







Tamworth Regional Youth Forum 2006 Survey

Survey conducted in preparation for the Tamworth Regional Youth Forum 2006.
185 surveys processed.




1. Do you experience racism, prejudice and discrimination?

Yes	 15.7%	(29)
Don't Know	 8.6%	(16)
No	 75.7%	(140)




2. Do you think your community is safe?

Yes	 58.9%	(109)
Don't Know	 24.3%	(45)
No	 17.3%	(32)




3. Are there enough activities for you to do in the community?

Yes	 35.1%	(65)
Don't Know	 5.9%	(11)
No	 58.9%	(109)




4. Are there enough employment opportunities for you in the area?

Yes	 29.7%	(55)
Don't Know	 29.2%	(54)
No	 41.1%	(76)




5. Are there enough training and further education opportunities for you in the area?

Yes	 48.1%	(89)
Don't Know	 23.8%	(44)
No	 28.1%	(52)

6. Are drugs and alcohol a problem for you or someone you know?

Yes	 29.7%	(55)
Don't Know	 15.1%	(28)
No	 55.1%	(102)

7. Are there enough health services available for you?

Yes	 54.1%	(100)
Don't Know	 25.9%	(48)
No	 20.0%	(37)

8. What is the biggest problem/complaint/concern for you?

#	Response
1	activities
1	activities for out of towners
2	alcohol
1	Areas dental health
2	Basketball stadium
45	boredom
1	boredom
1	boredom for teens
1	Bullies
3	Bullying
1	Bullying
3	Bullying in schools
1	bus services
2	car
4	Drugs
1	Drugs.
1	Employment
1	Entertainment
2	friendship
1	friendships
1	Friendships and puberty.
1	gangs
1	Health
1	Health & activities for young people
1	Job opportunities
1	Job services
2	Jobs
1	Kids these days
1	lack of activities
1	lack of community input
1	Laziness
1	manilla is a hole
1	Manilla shops
1	Medical appointments
1	medical resources
2	more shops
1	More youth resources
1	My brother
1	My parents
1	no fast food or activities
1	No Jobs
1	No skate park
1	No university

1	Not being able to tell people stuff
1	not enough doctors
1	nothing
1	Peace
2	racism
1	Responsibilities and work
1	Rural sporting teams
1	school
1	school concerts
1	smoking
1	Soccer fields
1	Sport
1	Sports
1	Swimming Pool
1	Teen drinking
1	The Communities Safety
1	the convoluted bureaucracy
1	There are not enough facilities
1	Too many bad people in Tamworth
2	Une
1	Unsafe areas
1	Vandalism
1	Wagging

8. What is the biggest problem/complaint/concern for you?	9. Why?	10. If you had the power to change the issue identified above, how would you make a difference?	11. Other Comments
Sport	Not enough sporting opportunities - the chance to be recognised.	I would have all sports	
Entertainment	Not enough entertainment in the town	Have a fundraiser to make and build and "Intencity"	
Sports	More sports in school so you can get out of class	I would get everyone involved more	
Vandalism	There are a lot of drugs and alcohol which causes a lot of these problems.	I would set my area in order and ban alcohol in certain areas if it's required.	I live in Oxley Vale.
Jobs	Highly trained people are needed for most jobs in this area.	I would try to keep applicants dreams alive and I would make the legal age for getting a job 13 years old.	
Swimming Pool	The town needs another swimming pool to cool off.	Raise money and make a pool	School is cool
Health	That if you make a doctor or dentist appointment you have to wait at least 6 weeks to go and see them.	You should be able to see the doctor at least in a week or 2.	
Bullying in schools	It affects people in many ways. As I am a current school student I see a lot of this at school.	Start an anti-bullying program in all schools.	
racism	Because I just hate racist people because of the bullying.	Longer time in jail.	
		We can always complain about Tamworth but in comparison to other cities we have it very good - We love tam vegas...	
The Communities	Because the streets, parks or public	I'm well aware of the fact that not all	

Safety	places are no longer safe to walk at night or sometimes at day it becomes a problem because if you want to have a good time without parents it becomes impossible without being harassed.	areas can be patrolled or protected at all times but I believe there needs to be a heavier Police presence (not just when something bad happens) and well lit areas.	
Health & activities for young people	When you go to the hospital sometimes you have to wait for hours until you are served. There also needs to be more things for teenagers to do.	I would employ more nurses in the hospital or another hospital where everyone gets served straight away. Organize and build more fun things for teenagers to do.	Tamworth is a pretty good place, but it needs more things for teenagers to do, and I wish we had a beach.
alcohol	Alcohol is mostly all about peer pressure. And not drinking can make you feel like an out-crazed.	be more strict on the laws on under age drinking	
gangs	Because I feel they vandalize steal from shops, just no respect for other people, the right to hurt people, to steal to scream and shout down town, to swear at people. It makes me nervous and scared to walk past gangs.	I think police should talk to the gangs. Charge them for there behavior, give them warnings for more police to be in town or at certain community activities for police to supervise the gangs who come. I just don't want people to feel scared to go somewhere or walk past them.	
boredom	There isn't really anything for people to do so were kind of' bored.		
not enough doctors	making an appointment takes ages and going to the hospital is too slow		
medical resources	Because once you want to see the doctor you must wait about a month to actually make an appointment	Get more doctors from the big cities and other large towns to work here.	
smoking	Because I cant stop and I am a very sporty person. And I would like to stop but I cant	I would make there would be no smoking at all and they would not make smokes and I would make more things open to smokers too.	
Areas dental health	Because you have to wait at least a week or two before you get in then when you do get in you have to wait an hour or half before your teeth even get looked at.	I would make that dentist bigger and employ more staff	
boredom	Because when you are over 18 there is plenty to do but for the under 18 we basically only have movies, pool, skate park, shopping. Which is really isn't much. Some kids get bored and do things wrong just to amuse themselves.	I would add more things to the community like game arcades, mini golf, a better wildlife park, a little family park (for example - something like green valley farm) etc.	
bullying in schools	it hurts people	Start a strict anti bullying program.	
Too many bad people in Tamworth	Because they don't treat you with respect and always try to fight you.	To stop the people from being bad and not trying to fight you all the time and taking your money.	
Teen drinking	Because so many kids at school are underage and getting drunk on weekends.	I have no idea how it could be changed because there are already laws but people still get away with it. They should just have common sense.	
Bullying	Because there are so many people out there getting bullied and scared to go to school because of them.	I would probably crack down on all the bullying and support the victims.	
Bullying	there are so many people being bullied and scared into not going to school	There should be more anti bullying programs cracking down on the bullies and supporting the victims.	
Bullying in schools	Because it is a growing problem inside the schools.	Start an anti bullying campaign.	
			Tamworth is a good place but it also can be bad e.g. being

		robbed in the street.	
		I think we live in a great society and I am very happy with its services.	
activities	Because there is not enough activities. E.g. dancing (ballroom), poetry, and sewing classes so many people are just sitting watching to because there are not shown enough activities with social groups.	By telling people what I think. And hoping they will listen, and getting people together and hoping that you will see this and do something about it.	
Laziness	Because there isn't enough activities and shows. We need more places to go like game centers and kid's lands.	By fundraising.	
bus services	Because it doesn't come very regularly.	By having buses to go to more places often.	
Boredom	Because in certain areas people do not have the same access to facilities e.g. pools, skate parks. The whole community should be benefited not certain areas.	By conducting a survey to provide the results to help in ideas to make a more adolescent community.	
Peace	Why can't we all work together as one? Why can't we all unite?	Everyone thinks about these two words... "I am"	I am the solution to peace. I am the solution to discrimination. I am the solution to no racism. I am the solution to no drugs. I am the solution to make this community a better place. I am the solution to make poverty history. "I am, We are, We can"
activities for out of towners	I live in Moore creek and feel as if more activities should be held out here because it makes you feel isolated. There is not enough to do.	Try to get some activities for children held out there e.g. A sport day in Moore creek hall or something that gives us something to do.	
Basketball stadium	There is no air conditioning in the basketball stadium so that it is more comfortable for everyone.	I would make sure that an air conditioning system would be installed.	
Boredom	Lots of kids sit at home on weekends and do not have anything to do.	Build a drive in cinema. Have a circus or quiz quest for children aged 8 - 14.	
Boredom	There should be more activities for people out of town because it can get very boring out at Loomberah.	There should be more sporting things to do for country kids.	
Medical appointments	It has been numerous times for me and my family members booking a medical appointment that had resulted in a wait for about 2 months. For me that seems like a long time. This includes the seeing of a normal GP and specialists.	I would increase the employment of doctors and specialists wanting to own private institutes so that the wait for these appointments would be decreased.	
Racism	A lot of people say white people are racist to black people but if you were younger you would know that black people are more racist than white people and at the Youthie people are smoking and they don't care.	An elected child to give an update per say of what is going in places in the Youthie and other places.	
Responsibilities and work	Because I am given about 200 things to do at once or am forced into something I consider boring or embarrassing.	Try and split everything up so they have more time or have a video games centre for recreation or to calm down or try and forget bad things that have happened.	
Boredom	In Tamworth there aren't enough activities for young adults to do.	Game arcades, ice skating rink another cinema.	

More youth resources	Because there is no under age social activities.	I would make inter school socials, more youth activities.	improve Peel St.
Basketball Stadium	There should be air conditioning in the basketball stadium so people don't get dehydrated and it will be more comfortable for people to play.	I would raise money to do so.	
Soccer fields	The grounds are really low quality e.g. little grass, bad drainage ec. And syringes have been found on the fields.	I would have the grass re-laid and there isn't much I can do about the syringes except a large fence around the field although that would constrict training times and vandals would just wire.	
My parents	They are separated and dad lives in Narrabri. Money is becoming an issue	I would make mum financially secure and get a full time job.	
Not being able to tell people stuff	I want to tell someone stuff I down wants to tell my parents.	Make therapy available.	
	Even though this is nothing to do with the Youthie you are still a part of the Tamworth Regional council, I would like to see if you can do anything about Barraba pipeline from split rock to town. If Tamworth can afford to have a gas line just to make sure you run out anytime, why don't you save some lives and pit in a water pipeline? Thank you.		
Unsafe areas	That some people live in unsafe areas. Because it's not fair for people to feel unsafe in there home or to walk down the street late at night.		
Boredom	We want more children disco's because there is no where to go after school if you wanted to have some fun.		
Drugs	Cause too much people spend too much money on drugs.	Put the prices down.	I think the Youthie should be open on Mondays.
		Set up workshops and posters.	
boredom	There are not enough carnivals.	Spend money on the youth centre.	
Alcohol	Because it is bad for my health.	Set up workshops, TV ads, radio and talk about it in school.	
Bullies	Because it's not very positive.	Worse penalties for bullies	
Drugs	too many	Kill everyone who takes illegal drugs except weed.	
Drugs	because people get mental illness	posters, radio, school	
Kids these days	The amount of underage kids wasting there lives doing drugs and hanging on the streets instead of going to school.	I would offer them money to give up.	
My brother	Because he is so mean and annoying to me and others.	Move away from him and others.	
Job services	There is not a lot of work going around Tamworth so most of the young kids are leaving looking for work.	I would use the money I give to the council to fix Tamworth up.	
Wagging	Too many people skip school for reasons such as fighting and boringness.	I would put more activities in the school and also a councilor who helps students with any issue.	
boredom	More things to do in this town. Such as more jobs.	More shops of girls as there are not a lot of them around, and I give it? People need it more than me.	More things to do at the PCYC and fun thing s with people that are my age.
Jobs	There are not many job opportunities for young people.	Extend shopping world.	
No university	People leave town.	Opening a university would keep young people in the area and attract more young people to Tamworth.	
boredom	There seems to be not enough for young people to do.	Probably talk to the youth and ask them what activities they would like.	
Boredom	Need more activities for the community.		
Rural sporting teams	1st grade football, rugby teams are losing players throughout the central north and reducing competition.	Attract more people in rural areas.	

Drugs	People who have drugs are more likely to be abusive and do harm to their body People who don't slip, slop, slap	I would make sure everyone who are 16 and over get there blood tested I would advertise.	
more shops	So we don't have to go to Tamworth all the time.	I would put in big shops and a place to hang out.	
more shops	Because every week you have to go to Tamworth for shopping, skate park, movies, kfc, subway.	I would get more things for kids to do like skate park, bike track and more shops because it's very boring in manilla.	
boredom	Because this town is boring and kids are getting over weight in manilla.	A skate park and a bmx circuit.	
boredom		Build a skate park in manilla.	
boredom	There is nothing to do in manilla.	A skate park and bike track.	
Boredom	There are no recreational activities.	Add more recreational activities.	
boredom	There is nothing to do in manilla.	I would like a bmx track.	
boredom	There is nothing to do in manilla and it would be a great place for people to be.	Build a skate park.	
boredom		To keep us occupied and give us something to do cause it's boring.	
lack of activities	Because it is due to we are a small town, combined with a large council, and they forget about us here in manilla.	By organization and with bringing people together.	Thanks.
boredom	not enough things to do	More shops, more sporting activities, cafe where you can eat outside.	
boredom	Not enough activities.		
boredom	Not enough things to do.		
boredom	Nothing to do in manilla.	id bring things in like a skate park, good shops, diving board and slide at pool, basketball court etc.	
no fast food or activities	Because manilla doesn't provide enough activities for our teens.	Yes I would.	Need a skate park and bike track?
lack of community input	Need bigger community input? The youth especially.	Need a skate park.	
manilla is a hole	because there is nothing here and people just get dragged in.	Change the community.	
boredom	We would like a skate park because we all have an interest in doing stuff like that.		
boredom for teens	There is nothing to do if we had a skate park etc. it would keep kids off the streets. It would provide fun and give us interest.	I would build a skate park.	We need a skate park.
the convoluted beauracracy	If Tamworth Regional Council pulled there act together, the shire would be run in a more efficient manner, the focus should be on the community not the personal benefits of the important ones on the shire board.		
boredom	in manilla we are looking at after school activities	Open a youth center.	
car	No money.	No license.	
Friendships and puberty.	Growing up into an adult.	Because the biggest issue is growing up into a girl.	
car	I don't know	I would make it so you don't have to get a license.	
nothing	Life is easy.		
friendship	Different moods with growing up into an adult.	Well you really can't but understand the issues.	
friendship	Because of the fluctuations in peoples moods.	Give everyone a mood ring.	Hi!
friendships	Because of the fluctuations in peoples moods.	Give everyone a mood ring and if it turns into an angry color don't go hear them or talk to them.	Everyone should be friends.
school concerts	Because all my older friends go there	I would help others, will help needy	

	and other friends.	kids and disabled children	
school	Because all my friends days and it is not good for you.	I would be donating for sick kids and help them have a home.	
bullying	Drugs because it is unsafe.	There will be none above if there is consequences.	
UNE	There is no UNE in Tamworth and when I am old enough I don't want to move away.	Get a UNE or make one accessible and accommodation cheaper.	
UNE	There is no UNE in Tamworth.	buy a UNE	
boredom	Because shop owners and other people charge too much.	Drop the price on entertainment.	
boredom	Because it is a small community and there is nothing to do in manilla.	Make more things to do.	
Manilla shops	Because there is nothing to do and if we had stuff like clothes, DVD shops and food shops we would have something to do instead of mucking up.	I would pit a fund raiser on like a carwash etc...	
Employment	Because there are so many people that have no jobs and would appreciate having something to do.	I would try to get more jobs to help them out.	Manilla needs fast food places and if we get that there will be good places to generate work.
Boredom		We need a skate park and other stuff like that so we have something to do.	
Drugs.	Too many people are smoking and doing drugs.		
Boredom	Because we are important and we need things like... the movies, a skate park and more community things which manilla doesn't have.		
Boredom	Because there isn't anything enjoyable to do and to eat...	I would make a big difference by actually promising to do these things and do them.	
Boredom	Because manilla is a small town with nothing more than a public pool. Manilla is one of the most boring towns.		
No skate park	I like to skate nearly everyday on my skateboard and have to around the streets which cause a nuisance to drivers.	Make a skate park, It would keep us off the streets of manila and give us a place to hang out and exercise.	
Boredom			
Boredom	Because there is no fast food or skate park.	I would improve the police force and make manilla safer.	
Boredom	Manilla is a small town and we need some more things to do. We only have a small pool. We need a movie theater.		
Boredom	Because for some people who have a big passion for skating we need a skate park because there is practically nothing to do in manilla to skate.		
Boredom	I want a skate park because manilla is boring and we have no activities which refer the teenage youth to drugs and alcohol.	Have a fundraiser at every shop so we could buy cement to build a skate park. And we need fast food because everyone is skinny	I appreciate if you could do that for manilla because this town is getting disgraceful yours sincerely Kane Morris.
Boredom	No skate park. No where to hang out.	Make more facilities for people to use and don't charge a fortune to use them i.e. pool	Make a skate park, bike track.
Boredom	Because there are no facilities for teenagers to do in manilla.	Build available faculties.	Fix the roads.
No Jobs		We need more groups to run things on the weekends.	
Boredom	Because we need more things to keep us entertained.	Just ask teens what they want to do in manilla and organize it.	
There are not enough facilities	there are not enough facilities for young people to get together and hang out	Get the council to build a games room or a hall or something like that.	

Boredom	We need more things to do on weekends.	Create more activities for young people to attend and public places that are safe to hang.	
Boredom	It's hard to get a job in manilla, and we don't have many youth activities to do on weekends. More people to run things so we have something to do. The variety bash last year was awesome; we should have things like that which bring the community together.	We need more things that bring us together such as discos, fairs, festivals, parties. And more things to do e.g. places to go and see.	
Boredom	Because manilla is such a small town we often have to travel to Tamworth or further for entertainment. I love out of manilla so it makes it even further and the cost of fuel is huge.	I would open more sporting opportunities for the youth of manilla and try to get bands and other entertainment into our town.	
Job opportunities	The town is small so there aren't many places that young people can work.	Hold more social events like disco or just fun activities that will give us a chance to meet new people and get out more.	
Boredom	The reason there are not enough activities is probably because it is a small community. Although it is annoying because every time we want to do something we have to go into Tamworth.	I would make more things to do and places to go.	We live in a safe community.
Bullying	Because my cousin who is in kindergarten was bullied and picked on by a gang of boys who were in year five and the boys did not get in trouble because the teachers did not see it.		
Boredom	I want a skate park because there is not much to do in manilla.		
Boredom	Because we live in a small community and there is a very small amount of public equipment e.g. parks BUT for teenage youth.	Give Manilla a skate park, Huge slide at the pool, lots of shops, expand the town and include an arcade and things like that.	Manilla youth get very bored which means some turn to drugs and alcohol giving them things to do may change this.
Boredom	Because the pools boring and there should be a PCYC centre out here or a bus that goes their.	I would build a PCYC out here, or have a bus running in and out of town to take kids to the PCYC.	
Boredom	Because we live in a small town and there are not enough public place's for youth to go and hang out which pushes some youth to drugs and alcohol.	I would do a survey to find out what the kids want and than make or buy it.	