

# ENGAGEMENT REPORT



## Engagement Overview

The Shire of Dowerin's major review of its integrated planning framework was conducted during October 2020. The purpose was to gain as much community input as possible to update and renew the Strategic Community Plan which summarises the communities aspirations and priorities over the next 10 years and then the Shire's Corporate Business Plan which details the services, programs and projects to be delivered over the next 4 years to deliver these priorities.

This report provides a detailed summary of engagement activities undertaken, suggested local community priorities for the Strategic Community Plan based on community input along with emerging issues and analysis of the Community Survey completed by 70 residents. Below is a summary of the engagement activities and surveys received during the engagement period which form the basis for this report.

## Engagement Reach

Engagement Activity	Date	Venue	Attendees
Youth Engagement Series	June-July 2021	Council Chambers	72
Community Coffee Chat	20 Oct 2020	Dowerin Community Club	7
Business Chatter	20 Oct 2020	Dowerin Community Club	10
Committee Graze and Greet	21 Oct 2020	Dowerin Community Club	5
Elected Member Forum	21 Oct 2020	Shire Office	9
Community Pie and Pint	21 Oct 2020	Dowerin Community Club	5
Shire Staff Brekky Huddle	22 Oct 2020		25
Community Survey	12-29 Oct 2020	On-line	14
Community Survey	12-29 Oct 2020	Hard Copy	56
<b>Total Reach</b>			<b>243</b>

A Survey Monkey report is included at the back of this document which provides details and analysis of all Community Surveys received. This report indicates a high level of satisfaction with Shire facilities and services and identifies a number of ideas for continual improvement.

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## Strategic Priorities

Community members were asked to rank the following strategic priorities in order of importance to them with the resulting order being.

Strategy	High Priority	Medium Priority
Promotion of Dowerin	54%	29%
Tourism Development	52%	36%
Safety and security	48%	39%
Access to health services	46%	40%
Economic development	43%	52%
Development of the Town Centre	43%	42%
Bush fire prevention and control	41%	37%
Services and facilities for youth	41%	37%
Facilities, services and care available for seniors	36%	46%
Access to services & facilities for people with disabilities	28%	36%
Festivals, events, arts and cultural activities	26%	43%
Conservation and environmental management	23%	48%

## What the Community Said

The following provides a summary of the key issues raised by community members at the various engagement forums.

- The pride that local people and in particular long-term residents have in the town, the region and the Dowerin Field Days
- The wide variety of sporting activities available and the potential for volunteer burnout with the pool of volunteers shrinking
- The shrinking population and the potential impact this could have on community facilities and services with a number of businesses in town facing closure
- The lack of suitable rental accommodation to attract workers to the town
- The importance of volunteering described by locals as part of the Dowerin DNA
- The importance of attracting community minded people, targeted skills and boutique business to the town and the region
- The importance of meeting places for residents such as the local shops, sporting clubs and the community club
- The importance of and potential for local tourism with COVID-19 resulting in a significant increase in visitors to the town
- The importance of agriculture and rural services and the need to improve signage and rural gravel roads to support them

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Community Priorities by Theme		We know we are succeeding when
<b>Community</b>		
Deliver programs and services that meets the needs of local residents, and bring people together		People from all walks of life and backgrounds feel supported and motivated to contribute
Support and maintain facilities that connect people, and promote an active and healthy community		Community surveys indicate high satisfaction with the facilities provided by the Shire
Encourage and support volunteers and community groups to grow an active volunteer base		Volunteering and participation in community groups increases
Boost and continue to support the Dowerin District High School students in youth projects, workshops, funding opportunities and promote student leadership		Engaging with the DDHS student leadership group and undertaking regular discussions with the school
<b>Economy</b>		
Work with the local business association and other stakeholders to attract investment; create jobs and support small business growth		There is an increase in business activity and employment within the Shire
Encourage, promote, and deliver activities and events that promote the Shire and the region		The Shire regularly hosts activities and events which attract visitors and positive feedback
Work with regional partners to advocate for improved services, energy reliability and telecommunications coverage		There are fewer power disruptions and increased access to high speed communications
<b>Environment (Built and Natural)</b>		
Deliver sustainable long-term planning for infrastructure and the built environment that meets the needs of the community		Maintenance and renewal of assets is environmentally and financially sustainable
Design, construct and maintain infrastructure in a manner that maximise its life, capacity, and function		Shire facilities and assets continue to function effectively as they age
Deliver a sustainable and progressive approach to natural resource and waste management		The natural environment and waste facilities are managed and maintained sustainably

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## Governance and Leadership

Work with groups from across the community to address their concerns and the opportunities they identified

Residents and community groups believe they are being listened to and fairly treated

Provide informed and transparent decision making that, meets our legal obligations, and are adequately explained to community

The Shire is viewed as a Local Government that does what it says it will do

Implement systems and processes that meet our legal and audit obligations and the needs of the community

External audits and reviews confirm compliance with relevant Local Government legislation

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## IPR COFFEE & CHAT

Attendance - 7

### WHAT PARTICIPANTS LOVE ABOUT DOWERIN

- Dowerin is the best place in the world to live
- Peaceful, friendly people around, access to most things we need
- Lucky to live here, born here and no desire to go anywhere else, everyone looks out for everyone else. If you aren't somewhere people come looking for you. HACC ladies checking up on community members, everything I need is here
- Services available, DDHS, sporting opportunities available
- Dowerin centre of the universe. Access to facilities, close enough to all services, volunteerism, nearer in time for any services than if you were in the city, people keep an eye on you and have your back. Fortunate town, 1965 field days the history supporting the current lifestyle
- Community spirit, sporting facilities, able to come into town no matter how much time and catchup with friends, comfortable place to live
- Lovely place to retire from the city
- Relaxed atmosphere and friendly people

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Lack of volunteers, community members are expecting more but giving less
- Lost DNA of the history of Dowerin
- Expressed as a possible drug culture creeping in as time goes on
- Not too many historical people around with that same enthusiasm as in the past
- Keeping everyone happy, people want everything for nothing
- Population drop has been consistent
- Community expressed annoyance from lack of pride for Shire owned equipment
- Children going away to school not returning after completion of schooling. Employment for young not available to retain them and keep them in town.
- Concerns as JK shut their doors, NAB reduce hours, businesses are not employing
- COVID has given people the ability to be at home and to rediscover what they can do from home, people have learnt what they can do and how they can do it - Dowerin has the connectivity to bring other businesses in and operate from home and provide services to Perth and to the Wheatbelt
- Families feel safe in Dowerin as someone is always watching out for their children
- The Bakery on a Saturday morning is the hub of the town for discussion and watch the world go by
- Improved housing to be made available to bring people to town
- Concern that cheap housing infrastructure may attract the wrong types of people to the community
- Lack of industrial resources and land for development
- Shortage of rentals to attract family and employers
- Cost of building a new house is so much higher than Perth due to the supplier availability

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- Dowerin was recognised for its good school. The school has the highest student numbers at present than in a long time
- Community members are interested in ways to promote the town, how to bring new people and families to town
- Expressed the website for Dowerin Shire is the first place of information for people who may be interested in moving to Dowerin. Social media is also being used to encourage people to move to Dowerin and keeping people informed and up to date
- Dowerin has a unique culture which the Dowerin community believe should be looked after
- Look into ways in which the community can capture and encourage the historical DNA of Dowerin
- The community to identify the glue that keeps the community together and work on these ie arts, sports et
- Promote Dowerin for its good qualities such as excellence in education
- Future businesses may consider Dowerin as a valued area because of the school and commitment of the community
- Community expressed fear that the town may lose people due to the negativity and lack of businesses and opportunities in the main street
- Housing raised as an issue for bringing new people to the community
- Community suggest encouraging talking to tourists and ask them questions on Dowerin and offer suggestions
- Promote tourists to make Dowerin their central location to explore the Wheatbelt and surrounds
- Residents to be made available to take tourists for tours of the local area
- Wyalkatchem local who is highly informative of the area, could be an option to be a spokesman for tours or information on the Wheatbelt. Lots of tourists are beginning to look at the history and investigate the local area
- History of Dowerin is being lost as time goes on
- Suggestion for country areas to be a potential location for obnoxious industry ie burying tires, salvage at a later stage
- CBH old wheat bin offers massive potential for activities, businesses, go cart track, encourage businesses use the bin to assembly machinery
- Use the assets which we own, develop these assets and ensure it can be used into the future
- Minnivale trains project fell over, resulting in so much money spent and gone nowhere
- Monday to Friday boarding facility for students of other towns within the area, something available for the school to investigate. Bring outside students to DDHS
- Vacant land such as the old bowling club can be used and turned into a facility for students
- Promote the school development, great staff, facilities, volunteers, strong investments, proactive and encouraging P&C, supportive school tracking development
- Shire to make housing available for teaching staff, enhance the Shire and school relationship
- Decisions to send children away, historical students being sent away and are behind in schooling, DDHS on par with Perth learning
- Further discussions for years 11/12 to be made available for the Dowerin community
- Super towns have resulted in shortage of other towns within proximity

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- Local businesses and residents are not shopping local or supporting one another's businesses
- Community expressed everything is available in Dowerin, residents need to use what we have
- Families are struggling to shop in Dowerin due to increased prices
- Couples aren't buying what they used to due to less consumption and use of freezers etc
- False spending, residents claiming to spend less when shopping out of town but do not factor in fuel, coffee, lunch etc on top
- Small rural shops do not have access to discount prices as larger supermarket chains do
- Community expressed concern with no baker in town resulting in shortage of bread availability
- Changes which are detrimental such as housing - Shire to provide housing options and residents purchase via a bond payment to purchase houses from the Shire. Existing Act is restrictive to the changes
- Dowerin offers a safe, secure environment for families
- Establish working groups, joint input into promoting the community. Shire to play a role in facilitating, community word of mouth promotes the town and the local area
- A working group to develop a strategy for promotion. Social media, TV ads, website development, tourism marketing
- Leverage the skill set we have within the community to promote the community
- Enthusiasm of a group with a common goal
- Talk to groups who visit the town and get feedback and have discussions about Dowerin, positive & negative
- As a community we need to identify the gaps within our industries in Dowerin and work on ways in which we can attract those people
- Create a plan to bring someone for work available, housing, support services, infrastructure
- Farmers guilty of not employing local people, easier to employ a backpacker then local young worker
- Community to rethink ways to operate, change in ways of the world for a positive future for Dowerin

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## IPR COUNCIL FORUM

Attendance - 9

### WHY DID YOU BECOME A COUNCILLOR?

- Passionate
- Previous experience in local government
- Knows how it operates and experiencing the changes
- Always been involved in community
- Do things to benefit the community
- Make the town a better place to live
- Place plans to improve the community
- To give back to the community or what they have given me
- Local businesses support received and wanting to give back
- The town and Main Street as the passion
- Moved from city to country and Council was a positive step to be involved and make a change
- A lot to say and an option to be heard
- 'Step up or shut up'
- Contribute to the community
- Do something about it instead of whinging
- A lot of changes we can make from a community level
- Began as complaints - one way to help and make a difference

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Ongoing improvements to roads
- Small business promotion and lack of attracting new business
- Lack of funds available to make all the changes we wish
- Lack of population to support the community
- Business owners don't have the drive to strive or succeed
- Business owners don't have the enjoyment of owning a business and being a face of and for the community
- Resources lack - Government to encourage regional development
- Medical focus for Dowerin
- Ageing community and not keeping up with the change
- Solar energy could be used for the large areas of land which are not utilised
- Utilising waste land to produce energy, make use of assets within the Shire
- Coordinated thinking of salinity and salt production
- Department of Agriculture gap since Department is no longer active

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## MEET & GREET - COMMITTEES AM

Attendance - 5

### WHAT PARTICIPANTS LOVE ABOUT DOWERIN

- Love the town and grew up in similar town
- Love the Dowerin Community Club & socialising aspects of the community
- Played sport for Dowerin whist growing up in nearby town
- 97 kids playing basketball, strong involvement for the children
- Sports are keeping the kids involved & active. Makes the kids a part of the community
- Lived in Dowerin their entire life
- Born and breed in Dowerin and believe no other way to live their life
- Kids school in Dowerin - great development and stepping-stone for education
- Increased activity on the Main Street with Rosey and Field Days office

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Bowling Club would seek help towards re surfacing in the future
- Bowling Club would like shades over entire area – a dream but would be great for the sport
- Some residents are happy with Dowerin and do not believe any changes need to be made to improve
- Dowerin sporting facilities are brilliant, thanks to Field Days for their contribution
- One bonus for the sporting club is no fundraising due to volunteering through the Field Days injects funds back to the clubs
- Dowerin Netball Club have two divisions for netball Northam and Mortlock development for juniors
- Netball Club would like to see more people engaged in the clubs and enhanced involvement
- Many sporting clubs unable to fill roles/positions within clubs due to exhausted volunteers
- Many clubs have the same people every year volunteering
- Sporting clubs have a lack of members
- Field Days are great, but wreaking the courts for netball - holes, scratches as a result of using the facilities
- COVID has had an effect on the children's fitness and activity with the Shire
- Sporting clubs possibly folding as a result of no volunteers to take positions on the club committees
- The above is resulting in people taking on roles for the lack of not seeing clubs fold
- Suggestion to have summer and winter committees to cover all clubs and be a paid position
- Netball Club to become more collective and not separated. Northam ladies not involved in Mortlock evening function even though all a part of the netball club
- Historically would be massive involvement
- There are sometimes so many things happening in Dowerin and people can only do so much

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- The lack of shops in Dowerin and availability will drive people to not shop local
- People complain about the problems but no engagement to be part of the solution
- New expectations from sporting clubs' governance bodies making committee jobs more difficult
- Cost and time is increasing for volunteering and to provide a service
- Fees and requirements of sporting clubs are increasing but services remain the same
- Fees for child sports results in stress on the family due to low income
- Red tape making fundraising more difficult and turning volunteers away who would be willing to help
- The people which don't get involved are the ones who winge
- The buildings within the Dowerin townsite need to be developed and the money needs to be there to warrant the need
- The development of technology has changed much faster than many people are aware
- Community members mentioned that venting in the sporting sheds needs to be installed
- Residents would like to see the Police to get out into the community more and to introduce themselves to the community groups, members of the public believe the Police getting to know the community may assist them
- Suggestion for the Op Shop to be relocated possibly into JK Williams building
- Source a way which encourages the older generations to get involved in the community
- Mentions of the old bowling club is in disrepair and the Shire to start discussing the future of the area for development
- The Dowerin town to use the town facilities to their full ability
- Expressed concern that all shops along Stewart Street are either for sale or closing
- Community members expressed their concern that everyone is travelling for employment
- Travelling for employment is placing more stress on people, making people additionally time poor than they already are
- The importance of tourism promotion for the Dowerin town and businesses
- Community members are happy that Rosey is helping visitors stop in town
- COVID has provided people who would never have normally taken the time to visit with the opportunity to get out and explore towns such as Dowerin
- The community have asked, how do we as a community and the Shire encourage people to keep coming to Dowerin post COVID
- The community to work collectively together to push the promotion of town
- Tourists are now stopping in Dowerin instead of waiting to get to a bigger town
- The Dowerin Short Stay Accommodation is providing accommodation for tourists to keep them in town for longer
- The community explained that people who work out of town results in them spending money and staying out of town for longer
- Dowerin needs a reason for people to want to come to town and want to spend money to keep them staying and for visitors returning
- Source a way to bring and attract more jobs in Dowerin

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- The future image of the main street to be re-thought, the suggestion to create the street into a boutique 'niche' for local and surrounding businesses
- Community would love a development of kid's playground, either existing or new
- Concerns were raised due to no facilities at the playground in Centenary Park
- Families would like to see a re-created vibe for the playground
- The community can pull together when it needs too, it has been done in the past
- Available community funding needs to be used wisely within the community
- Residents and tourists are encouraged to keep the conversation going in the community for development, promotion and the future
- Mentioned that the gardens around the Shire are looking great
- More displays in the street will encourage people to stop
- Suggestion to re-purpose the JK building to a Field Day museum or niche businesses on show
- The community believe there is a lack of knowledge on what the Shire can and cannot do
- Residents would like an awareness campaign on what the Shire can do for the community
- Residents expressed that the Shire needs to engage directly with people, not indirectly ie Surveys, online, emails etc
- Suggestion for the Shire to offer development and training to clubs and committee members on their roles within the committees
- Community groups would like to highlight the important of governance within sporting clubs, and potential funding opportunities for governance training on the structure and committee members roles
- Clubs expressed that the training will provide confidence in the committee to be enhanced

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## GRAZE & GREET - COMMITTEES PM

Attendance- 10

### WHAT PARTICIPANTS LOVE ABOUT DOWERIN

- Dowerin is a great community
- The Dowerin Field Day brings the community together
- The town and its people are community minded
- Dowerin has been their hometown
- Dowerin has good schooling and the residents enjoy the community
- The people of Dowerin look after the old population within the community
- Dowerin is a lovely place to live
- Community members said why would you want to live anywhere else?
- The community is safe for elderly people
- Residents retired to Dowerin from the city
- Dowerin has lots of open space, is quiet and a peaceful place to live
- Dowerin is a good town to live in with lovely people
- Resident's grandfather was a pioneer from Dowerin, and they wished to return home
- The Dowerin Companion Club looks out for elderly people within the community
- The informal coffee catch-up every Saturday is a great way to feel part of the community

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Some community members are happy in Dowerin and believe there is nothing wrong with Dowerin to report
- Residents would love a 25m heated swimming pool
- Suggestion of a new Shire bus to be purchased and discuss the possibility of a 12 or 20 seater
- If a new bus was to be purchased, the importance of disability access
- The community would like to be informed on what the Shire can do
- The Shire to undertake regular maintenance checks and to keep on top of weeding
- Community groups would like further clarification with MOU agreements. The further clarification to include; service delivery of gardening and building maintenances standards, roles and responsibilities
- Hockey field maintenance, good surface enhancing enjoyment for play
- Focus on the assets we have and ensure they are in a presentable and usable state (sporting fields)
- Interest for the Community Club to hold a meeting with the sports committees, along with a Shire representative at the beginning of each season
- Community expressed sadness in hearing places closing
- Community suggested for the Shire to take over JK building
- The community believes everyone needs the hardware store and to have the ability to shop locally for items they need
- Community members advised that residents need to use businesses to have them stay open
- Suggestion for local businesses to pull together and undertake buy local campaigns

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- The Dowerin business have got to want to strive to be better for themselves and the community
- Residents are concerned about people going out of town for their shopping
- How do we reach out to those groups in order to attract tourists?
- Dowerin needs to have the attitude that “if we haven’t got it, we will get it for you”
- Concerns that the internet is replacing the face to face retail business
- Residents expressed the shortage of housing availability in Dowerin
- Priorities housing vs roads and roads are the main priority for Dowerin at the moment
- Advocacy role for the Shire for housing development
- How you market the housing that is available
- Development of a spec home and build more as they sell
- Possible Field Days funding for community housing
- Shortage of rentals available in the community
- Independent housing which was built is too small and not suitable for elderly or disabled people
- The community suggested identifying the industry gaps in Dowerin
- Local businesses cannot get employees due to housing shortage (short term or rentals)
- Dowerin to attract FIFO families as it is not too far from the airport
- Use Field Days better, the community is not using facilities to their maximum outside of Field Days
- The Dowerin community to capitalise on the Field Days through social media
- The community hopes the new Field Days Board will see changes ready to happen for 2021
- Field Days and Committees are seeing volunteer burn out due to the lack of support
- Dowerin’s population shortage reflects the changes in society
- Committees and Clubs to make sure of voluntary grants which become available
- The community to make jobs available for students once they finish school
- Farms are growing and not retaining as many families resulting in families moving from Dowerin
- Shire to maintain a weed control program, advising on the schedule so residents are aware
- Residents expressed concern that termites are a growing problem in Australia
- Requests for the Shire to review street trees and address those which need to be treated for termites
- Community members expressed the need for medical services to be made available in Dowerin
- Request for first aider or nurse to be made available for emergencies (stitches etc)
- Community to explore availability of the doctor from Wyalkatchem may be interested in attending Dowerin
- Community members advised rate payers required to cover the cost of a doctor
- If a new business/medical services is in Dowerin, the business needs to be used as previous medical services were not utilised
- The Goomalling hospital is under-utilised by Dowerin residents

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- Community would like enhanced communication on the available services from Goomalling Hospital and Medical Centre
- Goomalling nurse advised dressing clinic Monday Wednesday Friday 2-3pm Goomalling Hospital
- Two benches which were previously installed along Memorial Ave & Goldfields Roads were removed due to concrete being laid and not returned
- An additional bench removed along Goldfields Road near the intersection of Hilda Street has not been replaced
- Community expressed the need for a nature playground - encourage at schooling level (Wongan) around the skatepark
- Youth engagement identified a skatepark enhancement would be valuable for the community

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## IPR PIE & PINT

Attendance - 6

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Community expressed that farming is affecting more on the community than realised
- Dowerin has a positive community spirit
- Most groups, committees and clubs are struggling for volunteers
- The downfall of volunteers is affecting the community in the future
- Members of the community love driving into Dowerin and seeing the view
- Dowerin has a loving community
- The Dowerin community is open and accepting of new people to the town
- Many businesses and individuals have a lack of knowledge on how to improve the town
- Training suggested to be made available on how to improve the town for business and community
- The younger generation not stepping up within the community or are community minded
- Historically there were more opportunities to seek a job or apprenticeship
- The local businesses to create jobs in order to attract and retain people to live in Dowerin
- The ageing population of Dowerin are supporting the town due to lack ability to travel
- Stewart Street is dying and not encouraging people to want to conduct business along the street
- The community need to think what can encourage the economy and support the local businesses
- Dowerin to leverage on the current state of travel restrictions to promote tourism
- Local businesses are not attracting the tourist clientele and relying on locals
- Dowerin needs to have the attitude that people want something, and what can we do for them
- Local sporting clubs are struggling for volunteers
- The Dowerin farmers are not stepping away for a break on weekends to help local sporting clubs
- Dowerin struggles for consistency on committees along with roles across the Shire
- The local farmers are required to train a new staff member every two years, unable to retain staff
- Farmers have expressed that when they do employ workers, there is no housing available
- Dowerin businesses to adapt to the changes in technology to encourage and promote business growth in the changing times
- The ongoing lack of volunteers is resulting in self-preservation
- The Dowerin community to look forward to the changes ahead
- Mothers are no longer stay at home on the farm, they are volunteering, working full time, looking after children, or running businesses
- The mothers are time poor and over worked in volunteering roles
- The Dowerin community believes members of the community have an obligation to be on a committee because no one else will volunteer

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- Dowerin to look at re-shaping the way in which volunteers work and identify ways of sharing the load
- Source a way in which we can create a passion and collaboration with committee groups
- Looking into ways that we can make what we have more enticing
- How to get the message out to the community to make improvements
- Committees within Dowerin to work together, as they all have the same goal
- The marketing of the CRC to be improved on the services they offer
- The community based organisations (Shire, CRC, DEM & DCC) to work together and establish one location for events, marketing and what's on
- CRC to enhance marketing and the Despatch publications to encourage outsiders and promote the overall community
- Promote the committee secretaries to provide an update in the Despatch fortnightly
- Community groups, organisations and committees to provide timely marketing of events, specials etc
- Encourage undertaking internet classes for online ability for Despatch
- CRC to provide classes for elderly people to encourage technology use
- Limit printed copies of Dowerin Despatch to a maximum of 20 per fortnight
- Community members believe some people have come to Dowerin for the cheaper life but haven't added to the community
- Many Dowerin families are leaving for schooling
- Government needs to improve available funding for boarding costs for students
- Community to support those families which sent their children away
- WA Government needs to advocate for different government plans for schooling
- Dowerin is promoting for more employment, but lack of education assistance for older children
- Dowerin families are leaving town earlier with students required to attend high school in year 7
- Dowerin historically tried to create a high school for the nearby towns to encourage surrounding towns to attend
- Dowerin is a very sporting wise and unique town but unfortunately lacks in areas due to the reduction of population
- Dowerin has a large gap in the population who are either not old enough or unable to volunteer to grow the community
- Families having children later in life is the result of the generation gap
- Dowerin has a significant housing shortage to attract new families or workers
- Suggestion of installing single men's quarters to attract short term workers
- The accommodation could be a joint venture between CBH, Shire & DEM
- An increasing demand on aged care services due to the increasing aging community of Dowerin
- Suggestion for a lifestyle village in Dowerin
- The elderly residents support the local businesses more than other demographics
- Enhancement and encouragement on the current medical services available in Goomalling
- Available medical services currently in Dowerin are not believed to be financially successful

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- If medical services are no longer available in Goomalling, this will have a bigger impact on Dowerin than Goomalling due to their proximity to Northam
- Dowerin Field Days volunteer money to be filtered back into the community not a nominated club
- Field Days money put back into the local committees/businesses
- Concern that Field Day volunteer money is being wasted on deficit for sporting clubs
- The community and DEM to host a second event for the town
- Suggestion of paid roles for the treasury and secretary from community clubs to gain continuity across all clubs
- Dowerin Field Day facilities and space are not being used outside of Field Days
- Dowerin Field Day to look into other options outside of field days such as demo days, training on machinery
- Dowerin suffers from accommodation shortage for residents and visitors
- Suggestion for DEM to contact large machinery companies, transport, accommodation, food and offer package deals. Dowerin is the perfect location between Geraldton & Esperance
- Suggestion of bunk houses as an idea for the Short Stay
- Field Days area could be used for a training facility for machinery companies
- Dowerin could leverage off the Dog in a Ute to link in with Rosey and Rusty, APEX could facilitate
- Suggestion of a Corrigin vs Dowerin Dog in a Ute
- The projects mentioned above are great but still maintains the problem of the volunteers to undertake the projects, suggestions and facilitation. The same people continue to volunteer
- Knock on affect for local business
- Field Days are struggling what to invest into community, looking for ways and ideas to invest in the community
- Concern that if Dowerin was to build more accommodation – would it still be used post COVID
- All groups and businesses within Dowerin need to work together to be successful
- Dowerin to leverage on the COVID opportunities and promote the town
- Successful businesses to contact owners of other businesses on what they can provide and how they can assist each other
- Dowerin to work on attracting the right people, to start the right businesses to benefit the community
- Concerns that the presentation of the Roadhouse is letting down the desire to enter the townsite
- Dowerin has lost sight on what could be improved on within the community and people are time poor
- A pub is an important asset to the community, which attracts the younger generations which Dowerin needs for the town to grow and develop
- The use of the Dowerin Workcamp has both positives and negatives impacts on the community
- Shire has housing availability for Shire employees
- Frustrating on active community members, that other do not front up to help with any problems, but do not let any organisations know what the problems are but expect them to be fixed
- The community has lost focus on what the Shire is there for

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- Negative people in the community, joining the active community members to help make Dowerin better
- Businesses employing people who want to be here, not people who feel obligated because they live in the town
- Community members and groups to rethink volunteering – investigate ways to relight the flame for volunteers
- Regional communities need to be more adaptable to global change and make adjustments accordingly
- The strong businesses in Dowerin, source what they willing to take on/can take on to encourage and promote shopping local
- Road program to be adjusted to ensure roads are of a certain standard in time for harvest
- Grading program across the Shire requires consistency
- Off shoots along gravel roads are in unreasonable places and there are too many

# ENGAGEMENT REPORT



## IPR STAFF BREAKFAST HUDDLE

Attendance - 25

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Importance of keeping young people in Dowerin
- The concern of the shortage of employment opportunities
- Dowerin does not have a night life for young people, what attracts and keeps younger people in town
- Shortage of housing availability, lack of rentals available
- Many residents have difficulties purchasing homes
- Providing more opportunities to all members of the community to assist in retaining people in the community
- Source ways or improvements to direct people down the Main Street
- Tourists need to be directed to explore the town and not just Goldfields Road, which is not attractive
- Dowerin has a decline of local businesses
- Dowerin to have more inviting Welcome to Dowerin signage to encourage visitors
- Empty shops along Stewart Street to be painted to brighten up and look fresh
- Dowerin could use the empty windows to promote local businesses
- Pop Up Shop usage
- The Dowerin main street to look like a main street, not empty and bare
- Suggestion for signage to be improved from all directions not only from the West
- Advertising all events in different locations ie back of toilet doors
- How to use the right platform to attract people to Dowerin and retain them
- Find ways to promote the town to live, work and invest in
- Encourage, promote and maintain a yearly wildflower promotion
- Continue to leverage and learn from COVID for town promotion to tourism
- The community to use the services which we have in the community, as once we stop using the facilities they will be gone
- The State Government is letting down rural communities by putting the responsibility back on local government with less funds to cover State responsibilities
- Look into a way to make the rural life matter to individuals and companies

# ENGAGEMENT REPORT



## IPR BUSINESS CHATTER

Attendance - 10

### WHY ARE YOU IN BUSINESS IN DOWERIN?

- Operate a family-owned business
- Fell into a business through partner or family
- Businesses have had good achievements in the current climate (COVID)
- Businesses need to adapt to the agricultural requirements of the community
- Businesses believe it is easier to meet the needs of the community when you know people personally
- Businesses in Dowerin help with family relationships
- The Field Days has allowed a rest for the community for 2020 with no event going ahead
- Succession of Board members
- Working in Perth and branched out to open a business in Dowerin
- Dowerin businesses are juggling what works and what does not
- Business owners have a love for Dowerin

### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- Dowerin business owners are trying to keep customers happy
- No Field Days for 2020 has an impact on the community
- Struggling volunteer basis for the Dowerin Field Day
- Concerns raised on generation gap with volunteers
- COVID has provided new challenges for Dowerin business owners
- The business lifestyle can be lonely when you are a sole trader
- Businesses have difference experiences and abilities from city vs country
- Difficulties seeking staff and different employment conditions
- Businesses struggling to attract staff and retain
- Employees are giving minimum effort to local businesses
- COVID affecting ability to provide a service
- COVID Job Keeper is keeping employees away or willing to work for local businesses
- Reducing restrictions has increased members attending the Community Club
- Local businesses cannot source contracted services ie shearing
- Seasonal workers are hard to obtain due to a lack of housing
- Shopping local - how to make people want to shop local
- Tourists coming to Dowerin, but businesses shut early resulting in nothing being available for them
- Local businesses to leverage on tourist season
- Dowerin businesses have a disadvantage due to the closeness to Perth/Northam
- Dowerin has a strong sense of community
- Local businesses wish more people would see what Dowerin has to offer
- Same people attending community discussion forums, people who do not attend are those who need assistance to strive to be better
- Dowerin School is rated as best in the area
- What ways can Dowerin use to attract people and what facilities do we need to undertake this

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- The Dowerin community to boost advertising via Facebook and possibly paid posts to attract different people
- Dowerin to identify what marketing material and which avenues works and leverage off those
- Dowerin community and businesses to be a collective front, not individuals
- Each town has a small pocket of negative people who will not support ideas
- The community and businesses believe people should “get on board and be a part of the change or be left behind”
- Enhancement in social media usage and make use of its power
- Dowerin to use the free tools available and helping one another
- Areas which Dowerin could leverage on such as; geological tourism, star gazing - lack of pollution - astro tourism
- How does Dowerin find ways to attract other agricultural businesses to be a part of the community
- Dowerin’s niche businesses are encouraging a different lifestyle along with working from home businesses in the region
- Identifying the gaps in the region and plan to attract and retain those businesses (housing, sheds, industrial, clients)
- Dowerin to get the message across to young people on savings, lifestyle changes and less mortgages for a more profitable future
- Advertising of the Dowerin local businesses in main street windows
- Shopping incentive ie \$10 shop local voucher for visitors to any local store
- Historical Dowerin Dollars Campaign was used in local businesses
- Concerns on the increasing vacant shops along the main street
- Community members suggestions to have a Co-Op in the JK building
- Possible pub closure concerns, the loss of connectivity for the community and lost tourism draw card for the town
- Community concerns on local business owners leaving town
- Bunnings could be a positive for the community
- Dowerin to become more reliant with our resources ie oil; partner with Murdoch for research
- DEM to invite politicians to open Field Days, leverage of the publicity
- Dowerin Ratepayers Association can be benefit to the community, if set up and managed correctly
- Unknown reasons behind a rate payers association, if there are grumbles, they are not being voiced through appropriate channels
- AGM invitation to Council and Shire to build the relationships with the clubs
- Shire of Dowerin advertising available for free via the Shire website
- Shire is available to all members of the community to visit
- Dowerin Field Day reserve money is to be used for community improvements, encouragement for the use of the funds
- Many projects commenced and not completed such as steam rail, four-wheel drive tracks
- Dowerin to have attractions which bring people to the town
- Tourism to leverage off the history of Dowerin

# ENGAGEMENT REPORT



## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERIES

The Shire of Dowerin engaged with the Dowerin District High School to identify areas in the community that the students believed to be important to either enhance or construct new.

The students attended a meet and greet with the Shire's CEO & CDO to brainstorm ideas and plan a way to collect the necessary information and determine how to present it. The students then undertook a survey of their peers to identify what projects were important to them or that they would like to see improved. The students collated the survey data into a presentation which was presented by the students to Council.

The student leadership team then narrowed the ideas down to the top three. These three ideas were created into 'Money Tins', with each student given \$15 of 'Shire Money' to allocate to each project. The projects identified as the most important to the students were the Skate Park, followed by the Dowerin Memorial Swimming Pool, with parks and gardens coming in last.

The Shire is pleased to work with our young people on this project. It has proven to be a great opportunity for the students to have input into the future of their community as well as allowing them some ownership of their key priorities.

# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT in DOWERIN



# How is this relevant to our learning?

**Our Local Government**  
Go to the Shire of Dowerin Website:  
<https://www.dowerin.wa.gov.au/>

Which council area do we live in?  
**Shire of Dowerin**

Who are the councillors that represent us?  
**Darrel Hudson, Adam Metcalf, Bev Ward, Rob Trepp, Lindsay Hagboom, Len Holberton**

Who is the shire president?  
**DARREL HUDSON**




What special features or facilities does our council area have?  
**Dowerin file days.**

What improvements would you like to see in your local area and who would you contact?  
**the main street path, mall, park, skate park**

Draw a picture of your favourite facility or feature  
**skate park**

**Much does It Cost to Build a Dog Park?**  
Neighbourhoods, towns, and apartment complexes are building dog parks to **improve their local amenities and encourage community growth**. That said, dog parks can be relatively **inexpensive** to build. Continue reading to learn how much it costs to build a dog park!

**Cost benefit analysis**

Proposed addition	Cost - what it costs for Shire to make the additions to our town (economic impact \$)	Benefit - something that satisfies our wants, benefits the whole community
Skate Bowl 	\$135000 - \$720 000. 3000 square foot.	Kids of Dowerin (town) fun, cool, exercise, occupied. Help stop graffiti. - not for older people.
Dog park 	\$15000 - \$750000	Less aggressive dogs.
Diving Board 	Small diving board \$1500 - 2300. \$5000 - 100 000. (big one)	everyone?? from 6-40. Inspire more people to come to Dowerin. Go deeper [make the pool deeper cost \$]

**A formal letter**  
Draft a letter to an organisation which could help you with a school project.

**School address**  
Dowerin District High  
35 Memorial Ave  
Dowerin WA 6461

**Date**  
17 June 2020

**Name of person to whom you are writing**  
Mr Hudson

**Paragraph 1**  
Explain why you are writing.  
I am writing to you to ask making some improvements to the facilities in Dowerin. I did a Cost/Benefit and we have decided I'd like a Dog Park.

**Paragraph 2**  
List the kind of information which would be useful.

**Paragraph 3**  
Thank the person for reading the letter and say that you look forward to hearing from him or her.

**Your personal name and family name**

**DOWERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**  
Together We Strive

# What we did...

Sought **ideas** for Youth Engagement from students at Dowerin DHS

**Met with** Mrs McCall and Ashlee at the **Shire**



# What we did...

Used summary of discussions at the Shire to **develop a survey**

**Administered survey** to students from **Year 3 to 10**

**Analysed** results



# The Survey...

**Dowerin Shire Youth Engagement**

The Student Leadership Team met with the Shire to talk about the things students told us they wanted in our town. We found out there were some things the Shire didn't have control over (like having more shops or running a paintball business) but there were other things they could do. These are the focus of our survey. Please help us tell the Shire what we want in Dowerin. They can't do everything all at once, so we want to know what is most important to you.

**\* Required**

1. Rank the following ideas from most important to least important \*

- Build a BMX Track
- Make a dog park
- Upgrade the pool - slide and / or diving board
- More access to the netball/basketball courts
- Having a variety of workshops to learn new skills
- Build a nature playground
- Electronic Scoreboard at the football oval

2. What is your first choice and why did you chose that? \*

Enter your answer

3. What is your second choice and why did you chose that? \*

Enter your answer

4. Tell us any other ideas you have to improve the town for the children and youth. \*

Enter your answer

**Submit**

72 responses – Year 3-10



# The choices...

- Pool
- Netball courts
- Dogpark
- Workshops
- Footpaths
- BMX Track
- Electronic Scoreboard
- Playgrounds + parks
- Skate Park
- Nature Playground

# The Pool...

- We should build a big diving board
- Its used often and by lots of people
- Good place to have fun with family and friends
- More diving boards- more people can use them
- Should have a slide (Northam) and diving board
- More inflatables
- A spa would be great



# Access to netball courts...

- A good way to socialise / somewhere to play
- So we can have scratch matches
- A place to hang out with friends
- Passionate about netball –
- Courts are a good place to exercise
- Mental health and physical fitness
- No outdoor courts available – make one?

# Create a dog park...

- Mental and physical health
- It would make the Field Days site cleaner
- Dogs are not allowed on the Field Days site
- We need somewhere we can take dogs off leads
- Have some obstacles/challenges for dogs

# Variety of Workshops....

- This is the idea I would most likely use
- Having more skills would help us
- I would love to learn new things
- It is fun to do
- A good reason for people to come to town
- Could link workshops into town facilities like the Skate Park and BMX track

# Better footpaths...

- There are lots of broken/bad footpaths
- It will be safer for people walking around town
- Safety is really important
- It will be a lot more comfortable for people driving golfers and be less noisy
- Tree roots are growing through – trip hazard

# BMX Track...

- So we have somewhere to ride our bikes
- It would be fun for all ages
- A good place to ride – it's boring riding around town
- It might attract visitors to Dowerin
- Could hold BMZ events
- It doesn't require much equipment

# Electronic Scoreboard...

- It would be easier to see
- Its annoying to have to flip the numbers
- You could broadcast movies on it
- You could advertise what is available in the town



# Improve parks + playgrounds

- The current parks are worn and not entertaining
- We need the equipment updated
- A great place to make new friends
- There is not a lot of space in the current parks
- A better barbecue would be great
- The cocky holes make it unsafe
- The grass is cut too long.



# Improve skate park....

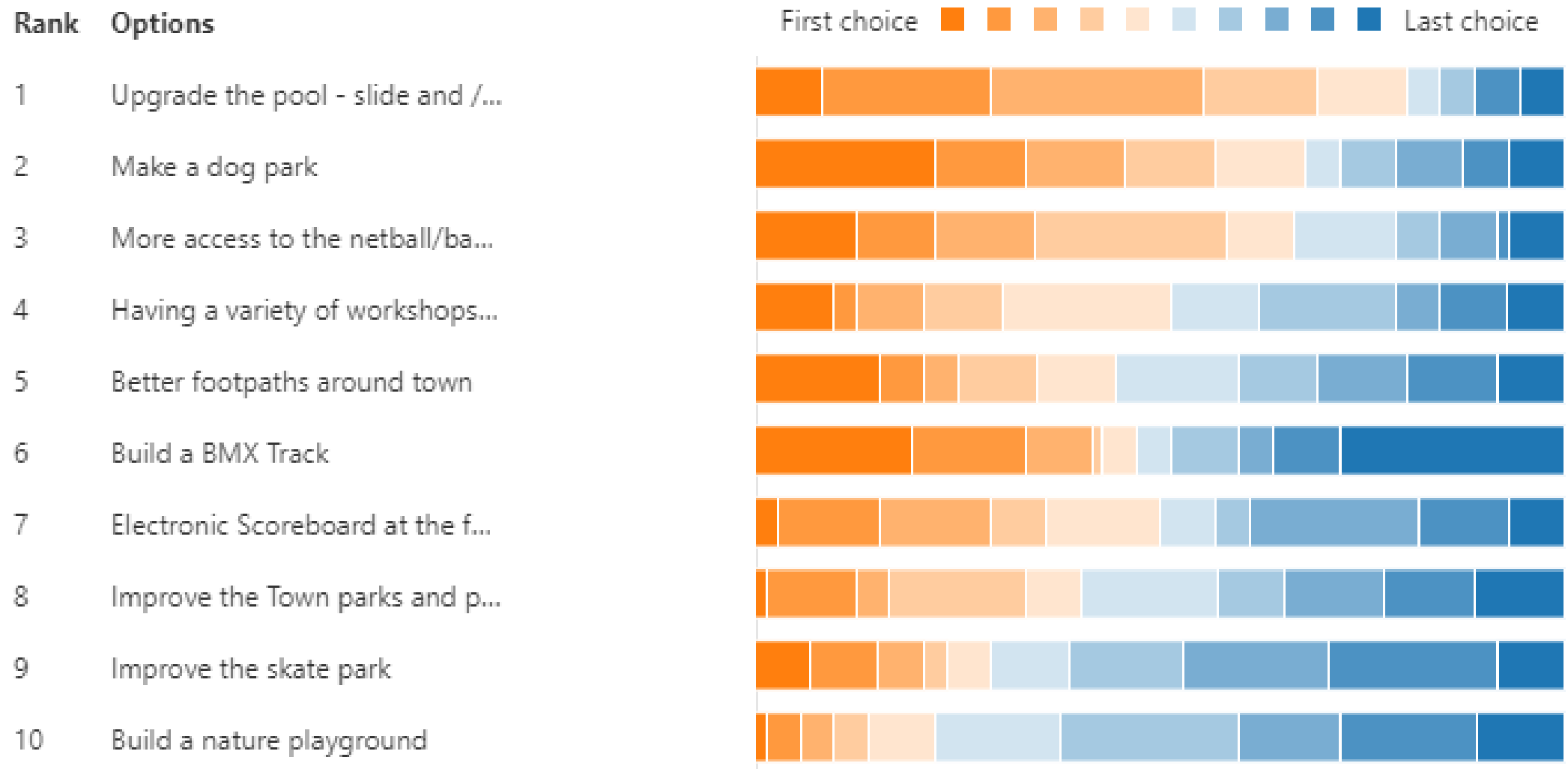
- The paint on equipment needs updating
- There needs to be more 'stuff' there
- Its getting old
- More people would use it if it was better
- Have an indoor wooden skate park

# Build a nature playground...

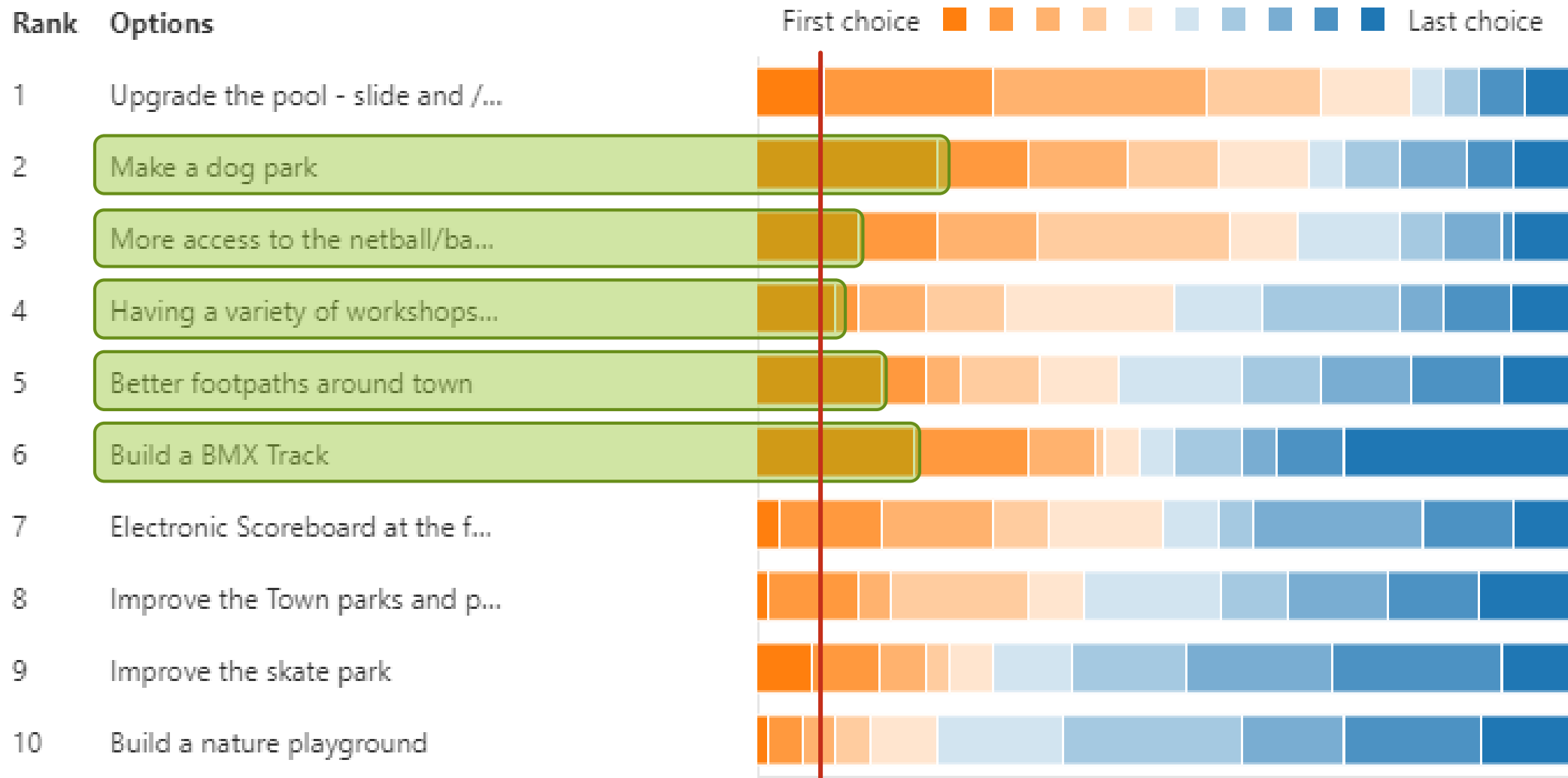
- It would be great for all ages, not just little kids
- Encourages imagination
- More interesting than our other playgrounds



# What did the rankings say?



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Rank Options

1 Upgrade the pool - slide and /...

2 Make a dog park

3 More access to the netball/ba...

4 Having a variety of workshops...

5 Better footpaths around town

6 Build a BMX Track

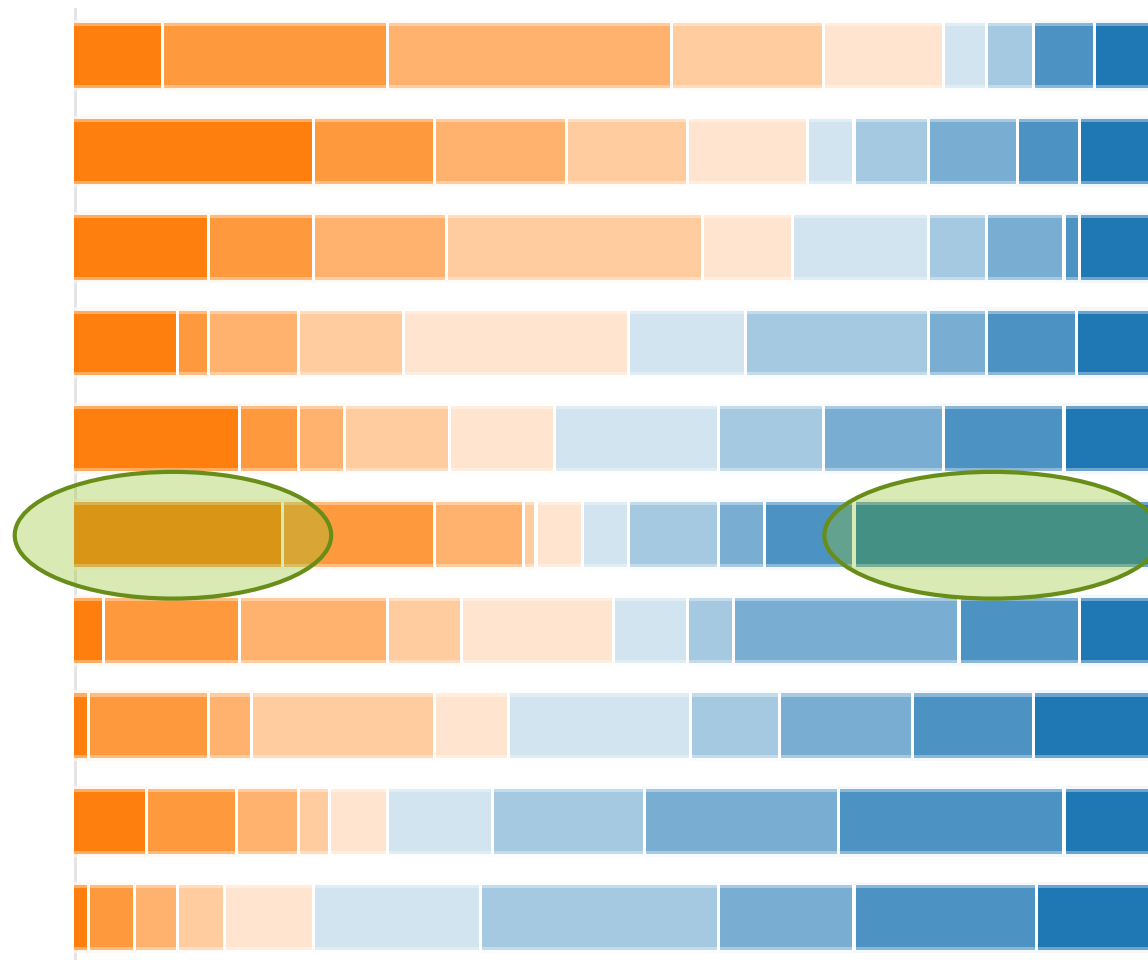
7 Electronic Scoreboard at the f...

8 Improve the Town parks and p...

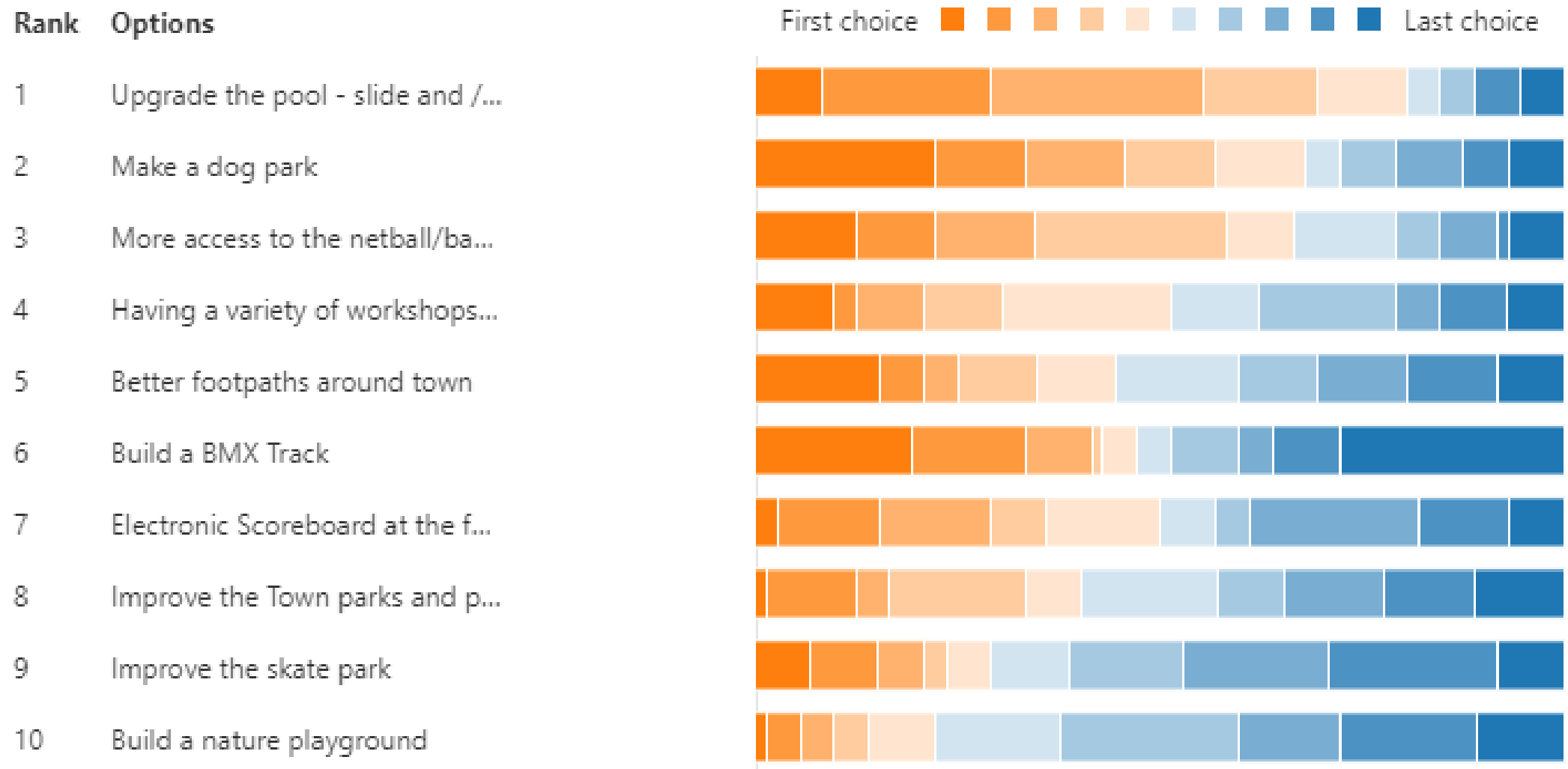
9 Improve the skate park

10 Build a nature playground

First choice Last choice



# What did the rankings say?



# Other ideas...



# Other ideas...

- Lights on the oval on some nights
- More street lights
- A teenage hang out space
- Drive-in theatre / outdoor cinema
- Youth Group / PCYC
- A space to come together and share ideas

# Other ideas...

- Website for Youth – learn about things, mental health
- Change the Field Days to extra day / 2 weeks
- More town events
- Upgrade the town library
- Fans in the netball shed
- More nature trails and upgrade existing ones

# Other ideas...

- An adventure or obstacle course
- Fix our historic buildings
- Somewhere to ride motorbikes

# In closing...





# Community Survey Results

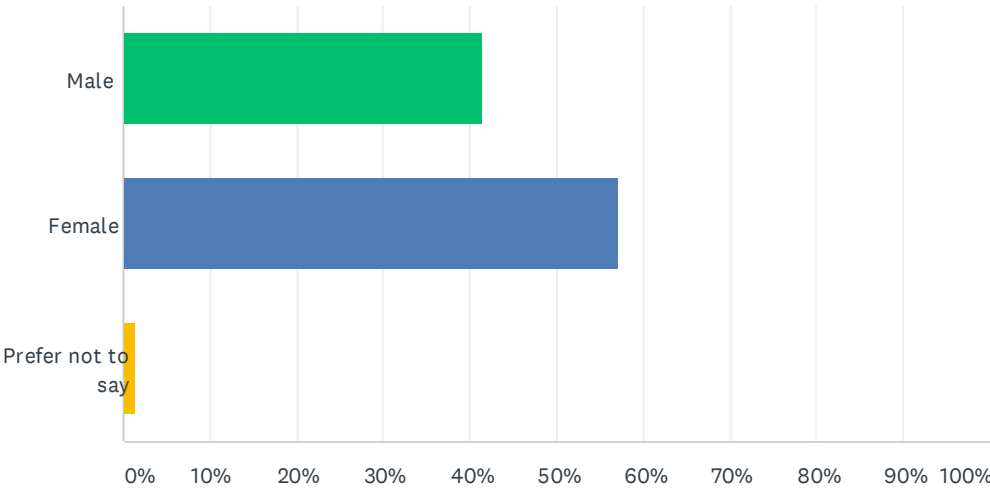
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*Note: Question one has been removed as the results contain personal details of the community members which completed the survey.*



Q2 Gender

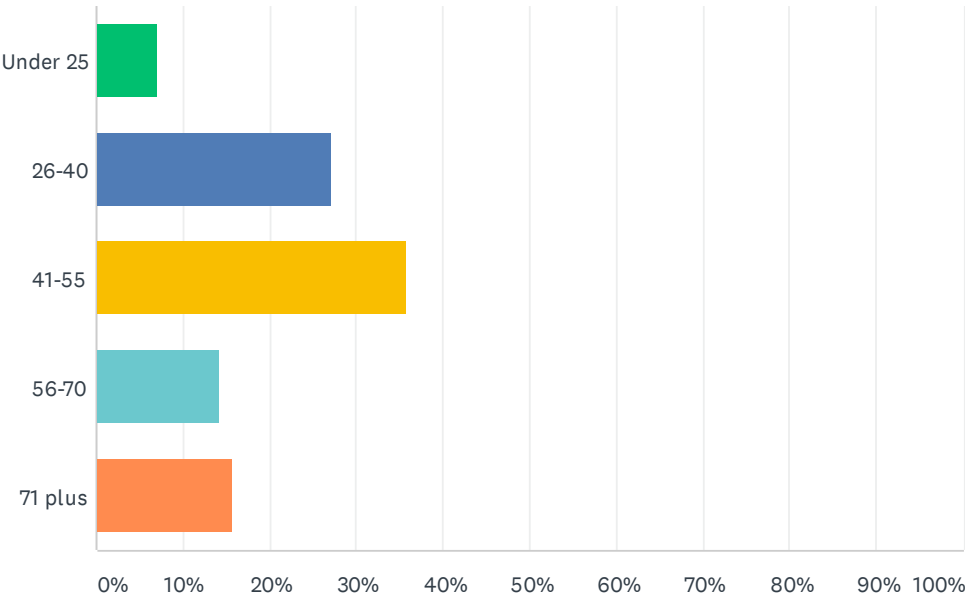
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Male		41.43%	29
Female		57.14%	40
Prefer not to say		1.43%	1
TOTAL			70

### Q3 Age Group

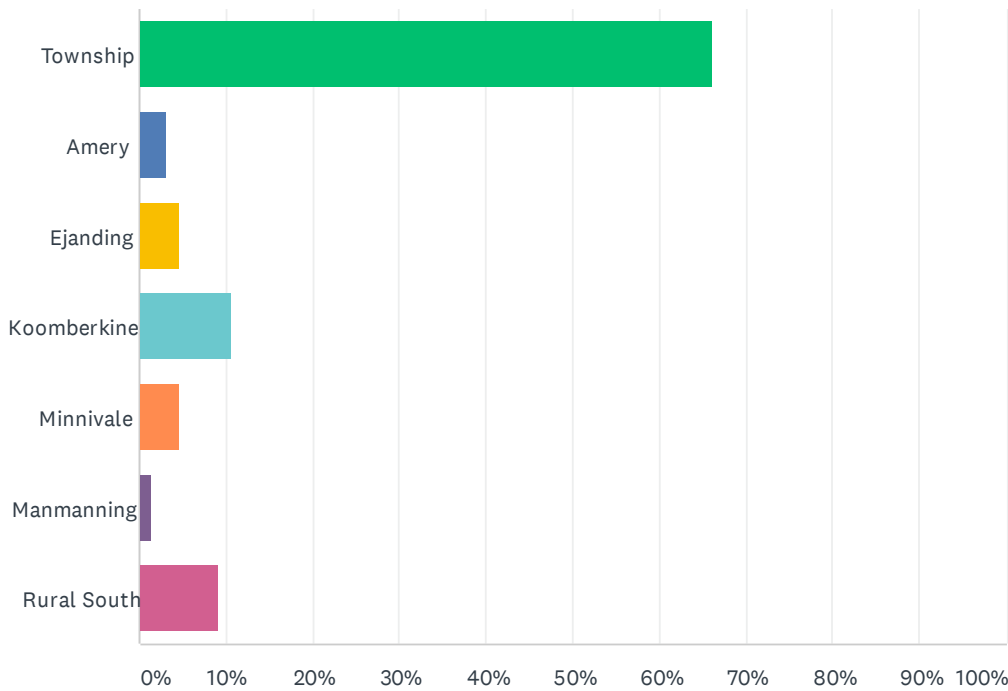
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 25	7.14%	5
26-40	27.14%	19
41-55	35.71%	25
56-70	14.29%	10
71 plus	15.71%	11
TOTAL		70

Q4 Area you Identify With

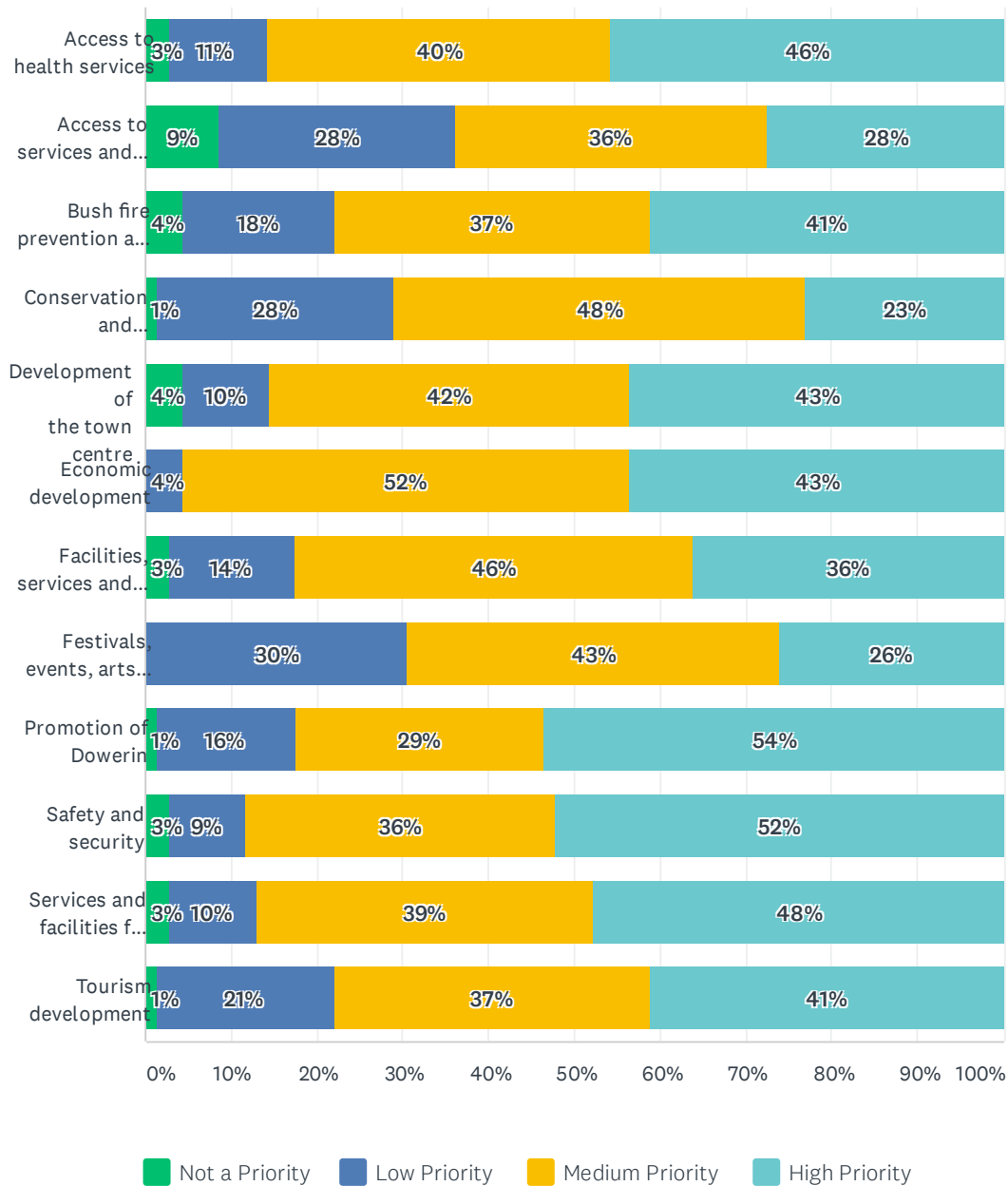
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Township	66.15%	43
Amery	3.08%	2
Ejanding	4.62%	3
Koombarkine	10.77%	7
Minnivale	4.62%	3
Manmanning	1.54%	1
Rural South	9.23%	6
TOTAL		65

## Q5 Regional Strategic Priorities – Please rank the importance of these strategic priorities in order of importance to you and your family

Answered: 70 Skipped: 0



# Community Survey - Shire of Dowerin

	NOT A PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL
Access to health services	3% 2	11% 8	40% 28	46% 32	70
Access to services and facilities for people with disabilities	9% 6	28% 19	36% 25	28% 19	69
Bush fire prevention and control	4% 3	18% 12	37% 25	41% 28	68
Conservation and environmental management	1% 1	28% 19	48% 33	23% 16	69
Development of the town centre	4% 3	10% 7	42% 29	43% 30	69
Economic development	0% 0	4% 3	52% 36	43% 30	69
Facilities, services and care available for seniors	3% 2	14% 10	46% 32	36% 25	69
Festivals, events, arts and cultural activities	0% 0	30% 21	43% 30	26% 18	69
Promotion of Dowerin	1% 1	16% 11	29% 20	54% 37	69
Safety and security	3% 2	9% 6	36% 25	52% 36	69
Services and facilities for youth	3% 2	10% 7	39% 27	48% 33	69
Tourism development	1% 1	21% 14	37% 25	41% 28	68

**Q6 Local Priorities - Based on your current situation please describe what you would most like the Shire of Dowerin to focus on over the next 10 years**

Answered: 55   Skipped: 15

## Community Survey - Shire of Dowerin

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Opportunities for young people to stay in Dowerin - work and services Keep, school going Services for senioras	11/2/2020 8:05 AM
2	Community development, help out small business in town Better signage in town to direct caravans to the Dowerin Short Stay	11/2/2020 7:57 AM
3	I am currently in the work camp facility so it is hard for me to comment on some of the community issues	11/2/2020 7:46 AM
4	Vibrancy of the main street, assistance to guide local business in helping them to stay/thrive Work with field days to upkeep the current facilities that we already have. I'm keen to speak with the SOD to work out a plan with funds from Field Days especially the rec building - gutters and sealing around Run a small business planning say with services that can come up and teach us social media and who to target Offer the micro-business that are already in town an area to display in the main street	11/2/2020 7:04 AM
5	Bring town together and disperse all the anger	11/2/2020 6:55 AM
6	Bring the community together and encourage unity Continue to ensure the town thrives into the future	11/2/2020 6:52 AM
7	If the shire could promote the local school as it already has a pretty good reputation and I think the town needs to promote this to attract more families to the town	11/2/2020 6:49 AM
8	Getting more people to come and live here, more people means more \$\$\$\$. But saying that I think there needs to be some selectivity in the people that we are trying to attract. I have seen other towns traying to get more people that sometimes attract people that may affect the fantastic safe community we have. And then general things likwe community engagement and maintaining great facilities and services to keep people here	11/2/2020 6:46 AM
9	To encourage new business initiatives to town To make our town vibrant and attractive to new families with updated facilities for them to be involved in our community How to help business _Connect road signage by replacing missing and broken signs outside of town _Trim back overhanging trees to allow trucks to pass safely _Maintain well used gravel roads (Nambling South Rd) and don't let gravel blowouts to become a traffic hazard _Stop putting water run off drains on roads in non-essential places causing passing traffic hazards _Safe routes to and from business Upgrade to Facilities _Investigate grant funding for heating options for energy efficiency for the whole of the town, oval, facilities and field days sites	11/2/2020 6:38 AM
10	Job creation, growth and development of buildings, properties and infrastructure	11/2/2020 6:27 AM
11	Road improvement Prosperity of local business	11/2/2020 6:23 AM
12	Attract new businesses in town Keep our young people in our community (jobs) Roads	11/1/2020 3:49 AM
13	Town is slowly dieing Reinvigorate the economics and everything else takes care of itself	11/1/2020 3:44 AM
14	Complete town street footpaths and cycle ways Improve road system Lobby/pursue rail head spur line into new CBH receival point	11/1/2020 3:37 AM
15	Encouraging people to become involved in community activities	11/1/2020 3:30 AM
16	Youth, young adult opportunities in Dowerin If gone away to school encourage them to return Traineeships and job opportunities to encourage career development	11/1/2020 3:20 AM
17	Preserve the unique culture Encourage at all times the inherited volunteering DNA Use arts to be more of the community glue Encourage Dowerin to be a continued centre of excellence for education Hopefully being people considerate then business will see value to be here	11/1/2020 3:15 AM
18	Tourism - bringing visitors to our community	10/31/2020 6:53 AM
19	Giving back to the community in ways of youth Redevelopment or improvement of public park including facilities (toilets) beneficial for the community and tourism More planning and conversations with community	10/31/2020 6:50 AM
20	Getting a steady work base for the shire inside and out	10/31/2020 6:44 AM
21	Community Engagement to keep young families in town and stop them from moving on Promotion of Dowerin Sporting facilities Encourage shopping locally and making community members proud of living in Dowerin	10/31/2020 6:41 AM
22	Aged care homes or units Renew local shire bus	10/31/2020 6:31 AM

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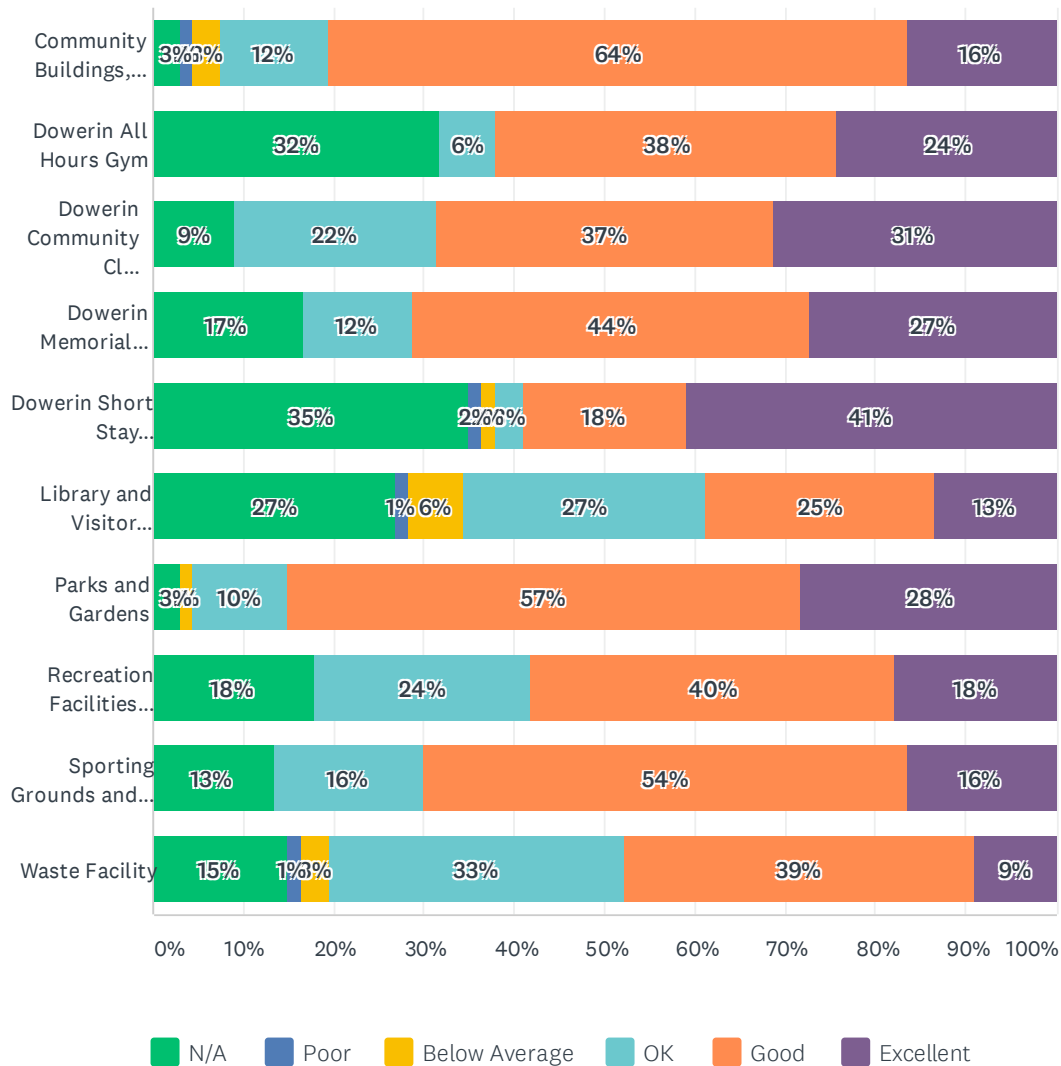
23	Interests to both locals and tourists	10/31/2020 6:27 AM
24	Anything to create jobs and bring people to town	10/31/2020 6:24 AM
25	Would like to see purpose built housing for seniors and disabled ie for those with wheelchairs or mobility aids	10/31/2020 6:21 AM
26	Sporting facilities Parks and playgrounds Nature playground	10/31/2020 5:20 AM
27	Keeping our shire community active, safe, and economically stable	10/31/2020 5:17 AM
28	Promoting the town Dowerin Upkeep of community buildings Age care -keep a reliable service in town Youth - offer services to keep youth engaged in our community Dowerin short-stay - keep adding improvements	10/31/2020 5:12 AM
29	How can we bring more families to town Promotion of business (current and potential future) Job opportunities Tourism	10/31/2020 5:07 AM
30	Building a community where families want to move to Single person quarters, somewhere basic and cheap to live, common facility style	10/31/2020 5:02 AM
31	Attracting business and lowering inflation	10/31/2020 4:45 AM
32	Keeping services in place in Dowerin	10/31/2020 4:42 AM
33	Services for children - health, schools, after hours activities Seniors - care assistance - access to businesses	10/31/2020 4:38 AM
34	Keeping aged care within local government for as long as possible To keep most things locally based within community	10/30/2020 7:43 AM
35	Tourism Development of Town Centre	10/30/2020 6:38 AM
36	Would like to have more activities - things to do at the weekend	10/30/2020 6:29 AM
37	N/A	10/30/2020 6:16 AM
38	Something fun and exciting for the youth (teenagers) to keep them out of trouble and off the streets	10/30/2020 6:13 AM
39	Expansion	10/30/2020 6:09 AM
40	A general Practitioner More things for young children to do such as art and crafts classes	10/30/2020 6:06 AM
41	Perhaps more things for children and teens to do as they are fairly isolated	10/30/2020 6:00 AM
42	Creating a vibrant wheatbelt town with enough facilities and services to attract/keep people.	10/23/2020 9:06 PM
43	Roads, incentives to attract small business or a big ticket industrial business	10/23/2020 9:02 PM
44	provision of aged care and medical facilities for the community recycling improvements and waste reduction plans reduction in red tape	10/20/2020 8:04 PM
45	Demographics- promoting a town with services for families and our seniors, target potential people with children ( and those whom may consider to start a family) in the area. Offer more facilities and nature walks , parks, more to see and do in the Shire of Dowerin.	10/20/2020 6:14 PM
46	Road maintenance and road construction. Regional collaboration. Promotion of Dowerin and tourism development.	10/19/2020 4:44 PM
47	Dowerin to become a friendly family hub of the Wheatbelt. Promoting childcare, education, youth programs and development.	10/19/2020 3:31 PM
48	Economic development, supporting local businesses, youth services and activities, community events and activities	10/10/2020 2:49 PM
49	Community Solar Battery Bank, Solar wind generation, Hardware and Grocery shop as one business Co-op. Jobs for over 50s.	10/10/2020 11:57 AM
50	Maintaining current buildings, growing our youth to return to Dowerin after boarding and local families getting local jobs (this might mean more training needed.)	10/9/2020 10:10 AM
51	Providing opportunities for local people to live healthy & fulfilling lives in DOWERIN. Access to events, goods, jobs and services within the local area.	10/8/2020 8:01 PM
52	Upgrade to the skatepark, working with local landholders re weed management and road upgrades, waste management particularly recycling - apply for a deposit scheme service.	10/8/2020 4:45 PM

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53	Roadhouse upgrade or brand new one built!	10/8/2020 4:43 PM
54	More for youth to do around town. Eg bugger skate park play area	10/8/2020 12:46 PM
55	Roads	10/8/2020 11:29 AM

## Q7 Shire Facilities - Please rate your satisfaction with the Shire's facilities listed below. Select N/A if you do not use the facility.

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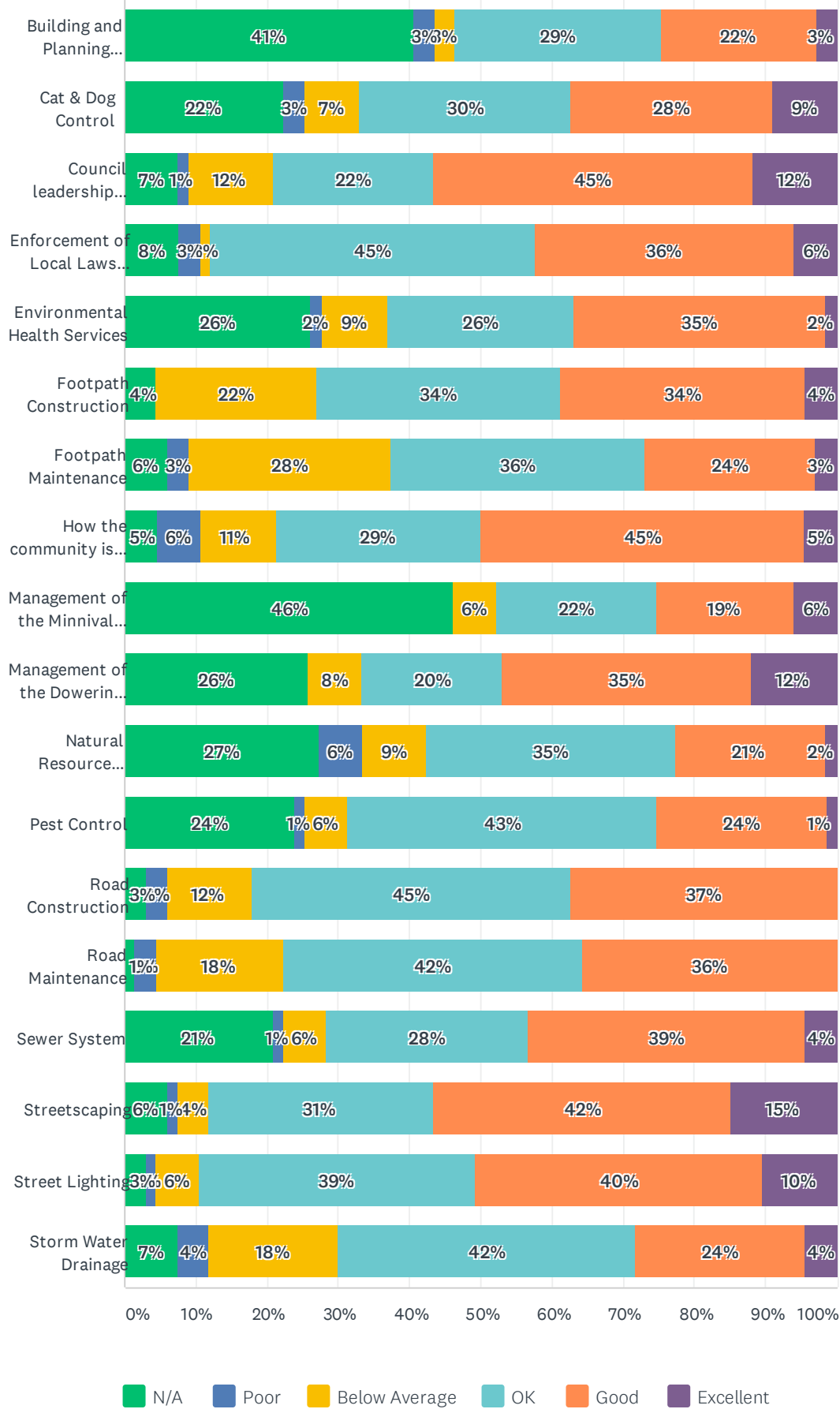
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	N/A	POOR	BELOW AVERAGE	OK	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL
Community Buildings, Halls and Public Toilets	3% 2	1% 1	3% 2	12% 8	64% 43	16% 11	67
Dowerin All Hours Gym	32% 21	0% 0	0% 0	6% 4	38% 25	24% 16	66
Dowerin Community Club (as a facility rather than service provision which is managed by the committee)	9% 6	0% 0	0% 0	22% 15	37% 25	31% 21	67
Dowerin Memorial Swimming Pool	17% 11	0% 0	0% 0	12% 8	44% 29	27% 18	66
Dowerin Short Stay Accommodation	35% 23	2% 1	2% 1	3% 2	18% 12	41% 27	66
Library and Visitor Information Services	27% 18	1% 1	6% 4	27% 18	25% 17	13% 9	67
Parks and Gardens	3% 2	0% 0	1% 1	10% 7	57% 38	28% 19	67
Recreation Facilities (indoor courts, changing rooms etc)	18% 12	0% 0	0% 0	24% 16	40% 27	18% 12	67
Sporting Grounds and Ovals	13% 9	0% 0	0% 0	16% 11	54% 36	16% 11	67
Waste Facility	15% 10	1% 1	3% 2	33% 22	39% 26	9% 6	67

**Q8 Shire Services - Please rate your satisfaction with the Shire Services listed below. Select N/A if you do not use the service.**

Answered: 70   Skipped: 0

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	N/A	POOR	BELOW AVERAGE	OK	GOOD	EXCELLENT	TOTAL
Building and Planning Approvals	41% 28	3% 2	3% 2	29% 20	22% 15	3% 2	69
Cat & Dog Control	22% 15	3% 2	7% 5	30% 20	28% 19	9% 6	67
Council leadership within the Community	7% 5	1% 1	12% 8	22% 15	45% 30	12% 8	67
Enforcement of Local Laws (relating to cemeteries, dogs, fencing, property, parking, waste, food, health)	8% 5	3% 2	2% 1	45% 30	36% 24	6% 4	66
Environmental Health Services	26% 17	2% 1	9% 6	26% 17	35% 23	2% 1	65
Footpath Construction	4% 3	0% 0	22% 15	34% 23	34% 23	4% 3	67
Footpath Maintenance	6% 4	3% 2	28% 19	36% 24	24% 16	3% 2	67
How the community is consulted and informed about local issues	5% 3	6% 4	11% 7	29% 19	45% 30	5% 3	66
Management of the Minnivale Cemetery	46% 31	0% 0	6% 4	22% 15	19% 13	6% 4	67
Management of the Dowerin Cemetery	26% 17	0% 0	8% 5	20% 13	35% 23	12% 8	66
Natural Resource Management	27% 18	6% 4	9% 6	35% 23	21% 14	2% 1	66
Pest Control	24% 16	1% 1	6% 4	43% 29	24% 16	1% 1	67
Road Construction	3% 2	3% 2	12% 8	45% 30	37% 25	0% 0	67
Road Maintenance	1% 1	3% 2	18% 12	42% 28	36% 24	0% 0	67
Sewer System	21% 14	1% 1	6% 4	28% 19	39% 26	4% 3	67
Streetscaping	6% 4	1% 1	4% 3	31% 21	42% 28	15% 10	67
Street Lighting	3% 2	1% 1	6% 4	39% 26	40% 27	10% 7	67
Storm Water Drainage	7% 5	4% 3	18% 12	42% 28	24% 16	4% 3	67