

Buloke, Loddon, Gannawarra & St Arnaud (BLGs) Rural Youth Network(RYN)

The establishment of the BLGsRYN is a co-design project where the North Central LLEN will work with young people aged 16-25 across Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra Shires and St Arnaud to design a local chapter of YouThrive's Rural Youth Network.

Building on the achievements of the YES Group (North Central Youth Advisory Council), a local presence of the Rural Youth Network will provide opportunities for young people who work, study, play, and stay in BLGs to thrive in education, work, and life by:

- Providing access to shared networks with opportunities and resources
- Establish shared interest groups, events and other opportunities for connection
- Provide social opportunities for young people to develop connections across BLGs and beyond
- Be a representative voice of young people across BLGs and provide opportunities for young people to respond to local/state/federal policies that impact them
- Facilitate discussions about issues impacting young people and advocate for change
- Develop and expand leadership skills

We need a Committee of Young People to help us take the first steps...

Who we want

- People aged 16-25 from a broad range of backgrounds. We are inclusive of all people and celebrate diversity!
- A committed, optimistic attitude, and willingness to "have a go"
- A readiness to share your ideas in a supportive environment
- Contribution to the conversation about how to make BLGs better for young people
- An ability to work collaboratively and effectively in a team
- Demonstration of values of the RYN and the North Central LLEN

What we need from you

- Completion of an online survey by 24 September 2023
- 1:1 meeting with the Project Coordinator (in person or online)
- Attendance at 2x online meetings with the Project team on:
Monday 16 October (6:30pm - 8:30pm) & Monday 30 October (6:30pm – 8:30pm)
- In return we will provide you with **\$50 voucher** and the potential for a paid ongoing role as a member of the Project Advisory Committee

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