

Report to North Burnett Regional Council

Youth Leadership Forum 2017

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What we did:



Brainstormed



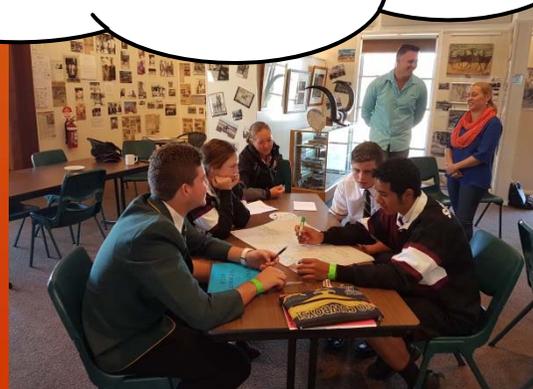
Discussed



DREAMED



Consulted



Analysed data

Themes we identified:

- Education – how we can improve the quality of Education to engage, inspire and retain our young people in the North Burnett;
- Facilities – well maintained and well utilised facilities accessible to all;
- Events/Festivals – what type of events/festivals we would like to see in the North Burnett;

Let's break it down:

EDUCATION

(ed-jew-kay-shun) Noun: the act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life

EDUCATION:

What is the problem?

- Not every school has year 11 and 12;
- Not enough variety of subjects;
- Distance Education;
- Transport to and from school;
- Few cultural activities offered: Dance, drama, art, music
- Lack of specialised Teachers



EDUCATION:

Why does it occur?

- Lack of motivation especially in senior students;
- Staffing – Teachers don't want to come to rural areas;
- Not enough students wishing to take the subjects;
- Funding – not enough money available for resources and teachers;
- Cultural stereotypes and peer pressure.



EDUCATION:

What can be done about it?

- Meet Distance Ed teachers face to face
- Develop promotional clip to help sell region to prospective new staff;
- Enhance local community facilities and events to provide drawcard to new staff;
- Different teaching methods for different students such as tutoring programs;
- Students from schools across the region who are interested in the same subject learn remotely as one class;
- Provide cultural opportunities during School holidays (Summer school)
- Build TAFE or University in North Burnett
- Improve bus services

EDUCATION:

What is the best possible outcome:

- More specialised teachers in the North Burnett;
- Every school would offer an OP course/pathway;
- More students participate in Distance Ed classes;
- More students at School.

EDUCATION:

What is needed?

MOTIVATION



Drawcards for staff to come to rural areas



Meeting Distance Ed teachers = more students willing to participate



Variety of subjects = specialised teachers = OP pathways



Tutoring programs = improved student engagement



Further education after High School



Cultural Activities offered = improved student engagement = challenging stereotypes

Lets move on to

FACILITIES

(fa-sill-i-tease) noun: Something designed, built, installed, etc., to serve a specific function affording a convenience or service

FACILITIES:

What is the problem?

- Lack of infrastructure for people to visit;
 - Poorly maintained facilities;
 - Lack of public transport;
 - Lack of choice in grocery shops;
 - No water park;
 - No Arcade or Cinemas;
 - No facility for gymnastics;
 - No facility for dance hall;
 - No PCYC boxing;
 - No heated pool in North Burnett;
 - Not all towns have a Gym;
 - Not enough tourist attractions
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- Need more places for young people to socialise;



FACILITIES:

Why does it occur?

- CO\$T – No money to build/maintain/use;
- Not enough people in North Burnett region to justify expense;
- Need more community leadership;
- Lack of community consultation;
- Lack of feedback to Council;



FACILITIES:

What can be done?

- Give feedback to local businesses regarding quality and choices;
- Develop local talent to stay here and help others;
- Bring professionals out to work with people;
- More community leadership;
- Lobby for more Government funding and grant opportunities to purchase equipment and then hire out for future use (viability);
- **MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF WHAT YOU WANT:** Talk to Councillors; tell Committees, advertise, use social media, protest 😊

FACILITIES:

What is the best possible outcome?

- Well maintained and well used facilities;
- Accessible to everyone in the North Burnett region including disabled people;
- Equipment would assist in holding future events without the need for permanent infrastructure;

FACILITIES:

What can be done?

**MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF
WHAT YOU WANT**

If you don't discuss it and try to do something about it, people will never know what youth want and therefore it will never happen

And to the final theme:

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

(E-vent) noun: something that happens, a noteworthy happening or a social occasion or activity

(ack-tiv-i-ty) noun: something done especially for relaxation or fun, a form of organized recreation, quality or state of being active

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

What is the problem?

- Not enough events/activities;
- Not enough sporting events;
- No enough events for youth;
- Not enough family events;
- Lack of events on school holidays and weekends;
- Make the most of natural attractions: bigger maintained swimming areas in Rivers



EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

What can be done about it?

Create a Youth Committee that meets regionally to:

- Pitch ideas;
- Organise what youth want to see and do;
- Committee open to anyone who wants to be a part of it;
- Meeting in different towns across the region (monthly?);
- Committee to survey each school in every town;
- Advertise events in ways that youth will see: Facebook, School Newsletters etc;
- North Burnett bus to transport students to each meeting;
- Meetings during school hours (half day) at school;
- Students and schools contact each other to arrange meetings
- Hold regional events or festivals

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

What is the best possible outcome?

- Youth Committee creating an annual event;
- Inspiring younger generations to join the Youth Committee;
- Make events happen and having an opinion on the way they run;
- Give the youth a voice and allow them to have their say;
- Help youth develop confidence and self-esteem;
- Help youth develop skills for later in life;
- Help youth to focus on the positive;

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

SUGGESTED EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- Bush walking tracks
- Fishing competitions
- Beef Festival
- Fun/Colour Run
- Tough Mudder
- Music Festival
- Markets



MONEY RAISED FROM EVENTS TO BE PUT BACK INTO YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING MORE EVENTS

Events and activities will inject cash into local businesses and economy which in turn will assist with sponsorship and support for future events

**WE WOULD LIKE TO
SEE A YOUTH
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**