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## **Youth Forum to explore new opportunities**

Young people and the adults in their lives are encouraged to share their experiences, needs and ideas for the future at Melton City Council's upcoming youth forum.

Guest speakers, AFL Premiership player Dayne Beams, and the founder of School Revival – a movement helping high school students build resilience, Eric Agyeman, will open the event with their own inspirational stories about mental health and resilience.

The 2020 City of Melton Youth Forum is designed to understand the experiences of young people living in the City of Melton and the opportunities that could enhance their future.

It will bring together the views and ideas of young residents aged 12 to 25, their parents, carers and teachers, as well as local professionals who provide services to young people.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Lara Carli said the forum was another way for Council and the community to explore new opportunities for young people living, studying, or working locally.

"This forum is a chance for everyone to explore the challenges and opportunities for all young people who live, study or work in the City of Melton," she said.

"The outcomes of the forum will help inform new ways for Council to support young people, their families and the services that they use.

"We look forward to exploring what's important to young people and the adults in their lives, so that together, we can ensure that growing up in the City of Melton sets a strong foundation for success."

The forum will include presentations by two exciting speakers, and break out discussions in mixed groups of young people, parents, community members, service providers, and Council staff.

The 2020 City of Melton Youth Forum will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 29 July, 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

To secure your place at the forum, please register by Monday 27 July at [melton.vic.gov.au/youthforum](https://melton.vic.gov.au/youthforum)

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