

WHAT YOUTH WANT

IN 2022, WE ASKED ABOUT YOUR WORLD AND EXPERIENCE LIVING, LEARNING, WORKING, AND SPENDING TIME IN HOBSONS BAY...

THIS IS WHAT YOU TOLD US

1,430



719



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1,113

SURVEY RESPONSES

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| 320 | 10-11 YEAR OLDS |
| 625 | 12-17 YEAR OLDS |
| 82 | 18-25 YEAR OLDS |
| 26 | ADULTS |

2. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

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| 1 | FAMILY & FRIENDS | | Relationships with family (including extended family) and friends, and spending time together. |
| 2 | EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT | | Doing well at school and accessing local learning opportunities and employment. For young adults, this included accessing employment. |
| 3 | HAVING FUN | | Having fun, being happy, and the freedom to explore and enjoy life. |

SPECIAL MENTION:

10 - 11 YEARS SPORT

Playing sports, being fit and active, and a member of a team.

12 - 17 YEARS SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

Fairness, equity and ending discrimination.

18 - 25 YEARS HEALTH & WELLBEING

Maintaining your mental and physical health.

"My education and family/friends are probably the two most important things in my life, I also like to be really aware about my mental health and wellbeing."

"I value being happy as a young person. I care most about doing as many things I can while I am young."

4. HOW HOPEFUL ARE YOU?



Over 80% of young people said they were always or mostly hopeful about the future.

"I have supportive and caring family and friends that help to guide me into making decisions for my future."

"I hope for the best as that is what I'm striving for."

"I think there is always a reason to be hopeful, I have no reason to believe I shouldn't have hope."

5. WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN THEY NEED SUPPORT?

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| 1 | FRIENDS | 4 | GP OR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL |
| 2 | PARENTS OR GUARDIAN | 5 | TEACHER OR ADULT RELATIVE |
| 3 | SIBLING | | |

NEXT STEPS

Thanks to everyone who contributed their experience and ideas through the What YOUTH Want campaign. Your voice is helping us shape the activities provided by Hobsons Bay Youth Services.

For more detailed findings from What YOUTH Want contact youth@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

1. WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT HOBSONS BAY?

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| 1 | OUTDOORS | | Beach, parks, gardens, open spaces, and nature reserves. |
| 2 | COMMUNITY | | Connection to the community, the peaceful and local vibe, friendly people. |
| 3 | BEING CLOSE TO THINGS | | Being close to school, shops, public transport, the city, friends, and relatives. |
| 4 | SPORTS & RECREATIONS | | Organised sports and free-range recreation activities like walking and bike-riding. |

"We go on picnics to parks close to us, we also go for bike rides and walks."

SPECIAL MENTION:

12 - 17 YEARS SHOPS & FOOD

Love accessing quality shops and food outlets to hang with friends and socialise.

18 - 25 YEARS FACILITIES & SERVICES

Libraries, youth services and public facilities in the community are valued.

"It's home, like yes i do literally live here, but my family, friends and school life is all here too. My neighbours are always looking out for me."

"I love the beach just down the road and the lovely area around the 100 steps. I really enjoy spending time in nature."

3. WHAT CONCERNS YOU?

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| 1 | ENVIRONMENT | | Tackling climate change, reducing waste and pollution, and protecting the natural world. |
| 2 | SAFETY | | Bullying, cyber-safety, harassment, road safety, crime, and feeling unsafe in public spaces at night. |
| 3 | SOCIAL JUSTICE | | Sexism, racism, LGBTIQ+ rights, animal cruelty, homelessness, and gender equity. |
| 4 | HEALTH & WELLBEING | | School-related stress, youth mental health issues, covid, bullying, and vaping. |

SPECIAL MENTION:

12 - 17 YEARS AMENITY & SERVICES

Rubbish, footpaths, noise complaints, and too much traffic were some of the issues raised.

"Mainly mental health as many people have issues but don't have anyone to talk to about their struggles."

"Cars speeding in my local area, is an issue if a young person is on the road."

"I'm worried about the environment, it is a great stress to me and my friends. If we don't do more for it now, how exactly will we live in the future?"

6. YOUR IDEAS FOR MAKING HOBSONS BAY BETTER FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

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| 1 | SPORTS & RECREATION | | Sports events, facilities, and park (courts, playgrounds, walking tracks) upgrades. |
| 2 | SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE | | Safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces for local young people. |
| 3 | FESTIVALS & EVENTS | | Youth festivals, free public events, markets, fairs, underage gigs, arts and cultural workshops. |
| 4 | HEALTH & WELLBEING | | Mental health services for young people, wellbeing programs, rainbow activities, and community-based opportunities to socialise. |

SPECIAL MENTION:

18 - 25 YEARS EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Career support/development, training and volunteering opportunities.

"More festivals because this would bring our community together."

"More green spaces, more youth activities, more sustainable initiatives in the area."

"Sports facilities - upgrades, lighting, toilets, visible on google maps."

