



2011 Community Perceptions Survey©

Prepared for the Shire of Esperance

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Executive summary

In 2011, the Shire of Esperance administered the CATALYSE® Community Perceptions Survey among residents to evaluate and monitor performance across a range of services & facilities. 809 residents completed a survey. The survey was conducted by CATALYSE® Pty Ltd and provides Council with valid performance measures that can be benchmarked and consistently monitored over time.

| OVERALL SATISFACTION RATINGS | Shire of Esperance | Industry High | Industry Average | Comparison to Average | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Delighted (top 3 boxes) | 22% | 54% | 37% | V | |

Satisfied (6+ out of 10) 55% 88% 71% ▼



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Town Centre development

Economic development, tourism and job creation

Community consultation

Road maintenance

Services and facilities for youth

The area's character and identity

Residents are concerned about these areas





Weekly rubbish collections Fortnightly recycling services

Residents are delighted with service levels

Introduction and research method

Purpose

- Measure overall satisfaction with the Shire of Esperance.
- Evaluate perceptions of local services, infrastructure & facilities.
- Identify performance gaps.
- Benchmark the Shire against other WA Local Governments.

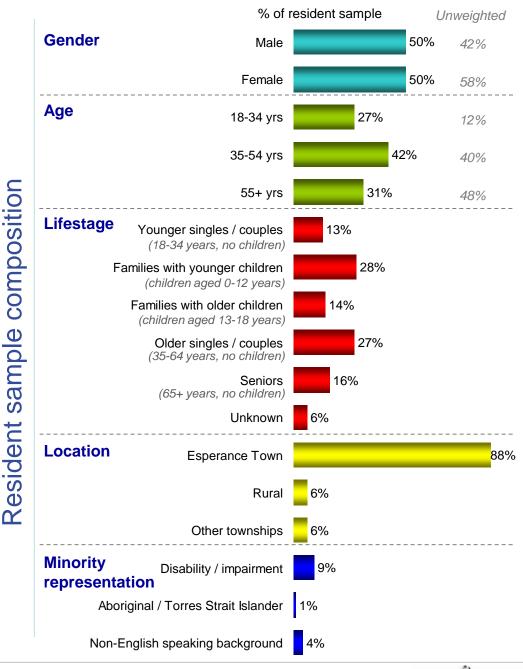
Methodology

- The Shire of Esperance distributed surveys to all households in the Shire (around 5,600 properties).
- 809 complete, valid surveys were submitted to CATALYSE[®] by reply paid post or via an online survey.
- The survey attracted responses from a cross-section residents.
 - Since older respondents and females were more likely to participate, responses were weighted by age and gender.
- Sampling precision at +/- 3.2% at the 95% confidence interval

Industry Standards

- Provided when three or more Councils have asked the same or similar question in the past 24 months
- Other Councils included in the Industry Standards are listed below:
- Town of Bassendean City of Fremantle Serpentine-Jarrahdale

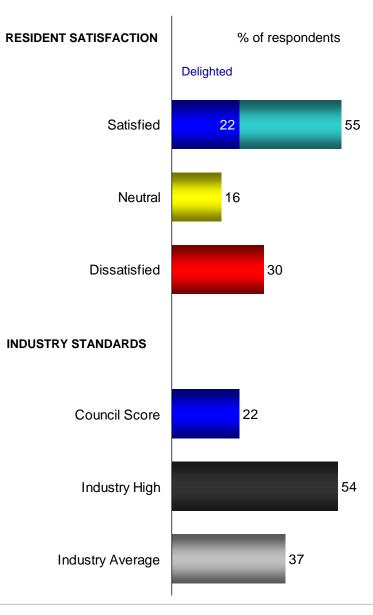
 City of Belmont Town of Kwinana Shire
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 - Shire of Broomehill- City of Mandurah City of South Perth
 - Tambellup City of Melville City of Subiaco
- Town of Cambridge Town of Mosman Park City of Swan
- City of Cockburn
 Shire of Mundaring
 Town of Vincent
- Shire of Collie
 City of Nedlands
 City of Wanneroo
- Shire of Dardanup
 Shire of Peppermint Grove





Overall satisfaction

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- Overall, satisfaction is moderate.
 - 55% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 30% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among males.

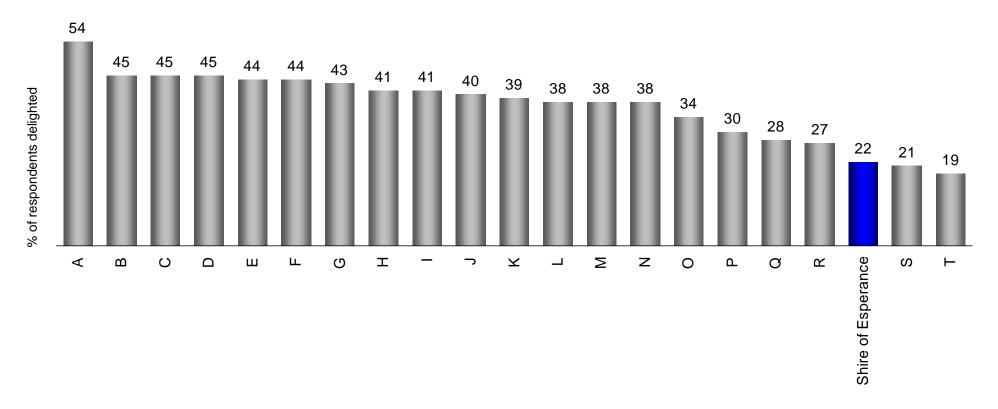
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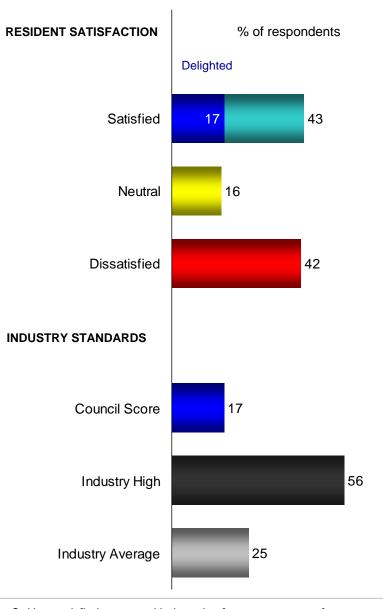
Overall satisfaction — the Shire's performance compared to others

This chart shows the Shire of Esperance's ranking against other Councils when we look at the 'delighted' rating for overall satisfaction. The chart shows there is room for improvement.





Value for money from Council rates



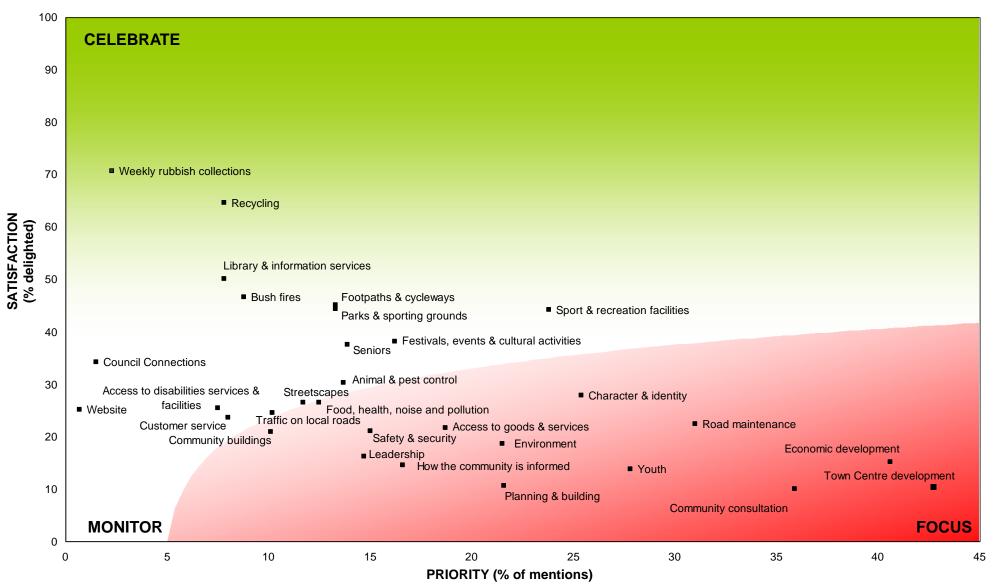
- Satisfaction is low.
 - 43% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 42% of respondents are dissatisfied.
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- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among males.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Male | 17% | 46%) |
| Female | 18% | 38% |
| Younger singles / couples | 9% | 51% |
| Families with younger children | 13% | 48% |
| Families with older children | 11% | 45% |
| Older singles / couples | 14% | 41% |
| Seniors | 36% | 25% |



Community Priorities Indicator TM

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Q. Which areas would you most like the Shire of Esperance to focus on improving? Please circle the FIVE (5) areas you care about most of the 30 listed. Q. For each area please indicate how satisfied you are. 10 = totally satisfied; 0 = totally dissatisfied. Chart shows % of respondents delighted (8,9 or 10) Base: Priority – all respondents (n= xx); Satisfaction - Respondents who use / can comment on service / facility (n= various)



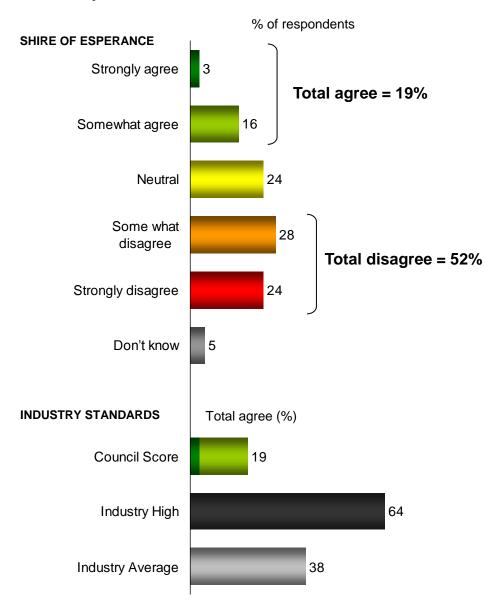
Governance and Communication

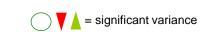
The Shire of Esperance has developed and communicated a clear vision for the area

I am fairly clear about what the area is going to look and feel like in 10 years time

- Only 19% of respondents agree that the Shire of Esperance has developed and communicated a clear vision for the area.
- Males, younger singles / couples, families and older singles / couples are more likely to disagree.

| % of residents | Agree | Disagree |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|
| Male | 18% | (57%) |
| Female | 21% | 46% |
| Younger singles / couples | 27% | 62% |
| Families with younger children | 14% | 52% |
| Families with older children | 10% | 56% |
| Older singles / couples | 19% | 53% |
| Seniors | 30% | 37% |

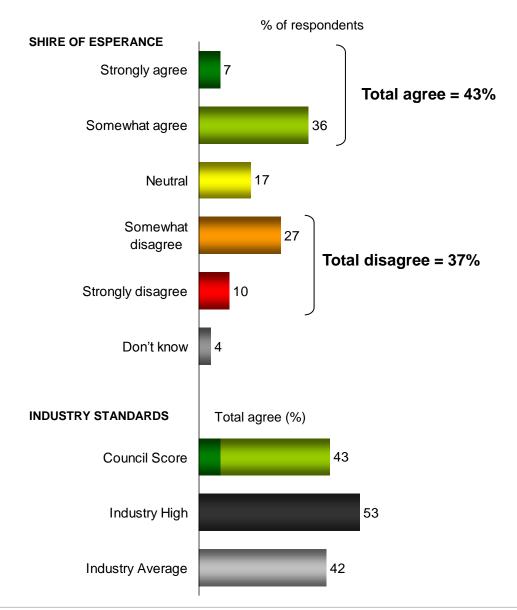






Elected Members at the Shire of Esperance have a good understanding of our needs

- 43% of respondents agree that Elected Members at the Shire of Esperance have a good understanding of their needs.
- Views are fairly similar across the community.

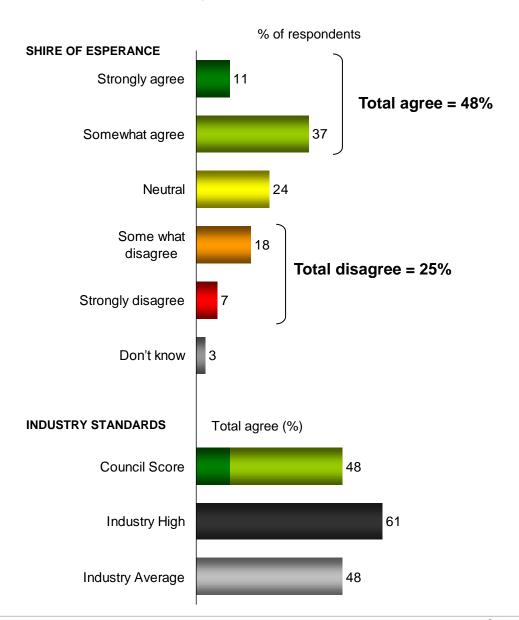


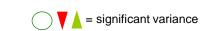


Staff at the Shire of Esperance have a good understanding of our needs

- 48% of respondents agree that staff at the Shire of Esperance have a good understanding of their needs.
- Females are more likely to agree.
- Younger singles / couples are less likely to agree.

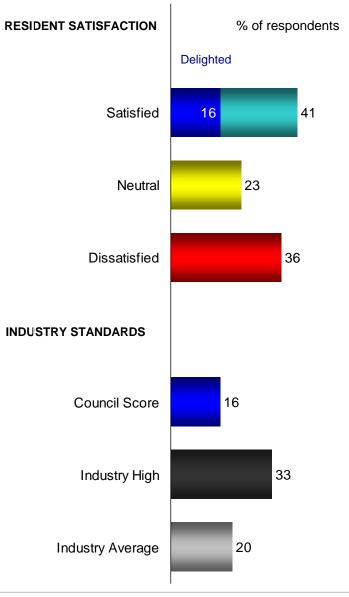
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| Male | 44% | 27% |
| Female | 52% | 23% |
| Younger singles / couples | 31%) | 22% |
| Families with younger children | 50% | 22% |
| Families with older children | 51% | 26% |
| Older singles / couples | 50% | 28% |
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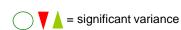


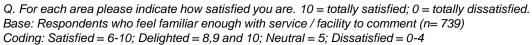
Shire's leadership within the community



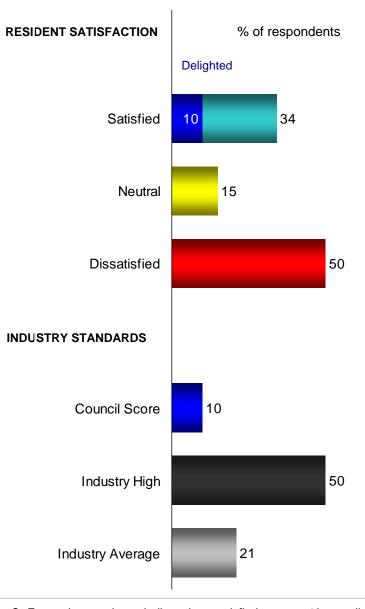
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 - 41% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 36% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among females and younger singles / couples.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Male | 15% | 41% |
| Female | 18% | 31% |
| Younger singles / couples | 8% | 50% |
| Families with younger children | 17% | 32% |
| Families with older children | 9% | 40% |
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How the community is consulted about local issues



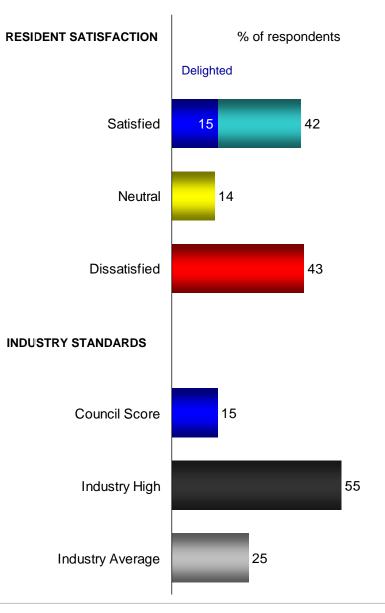
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 - Just 34% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 50% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among younger singles / couples.

Familiar

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
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| Younger singles / couples | 3% | (58%) |
| Families with younger children | 9% | 49% |
| Families with older children | 6% | 51% |
| Older singles / couples | 9% | 54% |
| Seniors | (22%) | 39% |



How the community is informed about local issues

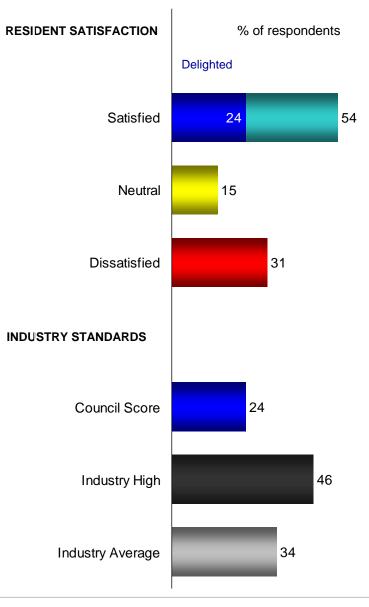


- Satisfaction is low.
 - Just 42% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 43% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among females, seniors and those living in rural areas.

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| Male | 12% | 43% |
| Female | (17%) | 44% |
| Younger singles / couples | 8% | 48% |
| Families with younger children | 11% | 43% |
| Families with older children | 12% | 46% |
| Older singles / couples | 15% | 44% |
| Seniors | (30%) | 35% |
| Esperance Town | 14% | 44% |
| Rural | 28% | 39% |
| Other townships | 14% | 39% |



The efficiency and effectiveness of customer service



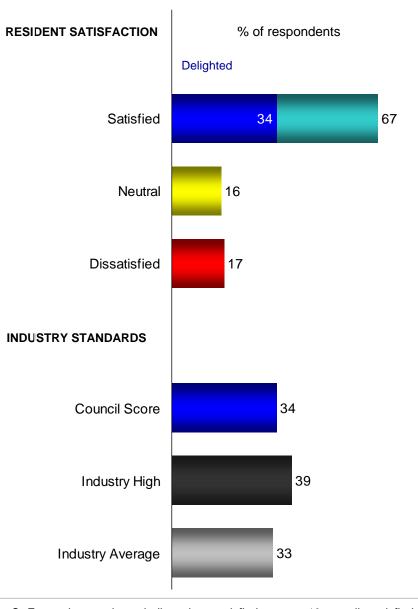
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Council Connections – the Shire's weekly page in the local newspaper



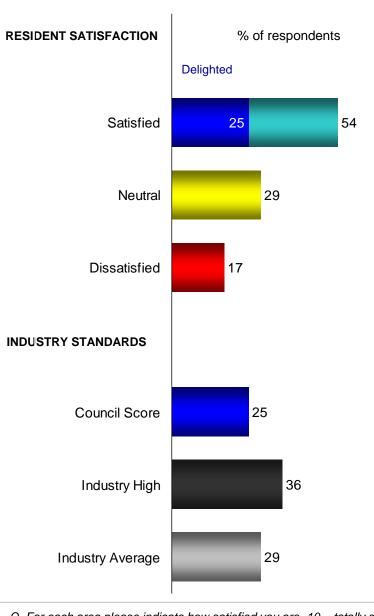
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 - 67% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among younger singles / couples.

Familiar

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The Shire's website

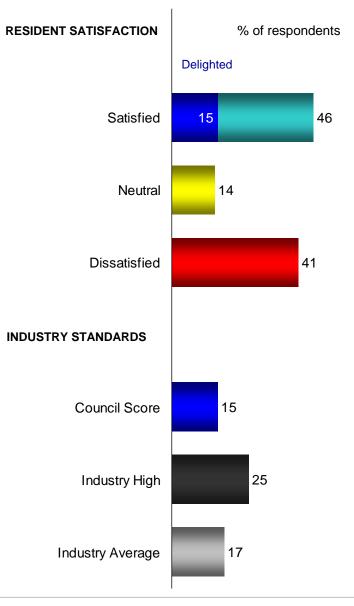


- Satisfaction is moderate.
 - 54% of respondents are satisfied.
 - Many respondents provided a neutral rating of 5 out of 10.
 - Perceptions are similar across the community.



People and Community

Economic development, tourism and job creation

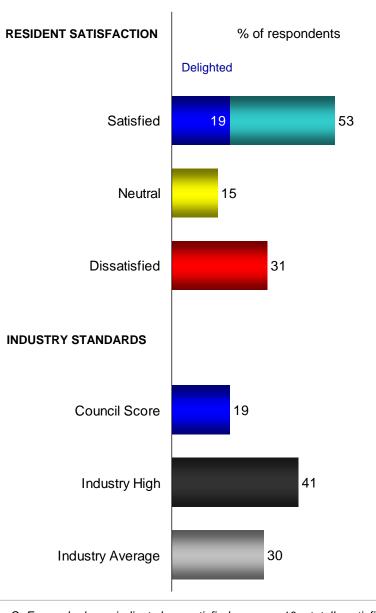


- Satisfaction is low.
 - Just 46% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 41% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among females and seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among older singles / couples and those living in townships.

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| Rural | 10% | 24% |
| Other townships | 7% | 41%) |



Access to goods and services in the area

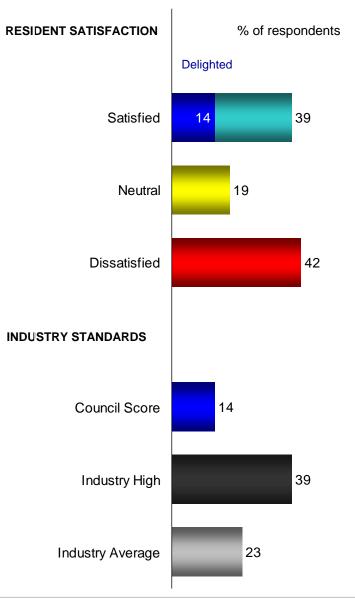


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Youth services and facilities

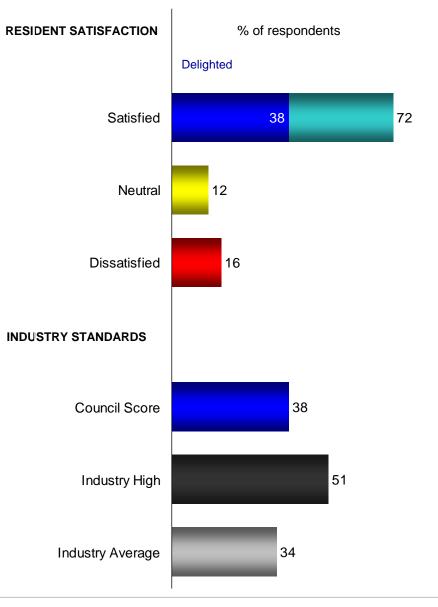


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| Seniors | (27%) | 24% |
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| Rural | 21% | 27% |
| Other townships | 8% | 42% |



Facilities, services and care available for seniors

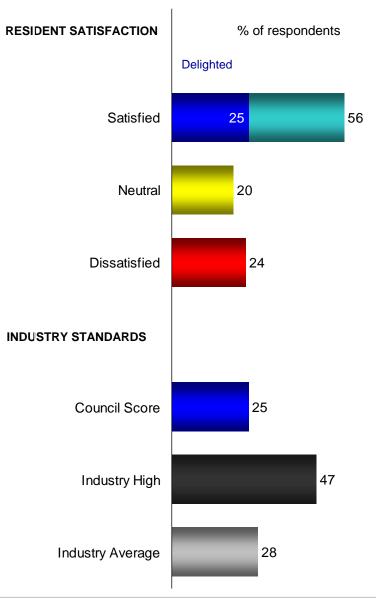


- Satisfaction is relatively high.
 - 72% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors and appears to increase with life stage.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among males, younger singles / couples and families with older children.

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| Female | 41% | 13% |
| Younger singles / couples | 24% | 26% |
| Families with younger children | 32% | 14% |
| Families with older children | 32% | 23% |
| Older singles / couples | 36% | 13% |
| Seniors | 64% [↓] | 8% |



Access to services and facilities for people with disabilities



- Satisfaction is moderate.
 - 56% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 24% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among younger singles / couples and those with a disability or impairment.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 14% | (37%) |
| Families with younger children | 19% | 21% |
| Families with older children | 21% | 29% |
| Older singles / couples | 28% | 22% |
| Seniors | (44%) | 13% |
| Disability or impairment | 27% | 40% |



Safety and security



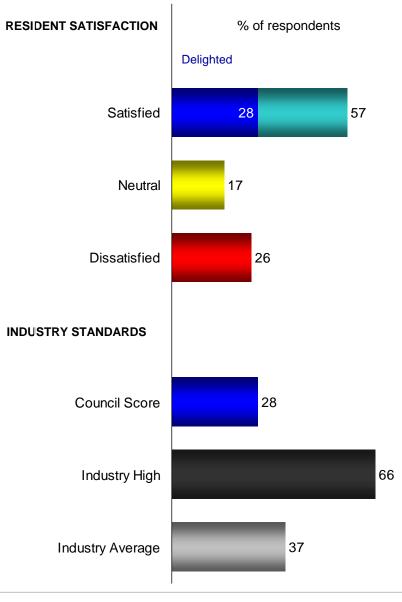
- Satisfaction is moderate.
 - 58% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 21% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
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| Seniors | (36%) | 11% |
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| Rural | 25% | 10% |
| Other townships | 22% | 10% |
| Disability or impairment | 24% | (36%) |



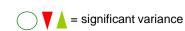
Development, Infrastructure and Related Services

The area's character and identity



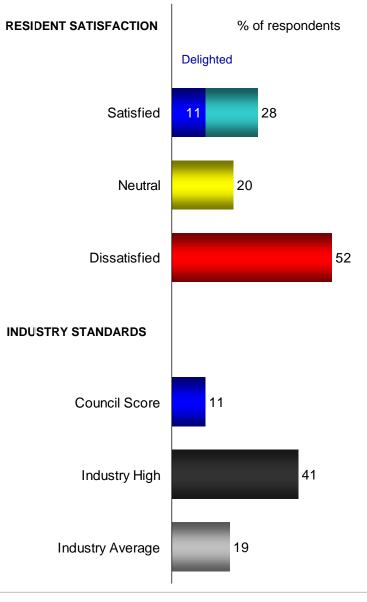
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Planning and building approvals

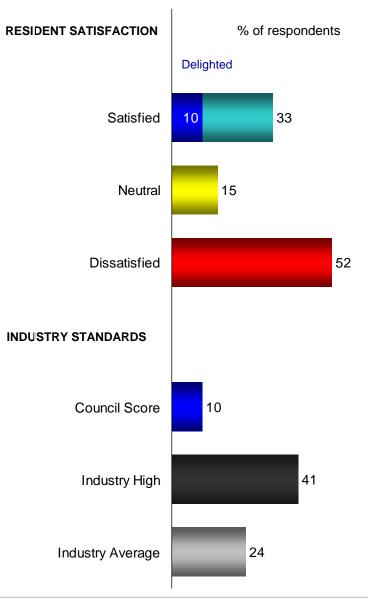


- Satisfaction is low.
 - Just 28% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 52% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among families with older children.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 3% | 52% |
| Families with younger children | 7% | 48% |
| Families with older children | 7% | 68% |
| Older singles / couples | 12% | 56% |
| Seniors | (21%) | 43% |



How the Town Centre is being developed

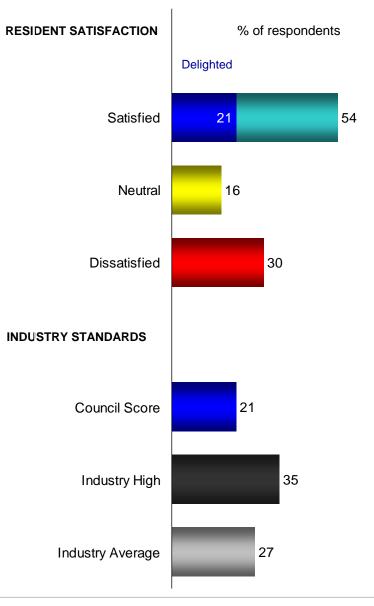


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- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among males, younger singles / couples and families with older children.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Male | 8% | 60% |
| Female | 12% | 44% |
| Younger singles / couples | 6% | 61% |
| Families with younger children | 11% | 51% |
| Families with older children | 11% | 61% |
| Older singles / couples | 9% | 55% |
| Seniors | 19% | 36% |



Community buildings, halls and toilets

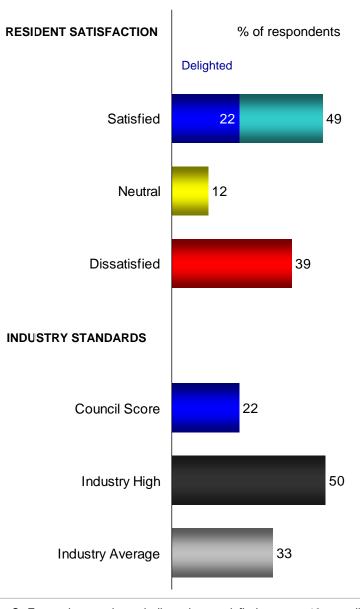


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Road maintenance

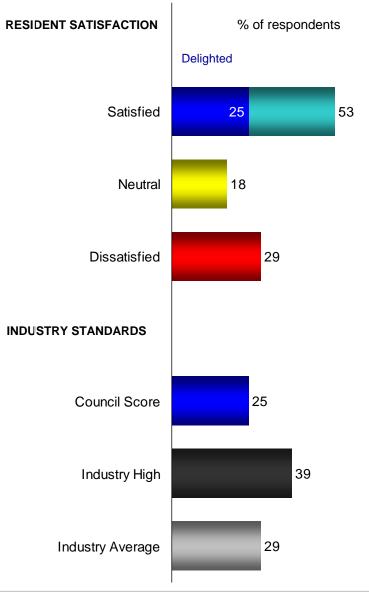


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| Rural | 6% | 71% |
| Other townships | 25% | 32% |



The management and control of traffic on local roads

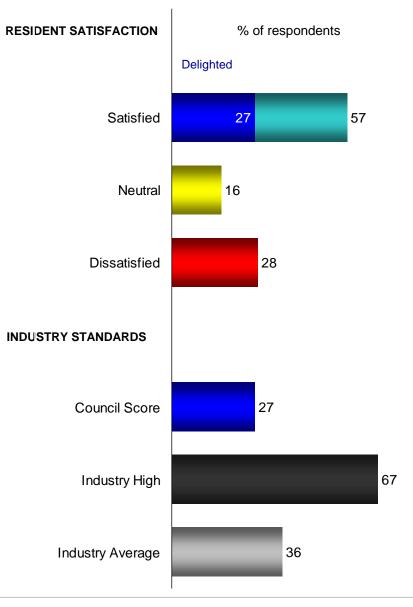


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| Seniors | 38% | 16% |
| Disability or impairment | 24% | (42%) |



Streetscapes

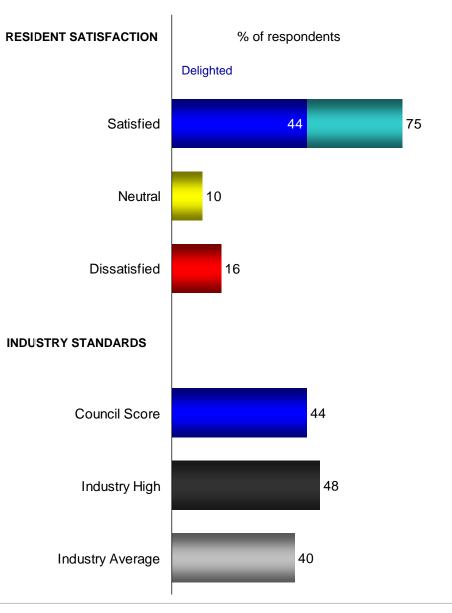


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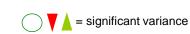


Footpaths and cycleways



- Satisfaction is relatively high.
 - 75% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among males and seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among those living in Esperance Town, and those with a disability or impairment.

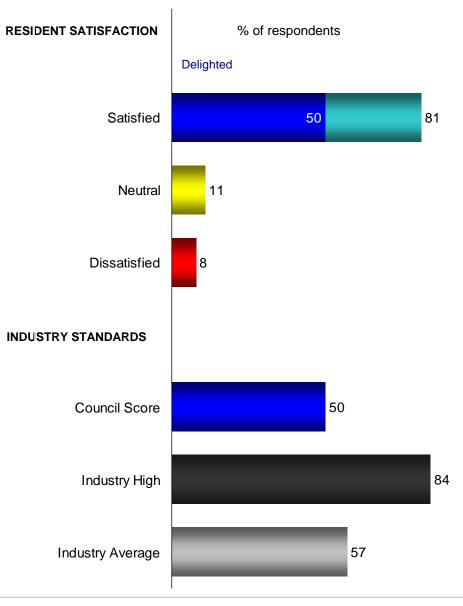
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Culture, Sport and Recreation

Library & information services

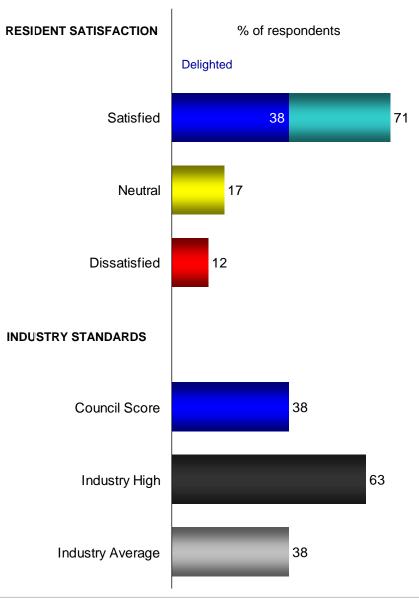


- Satisfaction is high.
 - 81% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among families with older children and ethnic respondents.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 39% | 5% |
| Families with younger children | 47% | 11% |
| Families with older children | 46% | (14%) |
| Older singles / couples | 46% | 8% |
| Seniors | (72%) | 2% |
| Non-English background^ | 34% | (26%) |

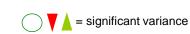


Festivals, events and cultural activities



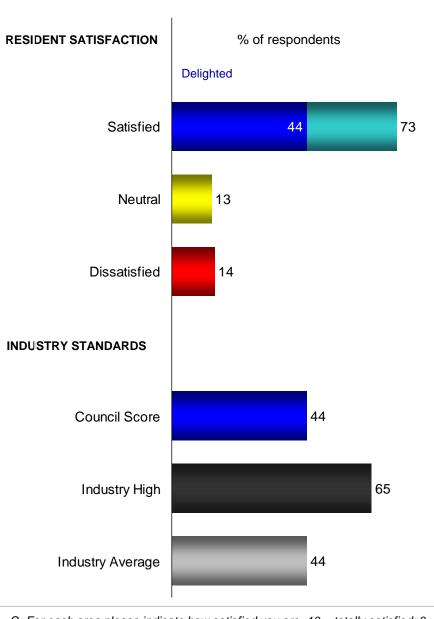
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|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Male | 34% | 11% |
| Female | (42%) | 12% |
| Younger singles / couples | 23% | 20% |
| Families with younger children | 36% | 8% |
| Families with older children | 37% | 16% |
| Older singles / couples | 36% | 14% |
| Seniors | (55%) | 4% |
| Esperance Town | 38% | 12% |
| Rural | 40% | 4% |
| Other townships | 47% | 11% |





Sport & recreation facilities

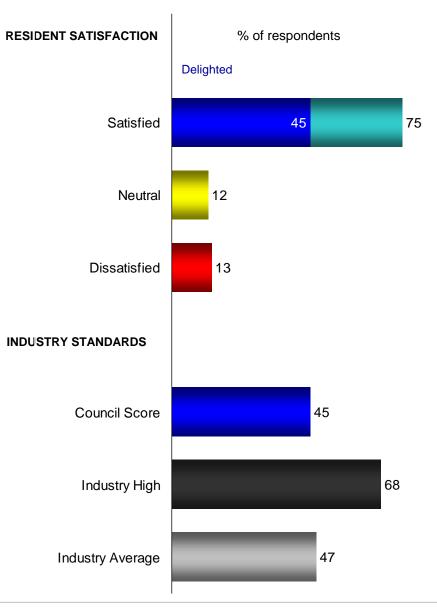


- Satisfaction is relatively high.
 - 73% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among families with older children.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 38% | 17% |
| Families with younger children | 41% | 19% |
| Families with older children | 34% | 30% |
| Older singles / couples | 42% | 10% |
| Seniors | (67%) | 4% |



Parks & sporting grounds



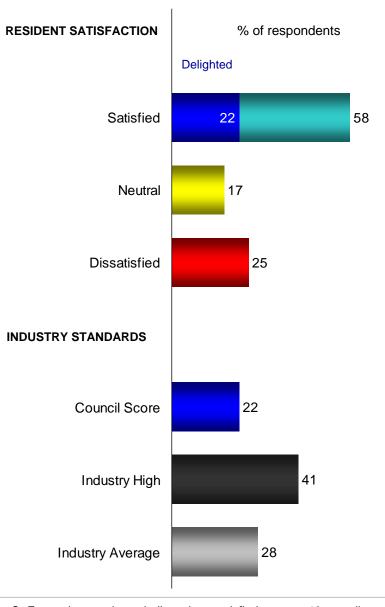
- Satisfaction is relatively high.
 - 75% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among males and seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among families with older children.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Male | (49%) | 12% |
| Female | 42% | 14% |
| Younger singles / couples | 41% | 15% |
| Families with younger children | 41% | 16% |
| Families with older children | 32% | 25% |
| Older singles / couples | 44% | 12% |
| Seniors | (64%) | 5% |



Environmental Management

Conservation and environmental management

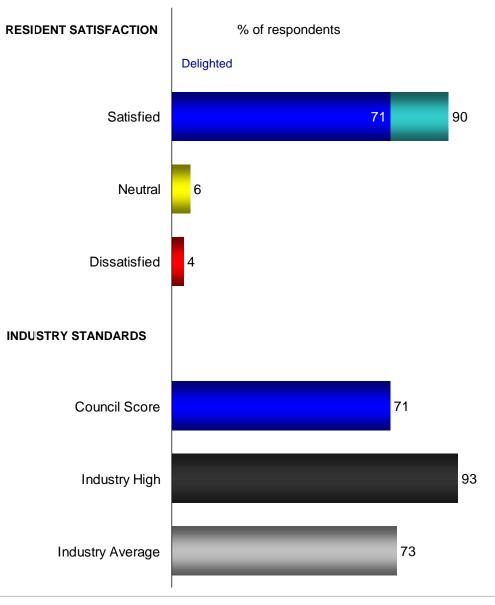


- Satisfaction is moderate.
 - 58% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 25% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among families with younger children and seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among older singles / couples aged 35-64 years, with no kids.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 11% | 24% |
| Families with younger children | (31%) | 19% |
| Families with older children | 19% | 28% |
| Older singles / couples | 14% | 34% |
| Seniors | (28%) | 20% |



Weekly rubbish collections



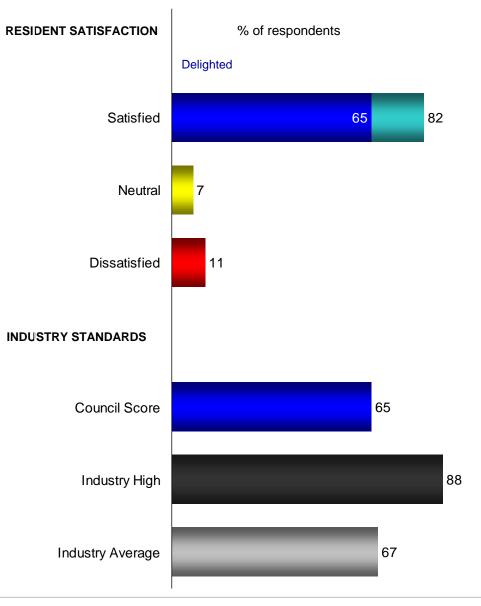
- Satisfaction is high.
 - 90% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 53% | 4% |
| Families with younger children | 72% | 5% |
| Families with older children | 63% | 5% |
| Older singles / couples | 71% | 4% |
| Seniors | (83%) | 1% |





Fortnightly recycling services

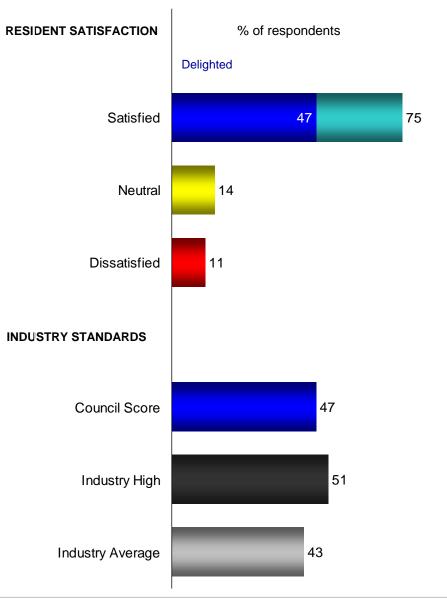


- Satisfaction is high.
 - 82% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among younger singles / couples, followed by families.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 46% | 19% |
| Families with younger children | 59% | 15% |
| Families with older children | 58% | 13% |
| Older singles / couples | 68% | 8% |
| Seniors | (82%) | 1% |



Bush fire prevention and control

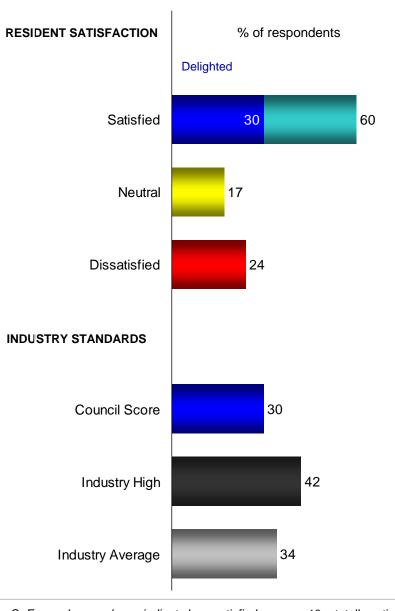


- Satisfaction is relatively high.
 - 75% of respondents are satisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among those living in rural areas.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 38% | 9% |
| Families with younger children | 44% | 11% |
| Families with older children | 46% | 10% |
| Older singles / couples | 45% | 14% |
| Seniors | 63%) | 6% |
| Esperance Town | 47% | 10% |
| Rural | 46% | 24% |
| Other townships | 46% | 13% |



Animal and pest control

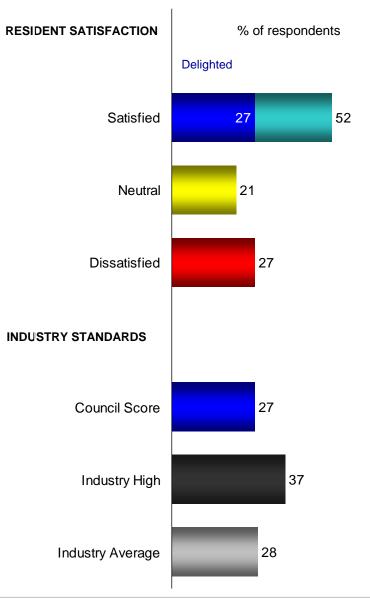


- Satisfaction is moderate.
 - 60% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 24% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among families with older children, and older singles / couples.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 19% | 10% |
| Families with younger children | 35% | 18% |
| Families with older children | 27% | 28% |
| Older singles / couples | 24% | 30% |
| Seniors | 40%) | 23% |



Enforcement of local-laws relating to food, health, noise and pollution



- Satisfaction is moderate.
 - 52% of respondents are satisfied.
 - 27% of respondents are dissatisfied.
- Satisfaction is highest among seniors.
- There is greatest room to improve satisfaction among older singles / couples, followed closely by younger singles / couples.

| % of residents | Delighted | Dissatisfied |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Younger singles / couples | 29% | 30% |
| Families with younger children | 29% | 22% |
| Families with older children | 27% | 26% |
| Older singles / couples | 19% - | 33% |
| Seniors | (36%) | 18% |

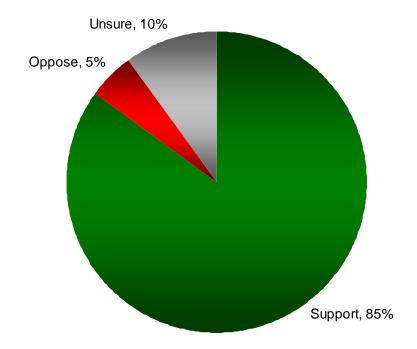


Support / opposition for new concepts

Support for new waste management solutions

The Shire should explore additional waste management solutions (such as composting options, e-waste recycling, household hazardous waste collections etc.

% of respondents



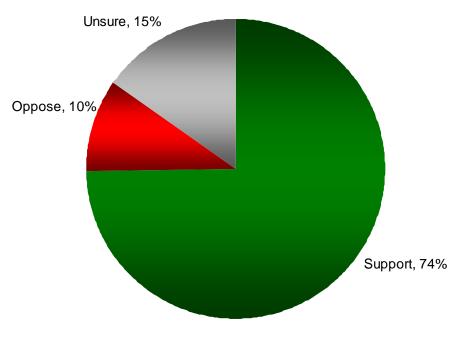
- Most people in the community support the exploration of additional waste management solutions.
- Views are similar across the community.



Support for more environmentally friendly, cost effective landscaping

The Shire should implement more environmentally friendly and cost effective methods of landscaping (such as artificial turf, use of local plant species etc.)

% of respondents



- 3 in 4 support the implementation of more environmentally friendly and cost effective methods of landscaping.
- There is greatest opposition from younger singles / couples, though on balance, this group still supports this idea.

| % of residents | Supported | Oppose |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Younger singles / couples | 62% | (22%) |
| Families with younger children | 79% | 6% |
| Families with older children | 77% | 9% |
| Older singles / couples | 74% | 8% |
| Seniors | 74% | 11% |

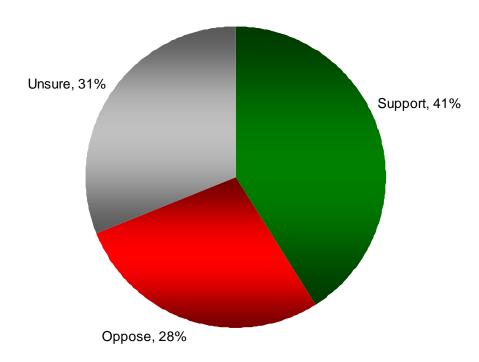




Support for borrowing funds to build new community infrastructure

The Shire should consider using borrowed funds as part of its funding mix for the construction of new major community infrastructure

% of respondents



- On balance, there is support for borrowing funds as part of the Shire's funding mix for the construction of new major community infrastructure. However, many people are unsure.
- There is greatest support from males, younger singles / couples, and families.

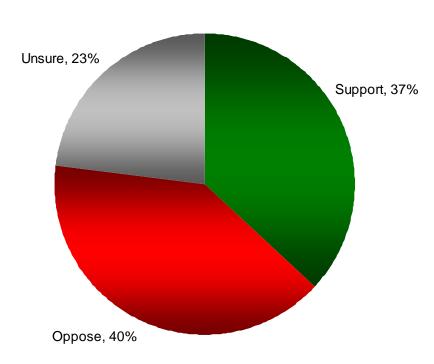
| % of residents | Supported | Oppose |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Male | 49%) | 31% |
| Female | 33% | 25% |
| Younger singles / couples | 48% | 29% |
| Families with younger children | (47%) | 24% |
| Families with older children | 49% | 25% |
| Older singles / couples | 34% | 26% |
| Seniors | 38% | 35% |



Support for Shire controlled land to be sold or leased for commercial uses

Shire controlled land should be considered for commercial sale/lease to create ongoing income streams for the shire

% of respondents



- The community is divided over the sale / lease of Shire controlled land to create ongoing income streams for the Shire.
 - There is support from 37% of respondents, while 40% of respondents oppose this proposal.
- There is greatest support among males and younger singles / couples, followed by families with younger children.
- There is greatest opposition from seniors.

| % of residents | Supported | Oppose |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| Male | (44%) | 41% |
| Female | 30% | 39% |
| Younger singles / couples | (49%) | 27% |
| Families with younger children | 42% | 32% |
| Families with older children | 32% | 40% |
| Older singles / couples | 34% | 45% |
| Seniors | 24% | (55%) |



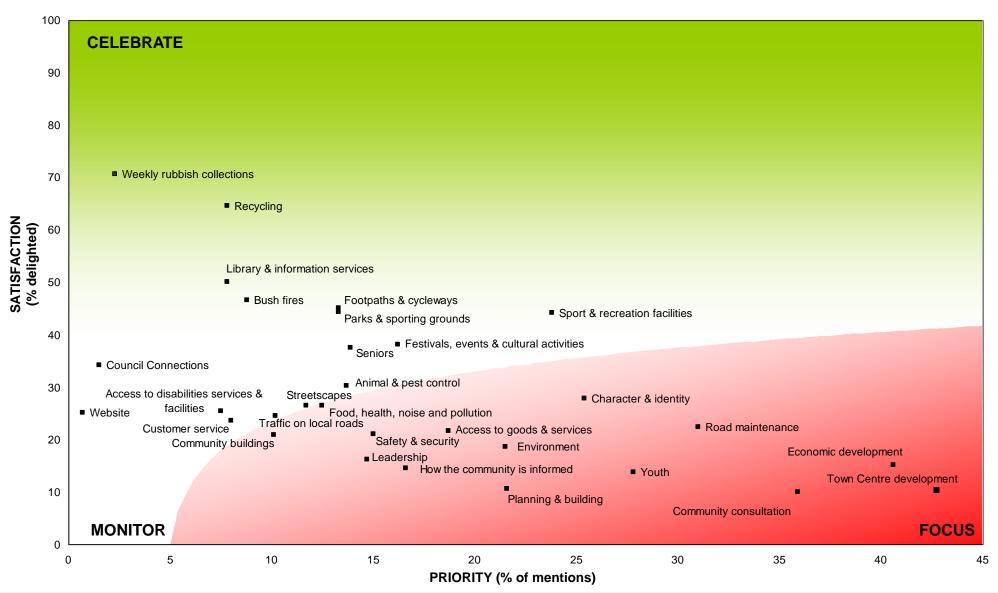
Strategic Insights

Strategic insights

- Residents feel there is room for improvement in the Shire of Esperance with just 55% of respondents expressing overall satisfaction with the Shire.
- To improve, five key areas have been identified as priorities:
 - 1. How the community is consulted
 - How the Town Centre is being developed
 - 3. Economic development, tourism and job creation
 - Road maintenance in rural areas
 - 5. Services and facilities for youth
- On a positive note, the Shire has a relative strength in waste management and performed on par with, or above,
 the industry average across many areas, including:
 - Councillors' and officers' understanding of community needs
 - Council Connections (in the local newspaper)
 - Waste services
 - Footpaths and cycleways
 - Parks, sporting grounds, and recreation facilities

- Festivals, events and cultural activities
- Facilities, services and care available for seniors
- Access to services and facilities for people with disabilities
- Bush fire prevention and control
- Enforcement of local-laws (food, health, noise and pollution)
- To improve, it is recommended that the Shire consult further with the community to establish a clear, shared vision for the future, to explore reasons for dissatisfaction with high priority areas, and develop strategies to address these areas of concern.

Community Priorities Indicator TM



Q. Which areas would you most like the Shire of Esperance to focus on improving? Please circle the FIVE (5) areas you care about most of the 30 listed. Q. For each area please indicate how satisfied you are. 10 = totally satisfied; 0 = totally dissatisfied. Chart shows % of respondents delighted (8,9 or 10) Base: Priority – all respondents (n= xx); Satisfaction - Respondents who use / can comment on service / facility (n= various)





We'd love to discuss this report with you!

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