**Leaders in the Loop Terms of Reference**

**Aims**

* Provide a platform for young people living, working, studying or recreating in the Macedon Ranges to share their voice and perspectives with Council, stakeholders and the community, and discuss plans to make change.
* Provide leadership and advocacy opportunities to young people.

**Objectives**

* Advise Council and the community on issues relevant to young people in the shire.
* Promote the value of young people contributing to planning and decision making in the community
* To provide Council and the community access to trained youth consultants to provide expert advice on youth and community matters.

**Members**

* Up to 12 young people from the Macedon Ranges can participate in the Leaders in the Loop program each year.
* To become a member, individuals must submit an application form located on Council’s website, mrsc.vic.gov.au/youth/leadership or email youth@mrsc.vic.gov.au to express their interest.

**Meetings**

* Meetings will be held every 3 weeks in Gisborne on Tuesday’s, a location central to members, with adaptability to suit new members.
* The meetings will address current issues, including reports or considerations proposed to the Leaders in the Loop group by Council or external community stakeholders.
* The Leaders in the Loop members can also work together on their own ideas if there is space in the consulting schedule.

**Code of Conduct**

* Remember to work together with honesty, accountability, innovation and respect.
* Encourage participation and respect the contributions from all members.
* Treat people with kindness.
* Respect each other’s opinions.
* Provide constructive feedback.