

Host a Garage Sale Fundraiser



A garage sale is a great way to bring people together for a good cause and give pre-loved items a good home. Don't forget to register your fundraiser through your dashboard and submit your budget proposal to Youth Focus.

Planning & Preparation

Define your purpose

- Set a fundraising target (e.g., \$1,000).

Pick a date and time

- Choose a weekend date with good foot traffic.
- Avoid clashing with major local events.
- Run it in the morning (e.g., 8am–12pm) for maximum attendance.

Select a venue

- Your driveway, front yard, community hall, or school grounds.
- Ensure good visibility from the street.
- Confirm any permits or council requirements if on public land.

Book your fundraiser in with Youth Focus

- Book eftpos machines
- Organise a float (not available through Youth Focus)

Collecting Donations

- Ask friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues to donate pre-loved items.
- Use social media, email, or posters to call for contributions.
- Accept clothing, books, toys, furniture, kitchenware, sporting goods, etc.
- Remind donors items should be clean, safe, and in working order.

Pro tip: Offer a collection point a week or two before the sale so people can drop off items.

Organising & Pricing

- Sort items into categories (clothes, homewares, kids' items, furniture).
- Price clearly and fairly. Most items should be \$1–\$20, larger pieces can be priced higher.
- Use colour-coded stickers for quick pricing.
- Bundle items (e.g., “3 books for \$5”).
- Have a \$1 bargain box to attract buyers.

Marketing & Promotion

- Advertise at least 2 weeks before the event.
- Use:
 - Local Facebook groups and Marketplace.
 - Posters in community centres, schools, cafes, and libraries.
 - Word of mouth – encourage donors to spread the word.
 - Online garage sale listing sites.
- Emphasise it's a charity fundraiser (people are more generous when they know proceeds go to a good cause).

Running the Sale

- Have plenty of tables and clothing racks to display items neatly.
- Create clear signage showing prices and fundraising purpose. download posters from rideforyouth.com.au.
- Offer reusable bags or encourage people to bring their own.
- Have float/change ready (coins and small notes).
- Use a donation jar for people who want to support without buying.
- Provide eftpos or mobile payment options if possible.

Extra Fundraising Boosters

- Run a sausage sizzle, bake sale, or coffee/tea stall alongside but make sure to check with your local council whether you will need to apply for a Temporary Food Permit.
- Hold a raffle with donated prizes.
- Offer a “fill a bag for \$10” deal in the last hour to clear stock.

After the Sale

- Count funds raised and share results with supporters.
- Thank all donors, volunteers, and buyers (via social media or email).
- Donate or recycle leftover items (op shops, shelters, recycling centres).

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The Hawaiian Ride for Youth is held annually in March with riders covering over 700kms from Albany to Perth to raise funds and awareness for Youth Focus.

