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A2040 Youth Forum 6 September 2022

Alexandrina Council in partnership with Goolwa Secondary College will be holding the 2022 Youth Forum on Thursday 8 September. The forum will be held in Goolwa with students representing Goolwa Secondary College, Mount Compass Area School and Eastern Fleurieu School.

“It’s time for the adults to take a back seat and listen to what the young people of Alexandrina have to say about their future”, said Nigel Morris, Alexandrina Council CEO. “The Youth Forum provides the opportunity for the local youth share their ideas, insights, aspirations, concerns and experiences.”

“The purpose of the Youth Forum aligns seamlessly with the vision of our College vision and pillars; it’s exciting that our students can provide authentic voice in shaping decisions, both inside and outside school, that impact on them is fundamentally important to us”, said Rebecca Moore, Goolwa Secondary College Principal.

Following outcomes of the Youth Forum, Council hope to gain better understanding of what youth want, need and value for our community along with gathering insights that will influence, guide and support Village Innovation Plans and future Council initiatives.

Early in the planning, a student-led working group identified key themes and areas of interest, which guided the event program and workshops. The result is a thought-provoking, educational series of workshops and activities with a focus on wellbeing, mental health, community art, drug and alcohol education. A 90-minute interactive session will also be facilitated that will ‘shape their local place’ through the lens of the A2040 vision to create a Liveable, Green and Connected Alexandrina.

Key community members will be invited to attend, observe and listen to the thoughts and ideas generated from an interactive, think lab style workshop. This event aims to create connections between students across the region and foster connection and pride in the local community.

Key partners include Goolwa Secondary College, David Basham MP, Roar Speech, and Ezra Coaching.