

# 2163 In Focus

We've been finding out about the strengths, challenges, hopes and aspirations of the 2163 Postcode Community who live in Villawood and Carramar.  
This is our journey so far.

## HOW WE'LL WORK TOGETHER

We have a vision 

We want to have fun together

We work together

We are strong together

We support each other

We want a safe and happy community

We value difference in our community

We want to get to know each other

We want spaces everyone can get to and use



And we will have a regular gathering to continue to discuss and work together



## WHAT WE DID



We came together to share ideas and decided to work collaboratively and outwardly



We formed a Reference Group to guide the research



We put together Community Profile using public information about the 2163 postcode

## WHAT WE HEARD



We went out into the community and asked 200 people about living in the area

In our conversations we heard what people liked:



- Quiet and peaceful
- Friendly neighbours
- Shops/shopkeepers



We came together at a forum to talk more about the themes that came out of our discussions

And what they didn't like:



- Thefts, break-ins and drugs
- The train station not having a lift
- There's nothing to do

## WHAT WE'LL WORK ON



We talked about what we need to work on and what we could do together next

We talked about the themes that needed action

1. Crime and safety
2. Drugs
3. Parks and public spaces
4. Activities for various age groups
5. Bringing us together



## CRIME AND SAFETY

- Establish a Neighbourhood Watch Group
- Petition to increase safety (such as CCTV and lighting) in parks and stations
- Education regarding crime reporting and crime reduction, for parents and for children in schools



## DRUGS

- Activation of a youth space with local workers to work with young people in the area
- Education to support young people to make good choices about drugs
- More lighting in public places to prevent dealing and using
- More case workers and social workers to support people using drugs



## PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

- Lobby for lifts at train stations
- Improve footpaths
- Improve our local parks – participate in designing new parks; lobby for changes to amenities in existing parks; and activities in parks such as exercise classes with creche



## ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Set up a Before and After School Care service
- Keep the conversation going! We will set up a quarterly BBQ to hear from each other about events/programs, what services are doing in the area and how to access services.
- Set up a portal with relevant information about events and things happening - "What's on in 2163"
- Use abandoned buildings in our area for community led centres, providing necessary services and building community connections and sense of achievement.



## BRINGING US TOGETHER

- Hold regular community events/festivals celebrating different cultures for families helping the community to come together, have fun and bring awareness of other cultures
- Tutoring for kids and workshops for parents
- Help older citizens to meet up, including exercise sessions or workshops



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