

Aboriginal Youth Engagement Strategy Survey

Shoalhaven City Council is currently developing an Aboriginal Youth Engagement Strategy in consultation with local community. The project will result in a document that will help to inform how those working with Aboriginal young people across a range of sectors, including local government, carry out their work.

As part of the consultation process, Council is surveying Aboriginal young people aged 12-24. By completing the survey Aboriginal young people will be able to have a say in the planning and decision making processes that connect them with culture and community.

Completed surveys can be returned by email to

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Alternatively completed hard copies can be mailed to Shoalhaven City Council Community Development, PO Box 42, Nowra, NSW 2541 or faxed to 4429 3166.

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Thank you for your input!

Part 1. What kind of groups appeal to you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal specific groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth specific groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Leadership groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Leadership Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting teams |

Other: _____

Are you involved in any of these programs? Yes No

Part 2. You.

Gender: M F Age: _____

Do you currently have a job? Yes No

I am enrolled in: School TAFE University None of these

What is one thing you hope to achieve in the next five years?

Who do you learn about your culture from? (tick more than one if necessary)

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| Elders <input type="checkbox"/> | Friends <input type="checkbox"/> | Community <input type="checkbox"/> | None <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family <input type="checkbox"/> | School <input type="checkbox"/> | Aunties/Uncles <input type="checkbox"/> | |

How do you like to learn about culture? (tick more than one if necessary)

Dance

Teaching others

Music

Storytelling

Writing

Being out in nature

Family

Other (please specify): _____

What Aboriginal country are you from? _____
(eg. Murrumerang, Jerrinja, Yuin, Eora etc)

I don't know

What does being Aboriginal mean to you?

Part 3. How strongly do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. I would describe myself as a confident person					
2. I feel proud at events when there is an acknowledgement/welcome to country					
3. I feel that some events and/or interest groups are not welcoming to Aboriginal people					
4. I feel more confident at events/places/programs that are specifically for Aboriginal people					
5. Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultures are both part of who I am					
6. There are lots of good things about being an Aboriginal youth in the Shoalhaven					
7. I feel like a valued part of the community I live in					
8. I feel that young Aboriginal people have the opportunity to change their community for the better					
9. My Aboriginal identity is important to me					