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# Alcohol Diversion for Underage Youth: The Victorian Early Intervention Pilot Program (VEIPP)

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# Overview



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1. Alcohol and Young People
2. Background to the VEIPP
3. Aims and Objectives
4. Building Resilience



# Alcohol and Young People



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## Victorian Youth Alcohol and Drug Survey (VYADS) 2009

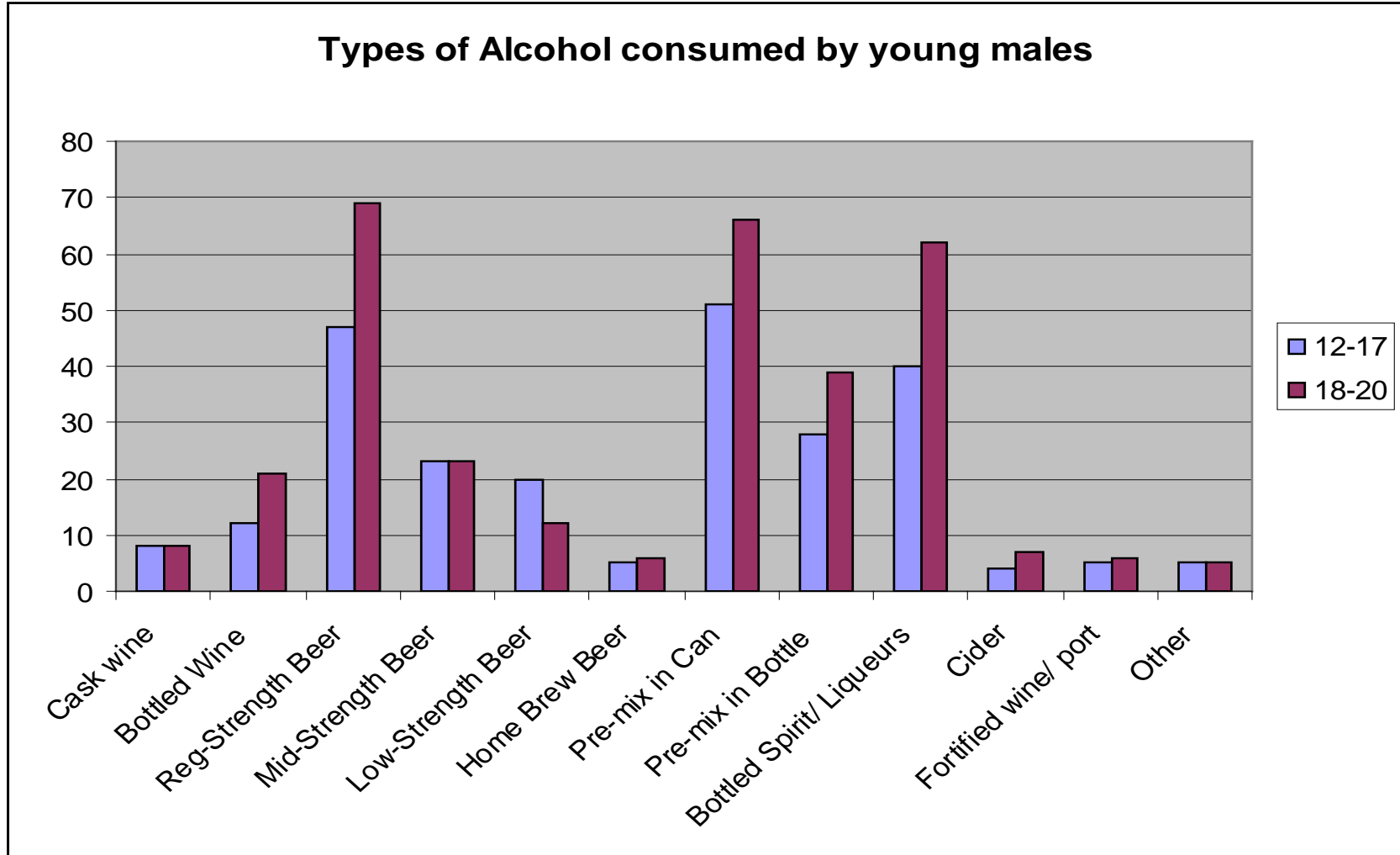
- 42% of young people reported engaging in 'high level binge drinking' (20 or more standard drinks in one session);
- 15% of young people reported consuming between 11-19 standard drinks on at least one occasion in the preceding 12 months;
- Proportion of young Victorians engaging in 'high level binge drinking' is greater in the outer suburbs

# What do young people drink?



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## Types of Alcohol consumed by young males

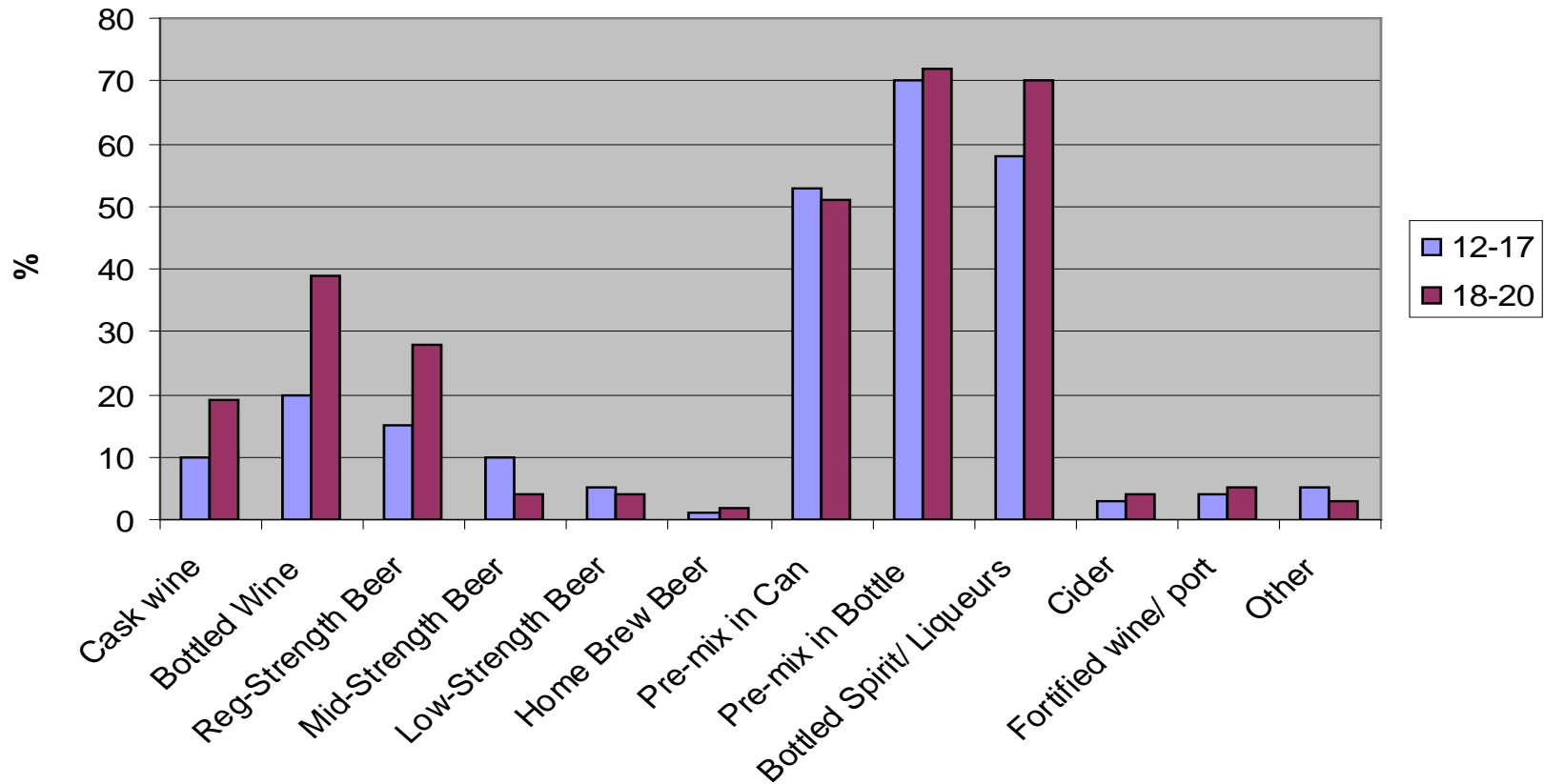


# What do young people drink?



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## Types of alcohol consumed by young females





# VEIPP: A partnership approach



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The VEIPP is a partnership between Victoria Police and the Department of Health with services provided by Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) and Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre



Department of Health



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# Aims and Objectives



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1. Proactive/targeted policing response to binge drinking and related behaviours;
2. Create safe communities and build positive relationships with young Victorians;
3. Empower young people, their families and the community to address drinking and related behaviours; and
4. Develop new, or improve existing partnerships

# VEIPP Pilot Site



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Initial Victorian pilot site – Maroondah PSA

Reasons for site selection:

- Youth Demographic
- Alcohol – main issue
- Alcohol-related injuries
- Geographical location
- Public amenity
- Provision of treatment providers (EACH)
- Supportive local council

Possibility to expand the VEIPP to a second site



# Eligibility for the VEIPP



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Police encounter young people aged between 10 and under 18 years of age:

- who they reasonably believe to be intoxicated by alcohol; and/or
- satisfy the requirements of an offence of possess/consume alcohol (other than private premises); and;
- consent to be involved in the VEIPP
  
- **NO** other offences detected at the time of contact
- **Must** admit to the offence
- **TWO** referrals to the VEIPP



# Building Resilience



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## HEALTH COMPONENT – ALCOHOL EDUCATION

### Intake (Induction) Session

Determine if the young person and their family would benefit from the health program, alcohol and other drug treatment, or both.

### Health Program

Alcohol Education Session

Individual or Group setting



# Benefits



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**Police Members**

**Young People**

**Parents/Carers**

**Community**

# Contact Details



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