



# National Pilot Outcomes and Findings

Join the 1000 Play Streets movement today to reclaim our quiet residential streets, for neighbours of all ages, to connect and play.

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During the pilot period (September 2019–April 2021) Play Australia, Local Governments, Community Partners and Residents tested a total of:

**23**  
Play Streets



**15**  
Locations



Supported by  
**6** LOCAL GOVS



Across **4** States



Involving  
**458**  
Children



Made possible by  
**37**  
Play Streets Hosts

**308**  
Adults



# This is what we found\*

## PLAY OUTCOMES

As a result of being involved with a Play Street:

**100%** of surveyed participants with children reported they are now more likely to support their child/ren to play outside with other neighbours more regularly.

**86%** of surveyed participants with children reported they are now more likely support their child/ren to play on the streets more regularly

**38%** of those surveyed with children and **50% of those without children** have strengthened their belief that children should be able to play regularly on quiet residential streets.

## WELLBEING OUTCOMES

As a result of being involved in a Play Street:

**90%** of adults surveyed reported feeling more confident to talk to their neighbours in future.

**83%** of surveyed participants reported having fun

**33%** of surveyed participants reported mental health benefits

**11%** of surveyed participants reported improved general confidence.

**84%** of people surveyed felt a strong sense of connection with the people who they spent time with on the street.

## Top 3 findings

- 1 Play Streets builds play and physical activity in communities**, providing an immediate opportunity for movement outdoors PLUS develops the connection and confidence amongst people, which is required to organise more play gatherings – both informal and formal.
- 2 Play Streets connects people**, acting as a catalyst for neighbours to engage in more informal conversations post-Play Street. This increase in social cohesion has helped improve perceptions of safety amongst neighbours; provided a social support network for parents and older adults; and has reduced social isolation within communities.
- 3 Growing the Play Street movement starts with valuing people within Local Government, community organisations and most importantly, communities.** People connecting and collaborating meaningfully together (at all levels) is the most effective strategy to identify opportunities, create shared values and overcome challenges.

\*Findings from 25 attendee survey responses; 40 interviews with Play Street supporters; and observations at Play Streets.



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