

Youth Services

Actions included in the 2019/20 Operational Plan support the following objectives included in the Community Strategic Plan 2030:

- CC1 We feel connected and supported

Changing how we do things

The current structure of the Community Development Team includes one 4 day a week officer and one 2 day a week officer. This structure has enabled the 2 day a week officer to have a greater focus on youth development and specialise in matters related to youth.

Youth Council

In 2019/20 the focus of the Youth Council is changing to become youth-led and project-based. This means that membership will solely comprise of young people aged between 12 – 25 years. Council's Community Development Officer/s will assume the role of facilitator to support young people to identify and work on issues that are important to them. Councillors are welcome to attend Youth Council meetings on a bi-annual basis as special guests to talk to young people and learn about their projects. To ensure young people have a voice on Council, the Youth Council shall remain a committee of Council. The concept of "hands-on" project-based learning will be implemented to give young people an opportunity to find solutions to real-world problems and engage in practical, yet meaningful ways.

Youth Opportunities Programs

The Community Development Team is committed to providing a range of opportunities for young people in Lithgow. During 2018/19, the team rolled out the Future Finders program, delivering a range of business workshops and education and employment tasters for young people. The aim of the Future Finders program is to equip young people with the skills and knowledge to actualise a business idea or start-up. Through its exit strategy, the program will provide ongoing support to any young person wishing to delve into the commercial arena and empower them through the cultivation of a global mind-set.

Key Council Plans & Strategies

- Youth Strategy

CC1 – WE FEEL CONNECTED AND SUPPORTED

DELIVERY PLAN (2017-2021)	OPERATIONAL PLAN (2019-2020)			
Delivery Program Action (4 years)	Action	Performance Measure	Target	Responsible Department
CC1.6 Improved quality of life for our youth	CC1.6.1 Meetings of the Youth Council conducted in accordance with the Committee Terms of Reference.	Meetings held 8 times per year.	100% of meetings held	Community and Culture
	CC1.6.2 Implement priority actions from the Youth Strategy	Priority actions from the Youth Strategy are implemented within available resources.	3 priority actions implemented	
	CC1.6.3 Studiosity home tutor service maintained and available on website.	Studiosity service promoted to local students	Number of students registered	
	CC1.6.4 Provide Youth Scholarships to assist young people achieve their educational aspirations.	Promote and administer Youth Scholarships.	8 Scholarships offered per annum	