

CCSP 19 Strengthening Youth Policy



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This policy was adopted by Council to set governing principles in place that align the strategic direction of the organisation with Goal 2: Welcoming and Inclusive Communities of the Community Strategic Plan 2033.

Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to set the strategic direction for the Shire of Augusta Margaret River youth programs, services and engagement priorities to foster a youth friendly community, where young people are treated with respect, feel safe, welcomed and included.

- To recognise the significant contribution that young people make to our local community through their vibrancy, passion, innovation and enthusiasm.
- To align the Shire of Augusta Margaret River policy with relevant Federal, State and Regional policies.

Policy

In seeking to achieve the above objectives the following strategies will be implemented:

- Partnering with relevant stakeholders to ensure that young people have every opportunity to grow up in a safe and healthy environment where they are engaged in community life.
- Regularly engaging in a dialogue with young people, not only on youth related matters but also on broader issues so that the perspectives, needs and values of youth are considered in planning and decision-making processes.
- Ensuring that there are continued opportunities for youth to be involved in an active leisure, recreation and social life.
- Advocating for opportunities to be provided to young people so that education, skill development and work opportunities are available locally and youth have the option to continue to live in the south west and further develop their skills.

- Providing and continuing to enhance youth friendly spaces so that youth have access to quality, well positioned facilities that encourage inclusive participation.
- Facilitating youth specific, fun, innovative and creative activities and events to further activate the youth friendly spaces and assist with youth skill development.
- Partnering with stakeholders to assist with the development of leadership and team building skills in young people
- Advocating for increased youth services so that young people have access to the help required during stressful periods where young people can become vulnerable to self-medication or self-harm.
- Improving young people's access to relevant information and services
- Continuing to involve young people in environmental stewardship to ensure the natural environment is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Chief Executive Officer and Directors and is to inform all strategies and plans of the Shire. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

Definitions	
Youth	The Shire of Augusta Margaret River understands youth as the period of transformation that takes place between childhood and adulthood with two main transitions of moving from primary to secondary school and then secondary school to employment or further study and independent living. The age range for youth is recognised as being between 12-24 years.
Related Documents	Strengthening Youth Plan Corporate Plan 2013-2017 Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2014-2016 WA Planning Commission :Liveable Neighbourhoods

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