

TASMANIAN YOUTH FORUM

NORTH REGIONAL ROADSHOW

Sixty young people aged 12-25 years joined the regional youth forum in George Town on Friday 27 March 2026 to discuss what is working, what needs to change and their ideas for making Northern Tasmania better for young people.

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAID



Young people want to help shape their communities

Family, friends, events, clubs and activities help young people feel connected and give them a sense of belonging. Young people want to build on this by having more opportunities to plan, lead and contribute to community life, with adults providing practical support, resources and honest follow-up.



There are some good places and activities, but not everyone can access them

Young people value safe, shared spaces like libraries, parks, social clubs, outdoor spaces and sporting clubs. They want more affordable creative, social and digital activities, welcoming community youth spaces and transport to get there.



Young people want to feel safe and access support more easily

Young people raised concerns about public safety, bullying, housing, basic necessities and long waits for mental health and other support. They want safer spaces and transport, private and non-judgemental help, and clearer information about where and how to get support



Education should work for all young people and prepare them for what comes next

Young people want engaging and inclusive education, support for different learning and sensory needs, practical life skills, clearer information about work and study, and more access to mentors and work experience.

THE BIG IDEAS FOR CHANGE

1 Healthy outlets and support to prevent public violence

Provide affordable physical, creative and social activities where young people can express themselves and safely release stress, alongside support for issues that can contribute to violence, such as mental ill-health, poverty, family violence and trauma.

2 "No-Name Community Hub"

Create safe, affordable and welcoming youth spaces designed with young people, with activities, technology, support and opportunities to lead, volunteer and work.

3 "Government Games"

Create clearer and more regular ways for young people to engage with government, influence decisions and see what happens after they have their say.

4 Free, accessible and safe transport

Make public transport more frequent, reliable, affordable and safe, especially for young people living in regional communities.

5 Make asking for help easy

Bring services into places young people already go, with private spaces to talk, no judgement and clear, easy to find information about available supports.

6 Preparing for life after school

Create a school subject covering practical life skills, work, training and study pathways, mentoring and local opportunities.

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