

REVISED Council Youth Action Plan 2012 – 2021

It is intended that this reviewed Plan be adopted and will be implemented from July 2012 and be reviewed annually as was allowed for in the original Youth Strategic Plan, which is appended to this document (INT/2011/02162).

Issue: Housing	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
<p>Accessibility and affordability of housing.</p> <p>Skills in property and financial management.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage attendance of agencies working with/on housing projects to attend regular Youth Interagency meetings to keep the flow of information, including information of upcoming courses and training in the awareness of schools, agencies and services within Armidale Dumaresq. 2. Report back to Council on attendance of agencies. Agencies not attending to be invited to participate through the General Manager. 3. Up to date information on agencies held in the Youth Directory on Council's Web Page, including TAFE details for courses such as Rent It Keep It. 	<p>From July 2012</p>	<p>Nil.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing NSW • Homes North • Northern Settlement Services • EACH • Pathfinders Inc • TAFE – Armidale • Armidale Dumaresq Council

Issue: Health	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
Accessibility of information on services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage attendance of agencies and services working with/on health/medical projects to attend regular Youth Interagency meetings to keep the flow of information, including information of upcoming courses and training in the awareness of schools, agencies and services within Armidale. 2. Report back to Council on attendance of agencies. Agencies not attending to be invited to participate through the General Manager. 3. Up to date information on agencies held in the Youth Directory on Council's Web Page. 	From July 2012	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Benevolent Society Armidale • Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services • Hunter New England Health • PCYC Armidale • Armidale Youth Council • Youth Assist • Pathfinders
Lack of knowledge in keeping peers safe during social activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Encourage Services working in the field to engage with social medias such as Facebook to ensure information is provided to young people in a media they frequently use. Follow up as part of the Youth Interagency and regular interagency meetings. 	From July 2012	Nil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCYC Armidale • Armidale Youth Council • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Youth Assist • Pathfinders • BackTrack • Benevolent Society • Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services • Hunter New England Health • Armidale Dumaresq Council
Funding for health information and activity provision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Provide a limited amount of funding that can be applied for by groups and services to assist in the provision of information sharing and gather to the benefit of the youth of Armidale 	From July 2012	\$3500 pa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council

Issue: Alcohol & Other Drug	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
Lack of knowledge about or understanding of services in relation to alcohol & other drugs	<p>Include information provided by services about services working with and for young people in relation to drugs and or alcohol in the Youth Directory.</p> <p>Encourage services working with and for young people on alcohol related issues to attend Youth interagency meetings.</p>	From July 2012	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Hunter New England Health • Freeman House • CDAT • Youth Assist • Armidale Youth Council • Benevolent Society • Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services • NSW Police • Beyond Empathy
Consumption; binge drinking	Provide funds to assist in presenters, expos, information sessions and seminars in working with organisations to provide correct up to date information to young people on drinking standards and health promotion.	From July 2012	\$2000 pa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter New England Health • Youth Assist • PCYC Armidale • Armidale Youth Council • Armidale Dumaresq Council
Secondary supply of alcohol	Work with the Armidale Dumaresq Alcohol and Community Safety Committees to provide information on secondary supply. E.g. the creating and airing of community wide information.	From July 2012	\$1500 pa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Hunter New England Health • Armidale High School • Duval High School • Presbyterian Ladies College • The Armidale School • New England Girls School

Issue: Employment	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
Lack of education being a barrier to employment	Promote, support and encourage the continuation of alternatives to main stream education models such as those run by the BackTrack group such as IronMan Welders. Assist in the continuation and expansion of the current programs by applying for significant financial grants and petitioning state and federal government for adequate funding.	Ongoing	\$1500pa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Jobs Australia • BackTrack • Ministers for Youth • NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet, Regional Coordinator.
Lack of employment opportunities for young people	Assist services and organisations (e.g. Careers network) tasked with assisting young people into further education and or training in the provision of showcase to provide information to young people about employment opportunities.	Ongoing	\$2000pa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers Network • Armidale High School • Duval High School • Presbyterian Ladies College • The Armidale School • New England Girls School • O'Connor Catholic College • University of New England

Issue: Transport	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
Lack of late night transport facilities	Continue to support the Night Rider Bus service	Ongoing	Nil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • University of New England • Armidale Liquor Accord • Freeman House
	Encourage all services working with and for young people to participate in the Youth interagency meeting to ensure information sharing.	From July 2012	Nil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Night Rider Bus Service • Youth Assist

Issues: Recreational Activities	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
Lack of activities for interaction between local schools Lack of provision of low cost or free recreational activities	Encourage a minimum of one student per school to engage as a member of the Armidale Youth Council and work towards hosting activities for young people outside of the school environment. Assist in the provision of activities during the school holiday periods.	Ongoing	\$2000pa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Armidale Youth Council • Armidale High School • Duval High School • Presbyterian Ladies College • The Armidale School • New England Girls School • O'Connor catholic College
	Lack of knowledge of existing activities in Armidale Dumaresq	Load information provided by services and groups to the youth directory to raise awareness of activities to young people in Armidale	From July 2012	Nil.

Lack of accessibility or relevant activities for young people at the PCYC	Support and encourage activities at the PCYC. Write funding grants as appropriate. Encourage services and young people to utilize the centre as much as possible.	Ongoing	Nil.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Armidale Youth Council • PCYC
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Issue: Racism	Action	Timeframe	Budget Implications	Responsible body
Identification and reduction of incidents of racism in the youth community	Identify events and activities that support cross cultural activities as much as possible to reduce incidents of racism in the community.	June 2011 onwards	Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armidale Dumaresq Council • Gayinyaga Aboriginal Advisory Committee • Armidale Elders Congress