

**SOUTH GIPPSLAND YOUTH STRATEGY  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (YEAR ONE / 2019 - 2020) – BY THEME**

**ENVIRONMENT**

<b>Encourage a Youth Approach</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Starting</b>
Encourage business and Industry to consider sustainable and ethical production and products	Investigate current practice within Council for product / production selection	Investigate environmental product campaigns (i.e drinking straws) etc and promotion / engagement opportunities for Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Development</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> </ul>	March 2020
<b>Ensure a whole of Council approach</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Ensure young people have opportunities to present to Council on environment and sustainability issues	Investigate local environmental groups, Secondary Colleges and Tertiary / TAFE to determine what level of participation young people have in current activity	Encourage participation in local environmental groups by young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance</li> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> <li>• Secondary Colleges</li> <li>• Federation Training</li> <li>• Community College Gippsland</li> <li>• South Gippsland Environmental Groups</li> <li>• Sustainability / Environment</li> </ul>	Feb 2020

## ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

Young people are represented				
Initiative	Action		Who	When
Actively seek funding for youth programs & activities	Apply for funding as appropriate (HEY Grant, continuation of FReeZA program), National Youth Week Funding and investigate possibility of Heywire funding for projects in 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Strengthening</li> <li>South Gippsland FReeZA</li> <li>Business &amp; Community Organisations</li> </ul>	September 2019 September 2019 July 2020
Maintain relationship with peak body for Victorian Young People YACVIC	Participation on the Rural and Regional Advisory Group	Membership of YACVIC and distribution of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Strengthening</li> </ul>	Continuing
Promote Diversity & Equality				
Initiative	Action		Who	When
Consult with and acknowledge the diversity of young people and their needs when making decisions that affect young people	Application to HEY Grant Funding to develop support for LGBTIQ+ young people in South Gippsland – project driven by young people		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee of LGBTIQ+ young people</li> <li>South Gippsland FReeZA</li> <li>Community Strengthening</li> <li>Business / community organisations</li> </ul>	Funding application in September – will know by December if successful – 12 month project
Equity in Education				
Initiative	Action		Who	When
Engage with Secondary Colleges in South Gippsland to encourage participation by young people in the delivery of this Strategy	2 Colleges in Year 1 to develop partnership with. (Mary MacKillop – underway & Foster Secondary College)	Develop projects with students that enhance / achieve actions in the Strategy – investigate opportunities to fund projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Strengthening</li> </ul>	Sept 2019 ongoing
Equity in Employment				
Initiative	Action		Who	When
Investigate the future world of work to assist young people with future career opportunities	Consult with Foundation for Young Australians to bring their World of Work workshops to South Gippsland		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Strengthening</li> <li>FYA</li> <li>SGBCLLEN</li> </ul>	April 2020

**HEALTH & WELLBEING**

<b>Access to Services</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Advocate for greater access to mental, sexual and general health services for young people	Investigate interest in re-development of Youth Services Network (South Gippsland) to strengthen relationships across agencies.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headspace</li> <li>• Secondary Colleges</li> <li>• Youth Clinics / Agencies</li> </ul>	May 2020
<b>Access to Information</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Investigate how to assist young people to access free or low cost spaces to study, share and get the information they need	Support Manna Gum Community House to provide their Youth Safe Space Program (Funded by HEYWIRE)	Work with Infrastructure /Assets to determine Council spaces that might be suitable for youth / art spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manna Gum Community House</li> <li>• Infrastructure/Assets</li> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> </ul>	Sept 2019 ongoing
<b>Create Opportunities</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Involve young people in achieving Council's Art, Culture and Creative Industry Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Halls Network to develop opportunities for young performers.</li> <li>• Align actions within Art, Culture and Creative Industry Strategy with Youth Strategy actions.</li> </ul>	Investigate opportunity for youth art festival (visual, performance, written), building on strength of previous youth art show in partnership with Regional Arts Victoria.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> <li>• Halls Network</li> <li>• FReeZA</li> <li>• Arts Network</li> </ul>	Sept 2019 ongoing

**PARTICIPATION**

<b>Provide Opportunities</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Investigate barriers to participation and build responses that will mitigate these barriers	Desktop review of previous work done and evaluation of proposals to determine projects that could be moved forward.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> <li>• Social Planning (MH&amp;WBP)</li> <li>• Community House Network</li> <li>• Secondary Colleges</li> <li>• YACVIC</li> </ul>	May 2020
<b>Advocate for Transport</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Identify barriers to transport and work with agencies to develop programs to overcome barriers	Desktop review of previous work done and evaluation of proposals to determine projects that could be moved forward.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> <li>• YACVIC</li> <li>• PTV / Road Safe / Community Transport</li> <li>• L2P Program</li> </ul>	May 2020
<b>Keep young people informed</b>				
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Action</b>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
Work with young people to develop youth portal, with information on Council, links to agencies, information on careers, Government Policy and opportunity for Community involvement.	Develop youth action group to determine what a Youth Portal should / could look like and the best way to develop.	Investigate funding opportunities for a youth action group to develop and manage a youth portal for a pilot year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Strengthening</li> <li>• Youth Network</li> <li>• Other LGA for research</li> <li>• YACVIC</li> <li>• Funding bodies</li> </ul>	April 2020