

Where environment, lifestyle, opportunity meet

The Wadandi Bibulmun people are the traditional custodians, and have lived and breathed off this ancient land for over 40,000 years. It was and continues to be a place of plenty. The Aboriginal name for Busselton is Undalup after the warrior and leader Undal.

The Wadandi people - salt water people, are closely linked to the ocean. They have been hunting and gathering bush foods between the coastal strip, waterways and forests for thousands of years. It is an important part of their culture as stewards of country and they have strong spiritual bonds with it.

The City of Busselton acknowledges the Wadandi people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, play and work. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging.



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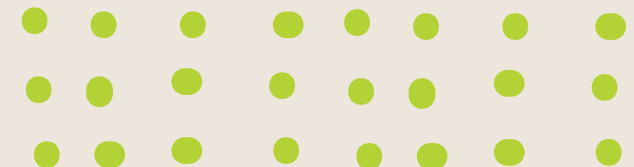
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Message from Mayor

The Youth Plan 2023 – 2027 is the City of Busselton's inaugural youth plan for young people who live, study, work, volunteer or spend time in our community.

This Plan provides strategic direction on how the City will support local young people over the next 4 years. The City acknowledges that our young people are a unique group, requiring tailored planning and consideration as they can face specific challenges. They also have a unique skills and strengths, and an aim of this Plan is to nurture and develop these so that we can contribute to our young people thriving and reaching their full potential. The Plan includes goals and actions across 3 priority areas that respond to the current and emerging needs of our young people thriving and reaching their full potential.

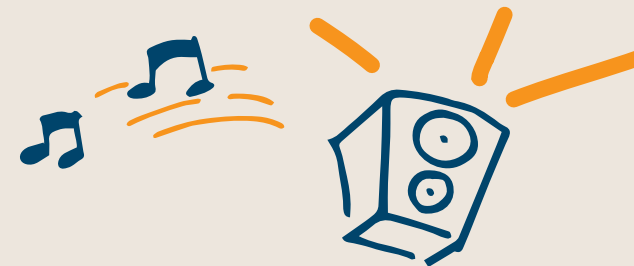
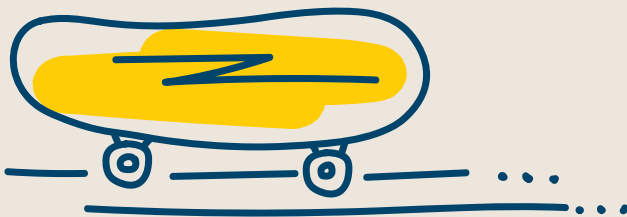
Council recognised young people were an integral part of our community, the growth of our region and our future. It was imperative that council continued to tap into their enthusiasm, optimism, innovation and creativity to help shape our City. This Plan will ensure our young people are involved in decisions that impact on their lives, that they are supported to actively participate in community life, encouraged to develop their identity and independence, and assisted to take responsibility for themselves.

Grant Henley
Mayor

Youth Services vision

To inspire, engage and empower youth to become resilient valued community members by providing them spaces to thrive, opportunities, health and wellbeing support, and mentoring

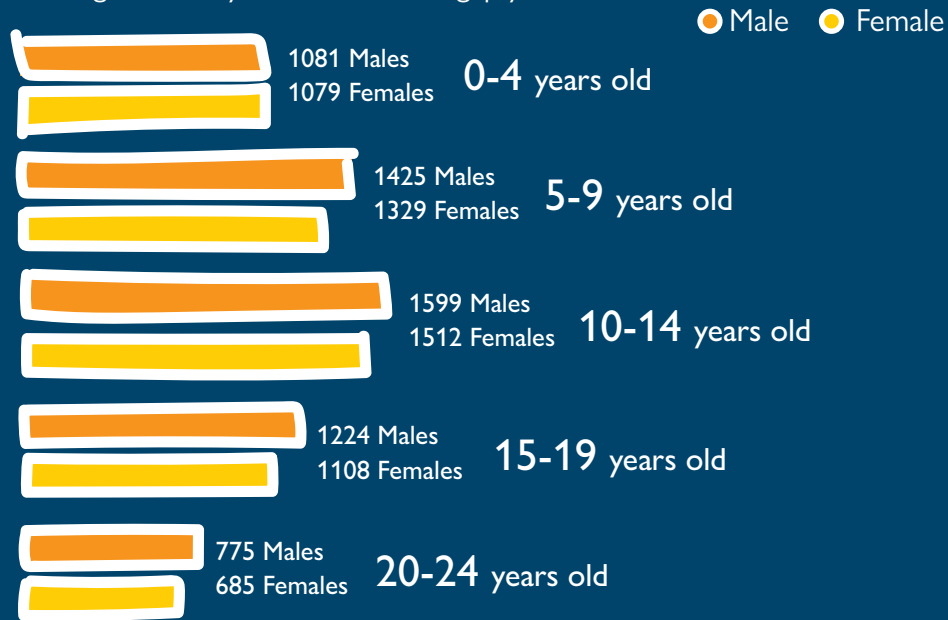
History of youth services



Demographics of Busselton

2021 Total Population for 0 – 24 year olds, 11,817

Young Adults migration patterns: Local Busselton young adults often relocate to commence higher education, enter the workforce, housing availability, travel or take a gap year



15-19 year olds

79% are fully engaged with a combination of study and work

33% Study full time and work part time

The youth plan has a life span of
4 years 2023 - 2027

Emerging issues

What young people are most concerned about



Cost of living



Mental health



Climate change

Emerging issues

For youth organisations



Youth housing



Transport



Working collaboration



Disengagement

Education and Training Options

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Primary Schools

Busselton Primary School | West Busselton Primary
Vasse Primary | Geographe Primary School
Cornerstone Christian College (Busselton and Dunsborough campuses)
St Mary MacKillop Primary | Georgiana Molloy Anglican School
Dunsborough Primary School | Our Lady of the Cape Primary School
Yallingup Steiner School

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Secondary Schools

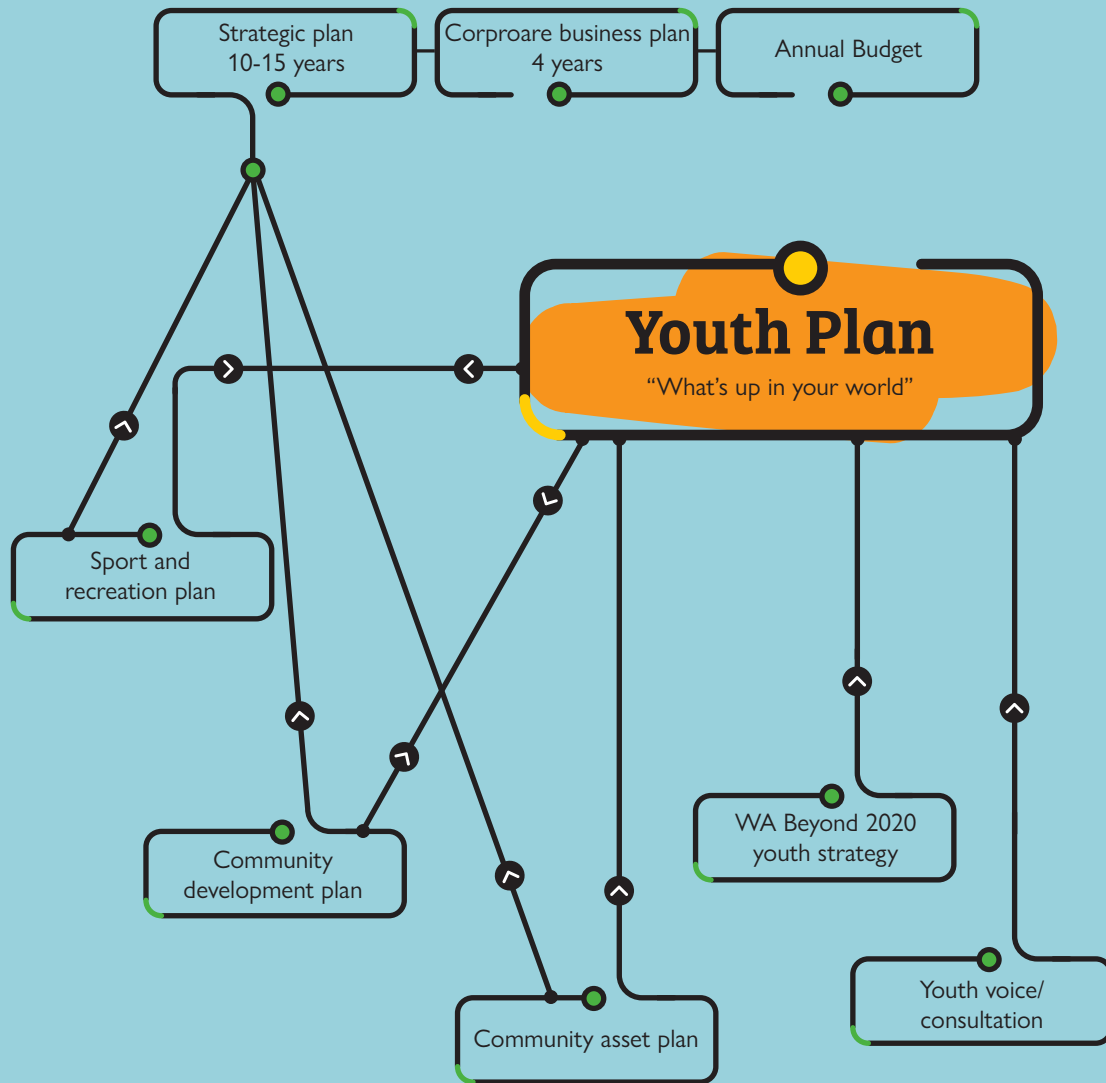
Busselton Senior High School
Cape Naturaliste College
St Mary MacKillop
Cornerstone Christian College
Georgiana Molloy Anglican School
Bunbury Regional Care College

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Higher Education

South Regional TAFE

Links to Other Plans



Community consultation process

How we **listened**

Survey
135 Respondents

Youth leadership forum
79 Attended

Consultation with youth sector/organisations
30 Representatives

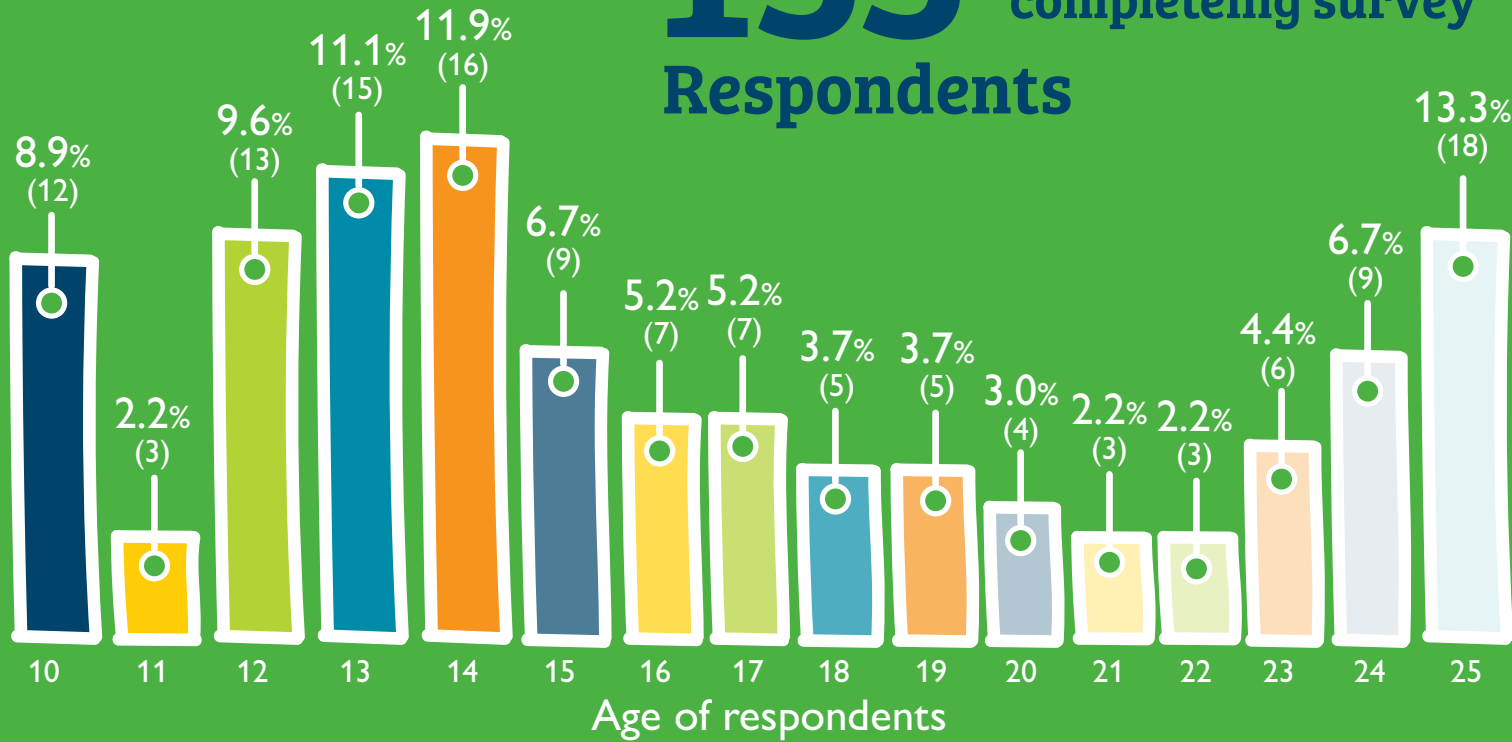
Deep dive with youth
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Survey

135

Age of people completing survey

Respondents



Currently studying at the following places



Young people identified as:



Top 4 things young people want to do after graduating



Barriers/ challenges to obtain employment



Transport



Age



Getting ID, setting up bank account, applying for bank account



Need training or qualification



Experience

Things needed that could help gain employment



Skills and training



Workshops



Access to work experience



Information on traineeships/ apprenticeships



Volunteering opportunities



Transport to and from work

How safe do young people feel living in the City of Busselton

42%

Completely safe

37%

Mostly safe

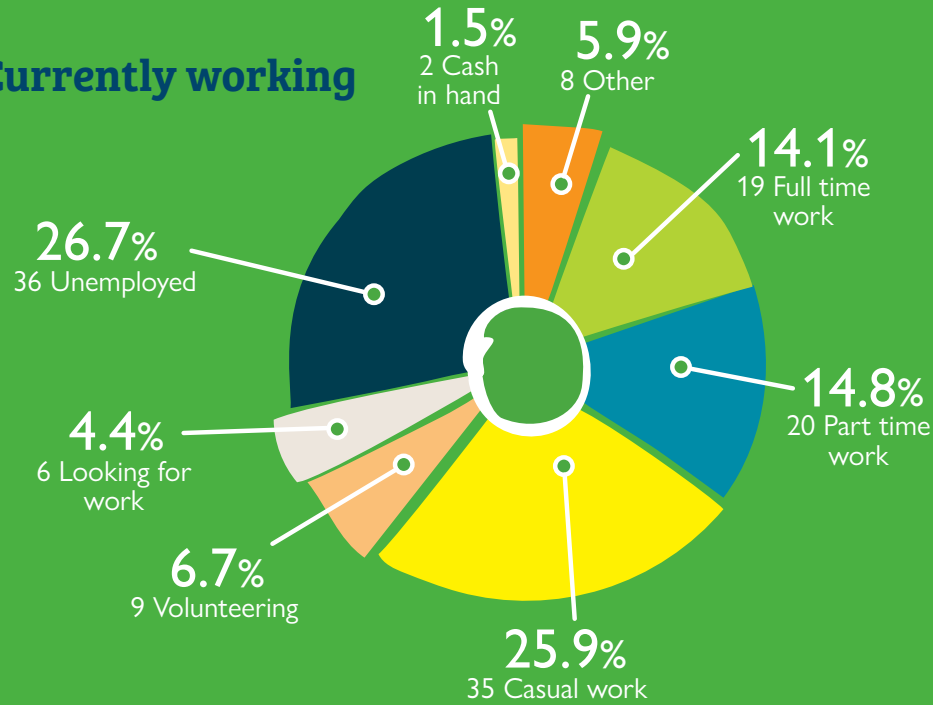
18%

Neutral

3%

Not safe

Currently working



Top 4

Leisure activities young people do outside of school or work

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Team sport

2

Gym/fitness

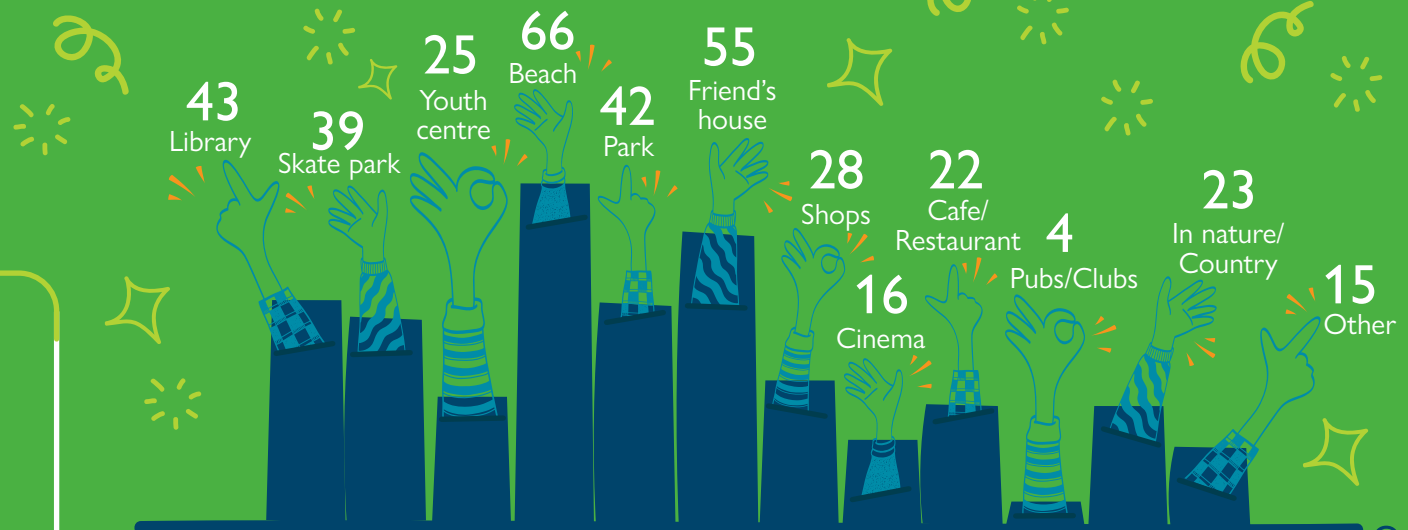
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Gaming

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Music

Where do you spend your free time



Top **4** Places young people seek help

1

Family or friends

2

Doctor or medical professional

3

Teacher or school counsellor

4

Other counselling services



Top **4** barriers preventing young people to seek help

1

Worried about what others will think of them

2

Prefer not to say

3

Don't know where to get help

4

Services are too expensive

Top **5** Worries



Relationship



Doing well at school or studies



Bullying cyber bullying



Finding somewhere to live



Climate change

At the Youth leadership forum

79
YOUTH

Attended and participated in:

Sport and recreation consultation | Saltwater consultation

Library consultation | YACWA - what young people want in the City of Busselton youth plan



What young people want

Sport and recreation



Skate parks are important place to connect



More indoor basketball courts

- indoor, half courts in parks



BMX track

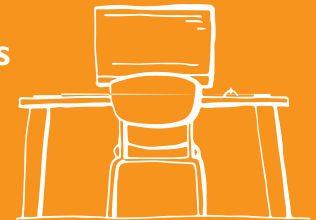
Spaces for youth to hangout like 'The Break'- youth space in Vasse



Library

After hour events | Study pods/ comfy areas

Gaming / VR / e-sports activities | New technology / workshops



Saltwater consultation

TED talks / speakers

Digital technology opportunities

Live music- bands/ DJ's

Escape rooms

Art/dance workshops

Youth takeover



YACWA



Housing affordability

- More focus on youth homelessness and affordable housing/shelter
- Affordable youth housing please

Environment



- Consultation with environment before development! And consent from our Aboriginal population
- Reducing plastic in ocean
- Too many tourists and lots of rubbish
- Expanding housing facilities into wildlife areas is not okay, since everyone is complaining about the decreasing population of our native animals
- More protection for the forests



Mental health support



- I want (poor) youth mental health to be highlighted
- More mental health support
- Raising awareness for mental health

Arts and things to do

- More street art
- Supporting local artists by filling up empty walls with street art
- More fun things to do
- I want people to know that there is not a lot of entertainment for adolescents

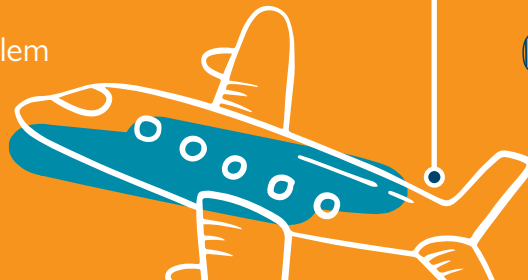


Improving infrastructure

- Get rid of the potholes! This was suggested multiple times
- Public transport improved
- Sporting infrastructure needs improvement

Other suggestions

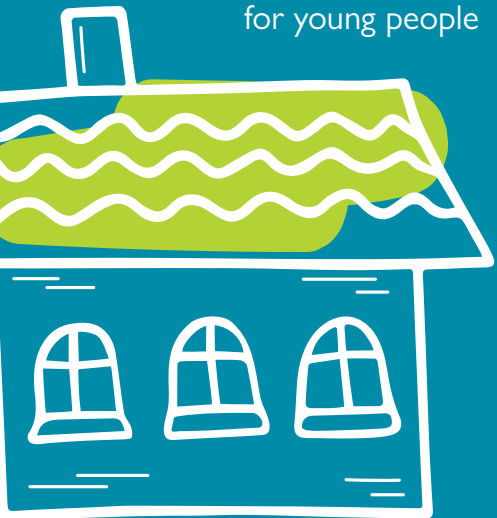
- Vaping is becoming a big problem
- Build the airport!



Organisations stakeholder meeting

30 organisation participated and highlighted the following
Youth

- Youth housing highlighted as a significant issue
- Solutions for youth housing crisis
- Transport is a barrier for young peoples' needs not being met
- More staff to complete actions in services and the City
- Busselton reintroduces the Runaway Bus service, expanding the availability of transport for young people. Linking towns and housing areas to coastal facilities/locations in an affordable and accessible way
- Having services working together in a space friendly for young people



Interviews concerns/ discussion points

12 participated in one on one conversations
Youth

- If I don't have anywhere to live, I can't study, work or live here. Smaller house that are easy to maintain.
- People are embarrassed to talk about mental health, services are unavailable. Having wellness activities cheaply available would be ideal
- We want to be able to play sport at night- we need lights, more ovals, and more basketball courts. This gives young people something to do other than drinking.
- Transport is a barrier to going to school, getting a job accessing appointments
- Alternative options for school and education, school doesn't work for all. We need life skills too, how tax works, how to service a car, open a bank account.
- Need a one place we can access help, rather than 5 different agencies. Trying to understand what each service does is tricky and then trying to get to appointments is almost impossible. We need transport.

Key themes and priorities

Strategic Community Plan priorities 2021 - 2031

Lifestyle

A place that is relaxed, safe and friendly, with services and facilities that support healthy lifestyles

Opportunities

A vibrant City with diverse opportunities and a prosperous economy

Leadership

A Council that connects with the community and is accountable in its decision making

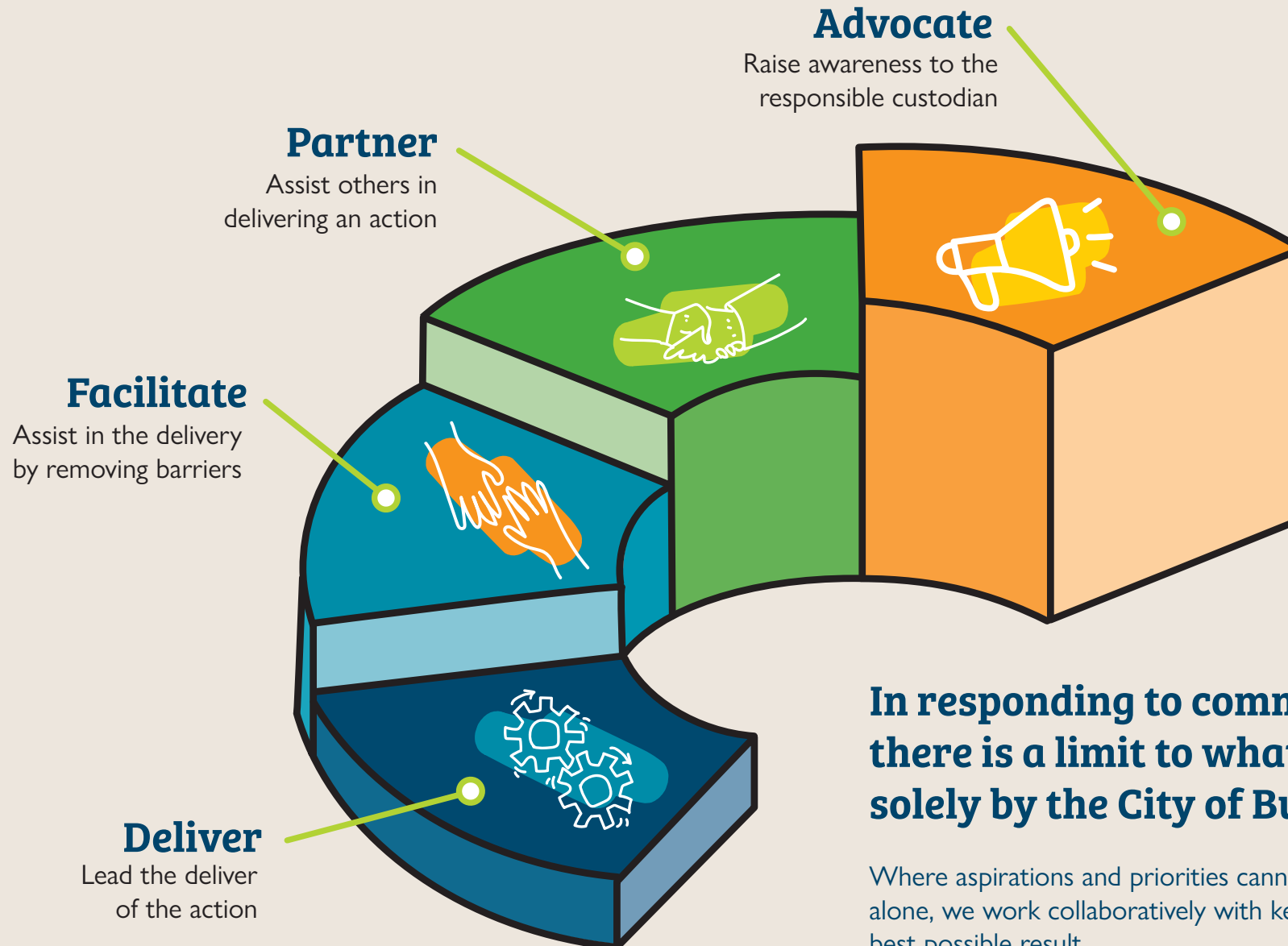
Youth Plan priorities 2023-2027

Improve
young peoples
lifestyles

Provide
Opportunities

Encourage
Leadership

Action of themes and priorities



In responding to community aspirations there is a limit to what can be achieved solely by the City of Busselton.

Where aspirations and priorities cannot be achieved by the City alone, we work collaboratively with key partners to achieve the best possible result.

Key themes and priorities

Improve young peoples Lifestyle

	HOW WILL WE GET THERE	DELIVER	FACILITATE	PARTNER	ADVOCATE
Youth are engaged in health, wellbeing and caring for their environment	Workshops that encourage and promote health and wellbeing	✓		✓	✓
	Promote local health and wellness services				✓
	Promote sustainability and allow young people to have a voice on issues			✓	✓
Youth friendly places and spaces	Encourage events and facilities to cater for youth	✓			
	Explore needs for sport and recreation facilities		✓		
	Advocate for better youth accommodation options				✓
	Investigate need for youth services delivered in Vasse Region	✓			
Celebrate youth & culture	Celebrate youth culture	✓		✓	
	Encourage street art		✓	✓	
	Celebrate NAIDOC and reconciliation week by working with Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander people	✓		✓	
	Support LGBTQIA+ young people				✓



Key themes and priorities

Provide opportunities

	HOW WILL WE GET THERE	DELIVER	FACILITATE	PARTNER	ADVOCATE
Increase work and life skills	Subsidies training opportunities and study hubs for youth	✓			
	Assist youth at risk to obtain life documents	✓	✓		
Youth have access to transport that allows them to work and play	Support youth to overcome barriers in obtaining drivers licence	✓			
	Maintain and improve transport pathways particularly around alternative methods of transport	✓			✓
	Promote alternative methods of transport i.e. bike, skateboarding pathways				✓
Youth traineeships and pathways to employment	Advocate for more alternative education options				✓
	Host and promote youth traineeships		✓		



Key themes and priorities

Encourage Leadership

	HOW WILL WE GET THERE	DELIVER	FACILITATE	PARTNER	ADVOCATE
Encourage youth to have a voice on issues that affect them	Youth lead projects			✓	
	Encourage youth to participate in surveys and community consultation		✓		
	Host local youth leadership forum	✓			
Advocate for youth on State and Federal issues	Advocate for youth on state and federal issues				✓
	Co host the Cape to Cape youth network forum	✓	✓	✓	
Have skilled mentors and peers	Upskill youth services staff to work with youth and issues that affect them		✓		
	Upskill young people to be mental health advocates		✓	✓	

