



CITY OF FREMANTLE

YOUTH STRATEGY

2024-28

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Kaya nidja Walyalup, wadjak boodja wer nyidiyang boodja. (Hello, this Freo Wadjak country and white fella country). Ngalak kaadatj ngalang wadjak moort wirin keniny, kawininy, kakarookiny wer warangkiny. (We acknowledge our Wadjak families spirits celebrating, laughing, dancing and singing). The City of Fremantle acknowledges the Whadjuk people as the Traditional Owners of the Fremantle/Walyalup area and we recognise their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important today.

INTRODUCTION

Fremantle is a vibrant destination City with a diverse demographic of young individuals and the City is committed to making our community inclusive and accessible to everyone.

The Youth Strategy is a guiding document that will assist the City in engaging with young people 12–25 who live, study, work or visit Fremantle.

CONSULTATION

The Strategy is informed by extensive community engagement conducted by the peak body for Youth, the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA).

237 young people were involved in the community engagement along with interviews with 12 key stakeholder organisations.

Based on the findings of the consultation and analysis of key statistics and research four focus areas were developed.


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2 **HEALTHY
AND SAFE**



3 **CONNECTED
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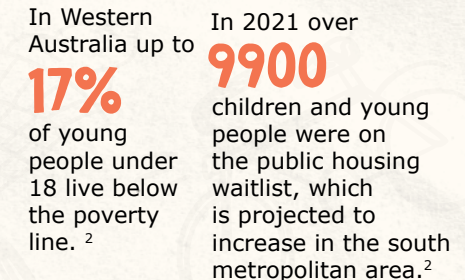
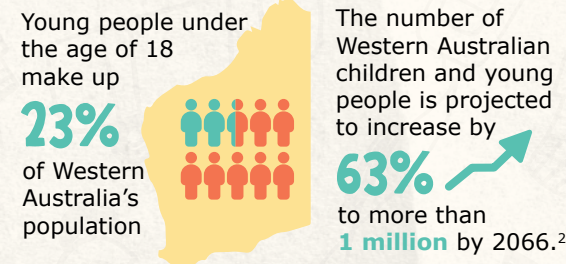
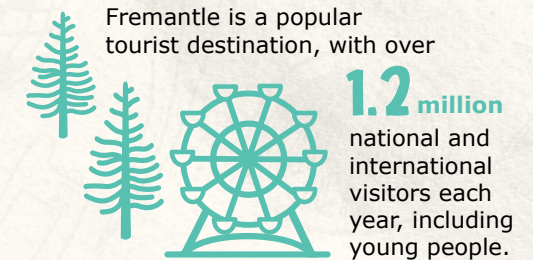
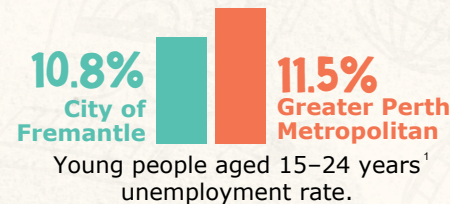
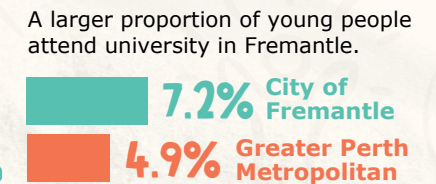
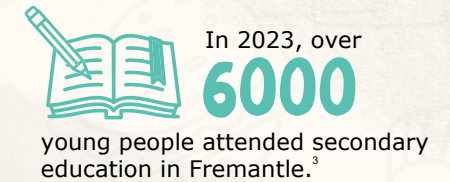
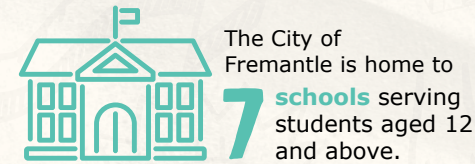


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YOUNG PEOPLE IN FREMANTLE

Demographics related to young people¹ in the City of Fremantle are as follows:



¹ ABS Data by Region: City of Fremantle (2021)

² Commissioner for Children and Young People WA 2021, Profile of Children and Young People in WA – 2021, Commissioner for Children and Young People WA, Perth

³ ARC GIS Online: Analytics System and Mapping tools.



FOCUS AREA 1: LIVING, LEARNING AND WORKING

Vision: Walyalup Fremantle is an affordable, accessible, and desirable place for all young people to build their lives. Young people have a variety of education, training and job opportunities and choices.

Strategy: To achieve this the City will work with key agencies to strengthen young people's capabilities, build community connection and advocate for increased and broader services.

This looks like:

- Building partnerships that support good outcomes for both young people looking for jobs and employers.
- Assisting young people to develop the skills they need to find and keep good jobs.
- Advocating for housing options that are affordable in Walyalup Fremantle.
- Connecting young people to opportunities to get involved in protecting the environment.



FOCUS AREA 2: HEALTHY AND SAFE

Vision: Young people in Walyalup Fremantle have access to the support they need to live healthy and happy lives. Walyalup Fremantle is a community where young people feel comfortable and safe.

Strategy: To achieve this the City will empower young people to make informed choices that support their mental wellbeing and safety.

This looks like:

- Making it easier for young people to access mental wellbeing support when its needed.
- Ensuring City of Fremantle staff are supportive and easy to talk to.
- Having conversations with young people about personal safety.
- Ensuring young people have safe spaces to connect and build relationships.

CLOSING STATEMENT

A detailed action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains relevant to the Youth Strategy and the priorities of the community. For further information contact the City of Fremantle's Community Development team on info@fremantle.wa.gov.au



FOCUS AREA 3: CONNECTED AND ACCEPTED

Vision: All young people in Walyalup Fremantle have choices of exciting and inclusive activities and events that contribute to their sense of belonging.

Strategy: To achieve this the City will expand and strengthen partnerships to increase inclusion of young people in the arts, community development and life long learning programs.

This looks like:

- Creating local mentoring opportunities for emerging artists and creatives.
- Engaging sexuality and gender diverse young people in the planning for programs and events.
- Connecting young First Nations people to truth telling and storytelling opportunities.
- Working together with local sporting groups to increase opportunities for young people with disabilities in sport and recreation.



FOCUS AREA 4: ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED

Vision: Young people are active citizens and leaders and are celebrated by their community.

Strategy: To achieve this the City will support and strengthen the voices of young people and embed youth participation in the City's processes.

This looks like:

- Developing leadership programs to increase involvement in Council decision making processes.
- Involving young people in the planning for big picture projects on climate action, urban planning, community safety and crime prevention and mental well-being.
- Communicating about the services and events available to young people in Walyalup Fremantle.