

## YOUTH FUTURES

The following initiatives have been suggested so far. Do you have any further information or input on any of the initiatives? If so please email [kerry@readycommunities.com.au](mailto:kerry@readycommunities.com.au) (updated 30 July 2024)

Progress

Already in place

Requires a local lead

Complete or no longer tracking

**NOTE:** We have focused our efforts in this theme into the conference (4-6 Sept) which will incorporate youth futures as a primary stream. At the event we have partnered with Taz and Em of Futures Isle who have developed a youth program which will run through the conference. The findings of this, combined with any updates on the following initiatives will be incorporated in the conference paper which will be produced at the end of October 2024.

Action / idea	Date	What we heard	What's happened so far
More access to sexual health education	27/2	There are currently inadequate opportunities for young people to learn about sexual health	-
Increase opportunities to gain and maintain employment	27/2	Increase linkages to employers, extend knowledge of workplace rights, implement employment passports	(30/7) the REIP program is in all local schools and supporting young people to link with employers
Map transport options	27/2	There are limited public transport options however many publicly owned buses that may be leveraged	-
Improve communication about support programs	27/2	It's difficult for people to find information about programs. Appropriate information and linkages would assist.	(30/7) Learning the Macleay is mapping youth services
Provide safe spaces outside hours	27/2	There is not a safe place for young people to go out of business hours when they are often most at risk.	-
Create an indoor all-weather sport facility	27/2	There is a need for an all-weather sport facility in the community.	-
Provide more access to life skills in the school system	27/2	Young people require more access to opportunities to learn important life skills	-
More youth positive housing options	27/2	Housing is difficult for young people. It is important for young people to have access to appropriate options.	-
Give young people more access to Council meetings	27/2	Council can be daunting for young people and yet it is important to have a youth voice in Council. What can be done to enhance the voice of young people at Council?	Council meeting week of 18/3 (30/7) Councillor Wyatt has been championing this initiative

Amplify the voices of young people in all decision making	27/2	What can be done to amplify the voices of young people in decision making across the community?	Council meeting week of 18/3 Taz and Em, Futures Isle 16/17 May (30/7) SIITR24 youth program is now in progress
Increase access to youth events	27/2	Can we develop more youth events in the community?	LTM will deliver Yuwa Nyinda Dream Academy in August (30/7) have proposed event management training, no support from local RTOs thus far
Invest in young people to be leaders of programs	27/2	How can we invest in young people in the Macleay as our future leaders and leaders of current programs?	-