

# Snapshot



5 821 young people 12 - 24 live in the Shire



Young people 14.8% of Shire's population



Parkerville, Stoneville, Hovea highest number of young people



## Our Promise, Your Future

Shire of Mundaring Youth Informing Strategy 2025 – 2029: making sure young people feel connected to community, have easy access to places, activities and opportunities that will help them thrive and achieve their goals.

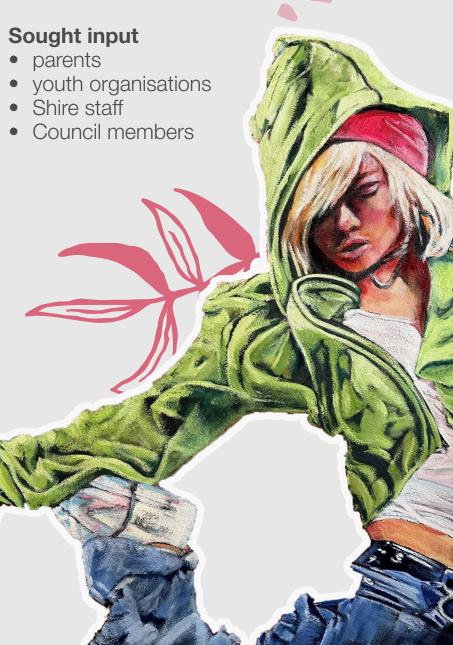
## How we listened

## We spoke with 264 young people

- What matters to you?
- What you want to see in your community?

### **Gathered ideas**

- youth survey
- workshops
- postcard campaign





## Our commitment to young people

What you told us and what we'll be doing

#### Engagement and communication

#### We heard

- Young people want to have a bigger say in community plans and decisions that affect them
- Communication needs to be delivered in more youth-friendly ways so young people are informed about activities, events and opportunities

## We heard

Places and activities

- There are some great places and facilities in the Shire, but young people want more spaces to hang out and connect with friends
- Young people want more opportunities to join activities and events that match their interests

#### We will

- Create more opportunities for young people to share their ideas
- Team up with schools, sports clubs and youth services to connect with
- Find better ways to engage with young adults aged 18 to 25
- Identify and support community leaders to promote activities to young people
- Boost our online presence on social media and other platforms that young people use
- Display posters and flyers in places young people hang out

#### We will

- Take young people's needs into account for future Shire projects, such as the Mundaring Cultural Hub and community safety planning
- Explore ways to make sports facilities more accessible for casual use
- Advocate for a community bus that could be used to transport young people
- Explore a youth hub with gym options
- Set up 'come and try' sessions for sports and other activities at local
- Support more arts, culture and lifeskills programs for young people
- Continue to offer Youth Grants

#### Health and wellbeing

#### We heard

- Young people need better access to affordable services and programs for mental health and wellbeing
- More community awareness is needed about mental health and wellbeing, and how to better support young people
- Limited transport options make it harder for young people to work, study and access services

### Connection and belonging

#### We heard

- There's a strong sense of community in the Shire, but young people don't always feel safe
- Sometimes young people feel there are negative views about them, which affects job opportunities and a sense of belonging
- Groups and organisations would like to provide more opportunities for young people to volunteer and build skills

#### We will

- Advocate for easier access to mental health services for young people
- Offer low-cost or free programs, events, and spaces for young people and their families
- Advocate for better transport options and quicker driver's licence testing times
- Work on increasing mental health awareness and skills in the community
- Provide information on mental health and self-care supports for young people

#### We will

- Work with schools and young people to tackle the negative perception of young people
- Involve young people in community safety projects, such as improving lighting and designing facilities
- Support local organisations in creating more volunteering opportunities for young people
- · Work with local businesses or community organisations to help young people gain work and life experience

## More information

If you want to learn how you can get involved in the Shire of Mundaring Youth Informing Strategy 2025-2029 or share your thoughts, reach out to us at:



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