

Clarence City Council

Youth Centre Demand Analysis summary

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Recap from 26 February 2024

The only stand-alone youth centre in Clarence is located in Rokeby:

- Not reaching young people from across Clarence catchment
- Due to be impacted by Rokeby Road realignment (date TBC 2025)
- Not accessible or easily able to be updated

Other services, facilities and amenities in Clarence for young people include:

- PCYC
- Integrated Care Centre (Headspace)
- Library
- Schools
- Skate parks
- Beaches, foreshores, pontoons etc.
- Parks, tracks and trails

Other key reasons for undertaking this needs analysis:

- Not making assumptions without the evidence base
- Building stronger partnerships and ability to apply for grants

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What do we know about young people? Key questions to answer

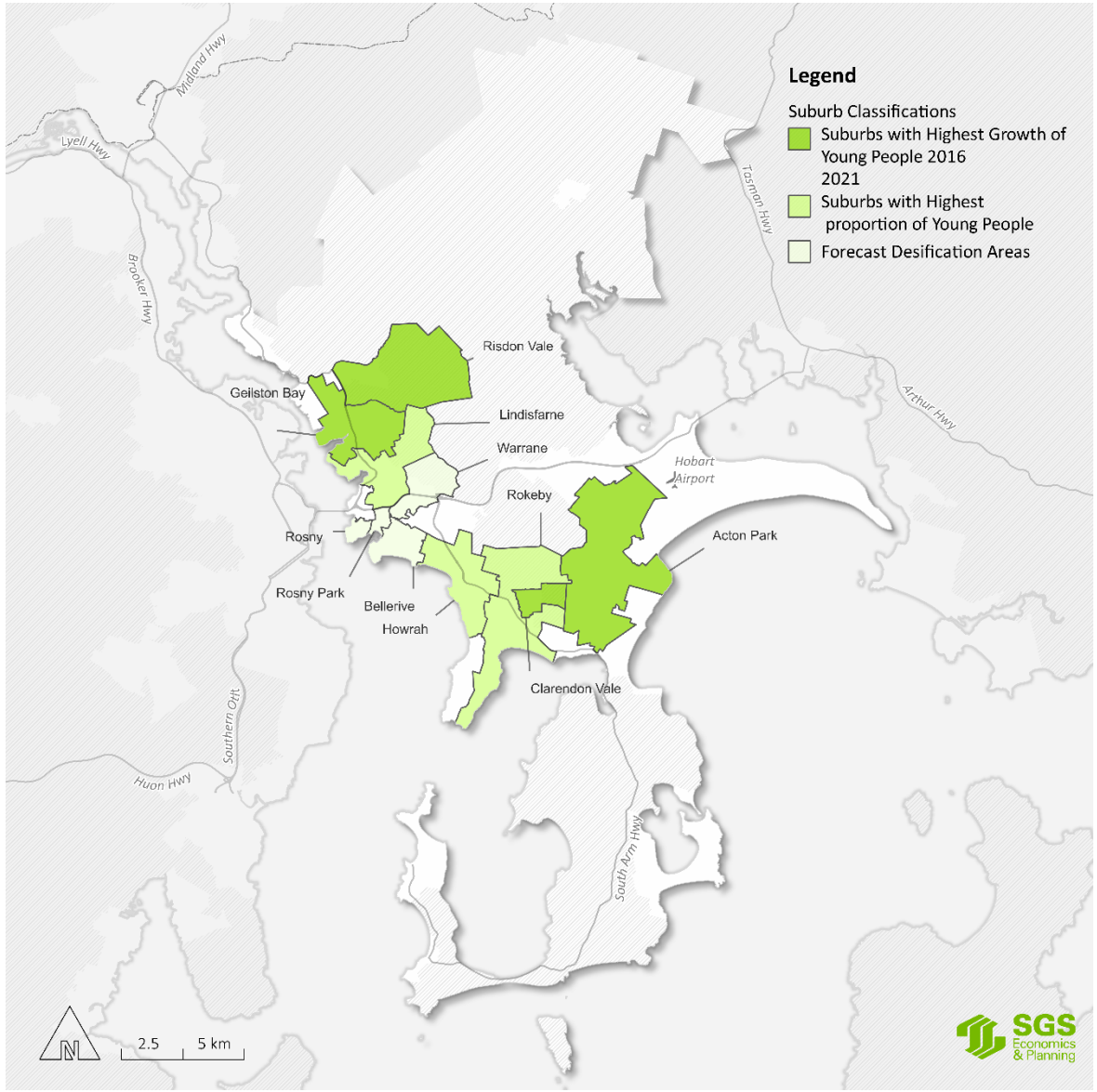
What do we know about young people in 2024 since the latest census?

- Where do they live?
- How are they feeling?
- How can we best support young people?
- Is what we are already doing enough? Do we need to change?
- Where would be the best location and model for a new youth centre to meet the needs of young people?

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Where do our young people live?

- Census data shows strong population growth in Risdon Vale and Clarence Plains (expected to continue)
- Highest proportion of young people reside in Howrah, Lindisfarne, Rokeby, Bellerive and Risdon Vale
- Forecast densification areas (growth) Rosny, Warrane and Bellerive



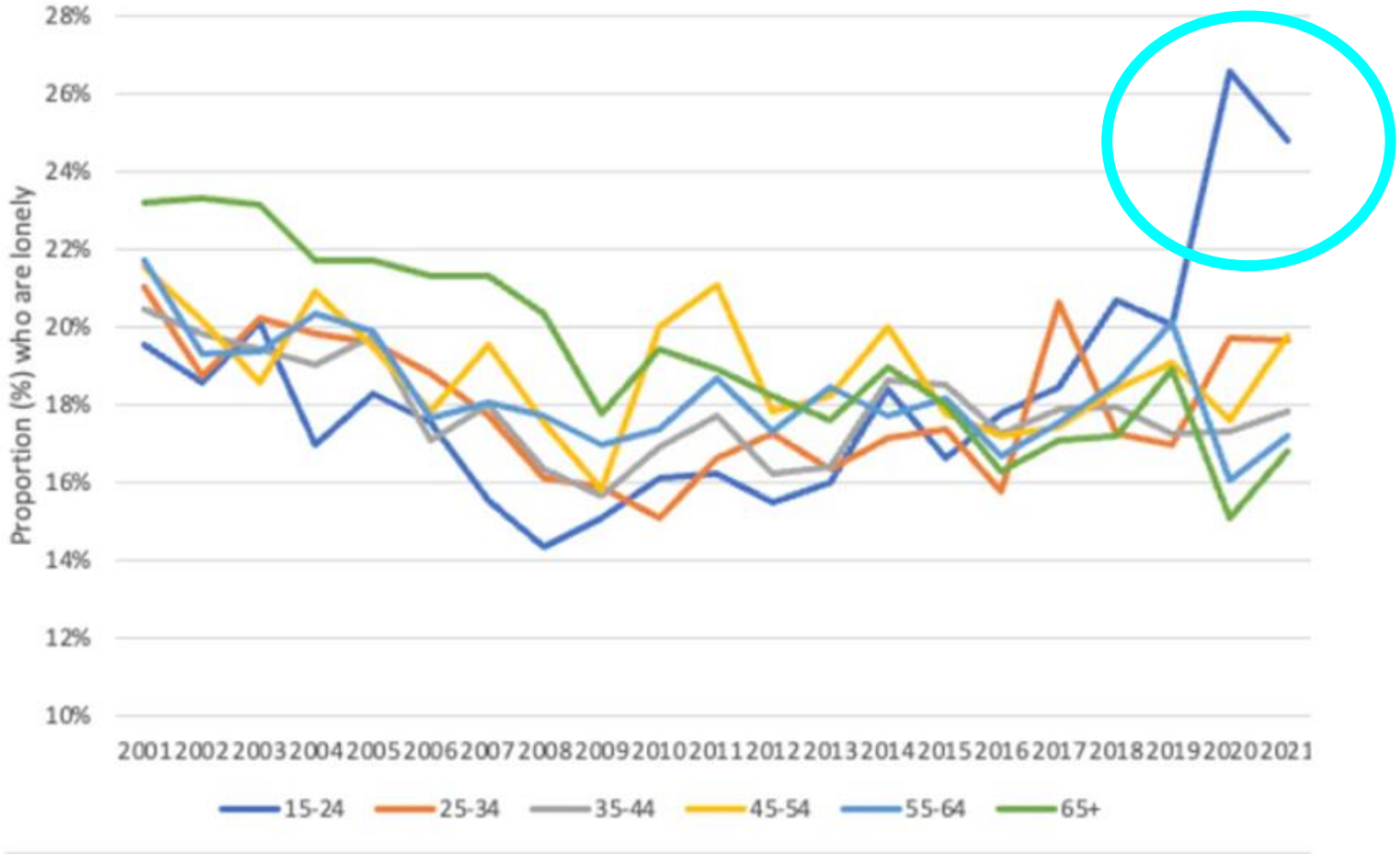
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How are young people feeling?

- Young people are now the loneliest age group with 4 in 10 feeling lonely.
- Loneliness amongst older Australians has improved.

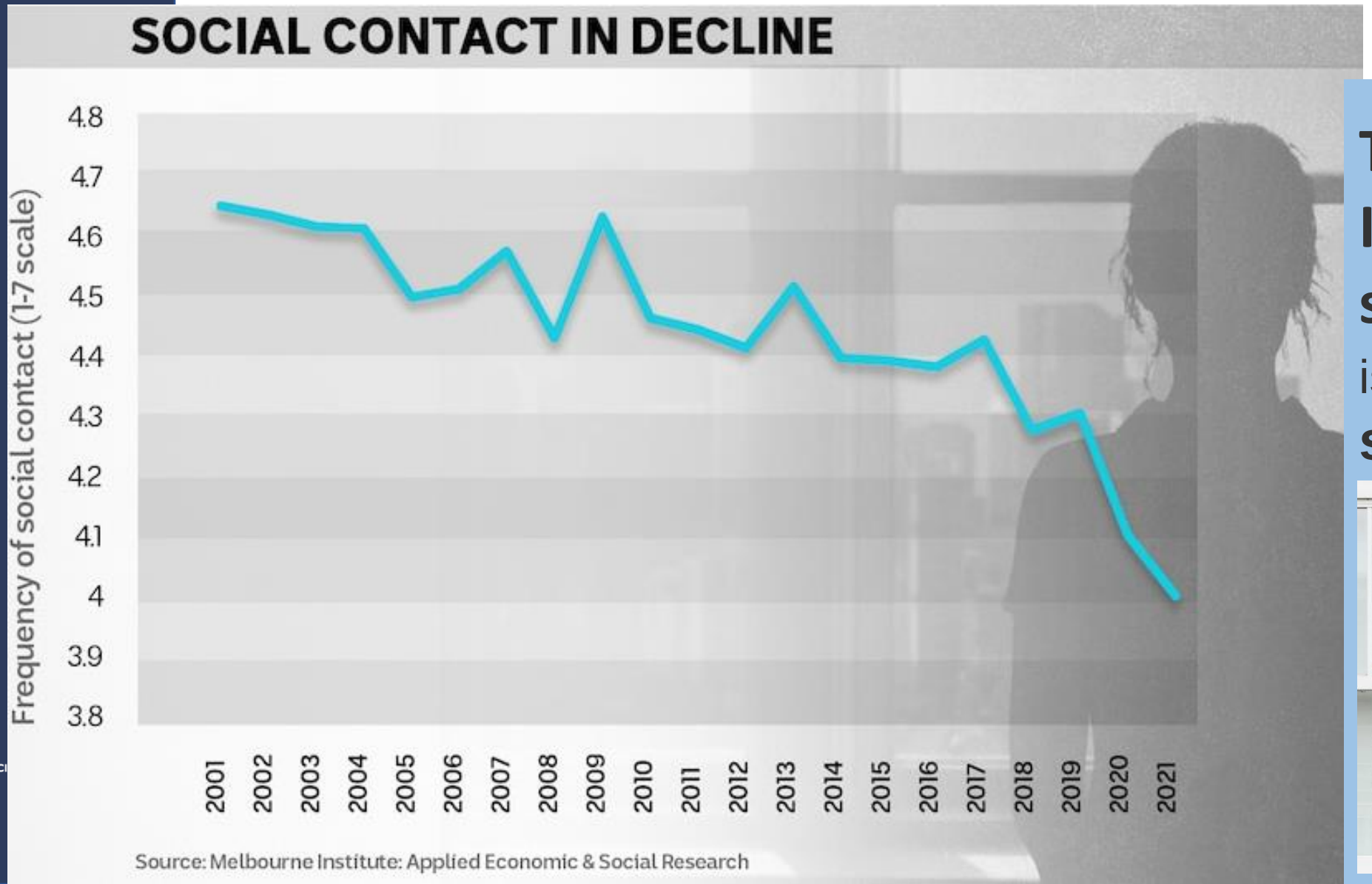
A well regarded data source is the longitudinal Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey. It tells us consistently that over the past 20 years about 1 in 5 Australians agreed with the statement 'I often feel very lonely'.

A recent change is the 15-24 year old age group who have experienced levels of **loneliness** far higher than other ages (HILDA).



Rates of loneliness over time among various age groups are displayed on a graphic. (Source: Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia survey)

Contributing to young people/s loneliness is the stark decline in Social Contact



The Melbourne Institute tell us social contact is critical for **life satisfaction**



How does Tasmania compare to the rest of Australia? We have **higher levels** of loneliness!



Table 36: Young people's level of loneliness (past four weeks)

	TAS %	Female %	Male %	National %
None of the time	14.4	9.6	21.1	14.8
A little of the time	24.0	21.4	28.9	29.9
Some of the time	33.0	39.1	29.3	31.8
Most of the time	23.8	26.0	16.7	18.6
All of the time	4.9	3.9	4.1	4.9

Across Australia results show **23.5% of young people** feel lonely most or all of the time. The results in Tasmania are worse than national results with **28.7%** feeling lonely most or all of the time.

Annual Youth Survey | Mission Australia Results of the survey will be published in November and are shared with government and non-government organisations and the general public.

Consultation – Demand Analysis

- Through SGS Economics and Planning:
  - Survey for young people promoted through YNAG, Schools, Youth Centre
  - Face to face session with the Youth Network Advisory Group
  - CCC internal consultation (20 officers of Council)
  - 2 x online group stakeholder sessions (12 stakeholders)
  - 5 targeted face to face sessions with key service providers:
    - Headspace
    - Colony 47 (Home Base)
    - PCYC
    - CoH Youth Arc
    - Tas Police

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Clarence Youth Centre Demand Analysis

The analysis resulted in five key consultant recommendations:

1. Develop a new Youth Centre in Rosny Park, providing a centrally located hub for all of Clarence's young people. Supported by key 'spokes' throughout our region
2. In partnership with young people and external stakeholders, develop a new Clarence City Council Youth Plan
3. Support future plans of PCYC and the focus of programs towards young people
4. Review existing community facilities to ensure they are inclusive, attractive, and welcoming for young people; assess for potential "spoke" use
5. Following the delivery of the Council Youth Centre, Council should continue to monitor access and participation rates of young people to youth services

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What do young people want?

- We heard from more than 50 young people, including the Youth Network Advisory Group (YNAG), to ask about location, purpose and key needs
- A central location, access to indoors and outdoors and available after school is asked for by our young people
- Increased visibility will be important as many young people are unaware of what is available or where to go for support

Where?
- Rosny Park preferred by most
- Rokeby next preferred

Near to?
- Public transport, walking and cycling
- Parks and sport
- Mental health and broader health services
- Shops and Cafés
- School

When?
- Everyday especially Friday
- 4pm – 6pm the key time

What is wanted?
- A Youth Centre
- Entertainment/things to do
- Safe and welcoming places (indoor and outdoor)

Diverse specific services
- Mental health, music, sport, games, art, cooking, and opportunity to develop new skills, shower and clothes washing facilities

Barriers to seeking support?
- Don't know where to go
- Can't afford it
- Feeling of stigma
- Distance - not easy to get to

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What do youth services providers tell us?

- We interviewed key service providers to ask about location, purpose and key needs
- Strong agreement that a central location would best meet young peoples' needs
- Strong agreement that a Rosny Park location would best **facilitate partnerships** and referrals

Youth provider feedback

- Central location is best
- Access to a safe space with a range of integrated services
- Access to services requires well-resourced accessible and inclusive facilities
- Aim to reach as many young people as possible

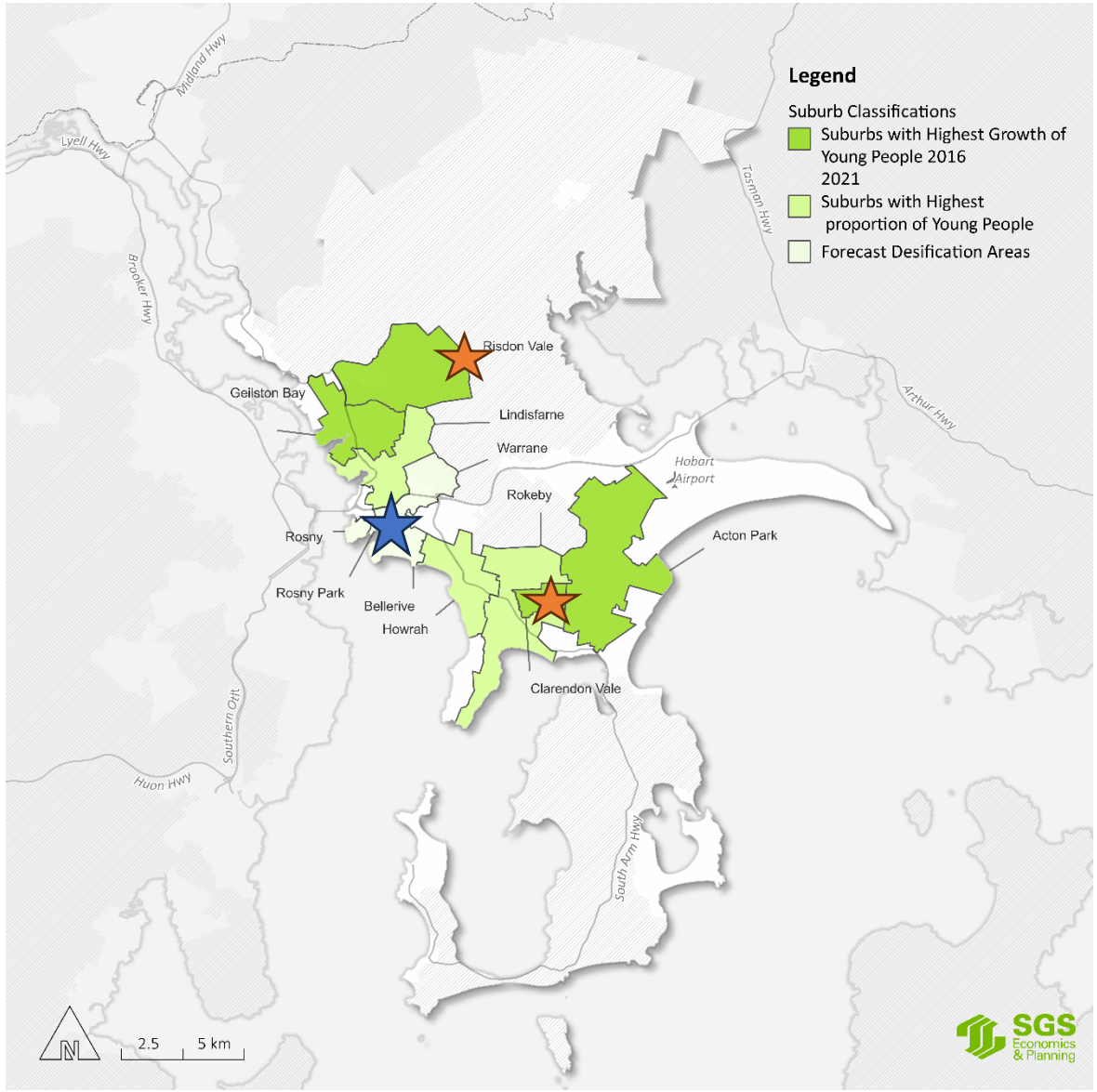
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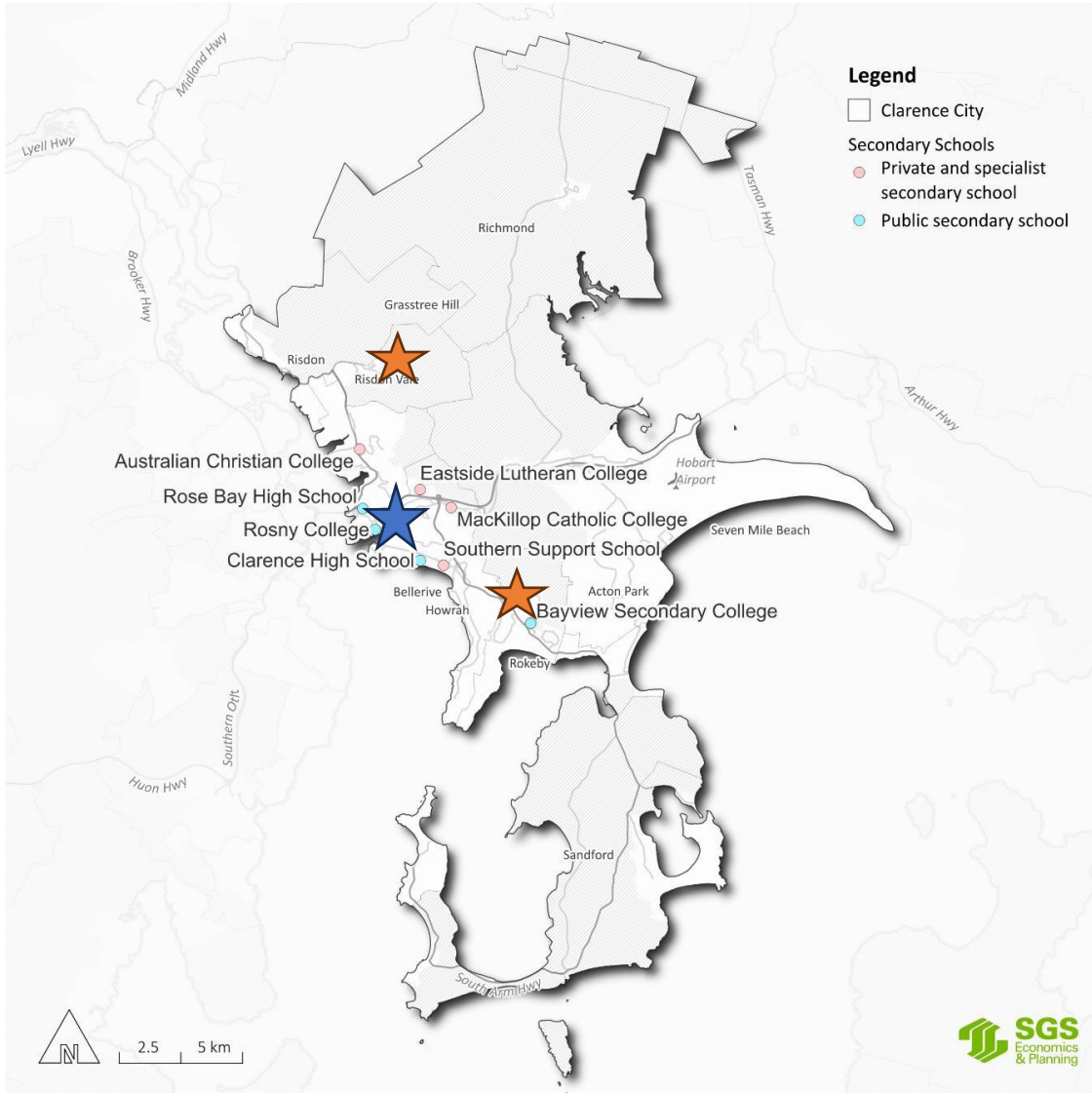
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Where do young people go to School?

- The majority of schools and colleges are centrally located with most having access to a central Rosny Park location
- Secondary school infrastructure is a key consideration as young people tell us immediately after school is when most they want to visit



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Public transport network

- Rosny Park is the most accessible location by public transport further supporting a central location for the main hub
- Easily accessible by Public Transport as well as walking, cycling routes is asked for by young people

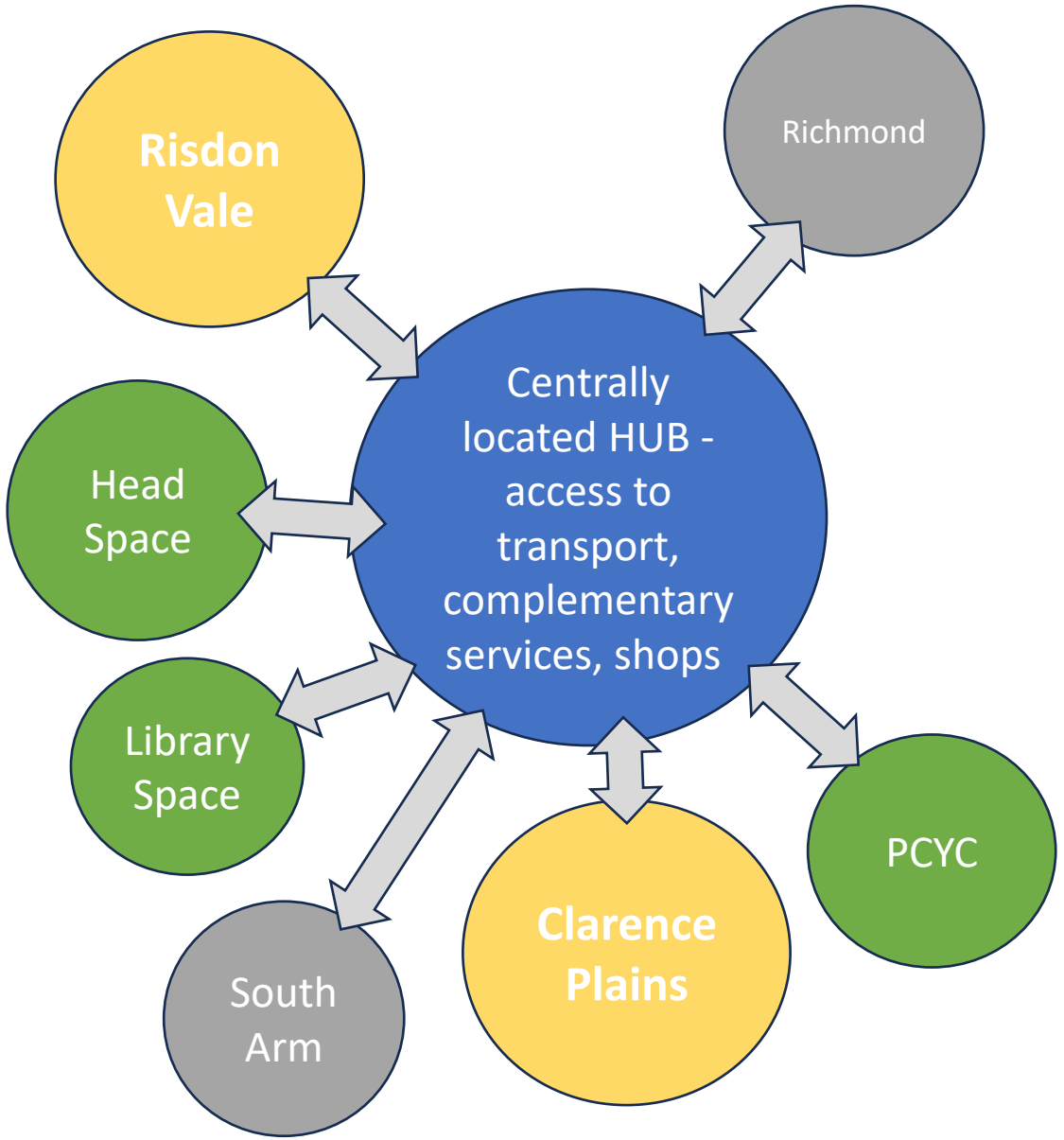
FIGURE 13: PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK



Source: Tasmanian Government (2020), https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/public_transport/bus_timetables/network_maps/south_network_maps

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Hub and Spoke model



4 Review existing community facilities to ensure they are inclusive, attractive, and welcoming for young people; assess for potential "hub" use

3 Support the relocation of the PCYC to Clarence Plains and the refocusing of programs towards young people

In the hub-and-spoke model, the hub signifies a central or lead entity that serves as the coordinating youth centre.

The spokes, on the other hand, represent "mini" youth centres in areas of particular need directly linked to the hub.

Each spoke interacts directly with the hub but not necessarily with each other.

- Hub
- Primary Spoke
- Secondary Spoke
- Partnerships/collaborations

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Centrally located Youth Centre - City Heart area

To best meet identified needs of young people the hub location would require:

- Central location and close to public transport
- Close to services and shops
- Close to other youth services – health, employment etc
- Good connections to open space (connected indoor / outdoor spaces)
- A more desirable location is the one with a shorter timeframe as the need is strong now



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Recommendation and planned actions

1	Develop a new Youth Centre in Rosny Park, providing a centrally located hub for all of Clarence's young people. Supported by key 'spokes'	Further investigate all key identified potential sites in Rosny Park for hub Youth Centre Progress 'spoke' in Rokeby & Risdon Vale
2	In partnership with young people and external stakeholders, develop a new Clarence City Council Youth Plan	Youth will be incorporated into a broader "Life Plan" as best practice for support connected at critical life milestones for all facilities
3	Support the future plans of the PCYC and focus of programs towards young people	Conversations are ongoing with PCYC and other partners with a commitment to continue working together to meet needs
4	Review existing community facilities to ensure they are inclusive, attractive, and welcoming for young people	Review will include a particular focus on Risdon Vale and Clarence Plains as 'spokes' in a shorter timeframe than recommended
5	Council should continue to monitor access and participation rates of young people to youth services	Measurement and monitoring will include external metrics, annual survey results and participation rates as key success metrics

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New Youth Centre - next steps

- Site analysis of proposed locations aligned to results of the Demand Analysis - with a focus on the outdoor connectivity
- Deep engagement from young people on design and features for inclusion in a future centre
- Concept Design following procurement procedure
- Develop/research proposed funding models
- Temporary relocation of Youth Centre is not a permanent solution for the central hub

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Youth needs - Next Steps

- Provide findings of the report and seek feedback from stakeholders who participated in the analysis
- Evaluate potential sites in the Rosny CBD for new Youth Centre
- Commence work on review of the current Youth Plan and development into a comprehensive *Life Plan* to include Childrens' Services, Children and Youth, and Ageing
- Continue delivery of outreach programs in schools and development of spokes/safe spaces through partnership with Neighbourhood Houses, at halls etc
- Continued partnership/collaboration with youth focused service providers such as PCYC, Headspace, Colony 47 etc
- Ongoing support/delivery of youth programs for Clarence
- Continue to monitor through the identified external sources and surveys as needed. Continue to involve young people in all future stages.

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