

**Report
Brimbank Youth Services
St Albans Youth Forum 2011**

Executive Summary

The Youth Policy and Action Plan 2010-2014 is a key policy for Brimbank City Council which sets out strategy and actions for Council to meet the priority needs of young people in Brimbank. As a key action of the Youth Policy and Action Plan, Brimbank Youth Services (BYS) are committed to implementing youth participation mechanisms that enable the active and meaningful contribution of young people. The St Albans Youth Forum was held as the inaugural local area youth forum in Brimbank.

BYS engaged a Youth Steering Committee to ensure the project remained youth lead, and embarked on a two week forum, gathering information and ideas about streetscapes in St Albans from young people who live, work or study in the area.

The steering group developed a suite of questions to ask other young people, and were trained in skills of consulting.

Over the course of two weeks, and across eight different locations, a total of 148 young people were consulted. The following recommendations have come directly from the young people consulted. All of these recommendations rely on youth services advocating to and working in partnerships across other departments of Council.

Recommendation 1

- For a temporary basketball ring to be erected on Thursday and Friday afternoons in the carpark of Errington Community Centre.

Recommendation 2

- For youth services to advocate to Council for an equitable access to facilities policy
Youth services to advocate to Environment department for the planting of more flowers to enhance colour in varied spots around Council.

Recommendation 3

- For youth services to advocate to Urban design for more youth friendly hang out spaces at Errington, Alfrieda st and on Main Road with seating and drinking fountains.

Recommendation 4

- For Youth services to advocate to Parks and Gardens department for increased maintenance along Main Road West.

Recommendation 5

- For Council to include young people in all future planning of any outdoor spaces to ensure youth friendly and appropriate spaces.

Recommendation 6

- For a permanent performance space to be built in St Albans. The recommended option would be a stage in St Albans square.