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Youth Survey (12-25)

This survey is for young people aged 12-25 who live, work, study or play within City of Ballarat.

We want to find out what sort of ideas you might have to make Ballarat an even better place for young people and the types of issues that are impacting young people.

The survey is completely anonymous (so no-one will know it was you) and you don't have to answer every question if you don't want to. **It should take about 5 minutes to complete.**

Please note, there are some questions that include content on sensitive topics such as mental health and personal safety. These may be triggering for you. We respect your sensitivity and wellbeing and all questions are optional. If you need someone to talk with, you can contact Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800 (24/7) kidshelpline.com.au; or Lifeline Australian 13 11 14 or find someone you trust to talk to.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

I am interested in or would like to see more of these events or activities in Ballarat (please tick all that apply)

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Sport / Recreation
- ☐ Creative Arts
- ☐ Gaming and Coding
- ☐ Live Music and Community Events
- ☐ Volunteering Opportunities
- ☐ Social Connections
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (please specify)

CURRENT SITUATION

In terms of education or employment, I am currently... (please tick all that apply)

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ A primary school student
- ☐ A secondary school student
- ☐ Student in flexible learning option e.g. Fed College, Berry St, LinkUp
- ☐ A part time secondary school student and part-time work program participant
- ☐ A TAFE program student
- ☐ A University student
- ☐ A full-time worker
- ☐ A part-time worker
- ☐ A casual worker
- ☐ Self-employed (I have my own business)
- ☐ An apprentice or trainee
- ☐ Not currently in the workforce, e.g. on maternity / paternity leave, a carer
- ☐ Looking for work
- ☐ Not looking for work
- ☐ Other (please specify)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

I would like to see these education and training opportunities in Ballarat for young people...(please tick all that apply)

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(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Free short courses in work-related skills, e.g. barista training, first aid
- ☐ Life skills, e.g. money / budgeting, cooking skills
- ☐ Different / new courses within VCAL, VET, flexible learning and tertiary education
- ☐ Business start-up / entrepreneurship
- ☐ Increased apprenticeship / traineeship / trade school job opportunities
- ☐ More volunteering opportunities
- ☐ More online education and training opportunities
- ☐ More face-to-face education and training opportunities
- ☐ More work experience or internships
- ☐ Other (please specify)

EMPLOYMENT

The key employment challenges or issues I have experienced are.....

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Job ready skills, i.e. resume / CV, interview skills
- ☐ Hours of work, i.e. not enough hours or suitable hours of work
- ☐ Working conditions, entitlements and rights
- ☐ Job availability / diversity
- ☐ Job security
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

PERSONAL SAFETY

Have you experienced situations where you were concerned for your safety?

(Choose any one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Answer this question only if you have chosen Yes for PERSONAL SAFETYHave you experienced situations where you were concerned for your safety?

If you have experienced situations where you were concerned for your safety, was it linked to any of the below? If you feel comfortable to do so, let us know which ones.

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Racism
 - ☐ Bullying
 - ☐ Harassment
 - ☐ Physical violence
 - ☐ Ableism (discrimination in favour of able-bodied people)
 - ☐ Discrimination
 - ☐ Gender based violence
 - ☐ Homophobia
 - ☐ Not sure
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- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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PERSONAL SAFETY

Provide your perception of personal safety at the following places in Ballarat...

Questions	Feel very safe	Feel safe	No opinion	Don't feel safe	Feel very unsafe
Bridge Mall Area					
Bus stops/interchange					
Cycling / walking tracks					
Lake Wendouree Area					
Library					
Parks / playgrounds					
Public toilets					
School					
Shopping centres					
Sports grounds					
Swimming pools					
Train station					
Workplace					

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ACCESS AND INCLUSION

I believe that we could make public places and spaces more welcoming / accessible / inclusive for all young people by ...

SUPPORT SERVICES

What services or people have been most helpful to you on important issues or during a time of crisis, e.g. mental health, financial, career, personal safety etc?

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Friends
- ☐ Family
- ☐ A teacher / school / TAFE / University Counsellor
- ☐ Doctor / psychologist / counsellor
- ☐ Headspace / Kids Helpline / Beyond Blue
- ☐ My own internet research
- ☐ I haven't needed help
- ☐ I haven't found helpful support yet
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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MENTAL HEALTH

At some stage during my life been I have been concerned about or experienced: (please tick all that apply)

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Anxiety
- ☐ Depression
- ☐ Bullying
- ☐ Cyber bullying
- ☐ Self-harm
- ☐ Suicidal thoughts
- ☐ Violence
- ☐ Stress
- ☐ Eating disorders
- ☐ Second hand trauma
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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MENTAL HEALTH

If you have needed mental health support, have you had difficulties accessing mental health services?

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Doesn't apply to me
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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ISSUES

I believe the 3 biggest issues most impacting young people are... (pick your top 3 issues)

(Choose any 3 options)

- ☐ Access to food
- ☐ Bullying
- ☐ Drugs and alcohol
- ☐ Education and training
- ☐ Environmental issues
- ☐ Equality / Inclusion/ Discrimination
- ☐ Family conflict / violence
- ☐ Finances
- ☐ Health – physical, sexual
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Mental health
- ☐ Personal safety
- ☐ Respectful relationships / friendships
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Support service access
- ☐ Suicide prevention
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Other (please specify)

GAME CHANGER

If there is one thing that could make a positive difference to my life as a young person living in the City of Ballarat, it would be....

DEMOGRAPHICS

I identify as...

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non Binary
- ☐ Trans Man
- ☐ Trans Woman
- ☐ Intersex
- ☐ Prefer Not to Say
- ☐ Prefer to Self Describe

DEMOGRAPHICS

I identify as ...

(Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Culturally and Linguistically Diverse person
- ☐ Person with a disability
- ☐ LGBTQIA+
- ☐ Carer

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- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

DEMOGRAPHICS

I live in...

(Choose any 1 options)

- ☐ Alfredton
- ☐ Ballarat Central – Bakery Hill – Lake Wendouree (South) - Newington
- ☐ Ballarat East – Eureka – Warrenheip
- ☐ Ballarat North – Invermay Park
- ☐ Buninyong – Rural South
- ☐ Cardigan Village – Bunkers Hill
- ☐ Delacombe – Winter Valley
- ☐ Golden Point – Mount Pleasant – Canadian
- ☐ Haddon (Golden Plains Shire)
- ☐ Lake Wendouree (North) – Lake Gardens
- ☐ Lucas – Cardigan
- ☐ Miners Rest – Mitchell Park
- ☐ Mount Clear – Mount Helen
- ☐ Rural East - Glen Park, Gong Gong, Invermay, Chapel Flat
- ☐ Rural West – Burrumbeet, Learmonth, Bald Hills, Ascot, Windermere
- ☐ Sebastopol – Redan
- ☐ Smythes Creek (Golden Plains Shire)
- ☐ Soldiers Hill – Black Hill – Nerrina (South) – Brown Hill (West)
- ☐ Wendouree
- ☐ Other (please specify)

DEMOGRAPHICS

I am aged...

(Choose any 1 options)

- ☐ Under 12
- ☐ 12
- ☐ 13
- ☐ 14
- ☐ 15
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 17
- ☐ 18
- ☐ 19
- ☐ 20
- ☐ 21
- ☐ 22
- ☐ 23
- ☐ 24
- ☐ 25
- ☐ Over 25