



DIRECTIONS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

Key Actions Report: 2024 - 2025

Introduction

- This report is all about what we did during July 2024 - June 2025. It doesn't include everything, but these are some of the things we wanted to celebrate or highlight. It also is a chance for you, as a young person to hold us accountable to what we have and haven't done - so if you have questions or feedback please reach out! More on that later.
- Actions in this report means things that we planned to do in our [Directions From Young People \(DFYP\) 2022-2025 Youth Strategy](#). The DFYP includes actions for every year of the 4 year plan and this report is for Year 3, 2024-2025.
- The DFYP was created with young people and is about what is important to them and how we can work with them. The strategy also includes information about the overall population of young people in our City. If you want to read the full DFYP, head on over to our website.
- The DFYP includes four action areas which are divided up by theme. They themes are Youth Focus, Wellbeing, Communication and Making a Difference.

Priority Actions

- The priority actions are our most important and sit separately to the 4 action areas. Other actions follow on from these.
- The DFYP 2022 - 2025 has four priority actions which you can read about below.

Priority Action	Progress
1. Explore the development of more dedicated youth spaces in the City of Melville.	Ongoing
2. Establish a youth-focused communication channel.	Completed
3. Appoint a Youth Steering Group or similar, comprised of local young people to oversee the delivery of the Strategy.	Completed
4. Develop a whole of City Youth Engagement Toolkit.*	Completed

* The Toolkit is a document to help City of Melville staff work with young people.

Youth Focus

- For us, Youth Focus means making sure young people feel invited and included in the community life (eg. arts, libraries, venues, parks, gyms, participation in events, involvement in youth projects and facilities) of the City.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2024-25
1.2 Activate the City's outdoor spaces with initiatives that relate to active pursuits such as skateboarding, BMX, mountain biking, and parkour	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airbag MTB jumps • Women's only social ride day
1.7 Co-design and deliver an annual youth-focused event that displays local youth talent - explore a focus on a different demographic group each year, i.e. Pride, NAIDOC	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Market Day at Kadidjiny Park
1.10 Focus on minimising cost and transport barriers in all events and programming for young people	Completed Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Bus transport support for event attendees • Transport is an access priority for all our events

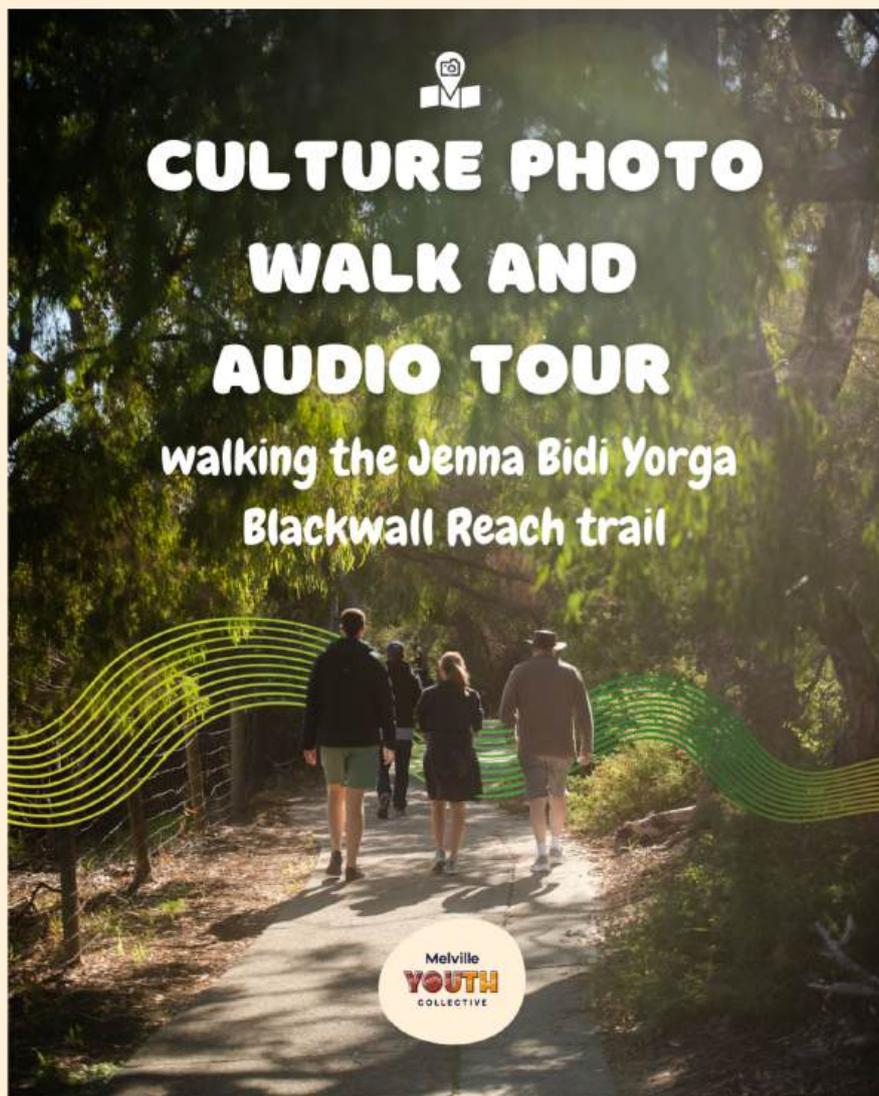


Youth Focus

Event transport support

At the Jenna Bidi Yorga photography event in April we walked along Blackwall Reach from Quarantine Park to Pt Walter Reserve. To support transport access, we used one of the City's community buses to drive people back to the starting point of the walk. This was a first for our youth events and something we will make available again to access at our events. The buses are also available for community to hire out - find them online at

<https://www.melvillecity.com.au/things-to-do/city-buses-for-hire>



Wellbeing

- This focus area is about actions that support the overall mental and physical wellbeing of young people.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2024-25
2.1 Incorporate life skills / employment skills (i.e. resume building, job interviews) into youth programming for young people aged 15 and up	Completed Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Grow your own food” workshops • Market stallholder workshop • Training costs covered by Grants
2.2 Continue providing opportunities for young people to gain job ready experience at the City through internships, placements and volunteering	Completed Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student placements with Leeming Education Support Centre • new youth volunteering program with Ecohub
2.9 Continue to participate in the Melville, Cockburn and Fremantle youth network to keep abreast of issues and explore opportunities for collaboration	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple teams attend this every month!



Wellbeing

Life skills / employment skills programming

We always hear from young people that we should do more to support learning skill development. We've done various projects this year including skills for employment and life skills. Highlights include:

- "Grow your own food" workshops with the Melville Ecohub
- Stallholder skills workshop for our Youth Market Day stallholders
- Fruit and veg preservation with My Nonna Life
- Youth Grants recipients covered training costs for training programs



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This workshop is all about making gardening accessible, low-cost, fun, and sustainable for young adults who want to get their hands dirty and start growing food!



Communication

- This is about making sure communicate with young people in a way that is relevant and meaningful.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2024-25
3.3 Build a database of young people (phone/email) that can be regularly contacted about events and opportunities	Completed Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHAZE SMS database • eNewsletter
3.6 Establish an annual meeting with each local secondary schools to build the relationship, check best point of contact for requesting promotion of youth initiatives, and opportunities for engagement with students	In progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited school events • Presented to students • Hosted school visits • Met with staff
3.7 Explore the establishment of two training and networking sessions per annum for groups, clubs, organisations that work with young people to build their capacity and skills and the City's connection	Postponed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sought training providers however that fell through • Will revisit in 2026 with further staff training



Communication

Local school collaborations

Part of our job is to reach out to local schools to find ways of getting the word out to students about what we do! Schools are a great way for us to promote our programs, but also a chance for us to connect directly with students. This year we did the following:

- Ran outdoor games for R U OK Day
- Presented on “Your local government” at Year 7 orientation day
- Hosted a HASS extension class at our Civic Centre
- Hosted students from Leeming Education Support Centre
- Ran a social workshop for students at North Lake Senior Campus
- Attended Murdoch University’s Wellbeing Expo



Making a difference

- This is about making sure young people are meaningfully involved in decision making. It ensures the voices of young people are heard when it comes to issues and projects in the City and supports staff to work with you.

Action	Progress	What we did in 2024-25
4.1 Foster a culture of youth volunteering and contributing to the community, through environmental and other projects	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landcare Days• Youth Grants volunteer projects
4.2 Explore opportunities for intergenerational volunteering i.e. youth helping seniors with technology	Postponed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For review in 2025-2026
4.6 Deliver annual training to staff on the Youth Engagement Toolkit	Completed Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Pride Network training to staff• YACWA training postponed to early 2025 financial year



Making a difference

Youth Landcare Days

Thanks to Sascha on our Youth Steering Group and the team at the Ecohub, we hosted a series of environmental volunteering workshops at Piney Lakes. This youth-led project saw young people rehabilitating an area of the reserve to support local cockatoo habitat. Participants were guided by a facilitator from SERCUL (sercul.org.au) to first weed then replant the area with native vegetation. This program and other youth volunteering at Ecohub will continue next year so stay tuned for more!



Get in touch!

- If you have any questions about the DFYP, this report or anything related to young people who live, work, visit, and play in the City of Melville, get in touch with us via the details below.

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