

Help us plan for young people like you

This survey is for young people aged 12-25. Your answers and any personal information supplied will be kept confidential. You don't have to provide your email address. If you do, we will only use it to contact you if you win a voucher.

If this survey raises any issues for you, you can reach out and chat to someone at Headspace or Kids Helpline.

- Kids Helpline phone: 1800 55 1800 (anytime for any reason) or webchat at www.kidshelpline.com.au
- Headspace phone: 1800 650 890 (9am-1am every day) or webchat at www.headspace.org.au

01. How old are you? **Required**

02. What is your gender? **Required**

03. Where do you live? **Required**

Select one answer only
☐ Barfold
☐ Barkers Creek
☐ Baringhup
☐ Campbells Creek
☐ Castlemaine
☐ Chewton
☐ Elphinstone
☐ Faraday
☐ Fryerstown
☐ Guildford
☐ Harcourt
☐ Maldon
☐ McKenzie Hill

☐ Metcalfe
☐ Muckleford
☐ Newstead
☐ Nuggety
☐ Sutton Grange
☐ Taradale
☐ Tarrengower
☐ Walmer
☐ Welshmans Reef
☐ Yapeen
☐ Other

04. What are the top FIVE most important things for you right now? **Required**

Rank in order of importance where 1 = most important

Select 5 answers	
	Access to healthcare/mental health services
	Access to wifi
	Being healthy
	Being creative (art, music etc)
	Body image (the way I feel about my body)
	Connection to community
	Connection to culture
	Family
	Friends
	My mental health
	My job / Finding work

☐	My phone
☐	Personal safety
☐	Politics
☐	Relationships / Love
☐	School
☐	Social media
☐	Sport / Being active
☐	Financial security
☐	Gaming
☐	Human rights
☐	The environment
☐	TV/entertainment (i.e. Netflix, YouTube)

05. Which of the following services have you used in the past 2 years? **Required**

Select all that apply
☐ Career advice
☐ Disability services/Support
☐ Drug/Alcohol counselling
☐ Employment support
☐ GP
☐ Housing/Homelessness support
☐ Library
☐ Mental health professional (in person)
☐ Mental health professional (telehealth)
☐ Mental health support online (i.e. Headspace, Beyond Blue)
☐ Public transport

☐ Sports club
☐ Study help /Tutoring
☐ Youth space/Youth group
☐ None of these
☐ Anything else (would you like to add anything or provide more detail?)

06. Have you had any difficulty accessing any of the services listed above?

For example, privacy, communication, cost, don't know where to go for help, waiting times etc.

Select one answer only
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not applicable

07. If yes, what barriers have you faced?

Select all that apply
☐ Cost
☐ Discrimination
☐ I couldn't get myself there
☐ It didn't meet my accessibility needs
☐ I don't know where to go for help
☐ I don't feel comfortable/confident
☐ I don't want to put stress on my family
☐ Language
☐ Privacy concerns
☐ Waiting times
☐ Not applicable
☐ Anything else (would you like to add anything or provide more detail?)

08. What do you think are some of the main issues and challenges facing young people aged 12 to 25 years in Mount Alexander Shire? **Required**

Tick between one and 10 boxes

Select between 1 and 10 answers
☐ Affordability of services
☐ Alcohol use
☐ Drug use
☐ Vaping
☐ Bullying (physical/verbal/cyber)
☐ Being safe online
☐ Body image
☐ Fake news
☐ Family violence
☐ Having a voice/Being represented (lack of)
☐ Health and wellbeing services (lack of)
☐ Housing/ homelessness
☐ Internet access (lack of/quality)
☐ LGBTIQ+ support (lack of)
☐ Connection to culture (lack of)
☐ Coping with stress
☐ Cost of living
☐ Disability support services and programs (lack of)
☐ Discrimination
☐ Education opportunities (lack of/ quality)
☐ Employment opportunities (lack of)
☐ Events and activities (lack of)
☐ Mental health problems
☐ Places to hang out
☐ Personal safety
☐ Transition from high school to tertiary education or employment (lack of support)

☐ Transition to financial independence
☐ Transport options (lack of)
☐ The impact of climate change
☐ Anything else (would you like to add anything or provide more detail)?

09. What do you think makes Mount Alexander Shire a good place for young people aged 12 to 25 years old? **Required**

Tick between one and five boxes

Select between 1 and 5 answers
☐ Arts and creative opportunities
☐ Cafes and places to eat
☐ Community (people)
☐ Community facilities (i.e. library, pool etc.)
☐ Culture and heritage
☐ Diversity and inclusion
☐ Education (schools, TAFE)
☐ Environment and outdoor spaces (i.e. bush, mountains, creek, lakes, park etc.)
☐ Events and activities (lots of things to do)
☐ Health and wellbeing services
☐ Job opportunities
☐ Lifestyle (i.e. peace and quiet)
☐ Places for young people to hang out
☐ Safety
☐ Sport and recreation opportunities
☐ Transport options
☐ Young people are valued
☐ Anything else (would you like to add anything or provide more detail)?

10. If you could change anything in our shire to make life better for young people like you, what would you change?

There is no limit - tell us what's on your mind

Maximum of 4000 characters

11. Is there anything you'd like to tell your Councillors?

There is no limit - tell us what's on your mind

Maximum of 4000 characters

Thanks for completing the survey!

Please contact our Youth Team on 5471 1700 if you have any questions about the survey.

For your chance to win one of two \$100 vouchers, please provide your name and a phone or email address below.

Your answers to this survey will be kept confidential. If you do provide your name and contact details, we will only use them if you win a voucher.

12. Name

13. Contact number or email address