

Strategic Objective :**1.7 Recreation and Community Development****Description :**

To facilitate the provision of a range of recreation facilities across the Shire and assist the community Committees to best service their communities and continue to enhance our townships through Town Place Plans

Strategy: 1.7.1.04 Implement the Youth Development Strategy			
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Council already supports work experience opportunities through a partnership with GRVEC in the southern part of the Shire. HR has been working with the Youth team to further develop the program.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Plans are underway to utilise the iVan to promote youth employment platforms. 4 school visits will be made in Term2 & 3. The Youth Development team is working with the Eco Dev unit to encourage local business to employ local youth.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development partnered with leadership students from Phoenix P-12 Community College to deliver a three week 'Technology Help' program to members of the Planned Activity Group at the Haddon Community Centre. The program aimed to match the strengths of young people with the needs of the elderly community, by having the young people teach the elderly how to use basic technology including ipads, iphones, PC's and digital cameras.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Working with Economic Development to promote the benefits to local businesses of taking on local young people for work placement. This is being achieved through articles in the EDQ publication. Next steps will be to attend Economic Developments Business Breakfasts and build relationships with local business owners. We also work closely with Geelong and Highlands LLEN who identify local businesses suitable for work placement. The LLEN has established an easy to use online portal that lists all <u>work placement opportunities in a specific area.</u>
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	The iVan is scheduled to make 4 secondary school visits in Term 2 & 3. This will be an ongoing initiative to increase the use of the iVan and also provide important employment information to young people.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Working with Economic Development to promote / profile local young business owners through the EDQ publication.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Four day workshop delivered in the June/July school holidays by Geelong's Chamber of Commerce for local young people interested in starting up their own business. Workshops were conducted over a full day (9 - 4) at the Bannockburn Cultural Centre. Three local young people registered.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will use two 2017 programs (The Whitten Project and Intergenerational Tech Help) to identify suitable candidates to establish a youth business network. Will continue working with Economic Development to advertise and promote in EDQ publication.

	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will be achieved in 2017 through The Whitten Youth Leadership and Intergenerational Tech Help Program. Has been achieved on a small scale through two community events in 2016 as part of the People of Golden Plains program where young and old connect through storytelling
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Workshop for youth in enterprise held in partnership with the Small Business Smart Business.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Detailed report completed by Kim Stanley identifying transport options throughout the Shire mainly focussing on school bus and VLine bus routes. Volunteer transport routes not included but difficult to record given the changing nature of their requirements.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Research around existing transportation options and well as investigating potential gaps has been carried out. The next step will be to research community transport options and determine a model to pilot. Once this model has been decided on, a communication plan will be developed to disseminate this information and test both the transport gaps and also if the suggested community transport model would work in practice.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Comprehensive report completed by Kim Stanley which identifies the many transport gaps for young people in Golden Plains Shire.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	This will be completed as part of The Whitten Youth Leadership Project in 2017 when participants present to council and various other community groups, organisations and agencies.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	L2P driver program still operating. Two young people passed their P's - Matthew Kinnia and Hannah O'Meara Three other young people currently participating are: Damien Cavanagh, Jack Herd, Tychial Lincoln
	Q2 Oct-Dec	75 %	Working with aged and disability to discuss the potential to offer volunteer transport to local young people. The ambiguity of the service makes organising and promotion of the service difficult but this seems to be the best model. Under the new child safety standards ride sharing is not a suitable option, nor is using the iVan. A trial of the volunteer transport program is yet to occur. We envisage this to happen in early 2017.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	A training for community groups has been schedule for later in 2016. This will be co-facilitated by the Youth Development team and local young people. The training will give community groups strategies to engage young people in community groups and in the planning of activities and events. The young presenters will also address how young people like to volunteer, be communicated with and what attracts them to participate in community activities and events.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development partnered with students from Federation University to deliver 90 minute workshops at 12 local primary schools designed to ease the transition for primary school students moving into secondary school. The hands on workshops involved how to read a timetable and school map, how to organise your school bag and locker and how to open a combination lock.

	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Floor to ceiling mural painted in the Bannockburn Youth Lounge over the June/July school holidays. Five local young people participated in the design and painting of the mural.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Meeting with Communications in early January 2017 to establish a structured Youth Communications Strategy which will include promoting the benefits of community engagement for young people.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will be completed in 2017 through The Whitten Youth Leadership Program. Drop in youth clubs have been trialled over 2016 without success.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will be achieved in 2017 through the Western Bulldogs youth leadership program. Specifically the Community Leadership Project element where participants are required to identify a community issue they are passionate about and deliver a small scale initiative designed to improve the issue.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will be achieved in 2017 when we have a broader youth database courtesy of the Intergenerational Program and Whitten Youth Leadership Program. Once we ascertain the interests of a broad range of local people we can identify those suitable to be involved in representing the thoughts, views and opinions of other young people throughout the Shire.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will be achieved in 2017 through the Western Bulldogs Youth Leadership Program. A key program element is participants presenting their achievements and outcomes at a Council meeting at the conclusion of the program.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Will be achieved in 2017. Youth Development are meeting with Communications in early January to establish a structured communications strategy that will include IT solutions for communicating with young people. Various opportunities throughout 2017 including the Phoenix Community College youth leadership forum to survey young people and seek feedback regarding their communication preferences.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Electronic youth database established. Key priority for Youth Development staff in 2017 is to update and add to regularly. Data collection forms have been prepared to make collecting young peoples contact details much simpler.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Local young people are currently developing an online newsletter. A meeting with Communications has been organised in 2017 to provide the organisers with a structured framework and identify areas for support / contribution.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Facebook is currently our best platform for connecting with local young people. Our page likes are steadily growing but we would welcome a greater following. We intend to achieve this in 2017 through a school bus stop advertising campaign. A priority for Youth Development staff in 2017 is to make the youth webpage more appealing and drive young people through the site. Eventually we would like this to be the first landing site for young people looking for information.

	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development staff have established a 'good news story' register to record all of the wonderful achievements and contributions made by local young people. They are then promoted through the youth Facebook page, Councillor Bulletin and Gazette.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Each youth development program / initiative now has a celebration component built in to recognise and showcase the participants achievements and contributions. Social media and the Gazette is another avenue in which to promote the achievements of young people to the broader community.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development staff have created a 'good news story' register to track the achievements and contributions of local young in order to share these with the local community. Social media and the Gazette are the best avenues to achieve this and have been utilised to showcase achievements. Meeting with Communications in early January to establish a structured strategy to better promote the achievements of local young people.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	supported committees to organise FReeZA events including: Barwon South West Skate League, Battle of the Bands, Live @ Turtle Bend, Seniors Week Festival, People of Golden Plains storytelling events
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Committees received training from Meredith Music Festival Staff and attended the Live @ Turtle Bend event as an exposure to see how other community groups organise music events
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	the school holiday involved a movie day and several pop up youth van visits across the shire
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	a committee was formed to organise the National Youth Week People of Golden Plains Facebook page and event. Council received a visit from the Minister of Youth Affairs to launch the People of Golden Plains project
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	The youth development unit worked in partnership with several key stakeholders and community groups to deliver the 2016 youth program. These partners included: ESTIA health - Bannockburn Aged Care Facility YMCA Bannockburn YMCA Riverside Meredith Community Centre Haddon Community Centre Ballarat Federation University Humankind Enterprises Cotton On Meredith Music Festival
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	A number of meetings have been helped with Scope regarding the establishment of a regular 'youth program' for people with a disability and this continues to be explored in line with the NDIS commencing in January 2017. Discussions with a private provider to run some activities during the January school holidays has also commenced.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	75 %	A Golden Plains Youth Network meeting has been established to bring together a broad range of local services and agencies to form a more coordinated approach to dealing with the needs, challenges and opportunities for local young people. Youth Development staff are also actively involved in youth network meetings in Geelong, Surf Coast and Ballarat to advocate for Golden Plains. Advocacy for secondary school in the Shires North not completed.

	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development are actively involved in regional youth networks including local LGA networks (Geelong, Surf Coast, Wyndham, Ballarat). Staff also attend relevant professional development and networking forums to advocate for the needs of Golden Plains Shire young people.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Ongoing conversation with Councils access and inclusion officer to support a local program involving young people with a disability. Although a suitable option is yet to be identified, school holiday programs is the most likely opportunity to achieve this.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development staff are diligent with the legal and regulatory requirements of the role including all adults working with young people to have a valid and up to date working with childrens check, all committee members complete and return a volunteer application form and staff abide by Councils child safety code of conduct. Youth Development are currently working on a 'youth workers guide' which will house all information required to work safely with young people. This resource will include child safety standards, reporting mechanisms etc.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	50 %	Youth Development planning meeting scheduled for early 2017 to refine / establish a monitoring and evaluation plans for all programs. This will also include establishing an overarching evaluation mechanism to measure programs impact.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development are currently funded by FReeZA, Engage! and National Youth Week funding. Staff are notified regularly of the grant / funding opportunities available in the youth sector and will apply based on the connection and relevance to Councils youth development strategy.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development receive regular professional development invitations / offers and attend where relevant. Staff are attending 'Youth Pass' training in early 2017 along with youth officers from City of Greater Geelong and Surf Coast.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	100 %	Youth Development are linked into relevant local networks that share, promote and present information regarding youth development best practice. This ensures that best practice principles are incorporated across all relevant programming. Networks and funding bodies also regularly share information regarding new trends and emerging opportunities in the sector.
	Q2 Oct-Dec	75 %	Presentations to Council will commence in 2017 through the Western Bulldogs Youth Leadership Program. We expect to add an element of this to all programs based on the need and relevance. Showcasing achievements via social media and the Gazette are ongoing.