

Youth Strategy Action Plan

Council has taken a leadership role in developing a youth strategy. It was developed in conjunction with partner agencies, Ministry of Youth Development, Ministry of Social Development, Waikato District Health Board, local schools and youth support networks. The outcome of consultations with stakeholders and Community Boards was that the Strategy would be a starting point of a shared journey, rather than the end result.

Implementation

A Thames-Coromandel Youth Steering Group will be established, hosted by the Thames-Coromandel District Council

Within the terms of reference for this group will be the ability to establish short-term working groups to develop detailed action plans, outline timeframes, set targets, determine success indicators, and identify lead agencies, for each of the themes.

The Steering Group will meet twice a year to share current information regarding youth issues and provide an oversight of progress against any agreed actions in this plan.

Review

The document will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Council's Strategic Planning Team Leader and the Council's Chief Executive to ensure that the work programme for Council remains relevant.

Strategy Purpose:

- Bring agencies together
- Share information and intelligence to provide both a local and district -wide picture
- Consider alignment between national priorities and local practice and current delivery
- Identify gaps in service provision
- Identify and create opportunities for youth
- Focus collective resources where possible

Strategy Principles

1. A collaborative approach that respects each other's organisational mandates, skills, expertise, responsibilities and accountabilities
2. Focus on real needs - evidence based
3. A preference for simplicity
4. A positive action focus (getting things done)

Vision - that the Coromandel is a place where:

- Young people are safe and valued
- Their voices are heard
- Their issues and needs are understood
- Local work opportunities are available and interesting
- And finally, for those that leave, that the Coromandel is a place that they have their roots and would be happy to return and live

Strategic Themes

- Education
- Youth training and employment
- Health and wellbeing
- Justice and crime
- Youth supporters
- Youth voice
- Leisure and social activities for young people

<p>Youth training and employment</p>	<p>2105 - CDO attends youth guarantee meetings held in Paeroa</p> <p>2014: CDO and Economic Development Committee initiate Smart Waikato to run Future Action Network Workshop in Thames</p> <p>2015: FAN initiates a local strategy meeting</p> <p>2015: Smart Waikato announce Secondary School Employer Partnership Programme</p> <p>2015: Government announces unit standard will be made available for Driver Licence education</p>	<p>A youth guarantee vocational challenge was held in Thames on 19 November 2015 with 50 students from Thames Valley Schools attending.</p> <p>2015: 167 businesses, community and government organisations attend FAN meeting held at Toyota Vehicle?? Thames</p> <p>2015: CAN DO - Coromandel Action Network District Owned is instigated to encourage youth employment, employer engagement with youth, driver awareness and communication re youth employment</p> <p>2016: thames High School on SSEP Pilot programme - Business Studies focus</p> <p>2016: Driver Licence unit standards will be implements in High Schools from 2016 onwards</p> <p>2016: implementation year</p> <p>2106: implementation year</p>
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Strategic Themes	Action	Outcome
Youth training and employment continued		
Health and Wellbeing	<p>2014 CDO initiates Bay of Plenty Polytechnic's Health programme</p> <p>2014: CDO initiates BOP Polytechnic's Wearable Arts design short course</p> <p>Coromandel Youth Collective celebrated 5 years of activities in November 2015 MYD/TCDC partnership programme - Value 4 Youth Programme</p> <p>MYD Value 4 Youth Programme - Volunteering</p> <p>WW100 initiatives - planting of signature trees for significant battles of WW1</p> <p>2015: Porritt Park and Hauraki Park children's playground developments</p>	<p>2014 & 2015: Level 4 Health Programme delivered from Te Korowai</p> <p>2014: one month design course venue Thames Goldfields Mall</p> <p>2015: Youth Awards - 69 applications with 12 nominations for the awards evening held in April 2015. A youth volunteering survey was conducted as well as volunteer training for 20 young people and community volunteers.</p> <p>Good participation in 10 youth projects held over the year around the peninsula.</p> <p>2015: Statistics gathered on youth interests in volunteering</p> <p>2016: Volunteering Expo's for Thames and Mercury Bay 6-10 June</p> <p>Children involved peninsula wide to plant trees for significant WW1 battles in each Ward</p> <p>Children from Thames schools participated in the redevelopment and mural for Porritt Park, Thames - including a mural which ran a competition of 43 art entries.</p> <p>South School redeveloped and participated in the refurbished playground at Hauraki Park.</p> <p>Thames Swimming Club participated in the recycling of Hauraki Parks old equipment to the Swimming Pool grounds</p>

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Justice and Crime	<p>2014 - Graffiti group set up includes Police, TCDC Staff, Community</p> <p>2014/2015 CDO attended family courts for Thames Youth</p>	<p>2016: Keep NZ Beautiful - Graffiti Week</p> <p>2015: Youth Crime Action Plan 2013- 2023 released by the Justice Department</p>
Youth supporters	<p>Minister of Youth, MP Nikky Kaye visited Thames Youth and Thames Valley Civil Defence Office commenting on great youth initiatives on the Coromandel as well as offering a Youth in Emergencies Programme for Thames Ward</p>	<p>2015: YES programme 18 students attended and 8 students signed up to voluntary organisations: Fire Brigade, St John, Land Search & Rescue - the programme was facilitated by Thames Valley Civil Defence office.</p>
Youth voice	<p>MYD and TCDC continue to collaborate on a Youth Voice journey</p> <p>2015: Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Strategy - consultation</p> <p>Coromandel Youth Collective</p>	<p>2016 - Youth Leadership Camp youth voice speakers will be in attendance to encourage youth voice on community boards</p> <p>2015: 40+ young people attended an Arts Strategy workshop at Whitianga led by Creative Waikato and local Arts Strategy consultant</p> <p>initiate annual submissions to Council on youth issues</p>
Leisure and social activities for young people	<p>Thames Community Board progresses funding applications and community fund raising</p> <p>Mercury Bay initiates community use of Mercury Bay Sports Complex</p>	<p>Thames Active 18</p> <p>2016 : Skate Park initiation</p> <p>2016-2018: Thames Community Gymnasium</p> <p>2019-2020: Rhodes Park Pavilion</p> <p>2014/2015 Sports facilitator employed for the complex</p>

