

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK 2020–2023



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-- ALBERT VAN ZETTEN, MAYOR



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The future of our community lies in the hearts and minds of our young people. The City's Youth Engagement Framework, will help to provide a voice to what young people see and hope for, so that we can all work together to foster a community that welcomes everyone and provides equal opportunities for all.

City of Launceston's Youth Engagement Framework is an ongoing commitment to ensuring our young people are heard, feel valued, and play a meaningful role in our community.

City of Launceston values youth perspectives and believes the contribution that young people bring are crucial to the future shape of our city.

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**Albert van Zetten**  
Mayor  
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# INTRODUCTION

The Youth Engagement Framework provides a strategic approach to the City of Launceston's youth engagement in order to ensure that young people's diverse views, experiences and needs are valued and incorporated into the strategic planning. This in turn will ensure that young people are at the centre of the policies, strategies, services and activities that are developed for them.

The Youth Engagement Framework explains how we engage young people aged 12 to 25 who live, learn, work and visit Launceston in the social, economic, and civic opportunities of the region.

## CONNECTION TO THE CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

### Connection to the Strategic Plan

Priority Area 1: We connect with our Community and our Region.

10 Year Goal: To seek and champion positive engagement and collaboration to capitalise on the major opportunities, and address the future challenges facing our community and region.

Action 1: To develop and consistently utilise contemporary and effective community engagement processes

## KEY OUTCOMES OF POSITIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

### City of Launceston

- More informed and relevant planning and decision making.
- Clearer priorities for resource allocation.
- More resilient, inclusive and diverse communities.
- Young people that are more likely to stay in the region if they feel connected to the community.
- Provide training and mentoring opportunities which build leadership and increase civic pride.

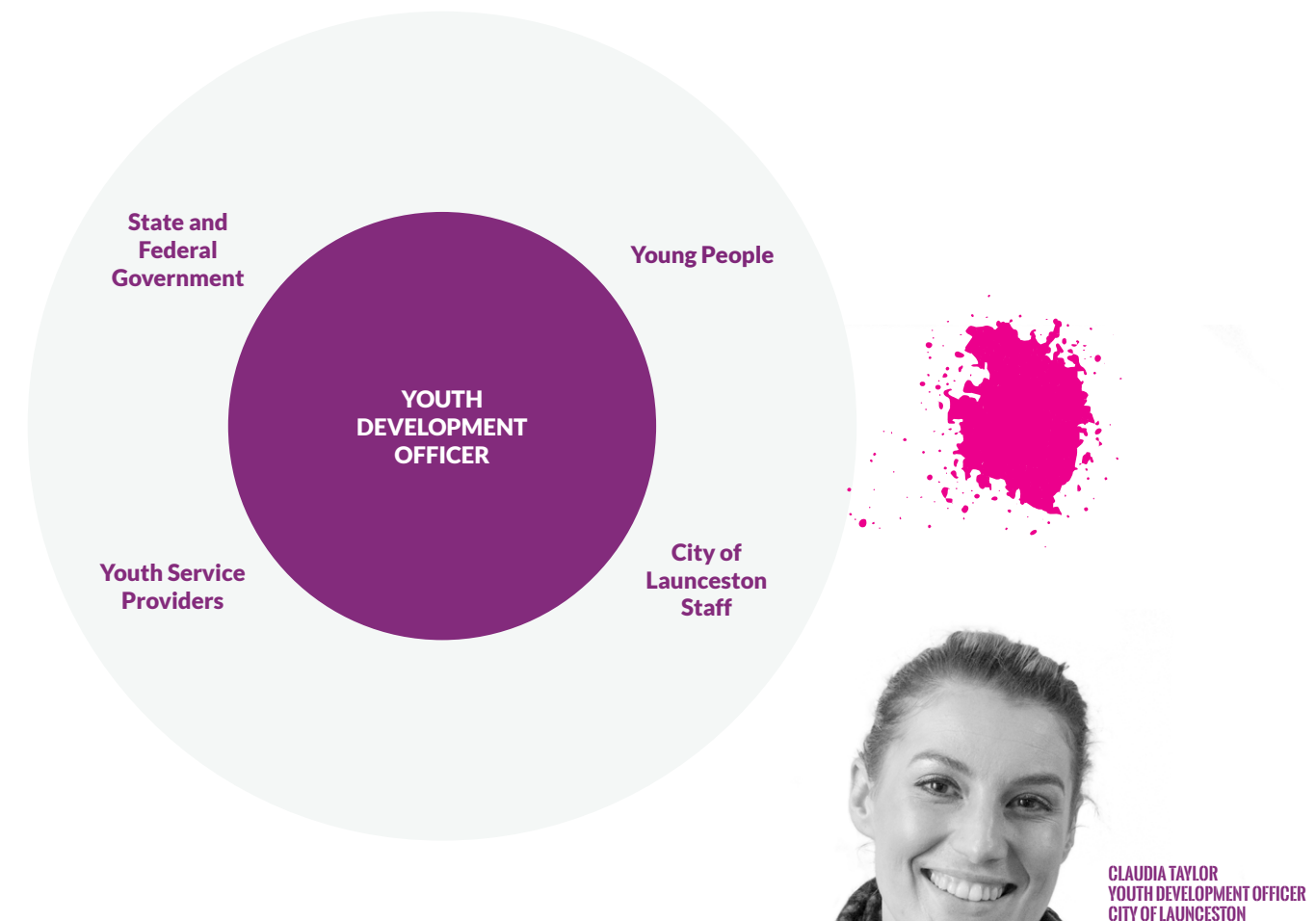
### Young People (12–25 years)

- Develop leadership and other skills that improve employment opportunities.
- Develop social skills, self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Have a say on decisions that affect them.
- Be recognised for the positive contributions they make to the community.

### Community

- Develop a greater understanding of the needs and issues of young people.
- Recognise the value, contribution and positive potential of young people.
- Reduce unwarranted concerns about the 'problems' of young people.
- Retain a skilled future workforce.

# WORKING RELATIONSHIPS



## ROLE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

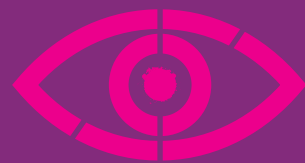
The City of Launceston's Youth Development Officer (YDO) is responsible for ensuring a strategic approach which allows the views, experiences and needs of young people be heard, valued and incorporated into policies, services and activities.

The YDO provides opportunities and activities which build capacity and resilience, address community safety issues, and prompt young people to take ownership of areas that directly affect their wellbeing. The YDO coordinates projects which aim to empower by increasing knowledge and skills so young people can participate in education, training and employment.

Building relationships and connection to stakeholders within the youth sector is a vital part of the engagement process.

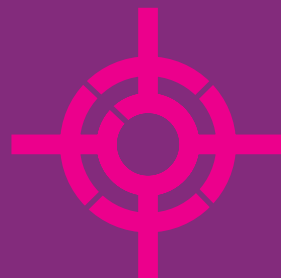


# THE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK



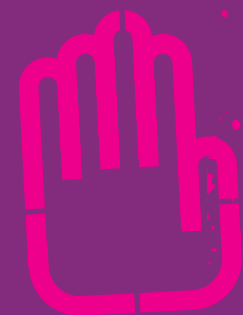
## VISION

The needs and rights of young people are heard, considered, acted upon and upheld in order to create an equitable, cohesive, creative, caring and sustainable community that recognises and values the positive contribution young people make to the City of Launceston.



## AIM

To engage young people in active citizenship so that they can have a voice and contribute towards a positive future.



## VALUES

### EQUITY

The right to be heard.

### RESPECT

The right to participate.

### LEADERSHIP

The right to youth-led and shared decision-making.

## PLAN

### Engagement

Young people, service providers, council, government

### Evidence

Develop a robust evidence base and up-to-date data set

## ADJUST

## DO

### Empowerment

Vision, Aim, Values, Priority Areas, Strategies, Flagship projects

### Evaluation

Outcomes and impacts shared through committees and council

## CHECK

The Youth Engagement Framework outlines the principles that will guide local government's engagement with young people and how the government will give effect to these principles in practice.



# CITY OF LAUNCESTON'S YOUNG PEOPLE

City of Launceston defines youth as aged from 12–25 years.

This age cohort is separated into two stages of social and economic development: secondary schooling (12–17 years) and tertiary education, training and/or employment (18–25 years).

## QUICK STATS:

### CITY OF LAUNCESTON DEMOGRAPHICS

- 17.3% (11,546) of young people aged 12–24 live in the City of Launceston<sup>1</sup>.
- Compared to the Northern Tasmania region, City of Launceston has a larger percentage of 18–24 year olds (10.6% compared to 8.6%).<sup>2</sup>

## YOUTH CONSULTATION

A survey was delivered to 203 young people including Launceston College students, various youth groups and was available to complete online.

What young people said ...

### CITIZENSHIP AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

**66%** of Launceston young people feel included in decision making<sup>3</sup>

**51.5%** of Launceston young people feel they help to make their community a better place<sup>4</sup>

**49%** of Launceston students are not involved creatively in music, art or similar<sup>5</sup>

### EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

**18.1%** Launceston youth unemployment rate<sup>6</sup>

**23.2%** of Launceston's young people at age 15 are neither learning or employed<sup>7</sup>

Nationally, Tasmania has second lowest rate of retention rates from years 10–12<sup>8</sup>

In the North more than 25% of students leave the state for their higher education<sup>9</sup>

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**30%** of Tasmanian children aged 12–15 are overweight<sup>10</sup>

**33.5%** of Tasmanian children are meeting physical activity guidelines<sup>11</sup>

Coping with stress was the top issue of personal concern for (41.9%) of young people in Tasmania aged 15–19, followed by mental health (30.1%)<sup>12</sup>

**52%** of Tasmanian young people stated body image was a concern<sup>13</sup>

**37%** of Launceston students do not feel good about themselves<sup>14</sup>

### IS MOST IMPORTANT

**63%** stated that furthering their education was most important over the next 3 years, followed by finding employment (56%)

### BIGGEST CHALLENGES

**58%** stated increased mental health and wellbeing concerns

**57%** stated balancing work/education with family and friends

**57%** stated increased safety issues including drugs, alcohol, responsible driving & bullying

**55%** stated lack of employment opportunities.

### GOOD ABOUT LAUNCESTON

**77%** stated facilities such as Launceston's parks, shops, mall, library and UTAS Stadium

**66%** stated events and entertainment in Launceston

**50%** stated Launceston's services such as educational institutions, police, headspace and hospitals

### ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITY

**78%** of young people engage with their community through socialising with friends and 53% through paid employment

### DO YOUNG PEOPLE GET A SAY?

**50% YES  
50% NO**

\*For full list of Youth 2019 survey results see Appendix 1.

Young people were divided on how they felt on opportunities to have their say on decisions made in the Launceston community

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# KEY PRIORITIES

1. A VOICE FOR YOUTH	<i>Prioritising the voices of young people and including them in shared decision making</i>
2. YOUTH AS LEADERS	<i>Citizenship, community participation, and leadership</i>
3. POSITIVE PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH	<i>Education, training and employment</i>
4. WELL-SERVICED YOUTH	<i>Youth Sector Service Coordination</i>
5. RESILIENT YOUTH	<i>Health, wellbeing, and community safety</i>

The results of the youth consultation have been incorporated as part of the framework together with the research from literature reviews of up-to-date, local, and youth reported data.

From this process these 5 priority areas were developed.

# ACTION PLAN

## PRIORITY AREA 1: A VOICE FOR YOUTH

**Prioritising the voices of young people and including them in shared decision making.**

### STRATEGIES:

- Continue to facilitate the City of Launceston’s Youth Advisory Group (YAG) as the primary way to engage with young people and ensuring there is a broader, diverse and inclusive youth voice into and out of the City of Launceston
- Ensure the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) Committee, is the primary mechanism for youth consultation at City of Launceston and is involved in shared decision making at council.
- Enable the City of Launceston’s YAG to directly present to council on matters of importance as required.

### FLAGSHIP PROJECTS:

- Providing continuous opportunities in local and state government for young people having a say on issues that affect them (eg. Youth Council Meeting, Tasmanian Youth Forum)
- Implementing formal processes for the Youth Advisory Group to report to council

### SUCCESS FACTORS:

- Ensuring young people’s perspectives being listened to and understood by City of Launceston and their input is reflected within its policies and programs.

## PRIORITY AREA 2: YOUTH AS LEADERS

**Citizenship, community participation, and leadership.**

### STRATEGIES:

- Establish partnerships with community services and create the capacity of the Youth Advisory Group and other young people to contribute to and participate in community projects and events.
- Promote and support programs and initiatives in Launceston that build skills and increase capacity for young people to act as leaders in the community.
- Utilise the Youth Advisory Group as the main platform for young people to produce innovative ideas, take collective action, and provide youth input into local government initiatives.

### FLAGSHIP PROJECTS:

- Continue the implementation of Youth Advisory Group initiated campaigns, projects, and events that provide opportunities and benefits for the lives of young people.
- Encourage and support alternative youth leadership projects in Launceston that enhance citizenship and belonging in the community.

### SUCCESS FACTORS:

- An increased amount of young people who report they are being actively involved in decision making and their perspective is recognised and acted upon.
- An increased number of young people who report they are actively participating, contributing to and enjoying community life in Launceston.



ACTION PLAN

PRIORITY AREA 3:  
POSITIVE PATHWAYS  
FOR YOUTH

Education, training  
and employment

STRATEGIES:

- Increase opportunities for young people to access the economic benefits of our region
- Establish partnerships with schools and employment providers who support young people to pursue education and employment opportunities in our city.
- Increase access to alternative models of education.<sup>15</sup>
- Increase opportunities for young people to obtain meaningful employment.<sup>16</sup>

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS:

- Providing three work experience programs to Launceston students annually within City of Launceston
- Active participation and support for external work experience programs to Launceston students with education, training and employment providers.

SUCCESS FACTORS:

- Working relationships with state government that provides equal access to opportunities in education, employment and training for young people in Launceston.
- A committed partnership with schools, colleges and universities that provides ongoing work experience opportunities that reflect the local job market within the City of Launceston.

PRIORITY AREA 4:  
WELL-SERVICED  
YOUTH

Youth Sector  
Service Coordination

STRATEGIES:

- Promoting relevant education and training opportunities for service providers within the youth sector.
- Continue the responsibility for convening the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee and representation on the State-wide Youth Collaborative Group which supports collaborative youth based projects, information sharing and networking with relevant stakeholders.

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS:

- Strengthen the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee's role as a key influencer for the northern region through analysis and response to youth issues in the Launceston community.
- Collaborate with the Youth Network of Tasmania to develop and maintain a mutually beneficial partnership with the Department of Communities that works effectively to support young Tasmanians, the youth sector, and all levels of government.

SUCCESS FACTORS:

- Established successful working partnerships and collaborative practices that focus on improving the lives of young people in Launceston.
- Increased opportunities for young people's voices to be heard and included as part of formal policies within the youth sector, and at a local and state government level.

PRIORITY AREA 5:  
RESILIENT  
YOUTH

Health, wellbeing, and  
community safety

STRATEGIES:

- Use evidence from Resilient Youth Australia Survey Project to direct initiatives and target programs relating to health and wellbeing in Launceston.
- Ensure that young people have access to the information support and services they need to be healthy and safe, so that young people can be empowered to make positive informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.
- Ensure young people have access to appropriate, friendly, and safe public spaces.<sup>17</sup>

FLAGSHIP PROJECTS:

- Working with the State-wide Youth Collaborative Group to evaluate data, evidence and best practice in relation to health and wellbeing for young people
- Continued involvement and support during Mental Health Week to help raise community awareness
- Establish partnerships with health providers and community services for young people to support the delivery of education and awareness programs that promote key health and safety messages.
- Identify opportunities for young people to meaningfully engage in community life, sport and recreation.<sup>18</sup>

SUCCESS FACTORS:

- Improved health benefits and increases awareness about health support services for young people in Launceston through working together with youth service providers and state government.
- Collaborative practices from City of Launceston and youth sector organisations which improve the wellbeing of young people and ensure that Launceston is a safe and welcoming place for all young people.

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HEARD AT COUNCIL.**

-- YAG MEMBER QUOTE

## ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

City of Launceston has a range of youth engagement mechanisms. These include council committees, youth consultation at local and state government levels, facilitating partnerships within the sector, and delivering youth focused projects, events and programs.

### PRIORITY AREA 1: A VOICE FOR YOUTH

#### The Youth Advisory Group Committee (YAG).

A special Committee of Council as defined under section 24 of the Local Government Act (TAS) 1993.

#### MEMBERSHIP

- Volunteer members aged 12–25 years who live in the boundaries of the City of Launceston
- Youth Development Officer
- City of Launceston Councillors

#### PRIMARY PURPOSE

- Act as a link between young people and the City of Launceston and ensure a youth perspective on youth services and initiatives is provided to Council;
- Inform and advise the broader community including agencies and all levels of government about matters that affect them, including fellow young people;

- Foster youth engagement within the community so that young people are enabled and empowered to voice their ideas and concerns, and take ownership over action and change for a positive future;
- Promote and recognise the diverse contributions young people make to the community.

#### OBJECTIVE

- To enable a representative group of young people to respond to and offer advice to Council, other agencies and all other levels of government on specific matters relating to youth in Launceston;
- To provide an avenue for young people to raise issues or make comments on matters of importance to them;
- To take action where appropriate on issues of importance and priority to young people;
- To ensure that young people are involved in their community's economic, social and cultural development; and
- To positively promote youth within the municipality, especially in regards to the potential value which the community can gain from youth input.

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## PRIORITY AREA 2: YOUTH AS LEADERS

### Tasmanian Youth Forum

Sponsored by City of Launceston, the state-wide youth forums are themed to current youth issues and gives young people the opportunity to work in large and small groups to discuss issues, problem solve and suggest solutions to state government.

### Youth Parliament Tasmania

City of Launceston supports Launceston students to attend Youth Parliament Tasmania. At a week-long camp for Tasmanian students in Years 10-12, participants have the opportunity to debate in Parliament House in Hobart, participate in problem solving workshops and attend speakers' panels.

### Youth Council Meeting

The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) act in their young leaders' capacity to host their own council meeting. The Youth Council meeting is facilitated to reflect a local government meeting, taking place in the council chambers with a topic chosen by the committee. The annual meeting is chaired by his worship the Mayor with YAG representatives seated at the decision table.

## PRIORITY AREA 3: POSITIVE PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH

### City of Launceston's Bursary and University Scholarship program.

The Bursary and University Scholarship program is awarded annually to a student commencing university studies, the scholarship is valued at \$4,000 per year for three years.

### Town Hall Tours

Available to school groups as part of the curriculum. They run for one hour and include, history of Town Hall building and Mayors, viewing of Mayoral robes and chains and mock council meetings.

### Engineering Young Minds

City of Launceston exposes those students already interested in engineering to the career options available in Launceston. Engineering Young Minds is an interactive event, involving students participating in an engineering challenge and teaming up with career engineers.

### The Engineer Cadet Program

A work experience opportunity within City of Launceston's Infrastructure Services team available for up to three 2nd year civil engineering students at UTAS.

### City of Launceston Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships in Horticulture is an opportunity for on the job training with City of Launceston's Natural Environment team in our city's parks and gardens.

### City of Launceston Work Discovery Program

A City of Launceston work exposure program in partnership with The Smith Family targeted to Launceston based students to discover and learn about career pathways within council.

### City of Launceston Beacon Partnership

City of Launceston is a Beacon representative supporting a number of their Department of Education programs including careers on wheels, prepare and polish, and industry exposure.

### Examiner Student Newspaper Program

The City of Launceston funded program involves up to 20 students from Launceston high schools and colleges, who develop and produce a newspaper over eight weeks, under the guiding hands of Examiner staff.

### SEED Program

SEED Program (Student Executive Equity Development) is a small grant program run by the YAG that helps foster student leadership by enabling student council projects to get up and running.



## ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

### PRIORITY AREA 4: WELL-SERVICED YOUTH

#### The Northern Youth Coordinating Committee (NYCC)

A special Committee of Council as defined under section 24 of the Local Government Act (TAS) 1993.

##### MEMBERSHIP

120 members within the youth sector in Northern Tasmania.

##### PRIMARY PURPOSE

- To provide an opportunity for Federal, State and Local Government and non-government youth service providers to come together to achieve a more coordinated approach to youth issues across Northern Tasmania.
- The aim of the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee is to provide a way for services to work cooperatively on youth issues. By working together, agencies can share resources to provide the best range of appropriate services to young people.

##### OBJECTIVE:

- To create a forum for networking, sharing information and discussing youth issues relevant to Northern Tasmania
- To form member working groups for undertaking collaborative cross-agency youth projects
- To provide representation on external committees as agreed to by members
- To provide advice to Council and City of Launceston Officers on specific matters relating to youth
- To provide advice to State and Federal Governments on specific matters relating to youth
- To provide professional development opportunities for Committee members

### PRIORITY AREA 5: RESILIENT YOUTH

#### Resilient Youth Australia (2017–2019)

Since 2017, City of Launceston invested in a 3 year partnership with consultants from Resilient Youth Australia to deliver a Resilience survey. The comprehensive online survey measures against 40 developmental indicators in resilience and wellbeing and was delivered to over 2,000 Launceston state primary and secondary school students.

The data (see Appendix 2), provided a regional evidence base for measuring the status of young people's resilience and well-being. From this, City of Launceston worked strategically with schools and service providers to target initiatives to improve the resilience and wellbeing of Launceston based students.

#### Mental Health Week

Held at City of Launceston's Albert Hall, the Expo includes over 30 mental health services in the North. The community event is supported by the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee and is a great way for the younger residents to gain an understanding of health and wellbeing support available.

#### State wide Youth Collaborative Group

City of Launceston has representation on the state wide committee run by the Tasmanian Government Department of Health focusing on health and wellbeing of young Tasmanians.

Projects within the vision, aim and values of the framework that sit outside the key priority areas

### ADDITIONAL PRIORITY AREA: DIVERSITY AND CULTURE

#### Kulture Konnekt

City of Launceston's Kulture Konnekt is an established school holiday program run in partnership with National Joblink for migrant youth in the Launceston. The program has been running for over five years and has up to 70 multicultural young people in the Launceston community who take part in the program each term.

#### City of Launceston's Legal Graffiti Wall

The Royal Park Skate Park offers recreational facilities along with the city's only legal graffiti wall open to the public for street art.

#### Art Rage

An annual exhibition held at Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery represents more than students from schools and colleges around the state studying pre-tertiary visual arts.

#### Heritage Snap!

As part of the City of Launceston's annual Heritage Awards, Heritage Snap! comprises of a youth photography competition that encourages young people to take an interest in the history and built heritage of Launceston through photography.

#### Royal Park Cultural Trail (2018)

The Trail is a student led public art project involving Launceston College art students, Aboriginal educators, and students from Tasmanian Aboriginal Child Care Association (TACCA). Two electrical boxes were painted with a Tasmanian Aboriginal theme during Youth Week to complement QVMAG's Royal Park Trail, offered as part of the First Tasmanians exhibition tours for students.

#### Young Writers in the City (2016)

City of Launceston in partnership with the Tasmanian Writers Centre offered an opportunity to 6 young people (25 and under) to take up residency in City of Launceston owned spaces and buildings. The writers were asked to go to these places for 2 hours a day over a six week period and produce a piece of writing. Participants shared their work at a live reading during Junction Arts Festival and their works were published on Tasmanian Writers platforms.



# ENGAGEMENT IN ACTION

THE FACT THAT WE ARE  
YOUTH MEANS THAT  
WE ARE CONSIDERED  
BY MANY TO NOT  
HAVE A PROPER  
UNDERSTANDING  
OF WHAT IS GOING  
ON IN OUR TOWN OUR  
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## ADDITIONAL PRIORITY AREA: YOUTH EVENTS

### Youth Week Tasmania

Each year City of Launceston participates in Youth Week Tasmania delivering a unique youth based event in partnership with local young people that provides an opportunity for the wider community to listen to acknowledge and celebrate young people's positive contributions, efforts and achievements.

### Skate Park Leagues

City of Launceston has supported YMCA Action Sports Skate Park Leagues at both Ravenswood Adventure Park and Royal Park. Skate Park Leagues offer local young people who skateboard, BMX and scooter ride, a chance to showcase their skills whilst promoting positive use of council skate parks and skate park culture.



## WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

Launceston will have young people who are resilient and can positively handle life's challenges. They will be able to actively participate in education, training, employment and other areas of community life, and therefore access the economic, social and cultural benefits of our region. Young people will have opportunities to provide their input into decision making, and become genuine partners in creating an inclusive, creative, and thriving community.

Evidence about different types of effective youth participation and engagement will be an ongoing commitment of the youth development role. Sharing lessons learned through evaluation will continue to be a responsibility of the Youth Development Officer and the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee at council. The outcomes and impacts of flagship youth engagement projects will be communicated and via official reporting to council on a needs basis.



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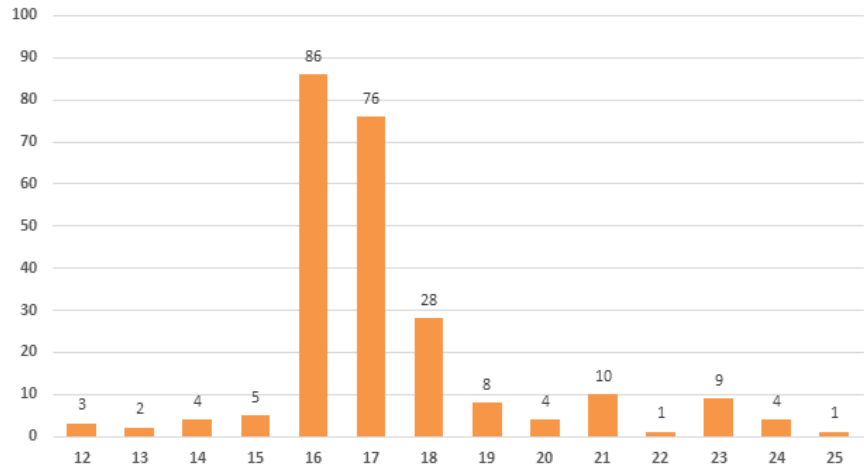
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APPENDIX 1

CITY OF LAUNCESTON YOUTH SURVEY 2019 RESULTS

Number of respondents: 203

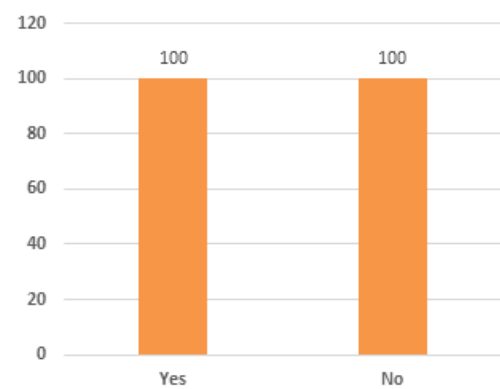
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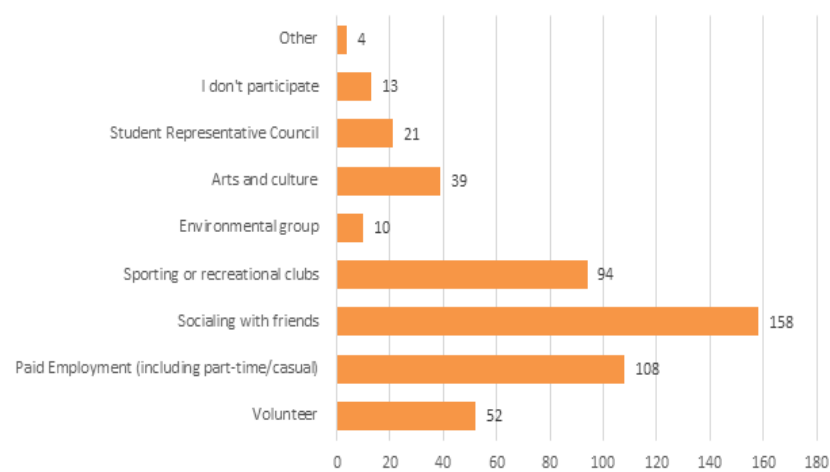
- 2. Male 35% Female 63% Non Binary 2%
- 3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 3%
- 4. English as second language 2%
- 5. Which suburb or town do you live in?

Beaconsfield	0 %	1	Kings Meadows	3%	8	Rowella	0%	1
Beechford	0%	1	Launceston			Scottsdale	0%	2
Blackstone Heights	1%	4	(includes East, South, and West)	21%	42	St Leonards	0%	2
Bridgenorth	0%	1	Legana	6%	13	Summerhill	2%	5
Bridport	0%	1	Longford	0%	2	Trevallyn	7%	14
Campbell Town	0%	1	Meander	0%	1	Turners Marsh	0%	1
Deloraine	0%	1	Mowbray	2%	6	Travellers Rest	0%	1
Devon hills	0%	1	Newnham	6%	13	Waverley	0%	2
Evandale	2%	5	Newstead	0%	2	Westbury	0%	2
Exeter	1%	4	Norwood	1%	3	Youngtown	2%	6
George Town	2%	5	Perth	2%	5			
Grindelwald	0%	1	Prospect	5%	11			
Hadspen	3%	8	Ravenswood	0%	1			
Hagley	0%	1	Riverside	6%	13			
Hillwood	0%	2	Rocherlea	1%	3			
Invermay	3%	8	Rosevears	0%	1			
Kayena	0%	1						

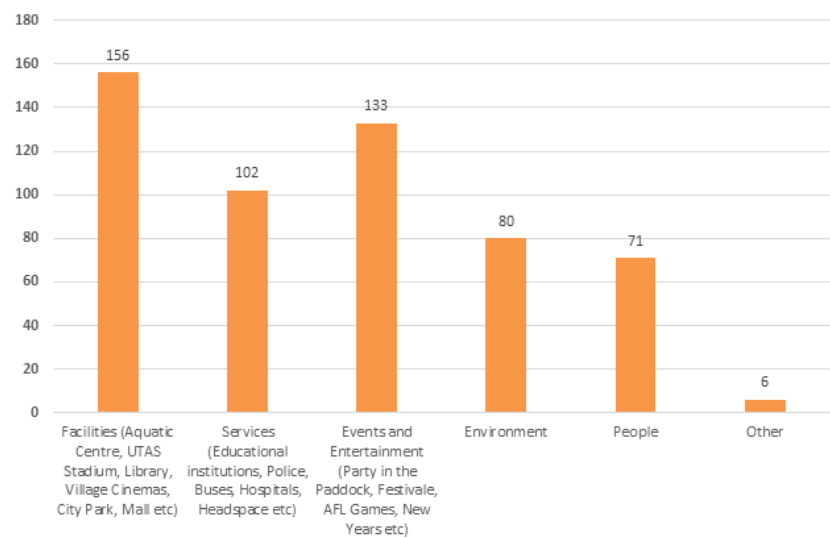
6. Do you feel you have an opportunity to have your say about decisions made about your community?



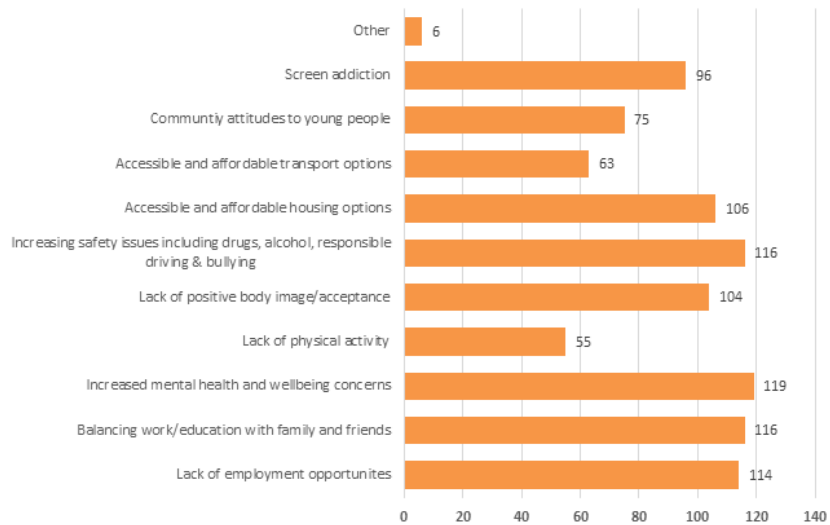
7. How are you engaged in your community?



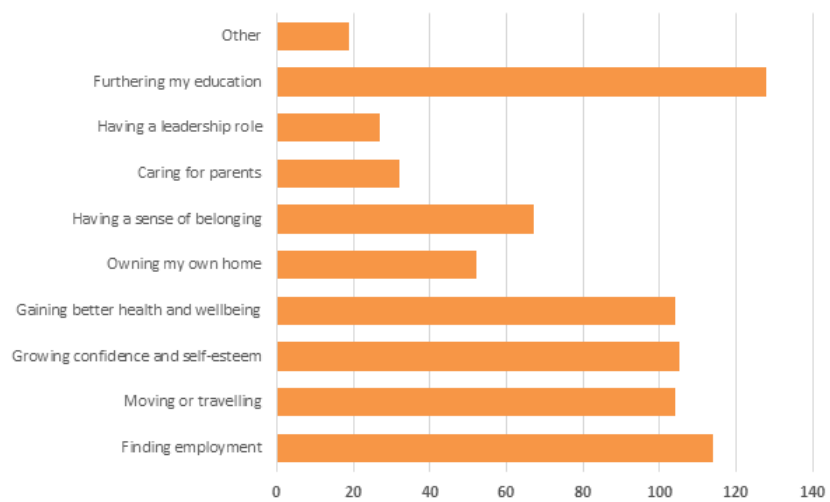
8. What's good about being a young person in Launceston?



9. What challenges do young people in Launceston currently face?



10. What are the most important things to you over the next 3 years?

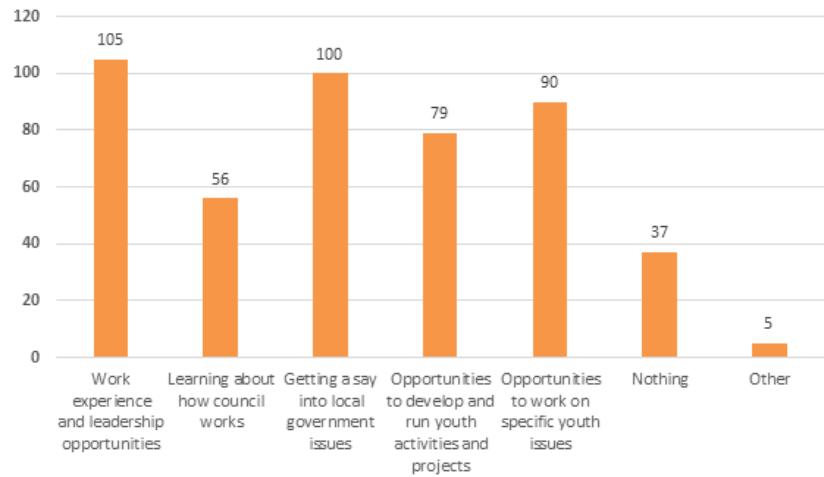


11. How could council work with young people to make Launceston a better place for young people?

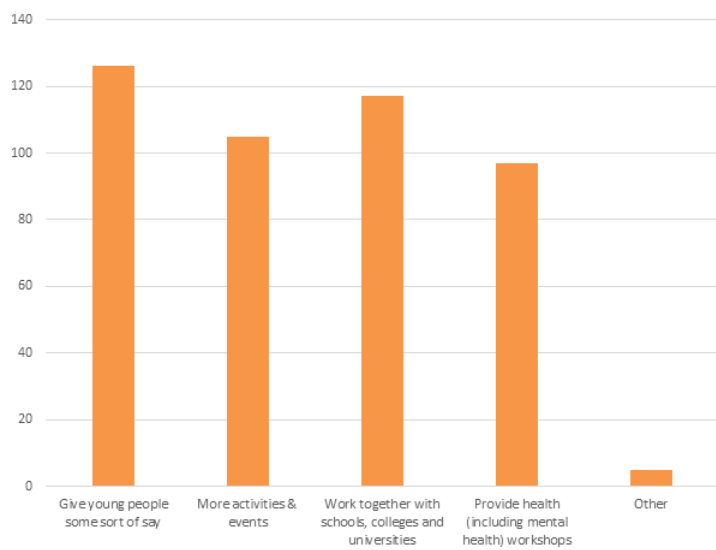




12. What would encourage you to work alongside council to make the community a better place for young people?



13. How do you think Council could work with the wider community to positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of young people?



# APPENDIX 2

## LAUNCESTON RESILIENT YOUTH SNAPSHOT 2018

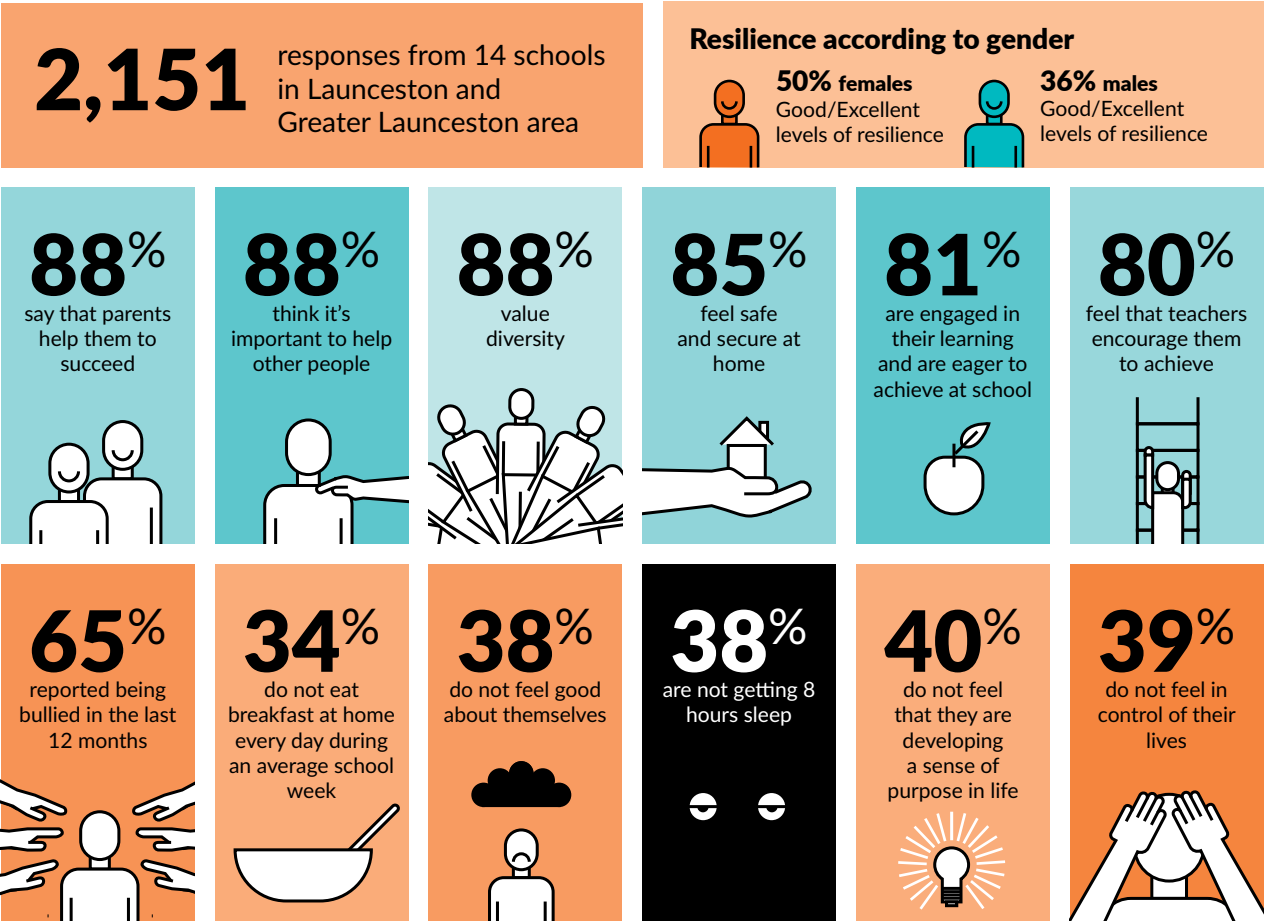
Overall resilience levels  
Grade 3 to 10



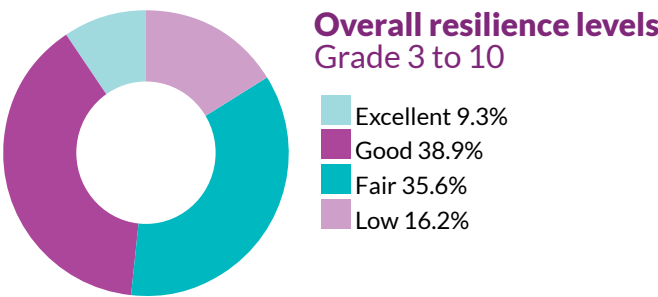
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The data when analysed provides an opportunity for planning programs and events to improve student's connectivity to their school and community.

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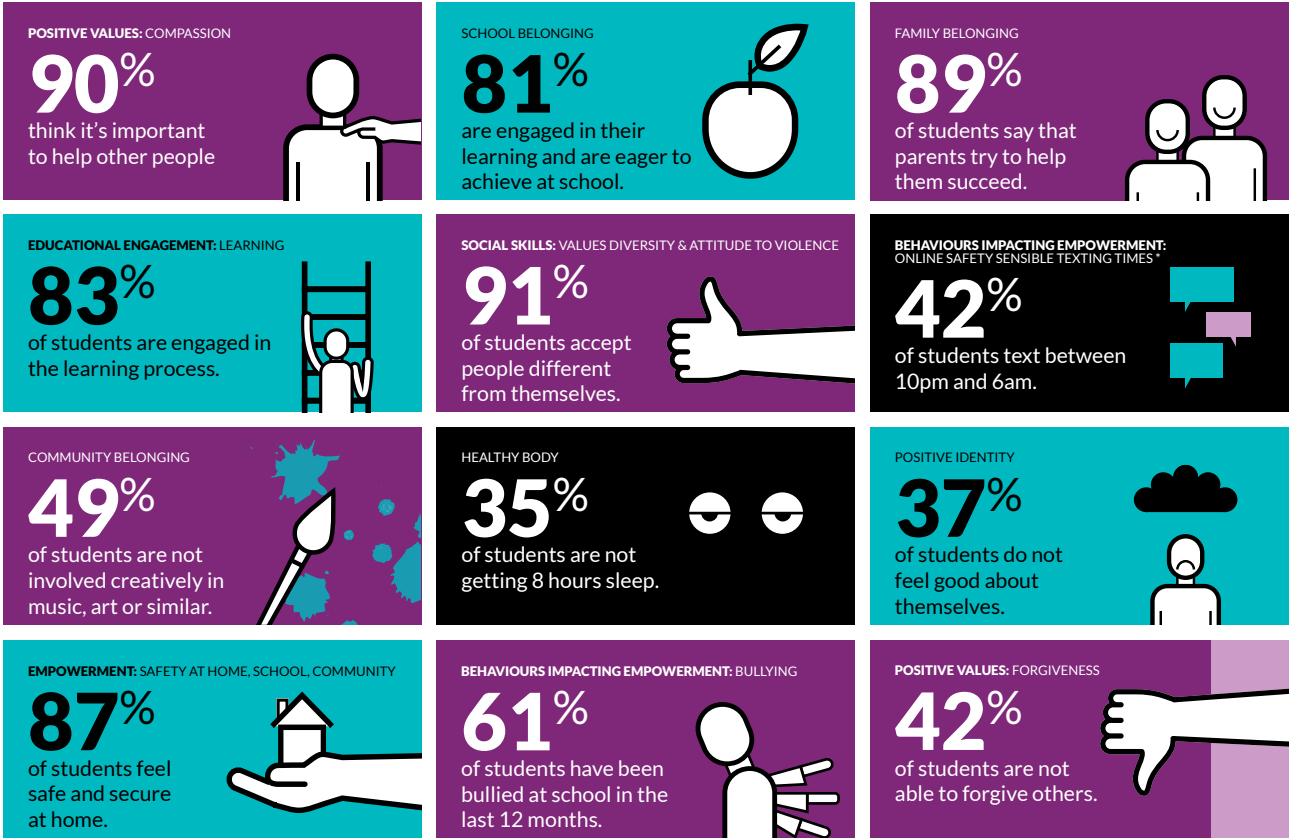


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**2,066**  
responses from 11 schools in  
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