

Central Goldfields Youth Council 2022 – 23 Priorities Action Plan

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Education and Aspiration

Aims:

- Breaking down the (perceived and real) rivalry and stigma between Highview and MEC secondary schools
- Help young people in Central Goldfields get a better idea of career pathways
- Find a way for the schools to offer classes and courses that aren't currently available to one / both schools
- Advocate to address other barriers to education in Central Goldfields, e.g. lack of high quality internet coverage, low class numbers, poor public transport

ACTIONS:

- **Youth Councillors:**
 - o **Work together to develop a proposal that can be presented to the Principals / SRCs of Highview and MEC.**
- **Staff:**
 - o **Gemma to find information about programs for industry alumni to hold presentations about their career paths, plus a coordinated careers program for young people to try out different careers / roles.**

Respect, Tolerance, Awareness and Acceptance

Aims:

- Explore ways to promote inclusion and break down prejudice in the community in Central Goldfields Shire- including for groups such as people who identify as LGBTIQ+, people from culturally, linguistically, or ethnically diverse backgrounds, First Nations people, and people with a disability

ACTIONS:

- **Youth Councillors:**
 - o **Connect with Maryborough Pride Festival 2023 organisers**
 - o **Hold a separate brainstorm session to explore specific outcomes Youth Council would like to achieve in this priority area**

Climate Change and the Environment

Aims:

- Educate and encourage young people in Central Goldfields to participate in fighting climate change / helping the environment
- Participate in or promote projects such as:
 - o Reforestation – planting trees and regenerating environments
 - o Community rubbish clean up / pick up days
 - o Advocating for improved local recycling facilities
 - o Fundraiser events to plant more trees
 - o Advocating to local representatives or members of parliament

ACTIONS:

- **Youth Councillors:**
 - **Participate in October Climate Conversations Month with Tony Macer**
 - **Hold a community clean up day through partnership with Clean Up Australia Day, and advertise it to the community through channels such as sporting clubs, schools, and noticeboards**

More for Youth To Do

Aims:

- Advocate for / help to plan more activities for young people to do in Central Goldfields, with greater variety, and low or no ticket cost
- Promote information about / plan social events for rural and farming young people, including social gatherings and relevant information sessions (e.g. agricultural skills courses)
- Run surveys / other opportunities for young people to provide information about what they want

ACTIONS:

- **Youth Councillors:**
 - **Work with staff to plan a youth music festival / concert event**

Youth Hub

Aims:

- Advocate for the opening of an appropriate Youth Hub facility in Maryborough
- Work with staff to ensure a Youth Hub meets the needs of young people and includes their ideas for their facility

ACTIONS:

- **Staff:**
 - **Organise a Youth Hub brainstorm workshop for young people in partnership with Youth Council, to be held at the end of the year (November, after exams)**
 - **Set up an online survey for young people to provide feedback about what they would like in a Youth Hub**