

Perceptions of Safety

SURVEY 2017

Key Findings



How safe do you feel?

This report highlights the findings of the Perceptions of Safety Survey conducted in July and August 2017. 354 people responded across the Wollongong Local Government Area and are evenly divided between people responding about their own neighbourhood and those responding about the Wollongong City Centre.

The information from the survey will be used to develop strategies and projects for Wollongong City Council to improve safety across the Wollongong Local Government Area.

Safety in your neighbourhood: When and where?

DURING THE DAY



THE SAFEST PLACES ACROSS NEIGHBOURHOODS ARE IN RESTAURANTS AND LOCAL HOTELS

DURING THE NIGHT



PEOPLE FEEL SAFEST SEEING MORE PEOPLE OUT IN THE STREET, MORE FAMILIES, SMILING FACES, FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURHOODS, SMALL CROWDS AND ACTIVATED STREETS

WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS?

93% DRUG USE AND DRUG DEALING

68% CAR THEFT OR STEAL FROM A CAR

69% BREAK AND ENTER DWELLING OR BUSINESS

67% SPEEDING OR DANGEROUS DRIVING

Safety in Wollongong City Centre: When and where?

DURING THE DAY



FEEL THE RESTAURANT PRECINCT IN THE CITY THE SAFEST PLACE

DURING THE NIGHT



FEEL CROWN STREET MALL IS SAFE AT NIGHT



71% FEEL CROWN STREET MALL IS SAFE IN THE DAY



 **85%** FEEL THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE CITY DURING THE DAY IS THE BLUE MILE AND WOLLONGONG FORESHORE

 **47%** FEEL SAFE ALONG THE BLUE MILE AND FORESHORE AT NIGHT

WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS?

67% ALCOHOL RELATED ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

58% DRUG DEALING

61% DRUG USE

57% SPEEDING OR DANGEROUS DRIVING

What factors impact your safety the most?

51%

FEEL DRUG AFFECTED PEOPLE
AFFECT HOW SAFE THEY FEEL

48%

FEEL FIGHTS AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR
HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON SAFETY

65%

FEEL UNSAFE FROM PUBLIC
DRUNKENNESS, AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR
AND FIGHTING

41%

FEEL UNSAFE IN A NEGLECTED
ENVIRONMENT AND WHERE THERE IS
ILLEGAL DUMPING OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

What does Council need to focus on?

- Reducing problems associated with drug use and antisocial behaviour including fights and aggression.
- Reducing speeding and dangerous driving.
- Improving education to reduce break and enter, steal from a motor vehicle and motor vehicle theft.

What should we continue to do?

- Work with NSW Police to promote community education and engagement about motor vehicle security and driving safety.
- Develop strategies throughout the region that keep public spaces active.
- Conduct Community Safety Audits that will reduce opportunities for crime in public spaces.
- Incorporate the data gathered for future planning.