

DRAFT Greater Shepparton Empowering Communities Project – Action Plan

Common Goal:

The Empowering Communities Project – Greater Shepparton will have a primary focus on community where, as its core, each initiative improves safety outcomes for young people aged 0-24.

	GOALS	MEASURES	EXAMPLE PROJECTS
Connection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide opportunities for young people to connect 2. Activities that celebrate young people within the broader community 3. Increase cultural inclusion 4. Improved connections between neighbours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people feel a sense of belonging • Young people feel welcome • Young people feel connected in their local community • Young people feel culturally safe • The achievements of young people are recognised • Young people are provided with avenues to lead • Improved community perceptions of young people • Increased opportunities for intercultural connections • Young people feel safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentorship programs • Hands-on learning opportunities • Promotion of existing programs • Employment support program • Safety in sports programs • Environmental initiatives • LGBTQIA+ initiatives • Community events and activations • Youth lead initiatives • Promotion and celebration of positive achievements • Community events and activations • Promotion and education of culturally safe spaces • Food, cooking or arts programs • New arrival support programs • Community art projects • Sports and recreational activities or infrastructure • Community gardens • Celebration of Neighbour Day • Initiatives for those living with a disability • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support initiatives • Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and intercultural focused initiatives • Prison programs that create connection to parents or young people incarcerated

Support	5. Increase support provided to young people experiencing vulnerability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people have access to food, housing and essential supplies • Young people are empowered to connect with local services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing programs • Food, personal hygiene and clothing relief • Educational Programs • Financial intelligence programs • Gambling reduction programs • Promotion of existing programs • Resilient building programs • Mental Health support • Transitional Housing programs • Alcohol and Drug support programs
Access	6. Improve access and promotion of existing community services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to existing service • Increased knowledge and understanding of existing services • Increased transport options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Mapping • Open-days • Transport voucher schemes • Increased public transport options • Online programs • Increased access to Wifi
Safety	7. Improve perceptions of safety and community pride 8. Increase cultural safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people feel a sense of belonging • Young people feel welcome • Young people feel connected in their local community • Young people feel culturally safe • Improved community perceptions of young people • Increased opportunities for intercultural connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti removal programs • Clean-up and Environmental initiatives • Activation of spaces • Youth lead initiatives • Promotion and celebration of positive achievements • Community events and activations • Promotion and education of culturally safe spaces • Food, cooking or arts programs • New arrival support programs

The example projects are for reference only. Any groups, not shown or possible projects not listed were not omitted intentionally. All initiatives that address and serve the Common Goal of the Empowering Communities Project and meet eligibility requirements will be considered.