

# Break O'Day Community Youth Commitment Statement



## Supporting Our Youth, Building Our Future

We, the people of Break O'Day, recognise the vital role that young people play in shaping our community's present and future. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive place to live where every young person can reach their full potential.

### *Our Community Commitment:*

**Youth Voice:** We commit to actively seeking and valuing the voices of young people, and ensuring they know of opportunities to participate in community decision-making processes.

*Our community will promote, establish or nurture channels for youth to express their ideas, concerns, and visions for our community.*

**Supporting Self-Empowerment:** We commit to supporting young people in our community to grow knowledge and skills and access resources they need to become confident, resilient, and engaged citizens.

*Our community will provide opportunities for leadership, learning and personal growth.*

**Inclusivity:** We commit to embracing the diversity of young people in our community, respecting their unique backgrounds, identities, and perspectives.

*Our community will be inclusive, welcoming, and free from discrimination.*

**Equity:** We commit to ensuring all young people in our community have their shelter, food, clothing and basic material needs met.

*Our community will work together to support youth in need, or at risk, and to advocate for youth-centred support and services for young people in our community.*

**Safety:** We commit to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our young people and ensuring we all operate within the *UN Convention Rights of the Child*, and the *Tasmanian Child and Youth Safe Framework*.

*Our community will have welcoming, safe environments where youth can learn, play, and grow without fear.*

**Education:** We commit to supporting or providing access to quality education and learning opportunities for all young people in our community.

*Our community will support and promote lifelong learning and equitable access to education and learning opportunities.*

**Mental Health and Wellbeing:** We commit to promoting mental health awareness, supporting good mental health and wellbeing among our youth and breaking down stigma.

*Our community will advocate for, and facilitate access to, mental health resources and support services for youth and promote opportunities for young people to enhance their wellbeing.*

**Employment and Economic Opportunity:** We commit to fostering pathways to employment, career development and economic stability for young people.

*Our community will support, promote or create youth job opportunities and job training programs, and foster economic opportunities for young people.*

**Recreation and Arts:** We commit to advocating for, supporting, or providing safe and vibrant spaces, and opportunities for youth to engage in arts and recreational and cultural activities, and to support them to celebrate and express themselves.

*Our community celebrates youth contributions to arts and culture and recognises the value of creativity and recreation in youth development.*

**Community Participation:** We commit to getting involved in activities and efforts that support young people and their families in our community.

*Our community will create opportunities to share our efforts to support youth that involve families, schools, local businesses, and services.*

**Accountability:** We commit to regularly assess our progress in meeting the needs of our youth, and to be transparent, accountable, and open to feedback.

*Our community is open to learning and striving to do our best for youth.*

**Declaration:**

We declare our unwavering dedication to the present and future success of our young people. Together, we will strive to create a community where every young person feels valued, safe, and supported to thrive.

Signed and endorsed by community members of Break O'Day.