

# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR LAKE MACQUARIE YOUTH STRATEGY 2020-2023

The creation of #LakeMacNextGen has been youth-led and includes feedback from young people across Lake Macquarie. With help from Council's Youth Council, the feedback was analysed with seven key themes emerging. The key themes have been linked directly to Council's key focus areas included in the Community Strategic Plan.



## SENSE OF BELONGING

*Connected communities*

Increasing a sense of belonging through clean, green, safe and affordable recreational opportunities.



## EXPRESSING CREATIVITY

*Creativity*

Working with creative processes and new technologies to support emerging local artists and increase art for sustainability.



## SKILLED & READY

*Diverse economy*

Ensuring the economy is adaptable to change and provide entry-level opportunities.



## FEELING SAFE AND HEALTHY

*Lifestyle & wellbeing*

Providing safe places that encourage participation and cultural learning experiences, and address health needs.



## ACCESS TO TRANSPORT

*Mobility & accessibility*

Providing frequent, convenient, low cost and safe transport.



## INCLUDING US

*Shared decision making*

Strengthening links between Youth Council, the community and schools.



## ECO-FRIENDLY LIVING

*Unique landscape*

Ensuring our natural environment is looked after.



# OUR PLAN

The results of the consultation process have been used to develop an action plan identifying 29 key action areas.

## SENSE OF BELONGING

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEME

**Connected  
communities**

ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE STRATEGY	STATE PRIORITIES	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
1. Deliver annual Youth Week grants program making available \$7000 for activities, events and programs	Community, Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
2. Ensure consultation with Youth Council about Council events for young people	Connectivity	Ongoing	Arts Culture & Tourism - Events
3. Work with Youth Council to deliver annual youth events at swim centres	Community, Wellbeing, Connectivity	Ongoing	Leisure Services
4. Deliver a minimum of two public festival type events for young people (low or no cost participation) in areas of emerging interest (e.g. music, street arts, theatre) in locations accessible to young people	Community, Connectivity	New commencing 2021 where additional resources are identified	Arts Culture & Tourism - Events
5. Work with shopping centre management, local businesses, NSW Police and community services sector to make town centres youth friendly environments	Community, Wellbeing	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
6. Attend Youth Interagency and networking meetings to ensure Council is informed, and where relevant, collaborate with the youth service sector to achieve improved outcomes for young people	Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
7. Provide advice to Councillors and Executive in relation to the needs of young people and activities undertaken by Council for young people	Community, Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
8. Ensure Council maintains contact with peak sector organisations and other Government Departments about youth sector changes and opportunities to ensure Council officers can provide advice on industry changes and that Council approaches align with industry good practice	Community, Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
9. Provide information and support to youth sector agencies seeking grants and/or deliver innovative programs/projects	Community	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning



## EXPRESSING CREATIVITY

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEME

Creativity

### ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE STRATEGY

### STATE PRIORITIES

### TIMEFRAME

### RESPONSIBILITY

10. Create opportunities for young people interested in digital mediums and music recording in partnership with local youth service providers

Connectivity,  
Work ready

Ongoing

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

11. Provide an annual workshop for young people interested in digital mediums (e.g. gaming, social media) to be held in nominated Libraries across the City

Connectivity,  
Work ready

Ongoing

Arts Culture & Tourism -  
Events

## SKILLED & READY

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEME

Diverse economy

### ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE STRATEGY

### STATE PRIORITIES

### TIMEFRAME

### RESPONSIBILITY

12. Provide at least two training workshops each year for members of Youth Council in areas of relevant interest and promote opportunity for any resident aged 12-24 years to attend

Community,  
Connectivity,  
Work ready

Ongoing

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

13. Engage with local business networks to connect with three high schools each year about career pathways and local employment opportunities

Community,  
Connectivity,  
Work ready

New where  
additional  
resources are  
identified

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

14. Work with employment support providers to engage with three high schools each year to coordinate workshops for young people interested in entrepreneurial opportunities

Community,  
Connectivity,  
Work ready

New where  
additional  
resources are  
identified

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

15. Work with Children's Court, NSW Police, support services and local businesses to identify work experience and employment opportunities for young people at risk of disengaging with community

Community,  
Wellbeing,  
Work ready

Ongoing

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

### ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE STRATEGY

### STATE PRIORITIES

### TIMEFRAME

### RESPONSIBILITY

16. Provide support to the local youth sector to create more opportunities for young people to access health services and support

Community,  
Wellbeing,  
Connectivity

Ongoing

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

17. Advocate with Hunter primary care network to identify resources to provide youth-specific mental health services in locations across the City accessible to young people

Community,  
Wellbeing

New where  
additional  
resources are  
identified

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

18. Work with NSW Communities and Justice/Juvenile Justice to deliver projects that provide opportunity for young people to reconnect with community

Community,  
Wellbeing,  
Connectivity

Ongoing

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning

19. Respond to enquiries (including service requests) from young people, families and community regarding the needs of young people

Wellbeing

Ongoing

Community Partnerships  
– Social and Community  
Planning



## ACCESS TO TRANSPORT

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEME

**Mobility & accessibility**



ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE STRATEGY	STATE PRIORITIES	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
20. Advocate for improvements in public transport accessibility for young people living in isolated locations across the City	Community, Connectivity	New 2019-2020, 2020-2021	Integrated Planning / Asset Management
21. Ensure planning controls have an increased emphasis on linking modes of transport that are accessible to young people	Connectivity	New 2019-2020, 2020-2021	Asset Management / Integrated Planning - Development Contributions
22. Work with local youth service providers to provide driver training opportunities to 15 young people each year	Community	New where additional resources are identified	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning

## INCLUDING US

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEME

**Shared decision making**



ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE STRATEGY	STATE PRIORITIES	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
23. Facilitate opportunity for Council and external organisations to consult Youth Council to better understand the needs of young people as part of organisation planning and program delivery	Community, Wellbeing, Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
24. Work with Youth Council to conduct weekly social media promotions about the work of Youth Council and opportunities for young people across the City	Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
25. Coordinate a program to develop relationship between Youth Council and six high school communities each year	Community, Connectivity	New where additional resources are identified	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
26. Support and resource Youth Council to hold a minimum of 11 regular meetings, deliver annual planning, provide information to young people of Council's Youth Council	Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning
27. Support the participation of Youth Council in community events and celebrations	Community, Connectivity	Ongoing	Community Partnerships – Social and Community Planning

## ECO-FRIENDLY LIVING

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN THEME

**Unique landscape**



ACTION DELIVERABLE OVER THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE STRATEGY	STATE PRIORITIES	TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY
28. Develop targeted promotion about waste services and/or environmental issues to young people across the City	Community	Ongoing	Sustainability Engagement
29. Work with stakeholders and Youth Council for more waste infrastructure at locations popular with young people	Community	New 2019-2020	Sustainability Engagement



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