

Our Purpose IS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN EDUCATION , TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMUNITY

We will achieve **Our Purpose** through the facilitation and coordination of partnerships that deliver support to children, young people, their families and carers experiencing poverty, distress or disadvantage in the Shires of Loddon, Buloke and community of St Arnaud in the Northern Grampians Shire. Our priority is to support children and young people experiencing rural disadvantage, social isolation and from low socio-economic backgrounds

We Value

- Integrity** **Access**
- Equity** **Community connection**

Our Vision

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CONFIDENT AND CAPABLE— ON THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS IN LIFE AND WORK.



Our picture of organisational success

NCLLEN is well known for :

- *Working with and for children and young people to enhance education, wellbeing and employment opportunities in ways that matter to them*
- *Linking stakeholders and driving agendas through strong and sustained partnerships*
- *Sharing knowledge and promoting innovation*
- *Being a great place to work*

STRATEGIC GOALS 2017—2020



THE CHALLENGE : there are a significant number of children and young people in the North Central rural communities facing barriers to active and successful participation in education, training, employment and the community

GOALS	STRATEGIES	INTENDED OUTCOMES
1. BUILD THE CAPACITY OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Identify and respond to critical barriers limiting the participation and success of children, young people and families in education, training, employment and the community ◇ Create opportunities for children and young people to connect with and contribute to their communities ◇ Promote whole of family and whole of community engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Every child and young person is supported to have an equal opportunity to participate in education, training, employment and the community ◇ All children arrive at school ready for learning ◇ All children have a voice and influence ◇ All children are happy and enjoy healthy lifestyles ◇ Children and young people are prepared in the best way possible for jobs and workplaces of the future
2. BE AN ORGANISATION THAT DRIVES AND INSPIRES INNOVATION AND SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY REDUCING THE LEVEL OF SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Empower children , young people and families to access the supports they need-when they need it ◇ Recognise and promote those who are providing inspiration and making a difference in the lives of children and young people ◇ Facilitate active and responsive communications processes with and throughout stakeholder groups ◇ Build and engage expertise as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ The community actively promotes and supports vulnerable children and young people to aspire and achieve success in education, training, employment and community ◇ The lives of children and young people are improved through stronger social connections and educational outcomes
3. FACILITATE AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES THAT INCREASE PARTICIPATION AND IMPROVES THE LIVES OF CHILDREN , YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Implement the strategies of the Strong Families Strong Children—Loddon Program ◇ Facilitate easy access to information and resources that enable children and young people to explore and understand their education , training and careers options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Children and young people actively participate in decision making ; both personally and within the community ◇ Increase levels of participation of children and young people in education, training, employment and community ◇ Reduced vulnerability in children 0-8 as measured by Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
4. LEAD PRACTICE IN ENGAGING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO INFLUENCE POLICY DEVELOPMENT THAT SUPPORTS RURAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO SUCCEED IN EDUCATION , HEALTH AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Advocate at all levels for 'access and equity ' in meeting the needs of vulnerable children , young people , their families and communities ◇ Facilitate and lead strategic alliances with relevant organisations and individuals ◇ Maintain a focus on community context and evidence informed work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ The NCLLEN will be known for its contribution towards creating stronger communities where all children and young people can thrive ◇ Education, training and employment providers locally are equipped and able to collaborate for improved outcomes : as measured by a reduction in the impact of vulnerability on education engagement