**Cockburn Youth Services Strategy (2017 – 2022) – Video Transcript**

Hi, I'm Sandra, and I live in Cockburn, Western Australia. I'm 16 years old; I'm a student and am very passionate about my community.

Like your community, my community is not perfect.

Me and my friends, go through the normal challenges of being a teenager.

My friend Michael, from Spearwood, has been applying for jobs but he doesn't get called. He thinks he has little experience and no one gives him a chance. It's hard to find jobs when you're young.

Sometimes, I feel unsafe at local parks after dark as there isn't any lighting.

Also, I often get bored as I don't know what's happening around me. I would love more community events where I feel involved.

Others may look to us and think we have nothing to offer just because we're young.

But then I found out about Cockburn Youth Services and the awesome programs they have in the centre and the community. The City is committed to work in collaboration with young people to deliver high quality events, programs and facilities.

Michael, joined the Employ Me Program and got help with his resume and cover letter. And had a few practice interviews. “I feel now more confident and am applying for more jobs.”

I've discovered Co safe. They patrol the streets making everyone feel safer. I now know I can call them if anything happens at the park.

Now that I've connected with Youth Services crew I know there are heaps of programs and places for me and my friends. Most of them are free. I feel that the Youth Services are here for us, for our ideas, for helping us to achieve our potential and dreams.

In consultation with young people, parents, caregivers, community groups, organisations and services, the Youth Services have identified ten focus areas.

So, if you want to feel more a part of the community come check them out. Or connect on social media. They would love to hear from you! And help you to reach your full potential! So, what are you waiting for?