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Book Club ✓

Outdoor
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Connecting with young families
sharing ideas, food, culture

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Everyone Belongs Engagement Report

April 2025

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What does
it mean to belong?



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Football Club
Croquet Club
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Stirling
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A note from the Engagement Team

Every day, we engage with our residents and local communities, and through these experiences, we've seen first-hand how social connection is an essential human need - important to both our physical and mental health.

When people connect, they experience the powerful and enriching sense of belonging, defined as "one's subjective sense of acceptance by in-group members".

The *Everyone Belongs Engagement Report* reveals that 63% of City of Stirling residents feel a sense of belonging to their local community – an encouraging foundation, but also a reminder of the need for ongoing efforts to enhance social connection.

We embarked on a journey to get to the heart of what it means to belong because *Locally-led Stirling* aims to deepen connection at a local suburb level.

As part of the broader *City Convos* series, *Everyone Belongs* united engagement for several City-shaping projects under a single, holistic theme. These included the *Access and Inclusion Plan 2025-2030*, *Public Health Plan 2026-2031*, and the role of local bowling clubs as gathering places. This streamlined approach mitigated engagement fatigue to foster deeper conversations. Central to participation was the power of storytelling, where residents' personal experiences captured the true spirit of our community.

Take Morland Smith, 87, for example – a grandfather of eight who, after developing a vision impairment later in life, finds belonging in twice-weekly runs on the footpaths of Churchlands, guided by his daughter. Or Alex Harris, 36, who feels so connected to the Inglewood Bowling and Sports Club that he travels half an hour from Wanneroo to be part of it. And then there's Greg Carsten, 35, who began as a client at the Nollamara Day Club but found his true purpose as a volunteer, giving back to help others feel the belonging he once sought.

The *Everyone Belongs* engagement outcomes reflect these stories and other research into belonging, including *Social Connection 101*, a leading Australian evidence-based resource. This research highlights four essential elements for fostering social connection: **foundations, spaces and places, activities, and people.**

Through *Everyone Belongs*, residents expressed in their own words how their sense of belonging stems from **participation in activities, events, clubs or groups (39%), strong neighbourhood or community connections (36%), and quality amenities for gathering (17%).**

Social Connection 101 notes that people make new connections by literally 'bumping into' each other, reinforcing the *Locally-led Stirling* approach of creating bump-in spaces for people to forge deeper relationships. And while the *Everyone Belongs Engagement Report* celebrates many more ways our City fosters connection, it also highlights opportunities for growth.

Super-Belonging Sauce: Ingredients for strengthening social connection in the City of Stirling

1. Foundations

Safe, accessible and flexible:

- Improve the sense of safety, with 58% of residents reporting that they feel safe in their community at all times of the day and night
- Increase inclusivity and access for people with disability – 57% of residents already see this as a strength in their community, but sentiments drop for people with disability (47%)
- Offer a range of choices and flexibility for getting involved, with just half of residents (48%) part of a local community group or club

2. Spaces & Places

Optimising bumping spaces, open green spaces and community hubs:

- While 90% of residents value having a connected area of parks for living a healthy and active lifestyle, satisfaction drops to 76%
- 81% of residents emphasise the importance of having access to everything they need within a 15-minute walk, bike ride, or public transport journey from home, but just 66% believe this is achieved
- Enhance belonging at local bowling clubs, where just 50% of attendees feel they belong, and 34% of respondents are unaware of the clubs altogether



Figure: Communities for Social Connection, *Social Connection 101*

3. Activities

Including problem-solving, learning and synchronous activities:

- Encouragingly, 68% of residents have participated in an activity in the past year that's helped them feel connected to their community
- 38% of residents think cultural events and festivals should be prioritised to improve their sense of belonging, followed by community groups and clubs (36%), and accessible and inclusive public spaces (34%)
- Those who are aware of the City's bowling clubs but don't attend suggest that new community events (37%) and other activities/workshops (35%) could encourage their participation

4. People

Community connectors:

- Increase assistance for community connectors within diverse groups, with just 21% of respondents believing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are well encouraged to participate in the community
- Similarly, only 29% of residents feel there's enough support for people with disability and young people aged 13 to 24 to get involved
- As one Inglewood resident wisely put it: "Asking them what would make them want to be involved is the best first step"

So, what's next? After diving into the *Everyone Belongs Engagement Report*, the recipe boils down to three options: reviewing what's already being done, making small tweaks, or going all in with a generous pour of Super-Belonging Sauce to design new programs and activities.

Because by listening and responding with a local focus, we can ensure everyone belongs, everywhere.

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Everyone Belongs Overview

With an extremely diverse population, it is important that the City of Stirling supports and encourages residents to be part of their local communities, as outlined in *Sustainable Stirling 2022-2032*.

This vision inspired the journey to get to the heart of what it means to belong in the City of Stirling, inviting participation from every corner of the community from 10 February to 30 March 2025.

The insights gathered help to ensure everyone belongs everywhere, identifying the key drivers of belonging across wards and diverse groups, to inform the *Access and Inclusion Plan 2025-2030*, *Public Health Plan 2026-2031*, and the role of local bowling clubs as gathering places.

A story-driven Stirling approach involved capturing and sharing residents' inspiring stories of belonging throughout the campaign, fostering greater participation.

Opportunities for the community to get involved included Belonging Hub stalls at community markets, a simultaneous Bowlo Banter event at all 10 bowling clubs across the City, interactive in-person dot-voting, and a comprehensive online survey.

Engagement summary

513

Survey responses, via online and face-to-face

300+

Participants at Belonging Hubs and other drop-ins

280+

Participants voted at Bowlo Banter

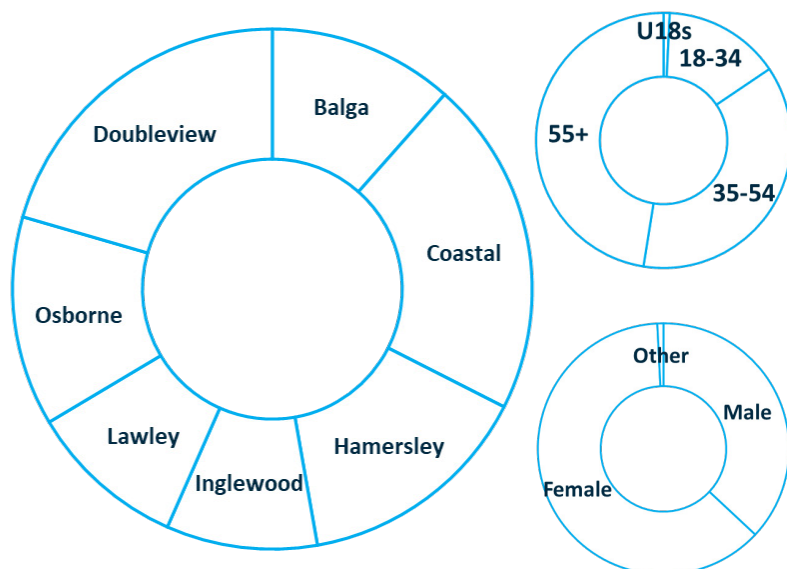
1,494

Visits to Everyone Belongs webpage

195,330

Reach of 13 stories and videos via social media and newsletters (refer to page 10)

Who we heard from



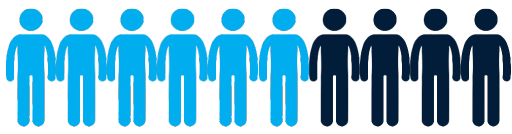
Participation by diverse groups:

People with disability	50 (10%)
Carers for people with disability	39 (8%)
Friend/family of people with disability	69 (13%)
People with chronic health conditions	64 (12%)
People with mental health conditions	46 (9%)

Note: This breakdown is representative of survey responses only. Base n=513, including n=468 City of Stirling residents and n=45 visitors. Ward breakdown excludes visitors. A response total of n=513 provides a margin of error of +-4.33. Data has been weighted to reflect the City of Stirling's population.

Everyone Belongs Outcomes Snapshot

Sense of Belonging



Six in 10 residents feel like they belong to their local community.

This increases to seven in 10 in Osborne, Doubleview and Coastal wards, however softens to five in 10 in Inglewood.

- **Involvement in community activities, neighbourhood connections, and access to gathering spaces** emerge as the greatest drivers of belonging, based on residents' open-ended responses.
- **Events, community groups, and accessible and inclusive public spaces**, are what residents want the City to prioritise to improve their sense of belonging.

Access and Inclusion

People with a disability (55%) report a lower sense of belonging compared to total residents (63%).

- **Accessible and inclusive services**, events, facilities, and public spaces are their main priorities for improving access and inclusion.
- **Opportunities for meaningful involvement** in the community is also rated highly.

Public Health

Feelings of belonging decrease for people with mental health conditions (40%) and chronic conditions (46%).

- **Local recreational programs**, events, and activities are the top public health priorities among all residents.
- **Social connection** is also highly valued for enhancing health and wellbeing.

Note: Snapshot is based on overall results. Results may differ by audience and demographic. See full report for details. Pictured: Participant in Bowlo Banter engagement event at Osborne Park Bowling Club.

Local Bowls Clubs



Half of residents who visit their local bowls club feel a sense of belonging.

- **Improving facilities** is their top priority.

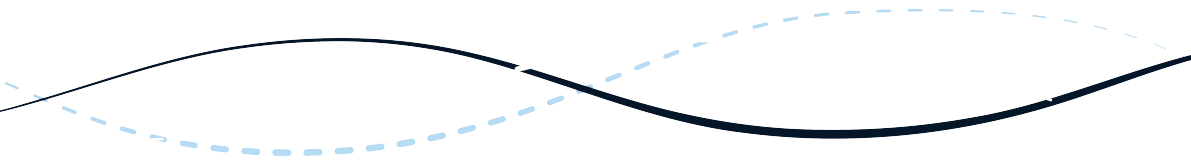
34% of respondents are unaware of any bowls clubs in the City

Almost half who are aware never attend, and 17% visit less than once a year.

- **New community events**, and other activities/workshops, are the top opportunities that may make them more likely to visit.



Sense of Belonging

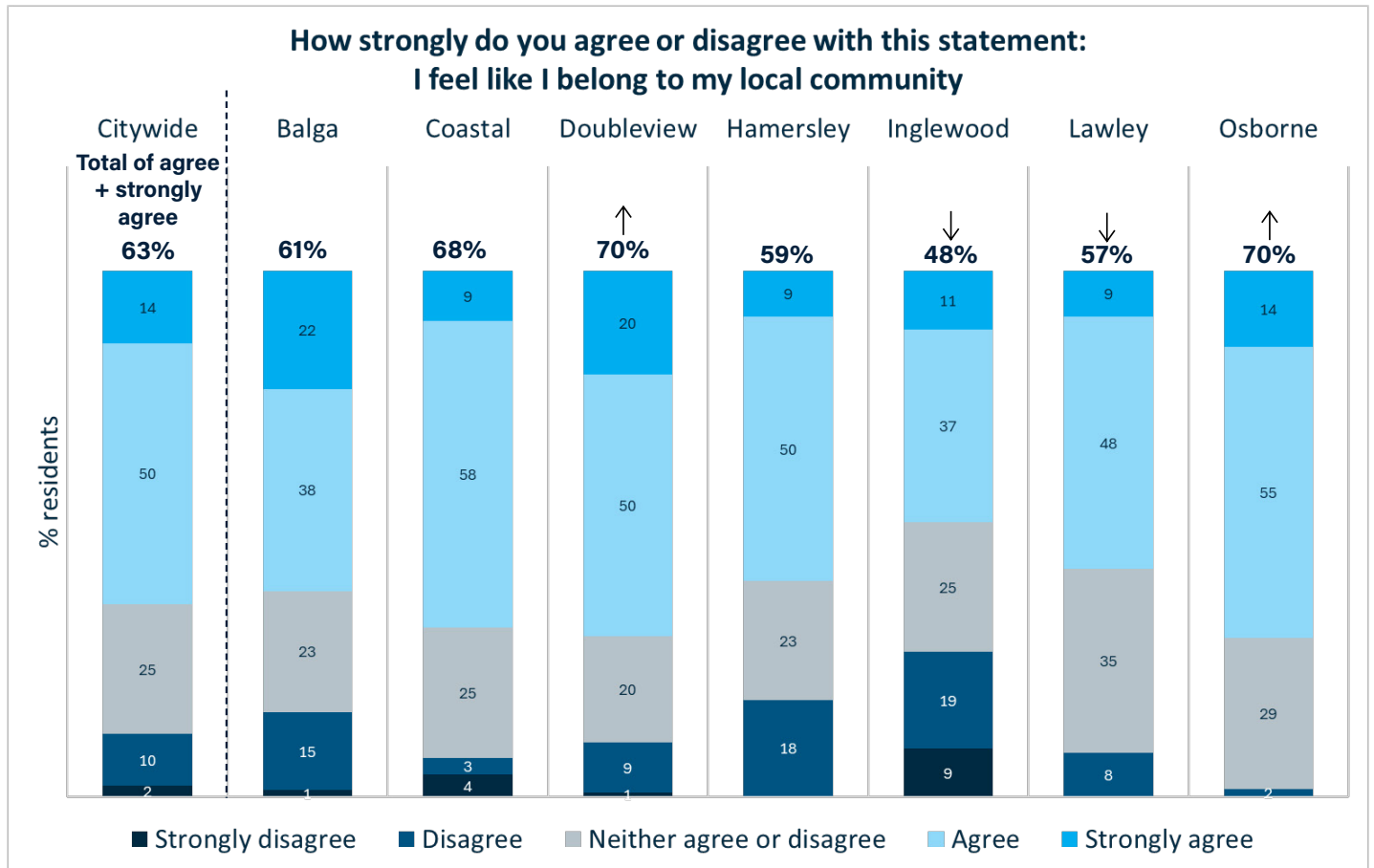




Sense of Belonging: Foundations

63% of residents feel a sense of belonging to their local community, with 14% strongly agreeing

Belonging levels are highest in Osborne and Doubleview wards (70%) and lowest in Inglewood (48%) and Lawley (57%). The sense of belonging softens in the 18-34-year-old age demographic (55%), compared to 35-54 (68%) and 55+ (66%). There is little difference between males (65%) and females (62%).



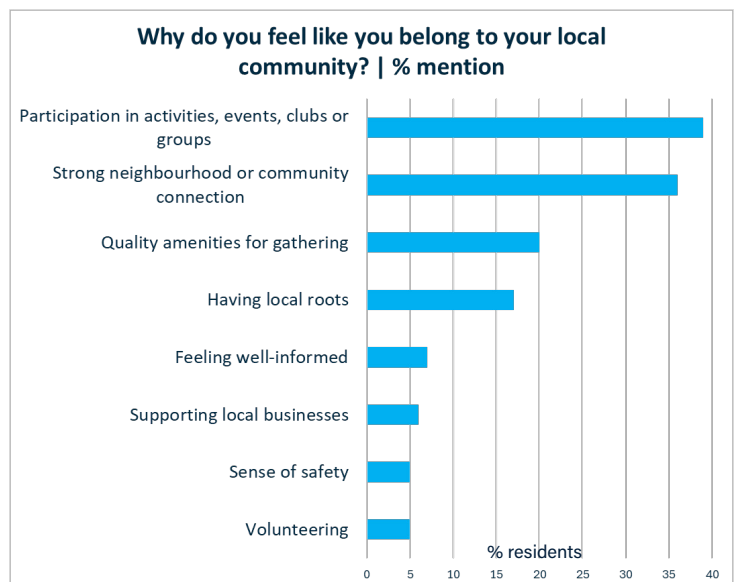
Base: City of Stirling residents n=412, including Balga n=45, Coastal n=89, Doubleview n=87, Hamersley n=53, Inglewood n=42, Lawley n=44, Osborne n=52
 Q: How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement: I feel like I belong to my local community
 ↑↓ indicates a difference from the Citywide average of more than 5%

Key drivers of belonging, by mention

Participation in activities, events, clubs or groups (39%):
 Residents highlight how their involvement creates opportunities for connection, with responses including "lots of activities and events to participate in" and "involved in local sporting groups".

Strong neighbourhood or community connection (36%):
 Residents find belonging through knowing neighbours, friends living nearby, being part of school communities, or meeting fellow dog-walkers, saying "we have a yearly street party".

Quality amenities for gathering (17%):
 Residents value well-kept amenities like green spaces, libraries, leisure centres, and cafes, with comments including "nice parks" and "the area is well looked after".



Base: City of Stirling residents n=266
 Q: Why do you feel like you belong to your local community?

Note: Further comments by ward can be found in the Appendix.



Sense of Belonging: Foundations

There are opportunities to enhance what residents think of their local community

'I know a neighbour well enough to ask for help' (77%) - Agreement drops in Balga (63%) and Osborne (64%).

'My local community is inclusive of people from different cultures and backgrounds' (73%) - Lawley (60%) has the lowest rating.

'My local community has opportunities for social connection' (66%) - Agreement declines in Hamersley (57%), Inglewood (58%), and Balga (59%).

'I am proud to live in the City of Stirling' (66%) - Local pride drops in Inglewood (50%) and Balga (56%).

'I feel safe in my community at all times of the day and night' (58%) - Ratings decline in Balga (46%), Hamersley (47%), Inglewood (48%), and Osborne (48%).

'My local community is inclusive and provides access for people with disability' (57%) - Agreement falls in Hamersley (48%) and Lawley (50%).

'My local community has good public health services' (54%)

'My neighbourhood has a strong sense of community' (54%) - Lowest in Balga (41%), Osborne (43%), and Inglewood (47%).

'The City provides opportunities for my voice to be heard on important issues' (51%) - Inglewood (43%), Lawley (43%), and Hamersley (44%) report lowest satisfaction.

'I'm part of a local community group or club' (48%) - Involvement falls in Balga (38%) and Lawley (42%).

'My local community can manage change well' (45%)

Thinking about your local community, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? | % agree, strong agree

Statement	Citywide	Balga	Coastal	Doubleview	Hamersley	Inglewood	Lawley	Osborne
I know a neighbour well enough to ask for help	77%	63%	83%	75%	85%	83%	82%	64%
My local community is inclusive of people from different cultures and backgrounds	73%	85%	71%	75%	76%	70%	60%	74%
My local community has opportunities for social connection	66%	59%	71%	68%	57%	58%	78%	63%
I am proud to live in the City of Stirling	66%	56%	73%	64%	77%	50%	64%	65%
I feel safe in my community at all times of the day and night	58%	46%	72%	65%	47%	48%	64%	48%
My local community is inclusive and provides access for people with disability	57%	64%	54%	64%	48%	59%	50%	62%
My local community has good public health services	54%	53%	59%	49%	53%	53%	55%	59%
My neighbourhood has a strong sense of community	54%	41%	66%	59%	51%	47%	53%	43%
The City of Stirling provides opportunities for my voice to be heard on important issues	51%	51%	56%	57%	44%	43%	43%	49%
I'm a part of a local community group or club	48%	38%	48%	52%	46%	46%	42%	60%
My local community can manage change well (e.g. urban, economic, weather events)	45%	52%	44%	41%	45%	49%	42%	49%

Base: City of Stirling residents n=410, Balga n=45, Coastal n=89, Doubleview n=85, Hamersley n=53, Inglewood n=42, Lawley n=44, Osborne n=52

Q: Thinking about your local community, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

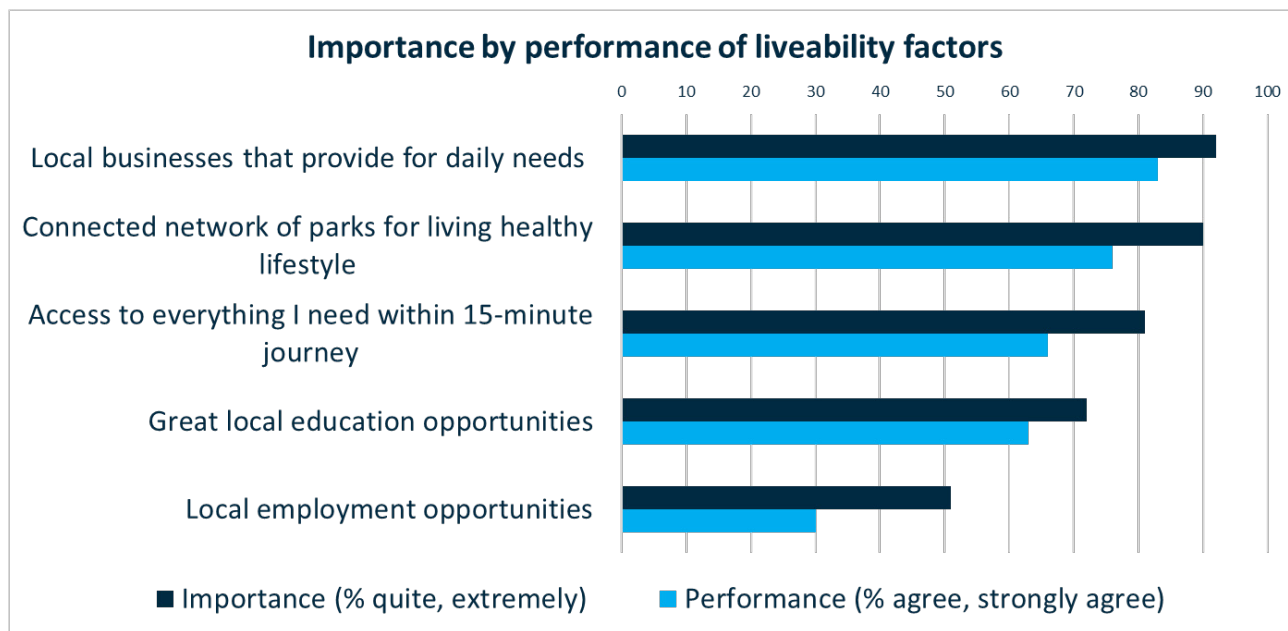
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Sense of Belonging: Spaces and Places



Liveability factors that enhance belonging are performing relatively well, but more can be done



Local businesses that provide for daily needs (Importance: 92%, Performance: 83%)

This liveability measure is most important to residents across the City, and also performs fairly well. Balga, Inglewood and Doubleview (81%) report slightly lower satisfaction.

Connected network of parks for a healthy and active lifestyle (Importance: 90%, Performance: 76%)

This measure presents a 14% gap between importance and performance, with Osborne (61%) and Inglewood (68%) residents experiencing the lowest satisfaction.

Access to essential services within a 15-minute journey (Importance: 81%, Performance: 66%)

There's a 15% gap between importance and performance, with Balga (61%) the weakest-performing ward for residents having access to everything they need within a 15-minute walk, bike ride, or public transport journey from home.



Pictured: The Belonging Hub at Summer X Salt Markets in Trigg - one of several held across the City - celebrating, inclusion, diversity and wellbeing. Participants were invited to complete the survey, add stickers to dot-vote posters, or jot down ideas on the Belonging Board. Featured stalls included Microenterprise People and the Djookanka Sisters.



Sense of Belonging: Activities

In the past year, 68% of residents have participated in activities that fostered connection

Doubleview (78%) and Lawley (73%) have the highest rate of residents engaging in activities that help them feel connected to their community, while there's a softening in Hamersley (60%) and Balga (59%). Participation in activities increases with age, with 74% of 55+ residents engaged in local activities in the past year, compared to 57% of 18–34-year-olds. Men (69%) and women (67%) report similar levels of involvement.

Base: City of Stirling residents n=410

Q: In the past year have you been involved in an activity that's helped you feel connected to others in your community?



Snapshot of community events, markets

- Scarborough Sunset Markets
- Summer X Salt Markets Trigg
- Mirrabooka Friday Markets
- Stirling Farmers Market
- Inglewood Monday Night Markets
- Down To Earth Markets
- Stirling Street Food Yokine
- Carine Fair
- Free film screenings Clarko Reserve
- North Beach RSL Anzac Day

Snapshot of sports, fitness

- Beginner tennis lessons
- Social soccer at Sporties FC Innaloo
- Lawn bowls
- Yoga fitness group
- Prime Movers
- Scarborough Cricket Club
- Cycling group
- Swim club
- Hamersley golf
- Carine Baseball Club

Snapshot of arts, culture, activities

- Stirling Community Potters
- Bridge card game at local library
- Church activities
- Tree planting
- Inglewood Arts Hub
- Men's Shed
- Dog walking
- Craft Club Karrinyup Library
- Toddler gym Scarborough

Snapshot of volunteering, advocacy

- Volunteering for Gwelup Playgroup
- Local town team member
- Friends of Lake Gwelup
- Volunteering at Osborne Community Hub
- Friends of Trigg Bushland
- Balga Carers Group
- Friends of Inglewood Triangle
- We Are Yokine
- Good Sammies Beaufort Street volunteer



Sense of Belonging: Activities

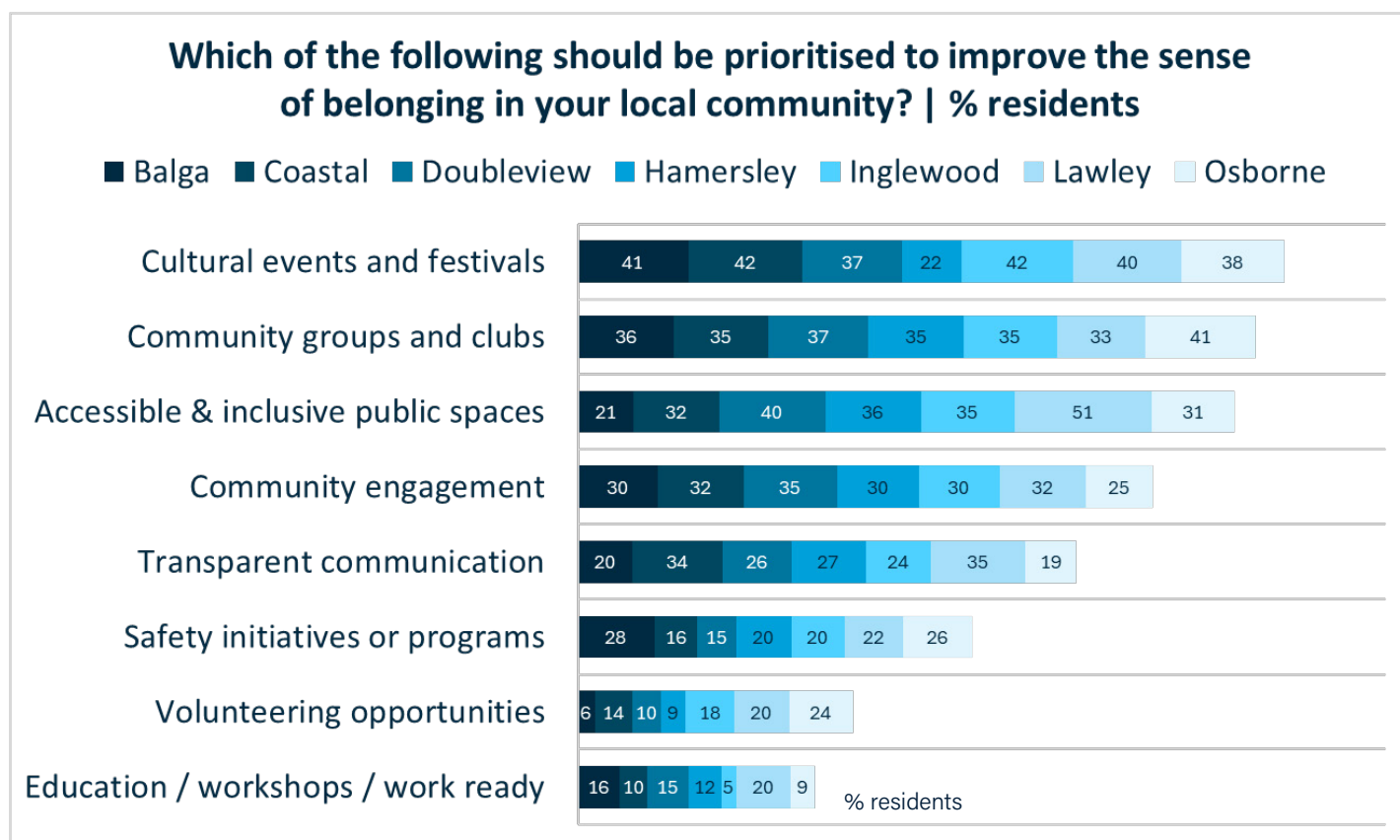
Residents want the City to prioritise events and community groups to improve belonging

Cultural events and festivals (38%) – The most commonly selected priority for improving the sense of belonging, especially among younger residents (48% of 18–34-year-olds) and residents in Inglewood (42%) and Coastal (42%).

Community groups and clubs (36%) – More valued by 55+ residents (43%) and in Osborne (41%).

Accessible and inclusive public spaces (34%) – Especially a priority for Lawley (51%) and Doubleview (40%) residents.

Community engagement (31%) – Stronger support among 55+ residents (35%) and in Doubleview (35%).



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 Q: Which of the following do you think should be prioritised to improve the sense of belonging in your local community?
 Note: Residents could select up to three priorities.

Other community suggestions

"Social sports."

"Permanent volleyball facilities on the beach."

"Community markets where there are no fees."

"There are no inclusive playgrounds anywhere near me."

"Green cover, especially on verges along paths."

"Prioritise pedestrian paths."

"Partnership with schools to enhance community belonging."

"More free sports for kids and youth."

"Opportunities for older people to learn more about technology."

"Short outings for over 50s."

"Learning from community members who have hidden disabilities."

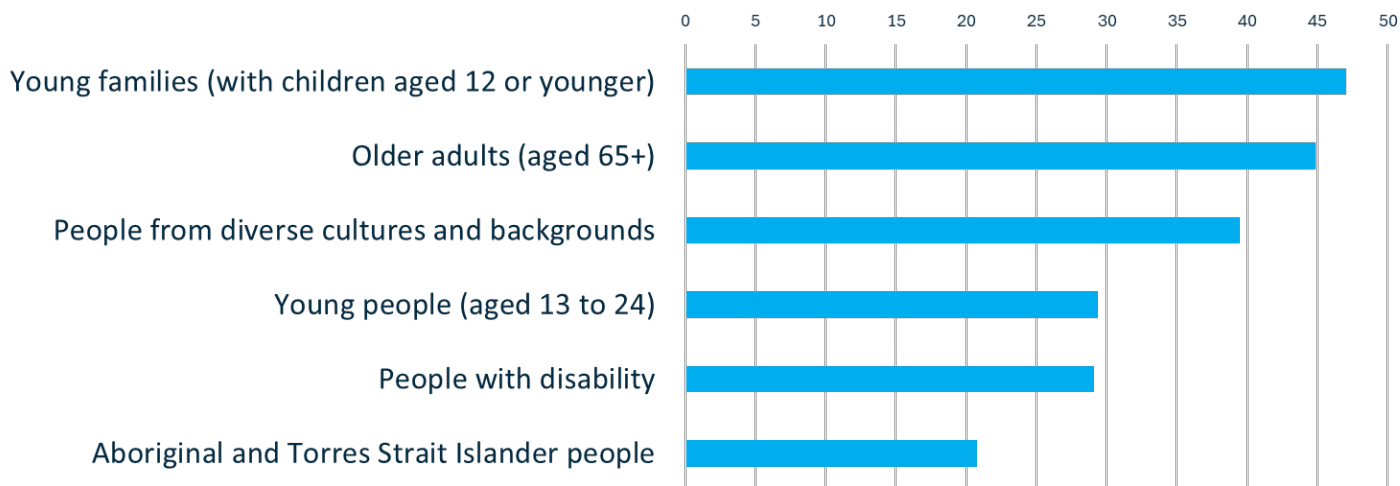


Sense of Belonging: People



Residents believe some groups could receive more encouragement to participate in the community

How well do you think the City encourages each group to actively participate in the community? | % well (7 to 10)



Base: City of Stirling residents n=410

Q: How well do you think that the City of Stirling encourages each of the following groups to actively participate in the community?

Note: This graph reflects responses of 7 to 10 on a 1 to 10 rating scale, with 1 being 'not at all well' and 10 being 'extremely well'

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (21%)

are perceived as receiving the lowest encouragement to participate in the community, especially in Lawley (11%) and Inglewood (11%), however sentiments improve in Balga (38%).

Snapshot of comments

"I have not seen any encouragement or promotion towards indigenous people to participate in community events."

"Signage that respects history and culturally important places."

"I think they often don't feel welcome. Provide the right support for this group to run programs that cater for them."

"I don't think the City asks for advice from this group enough."

"More historic information about cultural sites."

"Increase opportunities for mentoring."

"Lack of community awareness."

"Not enough engagement and value placed on people with lived experience."

"Asking them what would make them want to be more involved is the best first step."

People with disability (29%)

Perceived encouragement to participate is highest in Balga (39%), and lowest in Lawley (14%).

Snapshot of comments

"More accessibility to beaches and playgrounds."

"Many streets lack safe footpaths."

"More ACROD parking in public places."

"Lack of sensory-friendly facilities."

"Inclusive all-ability playgrounds."

"Upgrade facilities to enable disability access."

Young people aged 13 to 24 (29%)

Perceptions of encouragement to participate especially drop in Inglewood (18%) and Lawley (19%).

Snapshot of comments

"This age group is hard to engage. Free music or underage events would be great."

"Workshops on getting a job and building experience."

"More safe spaces for teens to hang out and get support or guidance if they need to."

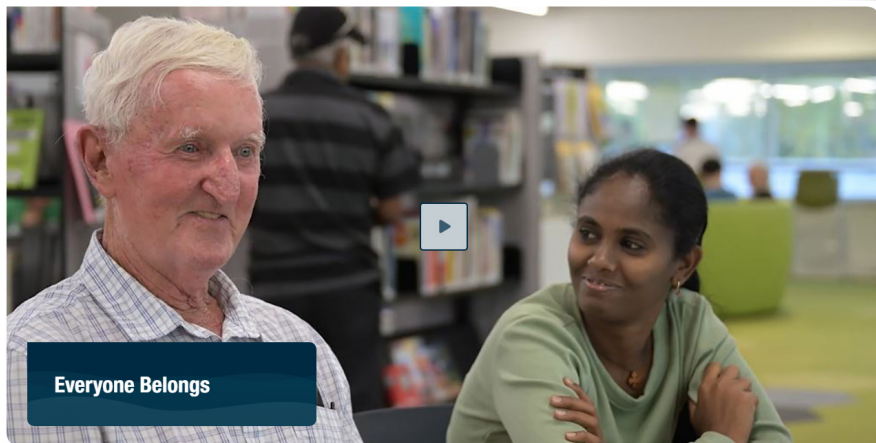
"Free surf group, soccer team, football team, program on how to be a leader at a young age."



Sense of Belonging: People

Snapshot of a story-driven Stirling approach

A story-driven Stirling approach involved capturing and sharing residents' inspiring stories of belonging in articles and videos that featured on social media, newsletters and the website, encouraging participation and linking to engagement opportunities including the survey.



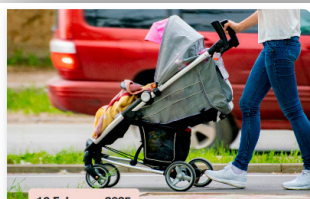
Everyone Belongs



12 March 2025

Client turned volunteer helps others belong

Thursday might just be Greg Carsten's favourite day of the week.



13 February 2025

The positive side to parking infringements

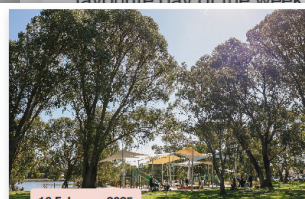
Nothing spoils a nice day at the beach or an evening at your favourite restaurant quite like returning to a parking infringement.



12 February 2025

Running the path to belonging

At an age when most would hang up their sneakers, 87-year-old Morland Smith, who developed vision impairment later in life, continues to run three times a week.



10 February 2025

The power of parks in public health

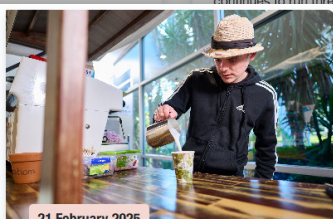
Did you know the City of Stirling has 502 parks and 276 playgrounds? They might seem like just battery-drainers for energetic kids, but their true value extends far beyond.



24 February 2025

Bowling over barriers to belonging

Alex Harris might be only 36, but he loves lawn bowls and the camaraderie just as much as the seasoned players he competes with.



21 February 2025

Brewing belonging

Every Friday, the Coffee Cart will be operating at the Osborne Community Hub.



18 February 2025

Inclusion Storytime coming to the City of Stirling

The City of Stirling is excited to announce an Inclusion Storytime program for our community.



10 March 2025

Belonging Hubs buzzing at community markets

"I think it's a great initiative and what I'm impressed with is the way the community is getting involved and they want to show you how they feel about their home and their community," wearJPW artist Jareen Wyatt said.



05 March 2025

New outreach and drop-ins where young people belong

"My goal is to create a space where people feel comfortable opening up, sharing their struggles, and ultimately realising their full potential."

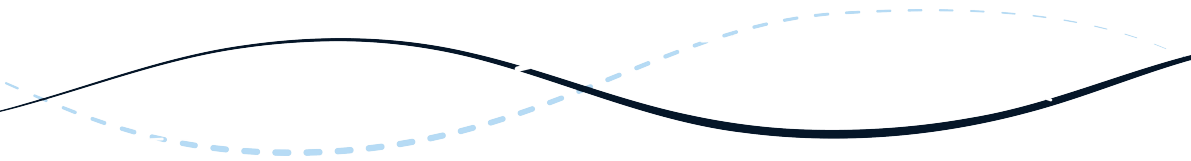


27 February 2025

Community spirit shines at Bowlo Banter event

Hundreds of residents joined the Bowlo Banter event across Stirling, sharing ideas on how to potentially enhance their local bowling clubs and foster community belonging.

Access and Inclusion



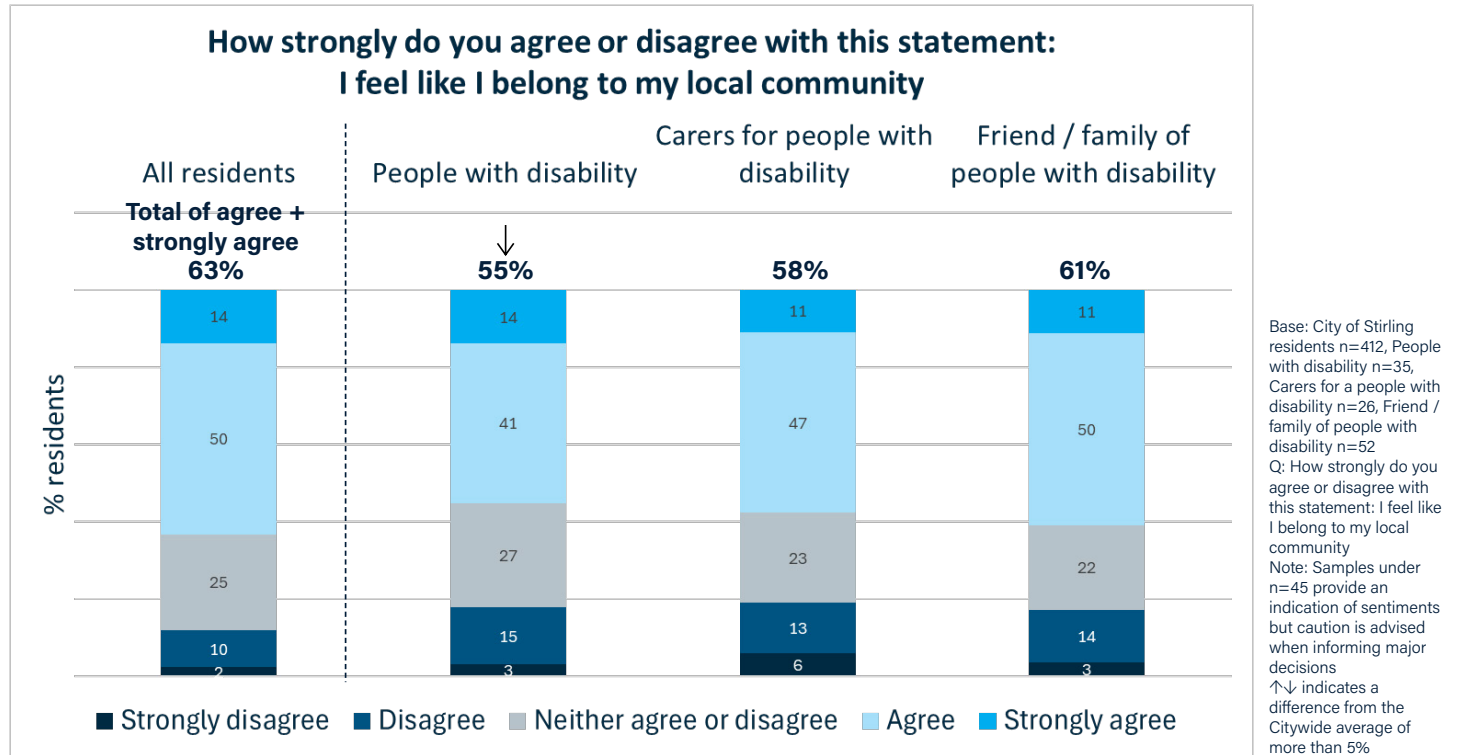


Access and Inclusion



There are opportunities to enhance belonging for people with disability

55% of people with disability feel like they belong to their local community, a lower rate than all residents (63%). Carers (58%), and friends and family of people with disability (61%), also have slightly lower rates of feeling a sense of inclusion.



Belonging priorities for people with disability

For people with disability, the highest priority for improving their sense of belonging is community engagement that involves people in the decision making process (46%). In contrast, the wider community ranks this priority fourth (31%).

Other key priorities for fostering belonging among people with disability are accessible and inclusive public spaces (45%) and community groups and clubs (35%).



Other belonging insights for people with disability

Access and inclusion: 47% of people with disability believe their community is inclusive and accessible for people with disability, a decline from the 57% Citywide average.

Public health services: 40% of people with disability rate their area's public health services positively, lower than 54% of all residents.

Social connection: 50% of people with disability agree their community has opportunities for social connection, compared to 66% of all residents.

Access to services: 87% of people with disability place importance on having local businesses for daily needs, but only 73% agree their area provides them (lower than 83% Citywide). 72% of people with disability value access to services within a 15-minute journey, but only 52% agree their area meets this (differing from 66% Citywide).

Connected parks: While 81% of people with disability see parks as important, only 60% feel their area has a well-connected network, compared to 76% of all residents.

Encouragement to participate: 22% of residents with disability say people with lived experience feel very encouraged to participate in their area, while the wider community (29%) believes this to be higher.

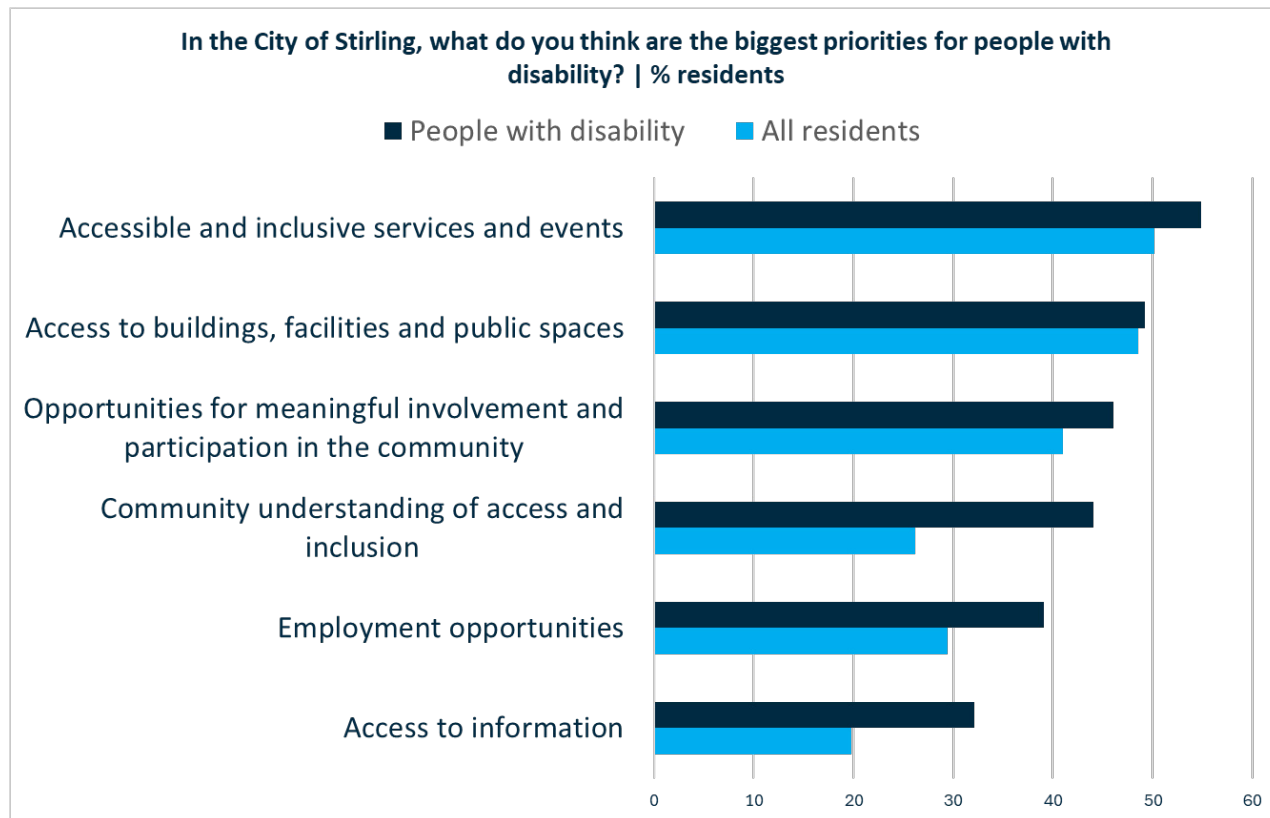
Base: All residents n=410, People with disability n=34
 Questions: Various
 Note: Samples under n=45 provide an indication of sentiments but caution is advised when informing major decisions



Access and Inclusion

When it comes to access and inclusion, people with disability prioritise services and events (55%)

Access to buildings, facilities, and public spaces (49%) is their next top priority, followed by opportunities for meaningful involvement and participation in the community (46%). People with lived experience (44%) place much higher emphasis on community understanding of access and inclusion, compared to all residents (26%).



This is a snapshot of the community's comments about improving access and inclusion

Services and events

"Not enough ACROD parking, and there are multi-level spaces without lifts or maintained lifts."

"Free specialised bus rides for people with disabilities."

"Employ people with lived experience to provide consultancy on service delivery and event accessibility."

"Quiet spaces for people with sensory issues or anxiety. Community activities for people with disabilities who aren't senior citizens."

"Better advertising for accessible events, and holding events in accessible spaces."

Buildings, facilities

"More accessible toilets and change facilities."

"More ramps everywhere, and handrails."

"More ACROD parking bays, more natural/dimmable lighting, better ventilation."

"Special consideration of neurodiverse people's needs in public buildings and spaces."

"More tactile information/wayfinding."

"Several City-owned facilities, including libraries, museum, and community centres aren't accessible - no lift to second level, no automatic entry/exit doors, or no accessible toilet."



Access and Inclusion

Outdoor/public spaces

"No parking on footpaths."

"Replace textured walkways with flat, smooth paths that are easier on feet and wheels."

"Additional beach ramps and beach wheelchairs."

"Communication boards/sign language signs in playgrounds."

"Replace sandpits with rubber turf."

"Wheelchair inclusive playgrounds, mainly wheelchair swings."

Meaningful involvement

"More volunteers to help people take part in activities like hydrotherapy."

"More events specifically for people with disabilities. Consult with people with disabilities when planning."

"More accessible groups for people under 60."

"Personal invitation to registered disability families for a meet and greet."

"Having sports/activities that are appropriate or even targeted towards people with disabilities."

Community understanding

"More public campaigns on social media featuring people with lived experience."

"Educating people on parking and access paths."

"More regular workshops for community members to learn about access and inclusion."

"By understanding them yourselves. Telling their stories. Lead by example. Canvas state and federal government agencies. Ensure inclusion is the minimum."

"Provide free Auslan classes."

Employment opportunities

"More resources to find employment opportunities for people with disability."

"Stakeholder engagement to gear employment opportunities toward person's interests without red tape."

"Education program for employers to better understand how to support staff with disabilities."

"Advocate for people with disability to employers."

"Employ neurodiverse - very good, focused, repetitive tasks etc."

Access to information

"Reading sessions at my local library of events and notifications on set days."

"Provide more information by post or even text messages, as don't use computers."

"Better websites that are easier to use. Patient and well trained call centre staff."

"More information on ACROD parking locations."

"Advertising in local paper and shopping centres."

"Interpreters, multilingual signs, audio pamphlets."

Social participation

"There are no programs in rec centres for kids with disabilities."

"Market opportunities for Microenterprise People with disability."

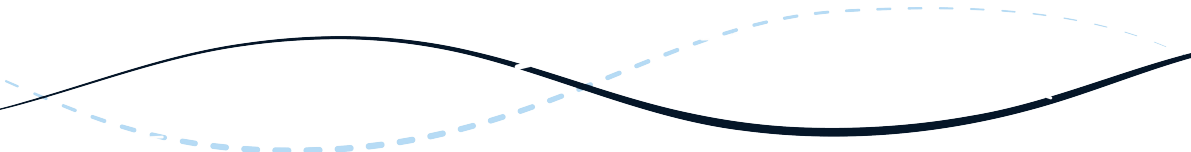
"More social events for ASD teens."

"Intergenerational programs, seniors playgroup."

"Programs to help people with disability and seniors use technology."

"More inclusive sports - paralympic."

Public Health



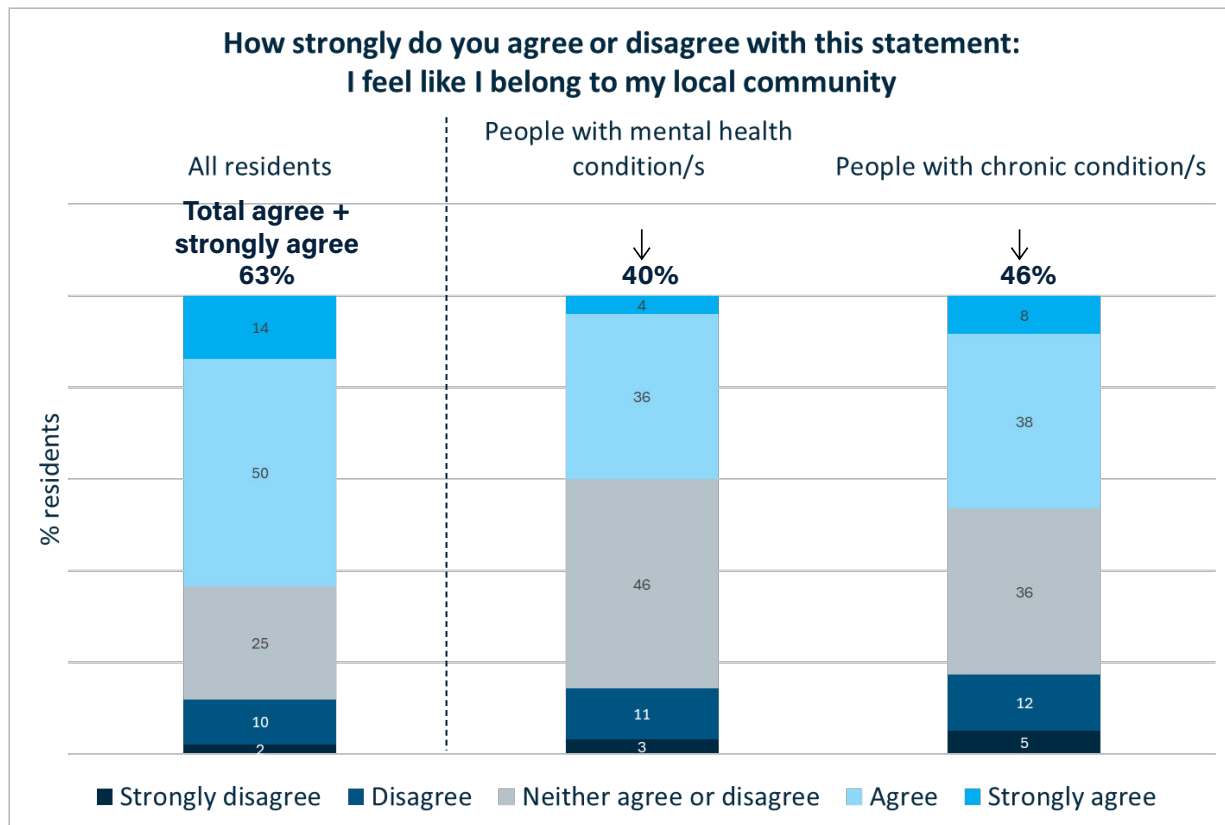


Public Health



People with mental health and chronic health conditions experience a reduced sense of belonging

40% of people with mental health conditions and 46% with chronic health conditions feel like they belong to their local community, much lower than all residents (63%).



Belonging priorities for people with mental health or chronic health conditions

Accessible and inclusive public spaces are a priority for people with chronic conditions (46%) and mental health conditions (37%) when it comes to improving their sense of belonging. Both groups (40%) also say priority should be given to community groups and clubs. These top priorities differ from the wider community's (38%) highest priority of cultural events and festivals.



Other belonging insights for people with mental health or chronic health conditions

Public health services: 35% of people with chronic conditions agree their local community has good public health services, much lower than all residents (54%).

Community safety: Feeling safe at all times is reduced (41% for people with mental health conditions and 46% for chronic conditions) compared to 58% of the wider community.

Social connection: 46% of people with mental health conditions and 49% with chronic conditions say their community has opportunities for social connection, lower than all residents (66%).

Base: All residents n=410, People with mental health conditions n=34, People with chronic conditions n=48
Questions: Various
Note: Samples under n=45 provide an indication of sentiments but caution is advised when informing major decisions

Access and inclusion: 41% of people with chronic conditions feel their community is inclusive and accessible for people with disability, falling behind the 57% Citywide average.

Connected parks: Despite its importance, 52% of people with mental health conditions and 60% with chronic conditions believe their area has a well-connected network of parks supporting an active lifestyle, a decline from 76% of all residents.

Access to services: 40% of people with mental health conditions and 46% with chronic conditions feel they have everything they need within a 15-minute walk, bike ride, or public transport journey, compared to 66% of the wider community.

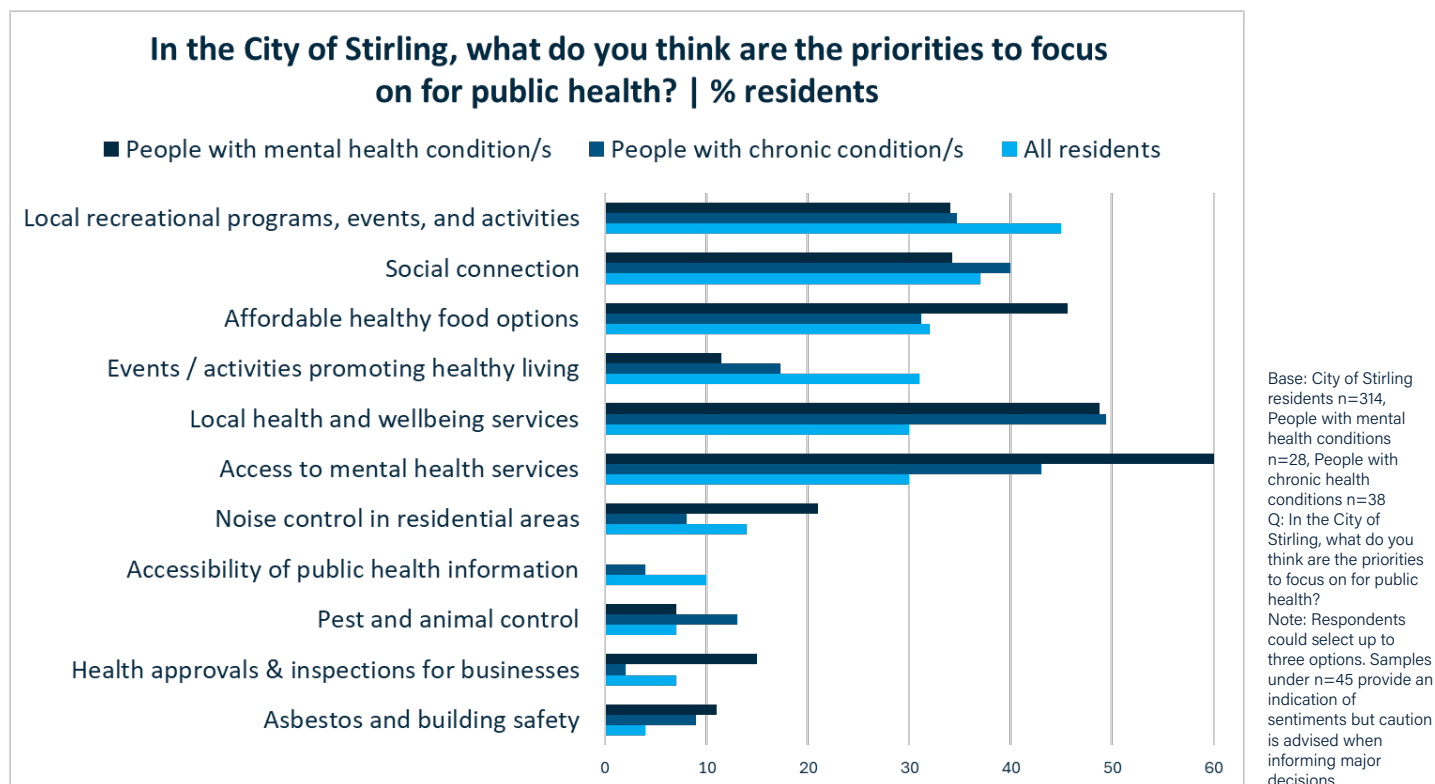


Public Health



When it comes to public health, priorities vary by audience

The wider community believes the top priorities to focus on for public health are recreational programs, events and activities (45%), followed by social connection (37%), then affordable healthy food options (32%). Unsurprisingly, people with mental health conditions place the most importance on access to mental health services (60%), and people with chronic conditions prioritise local health and wellbeing services (49%).



Other community suggestions

"More free/cheaper access to recreational facilities."

"Light pollution - less lighting when/where it's not needed."

"Safe cycling infrastructure."

"Edible verge planting."

"Connected bike and footpaths - really puts you off cycling."

"Target the increase in needles found in parks e.g. Dianella."

"The dangers of vaccinations to children and adults."

"Indoor air quality."

"Adding food scraps element to green bins - waste reuse."

"More recycling initiatives i.e. recycling stations/points for everyday garbage."

"Great recreation areas but not enough toilets."

"More shade/undercover areas, especially for playgrounds."

"How to report rubbish dumping and get a response."

"Nature play."

"Yoga or tai chi in the park."

"Urban canopy."

Note: These are some of the responses gathered via the survey and at community markets.

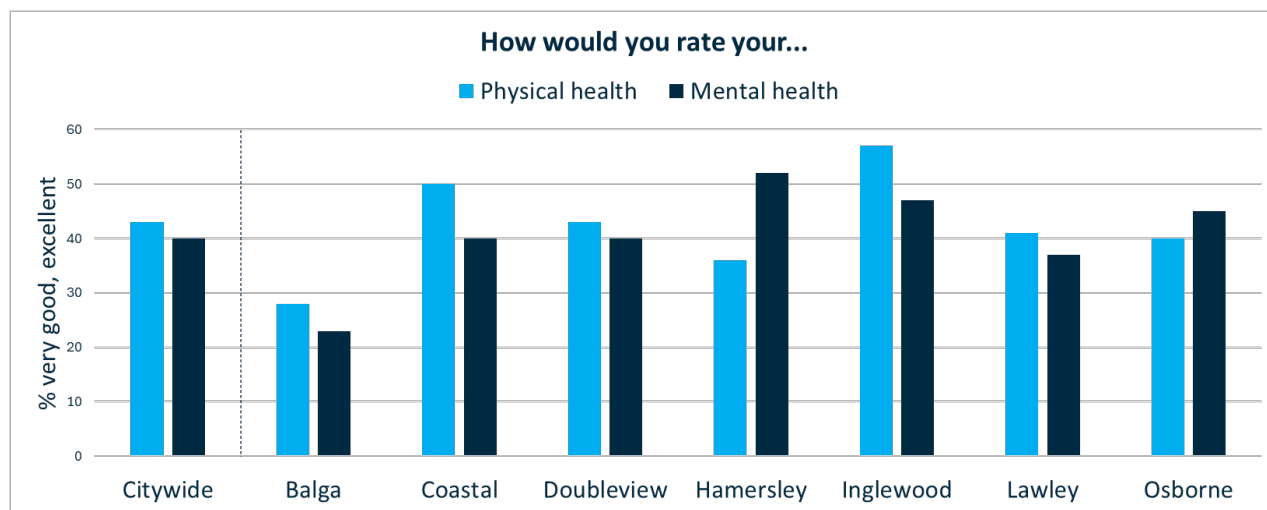


Public Health



43% of residents rate their physical health as very good or excellent

40% rate their mental health similarly. Balga reports the lowest rates of very good and excellent physical (28%) and mental (23%) health. Hamersley (52%) has the highest mental health rating, while Inglewood (57%) has the highest physical health rating.



Base: City of Stirling residents n=313
Q: How would you rate your physical/mental health?

At least once a week...

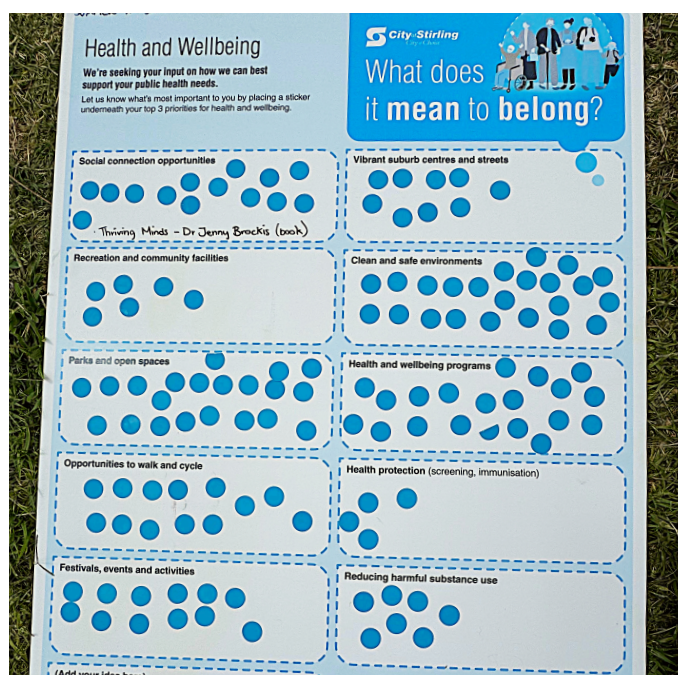
- 96% of residents **eat a healthy meal**, dropping to 88% in Balga.
- 87% engage in **moderate activity**, while 58% perform **vigorous activity** which decreases to 41% in Osborne.
- 38% partake in **mindfulness** such as journaling or meditating, with the lowest rate in Balga (23%).
- 49% of respondents report **drinking alcohol** at least once a week, with highest consumption in Hamersley (60%).
- 5% say they **vape**, while the rate increases to 15% in Osborne.
- 5% of respondents **smoke tobacco or cigarettes**, with the highest rate in Inglewood (12%).



Supporting health and wellbeing

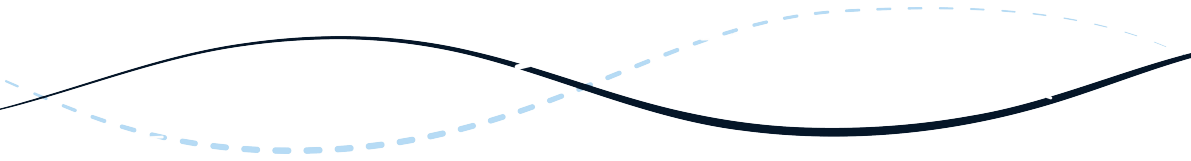
In the Belonging Hubs located at six community markets across the City, participants dot-voted on the key factors most crucial to their health and wellbeing as follows:

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|---------------------------------------|----|
| • Clean and safe environments | 86 |
| • Parks and open spaces | 80 |
| • Festivals, events and activities | 78 |
| • Health and wellbeing programs | 64 |
| • Social connection opportunities | 57 |
| • Opportunities to walk and cycle | 57 |
| • Recreation and community facilities | 53 |
| • Vibrant suburb centres and streets | 43 |
| • Reducing harmful substance use | 33 |
| • Health protection | 25 |



Pictured: One of the dot-voting boards at community markets.

Local Bowls Clubs





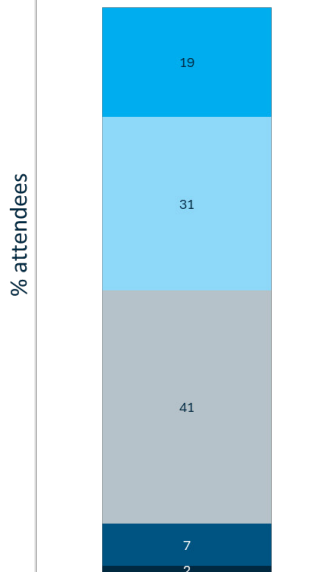
Local Bowls Clubs



50% of residents who attend bowls clubs in the City feel a sense of belonging

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement:
I feel like I belong at my local bowls club

50% total of agree + strongly agree



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Awareness & visitation

- 34% of respondents are not aware of any of the 10 bowls clubs in the City of Stirling, indicating a potential gap in outreach.
- Of the respondents who are aware, 45% never visit, 18% attend a few times a year, and 17% less than once a year.
- The most common activity is enjoying food and drinks (65%), followed by attending social events (43%), then playing bowls socially (31%).

Barriers to visiting bowls clubs

- 46% of non-attendees (respondents who never or rarely visit) are simply not interested in bowls, making it the biggest barrier to attending bowls clubs.
- 32% don't know enough about clubs and their activities, highlighting an information gap.
- 10% of non-attendees say a reason is outdated facilities.

Priorities for non-attendees

- New community events (37%), other activities/workshops (35%), and increasing entertainment (33%) are the top priorities among non-attendees that may make them more likely to visit their local bowls club.
- Better advertising (28%), new bowls programs (26%), and enhanced menus (20%) could also help to attract diverse groups.
- 13% would be enticed by improved facilities.

Priorities for attendees

- In contrast to non-attendees, the top priority for respondents who visit bowls clubs is improving facilities (55%).
- Their next highest priorities are new community events (30%), more entertainment (28%), enhanced menu/member discounts (28%), and new bowls programs (26%).

Base: City of Stirling residents n=148-468 depending on question and whether participation via survey or Bowlo Banter event.
Q: Various via survey, plus input gathered at Bowlo Banter where participants could dot-vote or share ideas.



Pictured: Participants dot-voted or shared ideas about improving their local bowls club at the Bowlo Banter event - held simultaneously at all 10 bowls clubs across the City.



Local Bowls Clubs

This is a snapshot of the community's comments and ideas about their local bowls club

Innaloo Sports Club

- "Close to home and the people are friendly."*
- "They hold some great events and prices are cheap."*
- "It's got a good space for dancing, yoga, quiz night, which I would attend if available."*
- "Sporties FC soccer is the main reason I go."*
- "New life is required focusing on younger membership."*
- "Playground upgrade needed."*
- "Needs bingo, markets, tool library, repair cafe."*

Osborne Park Bowling Club

- "Friendly staff, great functions, great bistro, facilities in general very good. Marketing to the membership great."*
- "Reasonably priced food and beverages. The outdoor patio. Proximity to home."*
- "Social, camaraderie, communication, management, facilities."*
- "Need additional sports."*
- "Dancing given some priority."*
- "Bring back Stirling Silver!"*

Doubleview Bowling Club

- "The food is great! Relaxed vibe. Old school bowlo decor."*
- "Provides a lot of options if you wish to partake in them."*
- "Very good for social gatherings and very local."*
- "Kitchen taken over by local chefs but the queues are too long."*
- "Needs kids' playground and activities."*
- "Build a beer garden."*
- "Airconditioning in dining hall."*

Nollamara Sports & Recreation Club

- "The people and social connections."*
- "Choice of entertainment - The Mustangs."*
- "Friendship by the bowlers, new synthetic green."*
- "Its friendliness, meeting new people."*
- "Need long term plans."*
- "Reduce liquor licensing restrictions for membership."*
- "Need street signage."*
- "Broaden the membership."*

Scarborough Sports & Community Hub

- "Food's good, not bad ambience, community feel, cheap, footy."*
- "Easy access, friendly, cheap membership and food and drinks."*
- "Alcohol, TAB, chatting to oldies."*
- "Need gym/exercise facilities."*
- "Upgrade ladies' toilets."*
- "All these venues need better food menus."*
- "Have sports groups/clubs for kids aged 10+."*
- "Pair with schools for extra curricular activities."*

North Beach Bowls Club

- "Welcoming, good social scene, well run, cheap dinner and drinks. Well maintained facilities."*
- "Homely. Casual. Bathrooms are old school and lovely. Cheap drinks. Good food. Friendly staff."*
- "There are activities to suit all bowling levels and other groups meeting there."*
- "Need shade i.e. covered green."*
- "Be more family friendly."*
- "Creche for kids."*
- "Not enough parking, teachers parking in bays."*



Local Bowls Clubs

Mount Lawley Bowling Club

"Stunning heritage building, pleasant surrounds, conducive to business and social meetings."

"Always been a fun night when friends have organised a catch up there."

"Beautiful art deco building, proximity to the Mount Lawley strip and free parking."

"Size of function area and parking."

"Social events do not promote sense of community. Great venue and bowls club, however it always feels like I'm a visitor."

Inglewood Bowling & Sports Club

"Have friends there, reasonably priced beverages, if there is a function they allow for BYO food."

"Facilities are good. Parking adequate."

"It's community based."

"Introduce cross-LG memberships."

"We want more pickleball courts"

Stirling Adriatic Centre

"Requires increase in membership to remain sustainable."

Note: These are some of the comments gathered via the survey and at the Bowlo Banter event.



Yokine Districts Bowling Club

"Friday night 'meal deal' buffet. Value for money and it's not a late night out. Location perfect right next to beautiful park. A relaxing atmosphere."

"Great location, the committee run it very well and offer a warm and welcoming environment to young and older folk."

"Great meals, car boot sales."

"Management plan - high priority to improve infrastructure that is aging."

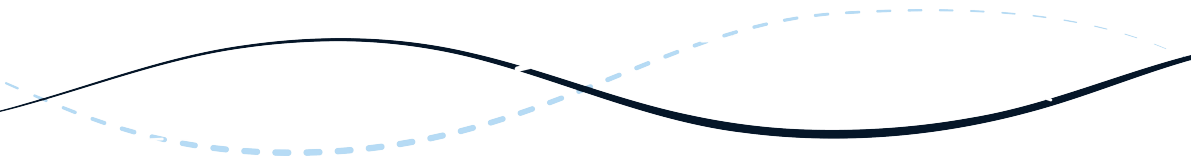
"Kosher food!"

"Include Yokine Bowls in the City's assets"



Pictured: Bowlo Banter, a night of community spirit held simultaneously at all 10 bowling clubs across the City, where participants could share priorities and ideas for their local club.

Appendices





Appendix A: Belonging Comments by Ward



This is a snapshot of the community's comments about belonging, by ward

Balga

"It's peaceful and a safe clean area to live in. Good neighbours and nice parks/reserves."
Nollamara resident, female, 55-64

"Shop locally, read City of Stirling newsletters, walk in the parks, use the libraries often, go to farmers market, concerts, cultural activities."
Nollamara resident, female, 65-74

"I connect with my street neighbours, I feel happy to traverse the streets with safety and take public transport. I love interacting with the public as they interact with me. I appreciate the customer service attendance and security officers."
Balga resident, male, 65-74

"Because we share everything in common for example shopping/swimming pool/park."
Balga resident, male, 35-44

"Website very good, advertises lots of community events."
Mirrabooka resident, male, 55-64

"Our community is disgusting, dirty, roads not coping and nowhere for many people to park, antisocial behaviour and I can't help but feel that City of Stirling are only focused on the higher socio economic suburbs."
Nollamara resident, female, 65-74

"No local cafes or craft groups which I love and it's how I socialise. No money goes into building our local shops which are disheveled and full of beggars and crime."
Westminster resident, female, 45-54

"I'm not engaged in activities in my local community, nor am I meeting people and making friends from my local areas."
Balga resident, female, 35-44

Coastal

"I visit the Stirling Leisure Centre at Scarborough five days a week for fitness classes, getting to know fellow seniors in my community."
Scarborough resident, female, 65-74

"I use the amenities, I know my local coffee shop owners, I know my neighbours, I attend local events. I love Scarbra :)"
Scarborough resident, male, 35-44

"Friendly, engaging neighbours. Long term resident."
North Beach resident, female, 55-64

"I know the people on my street, and the people that work in the local cafe. We have things in common like we are dog owners and enjoy the nearby beach and bush."
Watermans Bay resident, female, 35-44

"Involved through bowls and swimming, past links with schools and other sports clubs."
Trigg resident, male, 65-74

"I have lived in the City of Stirling my whole life. I love the closeness to the city and beach and lifestyle activities that are close by."
Karrinyup resident, female, 45-54

"Not enough events organised and don't feel like I know what is around me. Need to have friends and neighbours who engage."
North Beach resident, female, 35-44

"I am not involved with organisations within the City. I don't have school age children. I am not a sports person. I just live here, not belong."
Karrinyup resident, male, 75+

"I'm not from here."
Scarborough resident, male, 25-34



Appendix A: Belonging Comments by Ward

Doubleview

"Being part of the local school community and a local community group."

Doubleview resident, male, 45-54

"There's lots to do such as community programs and everyone is very kind."

Doubleview resident, male, under 18

"I have good neighbours and we look out for one another. Also enjoy bowling fairly nearby at Osborne Park."

Innaloo resident, female, 75+

"I read about local activities and attend some events. I walk and shop locally. I am pleased to be involved in the waterwise program."

Churchlands resident, female, 65-74

"Because we are integrated with the local sports clubs for kids."

Wembley Downs resident, male, 35-44

"Love socialising in the local area, love going down to the lake with my kids, talk to other people. Nice friendly feel."

Woodlands resident, female, 35-44

"Always worked outside the local community. Don't belong to any community groups or sports clubs."

Innaloo resident, female, 65-74

"Because the place is looking increasingly dreadful - with dumped shopping trolleys and household goods left on verges (but never collected), plus the very dubious looking people wandering the streets."

Doubleview resident, female, 55-64

"I would like to make friends in my area but don't feel like there is a gathering place for people in my age range. Too young for the bowls club, not fit enough for most sports."

Innaloo resident, female, 35-44

Hamersley

"I read your newsletters so I am aware what is happening. I follow your Facebook page for the same reason."

Hamersley resident, female, 65-74

"We do most of our living and recreation in the suburb where we live."

Gwelup resident, male, 75+

"School connection, sport club connection, neighbours."

Carine resident, female, 45-54

"It provides me with my local shopping at several small centres as well as some larger ones. It has plenty of sporting clubs for both young and elderly, which assists myself in keeping fit and healthy."

Balcatta resident, male, 75+

"I volunteer for the City of Stirling, Osborne Community Hub and also join in City activities. I walk my dog in the local parks and meet others."

Balcatta resident, female, 75+

"Volunteer friends group, street parties, worked locally, children raised here, grew up not far away."

Karrinyup resident, female, 65-74

"I am a member of North Beach Lions and North Beach Bowling club and also follow local groups on Facebook."

Carine resident, female, 65-74

"Lack of regular events that interest me, so less chances to meet others."

Balcatta resident, male, 35-44

"There's no street lights at night, it's pitch black walking along streets, I feel like I'm in danger."

Balcatta resident, female, 18-24

"I don't do any of the activities."

Hamersley resident, female, 25-34



Appendix A: Belonging Comments by Ward

Inglewood

"Mahjong, canasta groups at Dianella library, Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre four times a week."

Dianella resident, female, 65-74

"Sense of community at street/neighbourhood level. Have got to know people and places through support for local business."

Inglewood resident, male, 35-44

"We enjoy local facilities like parks, playgrounds, and other amenities."

Dianella resident, female, 35-44

"Strong arts community and Beaufort Street fosters social interaction."

Inglewood resident, male, 65-74

"I use the local sports ground with other locals."

Dianella resident, female, 65-74

"I have lived in area a long time, and both my children attended primary and high school here."

Inglewood resident, male, 55-64

"Not enough events nearby. Parks are in bad shape so we travel for better parks and local community feels disconnected."

Dianella resident, male, 25-34

"Good for seniors but not enough to do for young people."

Inglewood resident, female, 18-24

"There is no central Dianella group of shops, cafe strip, or pub that acts as a meeting place for the community. All community spaces are disjointed."

Dianella resident, female, 35-44

"Not very aware of happenings in the local community."

Dianella resident, male, 35-44

"Little community engagement."

Dianella resident, male, 65-74

Lawley

"A very safe, respectful, friendly and welcoming community often connected by visiting the local park."

Mount Lawley resident, female, 55-64

"Friendly neighbours and my local bowls is a friendly place to visit."

Yokine resident, male, 55-64

"I am involved in a lot of sporting clubs like bowls club, baseball club and football."

Dianella resident, male, 65-74

"I participate in art, community, and exercise activities. Beaufort Street cafe staff recognise me and say hi."

Mount Lawley resident, female, 45-54

"Neighbours, friends living close by, parks and walking the Yokine reserve."

Coolbinia resident, female, 65-74

"We like to visit local areas like parks and libraries and the pool in our local area."

Yokine resident, female, 35-44

"I have lived in the area for 64 years and have been involved with local sporting groups, also on their committees."

Nollamara resident, female, 55-64

"I did not grow up in the area or have my children attend school here. We need more small community centres suitable for aerobics or yoga etc."

Yokine resident, female, 65-74

"High level of turnover of residents. Many older people I knew died or moved away and the new people do not connect or seem to care."

Yokine resident, female, 55-65

"From overseas."

Mount Lawley resident, male, 25-34



Appendix A: Belonging Comments by Ward

Osborne

"I know and help the people on my street, we are involved in the local school and we are regular users of our local library."

Osborne Park resident, female, 35-44

"Stirling Farmers Markets down the road. Two parks within 10 min walking distance and multiple retail and food offerings within five min walking distance."

Stirling resident, male, 25-34

"I enjoy the parks, cafe/shopping centres, library that CoS has to offer."

Joondanna resident, female, 45-54

"We have lived here for 40 years. We are known by name to local shopkeepers and neighbours."

Tuart Hill resident, female, 65-74

"I feel safe, my neighbours and people around me in the community are all good and decent people. We all have something different about us which we share as a our common bond."

Glendalough resident, female, 35-44

"Council is trying to develop and maintain facilities continuously."

Wembley resident, male, 35-44

"I socialise easily with people while walking the dogs."

Balcatta resident, female, 18-24

"I have attended Prime Movers and Crafternoons at the Osborne Park Community Hub."

Osborne Park resident, female, 75+

"I was living with drug dealers behind me for seven years, and the Council did nothing to help, brushing it off."

Joondanna resident, female, 45-54

"Stirling doesn't have a bus to take us out. Not interested in going out alone."

Stirling resident, female, 65-74



Appendix B: Belonging Board

Residents shared their ideas on the Belonging Board during community engagement at markets across the City.

We're embarking on a journey to get to the heart of what it means to belong in the City of Stirling.

City of Stirling
What does it mean to belong?

Share your ideas here.

Singing in choir
music concerts
attending church
Mirabooka Market time can extend longer
Connecting with young families
Sharing ideas, food, culture
Stirling Seniors classes are amazing - and very social
More quiet libraries
Enjoying coming to the Stirling Markets (from front of the river) thing
Dog Parks and shared spaces
Art and Culture Workshops
Home Care Because it is space
Nepal Dad Mocco
Social groups for people with young dementia
A mens exercise group
Leop club is great!! THANKS
Film event outdoor
Reconciliation week
Mountain Biking areas for kids
Football areas
More Senior Clubs with more variety of activities to do + Revamp
Remove the speedbumps!
To have a community lounge area + Piazza
Outdoor eating at Main Street Restaurants
Involves Bowls Club
Local Football Club
Dog park
Stirling
Stirling night
Bingo
Stirling night
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Stirling night
Bingo

Car Parking
Starks
Karingup
Very big
Dad's group - to improve + normalise mental health - go for coffee + hang out.
Dog Walking
Having a Chat.
Book Club
Outdoor Gyms
Meeting and talking to other mums at the playground
Special events to celebrate cultural holidays. eg. Diwali, Lunar New Year, etc.
Shade for outdoor swimming pools
Public Toilets at Stirling Market!
Yes!!

We're embarking on a journey to get to the heart of what it means to belong in the City of Stirling.

City of Stirling
What does it mean to belong?

Share your ideas here.

Best Lawns & Reserve in Perth!!!
Senior Fitness
More Cultural Events
More Tennis Courts
Being involved in the community
Kids long distance club
Jean Square
A Beach-festival with food and drink and fun!
More International Women's Day Events/Engagement
Yellow & the cafe
Having a friend by community
More dog shelters
Padel Tennis Courts
If Heaven exists we live in it!
Basketball
Awesome
I love my friends
Bindi (my dog) makes me happy everyone get a dog
Home
To take your shoes off and put your feet in the sand
UBUNTU NO MATTER WHERE
Love
Security Presence from Stirling Patrol
More Markets
Open/Community Coffee shops
Stand the park in the park
Everyone is safe
Surfing 4 life - At
Mums
Pick-up
Surfing 4 life - At
Awesome
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Love how the Tennis Courts are accessible free open lighted
Kids sprinting club
Trampoline park
Tan lines and good times
More tennis courts
Being involved in the community
Kids long distance club
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+ Events ✓
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 trampoline park
 Tanlines and good times
 netball
 Strips
 Tilda
 more tennis courts
 Being involved in the community
 Robinson Reserve
 Taking our dog for walks in the morning
 hi
 My dog's love
 LOVE
 Security Presence from Stirling Patrol
 more markets
 Padel Tennis Courts
 more dog shelters
 If Heaven exists we live in it!
 Luv Trigg
 basketball
 billy rates

more Cultural Events
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 Kit
 Get to Know Neighbours Events
 Kids long distance running club
 mango's
 Town Square
 • Mens Shed
 • Cops
 • Womens Workshops
 • Community garden
 Robinson Reserve
 OP shop in each suburb that puts money back into community
 food trucks
 More International Day Events/Engage
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 Love
 beach
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