

# Hurunui YOUTH STRATEGY



The Hurunui Youth Strategy recognises and value the voice of young people in the Hurunui District. This document provides guidance for priority setting, ongoing support, and development of our young people. The Hurunui District Council acknowledges the unique contribution young people make as valued citizens and the agency they have over their lives..

The Hurunui is a large geographical area with a low population base, creating a number of challenges for our young people. Our aspiration is for a district where young people are connected within their communities, their environment is valued, they are supported to thrive and embrace opportunities. We want all young people in the Hurunui District to have access to recreational, educational, cultural, and social opportunities that support their wellbeing and growth.

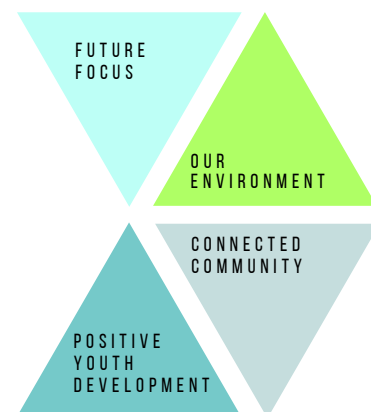
Thanks to the funding from the Ministry of Youth Development Partnership Fund in 2017 the council was able to support local young people, Hurunui Youth Councillors and Hurunui Youth Programme Committee members to create this foundation document in 2018. This has been revised in 2023 to reflect the changing landscape for our young people.

## VISION:

ALL RANGATAHI/YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND ARE VALUED AND SUPPORTED IN THIS BY THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

## MISSION:

TO STRIVE FOR A DISTRICT WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, SUCCEED AND REACH THEIR POTENTIAL.



This document has been created to drive better long term outcomes for young people in the Hurunui and will be used to guide ongoing Hurunui Youth Programme, Hurunui Youth Council and the community as a whole. The young people described in this document are 12-24 years.

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This strategy has been designed by young people for young people, and is the voice of Hurunui Youth.

**The Hurunui District is strengthened to create innovative bright futures for our young people.**

- Collaboration of communities and agencies to create job opportunities
- Investment in positive experiences to enhance the skills of local young people
- Commitment to supporting future pathways for youth
- Responsibility to ensure Hurunui is appealing for youth as they grow and develop

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## FUTURE FOCUS

**Young people live in an environment that is nurtured today to be enjoyed by future generations.**

- Active citizenship in the protection, restoration and maintenance of our unique biodiversity
- Our local natural environment is accessible for all youth to enjoy
- Opportunities for youth engagement in sustainable education outside of school hours

## OUR ENVIRONMENT

## CONNECTED COMMUNITY

**Hurunui young people value the sense of community and opportunities to be connected locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.**

- Youth have access to Public services, facilities and spaces that are valued and used
- Embracing and welcoming the diversity and cultures in our district
- Respecting and supporting youth across the different areas of the Hurunui District
- Enabling young people to access different areas of the district

## POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**A district where young people continue to learn and grow, and their contribution is valued in our communities.**

- A commitment to provide opportunities to engage in events, sports, and recreation
- Pathways for youth participation
- Encourage engagement in democracy
- A strengths-based approach to enhance the wellbeing of our young people
- Encourage and support the mental health and wellbeing of youth
- Increase the accessibility of support and equip communities with the ability to help