

About the 2022 Youth Forum

134
STUDENTS PARTICIPATED



STUDENT LEADERS

from Mount Compass Area School and Eastern Fleurieu E-12 School

10
COMMUNITY GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

invited to listen and observe the voice of youth



CO-DESIGNED WITH STUDENTS

in the early stages

5
WORKSHOPS

across well-being, drug and alcohol awareness, art, community and place planning and mental health

WHY A YOUTH FORUM?

As part of the A2040 Plan to Thrive, Council collaborated with Goolwa Secondary College to the opportunity to Alexandrina's young people to share their authentic voice, ideas and solutions for a more liveable, green and connected future.

STATS ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:

3,432

young people aged **12-14 years** live in Alexandrina

3.9%

0-4 years

10.3%

5-14 years

5%

15-19 years

3.6%

20-24 years

92%

of our young people are 'learning or earning'

EVENT PARTNERS





Liveable – What we heard

Community Events

- › Art days
- › Community activities like Clean Up Australia Day, markets etc
- › Fun Run
- › Events around nature
- › Events that involve school and community
- › Cultural Awareness (NAIDOC and events like R U Okay?)
- › Local events

More after school activities

- › Create tourism attractions
- › Equipment hire or open sports shed
- › Nature play
- › Playgrounds
- › Skate parks
- › Recreational activities and facilities
- › More sporting clubs
- › Awareness around current activities

Infrastructure

- › Bigger sporting club facilities
- › Access to shops and services
- › Communication
- › Awareness around current activities
- › Accessible spaces
- › More footpaths
- › Flatter footpaths
- › More lighting
- › More road crossings
- › More public toilets

Safety

- › Non-violent
- › Police available
- › Comfortable

Focus on Young People

- › Fun things to do
- › Safe places
- › Interesting
- › Not boring

Sustainable Food Systems

- › Use local produce
- › Buy local
- › Community gardens
- › Cheaper lettuce

Wellbeing

- › Kind
- › Positive neighbourhoods
- › Sunny
- › Joyful
- › Happy
- › Successful

Housing

- › Homeless shelters
- › Eco-friendly houses
- › Sustainable developments

Service Industries

- › Age care facilities (with activities)
- › Health
- › Childcare

Growth

- › Good financial investments
- › Big skyscraper
- › Vibrant

Environments

- › Clean
- › Breath taking
- › Fresh air

Employment

- › Job opportunities
- › Day care/ childcare
- › Online jobs
- › Advertise new jobs for young people
- › Have the job you want and live local
- › Job preparation

Education

- › Learning pathways closer to home
- › Online training/ education
- › Greater access to trades (TAFE and training)
- › Build a university
- › Study where and when we want
- › Better education

Youth Leadership

- › Student Council (connected to community)
- › Community forums (spread ideas)
- › Youth groups
- › Opportunities to participate in local community

Green – What we heard

Sustainable Food

- › Not rely on shops
- › Plant more fruit trees
- › Community gardens
- › Healthy food options and education
- › Better fruit tree netting
- › Encourage vegetable patch growth

Trees and Open Spaces

- › Undisturbed, natural environments
- › Create and protect natural habitats
- › Replanting
- › More water for trees
- › Protect and maintain parklands
- › More natural resources
- › Room for tree roots to grow

What we're worried about

- › Soil contamination
- › Weather
- › Climate Change
- › Water availability
- › Coral bleaching
- › Pollution (air and water)
- › Drought
- › Litter/ waste
- › Deforestation
- › Fires
- › Animal extinction

Clean

- › Put rubbish in rubbish bins
- › Harsher dumping waste laws
- › Reduce landfill
- › Awareness (environment and recycling)
- › Less air pollution
- › More public waste bins

Sustainability

- › Sustainable agriculture
- › Sustainable energy
- › Sustainable development

Water

- › Lack of waterflow in river and creek systems
- › Bank erosion
- › Reduce litter in ocean
- › Clean the waterways
- › Don't waste water
- › Dams
- › Preserve sand dunes
- › Support for baby turtles to survive getting to the water
- › Reduce carp populations
- › Growth of swamps

Animals

- › More laws around overfishing and whale poaching
- › Wildlife monitoring
- › Reduce risk of extinction
- › Bat boxes
- › Control feral cat/ fox populations
- › Raise awareness around bees
- › Reduce corella populations
- › Reduce meat and dairy consumption
- › National Parks/ sanctuaries for no fishing and access for people
- › Pelican nesting signs

Other

- › Eco-friendly Day

Connected – What we heard

Digital

- › Internet
- › Connective
- › Less social media

Enjoyment

- › Night light display
- › More after school activities
- › More spaces to hang out like the gazebo
- › Hang out with friends outdoors (day and night)

Active Community

- › Running trails
- › More school sport
- › Be in nature (beaches, hikes, sport)
- › Supporting sporting clubs
- › Helping those less fortunate

Transport

- › More buses
- › Accessible
- › Walk and ride to friend's houses
- › Bullet trains
- › Cheap and accessible
- › Trains that go anywhere
- › Electric scooters
- › Taxis/ uber

Inclusive

- › Loyalty
- › Equality
- › Teamwork
- › Together
- › Community collaboration
- › Kindness
- › No homelessness
- › Student Council connected to communities
- › Cultural Awareness (NAIDOC and events like R U Okay?)

“I feel genuinely optimistic about the future”

- Student

2022 Youth Forum Goolwa Student Survey Response

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INTRODUCED FOR YOUTH IN YOUR TOWN?

- › Sporting Centre
- › Toilets at the skate park
- › TAFE Campus
- › A pool
- › Waterpark
- › Cinema
- › Baking, more activities with friends/family
- › Diverse job opportunities
- › A skate park with lights
- › Basketball Stadium
- › No more drugs
- › A Shopping Center
- › More sessions surround wellbeing of youth
- › More agriculture education
- › Sporting opportunities such as clubs, carnivals, etc.
- › Not much more
- › Sports
- › Device charging stations

WHAT ACTIVITIES DO YOU ENJOY DOING AFTER SCHOOL AND ON WEEKENDS?

- › Playing basketball in backyard
- › Karate
- › Sports
- › Work
- › The beach
- › See friends
- › Hanging with friends
- › Fishing
- › Go to local shops, cinema
- › Parkrun
- › Surfing
- › Skating
- › Football
- › Playing sports
- › Sport, games
- › Sport, socialising with friends/family
- › Swimming
- › Basketball
- › Cricket

WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO MEET UP WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

- › The shops
- › The skate park
- › The football oval
- › The beach
- › Caltex
- › The shops/main street
- › Down the street
- › I like to meet my friends at the shopping centre
- › Parks
- › Friends houses
- › KFC
- › At sport activities
- › At a café
- › Sporting events
- › At the beach watching sunrise/sunset
- › My house
- › Beach
- › In Goolwa



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WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING HERE?

- › Community
- › The beach
- › The people
- › The beach and that it is a small town
- › How close everyone is
- › The river
- › Activities
- › Being close to the beach
- › Football
- › The people and the vibe
- › Friends
- › Close to everything
- › The freedom of being able to explore the nature of the township
- › How quiet it is, the country land around
- › Supportive and kind community
- › Welcoming community
- › Beach, friends/family, school, lots of fun things
- › No city folk
- › Cricket

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE AREA OR TOWN YOU LIVE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

- › Another Hospital
- › More Retail Stores
- › More things to do like a cinema
- › A Kmart
- › Less Traffic
- › More community events
- › Having more job opportunities
- › Skate park lights
- › A big shopping centre
- › More accessible public transport
- › More places to eat
- › More options for activities
- › More surfing things
- › Being a more remote town
- › Something for us to do
- › More bins

WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

- › Lawyer or Teacher
- › Police officer
- › University
- › Be a Vet
- › Electrician
- › Architect
- › Pilot, Soccer, Science
- › Carpenter
- › Travel
- › The Navy
- › AFL
- › Plumber
- › Study a Bachelor of Health Science - Therapy Studies.
- › Either a Vet nurse or Real estate agent
- › Exercise physiology
- › Physiotherapy or Occupational therapy
- › An Actor
- › Draw and write
- › Cricket

