



HUME CITY COUNCIL

**Updates from Youth
Engagement and
Pathways Unit**

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1. **Connect & Thrive: A Plan for Young People in Hume 2022-2026**
2. **Year 1 Actions – Key programs and projects in 2022**
3. **Youth Engagement and Pathway Unit**
4. **Update on Middle Years Work**

<https://www.hume.vic.gov.au/Residents/People-Services/Youth>

Connect & Thrive: A Plan for Young People in Hume 2022-2026

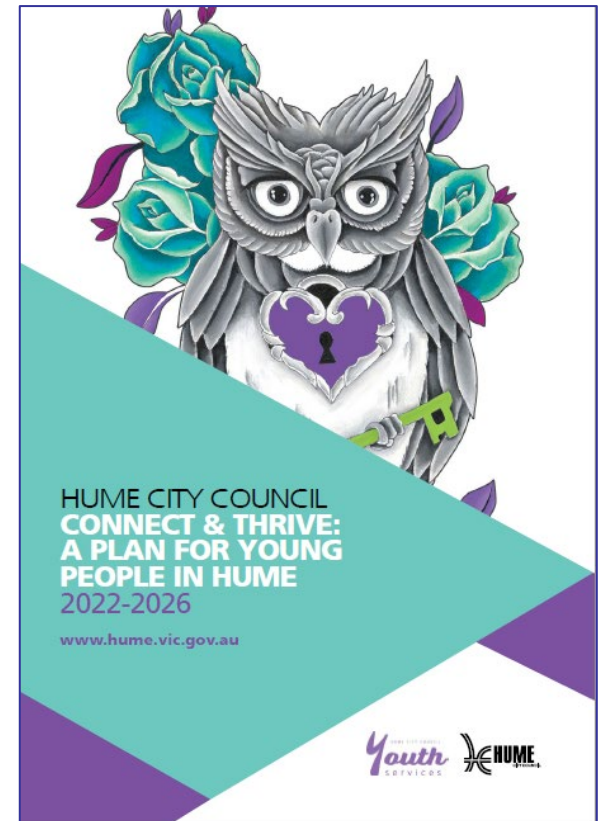
OUR VISION

All young people in Hume are connected and thrive. They are valued, healthy and safe, and have access to experiences that maximise their potential. Council will be a trusted service partner for young people and families dedicated to providing opportunities for them to make informed decisions as they navigate life's transitions.

5 KEY ACTION AREAS

- *Action Area 1: Youth and Family Friendly Places and Spaces*
- *Action Area 2 : Information, Resources and Navigation*
- *Action Area 3: Innovative, Responsive and Impactful Programs*
- *Action Area 4: Advocacy & Stewardship*
- *Action Area 5: Supporting Transitions*

- Endorsed by Council 15 December 2021
- Year 1 Action Plan being developed
- 22/23 draft budget submitted for consideration



Key projects/programs for 2022

- **Action Area 1: Youth and Family Friendly Places and Spaces**
 - Centred based programs – Term (FreeZa, Youth Action Group, Glitter Program, Chill-out) SHP (youth driven structured programs)
 - Fit for purpose assessment of all youth centres
 - Service and activation plans for youth centres – optimising use of spaces
 - Stakeholder / Youth Forums –to inform activation of centres
 - Delivery of Family-based programs
- **Action Area 2 : Information, Resources and Navigation**
 - Review and update of Youth Services website and social media
 - Establishment of School Principals Breakfast
 - Representation on key networks across Hume
 - Quarterly Sector PD
 - Parent Information Calendar
 - Building internal capacity of the YEP team
- **Action Area 3: Innovative, Responsive and Impactful Programs**
 - Middle years mapping (Tamar to outline) to inform development of middle years supports/programs
 - Mapping of pathway programs across Hume for 18-24 year olds
 - Co-design campaigns with young people to address forms of discrimination/stigma
 - Contracted assertive outreach and partnership with Youth Projects

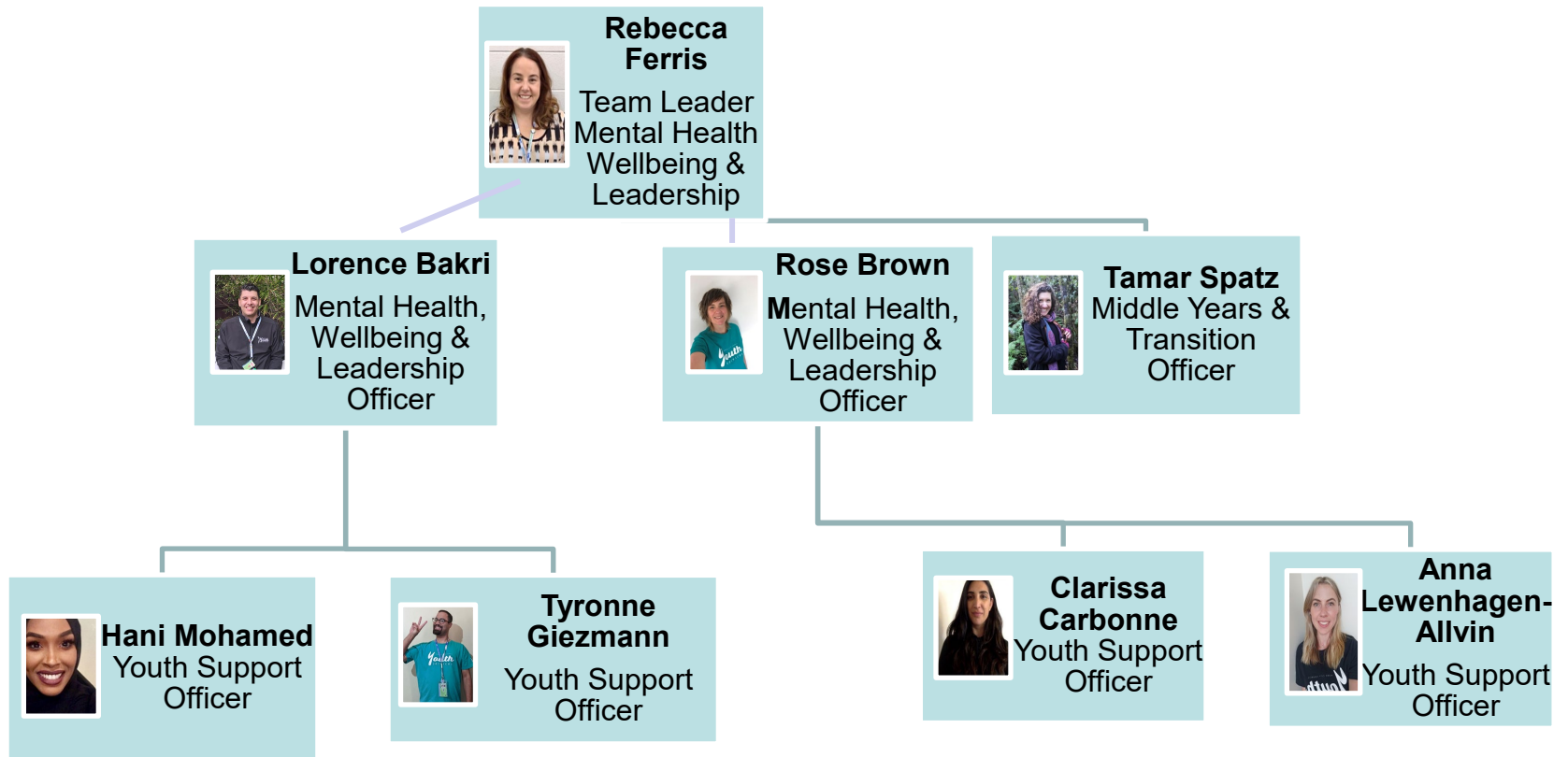
Key projects/programs for 2022

- **Action Area 3: Innovative, Responsive and Impactful Programs**
 - Hume Empowering Communities Initiative
 - School-based programs
- **Action Area 4: Advocacy & Stewardship**
 - Youth driven advocacy campaigns
 - Opportunities for youth voice
 - YMCA Youth Parliament
 - Young Leaders Award Program
 - Sector forums
 - Annual Youth Summit
- **Action Area 5: Supporting Transitions**
 - Map transition programs (primary to secondary; secondary to higher educ, training, employment)
 - Strengthen support and partnership with schools
 - Deliver School-based programs
 - 101 Life Hack Program
 - Victorian Bar Award Program

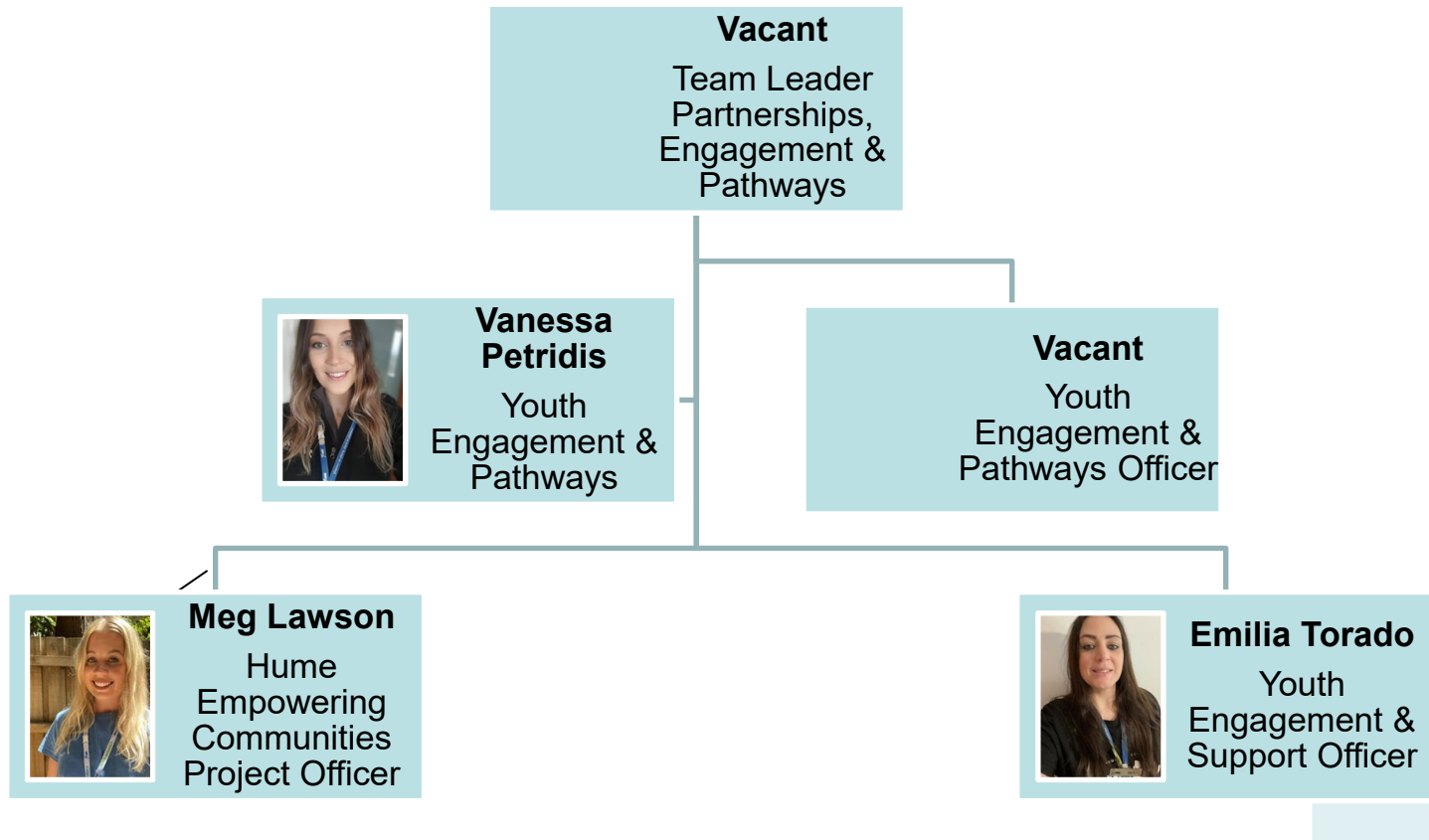
Youth Engagement & Pathways Unit

- Re-alignment and building capacity of Unit to ensure delivery of Connect & Thrive Plan
- Two teams:
 1. ***Mental Health, Wellbeing & Leadership (6-18 years) – 7 staff***
 - Supporting transitions from primary to secondary school
 - Middle years programs and supports
 - Term & school holiday programs – centre and school-based
 - Parenting support, capacity building & information
 - School-based support programs
 - Information and resources
 - Partnerships and collaborations with schools, sector, community groups
 2. ***Partnership, Engagement and Pathways (18-24 years) – 4 staff***
 - Supporting transitions from secondary school
 - Focus on pathway opportunities (employment, training, education) – life /work-readiness skills
 - Celebration & achievement of young people events/awards
 - Youth-lead events/ committees/ advocacy
 - Hume Empowering Communities
 - Partnerships and collaborations with sector, businesses, tertiary institutes

Mental Health, Wellbeing and Leadership Team



Partnership, Engagement & Pathways Team



Middle years - update

- Identified service and support gap for the 6-12-year-old cohort
- Recognition that the middle years [6-12] and transitions [into secondary school] are a key developmental period
- Need to hear from the voices of middle years children and young people
- Aim:
 - With comprehensive understanding of the needs of this cohort, Council will be able to provide effective support to the community and existing services
 - Develop new partnerships and collaborations with schools/sector
- *Current Work:*
 - Youth Services has undertaken an inquiry – mapping existing services, identifying emerging trends and needs, and identifying opportunities to enhance support
 - Extensive consultation with service providers to build insights and identify themes
- *Opportunities:*
 - To enhance Council Services and strengthen partnerships with community organisations who are actively supporting this cohort.
 - For cross-LGA collaboration: Network and Expo
 - To understand the lived experiences of children and young people, aged 6-12
 - To invest in innovative consultation process
 - Value in investing in recurrent data collection

Hume Empowering Communities

- Funded through the Victorian Government's Building Safer Communities Program.
- Hume City Council, Department of Justice and Community Safety and the Hume Empowering Communities Action Group, which includes representatives from local community organisations, have worked together to develop the common goal for the funding - *that children entering adolescence develop and maintain life skills, engage in school, and have safe, stable and nurturing relationships with parents and/or caregivers.*
- A total funding of \$550,000 will support community to design and deliver initiatives that take an evidence informed, innovative approach to address local issues impacting on crime and perceptions of safety.
- Round 1 funding was open from 6 December 2021 to 24 January 2022 – three streams:
 - Quick response stream (\$20,000)
 - Innovation Stream (\$50,000)
 - Impact Stream (\$200,000)
- 13 applications were received and were assessed by the Funding Group Assessment Panel
- Correspondence and funding agreements sent out this week.
- Round 2 funding – January 2023 to June 2024. This will open in November 2022.
- Capacity building workshops to be run in 2022

