

We understand the extreme Loneliness...Frustration...Isolation that families can experience when living with Autism.

Waiting for a formal assessment and diagnosis, looking for the right Programs and Schools, joining the long waiting lists can be extremely overwhelming and confusing.

We will help with unbiased

- Advice
- Encouragement
- Guidance
- Support



The Treehouse office is located upstairs at 62A Ryrie Street Geelong.

(Above the Bendigo Bank next to Cash Converters)

[www.thetreehousegeelong.org.au](http://www.thetreehousegeelong.org.au)



# YMCA

## Autism Family Support Service



Providing Support, Friendship and Acceptance to families living with Autism





Approximately one child in 150 is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in Geelong, leaving hundreds of local families in need of support.

*The Treehouse is a non-profit support service run by families living with Autism for families living with Autism.*

With the support of the Geelong YMCA, *The Treehouse* was established in 2011 by parents wanting to acknowledge and act upon the need for a local 'whole family' friendship and support network.

*The Treehouse* offers Support Groups, Social Groups, Family Fun Days and much more. We are volunteers relying on donations, grants and funding to enable us to provide a free service to all families.

#### Our Aim

Provide opportunities for people to talk to someone who can offer service and guidance from a parent's perspective. *We are not professionals so we do not offer professional advice..*

You will be speaking to a parent with a child with Autism so you know that you are talking to someone who understands what you are experiencing .To utilise the untapped resource of knowledge that you can only get from others who have been where you're going.



The **TREEHOUSE** Autism support groups run every Tuesday and Friday 10-12 am. Children most welcome..

After school chill session:  
Wednesday 3.45-5.30pm..



#### **CLUBHOUSE**

Social Group for students with an ASD attending Mainstream Primary School



#### **ASPYRE**

School Group for Teens with an ASD attending Mainstream Secondary School



#### **Young Adults with Aspergers**

18-25 Social Group



#### **Adults with Asperger's**

25+ Social Group

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#### **Fathers /Male Carers Support Group**

Last Thursday of the month

7.00-8.30, Treehouse Office Ryrie St



"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away".  
Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)

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