



Amplifying Youth Voice

8 May 2025

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- Provide a range of services and programs for young people aged 12-25 years old who live, work, study or play in the City of Melton
- Short term support - 6801 Youth Outreach (12-25 years) and UTURN 193 (10-24years)
- After school programs and School Holiday Programs
- Leadership Programs
- Events



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MELTON YOUTH CENTRE, BARRIES ROAD



Just behind Woodgrove next
to Western Health!

**TAYLORS HILL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
CENTRE, CALDER PARK DRIVE**

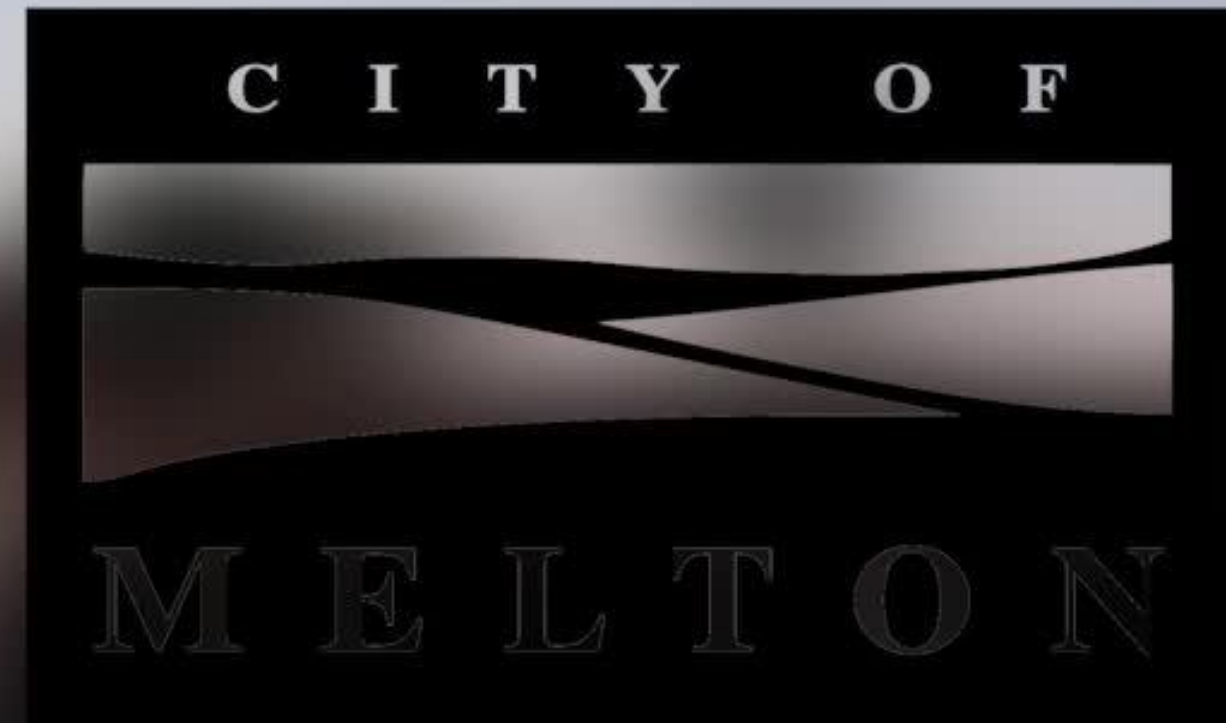




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Recap of 2024-25 Youth Forum Priorities

Young people told us that their top 3 priorities were:

2024

- 1. Youth Violence**
- 2. Mental Health**
- 3. Safe Spaces**

2025

- 1. Youth Violence**
- 2. Employment and education opportunities**
- 3. Opportunities for engagement**

Council Actions

Addressing 2024 Youth Forum Priorities

1. Youth Violence

- Prevention focused content on Social Media
- Education on Consequences
 - Rage- Anger Management
 - Vaping
 - Lose the knife / Cut the Violence campaigns
- Mentoring Programs
- School Programs
 - UNITE
- Early Intervention Programs
 - CORE / DASH (BlueLight)
 - UTURN 193
 - Offender Youth Management Program (OYMP)
- TARGET 0 - Working Group

2. Mental Health

- Reducing mental health stigma
- Supporting education and employment pathways
- 15 Extra-curricular activities
 - Building resilience
 - Lived experience
- Leadership programs
- Grade 6 Transition Workshops
- Normalising help-seeking and increasing access to support services
 - Western Health
 - Family Nights
 - Co-design project

3. Safe Spaces

- Celebrate community diversity
 - Culture Konnect
 - Council Events
- Equity & Respect
 - 16 Days of Activism
- Outreach presence at priority locations
- Facilitate better relationships between police, security community, and young people.

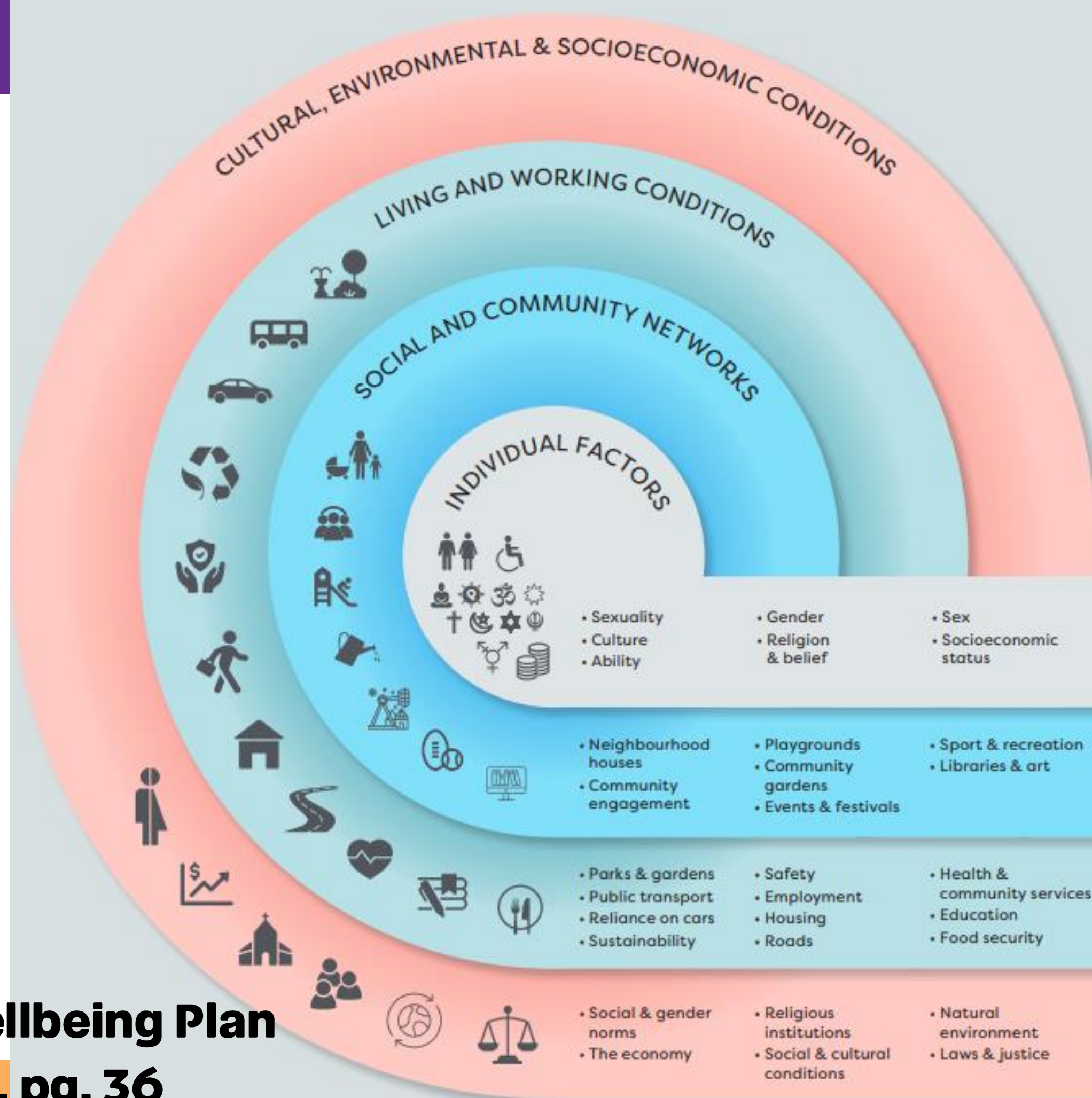


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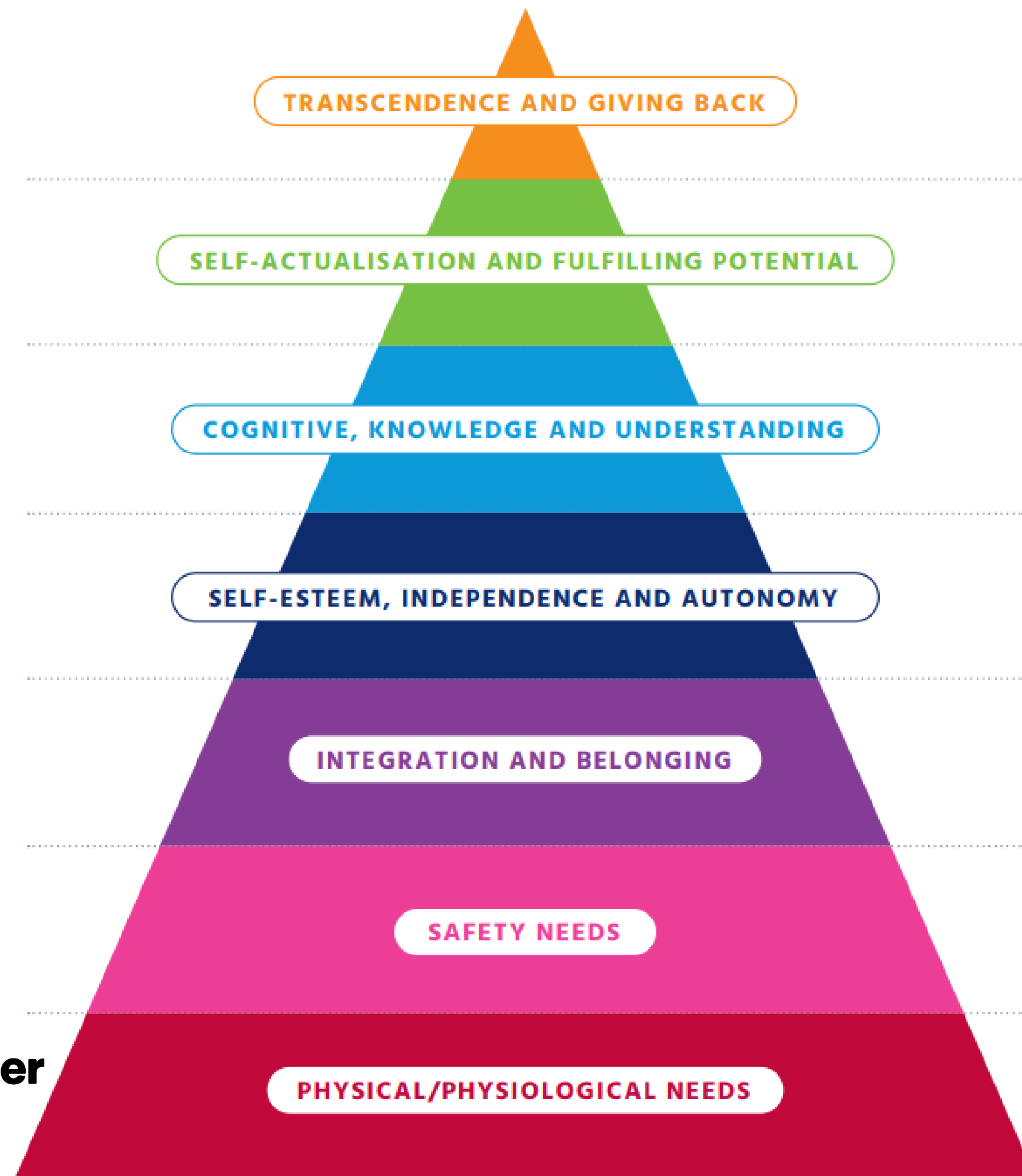
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Young People in City of Melton

- **31,000 young people living in the City of Melton
(Australian Bureau of Statistics ABS, 2021;
informed decisions .id, 2021)**
- **Determinants of health affecting young people**
 - **The individual factors social and community
networks, living and working conditions
(Dahlgren & Whitehead, 1991)**
- **Mental health and employment ongoing issues
affecting young people - Maslow's hierarchy of
needs (Maslow, 1943)**



Children's Commissioner
(2024, p. 3)



What's next

1. Youth Violence

**2. Employment and
education opportunities**

**3. Opportunities for
engagement**

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Thank You

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