

Who would go to a hub?

Families in walking distance
Families with children attending the school or kinder
All abilities - inclusive for all
Youth
Isolated people
Older people
People looking for creative pursuits
People looking for education opportunities
People looking for service information
People looking for food and other practical assistance
Volunteers
Community groups
Vulnerable children, young people
Parents
Professionals
People from diverse cultural groups/diverse abilities
Children from the school-hub to become extension of their campus
Families and individuals who currently travel out of Whittington for services
Demographics driven, reflect local demographics
Aboriginal, CALD, disability community currently don't have good access to local services

Participant involved in visioning

Wathaurong Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation
Bellarine Living & Learning Centre
Encompass
Department of Fairness Families and Housing
Barwon Child Youth & Families - Family & Community Services
Deakin
City of Greater Geelong

What activities could be held in the hub?

Consultation rooms (Allied health, family support)
Long day care, Kindergarten, Maternal & Child Health, Playgroup, Regional parenting
Parenting education groups & 1:1
Community courses:
Food/knitting/yarning/language exchange/ESL/Arts/Zumba/Yoga/Walking groups
Community Garden
Community space for hire
Place based response for family services
Food bank/outreach program
Youth services & programs - designated youth space
Community cafe - Community kitchen - Community meals
School holiday program/Outside of school hours care
Wellbeing and intergenerational activities
Events such as markets/Flamefest (in collaboration)
After hours services/activation
Employment/training
Allied/health/community rooms (visiting services)
Counseling - BCYF/therapy/glasses/ referral services/dentistry
Jobs advocates- Social enterprises
Salvos - Orange Door - Community legal
Flexible consulting rooms dedicated to services
Disability services
Sensory space
Ask people! Demographic driven
Community interest in sustainability - demonstration site
Creative activities, art, ceramics, music, choir

What would a hub look & feel like?

Modern, eco design
Bright and welcoming
Shared facilities - staff, meeting spaces
Yarning Circle/Meeting place
Well funded
Digital inclusion - staff and community, good connectivity, easy to use
Spaces and facilities that compliment rather than duplicate surrounding buildings and services
Landscaping to connect indoor/outdoor spaces
Open Space to link other buildings together
Flexible spaces/accessible
Capture history and heritage
Ensure robust healthy governance - Good governance
Safe for children, young people and community
Agency partnership
Community ownership
Fabulous and inviting, sustainability, landscaping openness, connection to surrounding spaces, reflect strong aboriginal community in the area
Beautiful building, gardens, outdoor/indoor, artwork, outside use-able spaces
A welcoming reception area with staff to help with navigation & promotion of services

Themes emerging

Community looking for range of services and activities
Community place for all, welcoming and inclusive
A staffed hub for services and community activities
Facilities with indoor/outdoor connection to landscape
Diverse opportunities to meet wider needs of the community
Social connection
Good governance

Challenges to bringing vision to life?

Budget
Land availability
The schools capacity to be involved
Not being truly integrated - needs governance model/framework or otherwise could operate as co-located
Focusing on the past (this is how it's always been done) instead of future
Competing priorities (growth areas etc)
Community buy-in/ ownership
How do we ensure all potential users groups feel welcome here?
Staffing the hub - hire young people, indigenous - staff with intended user groups
Barrier cost
Welcoming = free or cheap access, create a magnet
How will people know where to go, what they can do in the space
Loneliness and social reliance to be engaged in community groups/spaces
Good governance to ensure meets the needs of the community now and into the future
Community engagement - How well it's done?
Funding opportunities - other than Council
Public transport issues
Digital access
Visibility of space
Safety of wider area (Alleyway) and perceptions of safety (wider community)

