

12.3. BUDGET REVIEW FORECAST #2 31 DECEMBER 2025

REPORT PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to review and adopt the December 2025 Budget Review Forecast #2 for 2025/26 Financial Year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive the Draft December Budget Review Forecast #2 as presented in the attachment to this report, DOC111974; and**
- 2. Adopt the Draft December 2025 Budget Review Forecast #2 as the revised budget for the 2025/26 Financial Year, noting the following:**
 - **Operating deficit has improved from the Budget Review Forecast #1 by \$221,972 to \$695,110;**
 - **Adjusted Operating Surplus Ratio at 1.7% is within Council's Long Term Financial Plan target of between -3% and +5%,**
 - **Net Financial Liabilities Ratio of 46% is within Council's Long Term Financial Plan target of between -10% and +100%, and**
 - **Asset Sustainability Ratio of 130% is outside of Council's Long Term Financial Plan target range of +90% and +100%, noting that the higher ratio is due to renewal projects work in progress (WIP) being carried over from 2024/25 to 2025/26 financial years.**

12.4. DRAFT YOUTH ACTION PLAN 2026 – 2031 FOR CONSULTATION

REPORT PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026-2031 for the purpose of community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026–2031 as presented in Attachment DOC 111969;**
- 2. Endorse the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026-2031 as presented in Attachment DOC 111969, with minor amendments, for the purposes of public consultation; and**
- 3. Authorise that the consultation period commences Thursday 19 February 2026 for the receipt of submissions until the close of the consultation period at 10am Friday 13 March 2026.**

12.4 DRAFT YOUTH ACTION PLAN 2026-2031 FOR CONSULTATION

REPORT INFORMATION								
Report Title	Draft Youth Action Plan 2026-2031 for consultation							
Document ID	112106							
Organisational Unit	Corporate & Community							
Responsible Officer	Manager Community, Culture & Recreation - Helena Jones							
Report Attachment/s	Yes 111969 COPL Draft Youth Action Plan (YAP) 112052 COPL background report							
REPORT PURPOSE								
The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026-2031 for the purpose of community consultation.								
REPORT DECISION MAKING CONSIDERATIONS								
Council Role	Provide/Respond - Fully or partially fund or provide a service or respond to a need							
Strategic Alignment	SDP GOAL: Goal 2: Liveable and Active Communities SDP ACTION: 2.4 Engage, support and empower Youth through the development of a Youth Action Plan and invest in resourcing to deliver this plan.							
Annual Business Plan 2024/25	ABP INITIATIVE: Not Applicable ABP PROJECT: Not Applicable							
Annual Business Plan 2025/26	ABP INITIATIVE: Youth Action Plan ABP PROJECT: Not Applicable							
Legislation	Not Applicable							
Policy	Not Applicable							
Budget Implications	Not Applicable							
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	Budget assessment comments: The YAP does not impact the current 2025/2026 budget. The total cost to Council to deliver the YAP 2026-2031 actions, excluding actions that will be undertaken within existing operational budgets, is estimated at \$150,000.							
Risk Implications	Low Risk							
Resource Implications	This is a planned resource allocation							
Public Consultation	Yes - Recommended							
IAP2 Commitment	CONSULT - We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public feedback input has influenced the decision.							

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026–2031 as presented in Attachment DOC 111969;**
2. **Endorse the Draft Youth Action Plan 2026-2031 as presented in Attachment DOC 111969, with minor amendments, for the purposes of public consultation; and**
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REPORT DETAIL

Background

During the review of Council's Strategic Directions Plan, the need to clearly define Council's role in supporting young people emerged as a key priority. This recognition reflects growing awareness that local government plays a crucial role in creating environments where youth feel safe, valued and heard.

The Draft Youth Action Plan (YAP) provides a strategic framework for Council to respond to the needs, aspirations and challenges faced by young people in Port Lincoln within Council's scope and resourcing capacity. The YAP will ensure that youth voices are embedded in decision-making and that Council programs, services and spaces are designed and activated with young people's wellbeing and development in mind. The YAP will also complement and strengthen the work of the Youth Collective and local stakeholder's by fostering collaboration and addressing service gaps and advocating for resources to support the evolving needs of young people. The YAP will clearly define Council's role, identifying where Council acts as a provider, collaborator, or advocator within the youth space.

While the draft YAP has a predominant focus on young people aged 5 – 18, it also recognises early childhood (0 – 5) and young adults (19 – 24) through existing programming, advocacy, transition to adulthood outcomes and broader community-level support.

The YAP has been developed in consideration with other relevant Council plans and strategies and also references the South Australian Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People, the South Australian Youth Action Plan 2025–2028, and the Office for Youth *Engage!* Strategy.

Draft YAP 2026–2031 Development Process

A Project Management Plan was developed to guide the creation of Council's YAP. The development process included the following:

- Review of existing Council plans and strategies and relevant external strategies;
- Research of Youth Action Plans from comparable councils;
- Analysis of relevant population data and statistics;
- Early targeted consultation process (youth organisations and youth survey);
- Attendance at interagency and consortium meetings; and
- Facilitation of monthly Youth Collective meetings.

Early Targeted Consultation process

Twenty-three targeted consultation sessions were conducted with local youth organisations and service providers. Key themes that emerged as a part of this consultation include:

- Participation and engagement barriers;
- Lack of youth voice and inclusion opportunities;
- Mental health and wellbeing challenges;
- Housing and cost of living pressures; and
- Transition to adulthood barriers.

A youth survey was conducted from 16 October 2025 to 6 November 2025, receiving 223 responses, with most respondents being aged between 11 and 13. The survey explored modes of transport, use of spaces, participation in programs, clubs and groups, and viewpoints relative to spaces and facility improvements.

Key findings included:

- The most common modes of transport include being dropped off or walking;
- The foreshore, Port Lincoln Leisure Centre and parks ovals were the most visited spaces;
- 49% of young people surveyed use Council spaces a few times a week; and
- Feedback from young people about local spaces was largely positive or neutral with 67% expressing positive views.

From the open-ended questions, several key themes emerged:

- Young people value open spaces as places to connect;
- Respondents highlighted enjoying outdoor areas and recreational activities available within these spaces; and
- There were mixed responses relative to maintenance and facility conditions.

The survey provided valuable insight into what young people value about the Port Lincoln community, as well as their use of Council spaces and facilities.

Assessment of feedback received during the early targeted consultation process indicates that some of the challenges and barriers highlighted are outside of Council's scope and resourcing capacity. The YAP will focus on activation of facilities, spaces and programs to support participation and engagement opportunities and ensuring that youth voices are embedded in our decision-making. We will continue to play an advocacy role in areas such as mental health and crisis support.

DRAFT YAP FORMAT

The draft YAP identifies three key focus areas:

Focus Area 1: Activating Council Spaces, Facilities and Programs

Council will work to making public spaces more welcoming, Inclusive, and fun for young people.

Focus Area 2: Collaborating with Local Organisations

Council will continue to strengthen partnerships across schools, youth services, clubs, and community groups.

Focus Area 3: Advocating for Resources and Emerging Needs

Council will continue to champion youth needs in areas beyond its direct scope.

These focus areas were developed through research aligned with the Project Management Plan and youth and stakeholder engagement.

The draft YAP has been intentionally designed to engage young people, presenting key information in a concise, visually appealing format that incorporates infographics and other youth-friendly design

elements. While the public-facing document is deliberately high-level, the development process has drawn on extensive research and detailed analysis.

This comprehensive information will be valuable when preparing grant applications to support implementation of YAP actions. To ensure this detail is accessible, a comprehensive Background Report has been prepared to accompany and inform the YAP.

The Structure of the YAP is broken down as follows:

- Mayor’s Message;
- Introduction and Scope;
- Council’s role and vision for young people;
- Demographic and data snapshot;
- Analysis of how Council already supports young people in our community;
- Early targeted consultation process summary;
- Identification of Key Focus Areas; and
- Five Year Action Plan (that includes the current year 2025/26, referencing work already being undertaken in the youth space)

Action Plan

As part of the YAP, a clear and measurable list of actions, aligned to the three key focus areas, has been developed responding to themes and needs identified during the early targeted consultation process, youth related trends, and relevant actions within existing Council and external plans and strategies. By taking this approach, Council can ensure that actions and initiatives are relevant to local needs and contribute to broader outcomes, supporting a more inclusive, supportive and opportunity-rich environment for young people in Port Lincoln.

Budget Impact

Many actions within the YAP will be delivered within existing operational budgets.

Actions that will be included for future budget considerations will include:

- Further develop and advocate for youth-focused arts and cultural programs and projects to support existing and emerging young artists in partnership with Country Arts SA and other relevant stakeholders;
- Promote and support youth leadership programs that empower young people to develop skills, build confidence and grow independently, such as via the Connected and Active Community Program, and the YMCA Youth Parliament Program; and
- Collaborate with youth organisations and other key stakeholders to design and deliver programs and events that activate Council spaces and facilities during Youth Week, school holiday periods and at other appropriate times to engage and support young people.

The total estimated cost to Council to deliver the Youth Action Plan 2026–2031 actions, excluding actions that will be delivered within existing operational budgets, is estimated at \$30,000 per annum, totalling \$150,000 over the five-year period.

Consultation

Following Council endorsement of the draft YAP 2026–2031, the draft YAP will be released for public consultation via Council’s ‘YourSay’ platform.

The consultation period will commence on Thursday 19 February 2026 and close at 10:00am on Friday 13 March 2026. Public promotion will encourage community members, stakeholders and young people to provide feedback.

Hardcopies of the draft YAP will be available at key Council sites such as the Council administration office, Nautilus Arts Centre and Port Lincoln Library.

In addition, the following will also be undertaken to ensure the voices of youth from within our community are heard:

- The Youth Coordinator will visit youth organisations such as Headspace and West Coast Youth and Community Support;
- Distribution of hard copies to all primary and secondary schools in Port Lincoln to encourage student feedback; and
- Presentation of the draft Plan to the Youth Collective for feedback.

All feedback received during the consultation process will be collated into a consultation report and presented to Council at the April 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.



City of Port Lincoln

YOUTH ACTION PLAN

2026-2031

DRAFT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Barngarla People, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the City of Port Lincoln rests and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture, and community.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present, and emerging, and we extend that respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



On behalf of the City of Port Lincoln I am extremely proud to introduce the City of Port Lincoln's first-ever Youth Action Plan, a shared commitment to empowering every young person in our community, from our littlest learners to our emerging leaders.

Young people aren't just our future, they're shaping our community today. It's our job to make sure they have the spaces, support, and voice they need to thrive.

This plan was developed with young people at its heart, it reflects what we've heard from young people, service providers and organisations across Port Lincoln. It's about more than programs or projects, it's about creating a city where young people feel safe, seen, and supported. A place where parks, libraries, community centres and shared spaces are welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant hubs for connection, creativity, and belonging.

We're also proud to be working closely with youth organisations, schools, and community groups, whose passion and dedication ensure that our young people have real opportunities to lead, learn and be heard.

When we listen to young people, we build stronger communities. This plan is our promise to walk beside them, not just for them.

Together, let's make it happen for our young people today, and for the future we all share.

Diana Mislov
Mayor, City of Port Lincoln

WELCOME TO PORT LINCOLN'S YOUTH ACTION PLAN!

Young people are a big part of Port Lincoln. You learn here, play here, hang out with friends here, and help shape our community's future.

The Youth Action Plan provides a blueprint for Council's contribution to supporting young people in our community and will assist in delivering Council's Strategic Directions Plan Goal 2: Liveable and Active Communities, with a core focus on embedding the voices of young people aged 5-18 in Council decision making, and shaping services, programs and public spaces that support their wellbeing and development.

The Plan has a predominant focus on young people aged 5-18. It also acknowledges the needs of early years (0-5) and young adults (19-24) through advocacy and broader community level support.

If you want more detail, please read the Youth Background Report, which sits behind The Plan and can be found on our website.

SCOPE

The Plan focuses on:

- Activating Council spaces, facilities and programs
- Collaborating with local schools, youth organisations and service providers
- Advocating for resources and support to address emerging needs for young people

Direct service provision, such as the delivery of specialist services or case management, is outside the scope of this strategy. Where necessary, Council will continue to play an advocacy and lobbying role to ensure young people can access appropriate supports.

In addition, specific capital projects that support activities such as cycling and walking fall under other Council strategies, including the Walking and Cycling Strategy and the Open Space Strategy.

OUR ROLE – HOW COUNCIL SUPPORTS YOUTH

Young people want clear, easy-to-understand support.
Council’s role fits into three areas:



OUR VISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Port Lincoln is a community where all young people feel:

Safe in their homes, schools, and public spaces

Welcome and included no matter their background or identity

Connected through friends, clubs, culture, and community

Inspired and supported to learn, grow, and lead

Able to have a say in decisions that affect them

PORT LINCOLN YOUTH — YOU'RE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Port Lincoln is full of young people doing amazing things! Nearly 1 in 5 locals are aged 5–18, which means you make a huge impact on what our City looks and feels like.

Our youth community is super diverse including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, young people with disability, culturally diverse families, and young carers. All these different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences are what make Port Lincoln unique.

Young people are out there doing great stuff:

Around 75% of 15–19-year-olds are working or studying

Many are connected to local sport and recreation clubs

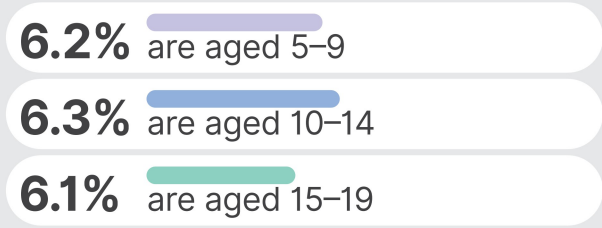
Lots volunteer, help out, and show up for your community

We also know that not everyone has the same opportunities. This Youth Action Plan is all about breaking down barriers so every young person, no matter who you are or what your situation is, feels welcome, respected, supported, and ready to thrive.

PORT LINCOLN YOUTH SNAPSHOT

15,037 people call Port Lincoln home and **young people make up 18.6% of the whole town!**

**Estimated population as at June 2024*



A Diverse Community

- 6.6% of locals identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 76 young people (5–18) were born overseas
- 4.4% of people speak a language other than English at home

You're Busy Achieving Big Things

- 74% of 15–19-year-olds are working, studying, or doing both
- 18.9% of people aged 15+ volunteer
- 5.3% of residents are primary carers, supporting family or loved ones
- 10.3% of people aged 15+ live with disability or need support with daily activities

Sport Superstars

In 2025, 1,962 sports vouchers were used by students from Reception-Year 9

Australian Bureau of Statistics – Region Summary: Port Lincoln
*** Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (sports voucher data)*



HOW WE ALREADY SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION AND CAREER PATHWAYS

We regularly host visits from local school groups to educate students on the role of Council and attend events and initiatives such as expos to promote career opportunities in local government.

We have included the provision of a Council employee trainee program into our Enterprise Agreement to implement a Council trainee program for candidates aged 15 to 21.

ADVOCACY

We undertake advocacy and lobbying of key government departments and other bodies on behalf of young people. For example, together with CEG we lobbied the SA Skills Commission for additional financial support for youth undertaking traineeships and apprenticeships for costs associated with travelling to Adelaide. We have also supported local organisations such as West Coast Youth and Community Support lobby for funding for initiatives such as the community night bus that provides safe transport home for young people.

YOUTH COORDINATOR

We have engaged a Youth Coordinator to support the activation of council spaces for young people, foster collaborative partnerships and advocate for young people on challenges and systemic barriers that fall outside Council's direct scope and resourcing.



PORT LINCOLN LIBRARY – MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

A welcoming hub for learning, creativity & connection:

- LEGO & STEM Clubs, Storytime, School Holiday Activities
- Toy Library, free Wi-Fi, quiet study areas
- Literacy packs & early learning resources

SPACES TO EXPLORE, PLAY & CONNECT

A few places & spaces we manage:

- 14 playgrounds & 7 BBQ areas
- The Parnkalla Trail – 22km coastal walking track
- A safe beach enclosure with lockers, showers and accessible ramp access
- The community BMX track & skate park
- Key sporting facilities, including:
 - * Centenary Oval
 - * Kirton Oval
 - * Poole Oval
 - * Tennis Courts
 - * Ravendale Sporting Complex

These public spaces support an active, social lifestyle in beautiful settings across Port Lincoln.



ARTS, EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Our Nautilus Arts Centre

- Hosts music, comedy, arts & youth-friendly shows (400+ capacity)
- The gallery shop supports local creators, including local young artists
- There are gallery spaces for exhibitions by local artists of all ages

Tunarama

We hold the Tunarama festival in January each year. A free to attend festival that has a range of events and activities for young people.

ArtEyrea

Run by council and supported by Country Arts SA via the Arts and Cultural Facilitator, ArtEyrea give young people chances to join creative workshops and build skills, confidence and self-expression.

VOLUNTEERING (18+)

Want to build confidence, gain experience, and give back? Opportunities include:

- Mill Cottage, Library, Nautilus Arts Centre, Cruise Ship Program

YOUTH AWARDS

Each year, Council presents an award to a graduating Year 12 Student from each of the secondary schools located within Port Lincoln who have shown outstanding leadership and service to the community. We also present the Young Citizen of the Year Award, and the annual Port Lincoln Art Prize event includes the Youth Category.



GRANT FUNDING

We provide funding to West Coast Youth and Community Support for programs and events such as the annual Snag and Roll Skate Park Event. We also support other organisations such as sporting groups to deliver programs and initiatives to support young people participate.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Council owns a range of facilities that are leased by organisations who provide services to the community including youth. These include Flinders Theatre (local cinema) and the UniHub Facility. Council worked collaboratively with UniHub to bring this much needed tertiary education facility to the region, reducing the requirement for our young people to have to travel to Adelaide and beyond for study. We provide a space to West Coast Youth and Community Support for their Youth Hub facility, a youth-friendly, accessible space for young people to gather.

PORT LINCOLN LEISURE CENTRE

We own the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre, an important facility where young people gather to learn to swim, play sport and connect with each other.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

We support the Children's University, with the Port Lincoln Library being a Learning Destination, and Mayor Mislov has been appointed as an Ambassador for Children's University.

YOUTH COLLECTIVE

We are a part of the Youth Collective, a network of youth services working together to:

- Share ideas
- Spot emerging needs
- Improve support for young people across Port Lincoln

We meet monthly to make sure youth voices and needs are heard.

HOW WE LISTENED

To build this Youth Action Plan, we engaged with young people, schools, and organisations across Port Lincoln to find out what’s working, what’s missing, and what matters to young people.

HOW WE ENGAGED

- 23 sessions with local youth services (like Headspace, Mentally Fit EP, Uni Hub, TAFE SA & Aboriginal Access Centre, West Coast Youth and Community Support + more)
- Every primary and high school in Port Lincoln
- 223 surveys completed by young people (aged 5–18) and families

WHAT YOU TOLD US

Who Responded

- Mostly aged 11–13
- 56% male, 42% female, 2% not stated
- Most answered for themselves

How You Spend Your Free Time

- Hanging out with friends – 76%
- Sport – 66%
- Video games – 60%

How You Get Around

- 67% get dropped off
- 49% walk

Clubs & Groups

- 70% are in a local club or group
- 73% feel positive about being involved
- Common themes: friends, fun, community, staying active

Where You Spend Time

- Foreshore – 54%
- Leisure Centre – 52%
- Parks & ovals – 44%
- Nearly half visit Council spaces a few times a week

What You Think of Council Spaces

- 67% positive, 31% neutral
- You want:
 - * More social spaces
 - * Better maintenance
 - * More outdoor + recreation options
 - * Stronger inclusion opportunities

IN YOUR WORDS



WHAT WE HEARD FROM STAKEHOLDERS WHO SUPPORT YOUTH

Young people are facing several challenges when it comes to support and opportunities:

- Mental health services often have long wait times, and alcohol, drug, and gambling support is limited, especially for younger teens.
- Safe and affordable housing is in short supply, leaving some young people homeless or living in overcrowded homes.
- Driving lessons, tests, and transport options can be expensive or hard to access.
- Not enough fun activities for young people.
- Lacking safe and culturally welcoming spaces.
- Many young people also don't know what services are available, and programs sometimes struggle to keep youth engaged.

Stakeholder feedback aligns with broader trends relative to young people:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Housing and cost of living pressures
- Transition to adulthood
- Participation and engagement
- Youth voice and inclusion

WHAT COUNCIL WILL FOCUS ON

Council's focus areas are:

FOCUS AREA 1: Activating Council Spaces, Facilities and Programs

Council will work to making public spaces more welcoming, inclusive, and fun for young people.

We will:

- Explore ways to improve accessibility, inclusiveness, and safety in youth spaces
- Support youth activities, sport, art and recreation in Council spaces
- Keep listening to young people about what makes a space feel welcoming
- Explore youth-led projects (e.g., art, signage, or pop-up spaces)
- Keep improving maintenance and cleanliness where needed

FOCUS AREA 2: Collaborating with Local Organisations

Council will continue to strengthen partnerships across schools, youth services, clubs, and community groups.

We will:

- Work closely with the Youth Collective to identify shared priorities
- Support joint programs between schools, youth services, clubs and community groups
- Assist in strengthening communication, so young people know where to find help
- Promote accessible, low-cost activities for all ages
- Celebrate youth culture, leadership, and achievements

FOCUS AREA 3: Advocating for Resources and Emerging Needs

Some issues are bigger than Council and are beyond the capacity of local stakeholder organisations but they still matter to young people. Council will advocate for better support and investment.

We will advocate for:

- Better access to mental health services
- Improved transport options and more driving lessons/test availability
- Affordable and safe housing
- Culturally safe services, especially for Aboriginal young people
- Accessible, inclusive spaces for young people with disability
- External funding and investment for community-run programs that respond quickly to emerging issues

YAP ACTIONS

Action	Team	Role	Timeframe										
			Current	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31					
Focus Area 1: Activating Council Spaces, Facilities and Programs													
Make public spaces more welcoming, inclusive, and youth-friendly through improved design, programming, and opportunities for recreation and connection													
1. Introduce initiatives and increase awareness of community spaces and facilities to encourage youth and families to explore their local surroundings For example, via the community e-newsletter, social media, my local app and website.	CCR	Provider											
2. When upgrading Council facilities and spaces, explore opportunities to make them accessible and welcoming for young people. Enhancements may include youth-friendly seating including solar powered smart benches, shaded areas, IT connectivity (e.g. public wi-fi) and informal play or activity elements that support social connection and recreation.	P&P ICT LIB NAC	Provider											
3. Continue to connect young people to physical activity opportunities (structured and non-structured) via the Connected and Active Communities Program.	CCR	Provider	Within operational budget										
4. Continue to deliver events and activities at the Port Lincoln Library where young people, families and carers can learn, play and connect.	LIB	Provider											
5. Continue to provide dedicated spaces for West Coast Youth and Community Support's Youth Hub, and UniHub Spencer Gulf, including consideration of all reasonable facility modifications required to support ongoing service delivery.	P&P	Provider											
6. Implement priority actions from Council's Open Space Strategy and Walking and Cycling Strategy to enhance walking and cycling connectivity across the City.	P&P CA&O	Provider											
7. Continue to implement the Local Area Traffic Management Council School Precinct Plan actions to improve safety for walking and cycling to school.	CA&O	Provider											
8. Advocate and seek funding and investment for key projects identified in the Open Space and Walking and Cycling Strategy, such as improvements to the BMX facility and the development of a pump track.	P&P	Provider											
9. Further develop and advocate for youth-focused arts and cultural programs and projects to support existing and emerging young artists in partnership with Country Arts SA and other relevant stakeholders.	CCR NAC	Provider		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000				
Focus Area 2: Collaborating with Local Organisations													
Strengthening partnerships with schools, youth service providers and community groups to deliver coordinated and effective support for young people.													
10. Continue to support local community-based social inclusion and wellbeing programs for young people through Council's Community Grant Funding.	CCR	Provider											
11. Support and assist the distribution of the Port Lincoln Organisations and Services Directory, developed by West Coast Youth and Community Support to young people their families and support networks.	CCR	Collaborator											
12. Promote and support youth leadership programs that empower young people to develop skills, build confidence and grow independently, such as via the Connected and Active Community Program, and the YMCA Youth Parliament Program.	CCR	Collaborator		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000				
13. Continue active participation in the Youth Collective to share initiatives and enhance support and opportunities for young people.	CCR	Collaborator											
14. Work collaboratively with local schools and youth organisations to ensure representation from young people in council consultation processes and development of relevant Council projects and initiatives. For example, via Headspace and West Coast Youth and Community Support Youth Advisory Committees.	CCR	Collaborator											

Action	Team	Role	Timeframe					
			Current	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
15. Work collaboratively with local stakeholders to seek grant funding and other investment to deliver large scale events and initiatives aimed at young people that celebrate them including music, arts and entrepreneurship.	CCR	Collaborator	Subject to grant funding					
16. Collaborate with TAFE, local childcare providers and other stakeholders to deliver the Flying Start Grant targeting community youth to choose to study Early Childhood Development, inclusive of the development of a mentor program to support them through their studies.	P&C	Collaborator	As per project scope					
17. Continue to participate in local careers expos and other events and initiatives that promote and support youth employment outcomes.	P&C	Collaborator	Within operational budget					
18. Collaborate with youth organisations and other key stakeholders to design and deliver programs and events that activate Council spaces and facilities during school holiday periods and at other appropriate times to engage and support young people, such as Youth Week events.	CCR	Provider	Within operational budget	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Focus Area 3: Advocating for Resources and Emerging Needs								
Championing youth priorities outcomes and supporting innovative, community-led programs that address evolving issues.								
19. Advocate for the promotion and use of the Office of Youth Digital Youth Hub to support young people as they transition into adulthood.	CCR	Advocator	Within operational budget					
20. Advocate for initiatives targeting cost barriers to support young people participating in recreation activities.	CCR	Advocator	Within operational budget					
21. Advocate for programs and initiatives that address barriers to youth employment such as driver's education and travel and accommodation costs associated with traineeships and apprenticeships.	CCR	Advocator	Within operational budget					
22. Advocate for pathways and initiatives, such as the Uni Hub, TAFE SA and other educational and career pathway stakeholder organisations, that supports young people to achieve their educational goals.	CCR	Advocator	Within operational budget					
23. Continue to implement a civic engagement program for delivery to school groups to educate young people about Council's role, how they can connect, engage and be involved with Council.	CCR	Provider	Within operational budget					
24. Continue to advocate for improved public transportation for the region to assist young people to be able to move around easier and access facilities and programs.	CCR	Advocator	Within operational budget					
25. Recognise and celebrate young people's contributions and achievements with the community via the community e-newsletter to foster understanding, connection and a positive profile of young people.	CCR	Collaborator	Within operational budget					
26. Continue to resource Council's Youth Coordinator position to support the activation of Council spaces for young people, foster collaborative partnerships and advocate for young people on challenges and systemic barriers that fall outside Council's direct scope and resourcing.	CCR	Provider	Within operational budget					
27. Continue implementation of provisions within Council's Enterprise Agreement to establish a trainee program, ensuring sustainable pathways for young people into Council employment.	P&C	Collaborator	Within operational budget					
28. Support local volunteer involving organisations to promote opportunities for young people through Council communications, helping them build skills and contribute to the community.	CCR	Provider	Within operational budget					
TOTALS				\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000

Team

CA&O - Civil Assets and Operations

CCR - Community, Culture & Recreation

ICT - ICT & Innovation

LIB - Library

NAC - Nautilus Arts Centre

P&P - Places and Presentation



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City of Port Lincoln

YOUTH ACTION PLAN

2026-2031

BACKGROUND REPORT

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Barngarla People, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which the City of Port Lincoln rests and their continuing connection to land, sea, culture, and community.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present, and emerging, and we extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

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1. Introduction

The Youth Background Report (Report) outlines insights and evidence about young people aged 5-18 in Port Lincoln. It provides a foundation for the City of Port Lincoln's (Council) Youth Action Plan (the Plan) by summarising community demographics, engagement outcomes, existing services, and trends that affect youth wellbeing and participation.

The report is informed by Council's Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034, community consultation, and state and national frameworks. During the recent review of the Strategic Directions Plan, one priority strongly emerged, the need to better define Council's role in the youth space. This reflects a growing recognition that local government plays an important part in creating places and opportunities where young people feel welcome, valued, connected, and heard.

The Plan will clarify how Council will act as:

- **A provider** of youth-friendly spaces, programs, and information.
- **A collaborator** working with schools, community organisations, youth groups, and service providers.
- **An advocator** championing youth wellbeing, highlighting emerging needs, and seeking partnerships and investment.

The Plan ensures that youth voices are embedded into Council decision-making, and that Council services, programs, and public spaces are shaped with young people's wellbeing and development in mind. While the Plan focuses on young people aged 5-18, it also acknowledges the importance of early years (0-5) and young adults (19-24), who benefit from broader community services, recreation spaces, and support available in Port Lincoln.

In scope:

- Young people aged 5-18
- Council-owned facilities, programs, events and information
- Partnerships with local youth organisations
- Advocacy to state and federal government
- Youth engagement activities

Out of scope (but still important):

- Specialist services such as case management or counselling
- Major capital works (addressed through other Council strategies)
- Service delivery for the 0-5 and 19-24 age groups (support through partnership and advocacy rather than direct delivery)

This report establishes an evidence base for the development of the Plan by outlining local demographics, youth engagement insights, existing Council services and emerging trends affecting young people. It responds to a clear message from the community and the Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034 review, that Council's role in the youth space must be better defined.

2. Strategy Context

The Plan is informed by a combination of Council's Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034 and key state and national frameworks, that prioritise youth wellbeing, connection, participation and long-term development. These frameworks help align local actions with broader directions for South Australia's young people.

Strategic Directions Plan 2025–2034

The Report aligns with Council's broader strategic priorities, particularly the commitment: *"A safe and liveable community that provides an opportunity for children and young people to reach their potential."*

Strategic Action 2.4 specifically references the engagement, support, and empowerment of youth through development and resourcing of a Youth Action Plan.

Other related Council strategies supporting youth include:

- Sport and Recreation Strategy 2023–2027
- Volunteer Management Plan 2025–2030
- Open Space Strategy 2021–2026
- Southern Eyre Peninsula Regional Public Health Plan 2023–2028
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2021–2025
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Walking and Cycling Strategy 2026–2036.

State and National Frameworks

Key frameworks shaping Council's understanding of youth needs:

- **SA Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People (birth–18)** – emphasises wellbeing, safety, education, preparation for adulthood, and culturally informed support.
- **South Australian Youth Action Plan 2025–2028 (12–24 years)** – highlights mental health, connection to services, recreation, transition to adulthood, housing pressures, and participation.
- **The Office for Youth – Engage! Strategy** – strengthens youth participation in government decision-making and ensures youth voices are heard.
- **The Office of Youth – Digital Youth Hub** – an online resource that helps young people with practical life and work skills, such as getting a tax file number and preparing a resume.
- **Mission Australia Youth Survey 2025** – identifies national youth concerns including cost of living, mental health, safety, and environmental issues.

Why This Matters Locally:

Referencing these frameworks ensures that Council's Plan:

- Reflects local needs while supporting broader systemic goals.
- Complements the work of community organisations and agencies.
- Informs Council advocacy in areas beyond its direct scope (e.g., mental health, housing, transport).

3. Shaping the Youth Action Plan

The Plan has been shaped by Council's commitment to supporting young people in Port Lincoln, local insights and state-level priorities. It brings together the voices of young people, families, schools, service providers, and community organisation to ensure Council's actions are grounded in real experiences and emerging needs.

Defining Council's Role

Through the Strategic Directions Plan 2025-2034 review and consultation with the community, Council identified the need to clearly define its role in the youth space. The Plan confirms that Council's contribution occurs across three complementary roles:

- **Provider:** Delivering Council-owned facilities, programs, activities, and information that support youth safety, participation, wellbeing, and connection.
- **Collaborator:** Working with schools, youth services, sporting clubs, cultural organisations, community groups, and government agencies to strengthening the overall system of support for young people in Port Lincoln.
- **Advocator:** Championing youth needs where Council is not the direct provider, particularly in areas such as mental health, transport, housing, and cost of living pressures.

These roles provide a framework for prioritising actions, allocating resources, and partnering with others across the community.

The role of the Youth Collective

Port Lincoln benefits from a strong network of organisations supporting young people, coordinated through the Youth Collective. This network includes:

- Youth service providers
- Schools
- Community organisations
- Government agencies
- Health providers.

Council is actively involved in the Youth Collective, which plays a key role in shaping local priorities, sharing information, identifying gaps, and building a coordinated approach to youth support. The Plan complements this work by:

- Strengthening collaboration and communication
- Supporting coordinated, service delivery
- Raising shared priorities through advocacy
- Promoting a consistent vision for youth wellbeing across the community.

Support Services Available to Young People

Council works closely with a range of local organisations that support young people. In Port Lincoln, there is a broad range of services available, including mental health and wellbeing support, education and study assistance, employment support, and apprenticeship and traineeship pathways.

Below is a list of service providers that support young people, however the list is not exhaustive:

- **West Coast Youth and Community Support** – Mental health, counselling, and practical support for young people aged 12–25.
- **Headspace** – Mental health and wellbeing support for young people aged 12–25, including help with work and study.
- **Country and Outback Health** – Mental health, support coordination, and allied health services for young people.
- **Career Employment Group** – Supports young people into traineeships, apprenticeships, and short training courses.
- **Carers SA** – Support for young people aged 25 and under who care for someone with illness, disability, or age-related needs.
- **KWY** - working with community to achieve their vision for Aboriginal peoples to thrive through being culturally strong, empowered, and safe.

Scope of the Youth Action Plan

The Plan will represent Council’s 5-year commitment to supporting an environment where young people aged 5-18 can connect, create, and thrive. It focuses on the spaces, programs and experiences that shape young people’s daily lives, parks, ovals, libraries, sport centres, trails, community venues and public events.

The Plan aims to:

- Improve and further activate places where young people gather
- Strengthen participation in recreation, culture, learning, and community life
- Build youth voice into Council decision-making and the design and activation of Council spaces
- Support long-term collaboration across local youth services
- Ensure Council spaces and programs are welcoming, accessible, and inclusive
- Celebrate young people’s ideas, identities, and leadership.

4. About Port Lincoln – Community Snapshot

Port Lincoln is home to a diverse, active, and socially engaged youth population. Key statistics:

Metric	Value
Total population (estimated as at June 2024)	15,037
Young people aged 5–9 (%)	6.2%
Young people aged 10-14 (%)	6.3%
Young people aged 15-19 (%)	6.1%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents	6.6%
Number of young people born overseas (5–18)	76
Languages spoken at home other than English	4.4%

Metric	Value
15–19-year-olds engaged in work or study	74%
Volunteers (15+)	18.9%
Primary carers, supporting family or loved ones	5.3%
People needing daily assistance (15+)	10.3%
Sports voucher redemptions (2025)	1,962**

Sources:

Australian Bureau Statistics – Region Summary: Port Lincoln

***Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (sports voucher data)*

Insights

Port Lincoln’s youth community is culturally diverse, socially engaged, and active. These indicators highlight the importance of inclusive planning, culturally safe environments and accessible opportunities.

5. What We Heard – Community Insights

Extensive engagement with the Port Lincoln community informed the development of the Plan. Consultation provided a clear picture of local strengths, challenges and priorities, ensuring the Plan reflects the lived experiences of young people and those who support them.

Consultation overview

To develop the Plan, Council undertook a multi-layered engagement process, including:

- 23 meetings with local services providers, schools, government agencies, and community organisations
- A Youth Survey generating 223 responses
- Continued engagement through the Youth Collective.

This comprehensive approach allowed Council to identify key issues affecting young people, highlight service gaps, and pinpoint opportunities for action.

Key Themes and Gaps Identified**Stakeholder Insights**

Stakeholders consistently highlighted:

- Long wait times for mental health support
- Youth homelessness and overcrowding
- Need for more accessible driving lessons and final assessment times
- Limited AOD (Alcohol and Other Drug) services for young people under 12
- Need for more accessible recreational activities
- Limited culturally safe support options
- Low awareness of available services.

School Insights

Schools emphasised:

- Housing shortages for young people leaving home or care
- Difficulty accessing timely mental health support
- Limited gambling awareness education
- High cost of driving training and lack of after-hours public transport
- Few programs for young people aged 18-24.

Service Provider Insights

Service providers noted:

- Challenges keeping young people engaged
- Limited resources for positive recreation
- Ongoing need for homelessness and crisis support.

Assessment of this feedback indicated that many of the challenges and barriers highlighted are outside Council's role and scope. Council will continue to play an advocacy role in areas such as mental health and crisis support.

Youth Survey Overview

The Youth Survey ran from 17 October 2025 to 6 November 2025, generating 223 responses, reflecting strong interest from young people across the community.

Council promoted the survey to 42 organisations, including service providers and youth-focused groups, through email, outreach networks, and in-person drop-ins with hard-copy versions to maximise accessibility. To broaden reach, the survey was also distributed to three high schools and five primary schools, both electronically and through hand-delivered copies to ensure visibility and inclusiveness across diverse youth settings.

The survey explored:

- Mode of transport
- Popular spaces and activities
- Participation in clubs and groups
- Views on Council spaces and programs.

Mayoral Engagement

On 4 November 2025, the Mayor visited the Port Lincoln Primary School to speak directly with students about the survey, discuss its purpose, and support them as they completed it in class. This hands-on engagement helped strengthen understanding and encouraged meaningful participation.

Feedback from a local primary school

“Thank you so much for dropping in and providing our students with the opportunity to have a say, we really appreciate it. We love fostering student voice here at PLPS, so I know many teachers will gladly schedule some time to complete the survey with their classes. We're passionate about our community and hope to support our students to become active members who care about the decisions made around the spaces they love so this initiative is fantastic!”

Key Findings

Demographics

- Most respondents were aged 11–13, with a balanced gender distribution (56% male, 42% female).
- The majority completed the survey independently.

Transport & Mobility

- Young people most commonly get around by being dropped off (67%), walking (49%).
- During the day, most attend primary school (51%) or high school (41%).

Popular Spaces

- The Foreshore (54%), Leisure Centre (52%), and parks/ovals (44%) were the most visited spaces.
- 49% use Council spaces a few times per week.

Spare Time

- Top activities include hanging out with friends (76%), sport (66%), and video games (60%).

Clubs & Groups Participation

- 70% participate in local clubs or groups.
- 73% feel positive about their involvement, citing friendship, community, and physical activity.

Youth Perceptions of Council Spaces

Feedback from young people about local spaces was largely positive or neutral, with 67% expressing positive views and 31% offering neutral comments.

From the open-ended responses, several key themes emerged:

- **Social Gathering & Connection:**
Young people value open spaces as places to connect with friends and family, relax and spend time together.
- **Outdoor Environments & Recreation:**
Respondents highlighted enjoying outdoor areas and the recreational activities available within these spaces.
- **Maintenance & Facility Conditions:**
Feedback on maintenance was mixed:
 - Some young people noted that many spaces are well maintained and pleasant to use.
 - Others raised concerns about run-down areas, litter, and the need for cleaner toilet facilities.
- **Accessibility**
Accessibility for young people with disabilities was rated “kind of/somewhat easy” by 38%.

What Young People Love About Council Spaces

- “Everything about it.”
- “I love the basketball court because I like shooting goals.”

- “Nice shady spots to rest.”
- “Fun places to go with family and friends.”

Areas for Improvement

Young people suggested the following for improvement:

- Fix the BMX track or add a pump track
- More “chill spaces” for older youth
- Creative and exercise equipment
- More shade, seating, and drink fountains

Some concerns were raised regarding graffiti, vandalism, and cleanliness, which has been shared with Council’s Property and Facilities department.

Refer Appendix A – Survey Results

Feedback received confirmed Council’s role relative to the provision of fit for purpose community spaces that are appealing to young people.

6. What We Are Doing – Council Assets and Programs

Council continues to invest in facilities, programs, and partnerships that support young peoples’ wellbeing, development and inclusion. The initiatives below form the foundation of Council’s ongoing commitment and provide the context for the Plan.

6.1 Youth Coordinator

We have engaged a Youth Coordinator to support the activation of council spaces for young people, foster collaborative partnerships and advocate for young people on challenges and systemic barriers that fall outside Council’s direct scope and resourcing.

6.2 Outdoor Spaces Supporting Youth Activity

Council maintains a diverse network of high-quality public spaces that encourage safe, active and social recreation for young people, including:

- 14 playgrounds
- 7 BBQ areas
- Parnkalla Trail, a 22 km coastal walking trail
- A safe swimming enclosure with lockers, showers and ramp access
- The community BMX and skate park
- Key sporting facilities, including:
 - Centenary Oval
 - Kirton Point
 - Poole Oval
 - Tennis Courts
 - Ravensdale Sporting Complex.

These free and accessible spaces provide opportunities for physical activity, social connection, and engagement with the natural coastal environment. They also act as the backdrop for youth-led social sporting, and recreational activities.

6.3 Port Lincoln Library

The Port Lincoln Library operates as a key community hub for all the community including our young people, offering programs and services that promote learning, creativity, and social engagement:

- LEGO Club, STEM Club, Storytime, School Holiday Programs
- Toy Library
- Access to free WI-FI
- Dedicated quiet study spaces
- Literacy packs and early childhood learning resources.

These initiatives support early learning, digital literacy and information education for children and young adults.

6.4 Arts, Culture, and Events

Nautilus Arts Centre

The Nautilus Arts Centre (NAC) provides a broad range of arts and cultural experiences, including youth appropriate theatre, music, and visual exhibitions. The NAC also supports local artists through its gallery and gift shop.

Community Events

Council delivers and supports accessible, low-cost events that encourage participation, celebration and connection among children, young people, and families.

Tunarama

We hold the Tunarama festival in January each year. A free to attend festival that has a range of events and activities for young people.

ArtEyre

Council, in partnership with Country Arts SA, employ an Arts and Cultural Facilitator (Facilitator). The Facilitator works with schools, community groups, and young artists to provide opportunities and deliver youth-focused creative programs. These initiatives foster artistic skill development, self-expression, and cultural engagement, providing platforms for young people to contribute to community arts projects.

6.5 Youth Volunteering (18+)

Council provides volunteering opportunities for young adults to gain skills, confidence and experience, with roles available across:

- Mill Cottage
- Port Lincoln Library
- Nautilus Arts Centre
- Cruise Ship Program.

Volunteer participation supports pathways to employment, leadership and civic engagement.

6.6 Youth Awards

Council sponsors and presents an annual award to a graduating Year 12 Student from each of the secondary schools located within Port Lincoln who have shown outstanding leadership and service to the community. We also present the Young Citizen of the Year award, and the annual Port Lincoln Art Prize event includes the Youth Category.

6.7 Port Lincoln Leisure Centre

Council owns the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre, an important facility where young people gather to learn to swim, play sport and connect with each other.

6.8 Grant Funding

Council provides funding to West Coast Youth and Community Support for programs and events such as the annual Snag and Roll Skate Park Event. We also support other organisations such as sporting groups to deliver programs and initiatives to support young people to participate.

6.9 Children's University

Council supports the Children's University, with the Port Lincoln Library being a Learning Destination, and Mayor Mislov has been appointed as an Ambassador for Children's University.

6.10 Buildings and Facilities

Council owns a range of facilities that are leased by organisations who provide services to the community including youth. These include Flinders Theatre (local cinema) and the UniHub Facility. Council worked collaboratively with UniHub to bring this much needed tertiary education facility to the region, reducing the requirement for our young people to have to travel to Adelaide and beyond for study. We provide a space to West Coast Youth and Community Support for their Youth Hub facility, a youth-friendly, accessible space for young people to gather

6.11 Civic Engagement, Education and Career Pathways

We regularly host visits from local school groups to educate students on the role of Council and attend events and initiatives such as expos to promote career opportunities in local government.

We have included the provision of a Council employee trainee program into our Enterprise Agreement to implement a Council trainee program for candidates aged 15 to 21.

6.12 Advocacy

We undertake advocacy and lobbying of key government departments and other bodies on behalf of young people. For example, together with CEG we lobbied the SA Skills Commission for additional financial support for youth undertaking traineeships and apprenticeships for costs associated with travelling to Adelaide. We have also supported local organisations such as West Coast Youth and Community Support lobby for funding for initiatives such as the community night bus that provides safe transport home for young people.

6.13 Youth Collective

We are a part of the Youth Collective, a collaborative network of youth service providers, schools, community groups and government agencies, coordinated and actively supported by Council.

Monthly meetings focus on:

- Sharing insights and sector updates
- Coordinating resources and activities
- Identifying service gaps and emerging needs
- Strengthening collaboration across organisations.

The Youth Collective underpins a coordinated, partnership-based approach to youth wellbeing, which the Plan builds upon.

7. Trends

Insights from consultation, state and national frameworks, and local data, indicate emerging trends affecting young people in Port Lincoln:

- **Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Long wait times for services, rising anxiety, and stress linked to education and life transitions.
- **Housing and Cost of Living Pressures:** Shortages of affordable housing for youth leaving home, combined with financial pressures impacting participation in activities.
- **Transition to Adulthood:** Limited access to driving lessons, after-hours transport, and life skills programs.
- **Participation and Engagement:** Young people value social spaces, sports creative programs, and opportunities for leadership.
- **Youth Voice and Inclusion:** Feedback highlights the importance of culturally safe spaces, accessible facilities, and opportunities to contribute to community decision-making.
- **Community Assets:** Libraries, arts centres, trails, parks, and recreational facilities provide critical venues for engagement, learning and connection.

These trends provide the evidence base that underpins Council's strategic direction and planned actions.

Sources:

Mission Australia Report 2025: [Youth Survey 2025 - SA.pdf](#)

South Australian Youth Action Plan: [South Australia's Youth Action Plan 2024-2027](#)

South Australia's Outcome Framework for Children and Young People: [Outcomes Framework for Children and Young People](#)

Engage! Strategy: [240430 Office-For-Youth Strategy-Doc Digital.pdf](#)

Council's Youth Action Plan Survey (Appendix A)

8. Strategic Directions – Context for Youth Action

The Plan will be guided by the three key focus areas, reflecting Council's roles as a provider, collaborator, and advocate. These focus areas ensure Council's actions respond to local needs, emerging issues and community priorities.

1. Activating Council Spaces, Facilities and programs

Council will work to make public spaces more welcoming, inclusive, and youth-friendly, including:

- Exploring opportunities to improve the accessibility, inclusivity and safety of Council spaces.
- Exploring opportunities to enhance informal gathering places for social connection and play.
- Supporting youth-focused programs and activities in Council spaces.

2. Collaborating with Local Organisations

Council will continue to strengthen partnerships across schools, youth services, clubs and community groups to:

- Identify shared priorities.
- Support coordinated, wrap-around programs.
- Participate actively in the Youth Collective and broader cross-sector collaboration.

3. Advocating for Resources and Emerging Needs

Council will continue to champion youth needs in areas beyond its direct scope, including:

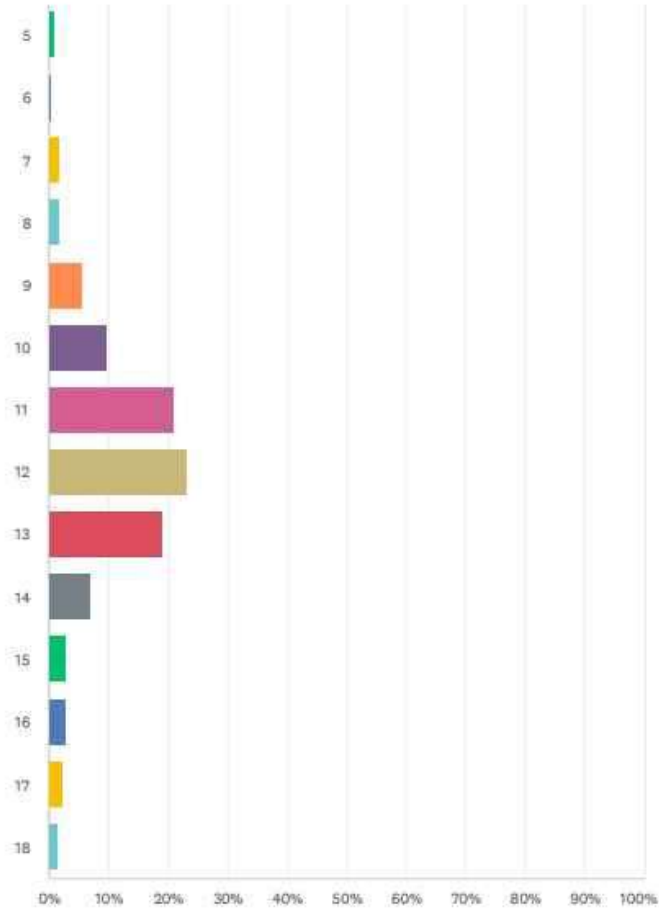
- Mental health, housing, transport and life skills.
- Increased investment from state and federal governments.
- Innovative, community-led programs responding to emerging issues.
- Ensuring youth voices are included in regional and state-level planning.

By linking evidence from the Background Report to these focus areas, Council can ensure its Youth Action Plan is responsive, collaborative and strategically targeted to benefit young people across Port Lincoln.

Appendix A

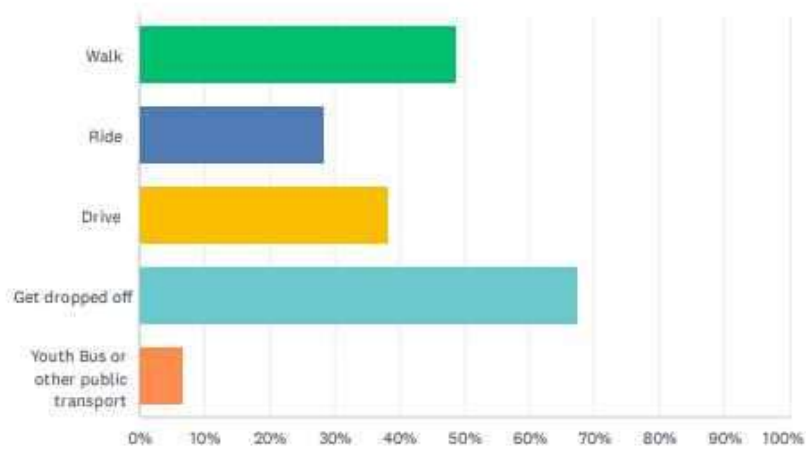
Q2 How old are you or the young person you are responding for?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 8



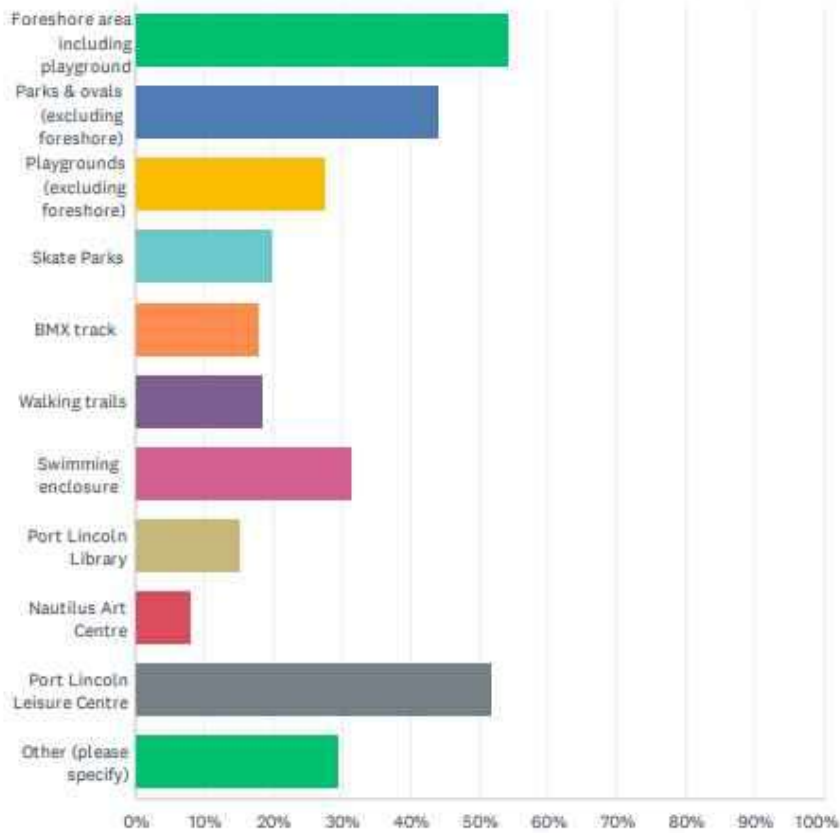
Q4 How do you usually get around? (Tick all that apply)

Answered: 221 Skipped: 2



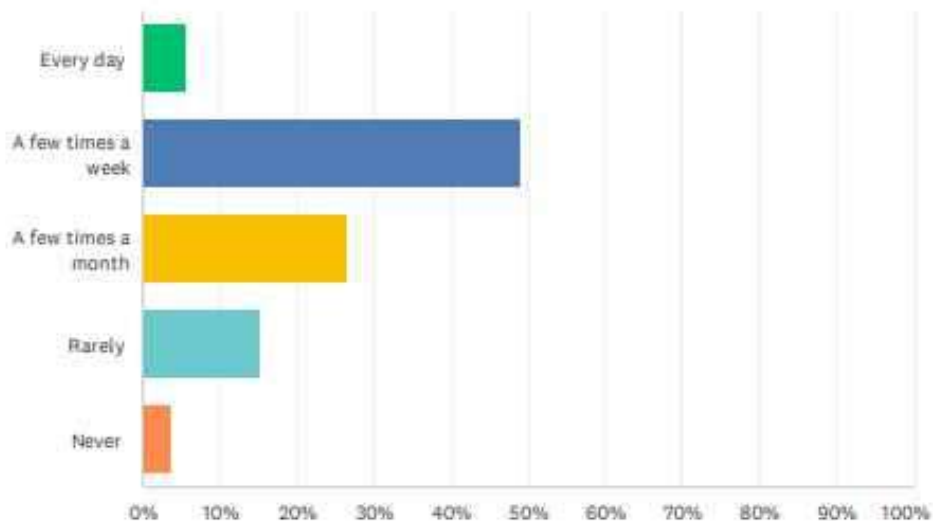
Q6 Which spaces and places do you like to visit the most? (Tick all that apply)

Answered: 222 Skipped: 1



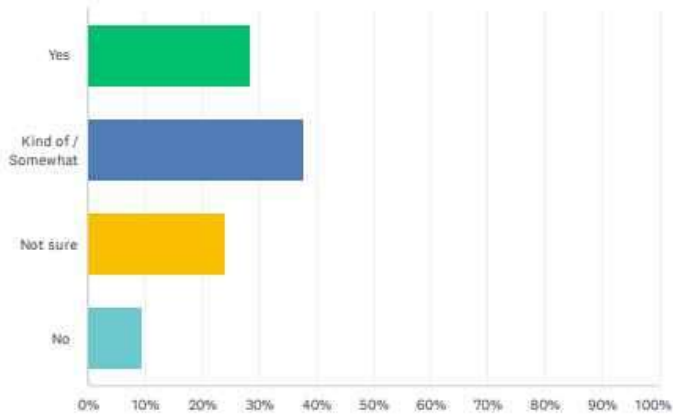
Q7 How often do you use these Council spaces and places?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 3



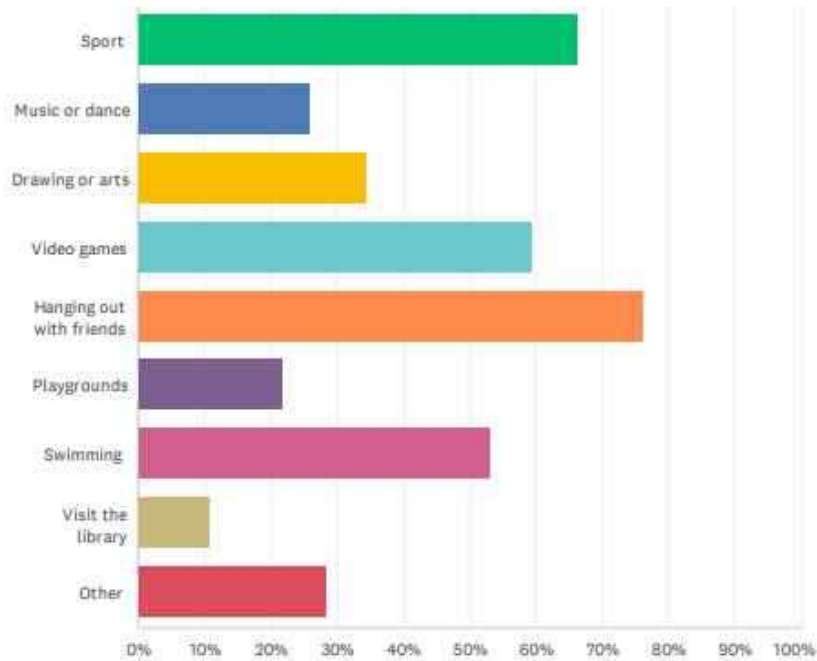
Q10 Do you think the spaces and places in your area are easy to use and welcoming for young people with disabilities?

Answered: 220 Skipped: 3



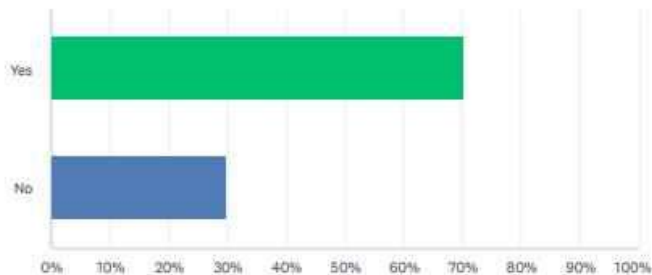
Q11 What things do you love doing in your spare time? (Tick all that apply)

Answered: 220 Skipped: 3



Q12 Are you part of a local club or group (e.g., netball, football, dance, scouts etc)

Answered: 214 Skipped: 9



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