

Action Plan

The Youth Action Plan describes a vision for Gundagai Shire in 10 years time, values to guide youth, organisations providing services for young people and the broader community in making future choices, and future directions and strategic objectives.

All input from both the Youth Forum and the Youth Survey has been considered in preparing this Plan for the future of Gundagai Shire's young people.

Participants at the youth forum discussed the need for setting priorities in the action plan and agreed to the following criteria to determine priorities:

1. Money / funding
2. Resources – people
3. Lots of people want it
4. Lots of people need it
5. Sustainability

5.1 Reading the Gundagai Youth Plan

While the Youth Plan aims to improve outcomes for young people, successful implementation of the plan will require involvement from the entire community working together to avoid duplication of services, ensure efficient use of resources and sustainable outcomes.

It is important that the responsible organisation is clearly defined in order that it works effectively in areas where it can have the greatest impact.

(The timeframes and priorities were set by the youth and are open to review. They are reliant on available funding and resources.)

The Gundagai Youth Council will oversee the implementation of the Gundagai Youth Plan.

Key Theme & Priority Issue	Action	Priority	Timeframes	Responsible organisation
	Actions and strategies identified to meet youth objectives	1 (highest) to 5 (lowest) based on the importance expressed in community discussions	S Short term (within 12 months) M Medium term (12 years) L Long term (25 years)	Government agencies, community organisations etc. that need to be involved to achieve the objectives of the plan.

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		1-5	Sml, Med, Lge	

Youth Development Officer (YDO)	Identify and apply for grant funding to employ a YDO	1	S	Youth Council GSC & GNC
Youth Council	Advertise to increase membership	1	S	Youth Council
	Alternate meeting days and times to increase membership and participation	1	S	Youth Council
	Seek community and adult support for Youth Council and activities	1	S	Youth Council
	Create a Youth Council Facebook page	1	S	Youth Council
	Develop method to engage with youth no longer at school eg on-line surveys, Facebook blogs, circulate surveys to TAFE or employers of young people such as fast food outlets.	1	S	Youth Council
Youth Space	Obtain funding to establish youth space	1	M	Youth Council GSC Community
	Identify suitable venue for youth space	1	M	Youth Council GSC Community
	Organise furnishings and resources	3	M	Youth Council
	Advertise the new Youth Space	3	M	Youth Council
	Organize activities and events	3	M	Youth Council
Education and Employment	Lobby Gundagai businesses to offer traineeships			Youth Council
	Investigate online training and education options			GNC & CTC GHS
Business and Economy	Young people support local business and buy local wherever possible	1	S	Youth
	Lobby business houses to promote Gundagai to attract new business	2	S	Youth Council

	Lobby business houses to beautify shop exteriors and windows	2	S	Youth Council
	Investigate the feasibility	3	M	Youth Council

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	of constructing a "Premier Playground"			GSC Businesses
Health and Wellbeing	Youth Council to take a leadership role in promoting health and wellbeing in youth eg. communicating services available and promoting telephone helplines as appositve resource for youth	1	M	Youth Council Beyondblue GSAHS GNC
Youth Activities and Events	Regularly conduct surveys and consult with youth to identify appropriate events and activities	1	S	Youth Council
	Young people to be actively involved in organising events and activities and support their peers by participating.	1	S	Youth
	Investigate feasibility of youth radio spot, identify mentors & youth Interest	5	S	FM96.3 Youth Council GHS
	Organise events and activities throughout the calendar year	1	S	Youth Council
	Investigate funding to conduct holiday activity workshops for youth	1	M	Youth Council GNC GREG
	Effectively promote events and activities to ensure good attendance	1	S	Youth Council
	Participate in regional events and encourage youth from other towns to visit Gundagai events	3	M	Youth Council Youth
Sport and Recreation Facilities	Engage in discussions with Council and potential funding	1	S	Youth Council

	partners to construct a skate park			
	Obtain funding for design & construction of skate park	1	M	Youth Council GSC
	Coordinate and conduct fundraising to part fund the skate park	1	M	Youth
	Assist the community to raise funds for community purchase of	3	M	Youth Council Youth

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	the Old Picture Theatre			
	Support the establishment of a committee to manage Old Theatre	3	M	Youth Council
	Lobby council to conduct feasibility study for a recreation centre	2	S	Youth Council
	Investigate funding opportunities for a Recreation Centre	3	M	Dept Sport & Recreation GSC
	Investigate community support for establishing a Recreation Centre	3	M	GSC Sporting Groups
Transport				
	Investigate funding to subsidise taxi transport for youth	3	M	Youth Council
	Conduct a 3 month trial bus service for youth events	3	S	Youth Council
	Attract qualified Driving Instructor to Gundagai	3	M	Youth Council GHS & GNC
Environment and Heritage				
	Identify partners and participate in River/ Creek Development Committee	2	S	Youth Council Youth GREG
	Develop Plan for River and Creek	3	M	Committee
	Obtain Funding for River or Creek Walk	3	M	Council GREG
	Identify & signpost safe swimming areas in river	2	S	GSC

	Attract businesses to operate water activities	3	M	Business Houses Tourist Office
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