



Our Community Survey

Dear Resident,

The *Connecting the Community* project is about building the local community and understanding it better.

We need your help to do this - could you please complete the enclosed survey. It asks questions about the many things we need to understand to build a community including:

- who is living in the community and where the residents have come from
- their social networks
- what issues the residents consider important and want addressed
- how these things are related with employment, children, housing, health and the many aspects of peoples lives.

Some of the questions are personal, eg. questions about your views and how you experience the local community. It is very important we hear your views and experiences.

The survey is **anonymous**. You do not need to put your name on it. However it is helpful for us to know which households complete the survey - so we have enclosed a postcard, which includes your household address, that you can mail back to us letting us know you have completed the survey. This is separate from the survey and mailed to a separate address so you maintain your anonymity.

The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete.

This is a joint project of Wyong Shire Council and UnitingCare Burnside. If you would like any further information, please contact Sandra Hejtmanek at Council on ph: 4350 5171.

The findings from the survey will be used:

- to **identify priorities for community development,**
- as **a baseline to monitor changes** taking place in the local community over the next few years, **and**
- **to increase our knowledge of the way communities work so we can build better communities.**

See the front page of the survey for further details and please **return the completed survey** (and the postcard) **by Friday 13th July.**

New return date Friday 27th July

Many thanks for your time.

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