Focus area 1: Place and belonging

We want to make Vincent a place where young people feel safe, welcome and connected. This means improving walkable streets, creating more youth-friendly spaces like libraries, community centres, parks and skateparks and supporting vibrant outlets like street art. Together, these changes will generate more opportunities for young people to hang out, be creative and feel a strong sense of belonging in our community.

1.1	**Young people have access to youth friendly places to spend time with their peers**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
1.1.1	Explore youth-led initiatives to assess how City spaces and facilities meet youth needs and identify opportunities for improvement.	Innovative and Accountable Accessible City				✓
1.1.2	Activate and promote youth friendly spaces in City facilities (libraries, recreation centres and community hubs) for study, connection and creativity, ensuring that where practical, they are accessible and sensory-friendly	Connected & Healthy Community Thriving Places		✓		
1.1.3	Continue to support and strengthen under-age youth live music venues as important spaces for young people in WA	Connected & Healthy Community Thriving Places	✓			
1.1.4	Improve popular youth spaces and ensure future park and outdoor facility upgrades reflect the needs of young people	Enhanced Environment Thriving Places Accessible City	✓			
1.2	**Young people feel safe and welcome in the City**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
1.2.1	Work with young people to develop an effective method of communication for reporting issues, concerns and safety hazards in the community.	Innovative & Accountable Connected & Healthy Community				✓
1.2.2	Facilitate youth-driven safety audits and youth safety initiatives to identify and address safety issues in public spaces.	Accessible City Innovative and Accountable			✓	

Legend	
Priority	**What this means**
Short	Actions we will begin within the first two years. These are high-priority items and/or require minimal additional resources.
Medium	Actions we will begin within two to three years. These require moderate resources, planning or partnerships before implementation can commence
Long	Actions that are stretch goals and may take significant planning, exploration or resources to achieve.
Ongoing	Actions that are already underway and will continue throughout the life of the Plan.

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Focus area 2: Wellbeing and inclusion

We want to make it easier for young people to get involved in sport, recreation and events and to know what's available in Vincent. We also want to ensure services and spaces are inclusive and accessible for everyone, including young people who are neurodivergent, LGBTIQA+, living with disability, or experiencing mental health challenges. By raising awareness of supports and making sure no one is left behind, we can strengthen connection, wellbeing and opportunities for all young people.

2.1	**Young people can access inclusive and affordable activities and services that reflect their interests and needs**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
2.1.1	Work with local organisations, businesses and youth service providers to offer try-it passes for activities, continue free entry to City-run youth events and ensure young people are aware of these opportunities through their networks.	Connected & Healthy Community Accessible City		✓	✓	
2.1.2	Provide a program of free youth activities, including opportunities in arts, culture and life skills.	Connected & Healthy Community Thriving Places	✓			
2.1.3	Encourage event organisers to install and promote 'youth zones' and youth activities at relevant community events.	Thriving Places Innovative and Accountable		✓	✓	
2.1.4	Provide engaging, accessible youth programs in community spaces, ensuring opportunities for every young person to participate making programs accessible and sensory-friendly.	Accessible City Sensitive Design Innovative and Accountable		✓	✓	
2.1.5	Review the City's Youth Development Grant and related funding programs to ensure they align with the goals of the Youth Action Plan.	Connected and Healthy Community Thriving Places			✓	
2.1.6	Embed child safe practices across all City programs, events and facilities involving young people.	Connected & Healthy Community Innovative and Accountable	✓			
2.1.7	Advocate for increased access to affordable and inclusive sporting and recreational opportunities for young people in Vincent.	Connected and Healthy Community Thriving Places	✓			

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2.1.8	Actively promote and share information about KidSport eligibility and benefits to Vincent residents.	Connected and Healthy Community Thriving Places	✓			
2.1.9	Support, promote and deliver creative and interest-based activities that help young people connect, learn new skills, and feel part of their community.	Connected and Healthy Community Thriving Places		✓		
2.2	**Young people know where to go for help and are supported by a community that promotes wellbeing and reduces stigma**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
2.2.1	Partner with local youth and mental health services to make supports more visible and accessible to young people, including promotion at City events and youth spaces.	Connected &Healthy Community		✓		
2.2.2	Explore community initiatives to better recognise, respond to and understand youth wellbeing by supporting training, sharing resources and running awareness campaigns.	Connected & Healthy Community			✓	
2.2.3	Promote youth study spaces and supports in City facilities after school and during exam periods, inclusive of positive messaging on managing study stress.	Connected & Healthy Community		✓		
2.2.4	Develop a suite of programs specifically designed for neurodivergent, LGBTIQA+, or other marginalised youth, with mentoring and peer support.	Connected & Healthy Community			✓	
2.2.5	Continue to develop relationships with service providers and support them where possible to promote awareness of their services and create links with the wider community.	Connected & Healthy Community	✓			
2.2.6	Participate in local government youth service networks to enhance collaboration and improve outcomes for vulnerable young people	Connected & Healthy Community	✓			

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Focus area 3: Youth leadership and engagement

We want to make sure young people have more opportunities to share their views and have a real say in City decisions. This means improving how we communicate, using social media, peer-to-peer channels and other ways young people prefer, while also keeping parents in the loop through schools and community channels. We want to recognise and value young people's contributions, involve them in short-term projects and work with existing groups to make engagement meaningful, visible and impactful.

3.1	**Young people have a genuine say in plans and decisions that affect them and are recognised for their contributions**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
3.1.1	Build organisational capacity and develop clear processes for involving young people in decision-making, planning and design, ensuring their voices are heard and their contributions are recognised.	Sensitive Design Innovative and Accountable			✓	
3.1.2	Continue and strengthen the *Councillor for a Day* program to deepen young people's understanding of local government and promote meaningful opportunities for youth input into civic decision making.	Innovative and Accountable	✓			
3.1.3	Seek youth input on programs, events and communications to ensure they are accessible and engaging.	Connected and Healthy Community Innovative and Accountable		✓		
3.1.4	Provide micro-engagement opportunities with quick, low-commitment options for youth input (polls, short surveys, idea boards) to complement larger co-design projects.	Connected and Healthy Community Innovative and Accountable	✓			
3.2	**Young people are informed and aware of City initiatives and opportunities**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
3.2.1	Organise some youth focus groups to find out how young people want us to communicate with them to make City opportunities more visible and consistent.	Innovative and Accountable			✓	
3.2	**Young people are informed and aware of City initiatives and opportunities**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
3.2.2	Explore and trial a peer-to-peer *Amplifier Team* of youth communicators.	Connected & Healthy Community Innovative and Accountable				✓

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3.2.3	Continue to strengthen partnerships with local schools, groups and youth services to promote City events and opportunities directly to young people.	Connected and Healthy Community	✓			
3.3	**The City is open and accountable in working with young people**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
3.3.1	Engage young people biennially to review progress on the Youth Action Plan and help shape next steps.	Innovative and Accountable		✓		
3.3.2	Co-design and publish a biennial Youth Scorecard with young people to track progress.	Innovative and Accountable		✓		
3.3.3	Monitor and stay up to date with emerging trends, needs and issues affecting young people to ensure City programs and initiatives remain relevant.	Innovative and Accountable	✓			
3.3.4	Keep up to date with State, Federal and Local Government youth policies and programs to make sure City initiatives stay relevant and aligned with current priorities.	Innovative and Accountable	✓			
3.3.5	Support staff training and development that helps them better engage with young people in City projects, programs and activities.	Innovative and Accountable	✓			

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Focus area 4: Opportunity

We want to make Vincent a place where young people can build skills, explore their interests and step into work, volunteering and leadership opportunities. That means expanding pathways beyond casual jobs into creative industries, entrepreneurship and practical life skills. We also want to support volunteering and leadership experiences that help young people gain confidence, connect with their community, and thrive as they transition into adult life.

4.1	**Young people are supported to explore and access creative, enterprise and career pathways**

#	Action	SCP outcome	Ongoing	Short	Medium	Long
4.1.1	Continue and strengthen opportunities for young creatives and entrepreneurs through events, mentoring and training in enterprise skills.	Thriving Places Innovative and Accountable	✓			
4.1.2	Build partnerships with local business, schools and community organisations to deliver life skills and employment opportunities for young people.	Thriving Places Connected and Healthy Community			✓	
4.1.3	Continue to provide opportunities for young people to gain job-ready experience through internships and work placements at the City.	Thriving Places Connected and Healthy Community	✓			
4.1.4	Celebration of youth enterprise by hosting an annual event showcasing young entrepreneurs, artists or community project leaders to highlight skills and achievements.	Thriving Places Connected and Healthy Community		✓		
4.2	**Young people build skills and confidence through volunteering and leadership**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
4.2.1	Encourage local community groups, organisations and peak bodies to involve young people in leadership and volunteer roles by building their capacity to recruit, retain and support them.	Connected & Healthy Community Thriving Places			✓	
4.2	**Young people build skills and confidence through volunteering and leadership**					
#	**Action**	**SCP outcome**	**Ongoing**	**Short**	**Medium**	**Long**
4.2.2	Partner with local schools, local business and youth service providers to identify, recognise and celebrate personal or professional achievements, efforts and contributions of young people.	Connected & Healthy Community Thriving Places	✓			

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