



# Our Wollongong

# Our Future 2035

Our plan for the community

## Easy Read Version



# About this Plan

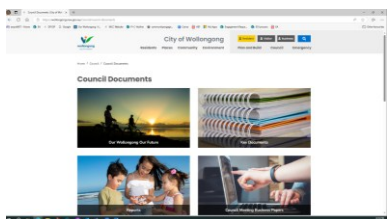


Wollongong City Council wrote this plan.



This Easy Read plan is a **summary** of another plan.

A **summary** only has the most important ideas.



You can find the other plan on our website at  
[wollongong.nsw.gov.au/your-council/plans-and-reports](http://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/your-council/plans-and-reports)



The website is not in Easy Read.



First Nations people are first Owners of Australia.



They were the first people to live on and use the

- Land
- Rivers
- Seas.

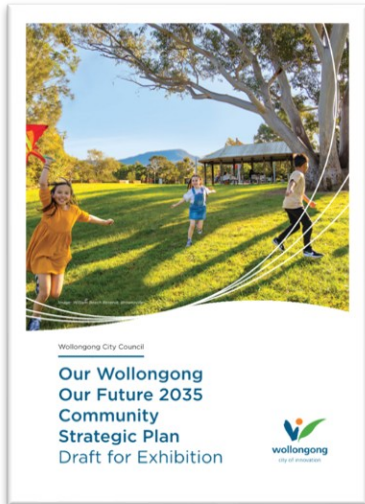


Our area is Dharawal Country.

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# About a Community Strategic Plan



This is our Community Strategic Plan.

Our Community Strategic Plan is called **Our Wollongong Our Future 2035**.

It is our plan for the next 10 years.



It talks about

- Our goals for Wollongong



- How we will reach our goals.

# Talking to our community



We talked to our community about what should be in this plan.

Lots of people shared their ideas with us.

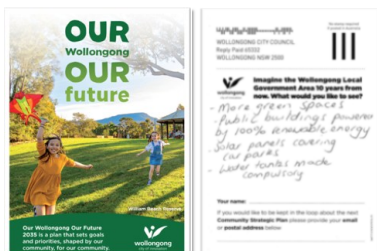


They did things like

- Fill out surveys



- Come to workshops



- Write postcards and letters to us

# Our vision for Wollongong



This part talks about our **vision** for Wollongong.

A **vision** means our hopes and dreams.



Our vision is for Wollongong to become a place where

- People are kind to each other



- We care for the land and water



- We enjoy the **culture** and history of all our people

**Culture** is the way of life and traditions a group of people share



- We support people to live good lives



- People find good jobs



- It is a fun and exciting place to visit or live



- Everyone is included.

# Our community



In 2025 about 223 thousand people lived in our community.



By 2035 about 252 thousand people will be living in our community.



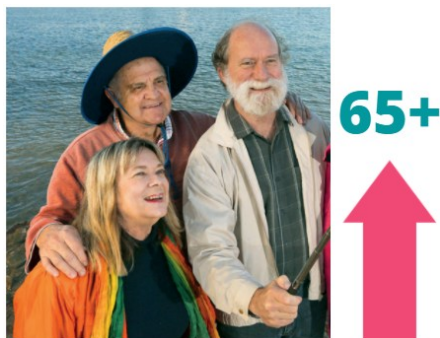
A small number of people in our community are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.



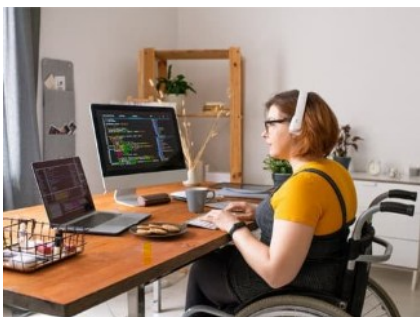
Lots of people in our community were born outside Australia.



Some people in our community speak a language other than English at home.

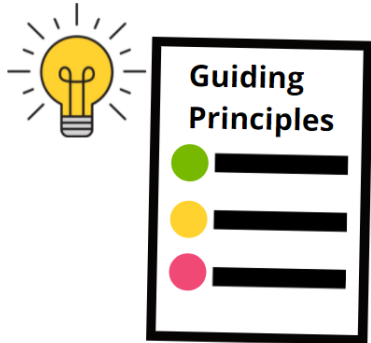


Many people in our community are older than 65.



Most people have internet at home.

# Important ideas in our Plan



There are some important ideas in our plan.

We call these our **guiding principles**.



Our guiding principles are that we

- Understand that people have different needs



- Be fair



- Make sure everyone can take part



- Respect people's rights



- Think about the people who will live in our community in the future



- Look after the environment.

# Our goals



We have goals for making Wollongong happy and healthy.



The United Nations made goals for the world to be happy and healthy too.



We used some of those goals to help make this plan.



We also have four of our own goals that we talk about next.

# Goal 1



We want our environment to last a long time.



We will

- Work hard to look after our environment
- Do things to help make **climate change** less



**Climate change** is the process of our planet heating up.



- Make less emissions

**Emissions** are the chemicals from our work that get into the environment.



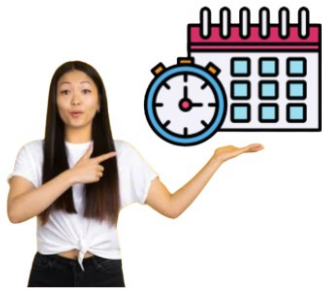
- Help the community become **resilient** in emergencies

**Resilient** is to stay strong when things get hard.

## Goal 2



We want our community to be a great a place to live.



We will

- Plan for the future
- Have good places for everyone to live
- Have different ways for people to get around
- Look after our **heritage**.



**Heritage** is the history of people and places.

# Goal 3



We want our community to

- Find good jobs



- Start new businesses that can get bigger



- Come up with new ways to do things



- Have lots of events and activities



- Be a place people want to visit



- Have lots of art and culture.

# Goal 4



We want our community to be a place where everyone

- Is healthy and active



- Feels included



- Is safe during the day and night



- Has healthy food



- Has lots of places to go to do activities



- Shows respect for First Nations peoples



- Shows respect for people from different backgrounds



- Can take part and feel like they belong.



We want our community to trust Council.



We will

- Share information that is clear and easy to understand



- Listen to our community



- Spend money in smart ways.

# Making sure this plan works



We need to make sure this plan

- Is working well



- Works for our community



- Helps us reach our goals



We will review this plan every 4 years.

# Contact us for more information



Phone us on **4227 7111**



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