



GEORGE TOWN COUNCIL
NO.36
YOUTH POLICY

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1. **POLICY TITLE**

George Town Council Youth Policy

2. **MISSION**

The George Town Council is committed to developing, supporting and promoting initiatives that positively contribute to the safety and well-being of young people, their families and communities.

3. **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Key Area 6 – Community

Objective:

To ensure that our residents are provided with the opportunity to maximise their independence and quality of life.

4. **OPERATIONAL PLAN**

6.1 Community Services

Youth Policy

To complete the youth policy for the George Town municipality in conjunction with the Youth Committee.

3. **PHILOSOPHIES**

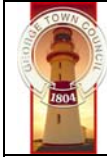
The following philosophies will underpin the Youth Policy, its implementation, and all of the Council's interactions with young people:

- ◆ Recognition that all young people have the right to enjoy –
 - A sense of safety and structure
 - High self-worth and self esteem
 - Feeling of control over their future
 - Belonging and membership
 - Perception of responsibility and autonomy
 - A sense of self-awareness and spirituality

- ◆ Acknowledgment of the following areas of ability in young people –
 - Physical health
 - Mental health
 - Intellectual health
 - Employability
 - Civic and social involvement

- ◆ An understanding that young people need the following supports to succeed in life –
 - Motivational
 - Emotional
 - Strategic

- ◆ A desire to provide opportunities for young people to –
 - Learn how to act in the world around them



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- ◆ A commitment to provision or advocacy for the provision of quality services in such areas as –
 - Education
 - Health
 - Employment
 - Safety

4. ROLES OF COUNCIL

In working towards the stated mission the George Town Council will have the following roles:

- ◆ To ensure that the views and needs of young people are taken into account in Council activities
- ◆ To advocate on behalf of, and with, young people
- ◆ To resource, provide and support services for young people in partnership with other agencies where appropriate
- ◆ To be a co-ordinator, with the community, of activities which provide for young people.

5. OUTCOMES

The Council will work towards developing a community where:

- ◆ Young people's views and contributions to their families and their communities are valued
- ◆ Young people are cherished and their diversity is recognised, acknowledged and celebrated
- ◆ The views of young people are sought and taken into account in the development of the Council's policies and activities
- ◆ Young people have access to the information and resources required to meet their needs in the areas of:
 - Health, safety and well-being
 - Physical environment and design
 - Entertainment and recreation
 - Education and training
 - Employment
 - Family

6. SCOPE

All George Town Council area residents aged 11-25 years

7. STRATEGIES

An Implementation Strategy will be developed following a consultation period and will form an attachment to the Youth Policy once completed. The Implementation Strategy will include detail of resources and timeframes as well as provision for regular review of the strategies identified.