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Community in Transition Plan

Summary

The Community in Transition Plan "Bringing People Together" is a plan which complements the *Playford Alive* project.

A significant amount of money is being spent on infrastructure, new schools, housing, roads and recreation areas, all forming part of the *Playford Alive* project. As the project progresses and new residents move into the area there will be a new energy to the community. It is important the community are engaged and provided with opportunities to participate in the development of the area.

Focusing on working in partnership, the Community in Transition Plan ensures the community feels confident in participating and are able to benefit.



Focus Areas

- Engaging the Community
- Building Community Capacity
- Young People and Community Connection
- Pathways to Employment



Linking people physically, socially and economically is critical to the success of the entire region. The Community in Transition Plan focuses on increasing the number of people participating in their community by connecting residents to each other, to the *Playford Alive* project and to community and employment initiatives.

The plan was developed with representatives from local, state and federal government departments, non government sector and the community. The community working group was very important in this and was a key player in the development of this plan



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Engaging the Community

Activities that aim to build and support the integration of the Community including the establishment of the Playford Alive Initiative fund, a welcome to community process and opportunities for residents to get involved and have a say in the Playford Alive project. Ensuring people are aware of what's going on in their community is an important part of Playford Alive. As part of Community Building, new ways to increase engagement of families and aboriginal residents will be developed.

Increasing opportunities to participate in community activity, sport and recreation in the area. Ensuring residents from all age groups and interests have the opportunity to be involved in projects ranging from sport or art orientated projects to a community garden proposal.

Working in partnership with the community to develop and implement programs and initiatives like Safer Community Strategy and Designing Out Crime that will further strengthen the positive outlook of the community.

Pathways to Employment

Live training sites within the project will be used to develop employment skills. Relationships with partner agencies will be fostered to encourage investment and a commitment to local training and employment.

Develop and strengthen relationships with industry, registered training organisations and government agencies to ensure training and employment opportunities in the project.

Building Community Capacity

Volunteers are an important component of a healthy community. A range of activities and programs will be implemented to identify and reward community members currently volunteering, as well as providing support and guidance for any community member interested in volunteering. Sporting clubs and young residents will be a focus.

Initiatives that develop and strengthen the capacity of parents and carers as well as providing opportunities for families and individuals to participate. Health and well being programs that link schools, the community and young people will be an important part of the plan.

Young People and Community Connection

With new schools being built in the area, relationships and alliances between schools, the community and Government departments will be strengthened. Initiatives that foster a positive learning environment will be developed including a science fair for primary schools and the Edible Classroom project.

Building and developing engagement and participation opportunities for young people is important to ensure young people are able to contribute to the Playford Alive project. Programs using sport to encourage skill development, teamwork and leadership skills will be utilised. Art based initiatives and employment training programs will ensure young people are engaged in a positive manner.