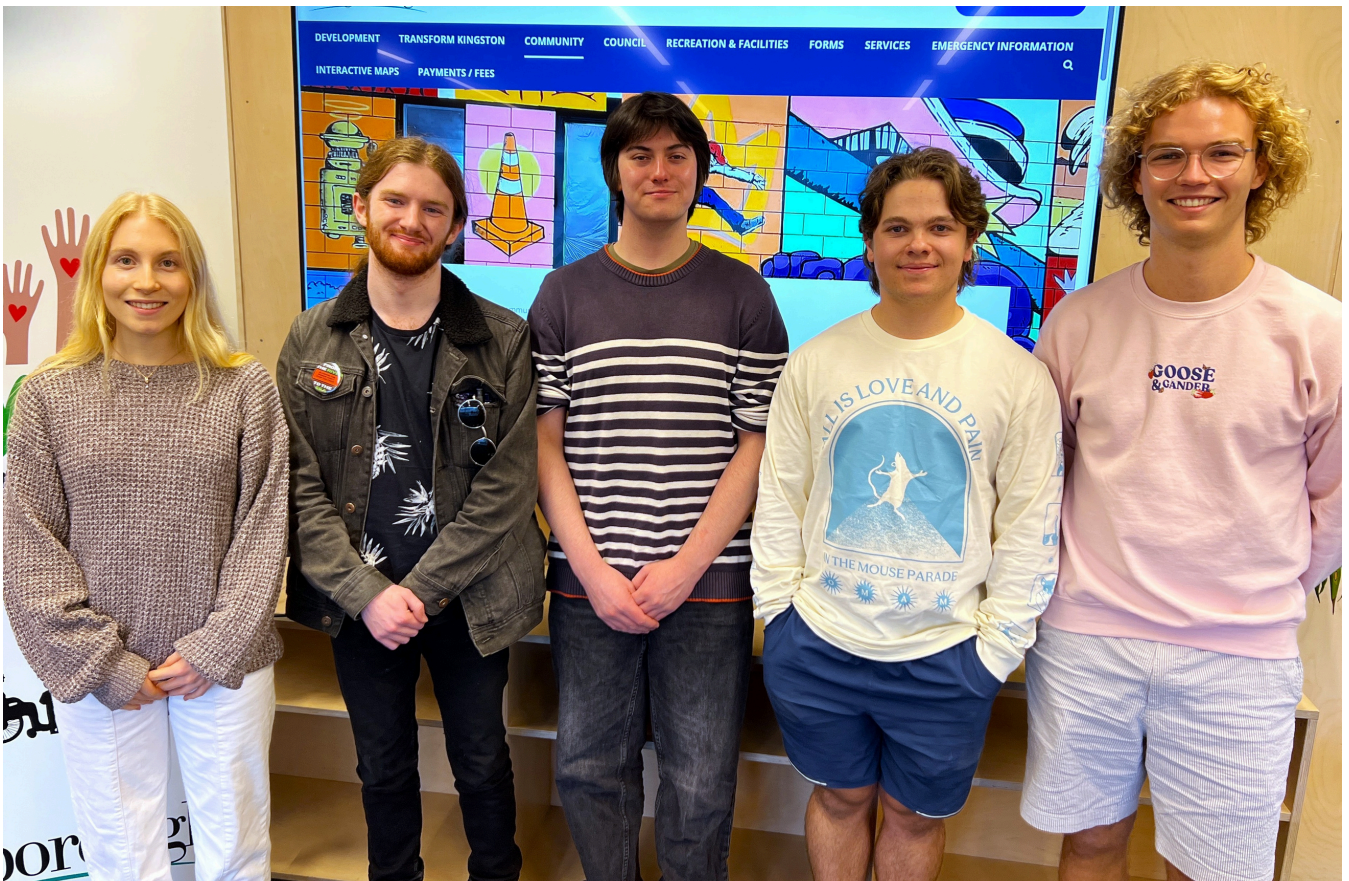


Youth Community Engagement

Consultation Report



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Community Consultation

BACKGROUND

Kingborough Council is developing a Community Services Strategy following a recommendation endorsed at the Council meeting on 16 February 2026.

The new strategy will help guide how services and programs are planned and delivered in the future.

WHO IS THIS ENGAGEMENT FOR?

This engagement is aimed at young people aged 12–25 who live, study, work, or spend time in Kingborough. Feedback will help Council better understand local priorities and make sure future community services reflect the needs and experiences of Kingborough's youth.

Feedback was sought via an online survey that was open from 17 April until 15 June 2026. Printed copies were also made available.

Council officers engaged directly with young people at the Kingborough Sports Centre, Kingston Library, local schools and shopping centres as well as Council-run youth events to gather feedback and encourage participation.

SURVEY

The survey consisted of 14 questions including an opportunity for respondents to provide other comments or ideas.

The survey aimed to:

- Understand current needs and emerging issues for young people
- Identify future priorities
- Understand how Council can best support wellbeing, participation and inclusion

This consultation is about understanding what matters most to the youth of Kingborough, now and into the future.

PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

619 Youth responses

Glossary

eshay: The term can refer to individuals within the subculture, or to the subculture itself. Eshays are often considered stereotypically hypermasculine and inclined to commit crime and violence. However, while most eshays are male, a minority of them are female. They are associated with wearing particular sportswear and anti-social behaviour. (Wikipedia)



Community Survey Responses

Demographic Information

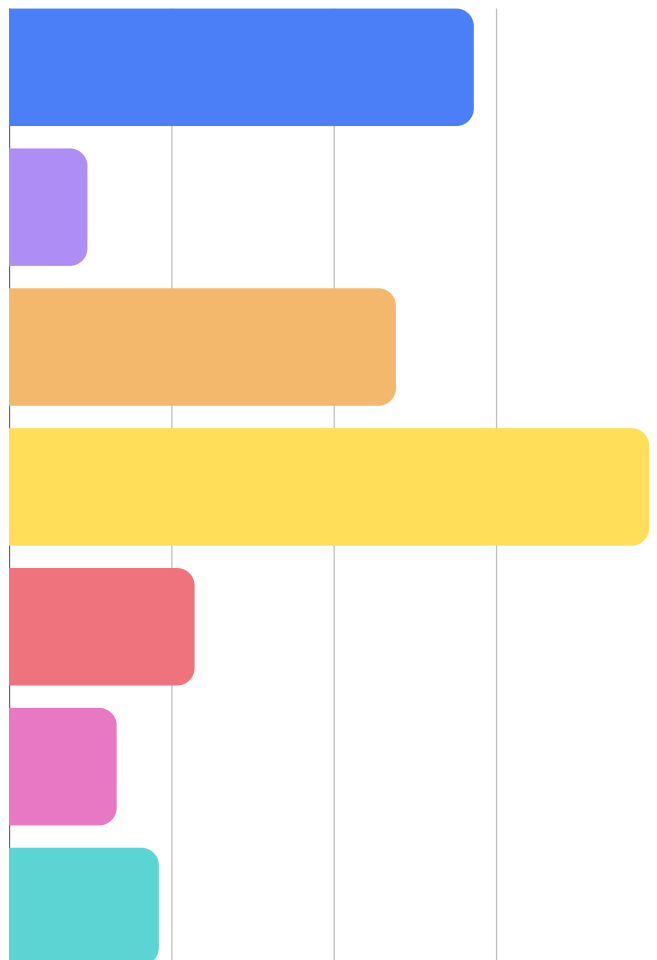
Q1. What is your age?

Aged 12–15	417
Aged 16–19	181
Aged 20–25	21



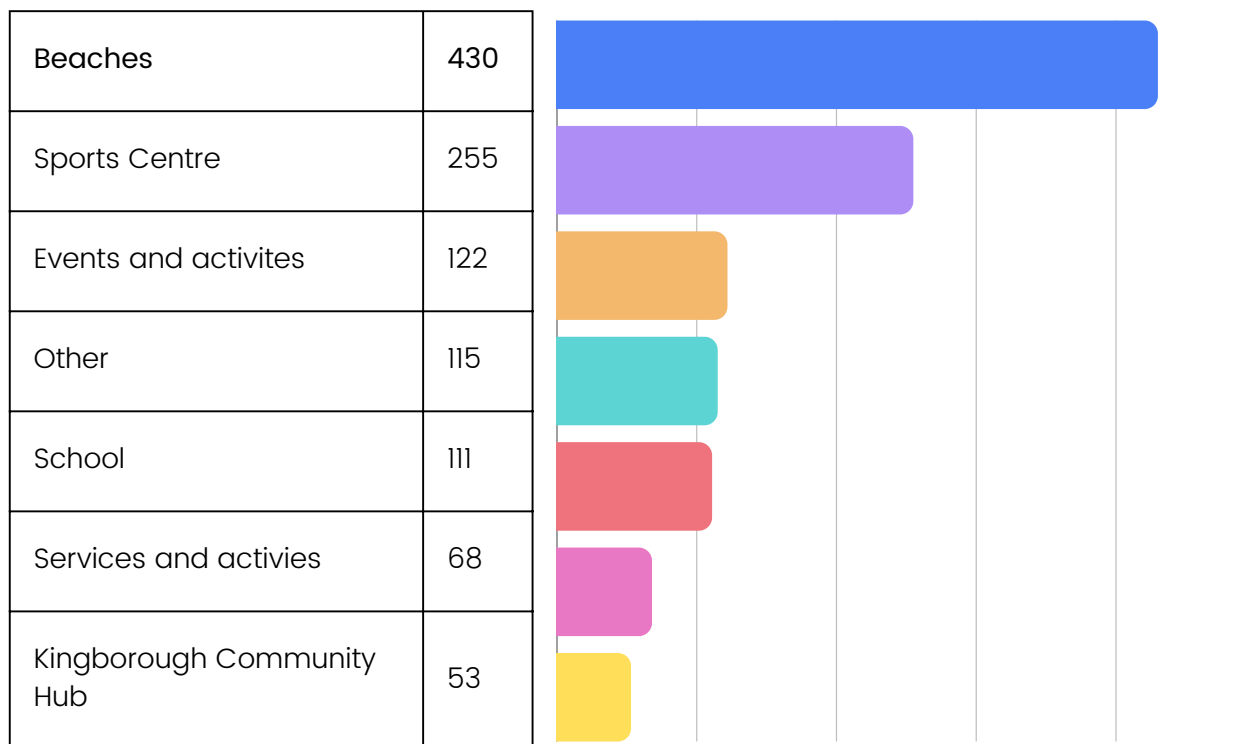
Q2. Which suburb do you live in?

Blackmans Bay/ Tinderbox/Howden	143
Bruny Island	24
Channel area (Margate to Kettering)	119
Kingston/ Kingston Beach	197
Lower Channel area (Woodbridge to Gordon)	57
Sandfly & Lower Longley	33
Taroona	46



Community Survey Responses

Q3 What are the best things about Kingborough?



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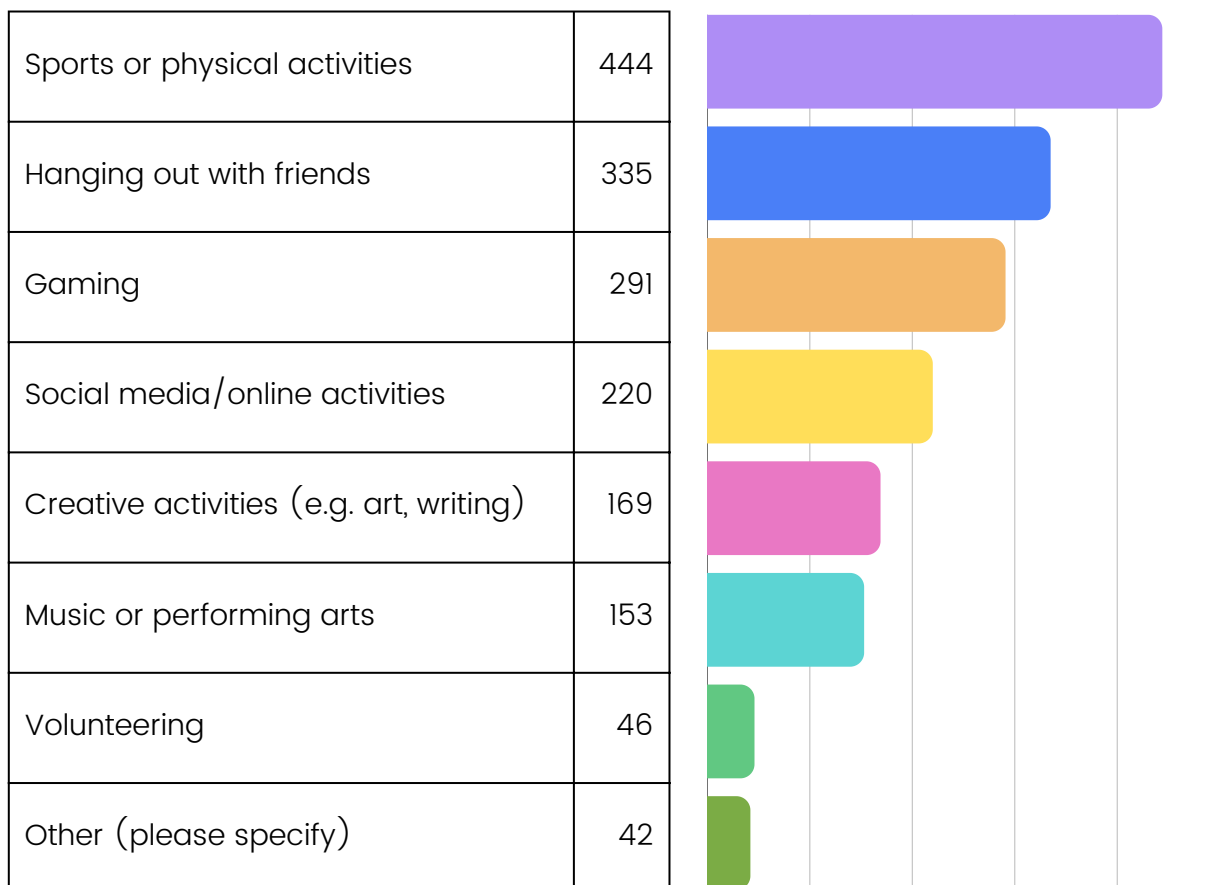
Examples of 'Other' answers:

- The beautifully maintained walking tracks, both between suburbs and in the bush
- Shopping centres
- All of it!
- Surf spots on Bruny
- I like school and I like the beaches, events and activities. I like alot
- Having friends that live near me



Community Survey Responses

Q4 What do you enjoy doing in your free time?



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Examples of 'Other' answers:

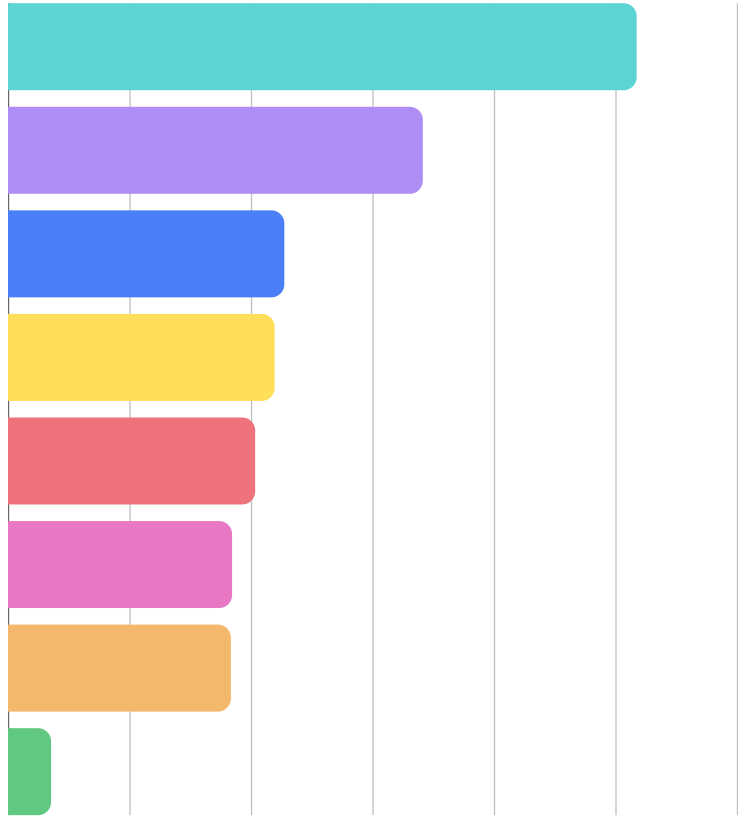
- Reading
- Work
- Being with my horse
- History study
- Lego
- Minecraft
- Beach
- Riding dirt bikes
- Chilling
- Metalwork
- Documentaries
- Coaching
- TV



Community Survey Responses

Q5 Where do you feel safe and comfortable spending time?

At home	517
Beaches	341
Parks and reserves	227
Library	219
Sports facilities, ovals	203
Shopping centres	184
School grounds	183
Other	35



Skipped: 10

Examples of 'Other' answers:

- Everywhere
- Work
- In the paddock with my horse
- Outdoors like bush
- Friend's house



Community Survey Responses

Q6 Are there any places you avoid in Kingborough?

If yes what places?

OPEN ENDED QUES

Where do you avoid?	Count
Channel Court	35
Bus stops	32
Places with eshays	19
Kingston Park/Hub	11
Maranoa Heights	9
Underpass	7
Skate Park	6
Huntingfield	2
Snug	2

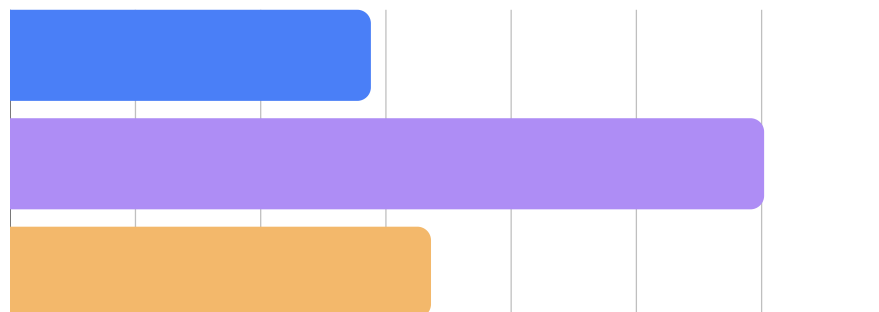
Yes	173
No	426

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Q7 In the last year, have you been involved in any Kingborough Council activities or events?

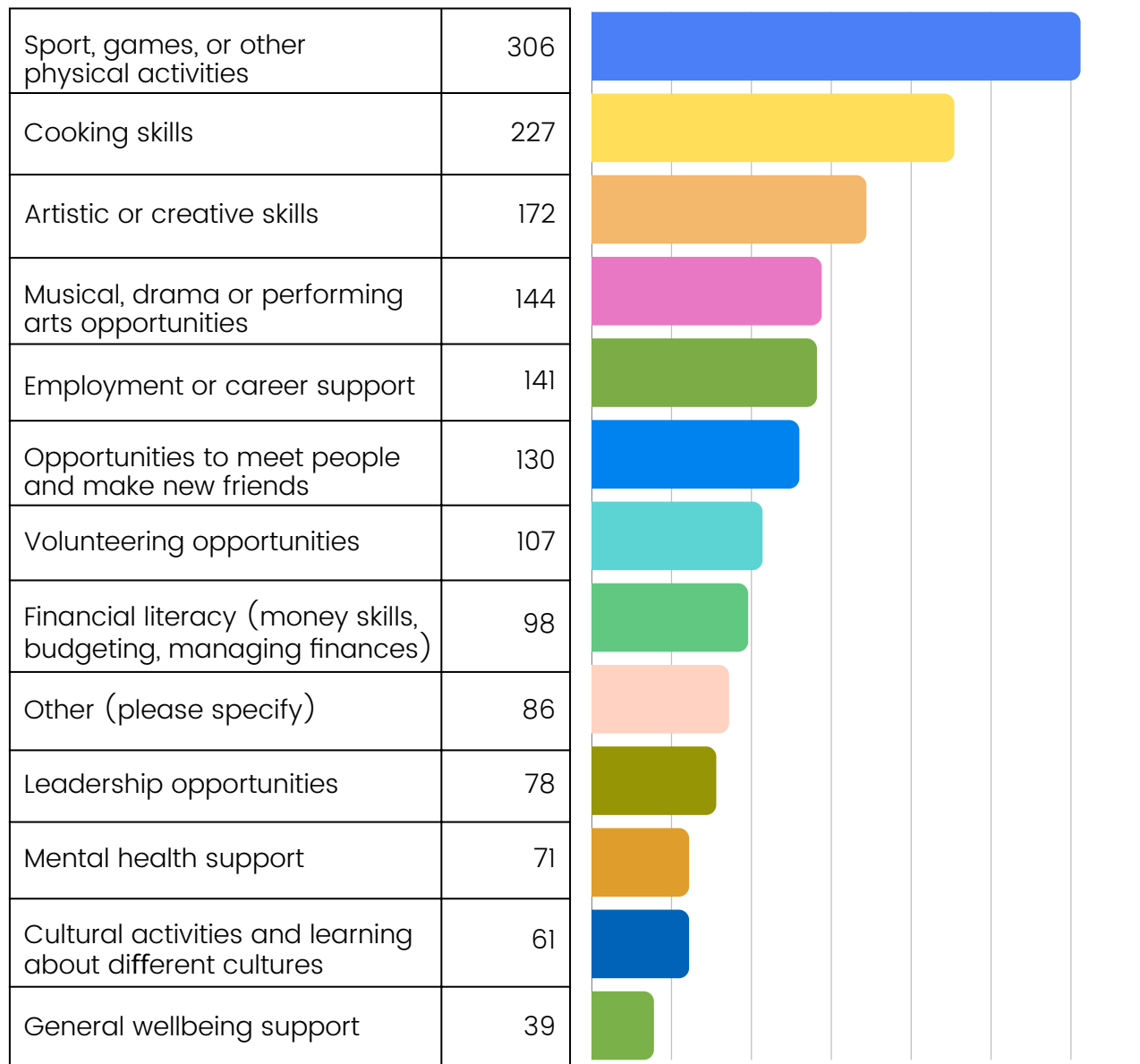
Yes	144
No	301
Unsure	168



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Community Survey Responses

Q8 What type of programs or activities would you be interested in attending?



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Examples of 'Other' answers:

- Makers market
- Nature trips
- Water activities
- Gaming
- Swimming events
- Horse events/comps
- A type of place for gamers
- LGBTQIA+ groups
- Animal things like learning
- A nice quiet place to talk and hang out
- Woodwork and building houses
- Creative work

Community Survey Responses

Q9 Does anything prevent you from participating in activities outside of school?

OPEN ENDED QUES



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Theme	Count
Too busy with other commitments e.g. homework, part-time work, hobbies, sport	62
Transport – can't get there, limited bus service, don't drive	46
The social aspect e.g. don't want to go alone, don't know other people there, have anxiety	37
Distance, or live too far away	23
Cost / money	18
Too tired or lack of motivation	13
Parents / family commitments	9
Just want free time or time at home	7

Community Survey Responses

Q10 What are the main issues that local young people face? OPEN ENDED QUES

Young people identified bullying, harassment, mental health, safety, transport, cost of living and a lack of things to do as the main issues affecting them.

Many responses focused on feeling unsafe in public spaces, particularly around antisocial behaviour, “eshays”, aggressive groups, vaping, drugs, stealing and threats.

Theme	Count
Eshays & bullying	190
Mental Health	59
Not enough things to do	52
Lack of transport	40
Don't have enough money	40
Social media/phones	32
Drugs/alcohol/vapes	23
Lack of employment opportunities	16
Peer and social pressure	16
School	12
Isolation/loneliness	10
Stereotyping	9

Skipped: 71

Examples of answers:

- Not being able to get transportation for free because mum and dad work. And bullying.
- Fear of eshays
- Financial support to activities
- Need more mental health services tailored for youth
- Lack of things to do that actually interest youth
- School and mental health and eshays
- Isolation, not trying new things and being social in general

Community Survey Responses

Q11 What are the three most important things that you would like to see for your age group in Kingborough?

OPEN ENDED QUES

Young people in Kingborough most commonly want greater sport and recreation opportunities, more activities, and safer places to spend time with friends.

Examples of answers:

- More places to play sport
- School holiday activities on Bruny Island
- Rugby fields
- More public use equipment, eg sports equipment
- More job opportunities
- Free activities/skate parks
- Parks and community spaces
- Volleyball court

Theme	Count
Things to do including activities, entertainment and events	155
Sports (includes being outdoors)	145
Public places to go - like parks & beaches	63
Jobs and employment opportunities	59
Music/performing arts/drama/festivals	57
Improved safety	57
Friends/community/participation/connection	54
Kindness and respect	48
Safe spaces to hangout - for teenagers especially	45
More or better shops	42
Free food/cheaper food/food availability	41
Better or safer transport	35
Swimming pool / water park	30
Fewer eshays	26
better bike/mountain bike facilities	25
Improved mental health services	22
More study spaces	22
Support at school/tutoring	17
More skateparks	16
Volunteer opportunities	15

Community Survey Responses

Q12 What would make you decide to live in Kingborough in the next 10 years?

OPEN ENDED QUES

Examples of answers:

- It's safe and has a good environment
- A better shopping centre and more affordable housing
- Employment, affordable big homes, transport to University
- It's safe and has a good environment
- More activities and things to do in free time

Theme	Count
Family/friends/community	74
More development & infrastructure, shops, facilities, places to go, services	71
Affordable houses	61
Job opportunities	43
The beaches and natural environment	40
Improved safety	40
More recreational and sporting activities	35
Love Kingborough and want to stay	24
Better transport	16

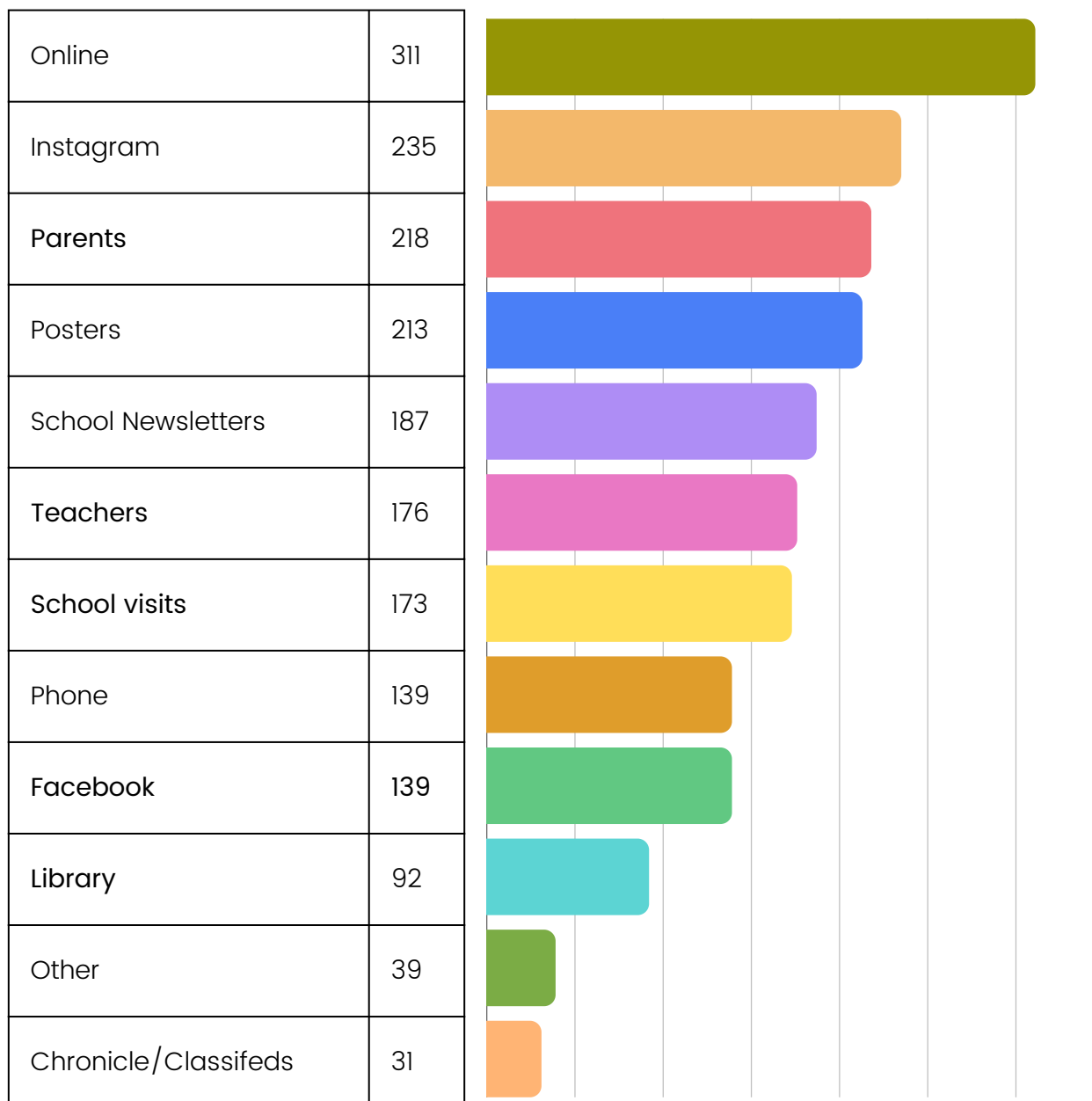
- Places to stay active, access to education, free transportation, more surveillance for bad drivers on the roads and people on the street, more police
- I would live here for sports, beaches, and friends nearby



Community Survey Responses

Q13 What's the best way for Council to share information with you?

(Please select up to 3)



Examples of Other answers:

- Email
- Imessage
- Letters maybe
- Literally just talk to me
- Tik Tok
- Gmail

Community Survey Responses

Q14 Do you have any other comments, suggestions or concerns?

OPEN ENDED QUES

Examples of answers:

Safety:

- I think we need to have more security around bus stops in Kingston, and even on buses, because that is often a place where problems occur.
- More security presence at the bus mall, hub etc. Don't really like the interchanges. Leslie Vale road crossing is pretty dangerous, not great catching buses.
- I like living here but don't feel safe to be out on my own sometimes.

Youth spaces:

- Some new playgrounds and helping people in hard times.
- Have something like Youth Arc in Kingston.
- Places like a youth house that can be open late where people can go to be safe. They can play games and have food to eat. Kids can go and stop doing crime.

Transport:

- Young people need more spaces to hang out safely fix Snug bus stop please guys (old station road).
- Not having public transport in more areas. Some people can't afford to drive to a bus stop.

Theme	Count
No additional comments/unsure	90
Safety, antisocial behaviour and "eshays"	20
Youth spaces and places for teens	12
Transport and buses	10
Mountain bike trails and skate facilities	8
Activities, events and recreation	8
Shopping, retail and food options	6
Community communication and engagement	5
Environment and growth concerns	5
Sport and recreation facilities	4
Study and learning spaces	3
Bruny Island-specific requests	3