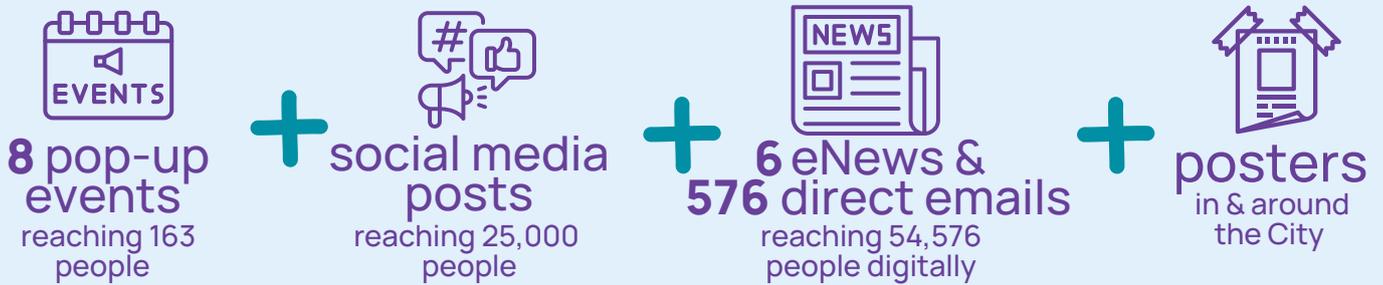


Directions from Young People

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT 2025

Between March and August 2025, we asked more than 550 young people, parents, carers, and community members to share their views on how we can update our Youth Strategy for 2026-2029.

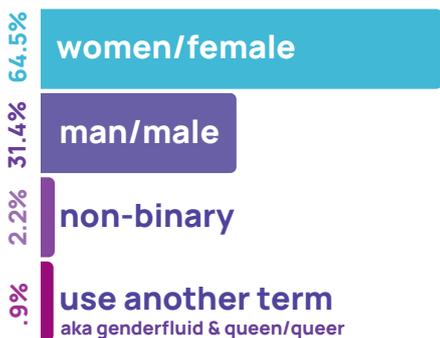
How we got the word out!



555 of you spoke up through...



WE HEARD FROM



73.71% reside in the City of Melville

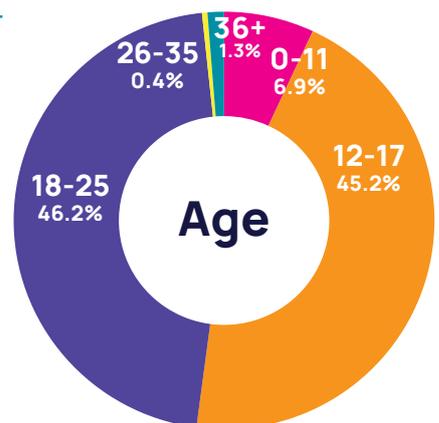
44.7% from culturally diverse background

31.2% living with a disability or neurodiversity

5% Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

33.3% LGBTQIA+

33% living with experience of a mental health difficulty



YOU TOLD US



“this isn't just about a survey, it's turning ideas into real action, real spaces, and real change!”

Your top priorities

- Youth spaces - safe, inclusive places to hang out, relax, and belong.
- Mental health & wellbeing - more support, less stigma, easier access.
- Cost of living - affordable sport, rec, food and housing options
- Environment & climate action - real opportunities to protect nature and get involved.
- Youth voice - being listened to, involved in decisions, and seeing action on ideas.
- Events & programs - more youth-friendly, fun, and regular activities.

Key areas for future focus

Even though the last Strategy was created back in 2021, the four focus areas are still on point! Wellbeing came out on top, with making a difference and youth voice right behind. Good communications and keeping it real were also seen as key to building trust and getting more young people involved.

What do you love about Melville?

- Parks, green space & the foreshore
- Libraries & learning spaces
- Sport and rec facilities
- Food, shopping & social hubs
- Community events & activities
- Safety, friendliness & belonging

“pump track at Point Walter”

love that I can borrow at one library and return at another

“I love Shirley Strickland and the oval for footy”

What's the biggest challenge you face?

- Mental health
- Social media pressure
- School and study stress
- Inclusion and safety

Whats the best way to get you involved?

- Online surveys
- Feedback at school, uni or tafe
- Anonymous feedback boxes
- Social media posts

And yes... food, prizes, and vouchers would help too!

Whats the one big thing you'd change?

- Dedicated youth centre or more safe hangout spaces
- More sport & rec spaces, like skateparks, pump tracks, courts
- Better study spaces and accessible libraries
- Affordable, fun youth events & programs

“a youth centre”

“gaming events like LANs and Minecraft server days”

WHAT'S NEXT?

Your feedback is helping shape the next Directions from Young People - Youth Strategy (2026-2029). Once it's final, we'll share it with you - and then we'll keep you posted on how we're delivering the things you said matter most.