

Our Community Survey

Dear Resident,

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

This survey gives you the opportunity to tell us about:

- your community
- what is important to you
- and what you want in your community.

The survey is being given to **one person in each household** in Warnervale. Where there is more than one person living in a household we are asking for the person, aged 18 years or over, with the first birthday after January 1^{st,} to complete the survey. This will ensure we have a random sample.

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

All the information you pass onto us in the survey is **anonymous** (do not put your name on the questionnaire). It will also remain **confidential** (individual questionnaires will not be released).

The **report** of the findings from the survey will be made available to the community. It will describe the community as a whole. A summary will be provided to each household along with information about how to get a copy of the full report.

We wish to be able to send reminders to follow up late survey returns because it is important we hear from every household. To maintain anonymity and allow us to follow up late returns could you:

New return date Friday 27th July

 Complete the survey and put it in the mail by Friday 13th July in the reply paid envelope provided. Mail it to Wyong Council, Reply Paid 20, Wyong, NSW 2259

AND

 Mail the enclosed postcard (which says you have put your completed questionnaire in the mail) to Reply Paid 72863 Warnervale NSW 2259 so we know who has returned the questionnaire - but we will not know which questionnaire is yours.

Thanks. Form B

Instructions for filling out the survey											
Most questions are either	Tick a box	OR	Circle a number	1 2	3 4	5	6	7			
In some questions you are of What appeals to me about 'If a question is not relevant	Warnervale is	the co		•							

Are you the right person to fill out the questionnaire?

Are you the person in the household, aged 18 years or over, who has the first birthday after January 1st this year?

- YES please continue and complete the survey
- NO please ask that person to complete the survey

For example, if there are two adults in the household, and one has his/her birthday in March and the other adult has his/her birthday in August then the adult with the birthday in March should complete the questionnaire.

It is very important that this person completes the survey. It is our way of ensuring that we have a random of residents. This is essential for the success of the survey.

	About living in Warnervale 1. This section will give us a brief summary of your history in the Warnervale								
Di	District, as well as telling us what's important to you in the area.								
a)	a) How long have you been at your current address in the Warnervale District? (Please tick a box.) 1 Less than 12 months								
b)	Whi	ch suburb do you live in? Halloran Hamlyn Terrace Wadalba	□4 □5 □6	Wallarah Warnervale Woongarrah					
c)	Do y	you live on a rural or resid Rural Residential	entia	l property?					
d)	Who	at appeals to you about liv	ing ir	n the Warnervale District?					
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e)	wnc	at could be improved in the	e wa	rnervale District?					
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# What are the five most important issues needing to be addressed in the Wyong Shire?

2a) Please rank the five most important issue importance. Write 1 next to the most important important issue and so on up to 5 next to the f a) Activities for children 0-5yrs b) Activities for children 6-12yrs c) Activities for youth 13-17yrs d) Activities for young adults 18-25yrs e) Open space, eg parks, ovals f) Natural environment/habitats g) Beaches h) Clear air i) Clean water i) Clean water i) Public Transport k) Standards/covenants for residential properties in the area l) Footpaths m) Roads	nt issue, 2 next to the second most ifth most important issue n) Health services o) Other community services which ones p) Schools q) Universities/Colleges/TAFEs r) Employment s) Commuting to work t) Public toilets u) Vandalism v) Speeding traffic v) Speeding traffic w) Crime x) Safety y) Childcare x) Other:							
addressed in the Warnervale District.								
c) Why is the most important issue in the War	nervale District so important?							
Where you lived three years ago	and your plans for the future							
3a) Where were you living in June 1998?	, ,							
☐1 At current address								
, 5	o: postcode: suburb: postcode:							
□4 Outside Australia								
b) How long do you plan to stay in the Warne	rvale District?							
□1 Less than 1 year □2 1-2 years								
□3 3-5 years								
<b>□</b> 4 6-10 years	ı							
□₅ More than ten years								
c) If you are considering leaving in the next fi	ve years, why?							
•	ve years, why?							

## Compare your experience of community in June 1998 to now.

If you were living in the Warnervale district in June 1998 - please compare your experience of the Warnervale district then with now.

If you were living in a different community in June 1998 - please compare the experience of your previous community with your experience in Warnervale District now.

#### **4. How much do you agree with the following statements?**(Please circle a number.)

=	strongly disagree 7 = strongly agree	strongly disagree				<u>ıgly ag</u>
a.	When I go shopping I am likely to meet friends and acquaintances	June 19981 2 3 Now1 2 3				
b.	It is safe to walk around the area at night	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
c.	I generally trust my neighbours to look out for my property	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
d.	Children are safe walking around the neighbourhood during the day	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
e.	People in the neighbourhood make it a difficult place to live	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
f.	I get involved with most local issues	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
g.	If I no longer lived here, hardly anyone would notice	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
h.	I can get help from family when I need to	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
i.	I can get help from friends when I need to	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3	3 4	5	6	7
j.	People in my neighbourhood are very willing to help each other out	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
k.	I am comfortable in challenging neighbours if I feel concern about their children's safety or welfare	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
I.	I do not have enough privacy in the area where I live	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
m.	If a stranger, someone different to us, moved into my street they would be accepted in the street	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
n.	I feel I have the ability to change things that I care about	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
0.	My local community feels like home	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
p.	Most of my closest friends have young children	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
q.	I spend most of my social time with parents of young children	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				
r.	I trust my neighbours to look out for or after my children	June 19981 2 3 Now 1 2 3				

#### Your social networks

5. The following questions are about the people you know

Wh	at family/networks do you have? (please write in a numb	oer - <mark>a good estimate is OK</mark> )
a)	How many people are part of your <b>extended family</b> (excluding in laws) that you see at least annually?	family members
b)	How many of your <b>in laws</b> (ie your partner's extended family) do you see at least annually?  ——————————————————————————————————	in laws
c)	How many close friends do you have?	close friends
d)	How many <b>close work associates</b> do you have?  ———————————————————————————————————	work associates
e)	How many people do you know to speak to on your street/neighbouring streets?	people in the street

To what extent do you trust the following people to act in YOUR BEST INTERESTS. (To what extent do they try to take your welfare into account even if their actions can be inappropriate from your point of view.)

1 = r	not at all 10 = completely	Not at all						Completely				
f)	Your close <b>family</b> - who do not live with	yοι	J									
	Not your in laws	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
g)	Your <b>in-laws</b> $\square$ 99 not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
h)	Your <b>friends</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
i)	Your current <b>work mates</b> or associates  — 99 not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
i)	Your <b>neighbours</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

How much do the following statements apply to the **family you live with?**1 = not at all and 5 = a let.

1 =	not at all and $5 = a$ lot $\square$ 9 not application	able	- I c	don	't liv	∕e w	∕ith :	tam	ily		
		not at all									a lot
k)	Family members know each other's close friends 1 2 3 4 5 6 7								8	9	10
l)	Family members feel very close to one another	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
m)	Family members share interests and hobbies with one another	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n)	Family members are really willing to help each other out	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0)	Family members act in your best interests (they try your welfare into account even if their actions can be inappropriate from your point of view)	to to		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## Involvement in community groups, activities and events

- 6. In the Warnervale District, in the past 12 months, have you been:
  - a participant in the following activities and events
- a volunteer/unpaid organiser of the following activities and events (If you have been a participant and an unpaid organiser, tick both boxes)

a)	Warnervale Family and Community Centre	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
b)	Community Association	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
c)	Precinct Committee	□₁ Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
d)	Community B-B-Q	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
e)	Craft in the Park	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
f)	Spring Fair	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
g)	Consultation for new Community Centre	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
h)	h) Consultation for Porter's Creek Wetland 🗖 Participant 🗖 Unpaid orgo								
i)	Community Forum for District Centre	□₁ Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser						
j)	i) Markets at the Family and Community Centre								
k)	k) Other, specify 🗖 Participant 🗖 Unpaid organiser								
1) None of the above									
m)	m) Did you receive or are you involved in delivering the Welcome Packs?  (You can tick more than one option.)  1 Yes, I received a Welcome Pack 2 Yes, I deliver(ed) the Welcome Packs 3 No, I am aware of the Welcome Packs but did not receive one 4 No, I am not aware of the Welcome Packs								
	□₄ No, I am not aware of the Welcome	Packs							
n)	Are you on a Management Committee for		J₁ Yes □1 No						
o) in		or any group?  ve done otal have you							

- 7. For the following groups, in the past 12 months, have you been:
  - An active participant/member (spent time with people not just paid membership)
  - A volunteer/unpaid organiser

(If you have been a participant and an unpaid organiser, tick both boxes)

For any of the groups you are involved in where were the activities mainly based?

(You can choose more than one location.)

Groups/activities	Participation	Location
a) Groups related to children or parenting (eg play groups, kids sport, school council, parents group)	☐ 1Active participant/member☐ 2 Unpaid organiser	1 Warnervale District 2 Wyong Shire 3 Central Coast 4 Elsewhere
b) Sporting, recreation or hobby groups (eg football clubs, sports teams, book clubs, choirs, bands)	☐ 1Active participant/member☐ 2 Unpaid organiser	□ 1 Warnervale District □ 2 Wyong Shire □ 3 Central Coast □ 4 Elsewhere
c) Trade unions, professional or technical associations	□1Active participant/member □2 Unpaid organiser	□1 Warnervale District □2 Wyong Shire □3 Central Coast □4 Elsewhere
d) Political parties	□1Active participant/member □2 Unpaid organiser	□1 Warnervale District □2 Wyong Shire □3 Central Coast □4 Elsewhere
e) Environmental, human rights, community or welfare groups (eg Greenpeace, Red Cross, charities, volunteer fire fighting, life saving)	☐ 1Active participant/member ☐ 2 Unpaid organiser	☐1 Warnervale District ☐2 Wyong Shire ☐3 Central Coast ☐4 Elsewhere
f) Arts, culture or educational groups (eg art, music, theatre, festival or film groups, museums, galleries, libraries)	□ 1Active participant/member □ 2 Unpaid organiser	☐1 Warnervale District ☐2 Wyong Shire ☐3 Central Coast ☐4 Elsewhere
g) Self help or support groups (eg Grow, AA, specific illness groups)	☐ 1Active participant/member ☐ 2 Unpaid organiser	□ 1 Warnervale District □ 2 Wyong Shire □ 3 Central Coast □ 4 Elsewhere
h) Religious groups (Including churches)	☐ 1Active participant/member ☐ 2 Unpaid organiser	□ 1 Warnervale District □ 2 Wyong Shire □ 3 Central Coast □ 4 Elsewhere
i) Services and other social clubs	□1Active participant/member □2 Unpaid organiser	□1 Warnervale District □2 Wyong Shire □3 Central Coast □4 Elsewhere
j) Internet chat groups	☐1Active participant/member☐2 Unpaid organiser	
k) Other Name:	□1Active participant/member □2 Unpaid organiser	□1 Warnervale District □2 Wyong Shire □3 Central Coast □4 Elsewhere
I) □₁ <b>No</b>	ne of the above	

## Your life experience

8. The answers to these questions will help us see the connections between the local community networks and the other parts of your life .

How much do you agree with the following statements:

=	= disagree strongly and 7 = agree strongly disagree strongly							
a)	I have adequate income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b)	I have the amount and type of employment I want at present	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c)	I am happy about my housing situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d)	I am happy with the level of education I have achieved at this point	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e)	I have OK access to transport to allow me to do the things I w to do	ant 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f)	In general, I have excellent health	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g)	I often feel rushed, pressured and too busy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h)	I enjoy my work - whether paid or unpaid	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i)	I often feel I have time on my hands that I don't know what to with	do 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i)	I feel I am really stressed out in recent weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
k)	If something can go wrong for me it will	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
l)	It is hard to balance responsibilities at work and home		2	3	4	5	6	7
m)	If I were to die tomorrow I would be satisfied with what my life has meant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
n)	I would like to get more involved with the community, but inevitably something else is a higher priority	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0)	I always go out of my way to help others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
p)	I feel valued by society	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
q)	I find my life is a struggle	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
r)	Most other people have more opportunities than I do	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
s)	I have achieved everything I wanted at this point of my life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
t)	I don't see the point in getting involved with things, you can't change them	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
u)	It is up to me to take responsibility for what happens in my ow life	n 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>v</b> )	I expect the government to provide basic community services, health, education, transport, welfare	eg 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

#### Personal preferences

These questions are about your personal style and preferences. We are interested in seeing how these relate to being involved in the community.

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#### b) How do you prefer to make decisions?

Circle the number on the scale. 1 = by feeling them through 8 = by thinking them through

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By feeling them through	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	By thinking them through
(eg by feeling what it									(eg by objective analysis of
feels like to be in a									the facts, cool headed,
situation, warm hearted,									fair-minded, just)
passionate, sympathetic)									. ,

#### What is your attitude to:

c) Your own personal future?  1 Very pessimistic/concerned 2 Somewhat pessimistic/concerned	<ul><li>□3 On the whole optimistic/hopeful</li><li>□4 Very optimistic/hopeful</li></ul>
d) The future of Warnervale District?  1 Very pessimistic/concerned  2 Somewhat pessimistic/concerned	<ul><li>□₃ On the whole optimistic/hopeful</li><li>□₄ Very optimistic/hopeful</li></ul>
e) The future of humanity?  1 Very pessimistic/concerned 2 Somewhat pessimistic/concerned	☐3 On the whole optimistic/hopeful ☐4 Very optimistic/hopeful

#### Information and beliefs

10. To what extend do you agree with the following statements

1 =	disagree completely 10 = agree completely	Disa	gree	comp	letel	у			Agı	ree c	ompletely
a)	If I needed information to make a life decision, I know where to find that information	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b)	If I needed information about services in the local I know where to find that information			3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c)	I am well informed about local affairs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d)	Generally speaking most people can be trusted	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e)	Generally speaking most of the time people try to be helpful	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f)	Having people from many different ethnic and cu backgrounds makes Australia a better place		l 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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## Sense of community and feeling of belonging

11. How much do the following people, groups or situations give you a sense of community and feeling of belonging?

1 = not at all and 7 = strongly		not a	tall				st	rongly
a) Your household/ family you live with		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) Your extended family		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) Your in laws (your partner's family) 🗖 9 not appli	cable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) The people in your neighbourhood		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e) Your old and new friends		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f) The people you work with	cable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g) Living on the Central Coast		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h) Living in New South Wales		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
i) Living in Australia		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
j) A sports/hobby club	cable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
k) A services club	cable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I) Your place of worship	cable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
m) People who share your ethnic background, eg Anglo-Saxon, Italian, Zimbabwean, etc		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		•			•			•
n) People you have met online on the computer	cable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

## Sense of pride

12. How much do the following give you a sense of pride?

1 = not at all and 7 = strongly	not at all				strongly		
a) Living in Warnervale	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) Living in Wyong Shire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) Living on the Central Coast	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) Living in New South Wales	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e) Living in Australia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

#### Money

13.	What best	describes	your ho	usehold'	s money	situation	(tick one the	at best	applies	۶ (
(If y	ou live by yo	ourself - for	· "We" re	ead "I")						

- $\square_1$  We are spending more money than we get
- $\square_2$  We have just enough money to get us through to the next pay day
- □3 There's some money left over each week but we just spend it
- □4 We can save a bit every now and again
- □5 We can save a lot

## About you and your household

14. These questions will help us to get a better understanding of who lives in our community and the experiences of different groups of people in the community.

a) Which of the following best describes your accommodation?  ☐1 Fully owned	e) How many children do you have? (Include those not currently living with you.) (Write in how many)
□₂ Being purchased	children under 5 years of age
□₃ Rent public	children 5 to 18 years
□4 Rent private	•
□₅ Living rent free	adult children 19 years or older
□6 Other	□99 not applicable no children
b) What level of education have you completed?  1 Up to end of primary school 2 Some secondary school 3 Up to Year 10 (eg school certificate)  14 Up to Year 12 / HSC (eg higher school certificate)	f) What is your marital status?  1 Single, never married  2 Living with partner, not married  3 Married  4 Separated, but not divorced  5 Divorced  6 Widowed
☐₅ Trade/apprenticeship	g) What would best describe your (and
(eg hairdresser, chef)	your partner's) employment status?
Go Certificate/diploma	You Your partner
(eg childcare, technician) □7 University degree	□1 □1 Working full time
☐8 Post-graduate qualifications	□2 □2 Working part time
(eg, Grad Dip, Masters, PhD)	☐₃ ☐₃ Unemployed, looking for
c) Do you or a family member you live	work □4 □4 Home duties
with have any of the following	□₄ □₄ Home duties □₅ □₅ Student
disabilities? You can choose more than	□6 □6 Receiving a benefit/pension
one of the options.	□ □ □ Self-funded retiree
□1 Brain injury	□8 □8 Other
□2 Physical	□, not applicable - no partner
□₃ Intellectual	
□4 Psychiatric	h) If in paid employment, what is your
□₅ Sensory (hearing, sight)	(and your partner's) occupation?
□6 Other:	You Your partner
□7 None of the above	□ı □ı Managers and administrators
d) Who do you live with?	□2 □2 Professionals
, □1 Alone	□₃ □₃ Associate professionals
□2 Just partner	□4 □4 Trades persons
□₃ Just children	□ 5 □ 5 Sales persons
□4 Partner and children	□6 □6 Service workers
□₅ Extended or blended family	□7 □7 Transport workers
☐ ₆ Friends	□8 □8 Labourers
□7 Other	□9 □9 Other
	not applicable - no partner

i) What is your current annual household income?  1 Less than \$15,000  2 \$15,001 to \$29,999  3 \$30,000 to \$44,999	q) If in paid work, how many days a week are you paid to work from home (rather than 'the office')?days per week  19 not applicable - no paid work								
□4 \$45,000 to \$59,999 □5 \$60,000 to \$79,999 □6 \$80,000 to \$99,999 □7 \$100,000+	r) Do you have a computer a  1 Yes 2 No	□ı Yes							
i) Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?  1 Yes 2 No  k) What language do you prefer to speak at home?	(You can choose more than one country of the second of the	☐2 Yes, at work ☐3 Yes, other - eg TAFE, university, local library							
□ı English □2 Other	t) What is your date of birth?								
I) Where were you (and your partner) born? You Your partner  1  1 Australia 2  2 Other You	We plan to do another survey next year to see what change have happened in the community. To be able to see the change we want to be able to match your responses to this survey with the next survey (if you are willing to complete then). Your date of birth will help us match the two survey.								
m) If you were not born here, when did you first arrive in Australia to live?	without knowing who you are. Your responses remain anonymous.								
□1 0-5 years ago □2 6-10 years ago □3 more than 10 years ago	u) Please complete the following members of the household	ing for all							
☐9 not applicable -born in Australia	All household members	If in paid work -							
n) How often do you have access to a car on <b>weekdays?</b> 1 Never 2 Almost never	Person Age Male/ Female	Paid hours per week							
□₃ Sometimes □₄ Fairly often □₅ Very often/always	Person 1	hrs/wk							
o) How often do you have access to a car on the <b>weekend</b> ?	Person 2	hrs/wk							
□1 Never □2 Almost never	Person 3	hrs/wk							
□₃ Sometimes □₄ Fairly often □₅ Very often/always	Person 4	hrs/wk							
p) If in paid work, how many days a week are you usually paid to work?	Person 5	hrs/wk							
days per week  not applicable - no paid work	Person 6	hrs/wk							