

Social script for EV's Hangout



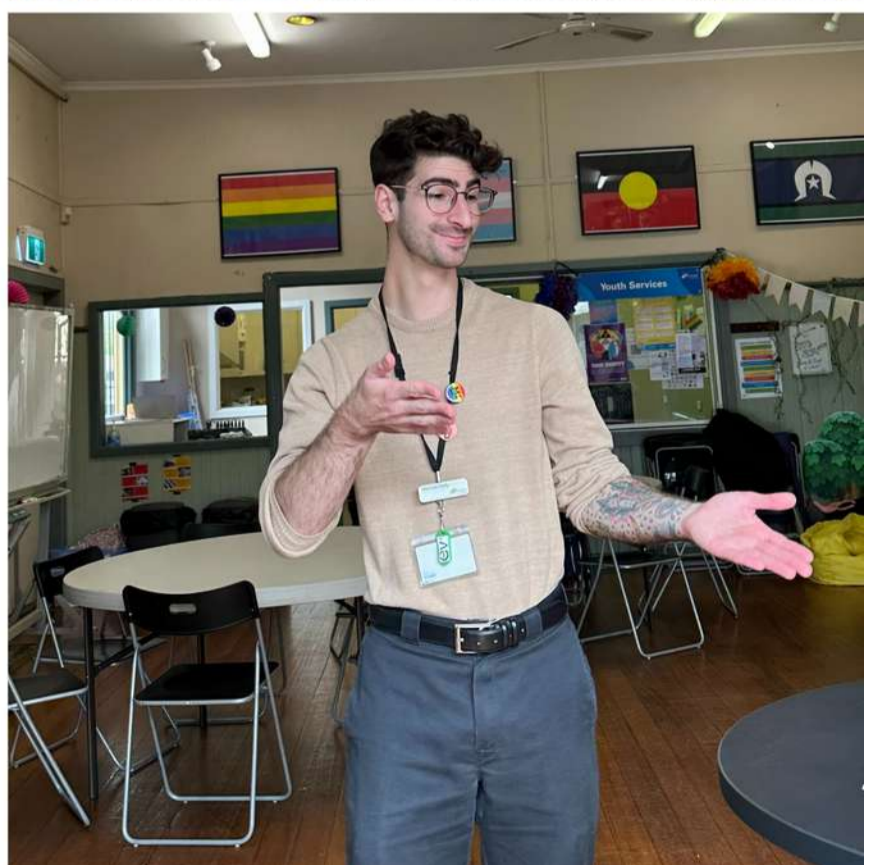
Thursdays
3-6pm

EV's Hangout is a free social drop in program for young people aged 12-25 held weekly at EV's Youth Centre.

212 Mt Dandenong Road, Croydon

Welcome to EV's Hangout!

When you get to the glass front door, it will be locked. You will be greeted by one of our friendly Youth Workers who will let you inside. The Youth Worker will ask you your name and pronouns while also introducing theirs.

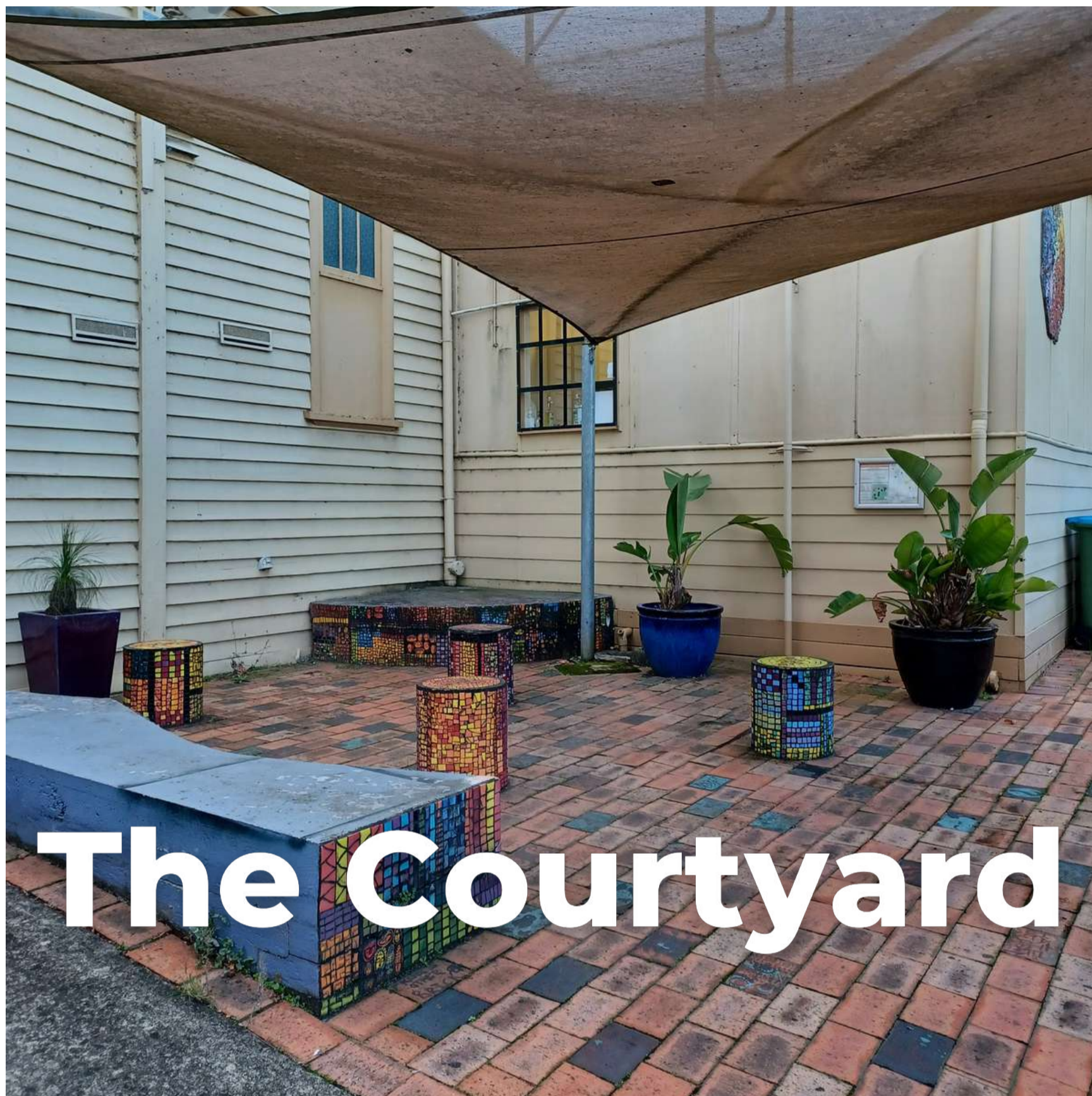




The Nosh



The Foyer



The Courtyard



The Hall

**What can I do
when I visit
EV's Hangout?**

Set up a board game:

We have a wide selection of board/card games that you can enjoy with those around you. You can grab a game off a shelf at any time and ask to play with others (the Youth Workers love a game too if you need an extra player).



Play a videogame:

Our consoles include a **Nintendo Switch** (Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, Just Dance, and Mario Party), **Xbox One** (Forza, Minecraft, Crash Bandicoot, Rocket League), and a **PS4** (Spiderman). These consoles are available at any time and can be enjoyed solo or with other people. Youth Workers are available for a game too if you need someone to play with.



Test your pool skills:

You can find the pool cues hanging on the wall near the table, and the balls are kept inside of the table. The table tennis attachment needs to be placed on top of the pool table. Speak with one of the Youth Workers and they can set up the table tennis attachment. Paddles and balls can be found in a pull-out draw in the black 8 cube near the couches (labelled table tennis).



Enjoy some chill out time:

There's lots of spaces for you to sit and unwind inside of EV's. Some of these places include our couches, the steps near the hall entrance (inside the foyer), concrete seats in the outside courtyard, and the steps inside of the kitchen. The EV's Hangout program can get loud at times (music will be playing in the main room and conversation volumes can increase), so please let a Youth Worker know if you require a quieter space.



Try something new:

Each week we offer an optional activity or theme for people take part in. This might be anything from cooking, crafting, videogame tournaments, to a Harry Potter theme or dance party. The theme of the week will be shared on our social media the week of the program, and these activities are always optional to take part in.



Eat delicious snacks:

Free snacks will be available for you to serve up during the 3-hour program. Snacks can include fruit, biscuits, chips, popcorn, muesli bars, water, etc. You are free to grab a plate/bowl and take as much or as little as you like. Free water is also available on the table for you to pour. 2-minute noodles are available in the pantry of the kitchen, and during certain weeks additional hot food options may be available.



Speak to a Youth Worker:

This can be anything from things that interest you, pop culture, to more serious stuff that is happening in your life. We're here to listen and provide support if you request it. If you would like to speak to a Youth Worker about something more serious, you can ask to speak to them in private. We have a small office connected to the main Hangout space where these serious conversations can take place for added privacy.

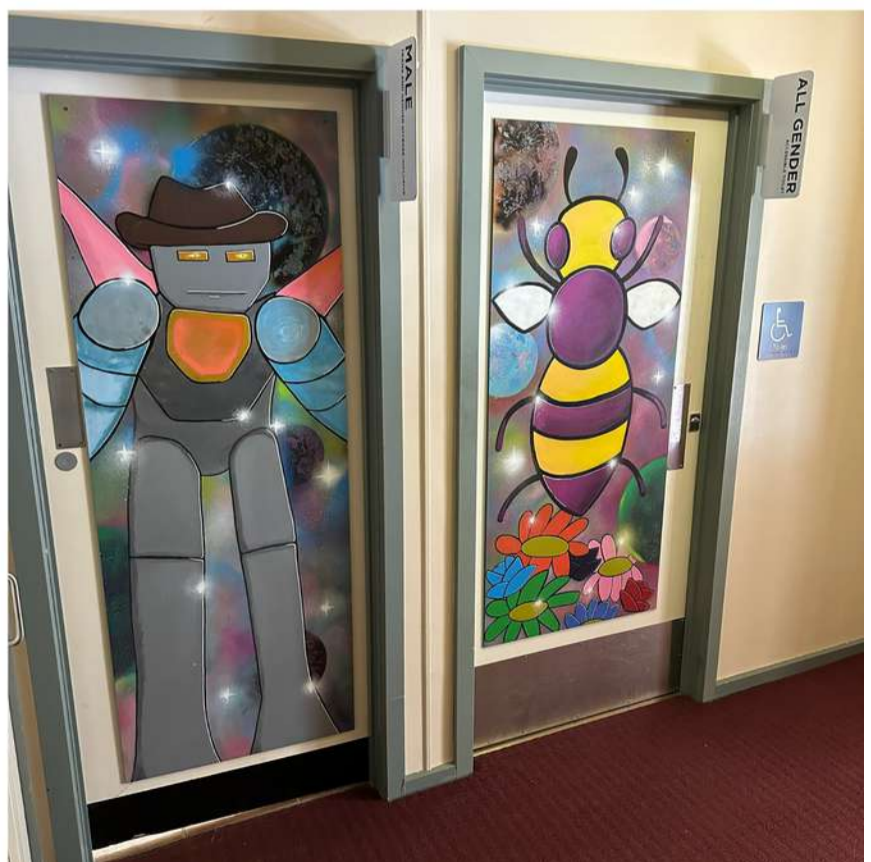
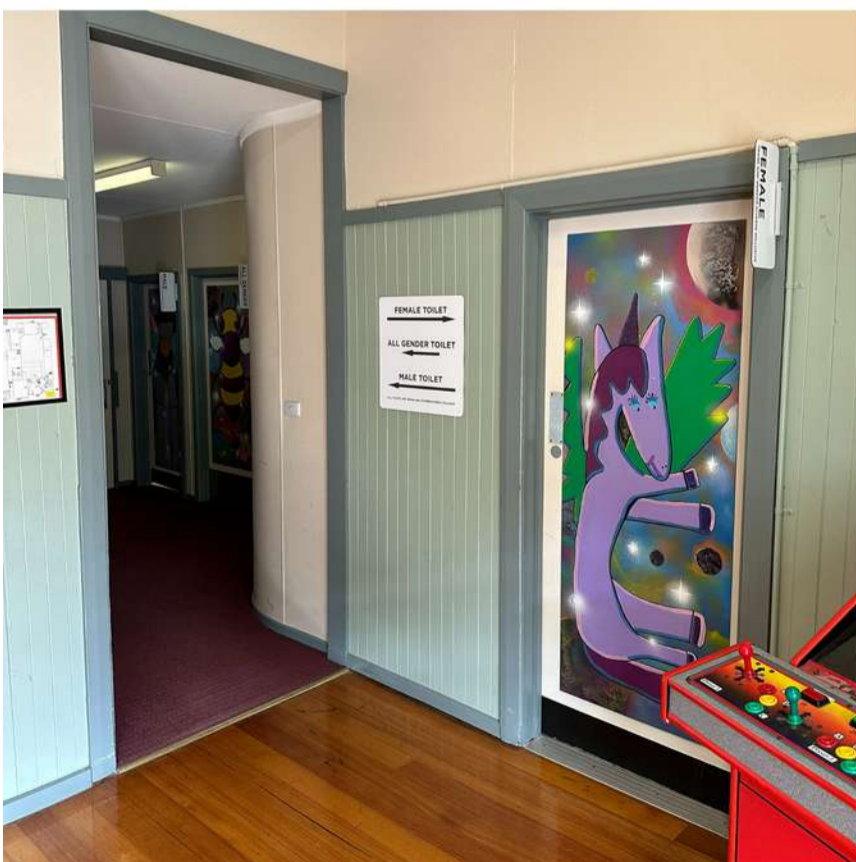


Keen to visit?

**Here's some
other key info
to know
before you
arrive!**

Toilets:

All the toilets in EV's Youth Centre are trans and gender diverse inclusive. The toilets are located at the end of the foyer and will feature art created by Queer young people in Maroondah.



Times:

The EV's Hangout program runs from 3-6pm and you are welcome to stay for the full amount of time. If you feel like leaving for any reason and coming back later, you do not need to let anyone know. Our program is open access, and you are free to come and go as you please. You can bring in your own food/drinks, keeping in mind that the program is drug, alcohol, smoke & vape free.



Capacity:

EV's Hangout can go between being very busy and very quiet. There will be an average of 15-20+ people at the program at any time. Two Youth Workers will be present, and other support workers may be on site.



Supports:

Support workers and approved therapy animals are welcome at the program. Support staff will be required to show their WWCC on site.



**Who are the
youth workers
that work on
EV's Hangout?**

Marcus (he/him)



My name is Marcus and I love to watch movies, listen to music, and play videogames! When I'm not hanging out with my dog Bruno, you will find me designing movie posters or in the mosh pit at a hardcore show.

Sang (he/him)



My name is Sang and I love to go out with friends, watch movies, and play acoustic guitar in my down time! When I'm not doing any of these things, I enjoy spending time at the local gym.

Any questions about EV's Hangout?

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to visit EV's before attending the EV's Hangout program, please contact Marcus on **0418 427 759** or **Marcus.kelly@maroondah.vic.gov.au**



**See you at EV's
Hangout!**