



Ashburton Youth Council

Ashburton District Long Term Plan

We, as the Ashburton Youth Council (AYC) congratulates the Council for this Long Term Plan (LTP). The complexity of the LTP is recognised by the AYC and the document reflects the Council's investment in the wellbeing of its residence.

Ashburton Youth Council wish to make a submission on the value AYC has to the community and Council.

AYC is important to Council and the district, Council should keep AYC and continue to fund it

Ashburton Youth Council is vitally important to the community because we, as the representative of the younger generation, provide fresh insight into certain issues or decision-making in general that involves the district. Due to the lack of relatability, connecting with younger people seems harder however with the Youth Council around, acting as the representative of youth, it gives us the chance to engage and increase our voice to further build up the relationship with the youth demographic. With this, we can unlock greater awareness for social issues and better funding for local causes from young people. However, to do these things, AYC must have the proper financial support so that we can reach out to our community through the events that we run annually. With the support from the Council, not only is our team able to reach out, but we can do it in a way that is relevant and important to everyone.

Council should give AYC a greater voice in decision making

Young people want to be engaged in a space however due to the feeling of being devalued because of their age, many struggle to realise how they matter in their community. However, giving AYC a greater voice encourages youth around the district to also involve themselves within the community thus igniting their eager attitude towards improving our respective communities in a way that only our younger generation can. By letting AYC have a stronger voice, we can start experiencing some of these positive changes which brings us one step closer to the right direction towards our very own future as a community.

AYC again congratulates the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Long Term Plan.