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RELATIONSHIPS JUST SO IMPORTANT TO AUSSIE YOUTH

The results from Just Car Insurance's recent survey* of 18-25 year olds show that Australian youth are committed, family oriented and sincere when it comes to their relationships.

- **Most want to marry**

More than three-quarters of respondents said they wanted to get married, and although it was higher among young women (86 per cent), most young men (72 per cent) also expressed this desire.

"While there is a perception that young men talk about marriage but have trouble following through with it, I think this is strong evidence that it is an important life goal for them. More than three-quarters of young people (79 per cent) said they plan to have children – 72 per cent of young men and 86 per cent of young women," said Andrew O'Hara, National Manager of Just Car Insurance.

Australian youth also appear to be committed and optimistic about their personal relationships – the majority (83 per cent) expect to have only one marriage partner.

"The high proportion of youth who expect to have only one marriage partner is perhaps a sign that young couples are more committed than we give them credit for," said Mr O'Hara.

- **Most happy with their relationship with their parents**

The desire to have a family typically stems from values learned at home and it seems Australian youth value their families, and their family's opinions, highly. Almost three-quarters of Australian youth (72 per cent) say they are happy with the relationship they have with their parents, which is also reflected in who they lean on for support.

"Almost half of youth (46 per cent) speak to their mother if they have a personal problem while almost one-quarter (23 per cent) speak to a sibling. Sixteen per cent say they are likely to go to their father if they have a personal problem," said Mr O'Hara.

"Girls are more likely than boys to go to Mum with a personal issue (53 per cent compared to 39 per cent) and boys are more likely to go to Dad with a personal worry (20 per cent compared to 12 per cent)," said Mr O'Hara.

"When it comes to financial matters, the majority (95 per cent) go to Mum or Dad with a financial problem (54 per cent and 41 per cent respectively)," he said.

- **Friends provide vital support**

Friends feature strongly in the lives of young Australians as well – the majority of youth (89 per cent) said they would go to a friend with a personal problem. One-third (32 per cent) say they feel most wanted when they are with their friends rather than their family – higher among young men than young women (36 per cent versus 27 per cent). One in six (18 per cent) say they really hate family gatherings.

“Mateship is a strong part of Australian culture and, more often than not, close friends become part of the family. Most respondents met their current partner through friends and they believe that spending time with friends/family is the best way to get over a relationship breakup. I suppose this isn’t that surprising though when you consider half (49 per cent) of youth are still living at home – many feel like friends are a ‘break’ from the family environment,” said Mr O’Hara.

“However, parents can relax – although 19 per cent say they plan to live with their parents as long as they can, 82 per cent of youth plan to move out of home at some point!”

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