



Chittering Youth Krew

Terms of Reference

The Chittering Youth Krew (the Krew) is a group of youth aged between 10 – 17 years who live, work, or go to school in the Shire of Chittering, covering the areas of Lower Chittering, Muchea, Bindoon, Mooliabeenee, and Wannamal.

The Chittering Youth Krew are supported by the Shire of Chittering's Community Development Coordinator who supervises the group and facilitates group meetings, supported by the Shire of Chittering Library Officer and Krew mentors. There is also Council representation from the Council Delegate and Deputy assigned under the internal committee and advisory groups of Council.

Youth aged 18 – 25 years are encouraged to remain on the Krew as mentors to the younger Krew members.

Parents are welcome to attend meetings as a silent gallery (following discussion with the Krew Supervisors) and may be invited to participate in activities or events from time to time.

OUR ROLE:

The Krew are passionate about keeping young people in the local area by having events, activities, services and spaces for young people to access.

OUR AIM:

- Find solutions to youth getting into trouble and to prevent boredom by developing and organising activities and events for local young people.
- Represent the views of local young people to the broader community and to the Shire.
- Learn leadership skills.
- Learn event management skills.
- Increase youth participation by communicating to local people what is happening in our Shire.
- Work alongside community groups, sports clubs and businesses to improve youth engagement and participation.
- Work alongside the Community Development Coordinator to plan and deliver youth events in the Shire.

WE WILL DO THIS BY:

- Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month (unless otherwise advised) 1pm – 3pm at the Shire of Chittering Council Chambers or as determined by the month's activity. It is an expectation that all members attend at least 3 general meetings/ workshops across the year (to be eligible to attend the fun outings and events.
- Speaking with young people at events and activities about the Krew and what we are trying to do.
- Assist the Shire in communicating information to the broader youth population.
- Communicating youth issues and suggestions to the Shire.

- Assist community and sporting groups to connect with young people.
- Upholding the Shire of Chittering Corporate Values:
 - Positive attitude – we bring a calm, respectful, can-do approach to each interaction. We focus on solutions not problems
 - Respect – we acknowledge others experience and skills. We value other contributions and views and we give genuine and honest support to each other.
 - Accountability – we take responsibility for our decisions and behaviours, own our mistakes and accept feedback and complete all tasks to the best of our ability.
 - Teamwork – we work together towards team goals, sometimes putting others work before our own. We share ideas, knowledge and experience.

MEMBERSHIP

The number of Krew members is capped at 25 for 10 – 18 year olds. (General membership)

Applications for Mentoring roles are only made available to general members upon turning 18 years old.

Membership to the Krew is through application to the Shire’s Community Development Coordinator. Existing Krew members are invited to renew their membership at the commencement of each calendar year. Vacant positions are advised as they become available via the Shire of Chittering Community Engagement Plan.

Application to the Krew can be made throughout the year, with the Shire maintaining these applications on a waiting list until such time as a vacancy arises.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication with and between members is achieved via the following channels:

- *Text message group* – direct to Krew members or where they don’t have a phone, via their parent.
- *Chittering Youth Krew (Closed) Facebook Group* – Krew members or their parents with a Facebook account are invited to this group. Access to this group is only possible if you are currently following and are a ‘Friend’ of the Shire of Chittering Facebook page. This group is administered by the Shire Officers supervising the Krew.
- *Messenger (Youth Krew)* – Krew members with a messenger app can be added to this group and utilise this forum to communicate to each other between meetings and activities and to be advised of Krew activities and events. Shire Officers supervising the Krew moderate this group.
- *Messenger (Chittering Youth Krew Parents)* – Parents with Facebook accounts or the Messenger App can be added to this group and utilise this forum to communicate with Krew Supervisors and to be kept up to date with Krew activities and events.
- *Chittering Youth Krew (open) Facebook Page* – This has open membership and is administered by the Shire Officers supervising the Krew.
- *Telephone* – most commonly used by Krew Supervisors when attending events or activities off site.
- *Email* - for information not easily communicated via the above methods.

MENTOR ROLE

Upon turning 18, Krew members are welcome to remain on the Chittering Youth Krew as mentors.

Mentors assist the Krew Supervisors with the running of the Chittering Youth Krew. This may include:

- Organizing and running a Krew or open community event, such as a School Holiday Activity

- Administration of the Youth Krew Facebook Pages
- Running a Krew meeting or presenting as part of the meeting.

Mentors will be required to supply a Working with Children's Check and will uphold positive behaviours and values of team work and leadership in line with the Shire's Corporate Values.

Working with Children

All adults (18+) involved as mentors, supervisors or volunteer supervisors are required to hold a current Working with Children's check. This is a requirement under category 12.

“a club, association or movement (including of a cultural, recreational or sporting nature and whether incorporated or not) with a significant membership or involvement of children, but not including an informal arrangement entered into for private or domestic purpose”.

Parents of children involved in the Krew are exempt under this category.

Further information

Contact the Shire of Chittering Community Development Coordinator
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