

YOUTH ACTION PLAN 2013-2018



The Rural City of
**MURRAY
BRIDGE**

Bridge to Opportunity



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Ngarrindjeri Welcome

We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional owners of this land on which we meet and work. We respect and acknowledge their spiritual connection as the custodians of this land and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still important to the living people today.

We recognise the living culture and combined energies of the Ngarrindjeri people our global pioneers and community members today for their unique contribution to the life of our region.



“Young people are not only the leaders of tomorrow; they can play a leading role in the development of their communities today.

Let us hope that their good works today blossom into lifelong commitments that will benefit all the world’s people.”

Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General, United Nations



INTRODUCTION

Young people are a vibrant part of the Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) community and it is important for the Council to continue to engage this part of the community to ensure the improvement of community health, safety and well-being.

This Youth Action Plan (YAP) works with the 'Imagine Your Rural City 2020' approach to see otherwise unrealised possibilities brought to the fore and enable the community to have input and be involved in supporting its implementation. This approach helps to realise the 'wisdom of the community'.

This is the first Youth Action Plan for the RCMB and it is envisaged that it will be used as a blueprint to guide the Council's involvement in significant priority youth issues and concerns. The YAP is a strategic planning document that will provide the Council with a clear direction and a set of actions for the development of youth and youth related services within the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

Young people have been instrumental in the development of this plan. They have worked closely with Council staff to create the vision and four key focus areas:

- **What's good for you?**
- **Learning and what comes next**
- **Get involved and lead**
- **Spaces and Places**

Extensive consultation was undertaken for this document in the form of the Word Up Survey conducted in 2011, Imagine 2020 Community Consultation and in consultation with the Murraylands Youth Get Engaged Network (MYGEN). It is recognised that the implementation of the YAP will require extensive partnering with external organisations.

The RCMB plays a significant role in responding to the needs and aspirations of young people through:

- **Advocacy**
- **Planning and development**
- **Coordination and collaboration**
- **Service delivery**
- **Funding and support**

The effective implementation of this plan will require a whole of community approach with involvement from all parts of the community that have an interest in the health and wellbeing of young people in Murray Bridge.

Aims

The aims of this youth plan are to:

- Cultivate a whole of council and whole of community approach to youth issues
- Provide a planned strategic approach to service coordination for young people
- Articulate council's role in relation to responding to local youth needs and issues

Youth As Participants In Development

There are many reasons to involve young people in the development of plans that are for young people, some of which are to:

- Strengthen young people's abilities to meet their own needs
- Prevent/reduce vulnerabilities to political, economic and social instabilities
- Build young people's commitment to solutions, promoting ownership and sustainability of interventions; &
- Enable the exercise of citizenship, promoting learning, empowerment and greater control over lives.

Definition: What Is Youth?

There is no single definition that distinguishes youth from children or adults. However, the South Australian Office for Youth defines young people as those aged between 12 and 25 and this is the definition used in the preparation of this document.

Strategic Context

National Strategy for Young Australians

In April 2011 the Federal Minister for Youth, the Hon. Kate Ellis MP, released the National Strategy for Young Australians. This strategy helps guide government policy ensuring young people's needs and perspectives are considered in all government business.

*"The Australian Government's vision is for all young people to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and to have the opportunities and skills they need to learn, work, engage in community life and influence decisions that affect them."
(National Strategy for Young Australians, p3)*

To achieve this vision the strategy focuses on eight priority areas:

1. Improve the health and wellbeing of all young people.
2. Equipping young Australians to shape their own futures through education.
3. Supporting young Australians within their families.
4. Empowering young Australians to take part and be active in their communities.
5. Equipping young Australians with the skills and personal networks they need to gain, and be successful in, employment.

6. **Enabling young Australians to participate confidently and safely online.**
7. **Strengthening early intervention with young Australians to help prevent any problems getting worse and to help young people get their lives back on track.**
8. **Establishing clear cut legal consequences for behaviours that endanger the safety of others.**

(National Strategy for Young Australians, p8)

State Youth Strategy

Youthconnect is South Australia’s Youth Strategy 2010-2014. It represents the Government’s vision for South Australia’s young people aged 12-25.

The State Government’s vision is for “South Australia’s young people aged between 12 and 25 have a strong sense of wellbeing and are positive about their future.”

(youthconnect: South Australia's Youth Strategy 2010-2014, p6)

Youthconnect outlines a whole of government approach for delivering State Government programs and services focusing on three key areas:

1. **health and wellbeing**
2. **employment education and skill development**
3. **engagement and participation**

(youthconnect: South Australia's Youth Strategy 2010-2014)

Rural City of Murray Bridge

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Community Plan 2012-2020 outlines the shared vision that will drive Council, residents, community agencies and other government agencies to work together towards a common goal.

Developed under the ideal that “Individuals can make a difference and our decisions and actions can influence what happens in our community” the Community Plan influences the Strategic Management Plan which council uses to make all its decisions.

Some of the key relevant aspirations from the Community Plan are:

- **Ready for Change: raise the profile of Murray Bridge, and the spirits of its community;**
- **Community Participation and Involvement: the community’s desire to work together and better with one another; &**
- **Growth and Development: recognising that this was the key to keeping young people in town. The community were clear that neither growth nor development is to compromise the health of the community or the environment.**

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Strategic Plan 2011-2015 outlines Council’s strategic objectives over four years and states how Council will achieve its vision.

Council’s vision is: The Rural City of Murray Bridge is connected with and working towards the aims and aspirations of its community.

The four community vision goal areas are:

1. **Economic**
2. **Environment**
3. **Social**
4. **Organisation**

DEMOGRAPHICS

Murray Bridge

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is located around 80 kilometres to the south east of metropolitan Adelaide. It covers an area of 1,828 square kilometres and includes a regional centre and rural communities. The regional centre provides a destination for surrounding rural communities and visitors as well as local residents.

Regional Centre

- Murray Bridge

Rural Communities

- Jervois
- Wellington
- Monarto
- Callington (Eastern Portion)
- Mypolonga
- Woods Point
- Montieth
- Riverglen/Whitesands

17,677 PEOPLE

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)

4.2%
INDIGENOUS
AUSTRALIANS

2139 PEOPLE

POPULATION GROWTH IN MURRAY BRIDGE FROM
2006 TO 2011

228 PEOPLE

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN
POPULATION GROWTH FROM
2006 TO 2011

19,742 PEOPLE

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)

5%
INDIGENOUS
AUSTRALIANS

MURRAY BRIDGE YOUTH

32.3%

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)
(6372 PEOPLE)
**POPULATION UNDER 25
YEARS**

8.3%

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)
(528 PEOPLE)
**INDIGENOUS
AUSTRALIANS UNDER 25 YEARS**

33%

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)
(5758 PEOPLE)
**POPULATION UNDER 25
YEARS**

7.5%

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)
(435 PEOPLE)
**INDIGENOUS
AUSTRALIANS UNDER 25
YEARS**



24,000

PREDICTED POPULATION BY 2027

7,900

PREDICTED YOUNG PEOPLE BY 2027

27.3%

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)

**PEOPLE BETWEEN 15-24
YEARS HAVE
COMPLETED YEAR 12**

40%

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)

**PEOPLE BETWEEN 15-24
YEARS HAVE
COMPLETED YEAR 12**

23%

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)

**PEOPLE OVER 15 YEARS
HAVE COMPLETED YEAR 12**

29%

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)

**PEOPLE OVER 15 YEARS
HAVE COMPLETED YEAR 12**

12%

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)

**INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS OVER 15
YEARS
HAVE COMPLETED YEAR 12**

18.4%

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)

**INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS
OVER 15 YEARS HAVE
COMPLETED YEAR 12**

EDUCATION

UNEMPLOYMENT

13.4%

(Murray Bridge 2006 Census)

**PEOPLE BETWEEN 15-24 YEARS ARE
UNEMPLOYED COMPARED TO**

11.5%

FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

12.1%

(Murray Bridge 2011 Census)

**PEOPLE BETWEEN 15-24 YEARS ARE
UNEMPLOYED COMPARED TO**

13.4%

FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Social Determinants of Health

Research has shown that the quality of housing, access to transport, stress levels, availability of employment opportunities, social support and income levels have a significant impact on health and wellbeing. These factors are known as the Social Determinants of Health. The Social Determinants of Health are sometimes referred to as 'the causes of the causes' because they are the underlying reasons why people experience poor health.

According to a recent report, young people in the Murray Bridge Local Government Area (LGA) are significantly disadvantaged educationally, socially and economically when compared against key indicators.

(School & Beyond Inc Environmental Scan, Murray Mallee region, 2011).

Socioeconomic Index For Areas (SEIFA)

The SEIFA index (socioeconomic index for areas) measures the level of social and economic wellbeing within a region. It uses data from variables related to both advantage and disadvantage, such as income, internet connection, skilled and unskilled employment and education levels to generate a continuum of socioeconomic status scores from a given area.

The Murray Bridge LGA has a SEIFA index well below the state and national comparative indices and is also the lowest in the Murray Mallee service region. (A lower SES score indicates a greater degree of disadvantage). Murray Bridge is ranked in the area of greatest disadvantage in South Australia (in the lowest decile or 10% of the population) and is the 7th lowest ranking LGA in the state.

Local Government Area	SEIFA Score	State Ranking
Berri & Barmera	899	10
Karoonda East Murray	972	41
Loxton Waikerie	932	23
Mid Murray	917	14
Murray Bridge	887	7
Renmark Paringa	907	11
Southern Mallee	973	41
Coorong	935	25
Adelaide	1036	64

Source: ABS 2011 Census Data, SEIFA

Overall Health

The 2011 SAMSS study found that there was a statistically higher proportion of children aged 5 to 15 years with fair or poor health among those living in the lowest SEIFA quintal.

Source: Health and Wellbeing of Children in South Australia, South Australian Monitoring & Surveillance System (SAMSS), Population Research and Outcome Studies Unit, University of Adelaide, 2011

Teenage Pregnancy

In the absence of more meaningful data, the rate of teenage pregnancy is determined by the number of young mothers (15-19 years) within the Murray Bridge LGA at the 2011 census. There is no data available for pregnancies prior to age 15.

Number of children	1	2	3	4
15-19 yrs (Murray Bridge LGA)	20	0	4	-

Source: 2011 Census of Population and Housing, Murray Bridge LGA, Basic Community Profile. Number of children ever born by age of female.

Mental Health

In 2012, Headspace Murraylands staff serviced a total of 1291 clients (aged 12-25 years). Headspace provided a total of 4768 occasions of service (this includes via phone, email, advocacy and in external locations). There was a total of 278 new clients.

Source: Data from Headspace Murraylands

A 2010 report found that the rate of CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service) clients increases

substantially with increasing socioeconomic disadvantage. In 2007/2008, the rate of CAMHS clients (aged 0-19 years) living in the Murray Mallee region (36.5 per 1000) was almost three times higher than the incidence rate of those living in metropolitan Adelaide (13.3 per 1000).

Source: Understanding Educational Opportunities and Outcomes: A South Australian Atlas, Public Health Information Development Unit, University of Adelaide, 2010

The 2011 South Australian Monitoring and Surveillance System (SAMSS) study found a statistically higher proportion of children aged 2-15 years with a mental health problem among those living in the Mallee Coorong country cluster area. 15.7% of children surveyed in this area had a mental health problem.

Obesity

The 2011 SAMSS study found a higher proportion of overweight or obese children aged 2-15 years among those living in a home rented from Housing SA (8.6% of all dwellings in the Murray Bridge LGA are rented from Housing SA).

In the Mallee Coorong area, 26% of children aged 2-15 years were overweight or obese.

Drugs and Alcohol

Drinking at levels that increase the risk of short-term harm has been found to occur more frequently amongst men living in areas of South Australia with greater disadvantage than men living in areas with greater advantage.

Source: Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia, Statistical Bulletin, No. 4, April 2013.

Bullying/Harassment

The 2011 SAMSS study found that 22.4% respondents aged 5 to 15 years in the Mallee Coorong country cluster reported having been bullied in the last month. Of 4043 respondents in South Australia aged 5-15 years, 3.7% reported having experienced cyber bullying in the last month.

Given the above statistics the following are particular challenges for our area:

- **Youth employment**
- **Education**
- **Healthy Lifestyles**
- **Equity and Accessibility**



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The strategies were used to engage young people in the development of the plan include: Word Up Survey, Imagine 2020 visioning sessions and the MYGEN youth reference committee.

Word Up Survey

Young people's views were explored regarding perceived issues, binge drinking, smoking, drug use, mental illness, self-image, supportive networks, sexual activity, service accessibility, education, employment, recreation, transportation and communication. The questionnaire also contained open sections which enabled young people to elaborate on their answers to some questions.

MYGEN

The Rural City of Murray Bridge and Headspace Youth Reference Group, MYGEN, was actively involved in developing the actions for this plan. They decided on the key focus areas and objectives to attain these areas.

Imagine 2020

Imagine Your Rural City Murray Bridge 2020 is all about imagining, dreaming, visualising and realising the future of our region. It is about creating a people driven plan for the future while simultaneously embracing the previous 10 years of planning, research and consultation the Rural City of Murray Bridge has had with its community.

It is expected that by opening up the lines of communication, now and into the future, and consulting with the community, the region grows and prospers in line with the needs and aspirations of its people.

Council and its partners want Murray Bridge and the regional towns in the surrounding districts to have a sense of place, history, vibrancy and become an increasingly attractive place for people to live, work, play, prosper and visit.

As part of the Imagine process youth were consulted and asked their views on:

- What makes a great place
- Challenges and opportunities

Big wins identified from the Imagine process relevant to youth were:

- Create a community support business model for youth
- Public music program and youth music hub





Vision

**Young people in the Rural City of Murray
Bridge influence the decisions that shape the community.**

RCMB Youth Action Plan Objectives	RCMB Strategic Management Plan	Council's Role	Youthconnect SA Youth Strategy 2010-2014 Guiding Principles
<p>What's good for you?</p> <p>1.1. Promote Health & Wellbeing within the Youth community</p> <p>1.2. Educate young people about issues relating to health and wellbeing</p> <p>1.3. Plan services and programs that are accessible to young people</p>	<p>3.3.2 Develop, implement and continue community safety, health and wellbeing programs in partnership with key stakeholders</p> <p>3.3.4 Partner with others to promote healthy lifestyles for the community</p>	<p>Leader</p> <p>Partner</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Service Provider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people are positive about their health and wellbeing • Keep young people safe from harm
<p>Learning and what comes next</p> <p>2.1. Acknowledge that school is an integral part of all young people's lives. Build stronger relationships between schools and Council</p> <p>2.2. Increase the number of young people use the library and have library membership</p> <p>2.3. Increase the number of young people that go on to further education or employment</p>	<p>1.3.1 Partner with the Regional Development Australia (Murraylands and Riverland) and Department of Further Education, Employment Science and Technology to facilitate the development of an education precinct in the Murray Bridge</p> <p>3.5.1 Provide innovative library and information services that support learning and community well-being.</p> <p>1.1.3 Promote and support local and regional tourism and events</p> <p>1.1.4 Facilitate development of existing and new industrial estates</p>	<p>Partner</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Information Provider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support young people to remain at school and gain a qualification • Maximise opportunities for young people to gain new skills and to get a job • Ensure young people are safe at work

RCMB Youth Action Plan Objectives	RCMB Strategic Management Plan	Council's Role	Youthconnect SA Youth Strategy 2010-2014 Guiding Principles
<p>Get involved and lead</p> <p>3.1. Encourage young people to be involved in the community</p> <p>3.2. Continue to run youth events</p> <p>3.3. Encourage Aboriginal young people to be involved in the community</p> <p>3.4. Plan on-going projects that lift the pride of local young people</p>	<p>3.2.2 Continue to support and promote recreational and sporting facilities and events</p> <p>3.4.1 Support and promote cultural awareness within the region</p> <p>3.5.2 Promote a sense of place and identity through cultural activities including visual and performing arts</p> <p>4.2.4 Promote and support volunteers</p>	<p>Partner</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Service Provider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand opportunities for young people to express their views on issues that are important to them Support young people to be actively engaged in their local community Recognise young people's achievements
<p>Spaces and Places</p> <p>4.1. Encourage youth and family use of parks and recreational facilities by using good urban design and safety principles</p> <p>4.2. Develop a Youth Hub using The Station Youth Centre to facilitate the needs of local youth services</p> <p>4.3. Increase youth participation and involvement in Art and Culture</p> <p>4.4. Develop and maintain a youth program using the library as a venue hat comes next</p>	<p>3.1.2 Develop and implement a regional and local open space strategy</p> <p>3.1.1 Continue to develop and maintain parks, gardens, reserves and other open spaces in an economic and environmentally sustainable manner</p> <p>3.2.1 Develop and implement a regional and local leisure recreation and sport strategy</p> <p>3.2.2 Continue to support and promote recreational and sporting facilities and events</p> <p>3.5.1 Provide innovative library and information services that support learning and community well-being</p> <p>3.5.2 Promote a sense of place and identity through cultural activities including visual and performing arts</p> <p>3.5.3 Identify opportunities to create public art spaces</p>	<p>Service Provider</p> <p>Advocate</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Information Provider</p> <p>Partner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SA Youth Strategy does not address places or spaces. This is a local issue for the RCMB to address

Key Focus Areas

1. What's good for you?

It is important for young people to be aware of their health and lifestyle needs. Positive messages around drugs and alcohol, teen pregnancy, disability, mental health, and nutrition are critical for long term health and wellbeing.

There are many services and agencies in Murray Bridge and it is important that the Rural City be aware of, support and work alongside these institutions.

Young people will have access to timely and relevant information on issues that are important to them. The RCMB is aware of the role that technology plays in the delivery of this information.

Activities, events and services should be inclusive and accessible.

2. Learning and what comes next

The RCMB recognises the ages of 12 – 25 include a significant period of change in a young persons' life. There is transition from primary to secondary education and then on to tertiary education or employment.

Education can be the major impact on a person's future. Young people spend a large amount of time at school and this is a major focus of a young person's life. Many of them get their sport and

recreation activities, their friends and social engagement through school. Some even use school for their support needs through teachers and school counsellors.

It is critical that young people are supported to achieve higher performance in school, to transition to higher education or employment.

3. Get involved and lead

The RCMB can learn a lot from the unique perspective of young people in the region. Young people should be engaged in planning and decision making to encourage inclusiveness and a more relevant community.

The Rural City should make available youth friendly environments and opportunities for young people to take a leadership role and have their say in the community.

4. Spaces and Places

The RCMB is committed to improve community safety and wellbeing. Young people should feel safe in their community. They should be involved in the decision making for places and spaces designed specifically for them.

The Station Youth Centre's space and youth programs are to be designed for young people by young people.

Youth Action Plan 2012 – 2015

The Youth Action Plan has four key focus areas:

Area 1: What's good for you?

Area 2: Learning and what comes next

Area 3: Get involved and lead

Area 4: Spaces and Places

Definitions Of Levels Of Priority

Each action has been delegated a priority rating which follow the guidelines below:

High: Those areas which are identified as urgent need.

Medium: Those areas identified which are not as urgent but would still benefit young people if the recommendations were carried out.

On-going: Those areas which require on-going action to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Completion of actions is dependent on the availability of appropriate resources.

High priority actions will be completed first. However, actions with lesser priority may be completed at the same time as a high priority if it is deemed cost effective to do so.

Area 1: What's good for you?

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	KPI	INDICATIVE \$
1.1. Promote Health & Wellbeing within the Youth community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Sport and Recreation clubs to provide active opportunities for young people (Promote the STARCLUB field officer and STARCLUB program) 	Ongoing	Manager Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STARCLUB field officer is well received by clubs Partnership and support of local youth service providers is maintained or increased The OPAL program achieves their targets Information is available at the Council facilities 	Within existing budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with and support local youth services in relation to health and wellbeing 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the OPAL Program which promotes healthy eating the physical activity 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain & provide up to date information in relation to youth health services 	Ongoing			
1.2. Educate young people about issues relating to health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Headspace to educate and breakdown the stigma of mental health 	Ongoing	Manager Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive relationship with headspace is maintained Information regarding drug and alcohol, mental health and relationships is available at the station 	Within existing budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support youth services with a focus on drugs and alcohol 	High			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support youth services with a focus on mental health issues 	High			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support programs with a focus on relationship building 	High			
1.3. Plan services and programs that are accessible to young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run music program that targets all young people that are accessible, inclusive and equitable 	Ongoing	Manager Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The music program is maintained and improved NYW events are run and supported SHP activities are supported NAIDOC events are supported Events that focus on equity and inclusiveness are supported 	Within existing budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run and support events during National Youth Week 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support programs during the school holidays 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support programs and events during NAIDOC week 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support youth services that focus on accessibility, equity and inclusiveness 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support youth events that focus on accessibility, equity and inclusiveness. Eg. Closing the gap, blue light events 	Ongoing			

Area 2: Learning and what comes next

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	KPI	INDICATIVE \$
2.1. Acknowledge that school is an integral part of all young people's lives. Build stronger relationships between schools and Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with schools regarding facilitating SACE and VET accredited courses • Explore the possibility of sharing resources with local schools eg sport and recreation areas • Partner and support organisations that support young people at risk of disengagement from school • Support work experience students to gain quality experience in a workplace environment 	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>Manager Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VET program is facilitated at the station. • Schools are included in conversations around shared use • Partnering with organisations around youth at risk of disengagement from school • Work experience program facilitated throughout council 	<p>Within existing budget</p>
2.2. Increase the number of young people use the library and have library membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promote the library to young people • Support and promote activities that are of interest to young people in the library 	<p>High</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Team Leader Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about the library available and promoted targeting young people 	<p>Within existing budget</p>
2.3. Increase the number of young people that go on to further education or employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support organisations that assist young people in the transition from school to further education or employment. 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Manager Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship maintained with service providers that focus on transition from school to further education or employment 	<p>Within existing budget</p>

Area 3: Get involved and lead

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	KPI	INDICATIVE \$
3.1. Encourage young people to be involved in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate, support and implement the Murraylands Youth Get Involved Network (MYGEN) Firmly determine the role of the MYGEN Support and encourage young people to volunteer in the community Actively seek the opinion of young people in council decision making 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Manager Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MYGEN is active and prosperous MYGEN TOR developed and reviewed Increase in young people volunteering Young people are involved in council consultation processes 	Within existing budget
3.2. Continue to run youth events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and encourage young people to run youth events Encourage and facilitate young people to participate in events Support and encourage young people to attend youth events Social media is how the majority of young people communicate. Promote youth events using social media 	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Manager Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events are run by young people Events have young people participating in them Events attended by young people Social media policy developed Events promoted on social media 	Within existing budget
3.3. Encourage Aboriginal young people to be involved in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively encourage indigenous young people to join MYGEN. Coordinate and facilitate events that specifically target the young aboriginal population Support services that focus on Aboriginal young people 	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Manager Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aboriginal youth involved in MYGEN Indigenous focus events developed Indigenous youth services are supported 	Within existing budget
3.4. Plan on-going projects that lift the pride of local young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate the achievements of young people Support local youth initiatives Support the 'Just too Deadly' awards 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>High</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Manager Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young people acknowledged Youth initiatives supported Just too Deadly awards supported 	Within existing budget

Area 4: Spaces and Places

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	KPI	INDICATIVE \$
4.1. Encourage youth and family use of parks and recreational facilities by using good urban design and safety principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrade the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre to be more family friendly and accessible 	High	Manager Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any planned upgrade of the swim centre and station to include youth and family friendly principles 	Within existing budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelop The Station Youth Centre space to make it more inviting to young people and families 	High	Manager Engineering and Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotion of library to include family friendly principles 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the new Library as a family and youth friendly place 	Medium	Team Leader Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of community groups developing family friendly spaces and place 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support youth focused community groups to create youth and family friendly spaces 	Ongoing	Manager Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support STARCLUB program to promote youth friendly clubs 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support sport and recreation clubs to make them more youth friendly and inclusive 	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space plans to include family friendly and CPTED principles 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space council plans will create youth and family friendly open space 	Ongoing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) will be used when designing facilities for young people 	Ongoing			
4.2. Develop a Youth Hub using The Station Youth Centre to facilitate the needs of local youth services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage MYSN member to use the space at The Station 	Ongoing	Manager Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free use of the station for MYSN members and ILC 	Within existing budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Independent Learning Centre outreach programs 	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of youth resource centre at The Station 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate information regarding youth services available in the community 	High		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHP for young people are facilitated by Council 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate activities for young people during the school holidays 	Ongoing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VET program based at the station 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow The Station to be a place that young people can actively engage in education and training in relation to music and the creative arts 	High			

Area 4: Spaces and Places

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	PRIORITY	RESPONSIBILITY	KPI	INDICATIVE \$
4.3. Increase youth participation and involvement in Art and Culture	• Art workshops linked to the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery	Medium	Manager Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Art programs available at the gallery • Youth Art Exhibition to be promoted through local schools • Regional Art gallery promoted to schools • Gallery workshops and exhibitions promoted through youth networks 	Within existing budget
	• Participatory/collaborative public art projects with the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery	Medium			
	• Lift profile of Youth Art Prize	Medium			
	• Increase school visitation to Murray Bridge Regional Gallery	High			
	• Link art workshops and gallery exhibition program to relevant youth programs throughout the community	Ongoing			
4.4. Develop and maintain a youth program using the library as a venue	• Increase youth visitation of the library	Ongoing	Team Leader Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library promotion targeting youth • More appropriate youth performances at the library 	Within existing budget
	• Utilise the Library as a venue for the MYGEN committee	Ongoing	Manager Community Services		
	• Use the library for appropriate youth music performances	Ongoing			

MONITORING & REVIEW

The YAP is a fluid document where actions can be added to, withdrawn or amended where necessary. The ultimate aim is achievable positive outcomes for the community and young people from the region.

All business units of Council will have a contribution toward the outcomes from this plan. The review of the progress of this plan will cut across all aspects of council.

The KPIs in the action plan are the basis for reviewing the progress of the plan. The review will occur annually and will be conducted by the Youth Development Officer and MYGEN.

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