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MEDIA RELEASE

Note: Media opportunity available – images and interviews

New forum for voices of young people

Lighthouse has created a new Youth Advisory Table to ensure the voices of young people are heard loud and clear and incorporated into decision-making. The young people from within Greater Shepparton will be given support, training and opportunities to be deeply embedded in decision-making within Lighthouse.

The table will operate as the four other Collaborative Leadership Tables, launched earlier this year involving many community and sector leaders. The tables are Lighthouse's community decision-making forums. Table members are committed to leading change to improve wellbeing and educational outcomes for young people from conception to career in Greater Shepparton.

Lighthouse Executive Officer, Lisa McKenzie, said 'The addition of a Youth Advisory Table will "provide an important platform for young people to be heard, raise issues, participate in decision-making, and engage in community leadership."

It is fitting that the table is being launched during Victorian Youth Week. The diverse group of young people on the tables are aged 12 to 20 and are in mainstream schooling, alternate settings, tertiary study or work.

Their involvement will give Lighthouse the opportunity to engage with young people in a meaningful and ongoing way and help ensure a focus on the work most likely to support young people and lead to positive change.

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