# **Young Communities**

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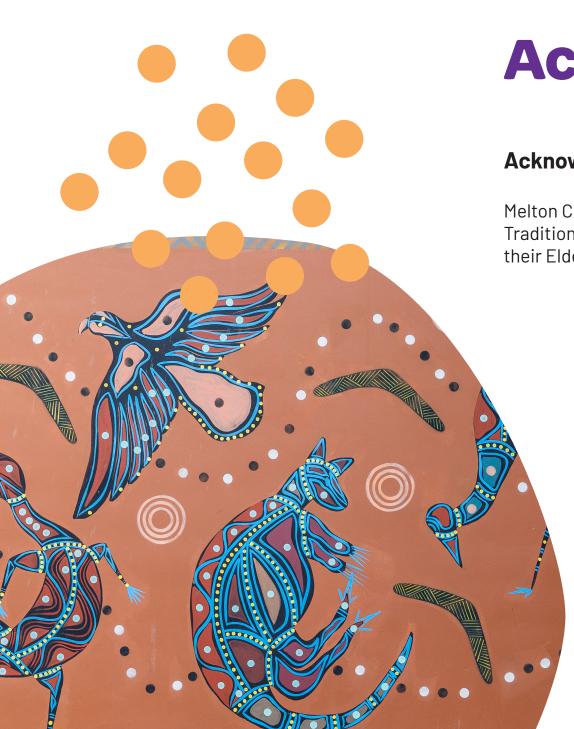
MELTON

**Melton Youth Centre** 

**Social Story** 







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I am going to visit Melton Youth Centre.

There is an accessible parking bay and assistance animals are welcome.



There are staff at the centre called Youth Workers.

Youth Workers give support and advice to young people.



Some things I can get help with at the centre include:

- problems at home
- problems with the law
- problems with friends
- housing issues
- mental health issues
- school and work issues
- sex and sexuality
- drug and alcohol problems.



Any support or advice I get from the centre is free.

Anything I talk about with a Youth Worker may be kept private.

This means Youth Workers may not tell others what we talk about without my permission, unless safety is at risk.



There are a few ways that I can get help from a Youth Worker at Melton Youth Centre:

- turn up to the centre between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday
- call the centre on 9747 5373 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday
- call a Youth Outreach Worker on 0409 746 089 between 6pm and 11pm, Friday and Saturday nights
- fill out a registration form for programs online.



There are toilets.

A Youth Worker can show me where they are.



The centre also runs programs and events, supported by Youth Workers.

Joining a program is a great way for me to meet new people and learn new skills.



The types of programs I might like to do are:

- drop-in nights
- LGBTIQA+ social and support groups
- leadership programs
- Youth Holiday Activities (YHA)
- recreational activities
- cultural activities.



Programs may change.

I can learn more about programs <u>online</u>.

I need to register for programs online. I can ask a Youth Worker for help.

I can bring my own Support Worker to a program if needed.



### During a program, I might visit:

- the Computer Lounge, where I can play games, do homework or go on the internet
- Launchpad, where I might do some gaming, or use the pool table or foosball table
- the Recreation Area, where I might participate in organised games and activities
- program spaces, where I might attend a workshop or meeting.



There is a kitchen where I might make something to eat or drink.



There is an outdoor area where I can relax or play basketball. Page 15 of 20

There is a music rehearsal space called Studio 193.

I need to call or book <u>online</u> to use Studio 193.



There might be lots of people at the centre.

I might hear music.

I might her noise from Launchpad or the Recreation Area.



To help with the noise, I might bring my earphones or ear buds.

I can ask a Youth Worker to show me a quieter space to relax.



Melton Youth Centre is a great place to get support and connect with people.



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6801 Youth Outreach Program

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