



OXYGENPROJECT

*Investing in our young people*



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Moreland City Council

# Mayor's Forward – 'Investing in our young people'

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Moreland's young people are contributors to our community. It is our young people who help keep our city lively, proud, diverse and respectful of all citizens now and in the future.

Young people represent our current and future artists, entrepreneurs, business people, leaders, educators and importantly parents as they enter into adulthood.

Council takes its responsibility to Moreland's young people seriously and will continue to work hard alongside all levels of government, community and the youth sector to ensure

Moreland's young people are provided with the best opportunities to reach their full potential.

To achieve this, Council has set a strategic focus to *'invest in our young people'* and commenced the oxYgen Project in 2009, led by local young people through the Youth Facilities and Services Steering Committee.

The oxYgen Project has provided Council with the opportunity to engage and consult with the broader community to find ways to improve the delivery of services and work more effectively with our partners to develop the types of services and infrastructure to better meet the needs and aspirations of young people in our community.

Council recognises that the needs and interests of young people are diverse. As such, the community consultation process has been far reaching to capture the breadth of views held by young people and our key service partners. As a community we must continue to ensure that all young people, particularly those most vulnerable, feel safe and are able to access the support and services they need. By creating environments that demonstrate value, provide support, encourage participation, foster talent and creativity and build resilience, we will foster an environment in which young people can thrive.

The oxYgen Project ensured that we talked to our young people about the things that matter most to them. The findings and action plan represent the most significant reform and investment into the needs of Moreland's young people.

I look forward to the ongoing success and significant impact the oxYgen project will have on our community.



**Cr Stella Kariofyllidis**  
**Mayor**

**The Mayor understands how important young people are in our community.**

**The oxYgen project spoke to lots of different young people so everybody had a say on what's important to them.**

**The Mayor and Council are committed to make sure things happen for young people.**

# Acknowledgments – ‘who got us here’

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*“No one is born a good citizen; no nation born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts off from its youth severs its lifeline.”*

*Koffi Annan -  
2001*

# oxYgen Overview – ‘delivering our results’

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Approximately 500 young people and 43 different community organisations who work with young people have actively contributed to the research findings and outcomes of the oxYgen project. This was then further supported with a series of face to face interviews with key stakeholders to validate and confirm initial research findings.

**The oxygen Project used a step by step approach to ensure final outcomes are best suited to the Moreland community.**

The report: **oxYgen Project – ‘Investing in our Young People’** provides a succinct summary of information and sets out a clear action strategy aimed to meet the needs of Moreland’s young people.

The delivery of the oxYgen Project is supported by a series of detailed volumes which are designed to integrate and complement each other. The support volumes are:

## **Volume One: Consultation Findings**

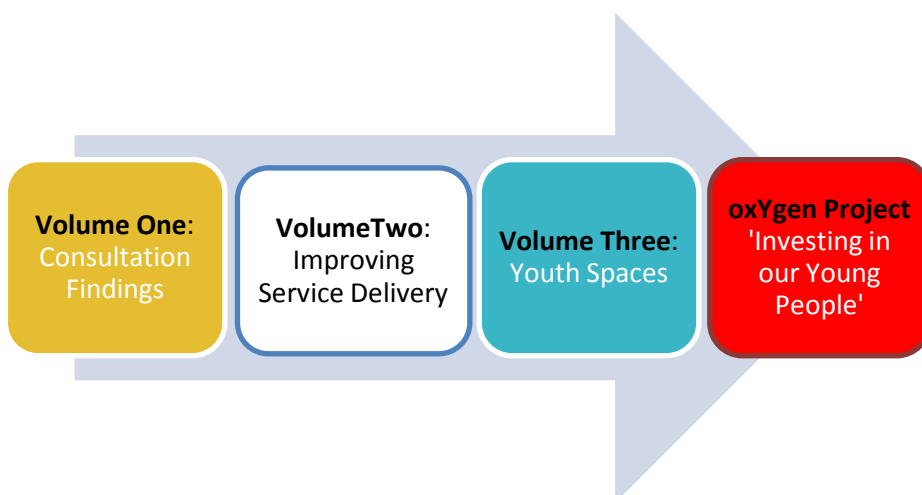
This support volume explains in detail the needs, wants and aspirations of Moreland’s young people and local youth service sector as found through the consultation process. The volume provides justification and guidance for the oxYgen Project.

## **Volume Two: Improving Service Delivery**

This support volume uses information from volume one, exploring the opportunities and resources required to work more effectively in partnership with the local youth sector, therefore leading to improved outcomes for young people and the community.

## **Volume Three: Youth Spaces**

This support volume uses information from volume one and two and identifies the infrastructure needs of Moreland’s young people and community. The volume also examines the integration of service coordination through co-located infrastructure that is centrally located.



# Moreland – ‘the need for oxYgen’

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*The oxYgen Project is a direct result of widespread acknowledgement for the need to improve services and facilities for young people in Moreland.*

**The oxYgen Project is a response to service and facility needs of young people in Moreland.**

The project has three objectives:

- (1) Identifying the needs and aspirations of young people;
- (2) Identifying Council’s role in facilitating the needs of young people; and
- (3) The determining the feasibility of additional youth spaces and places.

The current state and federal government context is aimed at service improvement through local area planning focused on redressing societal inequalities through early identification and early invention to support young people who are deemed most vulnerable.<sup>1</sup>

At the local level the oxYgen project aligns with 13 of Council’s 23 key strategic objectives. Key strategic objective (KSO) 17 is “investing in our young people” which sets a target to complete three youth facilities by 2012. The objectives demonstrate a clear commitment to young people.

Young people in Moreland represent almost 20% of the entire population and are more likely to speak a language other than English at home. Moreland is characterised as having low socio-economic status and is ranked as the seventh most disadvantaged municipality in the Melbourne Statistical Division (MSD). With greater levels of disadvantage in the northern region and in particular, Glenroy and Fawkner. With a large proportion of 5 – 14 year olds living in the north of the municipality, it makes sense to direct support and services to ensure the greatest outcomes for young people in this area.

Some alarming characteristics of young people in Moreland compared with other municipalities shows we have:

**Young people in Moreland face high youth unemployment and poor educational outcomes.**

- poor education outcomes
- high youth unemployment
- high levels of disconnection from community
- reduced health outcomes – especially mental health related
- increased trends in antisocial and violent behaviour

This warrants the need to examine how effective the youth services sector is in Moreland and makes clear the need to invest in our young people through a redirection of services and the provision of youth friendly infrastructure.

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<sup>1</sup> oxYgen Project – Volume Two: Improving Service Delivery

# Investment Benchmark – 'where we currently stand'

Moreland Council's current financial and staffing investment into young people has been benchmarked against surrounding municipalities and demonstrates that Moreland has the lowest levels of funding and staffing overall and per capita.

**Moreland currently contributes less money and staffing resources than any other surrounding municipality.**

The current financial contribution of Moreland of \$523,798 or \$21 per young person is the lowest of any benchmarked municipality with Banyule contributing \$1,137,102 or \$54 per young person which is more than double the current Moreland contribution.

The current staffing (EFT) investment in young people is also the lowest of any benchmarked municipality. Moreland has staff ratio of 0.27 staff to every 1,000 young people compared to Banyule which has a staff ratio of 0.47 staff to every 1,000 young people. Based on this data, Moreland is under resourced by \$946,000 and 7 staff when compared to the funding and staffing levels of Yarra.

The below table identifies current investments.<sup>2</sup>

Municipality	Total Population	Youth Population (12-25)	Council Youth Staff EFT	Worker: to 1,000 YP	External Contributions	Council Contributions
Moreland	142,305	24,498	6.54	0.27	\$248,050	\$523,798
Darebin	128,068	22,328	8.5	0.38	\$140,000	\$560,000
Yarra	69,330	12,615	6.8	0.54	\$97,000	\$761,000
Hume	147,781	31,983	11.5	0.36	\$130,600	\$791,655
Moonee Valley	107,090	19,336			Not Available	Not Available
Whittlesea	124,647	25,542	14	0.55	Not Available	Not Available
Brimbank	168,215	34,972	8.82	0.25	\$140,000	\$945,420
Banyule	114,866	21,153	10	0.47	\$180,000	\$1,137,102
Municipality	LGA Square Kilometres	Council Youth Facilities	Annual Council investment per Young Person \$		Annual Service minutes spent per young person	Total Investment (Council / External)
Moreland	51	*1	\$21		32	\$771,848
Darebin	53	2	\$25		45	\$700,000
Yarra	20	3	\$60		64	\$858,000
Hume	504	4	\$25		43	\$922,255
Moonee Valley	43	1			0	
Whittlesea	489	3			65	
Brimbank	123	1	\$27		30	\$1,085,420
Banyule	63	1	\$54		56	\$1,317,102

<sup>2</sup> Source: Populations - ABS 2006 Census

# oxYgen Benefits – ‘broader community’

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## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Investing in our children and young people has enormous community benefit, this is especially true when communities face social and economic disadvantage. Evidence exists that children raised in socio-economically disadvantaged areas, like Moreland, have increased probability of negative outcomes. These include school failure, drug use, juvenile crime, youth unemployment and teen pregnancy.<sup>3</sup> It's not surprising that people experiencing the most disadvantages, those marginalised by location, culture, language, age and disability are over represented in our expensive crisis systems (hospitals, mental health facilities, prisons and child protection systems). Consequently, the marginalisation and neglect of our children and young people can become a costly exercise.

**When you invest in young people everybody benefits.**

There is growing consensus within policy and research that well designed intervention programs, especially those aimed at developmental rather than corrective approaches can alter pathways for children and families. Not only can such early intervention programs benefit the child and families they also benefit all socio-economic groups in society and produce net savings for government.

## COST SAVINGS

The savings are seen in the forms of reduced health costs, lower criminal justice system costs, reduced welfare system outlays, reduction in children and young people needing access to specialist educational support, and increased tax revenue resulting from increased workforce participation. These benefits combined help to create communities that are safe, productive, happy, healthy and connected.

Behavioural and social studies undertaken in the education sector have also concluded that a failure to establish sound education foundations ultimately result in additional costs for the broader community - usually through higher welfare costs, higher health costs, higher crime rates and other negative social impacts including industry facing labour and skills shortages.<sup>4</sup>

Similarly, research undertaken for the Orygen Youth Research Centre into mental health interventions, suggest that preventively oriented interventions targeted to young people aged 12-25 has the capacity to generate greater social and economic benefits than intervention at any other time in the lifespan. The study found early and preventive initiatives as showing the most promise in reducing the burden of mental illness, particularly in young people.

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<sup>3</sup> Manning, M., Homel, R. and Smith, C. (in press 2006) Economic evaluation of a community based early intervention program implemented in a disadvantaged urban area of Queensland. Economic Analysis and Policy.

<sup>4</sup> Social Inclusion and Early Childhood Development, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, January 2009.

In 2009 the financial cost of mental illness for young people in Australia was \$10 billion. These costs were attributed to productivity lost due to lower employment, absenteeism, premature death, welfare payments, forgone taxation, health system expenditure, carer costs and funeral costs.<sup>5</sup>

## **ACTING EARLY**

The estimates of returns to society for each dollar invested extended from over \$1 to \$17. Importantly, the available evidence indicates that the economic returns from investing in early intervention programs are even greater when high risk populations are targeted and that even universal programs can yield benefits two and a half times the cost.<sup>6</sup>

**Early intervention enhances social and economic benefits.**

The social and economic benefits from investing in our young people and communities are unequivocal. Happy, healthy, engaged young people equal happy, healthy, vibrant and safe communities for all.

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<sup>5</sup> Access Economics (2008) Cost effectiveness of early intervention for psychosis, Report for Orygen Research Centre.

<sup>6</sup> Social Inclusion and Early Childhood Development, DEEWR, January 2009.

# Young People – ‘what they told us’

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Approximately 500 young people participated in the research to help us find out what young people think, want and aspire to.

**Moreland’s young people want a cleaner city and more free activities.**

## **The concerns raised by young people included:**

- Disappointment in the state of Moreland’s streets, buildings and parks (old, dirty, run down, unappealing, full of rubbish, poor lighting, landscaping and signage).
- Access to affordable transport options, safety on public trains and violence around train stations
- High cost of activities
- Boredom and a lack of affordable places to go
- Feeling welcome and included in the public realm (parks, shopping centres and community facilities) and in schools.
- Quality of education (better facilities, better teachers, more curricula choices and programs, learning and study programs and support to stay in school).

## **What they said about places and spaces:**

- Structured indoor spaces - like a multi-purpose youth space to chill out, have fun, meet friends, socialise, have something to eat, access the internet, play sport, watch a movie, art, craft and dance classes, music and rehearsal space, trampolines, games and underage night clubs and outdoor sports and hang out spaces – a place they could call their own.
- A youth centre with counsellors, youth workers, homework programs, mental health services and access to information about help services and programs.
- Preferably close to home, but definitely central, close to public transport, schools and shops.
- Well maintained parks and open space (more trees, shade, seating, lighting, drink fountains, public art and play equipment for older children and teenagers, as well as more youth events and festivals).
- More or better sports facilities: soccer fields, half basketball courts, bmx tracks and skate parks, indoor sports centres and better pools with bigger slides.
- Better shops, better places to eat and meet friends, more welcoming shopping centres and a local cinema (as the most popular commercial activity), music and art space, paintball and laser skirmish.

**Moreland’s young people want a standalone youth facility they can call their own.**

# Service Providers – ‘what they told us’

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43 service providers who work with young people contributed to the research findings followed by 11 face to face interviews with key agencies to validate initial research and the key themes.

## **What the local youth service sector believed to be the major issues facing young people:**

- Education was rated as the biggest issue facing young people, followed by physical safety, unemployment, mental health, racism, family issues and financial hardship and a lack of support services, organised programs and facilities and spaces for young people.
- 75% reported having waiting lists and could meet demand only some of the time or rarely.
- Glenroy and Fawkner were identified as the suburbs most in need of services.
- Lack of ongoing funding and limitations to eligibility was cited as a major barrier, especially when dealing with young people with complex needs.
- Lack of partnership and coordination of the youth sector.
- Lack of youth friendly services especially in health and mental health
- Lack of promotion and engagement within the community on youth issues.
- Major Service gap related to generalist counselling and mental health and support for disengaged young people (disengaged from school, families and community).

**Education, mental health and financial hardship were identified as major problems for Moreland’s young people.**

## **What they said about Councils Role in the youth sector:**

- Council should take primary responsibility for building partnerships and coordinating the sector.
- Council should advocate on behalf of young people and service providers and develop policy and conduct research on young people to increase funding and resources to services most needed.
- Council should be responsible for delivering services and programs.
- Council should provide resources (funding, venues, buses)
- Council should facilitate networks, forums, and activities that promote broader community engagement.
- Council should have accurate and up to date information about the range of services and programs available to young people ( a central point for information)

**Local service providers are calling for Council to facilitate improved service coordination across the local service sector.**

## **What they said about spaces and places for young people:**

- Almost 90% identified the need for a standalone youth specific resource centre – a central space where services can be delivered under the one roof.

- And youth friendly spaces especially for sport and physical activity and formal organized programs as well as places to hang out and socialize were important.
- A multi-purpose space that could be used for a range of different activities by a range of different groups that ensured the physical safety and inclusion of young people.

**When asked if they would consider moving into a standalone (co-located) youth space, more than 70% said yes.**

# Identifying Improvement – 'the focus areas'

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The oxYgen project has identified three key focus areas which can be strengthened to better support the needs of young people and local service system. The focus areas are:

- (1) Planning and Partnership
- (2) Service Delivery
- (3) Facility Development

The key focus areas have been identified as critical to ensuring Moreland's young people are provided with every opportunity to succeed.

## 1. PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIP

There is a strong case for Council to play a role in planning and development for the local area. Moreland currently does not have the capacity to undergo any meaningful planning process with the youth services sector. There is a real need for the development of a local level governance structure to be developed to ensure that all stakeholders are included and take ownership of a local level youth plan. The development of such a structure and a plan will enable greater efficiencies across the sector, a more targeted approach to services based on need and less competition between services, less duplication of services the greatest opportunity to advocate for increased resources into Moreland.

The development of partnerships between service providers is also seen to be a role that councils can and do take. The youth services sector has a number of topic related networks, but there is little coordination between the different service providers. Whilst networks work well within education or health, rarely do all the sectors come together to look holistically at young people and their needs. One way in which councils are supporting the development of partnerships within the sector is to act as facilitator for the sector. This facilitation role is often enhanced through the provision of a youth service hub. Services can be co-located within the one space that is also used to provide generalist youth services allowing young people greater access to the services they require. Many of the Moreland youth services indicated a strong interest in being a part of a co-located youth service hub.

Key Objective:

**Council to realign its services to young people by taking a greater coordination and planning role in the youth sector and lead a whole of community approach to local service planning and partnerships.**

Key Recommendations:

1. Council to provide additional resources to strengthen Moreland's planning and coordination role by employing a youth strategic planner to implement oxYgen project outcomes.

**The oxYgen Project has identified three key focus areas:**

- 1. Planning and Partnership.**
- 2. Service Delivery.**
- 3. Facility Development.**

**This will strengthen and improve opportunities for Moreland's young people.**

**Improved planning processes will lead to less duplication and attract more new funding to the area.**

2. Council to host a local planning forum to develop an agreed local governance framework to inform the development of a Local Youth Plan for Moreland.
3. Council to undertake a comprehensive service mapping exercise to identify local service needs and analyse what is available and what is missing to establish the platform to improve availability, accessibility and effectiveness of the local service system.
4. Council to undertake further research to form a comprehensive youth profile through the collation of all information and data sets relevant to young people.

## 2. SERVICE DELIVERY

All the literature, benchmarking and consultation recommends Councils play a generalist youth service role. That is, providing services for all young people, allowing opportunities for early identification and early intervention rather than focussing on individual case work. In Moreland this will mean a greater emphasis and focus on provision in the areas of education and employment and health and wellbeing initiatives (including physical activity, social and recreational programs and events). The local sector has a strong concentration of specialised services, catering for young people who are already in vulnerable states, meaning that young people will often only receive support when they are in crisis. A broad based approach to services for young people from Council means that more young people will receive the required support and referral before they reach crisis point.

**Council's service delivery will focus on early intervention and provide easier access to information.**

Another role that councils are playing is in the area of information provision. Councils are generally the first point of contact for young people, families, schools and services. It is vital that service mapping is undertaken and the coordination of information collection and dissemination is efficient and meets the needs of all young people and the community

Key Objective:

**Council to focus service delivery from a generalist youth service perspective and simplify access to services and information to young people and the community.**

Key Recommendations:

1. Council provision of services and programs to young people to be focused on prevention, early identification and early intervention.
2. Council to provide a single point of access to information that is accurate and up to date.
3. Council to provide additional resources to increase our capacity to provide information about services and programs through the employment of a Youth Resource Officer.
4. To specify the delivery of identified services including the Teenage Holiday Program, RecAssist and Active Parks into the Aquatic

Facilities Single Service Specification to enable Aquatic and Leisure Facilities to expand their capacity to respond to the needs of young people.

5. MYS to capitalise on any Council investment or initiative that may create additional opportunities for young people.

### 3. FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

There is a strong case for Council to play a major role in planning for and providing appropriate infrastructure for young people. Designing young people into communities and legitimising their access to public space is widely recognised as essential to contributing to the overall prosperity and wellbeing of communities. The inclusion of young people into the public realm and providing for their developmental and infrastructure needs shows young people that they are a valued and important part of the community.

**Moreland's young people and service providers are calling for a standalone youth facility.**

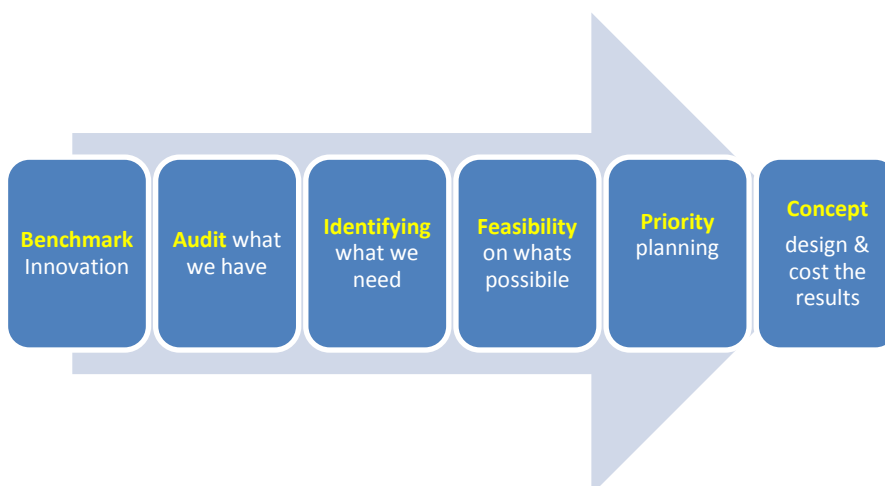
In Moreland, there are a number of dedicated spaces for younger children and the elderly but only one interim youth meeting space and a skate park that is currently provided by Council. Surrounding Councils have at least one dedicated youth space, and in some instances 2 or more.

Young people, for a number of years have called out for a youth centre, a place to hang out, meet friends, learn new skills and participate in a range of activities. The oxYgen research findings have confirmed this need.

Similarly, the creation of a local youth hub and co-location of services was seen by local service providers as important measures to improve service coordination and access. The reported benefits of services being in the same space included improved opportunity to plan collectively and work in partnership and provide a clear point of access for young people and families to locate information and services easily.

Accordingly, the investment into additional youth spaces and places was the main driving force behind the oxYgen Project. Four (4) key steps including youth spaces benchmarking, youth spaces audit, community consultation and feasibility study was undertaken as part of the research phase of the project. This led to the prioritisation of youth spaces and the identification of nine (9) youth space concept options - to ensure the proposed youth spaces are justified, representative, flexible, affordable and relevant to Moreland and its young people.

**The oxYgen project used a step by step approach to facility development to ensure the youth space concepts identified are supported by the community.**



**Based on community feedback the YFASSC has prioritised the Facility Development projects.**



The nine (9) youth space concept options are listed below:  
**Low Cost Projects (up to \$50,000 and 12 months to implement)**

**Option One:** Wireless Internet Zone  
CB Smith Reserve  
Fawkner  
Estimated Cost: \$ 43,000

**This option will:**

Provide wireless technology in a park setting to allow young people and the community to surf the internet while enjoying the outdoor surrounds. This option allows for seating structures that can be designed to also house the routers and other technology required to enable wireless. This way the signal strength will be strongest in locations where people are encouraged to sit and use the technology.

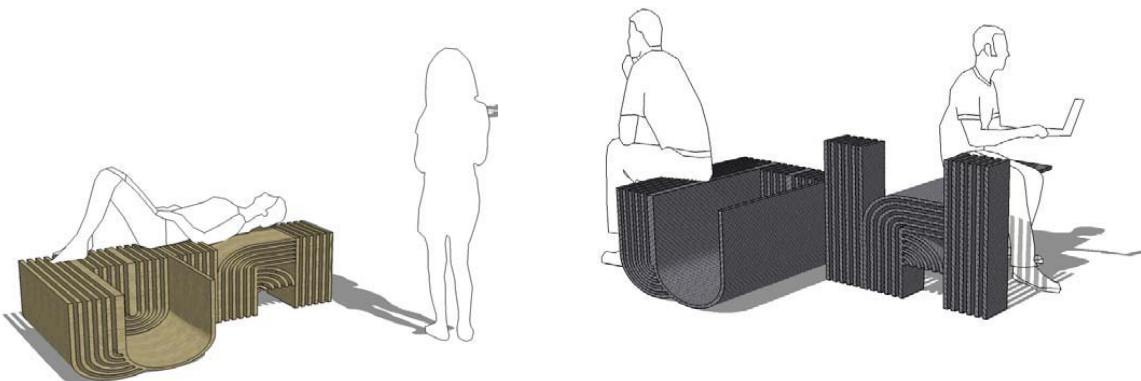
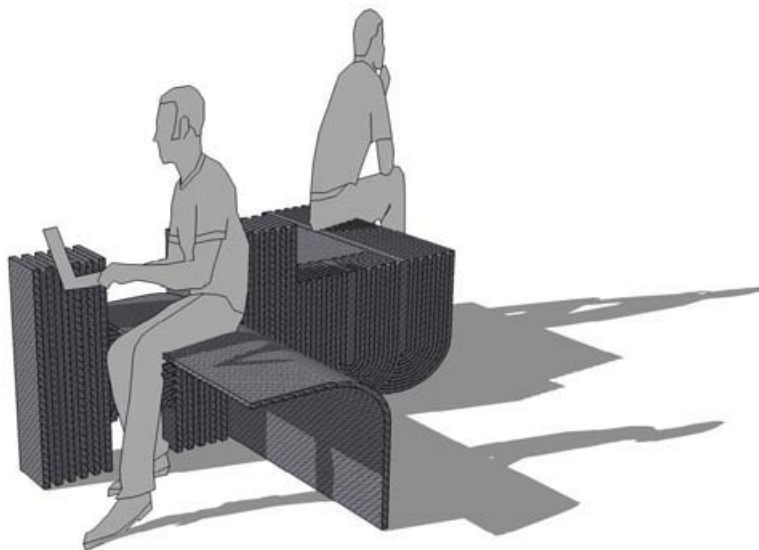
**Estimated construction time**

8 weeks.

**Construction Cost breakdown**

- Modem / Router / Phone + Power \$ 6,000 Installation + Set up Costs
- Seating structures: \$ 18,000 each  
x 2 \$36,000
- Signage \$ 1,000

**Total \$ 43,000**





**Option Two:** Mobile Outdoor Movie Screen  
Utilised across Moreland

Estimated Cost: \$51,100

**This option will:**

Focus on utilising a mobile outdoor movie screen and audio equipment where young people and the community can enjoy film screening and other artistic visual creation in many settings.

**Estimated construction time:** Purchase Only

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Screen and AV system \$ 28,000
- Floor Coverings - carpet \$ 9,000 (optional)
- Transportation Trailer \$ 5,400
- Laptop \$ 1,500
- Loose seating - bean bags, 40qty \$ 2,000
- Loose seating - standard, 100qty \$ 2,500
- Loose seating - deck chairs, 60qty \$ 2,700

**Total \$ 51,100**



PANORAMA OF PROPOSED OUTDOOR CINEMA

**\*The 'Movie Screen' is mobile and may be utilised across multiple sites in Moreland.**

**Option Three:** Wireless Internet Zone  
Harmony Park  
Coburg  
Estimated Cost: \$51,000



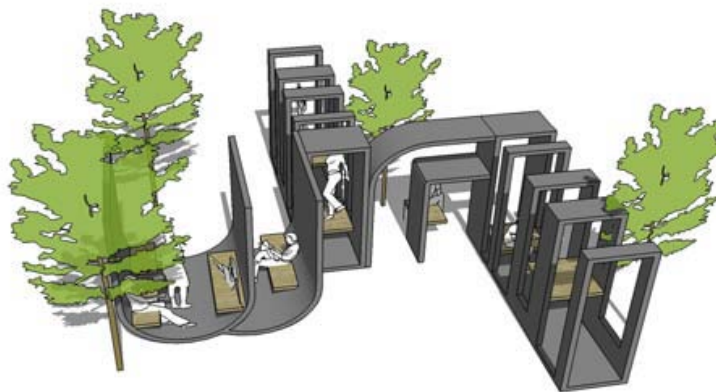
**This option will:**

Provide wireless internet to Harmony Park which incorporates structures that promote use of wireless technology and complement existing structures.

**Estimated construction time:** 8 Weeks

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Modem / Router / Phone + Power \$ 6,000 Installation + set up costs
  - Seating structure \$ 40,000
  - Footing installation, transport and
  - crantage \$ 4,000
  - Signage \$ 1,000
- Total \$ 51,000**



**Option Four:** Shelter and Seating  
Harmony Park  
Coburg  
Estimated Cost: \$41,500

**This option will:**

Provide additional seating and shelter over an existing skate park which will enable improved surveillance positions between the skate park and children's area.

**Estimated construction time:** 8 weeks

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Modem / Router / Phone + Power \$ 6,000 Installation + set up costs
- Seating structure \$ 40,000
- Footing installation, transport and
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- Signage \$ 1,000

**Total \$ 51,000**



**A PROPOSED SHELTER STRUCTURES TO EXISTING SKATEPARK**

- Location of seating structures rise from the mound enclosing the existing skate park.
- Structures to provide framed views through the site



**Option Five:** Transportable Shipping Container  
Dowd Place  
Glenroy  
Estimated Cost: \$35,000

**This option will:**

Redesign a 20ft shipping container to accommodate for a variety of functions which can be transported.

**Estimated construction time:** 8 weeks  
Relocation One day

**Construction cost breakdown**

- 20' Container, high ceiling \$ 3,400
- Door / windows \$ 2,500
- Sliding panel mechanism \$ 5,000
- Electricity \$ 2,500
- Plywood joinery \$ 5,500
- Fixtures - 2 x sinks + installation \$ 3,000
- Painting container, inside and outside \$ 600
- Floor coverings \$ 1,500
- Disabled access ramp \$ 1,800
- Ventilation \$ 450
- Data Connection \$ 600
- Pots, plants and frame \$ 1,500
- Tables and chairs \$ 250
- Palettes, \$45 each x 20 \$ 900
- Play Station, PS3 \$500 each x 4 qty \$ 2,000
- Signage and graphics \$ 1,500
- Solar Panels \$ 2,000

**Total \$35,000**





**Medium Cost Projects (up to 250,000 and 1 – 2 years to implement)**

**Option Six:** Parkour Course  
Brunswick Park Precinct  
Brunswick  
Estimated Cost: \$105,000

**This option will:**

This option provides for a parkour training ground utilising unique illuminated climbing lattice which may double as an art space.

**Estimated construction time:** 12 weeks

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Steel \$ 45,000
- Footings \$ 24,000
- Lighting \$ 12,000
- Infrastructure supply (incl. power) \$ 4,000
- Paint \$ 4,000
- Rubber mat floor / soft fall \$ 14,700
- Signage \$ 2,000

**Total \$105,700**



**Option Seven:** Shelter and Seating  
Shore Reserve  
Pascoe Vale South  
Estimated Cost: \$256,000

**This option will:**

Provide additional seating, shelter and new artificial landscape to create a nice interplay between natural and manmade environments.

**Estimated construction time:** 12 - 16 weeks

**Construction cost breakdown**

Per shelter (average sized):

- Structure + cladding \$ 35,000
- Floor structure + seats / tables \$ 15,000
- Lighting \$ 10,000
- Soft fall \$ 5,500

Total per average sized shelter \$ 65,500

x 3 structures

\$196,500

- Shelter total x 3 \$196,500

- Signage \$ 2,000

- Landscaping \$ 58,000

**Total \$256,500**





**Capital Program Projects (250,000 + and 2 – 3 years to implement)**

**Option Eight (A):** Stand alone Youth Facility (urban setting)  
Location to be confirmed  
Estimated Cost: \$7,354,000 (with basement car park)  
Estimated Cost: \$6,004,000 (with parking at grade)  
Total required site area: 1964.6

**This option will:**

Provides a standalone co-located youth facility where service providers and young people share a facility in an urban infill setting.

The facility includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ counselling rooms and offices
- ✓ drop in space
- ✓ multi-purpose learning and career space
- ✓ multi-purpose indoor recreation space
- ✓ multi-purpose outdoor recreation space
- ✓ multi-purpose music and art space
- ✓ internet café and kitchen space
- ✓ general activity space

**Estimated construction time:** 12 months

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Basement, \$1,000/m<sup>2</sup>  
1,490 m<sup>2</sup> x \$1,000 = \$ 1,490,000
  - Building, \$2,800/m<sup>2</sup>  
2080 m<sup>2</sup> x \$2,800 = \$ 5,824,000
  - Landscaping Lump Sum \$ 40,000
- Sub Total \$ 7,354,000**

**Option with car park at grade:**

- Building, \$2,800/m<sup>2</sup>  
2080 m<sup>2</sup> x \$2,800 = \$ 5,824,000
  - Car park at grade \$ 140,000
  - Landscaping Lump Sum \$ 40,000
- Sub Total \$ 6,004,000**





**Option Eight (B)** Stand alone Youth Facility (open space setting)  
Location to be confirmed  
Estimated Cost: \$5,570,800  
Total required site area: 3534.5

**This option will:**

This option provides a co-located youth facility where service providers and young people share a facility in an open space setting.

The facility includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Counselling rooms and offices
- ✓ Drop in space
- ✓ Multi-purpose learning and career space
- ✓ Multi-purpose indoor recreation space
- ✓ Multi-purpose outdoor recreation space
- ✓ Multi-purpose music and art spaces
- ✓ Internet café and kitchen space
- ✓ General activity space

**Estimated construction time:** 12 months

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Building, \$2,800/m<sup>2</sup>  
1911 m<sup>2</sup> x \$2,800 = \$ 5,350,800
  - Car park at grade \$ 140,000
  - Landscaping- trafficable roof \$ 40,000
  - Landscaping- generally \$ 40,000
- Total \$ 5,570,800**





**Option Nine:** Skate Park  
CB Smith Reserve  
Fawkner  
Estimated Cost: \$ 254,000

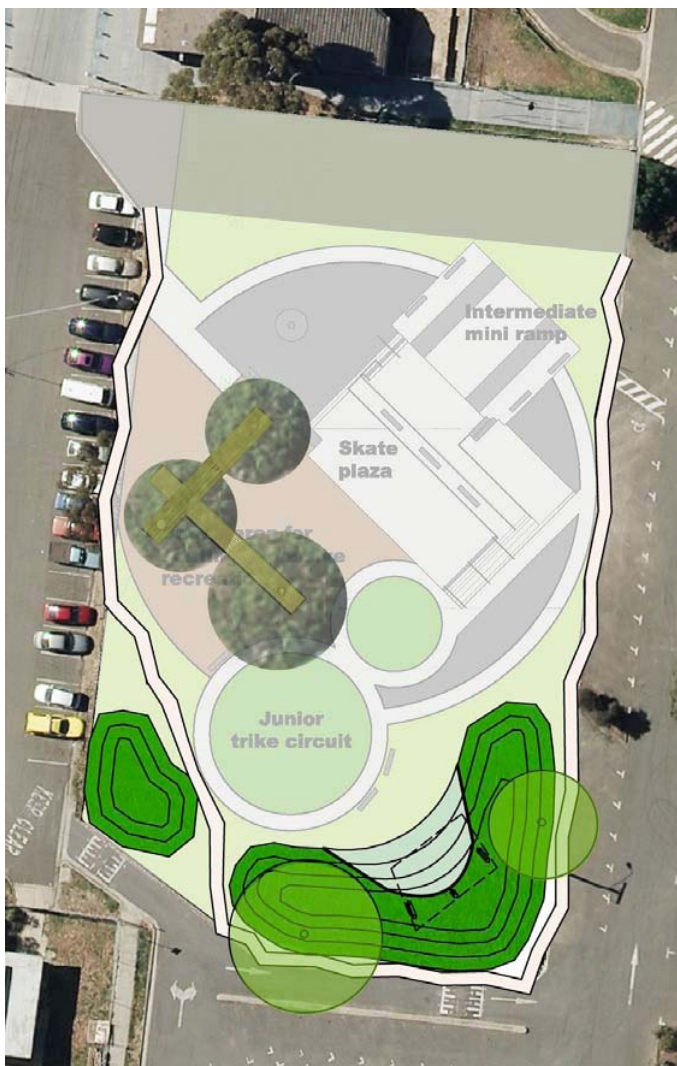
**This option will:**

Provides for skatable surface by inserting manmade objects which complement the nature features of the space.

**Estimated construction time:** 5 months

**Construction cost breakdown**

- Large mound - earth \$ 30,000
- Large mound - amphitheatre \$ 55,000
- Large mound - shelter \$ 35,000
- Small mound \$ 14,000
- Seating to existing trees \$ 35,000
- Pedestrian Path \$ 30,000
- Sound System \$ 20,000
- Lighting \$ 35,000
- Total \$ 254,000**



Key Objective:

**Council to invest in a range of youth facility options that respond to the identified needs of Moreland's young people and local service sector.**

Key recommendations:

1. Council to commence building a standalone youth facility by 2012.
2. Council to undertake a site selection analysis process to support the development of the standalone youth facility.
3. Council to invest in a range of youth space options including wireless internet zones, outdoor mobile movie screens, sporting and recreational facilities such as sports stadiums, parkour and skate parks and seating and shelter to cater to the social and recreational needs of young people.
4. Council to promote the access and inclusion of young people into public spaces and facilities.

#### **Facility Development - Priority Project Listing**

1. Option Eight (A&B): Standalone Youth Facility (open space and or urban setting)
2. Option Nine: Skate Park at CB Smith Reserve
3. Option Three: Wireless Internet Zone at Harmony park
4. Option Five: Transportable Shipping Container in Glenroy
5. Option One: Wireless Internet Zone at CB Smith Reserve
6. Option Six: Parkour Course at Brunswick Park Precinct
7. Option Two: Outdoor Movie Screen (Mobile)
8. Option Seven: Shelter and Seating at Shore Reserve
9. Option Four: Shelter and Seating at Harmony Park

# PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIP

## Objective:

**Council to realign its services to young people by taking a greater coordination and planning role in the youth sector and lead a whole of community approach to local service planning and partnerships.**

Recommendations	Priority	Delivered By
Council to provide additional resources to strengthen Moreland's planning and coordination role by employing a youth strategic planner to implement oxYgen project outcomes.	High	2011
Council to host a local planning forum to develop an agreed local governance framework to inform the development of a Local Youth Plan for Moreland	High	2012
Council to undertake a comprehensive service mapping exercise to identify local service needs and analyse what is available and what is missing to establish the platform to improve availability, accessibility and effectiveness of the local service system.	High	2011
Council to undertake further research to form a comprehensive youth profile through the collation of all information and data sets relevant to young people.	High	2011

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# SERVICE DELIVERY

## Objective

**Council to focus service delivery from a generalist youth service perspective and simplify access to services and information to young people and the community**

Recommendations	Priority	Delivered By
Council provision of services and programs to young people to be focused on prevention, early identification and early intervention.	High	Ongoing
Council to provide a single point of access to information that is accurate and up to date.	Medium	2012
Council to provide additional resources to increase our capacity to provide information about services and programs through the employment of a Youth Resource Officer.	High	2011
To specify the delivery of identified services including the Teenage Holiday Program, RecAssist and Active Parks into the Aquatic Facilities Single Service Specification to enable Aquatic and Leisure Facilities to expand their capacity to respond to the needs of young people.	High	2012
MYS to capitalise on any Council investment or initiative that may create additional opportunities for young people.	Medium	Ongoing

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# FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

## Objective

**Council to invest in a range of youth facility options that respond to the identified needs of Moreland's young people and local service sector**

Recommendations	Priority	Delivered By
Council to commence building a standalone youth facility by 2012.	High	2012
Council to undertake a site selection analysis process to support the development of the standalone youth facility.	High	2011
Council to invest in a range of youth space options including wireless internet zones, outdoor mobile movie screens, sporting facilities including sports fields, stadiums, parkour and skate parks and seating and shelter to cater to the social and recreational needs of young people	High	2011 – 2013 (as per priority order)
Council to promote the access and inclusion of all young people into public spaces and facilities.	Medium	Ongoing

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