

YEAR 2 ANNUAL REPORT (1 JULY 2023 – 30 JUNE 2024)

CONNECT & THRIVE:

A PLAN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HUME 2022-26







Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, which includes the existing family members of the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this land. Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia's identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to Elders past, present and future.

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ACTION AREA 1: YOUTH AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY PLACES AND SPACES

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH, LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

School Holiday Programs



45 school holiday programs (10 – 18-year-olds)



pathway programs delivered over the school holidays (18 – 24-year-olds)



303 young people attended

BENEFITS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Opportunities to meet and socialise with new people
- Allowed young people to have fun in a safe environment
- United young people from various backgrounds/social groups
- Enabled young people to learn more information about Hume's services, youth centres and programs



FEEDBACK FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



We really enjoyed the activity and request it to be run more often.



It united different types of people all together. - Mixed Sports



Learnt about the Youth Centre and programs.



Met new people.



Learnt about the **Youth Centre** and programs.



Met Youth Services staff.



Learnt about services in Hume.



It was a place that I could express myself and meet new people.



Had fun. - movie night

QUOTE FROM PARENT:



I would like to recognise the council for the great activities they have provided for the school holidays. Well done.



Term Programs



school-term programs delivered across the four youth centres



sessions run over the year



attendances at centre-based programs



- Safe space to build connection with other young people
- Gained new skills through the programs
- Built trust and rapport with the Youth **Support Officers**
- Connecting with more programs and services within Hume
- Opportunities to mingle with other social groups
- Enhanced confidence and leadership skills











SUPPORT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

GLITTER Program (Support for LGBTQIA+ young people)



program sessions facilitated through **Youth Centres**



young people who attended each session



attendances at centre-based programs



GLITTER in-school sessions facilitated, with 54 attendances

BENEFITS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Safe space to connect to other young people and Youth Support Officers
- Increased social connection
- Being heard
- Access to services
- Involvement within the LGBTQIA+ community
- Development of social skills and confidence.



KEY EXTERNAL PARTNERS:

- headspace Craigieburn
- Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health





BE HEARD. BE SEEN. BE YOURSELF. Social group for LGBTQIA+ youth

A safe place to hang out, connect, share and learn with like-minded people! Get to know others in your community and explore important topics and ideas.

 $rac{1}{100}$ Tuesdays fortnightly, 23 April — 18 June 2024

⊕4pm — 6pm

Sunbury Youth Centre





to sign up of for more information, scan QR code.

hume.vic.gov.au/youth

LGBTQIA+ Youth Project



workshops held between 23/24



committee members lead the development of this project

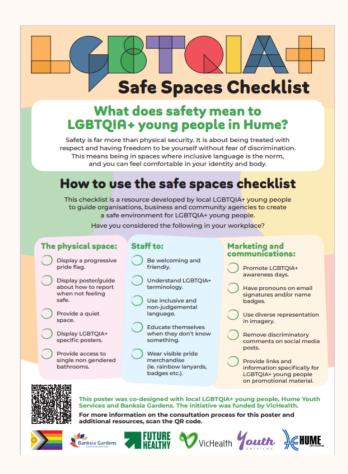
OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT:

- Youth Action Group (YAG) was formed with local LGBTQIA+ young people.
- Survey developed to identify what makes queer young people feel safe.
- 33 young people participated in the survey which gave insight into the experience and needs of the community.
- Safe Spaces Checklist distributed to guide businesses, services and community agencies, towards creating a welcoming environment for everyone.



KEY EXTERNAL PARTNER:

Banksia Gardens



FEEDBACK FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



Thank you for inviting me to the event. It was great! The information was very important, and everyone did a fantastic job.



Thank you for being at the forefront of fighting for queer people in the Hume community.

YOUTH CENTRE CAPITAL WORKS





YOUTH EVENTS

FReeZA Events



FReeZA events held over the year



training sessions facilitated with themes that included food safety, first aid, event management and public speaking



2,174 people attended FReeZA events

throughout 23/24



committee meetings were held, with 12 committee members attending each meeting







QUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



I love the team collaboration, how everyone worked and communicated with each other effectively to solve different problems.



I learnt to be more confident during team discussions, providing my point of view to different ideas that the team members came up with.

Youth Fest - Town Hall Takeover 2023



Hume Youth Services hosted the Town Hall Takeover event for Youth Fest 2023



young people attended

KEY EXTERNAL PARTNERS THAT CO-DELIVERED YOUTH FEST INCLUDED:

- The Zone
- **BSL**
- WCIG
- Vincent Care
- Gamblers Help
- Level Up Gaming
- **Hume Libraries**
- Aitken College Students (planning group)

QUOTE FROM KEY PARTNERS:

"We were involved in the delivery of the Hume youth fest town hall takeover, our experience with the planning of the event was very positive as staff made the environment feel very supportive and welcoming. It was easy to relate to the targeted audience as we are of similar ages to majority of the community, and thus we found it easy to create ideas and fun events that were targeted at the youth of Hume. We also found the delivery of the event to be very successful and easy going, as the Hume youth services team were very eager to help when we need it. Additionally, it was very stress-free to set up, as we were well prepared for all possible scenarios and worked with members of the Hume council to ensure the day was fun and enjoyable for everyone."







World Mental Health Day Forum



young people, community members and service providers attended the event



service providers ran stalls on the day



secondary schools involved











ACTION AREA 2: INFORMATION, RESOURCES **AND NAVIGATION**

NETWORKS

The Youth Engagement & Pathway Unit supported and attended:

- Hume Principals Breakfast
- Sunbury Youth Network
- LGA Youth Hub Network
- Northern Youth Coordinators Network
- Middle Years and Transitions Network
- Hume Early Years Partnership
- Hume Neighbourhood Policing Forums
- Hume Meri-bek: Local Site **Executive Committee**
- Pride in the North Collaborative
- **Hume Community Investment Committee**
- **Hume Youth Commitment**
- Youth Impact Group

Hume Tangible Connections Network



network sessions held



sector and school representatives attended

Meeting topics included: Supporting Neurodivergent Young People; Employment & Pathway Programs; Mental Health.



QUOTES FROM ATTENDEES:



The network is a great opportunity to connect to others in Hume.



Great to have external speakers come in and run workshops on topics identified by network members.

Hume Parent/Carer Information Workshops



parent information sessions delivered



parents/carers attended sessions



KEY EXTERNAL PARTNERS THAT CO-DELIVERED THE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS:

- Kids First
- The Zone (Odyssey House)
- Pat Cronin Foundation
- ParentZone, Anglicare
- Kolbe Catholic College
- YDAS (Youth Disability Advocacy Services)

QUOTE FROM SCHOOL:

"Working with the Middle Years & Transitions Officer has allowed a partnership to be created with our school and Council and has allowed us to work together to meet the needs of the parents in our community. They have been responsive and supportive in keeping projects on track. They have provided creative solutions and ideas to overcome barriers to parent engagement. They have worked collaboratively with different stakeholders and shared relevant skills and knowledge."



OUOTES FROM PARENTS:



Thank you for the presentation tonight. It was a great group of people, lots of sharing, and I very much enjoyed the interactive format



Thanks for running the session, I enjoyed it. It's so nice to know it's not just me going through a frankly, hellish time with a teenage school refuser!



I just wanted to say thank you for your seminar last night. It has really helped me, and I hope tuning in will help.

ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

Website







Social Media



43,333
Hume Youth Website views



School Holiday Program with 10,395 views



new Facebook followers From July 2023 - June 2024



Facebook accounts reached 6,600 Facebook page visit



new Instagram followers

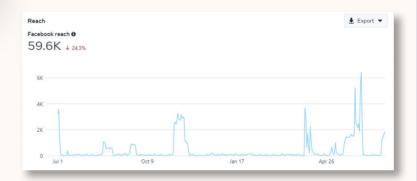


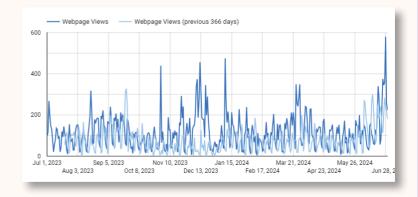
5,400 Instagram accounts reached

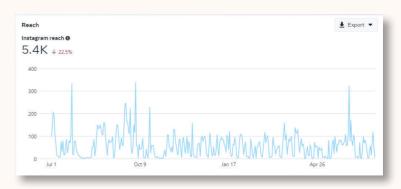


2,800

Instagram profile visits







ACTION AREA 3: INNOVATIVE, RESPONSIVE AND IMPACTFUL PROGRAMS

SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMS



school lunch-time engagement sessions delivered



sessions of Drumbeat delivered



young people engaged in **Drumbeat Program**



attendances at school-based programs

YOUTH OUTREACH AND **SUPPORT**

Delivered by Youth Projects on Council's behalf



targeted mental health interventions delivered to young people aged 12 to 24 years



intensive case management interventions delivered to young people aged 12 to 24 years



referrals were received from schools, families and service providers

YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

YOUTH ACTION COMMITTEE (YAC)



committee meetings held



committee members attended over the year



attendance at Initiatives

Initiatives planned and delivered by the YAC in 23/24 include:

- Indigenous cultural awareness training;
- Self-defence workshop;
- Youth mental health first aid training:
- Barista courses;
- First Aid training;
- Public Speaking training; and
- Advocacy through art workshop



YOUTH RECOGNITION AND **AWARD PROGRAMS**

Hume Young Leaders Awards 2023



nominations received, with 10 of these receiving an award



people attended the Young **Leaders Awards Ceremony**



young people attended the Young Leaders Workshop



QUOTES:



Seeing the quality of the young leaders within the room was inspiring for all in attendance.



I absolutely loved the didgeridoo performance at the beginning, especially it helped calm my nerves when I closed my eyes and was fully immersed.







Young people mc-ing the event. It was a true celebration of young people in the community.



I will be continuing to work within the same group in the community and build connections/participation/ equality. I will also be working on developing my own skills to further support everyone in the future.

Hume VCE Achievement and Hume Anthology Awards



54

young people, families and school representatives attended the event



18
students were awarded the
Mayoral VCE Achievement Award



42
young people submitted
a total of 46 pieces of artwork







Hume YMCA Youth Parliament Program



young people were members of the program



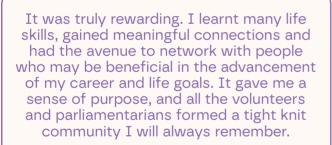
sessions on the topic of 'Expansion of AUSLAN Education Bill 2024'



OUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



It was an invaluable experience that allowed me to develop my public speaking skills and making new lifelong friends.







I learnt how to debate professionally and stand up for what I believe. I gained the courage to speak out and voice my opinion regardless of who was watching, even though it was daunting at first.



The parliament sitting days provided me with a feeling I am unable to express. I was filled with so much pride, and fear alike, when presenting the bill my team and I have worked for months on. To freely be able to debate with the intention of real change made me feel like I was a part of something greater than myself, and I will always be truly thankful for it. The camps helped me step out of my comfort zone and explore new ideas I would have been too afraid to encounter on my own.



Victorian Bar Foundation Program



young people attended the work experience day



young people awarded achievement award or encouragement award



guests attended the presentation awards.

QUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



Very insightful, was good to hear from the Barrister about the different jobs one could have in a firm.



I enjoyed meeting the barristers which outlined how they came to their positions which was very informative and helpful.



Very insightful and helpful in my choices for the future.



Justice Gordon was incredibly inspirational and had some really great answers to questions that helped us understand more about the High Court.



ACTION AREA 4: ADVOCACY AND STEWARDSHIP

Youth Summit and VET Discovery Expo



young people attended the Youth Summit and VET Discovery Expo



Workshops included taking the first step; overcoming stigmas about pathways; navigating pathways anxiety.





- [the best part of the panel was] the relatability of the speakers
- [one piece of advice I learned from the panel] was you don't need to be good in school to achieve your goals in life
- [the best part of the workshop was] I was encouraged to be a responsible person
- [something I learned from the workshop was] not to give up when there are setbacks
- [something I learned from the workshop was] how to manage my time better and be more organised





KEY PARTNERS:

- **BSL YAG**
- **HWLLEN**
- Kangan Next Steps
- Careeer Success Australia
- La Trobe University
- Victoria University
- Children and Young People with Disability Australia
- Department of Education
- **Raising Expectations**
- Refugee Council of Australia and
- Happy Brain Education

Hume Empowering Communities

Funded by Department of Justice and Community Safety with \$550,000 administered across 14 projects



2,936
young people engaged in projects



community agencies engaged in partnerships and programs



community members attended capacity building workshops



130 families engaged in projects



12 capacity building workshops delivered



Action Group meetings held



Capacity Building Workshops

Community Engagement and Developing Partnerships

- this workshop you will learn how to: Build meaningful relationships and trust with the community Develop a community engagement plan Identify community partners

day 11 June 2024, 4.30pm - 7.30pm Hall Broadmeadows, 10 Dimboola Road, Broadmeado

kshop will be facilitated by Pirooz Jafari from Track C Consulting.









ACTION AREA 5: SUPPORTING TRANSITIONS

MIDDLE YEARS ENGAGEMENT **PROGRAMS**

Middle Years School Holiday Programs



middle years school holiday programs delivered



young people engaged

QUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



I like everything about this It was amazing and needed no improvement Can you increase the number of these types of activities?



Loved it can't wait for next school holidays



The staff members are very nice, fun to play with. Activity ideas for next holidays: movie day, singing, dancing, art

QUOTE FROM PARENT:



As a father of 2 young people that attended events at Hume youth services they spoke about how much fun and how good they were and that they can not wait for next holidays also want to come drop into youth services centre in Roxburgh Park & Broadmeadows



Middle Years Primary to Secondary School Transition Program



Transitions Programs delivered



young people engaged

QUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE:



Session was calm and facilitators were kind





Liked the program as I got to see my mates



Enjoyed laughing





Felt happy and enjoyed the lesson because I was with my mates



I felt happier and laughed a lot and my rate level went up





Primary & Secondary School Principal's Breakfast



breakfast forums delivered to primary and secondary school principals.



representatives from primary and secondary schools attended



services presented on topics including: creating inclusivity and accessibility, current youth concerns in Hume, the role of the Proactive Policing Unit (PPU), student behaviour in schools, building connected communities, understanding neurodivergence in young people.

QUOTES:



Thank you for organising this, the focus is truly timely. Look forward to seeing you there and discussing this topic.



Hume Resilience Youth Survey

Partnered with Resilient Youth Australia



schools signed up to undertake survey



students from Grade 3 to Year 12 completed the survey

KEY STUDENT SURVEY FINDINGS:

- 89% have love and support from family.
- 90% have at least one good friend at school.
- 89% feel safe at home.
- 87% try hard at school.
- 57% can't talk about the things that upset
- 43% are using a device between 10pm/ midnight and 6am.
- 50% do not read for fun.
- 42% do not feel they are given useful jobs at school.



This forum is so useful and provides us with an opportunity to hear from the service sector



PATHWAY PROGRAMS (18-24 YEAR OLDS)

School Holiday Programs/Expos And Tours



pathway school holiday programs delivered with 150+ young people attending the sessions

Program themes included:

- cooking on a budget
- barista training
- tour of the Melbourne Airport and LA Trobe Digital Innovation Hub indoor and outdoor sports tournaments.

KEY EXTERNAL PARTNERS:

- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Centre for Multicultural Youth
- **Arabic Welfare**
- Reclink
- Banksia Gardens
- Spectrum

Level Up Training Calendar



workshops and 6 courses delivered



young people attended these programs

KEY PARTNERS:

- Create, Train Achieve (CTA)
- Roof Tile & Bricklaying Careers
- Australian School of Entrepreneurship (ASE)
- Melbourne Airport
- Football Victoria







Youth Central Training Café and Breakfast Club



hospitality courses run



young people participated and graduated

KEY PARTNERS:

- Jesuit Community College (Jesuit Social Services)
- Bean Curve Cafe

FEEDBACK:

- 100% of attendees reported they felt confident to use the skills they had learned from the course in the workplace (40% agree, 60% strongly agree)
- 100% strongly agreed that they had more knowledge than they did at the start of the course
- 100% very satisfied with the information shared in the course









CASE STUDY FROM THE YOUTH CENTRAL TRAINING CAFE COURSE

An 18-year-old from Sunbury attended our Youth Central Training Cafe, run in partnership with Jesuit Social Services, in February/March 2024. This young person had finished school the year previously and had anxiety about finding employment. They had the following to say about their experience:



It was really good for me. I'd just left school and hadn't worked before, so putting it on my resume looked really, really good that I could commit myself to coming down to Broadmeadows – it's a half hour drive from where I live . I did not know anything about coffee before I did this course and now I'm confident enough on a coffee machine to serve customers and so that looks really good on a resume...I've been hired now and as part of my job, I do serve coffee, and the fact that they didn't have to teach me that when I got there was a very big plus. I'd definitely highly recommend it, it's a very fun course, I made a lot of friends that I still keep in touch with. It's very good for people who just finished high school and are looking to get into employment...I'd say go for it!



This young person has now become part of our Youth **Cafe Volunteers** program, where they regularly volunteer to make coffee at council events to keep their skills sharp and remain connected to their fellow course graduates.

Hume Youth Makers Market



Hume Youth Makers Market held in 23/24



young people registered to hold a stall



community members in attendance









Next Gen Resumes



11 weekly sessions held during 23/24



young people attended these sessions

BENEFITS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- boosts youth economic participation;
- enhances confidence and self-esteem;
- coaches young people on the presentation of their skills;
- encourages thinking about goals and life plans.

KEY PARTNERS:

- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Westgate Community Initiative Group Ltd
- Australian School of Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Australia
- Maribyrnong and Moonee Valley Local Learning and Employment Network
- Youth Engagement and Pathways Unit
- Hume JobLink







VR Work Window



sessions delivered for 23/24



young people engaged in these sessions

QUOTE:



Our students enjoyed the VR experience, it was one of our highlights this term.

Pathway Support Open Door



weekly sessions delivered in 23/24, providing support for youth seeking guidance with employment, education and training 50+ young people attended

these sessions

KEY PARTNERS:

- Hume JobLink
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Westgate Community Initiative Group Ltd
- Spectrum



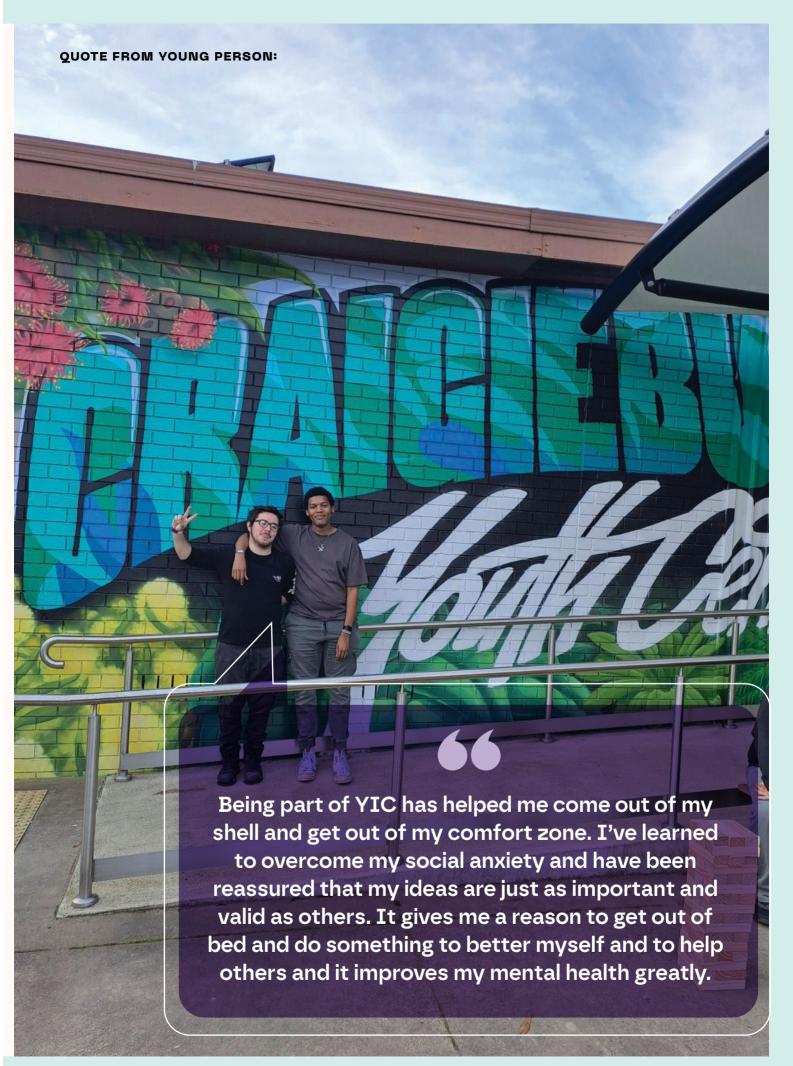
Youth Innovation Committee (YIC)



youth-led projects were developed and delivered by YIC in 2024









YOUTH CENTRES

Broadmeadows Youth Centre (Youth Central) 33-37 Pearcedale Parade, Broadmeadows 3047

Roxburgh Park Youth Centre
75 Lakeside Drive, Roxburgh Park Victoria 3064

Craigieburn Youth Centre
59 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn Victoria 3064

Sunbury Youth Centre 51-53 Evans Street, Sunbury Victoria 3429

Humelink

multilingual telephone information service.

General enquiries: Telephone 9205 2200

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