

## Fact Sheet

# Euroa Youth Space Working Group Members

We invite local youths to form a representative group to workshop ideas and develop a project plan for a new safe youth space (including a BMX track) in Euroa.

### **What will this working group be responsible for?**

The working group will lead the design and development of a safe youth space (including a BMX track) that encourages our young people to explore, create and have adventures.

### **How will the working group members be chosen?**

Local youths, aged 10 to 17, are invited to apply for a role on the working group. These members will be chosen based on their bike track experience, outdoor interests and enthusiasm.

### **How many working group member positions are there?**

There are 15 working group member positions, but we will involve all youths who express interest in other activities where possible.

### **When will the working group members be required to meet?**

We will facilitate educational sessions with local environmental groups, experienced BMX riders, safety officers and council staff to assist the working group members to design their own youth space. These sessions will be scheduled at a time that is suitable to most and will be after school hours.

### **Are parent/guardians allowed to attend working group meetings or sessions?**

Absolutely. We encourage parent/guardians to be present at the working group meetings or sessions held. Our only request is that they do not participate in the discussion as we want the youth to lead this process.

### **Will working group members require permission from a parent/guardian to participate?**

Yes, because applicants are under 18 a parent or guardian must sign the permission slip provided.

### **How will the chosen working group members be notified?**

All applicants will receive a phone call or email to let them know if they have been chosen to form part of the working group.

### **Can local youth still be involved even if they are not on the working group?**

Absolutely. There will be plenty of jobs to do when construction begins and those who express interest will be invited to help out then.

### **Are the working group members expected to construct their project plan?**

All working group members will be invited to participate in the construction phase but there will be some jobs that will require suitably qualified adults to complete.

### **Do you know how long this project will take?**

It is expected that the design and construction will take a number of months. The most important thing is to create a safe space that meets the needs of the local youths.

### **Are there any limitations that the working group need to be aware of?**

We would love to give free rein to a project such as this but there are a few non-negotiables. This project will need to meet safety requirements, must not adversely impact the environment, and must not disturb any areas of cultural heritage significance. There will also be a focus on recycling and reusing where possible to blend in with the environment and to achieve an affordable build.