

Youth Plan

2021 - 2025

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OUR PLAN

The *Shire of Broome Youth Plan 2021 – 2025* guides the development and implementation of key youth programs and services being delivered or proposed by the Shire of Broome.

Young people have unique perspectives, aspirations and needs requiring specific approaches to engaging and supporting them.

There are several different factors which, when combined, increase the likelihood of young people being happy, healthy contributors to their communities.

The Shire's role implementing the Plan ensures appropriate facilities and services are provided to meet the needs of youth in the region.

It is also the responsibility of the Shire to advocate for, and in some instances, partner with, stakeholders to ensure core objectives of the plan are achieved.

The previous *Shire of Broome Youth Framework 2016 – 2018* drew on key research from the *West Kimberley Youth Strategy 2014 –2016*, *Kimberley Regional Strategic Framework for Young People 2016*; and consultation with local stakeholders and young people.

The Youth Plan 2021 – 2025 has been developed in consultation with the community and key stakeholders including WA Police, youth service providers, community groups, and of course, young people themselves.

The Shire of Broome Youth Advisory Council will continue to play a leading role in the delivery of youth initiatives for this plan with members ensuring there is a strong youth voice in this and other major projects delivered by the Shire.

SNAPSHOT – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN BROOME

The Shire commenced a consultation and review process in 2020 to develop the *Youth Plan 2021 - 2025*.

This process included several methods to gain an understanding of the concerns and priorities of the community in relation to youth development in Broome.

Review

Officers conducted a review of all actions contained within the *Youth Framework 2016 – 2018* with those which remained relevant being considered as ongoing actions.

Community Surveying

The Shire of Broome conducted a Community Perceptions Survey in June 2020, which was completed by 1,046 respondents.

The survey results identified ***Services and facilities for young people*** as a high community priority; and comments and feedback were also provided on this theme.

Informal Engagement

The Shire Youth Advisory Council reviewed the key strategic priorities outlined in the *Youth Framework 2016 – 2018*.

This included a focused youth engagement activity held at the Broome Boulevard in March 2020 where young people were asked to rate the priorities to determine which themes they viewed as most important.

A further series of workshops allowed the Youth Advisory Council to inform the Plan's strategic priorities.

Stakeholder Workshop

Key stakeholders were invited to attend a workshop in August 2020 as part of targeted community consultation.

The main objectives of the workshop were to identify current issues relating to youth in Broome and formulate key actions for inclusion in the Plan.

The following stakeholders provided input including:

- Shire of Broome (officers and elected members)
- Nyamba Buru Yawuru
- Department of Education
- Department of Communities
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Broome Senior High School
- Broome Youth and Families Hub
- Year 13 Project
- PCYC

Data Analysis: The statistics analysed and included below were obtained from 2016 Australian census.

- Young people represent 17% of the total population
- 2,900 young People aged 10 – 24 live
- 42% of young people identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



OUR PURPOSE

The Shire of Broome exists to deliver affordable and quality Local Government services, for everyone.

We fulfil the following roles and responsibilities to meet local needs:

- Advocate** We are a voice for the local community, promoting local interest in relation to health and safety, climate change, responsible development and more.
- Facilitate** We help to make it possible or easier to meet community needs.
- Fund** We help to fund organisations to deliver essential community services including Broome Visitor Centre, Surf Lifesaving, festivals, events and more.
- Partner** We form strategic alliances with other interest of the community.
- Provide** We directly provide community infrastructure and services.
- Regulate** We ensure compliance with local laws.

OUR ACTIONS

This Plan has been informed by the *Youth Framework 2016 – 2018*, *West Kimberley Youth Strategy 2014 –2016*, and the *Kimberley Regional Strategic Framework*.

Building upon this research, further consultation through 2020 has consolidated a list of key actions to focus the Shire's efforts over the life of this Plan.

These are:

- Youth Services Coordination
- Youth Facilities and Services
- Youth Diversionary Programs
- Youth Leadership Opportunities



ACTION // Youth Services Coordination

The Broome region has many service providers collectively delivering a diverse range of support services for young people.

The Broome Youth Coordinators Network is a key stakeholder in the coordination of youth services, and consists of representatives of service providers and organisations working with young people throughout the community.

The Network shares information about training and funding opportunities, provides service updates and plans for collaborative projects and events.

Stronger collaboration between service providers was highlighted through the 2020 stakeholder consultation as a key priority.

DELIVERABLES	TIMEFRAME			
	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Facilitate a program of events and activities in celebration of National Youth Week	●	●	●	●
Facilitate networking, information sharing and collaboration through the Broome Youth Coordinators Network and partnerships with relevant stakeholders	●	●	●	●

ACTION // Youth Facilities and Services

Sport, recreation and leisure opportunities are a high priority for young people.

Young people need access to a range of regular physical, cultural, educational and artistic activities to keep them engaged and stimulated.

Provision of health, accommodation, transport services and other services are primarily the responsibility of State Government agencies and non-government organisations.

The Shire of Broome can advocate for these services and will actively support agencies who are delivering them.

DELIVERABLES	TIMEFRAME			
	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Advocate for the provision of essential health services for young people in the Broome region, including mental health.	●	●	●	●
Advocate for the inclusion of a “Youth Services Section” in the Online Community Directory in a format accessible to young people.		●		
Facilitate programs, activities and events at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre Youth Space and encourage usage for youth activities.	●	●		
Advocate for the provision of Youth Crisis Accommodation.	●	●	●	●

ACTION // Youth Diversionary Programs

It is important for young people to have access to safe, youth friendly spaces where they feel welcomed and a sense of belonging.

Juvenile crime is a key concern for the Broome community, including for many young people surveyed.

Addressing issues related to juvenile crime involves both improving outcomes for young offenders and diverting youth from the justice system as well as ensuring the safety of the community.

DELIVERABLES	TIMEFRAME			
	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Fund and partner with key stakeholders to promote programs delivering youth diversionary outcomes	●	●	●	●
Advocate for external funding to ensure the ongoing delivery of diversionary activities and facilities for keeping youth on country.	●	●	●	●

ACTION // Youth Leadership

Young people are a vital and vibrant part of the Broome community and participate in community life in a range of ways including volunteering, employment, participation in sporting clubs, school activities, membership in community groups and committees and social activities.

With support and guidance, young people have great potential to grow as leaders and role models in the community.

DELIVERABLES	TIMEFRAME			
	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Facilitate a Youth Advisory Council for the Shire of Broome	●	●	●	●
Facilitate opportunities for young people to provide input into engagement projects and Council decision making processes.	●	●	●	●
Partner with schools to develop an Annual Youth Forum.	●	●		
Facilitate opportunities for youth traineeships with the Shire of Broome.	●	●	●	●
Partner with schools and youth programs to develop relationships with future employees.	●	●	●	●
Advocate for an increased pool of local candidates through scholarships, traineeships and work experience or similar for young people in Broome.	●	●	●	●

