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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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