# **EXPLORING SAFETY IN CASEY**

# WHAT OUR RESIDENTS TOLD US



### **PARTICIPANTS:**

We heard from over **1,929** people about safety in Casey:



#### Representative survey:

1,462

people from a randomly selected subset of 10,000 Casey households completed a survey. Participants represent the ages, genders, diversity and locations of people in Casey



#### General access survey:

266

additional people (not-representative) completed the survey



#### Community pop-up:

201

people chatted with us at our community pop-ups

#### **SAFETY:**

Mostly people feel safe in Casey, the representative survey showed:



Very safe



Safe



Neither safe or unsafe



Unsafe



Very unsafe



A higher proportion of community pop-up participants reported feeling very safe (32%) or safe (42%).



A higher proportion of general access survey participants said they felt unsafe (45%).

# **SAFETY EXPERIENCES IN CASEY**



of the representative survey experienced crime in the last 12 months.

# **TOP 5 PERCEIVED SAFETY ISSUES:**

#### Representative Survey:



58%

Hoons



39%

Drug use



Poorly lit parks at night



37%

Theft from motor vehicles



Things being stolen from homes

#### **Community pop-ups:**



Roads and parking (including hoons)



Vandalism, theft and property damage



Currently feel safe



Lighting



Public spaces

## **FELT UNSAFE:**



of the representative survey respondents said they feel unsafe in Casey. This is consistent with pop-up participants.

#### **Representative Survey:**



21%

Shopping centre and **CCTV** 



**20**%

Open space



**17%** 

Footpath



16%

At home



**14%** 

In your street



10%

Playground



10%

Public transport



30% Pop-up participants strongly indicated night-time as where they feel least safe.

#### **FEELING SAFE IN CASEY:**

#### **Representative Survey:**



**60**%

Neighbours that look after each other



**59**%

Neighbours that I can trust



**40**%

Police presence



38%

Well-lit public areas



24%

Embracing diversity



Community pop-up results show similar findings.

# **COUNCIL'S ROLE:**



of representative survey participants believe that Council should address Community Safety.

Community pop-up participants suggested that Council should focus on:



**27**%

Increase security, police presence and CCTV



**17**%

Improve roads and footpaths



**15%** 

Increase community connection and events



14%

Increase lighting



#### 11%

Clean/ improve public spaces



## 9%

Provide safety education



#### 8%

Create safe spaces for LGBTIQA+ \*

 $\mbox{\sc ^*}\mbox{\sc one}$  pop-up was held at the Casey Rainbow Picnic with our LGBTIQA+ community and allies.

# **NEXT STEPS:**



Utilise findings to influence Safer Communities Strategic Services Plan



Share these findings with community groups and the general public



Co-design and develop community safety initiatives in partnership with the community and our existing groups



Link insights and findings to the Council Plan and the five Domain Strategies