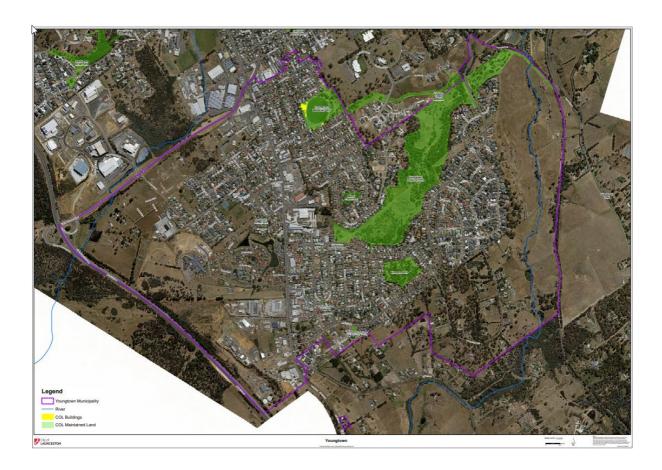


# **ABCDE Learning Site Newsletter August 2020**

A way to keep connected for past and current Learning Site communities in Launceston.





### Kick off in Youngtown



Sarah McCormack, Community Connector, in a City of Launceston film at the South Launceston Football Club.

#### The Youngtown ABCDE Learning Site has kicked off!

The Youngtown Learning Site is in full swing with Sarah meeting the community in the scoping and connecting stage of the project. The South Launceston Football Club and City Mission Youngtown are kindly hosting Sarah at the Footy Club overlooking the oval and in the back of house at City Mission op shop in Youngtown. Both organisations are true community assets.

It's really important that the Connector is working in the Learning Site community as it provides a rich playing field to discover the community and see what happens on a day to day basis. Sarah is enjoying the unique bird sounds, the ruggedness of nature, the layout of a diverse suburb, the mix of community, industrial and businesses, established areas, brand new ones and above all the community spirit.

Over the past six weeks Sarah has met with many people in Youngtown including residents, the South Launceston Football Club, Salvation Army, City Mission, Glenara Lakes, Youngtown Primary School, Self Help Workshop, TasFire, SES, Housing Tas, Melissa Whimmer's School of Theatrical Dance, Launceston Library, Rotary Club of Youngtown, Youngtown IGA, Youngtown Pharmacy, Franklin House, Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC, Presbyterian Care Tasmania, Cosy Homestead with many more planned conversations. The community has shared what they love about Youngtown, their ideas and there is an overall enthusiasm for the Youngtown Learning Site. The community has reflected on the benefit of Council's committed resource of a Community Connector, especially at a time of disconnection due to COVID19 with the

renewed opportunity to connect.

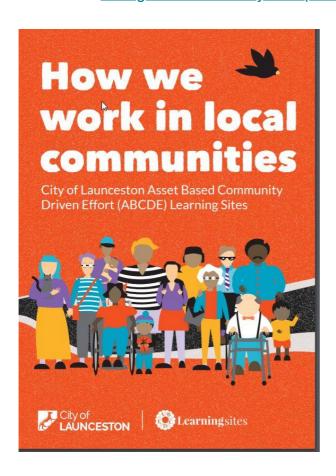
If you know anyone who would like to be involved in the Youngtown Learning Site please contact <u>Sarah</u>.

#### Join the Facebook Group

The City of Launceston's Youngtown Asset Based Community Driven Effort (ABCDE) Learning Site Facebook Group is live and up and running.

The Youngtown Community Group - ABCDE Learning Site Facebook Group is for people in Youngtown to connect, have conversations and explore ideas for the community. It's the first time a Facebook Group has been trialed for a Council Learning Site and we thought it would be a great way to keep the momentum in between meeting face to face.

After the Learning Site finishes in Youngtown in July 2021, we hope the community will take over this Private Facebook Group and keep it going. To access the Group please visit the City of Launceston Official Facebook page and click on the Groups tab on the left hand side of the page to request to join. Here is the <u>Youngtown Community Group - ABCDE Learning Site</u> link to join.



#### What's the Tag Line?

The Mowbray Learning Site adopted the tag line I Love Mowbray which featured on stickers, badges and banners and on promotional material for the Learning Site.

This time, we want to hear your suggestions for the Youngtown Learning Site. A few suggestions are:

- Youngtown Forever
- Stay Young in Youngtown
- I Love Youngtown
- Good Old Youngtown Forever
- The Youngtowners

Contact <u>Sarah</u> with your ideas and we will vote at the Peter Kenyon workshop on 15 October 2020 and roll out some cool merchandise for you to use.



#### **Save the Dates**

Two really important events are happening soon, Youngtown Builder Time and the Community Workshop with Peter Kenyon. Thank you to the South Launceston Football Club who has provided the Club Rooms for these events. If you would like to know more about how to hold your community event, workshop, regular meeting etc in the Club Rooms, please contact <u>Sarah</u> and she will connect you. The Football Club is really enthusiastic about inviting the community into the facility to become a hub for everyone.

#### Youngtown Builder Time

The next step for the Youngtown community is to come together at Builder Times. These social events are a great way to get together, meet new people,

chat about the Youngtown community and collaborate on projects. Enjoy a casual get together with refreshments and snacks provided. Everyone is invited!

South Launceston Football Club Rooms Youngtown Memorial Park 19 Highgate Street Youngtown Wednesdays 3.30pm - 5pm Refreshments provided

- 16 September 2020
- 18 November 2020
- 16 December 2020 (end of year celebration)
- 17 February 2021
- 14 April 2021
- 16 June 2021



Mowbray Learning Site Builder Time at the Northern Suburbs Community Centre in Mowbray

### Please RSVP to the first BUILDER TIME on 16 September 2020

YES

NO

## **Save the Date Community Workshop with Peter Kenyon**



A key part of the Youngtown Learning Site is the Community Workshop with Peter Kenyon. You are invited to the free and fun Youngtown Learning Site workshop to build local connections and create positive change with a focus on what's strong, not what's wrong. Led by Peter Kenyon Founder and Director of Bank of I.D.E.A.S, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas about Youngtown.

This workshop is for you if you enjoy living, working, going to school and spending time in Youngtown and want to discover more about the community and make positive change.

Thursday 15 October 2020
South Launceston Football Club Rooms
10am - 3.30pm
Free workshop
Refreshments and lunch included

**Registration** is essential by Thursday 8 October to <u>Sarah</u> or Ph. 0428 109 948. COVID-19 restrictions and safety precautions in place.



Mowbray Learning Site Community Workshop

**Mowbray Momentum** 



Mindy planting a fruit tree in the Dover Orchard.

Mowbay's Northern Suburbs Community Centre's Make Time to Playgroup occurred recently with a holiday activity and the City Mission Snagchat van. The community said it was good to see happy shiny faces and have some wonderful conversations as children played and another fruit tree was planted in the orchard. Volunteers Tanya and Mindy dug holes and planted trees in the new Dover Orchard near the new picnic table designed and built by the Men's Shed in Rocherlea.

This project was supported by Council throughout the Mowbray Learning Site. Stay tuned for other Mowbray Learning Site project updates.

Communities are incubators of innovation and where our 'can do' spirit resides in community lies hope and new opportunities for citizens to volunteer, celebrate., learn about their responsibilities and take action together.'

(John W Gardiner)

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