



Wollongong 2022: Community Strategic Plan Frequently Asked Questions – Community Summit

What is the Community Summit?

The Community Summit will be made up of a diverse group of people aged 16+ years in the Wollongong Local Government Area. The participants will help Council develop effective ways of connecting and communicating with a wide cross section of the community. The Summit will bring a group of community members, representatives from government and non-government agencies, business and Council together to develop a long term strategic vision for the city.

Why is Council holding a Community Summit?

Wollongong City Council is genuinely committed to community engagement as part of its legislative requirements to achieve an Integrated Planning and Reporting framework. Establishing the Summit is one of the processes we're initiating to assist in the development of a Community Strategic Plan. Participants in the Summit will work together to create a vision for the future.

Council has been busy gathering information from the community about their vision of what Wollongong will look like in 10 years time. There have been a number of engagement activities in recent months such as the Draw Write Snap Share competition and the Town Hall Talks. We have been out and about at the local markets talking to all community members, including children and young people, and encouraging everyone to complete the vision survey.

How will Community Summit members be selected?

We aim that participants will be reflective of the local demographic profile of the Wollongong Local Government Area. Therefore people who speak a language other than English, are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, have a disability, represent various family compositions, employment status and income earnings, are encouraged to apply.

What commitment do I have to make?

If selected to be part of the Community Summit, your commitment would be to attend a 1 1/2 day event from 29-30 October 2011 at Wollongong Town Hall workshops.

What will be required?

Summit participants will be required to participate in a 1 1/2 day event. Sessions will be interactive and could include (but are not limited to) meetings, focus group discussions, surveys, brainstorming sessions, email and online discussions.

How do I apply to be at the Community Summit?

A registration form is available online, at libraries and community centres, at the Customer Service Centre or by telephoning 4227 7096. Completed forms can be emailed to consultation@wollongong.nsw.gov.au, returned via the reply paid envelope or dropped into Council's Customer Service Centre at 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong.

When does registration close for the Community Summit?

Registration closes 5.00pm, Monday, 10 October, 2011.

I have access requirements. Will Council accommodate my circumstances in order to be part of the Community Summit?

Every endeavour will be made to accommodate a diverse group of people and circumstances to ensure attendance at the Community Summit. Please phone and speak to a member of the

Engagement Team to talk about what support you need and remember to include details on your registration form.

Will I be paid for my time?

Participation in the Community Summit is voluntary and does not involve any form of payment. Refreshments will be provided on both days.

What if I'm not selected for the Community Summit or unable to attend - can I still have input?

Yes, the Community Summit is only one means by which the community can have their say on the preparation of Wollongong 2022: Community Strategic Plan. Refining Workshops will be held on 15, 21 and 23 November 2011. At these workshops Councillors will work with community members and stakeholders to test the vision, clarify priorities, discuss and agree on levels of services and resourcing.

Who can I contact for further information?

Call Council's Community Engagement Team for further information on 4227 7096, email consultation@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or visit Council's website at www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au
