**YOUTH SERVICES PROVIDERS NETWORK**

**Terms of Reference**

**Background**

Established in 2010, the Mildura Rural City Youth Services Providers Network is a network of youth service providers, local government, government agencies, educational institutions and those interested in youth affairs within the Mildura Rural City Council municipality.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Mildura Rural City Youth Services Providers Network is to:

* Inform and implement the actions in the Mildura Rural City Council Youth Engagement Strategy
* Foster collaboration and partnerships between services and agencies
* Provide an opportunity for youth service providers and agencies working in the municipality to network and share information, knowledge, skills and expertise
* Strengthen the youth sector in the municipality
* Provide an opportunity for skill development and training on topics related to youth development

**Membership**

The Mildura Rural City Youth Services Providers Network is open to all youth service providers, local government, government agencies, educational institutions and those interested in youth affairs within the Mildura Rural City Council municipality.

Members have the opportunity to:

* Attend and participate in the network meetings
* Receive agendas and minutes
* Network and share information
* Access skill development and training

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The Mildura Rural City Council Youth Engagement Services Coordinator will chair the meetings.

Mildura Rural City Council’s Youth Development Officer will take the lead role in developing and maintaining the network database, convening meetings and in managing the distribution of agendas, minutes and other information as required.

Members of the Mildura Rural City Youth Services Providers Network are asked to actively participate and contribute to network meetings and represent, without bias, the interests of young people in the municipality.

**Meetings**

The Mildura Rural City Youth Services Providers Network will meet on the third Thursday of each month from 3.00pm to 4.00pm at various venues.

Meeting dates for 2020 are:

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| **Date** | **Location** |
| 20 February |  |
| 19 March |  |
| 16 April | MRCC, Council Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |
| 21 May | MRCC, Committee Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |
| 18 June | MRCC, Committee Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |
| 16 July | MRCC, Council Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |
| 20 August | MRCC, Council Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |
| 17 September |  |
| 15 October | MRCC, Council Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |
| 19 November | MRCC, Council Room 76 Deakin Avenue Mildura |

**Meeting Structure**

The Mildura Rural City Youth Services Providers Network has a set agenda for each meeting and network members are encouraged to include topics of interest on the agenda.

The Agenda will include:

* **Mildura Rural City Council Youth Strategy** – service providers have a role to guide the implementation of the Council’s Youth Engagement Strategy.
* **Service Provider Presentations** – service providers are invited to present on their services roles and responsibilities, achievements as well as opportunities for collaborative participation. There will be a maximum of two (2) ten (10) minute presentations each meeting. The Mildura Rural City Council Youth Planner will seek expressions of interest at the end of each meeting from service providers interested in presenting at the following months network meeting.
* **Skill Development and Training** – as requested by network members, training and guest speakers will be sourced to provide professional development training.
* **Information Sharing** – opportunity will be provided at each meeting for network members to highlight their services and activities and to raise a particular topic for discussion. Network members who are unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to complete an Information Sheet and email to Mildura Rural City Council’s Youth Development Officer for inclusion in the minutes.

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