



Information for parents

Your son or daughter has applied for Community Links Wollondilly's free 'Dilly Youth Card'. The Dilly Youth Card aims to link young people aged 11-17 years with the tools and resources that they need to live happier, healthier and safer lives.

How the card works

Community Links Wollondilly (Inc) understands that the Y generation (9-27yrs) have grown up in a different environment to the X generation and Baby Boomers. Society has changed and they are much more technologically savvy than previous generations. Many kids and teens don't go out and play on the streets anymore and are relying more and more on the internet for entertainment.

As you are probably aware, living in a rural area such as the Wollondilly Shire, it is often difficult to access services. There is a lack of them, waiting lists are too long or, they are too far away. It therefore makes sense to us to provide as much as we can online, on sites such as Bebo and My Space and/or via email. The card aims to encourage them to become friends of ours through these sites by offering incentives such as discounts on goods and services, competitions and getting early info on up and coming events and activities.

N.B. If you don't wish your child to use these sites or you don't have access to the internet, you can opt for email (young people can access the internet from school or through various sites provided by the Wollondilly Shire Council). The eMag can be printed from our website at www.communitylinks.org.au. If this is still a problem please call us on the number provided below. We may be able to make other arrangements.

Online Services

The types of things we plan to put on our Bebo and My Space sites are tools and resources that will help them develop areas of their lives such as self esteem, social skills, self development, drug and alcohol education, mental health etc. This will be mainly done through the distribution of our eMag. We will also have links to relevant sites and information about up and coming groups and activities. Bebo will be more suitable for 11-14yrs and My Space will be developed with older teens in mind. The eMag will be sent via email to all youth card holders.

Terms & Conditions for Social Networking

1. Community Links Wollondilly Inc cannot be responsible for your child's use of the internet but we do suggest that parents monitor what their child is doing. We suggest using child safety software; the government has free downloads anyone can access (www.netalert.gov.au). We also recommend that you communicate with your child regularly about what information they are sharing on the net. Talk to them frequently about this, especially when they are younger, as children tend to forget.
2. Community Links Wollondilly Inc can however, ban users from being a friend of our sites. We will do this if it becomes evident that they are
 - 2.1. Bullying,
 - 2.2. Using offensive language
 - 2.3. Putting offensive material on their own site,
3. Community Links Wollondilly Inc do not have the resources to monitor this all the time. We cannot be responsible for what their friends, linked to their sites, do either. This is impossible for us to police, so we recommended that you talk to your child about this yourself.
4. We will ignore requests to be our friends on Bebo and My Space if it is obvious that the person is not within our target age.
 - 4.1. Target ages are; 11-18 for Bebo,
 - 4.2. and 12-25 for My Space.

If you require any further information,
Contact Luke on Ph 46832776

I _____ am 16 or older and do not need
my parent's permission (sign here)

Date _____ Signature _____

I _____ parent/guardian of
_____ aged _____ give permission for
him/her to become a Dilly Youth Card Member. I have read the
above information and have read the Terms and Conditions for
Social Networking.

Signature

____/____/_____
Date



----- Membership No. Date ___/___/___
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Youth Self Evaluation (Not for Parents)

This form is confidential and is to be used for measuring social capital and assessing community needs in the Wollondilly only

My Family:

	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>disagree a bit</i>	<i>medium/unsure</i>	<i>agreed a bit</i>	<i>strongly agree</i>
<i>agree</i>					
I feel connected to my family	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I feel that we all get along	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I feel safe being with my family Members	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
















Myself:

I can make good choices about My life	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I feel good about myself	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I have many ways of coping with Life's up & downs	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺































My Community:

I have many friends in my Community	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I feel connected to my community	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I know a lot about programs and Services, & what's going on in my Community	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I participate in many activities, events & groups in my community	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺
I feel safe in my community	☹	☹	☺	☺	☺

Education:

	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>disagree a bit</i>	<i>medium/unsure</i>	<i>agreed a bit</i>	<i>strongly agree</i>
I regularly attend school/Tafe/work/training					
I get along well with teachers & other students					
I feel that I am gaining the skills I need to seek employment in the future					

Lifestyle:

I DON'T abuse drugs and/or alcohol					
I have a suitable place to live					
I have regular healthy meals					
I exercise regularly					
I wash & clean myself daily					
I DON'T take part in risky behaviour					

Well done!

Thanks for participating in this survey



Dilly Youth Card Sign Up Form

<i>office use</i> Membership No. _____ Card Issue Date __/__/__
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Participant Details

Age: Gender: M / F

Name: DOB:

Address:

Contact Details:
Home Phone/Parents phone Your Mobile Phone if available

Do you have an email address? Y/N If no, what is your preferred method of contact?.....

(1)..... (2).....
Email/s (essential for receiving the eMag and other information- email saves paper!)

Do you have a social networking account? Bebo/Myspace (*please circle*) Other.....

How did you find out about the Dilly Youth Card?

Do you identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? YES/NO

Were your parents born in Australia ? YES/NO

Do you speak another language other than English at home?
(Name of Language)

What colour card would you like? (*Please circle*)

PURPLE PINK BLUE GREEN ORANGE RED YELLOW

Office use only Expiry date/...../..... Information sheet signed by parent/guardian/participant 16 & over &, sighted by worker Workers signature _____
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