

# Campaspe Youth Charter

The Campaspe Shire Council Youth Charter is a set of guiding principles that form the foundation of council's commitment to engaging with youth.

The Youth Charter has been created in consultation with hundreds of young people as well as Councillors, council staff and service providers. There is willingness on both sides to move forward in a new way. Young people genuinely want to have more of a voice in their local community and council is committed to being more inclusive of youth in all aspects of their work and decision making.

The Charter is more than a document, it is a symbol of council's pledge to actively support young people's citizenship in the shire and encourage and respect their ideas, opinions, talents and dreams for the future.

## The guiding principles of the Campaspe Shire Council Youth Charter

### Relevance

- Take steps to be aware of current youth needs, issues and interests in the shire
- Ensure means of communicating with young people are relevant and appealing

### Respect

- Understand that the youth of Campaspe are a diverse group who exist in a range of settings and have different dreams, abilities and ways of expressing themselves
- Be proactive in removing barriers which come between council and youth
- Commit to seeking out young people who are disadvantaged and ensure their voices are heard

### Real

- See young people as citizens and community members who have valuable ideas to share and significant actions to contribute
- Provide opportunities and positions for youth to have a real and meaningful impact in the community

### Resources

- Provide youth with appropriate resources (time, funding and training) to participate in local civic activities and act on their ideas
- Create incentives to help young people engage with council activities, planning, discussion and decision making

### Relationship

- Seek out opportunities to meet and get to know local youth and provide multiple and diverse opportunities for them to meet and get to know their local council
- Find ways to relate to young people on their own terms and in ways that promote mutual and genuine positive regard

If you would like further information about the Campaspe Youth Charter please feel free to contact the Campaspe Shire Council Community Partnerships Team on 5481 2200 or email [youthteam@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthteam@campaspe.vic.gov.au)