

2004 Tamworth Regional Youth Forum

Facilitated by Peter Slattery

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1. Introduction

On Wednesday the 31st March 2004, coinciding with Youth week, the Tamworth Regional Council held a regional youth forum in Tamworth, facilitated by Peter Slattery.

The forum was attended by over 75 young people from Tamworth, Gunnedah, Manilla, Barraba and Walcha.

The aim of the forum was to bring together young people from a variety of backgrounds and outlooks to generate ideas, concerns, positives and negatives and reflections on the issues as seen by these people. These thoughts and ideas were then communicated to stakeholders attending the afternoon session. From here it is hoped that the stakeholders and decision makers can use this information in the development of future programs and the allocation of resources.

An enormous amount of material was covered on the day and due to time constraints priorities were made of issues that were more frequently discussed. This, however, does not diminish the importance of any issues not discussed in depth.

In the following pages I have compiled all responses that were generated and written on butcher's paper.

Top 6 topics - Obstacles and suggestions/actions

1. More opportunities to pursue career/education choice - expensive to go away to university
2. Not enough to do/lack of youth facilities - entertainment/recreational - specifically at night and in school holidays
3. Prejudice and discrimination
4. Teen Safety
5. Lack of Jobs
6. Alcohol and other drug use - resulting in anti-social behavior, including violence and threats to personal safety

Any entry that has an asterix next to it indicates that exact response was duplicated.

This report has been compiled by Stephen Blanch, Youth Services Coordinator, Tamworth Regional Council. Recommendations relate to the Tamworth Regional Council area.

2. Format of the Day

Morning

Introduction/welcome to young people and theatrics

Small group work/brainstorming and theatre based activities

- “What gives your life meaning and purpose?” - theatre based
- Complaints!
- Concerns
- Hopes and dreams
- Top 3 topics

As a large group vote on top 6 topics

Lunch - Pizza!!!

Afternoon

Introduction/welcome to stakeholders

Top 6 topics presented to the stakeholders - open discussion/question time

Jason's story

Small groups working on the top 6 topics

- Obstacles
- Suggestions/actions/what might help

3. What gives your life meaning and purpose?

- Family
- Friendship
- Social interaction
- Sport
- Relationships
- Respect
- Connections
- Spirituality/religion

4. Complaints

- Lack of youth facilities open every day
- To go to University you have to leave town
- Nothing to do
- No beach
- Lack of respect - attitudes towards others - youth targeted
- Inter area conflict/schools
- Bad shopping - not enough variety
- Schools don't mix - too much separation
- "Street rats"
- Cops being too strict
- No more Burger King
- Nothing to do (Gunnedah)
- Skate park sux
- Pool sux
- Police don't do their job - don't follow up on things
- Nothing to do, nowhere to go
- Movies come to the country too late
- No cinema (Walcha)
- Travel
- Not enough buses
- Police escort you everywhere
- Cost of living - money
- No free speech - give us a chance
- We need Jesters back - 15-18 (Tamworth)
- There is no place for young people to hang out at night
- Real Estate
- Nothing to do
- Movies are old
- Not enough entertainment (better music)
- Too many kids on the streets
- Lack of opportunities for jobs
- No pool table opportunities for people under 18 (Gunnedah)
- Parks not safe at night - drunks, druggo's
- Need to move for higher education - university, jobs
- Nothing to do on weekends (Walcha)
- Too much country music
- Not enough access to youth related music
- Broadband not accessible (Manilla)
- No mobile coverage
- Very few place to hang for young people
- Not enough youth related activities
- Violence
- Nothing to do
- Limited organized events
- Drug and alcohol abuse

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- Verbal and physical abuse
- Lack of motivation
- Lack of transport
- Lack of night time/holiday entertainment
- School
- Boredom *
- Unemployment
- Vandalism
- Racism *
- Drugs and alcohol
- Police
- Lack of under 18 night life activities
- Access to sporting activities
- Centerlink
- Financials
- Not much to do
- Nothing for youth
- Discrimination against youth - home, society and the media
- No skate park (Gunnedah)
- Limited education opportunities - expensive
- Difficulty getting a job in a small town
- Limited live entertainment
- Boredom
- Vandalism
- Police
- Lack of music facilities
- Trespassing
- Dragging
- Nothing to do
- Youth centre needs to be open every day
- No nightclubs for 15-18 year olds
- No jobs
- Not enough youth facilities in many towns
- Too many religions
- Small town syndrome
- Boring
- Segregation between ages
- Coledale
- Not enough activities
- Gossip
- Intolerance of differences
- Discrimination
- Harassment
- Safety
- Lack of diversity
- Sexism

5. Concerns

- the social problems that result from alcohol and drug use
- violence - dangers on the street/harassment
- bullying
- racism and discrimination
- missed education opportunities - cost and traveling distance
- mental health - fears and concerns, 'taboo' and lack of trust
- crime
- drug and alcohol abuse - whole community
- safe sex - lack of resources
- violence
- gossip
- more jobs
- financial hardship for education
- environment
- lack of youth facilities - we need more of them
- not enough jobs when you leave school
- safety - public and personal
- racism
- anti social behavior/culture
- safety
- drugs culture
- lack of educational opportunities
- alcohol overuse/abuse
- not enough family support
- walls between schools (metaphorically)
- peer pressure - sex, relationships, body image, depression
- stereotyping - harassment
- drugs - easy to buy, easy to steal - violence
- not enough jobs
- under employment because of age
- environment
- too many drugs
- bums walking around drinking - not enough help for these people
- public transport between towns
- young people with nowhere to live
- money for travel
- teen pregnancy
- drugs and alcohol
- gay and lesbian
- racism
- discrimination
- council
- environment
- employment
- suicide

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- religion
- p platers
- education
- image
- medical
- sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, other STI's
- sex
- drugs
- the water level of the Peel River
- consequences of having nothing to do
- safety - increasing violence
- no one having time to listen
- future - jobs, safety - availability, industrialization, opportunities
- University - fees, course entrance, UAI cutoff increased
- Youth suicide
- Teen pregnancy
- Nothing to do
- No beach
- "Target"
- Peel Street at night - boring and dangerous

6. Hopes and Dreams

- Win lotto
- Jobs
- Finish school
- Further study
- Career and choices
- Fame
- Sporting dreams
- Acting
- Happy with own choices
- Travel overseas
- Farm
- Move to the beach
- Family (healthy)
- City living
- Own a big house
- Flash car
- Learn from your mistakes
- Get away from town
- Find better opportunities
- Opportunity to go to university
- Achieve the marks to go to university
- Freedom to choose ***
- Financially stable
- Job enjoyment
- Feeling safe
- Resolving inequity-freedom between cultures/age/gender ***
- Own your own house
- Be happy
- Travel - see other people/cultures
- Travel
- Career
- Girlfriend
- Evolve
- Family
- Happiness
- Money
- Necessities
- Education - qualifications/skills
- Acceptance - respect/confidence
- More employment
- Live to personal potential
- More education for wheelchair people
- Interesting education - more opportunities as an outcome
- More jobs
- hope for freedom to choose what you are going to do with your life
- get a job - establish yourself/career

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- do positive things
- no prejudice - lose stigma and attitudes
- equality - social justice
- world peace
- living without fear
- lose racism, stereotypes and harassment
- family
- address rights - laws, discrimination towards homosexuality
- independence
- youth centre open on Friday and Saturday nights until midnight - with transport. Less people driving - less accidents, gate crashing reduced, supervised and safe, lower CBD crime rate, more interaction with surrounding communities (bus youth in from around), will reduce drug and alcohol abuse
- Special nights at the Youthie - winter sleepout, 40 hour famine, theme nights, fundraisers
- Career
- Good education
- House
- Assets
- Family
- To be able to contribute positively
- Income
- Happiness
- Success
- Friendships
- Health
- Equality - city/country, age*
- Professional
- Open Jesters
- Money - wealthy
- Live long
- Successful in life
- 3rd stage to the skate park to be completed soon
- Youth night club for entertainment and to hang out
- Experience
- Increased awareness
- Live life to the full
- Safety
- Entertainment - bands, shops
- Education - schools and grounds, teachers, resources, opportunities
- Respectful attitude - ages, schools, perception of youth
- Recognition - country
- Representation
- Acceptance

7. Top 3

1. Prejudice and discrimination - age, sex, race, orientation and harassment
 2. Positive opportunities and activities - education, entertainment. Positive effect on social problems such as alcohol and other drugs, unprotected sex and violence
 3. Safety - gangs, personal safety, in the home - need somewhere to go, someone to listen
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1. Discrimination - racial, sexual, age related and violence
 2. Lack of jobs and employment opportunities and education
 3. Lack of youth housing and facilities
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1. Having things to do, being recognized and entertainment
 2. More opportunities to pursue career of choice - move funding of Universities, assistance programs, awareness
 3. Assistance to establish your home and lifestyle
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1. Jesters - under 18's night club
 2. Next stage of the skate park in Tamworth
 3. Safety
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1. Entertainment
 2. Jobs
 3. Financial hardship for education
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1. Youth facilities (health and services) - at night/holidays - safety issues - freedom to choose
 2. Drugs
 3. Limited job and education opportunities
 4. Peer pressure
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1. Jesters (Tamworth)
 2. Next stage of the Tamworth skate park
 3. Live life to the fullest
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1. Safety for teens - in parks, dangerous people and bums
 2. Too many speed limits in and around Tamworth and Gunnedah
 3. Not enough good bands
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1. Lack of youth facilities
 2. Teen safety
 3. More choice, opportunity, accessibility to education
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1. Education system
 2. Unemployment
 3. Boredom - lack of activities

8. Top 6 topics - obstacles and suggestions/actions

Prejudice and discrimination - *Obstacles*

- Publicity - run down youth, "p platers", generalizations/stereotypes
- Traditional role of youths
- Family breakdown - parents and communities don't relate to kids/youths
- Bullying
- Inter school rivalry/ conflict. School against school onsets community distrust
- Access to health, jobs, entertainment, traineeships and information
- Not looked at as equal limits opportunities
- Lack of empathy - cultural, social and disability
- Lack of knowledge of youth culture
- Lack of understanding
- Pre-conceptions
- Family attitudes and examples
- Less exposure to other cultures - less tolerant
- Rural areas are conservative
- Attitudes
- No trust
- No changes
- No respect
- Stereotypes *
- Peer pressure
- Guilt by association
- Gender differences - guys have a skate park, what about the girls?
- Older generations beliefs and values - change with the times!
- Generation gap
- Gunnedah - color, race, religion, cultural backgrounds
- Tamworth - judged by the way we act, appearance and color
- Not exposed to differences - isolated in the country
- Awareness of consequences
- Lack of education
- Stereotypes
- Media
- Social status
- Socio economic status
- People more well off than others
- Racial boundaries
- Poor versus rich
- Media
- Presentation

Prejudice and discrimination - *Suggestions*

- Change traditional thoughts of youth
- Increase levels of interaction between youth and the community
- Increase positive exposure of youth in the community
- Education
- Propaganda
- Media as a tool
- Celebration of our own culture
- Individual experiences and exposure
- Equality
- Raise awareness
- Change attitudes
- Invest in young people - we are the future
- Youth workers and liaison officers
- Bernie Shakeshaft
- Stephen Blanch
- Dan Licorish
- Tom Kline
- More programs like the Green Corps
- John Howard apologizes to indigenous Australians
- Encourage young people to join volunteer groups
- Set up a BBQ and a nursing home run by youth
- Accepting people for who we are
- Education on dealing with differences
- Encourage people to treat others equally - attitudes
- Councils - not leading by example - should have representation from people of different cultural backgrounds
- Encourage equal rules for all
- Teach young people
- Reconciliation
- Education
- Media
- Education of cultures within our community
- Prevention
- Positive perceptions
- Interaction between adults and youth
- Encouraging cross cultural interaction
- Awareness campaign
- Broadcasting standards for media
- Communication
- Role models

Teen Safety - *Obstacles*

- Unsafe sex
- People hanging around the streets
- Public fights
- Abusive relationships - family, friends, boyfriend/girlfriend relationships
- Drugs and alcohol
- School conflict
- Lack of family support
- Youth tolerating other youth
- More security at venues/pubs etc to protect youth
- Danger awareness
- Lack of safe youth transport
- Cops
- Boredom
- Parents - influence and examples
- Drunk old dudes - bums
- Alcohol and drugs
- Peer pressure
- Testosterone - risk taking behavior
- Knowledge
- Environment
- Peer pressure
- Supervision/care
- Awareness
- No alternative to loitering down town
- Stigma to accessing safe sex information and products
- Knowledge of alternative facilities
- Exposure to drugs, alcohol and violence (Gunnedah)
- Large rebellious groups
- Gangs, thuggery
- Intimidation leading to violence
- Young adults thinking they can own the streets
- Drugs and alcohol

Teen Safety - Suggestions

- Safe sex awareness
- More activities for people to be involved in - keeping people off the streets
- Increase awareness of drugs and alcohol
- Acceptance within limits
- Providing safe environments
- Education of risks
- Individual responsibility
- Community attitudes
- Awareness
- Protective behavior
- Parenting course
- Bligh Street clinic *
- Women's Community Health
- Refuge
- School counselors
- Other options/activities to keep young people occupied
- More information available on safe sex, drugs and alcohol
- Mutual respect amongst youth/adults/locals
- Hospital
- A safe controlled environment for youth to hang out
- Youth centre open later
- Have more Police patrolling the streets
- More supervised activities
- Education to increase awareness
- Stricter punishment for criminals
- Self defense classes at school
- Curfew for younger children
- Keep kids off the streets
- Education about being safe - stay in large groups, avoid dangerous places (parks) and situations, stay alert
- Arouse awareness
- More safety houses in the CBD area
- Night patrol discouraging unsafe behavior
- Transport available
- More lighting in areas such as parks
- Have youth centre open - phones available to organize pick-ups
- Youth Centre, PCYC
- Involvement in sport
- Spending the night at home
- Hobbies
- Advertising current events

Not Enough To Do - *Obstacles*

- Night
- Weekends
- Holidays
- Supervision
- Location
- Facilities (Manilla, Walcha)
- Transport
- Later curfew
- Certain groups (intimidation)
- Some towns are too small to facilitate activities
- No beach
- Lack of youth facilities
- Street rats
- Assaults
- Safe sex
- Violence
- Funding
- Support
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Not enough ideas
- Local council
- Indecision about funding allocation
- Graffiti and misuse
- Lack of motivation
- Transport
- Finances
- Relevant workers
- Awareness
- Lack of facilities

Not Enough To Do - Suggestions

- Live bands
- Youth views represented and expressed to council/parliament
- Variety of activities (not everybody likes skating)
- "Jesters"-like facility - under 18's club
- Activities that are age appropriate and cost free
- Competitions
- Youth centre (Walcha)
- Skate park (Gunnedah)
- More concerts, discos and live bands
- Work experience
- Transport services between Nundle and Tamworth
- More variety of sports (Walcha)
- Indoor pool (Walcha)
- More live entertainment (controlled)
- Develop skate park more (Tamworth)
- Underage night club (Tamworth)
- Regular blue light disco's
- More workshops - self help, inspirational
- Later nights
- More transport
- Fundraisers (40 hour famine, winter sleepout)
- Entertainment - cinema (Walcha), bigger swimming pool (Walcha), Youth Centre (Walcha)
- Lights at the swimming pool and on the street (Walcha)
- Certain age clubs
- Aquatic centre (Tamworth)
- Equestrian centre (Tamworth)
- Improved facilities - PCYC (Gunnedah)
- Extended hours at the cinema (Gunnedah)
- Improved leisure facilities - skate park (Gunnedah)
- Shopping centres (Gunnedah)
- Hold more public youth events - festivals
- Awareness of youth activities and organizations e.g. importance of youthweek
- Have events happening on Friday and Saturday nights
- Keep service providers in other towns updated on ideas so they can implement and publicize them in their own areas
- Approach the Tamworth Regional Council for more funding to keep Youthie open on Friday and Saturday nights until midnight, run programs with a bus service home
- Next stage of the skate park developed (Tamworth)
- More lights
- More interaction between schools - disco's and socials
- Under 18 night club
- Youth bus - picks up people on Friday and Saturday nights
- More youth employment during the holidays

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- Join Youth Advisory Committee
- Council input
- More support - greater acceptance
- Advertisement
- Youth Council for advice
- Mediation between youth and local council
- Facility for underage parties
- Free events
- Government funds
- More co-operation from schools
- More youth councils
- Student discount card
- Youth workers

Lack of Jobs - *Obstacles*

- Employers cannot afford new staff *
- Unwilling to train new staff
- More advanced skills needed
- Access to information
- Inexperience *
- Lack of variety
- Occupational health and safety
- Over 18's leave town - move to the metropolitan areas for work and/or education
- Small town
- Education - lack of traineeships
- Not enough jobs
- More Government support for small business
- Prejudice against young people
- Gender prejudice
- Lost in the system - employment agencies
- Centrelink
- Workforce becoming industrialized
- Employers negative attitude to youth
- Location of skills and training
- Travel problems
- Bias against youth
- No chances
- Small business cannot afford more employment
- Motivation
- Limited opportunities to gain experience
- Lack of understanding by potential employers
- Negative attitudes towards youth in general
- Lack of training
- Conflict of interest - profit versus training and experience
- Lack of money *
- Lack of funding, variety, opportunities, experience, encouragement and support from job agencies
- Mentality for employers for people with experience
- Discrimination - employers
- Generation gap - feelings and beliefs
- Not enough jobs around
- Relocation
- Transport
- Lack of self-esteem
- Lack of employment, courses and education
- Experience
- Relationships
- Time management
- Confidence
- Support

Lack of Jobs - Suggestions

- Volunteer work and work experience
- School education on job application
- More awareness/organizational visits from businesses
- Find out business requirements
- Employer training - changes in attitudes
- Government funded traineeships
- Investigation of skills - cadetships and traineeships
- School based traineeships
- More traineeships
- Give everyone a fair chance
- More training and courses
- New apprenticeship program
- Greater access to information
- Council
- Joblink Plus
- Touch screens
- Newtrain
- Break the trust barrier
- Knowledge of background - where to get skills
- More advertising for jobs
- More work experience opportunities
- More opportunities for youth to encourage them to stay in town or return later
- Transport to and from jobs
- Within school - career advisors, councilors, friends and parents
- Joblink Plus, Pathways
- Centrelink youth programs *
- Careers days
- Workshops - University, local employment, TAFE, job network agencies, support agencies
- Internet
- Open days
- University opportunities for country people
- National Youth Week
- Employment agencies having youth access
- Apprenticeships, traineeships especially by local business sector. Made public to everybody - advertisement, media
- Incentive for youth to stay in town
- Employment agencies contacting schools and providing information updates on new jobs. Notice board for this purpose
- Make people aware of jobs and requirements - not all jobs need a university degree
- Encouragement to join the armed forces
- More opportunities to gain skills
- Recognize the ability of youth
- Job agencies - increase support

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- Referrals and assistance towards goals/jobs
- Personal contact
- Directive help/assistance to achieve goals
- More Government funding for apprenticeships/traineeships
- Be aware of strengths
- Communication between generations
- Job Pathways Program
- More opportunities like the green corps
- Traineeships/apprenticeships
- Leadership courses
- Joblink Plus
- Bernie Shakeshaft (Gunnedah)
- Touch screens
- Newtrain

More Opportunities/Education - *Obstacles*

- Transition
- Accommodation
- Availability
- Isolation
- Costs - limit the opportunities of low income backgrounds
- Too expensive
- Lack of housing
- Lack of jobs
- Orientation to city life
- Mentoring
- Lack of traineeships
- Lack of experience
- Transport
- Limited opportunities for skills
- Financial difficulties
- Attitudes towards country people
- Lack of education - price
- Lack of employment and funding
- Attitudes towards employing youth
- Equal opportunity for employment
- Increase awareness of youth thoughts and attitudes
- Schools aren't big enough
- Cost
- Uninformed
- Businesses too small to afford employment
- Small town
- Isolation
- Money/funds
- Attitudes
- Lack of education opportunities
- Lack of variety in employment
- Media
- Lack of youth centers

More Opportunities/Education - *Suggestions*

- University of New England/University of Newcastle - expand facilities into Tamworth
- HECS assistance - recognition of the extra burden
- School based transition assistance - Year 12
- Sponsorship
- Tamworth Youth Care
- Motivation
- Newtrain
- Broader training
- Job networks
- Transport
- Career advisors *
- Parental support
- More career expo's - diverse industries
- More speakers - experienced people - during holidays and during school
- More organization with work experience
- More scholarships for rural students
- New traineeships
- Employers talk to young people
- University open days
- Career workshops
- Practical specialist employment agencies
- TAFE
- Jobs Australia
- Advertisements
- School careers advisor
- Good education
- Willingness to move to pursue career
- Internet
- Media
- Networks - small communities

Drugs and Alcohol - *Obstacles*

- Nothing better to do than to get smashed
- Too accessible - especially Tamworth
- Peer pressure **
- Public education system
- Family examples
- Cultural attitudes
- Mixed messages
- Lack of education - does not appeal to youth
- Underlying issues
- Boredom
- Advertising (creative)
- Lack of guardian support
- Experiment
- Rebel
- Anti social behavior
- Crime
- STD's
- Vandalism
- Road toll
- Self harm
- Violence
- Peer pressure
- Health
- Control
- Peer pressure attitudes - "cool to drink"
- Media
- Underage drinking
- Cultural expectations - peer pressure
- Lack of education - overdose
- Easy access
- New regulations to sell alcohol at service stations - increase/encourage chances of drink driving
- Popularity - peer pressure
- Personal safety at closing time of Pubs

Drugs and Alcohol - *Suggestions*

- Education by people who know - not P.E. teachers who have no idea
- Shifting focus on to drugs
- More things to do
- Awareness of consequences
- Encouraging people to take healthy risks
- Recognition
- Less accessible
- Health services
- Counseling
- Refuge
- Family mediation
- Police - safe party packs
- Refuge
- Education days - year 9 health days at Oxley
- Alternative entertainment sources
- More security - Peel Street
- Alcohol free zones
- Increase awareness - more stories like Anna's story read at school
- Decrease boredom
- More education/advice on how to tell when something is going wrong
- More alcohol free zones in Gunnedah
- More stringent rules for the retail of alcohol
- Limit advertising
- Crackdown on drug use in the community - availability
- Seminars - education about the effects
- Night patrol for security purposes in the CBD
- Join Youth Advisory Committee in every town
- More access to information - help, quit lines and gambling hotlines
- Security guards
- More police patrols
- More awareness of alcohol and other drug use at schools

9. Localised comments and suggestions

Tamworth

We need Jesters back - 15-18 **

Peel Street at night - boring and dangerous

Next stage of the skate park in Tamworth *

Too many speed limits in and around Tamworth and Gunnedah

Judged by the way we act, appearance and color

Bligh Street clinic *

Transport services between Nundle and Tamworth

Develop skate park more

Underage night club

Aquatic centre

Equestrian centre

Approach the Tamworth Regional Council for more funding to keep Youthie open on Friday and Saturday nights until midnight, run programs with a bus service home

Drugs too accessible

More security - Peel Street

Gunnedah

Too many speed limits in and around Tamworth and Gunnedah

Nothing to do

No pool table opportunities for people under 18

No skate park

Color, race, religion, cultural backgrounds

Exposure to drugs, alcohol and violence

Skate park

Improved facilities - PCYC

Extended hours at the cinema/Improved leisure facilities - skate park

Shopping centres

Bernie Shakeshaft

More alcohol free zones in Gunnedah

Walcha

No cinema

Nothing to do on weekends

Facilities

Youth centre

More variety of sports

Indoor pool

Entertainment - cinema , bigger swimming pool , Youth Centre

Lights at the swimming pool and on the

Manilla

Broadband not accessible

Lack of facilities

10. Recommendations

1. Provide opportunities through the Youth Advisory Council for young people to be actively involved in the broader community, and thereby have the opportunity to propose, influence and develop services/activities/events provided for young people.
2. Submit a proposal to Tamworth Regional Council to extend the opening hours of the Youthie, Tamworth Regional Council Youth Space, to be open late on Friday and Saturday nights.
3. Submit a proposal to Tamworth Regional Council to run monthly entertainment events at the Youthie, Tamworth Regional Council Youth Space.
4. Investigate the possibility of providing a youth worker traineeship to be employed at the Youthie, Tamworth Regional Council Youth Space.
5. The Tamworth Regional Youth Advisory Council to undertake a series of community based activities aimed at improving and fostering respect for young people in the community such as, winter sleep out, 40 hour famine, theme nights and fundraisers.
6. Apply for Indent entertainment grants using this forum report to demonstrate the need for regular entertainment activities for young people in the region.
7. Investigate the further development of the Tamworth Skate Park.
8. Alert Tamworth Police of the concern for safety expressed by young people attending the Tamworth Regional Forum, particularly safety in places like Peel Street at night time.
9. Copies of this forum report will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders including being tabled at the Tamworth Youth Interagency.

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