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RESPONSIBILITY:-	
Draft Policy Developed by:	General Manager
Committee/s (if any) consulted in the development of this policy:	Youth Council
Responsibility for implementation:	General Manger
Responsibility for review of Policy:	General Manager

OBJECTIVE

To plan, develop and promote community partnerships and a range of services for young people (aged 13-18 within the Upper Lachlan Shire LGA), to achieve a sustainable future.

POLICY

In respect to young people, Council undertakes to:

i. Plan

- Young people are involved in identifying and determining their needs and interests in developing appropriate strategies when planning;
- Seek co-operation from government, the community, business and institutions to facilitate effective and equitable use of resources;
- Provide an integrated approach to planning which crosses sector boundaries and fosters partnerships;
- Provide proactive strategies in order to adequately address the issues facing young people; and
- Equitable allocation of resources towards youth services.

ii. Develop

- Work collaboratively with community organisations to offer support in the development of programs for young people;
- Support existing youth networks within the Shire and co-ordinate resources accordingly; and
- Seek funding opportunities and provide regular information on youth issues.

iii. Promote

- Positive image of young people in our community and acknowledge their achievements;
- Education for young people and the community on their rights and responsibilities;
- Ensure that young people are given a 'fair go' at expressing their opinions and ideas;
- Celebrate the individuality of young people, the backgrounds they come from and their future potential through participating in special events ie. Youth Week; and
- Encourage a sense of belonging amongst young people.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The following legislation and Council policies that are relevant to this Policy include:

- Anti Discrimination Act 1977;
- The Ombudsman Amendment (Child Protection & Community Services) Act 1998;
- Children & Young People (Care & Protection) Act 1998
- Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998
- Commission for Children & Young People Amendment Act 1998;
- Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009;
- Local Government Act 1993;
- Local Government (General) Regulation 2005;
- NSW State Records Act 1998;
- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998;
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and Regulations;
- Council Bribes, Gifts and Benefits Policy;
- Council Code of Conduct;
- Council Code of Business Practice;
- Council Child Protection Policy;
- Council Cultural Policy;
- Council Event Funding Policy;
- Council Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy;
- Council Service Delivery Policy;
- Council Complaints Management Policy;
- Council Section 355 Committee Policy; and
- Council Section 355 Committee Code of Meeting Practice;
- Council Skate Park Facility Policy;
- Council Statement of Ethical Principles; and
- Council Work Experience Policy.

VARIATION

Council reserves the right to vary or revoke this policy.