

# **Borough of Queenscliffe**

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#### **Background and objectives**

The Victorian Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) creates a vital interface between the council and their community.

Held annually, the CSS asks the opinions of local people about the place they live, work and play and provides confidence for councils in their efforts and abilities.

Now in its twenty-fifth year, this survey provides insight into the community's views on:

- councils' overall performance, with benchmarking against State-wide and council group results
- · value for money in services and infrastructure
- community consultation and engagement
- decisions made in the interest of the community
- customer service, local infrastructure, facilities, services and
- · overall council direction.

When coupled with previous data, the survey provides a reliable historical source of the community's views since 1998. A selection of results from the last ten years shows that councils in Victoria continue to provide services that meet the public's expectations.

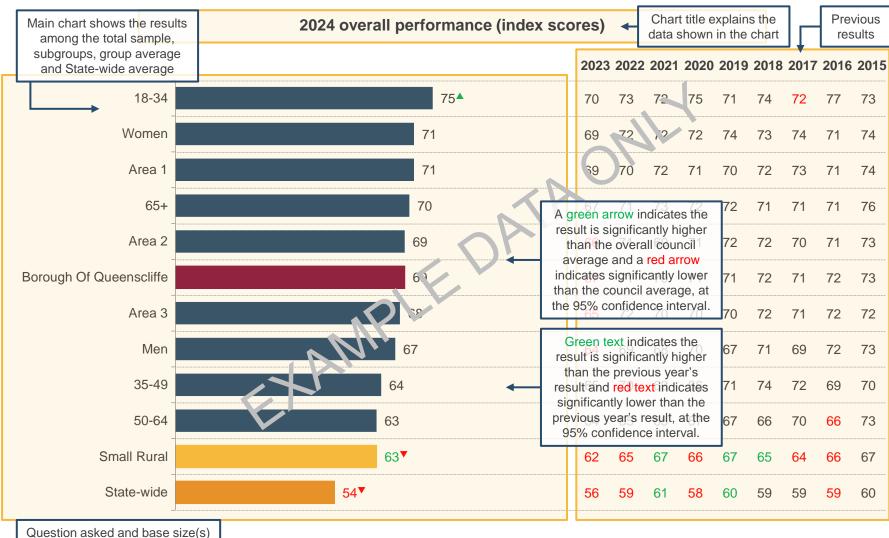
#### **Serving Victoria for 25 years**

Each year the CSS data is used to develop this State-wide report which contains all of the aggregated results, analysis and data. Moreover, with 25 years of results, the CSS offers councils a long-term measure of how they are performing – essential for councils that work over the long term to provide valuable services and infrastructure to their communities.

Participation in the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is optional. Participating councils have various choices as to the content of the questionnaire and the sample size to be surveyed, depending on their individual strategic, financial and other considerations.

# How to read index score charts in this report





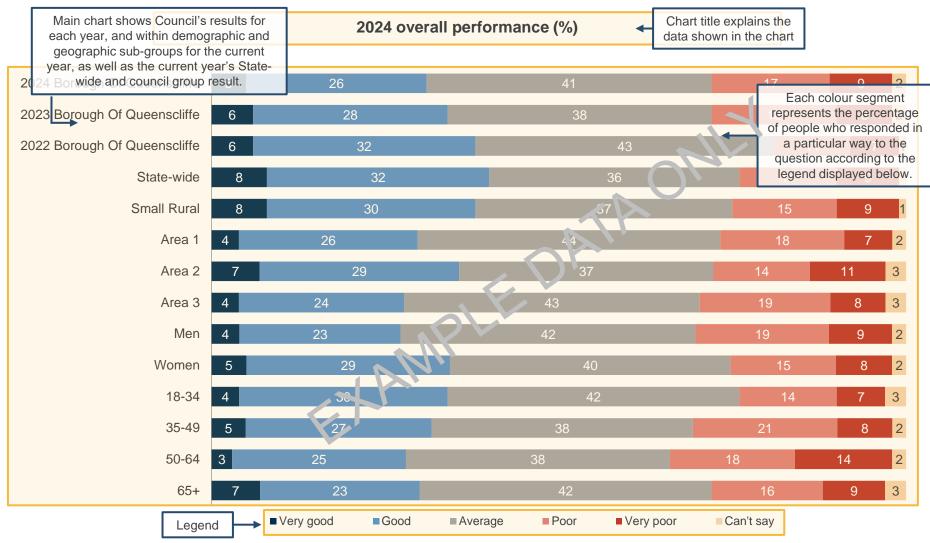
Q3. ON BALANCE, for the last twelve months, how do you feel about the performance of Borough of Queenscliffe, not just on one or two

issues, BUT OVERALL across all responsibility areas? Has it been very good, good, average, poor or very poor? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 62 Councils asked group: 9

Note: Please see Appendix A for explanation of significant differences.

#### How to read stacked bar charts in this report







# **Borough of Queenscliffe – at a glance**



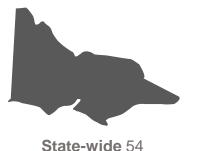
#### **Overall council performance**

Results shown are index scores out of 100.





**Small Rural** 53



# Council performance compared to group average



## **Summary of core measures**



#### **Index scores**



**Performance** 



money



Community

Consultation

**Making** 

Community

**Decisions** 



Roads

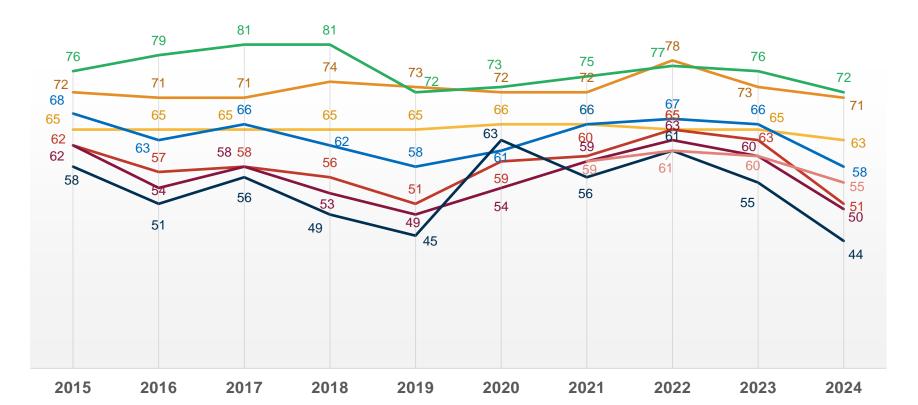




Customer **Service** 



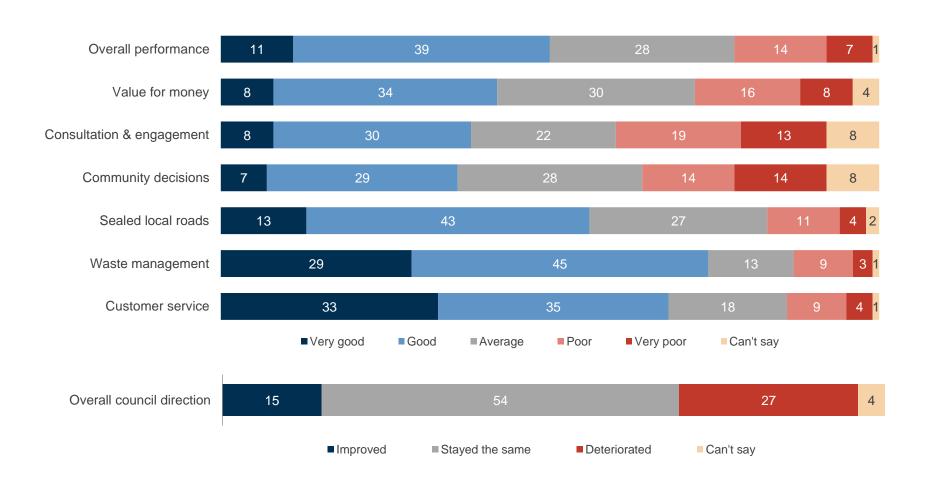
Overall Council Direction



# **Summary of core measures**



#### Core measures summary results (%)



# **Summary of Borough of Queenscliffe performance**



Services		Borough of Queenscliffe 2024	Borough of Queenscliffe 2023	Small Rural 2024	State-wide 2024	Highest score	Lowest score
CA	Overall performance	58	66	53	54	Non-Residents	35-49 years
S	Value for money	55	60	47	48	Non-Residents	35-49 years
+	Overall council direction	44	55	44	45	Non-Residents	35-49 years
ė	Customer service	71	73	66	67	Non-Residents	65+ years
<b>\$</b> /	Art centres & libraries	79	78	73	73	35-49 years	Men
MA	Elderly support services	72	72	65	63	Non-Residents	18-34 years
	Waste management	72	76	67	67	65+ years	18-34 years
	Community & cultural	71	75	69	66	Non-Residents	Residents
Ż.	Recreational facilities	70	72	67	68	50-64 years	35-49 years
<u>.</u>	Appearance of public areas	69	73	71	68	Non-Residents	18-34 years

# **Summary of Borough of Queenscliffe performance**



Services		Borough of Queenscliffe 2024	Borough of Queenscliffe 2023	Small Rural 2024	State-wide 2024	Highest score	Lowest score
2	Environmental sustainability	67	70	59	60	18-34 years	65+ years, Residents
	Family support services	65	68	61	63	50-64 years	35-49 years
	Parking facilities	63	64	59	54	Non-Residents	Residents
A	Sealed local roads	63	65	41	45	Non-Residents	Residents
	Enforcement of local laws	60	60	60	61	Non-Residents	Men
	Traffic management	58	64	58	53	Non-Residents	18-34 years
*··	Bus/community dev./tourism	57	62	59	57	Non-Residents	35-49 years
	Informing the community	57	67	56	56	Non-Residents	Residents
	Town planning policy	52	59	49	50	Non-Residents	18-34 years
	Consultation & engagement	51	63	51	51	Non-Residents	35-49 years

# **Summary of Borough of Queenscliffe performance**



Services		Borough of Queenscliffe 2024	Borough of Queenscliffe 2023	Small Rural 2024	State-wide 2024	Highest score	Lowest score
-6	Community decisions	50	60	50	50	Non-Residents	35-49 years, Residents
	Planning & building permits	50	53	43	45	Non-Residents, 50-64 years	35-49 years
<u> </u>	Lobbying	49	59	50	50	Non-Residents	35-49 years

#### Focus areas for the next 12 months



Overview

Perceptions of overall performance in the Borough of Queenscliffe (index score of 58) declined significantly from 2023 after maintaining gains made in 2021 for two consecutive years. Council also experienced significant declines in perceptions on 10 of 19 service areas evaluated, including losses of upwards of 10 points in each of the related areas of informing the community, consultation and engagement, community decisions and lobbying.

Key influences on perceptions of overall performance

Council should focus on improving performance in the individual service areas that most influence perceptions of overall performance, with community decisions being the most influential. Town planning policies, and consultation and engagement processes, are also in need of attention – both have a strong-to-moderate influence on overall perceptions, are among Council's lower-rated service areas, and like community decisions, experienced significant declines in perceptions in the past year.

Comparison to state and area grouping

Despite declines, Council performs significantly higher than group and State-wide averages on close to half of the individual service areas evaluated, in addition to overall performance. Ratings are otherwise in line with, but not lower than, average ratings for councils in the Small Rural group and State-wide. Council outperforms the group by the widest margins in the areas of elderly support services and sealed local roads. This is a positive result for Council and suggests declines reflect rural realities.

**Abate declines** 

To negate significant declines in key service areas, Council's attention is best focused on improving perceptions among resident ratepayers and those aged 35 to 49 years, as ratings among these groups are lower and have deteriorated more than other cohorts across a number of measures. This includes in areas with a strong-to-moderate influence on impressions of overall performance.

# **DETAILED FINDINGS**



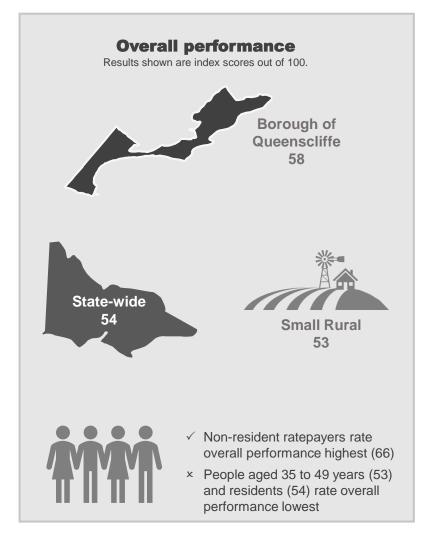


The overall performance index score of 58 for the Borough of Queenscliffe represents a significant eight-point decline on the 2023 result. The decline follows a three-year period in which Council experienced and maintained higher ratings. Perceptions of Council's overall performance is now at its lowest level since 2019.

Despite this, the Borough of Queenscliffe's overall performance is rated statistically significantly higher (at the 95% confidence interval) than the average rating for councils in the Small Rural group and State-wide (index scores of 53 and 54 respectively).

- Almost all demographic and geographic cohorts declined significantly in their perceptions of overall performance in the past year. The decline was largest among people aged 35 to 49 years (index score of 53, down 14 points from 2023).
- Average overall performance ratings also declined significantly at the group and State-wide levels, though not to the extent of local declines.

More than two in five people (42%) rate the value for money they receive from Council in infrastructure and services as 'very good' or 'good'. This is almost twice as many as those who rate the value for money as 'very poor' or 'poor' (24%). A further 30% rate Council as 'average' in terms of providing value for money.



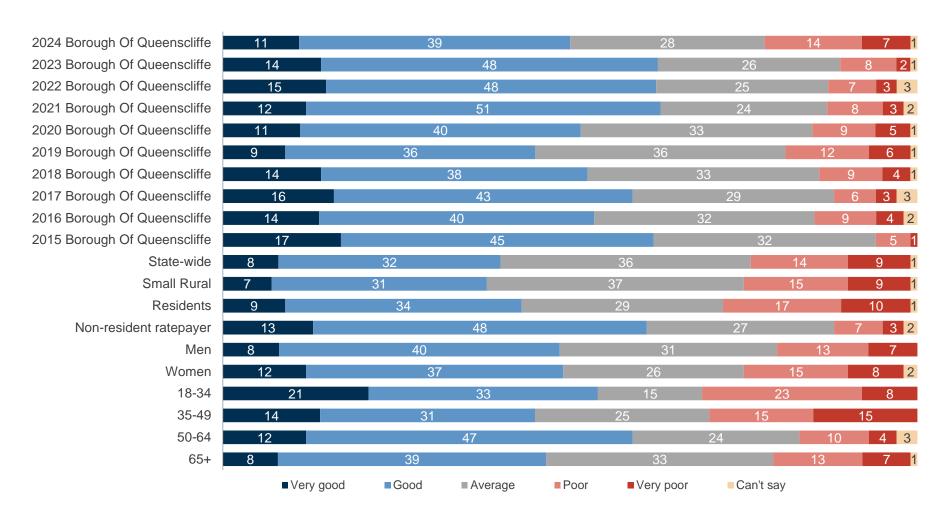


#### 2024 overall performance (index scores)





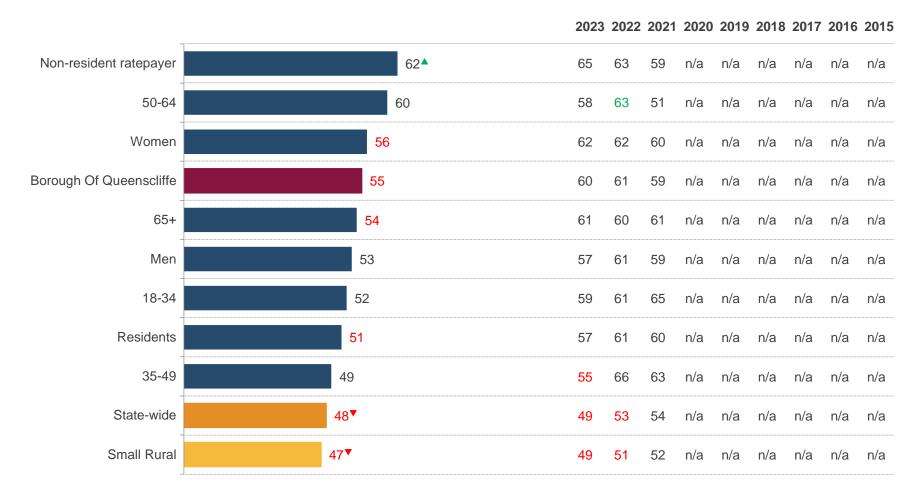
#### 2024 overall performance (%)



# Value for money in services and infrastructure



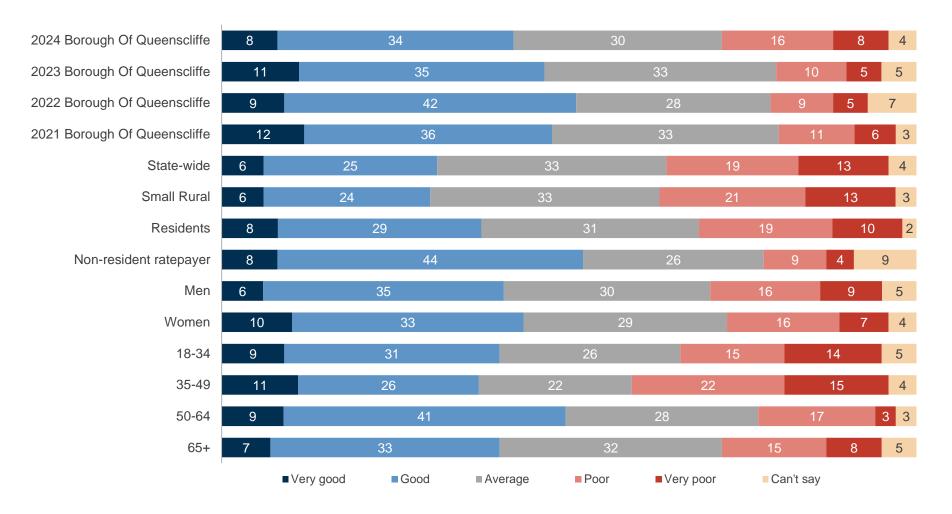
#### 2024 value for money (index scores)



# Value for money in services and infrastructure



#### 2024 value for money (%)



# **Top performing service areas**

With an index score of 79, arts centres and libraries remains Council's highest rated service area for the second consecutive year. Council maintained a significant gain achieved in 2023. Council's rating in this area is now at its highest level in a decade.

- Perceptions of Council's performance in the area of art centres and libraries is consistently high across demographic and geographic subgroups.
- Council performs significantly higher than both the Small Rural group and State-wide averages for councils for its art centres and libraries (index score of 73 each).

Council's next highest rated service areas are elderly support services and waste management (index score of 72 each). Council's rating in the area of elderly services is unchanged from 2023, whereas perceptions of waste management declined by a significant four index points.

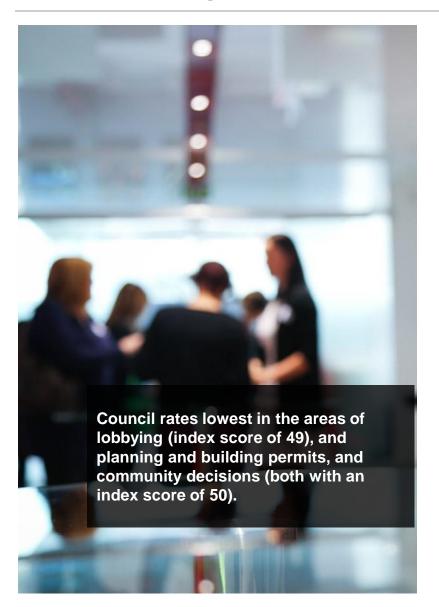
 In the case of waste management, perceptions declined most among non-resident ratepayers (index score of 72, down six index points), women (72, down six), and those aged 18 to 34 years (66, down 12). By comparison, perceptions of waste management among residents declined a slight three index points to an index score of 72.





# Low performing service areas





Council rates lowest – relative to its performance in other areas – in the areas of lobbying (index score of 49), planning and building permits (50), and community decisions (also 50). In two of these three areas – community decisions (down 10 points) and lobbying (also down 10 points) – perceptions of Council's performance declined significantly from 2023.

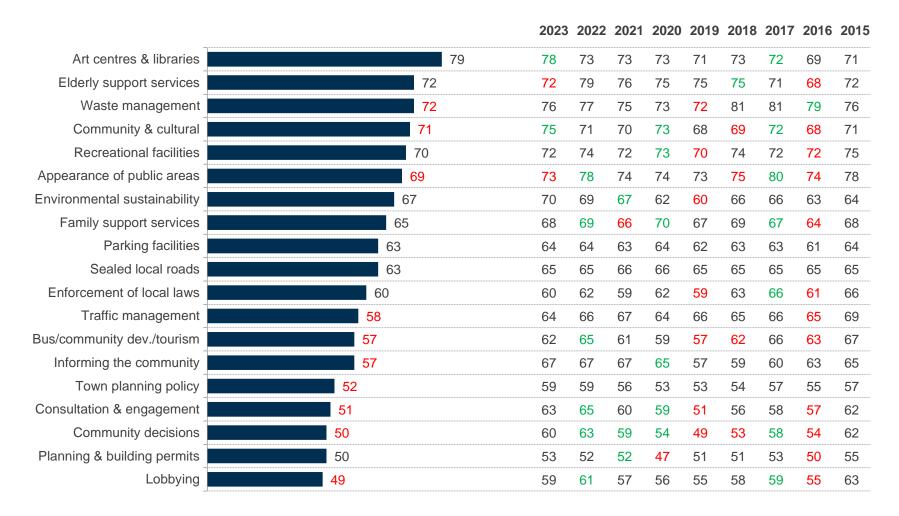
Despite these relatively lower scores, Council rates in line with the Small Rural group and the State-wide average for councils in the areas of community decisions and lobbying. It rates significantly higher than both in the area of planning and building permits.

- Non-resident ratepayers rate Council's performance significantly higher than average in each of these service areas.
- In the areas of community decisions and lobbying, significant declines in ratings occurred across most demographic and geographic sub-groups. An exception is evident among those aged 50 to 64 years, where perceptions of Council's lobbying efforts similarly declined but not to the degree experienced elsewhere and only by a slight three index points.

#### Individual service area performance



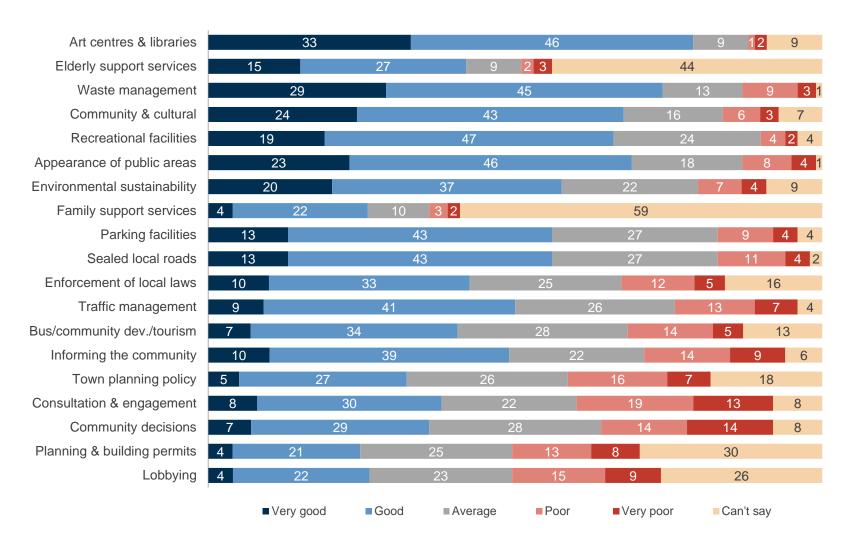
#### 2024 individual service area performance (index scores)



#### Individual service area performance



#### 2024 individual service area performance (%)



#### Influences on perceptions of overall performance



The individual service area that has the strongest influence on the overall performance rating (based on regression analysis) is:

Decisions made in the interest of the community.

Good communication and transparency with residents about decisions Council has made in the community's interest provides the greatest opportunity to drive up overall opinion of Council's performance. Council is currently rated 'average' in this area (index score of 50).

Following on from that, other individual service areas with a moderate to strong influence on the overall performance rating are:

- · Community consultation and engagement
- Informing the community
- The appearance of public areas
- Town planning
- · Recreational planning
- Traffic management
- Environmental sustainability
- · Family support services.

Looking at these key service areas only, recreational facilities and the appearance of public areas have high performance index scores (70 and 69 respectively), and Council also performs well on environmental sustainability and family support services (index scores of 67 and 65 respectively). All have a moderate influence on Council's overall performance rating.

Maintaining these positive results should remain a focus but there is greater work to be done elsewhere.

Council performs less well on the stronger influence of community consultation and moderate influence of town planning, with both rated just above average (index scores of 51 and 52 respectively).

Ensuring residents feel heard on key local issues and Council activities, particularly around planning, can also help to shore up positive overall ratings of Council performance.

# Regression analysis explained



We use regression analysis to investigate which individual service areas, such as community consultation, condition of sealed local roads, etc. (the independent variables) are influencing respondent perceptions of overall council performance (the dependent variable).

In the charts that follow:

- The horizontal axis represents Council's performance index score for each individual service.
   Service areas appearing on the right side of the chart have a higher index score than those on the left.
- The vertical axis represents the Standardised Beta Coefficient from the multiple regression performed.
   This measures the contribution of each service area to the model. Service areas near the top of the chart have a greater positive effect on overall performance ratings than service areas located closer to the axis.

The regressions are shown on the following two charts.

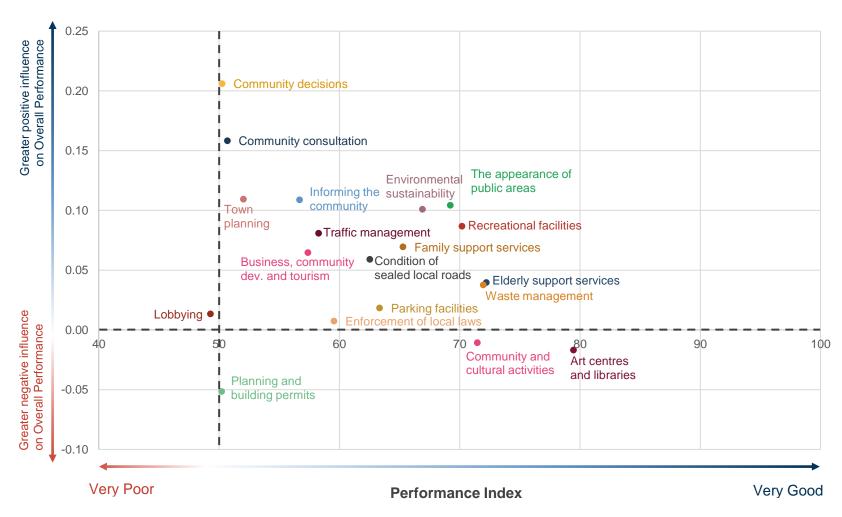
- The first chart shows the results of a regression analysis of all individual service areas selected by Council.
- 2. The second chart shows the results of a regression performed on a smaller set of service areas, being those with a moderate-to-strong influence on overall performance. Service areas with a weak influence on overall performance (i.e. a low Standardised Beta Coefficient) have been excluded from the analysis.

Key insights from this analysis are derived from the second chart.

## Influence on overall performance: all service areas



#### 2024 regression analysis (all service areas)

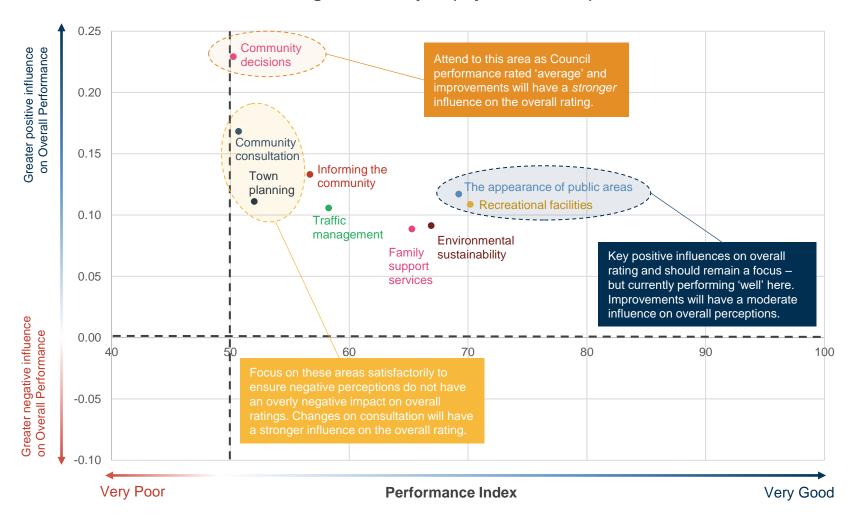


The multiple regression analysis model above (all service areas) has an  $R^2$  value of 0.728 and adjusted  $R^2$  value of 0.714, which means that 71% of the variance in community perceptions of overall performance can be predicted from these variables. The overall model effect was statistically significant at p = 0.0001, F = 53.47. This model should be interpreted with some caution as some data is not normally distributed and not all service areas have linear correlations.

#### Influence on overall performance: key service areas



#### 2024 regression analysis (key service areas)



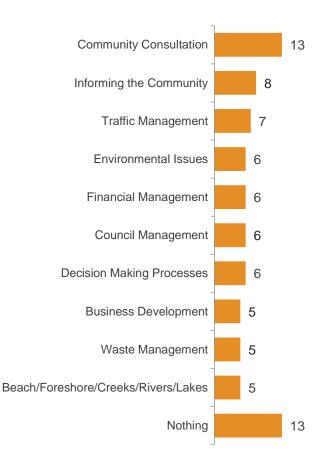
# **Best things about Council and areas for improvement**



# 2024 best things about Council (%) - Top mentions only -



# 2024 areas for improvement (%) - Top mentions only -



Q16. Please tell me what is the ONE BEST thing about Borough of Queenscliffe? It could be about any of the issues or services we have covered in this survey or it could be about something else altogether?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 31 Councils asked group: 8

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Q17. What does Borough of Queenscliffe MOST need to do to improve its performance?

A verbatim listing of responses to these questions can be found in the accompanying dashboard.



# **Customer service**

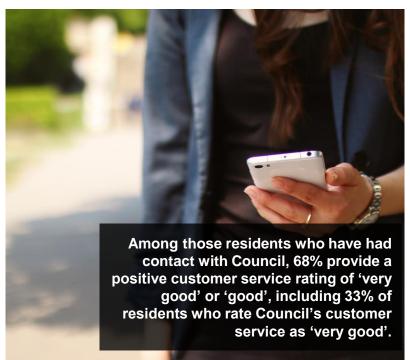
#### **Contact with council and customer service**



#### Contact with council

Seven in ten people (72%) had contact with Council in the previous 12 months. Rate of contact is in line with 2023 (69%) but has crept upwards steadily over the past two years from 65% in 2022.

Generational differences exist in rates of contact with Council. People aged 18 to 34 years are less likely to have had contact with Council (61%) than those aged 35 to 49 years (78%), 50 to 64 years (74%) or 65+ years (72%).



#### **Customer service**

Council's customer service index of 71 is in line with the 2023 result. With the exception of 2022, when Council's customer service rating reached a high of 78 index points, customer service ratings have been consistent for most of the past decade. Customer service is rated significantly higher than the State-wide and Small Rural group averages (index scores of 67 and 66 respectively).

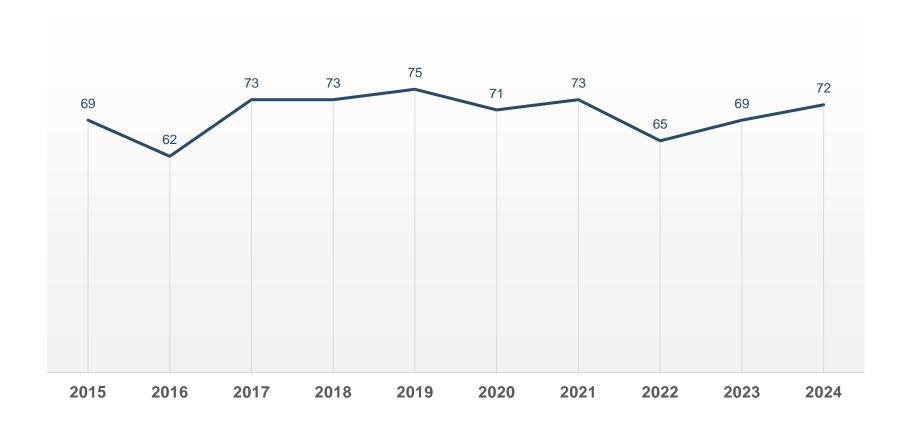
Seven in ten residents (68%) provide a positive customer service rating of 'very good' or 'good'.

 Non-resident ratepayers (index score of 77) rate customer service significantly higher than the Council average. Residents (index score of 69) rate customer service in line with the average. Residents had higher rates of contact with Council this past year than non-resident ratepayers (76% and 64% respectively).

#### **Contact with council**



# 2024 contact with council (%) Have had contact

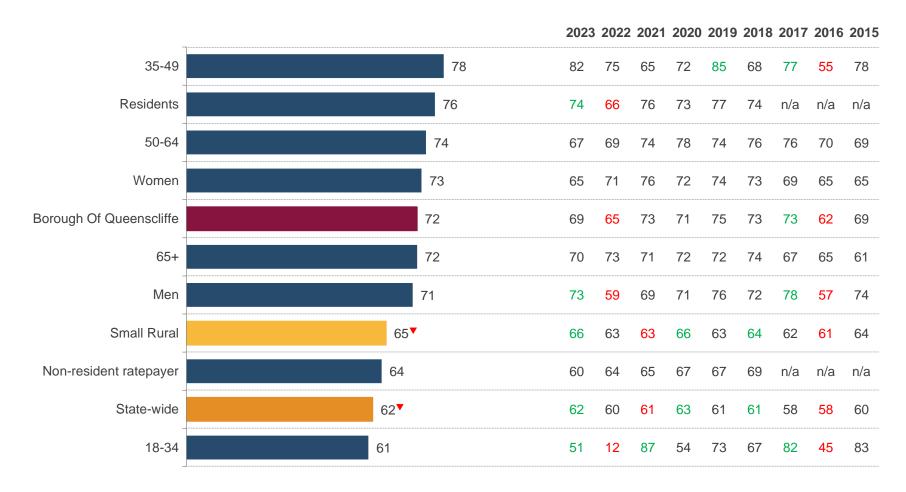


Q5. Over the last 12 months, have you or any member of your household had any contact with Borough of Queenscliffe? This may have been in person, in writing, by telephone conversation, by text message, by email or via their website or social media such as Facebook or Twitter?

#### **Contact with council**



#### 2024 contact with council (%)



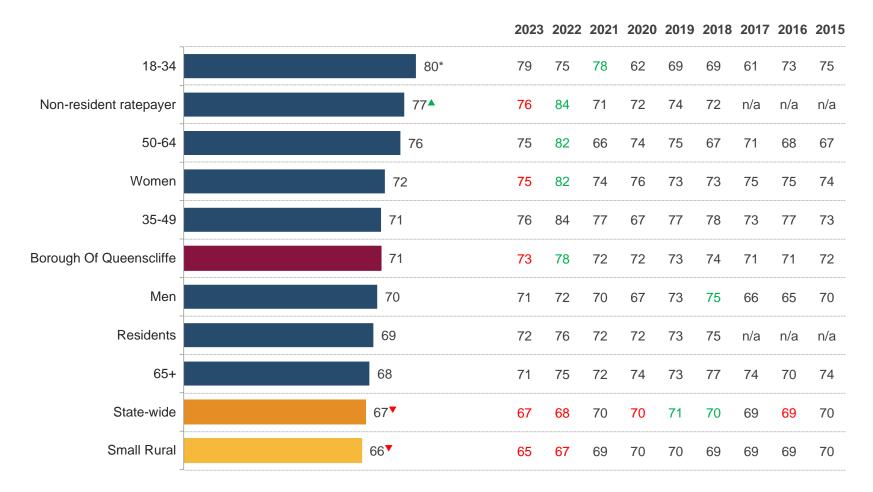
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# **Customer service rating**



#### 2024 customer service rating (index scores)



Q5c. Thinking of the most recent contact, how would you rate Borough of Queenscliffe for customer service? Please keep in mind we do not mean the actual outcome but rather the actual service that was received. Base: All respondents who have had contact with Council in the last 12 months. Councils asked State-wide: 62 Councils asked group: 19

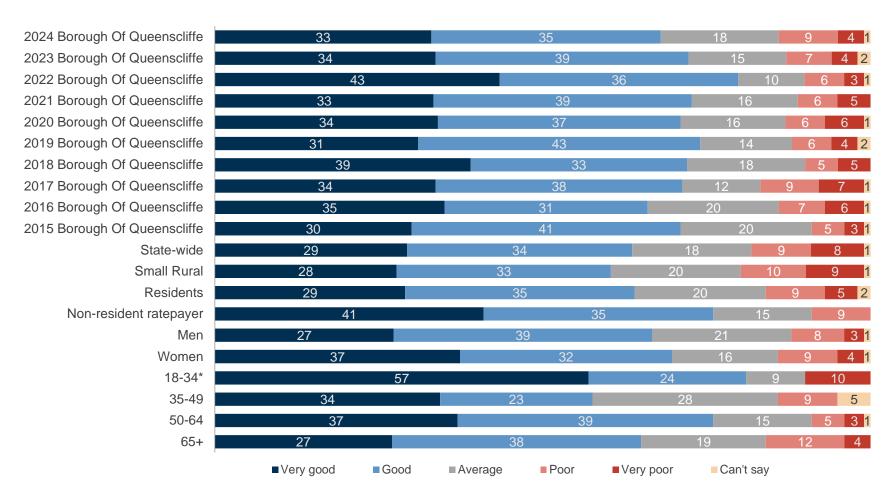
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\*Caution: small sample size < n=30

#### **Customer service rating**



#### 2024 customer service rating (%)



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## **Communication**

Council newsletters sent via email (57%) are by far the most preferred form of communication for news and information and upcoming events in the Borough of Queenscliffe. An emailed newsletter has been the preferred form of communication since 2017. Over time, preference for Council newsletters sent via email has steadily and consistently increased (from 30% in 2015), while preference for newsletters sent via mail has been on a steady decline (now at 16%, down from 41% in 2015).

- Newsletters sent via email are preferred by a majority of people under 50 years (54%). Desire for an emailed newsletter started at 17% among this audience in 2015. Newsletters sent via mail (13%) and social media updates (12%) comprise a distant second in terms of preference. Demand for social media updates has halved since 2022.
- For people 50 years and over, newsletters via email are also the preferred form of communication from Council (58%). Emailed newsletters continue to grow in preference among this cohort (up eight percentage points from 2023). Conversely, demand for a newsletter sent via mail continues to decline over time, dropping to 17% from 23% in 2023.



## **Best form of communication**



## 2024 best form of communication (%)



Advertising in a Local Newspaper



Council Newsletter via Mail



Council Newsletter via Email



Council Newsletter as Local Paper Insert



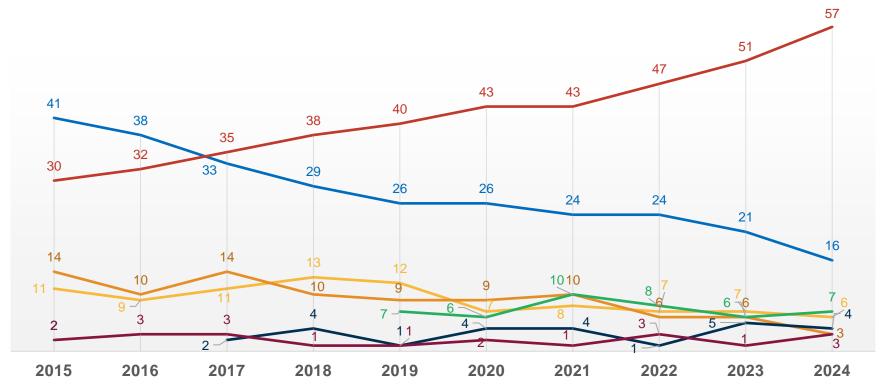
Council Website



Text Message



Social Media



Q13. If Borough of Queenscliffe was going to get in touch with you to inform you about Council news and information and upcoming events, which ONE of the following is the BEST way to communicate with you?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 38 Councils asked group: 11 Note: 'Social Media' was included in 2019.

## **Best form of communication: under 50s**



## 2024 under 50s best form of communication (%)



Advertising in a Local Newspaper



Council Newsletter via Mail



Council Newsletter via Email



Council Newsletter as Local Paper Insert



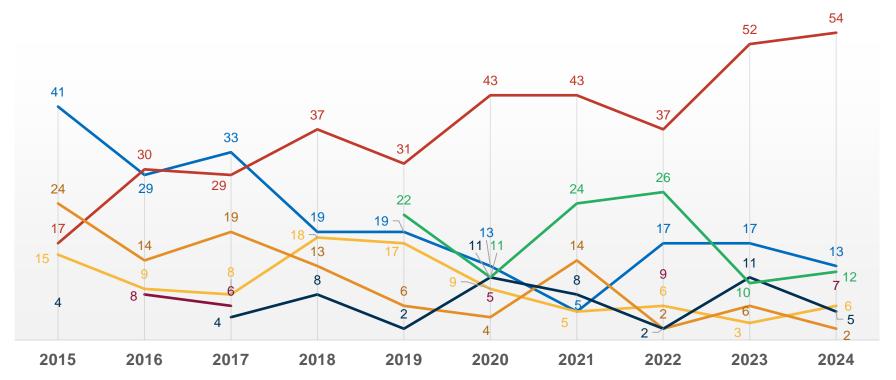
Council Website



Text Message



Social Media



Q13. If Borough of Queenscliffe was going to get in touch with you to inform you about Council news and information and upcoming events, which ONE of the following is the BEST way to communicate with you?

Base: All respondents aged under 50. Councils asked State-wide: 38 Councils asked group: 11

Note: 'Social Media' was included in 2019.

## **Best form of communication: 50+ years**



## 2024 50+ years best form of communication (%)



Advertising in a Local Newspaper



Council Newsletter via Mail



Council Newsletter via Email



Council Newsletter as Local Paper Insert



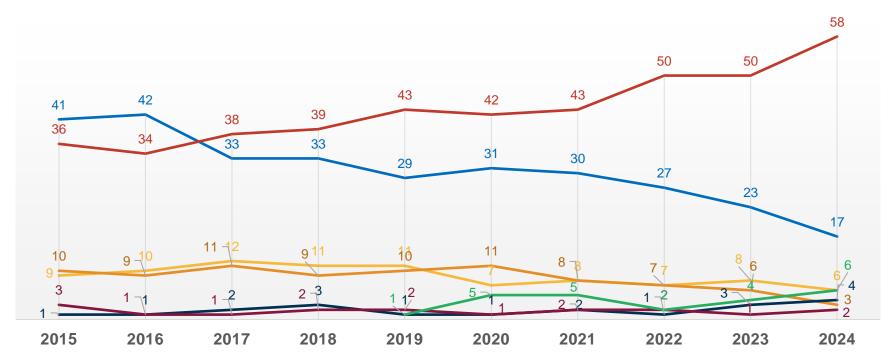
Council Website



Text Message



Social Media



Q13. If Borough of Queenscliffe was going to get in touch with you to inform you about Council news and information and upcoming events, which ONE of the following is the BEST way to communicate with you?

Base: All respondents aged 50+ years. Councils asked State-wide: 38 Councils asked group: 11 Note: 'Social Media' was included in 2019.



## **Council direction**

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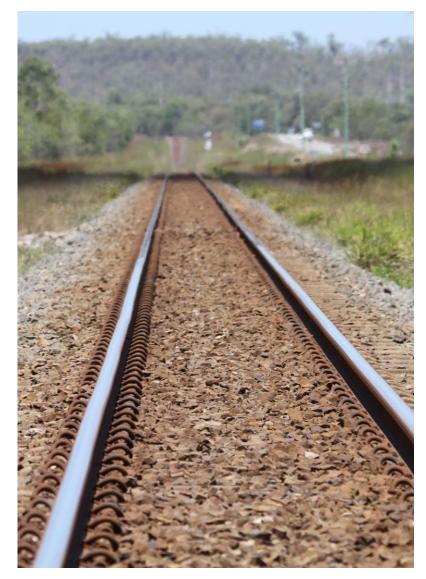
Perceptions of the direction of Council's overall performance continues to decline, dropping another 11 index points to a score of 44. This is in addition to a sixpoint drop experienced in 2023.

 Ratings of Council's overall direction declined significantly across almost all demographic and geographic subgroups.

Perceptions of Council's overall direction are now in line with (rather than significantly higher than) the Small Rural group and the State-wide average for councils (index scores of 44 and 45 respectively). Both the group and State-wide averages have declined significantly for three consecutive years.

- The most satisfied with overall council direction are non-resident ratepayers (index score of 46).
- The least satisfied with overall council direction are those aged 35 to 49 years (index score of 37), 33% of whom believe the direction of Council's overall performance deteriorated over the previous 12 months.

A majority (54%) describe the direction of Council's performance as having 'stayed the same' in the last 12 months. Another 15% believe the direction improved (down seven percentage points from 2023). Almost twice as many (27%) believe the direction deteriorated. Negative perceptions doubled from last year (13%).



## **Overall council direction last 12 months**



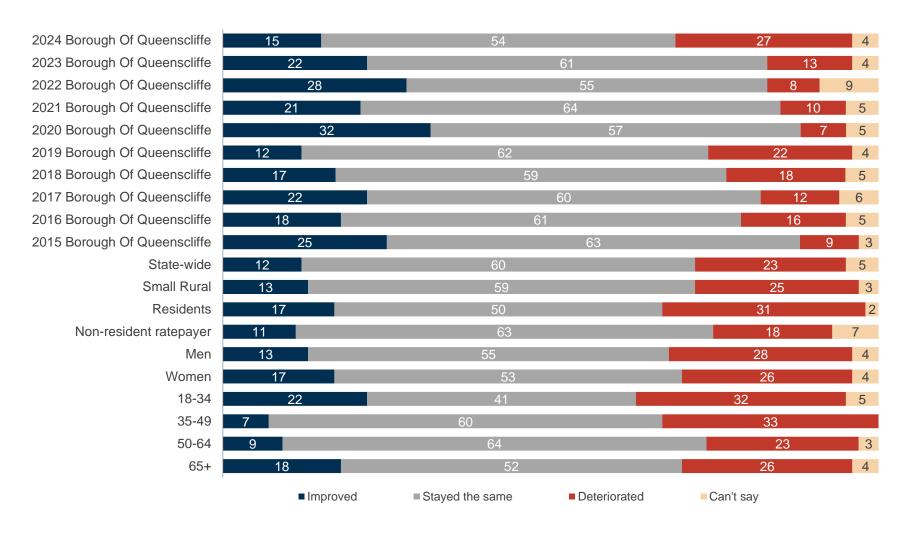
#### 2024 overall council direction (index scores)



## **Overall council direction last 12 months**



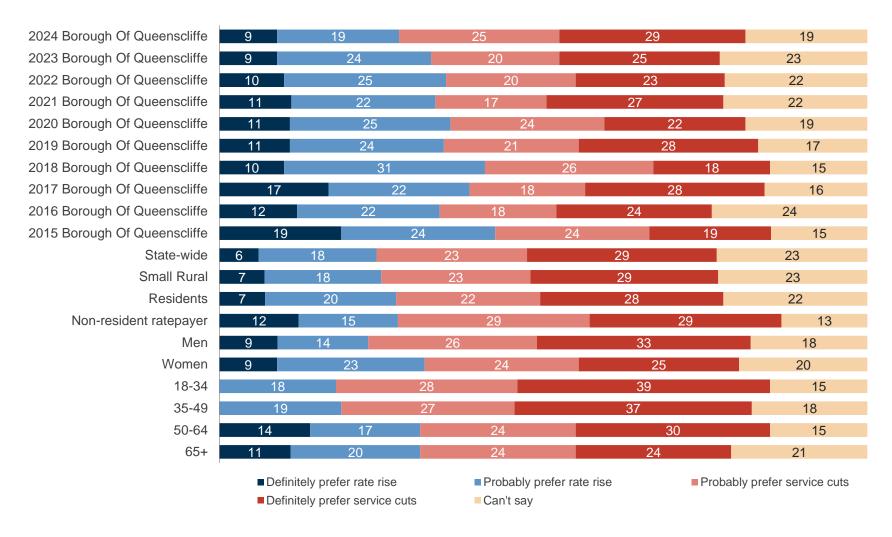
#### 2024 overall council direction (%)



## Rates / services trade-off



#### 2024 rates / services trade-off (%)





# Community consultation and engagement performance





#### 2024 consultation and engagement performance (index scores)

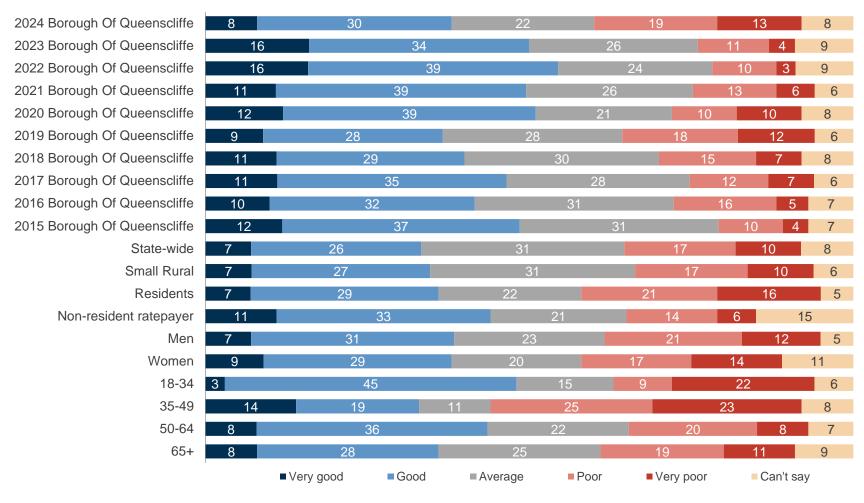


# Community consultation and engagement performance





#### 2024 consultation and engagement performance (%)

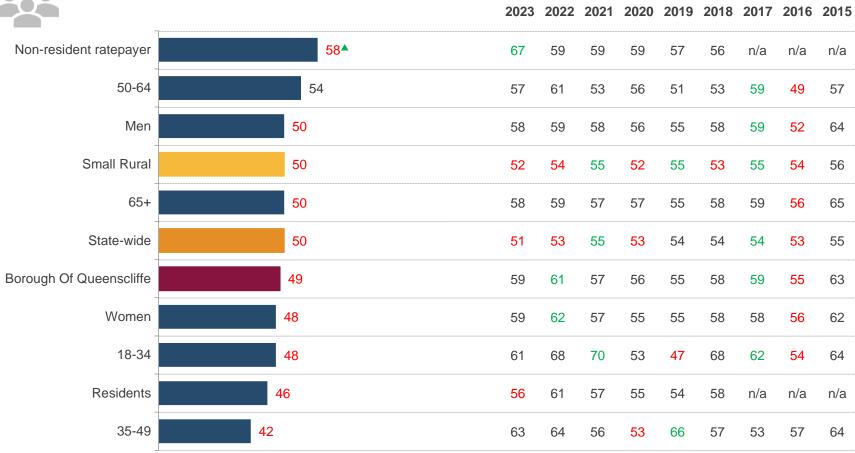


## Lobbying on behalf of the community performance





### 2024 lobbying performance (index scores)

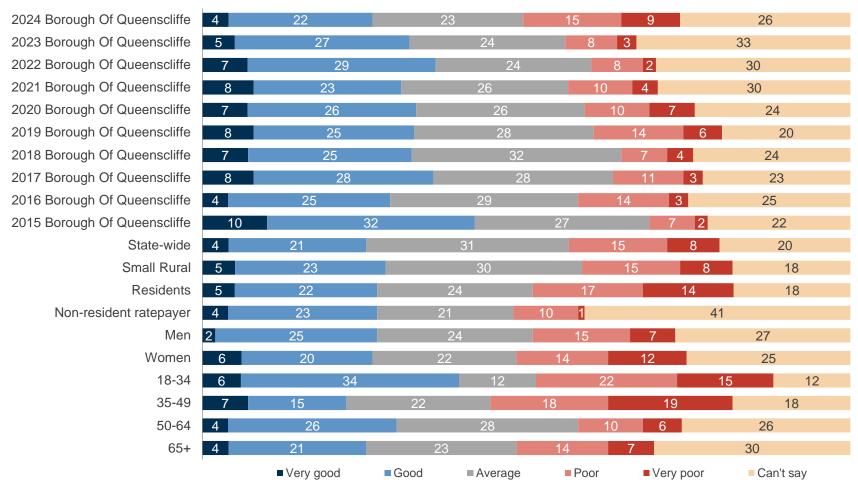


## Lobbying on behalf of the community performance





#### 2024 lobbying performance (%)

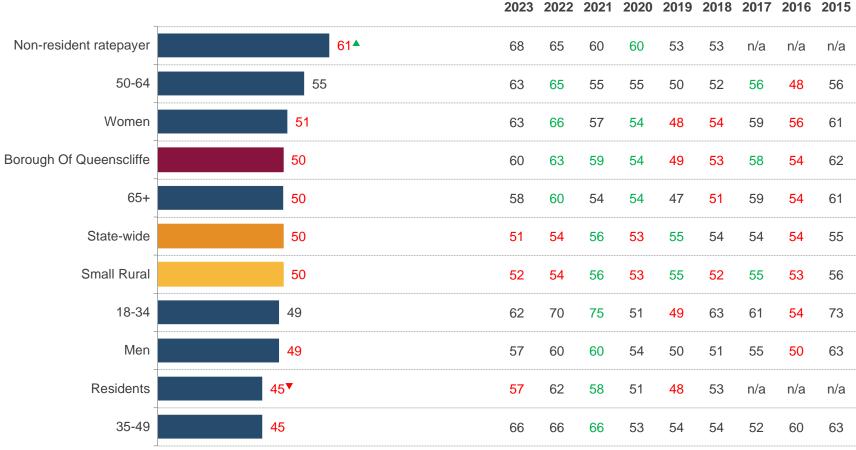


# **Decisions made in the interest of the community performance**





#### 2024 community decisions made performance (index scores)

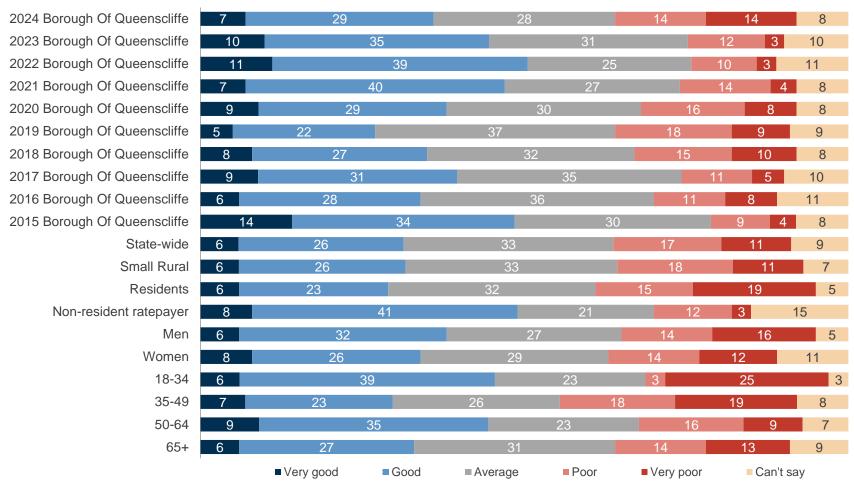


# **Decisions made in the interest of the community performance**





#### 2024 community decisions made performance (%)



# The condition of sealed local roads in your area performance





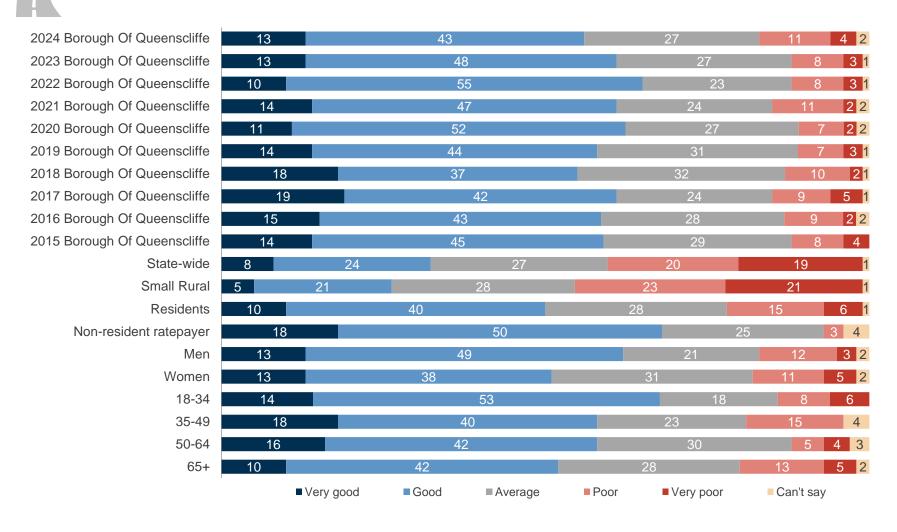
#### 2024 sealed local roads performance (index scores)



# The condition of sealed local roads in your area performance







# Informing the community performance





## 2024 informing community performance (index scores)

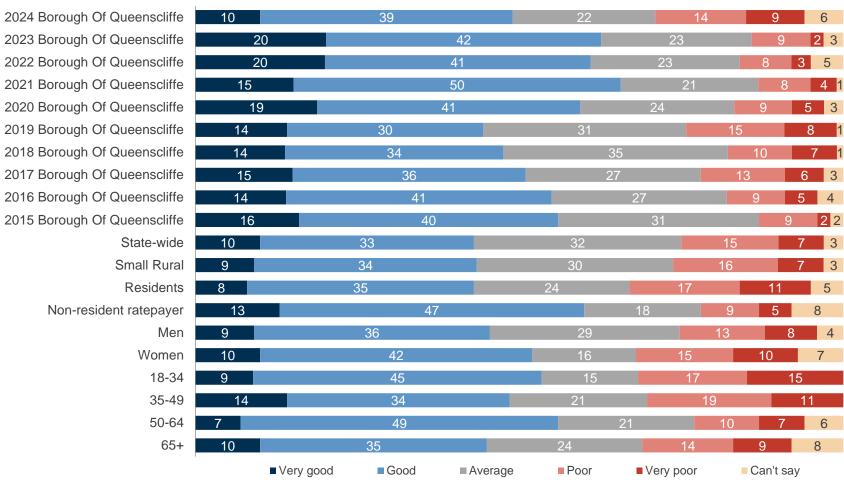


# Informing the community performance





#### 2024 informing community performance (%)

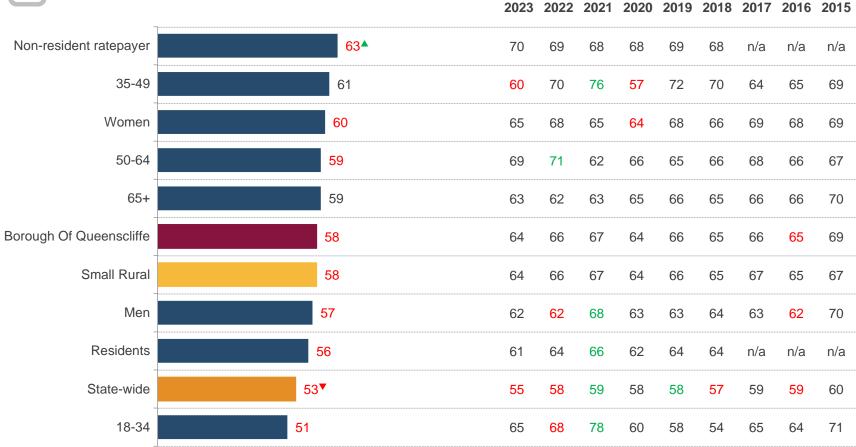


# **Traffic management performance**





#### 2024 traffic management performance (index scores)

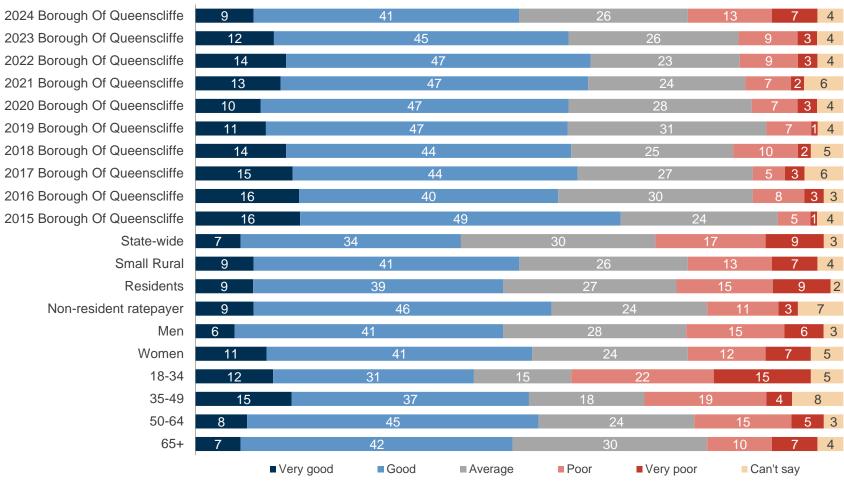


# **Traffic management performance**





#### 2024 traffic management performance (%)

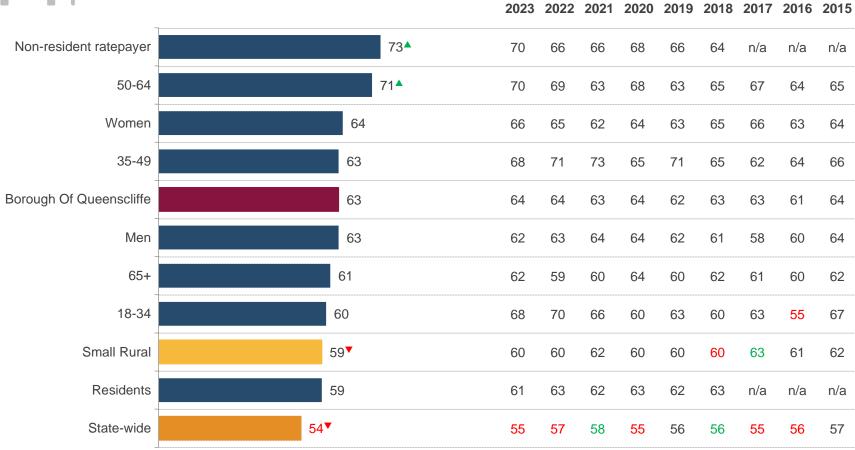


## **Parking facilities performance**





### 2024 parking performance (index scores)

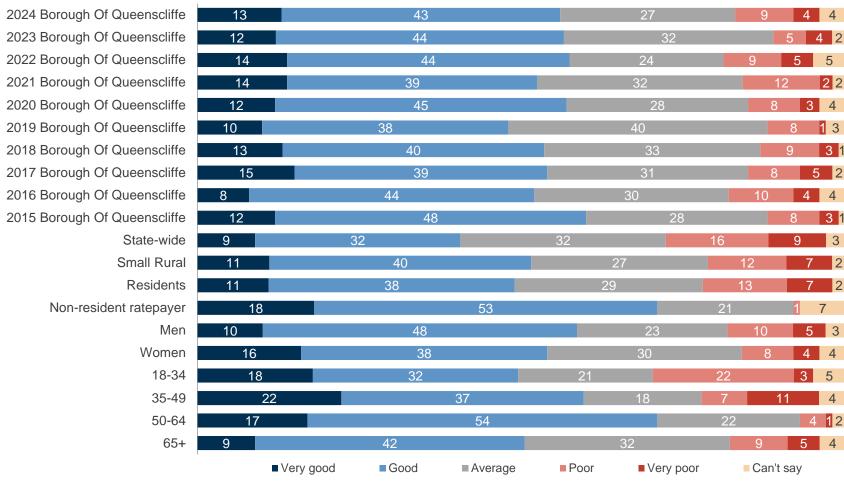


## **Parking facilities performance**





#### 2024 parking performance (%)



# **Enforcement of local laws performance**





#### 2024 law enforcement performance (index scores)

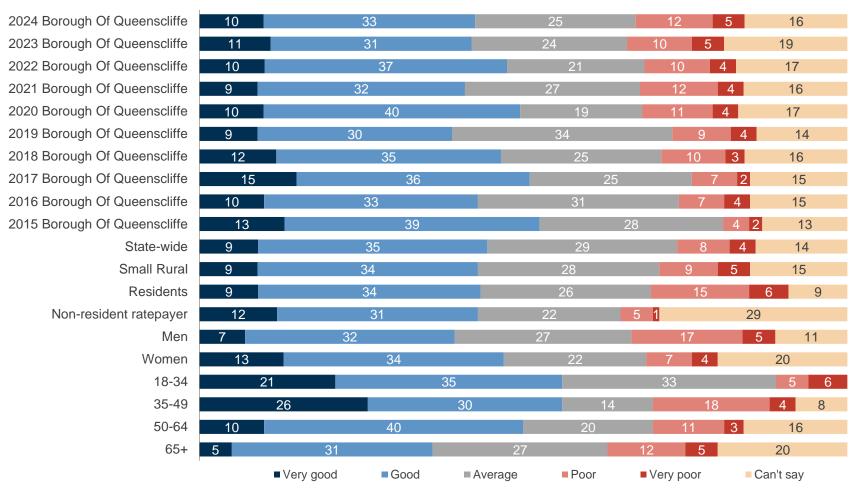


## **Enforcement of local laws performance**





#### 2024 law enforcement performance (%)



## Family support services performance





#### 2024 family support performance (index scores)

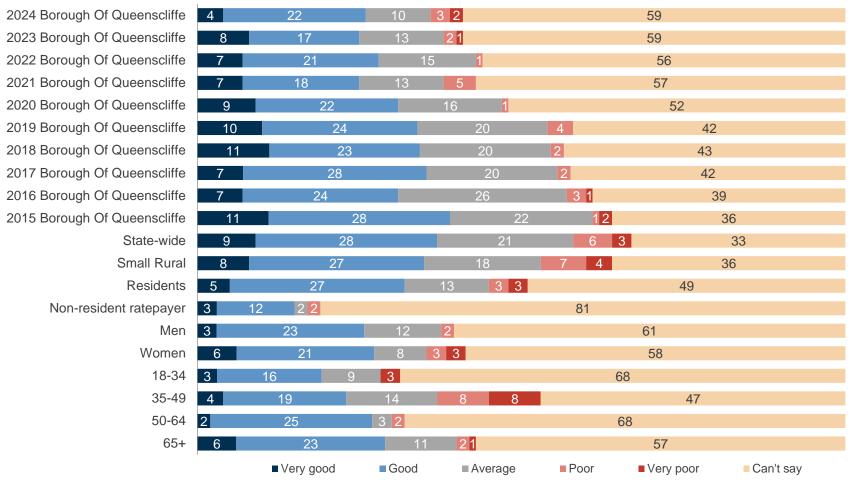


# Family support services performance





#### 2024 family support performance (%)



# **Elderly support services performance**





## 2024 elderly support performance (index scores)

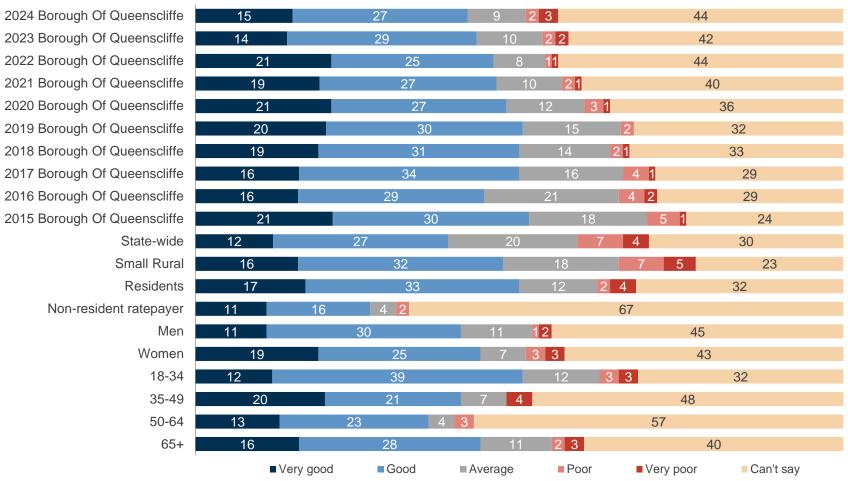


## **Elderly support services performance**





#### 2024 elderly support performance (%)



# Recreational facilities performance





#### 2024 recreational facilities performance (index scores)

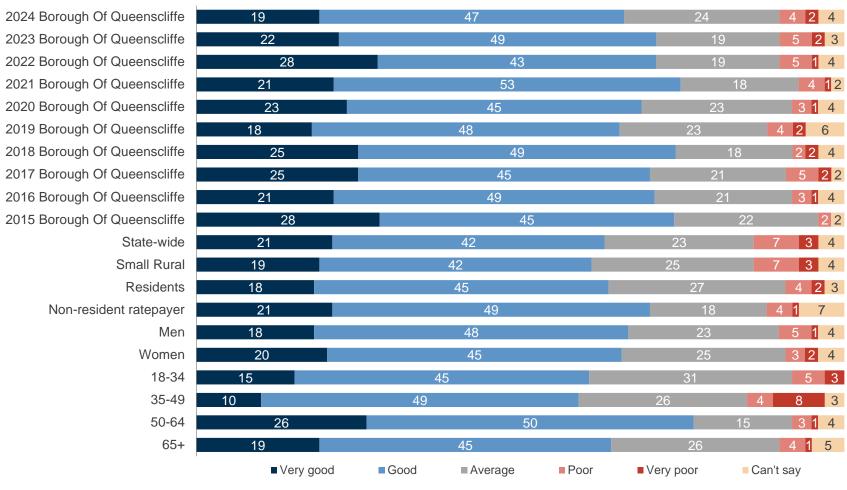


## Recreational facilities performance





#### 2024 recreational facilities performance (%)

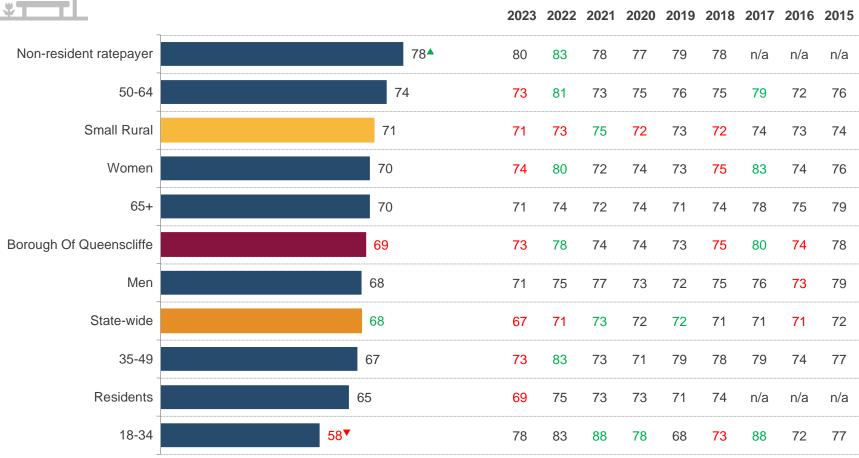


# The appearance of public areas performance





### 2024 public areas performance (index scores)

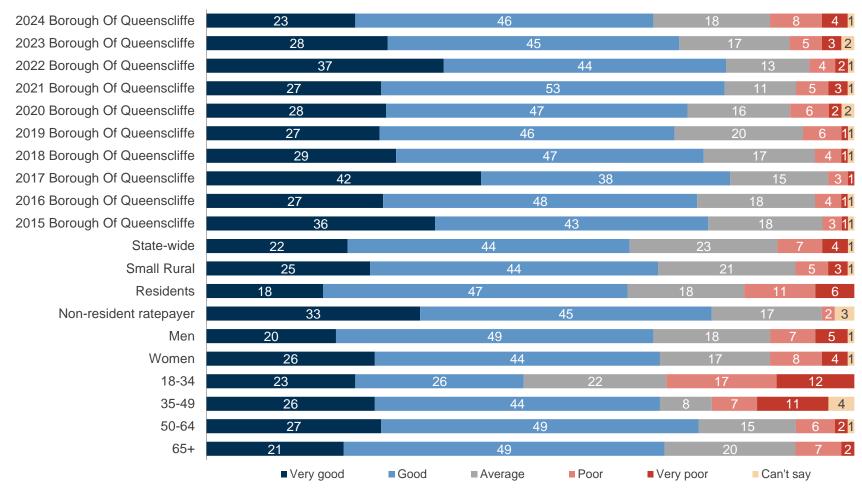


## The appearance of public areas performance





#### 2024 public areas performance (%)



## Art centres and libraries performance





### 2024 art centres and libraries performance (index scores)

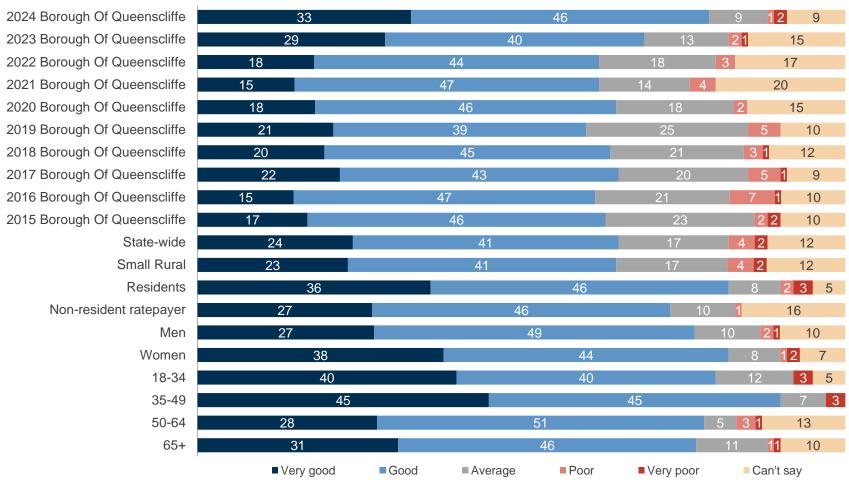


## **Art centres and libraries performance**





#### 2024 art centres and libraries performance (%)



#### **Community and cultural activities performance**





#### 2024 community and cultural activities performance (index scores)

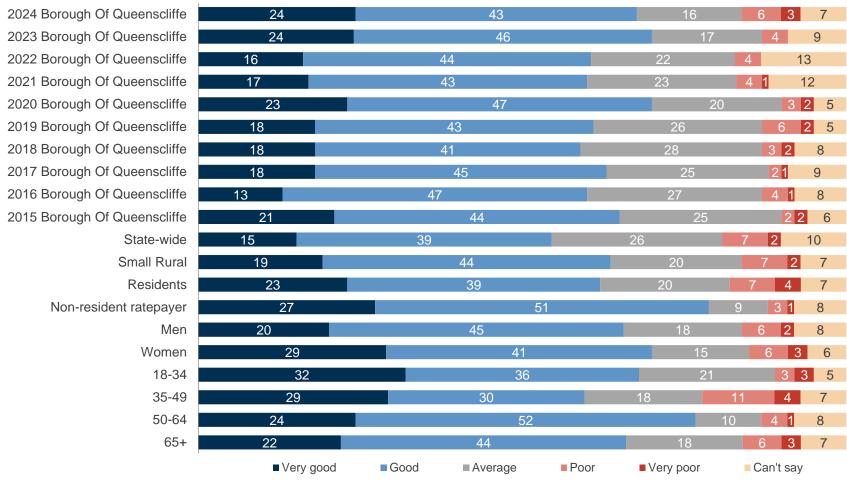


#### Community and cultural activities performance





#### 2024 community and cultural activities performance (%)

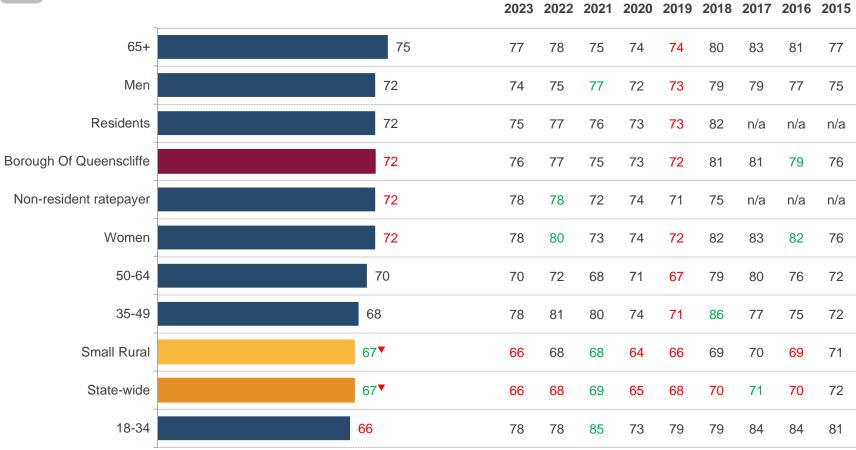


#### **Waste management performance**





#### 2024 waste management performance (index scores)

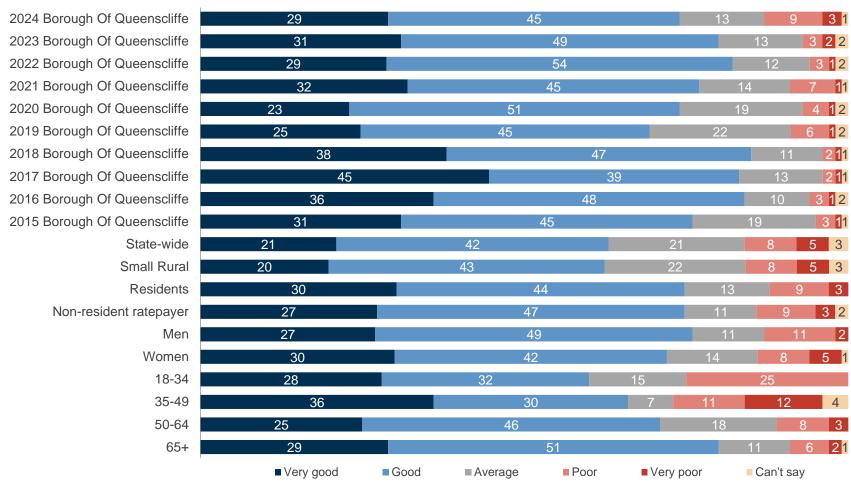


#### **Waste management performance**





#### 2024 waste management performance (%)

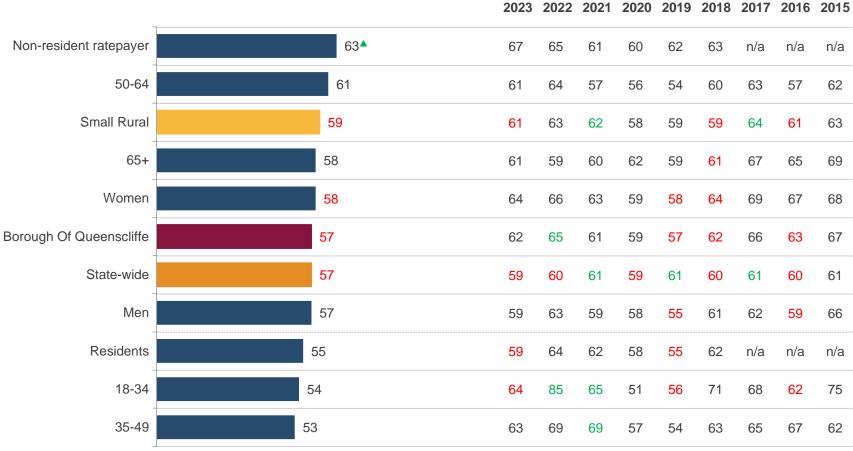


## **Business and community development and tourism performance**





#### 2024 business/development/tourism performance (index scores)

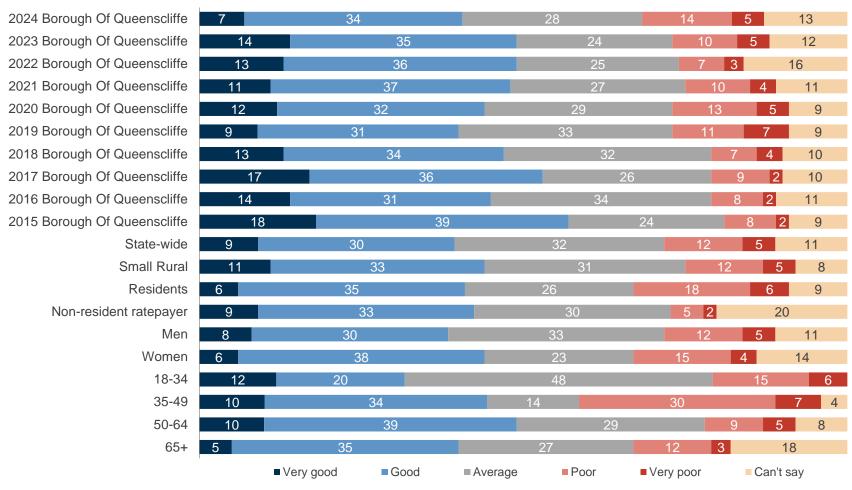


## **Business and community development and tourism performance**





#### 2024 business/development/tourism performance (%)

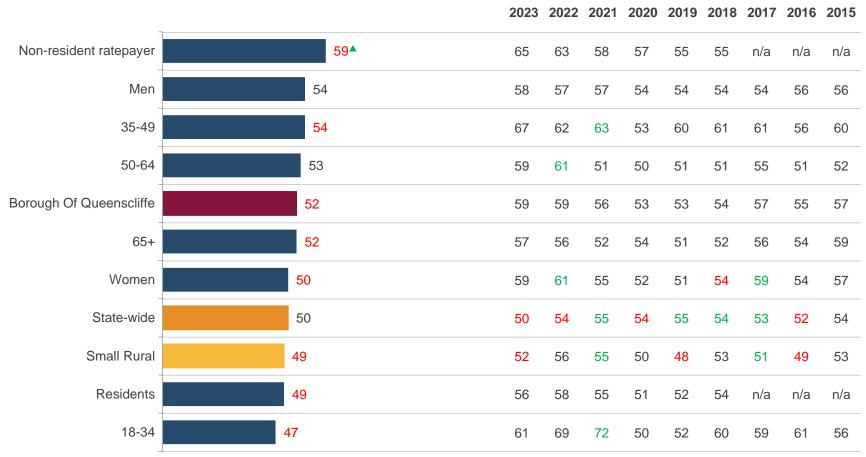


#### Council's general town planning policy performance





#### 2024 town planning performance (index scores)

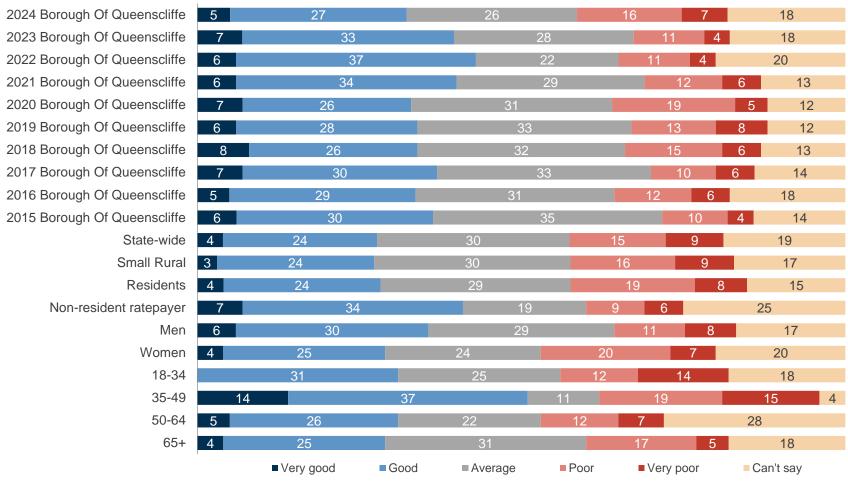


#### Council's general town planning policy performance





#### 2024 town planning performance (%)

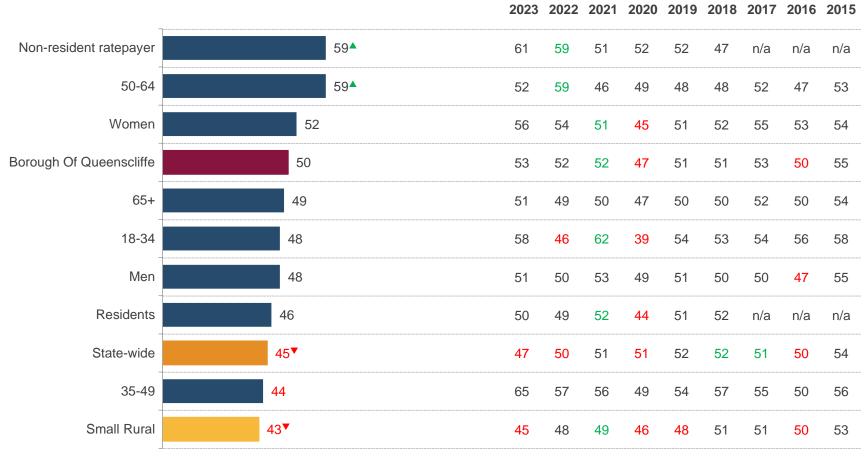


#### Planning and building permits performance





#### 2024 planning and building permits performance (index scores)

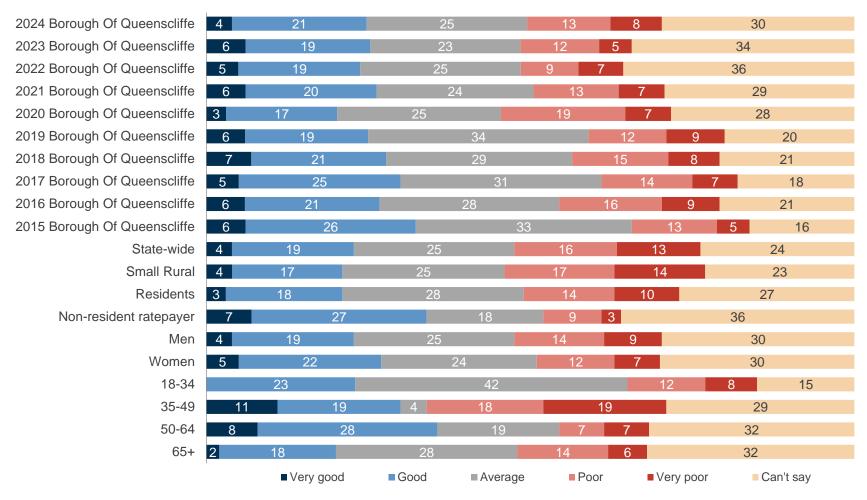


#### Planning and building permits performance





#### 2024 planning and building permits performance (%)



#### **Environmental sustainability performance**





#### 2024 environmental sustainability performance (index scores)

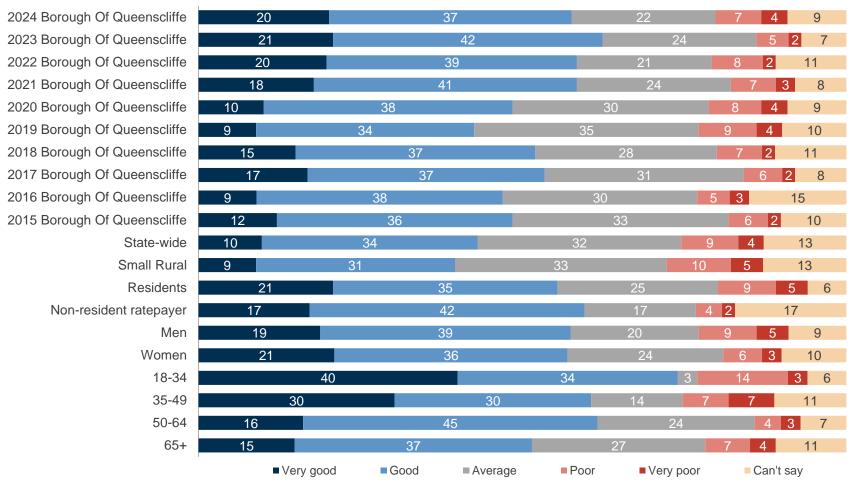


#### **Environmental sustainability performance**





#### 2024 environmental sustainability performance (%)



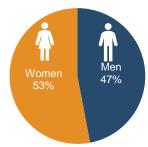


**Detailed demographics** 

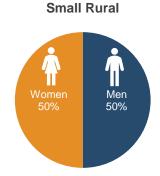
#### **Gender and age profile**



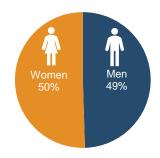




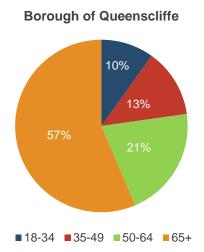
2024 gender

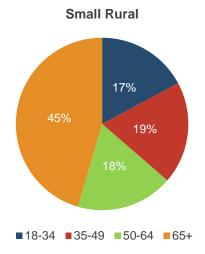


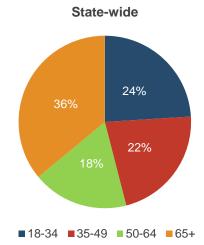
State-wide



2024 age







S3. [Record gender] / S4. To which of the following age groups do you belong?
Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 62 Councils asked group: 19
Please note that for the reason of simplifying reporting, interlocking age and gender reporting has not been included in this report. Interlocking age and gender analysis is still available in the dashboard and data tables provided alongside this report. Councils interviewing residents on an annual basis included an "Other" option for gender, hence the State-wide and Small Rural gender results may not add to 100%.



## Appendix A: Index Scores



#### **Index Scores**

Many questions ask respondents to rate council performance on a five-point scale, for example, from 'very good' to 'very poor', with 'can't say' also a possible response category. To facilitate ease of reporting and comparison of results over time, starting from the 2012 survey and measured against the statewide result and the council group, an 'Index Score' has been calculated for such measures.

The Index Score is calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale), with 'can't say' responses excluded from the analysis. The '% RESULT' for each scale category is multiplied by the 'INDEX FACTOR'. This produces an 'INDEX VALUE' for each category, which are then summed to produce the 'INDEX SCORE', equating to '60' in the following example.

Similarly, an Index Score has been calculated for the Core question 'Performance direction in the last 12 months', based on the following scale for each performance measure category, with 'Can't say' responses excluded from the calculation.

SCALE CATEGORIES	% RESULT	INDEX FACTOR	INDEX VALUE
Very good	9%	100	9
Good	40%	75	30
Average	37%	50	19
Poor	9%	25	2
Very poor	4%	0	0
Can't say	1%		INDEX SCORE 60

SCALE CATEGORIES	% RESULT	INDEX FACTOR	INDEX VALUE
Improved	36%	100	36
Stayed the same	40%	50	20
Deteriorated	23%	0	0
Can't say	1%		INDEX SCORE 56

Please note that the horizontal (x) axis of the index score bar charts in this report is displayed on a scale from 20 to 100.

## Appendix A: Margins of error



The sample size for the 2024 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Borough of Queenscliffe was n=400. Unless otherwise noted, this is the total sample base for all reported charts and tables.

The maximum margin of error on a sample of approximately n=400 interviews is +/-4.5% at the 95% confidence level for results around 50%. Margins of error will be larger for any sub-samples. As an example, a result of 50% can be read confidently as falling midway in the range 45.5% - 54.5%.

Maximum margins of error are listed in the table below, based on a population of 2,800 people aged 18 years or over for Borough of Queenscliffe, according to ABS estimates.

Demographic	Actual survey sample size	Weighted base	Maximum margin of error at 95% confidence interval
Borough of Queenscliffe	400	400	+/-4.5
Men	210	186	+/-6.5
Women	190	214	+/-6.9
18-34 years	25	39	+/-19.9
35-49 years	27	51	+/-19.1
50-64 years	90	83	+/-10.2
65+ years	258	227	+/-5.8

## Appendix A: Index score significant difference calculation



The test applied to the Indexes was an Independent Mean Test, as follows:

Z Score = 
$$(\$1 - \$2) / Sqrt ((\$5^2 / \$3) + (\$6^2 / \$4))$$
  
Where:

- \$1 = Index Score 1
- \$2 = Index Score 2
- \$3 = unweighted sample count 1
- \$4 = unweighted sample count 2
- \$5 = standard deviation 1
- \$6 = standard deviation 2

All figures can be sourced from the detailed cross tabulations.

The test was applied at the 95% confidence interval, so if the Z Score was greater than +/- 1.954 the scores are significantly different.

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Appendix B: Further project information

### Appendix B: Further information



Further information about the report and explanations about the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey can be found in this section including:

- · Background and objectives
- Analysis and reporting
- Glossary of terms

#### **Detailed survey tabulations**

Detailed survey tabulations are available in supplied Excel file.

#### **Contacts**

For further queries about the conduct and reporting of the 2024 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, please contact JWS Research on

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## Appendix B: Survey methodology and sampling

The 2024 results are compared with previous years, as detailed below:

- 2023, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 27<sup>th</sup> January – 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2022, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 27<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2021, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 28<sup>th</sup> January – 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2020, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 30<sup>th</sup> January – 22<sup>nd</sup> March.
- 2019, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2018, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2017, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2016, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> March.
- 2015, n=402 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> February – 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Minimum quotas of gender within age groups were applied during the fieldwork phase. Post-survey weighting was then conducted to ensure accurate representation of the age and gender profile of the Borough of Queenscliffe area.

Any variation of +/-1% between individual results and net scores in this report or the detailed survey tabulations is due to rounding. In reporting, '—' denotes not mentioned and '0%' denotes mentioned by less than 1% of respondents. 'Net' scores refer to two or more response categories being combined into one category for simplicity of reporting.

This survey was conducted by Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) as a representative random probability survey of residents and non-residents aged 18+ years in Borough of Queenscliffe.

Survey sample matched to the demographic profile of Borough of Queenscliffe as determined by the most recent ABS population estimates was purchased from an accredited supplier of publicly available phone records, including up to 60% mobile phone numbers to cater to the diversity of residents and non-residents within Borough of Queenscliffe, particularly younger people.

A total of n=400 completed interviews were achieved in Borough of Queenscliffe. Survey fieldwork was conducted across four quarters from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## Appendix B: Analysis and reporting



All participating councils are listed in the State-wide report published on the DGS website. In 2024, 62 of the 79 Councils throughout Victoria participated in this survey. For consistency of analysis and reporting across all projects, Local Government Victoria has aligned its presentation of data to use standard council groupings. Accordingly, the council reports for the community satisfaction survey provide analysis using these standard council groupings. Please note that councils participating across 2012-2024 vary slightly.

**Council Groups** 

Borough of Queenscliffe is classified as a Small Rural council according to the following classification list:

 Metropolitan, Interface, Regional Centres, Large Rural & Small Rural.

Councils participating in the Small Rural group are:

 Alpine, Ararat, Benalla, Buloke, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Indigo, Loddon, Mansfield, Murrindindi, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Queenscliffe, Strathbogie, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack. Wherever appropriate, results for Borough of Queenscliffe for this 2024 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey have been compared against other participating councils in the Small Rural group and on a state-wide basis. Please note that council groupings changed for 2015, and as such comparisons to council group results before that time can not be made within the reported charts.

#### Appendix B: Core, optional and tailored questions



#### Core, optional and tailored questions

Over and above necessary geographic and demographic questions required to ensure sample representativeness, a base set of questions for the 2024 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey was designated as 'Core' and therefore compulsory inclusions for all participating Councils.

These core questions comprised:

- Overall performance last 12 months (Overall performance)
- Value for money in services and infrastructure (Value for money)
- Contact in last 12 months (Contact)
- Rating of contact (Customer service)
- Overall council direction last 12 months (Council direction)
- Community consultation and engagement (Consultation)
- Decisions made in the interest of the community (Making community decisions)
- Condition of sealed local roads (Sealed local roads)
- Waste management

Reporting of results for these core questions can always be compared against other participating councils in the council group and against all participating councils state-wide. Alternatively, some questions in the 2024 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey were optional. Councils also had the ability to ask tailored questions specific only to their council.

## Appendix B: Analysis and reporting

#### Reporting

Every council that participated in the 2024 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey receives a customised report. In addition, the State government is supplied with this State-wide summary report of the aggregate results of 'Core' and 'Optional' questions asked across all council areas surveyed, which is available at:

https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/our-programs/council-community-satisfaction-survey

Tailored questions commissioned by individual councils are reported only to the commissioning council and not otherwise shared unless by express written approval of the commissioning council.

## Appendix B: Glossary of terms

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**Core questions**: Compulsory inclusion questions for all councils participating in the CSS.

**CSS**: 2024 Victorian Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

**Council group**: One of five classified groups, comprising: metropolitan, interface, regional centres, large rural and small rural.

**Council group average**: The average result for all participating councils in the council group.

**Highest / lowest**: The result described is the highest or lowest result across a particular demographic subgroup e.g. men, for the specific question being reported. Reference to the result for a demographic sub-group being the highest or lowest does not imply that it is significantly higher or lower, unless this is specifically mentioned.

**Index score**: A score calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale). This score is sometimes reported as a figure in brackets next to the category being described, e.g. men 50+ (60).

**Optional questions**: Questions which councils had an option to include or not.

**Percentages**: Also referred to as 'detailed results', meaning the proportion of responses, expressed as a percentage.

**Sample**: The number of completed interviews, e.g. for a council or within a demographic sub-group.

**Significantly higher / lower**: The result described is significantly higher or lower than the comparison result based on a statistical significance test at the 95% confidence limit. If the result referenced is statistically higher or lower then this will be specifically mentioned, however not all significantly higher or lower results are referenced in summary reporting.

**State-wide average**: The average result for all participating councils in the State.

**Tailored questions**: Individual questions tailored by and only reported to the commissioning council.

**Weighting**: Weighting factors are applied to the sample for each council based on available age and gender proportions from ABS census information to ensure reported results are proportionate to the actual population of the council, rather than the achieved survey sample.

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