

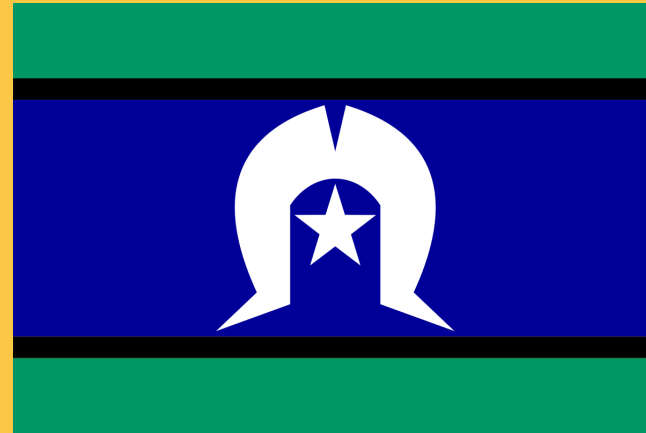
Proposed Pakenham Youth Foyer

Information Session

7 April 2022

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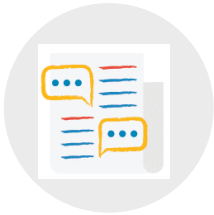
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Agenda

- Youth Services presentation
- Proposal for Pakenham Youth Foyer
- Introducing Anchor Services
- Next steps



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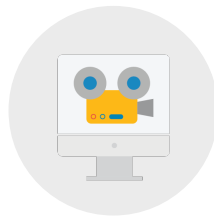
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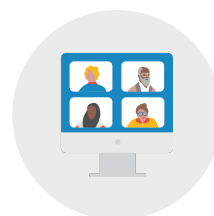
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Cardinia Youth Services

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Young people in Cardinia

April 2022

Youth Population

- Over 13,000 young people aged 15-24yrs reside in the Shire
- Expected to increase to over 30,000 by 2041
- 70% of young people will reside within the Growth Area Subregion

Needs/Presenting Issues

- Housing
- Mental Health
- Education and Training
- Employment/Job Opportunities
- Public Transport
- Family Conflict
- Sexuality and identity
- Friendships/Relationships
- Centrelink
- Access to services

Disengagement

- 6% of the 15-19 youth population are disengaged from education/employment/training
- Cardinia has the highest % of all LGAs of 20-24yr olds that left school before completing year 11.
- Young people who are homeless or without safe, secure and affordable housing are much less likely to remain engaged in education and/or attend TAFE/University

What young people say about Youth Foyers

- Wangaratta Youth Foyer

<https://youtu.be/Y1-Tyi4xmSo>

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Youth Foyer Opportunity

- Opportunity to partner with Anchor Youth Services, DFFH, and Property Industry Foundation (PIF) to deliver a **'Youth Learning and Accommodation Hub'**
- Youth Homelessness is a Council Priority identified through:
 - Nature and Extent of Homelessness Report 2017
 - Liveability Plan (Data Profile)
 - Services for Success
 - Together We Can
 - Child, Youth and Family Strategy
- Commitment to increasing SAH through the SAH Strategy and Action Plan 2018-25, Council Plan and the Local Government Social Housing and Homelessness Regional Charter

Partnership Opportunities

PARTNER	ELEMENT	
Homes Victoria	The Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships with local construction industry / construction funds
Anchor Youth Services	The Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operate a youth foyer program which provides secure accommodation, education and living skills Site management of the Foyer (including access to 24-hour specialist and overnight staffing).
Department Family, Fairness, Housing	The Funding (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational funds
Cardinia Shire Council	The Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and make available land suitably located ready to develop for a purpose-built youth foyer

5-7 Main Street Pakenham- Preferred Location



- Purple My Place Youth Centre, 5-7 Main Street Pakenham
- Orange Youth accommodation with office, Dame Pattie Avenue Pakenham

Key Considerations

- Site will be vacant 2023 and would be in close proximity to the new Youth Centre development providing great access and support opportunities for the young people.
- Anchor have some existing leases within housing behind this site to support young people.
- A rebuild of the site would be consistent with the Activity Centre which encourages high quality design
- This site was considered most cost effective and fit for purpose providing a high level of access to public transport and recreation.



Proposed lease 5-7 Main Street

As part of Anchor's funding submission, Council is considering:

- a 20-year lease with an option for an additional 10 years
- Leasing at a value reduced from market in recognition of the significant community benefit and Anchor's not-for-profit status.

Anchor Services

Peter Dinsdale

Manager Youth and Housing

Anchor Services



Project Proposal

Pakenham Youth Foyer

Presented to Cardinia Shire Council
Community Information Session
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Who is Anchor?

Anchor has been operating in the Outer East for over 45 years. We recently expanded our services and established a Complex Care Program in Pakenham.

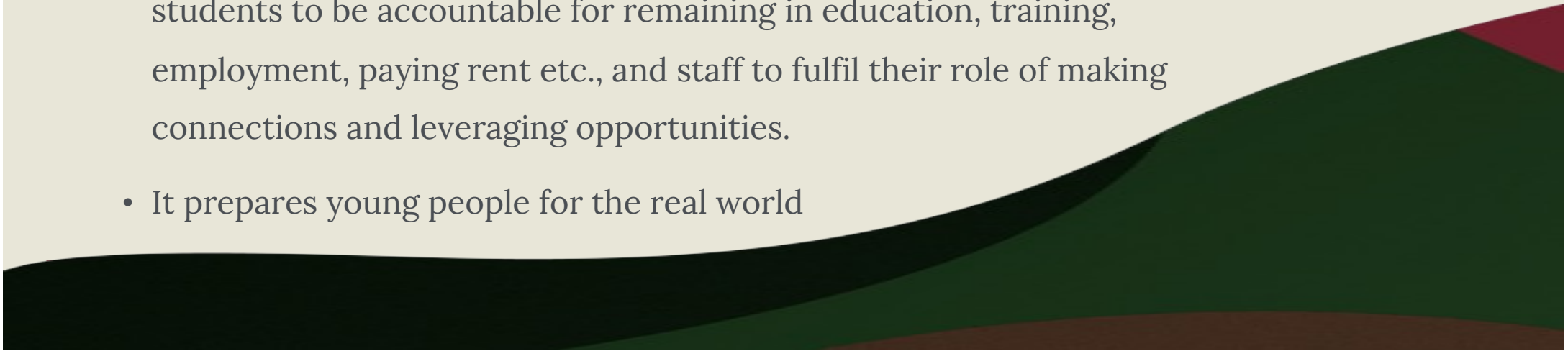
Our services include:

- Out of Home Care – Foster Care, Kinship Care and Complex Care
- Homelessness – Opening Door Crisis Response, Transitional Housing
- Youth Development – Dispersed Foyer, Support for Young Families



What is a Foyer?

- Stable accommodation for up to two years
- Integrated model of support that identifies, develops and invests in the skills and interests of the young person.
- Mutual obligation and responsibilities that set the expectations associated with achieving and sustaining an independent livelihood. It requires students to be accountable for remaining in education, training, employment, paying rent etc., and staff to fulfil their role of making connections and leveraging opportunities.
- It prepares young people for the real world



Connecting Up Services and Support

Anchor has demonstrated ability to embed itself within the community, developing local connections and relationships with relevant informal and formal supports that meet the individual needs and aspirations of each young person. Using an Advantaged Thinking approach we provide a holistic response that nurtures and supports each young person to thrive.

Education

- DET - Certificate 1 in Developing Independence
- Oakwood School - Community based secondary education and connection
- DET - LOOKOUT
- Cire Services - years 7-12. VET, VCAL
- Local Learning and Education Network (LLEN)
- Australian College of Higher Education

Health & Well being

- Family Reconciliation Therapist
- Headspace - Including GP / Dental and Mental Health Nurse
- Monash Health:
- 'Early in Life Mental Health Service'
- Southeast Centre Against Sexual Assault
- Task Force: Youth and Family Outreach Clinician

Employment

- Centrelink
- Local Employment Agencies
- Local businesses

Housing & Life Skills

- Private Rental Brokerage
- Certificate 1 in Developing Independence
- Home Stretch - case management and access to funding
- Better Futures - case management support

Social Connection

- Youth Opportunity Landscape / Advantageous Connections: practical careers, opportunity, community connection and knowledge outcomes.
- Community Members
- Local businesses
- Centre for Multicultural Youth

Civic Participation

- Local Businesses
- Cardinia Shire Council "My Place"
- Community Members

Anchor Supports Young People To Realise Their Potential

Two-year stable tenancy

Referral

Referrals may come from:

- Regional Housing
- Homelessness & Youth Services
- Child protection
- Leaving care providers
- Better Futures

Assessment

Readiness - critical to the success of the model is the notion of choice. Young people must choose to 'opt in' to the programme and engage with all that is offered. The assessment stage provides information and connections to ensure decisions are as informed as possible. Anchor acknowledges the readiness 'bar' may sit differently for young people with a care experience.

Participation

Tenure in the Foyer - Once accepted into the foyer programme, Youth Development Coaches will provide long term, stable, individualised and goal-oriented coaching for the duration of a young persons' stay. Coaches use a capabilities mindset to identify what inspires and motivates the young person, what their interests and goals are and they support them to take achievable steps forward.

Transition

Transition - transition planning occurs from the very beginning of a young person's engagement in the foyer. Youth Development Coaches will focus on all the steps required to secure a positive housing outcome by the end of their stay. They will guide and support each young person through the transition phase and assist them to establish themselves beyond their tenure at the foyer.

Program Stages of Participation

Anchor follows the Foyer model of participation and utilizes all the tools and frameworks developed within, to advance a young person's independence.

Foyer Program Details

Participant Group:	<p>An integrated participant cohort consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young people between the ages of 16 – 25 years old presenting as homeless or at risk of homelessness.• An allocation of units will be reserved for young people transitioning from care / reactivating their care – these may require additional or existing supports through NDIS, TCP, Better Futures and Home Stretch.• Intake age Minimum 16 years old / maximum 23 years old.
Program Duration:	<p>A two-year programme with flexibility to expand tenure based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• individual needs assessment• developmental readiness for independent living
Accommodation type:	<p>18 single bedsits and 2 2-bedroom units, housing up to 20 individuals with provision for up to two single young parents with children within an integrated learning and accommodation hub. Shared spaces throughout the hub include study spaces, communal industrial kitchen and eating spaces, entertainment, and office spaces.</p>
Location:	<p>5-7 Main Street Pakenham</p>
Hours of Operation	<p>Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm with staff overnight and on weekends. In the initial on-boarding of new students to the program, flexible staffing arrangements will be required for the intake process.</p>

Benefits of a Foyer

The Foyer model is a proven model that changes the trajectory of young people who experience homelessness. Research on the foyer model has been found to ¹:

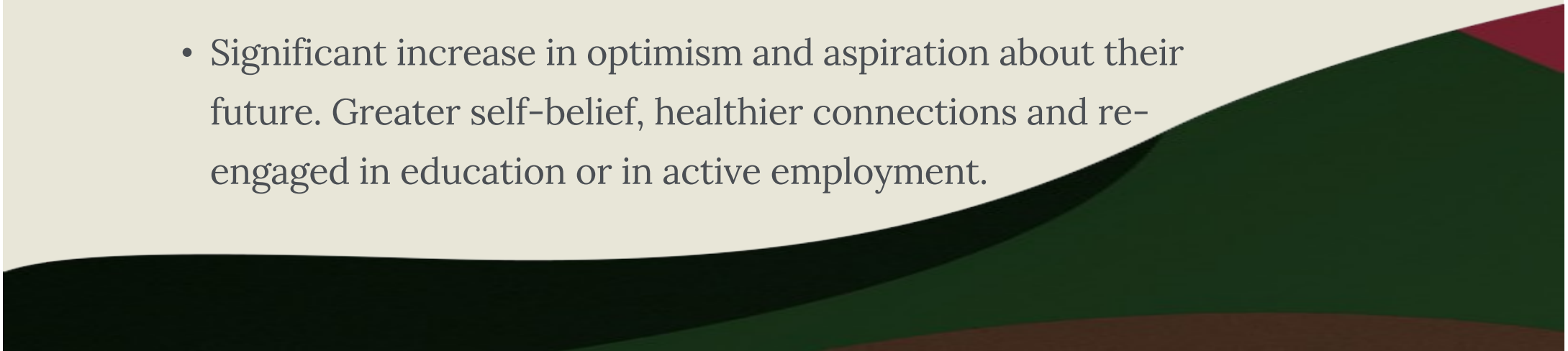
- Reduce reliance on supported housing post exit
- Increase earning potential for young people who complete their education or go onto further education
- Reduce Emergency Department admissions
- Reduced reliance on government benefits for unemployment.

¹ KPMG Education First Youth Foyers, Economic Evaluation BSL June 2019

Impact of Anchor's Foyer

The results from Anchors dispersed Foyer program:

- 100% of our current cohort is engaged in formal education or employment.
- Young people with an out of home care experience are encouraged to have higher aspirations and expectations for themselves.
- Significant increase in optimism and aspiration about their future. Greater self-belief, healthier connections and re-engaged in education or in active employment.



Thank you!

Next steps

Go online to read more and provide your feedback at
<https://creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth-fo>

Proposed Pakenham Youth Foyer

Have you say and learn more about Anchor's proposal to provide education, life skills, employment and secure housing for young people in Cardinia Shire.

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Anchor's proposal for a lease

Anchor, an independent not-for-profit organisation supporting vulnerable community members, has approached Council with a proposal to lease 5-7 Main Street Pakenham (the current site of the My Place youth service, which is relocating to the new Youth Hub in James Street from early 2023).

The lease would support Anchor's current funding application to the state government for its proposal to construct an Education and Employment Youth Foyer facility with 20 onsite accommodation units.

If both the funding application and lease proposal is accepted, Anchor will proceed with its proposal on this site.

As part of Anchor's funding submission to Homes Victoria and Department Families Fairness Housing, Council is considering a 20-year lease with an option for an additional 10 years, at a value reduced from market in lieu of the significant community benefit and Anchor's not-for-profit status.

Timeline

- Community consultation - Phase 1**
21 March 2022 - 25 April 2022
 - Register to attend an online information session (7pm on Thursday 7 April 2022)
 - Propose your questions for the information session
 - Provide your views about the proposal
- Online information session 7pm on 7 April 2022**

Thank you for coming!

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