

Crescent Head

Youth Forum 2008

Adult surveys

Feedback Survey - The feedback survey was completed by 27 adults who attended the Crescent Head Youth forum, November 2008.

Question 1,

How highly do you value the following? (Tick top 5)

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Being independent | 12/27 |
| Family relationships | 26/27 |
| Feeling needed and valued | 18/27 |
| Financial security | 13/27 |
| Friendships (other than family) | 21/27 |
| Getting a job | 5/27 |
| Making a difference in the community | 17/27 |
| Physical and mental Health | 9/27 |
| School and study satisfaction | 2/27 |
| Spirituality / faith | 2/27 |

Question 2,

How concerned are you about the following issues? (Tick top 5)

| | |
|---|-------|
| Alcohol | 16/27 |
| Body image | 3/27 |
| Bullying / emotional abuse | 14/27 |
| Coping with stress | 11/27 |
| Depression | 14/27 |
| Discrimination | 8/27 |
| Drugs | 9/27 |
| Family conflict | 10/27 |
| Personal safety | 5/27 |
| Physical / sexual abuse | 9/27 |
| School or study problems | 2/27 |
| Self harm | 3/27 |
| Sexuality (relationships, health, identity) | 1/27 |
| Suicide | 9/27 |
| The environment | 11/27 |

Question 3.

If you need help with a personal problem, where do you turn to for advice and support? (Tick top 5)

| | |
|---|-------|
| Community agencies (eg youth worker etc) | 7/27 |
| Friends | 24/27 |
| Internet | 13/27 |
| Magazines | 1/27 |
| Parents | 17/27 |
| Relative / family friend | 25/27 |
| School counsellor | 6/27 |
| Someone else in your community (eg doctor, church minister) | 16/27 |
| Teacher | 3/27 |
| Telephone help-line | 1/27 |
| Other | 1/27 |
| (please state) Family Counsellor | |

Question 4.

Are you involved in any of the following activities / groups?
(Tick all the boxes that apply)

| | |
|--|-------|
| Arts / cultural (eg drama, music, dance) | 8/27 |
| Environmental | 7/27 |
| Religious | 7/27 |
| Sport (as participant) | 11/27 |
| Sport (as spectator) | 11/27 |
| Student representative council | 1/27 |
| Volunteer | 14/27 |
| Youth groups and clubs | 8/27 |
| Other | 5/27 |
| (please state) | |

Local, community, domestic violence, union, community and commerce

Question 5.

Is there enough information available on issues that concern you?

| | |
|------------|-------|
| Yes | 19/27 |
| No | 6/27 |
| Unanswered | 2/27 |

Question 6.

If no what issues would you like more information about?

Getting kids to be and feel part of the wider community
Community services available in the community
Rights, benefits, grants, community and council vision for Crescent Head

Question 7,

Name 3 people or organisations that you admire.

Salvation Army, 5 votes

Medicines sans frontier, 3 votes

Land care, 2 votes

Partner, 2 votes

Local people running groups, 2 votes

Christian surfers, 4 votes

PCYC, 2 votes

SES, 2 votes

SLS, 2 votes

Red Cross, 2 votes

Flying doctor, 2 votes

Women's refuge

Beyond Blue

Dick Smith

Bob Brown

Mother Teresa

Jon Prescott

YWAM

Parents

UNICEF

Surf Aid

Tim Costello

Nelson Mandella

Police

Health

Community Services

Church Youth Groups

Neighbourhood Centre

Joe Watts

Cancer Council

Fire Brigade

YOTS

Disabled surfing aid

RFS

Teachers

Drug Arm

Ambulance

Volunteers Org

Steve Waugh

Rotary

Datour sans Frontier

Fred Hollows

Greenpeace

Yac

Jesus

Christian outreach centre

Child sponsor agencies

Question 8.

What is your main source of income? (Tick 1 only)

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| Employment | 20/27 |
| Parents / family | 1/27 |
| Government allowance | 3/27 |
| Other | 3/27 |
| (Please state) | |
| Superannuation x2 | |
| Investment | |

Question 9.

Do you have paid work? (Tick 1 only)

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Working full-time | 20/27 |
| Working part-time | 4/27 |
| Casual or temporary work | 1/27 |
| Unemployed / looking for work | 0/27 |
| Too young to work or choose not to | 1/27 |

Question 10.

Are you studying? (Tick 1 only)

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Studying full-time | 0/27 |
| Studying part-time | 4/27 |
| Not studying | 21/27 |
| Unanswered | 2/27 |

Question 11.

Where do you currently live? (Tick 1 only)

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| With family | 20/27 |
| Share house | |
| Alone | 5/27 |
| Homeless / insecure housing | |
| Boarding school | |
| Foster care | |
| Juvenile justice centre / prison | |
| Other | 2/27 |
| (Please State) | |
| Own home x2 | |

Question 12,

Age

- 2 people in their 20's
- 4 people in their 30's
- 11 people in their 40's
- 5 people in their 50's
- 3 people in their 60's

Gender:

Male 12/27

Female 15/27

Languages other than English spoken at home:

French

Question 13,

Do you identify as an aboriginal of Torres Strait Islander?

Yes 3/27

No 24/27

Question 14,

Do you have a disability?

Yes 3/27

No 24/27

Question 15,

If you could make just one wish on behalf of the young people of the community, what would you wish for them?

Have a great time without causing damage, mess and upsetting other people around them.

To be involved and learn the advantages, fun communities have.

That young people could understand the dangers of binge drinking and taking drugs.

Happiness.

Safe and happy environment. (Home, outdoor, community)

To have a purpose in life

They learn to live and understand that people are just that, they all need respect, love and happiness both ways, and not to lie.

For the youth to care about this community.

Get them off the streets and into employment of some kind. They have too much time on their hands.

Feel part of the community and take ownership of it.

That they enjoy a happy life and do not inadvertently become involved in violent situations.

That they are cared for physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Behave.

Happiness and sense of community.

Increased choice of social activities backed up by family support.

That they could be proud of their local community and make positive participation.

To be better mannered towards people and others property.

That they not lose respect for their family and friends and visitors to their town, live here with pride.

For them to have a place that they as independent children could go to and be proud of, that makes them feel safe and has an element of fun and escape.

A great place to hang out (the surf club/ skate park)

That they have the confidence enough to believe in themselves so they can achieve.

That they don't succumb to the pressures of a peer group.

They make the most of all the opportunities offered to them.

Stop being idiots.

To feel valued and acknowledge their life space.

Confidence in themselves for their future, learn to follow a peaceful path and know the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

That they would have someone that would teach them values and skills for life.

That they might find freedom through a relationship with Jesus Christ

That they find safe and secure relationships, have a great future, job wise and family wise, find and do things that make them truly happy.

Question 16,

Do you think we need to have more forums like this youth forum to find out what youth in the area are thinking.

Yes **27/27**

Comments:

More.

Still need many more youth to attend, especially mid teens.

More sessions with a larger number of representative children.

More forums

More as, more communication equips us as a better community.

We need to remember who the forums are for.

No **0/27**

Question 17,

Do you like living in Crescent head

Yes **22/27**

Comments:

Casual atmosphere, beach, walk everywhere, everything you need is here.

Great environment, casual lifestyle.

It is relaxed and it is a beautiful environment

Environment, peace, friendliness.

Great little village, surrounding, good community, good place to bring up children.

Small community, environment, friendships.

Love the place and people (most), everyone knows who is up to what. It reminds me of my home town when I grew up, (someone always knows where your children are).

Because it's a small caring community who do care about everybody.

Great place, good town, nice beaches.

Beautiful environment, great people.

Great environment with the sea and nature at our doorstep.

Community vibes, natural beauty, neighbours, surf.

Lifestyle

Beautiful place for children to grow up healthy.

Pleasant climate and unspoiled environment, lack of social issues.

My family is here.

I was born and bred here and have now returned after travelling, working and living around the globe. Crescent Head still has the feel of community involvement that was here 50 years ago. Friendly, unspoiled environment.

The surf and the village atmosphere.

It's a great size for a community to actually know each other. Its beautiful, it has so much potential to be a paradise.

Great place to get up to in the morning and come home to at night.

Good climate

Isolation from the madding crowd, great relationships with young and old, beaches and a feel good community.

The people, living in a small community people on a whole are more caring of each other.

Because it is in gods country and is quite and nice.

Its beautiful and the people are lovely.

Beautiful place, beautiful beaches.

No 1/27

Comments:

Sometimes community can be too small.

I don't like the resistance to positive change.

I don't like the way some of the locals believe they own the beaches/surf.

Small town gossip and tattling can become a problem

Undecided 4/27

Comments

Mixed feelings, I enjoy the environment and I think there is a lot to do for younger kids, e.g., Nippers, swimming club, tennis etc. however it appears very limited for 12 years and up.

There does not appear to be a sense of cohesive community which may result in decisions to leave the area and there appears to be a general lack of educational, employment and social opportunity in the wider region.

Question 18.

Do you think having a bus to drop people home after they leave the tavern and club may stop some of the disturbances and would you use this service

Yes 18/27

Comments:

When does it start?

I do not need it as I live close but would endorse anyone to provide such a service.

Mini bus like some big clubs in metro areas.

Yes it would keep people safe, they may be less likely to drive home and cause injury to themselves or others.

It could also be used to support local businesses by bussing visitors in and out of town to attend restaurants, functions etc.

Yes but people should be able to walk if they want.

It would help in a big way especially with safety.

It would help enormously, public transport is a key to developing the potential of Crescent Head.

Yes, but it wont stop the idiots doing what they do, there is people in Crescent Head buying grog for the young people, so grog is easy to come buy.

I would use the bus to pick youth up take them to a venue and then take them home.

No 2/27

Comments:

I don't go to either to get drunk, nor should anyone else.

It would remove some people from the streets but not all. The answer is security to move people on.

Undecided 7/27

Comments:

People who disturb the place will keep on doing it, unfortunately.

Good question, it may encourage more people to go to the club.

Unsure if it would help.

Uncertain if this would alleviate issues that arise from excessive alcohol consumption.