fresh salads with the lettuce, tomatoes, and herbs! We are currently trying to find more time to attend to the garden and give it the love it deserves. We have found time to do some mowing and weeding to try maintain the efforts from 2023. On our agenda is getting the composting bays active again and hopefully build some active worm farms!



COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

I would like start by acknowledging and thanking all the Mittagundi community for the support given to Mittagundi in 2023. What a fantastic year and how great it is to see Mittagundi absolutely thriving and providing opportunities for as many young people as we can. The year would not have been as successful if it were not for the above and beyond efforts of the incredible 2023 staff team. Matthew, Lil, Raph, Tully and Jack, thank-you so much for being fantastic Mittagundi leaders, for believing in Mittagundi and for providing great experiences to young people. I hope you are proud of yourselves – you should be, I know I am proud of you, and I feel very lucky to have met you and seen you at Mittagundi.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, Michael and Dani are into their second year at Mittagundi. We are incredibly lucky to have these two amazing directors and Mittagundi would not be in the very healthy place it is if not for their passion and commitment. Dani and Michael have committed to another year at Mittagundi to which we are very grateful for. This though is their last year and as such we need to start looking for our next director(s).

Mittagundi needs your help. Mittagundi is in a fantastic place, we have everything in place to continue providing meaningful experiences to young people (teenagers and young staff). What we need is a new director(s). If you are keen, if you know someone who is keen, if you know someone who you think would be suitable, please contact me. Also please share with as many people as you can that we are looking. If you are unsure if you would be suitable, please talk to us as we are very flexible, there are many things that are desirable, however the main one is that you have a passion to work with young people in the outdoors. Please go to the website to find the add and the job description. We would love to have a new director(s) sorted and ready to start at the commencement of 2025.

The Mittagundi council is also looking for someone to join the council who has legal experience. Helen Collins who has been on the council for a long time has made the decision to resign. Helen has been an incredible contributor to Mittagundi and there have been numerous times that Helens calm reasoned way has served Mittagundi well. Helen has gone from the council, but I suspect (well I know as we have already done so) that we will call on Helen for assistance. Of course, Helen has continued to help. Thanks heaps Helen, you are amazing. However, I'm sure Helen is keen for us to find someone, so again if you are keen or know someone, please contact me.

Lastly, I would just like to thank Dani and Michael. You both are incredible; I love how you direct Mittagundi and I really enjoy working with you and I am looking forward to the rest of your time at Mittagundi. Thank you.

Hope you are enjoying this beautiful autumn weather,

Regards,

Mike Heffernan



THANK YOUs!

There are many characters that make Mittagundi what it is, many of these people working quietly in the background. So, as we continue to collaborate with one another and build upon this wonderful community, here's a special thank you to those who have contributed in one or more ways in the past few months, in no order:

Thank you to...

- Charles for putting Jakob & Jersey Girl with your bull
- Volunteers on Program #505: Dom, Wil, Sam, Liam & Lil
- Woodchop Volunteers: Wil, Sam, Maya, Caitlyn, Jasper, Henry, Sophie, Pat
- Aly & Paul for caretaking over the Christmas break
- Adam for all your continuous help through 2023
- Volunteers for Program #506: Lucy, Gen, Louis
- Volunteers for Program #507 & Festival: Daire, Aly, Maya, David, Lucy, Sally, Lil & Louis
- Piper for the Festival Photography
- Sam & Alena for helping with the spit roast and support at festival
- David for photos, honey & cheese
- Pipas Bakery in Omeo for raffle donation
- Richard Neville from Omeo Petrol Station for raffle donation
- Paul Nichol for doing an Albury run
- Grant and Donna from the Golden Age in Omeo for raffle donation
- Aly for catering for Wilderness First Aid Training and helping with so many other things
- Bloggs for the help with our animals and your continuous support
- Roper family for use of hut
- Arnolds in Albury for helping us out in a crucial moment!
- Armstrong family for pizzas on Friday night of the festival
- Woll Stage 3's for all their help before and during the festival
- Alex Chapman for equipment donation
- Tex Hallam for running the auction
- Shannon White for basket donation
- Henry Rotherham for assisting with the auction
- Rotherham family for their getaway donation
- Kev McGennan for photo gifts
- Skermer family for generous lending of equipment
- Briagalong Bush Band for performing at the festival
- Wollangarra for shifting their fruit bottling
- Anna Winneke & Lucy Armstrong for blanket donation
- Demonstrators: Brian Beasley & Ian, Andy (from Indigo Woodworks) and Richard (from High Country Forge)
- Bec for helping cater for council weekend, support during festival and continuous emergency support
- Helen Collins for the years she has dedicated towards Mittagundi and her continuous help and support
- Mike Heff for all he has done, too much to list
- David Gibbs for attending council weekend
- Dan O'Brien for helping at the festival.

2024 UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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Listed below are the upcoming programs for 2024, please refer to the website for more information. **Spaces may become available on programs currently listed as 'Sold Out', so please keep checking the website to stay informed.**

- Boys 10 Day (April 26th – 5th May)
- Winter Follow Up (June 29th – 3rd July)
- Winter Open (July 6th – 12th July)
- Garden Party Follow Up (September 21st – 25th September)
- Mixed 10 Day (September 27th – 6th October)
- Girls 10 Day (October 21st – 30th October)
- Boys 10 Day (November 2nd – 11th November)
- Enterprise Follow Up (November 14th – 18th November)
- Mixed 10 Day (November 21st – 30th November)
- Mixed 10 Day (December 4th – 13th December)
- Woodchop Follow Up December 17th – 21st December)

There is also a Waitlist that you can place yourself onto. Available on the website.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1) Head to our website → Programs → 10 Day Programs → Book Now → Book Now & Pay by Credit Card. This option will take you through to our date options.
- 2) Select the program you'd like, fill in the details and make the payment.
- 3) Or click onto the waitlist option and add yourself to the waitlist if there are no spaces available on the program of your choice.

Please note that sponsorship options and/or payment plans are available upon request via the website.

To contact us, please email info@mittagundi.org.au (please note that we'll respond to your email when we can, we may just be out in the field for a few days).

If you call our landline (03 5159 7223) please leave a voicemail with your name and number so that we know you've called. This landline is monitored part-time and often not in business hours. Please leave a voicemail so we can get back to you ASAP. Or better yet email info@mittagundi.org.au.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Follow us on social media, we're on Facebook and Instagram, @mittagundi.

Volunteer at Mittagundi in 2024!

Mittagundi is passionate about providing opportunities for all to experience the outdoors and fall in love with the mountains. If this is something that interests you, then volunteering at Mittagundi may just be your cup of tea. It's a great way to be involved in a quality outdoor education program focusing on community, lifestyle, and personal values. A great place to stay in the mountains and a unique experience helping young people to learn and grow.

10-Day Programs and Follow Ups

We are always looking for enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to help throughout the year. Our 10-day programs run from September to May with shorter Follow Up programs interspersed. Spring and Autumn are particularly beautiful times to be up at Mittagundi and they are very productive times on the property too. There is always plenty to be done in the garden, with the animals and ensuring our programs run smoothly from behind the scenes. We would love your help and would welcome you warmly into the Mittagundi community.

Winter Volunteers for 2024

Our Winter courses are 5 and 9 days long and involve 3–4-day trips in the snow as well as time on the farm at Mittagundi. We require 2 volunteers per Winter program. There are many ways that people can help at Mittagundi during winter. Some volunteer helpers will go out on ski trips, some may be helping out at base milking cows, baking bread, chopping firewood and so on.

Come and work at Mittagundi!

Program Leader 2024

We are looking for just one more (male) Program Leader for 2024!

We are looking for applicants that have a passion for working with young people in an outdoor education and working farm environment. The position requires the leader to lead young people in outdoor adventure activities (cross country skiing, snow camping, hiking, white water rafting and abseiling), logistics activities in support of these activities, and farm-based projects (such as plumbing, fencing, gardening and so much more). Alongside a variety of training provided, the role offers the opportunity for self-growth and discovery in a unique environment, whilst living and working in the stunning alpine region of East Gippsland.

To enquire, apply or learn more, please visit our website: www.mittagundi.org.au or contact us on 03 5159 7223. As this is a landline, please leave a voicemail with your name and number so we know you've called and so we can get back to you ASAP.

Sponsorships

You may have seen that we've been working on sponsorships lately. We've wanted to focus more on ensuring that no young person misses out on Mittagundi due to finances, so we have revamped our sponsorship route, now offering 4 types of sponsorship:

- ¼ Sponsorship
- ½ Sponsorship
- ¾ Sponsorship
- Full Sponsorship

The current cost for a young person to attend a Mittagundi 10 Day Program is \$990.00.
How you could easily get involved with sponsorships:

Being a sponsor

You could specifically sponsor a young person. You could bring forward a young person you'd like to sponsor, or we could match you to young person who we know needs a sponsor.

Once off donation

Of any amount, to go specifically towards sponsorship which will end up in our sponsorship pool that we aim to keep healthy to be able to continue to offer sponsorships.

Regular donations

Of any amount, donating specifically towards sponsorships, which will end up in our sponsorship pool that we aim to keep healthy to be able to continue to offer sponsorships.

Donate to Mittagundi in your Will

Of any amount, clarifying that you'd like the funds to go towards sponsorship. On average, we could have up to four young people per program who select one of our sponsorship options. Whilst the financials are managed differently, their experience on our program is not and they walk away from their 10 Day Program feeling extremely grateful to their sponsor for the opportunity. A sincere thank you to all of our current sponsors for helping young people experience Mittagundi!

Sponsoring a Young Person is a great way to contribute to Mittagundi and to positively impact the lives of Young People who may not otherwise be able to attend a Mittagundi program. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards a part or full sponsorship, please visit the Mittagundi website at www.mittagundi.org.au.

Upcoming Events & Caretaking Dates

- Winter Working Bee (May 6th – 9th May)
- Winter Caretaking (May 25th – 24th June)
- HOP (date TBC, check website for updates)
- Spring Caretaking (September 6th – 14th September)
- Spring Working Bee (September 14th – 17th September)
- Christmas Caretaking (December 22nd – 1st January)
- Festival/Open Day 2025 (date TBC, check website for updates)

Caretaking involves taking care of our animals and the minimal day-to-day tasks that are required to keep Mittagundi operating. This is a great opportunity for a family or someone who wants to get away for a small holiday.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP, HERE'S HOW YOU CAN

RESOURCES WE'D LOVE

- Volunteers who could raid op shops (please email us if you can op shop for us! info@mittagundi.org.au) or please look for thermals, particularly large in size
- Long sleeved collared shirts (not cotton)
- Hiking boots: if you have a pair you're not using, please post them to us. We're looking for large sizes so if you know of a larger foot human who isn't using theirs anymore, please encourage them to donate them to us.
- Cross-country skis & Cross-country boots

If you can post these items to us, we'd be very grateful. Our postal address is 4385 Omeo HWY, Glen Valley, Vic, 3898.

If postage isn't an option, please email us (info@mittagundi.org.au) and we can try to organise pickups.

Mittagundi is a non-profit organisation that receives no funding from the Government. Our programs are heavily subsidised and we are reliant on a fantastic community of supporters for about 30% of our operational costs.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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I have made an electronic deposit to your Westpac Account of \$ _____
on ____/____/____ ACCOUNT DETAILS: Westpac Bairnsdale
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Please debit my: Visa/Mastercard Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: ____/____/____ CCV Number: _____

Signature: _____

DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA THE WEBSITE: <http://www.mittagundi.org.au/donate/>

WHAT IS MITTAGUNDI?

Mittagundi is an independent non-for-profit organization with outdoor programs available to all young people aged 14-17. It was established over 40 years ago with a commitment to provide opportunities for young people from all walks of life to live and enjoy the challenge of a remote and simple lifestyle.

The atmosphere at Mittagundi is simple, honest and happy. There are no watches, no timetables and no money. Instead, there is an opportunity for young people to live and work together in an environment where people matter more than anything else. Mittagundi is run by a professional and passionate team of volunteers and a whole community of support.

To book into a program or be involved with Mittagundi please visit our website www.mittagundi.org.au or contact us via emailing info@mittagundi.org.au