

TITLE

C164 YOUTH POLICY

DEPARTMENT

Corporate Services

POLICY DIRECTIVE

Co-operative Approach

King Island Council is committed to working co-operatively with other organizations including:

- young people
- community organizations and individuals
- all levels of government
- the private sector

to address youth issues.

HISTORY

This policy was developed from funding through the Cradle Coast Authority in conjunction with five other Councils across the north west coast of Tasmania.

The project used the Office of Youth Affairs Youth Policy Development Framework as a guide. Consultations were held with three main stakeholder groups including King Island youth, King Island youth service providers and representatives from King Island Council.

The draft of the policy document was prepared by the Youth Access Officer in conjunction with Warren Moore of Moore Consulting.

The draft policy was reviewed by the three stakeholder groups in January 2002 and presented to Council for ratification in February 2002.

It is anticipated that the Policy will be reviewed in February 2003.

Council Resolution No 90/02 adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 February 2002.

The policy was reviewed and ratified as is at the Youth Steering Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 May 2006.

Councils Resolution No 30/09 endorsed the Youth Strategy with the revised Action Plan at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 17 February 2009. The Youth Strategy was endorsed in the knowledge that the document is visionary and complementary to continuing a service delivery approach to working with young people.

POLICY

RESEARCH

King Island Council is committed to ensuring the needs and issues relating to young people within council planning and processes are researched and investigated.

CONSULTATION

The King Island Council is committed to ensuring that relevant groups and organizations are consulted when addressing the issues relative to young people on King Island.

PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING

King Island Council is committed to developing strategies which involve young people and incorporate young peoples' issues and needs into Council Planning.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Whilst King Island Council recognises the importance of a close and caring community, the Council also recognises the utmost need for confidentiality when dealing with youth issues.

DIVERSITY IN YOUTH

King Island Council recognises that young people are a diverse group within the community and will work towards equal access to services and activities for all young people.

RESOURCES

King Island Council is committed to providing and/or seeking resources to ensure that local youth issues are addressed.

Resources include:

- human (with relevant skills)
- financial
- physical

PLANNING

King Island Council is committed to including youth issues within its Council planning including the Council's Operational and Strategic Plan.

King Island Council acknowledges the need to develop and regularly review policies in relation to youth issues.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

King Island Council recognises the importance of ensuring that the maintenance of a safe and secure environment for young people is an essential outcome of all King Island Council decisions as they relate to youth.

PROMOTION

King Island Council acknowledges the need to inform the public regarding:

- policies
- decisions
- plans

relative to youth issues on King Island.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

King Island Council recognises the need for a wide range of recreational/entertainment activities/services for youth on King Island.

King Island Council will assist to maintain existing and identify new (where required) recreational/entertainment activities/services for youth on King Island.

King Island Council recognises the importance of a balance of youth related recreational/entertainment activities/services including sporting, cultural, environmental and other relevant activities.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

King Island Council is committed to developing strategies that maintain and encourage the provision of accessible services that enhance the health and well-being of young people on King Island.

King Island Council will work co-operatively with service providers including:

- community organizations and individuals
- all levels of government
- the private sector

to achieve this.

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION AND TRAINING

King Island Council recognises the importance of education and training to the career opportunities and employment (both on and off King Island) for young people on King Island.

King Island Council is committed to working with:

- young people
- community organizations and individuals
- all levels of government
- the private sector

to ensure young people from King Island have access to a wide range of educational and training opportunities.

TRANSPORT

King Island Council recognises that the availability of regular, reliable, affordable and co-ordinated transport and accommodation on and off King Island is vital to ensuring young people from King Island have access to as wide a range of opportunity as possible. This is particularly important when accessing employment, education and training, sporting and cultural activities and services.

King Island Council will actively advocate, on behalf of young people:

- All levels of government
- The private sector
- Community organisations and individuals

to minimise the impact of geographic isolation on King Island youth.

King Island Council will encourage the provision of safe, affordable transport for young people whilst on King Island, as required.

HOUSING

King Island Council encourages the availability of safe, affordable housing options for young people on King Island.

King Island Council recognises the need for both short-term emergency accommodation and long-term residences for young people whilst on King Island.

KING ISLAND YOUTH STRATEGY

A strategy for retaining and attracting our young people back to King Island. (Michael O'Meara - mohow – November 2008)
Revised ACTION PLAN

January 2009

Note: Priority A = within 6 months from date of endorsement by Council

Priority B = within 9 months

Priority C = within 12 months

YDO – Youth Development Officer

	PRIORITY	WHO	ACTION	MILESTONE
Getting ready: IMPLEMENTATION PHASE How big is the vision - a new budget	A	YDO - Chris Green Michael O'Meara / YDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a list of key potential funding organisations - Develop a study Tour Program and relationships with Australian rural communities who are successfully engaging young people - Seek funding of access / travel for King Island young people to State and National initiatives including YNOT - Secure resources for ongoing professional development and professional support for KIYN and the KIYN facilitator - Presentation of strategy to Council and to an open community meeting 	<p>Mini Study tour to expose the Youth Development officer and key young people to existing models of youth engagement</p> <p>Engage Broader community</p>
	A	YDO	Secure resources to engage a young trainee	Engagement of KI young person
Engage Young	A	YDO	Invitation of currently engaged young people to form KIYN	Launch of KIYN
	A	YDO	Refinement of the Vision created by young people during youth Strategy process	Promotion of Vision in local newspaper

Sustainability	B	YDO Community Development Manager KI Young people	Financial Plan Meeting with FRRR in relation to funding opportunities and the creation of a KI Youth Foundation	Financial plan that sets a clear vision and process for achieving a sustainable corpus for KIYN
	B	YDO	Sustaining young people's involvement as architects - create a welcome home to young people who are returning from a year away at school and education	Young people's Skills development program commences
Communication Strategy	B	YDO and members of KIYN	To be developed - but to encompass initiatives including the sending of the community newspaper to each young person and the expansion of current initiatives driven by the local newspaper	Establishment of recognition program or like
Business Agency Breakfast	C (ongoing)	KIYN members	Young people to host a creative series of business breakfasts targeting local businesses and companies who do business with King Island	Engagement of new businesses into the vision created and further developed by KI young people
Collating the Package	C	KIYN members and YDO	Gathering vision / stories - pulling into shape. YDO to lead development of a package for young people	Package launched (physical and on-line)

ATTACHED: *King Island Youth Strategy*