

Young People Your Say Survey

Full Report

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The City of Hobart is developing a Climate Strategy. To help inform the Strategy, the City needed to learn about the Hobart's young people's attitudes and behaviours towards climate change. We sought feedback from young people through an online [Your Say survey](#).

The City chose to offer a different survey for young people to the broader community, as we have found young people are more responsive when surveys are succinct, direct, and incentivised. Every young person (under 25) who responded to the survey went into the draw to win a \$50 Visa giftcard.

The survey was open from the beginning of November until mid-December 2023.

This survey had four sections:

1. About you (demographic information)
2. What do you think and feel about climate change?
3. What are you doing to reduce emissions?
4. What are you doing to adapt to a changing climate?

Insights drawn from the Young Person Survey have been compiled and helped to inform priorities and actions of the Climate Strategy.

Below is everything we heard through the Young People Your Say survey.

A summary of the Young People Your Say Survey and more information on the collaboration approach taken to write the Climate Strategy can be found [<insert link to full report>](#).



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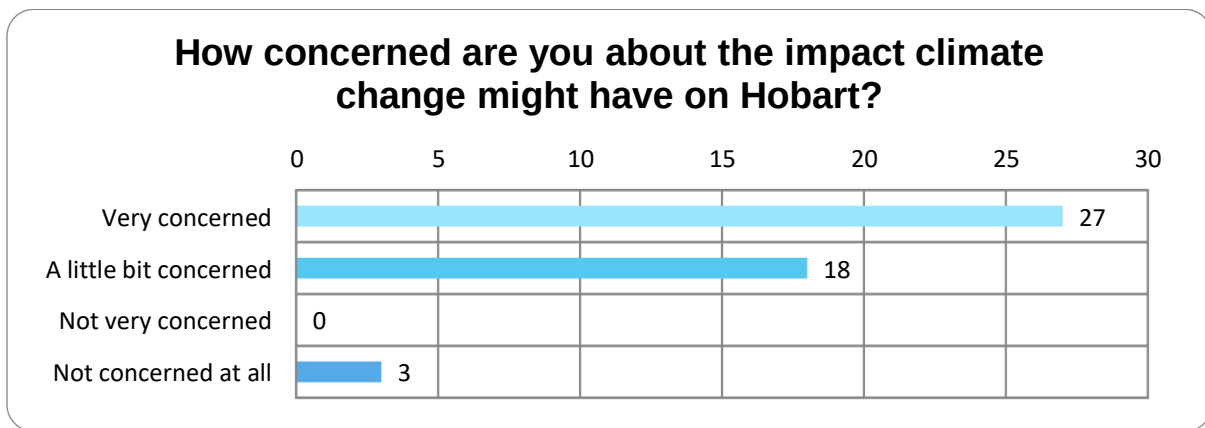


What we heard

48 people completed our youth survey.

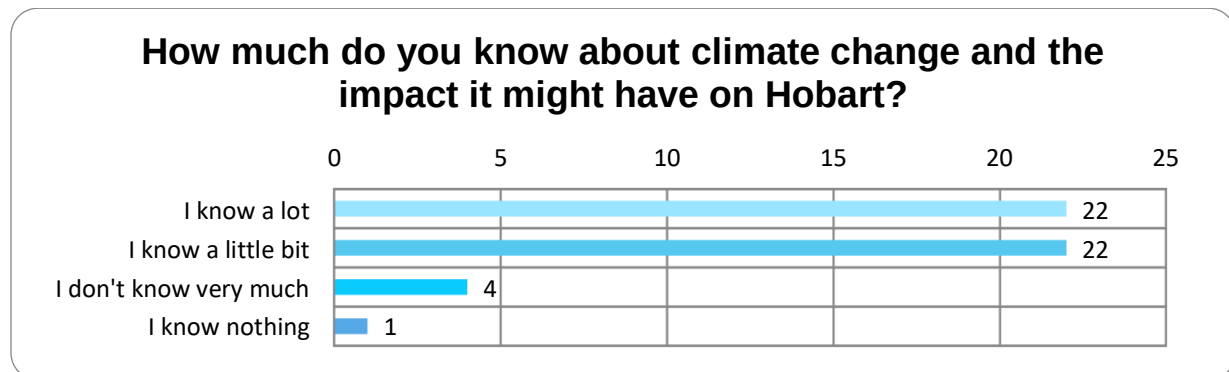
Q1. How concerned are you about the impact climate change might have on Hobart?

- 56% of respondents (27) were very concerned
- 36% of respondents (18) were a little bit concerned
- 6% of respondents (3) were not concerned at all



Q2. How much do you know about climate change and the impact it might have on Hobart?

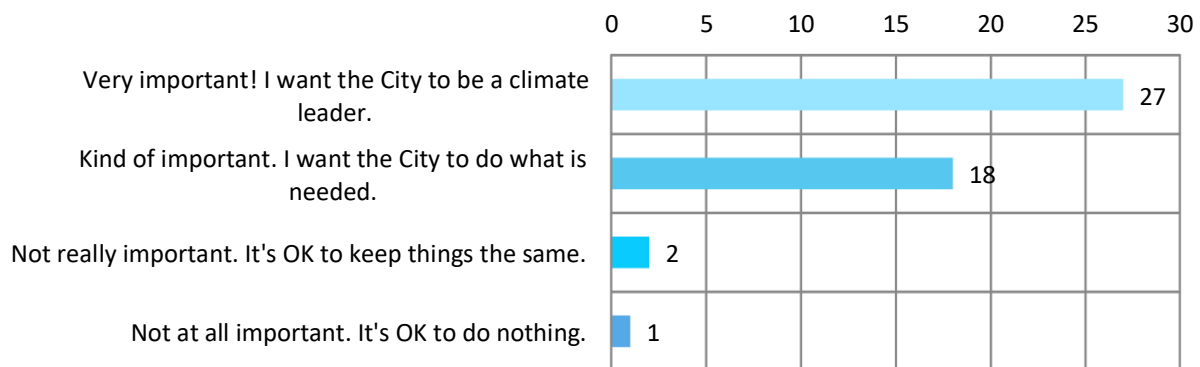
- 46% of respondents (22) knew a lot
- 46% of respondents (22) knew a little bit
- 8% of respondents (4) didn't know very much
- 2% of respondents (1) knew nothing



Q3. How important is it to you that the City of Hobart acts to address climate change?

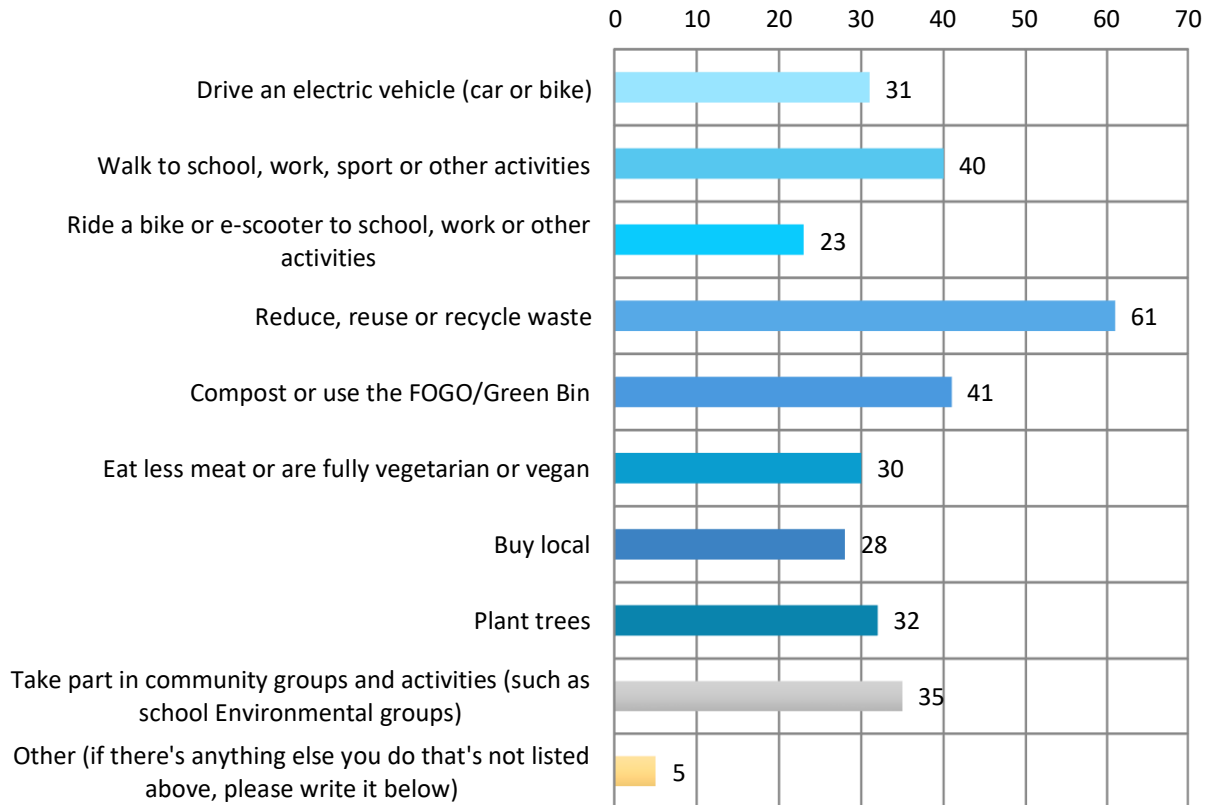
- 56% of respondents (27) said they think it's very important! They want the City to be a climate leader.
- 36% of respondents (18) said they think it's kind of important. They want the City to do what is needed.
- 4% of respondents (2) said they think it's not really important. It's OK to keep things the same.
- 2% of respondents (1) said they don't think it's at all important. It's OK to do nothing.

How important is it to you that the City of Hobart acts to address climate change?



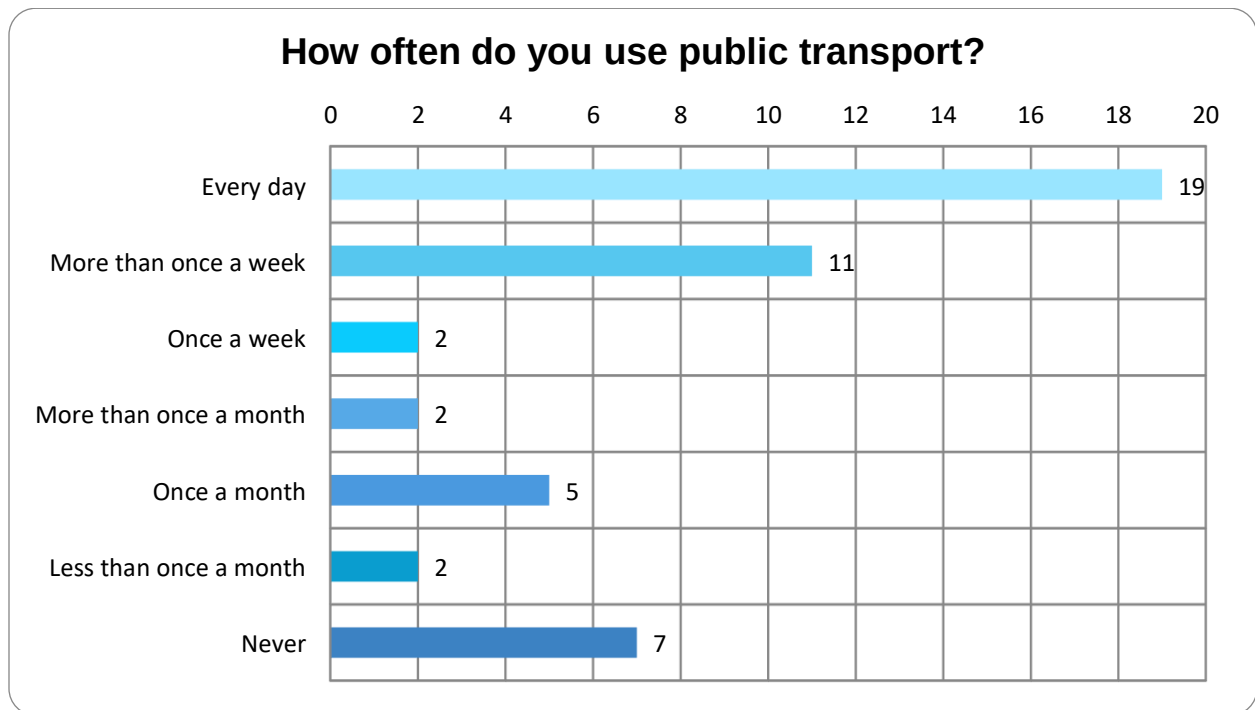
Q4. Which of the below climate-friendly actions do you do?

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(Please choose all options that are right for you.)**



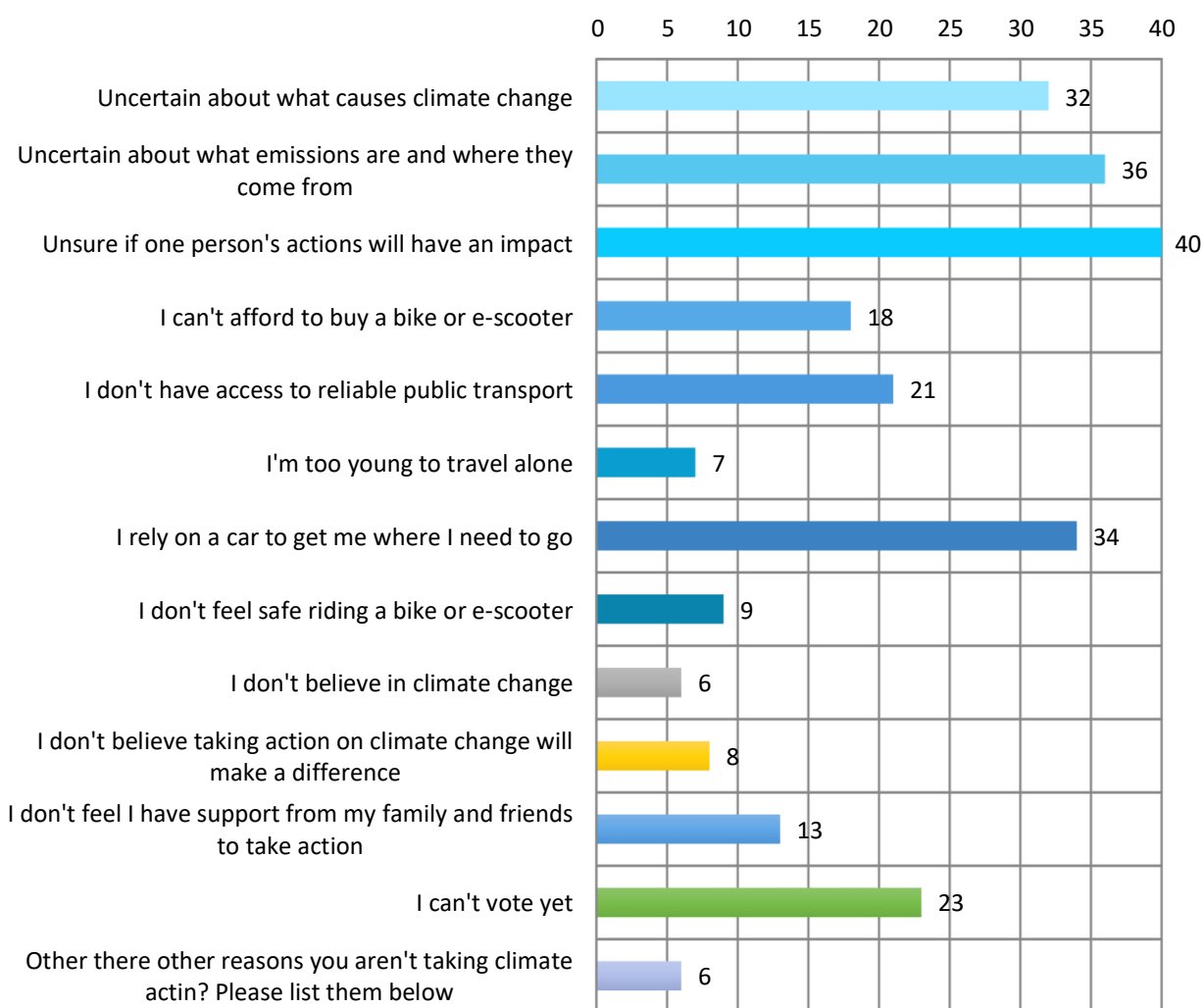
Q5. How often do you use public transport?

- Every day – 19
- More than once a week – 11
- Once a week – 2
- More than once a month – 2
- Once a month – 5
- Less than once a month – 2
- Never – 7



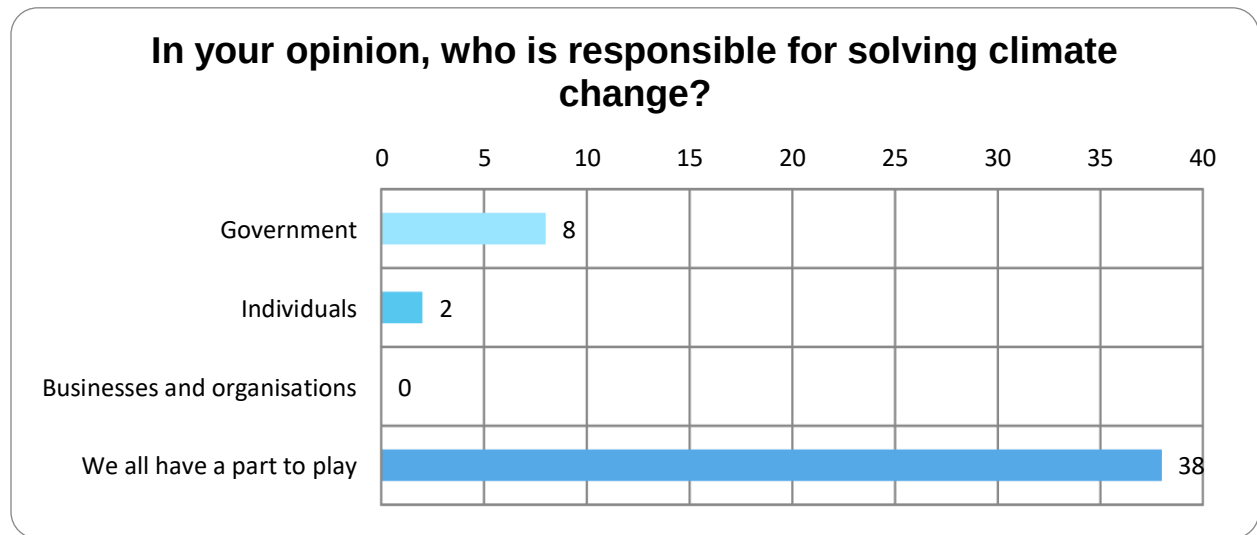
Q6. What stops you from taking more climate-friendly actions?

What stops you from taking more climate-friendly actions? (Please choose all options that are right for you)



Q7. In your opinion, who is responsible for solving climate change?

- 17% of respondents (8) said government.
- 4% of respondents (2) said individuals.
- 79% of respondents (38) said we all have a part to play.



Q8. Please tell us how climate change makes you feel about the future.

We analysed this open question by tagging responses, and then grouping according to the themes. Below we have listed the responses that have more than 1 tag:

- Concerned – 17 tags
- Hopeless – 6 tags
- Concerned/frustrated by lack of government action – 5 tags
- Worried about the death of planet/nature – 5 tags
- There's a sense of urgency – 3 tags
- There's a communal responsibility – 30 tags
- Fear of bushfires – 2 tags
- There's inequity in the impact of climate change – 2 tags
- There is hope for the future – 2 tags

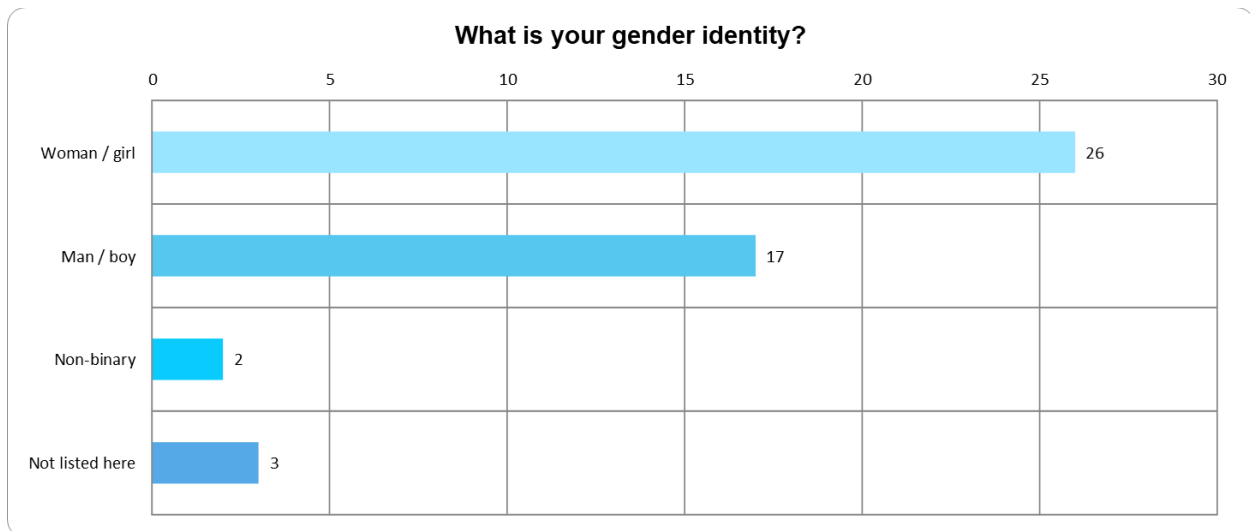


Who we heard from

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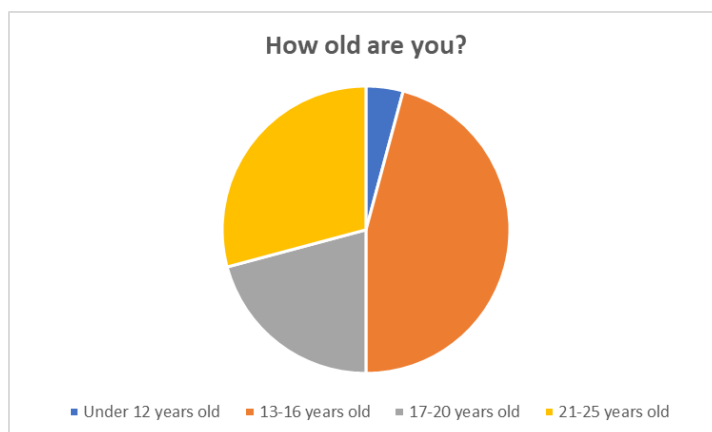
Q9. What is your gender identity?

- 54% of respondents (26) identify as woman/girl
- 35% of respondents (17) identify as man/boy
- 4% of respondents (2) identify as non-binary
- 6% of respondents' gender identity was not listed (3 people). Those who chose to specify their gender identity identify as transgender male and gender fluid.



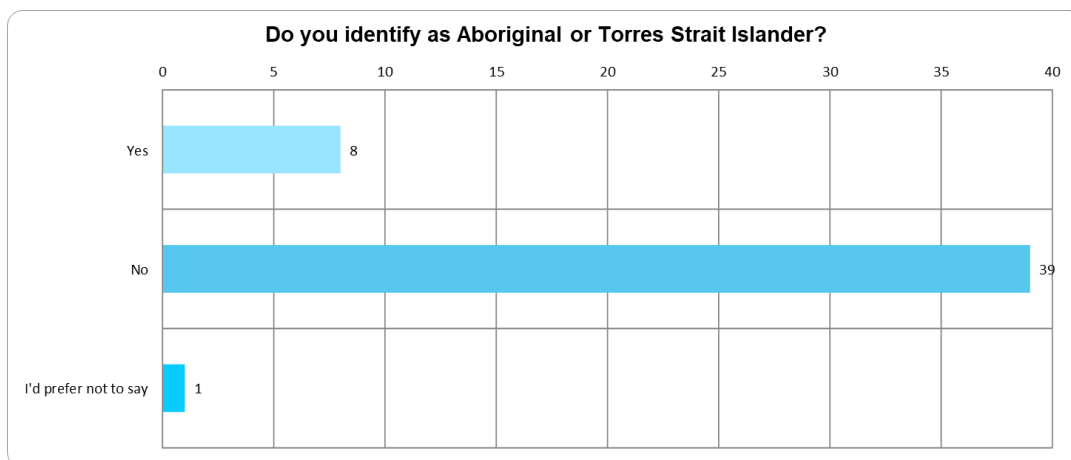
Q10. How old are you?

- 4% of respondents (2) were under 12 years old
- 46% of respondents (22) were 13-16 years old
- 21% of respondents (10) were 17-20 years old
- 30% of respondents (14) were 21-25 years old



Q11. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

- 17% of respondents (8) identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 81% of respondents (39) did not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 2% of respondents (1) preferred not to say



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Q12. What suburb do you live in?

- Blackmans Bay – 1
- Bonnet Hill – 1
- Bridgewater – 2
- Brighton – 1
- Dynnyrne – 1
- Ferntree – 2
- Goodwood – 1
- Hobart – 5
- Judbury – 1
- Kingston – 4
- Lutana – 1
- Midway Point – 1
- Mount Nelson – 3
- Mount Stuart – 1
- North Hobart – 2
- Sandford – 1
- Sandy Bay – 3
- South Arm – 1
- South Hobart – 2
- Taroona – 3
- West Hobart – 3



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Q13. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

- 19% of respondents (9) spoke a language other than English at home
- 82% of respondents (39) did not speak a language other than English at home

Those who spoke a language other than English at home, also spoke Mandarin (3), Afrikaans (1), Hindi Japanese (1), Khmer (1), Spanish (1) and Thai (1).

