



DIRECTIONS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

Key Actions Report: 2022 - 2023

Introduction

- The intention of this report you are reading right now is to have a look at what we achieved during June 2022 - July 2023. It doesn't include all of the actions in the Directions from Young People Stragedy (DFYP) 2022 - 2025, but just some ones we are particularly excited about sharing. 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, ask us! More on that later.
- In this context, an action is something you set out to do. You have to have a reason for creating an action (eg. community need) and not just say you want to do something without having a good reason as to why.
- We have created these actions from our DFYP. The DFYP was created through asking young people directly questions including how they feel about the City and what they want to see more of. It also is a chance to see a snapshot of what the cohort of young people in the city looks like (eg. age, background, access needs). If you want to read the full DFYP, head on over to our website.
- The DFYP includes four catagories or focus groups which we put all of the actions under. They are Youth Focus, Wellbeing, Communication and Making a Difference.

Priority Actions

- A priority action is something we want to focus on the most.
- Our 2022 - 2025 DFYP 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.	In progress*
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

*we've obviously got this now!

** 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:
Further develop the City's library facilities to purposefully encourage young people to visit and use the spaces	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATAR study spaces and new youth programs.
Ensure that young people are included in the City's review of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) and Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Together Melville working group* included young people, supporting our Disability, Access and Inclusion Plan (DIAP).
Establish an internal DFYP Youth Strategy working group that will meet twice a year to discuss progress on the Strategy and plan coordinated actions	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team has been formed and meetings held with representatives across the organisation.

*Better Together Melville was an engagement project that ran in 2022 and 2023. For more information about what the project was, [follow the link here](#).



Wellbeing

- This focus group relates to actions that contribute to the overall mental and physical wellbeing of young people.

Action:	Progress	What we did:
Explore partnerships with youth-focused health and wellbeing providers to deliver more programs and services in the area, including at suitable events.	Completed early!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships established with headspace, Freedom, MyLocalMind. • Wellbeing programs delivered.
Set up and promote study spaces in all the libraries after school and during exam periods, inclusive of positive messaging on managing study stress, through posters, books and occasional speakers.	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study spaces set up and promoted during exam periods.
Provide information to young people about where to access support services on youth related material, i.e. the WA Youth Services Directory.	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support services and wellbeing messages promoted in the youth eNewsletter and to program participants.



Communication

- This is about making sure young people are communicated to in a way that is relevant and meaningful.

Action:	Progress	What we did:
Create a City youth specific social media channel in collaboration with young people.	Postponed for 22/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This action was postponed to be worked on in 23/24.
Develop a distinct branding style for youth related initiatives that include appropriate images/graphics, QR codes, inclusive language and a focus on diversity.	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation and implementation of the 'Melville Youth Collective' brand guidelines, led by the Youth Steering Group.
In collaboration with young people, identify strategies to better communicate what the City does to a youth audience, including how they can provide feedback or make complaints to a councillor.	In progress early!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Steering Group supported eNewsletter and web content. • Survey opportunities promoted to young people.



Making a difference

- This is about making sure young people are meaningfully involved in decision making processes. It ensures the voices of young people are heard when it comes to issues in and around the City.

Action:	Progress:	What we did:
Develop a Youth Engagement Toolkit that all City staff can use to guide youth engagement.	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toolkit created and promoted for City staff to use.
Recruit and maintain a Youth Steering Group or similar to oversee the delivery of this Strategy.	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Youth Steering Group was created with 9 young people.• We hosted 10 group meetings in 22/23.
Ensure young people are involved with the development and implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan or similar strategies, including the establishment of any community reference groups regarding this action.	Completed and Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Action Reference Group appointed 6 members under the age of 25.




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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