



## Melton Shire Council has committed to the following principles when working with young people

### Consultation

We will consult with young people about events, problems and issues that affect them

### Inclusion

We will value and include young people in the decision making process

### Respect

We will respect young people and their diversity

### Acceptance

We will accept what young people have to say

### Equality

We will treat young people as equals

The Western Region Youth Charter is a guiding document that supports Council's commitment to actively involve young people in all aspects of community life, including governance.

Through the adoption of this Charter, and the implementation of its values and principles, Melton Shire Council has committed to engaging and involving young people in meaningful opportunities that positively impact on their lives and the lives of their communities.

The Charter affirms young people as an integral and valued part of the community and was developed in partnership with young people and six other Councils located in Melbourne's Western suburbs.

The Charter will assist Council in strengthening its response to the needs of young people through a coordinated, whole of Council approach, and will ensure that decisions made are responsive to the diverse needs of this Shires growing youth population.

Melton Shire Council has made a commitment to adhere to the values and principles of the Western Region Youth Charter and will promote 'best practice' when consulting and involving young people in our policy, planning, advocacy and service development.

For further information on the Western Region Youth Charter please contact Melton Shire Councils Youth Services on Ph. 9747 7200