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# Youth Strategy

## COMMUNITY SURVEY REPORT



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## Background

Currently, the City of Greater Geraldton has a Youth Policy, but not a Youth Strategy to guide the delivery of youth services including programs, activities and events and the operation of the Mullewa Youth Centre.

In order to develop and deliver services effectively for youth, it's critical to understand what is important to young people and what issues they are facing in our community. Input from youth will ensure localised solutions are identified and that projects, programs and services are developed and delivered through the Youth Strategy.

## Engagement

The City conducted the Youth Strategy Survey from 2 November to 4 December 2023.

The survey was promoted in a media release, a social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram and advertisements in the Geraldton Guardian. A dedicated website page with links to the online survey and information on the availability of paper surveys at the City Civic Centre. The City's Youth Team also visited the high schools, Central Regional TAFE and the Geraldton Universities Centre where they directly engaged with students. School leaders also shared the opportunity for young people to have their say with students. The City received 298 responses, all of which were online.

## Summary

The majority of respondents were students aged 12-15 years old and have unlimited access to the internet at home. Social media was the preferred communication tool with the majority using Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok.

Most respondents enjoy living in Geraldton, feel connected to and proud to be part of their community and felt growing up in Geraldton was a great experience.

About a third of respondents said they saw themselves still living in Geraldton in five years' time with the top reasons for leaving being the lack of work opportunities in Geraldton, studying, wanting to travel and experience new things and there not being enough for young people to do in the City.

Although most respondents rated the City as good/really good in terms of things to do and places to go, two thirds also said the lack of places to go and things to do was a top issue for them. The top recreational activities they said they want more of include shops, restaurants, events and sports.

Transportation is an issue for the majority of respondents with just over half of respondents stating although they are able to use public transport to go to and from study and/or work only a third of them use it. Just over half said their parents or carers drive them.

The majority of respondents are planning on attending university outside of Geraldton but acknowledged they aren't confident about leaving the City and understand it may be difficult.

Although the majority of respondents said they were optimistic about their own futures, just over a third were optimistic about the future of the planet and only half said mental health services were easily accessible in the City.

The top issues facing young people are the use of drugs and alcohol by their peers, not feeling safe which includes being bullied and lack of job and study opportunities in the City.

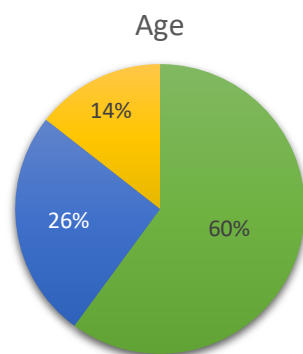
Although the majority of respondents said their ideas and concerns were not being represented in decision making, with some stating they didn't know how to have their say and only 4% said a Youth Council would give them a voice at the table. Apathy is the main reason why they don't feel represented and cited youth not being listened to which is evidenced in a lack of effort made to make the City more appealing for young people. Things youth want to be consulted on the most include events and facilities.

The top suggestions on how to make the City a better place for youth were to engage with them, provide more places to go, things to do and activities and to improve safety/reduce crime.

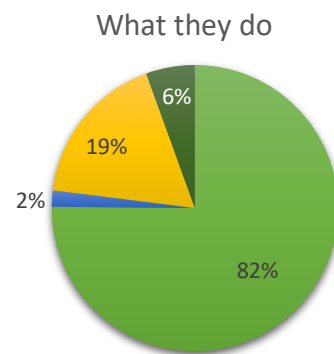
## Survey Results

### Our youth

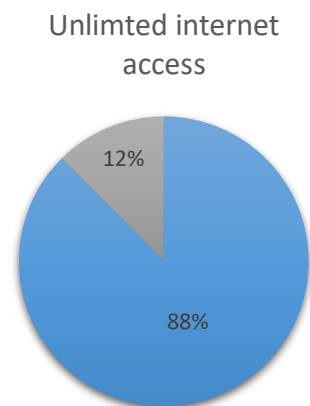
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- 12-15 years old
- 16-19 years old
- 20-25 years old



- Student (high school, TAFE, university)
- Apprentice/trainee
- Work (full time/part time)
- Unemployed

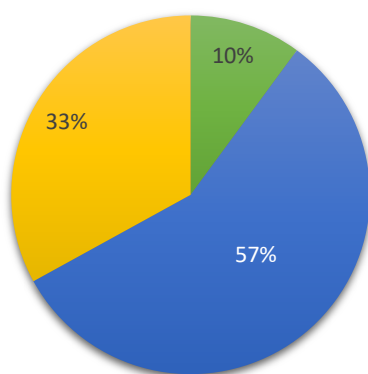


- Yes
- No

### Things to do, places to go

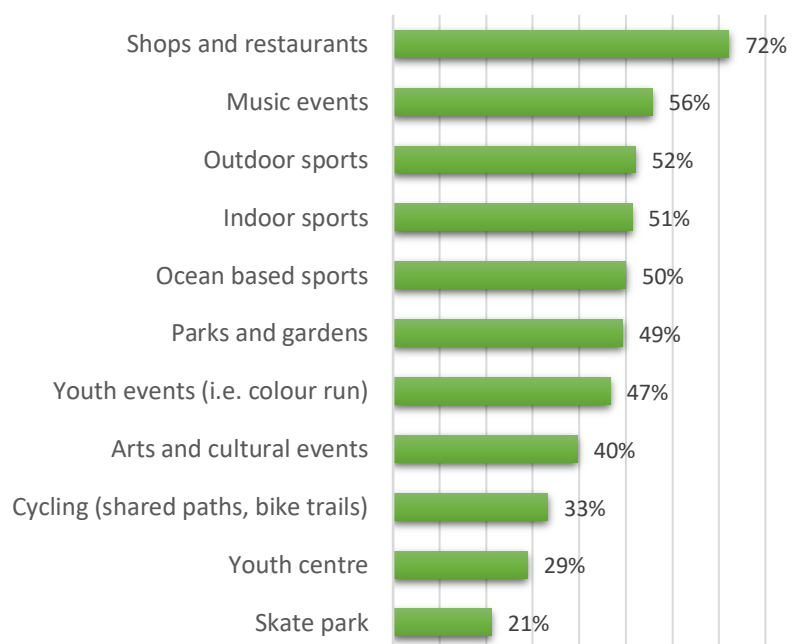
The majority of respondents, 67%, rated the City as good/really good regarding things to do and places to go. The top five recreational activities they want to see more of were shops and restaurants, music events and sports including indoor, outdoor and ocean based.

Things to do/places to go rating



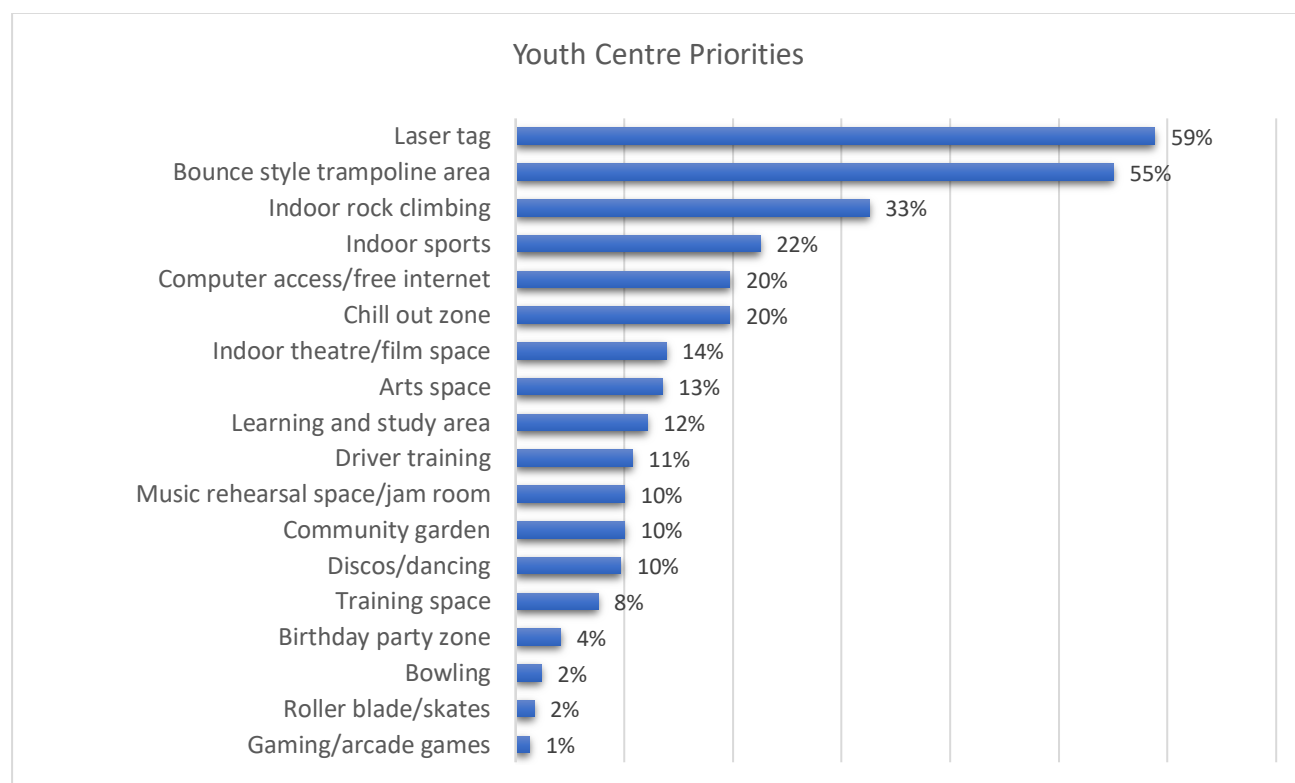
- Really good
- Good
- Poor

Recreational activities wanted more of



## Youth Centre Priorities

Physical activities top the priority list but one fifth said internet access and a space to 'chill out' were important to them.

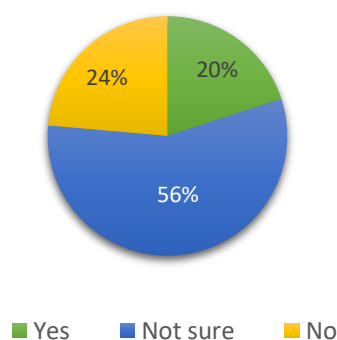


## Having your say

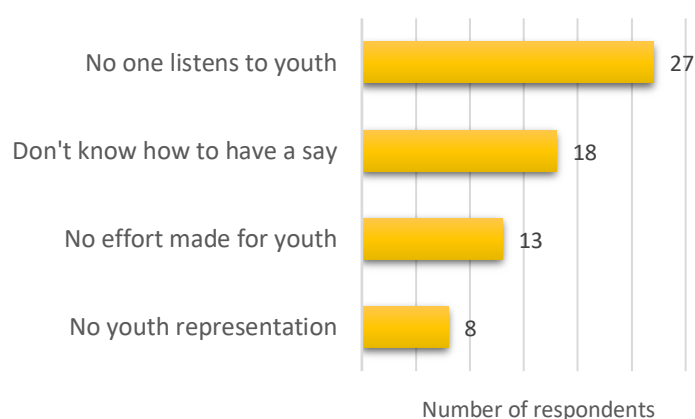
The majority of respondents either weren't sure or felt their ideas and concerns were not being represented in decision making.

108 respondents commented on why they felt their ideas and concerns were, or were not, being represented. The most reoccurring responses have been themed into the four categories below. Apathy is the main reason why they don't feel represented and cited youth not being listened to which is evidenced in a lack of effort being made to make the City more appealing for young people. However, only 2.6% of respondents cited a lack of formal representation in the decision making space as an issue. Things youth want to be consulted on the most include events and facilities. The full list of comments is in Appendix 1 on page 10.

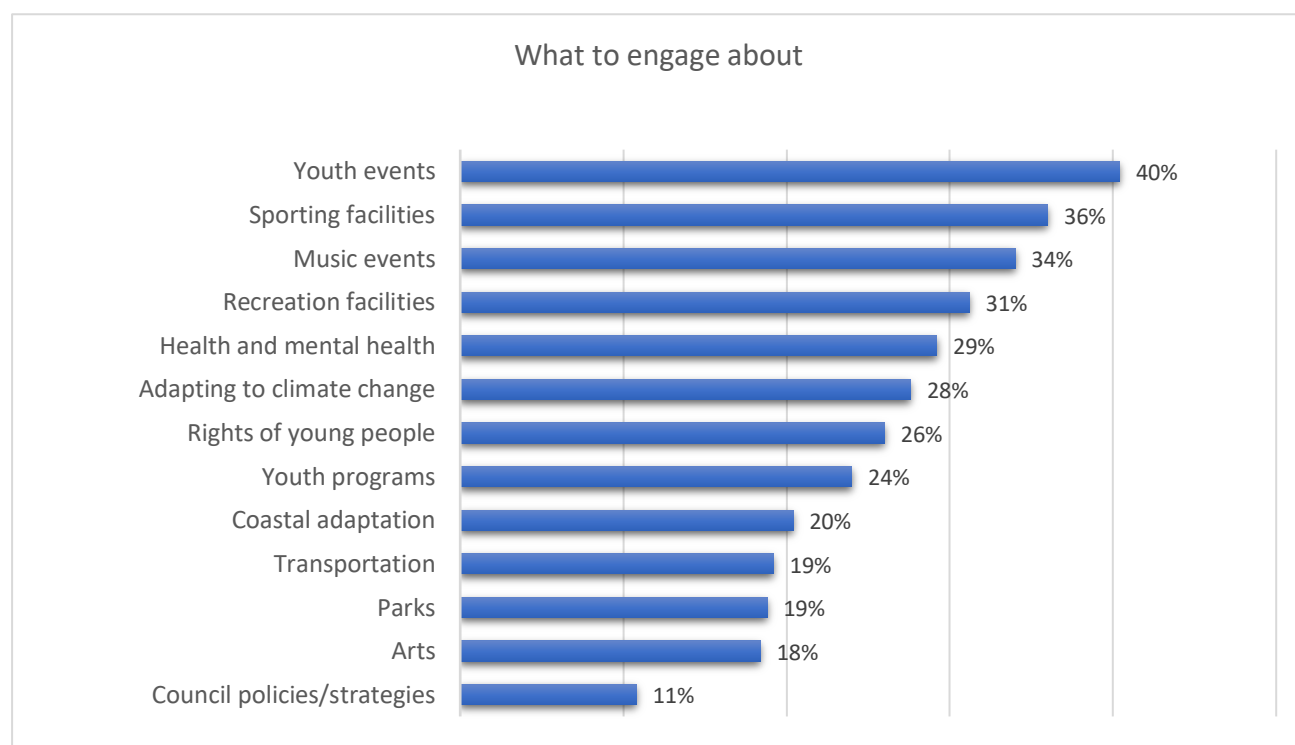
Ideas/concerns represented in decision making



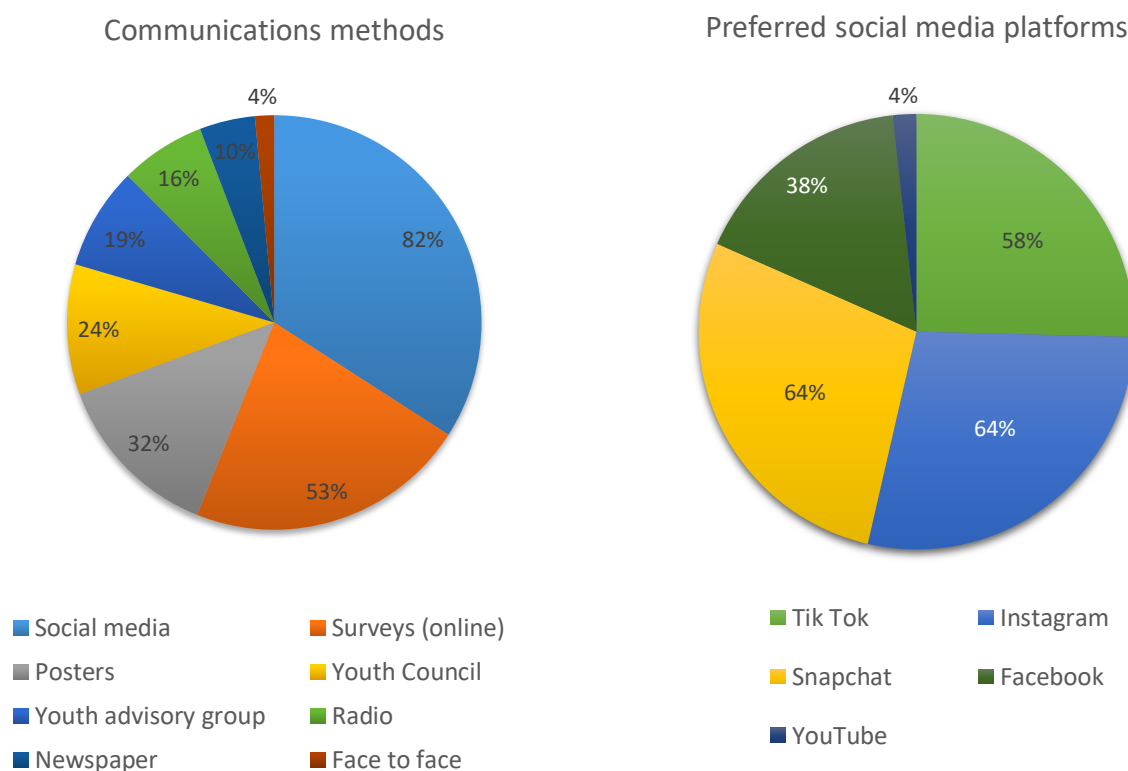
Reasons why ideas/concerns not represented



Although there was no consensus on what youth would like City to engage with them on, events and facilities ranked the highest.



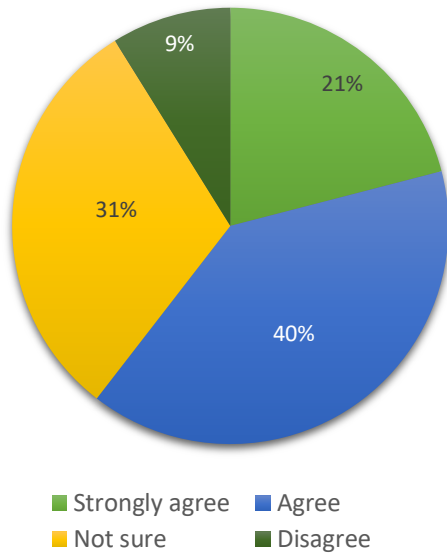
The majority of respondents said social media as their preferred method of communication and preferred the use of online tools such as surveys to communicate their wants and needs. The preferred social media platforms were TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat.



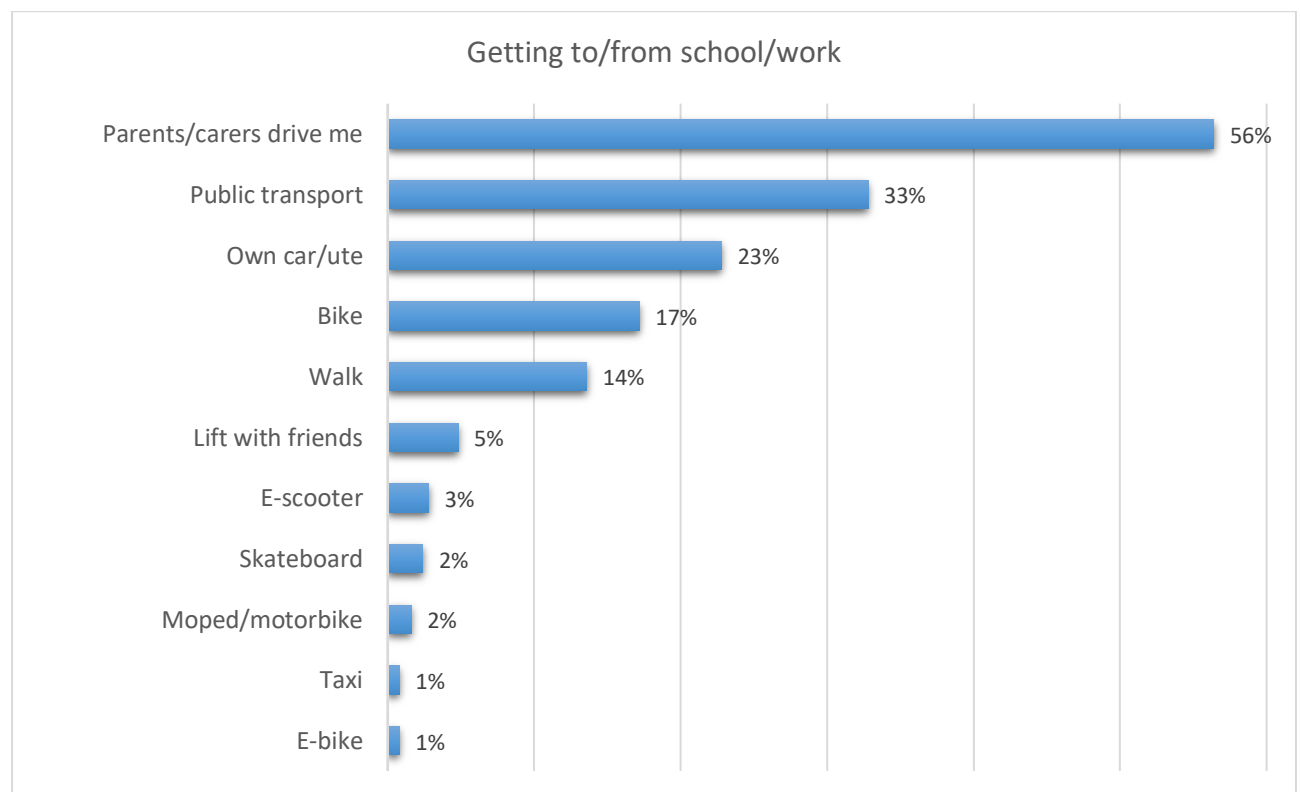
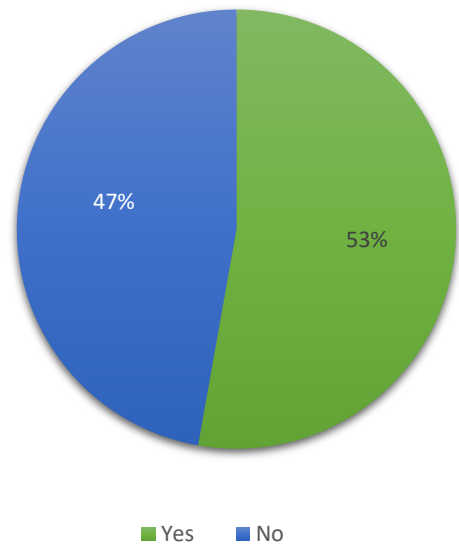
## Transportation

Transport in the City is an issue for the majority of respondents. Although just over half of respondents, 53%, stated they are able to use public transport to go to and from study and/or work, the majority of respondents, 56%, also said their parents or carers drive them to and from school or work.

Transport in Geraldton is an issue.

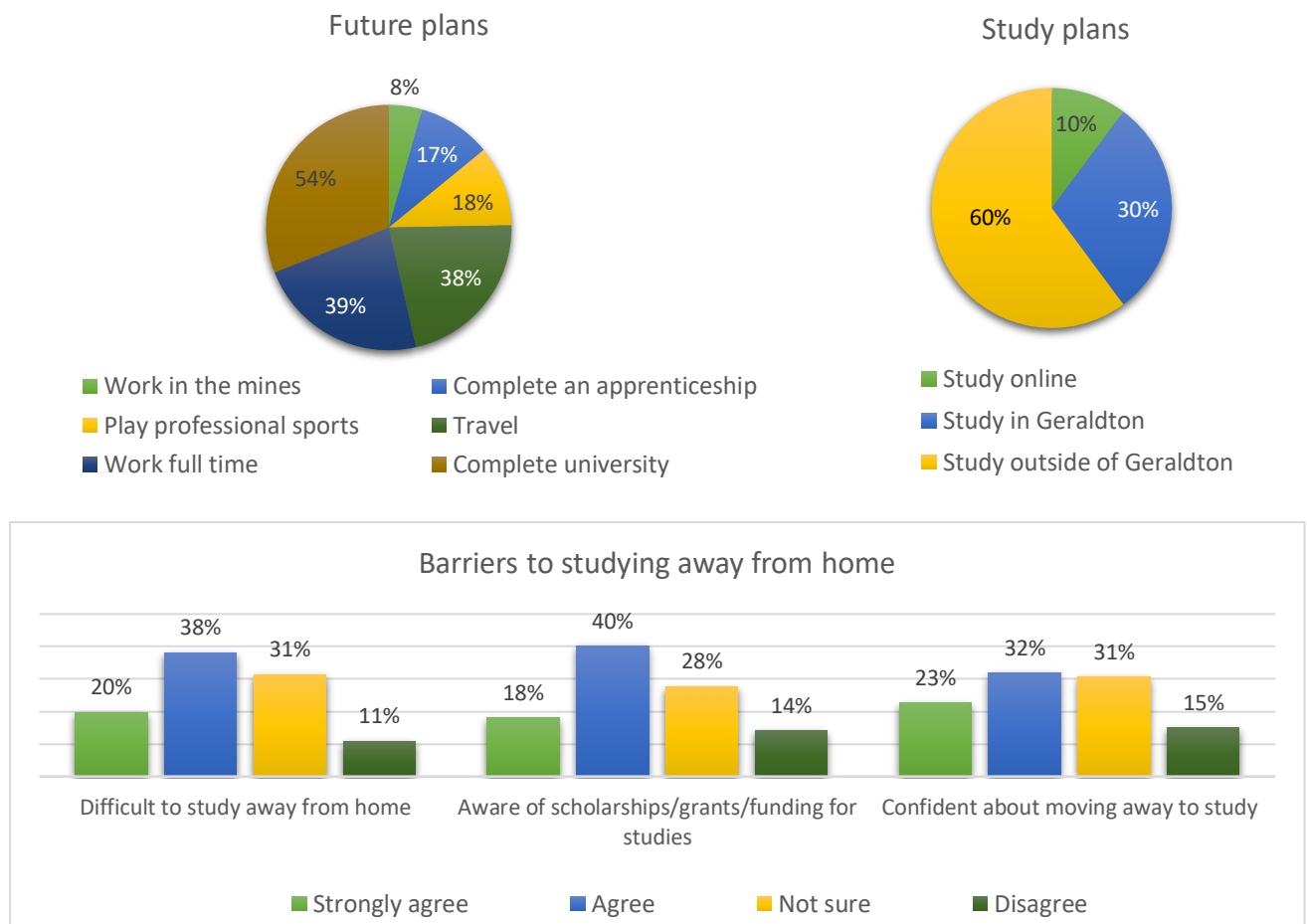


Ability to use public transport to go to and from study/work

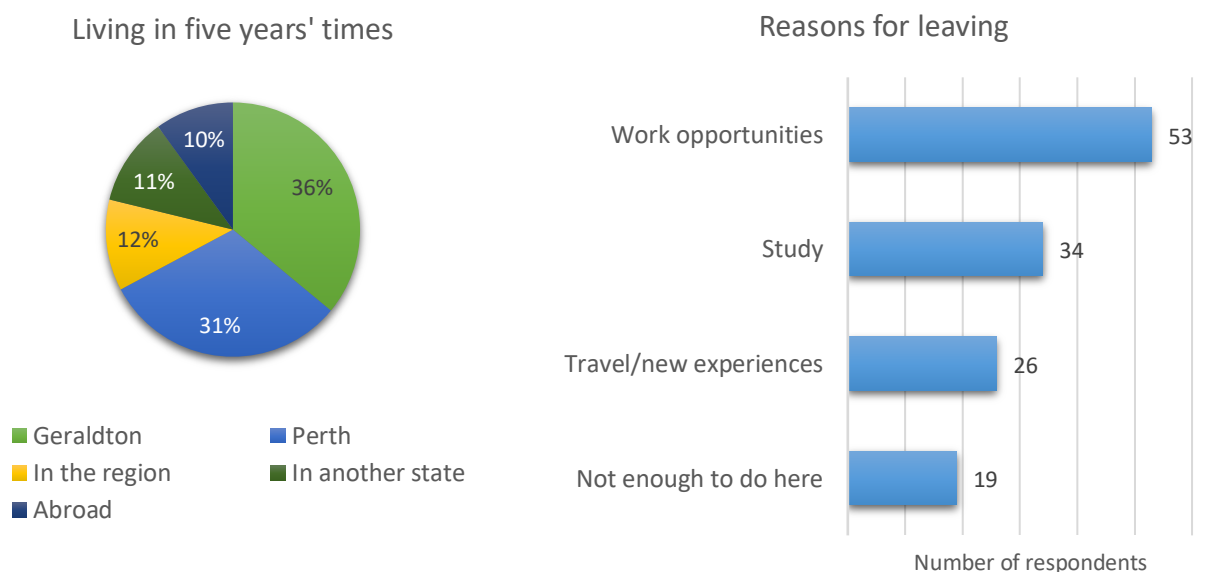


## Future Plans

The majority of respondents are planning on attending university outside of Geraldton and acknowledge they aren't confident about it, understand it may be difficult and are aware of potential scholarships, grants and funding opportunities to help cover study costs.



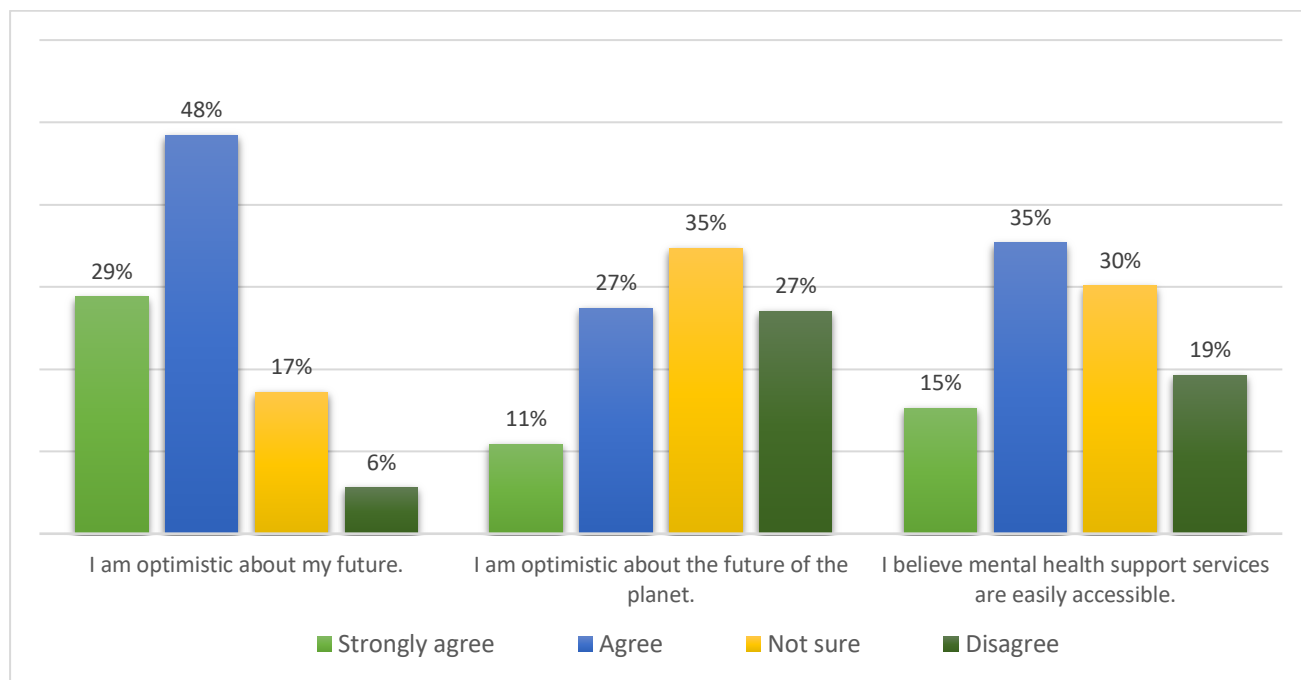
In five years' time about a third of respondents said they saw themselves still living in Geraldton. 127 respondents provided reasons why they would move away. The most reoccurring responses have been themed into the four categories below and include lack of work opportunities in Geraldton, studying, wanting to travel and experience new things and there not being enough for young people to do in the City.





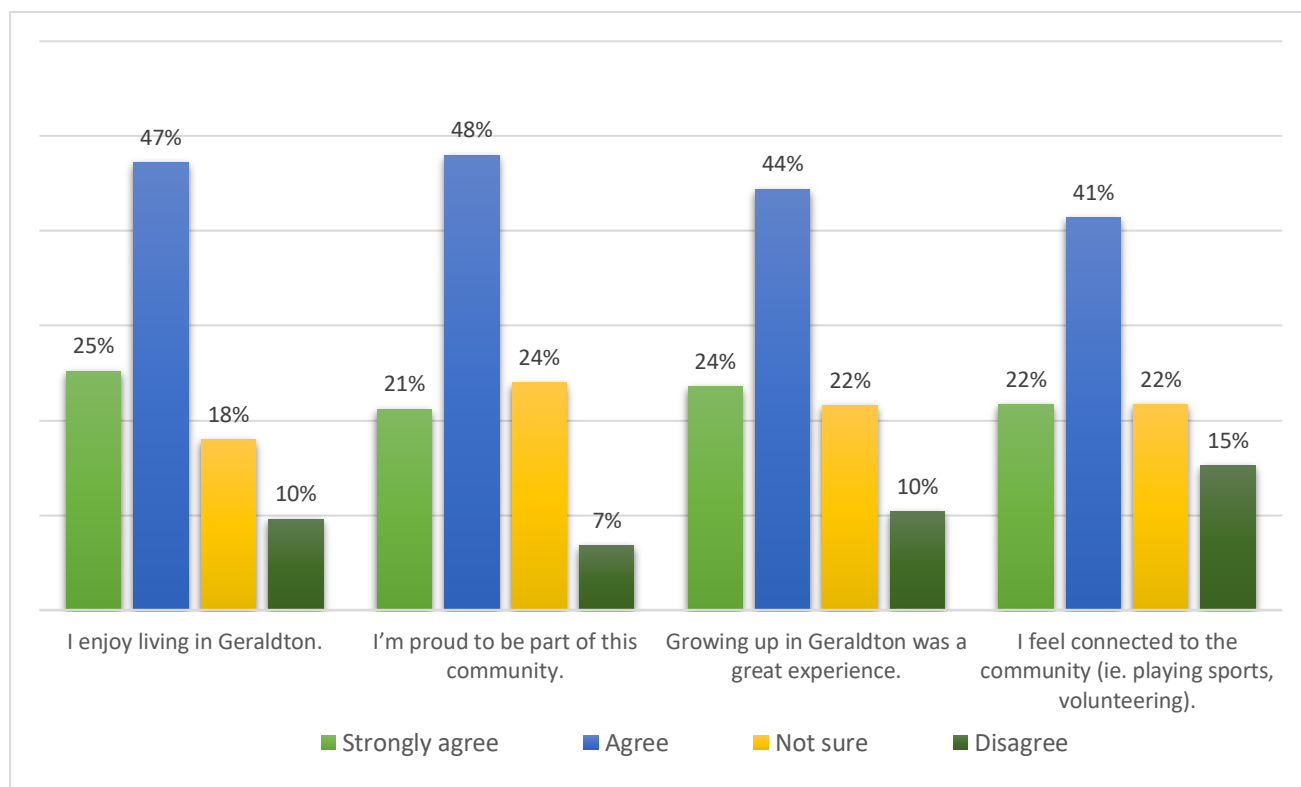
## Optimism and Mental Health

Although the majority of respondents, 77%, are optimistic about their own future, only 38% were optimistic about the future of the planet. Only half of respondents, 50%, believe mental health services are easily accessible



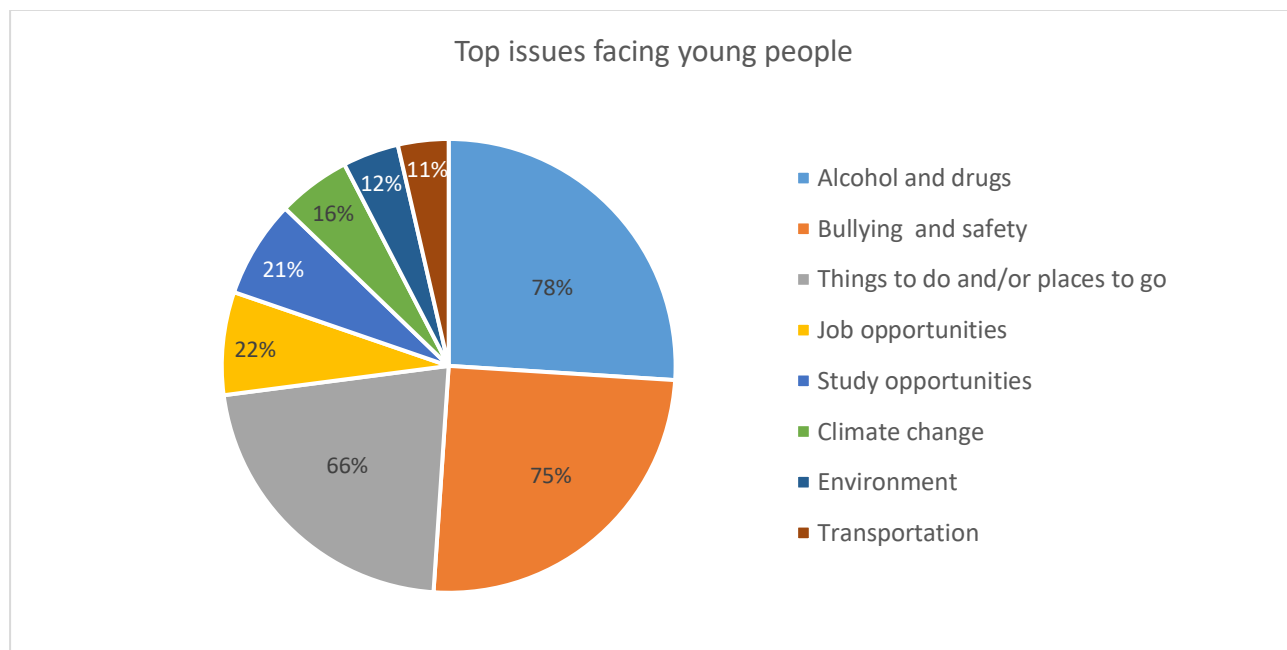
## Perceptions of Geraldton

The majority of survey respondents, 63%-72%, enjoy living in Geraldton, feel connected to and proud to be part of their community and felt growing up in Geraldton was a great experience.



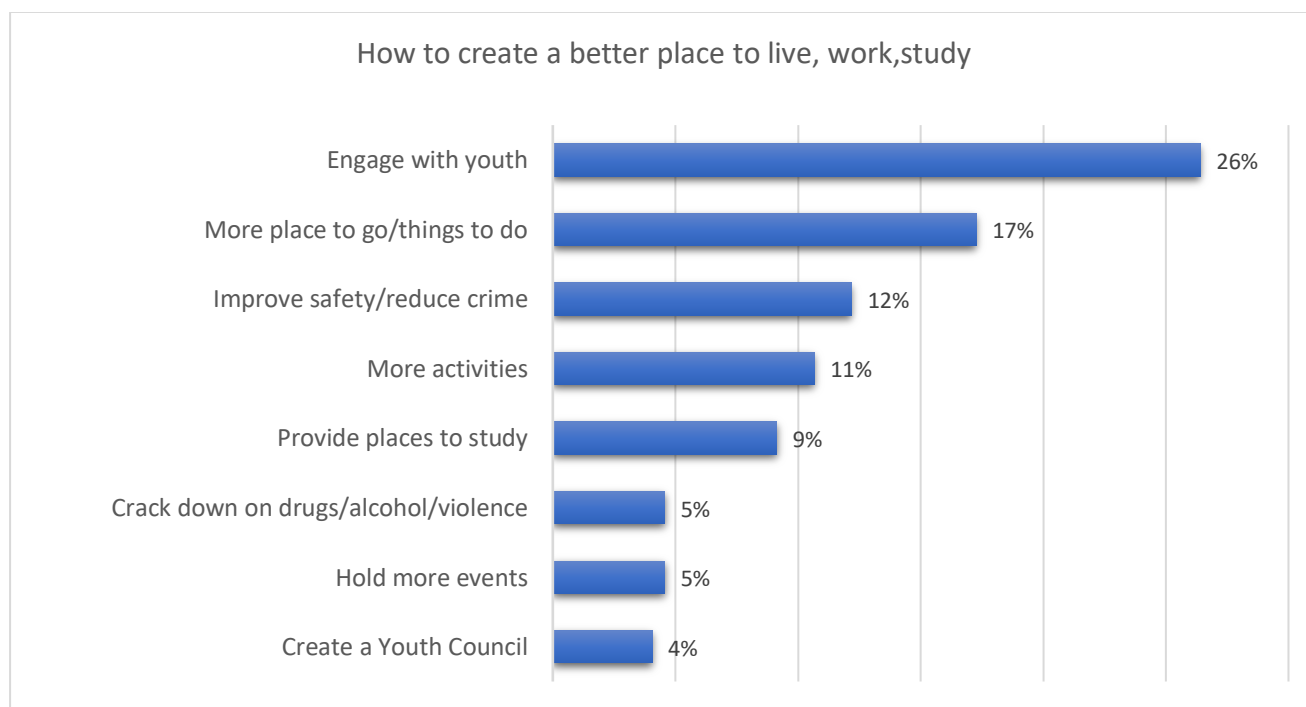
## Issues facing young people

The top three issues facing the majority of respondents are alcohol and drug use, not feeling safe which includes being bullied and have a lack of things to do and places to go.



## Creating a better place

181 respondents provided suggestions on how young people and the City can work together to create a better place for youth to live, work and study. The most reoccurring responses have been themed into the eight categories below. More than a quarter of respondents said the City should engage more with young people, by including them in design processes, giving them a forum to provide feedback on issues and communicating the results of the engagement. Only 4% of respondents said a Youth Council would give young people a seat at the table. 17% said safety should be improved, crime reduced and that something needed to be done about drugs, alcohol and violence. 16% wanted more activities and events and nearly 10% of respondents said they needed a quiet place to study. The full list of comments is in Appendix 2 on page 12.



## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1: Ideas and concerns represented in decision making

As a teenager it's hard to tell whether our ideas and concerns are being represented in Geraldton as it feels the adults have a stronger voice. I do feel as though some teenagers feel as though their ideas are being considered more than others, but I feel as though its only specific groups that get acknowledge not just everyone.
As a young first nations person I feel that most people do not really feel the need to listen to my people and I's concerns.
At my current age, I am unable to vote on representatives. I could probably contact current representatives, but I am unsure whether that would work as I have not tried. I am also unsure whether I would be taken seriously at my age.
Because they are
because everybody asks for a big shopping mall, but we still don't have one
Because I am new to this process and not really shore how the council works.
Because I am only 13, so I feel like this is the first time my voice is being heard
Because I am too young to be noticed.
because i don't really have any
Because I feel there is a lot of things to do in Geraldton
because i never hear the issues of the younger generation
Because I'm young
because it would need more than 1 opinion to change something
Because nothing's changed over 10 years
Because the city has a survey and is listening to what the citizens want
Because there to focused on adults
Because they haven't been actioned
Because i think it is good
Because young people are staying indoors to much today and when some teenagers get board they can cause destruction
Cause all the councillors are too old and have vested interests in business not the community
Cause idk if a computer reads this or a person
Community doesn't come together as often as they should.
Don't know if people actually look at these surveys
have more actives for young people
I believe they are represented in the community as we have a fair number of places to hang out, we also have the Geraldton Library to study. Although we have this we definitely could increase the number of activities for kids and adults in Geraldton.
I do believe that Geraldton is making a greater effort to implement youth driven ideas
I don't know if Geraldton has changed much since I've lived here.
I don't really hear much about what the City does, only the bigger events so from what I have heard, I think they are mostly doing a great job.
I don't think that we are heard enough/ not enough people joining to support.
I don't completely understand the question asked, but I do realise that the things I have chosen may not be able to be done. As a teenager in Geraldton there really isn't many original things to do in Geraldton, its really just the movies, Aquarena or walk around town, but I feel the things I have chosen will spark interest in the town. Thank you
I don't get much opportunity to speak out my ideas. this survey is a brilliant step forward for Geraldton.
I don't know if my ideas will be the same as other people
I don't know the process.
I don't really know because I don't fill out anything much like this.
I don't want a youth centre but you're so keen to build one. Youth centres fail because no one wants to work there long term and they all closed down because the centre gets stagnant and kids get bored. I bet kids would go there for 30min tops then never go back unless they need somewhere to hide
I feel because of my age I don't have a voice when it come to our community; even though we're the future generation and we will have to live with what guardians/adults leave behind.
I feel very seen by the community
I feel I have a voice and you are happy to listen and make a decision based on all info you get
I feel like my options that I have. Chosen will help with our town.
I feel like skaters are seen as troublemakers and hidden away, a big park needs to be opened out in the open near town where people can watch and get involved. It's so good to see and be apart of . I feel like Geraldton has been

left behind in the state ..other shires have done a great job with their skateparks and the tourism has boomed! Think about Jurien bay - everyone stops for the skatepark
I feel like the majority of our ideas are being seen but are not executed well
I feel like the people in Geraldton don't make any fun things for youth "just because it's too much money"
I feel that my ideas will be represented in the decision making because I trust that the legal system is sound and fair.
I have a disability and there are no safe spaces for me
I have been in Gero since I was 10 and I have done many surveys etc yet not seen any impact of said surveys
I have never raised an idea with council
I have never suggested my opinions before so I don't know if they are considered.
I have not experienced anything like this survey before, where my opinion is asked. Prior to this I felt I have had no say.
I have not had much to do with the City. Although we know we have a Mayor and other people working for the city, there is not large publicity around who they are or what they do. School incursions and more City workers present at community events (eg Harmony Day, International Food Festival, Christmas on the Terrace) that are willing to talk about their job
I have not previously been asked for any feedback until this survey
I haven't dealt much in it.
I haven't lived here long enough (Less than a year).
I just don't hear about the ideas that are going through the city very much.
I know Geraldton is a small town, but I think more opportunities for families, children and even adults can make our town a better place.
I see that the city has been focusing more on what to do for adults than the youth
i think many people want this
I think that Geraldton just has bigger things in mind rather than focusing on amusement for the youth. Such as keeping the homeless and the abandoned building under control while still trying to provide for the community's demands.
I WOULD REALLY LIKE LASER TAG
I'm an only a young student so my concerns are not considered or heard
I'm new to this website
I'm not sure if the city really look at our ideas or concerns, I hope they do and it would be good if Geraldton has more activities to do.
I've never done surveys or anything before about ideas for the city
I'm impressed about how many activities the Geraldton offers since I moved up here 2 years ago. I've been participated and been involved in a few but apart from this survey I feel like no one has ever asked about what we want, and I don't know where to give my opinions / suggestion.
I'm new to town
I'm not sure because I feel like there should be more sporting opportunities, but the ideas of the city council is to improve other aspects of the city.
I'm not sure because we don't really get asked about anything.
I'm not sure how much the city council checks in with teenagers in Geraldton
I'm not sure I'm just a tiny person with big ideas but a too small of a voice for my opinions to be herd.
It doesn't always feel like youth are the priority in decision making concerned with youth and their issues
it would be fun
I've never had a voice and I avoid areas where trouble congregates.
Just haven't been asked before.
My ideas is for a group of basketball player we need areas to train a whole facility of courts and good ring and hoop and improve of the ones in Wandina and add some in Strathalbyn
Never been asked before
No because I'm a kid and they think my idea is bad but really i know what this town needs for us youths
No one asks us
No one has asked me, by direct post or email. My mum told me about this.
No opportunities to share ideas and concerns
No, because there is a large demographic to satisfy.
Not enough young people's interests are represented by council members. Also not enough consultation of young people.
Not really because I'm young so not many people listen to me to much
Nothing has really ever changed for extra activities for kids my age and I have lived in Geraldton all my life
Occasionally. I feel there needs to be more in-depth consultation and a longer consultation period.

People have options and people who visit can and have fun at a trampoline park “please chose it”
People think we are too young to make decisions and don’t take us seriously
Political
Simply by the lack of facilities and things to do for youth.
Take a look at the council, mostly old white men. A few women but everyone is over 40.
The City has gone through a myriad of developments over the decade
The city has never listened to the younger generation. This has caused the feral ones to act out. The decent younger people are bored.
The people of Geraldton continuously voice our needs and concerns and so far nothing has improved.
there are not many changes being made in Geraldton
There are not safe places for kids to go and have some fun doing activities, some ideas could be ice skating or ten pin bowling
There is a massive disparity in representation, both of women and of youth on the local council. The establishment of designated youth council member positions, or a youth advisory body, the ideas and concerns of youth will be better represented. It is impossible to meet the needs of groups without representation and leads to oppressive governance (intentional or otherwise) of unrepresentative groups.
There is lots of ideas and options to create youth facilities in the city, the only thing would be how to be selective of the main priority to benefit all young people.
There seems to be a lack of effort in making Geraldton a desirable place for late teenagers/young adults. This is evident by the large number of 17-19 year olds moving to Perth and elsewhere after completing school. Obviously university is a big reason for this but even so it is evident that Geraldton’s focus is more on young kids ~0-13yr olds and older adults 30yrs+ and very little on young adults in late teens and early 20s.
They way the younger generation is shaped depends on how their parents raise them but there have to be places a kid or teen can go to learn or have the space to learn something they need for school or will need after they leave school
This is a collective thing, and my opinions are not the only ones
This is the first survey for teens I have ever seen before in Geraldton.
This is the first survey I've seen.
Very good city
We aren't usually asked like this.
We could have more activities in our city to do by ourselves or with other people.
We don’t get A say were not 18
well this survey gets my opinions heard even though i am young so thats good
Whilst there are youth activities ingrained in the town’s community, I recognise a lack in consideration of the social, cultural, and emotional needs of young people in Geraldton; especially for those that are disadvantage by inequity i.e. lower socioeconomic status. Additionally, city decision-making has very minimally involved the voice of young people - an identifiably large component of the population - in the planning process. This is despite youth involvement and lobbying for political and social reform, especially in addressing issues like climate change.
Yes because it’s helping the kids it will stop a lot from vaping, drinking, doing drugs and fighting people
Yes, because of this survey
Youths should be allowed to go to the Council meetings and have their say and start a Youth Advisory Committee..

## Appendix 2: Ideas to create a better place to live, work and study

Make a youth friendly version of council issues/ideas so young people are interested in having a say. Shorter, less words, incentives and eye catching.
Aboriginal problems. Get tougher on criminals. Improve some of the schools and parents.
add more free public transport to get places easily, more sporting areas (both indoor and outdoor).
Add some fun places for kids to go like a bowling place, ice skate rink, go karts, arcade.
Adding BASKETBALL HOOPS FOR THE PLAYERS PLEASE
Adding more things to do and safer places to be.
Ask for the opinions of the youth
Ask young people to contribute ideas on what things they'd like to see in Geraldton, like more bike paths so it's safe to ride to school or to the beach and maybe something all ages can enjoy like a fishing jetty.
Asking on their opinion of what they would like to see/have in the future.
Ban cigarettes keep vapes
Be good
Be more together as a community, not apart and not hating each other, i want everyone to get along

Better rules
Better shopping options, more university options and more local business support, activities for teens to do
Bring in more recreational opportunities such as a Time zone.
Build a youth centre with fun stuff to do so youths don't have to go out and steal or break into somewhere to have something fun to do
Build more schools
by communicating and listening to each other
By communicating wants/needs to improve the overall environment of Geraldton and the overall community
by creating a youth centre?
By creating more places where young people can go to hang out and do things together.
By have more thing to do because kids r bored and getting up to mischief
By having a laser tag... pretty please 🙏
By putting in more activities for us to do
By putting in more places where we can study and hang out and by getting rid of the vape shops in the mall and around town
By young people sharing their opinions through surveys and social media and the city listening and doing their best to find ways to improve the way we live work and study.
City can provide more surveys to really understand the people in the Geraldton community
come together communicate and support each other, by regular meetings and ongoing catch ups.
Communicate
Communication public forum
Communication with each other
Consultation
Cool things like youth centres, seems like a very good idea, more recreational things to do, laser tag, paintball, rock climbing.
Council members could come to the schools or the other way around and we could communicate a solution together
Create a more open environment for kids and provide guidance stopping them from skipping school and misbehaving
Create a resume first get a job save money and pay for better stuff
Create a safe and healthy place to study. With Internet and appropriate resources.
Create a space to do that stuff
Create easily accessible facilities, mental health and art projects.
create more opportunities for young people such as activities to do.
Create more places for entertainment
Create more places for young people to engage at
develop Geraldton's activities and organise more social outings. and more groups and clubs like a cooking club or sewing club that regularly meet up or maybe a sports centre instead of having separate areas for different sports. overall living in Geraldton is really good compared to other places in the world. Thank you for putting this survey out. Especially with a prize more people will do it.
Disconnect us from older and younger people, try to make it only people our age or around our ages so it's rather more mature
Do better at communicating with one another.
Doing something about youth crime
Don't litter and be safe
Drug and alcohol conventions Anti bully
Educate other use about illegal actions, drugs, alcohol etc because they're ruining their future by taking it at a young age
Establishing a youth council or youth advisory group made up of young people (of diverse socio-economic backgrounds, suburbs /areas, ages, cultural backgrounds) who often and directly engage with youth within the community to relay their needs and concerns to the council /city.
Establishment of a youth advisory body/having council member positions designated to young people (high school and graduated ages). By doing this, as so many other councils have done, local government is able to gain insight from youth without having to survey or filter opinions, and young people truly have a place at the table, for THEIR city. To achieve equality and harmonious society, everyone has to have a voice. This is lacking in youth representation in Geraldton.
For studying, I would love to see either a new facility available for students to study, or an extension of the public library's opening hours. I would also love to see more cleanup initiatives within Geraldton to ensure that where I live is clean and tidy.

Free activities and education opportunities that won't cost fortune
Funding for Mental Health and things to do around town
Geraldton is now considered a city and is continuing to grow therefore i feel as though there should be more events offered like a smaller version of a music festival or more u18 party events to encourage younger people to have fun without alcohol or drugs.
Get a good jetty and make more things to do
Get good study places.
Get involved with schools and young people to brainstorm fun and interesting programs for young people and run by young people.
Get more things
Get rid of the drugos and alcoholics around town
Get the youth involved! Focus sessions with different demographics etc
get young people more involved in actives and programs.
Give me money
have a public library with private rooms for group study and free entertainments, such as free festivals, food events, music concerts, etc.
Have an actual University in Geraldton eg: a Curtin or ECU campus in Geraldton that students can study in person at without having to go online at GUC via a Queensland University
Have better environment to sit and work outside. More space to study in libraries
Have more public places to study. E.g. hush pods.
Have more things to do.
have more town events and community things
Have more traineeships and more employment for the Indigenous youths in Geraldton..
have study places available past 5pm - doing Atar when you can't study at home and the library shuts at 5 everyday sucks because by the time you get there, it's only like an hour and a half of study time, and also on weekends (prime Atar study time) there are a bunch of children and toddlers, so it is not quiet at all. Also, there are no orange buses that go to school from Wandina, Mount Tarcoola, and Tarcoola Beach, so I used to pay \$1.40 per day just to get to and from school. The public buses on a weekend also stop at like 1pm which is super inconvenient when you want to hang out with friends on a Saturday arvo at the beach
Have things like an arcade, or other hang out places.
Having more workshops and places for young people to talk about how they feel and what should happen
Headspace is a great option i agree people should definitely give it a go if they haven't
Hold more free festivals and free vents
How about engage with high/primary school and teachers who actually work with young people
How about plop some places down that are actually functional.
I believe a youth advisory group is an excellent idea! There are many young people in Geraldton i would love to see having an influence upon the trajectory of Geraldton. (Many of the head girls/boys of high schools in the area possess strong leadership skills which would be awesome to see have an influence within our town)
I believe there should be more opportunities for the youth of Geraldton to be involved. A lot of issues throughout the youth in our community is because there is a lack of activities throughout the city to keep youth busy, so they rely on things like drugs or illegal stuff. Make more skateparks, parks, and activities in the and you will find a positive impact. Also make these things free, otherwise you will see no difference, kids don't want to pay to have fun in their own community.
I believe they should make it more comfortable so people aren't scared or worried to go out
I believe we need more places for the young people to go and "hang out" to get them off the streets.
I think the Youth Centre is really good idea and I will definitely be going there in my spare times with my friends. Apart from all the crime, alcohol, and drugs, I really love Geraldton and I can see myself living happily here for the rest of my life!
I'm not sure, my parents don't think it's very safe in town anymore, and the limited places makes it bit boring.
In my opinion, I am pretty happy with Geraldton as a place to live, work and study but I would suggest doing something about the public transportation for there can be mean people on the buses as one of my friends have experienced bullying on the buses.
Increase opportunities for young people and clear paths through work to buying a house
Increased engagement and safety within community
Invest more time and effort into consulting with Geraldton youth. There is a lot of misconception about youth among the wider community.
Involve youth in decision making. A youth council or similar group cold work. Maybe in a potential youth centre, there could be an area where people could suggest things and hear about potential ideas of the city.



Just help with things such as schooling/studies, mental health and how to cope with certain things.
Just way supplying either a place to study or the supplies a teen will most likely need to study
Keep improving sport facilities. Harsher penalties for those doing the wrong things that don't make it safe to be downtown or at different sporting facilities
Less crime rates
Less fights and drugs
Let the young people know that there are plans to improve things for them, enabling us to help you work on/with said plans. Have plans to create 24 hr study spaces, youth zones etc but have young people help with those projects to actually know what is wanted
Letting youth have their opinions heard when the city is making decisions on the future of Geraldton
Listen to each other's ideas and use them all for the community.
Listen to what we actually want and take time to understand why
Listen to what we have to say. I'm not saying act on everything; but there might be something 'youth people' agree on that might benefit the community. More event's targeted at youth people; for socialising and more voices for the community.
Listen to what young people want and genuinely implement the ideas. I feel that young people are listened to in a tokenistic way. The people with the money and power continue to have the money and power. Create a mechanism to give young people a real seat at the table, where their ideas, concerns and wishes carry real power.
Longer library open hours to study, more trees for picnics and continue the work being complete to. restore our dunes/beaches
Make a massive University that is similar to Perth, so that we don't have to travel as far to get to go there. Also have a wider range of shops and shopping centres e.g. Mecca, Ghanda, The Body Shop, Target, Big W
Make more places that are enjoyable for adolescents, fun for family etc
Make more places to go and crack down on drugs please
make more sporting opportunities for not just kids that are disadvantage
Make more things to do
Make places for people to ride. Make in indoor skate park. Put more security cameras around Geraldton
Make teens aware of what changed you would like to bring and if they would like any6 changes too.
Maybe doing workshops. To discuss what they truly think is good so they can put in their own ideas.
Meetings
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More accessible places for just the young
more after school activities and opportunities, as well as more spaces for study.
More awareness of what the City is able to do and provide for young people so that they are more engaged and willing to help
More community events and things to do
More concerns about things to do with the environment such as sandbags being placed near the beach where the sand seems to always end in the beach. more opinions from the youth in town when constructing new areas aimed at the youth or more 'advertisement' that better reaches the youth community regarding community events or youth events.
More consultation
More events where the community can be together (E.g. Community garden).
more footpaths
More job opportunities and more places to hang out and having fun, more options for restaurants hangout
More Jobs
More opportunities More arts dance and music and sports More recreation centres
More opportunities aimed at this age bracket.
More opportunities for apprenticeships where you don't have to travel to Perth.
More options to high school age - safe -
More places to study, where it is quiet and hopefully not too full of people (private areas).
More police and ambulance
More questionnaires and surveys
More surveys like this one, events or competitions for younger people, etc.
More TAFE courses available. Improve the safety and security of the area, reduce crimes.
More Things To Do
More youth support is needed for people. There should be more places that people should be able to go to that cannot be scrutinised and vandalised as easy. Geraldton needs more vibrancy; not just in downtown Gero, but in outer suburbs as well!



Need incentives for people to return to Geraldton after completing their studies
No drugs
On a survey about what can the city might need to better or try and create
polls/surveys released by social media. Posts that activate discussion and then reviewing the comments. Trying different events and seeing what works well with youth, for example there have been some concerts at blue heelers square this year which have generally performed well among young adults.
Potentially a youth council could be a good idea to allow for constructive discussion between local, engaged youth and the cgg council/officials
Prioritise our citizens rather than tourism
Provide more quizzes like this
Provide more study groups and access
Providing opportunities that the city run as in mentoring programs, taste programs that run by the city for youth to engage in.
put more money into shop/indoor playgrounds etc...
Regular youth catch ups, that involve fun activities, as well as opportunities to have their say.
Rehabilitation for young people suffering and start different groups with stuff youngsters enjoy instead if bringing them back to school
Safer community, minimising antisocial behaviour. Offering more entertainment options for young people.
Safer public spaces for young people
Safety
Safety and job opportunities
Safety. It's too dangerous to be downtown because of the possibility of being bashed.
Set stuff up within the city for young people to do and go so that it lowers youth crime within the city.
Set up a central recharging centre for devices supervised by a young adult with free internet, preferably at shopping centres
Share our opinions
Social place to study, play sports and more. Also a place where jobs are posted that are suitable for young people
Some how
Stop inverse racism
Stop littering it's bad for our environment
Study place
Surveys like this
Take action on issues instead of spending money elsewhere
Talk to the people on the street who aren't doing this survey
Talking about everyone's ideas.
Talking and listening to young people of all ages is the key.
The city can communicate more with young people and ask our opinions about things.
The city can involve the youth and tell them what is going on if there is something that will benefit them, e.g. new sport facilities or sport teams, university, jobs, transportation.
There needs to be more places and things to do. Also there needs to be tougher laws or something done about the antisocial behaviour we see on a daily basis.
They can create a council or if there already is one, make people more aware of it.
They can make money to make a better opportunity
They can use the power of youth to their advantage
They can work together by young people suggesting and them making those suggestions a reality
They can't they are useless
Through communication and people listening to what we (youth) have to say and trying different things.
To add more places to go for fun with friends and family. E.g. trampoline park/ bounce or laser tag or time zone
To control the crime rate, and make people feel safe and secure in town whether during the morning, day or night.
To create a supportive and beneficial living, working, and studying environment, the City Council Must actively engage with the youth population of Geraldton, in order to recognise their needs as they grow to become the future generational leaders of the community. This can be achieved by working collaboratively with institutions specialised with youth matters, such as schools or youth centres, or even more so through communication via social media. By approaching young people in this way, the City can therefore allow young people to express their concerns and ambitions, which the Council can then adopt and implement into the workings of the community.
To make Geraldton a better city you should add to facilities in Geraldton, making people who want to pursue job careers that are less likely to do it Geraldton. So that when you add on to hospitals, police stations and more schools they won't have to leave Geraldton.

Try and upgrade a few buildings for health and safety issues
universities in Geraldton for everything
Work on the resources for young people, and the things to do that aren't going to the beach or walking around.
work together better
work together to get along i guess?
young people can communicate with each other to help one other to give up drugs and to get them in to work and study.
Young people in Geraldton can work together to create a better place to is to first work on the small more important things like keeping the youth in Geraldton, if you want a city to thrive the younger generation needs to want to be a part of it. Kids don't listen if it is boring or not entertaining if schools are not acting as a safe place for the youth to attend due to violence or conflict and businesses are turning away valuable candidates because of little things such as schools then the youth will not achieve in that early transition to early adulthood.
Youth community groups in schools