

## **Outer East Youth Service Providers Network (OEYSPN) Draft Terms of Reference - 2024**

### **Network Purpose:**

The network aims to provide youth service provider organisations in the Outer East of Melbourne with opportunities to network, share information and address local needs, issues. This allows local services to better meet the needs of young people and their families in the Outer East.

Four Network meetings are hosted each year by the combined Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Knox, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges. The location of meetings rotates between the three host LGAs. Formal minutes are not taken at meetings, but service updates and flyers are shared and circulated after the meetings via a summary email.

### **Network objectives**

- Foster collaboration and cooperative relationships between youth service providers.
- Facilitate the sharing of information, resources, and best practices among members and provide a platform for members to ask questions.
- Contribute to the ConnectUs online service directory of youth services in Outer East Melbourne.
- Offer professional development opportunities and resources to enhance the skills and knowledge of members.

### **Membership**

The network is free and open to professionals who work with young people aged 10-25 years in the Maroondah, Knox, and Yarra Ranges LGA's. This includes not-for-profit and public sector organisations including schools and education providers.

The network does not include private providers or businesses, regardless of whether they offer youth services and programs. However, private clinical practitioners with expertise in working with young people may be considered at the discretion of the network coordinators.

On occasion network meetings may be attended by observers, students on placement, presenters, or other guests.

### **To Join the Network**

Each LGA will maintain its own local youth sector mailing list, allowing youth service providers to receive both local and regional updates via email. Youth service providers can sign up for these mailing lists via email to the LGA representatives. Members of the network will be sent meeting details in the weeks prior to each meeting and will be asked to register their attendance and submit any flyers or service updates to be shared.

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