

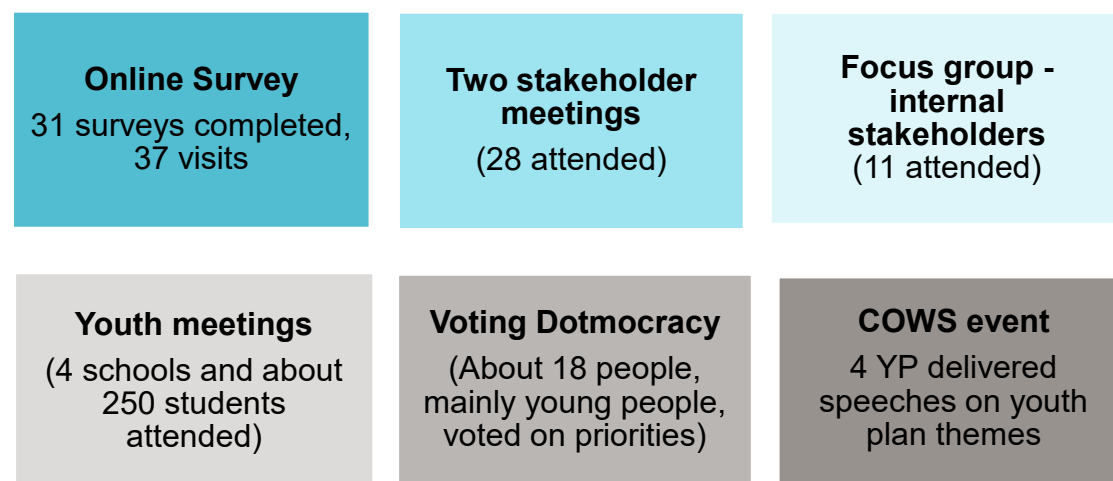
Youth Plan 2020 to 2022 Consultation Data

Overview of Engagement Approach and Participation

Consultation and data was collected over a 6 month period from June 2019 to November 2019.

About 450 young people, agencies servicing young people, Port Stephens staff and community members were involved in the consultation.

A number of engagement methods were delivered, including:



Consultation was focused around 6 themes:

- Including us
- Somewhere to live
- Living green
- Happy and healthy
- Feeling safe
- Skilled and ready



Findings

Youth priorities: In order from most important to less important

Feeling Safe- feeling safe in your community
Happy and healthy- young people's mental and physical wellbeing
Somewhere to live- having a place to live that is affordable and appealing
Living Green- environmental sustainability
Skilled and Ready- access to education, training and employment
Including Us – participation in community at any level

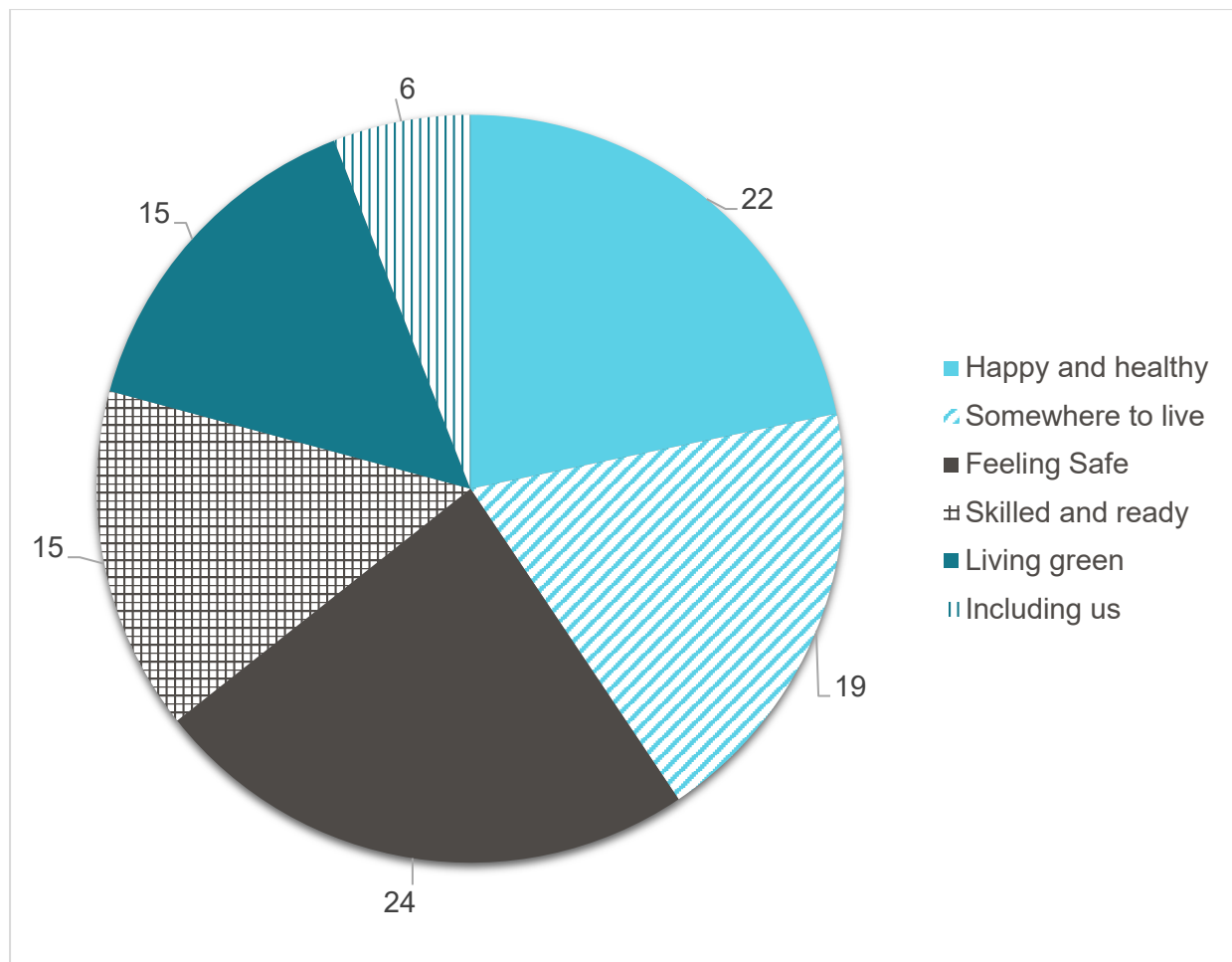


Chart: Percentage of responses

Summary of big and small ideas shared

Feeling safe

- Having people you can talk to/able to seek support when needed
- Culture/identity- sense of strength and safety
- Knowing people/having resources in community that you can call on
- Parks and public toilets- making them as safe as possible
- Safe walking routes
- Place you can go to and feel safe
- Community events

Happy and healthy

- Sport and physical wellbeing that is accessible and affordable
- Can be structured e.g. cheap gym membership
- Or can be unstructured e.g. park run and riding bikes
- Special events- a sports based day with information and awareness
- Mental health support- safe places to seek support(youth friendly); includes information about services, events focused on wellbeing and access to professional support
- Healthy food- creative activities

Somewhere to live

- More affordable housing and cheaper rent
- Community shelters and emergency housing
- Access to public transport

Living Green

- Tidy and clean space. Clean up the beach. Target littering
- Local recycling programs; recycling bins and green waste
- Community clean up days/events
- Plant trees
- Info on sustainable futures
- Youth gardening clubs
- Climate change

Skilled and ready

- Inspirational speakers and events
- Better transport to places of work
- Opportunity for work experience and learning
- Careers expo- community career talks
- Skills development workshops (service sector)
- Access to education (e.g. tafe and school)
- Assistance with job applications and resumes

Including us

- Youth spaces and activities
- Clubs to belong to
- Inclusive events
- Social media and awareness of opportunities
- Committees and panels- a chance to talk about issues and ideas

Comments:

“Our youth are the future of our communities. The teens and toddlers of today will define the fate of the nation”

“Together the young and old need to start acting to sustain Port Stephens beauty for generations to come”

Youth and community worker priority of issues

The top issues faced by youth in Port Stephens as described by youth and community workers.

Issue	Percentage of respondents
Mental health	19%
Education/training and mentoring	19%
Employment	11%
Homelessness	11%
Budgeting/Life skills	11%
Youth-friendly spaces	8%
Supporting families	5%
Listening to youth and including them	5%