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## Find out about youth services available in the region

Strathbogie Shire's Evolve Youth Committee is working in partnership with the Goulburn Murray Local Learning and Employment Network and Euroa Secondary College to host a free event for local youth.

This event comes as part of Victorian Youth Week, held from Friday 13 to Sunday 22 April, which celebrates and recognises the contribution of young people aged 12 – 25.

The event is called CARE FACTOR: Find out who gives a damn about youth and aims to connect young people and inform them about services available in the region.

There are over 20 service providers set to attend, including organisations such as GOTAFE, Valley Sport and Family Care.

There will also be ample opportunity for socialising, with a whole host of activities including sumo suits, dunk tank, bubble soccer, soccer darts and bungee basketball.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said she often hears about the lack of local services available for young people.

"We are a small rural shire and this means that sometimes we don't have the level of services that are enjoyed by shires with larger populations," Cr McClaren explained.

"However, we can overcome these barriers by connecting our young people to services in our neighbouring towns such as Seymour and Shepparton and advocating for more outreach services locally," Cr McClaren explained.

"This event is a great opportunity for our young people to connect with one another, have some fun and hear about the services that are available to them."

"We want to empower our youth to create a support network with their peers and service providers to help them reach their full potential," Mayor McClaren said.

The event is being held at Euroa Secondary College on Friday 20 April from 3.50pm.

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