

FAQ's (frequently asked Questions).

Who or What are Y's Men International / Y Service Clubs and Y Service Clubs (Women)?



Y's Men International (Y Service Clubs International) is oriented to serving the worldwide YMCA and the communities in which it is present throughout the world.

The membership of the Association consists of affiliated local clubs known as Y's Men's Clubs, Y's Women's Clubs, Y's Men and Women's Clubs or Y Service Clubs. The membership of each local club consists of men or women or both. No one is denied membership status because of race, creed, colour or national origin.

The objectives of all affiliated clubs are:

1. To function primarily as service clubs for the YMCA.
2. To support other worthy organisations.
3. To encourage justice in civic and international affairs, abstaining always from party politics.
4. To keep members informed on and actively involved in religious, civic, economic, social and international matters.
5. To cultivate good fellowship.
6. To support International, Area and Regional projects of the Association.

Are they male only Clubs?

No.

While historically Y's Men's Club were male now many have become mixed gender Clubs. There are all female Y Service Clubs although none operate in Australia. Historically the Women in the Y Service Movement were known as Y's Menettes with a parallel structure and organisation which supported Y's Men International Projects. In Australia that role is still carried out but now they are known as Y Service Clubs (Women). They have their own organisation and run their own projects locally and internationally. Y Service (Women) contribute financially to Y Service International programs as well.

How big is the organisation?

World Wide the Organisation known as Y Service International operates in over 70 Countries.

How many Clubs are in Australia?

There are 13 Y Service Clubs across Australia and 6 Y Service (Women) Clubs.

Where are they Located?

Y Service International is represented in Australia by the following Clubs;

Central Coast Y's Men's Club
Adelaide Y Service Club
Ararat Y's Men's Club
Ballarat Y's Men's Club
Y Service Club of Bendigo
Bendigo South Y Service Club
Broken Hill Y's Men's Club
Y Service Club of Canberra
Eaglehawk Y Service Club
Y Service Club of Geelong
Y Service Club of Kangaroo Flat Inc.
Port Pirie Y's Men's Club
Y Service Club of Perth

Y Service Club (Women) are an integral part of the Y Service organisation in Australia and are represented by the following Clubs;

Ararat Y's Menettes Club
Bendigo Y Service Club -Women Inc.
Eaglehawk Y Service Club - Women Inc.
Geelong Ladies Y Service Club
Kangaroo Flat Y Service Club -Women Inc.
Lansell Y Service Club Women

How do I become a member?

Please use the contact details on this site or use the link <https://yserviceaustralia.com/> to contact your nearest club. You can also contact the Regional Directors for Y Service and Y Service Women who will pass on contact details for you. Link is <https://yserviceaustralia.com/y-service-leaders>

What are the Costs involved?

To become a member of y Service International the fee is Swiss Francs CHF 17.50/ quarter.

Area/ Regions and local clubs also have fees but these vary from club to club etc.

How often do Clubs meet?

Again this varies depending on which part of the world you are in.

However here in Australia some clubs meet weekly, some Fortnightly and others once a month.

Time vary from Evenings to Day meetings

What sort of activities are clubs involved with Locally?

The primary focus has been supporting programs in the YMCA, however many Clubs now do significant community based activities and fund raising. Have a look at the bulletins of the clubs in Club news <https://yserviceaustralia.com/club-and-region-news> on this site to see the range of activities. Also use the link <https://yserviceaustralia.com/what-we-do> to find out more.

What sort of activities are clubs involved with internationally?

Go to <https://ysmen.org/> click on the MENU button and choose our WORK. Here you will find out about the International Programs, International Support, Cultural Exchange and Environment.

Where do I find more information?

The following links should answer any further questions you might have. If not please email one of the Australian Region Leaders in the links below or use the link to the International Headquarters;

<https://yserviceaustralia.com/contact-us>

<https://yserviceaustralia.com/y-service-leaders>

<https://yserviceaustralia.com/regional-director-news>

<https://ysmen.org/>