



# **DIRECTIONS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE**

Key Actions Report: 2023 - 2024

# Introduction

- This report is all about what we did during July 2023 - June 2024. It doesn't include everything, but these are some of the things we wanted to celebrate or highlight. It also is a chance for you, as a young person to hold us accountable to what we have and haven't done - so if you have questions or feedback please reach out! More on that later.
- Actions in this report means things that we planned to do in our [Directions From Young People \(DFYP\) 2022-2025 Youth Strategy](#). The DFYP includes actions for every year of the 4 year plan and this report is for Year 2, 2023-2024.
- The DFYP was created with young people and is about what is important to them and how we can work with them. The strategy also includes information about the overall population of young people in our City. If you want to read the full DFYP, head on over to our website.
- The DFYP includes four action areas which are divided up by theme. They themes are Youth Focus, Wellbeing, Communication and Making a Difference.



# Priority Actions

- The priority actions are our most important and sit separately to the 4 action areas. Other actions follow on from these.
- The DFYP 2022 - 2025 has four priority actions which you can read about below.

Priority Action	Progress
1. Explore the development of more dedicated youth spaces in the City of Melville.	Ongoing
2. Establish a youth-focused communication channel.	Completed
3. Appoint a Youth Steering Group or similar, comprised of local young people to oversee the delivery of the Strategy.	Completed
4. Develop a whole of City Youth Engagement Toolkit.*	Completed

\* The Toolkit is a document to help City of Melville staff work with young people.

# Youth Focus

- For us, Youth Focus means making sure young people feel invited and included in the community life (eg. arts, libraries, venues, parks, gyms, participation in events, involvement in youth projects and facilities) of the City.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2023-24
Explore and trial the development of more dedicated youth spaces in the City; including new facilities and outdoor spaces designed over the duration of the Strategy	Completed Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilgi Kaartdijin Mia Willagee Library renovations include a new youth space</li> <li>• Trialled 3 DIY mountainbike jumps tracks across our parks</li> </ul>
Young people participate in the completion of the Point Walter Mountain bike facility	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dyoondalup Jumps opened in June 2024</li> </ul>
Co-design and deliver an annual youth-focused event that displays local youth talent – explore a focus on a different demographic group each year, i.e. Pride, NAIDOC	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We ran the first Melville Youth Collective Market event at AH Bracks Library in March</li> <li>• KickstART Festival exhibition with young artists with disability</li> </ul>



# Youth Focus

## Wilgi Kaartidjin Mia Willagee Library

In a major milestone for the City of Melville, the refurbished Willagee Library has been renamed to become the City's first dual named library.

Following work completed through the Place Names Melville Project, the library is now known as Wilgi Kaartdijin Mia Willagee Library meaning Willagee Knowledge Home.

The renovations include new facilities such as a dedicated youth space, improved air conditioning, and more spaces for study, activities and youth programs.

The youth space was designed with local young people and the First Nations Youth Drop In program.



# Wellbeing

- This focus area is about actions that support the overall mental and physical wellbeing of young people.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2023-24
Incorporate life skills / employment skills (i.e. resume building, job interviews) into youth programming for young people aged 15 and up	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AYCC Schools Climate Summit</li> <li>• YPF grant funded tickets to post-graduate seminar</li> <li>• Sustainable cooking series</li> </ul>
Explore a dedicated initiative for LGBTIQ+ young people, including investigating partnership with an external service or neighbouring LGA's	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDAHOBIT film night in partnership with Freedom</li> </ul>
Continue to progress the City's development of a child-safe organisation plan through the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations framework	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed a new position: Child Safety &amp; Wellbeing Facilitator</li> </ul>





# Wellbeing

## AYCC Schools Climate Summit

In May 2024 the Australian Youth Climate Coalition ran their Schools Climate Summit at Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre. AYCC and the United Nations Youth team brought together 90 students from 8 different schools for a full day of interactive workshops and activities. Workshops ranged from fundamentals of climate science, climate justice, youth leadership and civic engagement in democracy.

The event was funded by the City's Youth Project Fund and the venue was provided free of charge, thanks to the Piney Lakes Environmental Centre team!



# Communication

- This is about making sure communicate with young people in a way that is relevant and meaningful.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2023-24
Create a City youth specific social media channel in collaboration with young people	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched in September 2023</li> <li>• @MelvilleYouthCollective!</li> </ul>
Develop a plan to build the youth social media channel following including signing young people up at events, polls, competitions, and youth driven content	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data and report from year 2 will inform an action plan in year 3</li> <li>• Instagram is steadily growing!</li> </ul>
Build a database of young people (phone/email) that can be regularly contacted about events and opportunities	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Established in Y1 and continuing to be used in Y2</li> <li>• Subscribe to our eNewsletter!</li> </ul>



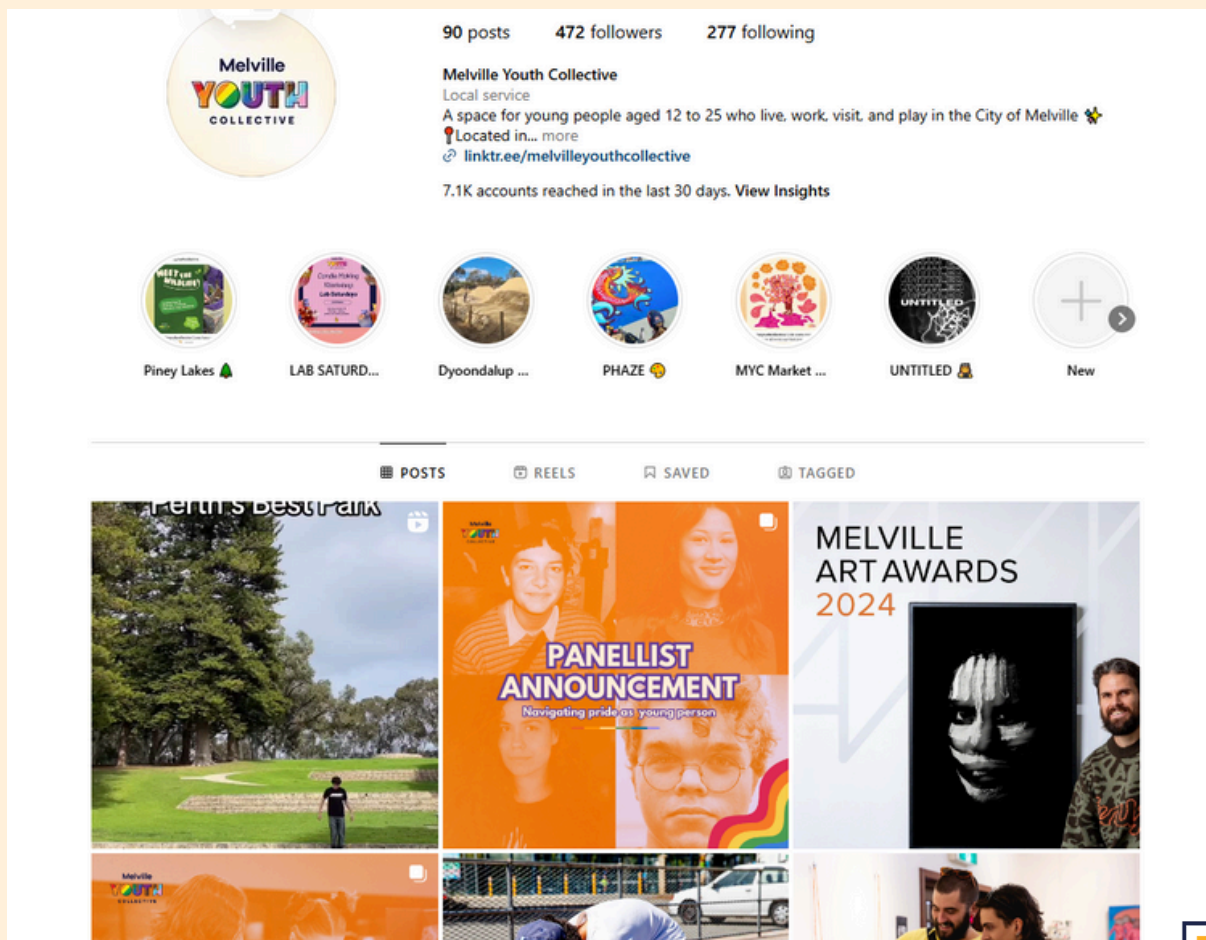


# Communication

## Melville Youth Collective

We launched our Youth Instagram account @MelvilleYouthCollective in September 2023. The account aims to promote everything we do with young people here at the City, including events, community engagements, volunteering, paid opportunities and more. The brand name and design materials were created by the Youth Steering Group. Our posts almost always include young people or their artworks, including videos, posters and designs done by young locals.

In the first 9 months the account gained over 370 followers, and has grown to over 470 before the end of 2024!



# Making a difference

- This is about making sure young people are meaningfully involved in decision making. It ensures the voices of young people are heard when it comes to issues and projects in the City and supports staff to work with you.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2023-24
Foster a culture of youth volunteering and contributing to the community, through environmental and other projects	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• YSG collab events with Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre</li></ul>
Review and rescope the Youth Development Fund with a focus on supporting youth-led projects and programs related to issues and trends identified in this Strategy	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First round delivered in 2023</li><li>• Second round in 2024</li><li>• 12 funded applications</li></ul>
Deliver annual training to staff on the Youth Engagement Toolkit	Postponed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pending an update of the Toolkit and review of the DFYP internal group</li><li>• Training to be coordinated with People &amp; Culture team in 2025</li></ul>



# Making a difference

## PLEEC Youth Events

In February 2024 the Sustainability and Waste teams visited our Youth Steering Group to talk about delivering youth projects together. A number of workshops were planned and delivered, with more coming in the future! Our 2024 programs included:

- Meet the Wildlife
- Birds of the Night
- Grow Your Own Food
- Pressed Flower Framing\*
- Youth Kitchen Sustainable Cooking series\*


\*Ran in the last half of 2024







# Get in touch!

- If you have any questions about the DFYP, this report or anything related to young people who live, work, visit, and play in the City of Melville, get in touch with us via the details below.

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