

Youths enjoy natural assets

CANOE TRIP ON GOULBURN RIVER AND BUSHWALK PART OF NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES



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Young people took to the Goulburn River in canoes yesterday for a paddle upstream as part of National Youth Week activities.

About 20 youths canoed from Dainton's Bridge to Jordan's Bend in a free holiday activity organised by Word and Mouth and Greater Shepparton City Council's RiverConnect project.

The canoe paddle was followed by a guided bushwalk and barbecue at Jaycees Park.

Word and Mouth project manager Jim Gow said it was a chance for youths to get to know their own backyard.

"Everyone should know what great stuff we have

around here. This is a great day to get out on the river and explore where we live," Mr Gow said.

The young canoeists were led by River Country Adventures owner Rob Asplin.

La Trobe University Shepparton campus student Kelsey Bicknell, 22, said she saw the trip promoted on Facebook.

"I haven't done this since I was in primary school. It's a bit of fitness," she said.

Shepparton High School student Aaron Hocking, 16, said it was a great idea.

"It's a fun thing to do. It's a good way to spend the last few days of the holidays," he said.

RiverConnect project officer Renee Ashmore said the canoe trip was exactly what the program was about.

"This is connecting the community with the river — and appreciating our natural assets," she said.



Positive activities: (Above and below) Word and Mouth held a canoe trip with young people up the Goulburn River, followed by a bushwalk and barbecue as part of National Youth Week.

