

Kempsey Shire Council

Youth Forum 2008

Feedback Survey - The feedback survey was completed by 32 young people who attended the Kempsey Shire Council youth forum 2008.

Question 1,

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

Being independent **24/32**
Family relationships **26/32**
Feeling needed and valued **8/32**
Financial security **9/32**
Friendships (other than family) **28/32**
Getting a job **14/32**
Making a difference in the community **4/32**
Physical and mental Health **17/32**
School and study satisfaction **19/32**
Spirituality / faith **8/32**

Question 2,

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

Alcohol **15/32**
Body image **9/32**
Bullying / emotional abuse **16/32**
Coping with stress **13/32**
Depression **9/32**
Discrimination **11/32**
Drugs **14/32**
Family conflict **10/32**
Personal safety **11/32**
Physical / sexual abuse **7/32**
School or study problems **10/32**
Self harm **10/32**
Sexuality (relationships, health, identity) **6/32**
Suicide **8/32**
The environment **7/32**

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) **8/32**
Friends **31/32**
Internet **5/32**
Magazines **4/32**
Parents **26/32**
Relative / family friend **25/32**
School counsellor **11/32**
Someone else in your community (eg doctor, church minister) **14/32**
Teacher **13/32**
Telephone help-line **1/32**

Question 4,

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

Arts / cultural (eg drama, music, dance) **13/32**
Environmental **6/32**
Religious **10/32**
Sport (as participant) **21/32**
Sport (as spectator) **16/32**
Student representative council **13/32**
Volunteer **13/32**
Youth groups and clubs **9/32**

Question 5,

Is there enough information available on issues that concern you?

Yes **21/32**
No **8/32**
Unanswered **3/32**

Question 6,

If no what issues would you like more information about?

Development events Etc. Sport.
Dealing with relationships
School and family
Drugs and alcohol- effects
Homelessness In youth
Youth seeking work
Everything
Environment

Question 7,

Name 3 people or organisations that you admire.

Youth Advisory Council- 5 votes

Cancer Council- 4 votes

Teachers- 4 votes

Parents- 3 votes

PCYC-2 votes

Smoking Joe- 2 votes

Counselling services- 2 votes

Hospitals

Doctors

Land care

Arts council

Kempsey pool

Myself

Surf club

Youth Counsellors

Friends

Mental Health

Brother

Youth development worker

Community

Volunteers

Ambulance

St Paul's College

Wesley Uniting

AES

MVC

Camp quality

RUF

Xianomo Aussimo

Che Guvera

Kempsey Saints football club

Centacare

Amity

Question 8,

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

Employment **6/32**

Parents / family **20/32**

Government allowance **5/32**

Other **1/32**

Question 9,

Do you have paid work? (Tick 1 only)

Working full-time **1/32**

Working part-time **2/32**

Casual or temporary work **9/32**

Unemployed / looking for work **13/32**

Too young to work or choose not to **7/32**

Question 10,

Are you studying? (Tick 1 only)

Studying full-time **21/32**

Studying part-time **5/32**

Not studying **6/32**

Question 11,

Where do you currently live? (Tick 1 only)

With family **27/23**

Share house

Alone **3/32**

Homeless / insecure housing

Boarding school

Foster care

Juvenile justice centre / prison

Other **2/32**

State: friends, renting.

Question 12,

Age

12 **2/32**

13 **1/32**

15 **5/32**

16 **12/32**

17 **7/32**

18 **2/32**

19 **1/32**

21 **1/32**

25 **1/32**

Gender:

Male **15/32**

Female **17/32**

Languages other than English spoken at home:

Swiss/German

Fijian

Pig Latin

Filipino

Question 13,

Do you identify as an aboriginal of Torres Strait Islander?

Yes **7/32**

No **25/32**

Question 14,

Do you have a disability?

Yes **1/32**

No **31/32**

Question 15,

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

More social events, eg Battle of the bands.

A bright future.

More money for schools / sport facilities.

More social opportunities.

More jobs and a university.

For all youth to get along and participate in activities with adults.

To get youth more involved in the community because we are the future.

Happy life.

Help them stay out of trouble when they get old.

More help for people with a disability.

For all young people to reach their potential.

That there were more opportunities for the youth of the Macleay, eg facilities.

More opportunities to be involved in the community.

More chance to be involved in the community.

I wish there was more things to do.

A greater say in the community, a voice in council so our views can be acknowledged.

I wish there was more to do in the Macleay.

Equal opportunities for the future and everyone feeling safe, free and happy to live in our community.

To have places to go and feel safe and more activities and shops for them.

To feel safe within their community.

More opportunities.

Everyone would get along.

Question 16,

Do you think we need to have Youth Forums to find out what young people need and are thinking?

Yes **30/32**

No

Unanswered **2/32**

Question 17,

Do you think the Kempsey area is a good area to grow up in?

Yes **19/32**

Comments:

Plenty of support and involvement for youth.

A great community with support groups.

Because it has a beautiful environment.

Particularly the coastal regions as the community posters a lifestyle that admires physical activity.

Because I learnt so much in the community

Yeah I love Kempsey, it's a very good place, I've enjoyed it so far.

Lot of sport and safe people who care for us.

Lot of sport, safe.

Beautiful area of the Mid North Coast- many beaches near by.

Nice people, good schools and teachers, job opportunities for young people while still at school.

Nice people, good school environment.

Nice people if they show respect.

Good mix of cultures, great environment. (Beaches)

Only if their aspirations are to be a "Trady" or a "Dole bludger".

Some areas more than others eg, SWR and other coastal areas have town structures that engage physical activity (close beaches).

Because "some" of the community is good, just avoid the bad.

Because it's a nice town, good environment.

Because it goes alright.

No **12/32**

Comments:

There isn't really much to do.

Not enough opportunities eg sport facilities.

Because it's boring and there's nothing to do, no job opportunities.

There isn't much employment.

There are limited recreational activities causing the youth to become bored and resort to destructive behaviour, eg graffiti.

Nothing to do in the town.

Not a lot for young people to do around this area that's why a lot of youths are in trouble.

There aren't enough opportunities.

Not a lot of opportunities.

Because Kempsey is a hole run by a group of idiots only there to better their own situation and with no regard for the actual shire, every time someone actually wants to do something good they shoot it down because of all the bureaucratic bullshit.

There are limited resources and opportunities.

Because Kempsey is a hole and we get criticised outside the community for where we live and it's a major putdown.

Undecided **1/32**

Question 18,

Do you believe that Kempsey is a good place for young people to stay in after they leave school?

Yes **6/32**

Comments:

If there is a good job around.

For some people.

Only if they want to be a "dole bludger" living off government benefits, doing nothing.

Because it's a good environment.

No **23/32**

Comments:

Too little guaranteed fulltime work.

Not enough employment opportunities.

Not many job opportunities.

Nothing to do / no employment opportunities.

No employment opportunities for the next generation to get involved in.

We don't have a university or many jobs.

As much as I love Kempsey, I don't think there are many job opportunities.

Because there are not many opportunities for young people.

Because people don't get along.

There are limited occupational opportunities.

Not enough opportunities to make good money.

Not enough job opportunities.

Too many drugs here.

Nothing here to make youth want to stay.

Better opportunities elsewhere, not the best environment.

You need to leave here to help yourself succeed.

Nothing to do because the council has not put in any real effort to provide facilities, eg Kempsey does not have a heated pool.

There are not many opportunities.

There are a lot of young people who get stuck in bad situations and struggle compared to other areas with greater opportunities.

The opportunity to further your career is not available.

Because there is nothing.

Unless you have a trade then there are limited options.
No jobs.

Undecided **3/32**

Comments:

Nice place to live but there are no job opportunities.
Not sure.