



Youth Policy

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Type:	Council
Category:	Safety and Community
Relevant Community Plan Outcome:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide accessible social infrastructure and services that engage our diverse community. • Capitalise on partnerships, build community resilience and sense of belonging. • Create opportunities for community leadership and civic participation. • An urban environment that is adaptive to a changing and growing City. • Create valued urban places that bring people together and reflect local character and identity. • Enhance the quality and diversity of open and public spaces. • Be bold and innovative in our practices, leadership and decision making.
Responsible Officer(s):	Manager Community Connections
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Applicable Legislation:	Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017
Related Policies:	Children and Vulnerable Persons Policy Public Consultation Policy Customer Experience Policy External Grants Funding Policy Social Inclusion Policy Volunteer Policy
Related Procedures:	Community Services Framework: A framework for building community wellbeing Community Wellbeing Monitor

1. Purpose

As a discreet sector of the population and recipients of the legacy we leave, Council has an obligation to recognise young people in our City. In line with our Community and Corporate Plans this policy will:

- Guide Councils vision for the future development of our young people in accordance with our Community Plan objectives.
- Define the scope of Council's role in responding to issues pertaining to young people.
- Assist with planning and delivering Council services to meet the needs of young people.
- Contribute to maintaining a cohesive and supportive community which values young people.
- Provide a set of principles to guide decision making by Elected Members, management and staff.

2. **Scope**

The main focus for this policy is to guide strategic planning and development of initiatives relating to young people of the youth team, the broader community development team and library services.

All business units across Council should consider the impact of their work on and for young people and this policy is intended as a guide to that work.

3. **Policy Statement**

The City of Charles Sturt is committed to the following Principles.

3.1 **Principles**

The following principles and values underpin the policy and ensuing strategies.

- 3.1.1 Recognition of young people as stakeholders in the City of Charles Sturt
- 3.1.2 Working collaboratively with young people, organisations, and other levels of government to be inclusive of young people across the City of Charles Sturt
- 3.1.3 Empowerment of young people so they can exercise choice and be effective in asserting their views and aspirations
- 3.1.4 Equity of participation – young people have diverse needs which may require special provisions to enable them to take up opportunities
- 3.1.5 Access – encouraging access for young people to services, facilities and opportunities to exercise active citizenship

3.2 **Demonstrating Council Commitment**

- 3.2.1 Advocate for our local young people to other levels of government, peak bodies, service providers and other relevant stakeholders on matters of public policy and to attract a broad range of local services and facilities to meet the needs of young people
- 3.2.2 Plan and implement programs and services to reflect changing priorities and identified gaps
- 3.2.3 Consider the needs of young people in planning processes, the delivery of core services and design of new programs, projects and initiatives
- 3.2.4 Consult young people on their lives and foster young people as decision and change makers to build community wellbeing

- 3.2.5 Encourage and facilitate participation by young people in community life
- 3.2.6 Celebrate and recognise young people within our community
- 3.2.7 Encourage a feeling of community pride amongst young people
- 3.2.8 Foster good relationships between young people and others in the community, including intergenerational connections
- 3.2.9 Work cooperatively with young people, relevant service providers, neighbouring Councils, other levels of Government, and other relevant stakeholders to address youth issues and needs
- 3.2.10 Encourage employment opportunities for young people
- 3.2.12 Promote information of interest to young people about services, facilities and opportunities within the local area.

4. Definitions

Key Term – Acronym	Definition
Youth/Young people	Young people aged between 12 to 25
Active Citizenship	<p>'Refers to involvement and informed participation in the civic and political activities of society at local... levels'</p> <p><i>http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences/civics-and-citizenshi/glossary</i></p>