



## **YOUNG CITIZENS JURY**

# **SOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2018 - 2019**

## **FINAL REPORT**

Recommended Solution	Outcomes
<p><b>Life Skills</b> Explore the delivery of a mentoring program that support young people with an adult in their life to support their transition into independence</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> List of mentoring opportunities have been identified and promoted to young people Jury recommendations have been considered by the Inner Northern Youth Employment Taskforce (INJET) mentoring exchange bank project.</p>
<p><b>Social Media</b> Recruit a group of young people as ‘service ambassadors’ that provide advice regarding communication and engagement content for council’s digital communication platforms.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Communication and social media sub-committee has been established with Jury members working on improving current social media channels. Jury members have reviewed Council’s current digital platforms and have provided feedback on new platforms and the potential to enhance the existing social media channels for youth services.</p>
<p><b>Life Skills</b> Deliver a series of workshops to young people aged 15 - 21 that provide basic life skills outcomes. (workshops to be delivered in both a school and community setting Topics may include; job Searching skills, Budgeting, Moving House, Tax Returns, Sexual Health, Drug Minimisation)</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Training and education sub-committee has been established Free training has been provided during school holidays. Training included; First Aid, CPR, Introduction to Construction (White Cards), Mental Health First Aid and Barista more than 200 young people have participated. This initiative is now a business as usual service function.</p>
<p><b>Housing</b> Provide free sanitary product packs for young people experience homelessness and or sleeping rough</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Free sanitary packs for young people are available through The Hub and Outreach Service. Merri Outreach Support Service (MOSS) is located weekly on site at The Hub and provides housing support services to young people who experience homelessness and or sleeping rough. This initiative is now a business as usual service function.</p>
<p><b>Mental Health</b> Deliver an educational program that provides advice to young people around how to deliver peer to peer support.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Mental Health sub-committee has been established. A mental health awareness campaign with useful tips and supports when supporting peers has been developed and piloted. Mental health first aid training has been provided to 20 young people.</p>

<p><b>Mental Health</b> Work with schools and community agencies to deliver mental health program awareness programs that reduce stigma and normalise the conversation regarding mental health.</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Mental Health sub-committee has been established. Young Citizen Jury supported a local youth-led organisation, Journey to Freedom, to deliver a community event during mental health week 2018. More than 200 young people attended with local community members. Three schools William Ruthven, Thornbury High and Reservoir High have been supported to promote and deliver RUOK Day and Wear It Purple Day activities within schools Actions regarding youth mental health have been reflected in the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan along with related annual action plans.</p>
<p><b>Employment and Training</b> Advocate for further volunteering opportunities with local business and local service to increase job skills</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Darebin Career Day was delivered with 150 young people from local schools attending. Student and work placement process has been reviewed with feedback from Jury members to ensure meaningful experiences are had by students. Young Citizen Jury has provided advice on the program design of the First Step employment program. Twenty First Step program participants undertook two weeks paid work experience with two Northland Shopping Centre retailers.</p>
<p><b>Social Connections</b> Promote local free or low cost sport and recreation opportunities to young people that provide positive social connections</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Fifteen young women participated in the Young Women’s Physical Activity Program which was delivered in partnership with Your Community Health. Young Citizen Jury provided advice and feedback on the program design and delivery. Quarterly social sport competitions delivered in public parks through Youth Services’ outreach and community team and local sporting providers.</p>
<p><b>LGBTIQ Support</b> Work with council officers to consider the use of pronouns in forms/ publications regarding people identity</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Pronoun awareness activities undertaken with council officers and young people. These included The Hub launch, FreeZA music event and school/ community activities. Young Citizen Jury has provided feedback into the review of all forms and publications to ensure appropriate use of pronouns. Partnership established with Minus 18 to support training and practice development.</p>

<p><b>Housing</b> Explore how council can support and or deliver essential services around shelter and showers for young people who experience homelessness</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Young Citizen Jury have provided feedback into a number of housing and community renewal projects. These have included; e.g. Northland Urban Renewal Project, Kids Under Canvas (Village 21) Discussion about affordable and social housing continue to take place with Council's and has identified social housing as a key advocacy activity for the future. Breakfast Club program is being explored in partnership with local service providers and schools. The program will provide shower facilities and support for young people who experience homelessness or are sleeping rough.</p>
<p><b>Parent and Guardian Support</b> Explore the delivery of parent/ guardian activities, workshop and programs on key issues affecting young people</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> One parent engagement activity has been delivered which targets newly arrived and refugee parents/ guardians. Young Citizen Jury members have provided feedback the session design and delivery. This will be a focus of the Youth Services Strategy 2019-2021.</p>
<p><b>Social Media</b> Update the youth section of councils website with the support and advice of young people</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Communication and social media sub-committee has been established. Young Citizen Jury has reviewed and provided comments to the content of the website for young people. Research project regarding digital communications for young people was undertaken. Outcome are supporting future communication strategies with young people. Young Citizen Jury members have trialed reviewing and curating Youth Services Facebook page to ensure content is appropriate for target audience.</p>
<p><b>LGBTIQ Support</b> Provide positive platforms for young LGBTIQ people</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Young Citizen Jury members have been invited, encouraged and supported to participate on the Same Sex and Gender Diverse (SSGD) Advisory Committee. Young Citizen Jury has provided feedback and advice to programs and spaces that support the participation of LGBTIQ young people. Formal partnership and project works commenced with Minus 18.</p>

<p><b>Employment and Training</b> Deliver an annual networking event that connections young people with community and demonstrates the connection from education/ training to employment</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Young Citizen Jury supported the design and delivery of the Northland Job Fair. 20 retailers and approximately 1,000 young people participated. Eight weekly Job Readiness workshops delivered in August 2018 to support young people in the lead up to the Jobs Fair. Young Citizen Jury provided feedback and comments on design and promotion material.</p>
<p><b>Social Connections</b> Deliver a series of cross cultural exchange session that builds connections with young people from different background</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Young Citizen Jury members have worked with staff from the Intercultural Centre regarding the delivery of an intergenerational event. Young Citizen Jury members meet with Department Premier and Cabinet regarding the 'Victoria, Proud of It' campaign to explore future project opportunities within Darebin.</p>
<p><b>Housing</b> Advocate for young people needs regarding affordable and accessible housing in Darebin (both community and private rental)</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Discussion about affordable and social housing continue to take place with Council's and has identified social housing as a key advocacy activity for the future.</p>
<p><b>Employment and Training</b> More practical information and real life case stories regarding education/training and career pathways</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED</b> Darebin Career Day was delivered with 150 young people from local schools attending. Student and work placement process has been reviewed with feedback from Jury members to ensure meaningful experiences are had by students.</p>
<p><b>Social Media</b> Work with local media to develop a campaign that demonstrates positive stories and outcomes of local Darebin young people</p>	<p><b>COMPLETED – Business as Usual Service Delivery</b> Communication and social media sub-committee has been established Young Citizen Jury has commenced a digital stories project that interviews and highlights young people activities and contributions within the community. Two articles were published in the Darebin Community News regarding the Young Citizens Jury.</p>