

Redland Youth Engagement Policy

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This policy supports Redland City Council Corporate Plan *Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*

Policy Objective

To achieve the Corporate Plan objectives of effective community participation and development by providing opportunities for young people to contribute to and participate in the community, community initiatives, and governance in order to address their needs.

Policy Statement

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan, is committed to providing services that deliver our community's shared vision and collective aspirations; *Naturally wonderful lifestyle. Connected community. Embracing opportunities.* We are a values led organisation and our organisational values encapsulate what we care about, influence how we operate and support our mission: Make a difference, make it count.

Council is committed to:

- Establishing, maintaining and supporting young people to have:
 - Participatory mechanisms in which their issues will be identified, discussed and addressed.
 - Opportunities to become involved in local government and actively participate in decision-making processes.
 - Links with Council and an effective means of communication with elected representatives and Council staff.
 - An influence on the growth of a vibrant, cohesive and inclusive community with the capacity to meet the needs of young people.
 - Encouragement and opportunities to participate in cultural, social, economic and community initiatives in the Redlands.
- Ensuring that all young people aged 12 to 24 years who reside, work or attend educational institutions in Redland City are able to participate in youth engagement initiatives in the Redlands.
- Encouraging participation that is representative of the diversity of young people in the Redlands.
- Creating an appropriate structure, including an appropriate reporting mechanism to Council and a framework for administering youth engagement and its projects and activities.
- Providing resources and support to young people, including co-ordination, project support, and access to resources.

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- Allocating funds through Council's annual budget process for the administration of youth engagement and for undertaking projects and activities identified by young people.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Youth	Young people aged 12-24 years.

Associated Documents

Strong Communities Administrative Directive ([A3160286](#))
 Child and Youth Friendly Redlands Administrative Directive ([A3160252](#))
 Community Engagement Administrative Directive ([A196571](#))
 Community Reference Groups Policy ([A241658](#))

Human Rights Act 2019

Document Control

Only Council can approve amendments to this document by resolution of a Council Meeting, with the exception of administrative amendments which can be approved by the relevant ELT member. Refer to *Policy Instrument Development Manual* for an explanation on administrative amendments ([A4063988](#)).

Any requests to change the content of this document must be forwarded to relevant Service Manager(s). Approved documents must be submitted to the Corporate Meetings and Registers Team for registration.

Version Control

Version number	Date	Key Changes
3	28 Oct 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in title to Redlands Youth Engagement Policy Reflecting the current Corporate Plan 2010-2015 key outcome Strong & Connected Communities Added associated documents
4	October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting the current Corporate Plan 2015-2020 key outcome Strong & Connected Communities Correct bullet point formatting under Policy Statement 1
5	August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflecting the current Corporate Plan 2018-2023 Corrected age range of young people from 13 to 18 years to 12 to 24 years as defined by the National Youth Information Framework
6	November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added definition section and minor administrative changes.
7	September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Accountable Group from Customer & Cultural Services to Community and Economic Development.
8	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative update to include reference to new Corporate Plan
9	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Accountable Group from Community and Economic Development to Communities Group (structural change). Included Community Reference Groups Policy and <i>Human Rights Act 2019</i> to associated documents.