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CHILDREN'S CONSULTATION

CITY OF BALLARAT



Child Friendly Ballarat

CHILDREN AGED 13 OR YOUNGER ARE 20% OF OUR POPULATION AND IN 2020 THERE ARE MORE THAN 20,000 KIDS.

WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE ACTIVE CITIZENS, SO WE ASKED CHILDREN WHAT MATTERS TO THEM. THEIR RESPONSES WERE PASSIONATE AND THOUGHTFUL.



Children told us why they should be heard:

51%

We have unique perspective and knowledge

34%

We deserve the same respect as anyone else

19%

We have a huge stake in the future

"Our words are true and from the heart." Isabella, aged 11

"Because I will feel happy if you listen to me." Elsie, aged 3

"Because children still have an opinion and are part of our community." Anonymous, aged 11

"We're the ones that are going to live in adults (sic) choices"

Millie, aged 12



Children want to live in neighbourhoods where they feel safe and connected to others, with:

67%

Friendly, helpful people

11%

Safe and quiet

11%

Space to ride bikes, walk and play

"A good neighbourhood is when everyone is nice to everyone."

Mahathi, aged 8

"No naughty drivers. No noisy drivers. Hurts my ears. I like big, safe cars." Lexi, aged 3

"Kindness makes a great neighbourhood. Neighbours are a big part of where people live. If you have kind neighbours, you'd feel more welcomed. It's common sense, surely?" Madeleine, 12



Things children love about Ballarat are:

35%

The community

31%

Playgrounds, facilities and having lots of fun things to do

26%

Nature, parks and reserves

"Because everyone is connected"

Emily, aged 12

"It's not too big and it has lots of things other places don't have"

Thomas, aged 12

"I like the big playground that is near the lake. All the trees that grow."

Eiley, aged 4

"I like the cold and rainy weather and how people just get along with each other and its (sic) just great"

Finnigan 12

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