



# OUR YOUTH

# OUR FUTURE

## YOUTH FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN



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Goomalling Police  
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# MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

On behalf of Council and administration, we would like to thank the community and Gooma Squad, a group of enthusiastic young people who were key partners in developing the Shire of Goomalling's *Youth Friendly Community Plan*.

Young people are vital to the future of Goomalling; they have a significant role to play in the success of our community as current and future leaders.

Shire of Goomalling wants to create resilient and empowered young people who are valued members of the community by providing high quality services that support, educate and equip them for life's adversities and adventures.

Country children are particularly vulnerable due to isolation and the limited number of support services available within close proximity, currently Goomalling youth have to travel a minimum of 49km for counselling services.

We believe a youth friendly community it is achievable through developing integral partnerships with youth, governmental, non-governmental organisations and professionals that can support provision of the essential services.

Shire of Goomalling partnered with **@gooma\_squad** to develop strategies set out in this plan and will remain integral partners to address youth issues.

We endorse the plan and trust it sets a sound foundation for creating a diverse, harmonious and vibrant community.

We look forward to working with the community to implement actions in the plan.

*Endorsed by Shire of Goomalling 15 February 2017*



**Cr Barry Haywood**  
President



**Clem Kerp**  
Chief Executive Officer

15 February 2017

# SUMMARY

The youth event held as a part of the consultation process found that young people were craving more events like the ones designed for the project, giving them a chance to create memories with other young people. Sadly, a lot of young people don't think there is opportunity for them for employment or housing to enable them to stay here once they finish school.

They value the services and facilities available but there is a clear lack of unstructured recreation spaces available evoking a sense of "boredom" when organised program, events and sport aren't available. The critical issues identified are:

- Improved access to unstructured recreation including a skate park and basketball court
- Lack of affordable housing options
- Lack of transport options
- Lack of mental health support services
- Lack of youth services
- Affordability of health services
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Investment in the environment
- Investment in history and culture

It was clear that young people have complex issues and there is space for an organisation to provide holistic connections to services providers, a place young people can go to connect them when they don't know what they need.

Shire of Goomalling believes young people are a valuable commodity, in fact our future depends on them and this plan identifies a number of actions to ensure our young people can thrive and contribute to the evolution of Goomalling. This high priority actions include:

- Unstructured recreation spaces including skate park, basketball and youth space.
- Hold more youth appropriate events
- Investigate feasibility of transport options to Northam
- Increase accessibility to internet for students including higher education
- Improve Council communication and accessibility to young people
- Increase affordable housing option

The Youth Friendly Community Plan is an issue based sub-plan to Council's Strategic Planning Framework, to be review annually as part of the ordinary budgetary process and will set a guide for Council's project proposal and assess achievements for our young people. Council will seek community input if required. The complete review including new statistical information and intense consultation should be carried out in ten (10) years to develop a new plan.

**Date of adoption 15 February 2016**

# REGIONAL CONTEXT

Wheatbelt North consists of the Central Coast, Central Midlands, Avon and Central East sub regions has a population of 53,371 people 16.89% or 9014 people are aged between 10-24 years old. There is a consistent decline in population between ages 15-24 year-olds which supports conjecture that youth relocate for employment and education opportunities.

Avon Regional Organisation of Council (AROC) is collaboration between Shire’s of Toodyay, Chittering, Dowerin, Goomalling and York on regional priorities. Unfortunately, as a collective AROC hasn’t considered youth in their research/planning and are focused on Age Friendliness and industrial development.

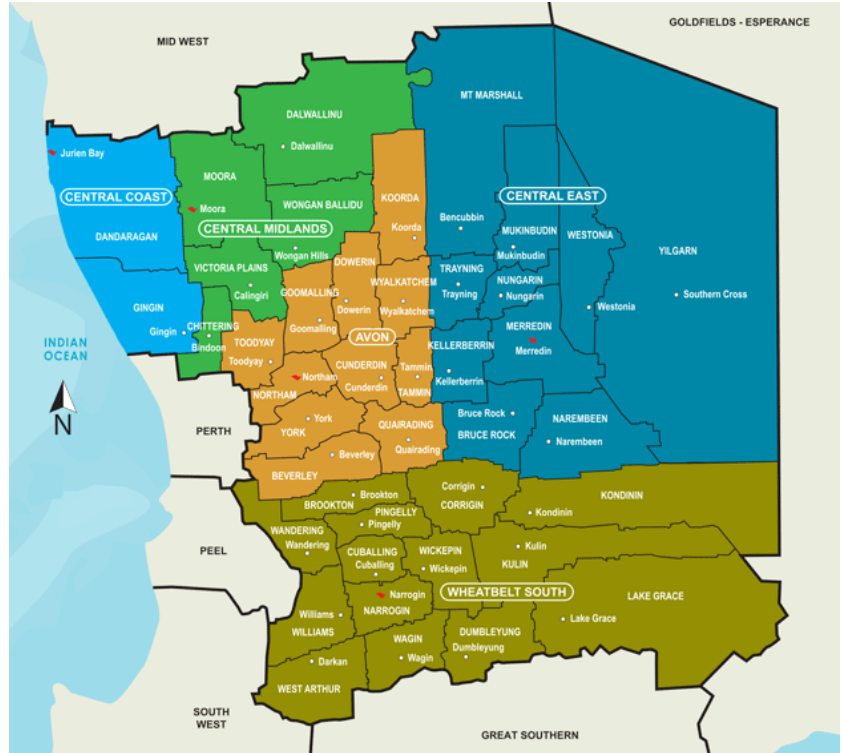


Figure 1: Map of Wheatbelt with Subregions<sup>1</sup>

## AROC youth service options

SERVICE/FACILITY	CATEGORY	TOWN
<b>Victoria Plains</b>		
Skate ramp	facility	Bolgart
1/2 court basketball court	facility	Bolgart
School holiday activities	services	Bolgart
<b>Toodyay</b>		
Skate park	facility	Toodyay
Inclusive Community Program	service	Toodyay
Toodyay CRC programs	service	Toodyay
High School breakfast club	service	Toodyay
Bendigo Bank Youth Grant	education	Toodyay
Sandakan Scholarship Tour RSL	education	Toodyay
Toodyay District High School	education	Toodyay
<b>Northam</b>		
Northam Senior High School	education	Northam
St Joseph's Catholic High School	education	Northam
PCYC alternative learning program	education/services	Northam

<sup>1</sup> Wheatbelt Development Commission, [www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au](http://www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au)

Central Tafe	education	Northam
Skills Hire	employment	Northam
Volunteering WA	volunteering	Northam
Avon Youth	education/services/housing	Northam
Holyoake	Drug & Alcohol Counselling	Northam
swimming pool	facility	Northam
BMX track	facility	Northam
Rap Park	facility	Northam
Northam Skate Park	facility	Northam
Wundowie Skate Park	facility	Wundowie
<b>Dowerin</b>		
Skate park	facility	Dowerin
swimming pool	facility	Dowerin
Youth Leadership Program	services	Dowerin
PCYC	services	Dowerin
<b>Goomalling</b>		
BMX track (pump park)	facility	Goomalling
swimming pool	facility	Goomalling
Young Persons Units (x 7)	housing	Goomalling
Goomalling Youth Zone	Service	Goomalling

## RDA Wheatbelt, youth specific priority areas

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt developed the Wheatbelt Youth Strategy 2012-2017 (revised December 2014) during the Youth Connection Program. RDA Wheatbelt identified four priority areas:

1. Responsible behaviour
2. Education, training and employment
3. Community, parenting and families
4. Health and wellbeing

A strategic framework was developed based on significant input from Youth Stakeholders and delivered the Wheatbelt Youth Strategy.

Extracts from the Strategy are disseminated below including selected comparable statistics relating to Goomalling youth.

### Behaviour

Substance abuse among young people is prevalent; community members have expressed concerns with the increased presence of illicit drugs and alcohol. The problem of youth substance abuse affects the whole community according to a 2011 report released by the Child and Adolescent Health Service "Health and Wellbeing Profile of Young West Australians" indicated at-risk alcohol consumption among 12 to 17 years old current drinkers has significantly increased in Western Australia from 15.6% in 1993 to 24.3% in 2008.

Wheatbelt		% Total offences	% Of Juvenile
Total Offences	4162		
Juvenile Offenders	443	30.43%	

Northam		%	% Of Juvenile
Total Offences	1411		
Juvenile Offenders (total)	106	25.73%	

Goomalling		%	% Of Juvenile
Total Offences	64		
Juvenile Offenders (total)	17	48.57%	

Table 2: Goomalling Crime Statistics 11.03.2013-11.03.2014<sup>2</sup>

Juvenile Justice Team from Department of Corrective Services have worked with a number of local youth following participation in criminal activity. Associated at risk behaviour is linked to many environmental factors such as antisocial peers, aggression, violence, nonexistence of a family unit including lack of supervision and/or affection from parents or carers. Youth need to be reengaged in education and training, have positive support services to alleviate stress, anxiety and empower them to make the necessary changes to create the life they desire.

**Bullying** has reached new heights, technology has had its advantages for connectivity but it has also increased the impact of bullying. Cyber-bullying is more common amongst older children with 31% of 14-17 year olds reporting that they have been cyber-bullied compared to 21% of 10-13 year olds.<sup>3</sup>

### Education, Training and Employment

Australia's youth unemployment rate is relatively low at 12.6% compared to other OECD countries with Greece and Spain both exceeding 55% youth unemployment<sup>4</sup> WA's rate is even lower at 10.4% but alarmingly, the youth unemployment rate in the Wheatbelt has risen significantly faster than other parts of the state, increasing by 16 percentage points to 23.3% in the decade up to March 2014. **Issues that are commonly identified by the Youth Connections clients as contributing to their disengagement are the lack of work experience opportunities near where the young people live, the lack of mentors and/or positive role models.**<sup>5</sup>

### Health & Wellbeing

The health of young people is not only important in its own right, or for their sake; it is crucial in assessing the overall state and future of Australian Society. The young reflect best the tenor and tempo of the times by virtue of growing up in them. Because their stages of biological and social development, they are most vulnerable to social risks and failings. Many of the attitudes and behaviours – even the illnesses – that largely determine adult health have their origins in childhood,

<sup>2</sup> Goomalling Crime Statistics 11.03.2013-11.03.2014, *Goomalling Police*

<sup>3</sup> Microsoft/Galaxy Research, 2008

<sup>4</sup> Cassells, R., Dockery, M., Duncan, A., Gao, G., Leong, K. and Mavisakalyan, A. (2014), "Workforce and Skill. Western Australian labour markets in transition", Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre, Focus of Western Australia Series, Issue 14/3, August 2014.

<sup>5</sup> *Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt WA, Wheatbelt Youth Strategy 2012-2017, Revised December 2014.*



adolescence and early adulthood. The health of young people shapes the future health of the whole population and, in a broader sense, the health of society.<sup>6</sup>

According to the 2011 Report “Health and Wellbeing Profile of Young West Australians” produced by the Child and Adolescent Unit, in 2009 the proportion of young people aged 16-24 years having high or very high levels of psychological distress as measured by the Kessler 10 (K10) scale was 9.6% and the prevalence of mental health disorders among young people aged 16-24 years was 9.2%.

Goomalling Medical Surgery has our only general practitioner, consulting 1834 patient of which 6.9% suffer from anxiety and 8.9% have been diagnosed with depression, whilst the figures are not age specific Dr Nina McLellan confirms that mental health disorders in young people is prevalent within our community and requires urgent attention.<sup>7</sup>

Growing concerns with the wider Australian community is the increase in overweight/obese young people. Dr McLellan was alarmed by the amount of patients registering as overweight, obese and morbidly obese in the report.

Age Range	% Underweight	% Overweight	% Obese/MO
5-9	81	-	-
10-14	60	13	-
15-19	18.5	19	4
20-24	4	27	12

Table 3: Goomalling BMI count by Age (%)<sup>8</sup>

Reviewing the above data for young people shows the indexation of overweight people as their age increases reaching up to 27% overweight and 12% obese in the 20-24-year-old unit this accounts for 39% of the age range. This could suggest that healthy habits haven’t been developed as such whilst their metabolic rate slows and exercise becomes a self-motivated activity their weight increases. Disengagement from physical activity can be attributed to the lack of non-mainstream activities; whilst we have a strong sporting community we are only catering to a minority group and require a significant investment of time and monies for individuals and families.

<sup>6</sup> Eckersley, 2008 in Never Better – or getting worse? The health and wellbeing of young Australians

<sup>7</sup> Disease Prevalence [population = 1834], Goomalling Medical Surgery, 31 July 2015

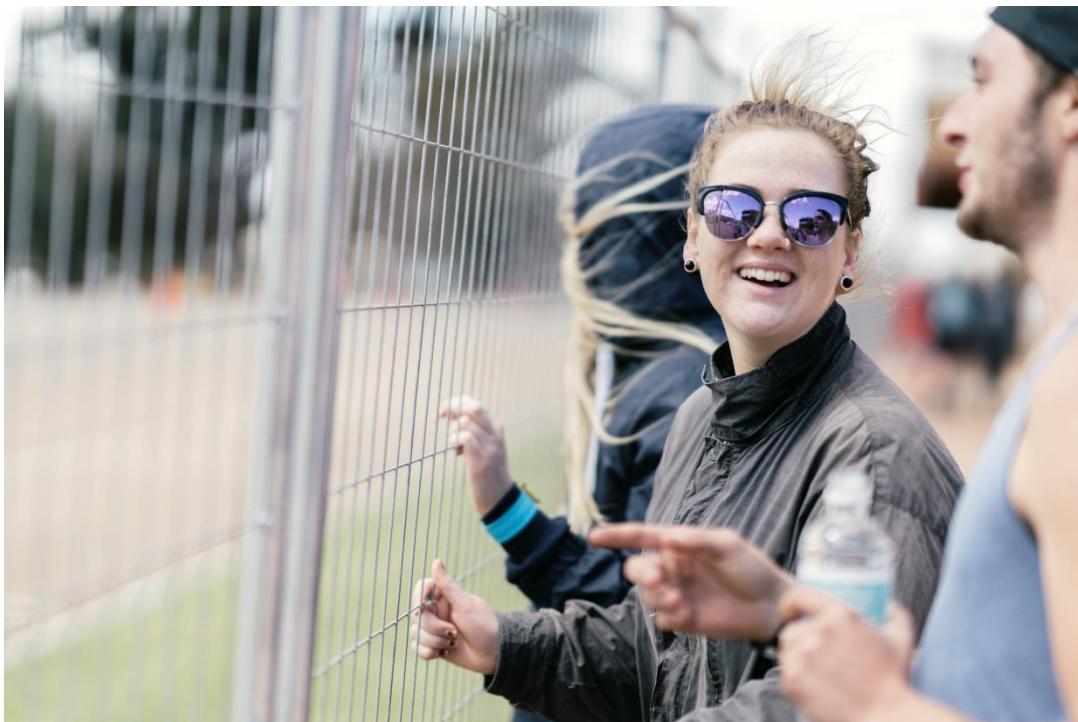
<sup>8</sup> BMI Count by Age [population = 1834] Count = 1325 (Percentage = 72.2%), Goomalling Medical Surgery, 31 July 2015

## Family Function

A report produced in 2009 for the Office of Youth, DEEWR, “State of Australia’s Young People”, indicated that one in four Year 10 students and just over half of all Year 12 students reported having engaged in sexual intercourse, and approximately one in three young people who had engaged in sexual intercourse reported that they had unwanted sex at some time in their lives. This rate increased between 2002 and 2008 and young women considerably more likely to experience unwanted sex than their male peers (38% compared to 19%). The report also stated that in 2007, 1 in 100 (1%) of 12-19 year olds were teenage mother<sup>9</sup>.

Pregnancy rates are higher among young women whose lives include the following risk factors<sup>10</sup>:

- Family situations with regular conflict
- Unstable housing arrangements
- Violence and sexual abuse during childhood
- Poor school performance and attendance
- Low socioeconomic background
- Family history of pregnancies at a young age
- Low level of maternal education
- Low self-esteem
- Undisclosed same-sex attraction
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Status
- Living in rural and remote areas
- Having a mental health diagnosis



<sup>9</sup>State of Australia’s Young People, 2009 [http://www.youthpolicy.org/national/Australia\\_2009\\_Youth\\_Reality\\_Report.pdf](http://www.youthpolicy.org/national/Australia_2009_Youth_Reality_Report.pdf)

<sup>10</sup> Better Health fact sheet on Teenage Pregnancy, 2012, State Government of Victoria

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Shire of Goomalling is a district comprising of eleven (11) localities of Goomalling, Konnongorring, Walyormouring, Karranadgin, Ucarty West, Hulongine, Rossmore, Mumberkine, Cunjardine, Jennacubbine and Wongamine. It is located 132 kms north east of Perth, 49km east of Northam, our regional centre and expanses approximately 1800 square kilometres (refer to figure 1)<sup>11</sup>. The population of the Shire of Goomalling is approximately 1100<sup>12</sup>.

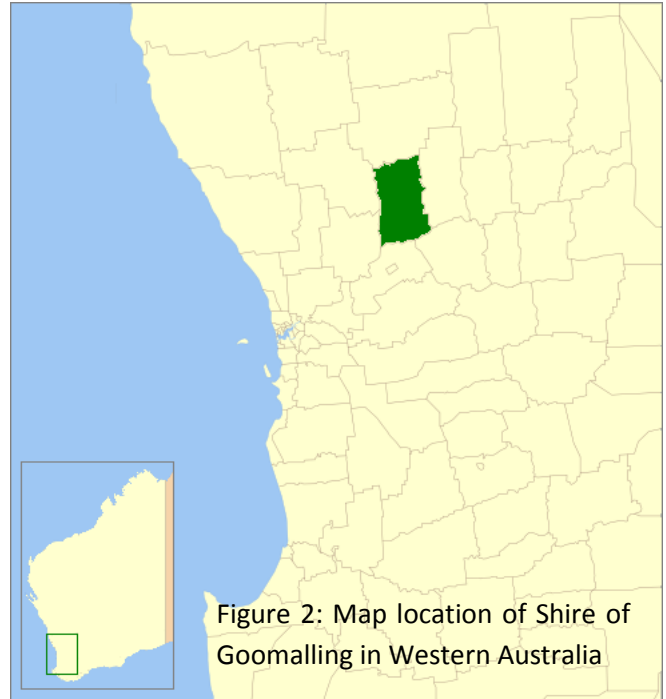


Figure 2: Map location of Shire of Goomalling in Western Australia

Key statistics in the 2011 Census<sup>13</sup>

- 985 people were recorded in Shire of Goomalling at the time of the census
- 49.8% were male and 50.2% were female
- 23.5% population aged 0-14 years
- 7.5% population is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

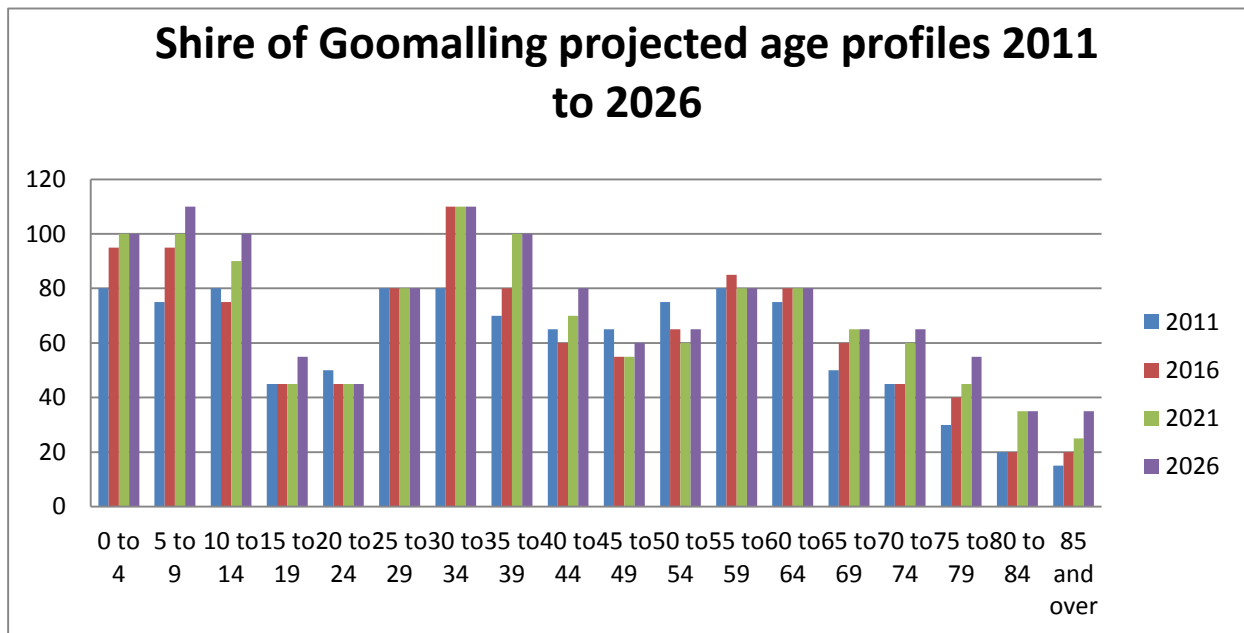


Figure 3: Projected age profiles for the Shire of Goomalling 2011-2026<sup>14</sup>

The graph demonstrates the significant increase in group 0-14 years of age and maintaining populace aged 15-30 years.

<sup>11</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shire\\_of\\_Goomalling#/media/File:Goomalling\\_LGA\\_WA.png](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shire_of_Goomalling#/media/File:Goomalling_LGA_WA.png)

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.planning.wa.gov.au/dop\\_pub\\_pdf/Goomalling\(S\).pdf](https://www.planning.wa.gov.au/dop_pub_pdf/Goomalling(S).pdf), WA Planning Commission, Population Forecast Goomalling (S) 2006-2026 for 2016 (Band B)

<sup>13</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011 Census

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/6196.asp> Local Government Areas by Age.xls, BAND C

# YOUTH PROFILE

The population of people aged 5-24 in Goomalling Local Government Area (LGA), according to 2011 ABS Statistics, is approximately 216 which equates to 21.9% of the total population in the Goomalling LGA.

In 2011 the percentage significantly drops in the populace 15-19 years old and again in the 20-24 years age demographic, supporting perception that younger people leave in favour of larger urban areas and metropolitan centres for education and employment opportunities.

Table 1: Youth Statistics for Goomalling (LGA)<sup>15</sup>

0-4 yrs	%	5-14 yrs	%	15-24yrs	%	Total <25 yrs	%
90	9.1	140	14.2	76	7.7	306	31

National database “My School” indicates that in 2014<sup>16</sup>:

- 25% of Goomalling Primary School (GPS) students are indigenous
- the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) indicates 21% students are in the bottom quarter
- GPS is 27 points below average for Australia.
- GPS attendance rates for indigenous students is only 36% in comparison to 76% for non-indigenous students.
- Sacred Heart Catholic School (Primary) has 4% indigenous population and 16% of students are in the bottom quarter of the ICSEA student distribution



<sup>15</sup> Source ABS 2011, Population by Age and Sex, Goomalling (S) (Local Government Areas), 2011

<sup>16</sup> Myschool.edu.au (Database), 2014 Statistics for Goomalling Primary School and Sacred Heart Catholic School

# OTHER COUNCIL PLANS

## Strategic Community Plan

The Shire of Goomalling's Strategy Community Plan (2013) outlines the short, medium and long term priorities of the community that provides and guide and focus for Council in their decision making. The Strategic Community Plan framework looks at five (5) specific areas Social, Economic, Natural Environment, Built Environment and Civic Leadership. Strategic to enhance the community for young people is prevalent in the community priorities with the following youth specific social objectives:

- S1.3 Identify and support a community organisation that has the ability to give local youth a voice on youth issues.
- S1.4 Development of additional accommodation for young people in Goomalling.
- S2.7 Provide an environment that enhances the growth, development and retention of youth.

## Corporate Business Plan

The Corporate Business Plan (2013) transforms community aspiration in a tangible work program within Councils budget considerations. The corporate business plan includes two (2) significant investment projects for youth including the Skate Park and BMX track.

Council completed construction of the BMX pocket park in 2016.

## Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)

In accordance with the Disability Services Act 1993 Council developed a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan in order to plan and implement improvements across seven outcomes to create a community accessible to everyone. The plan benefits people with a disability, aged persons, young parents and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Shire of Goomalling DAIP ensures that buildings and facilities are accessible, that information is provided in a format which meet communication needs of people with a disability and that all people with a disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in consultation, events and employment within the Shire of Goomalling district.

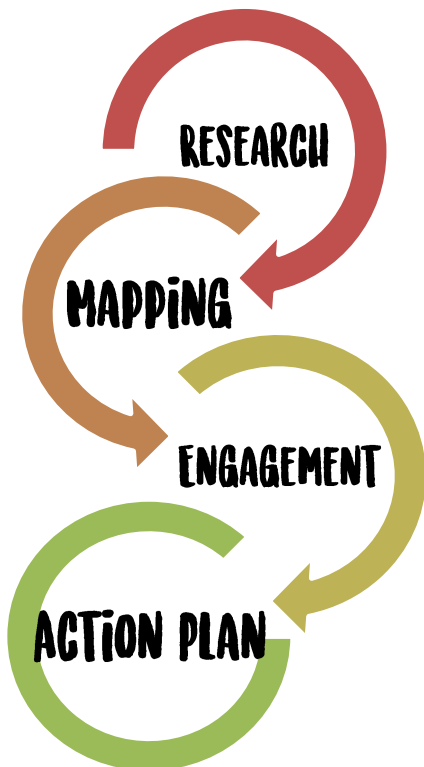
## Recreation Strategy

Council's Recreation Strategy outlines community and council priorities for sport and recreation services and facilities in the Goomalling district. The plan benefits all demographics of the community and specifically outlines the need for more youth based unstructured recreation facilities including skate park and youth precinct.

# DEVELOPING THE PLAN

## Overview

The planning model adopted throughout this project was informal to enable youth to take ownership of the project and how it was delivered to achieve maximum engagement. The process included four (4) stages research, mapping, engagement and action.



### Research

- Understanding the demographic
- Understanding availability of services in the region
- Existing local government and regional planning

### Mapping

- Existing services for young people

### Engagement

- Participation from young people
- Design by young people to maximise engagement
- Informal and simple

### Action Plan

- Realistic and affordable solutions
- Commitment to achieving targets

## Funding

Shire of Goomalling applied for 2015-16 Youth Friendly Communities funding to engage our young people and translate their voice into strategies and projects for creating a youth friendly community, Council was awarded \$10,000 to implement the project.

The grant funding program was designed to assist local governments to engage young people in creative ways to plan and develop Youth Friendly Communities. Youth friendly Community is a community that “encourages and recognises the participation and contributions of young people, supports youth development and provides youth-friendly services, facilities and programs”<sup>17</sup>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/GrantsFunding/Pages/Youth-Friendly-Communities.aspx#sthash.n1mr9UWT.dpuf>

## Gooma Squad

Gooma Squad is a collective of young people that joined hands to share ideas for engaging other young people in the community, there were 11 contributors in total that participated in various levels from discussions, planning, survey design and event management.

The groups had collaborative sessions at Go Café and Goomalling Sports and Community Centre, created an Instagram page @gooma\_squad and used group chat forums casually for discussions and planning.

Gooma Squad designed their logo which was digitised and marked their *carbon positive* hoodies that they wear with pride.

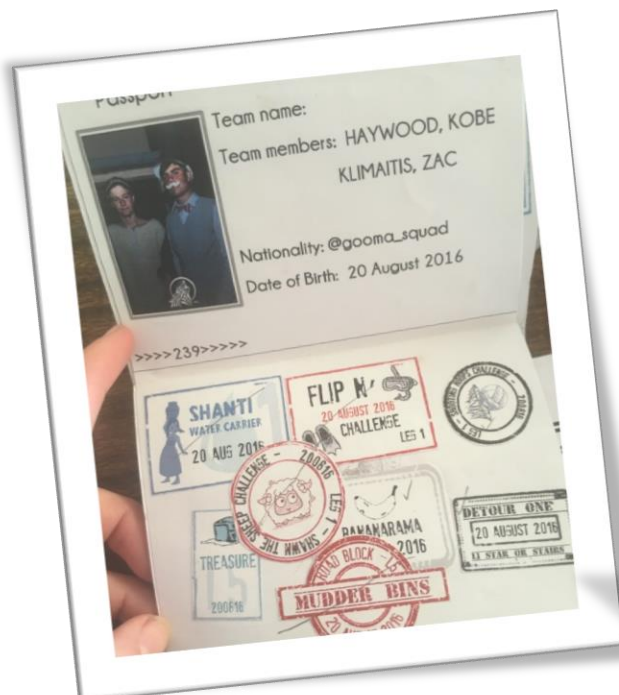
## Engagement aka youth events

Events for youth were the main method of engagement/consultation, including during school holidays to attract boarders.

Council and Gooma Squad hosted four (4) events

### Amazing Race

The most successful event, 21 young people attended to participate in a day of challenges around Goomalling. Like the television series teams followed a series of clues to each road block, detour fast forward to vying for first place at the final pit stop.



♥ kaido33, zakbohling24 and 3 others  
 gooma\_squad catching rays, ideas for days!!! Collab event planning #goomasquad #gteam #gocafe #wheatbeltlocal #goomalling #dlgc #youthfriendlycommunity

13 JULY



*Halloween Movie Marathon*

Cinematic experience with surround sound and a screen that made the town hall look small, creating a frightening experience for those who dared.

*Fiesta de la juventud*

Fiesta of Youth was held in conjunction with our community event for 2016 the Vintage Car Sprint and Spring Festival, the FREE community event attracted a wide range of people from the community across demographics including families which gave us greater exposure to youth that live outside the community town site. The youth festival was a space for young people to chill with a pop-up Polaroid photo booth, piñata, cushion and space to view the race and mingle and galaxy meltdown inflatable challenge.

**"My message, especially to young people is to have courage to think differently, courage to invent, to travel the unexplored path, courage to discover the impossible and to conquer the problems and succeed. These are great qualities that they must work towards. This is my message to the young people"**

**- Abdul Kalam**

*BMX Workshop and Stunt show by Freestyle Now*

The event was in the original planning, however the Fiesta de la juventud was under budget therefore the Gooma Squad elected to have activities that together with the BMX opening including a beginner's workshop, competition and stunt show by Freestyle Now to celebrate the new facility.

**Event planning**

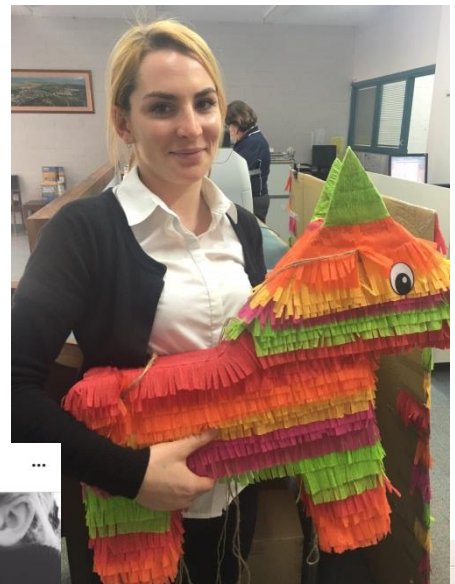
Event planning was carried out by three (3) Council staff Renae Brookes, Executive Officer (20), Tina Perrin, Trainee (21) and Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer (27), in collaboration with Gooma Squad.

The event team created the events from scratch including the amazing race clues, passports and course.

Our strategy to attract diversity in participants was to firstly create a diverse youth reference group to engage their peers, particularly in hard to reach group such as

- Over 18 year olds (particularly males); and
- Indigenous youth

We endeavoured to create a diverse intersectional reference group to maximise exposure.





## Spreading the word

200+ postcards were sent personally addressed to young people in the Goomalling district inviting them to the three of the four events as well as promoting through Facebook, Instagram and our local schools, youth group and newspaper.

**#GOOMA-SQUAD**  
by youth, for youth

**#Goomasquad is a collective of young people giving a voice to YOUTH in Goomalling.**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

#Goomasquad has been collaborating with Council to deliver three (3) events designed by youth for youth.

1. The Amazing Race, 20 August
2. Fiesta at the Vintage Car Sprint, 15 October
3. Halloween movie marathon, 5 November

We invite you to join in on the madness, and share your views on how to make Goomalling an exciting place to be for young people.

xo Gooma Squad

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**OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE**  
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
YOUTH REFERENCE GROUP

What issues affect young people today?

Are you over 15 years old?  
Are you interested in giving youth a voice?  
Are you interested in planning events?  
Do you have skills to share?  
Do you want to gain new skills?

We would love to have you on board as a volunteer to give our local youth a voice.

Register your interest with Tahnee via  
[cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au) or 08 9629 1101

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FREE EVENT | AFTER PARTY | PRIZES | DRESS-UP  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 3 AUGUST  
For enquiries + registration contact  
Tahnee Bird or Renee Brookes  
08 9629 1101 or cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au

**THE AMAZING RACE GOMALLING** 9:00-8:00 PM

gooma\_squad Event No 1!!!! #gteam #goomalling #goomasquad #dlgc #youthfriendlycommunity

gooma\_squad  
Goomalling, Western Australia

11am, 15 October 2016 @ Anstey Park

**Fiesta de la Juventud**

THE THREE TIMES HILL  
FOR A FIESTA TO CELEBRATE BEING BORN.  
OTHER HIGHLIGHT ON MEDIA ISSUES.  
DANCE WITH MATRES.  
EAT SOME SHUR.  
CHILL.  
NOT A PRATA.  
PLAT.

MONSTERS UNLEASHED  
THE CONJURING  
THE LAST EXC  
Goosebumps

remmi\_chilli\_forever, jo\_niski, wacountrychemist, aa.ll.ll.ss.oo.nn., leishpamm23, ericahedberg75, cawatson89, killerk8448, zakbohing24

gooma\_squad Looky what arrived today #goomalling #goomasquad #halloweenmoviemarathon #dlgc #youthfriendlycommunity #gteam

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**TEEN ATHLON**  
MEMBER

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**Fiesta de la Juventud**

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gooma\_squad This freak will haunt you as you sleep!!!!  
Halloween Movie Marathon 🍻 5 November 🕒 6pm - 2am  
🗨 what should we watch???? #goomasquad #gteam #goomalling #dlgc #halloween #moviemarathon

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## Sharing Results

Gooma Squad is developing a short film as a process of understanding the results and developing the plans and priorities. The video will be used to disseminate information to community with the launch of the plan 8 March 2017.

## UWA Engagement

Council staff and coordinator of the project have grown up in Goomalling and therefore sought an unbiased view of youth services currently available and what is feasible for our community.

University of Western Australia (UWA) presented a community dispatch video and comprehensive report on their findings.

**"I BEGAN TO REALISE HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO BE AN ENTHUSIAST IN LIFE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SOMETHING, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS, GO AT IT FULL SPEED. EMBRACE WITH BOTH ARMS, HUG IT, LOVE IT AND ABOVE ALL BECOME PASSIONATE ABOUT IT. LUKEWARM IS NO GOOD"**

**-ROALD DAHL**

## Challenges – What we learnt

Events were an extremely successful engagement option where young people felt that has the opportunity to be heard without the consultation formalities but the process wasn't without challenges, this is what we found:

1. No response from the expressions of interest for the youth reference/focus group, therefore staff had to ask young people to participate. The positive in this situation was that we had a diverse reference group.
2. Lack of attendance of Gooma Squad members at meetings and discussions.
3. Maintaining Gooma Squad's enthusiasm about the project, particularly creating the survey, discussing results and planning.
4. Staff changeover, resignation of key contributor and connection to some Gooma Squad members impacted their future involvement and stagnated progress of the events and planning.
5. Not having a high school made it more difficult to engage with a high quantity of students, having a high school would've enabled us to engage majority of young people, however we had to rely on their participation at either the events or youth group.
6. Participation from 18-25-year-old young people, they didn't consider themselves "youth" and the variation in priorities between 12-17 year olds, 18-20 year olds and 21-25-year-old was extremely clear. Participation of 18-25 year olds in the Gooma Squad and planning process didn't encourage greater participation from that age group.
7. Some participants found the survey too long and too difficult. Creating a survey that asked the relevant questions, that was relatable to such a wide age group. Creating separate surveys, events and planning would've been more effective.
8. Low participation from boarding school students, even for events in the school holidays when they were home. This supports the perception that young people lose their connection to the community once they start boarding.
9. Death of a pivotal Gooma Squad member, traumatic for the whole team and significantly affected the final stages of the project.
10. Collaboration with the football club would've been a valuable relationship, an event in conjunction with fixtures would've given us a higher engagement of young males.

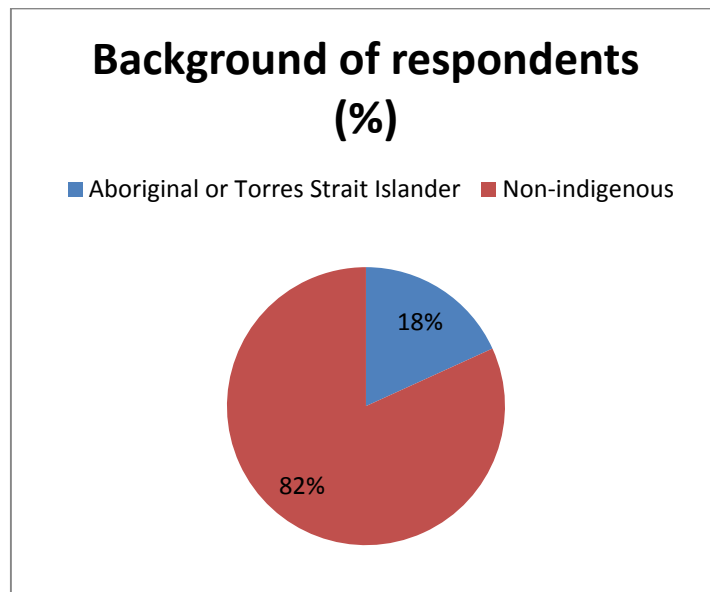
# RESPONDENTS SUMMARY

## Survey respondents

Shire of Goomalling held four (4) events to attract potential respondents, 33 people completed the survey. Survey respondents were reasonably diverse enabling a comprehensive collection of ideas to create a youth friendly community.

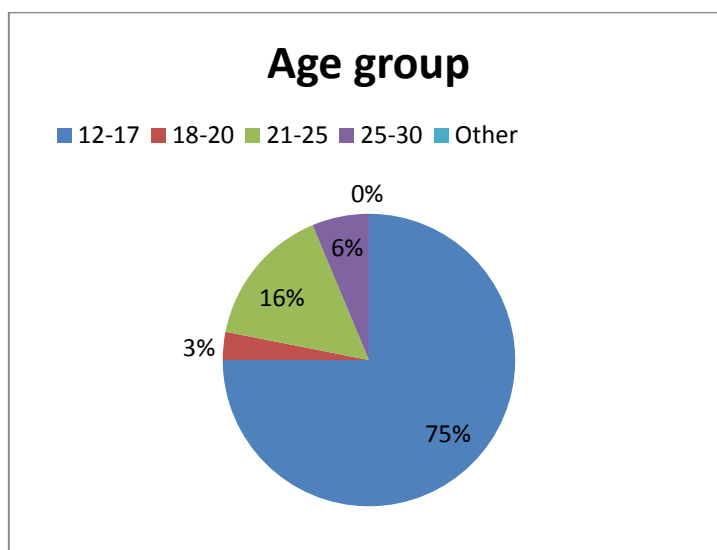
**Figure 4: Background of respondents (%)**

In total 18% of the respondent were of indigenous descent while 82% were non-indigenous.



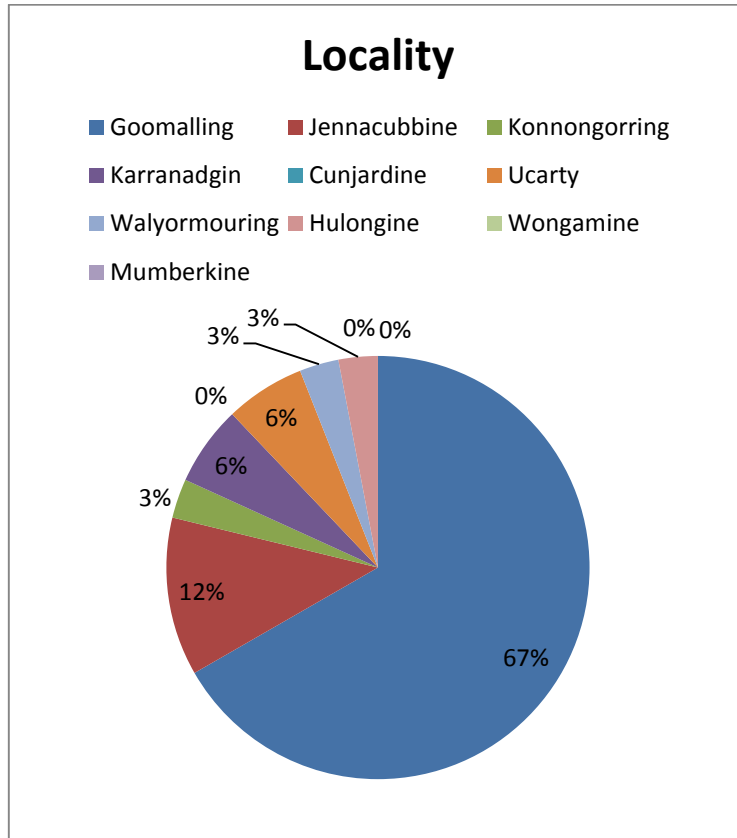
**Figure 5: Age of respondents (%)**

The vast majority of survey respondents (75%) were aged between 12-17 years old followed by those aged 21-25 years old (16%), 25-30 years old (6%) and 18-20 years old (3%).



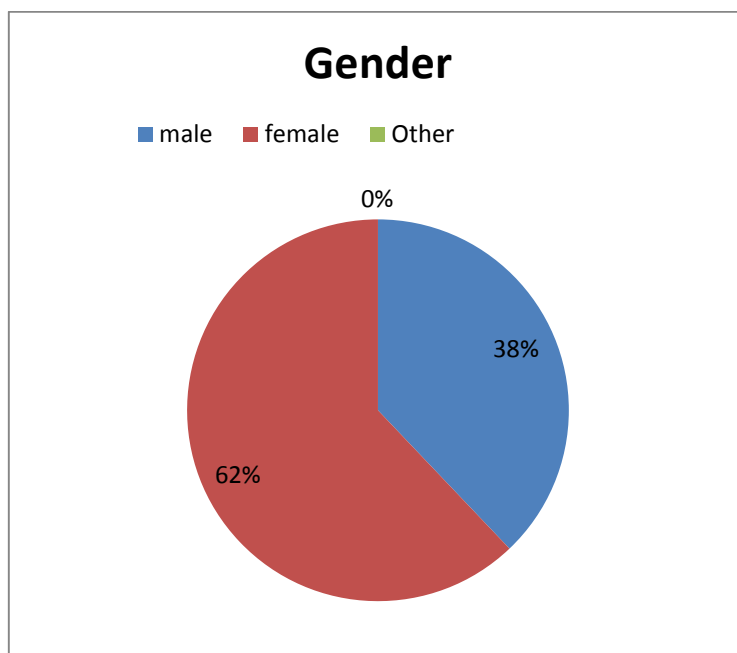
**Figure 5: Locality of respondents (%)**

As expected the most densely populated locality of Goomalling has the greatest number of respondents equating to 67% followed by 12% from Jennacubbine, 6% from both Karranadgin and Ucarty and 3% from Walyormouring, Konnongorring and Hulongine. Mumberkine, Wongamine and Cunjardine had no representation.



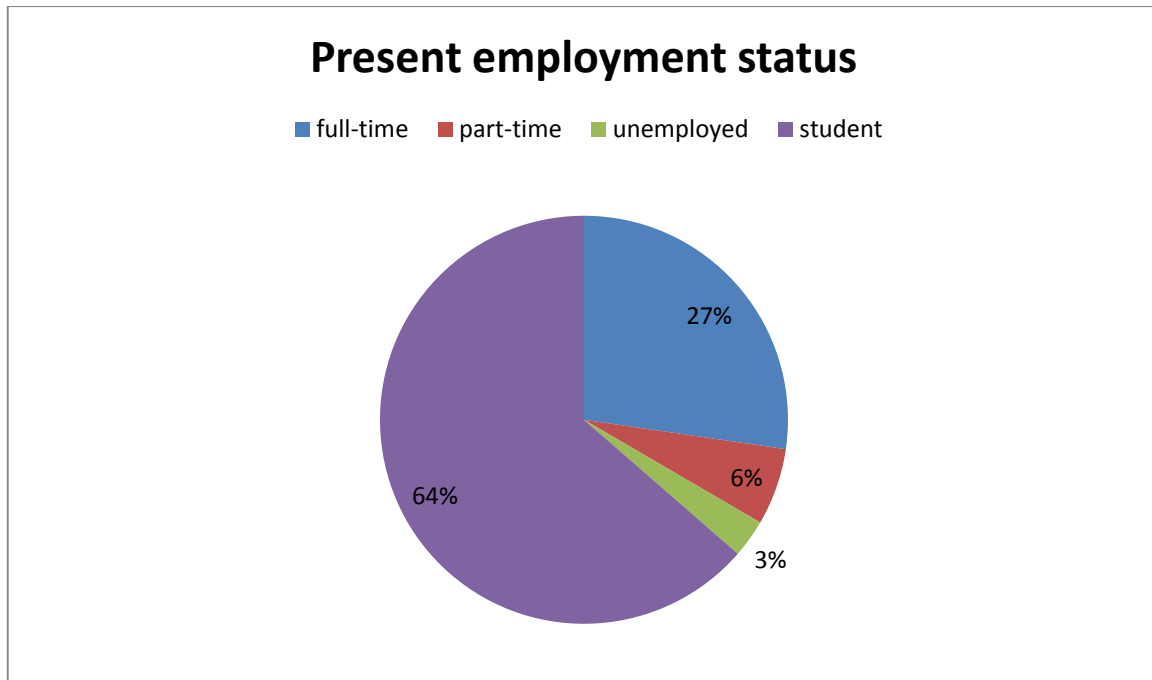
**Figure 6: Gender representation of respondents (%)**

62% of the survey respondents were female; the remaining 38% were male.



**Figure 7: Employment status of respondents (%)**

Considering 75% students were aged 12-17 it is not surprising that 64% of respondents are students, following by 27% employed full time, 6% employed part time and 3% unemployed.

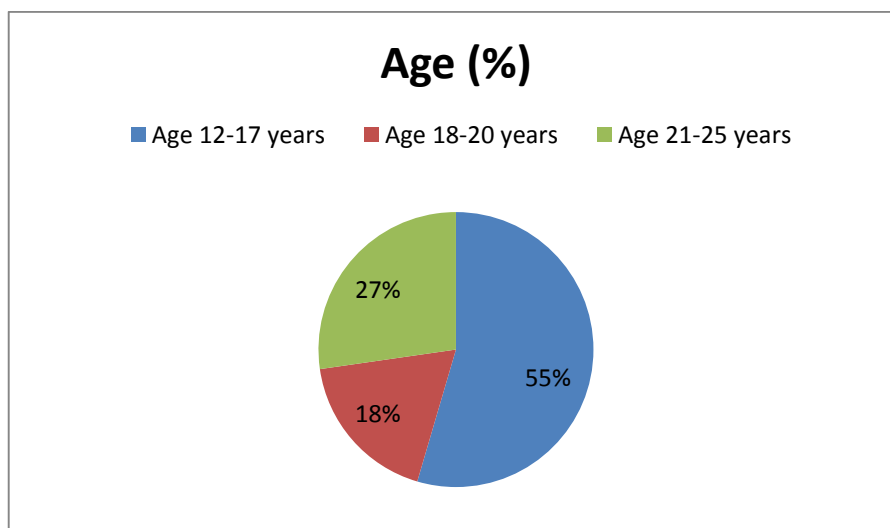


### Focus/reference group respondents

The Shire of Goomalling had a focus/reference group throughout the project known as Gooma Squad, they were consulted to create the events to engage young people, design the survey and invite people to the events for maximum engagement. Gooma Squad created the video to disseminate results and reviewed the results to create priorities based on the collective vision.

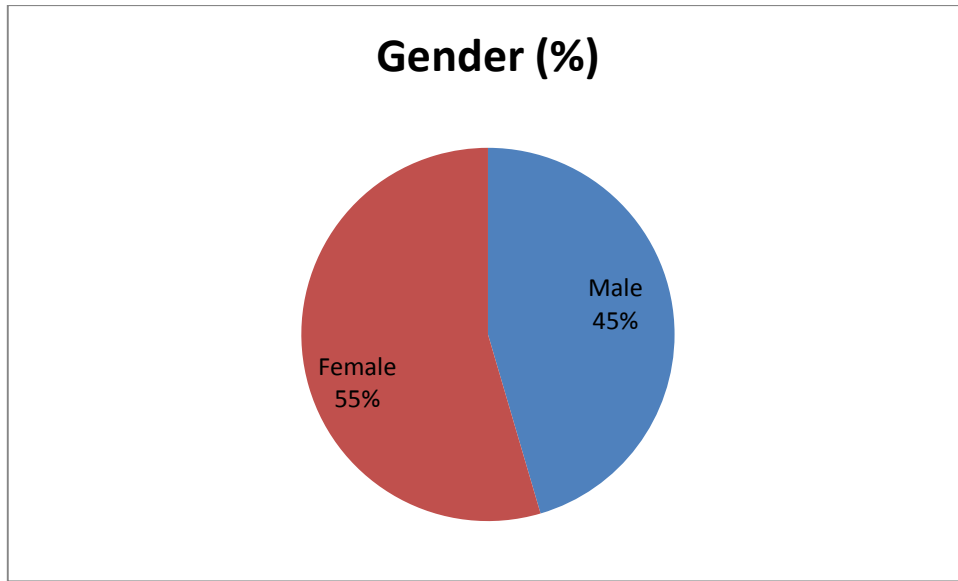
**Figure 8: Age of focus group representation (%)**

The age diversity was reasonably sound and reflects the total population of each age demographic in Goomalling. 55% of the focus group was 12-17 years old, 27% were 21-25 years and 18% were 18-20 years old.



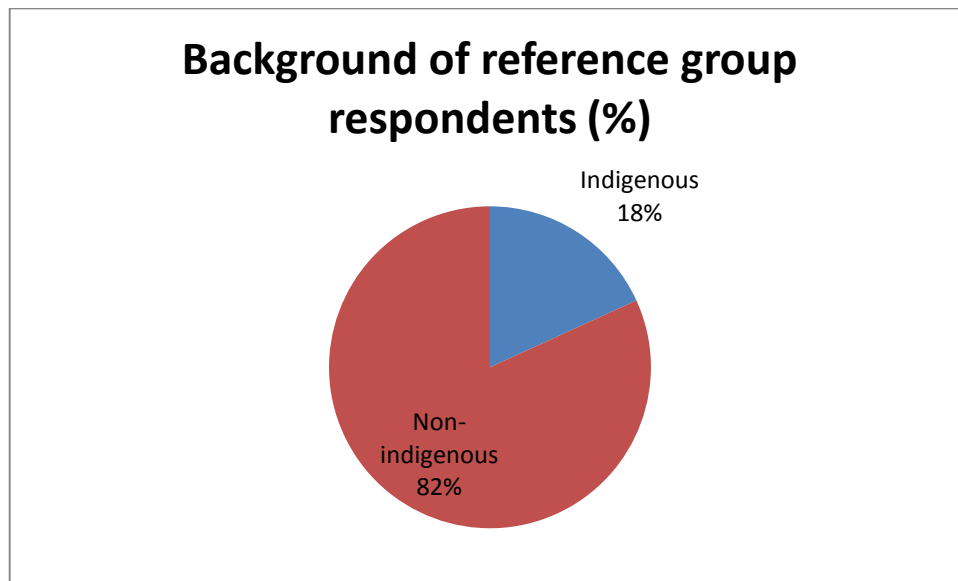
**Figure 10: Gender of focus group representation (%)**

55% of the focus group was female; the remaining 45% were male.



**Figure 11 Background of reference group respondents (%)**

In total 18% of the focus group were of indigenous descent while 82% were non-indigenous.



# FINDINGS

## Education, training and employment

- 53% respondents believe there is not enough employment opportunities
- The biggest obstacles for people to the job they want is
  - lack of diverse employment opportunities,
  - lack of traineeship/apprenticeship options and
  - lack of training opportunities in general
- 79% respondents believe there is not enough training opportunities
- Weighted scale average 2.36/10\*

## Health and community services

- Focus group identified cost of medical services particularly for 18-25years old when no longer eligible for children's rate, isn't affordable
- Weighted scale average mental health (depression, anxiety, self-esteem) 2/10\*, Sexual health 2.15/10\*, physical health 2.27/10\*, domestic violence 2.03\*/10, relationships 2.91\*/10

## Leisure, recreation and social life

- 53% respondents believe there aren't enough public spaces for young people
- Skate park and a youth centre was suggested to create a more youth friendly community
- 84.85% of respondent believe there are enough opportunities to participate in events, sports and leisure activities.
- Respondents want to see more recreation opportunities including basketball, Skate Park, indoor cricket, indoor hockey, soccer, gymnastics, arcade, gaming, motocross, modelling, informal groups (arts) community space and weightlifting. The two (2) most common requests were a basketball court and skate park.
- Respondents believe that more activities, events and a skate park would enhance the social life of young people in Goomalling.

## Transport and housing

- 75% respondents believe there is not enough transport options in Goomalling
- Respondents believe affordable transport options including buses and trains would alleviate isolation.
- 59% of respondents believe there are not enough housing for young people in Goomalling
- Respondents suggested share housing, youth hostel accommodation and more affordable young person's housing would alleviate their concerns.
- Weighted scale average transport 2.65/10\* and housing 2.5/10\*

## Public spaces, buildings and natural environments

Respondents believe we should be planting more trees and hosting community clean-ups

\*Weight scale: Respondents rated concern between one (1) and ten (10), one (1) being most concerned to ten (10) not concerned.

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- Weight scale average environment (climate change) 2.28/10\*, economy (job, tax) 2.28/10\* and poverty 2.72/10\*
- Respondents believe safe guarding biodiversity, investing in renewable energy, and planting more trees is a good start to protect the environment.
- Respondents believe diversifying the economy and supporting local businesses is a good way to strengthen our local economy.
- Respondents believe fundraising events could support various campaigns to assist people in poverty/environmental initiatives.

## Communication and information

- 75% respondents want to know about what services/facilities are available for youth in Goomalling.
- 78% respondents believe Facebook is the best way to engage young people
- 56% of respondents want to be more involved with Council decisions
- 54% of respondents believe Council provides enough information for young people but would like to know more about *events*.

## Civic participation and volunteering

- 69.7% of respondents believe there are enough opportunities to volunteers
- 60.6% of respondents are interested in volunteering
  - Areas of interest include sport, youth, animals and fire brigade

## Respect and inclusion

- Bullying 1.84/10\*
- Discrimination 2.27/10\*
- Social inclusion 2.38/10\*
- Gender equality 2.48/10\*

\*Weight scale: Respondents rated concern between one (1) and ten (10), one (1) being most concerned to ten (10) not concerned.

Whilst it's apparent young people are generally concerned about a number of issues, bullying, mental health and domestic violence were rated the most concerning.



When asked what they're **most concerned** about, this is what they said.



# SECTION TWO: ACTION PLAN

# THE PLAN

The Plan based on eight (8) priority areas has been developed with input from young people in Goomalling

## EDUCATION TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Increase employment prospects for young people	Provide local business incentives to employ a trainee/apprentice	High	Internal	Local Businesses
	Collaborate with small business to develop short workshops to teach skills and provide a "try before your buy" environment.	High	Internal	Local Businesses
	Create a "job ready" workshop to assist young people with necessary employment documentation, resume and interview skills.	Medium	Internal/Existing Resources	CRC, Employment Agencies, Local Businesses
Increase awareness regarding training opportunities for young people	Annual information session about training option i.e. external TAFE and Open University	Medium	Existing resources	CRC, Universities, TAFE
Create a better learning environment in Goomalling for external study	Providing free WIFI and computer access for students	High	Existing resources	CRC or Youth Centre
	Providing a platform for group study sessions to motivate peers	Medium	Existing resources	CRC or Youth Centre

# HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Create more accessible medical services for young people	Young people and children aged under 25 years old bulk billed for general medical services.	High	Existing Resources	Medical Surgery
	Develop partnerships with government funded and private health care services to provide free information sessions	Medium	Existing Resources + grant funding	GP Network, Headspace, Medical Surgery, Holy Oak, Avon Youth
	Provide free access to relevant health workshops such as sexual health, teen pregnancy, mental health, building resilience, nutrition, drug and alcohol abuse.	Medium	Existing Resources + grant funding	GP Network, Headspace, Medical Surgery, Holy Oak, Avon Youth
Provide a platform for young people talk about youth issues	Provide a space where young people can network with their peers about youth issues and develop mentor relationships	Medium	Existing Resources + grant funding	PCYC, Lotterywest, WDC
Assist service providers to create a more youth friendly environment	Create youth friendly indicators and assessment checklist for business to maximise youth friendliness	Medium	Existing resources	Young people, local business

## LEISURE RECREATION AND SOCIAL LIFE

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Create opportunities for young people to try different recreation options available in Goomalling	Create a mini series of tournaments with different sporting groups to try sports and meet people	Medium	Existing resources	Sporting Clubs, Community groups, Mortlock Sports Council
Create a safe space for young people to hang out	Using a new or existing space create an inviting centre for young people to chill, learn new skills, have access to service providers and a place to share their voice.	Medium	Grant funding	Lotterywest, Federal and State Government
	Build a concrete skatepark for unstructured recreation, to build confidence and assess risk.	High	Grant funding	Lotterywest, Federal and State Government
	Create a youth precinct that accommodates a range of indoor and outdoor chill spaces and unstructured recreation options	Medium	Grant funding	Lotterywest, Federal and State Government
Create a youth event/networking program	Create a program of six (6) events per year	High	Existing resources, Grant Funding	YAC, CRC, MSC

# TRANSPORT AND HOUSING

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Increase accessibility to the regional centre	Investigate feasibility of operating a bus from Goomalling to Northam	High	Existing resources + Grant funding	Department of Transport, WDC
Improve footpaths for scooters and skateboards	Ensure cracks and undulations are repaired on pathways and there is adequate accessibility to Railway Terrace and recreation and community facilities.	Medium	Existing resources + Grant funding	Department of Transport
Increase affordable accommodation options	Investigate opportunities for share housing arrangements	High	Grant funding	Department of Housing
	Create more affordable housing for young people - particularly tiny homes for singles	High	Grant funding	Department of Housing

## PUBLIC SPACES BUILDINGS AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Create public spaces that enable skills building and youth responsibility	Create a skateable facility that enables unstructured recreation, self-assessing risk and a sense of ownership for young people	High	Grant Funding	Lotterywest, State and Federal Government, WDC
	Create a community garden as part of the youth space to enable youth to understand harmony with the environment, sustainable and affordable food production and sense of responsibility	High	Grant Funding	Department of Local Government and Communities
	Create an accessible basketball court	Medium	Grant Funding	Lotterywest, State and Federal Government, WDC
Create a built centre for young people	Using a new or existing space create an inviting centre for young people to chill, learn new skills, have access to service providers and a place to share their voice.	Medium	Grant Funding	Lotterywest, State and Federal Government, WDC
Protect and preserve the natural environment	Advocate and promote clean-up initiatives including waterways and rubbish collections	High	Existing resources	GoTT, YAC, KAB, GPS, SHCS, Wheatbelt NRM
	Review Council policies and local laws to reflect ethos of a sustainable community including eliminating single use plastics bags, single use plastic water bottles etc.	Medium	Existing resources	GoTT, YAC, KAB
	Participate in tree planting initiatives such as National Tree Day to plant more trees	High	Existing resources	GoTT, YAC, GPS, SHCS, National Tree Day, Wheatbelt NRM

Increase awareness about Climate Change as a global issue	Share information from pioneers in environmental conservation and climate change action	Medium	Existing resources	1million Women, Climate Council, 350.org, Australian Youth Climate Coalition
	Create workshops to implement small changes in everyday life that make a huge impact on the environment	Medium	Existing resources + grant funding	1million Women, Climate Council, 350.org, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, CRC
	Participate in Earth Hour event to celebrate progressive climate change initiatives are increase awareness about Climate Change	Medium	Existing resources + grant funding	1million Women, Climate Council, 350.org, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, CRC
Create more green space	Increase shade in our community spaces with trees and cooling natural ground cover	Medium	Existing resources + grant funding	Lotterywest, State and Federal Government, WDC
Increase energy efficiency of community buildings	Invest in renewable energy for community buildings	High	Existing resources + grant funding	Lotterywest, State and Federal Government, WDC



## COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Create a platform for young people to be heard	Formalise Gooma Squad as an advisory committee to Council to assist make decisions that impact young people	High	Existing resources	Department of Local Government and Communities, Gooma Squad
Increase presence of relevant youth information on social media	Create a Facebook and Instagram page for the Gooma Squad to share relevant information that impacts young people	Medium	Existing resources	Gooma Squad
Increase awareness about services and facilities for young people available in Goomalling	Create adequate signage that appeals to young people identifying youth friendly spaces	Medium	Existing resources	Gooma Squad
	Create a community notice board at the youth centre for events and opportunities within the region for young people	Medium	Existing resources	Gooma Squad, CRC, Local Business, Community groups
	Develop a youth services pamphlet to identify services and facilities available for young people	Medium	Existing resources	Gooma Squad, CRC, Local Business, Community groups

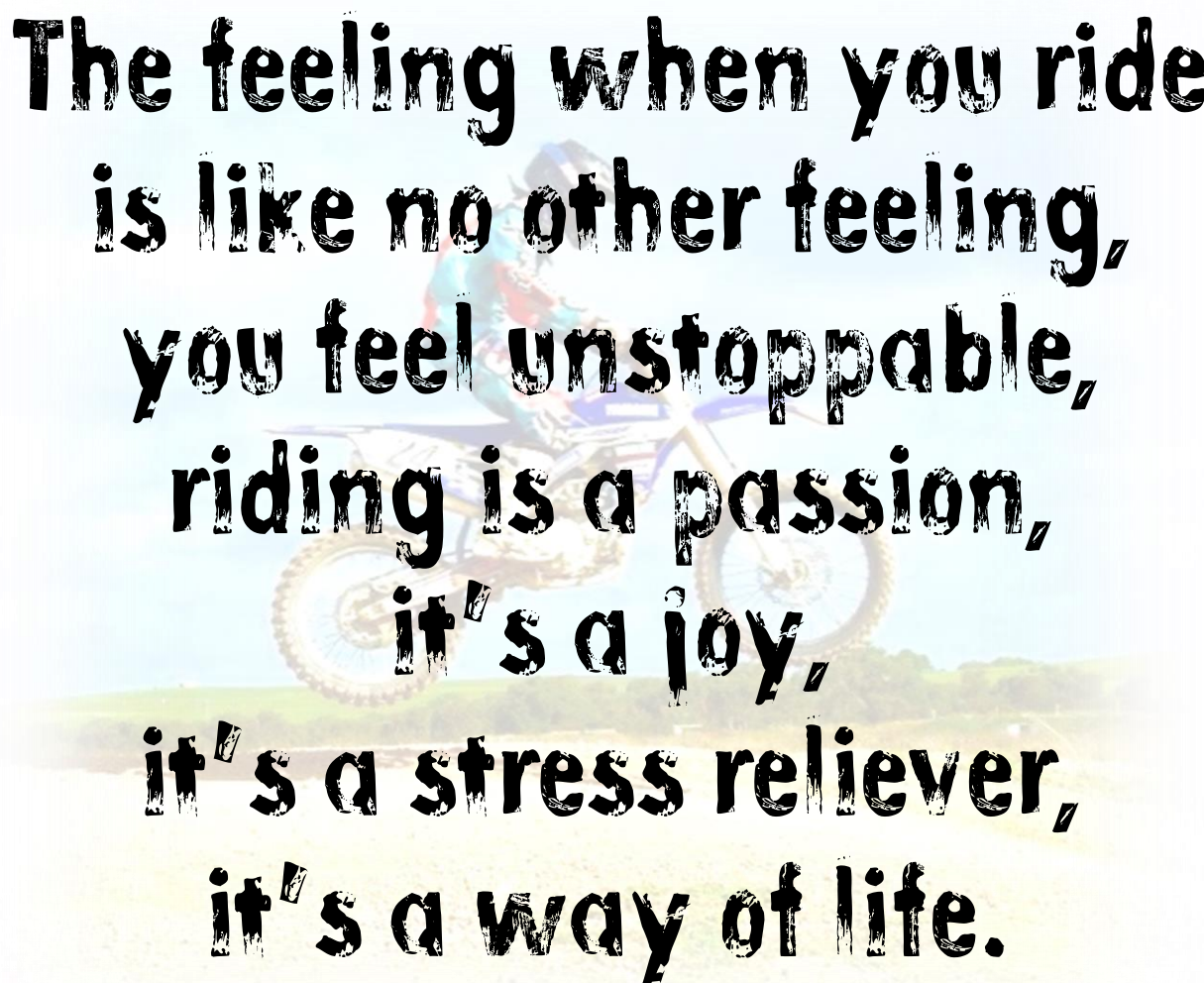
# CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND VOLUNTEERING

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Create a youth friendly volunteering environment	Create a volunteer registry for interested persons to submit their names and relevant skills for volunteer opportunities	Medium	Existing resources	Community Groups, CRC
	Advocate to community groups recruitment of young volunteers	Medium	Existing resources	Community Groups, CRC
	Collaborate with community groups to create a volunteer shadowing process, cadet or traineeship where young people learn necessary skills to be a volunteer and build skills for employment.	Medium	Existing resources	Community Groups, CRC
Increase awareness about community groups and volunteering opportunities that are available	Create a pamphlet including health and community services and facilities outlining potential membership and volunteering opportunities for young people.	High	Existing resources	Gooma Squad, CRC, Local Business, Community groups
	Host a community expo that showcases community groups in a relaxed and engaging environment	Medium	Existing resources	Gooma Squad, CRC, Local Business, Community groups
Increase awareness about funding options for low socio-economic families to enable participation	Actively promote Kidsport funding on Facebook, community newsletters, schools and endeavour.	Medium	Existing resources	Department of Sport and Recreation, SHCS, GPS, CRC


# RESPECT AND INCLUSION

Objective	Action	Priority	Funding strategy	Partnerships
Increase awareness about Aboriginal culture	Incorporate Aboriginal artworks and language in community spaces	Medium	Existing resources + Grant funding	Local aboriginal people, young people, CAN, Lotterywest
	Incorporate Aboriginal knowledge in youth programs	High	Existing resources + Grant funding	Local aboriginal people, young people, CAN, Lotterywest, Nyoongar Boodjar Language Centre, Wheatbelt NRM
	Collaborate with Aboriginal youth to develop engaging ways to share their culture	High	Existing resources + Grant funding	Local aboriginal people, young people, CAN, Lotterywest, Nyoongar Boodjar Language Centre, Wheatbelt NRM
Increase awareness about Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people	Encourage participation in Harmony Day events	Medium	Existing resources + Grant funding	Bendigo Bank, GoTT, SHCS, GPS
Increase youth understanding of respect for self, others, property and environment	Develop an interactive workshop for young people to understand the importance of respecting yourself	High	Existing resources + Grant funding	Headspace, Beyond Blue, Lifeline, Reachout, GP Network, Holy Oake
	Develop an workshop about acceptable interaction with other people	Medium	Existing resources + Grant funding	Headspace, Beyond Blue, Lifeline, Reachout, GP Network, Holy Oake
	Create a platform for young people to learn responsibility , and the "cost" of damaging/taking property	High	Existing resources + Grant funding	Headspace, Beyond Blue, Lifeline, Reachout, GP Network, Holy Oake

	Create a workshop that teaches the relationship humans have with the environment and how to live more sustainably.	Medium	Existing resources + Grant funding	Headspace, Beyond Blue, Lifeline, Reachout, GP Network, Holy Oake
Increase understanding about bullying and the consequences of bullying	Develop an interactive workshop for young people to understand what it is to be a bullying and how it affects other people.	High	Existing resources + Grant funding	Headspace, Beyond Blue, Lifeline, Reachout, GP Network, Holy Oake



**The feeling when you ride  
is like no other feeling,  
you feel unstoppable,  
riding is a passion,  
it's a joy,  
it's a stress reliever,  
it's a way of life.**



**IN MEMORY OF  
ZAK BOHLING**

A valued member of @Gooma\_squad a man with an infectious smile, unwavering optimism, unparalleled vivaciousness and the kindest soul. An amazing contributor to the "Our Youth, Our Future" project who is missed by us all.

**#goomatown #rideforever**

# APPENDICES

1. Youth Survey
2. Youth Reference/Focus Group Flyer
3. Media Release – Endeavour
4. Advertisements

# OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

## #GoomaSquad

The Shire of Goomalling has been successful in obtaining funding from the Department of Local Government and Communities to assist us to prepare a Youth Friendly Community Plan.

To ensure our plan is relevant for our community and reflects the current and future needs of our community we are asking you to help us with the development of the plan.

There are two ways for your voice to be heard and ideally we need you to participate in both. Firstly we need our residents, especially our youth, to complete this survey. Secondly once we have the surveys collated you will be invited to attend a meeting in October to discuss the results.

The information collected in the survey will be used in the Youth Friendly Community Plan that will enable Council to apply for funding as it becomes available and action relevant projects identified by the community in conjunction with the Strategic Community Plan.

For further information please contact Tahnee or Renae on 9629 1101.

First name:

Last name:

Locality:

Goomalling	Jennacubbine	Konnongorring	Karranadgin
Cunjardine	Ucarty	Walyormouring	Hulongine
Wongamine	Mumberkine		

Gender:

Female      Male

Present employment status:

Full-time      Part-time  
Unemployed      Student

Age group:

12-17  
18-20  
21-25  
25-30



### EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

1. Do you think there are enough employment opportunities in Goomalling?      Yes      No

2. What is the biggest obstacle in getting the job you want?

3. Are there enough training opportunities in Goomalling? (eg. Tafe, University, Short courses)      Yes      No

On a scale of 1-5 please rank this issue according to how much it concerns you. 1 being the **MOST** concerning to 5 being the **LEAST** concerning:

	1	2	3	4	5
Employment/training:					



### CIVIC PARTICIPATION & VOLUNTEERING

- |  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Are there enough volunteering opportunities in Goomalling?  | Yes | No |
| 2. Does Goomalling offer enough opportunities to participate? (i.e events, sporting clubs, leisure activities) | Yes | No |
| 3. Would you be interested in volunteering?  | Yes | No |
| 4. If yes, what areas would you be interested in volunteering for?   |     |    |



### COMMUNITY SUPPORT & HEALTH SERVICES

- |  |     |    |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Do you think there are enough youth support services in Goomalling?     | Yes | No |
| 2. What recreation/leisure activities would you like to see in Goomalling? |     |    |
| 3. How would you enhance the social life for the youth in Goomalling?      |     |    |

On a scale of 1-5 please rank these issues according to what concerns you the most. 1 being the **MOST** concerning to 5 being the **LEAST** concerning:

	1	2	3	4	5
Mental Health (depression, anxiety, self esteem)					
Sexual Health (STI, STD, teen pregnancy)					
Physical Health (obesity, anorexia, eating disorder)					
Domestic Violence					
Relationships					



## TRANSPORT & HOUSING

1. Is there enough transport services in Goomalling? (driver training, bus/trains etc)                      Yes                      No

2. How would you improve the transport in Goomalling?

3. Is there enough housing for youth in Goomalling?                      Yes                      No

4. Do you have any suggestions for housing within the Shire of Goomalling?

On a scale of 1-5 please rank these issues according to what concerns you the most. 1 being the **MOST** concerning and 5 being the **LEAST** concerning:

	1	2	3	4	5
Housing					
Transport					

## PUBLIC SPACES, BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENT

1. Do you think there are enough public spaces for young people?                      Yes                      No  
How would you improve this?

2. How would you improve the natural environment in Goomalling?

On a scale of 1 to 5 please rank these issues according to what concerns you the most. From 1 being the **MOST** concerning and 5 being the **LEAST** concerning:

	1	2	3	4	5
Environment (climate change, overpopulation, global warming)					
Economy (jobs, tax, grant money for services)					
Poverty, Refugee Crisis					

3. How do you think Council could help alleviate your concerns?

## COMMUNICATION

- |   |                      |    |
|---|----------------------|----|
| 1. Do you know about what services/facilities are available for the youth of Goomalling?                      | Yes                  | No |
| 2. What's the best way for Council to engage young people?  | Facebook             |    |
|   | Website              |    |
|   | Newsletter/Endeavour |    |
|   | Other                |    |
| 3. Would you like to be made aware of the services/facilities that are available for the youth in Goomalling? | Yes                  | No |
| 4. Would you like to be more involved with Council decisions?   | Yes                  | No |
| 5. Does Council provide enough information that's relevant to young people?                                   | Yes                  | No |

What would you like to know more about?

## RESPECT & INCLUSION

- |   |                       |    |
|---|-----------------------|----|
| 1. Do you think the youth in Goomalling are respected and voices heard? | Yes                   | No |
| 2. Do you feel included in the Goomalling community?                    | Yes                   | No |
|   | If no, please explain |    |

On a scale of 1-5 please rank this issue on how much it concerns you. 1 being the **MOST** concerning and 5 being the **LEAST** concerning:

	1	2	3	4	5
Social Inclusion					
Gender Equality					
Bullying					
Discrimination (age, sexual preference, race, religion/ideology)					

As a young person what are you **MOST** concerned about?

Any other comments, feedback or ideas

# Thank you.

Your participation will enable Council to create a more youth friendly Goomalling.

This project is funded by Department of Local Government and Communities to create youth friendly communities in Western Australia.



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# OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

YOUTH REFERENCE GROUP

What issues  
affect young  
people today?

Are you over 15 years old?  
Are you interested in giving youth a voice?  
Are you interested in planning events?  
Do you have skills to share?  
Do you want to gain new skills?

We would love to have you on board as a  
volunteer to give our local youth a voice.

Register your interest with Tahnee via  
[cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au) or 08 9629 1101



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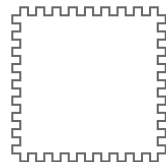




# #GOOMA -SQUAD

by youth, for youth

# #Goomasquad is a collective of young people giving a voice to **YOUTH** in Goomalling.



Dear \_\_\_\_\_

#Goomasquad has been collaborating with Council to deliver three (3) events designed by youth for youth.

1. The Amazing Race, 20 August
2. Fiesta at the Vintage Car Sprint, 15 October
3. Halloween movie marathon, 5 November

We invite you to join in on the madness, and share your views on how to make Goomalling an exciting place to be for young people.

xo Gooma Squad



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# OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

## ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Pit Start: Goomalling Recreation Ground  
Start time: 11.00am (note time change)  
Teams: 2-4 people (Age 12-25)

**FREE EVENT | AFTER PARTY | PRIZES | DRESS-  
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 5  
AUGUST**

For enquiries + registration contact  
Tahnee Bird or Renae Brookes



**THE AMAZING  
RACE**

**GOOMALLING**

**20.08.2016**

11am, 15 October 2016 @ Anstey Park

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Dios mio, I wish I had my say  
about youth issues ☹ look  
what they made me wear!!  
#overit #haveyoursay



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**MELTDOWN**



THE GALAXY MELTDOWN WILL BE BACK IN ANSTEY PARK FOR FIESTA DE LA JUVENTUD DURING THE VINTAGE CAR SPRINT & SPRING FESTIVAL. **SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2016, 11AM-4PM**



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Wheatbelt  
Development  
Commission

# **HALLOWEEN**

# **MOVIE MARATHON**

## **FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER**

## **6PM TO 2AM**

6.00pm – 8.00pm	Scooby Doo Monster's Unleashed	PG
8.00pm – 10.00pm	The Last Exorcism	MA 15+
10.00pm – 12.00am	The Conjuring	MA 15+
12.00am – 2.00am	Goosebumps	PG

**FREE** Entry, includes sausage sizzle, cool drink and popcorn.  
Prize for **BEST DRESSED**  
@ Goomalling Town Hall

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# GOOMALLING BMX POCKET PARK

# OPENING

BMX WORKSHOP, STUNTS AND MUSIC BY **FREESTYLE NOW**

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2016. 11AM  
FOOD | PRIZES



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**BUILDING OUR FUTURE**

# OUR YOUTH OUR FUTURE

## YOUTH FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PLAN



### LAUNCH PRESENTATION AND COMMUNITY COMMENT SESSION

Thursday 9 March 2017 @ 4.30pm  
Meeting Room

Goomalling Sport & Community Centre

Copy of the draft plan is available from the Shire office or  
Council website [www.goomalling.wa.gov.au](http://www.goomalling.wa.gov.au)

RSVP to:

Tahnee Bird, Community Development Officer  
[cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@goomalling.wa.gov.au) or 08 9629 1101

## IN MEMORY OF ZAK BOHLING

A valued member of @Gooma\_squad a man with an infectious smile, unwavering optimism, unparalleled vivaciousness and the kindest soul. An amazing contributor to the "Our Youth, Our Future" project who is missed by us all.

**#goomatown #rideforever**



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