

Community Engagement

Position Statement

Introduction

yourtown is committed to providing innovative quality programs and services that support young people and their families, especially those who are marginalised and without voice.

yourtown recognises that each community is unique and consequently we deliver our evidence based services in a customised manner consistent with the needs, culture and aspirations of individual communities. In doing so we aim to avoid service duplication and leverage meaningful social change that responds to the drivers of social disadvantage for children and young people in that place.

yourtown's Position

In order to make a valuable contribution within communities, engagement is undertaken through formal and informal processes and is usually focussed on the development and delivery of services. However, community engagement is equally important to form research and advocacy partnerships, enhance brand recognition and in the conduct and engagement of fundraising.

Through consultation either collectively or individually **yourtown** will seek to engage community members particularly children, young people and their families in the development of advocacy initiatives and in the co-design of services and programs.

We recognise that in some instances a collaborative approach is the best way to maximise benefits and as such **yourtown** will form partnerships and alliances to ensure the effective delivery of services and programs.

yourtown shares and collects information that promotes positive individual and community development that at all times protects the privacy of individuals.