



Children's Consultation Report

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FOREWORD

Involving children in decision-making processes has gained growing support over the last 20 years. Working alongside children, treating them as equal stakeholders, and valuing their knowledge is considered a best practice approach to consulting.

In November 2013, The City of Ballarat became a signatory to the Victorian Charter for Child Friendly Cities and Communities ('the Charter'). Consulting with children is one way in which the City of Ballarat can implement the principles of the Charter and ensure that the voices of children are heard and have the capacity to influence decision making within the municipality.

The 2015 Children's Consultation was developed in collaboration with an Internal Stakeholder Working Group and implemented with assistance from a number of primary schools and early childhood centres across the municipality. The results from the consultation will help inform Council and the community to further progress Ballarat as a child friendly city.

As the Chair of the Child Friendly Ballarat Advisory Committee, I would like to thank the children, schools, and childcare centres for their valuable contribution to this Children's Consultation. Council looks forward to continuing this consultative process with children to ensure we meet the needs of all children in the Ballarat community.

Sincerely,



Cr. Belinda Coates

BACKGROUND

In 2012, the CoB Family and Children's Services (F&CS) unit completed an extensive project of consulting with children. More than 1,000 responses were received from children aged 1 to 12 years.

This consultation informed the Municipal Early Years Plan 2015-2018. It has also informed other Council plans and strategies, ensuring these important blueprints are child and family friendly and consider the views and needs of children.

CHILDREN'S CONSULTATION 2015

In 2015, following endorsement from the Child Friendly Ballarat Advisory Committee, F&CS again consulted with children to inform Council, CoB and the community and to further progress Ballarat as a child friendly city. The consultation process was led by the F&CS team, with guidance from an internal stakeholder group who provided input into the design and implementation of the consultation process.

Children's Consultation 2015

The Children's Consultation Report has been developed at the request of the Child Friendly Ballarat Advisory Committee, chaired by Councillor Belinda Coates.

The consultation questions were developed by the City of Ballarat F&CS team, in collaboration with the internal stakeholder group and key external stakeholders including Katherine Cape, Child and Youth Area Partnership, Department of Health and Human Services; and Wendy Baker, Department of Education and Training. The questions were also developed with guidance from Dr Jonathon Sargeant, an external expert in children's consultations. There was a focus on "neighbourhood" and "liveability" in the selection of key questions.

The consultation process included collecting ideas and views from students at 15 primary schools and 4 early years' services in the City of Ballarat. Primary school children were aged 5 to 13 years and children in early years services were aged 3 to 5 years. Ideas and views from younger children in the early years' facilities were collected via discussion with a facilitator. In total, 1,520 responses were collected between 15 July and 17 December, 2015.

A key focus of the consultation process was to identify concepts of "neighbourhood" and "liveability" from the perspective of children. As examples, when asked about safe places in their neighbourhood, 74% indicated "home" and 37% indicated "school." When asked about getting around their neighbourhood, 80% indicated they travel by car and 58% indicated that they walk.

Key findings of the Children's Consultation

In the consultation, surveyed children provided a voice to support future planning for our community, expressing the following issues and ideas:

- Concerns raised in relation to traffic management to make their neighbourhood safer.
- Utilisation of parks and safe playspaces and the importance of greenspace within close proximity to neighbourhoods.
- Importance of having safe access to school by walking or riding a bike.
- Local children are active and involved in outdoor activities.
- Good street lighting and management of green environment (tree management as well as increasing the number of trees in specific areas).
- Preschoolers identified playgrounds and play equipment as an important addition to their neighbourhood.

The Next Steps

- The Children's Consultation Report will be presented to City of Ballarat officers to inform future planning, followed by the development and implementation of a range of actions in collaboration with stakeholders and the community.
- The Children's Consultation Report will be shared with the Ballarat community to support the ongoing commitment as a Child Friendly City in line with the Victorian Child Friendly City Charter.
- Participating local schools will receive an individual report detailing their students' responses.
- The public report is available on the City of Ballarat website: www.ballarat.vic.gov.au
If further information is required, please contact Family and Children's services at 5320 5720.



NOTES ON CONSULTATION DATA

The data included in the Children's Consultation Report represents the City of Ballarat as both an urban and rural municipality. For example, there are references to "electric fences" and "guns," primarily from children who live in villages on the outskirts of the city, e.g. Trawalla or Learmonth, and who attend school in Ballarat. These comments are included as they represent views of children who live in more rural areas.

Heat maps have been developed in response to specific questions raised by members of the Steering Group. Some of these questions aim to identify use of specific facilities, for example libraries or sporting clubs, by children in particular age groups or locations.

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 percent (100%), due to rounding to a whole number.

This report presents a summary of the data from the Children's Consultation 2015 process and includes only a snapshot of the data available, including selected key topics of interest.

METHODOLOGY

The questions asked of children:

Primary School

1. Suburb you live in
2. Age
3. How do you get around your neighbourhood?
Options: I ride a bike, I walk, I ride a scooter, I ride in a car
4. What places do you visit or use in your neighbourhood?
Options: Playground, Skate park, My school, Friend's house, Park, Other schools, Bike track, BMX track, Pools/waterpark, Sporting clubs, Lakes/waterways, Libraries
5. Tell us 3 places in your neighbourhood where you feel safest? This can include home, school or any places that you visit.
6. What is one thing you would tell an adult to do to make your neighbourhood safer?

SURVEY FINDINGS

Table 1: Primary School response rate

	Number of responses			School enrolment numbers	% of student population
	Online	Paper	Total		
Alfredton Primary School	-	98	98	580	17%
Ballarat Grammar Junior School	82	-	82	438	19%
Buninyong Primary School	-	169	169	660	26%
Caledonian Primary School	-	93	93	211	44%
Canadian Lead Primary School	-	80	80	165	48%
Dana Street Primary School	-	101	101	248	41%
Delacombe Primary School	-	187	187	306	61%
Lumen Christi Primary School	17	73	90	335	27%
Miners Rest Primary School	-	230	230	275	84%
Mount Pleasant Primary School	77	-	77	180	43%
Phoenix College	20	-	20	256	8%
Sebastopol Primary School	-	71	71	100	71%
St. Columba's Primary School	-	66	66	308	21%
Wendouree Primary School	-	81	81	136	60%
Yuille Park P-8 Community College	75	-	75	239 ¹	31%
TOTAL	271	1249	1520	4437	

Table 2: Early Years response rate

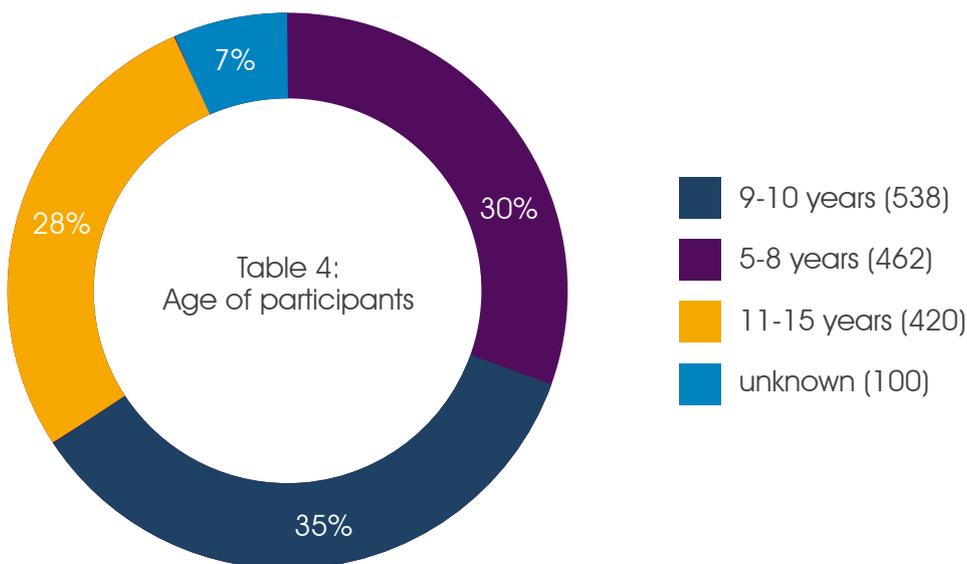
	Number of participants
Ballarat Child Care Co-Operative	15
Girrabanya Children's Centre	10
Occasional Child Care Centre	16
Wendouree Children's Centre	9
TOTAL	50

¹ Enrolment numbers from myschool.edu.au 2014 facts

Table 3: Response to question: What suburb do you live in?

Small Area Suburb	N	%
Alfredton	89	6%
Ballarat Central - Bakery Hill - Lake Wendouree – Lake Gardens - Newington	114	8%
Ballarat East - Eureka - Warrenheip	72	5%
Ballarat North - Invermay Park	26	2%
Buninyong - Rural South	86	6%
Delacombe	142	9%
Golden Point - Mount Pleasant - Canadian	82	5%
Miners Rest - Mitchell Park	217	14%
Mount Clear - Mount Helen	48	3%
Rural East	8	1%
Rural West	38	3%
Sebastopol - Redan	127	8%
Soldiers Hill - Black Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	79	5%
Wendouree	165	11%
Other	90	6%
Unknown	137	9%
TOTAL	1520	0

Note: 'Rural East', 'Rural West' and 'Other' have been combined as 'Rural' for the remainder of the report.



TRANSPORTATION

QUESTION: How do you get around your neighbourhood?

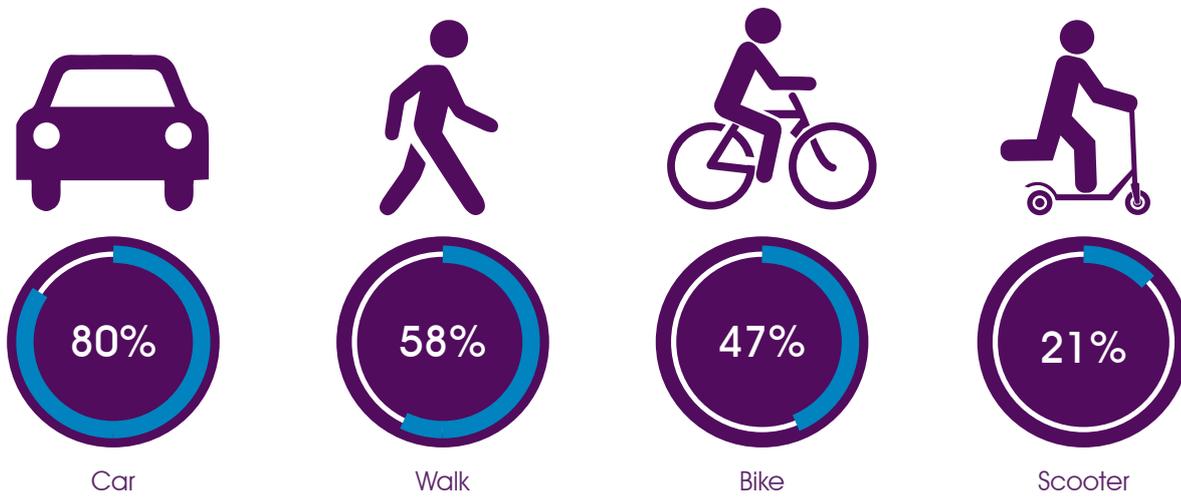
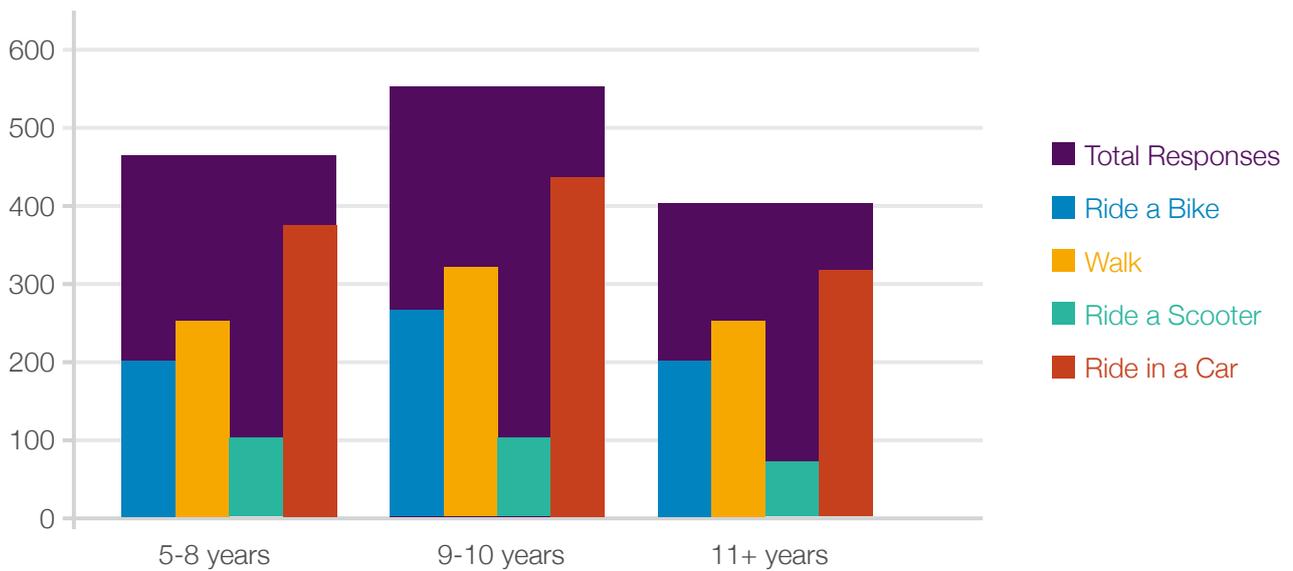


Table 5: How do you get around your neighbourhood? (Ballarat Area, groupings by age.)





We need walking paths made to my school

Aged 11, Miners Rest

Fix my road's speed limit from 80km/hour to 40km/hour

Aged 9, Bungaree

More footpaths to walk or ride around on so we don't have to go on the road

Aged 10, Brown Hill

Drive slowly and safely around children when they are crossing roads or riding their bikes

Aged 9, Sebastopol

Adults to be careful driving when I ride my bike to school - in and out of driveways

Aged 9, Alfredton

More bike tracks and walking tracks so you don't have to ride or walk on the road

Aged 10, Enfield

We need a walking path made to my school

Aged 11, Mount Pleasant

More footpaths to walk or ride around on so we don't have to go on the road

Aged 10, Brown Hill

Mum walks while we ride our bikes

Aged 4, Unknown



TRANSPORTATION: STATISTICS

In summary, the data tells us:



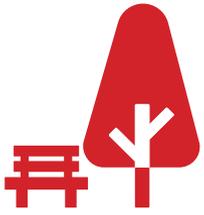
Table 6: How do you get around your neighbourhood? (By small area suburb)

Small Area Suburb	N	I ride a bike		I walk		I ride a scooter		I ride in a car	
Alfredton	89	56	63%	62	70%	29	33%	76	85%
Ballarat Central - Bakery Hill - Lake Wendouree - Lake Gardens - Newington	114	57	50%	70	61%	26	23%	86	75%
Ballarat East - Eureka - Warrenheip	72	41	57%	54	75%	29	40%	67	93%
Ballarat North - Invermay Park	26	19	73%	18	69%	8	31%	24	92%
Buninyong - Rural South	86	47	55%	60	70%	8	9%	61	71%
Delacombe	142	60	42%	73	51%	34	24%	103	73%
Golden Point - Mount Pleasant - Canadian	82	29	35%	59	72%	19	23%	62	76%
Miners Rest - Mitchell Park	217	123	57%	122	56%	45	21%	182	84%
Mount Clear - Mount Helen	48	24	50%	26	54%	5	10%	41	85%
Rural (East, West, Other)	136	60	44%	70	51%	19	14%	113	83%
Sebastopol - Redan	127	43	34%	62	49%	23	18%	105	83%
Soldiers Hill - Black Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	79	42	53%	47	59%	18	23%	70	89%
Wendouree	165	62	38%	100	61%	26	16%	120	73%
Unknown	137	52	38%	59	43%	33	24%	103	75%
TOTAL	1520	715	47%	882	58%	322	21%	1213	80%

Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area, e.g. 63% of participants who indicated that they lived in Alfredton, ride a bike to get around their neighbourhood (participants could select more than one response).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACES

The top three places Ballarat children visited in their neighbourhoods were:
See table 6



73% visited a local park



70% visited their friends house



67% visited their school

Additional places children visited:



61% visited a Playground



41% visited a pool or waterpark



32% rode their bike on a bike track



Table 7: What places do you visit or use in your neighbourhood? (By small area suburb)

	Playground		Skate Park		My School		Friend's House		Park	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Alfredton	64	72%	7	8%	67	75%	70	79%	68	76%
Ballarat Central - Bakery Hill - Lake Wendouree – Lake Gardens - Newington	75	66%	27	24%	82	72%	75	66%	83	73%
Ballarat East - Eureka - Warrenheip	48	67%	28	39%	46	64%	58	81%	63	88%
Ballarat North - Invermay Park	18	69%	4	15%	17	65%	18	69%	18	69%
Buninyong - Rural South	39	45%	28	33%	66	77%	73	85%	67	78%
Delacombe	97	68%	34	24%	103	73%	99	70%	106	75%
Golden Point - Mount Pleasant - Canadian	60	73%	16	20%	52	63%	64	78%	68	83%
Miners Rest - Mitchell Park	142	65%	36	17%	167	77%	164	76%	151	70%
Mount Clear - Mount Helen	26	54%	7	15%	21	44%	26	54%	39	81%
Rural (East, West, Other)	62	46%	28	21%	49	36%	86	63%	70	51%
Sebastopol - Redan	62	49%	27	21%	93	73%	99	78%	91	72%
Soldiers Hill - Black Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	55	70%	13	16%	55	70%	61	77%	60	76%
Wendouree	99	60%	29	18%	113	68%	96	58%	122	74%
Unknown	75	55%	38	28%	84	61%	74	54%	96	70%
OVERALL	922	61%	322	21%	1015	67%	1063	70%	1102	73%

The data indicates there is some correlation between places visited and neighbourhoods:



Heat maps on the following pages give a visual representation.

Other School		Bike Track		BMX Track		Pools / Waterpark		Sporting Club		Lakes / Waterways		Libraries	
N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
16	18%	33	37%	7	8%	36	40%	45	51%	45	51%	27	30%
14	12%	30	26%	20	18%	58	51%	38	33%	53	46%	47	41%
25	35%	32	44%	12	17%	54	75%	16	22%	46	64%	25	35%
6	23%	9	35%	4	15%	11	42%	9	35%	10	38%	4	15%
4	5%	38	44%	23	27%	45	52%	38	44%	32	37%	12	14%
22	15%	30	21%	21	15%	52	37%	29	20%	54	38%	48	34%
11	13%	31	38%	19	23%	29	35%	20	24%	32	39%	17	21%
26	12%	88	41%	82	38%	60	28%	33	15%	89	41%	58	27%
9	19%	15	31%	10	21%	15	31%	12	25%	16	33%	4	8%
29	21%	44	32%	25	18%	34	25%	43	32%	41	30%	24	18%
26	20%	29	23%	32	25%	56	44%	40	31%	42	33%	47	37%
28	35%	36	46%	14	18%	44	56%	30	38%	32	41%	24	30%
31	19%	35	21%	25	15%	75	45%	31	19%	79	48%	50	30%
23	17%	40	29%	25	18%	55	40%	27	20%	44	32%	33	24%
270	18%	490	32%	319	21%	624	41%	411	27%	615	40%	420	28%

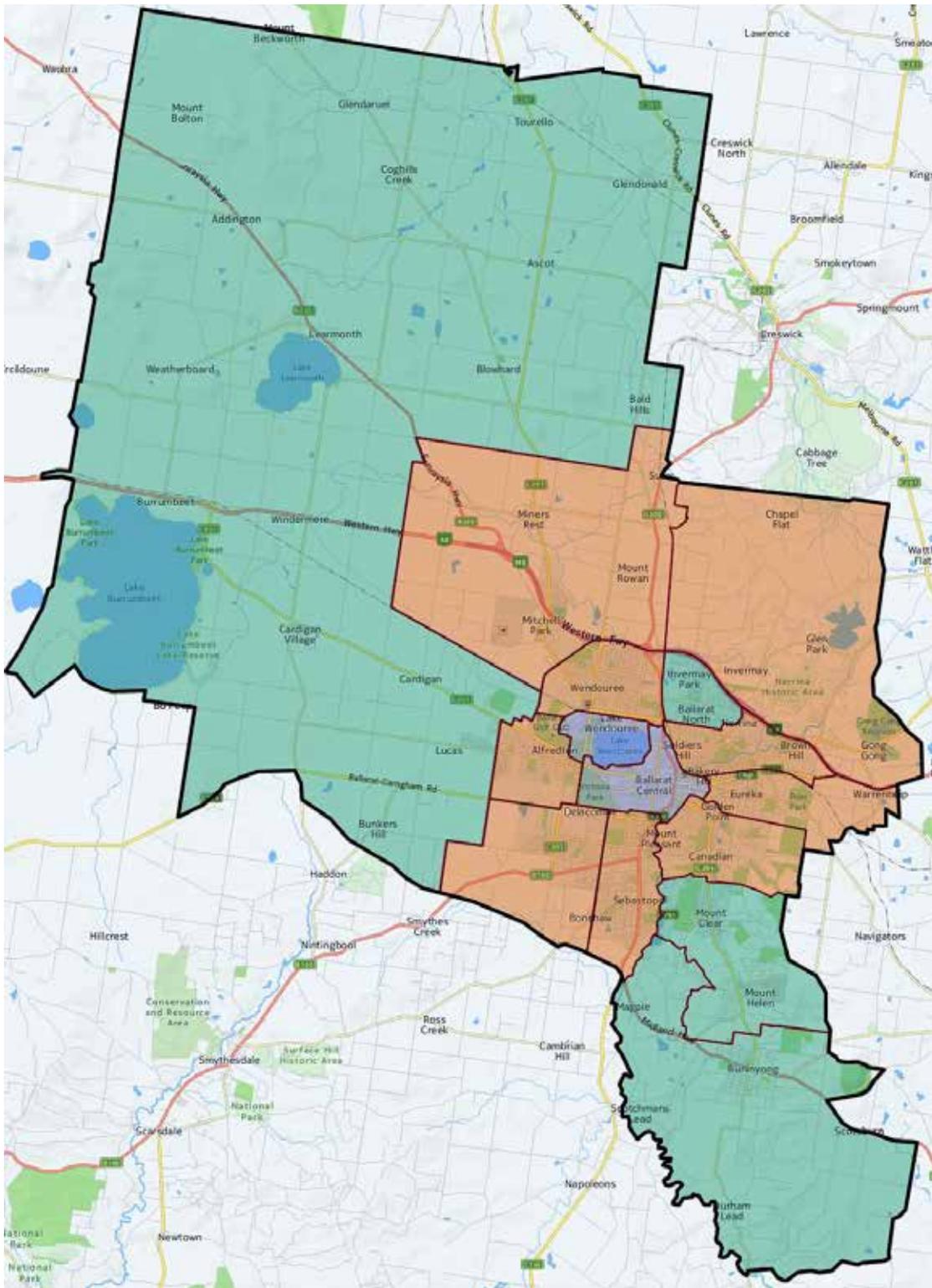
Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area, e.g. 72% of responses from Alfredton visit or use playgrounds in their neighbourhood (participants could select more than one response).



HEAT MAPS

Heat maps have been used to provide a visual representation of activity in relation to neighbourhood. These link with data in Table 7.

LIBRARY

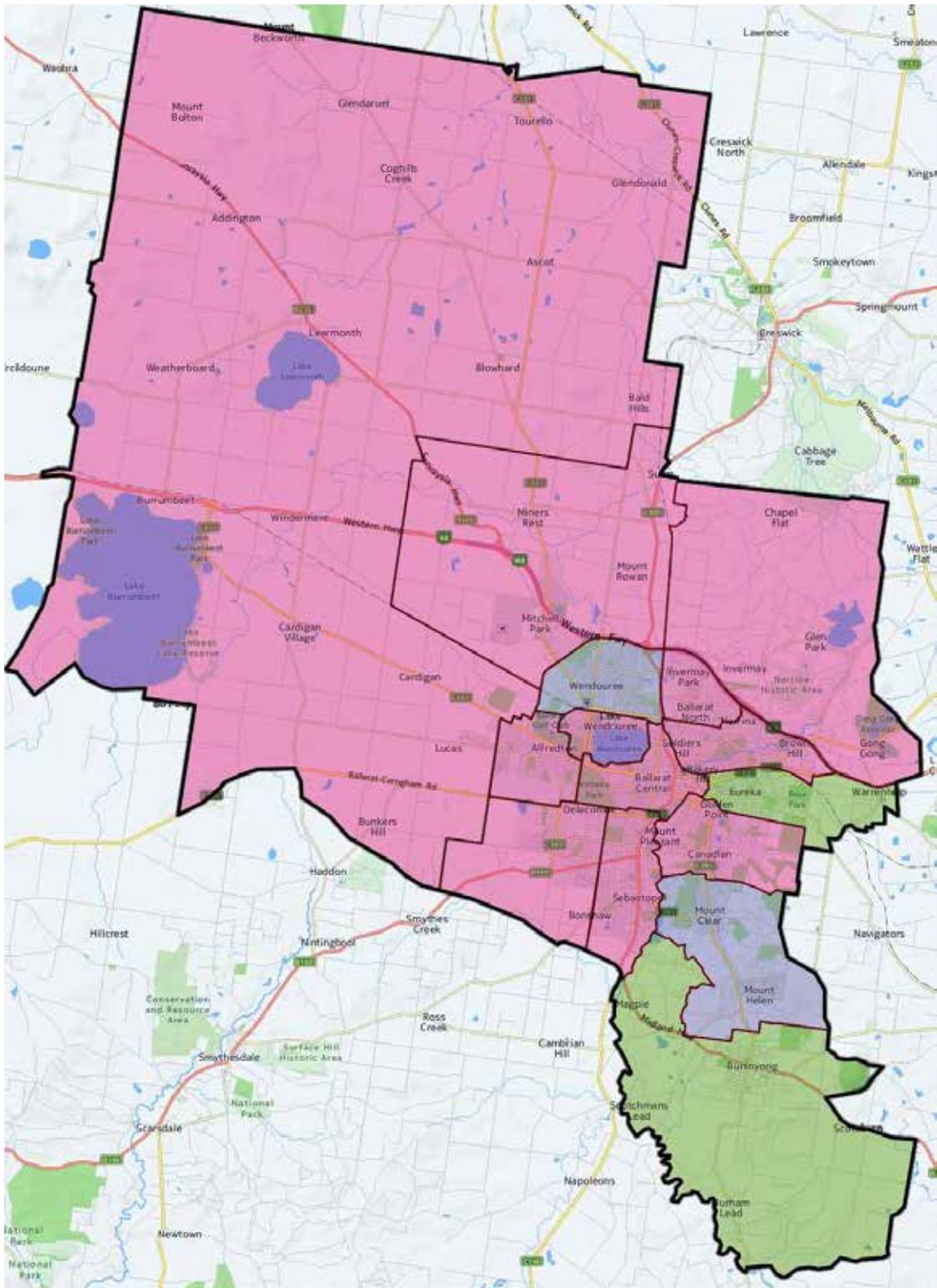


Key (percentage)⁹:



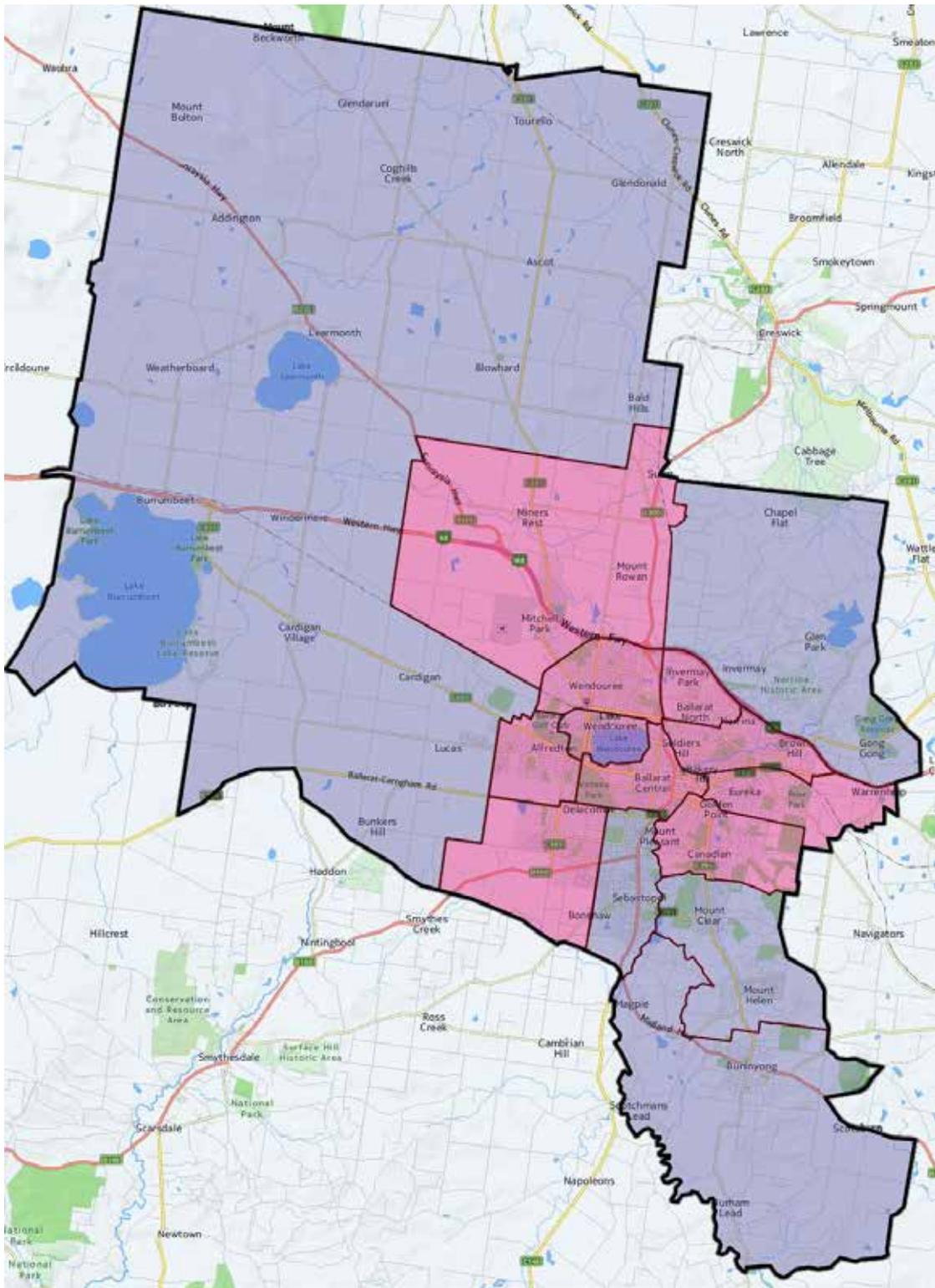
⁹ Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area, e.g. 30% of responses from Alfredton visit or use the library in their neighbourhood.

FRIEND'S HOUSE



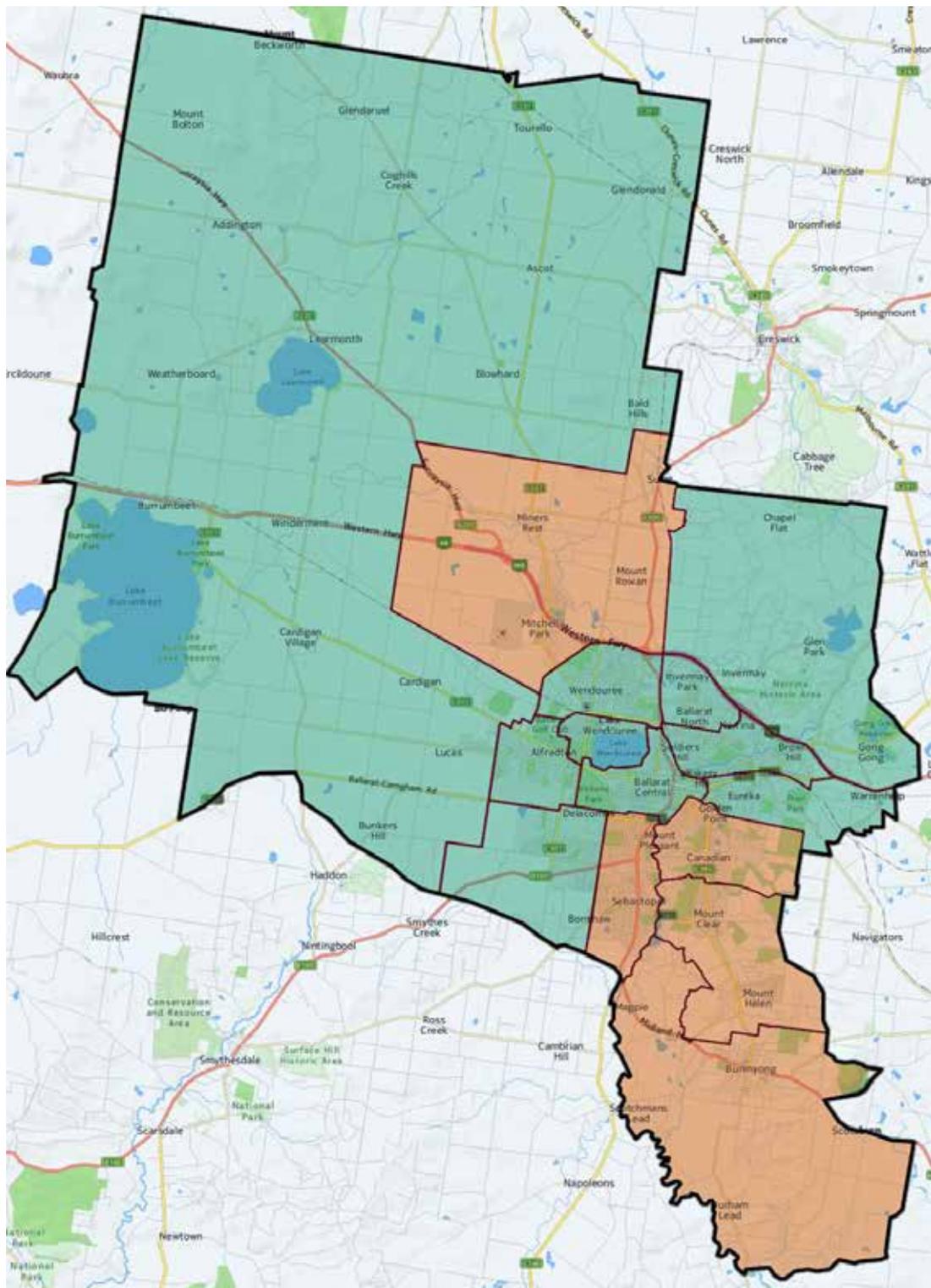
⁴ Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area, e.g. 79% of responses from Alfredton visit a friends house in their neighbourhood.

PLAYGROUND

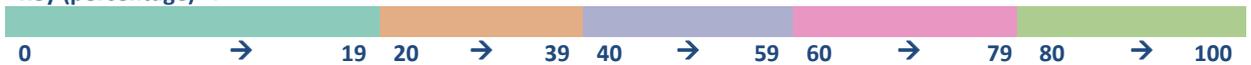


⁶ Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area, e.g. 72% of responses from Alfredton visit the playground in their neighbourhood.

BMX TRACK



Key (percentage)¹²:



¹² Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area, e.g. 8% of responses from Alfredton visit or use a BMX track in their neighbourhood.

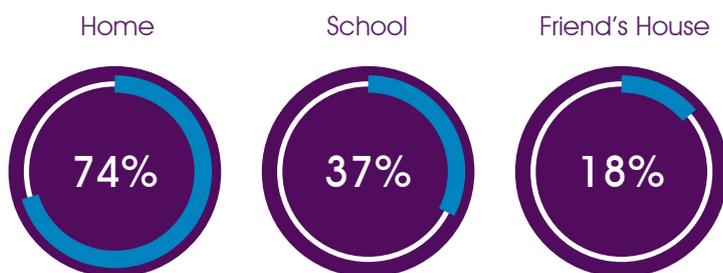
SAFE PLACES IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Table 8: Children were asked to tell us three places in your neighbourhood where you feel safest?

Theme	N	%
At home (e.g. in the backyard, dad's house, mum's house, in my bedroom)	1573	37%
At school or day care	928	22%
With my friends (e.g. at my friend's house, playing with my friends)	665	16%
At the park, playground (e.g. skate park, oval, wetlands, bush)	267	6%
With my family (e.g. with grandparents, relatives, mum and dad)	256	6%
In my neighbourhood (e.g. at a neighbour's house)	86	2%
At the shops	81	2%
Playing sports/being involved in sports clubs (e.g. gymnastics, football)	80	2%
At the pool/waterpark	53	1%
Using bike/bmx tracks	50	1%
At the library	42	1%
At lakes/waterways	35	1%
At a venue (e.g. M.A.D.E, the pub, vets)	18	0%
Nowhere	5	0%
Other places including:	68	2%
With other people (n=11)		
In a car/bus/boat (n=10)		
With my pets (n=6)		
At the cemetery (n=5)		
At other schools (n=4)		
Youth Centre (n=3)		
At church (n=2)		
At Guides (n=2)		
Everywhere (n=2)		
TOTAL	4207	

Note: It is possible that one child has responded with two or more safe places that are categorised under the same theme. For example, a child might say that they feel safe at home, in the big tree at home and at grandma's house. When themed this becomes at home, at home and at grandparent's house.

QUESTION: Tell us 3 places in your neighbourhood where you feel safest?



SAFE PLACES IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Table 9: Tell us three places in your neighbourhood where you feel safest? (By small area suburb).

	At Home*		At School or day care		With my friends		At the park, playground		With my family*		Playing sports clubs		Using bike / bmx tracks	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Alfredton	88	35%	65	26%	45	18%	20	8%	8	3%	7	3%	3	1%
Ballarat Central - Bakery Hill - Lake Wendouree - Lake Gardens - Newington	119	38%	61	19%	50	16%	18	6%	18	6%	10	3%	3	1%
Ballarat East - Eureka - Warrenheip	77	39%	38	19%	32	16%	11	6%	14	7%	2	1%	1	1%
Ballarat North - Invermay Park	30	40%	16	21%	12	16%	6	8%	3	4%	1	1%	1	1%
Buninyong - Rural South	92	37%	57	23%	45	18%	4	2%	12	5%	12	5%	1	0%
Delacombe	152	40%	93	24%	64	17%	20	5%	22	6%	5	1%	2	1%
Golden Point - Mount Pleasant - Canadian	90	38%	45	19%	39	17%	22	9%	16	7%	2	1%	7	3%
Miners Rest - Mitchell Park	226	37%	157	26%	93	15%	33	5%	45	7%	2	0%	13	2%
Mount Clear - Mount Helen	46	33%	24	17%	21	15%	17	12%	7	5%	6	4%	2	1%
Sebastopol, Redan	136	38%	79	22%	58	16%	18	5%	27	8%	8	2%	5	1%
Rural (East, West, Other)	147	40%	1	0%	3	1%	19	5%	9	2%	45	12%	59	16%
Soldiers Hill - Black Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	74	33%	48	22%	37	17%	24	11%	12	5%	5	2%	2	1%
Wendouree	166	36%	117	25%	63	14%	22	5%	29	6%	1	0%	2	0%
Unknown	130	37%	83	24%	47	13%	33	9%	15	4%	6	2%	2	1%

*At home (e.g. in the backyard, dad's house, mum's house, in my bedroom) has been used when the response indicated a location; with my family (e.g. with grandparents, relatives, mum and dad) was used when the response indicated a person Note: Percentages are calculated on the number of responses from that area e.g. 35% of responses from Alfredton identified 'at home' as one of the 3 places they felt safest (participants could select more than one response).

Ballarat children told us:



Friend's house, My house
and in my backyard

Aged 10, Wendouree

My mums home, my dad's
home and my friend's
home

At home in the paddocks,
my friend's house, my
neighbour's house

Aged 8, Bunkers Hill

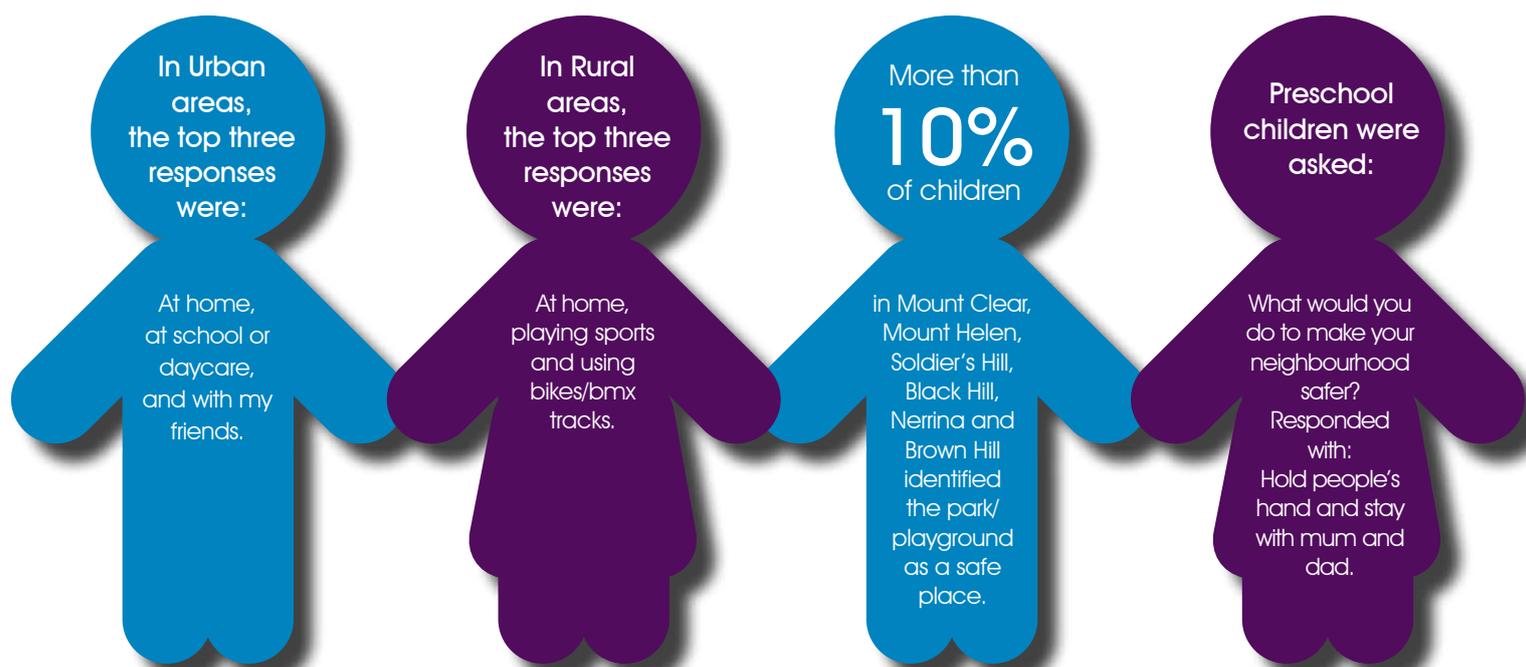
Home, friend's house,
walking down the road
with mum or dad

Aged 9, Smythes Creek



At the Library		In my neighbourhood		At lakes/ waterways		At a venue		At the shops		At the pool / waterpark		Nowhere		Other places		Total
N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N
1	0%	5	2%	1	0%	1	0%	1	0%	3	1%	0	0%	1	0%	294
6	2%	8	3%	3	1%	2	1%	6	2%	2	1%	0	0%	10	3%	316
2	1%	7	4%	1	1%	2	1%	2	2%	6	3%	1	1%	3	2%	200
0	0%	4	5%	1	1%	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	-	-	75
0	0%	5	2%	2	1%	1	0%	10	4%	1	0%	0	0%	7	3%	249
4	1%	6	2%	1	0%	0	0%	5	1%	5	1%	1	0%	2	1%	382
1	0%	3	1%	3	1%	2	1%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%	3	1%	235
5	1%	7	1%	6	1%	3	0%	2	0%	2	0%	0	0%	10	2%	604
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7	2%	3	1%	1	0%	1	0%	4	1%	4	1%	1	0%	2	1%	354
5	1%	13	4%	6	2%	17	5%	28	8%	9	2%	4	1%	1	0%	366
1	0%	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%	2	1%	13	6%	0	0%	1	0%	222
6	1%	8	2%	5	1%	1	0%	26	6%	7	2%	1	0%	11	2%	465
5	1%	6	2%	2	1%	0	0%	9	3%	7	2%	0	0%	6	2%	351

SAFE PLACES IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD: STATISTICS



MAKING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Table 10: What is one thing you would tell an adult to make your neighbourhood safer?

Theme	N	%
Traffic improvement (e.g. reduced speed limits, speed humps, speed cameras, pedestrian crossings, traffic lights, better roads)	231	18%
Security measures (e.g. lock doors, windows and gates, build fences, install alarms, have guards, have dogs, guns)	122	9%
Install security cameras	108	8%
Increase emergency services (e.g. more police, police stations, more patrols, ambulances, CFA volunteers)	103	8%
More lights (e.g. street lights, lights around parks)	88	7%
Supervise children	79	6%
More footpaths/ bike tracks	69	5%
No/reduce crime (e.g. no arson, stalking, vandalism)	49	4%
Clean up (e.g. stop littering, clean up broken glass)	51	4%
More recreational facilities (e.g. ovals, parks, playgrounds)	43	3%
Better neighbourhoods (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch, activities to get to know your neighbours)	39	3%
Nothing; it's already safe	27	2%
No alcohol, drugs, smoking	31	2%
Better pet management (e.g. ensure that dogs are locked up)	23	2%
Greater "stranger danger" awareness	11	1%
Stop bullying	13	1%
Cut down/trim trees so they don't fall down	18	1%
Other	197	15%
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Note: This question asked for only one idea, but some children gave more than one. This table includes all ideas provided by the children.

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To put a police station around my house

Aged 9, Canadian

Make sure every homeless person has a place to live

Aged 11, North Ballarat

Put cameras around and more street lights

Aged 9, Mount Rowan

Put a lock on my door. Put an electric fence all around the house

Aged 7, Delacombe

Cameras, locking doors

Aged 6, Delacombe

To get people to not drink beer when kids are around

Aged 10, Delacombe

Make it safer for me and my mum's friends to get out of the driveway because cars speed over the hump and one day someone is going to get hurt

Aged 11, Alfredton

Lollipop men on Howitt Street

Aged 12, Wendouree

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MAKING SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Ballarat children said adults could do the following to make our neighbourhoods safer:



DELACOMBE

- * Put a crossing from Wiltshire Lane over to Kensington Estate.
- * Have people go slower in the court I live in

MINERS REST

- * Police station
- * Infrastructure – library, stadium, carparks, shopping

MT CLEAR/MT HELEN

- * Make Uni students be sensible at night
- * Put things up that protect me from fires.

SEBASTOPOL

- * Have a party/meeting to get everyone to know each other better

BALLARAT EAST

- * Lock doors

WENDOUREE

- * Pets – doggy bag posts, pets in at night
- * Drugs
- * Ban Smoking

SOLDIERS HILL

- * Free wi-fi



The children also said the following changes to their environments would help them feel safer:



MT CLEAR/MT HELEN

- * Less trees
- * I would tell them to cut down rickety trees that might fall

BALLARAT EAST - EUREKA & WARRENHEIP

- * Remove big trees so they don't fall on houses
- * Don't put big trees near houses

BUNINYONG - RURAL SOUTH

- * Chop down any trees that are near your house. I get nervous when I hear the trees swaying side to side during a storm
- * Take the trees away from power lines
- * Cut down some of the trees carparks, shopping

DELACOMBE

- * Trees
- * Stop cutting down trees

MINERS REST

- * More plants
- * Trees

OTHER

- * Trees could be shorter because people could get hurt,
- * Don't cut the trees

SEBASTOPOL - REDAN

- * Put more trees



SURVEY FINDINGS - EARLY YEARS

Children at local early learning centres were asked the following questions:

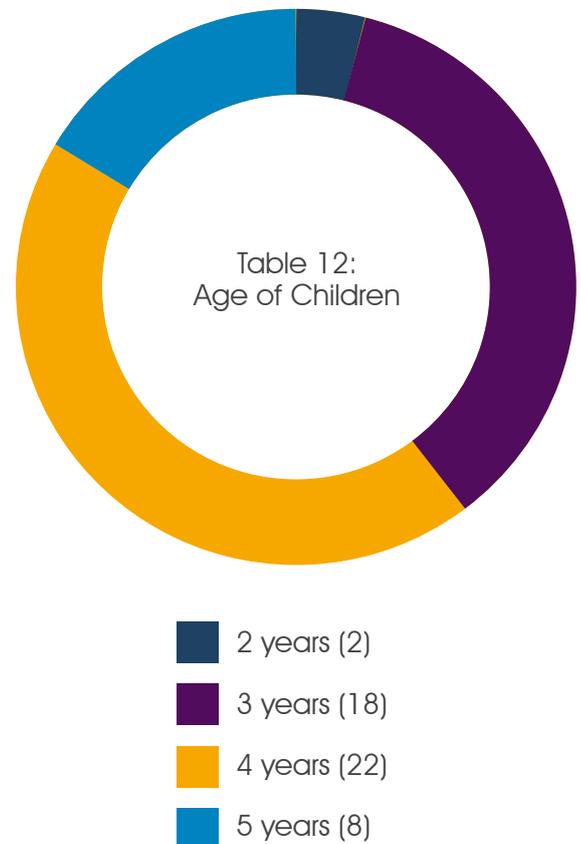
Early Years

1. What do you like about your neighbourhood?
2. How do you get around your neighbourhood? Walk, Bike, Scooter, Car, Bus, etc.?
3. Where do you go to shop?
4. If you had a visitor and could take them somewhere in your neighbourhood, where would it be?
5. Where is your favourite place of all to visit in your neighbourhood?
6. What would you tell an adult to do to make your neighbourhood safer?
7. If you could have anything, what would you want built in your neighbourhood?
8. What do you think your neighbourhood will look like when you grow up?

Demographics

Table 11: What suburb do you live in?

Small Area Suburb	N	%
Ballarat West	1	2%
Mount Clear - Mount Helen	3	6%
Sebastopol - Redan	1	2%
Ballarat Central - Bakery Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	11	22%
Soldiers Hill - Black Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	8	16%
Miners Rest - Mitchell Park	7	14%
Ballarat North - Invermay Park	5	10%
Buninyong - Rural South	1	2%
Wendouree	3	6%
Golden Point - Mount Pleasant - Canadian	2	4%
Ballarat East - Eureka - Warrenheip	1	2%
Other	7	14%
TOTAL	50	100%



TRANSPORTATION & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACES

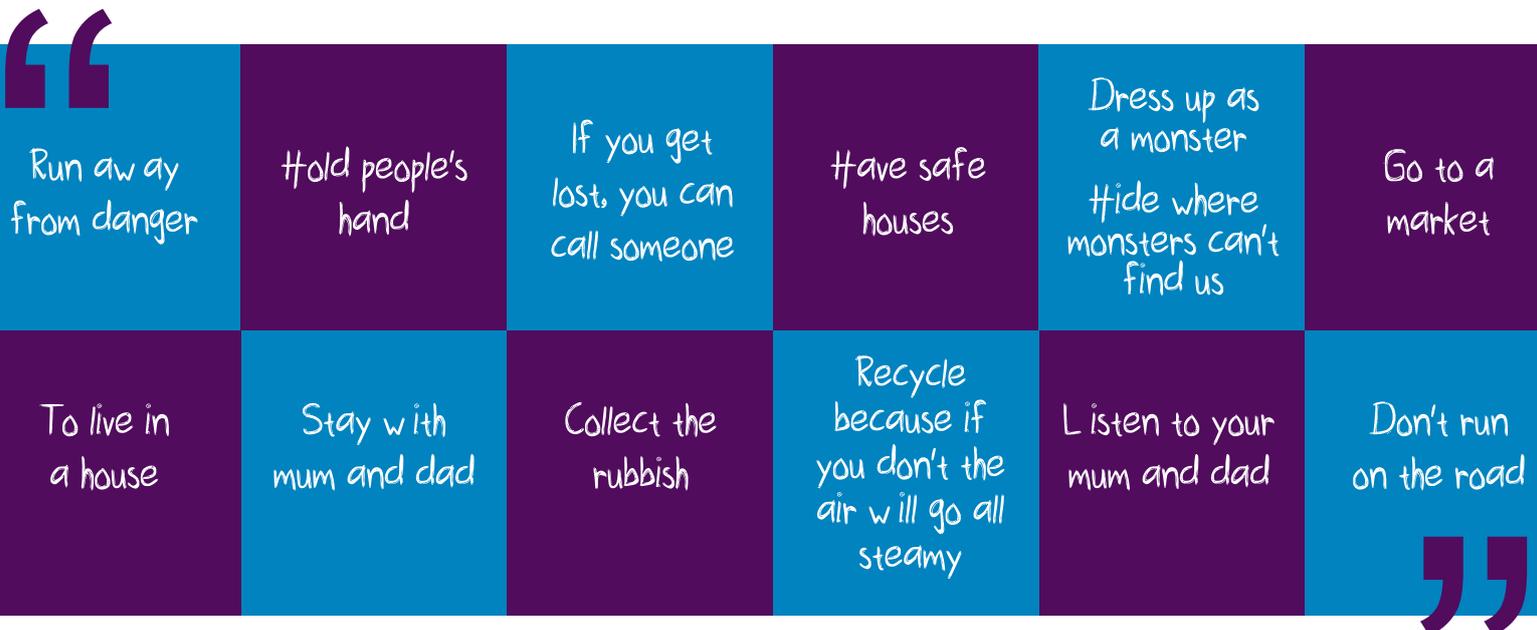
A large number of children in the early years indicated they use a bike/scooter to get around.



The children were asked: What do you like about your neighbourhood?



Ballarats younger residents would like adults to do the following to make their neighbourhoods safer:



BUILDING NEIGHBOURHOODS

Building your neighbourhood

Table 13: **If you could have anything, what would you want to build in your neighbourhood?**

Theme	N
Playground/play equipment (e.g. slides, cubby house, skate park)	4
A beach	2
A tower or castle	2
Fire station	2
Houses	2
Buildings	1
Butchers	1
Dog houses	1
Dress up	1
Ferris wheel	1
Museums with dinosaur bones	1
People	1
Pool	1
Post office	1
Service station	1
The whole world	1
Toilets	1
Toy World	1
Train	1
Traps	1
Wishing well	1

... and what do you think your neighbourhood will look like when you grow up?

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I'll be so big

*City
*Good
*Bigger
*Smaller

I will change

Pink houses

I'll have more stairs in my house

It will look the same

No more buildings, they'll knock it down

The shops may have different stuff in it

Maybe because we will be big, everything else will look small

More supermarkets

More gardens

More cubby houses

It will be different

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APPENDIX

Table 1: Suburb mapping

The neighbourhood groupings used are in line with the groupings used for the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Small Area Suburb	Suburbs included:
Alfredton	Alfredton
Ballarat Central - Bakery Hill - Lake Wendouree – Lake Gardens - Newington ²	Ballarat, Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Newington
Ballarat East - Eureka - Warrenheip	Ballarat East, Eureka, Warrenheip
Ballarat North - Invermay Park	Ballarat North, Invermay Park
Buninyong - Rural South	Buninyong, Durham Lead, Magpie, Scotsburn
Delacombe	Bonshaw, Delacombe
Golden Point - Mount Pleasant - Canadian	Canadian, Canadian Lakes, Golden Point, Mount Pleasant
Miners Rest - Mitchell Park	Macarthur Park, Miners Rest, Mitchell Park, Mount Rowan, Sulky
Mount Clear-Mount Helen	Mount Clear, Mount Helen
Rural East	Invermay
Rural West	Bunkers Hill, Burrumbeet, Cardigan, Cardigan Village, Learmonth, Lucas, Waubra, Windermere, Winter Valley
Sebastopol - Redan	Redan, Sebastopol
Soldiers Hill - Black Hill - Nerrina (South) - Brown Hill (West)	Black Hill, Brown Hill, Nerrina, Soldiers Hill
Wendouree	Wendouree, Wendouree West
Other	Bacchus Marsh, Beaufort, Bungal, Bungaree, Cambrian Hill, Clarendon, Creswick, Dereel, Dunnstown, Elaine, Enfield, Evansford, Gordon, Haddon, Hillcrest, Kingston, Leigh Creek, Linton, Mollongghip, Morrisons, Mount Doran, Napoleons, Navigators, Newlyn, Nintingbool, Rokewood, Ross Creek, Scarsdale, Skipton, Smythes Creek, Smythesdale, Snake Valley, Springmount, Trawalla, Wallace, Yendon
Unknown	Unknown

² This small area suburb is the combination of two existing small area suburbs (Ballarat Central – Bakery Hill – Lake Wendouree (South) - Newington and Lake Wendouree (North) – Lake Gardens)

LINKAGE and use of data from the Children's Consultation will continue to inform Ballarat City Council in the development of strategies and projects.

