

# CASE STUDY 1:

## “tell us what you wish for the city”

I love  
Wollongong  
because...

### A CHILD FRIENDLY COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION

Over 400 children & young people between ages 3-25yrs were consulted in the development of Councils CSP. The Plan outlines strategies for attaining the community's aspirations. Involving children in the development of the Plan ensured their aspirations were embedded into the Plan's vision.

#### Consultation questions:

- What do you most like about living in Wollongong?
- What things worry you about living in Wollongong?
- What things would you change to make Wollongong a better place to live?
- If Wollongong was the very best place to live, what would it look and feel like?

*Getting buy-in from your organisation often starts with a casual chat with people you think may be champions or who you feel “get it”. Once you have someone who understands, then suggest they invite you to one of their team meetings. Offer to do the leg work.’*

*Tracy Kirk-Downey*

### PROMOTING CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Council presented a video of children's feedback at a Community Summit attended by 200 people. This was an opportunity to show the community that many of the issues and concerns raised by children were similar to those of adults and that their input was valuable.

The children's report became one of the most requested reports, as it was easy for everyone to read and clearly summarised the community's aspirations and concerns.

Children's video presentation on YouTube

**Towradgi Public School presentation:**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=K41lcejb eUU&list=UUXkrehyqkWkehgiXnGZ-4Vw&index=5&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K41lcejb eUU&list=UUXkrehyqkWkehgiXnGZ-4Vw&index=5&feature=plcp)

**Mt St Thomas presentation:**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLRqHQR Lq8&list=UUXkrehyqkWkehgiXnGZ-4Vw&index=6&feature=plcp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLRqHQR Lq8&list=UUXkrehyqkWkehgiXnGZ-4Vw&index=6&feature=plcp)

*A long time ago, in a suburb far, far away, children from the Wollongong region were given the task*

Children's video presentation.



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## “tell us how we can make Wollongong better “ (continued)

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### A CHILD FRIENDLY VERSION OF THE PLAN

Facilitators returned to schools to discuss if the report was easy to read. The children were given a copy of the Plan and asked:

- Have we reflected what you told us correctly?
- Do you like the look of the report e.g colour, set out, photos?
- Are there words you don't understand?
- Do you understand what we have written?

In developing the children's version we:

- Kept the document similar to the adult version.
- Used plain English.
- Incorporated children's drawings and photos.
- Included direct quotes to ensure children's voices were not diluted.
- Aligned children's comments and issues with the CSP goals.

To view the Child Friendly Report visit:

<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/council/publicdocuments/Documents/Wollongong%202022.%20Report%20to%20the%20children%20and%20young%20people%20of%20Wollongong.pdf>

