

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 A

Instructions for filling	out the survey		
Most questions are either	Tick a box OR	Circle a number	12 3 4 5 6 7
In some questions you are as What appeals to me about V		-	, eg,
If a question is not relevant f	or you, please tick:	🗹 not applic	able

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 sample of residents. This is essential for the success of the survey.

		section will give us a bri	ef su	ng in Warnervale ummary of your history in the Warnervale				
District, as well as telling us what's important to you in the area.								
a)	(Ple	v long have you been at youse tick a box.) Less than 12 months 1 year 2 years 3 years	□5 □6	urrent address in the Warnervale District? 4 years 5-10 years more than 10 years				
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 that need 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 firmportant issue and so on up to 5 next to the firmportant issue and so on up to 5 next to the firmportant issue and so on up to 5 next to the firmportant issue and so on up to 5 next to the firmport is upon the firmport is up	at 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 w) Crime x) Safety y) Childcare x) Other:
addressed in the Warnervale District.	narvala District sa important?
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 2 In Wyong Shire - name of town/suburb	p: postcode: suburb: postcode:
b) How long do you plan to stay in the Warne 1 Less than 1 year 2 1-2 years 3 3-5 years 4 6-10 years 5 More than ten years	rvale District?
c) If you are considering leaving in the next five	ve years, why?
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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.)

1 =	strongly disagree 7 = strongly agree	strongly disagre			gly ag
a.	When I go shopping I am likely to meet friends and acquaintances	June 19981 2 Now1 2			
b.	It is safe to walk around the area at night	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
c.	I generally trust my neighbours to look out for my property	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
d.	Children are safe walking around the neighbourhood during the day	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
e.	People in the neighbourhood make it a difficult place to live	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
f.	I get involved with most local issues	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
g.	If I no longer lived here, hardly anyone would notice	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
h.	I can get help from family when I need to	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
i.	I can get help from friends when I need to	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
į٠	People in my neighbourhood are very willing to help each other out	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
k.	I am comfortable in challenging neighbours if I feel concern about their children's safety or welfare	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
l.	I do not have enough privacy in the area where I live	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
m.	If a stranger, someone different to us, moved into my street they would be accepted in the street	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
n.	I feel I have the ability to change things that I care about	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
ο.	My local community feels like home	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
p.	Most of my closest friends have young children	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
q.	I spend most of my social time with parents of young children	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			
r.	I trust my neighbours to look out for or after my children 9 Not applicable - I don't have young children	June 19981 2 Now 1 2			

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Your social networks

5.	The following questions are about the people you know		
	ere are the majority of the following types of people lasse tick ONE box for each question.)	ocated?	
a)	Family (not in laws) who do not live with you □1 In your street/ close neighbourhood □2 Warnervale □3 Wyong Shire □4 Central Coast □5 Sydney □6 N		□≀ Elsewhere
b)\	our in laws (ie your partners extended family) - □9 no □1 In your street/ close neighbourhood □2 Warnervo □3 Wyong Shire □4 Central Coast □5 Sydney □6 N	ıle District	le □≀ Elsewhere
c)	Friends □1 In your street/ close neighbourhood □2 Warnervo □3 Wyong Shire □4 Central Coast □5 Sydney □6 N		□₁ Elsewhere
d)	Work mates or associates - □9 not applicable □1 In your street/ close neighbourhood □2 Warnervo □3 Wyong Shire □4 Central Coast □5 Sydney □6 N		□≀ Elsewhere
Wh	at family/networks do you have? (please write in a numb	oer - a goo	d estimate is OK)
e)	How many people are part of your extended family (excluding in laws) that you see at least annually?	fan	nily members
f)	How many of your in laws (ie your partner's extended family) do you see at least annually? ——————————————————————————————————	in l	aws
g)	How many close friends do you have?	clos	se friends
h)	How many close work associates do you have? ———————————————————————————————————	WOI	rk associates
i)	How many people do you know to speak to on your street/neighbouring streets?	pec	ople in the street
Τον	what extent are the following people really willing to H	IEI P EACL	I OTHER out

To what extent are the following people really willing to HELP EACH OTHER out. (Not how willing they are to help you specifically)

1 = disagree completely and $10 = $ agree completely	Disag	ree co	mple	tely					Agre	ee completely
j) Your close family who do not live with yo	U									
Not your in laws	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k) Your in-laws	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
□99 not applicable	e - no	in	law	S						
I) Your friends	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
m) Your current work mates or associates	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
□99 not applicable	e - no	t wo	orki	ng						
n) Your neighbours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
□99 not applicable	e - no	nei	ighk	oou	rs					

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 =	not at all	10 = comple	etely	Not d	ıt all							Com	pletely	
0)	Your close	family - wh	o do not live with yo	U										
	Not your in	n laws		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
p)	Your in-la	ws	☐ 99 not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
q)	Your frien	ds		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
r)	Your curre	nt work ma	tes or associates ☐ 99 not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
s)	Your neig	hbours		1	2	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)	Consultation for Porter's Creek Wetland	□₁ Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser
i)	Community Forum for District Centre	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser
i)	Markets at the Family and Community Centre	□1 Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser
k)	Other, specify	□₁ Participant	□2 Unpaid organiser
l)	☐ı None of the a	bove	

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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 n) Thinking of all the voluntary work you have done in the past 12 months, how many hours in total have you done in an average month, if any?			
the past 12 months, how many hours in total have you done in an average month, if any?	m)	(You	Yes, I received a Welcome Pack Yes, I deliver(ed) the Welcome Packs No, I am aware of the Welcome Packs but did not receive one
□¹ Yes, less than \$25 □² Yes \$25 to \$100 □³ Yes, \$100 to \$500 □⁴ Yes more than \$500 □⁵ No □¹ In the past 12 months, without being paid, have you? (You can tick more than one option.) □¹ Participated in an election (beyond compulsory voting) □² Taken part in a demonstration or march □³ Signed a petition □⁴ Contacted the media regarding a problem □⁵ Contacted a government official regarding a problem □⁵ Attended a public meeting □† Joined with people to resolve a local or neighbourhood problem □† Taken steps to improve the environment (beyond household recycling)	n)	the p	done in an average month, if any? average hours per month
(You can tick more than one option.) □ Participated in an election (beyond compulsory voting) □ Taken part in a demonstration or march □ Signed a petition □ Contacted the media regarding a problem □ Contacted a government official regarding a problem □ Attended a public meeting □ Joined with people to resolve a local or neighbourhood problem □ Taken steps to improve the environment (beyond household recycling)	0)	□1 □3	Yes, less than \$25
	p)	(You	Can tick more than one option.) Participated in an election (beyond compulsory voting) Taken part in a demonstration or march Signed a petition Contacted the media regarding a problem Contacted a government official regarding a problem Attended a public meeting Joined with people to resolve a local or neighbourhood problem Taken steps to improve the environment (beyond household recycling)

Your future involvement in the community

1 =	not at all $7 = high$	ot at (ıll					high	
7a)	How much are you currently involved in the community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
b)	How much involvement do you want to have in the community	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
c)	How much involvement are you likely to have in the next three years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
d)	For those who would like to get more involved in the comm difficulties that prevent you from getting involved?	nuni	ity, (are	the	re c	iny		
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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:

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1 = disagree strongly and	7 = agree strongly	disagree strongly	agree 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 9 not applicable	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 want to do	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 do with	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	1	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 own life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
v)	I expect the government to provide basic community services, eg health, education, transport, welfare	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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Outlook	Οι	ltر	00	k
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9a) Hov	w satisfied are you	with	n yo	ur li	fe a	s a	who	ole t	hese	e da	ys (circ	cle the number)
,	Dissatisfied	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Satisfied
b) Ho	w satisfied are you	witl	ո yo	ur s	tan	dar	d of	livi	ng			
·	Dissatisfied	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Satisfied

What is your attitude to:

c) Your own personal future? 1 Very pessimistic/concerned 2 Somewhat pessimistic/concerned	3 On the whole optimistic/hopeful4 Very optimistic/hopeful
d) The future of Warnervale District? 1 Very pessimistic/concerned 2 Somewhat pessimistic/concerned	On the whole optimistic/hopefulVery optimistic/hopeful
e) The future of humanity? 1 Very pessimistic/concerned 2 Somewhat pessimistic/concerned	☐3 On the whole optimistic/hopeful ☐4 Very optimistic/hopeful

Stress and ability to change things to resolve stress

10) How much stress do the following things cause you?

1 = very low levels of stress and 7 = very high levels of stress

How much do you feel you have the ability to change things to resolve the stress?

1 = not at all able to change things to resolve stress and 7 = very able to change things to resolve stress

Cause of stress	Lo		Stre	ess l	eve		igh	Ability to c things to reso					olve stress		
a) Your self/own behaviour	1	2	3	4	5		7		2					7	
b) Your partner and/or family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
c) Your friends	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
d) Your neighbours	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
e) Your financial welfare	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
f) Your work &/or workplace ☐9 not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
g) Past events (eg loss of loved one, traumatic event 9 not applicable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
h) The state of the world	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	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.

11a) To what extent are you extroverted / introverted?

Circle the number on the scale. 1 = extroverted 8 = introverted

Extroverted	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Introverted
(sociable, many									(inner focussed, fewer
relationships, speak and									relationships, time to
then think,									oneself, think, then speak,
conversationalist)									listener)

b) How do you prefer to make decisions?

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

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)									. ,

Confidence in organisations

12. **How much confidence** do you have in the following organisations? (Confidence is about to what extent can they be relied on to act in a consistent, fair or expected mapper.)

expected manner.)	no confidei	nce							CO	mplete confidence
a) The legal system	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b) The churches	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c) The police force	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d) The media	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e) The trade unions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f) Federal Government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
g) State Government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
h) Local Government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
i) The public service	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
j) Big business	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k) Your local police station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
l) Your local church	ble 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
m) Your local newspaper	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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About you and your household

13. 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 2 Being purchased 3 Rent public 4 Rent private 5 Living rent free 6 Other	e) How many children do you have? (include those not currently living with you) (Write in how many) children under 5 years of age children 5 to 18 years adult children 19 years or older \$\square\$_{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) 4 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
□s Trade/apprenticeship (eg hairdresser, chef) □s Certificate/diploma (eg childcare, technician) □s University degree □s Post-graduate qualifications (eg, Grad Dip, Masters, PhD)	g) What would best describe your (and your partner's) employment status? You Your partner 1 1 1 Working full time 12 12 Working part time 13 13 Unemployed, looking for work
c) What is your religious background? 1 Anglican (Church of England) 2 Catholic 3 Presbyterian 4 Uniting Church 5 Other:	Work □4 □4 Home duties □5 □5 Student □6 □6 Receiving a benefit/pension □7 □7 Self-funded retiree □8 □8 Other
d) Who do you live with? 1 Alone 2 Just partner 3 Just children 4 Partner and children 5 Extended or blended family 6 Friends 7 Other	h) What is your current annual household income? 1 Less than \$15,000 2 \$15,001 to \$29,999 3 \$30,000 to \$44,999 4 \$45,000 to \$59,999 5 \$60,000 to \$79,999 6 \$80,000 to \$99,999 7 \$100,000+
	i) Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin? 1 Yes 2 No

j) Wh	ıat lar	iguage do you pre	eter to	L	An:	swer me	se questions it in paid work
spe	eak at	home?			0)	If in pa	id work, how many days a
	Eng	lish			·	week a	re you usually paid to work
 2	Oth	er	•••••				days per week
k) Do	vou h	nave a computer a	t home?		p)	If in pa	id work, how many days a
	Yes	iave a componer a	i ilollic;		I- /	•	re you usually paid to work
	No						ome (rather than 'the office')?
						11011111	days per week
,	•	nave access to the				1.0	• •
,		choose more than c	one of the		q)	,	lever work from home is your
-	ions)					•	type that you could do from
		, at home				home?	
\square_2		, at work				□₁ Yes,	
 3	Yes	, other - eg TAFE,	university	,		□₂ Yes,	
		local library				□3 Yes,	a lot
1 4	No					□4 No	
,		en do you have ac	cess to a	╗			applicable
car		eekdays?			r)	-	n the question above, why
	Nev					-	ou sometimes work from
\square_2		ost never netimes				home?	ost to set up computer,
□3 □4		ly often					telephone line, etc.
5		often/always				□ 2 No	ot enough space to work at
n) Ho		en do you have ac	cess to a				home
		e weekend ?				□3 En	nployer opposed to idea
	Nev	er				□ 4 lp	refer to work away from
\square_2	Alm	ost never					home
		netimes				□ 5 Of	ther reason:
1 4		ly often				□9 not	applicable
 5		, , often/always					
	,						
s) Who	at is y	our date of birth?	/	/			
We plan to	o do anot	her survey next year to see v	vhat changes h	ave happened	d in t	he commun	ity. To be able to see the change we want to
be able to	match y	our responses to this survey v	with the next su	urvey (if you a	ire w	illing to com	plete one then). Your date of birth will help
us match t	he two s	urveys without knowing who	you are. Your	responses rer	main	anonymous	5.
t) Please	e fill in	the following for	each mer	nber of y	ou/	r housel	nold.
All ho	useh	old members				If in po	id work
Person	Age	Male/ Female	Paid	Actual hrs		Location	Mode of transport to work
			hours per	worked			
			וטע כוטטוו ן			of work	
			week	per week		of work	
Person 1		□1 Female □2 Male		_		of work	□1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other
Person 1 (You)		□1 Female □2 Male		_		of work	□1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other
		☐ 1 Female ☐ 2 Male ☐ 1 Female ☐ 2 Male		_		of work	□1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other □1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other
(You)			week	per week			
(You) Person 2 Person 3		□1 Female □2 Male	week	per week			□1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other □1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other
(You) Person 2		□1 Female □2 Male	week	per week			□1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other
(You) Person 2 Person 3		□1 Female □2 Male	week	per week			□1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other □1 Car □2 Train □ 3 Bus □4 Other

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