LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL

2015 RESEARCH REPORT

COORDINATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, LAND, WATER AND PLANNING ON BEHALF OF VICTORIAN COUNCILS



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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Welcome to the report of results and recommendations for the 2015 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Moira Shire Council.

Each year Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates and auspices this State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey throughout Victorian local government areas. This coordinated approach allows for far more cost effective surveying than would be possible if councils commissioned surveys individually.

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

The main objectives of the survey are to assess the performance of Moira Shire Council across a range of measures and to seek insight into ways to provide improved or more effective service delivery. The survey also provides councils with a means to fulfil some of their statutory reporting requirements as well as acting as a feedback mechanism to LGV.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLING

This survey was conducted by Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18+ years in Moira Shire Council.

Survey sample matched to the demographic profile of Moira Shire Council as determined by the most recent ABS population estimates was purchased from an accredited supplier of publicly available phone records, including up to 10% mobile phone numbers to cater to the diversity of residents within Moira Shire Council, particularly younger people.

A total of n=500 completed interviews were achieved in Moira Shire Council. Survey fieldwork was conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March, 2015.

The 2015 results are compared with previous years, as detailed below:

- 2014, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 31st January 11th March.
- 2013, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February 24th March.
- 2012, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 18th May 30th June.

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 Moira Shire Council 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.

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SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLING

Within tables and index score charts throughout this report, statistically significant differences at the 95% confidence level are represented by upward directing blue and downward directing red arrows. Significance when noted indicates a significantly higher or lower result for the analysis group in comparison to the 'Total' result for the council for that survey question for that year. Therefore in the example below:

- > The State-wide result is significantly higher than the overall result for the council.
- The result among 50-64 year olds is significantly <u>lower</u> than for the overall result for the council.

Further, results shown in blue and red indicate significantly higher or lower results than in 2014. Therefore in the example below:

- ➤ The result among 35-49 year olds in the council is significantly higher than the result achieved among this group in 2014.
- ➤ The result among 18-34 year olds in the council is significantly lower than the result achieved among this group in 2014.

Overall Performance – Index Scores (example extract only)



Note: For details on the calculations used to determine statistically significant differences, please refer to Appendix B.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Further Information

Further information about the report and explanations about the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey can be found in <u>Appendix B</u>, including:

- Background and objectives
- Margins of error
- Analysis and reporting
- Glossary of terms

Contacts

For further queries about the conduct and reporting of the 2015 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, please contact JWS Research on (03) 8685 8555.



- Moira Shire Council's **performance** in 2015 represents a **mixed bag** of results. While 'overall performance' is stable, 'community consultation' and 'advocacy' are significantly lower than 2014 while 'customer service' and 'overall council direction' are significantly improved compared with 2014.
- Council's overall performance index of 57 has not changed significantly compared with 2014 (index score of 55). The assessment of overall performance is stable among all demographic and geographic groups.
- The performance index on **overall council direction** has increased by a significant five points relative to last year (index score now at 53).
 - ➤ This increase is being driven in large part by significant improvements in the performance rating from several resident cohorts: 18-34 year olds (up 10 points), Yarrawonga residents (up nine points), Nathalia/Numurkah residents (up eight points) and male residents generally (up seven points).
- Despite these relatively good assessments of Moira's performance and direction, most residents would still prefer to see service cuts as opposed to rate rises, with 26% definitely preferring service cuts to 13% preferring rate rises.



- ➤ The proportion of residents making **contact with Council** over the last 12 months has remained stable at 56%. Telephone and 'in person' are the most popular methods of contacting Moira Shire Council.
- Customer service ratings have risen slightly (by four points, to an index score of 71) but this rise is not statistically significant.
 - ➤ Of particular note though is that residents aged 18-34 year olds *have* given significantly improved assessments of customer service compared with last year (an improvement of 26 points, to an index score of 80). Other demographic groups have been consistent with their ratings.
- On the issue of consultation and engagement, Council's performance rating has declined significantly (by seven points) to an index score of 52.
 - Much of this decline stems from less significantly lower ratings on this issue from Cobram residents (11 points lower), Nathalia/Numurkah residents (seven points lower), over 65s (10 points lower), men (11 points lower) and 35-49 year olds (nine points lower).
 - Community consultation is also singled out as a key area for Council to improve.
- Advocacy ratings are also down significantly, by six points, to an index score of 54. Once again this decline is driven by Nathalia/Numurkah residents, 35-49 years olds and men.

- Making decisions in the interest of the community and the condition of sealed local roads are new core performance categories added by all Councils in 2015. On both of these measures Moira rates significantly below the State-wide average. Moira rates on par with the Large Rural average for community decision making, but significantly above the Large Rural average for the condition of sealed local roads.
 - Maintenance of sealed roads is however perceived as the highest priority for improvement when residents are asked on an unprompted basis.
- Communication also sits within the Council's top three unprompted areas for improvement. When it comes to receiving Council communications, Moira Shire should be aware that a **mailed newsletter** is still the preferred choice by all age groups.
- Council has lost ground on several other individual service areas in 2015, with significant falls in perceptions of performance in:
 - Disadvantaged support services (-7)
 - Emergency and disaster management (-5)
 - Recreational facilities (-5)
 - > The condition of local streets and footpaths (-5)
 - Family support services (-4)
 - ➤ The enforcement of local laws (-4)



- For many of these declining performance service areas it is male residents, Nathalia/Numurkah residents, 18-34 year olds and 65+ year olds who are driving the decreased performance ratings. When communicating its efforts in these areas, Moira Shire Council should keep in mind these audiences and target its communications accordingly.
- In general, 18-34 year olds and Cobram residents tend to be most favourable towards Council. 'Other Areas' residents and 35-64 year olds are consistently more negative in their assessments. Personal and household users of family and elderly support services tend to be more favourable toward those services, while users of planning permits and disadvantaged support services are more negative.
- An approach we recommend is to further mine the survey data to better understand the profile of these over and under-performing demographic groups. This can be achieved via additional consultation and data interrogation, or self-mining the SPSS data provided or via the dashboard portal available to the council.

- Please note that the category descriptions for the coded open ended responses are generic summaries only. We recommend further analysis of the detailed cross tabulations and the actual verbatim responses, with a view to the responses of the key gender and age groups, especially any target groups identified.
- > A complimentary personal briefing by senior JWS Research representatives is also available to assist in providing both explanation and interpretation of the results. Please contact JWS Research on 03 8685 8555.

Higher results in 2015

Overall council direction

Lower results in 2015

- Consultation
- Disadvantaged support services

Most favourably disposed towards Council

- 18-34 year olds
- Cobram residents

Least favourably disposed towards Council

- 35-64 year olds
- · Other Areas residents



2015 SUMMARY OF CORE MEASURES INDEX SCORE RESULTS

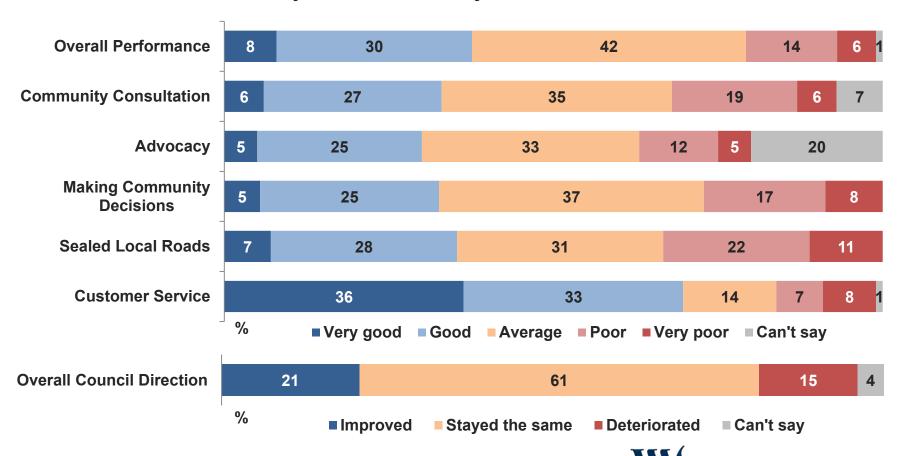
Performance Measures	Moira 2012	Moira 2013	Moira 2014	Moira 2015	Large Rural 2015	State- wide 2015
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	58	60	57	55	56	60
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (Community consultation and engagement)	55	55	59	52	54	56
ADVOCACY (Lobbying on behalf of the community)	55	57	58	54	53	55
MAKING COMMUNITY DECISIONS (Decisions made in the interest of the community)	n/a	n/a	n/a	51	52	55
SEALED LOCAL ROADS (Condition of sealed local roads)	n/a	n/a	n/a	49	45	55
CUSTOMER SERVICE	67	72	67	71	67	70
OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION	51	53	48	53	51	53

2015 SUMMARY OF CORE MEASURES DETAILED ANALYSIS

Performance Measures	Moira 2015	vs Moira 2014	vs Large Rural 2015	vs State- wide 2015	Highest score	Lowest score
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	55	2 points lower	1 points lower	5 points lower	18-34 year olds	35-49 year olds
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (Community consultation and engagement)	52	7 points lower	2 points lower	4 points lower	18-34 year olds	35-49 year olds
ADVOCACY (Lobbying on behalf of the community)	54	4 points lower	1 points higher	1 points lower	Cobram	35-49 year olds
MAKING COMMUNITY DECISIONS (Decisions made in the interest of the community)	51	n/a	1 points lower	4 points lower	Cobram	Yarrawon ga
SEALED LOCAL ROADS (Condition of sealed local roads)	49	n/a	4 points higher	6 points lower	65+ year olds	18-34 year olds
CUSTOMER SERVICE	71	4 points higher	4 points higher	1 points higher	18-34 year olds	35-49 year olds
OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION	53	5 points higher	2 points higher	Equal	Nathalia/ Numurka h	35-49 year olds

2015 SUMMARY OF KEY COMMUNITY SATISFACTION PERCENTAGE RESULTS

Key Measures Summary Results



INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE VS STATE-WIDE AVERAGE

Significantly higher than State-wide average

-None Applicable

- -Consultation & engagement
- -Informing the community
- -Local streets & footpaths
- -Enforcement of local laws
- -Disadvantaged support serv.
- -Recreational facilities
- -Slashing & weed control
- -Making community decisions
- -Sealed local roads
- -Business & community development

Significantly lower than State-wide average



INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE VS GROUP AVERAGE

Significantly higher than group average

-Appearance of public areas

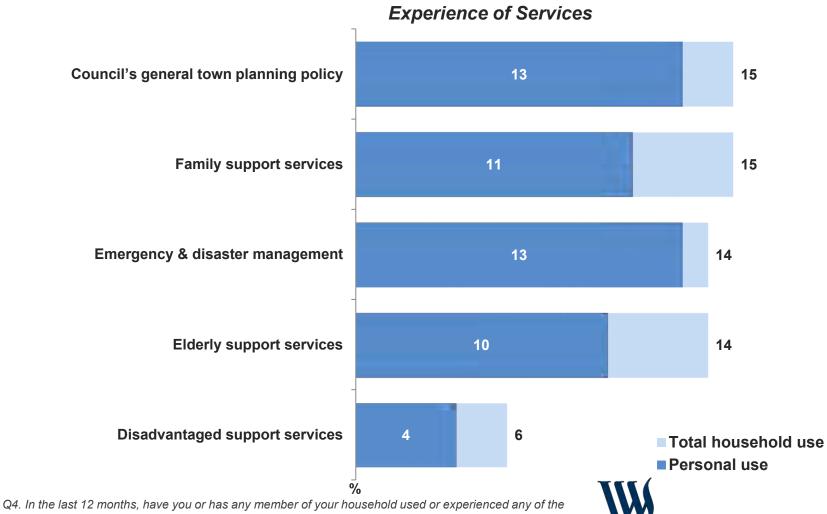
- -Waste management
- -Sealed local roads

- -Local streets & footpaths
- -Enforcement of local laws
- -Disadvantaged support serv.
- -Business & community dev.

Significantly lower than group



2015 PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD USE AND EXPERIENCE OF COUNCIL SERVICES PERCENTAGE RESULTS



following services provided by Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 16

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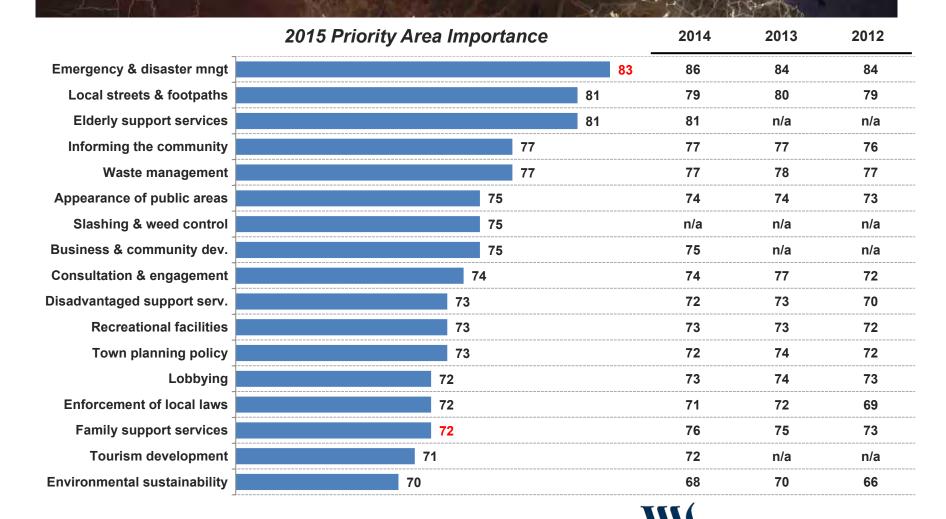
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INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREA SUMMARY IMPORTANCE VS PERFORMANCE

Service areas where importance exceeds performance by 10 points or more, suggesting further investigation is necessary:

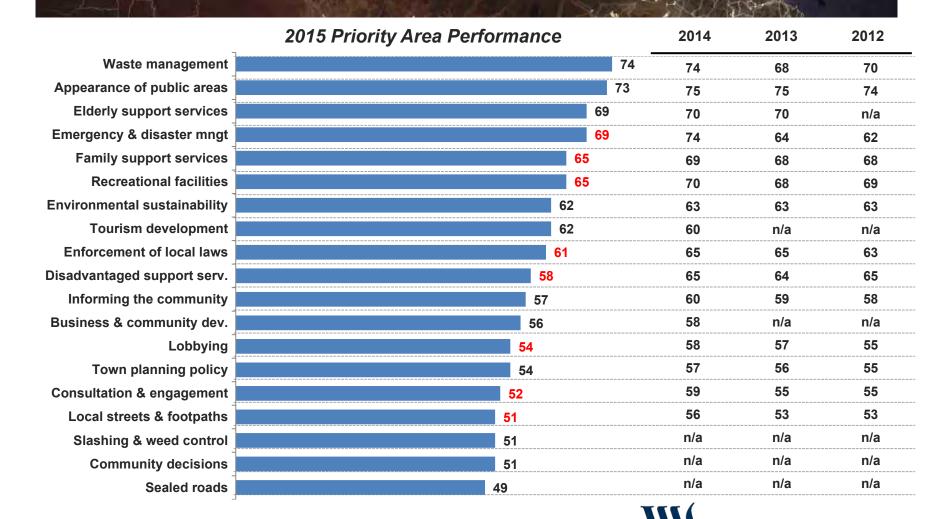
Service	Importance	Performance	Net differential
Condition of local streets & footpaths	81	51	-30
Slashing & weed control	75	51	-24
Consultation & engagement	74	52	-22
Informing the community	77	57	-20
Town planning policy	73	54	-19
Business & community development	75	56	-19
Lobbying on behalf of the community	72	54	-18
Disadvantaged support services	73	58	-15
Emergency & disaster management	83	69	-14
Elderly support services	81	69	-12
Enforcement of local laws	72	61	-11

2015 IMPORTANCE SUMMARY



Base: All respondents Councils asked State-wide: 55 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation of significant differences

2015 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY



Base: All respondents Councils asked State-wide: 69

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2015 IMPORTANCE SUMMARY BY COUNCIL GROUP

Top Three Most Important Service Areas

(Highest to lowest, i.e. 1. = most important)

Moira Shire Council	Metropolitan	Interface	Regional Centres	Large Rural	Small Rural
 Emergency & disaster mngt Local streets & footpaths Elderly support services 	 Waste management Community decisions Elderly support services 	 Emergency & disaster mngt Waste management Local streets & footpaths 	 Emergency & disaster mngt Elderly support services Waste management 	 Community decisions Unsealed roads Emergency & disaster mngt 	 Emergency & disaster mngt Community decisions Elderly support services

Bottom Three Most Important Service Areas

(Lowest to highest, i.e. 1. = least important)

Moira Shire Council	Metropolitan	Interface	Regional Centres	Large Rural	Small Rural
 Environmental sustainability Tourism development Lobbying 	 Bus/community dev./tourism Community & cultural Slashing & weed control 	 Tourism development Community & cultural Bus/community dev./tourism 	 Community & cultural Tourism development Art centres & libraries 	 Community & cultural Art centres & libraries Parking facilities 	 Traffic management Art centres & libraries Community & cultural

2015 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY BY COUNCIL GROUP

Top Three Most Performance Service Areas

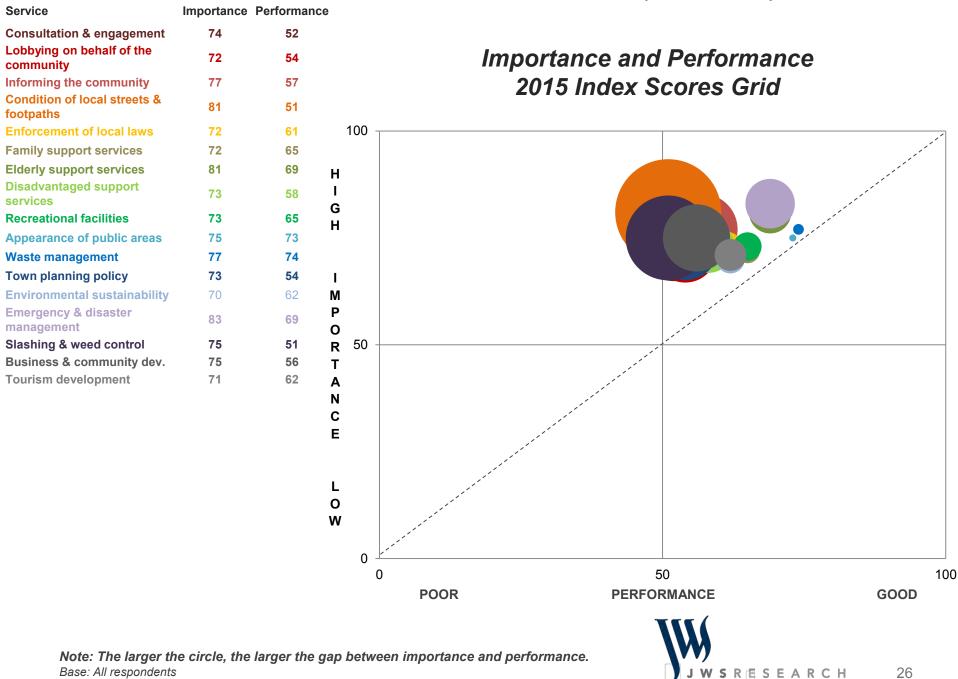
(Highest to lowest, i.e. 1. = highest performance)

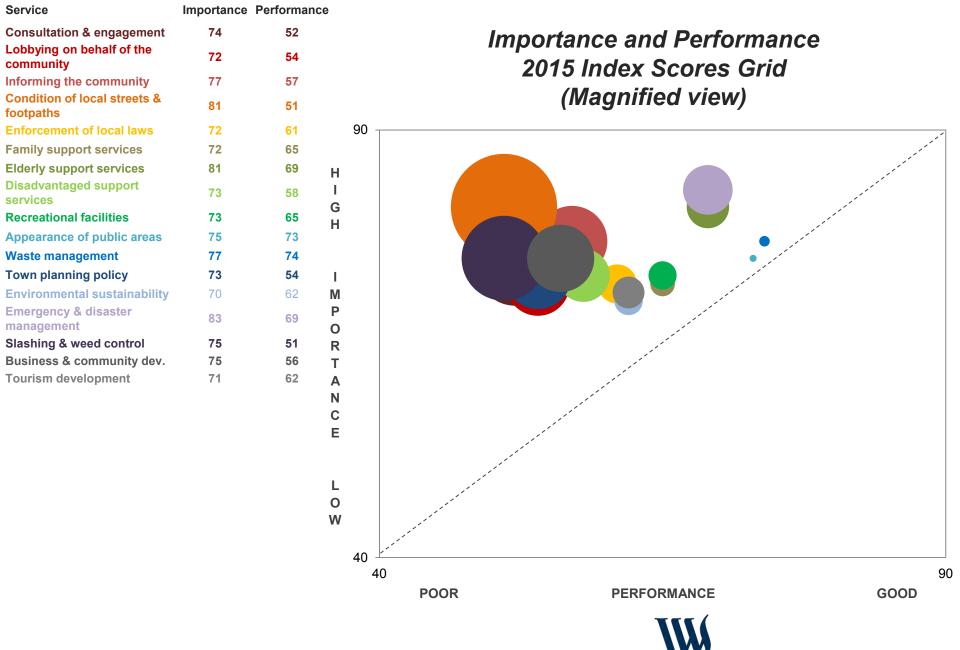
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Bottom Three Most Performance Service Areas

(Lowest to highest, i.e. 1. = lowest performance)

Moira Shire Council	Metropolitan	Interface	Regional Centres	Large Rural	Small Rural
 Sealed roads Slashing & weed control Community decisions 	 Planning permits Population growth Town planning policy 	 Unsealed roads Planning permits Slashing & weed control 	 Unsealed roads Community decisions Parking facilities 	 Unsealed roads Sealed roads Population growth 	 Unsealed roads Slashing & weed control Sealed roads





Note: The larger the circle, the larger the gap between importance and performance.

Base: All respondents

BEST THINGS

- -Parks and gardens
- -Customer service
- -The appearance of public areas
- -Recreational and sporting facilities

- -Sealed road maintenance
- -Community consultation
- -Communication
- -Financial management

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Overall preferred forms of communication

• Newsletter sent via mail (39)

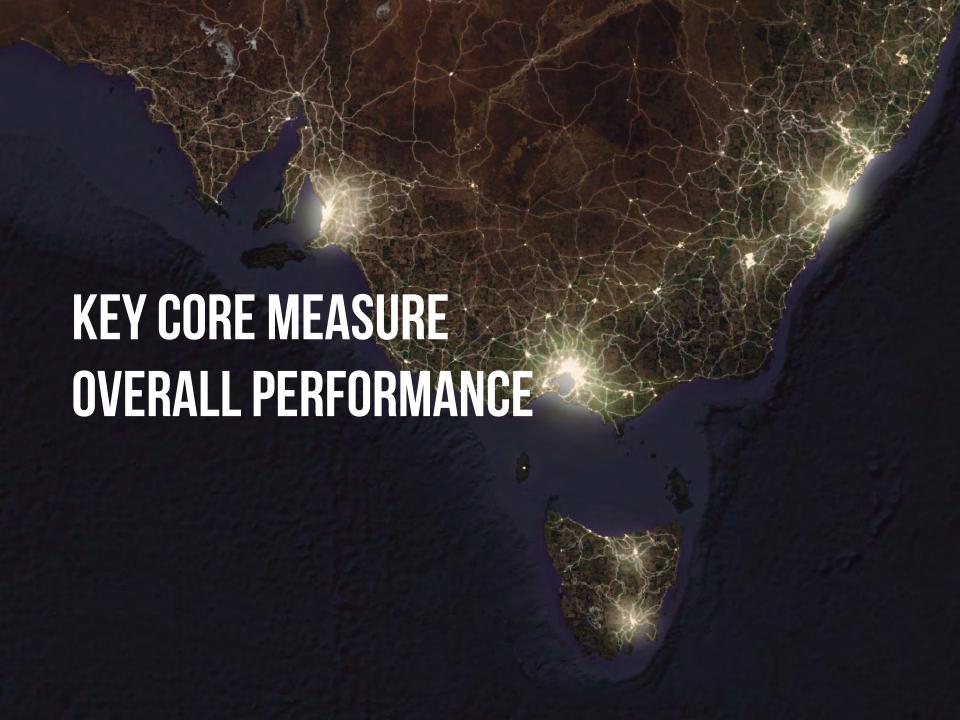
Preferred forms of communication among over 50s

• Newsletter sent via mail (37)

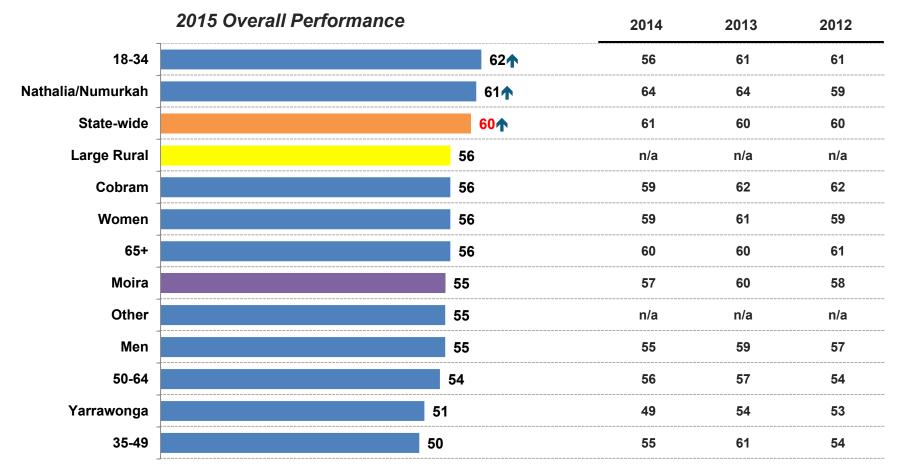
Preferred forms of communication among under 50s

• Newsletter sent via mail (42)





OVERALL PERFORMANCE INDEX SCORES



Q3. ON BALANCE, for the last twelve months, how do you feel about the performance of Moira Shire Council, not just on one or two issues, BUT OVERALL across all responsibility areas? Has it been very good, good, average, poor or very poor?

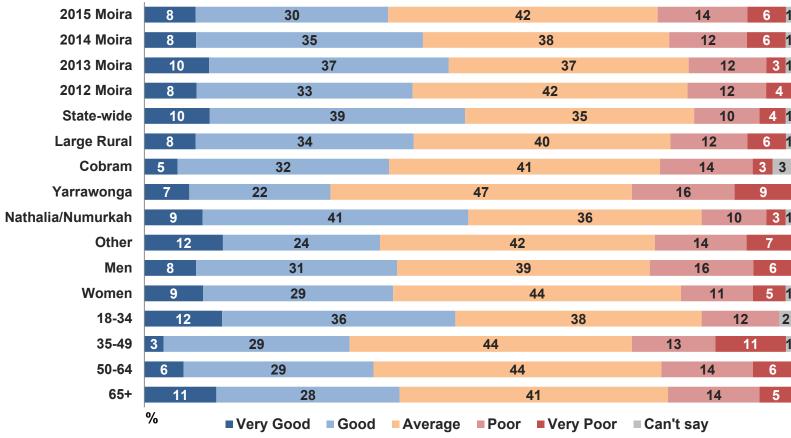
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OVERALL PERFORMANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2015 Overall Performance



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CONTACT LAST 12 MONTHS SUMMARY

Overall contact with Moira Shire Council

• 56%, equivalent to 2014

Most contact with Moira Shire Council

Aged 35-49 years

Aged 50-64 years

Least contact with Moira Shire Council

Aged 18-34 years

Customer Service rating

• Index score of 71, up 4 points on 2014

Most satisfied with Customer Service

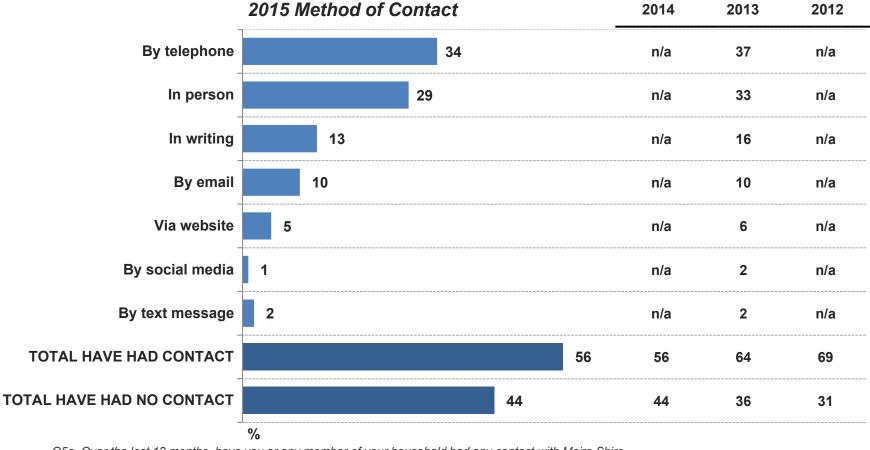
• Aged 18-34 years

Least satisfied with Customer Service

Aged 35-49 years



2015 CONTACT WITH COUNCIL LAST 12 MONTHS DETAILED PERCENTAGES INCLUDING METHOD OF CONTACT



Q5a. Over the last 12 months, have you or any member of your household had any contact with Moira Shire Council in any of the following ways? In person, in writing, by telephone conversation, by text message, by email or via their website or social media such as Facebook or Twitter?

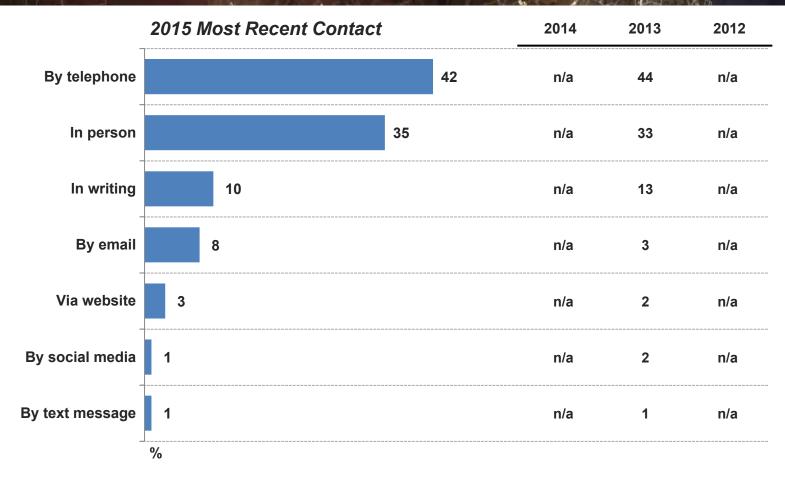
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Note: Respondents could name multiple contacts methods so responses may add to more than 100%

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2015 CONTACT WITH COUNCIL MOST RECENT METHOD DETAILED PERCENTAGES



Q5b. What was the method of contact for the most recent contact you had with Moira Shire Council?

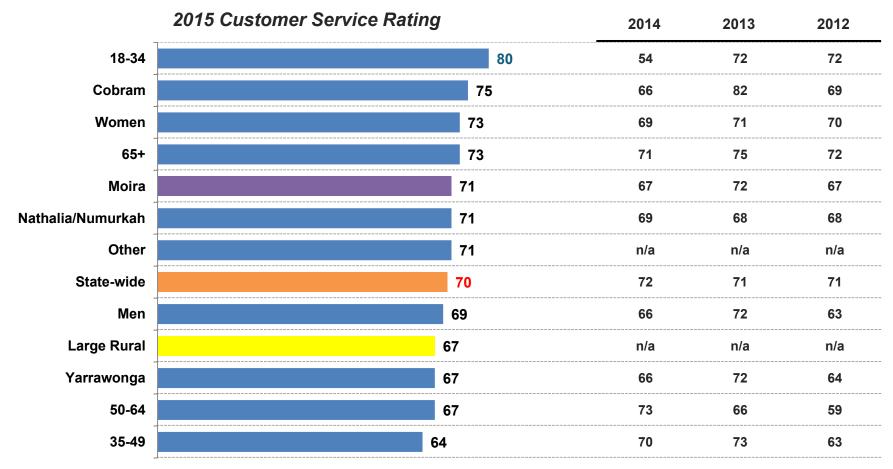
Base: All respondents who have had contact with Council in the last 12 months. Councils asked State-wide: 16 Councils asked group: 2

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2015 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE INDEX SCORES



Q5c. Thinking of the most recent contact, how would you rate Moira Shire Council for customer service? Please keep in mind we do not mean the actual outcome but rather the actual service that was received.

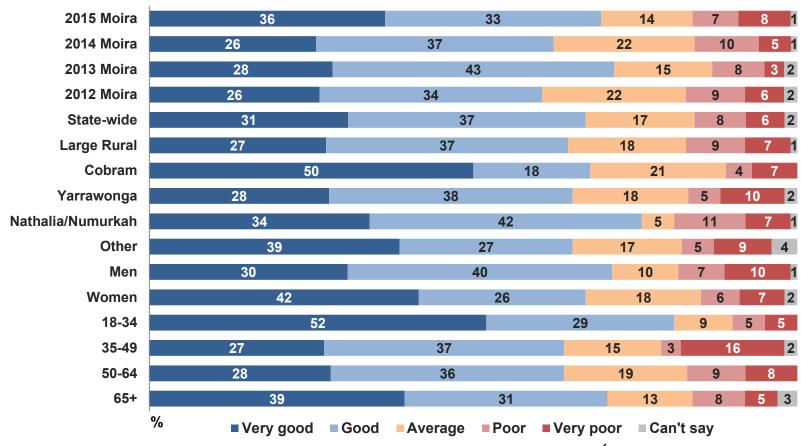
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2015 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2015 Customer Service Rating

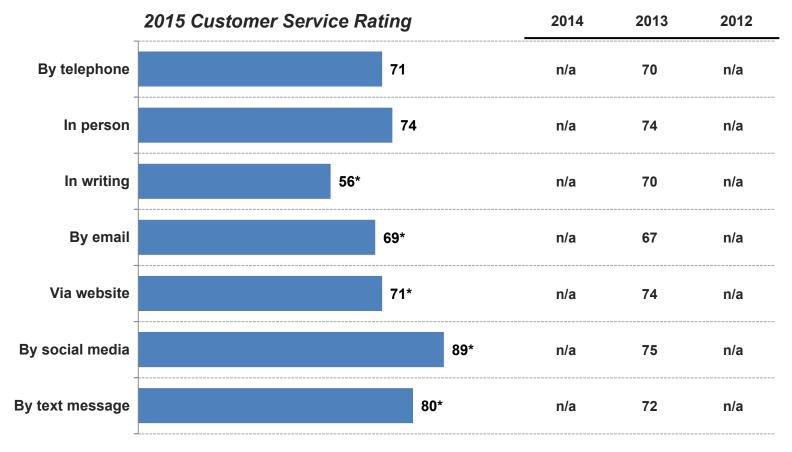


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2015 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE INDEX SCORES BY METHOD OF LAST CONTACT



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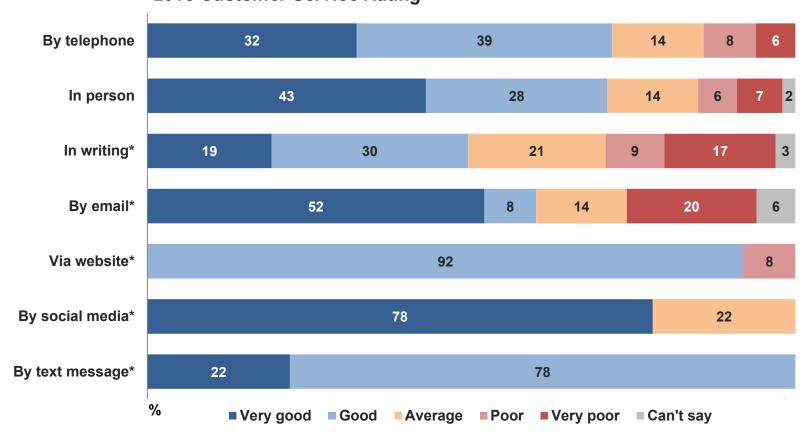
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2015 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE DETAILED PERCENTAGES BY METHOD OF LAST CONTACT

2015 Customer Service Rating

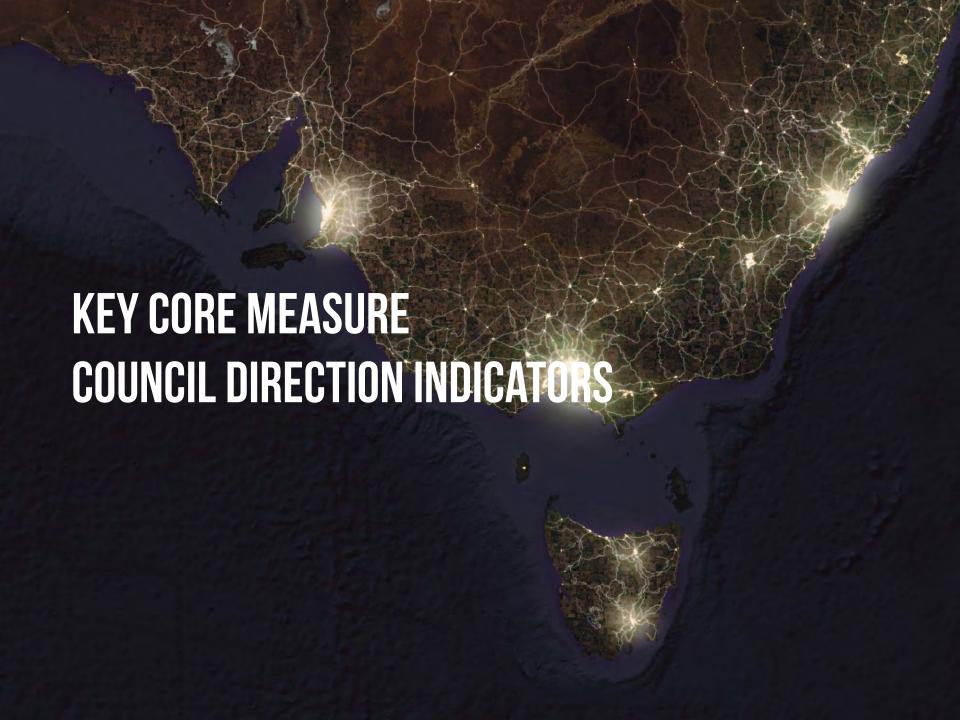


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COUNCIL DIRECTION SUMMARY

Council Direction over last 12 months

- 61% stayed about the same, up 1 point on 2014
- 21% improved, up 6 points on 2014
- 15% deteriorated, down 4 points on 2014

Most satisfied with Council Direction

- Nathalia/Numurkah residents
- Aged 18-34 years

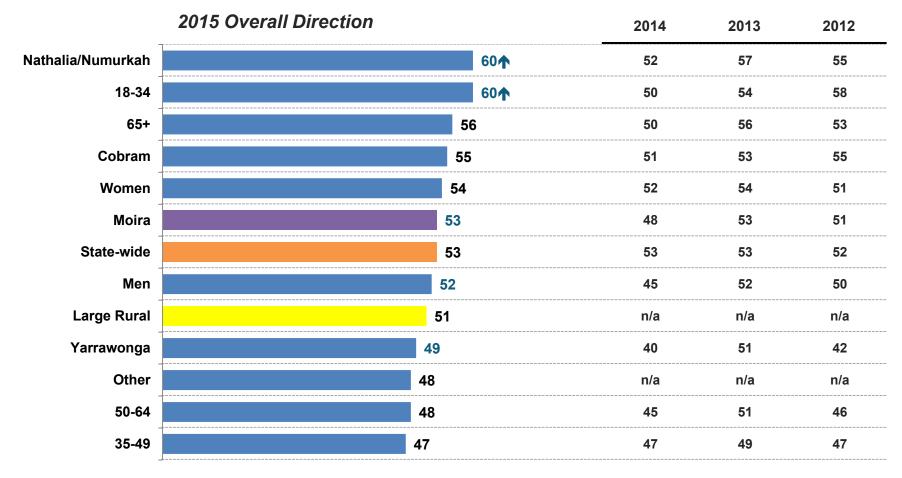
Least satisfied with Council Direction

Aged 35-49 years

Rates rise Vs Service cuts

- Prefer rate rise (13% definitely/ 24% probably prefer it)
- Prefer service cuts (26% definitely/ 18% probably)

2015 OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION LAST 12 MONTHS INDEX SCORES

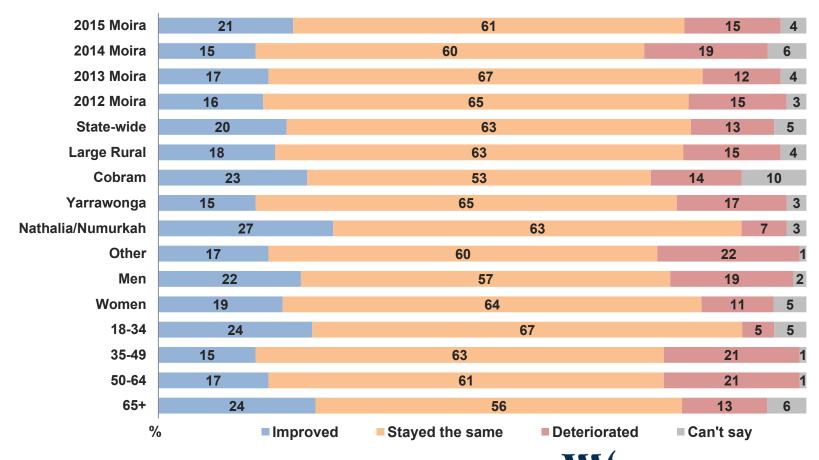


Q6. Over the last 12 months, what is your view of the direction of Moira Shire Council's overall performance? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 69 Councils asked group: 21

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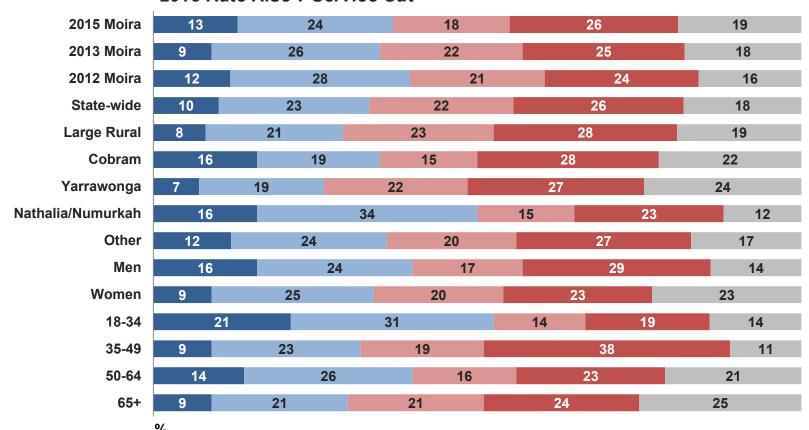
2015 OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION LAST 12 MONTHS DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2015 Overall Direction



2015 RATES/SERVICE TRADE OFF DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2015 Rate Rise v Service Cut



■ Definitely prefer rate rise ■ Probably prefer rate rise ■ Probably prefer service cuts ■ Definitely prefer service cuts ■ Can't say

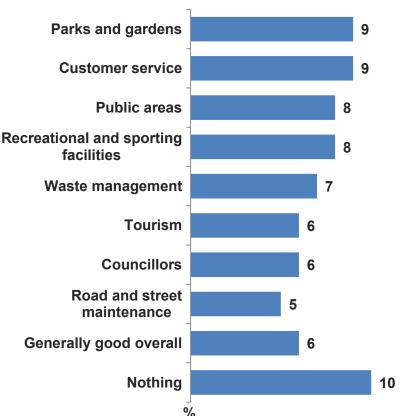
Q10. If you had to choose, would you prefer to see council rate rises to improve local services OR would you prefer to see cuts in council services to keep council rates at the same level as they are now?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 25 Councils asked group: 7



2015 BEST THINGS ABOUT COUNCIL DETAILED PERCENTAGES 2015 SERVICES TO IMPROVE DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2015 Best Aspects



2015 Areas for Improvement



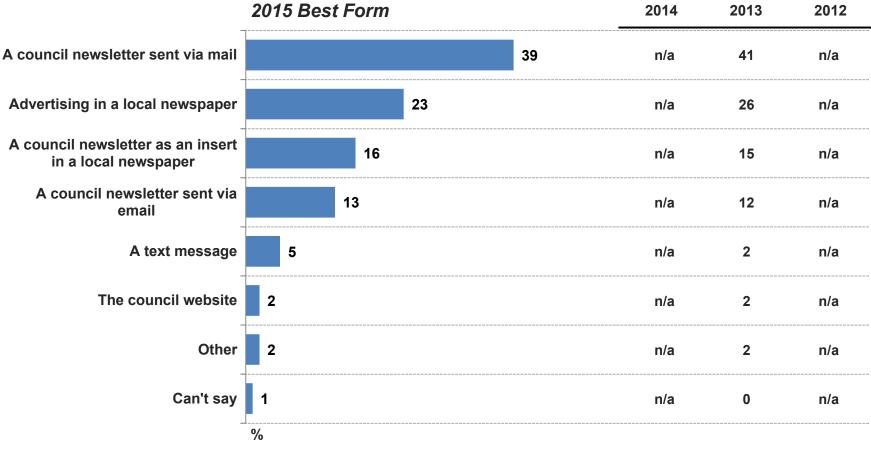
Q16. Please tell me what is the ONE BEST thing about Moira Shire Council? It could be about any of the issues or services we have covered in this survey or it could be about something else altogether?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked statewide: 19 Councils asked group: 5 Q17. What does Moira Shire Council MOST need to do to improve its performance? Base: All respondents. Councils asked statewide: 28 Councils asked group: 7





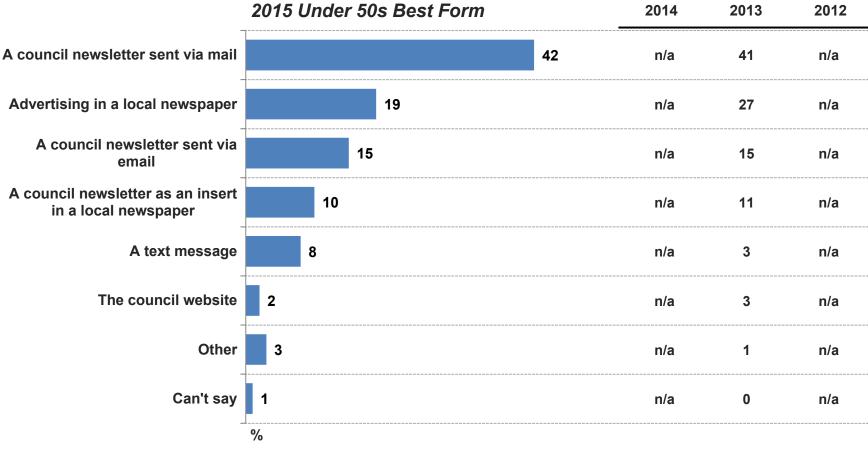
2015 BEST FORMS OF COMMUNICATION



Q13. If Moira Shire Council 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: 22 Councils asked group: 4 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences



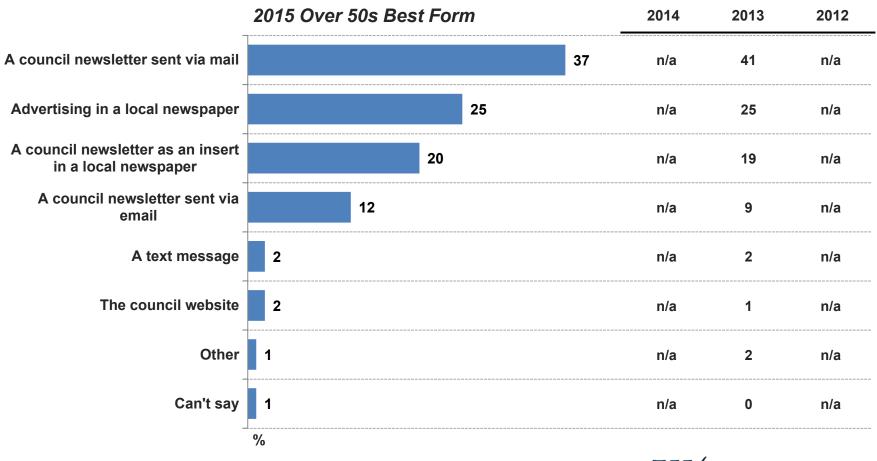
2015 BEST FORMS OF COMMUNICATION: UNDER 50s



Q13. If Moira Shire Council 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: 22 Councils asked group: 4 Note: Please see page 5 for explanation about significant differences



2015 BEST FORMS OF COMMUNICATION: OVER 50s



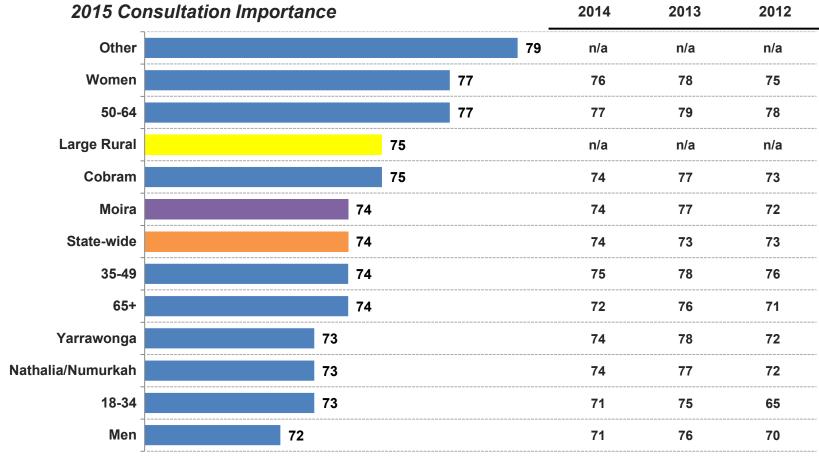
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2015 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES

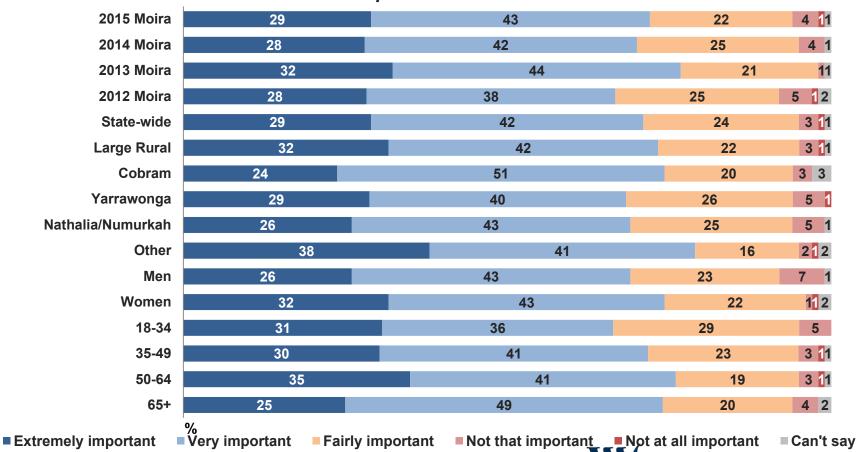




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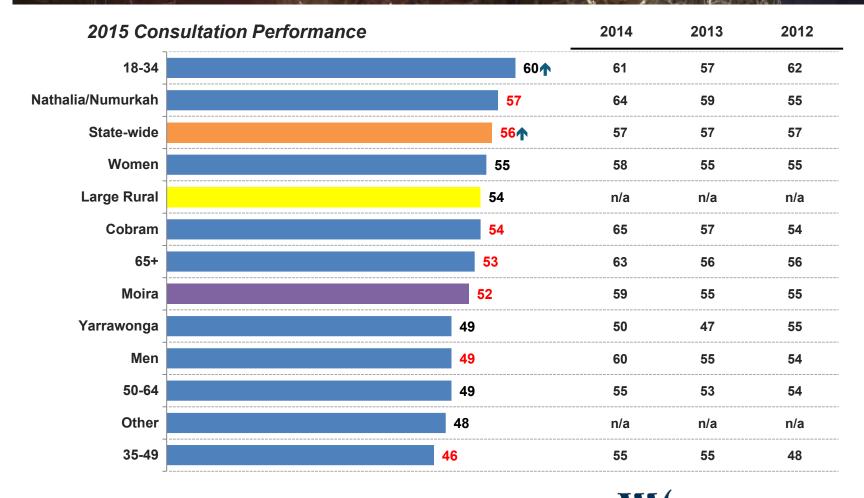
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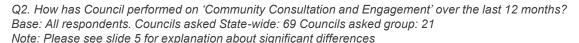
2015 Consultation Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Community Consultation and Engagement' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 28 Councils asked group: 8

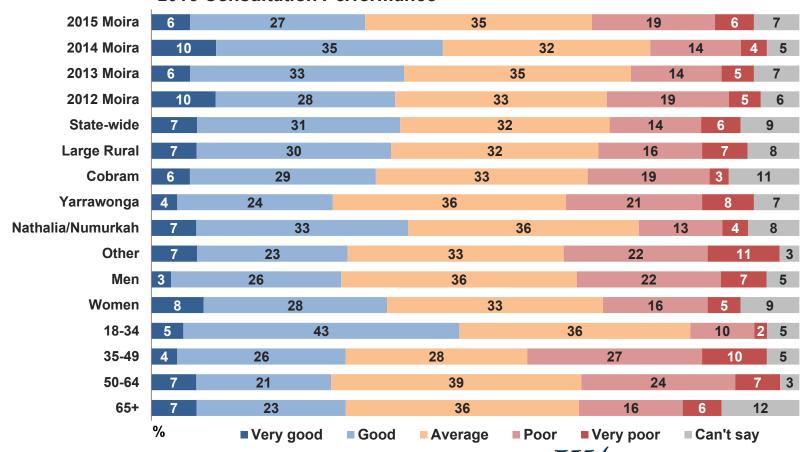
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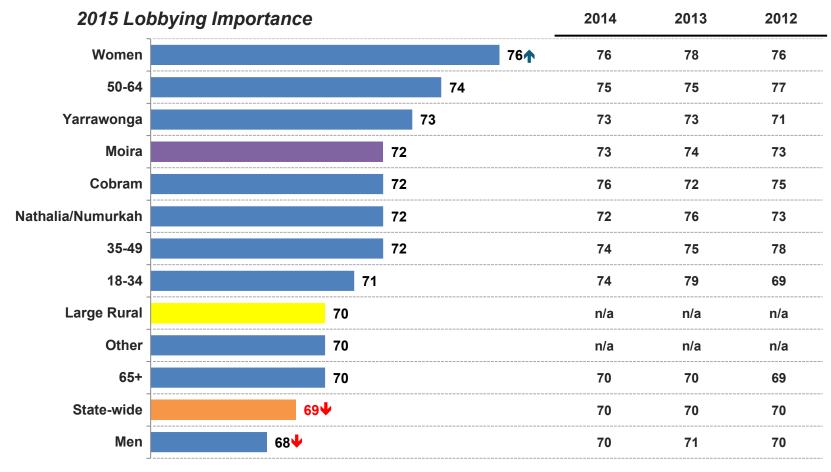


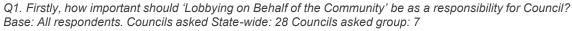
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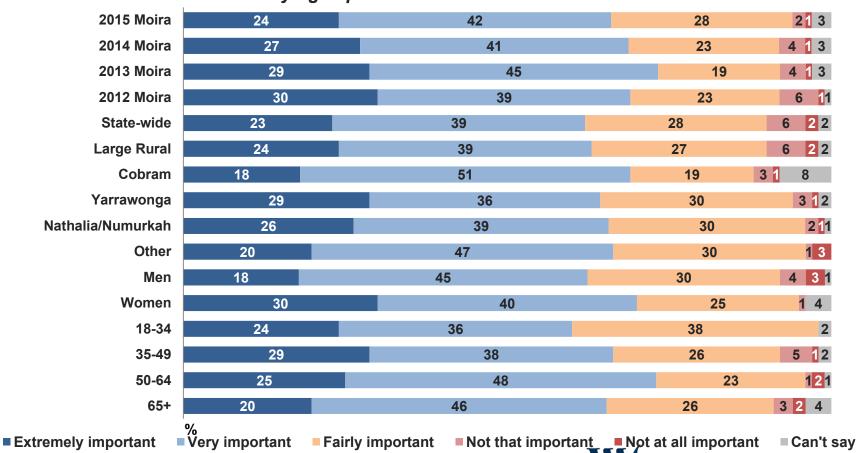




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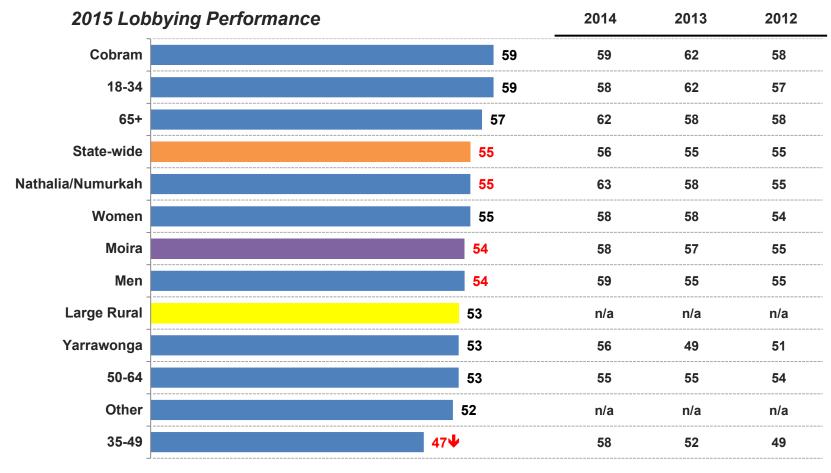
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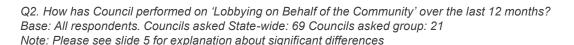
2015 Lobbying Importance



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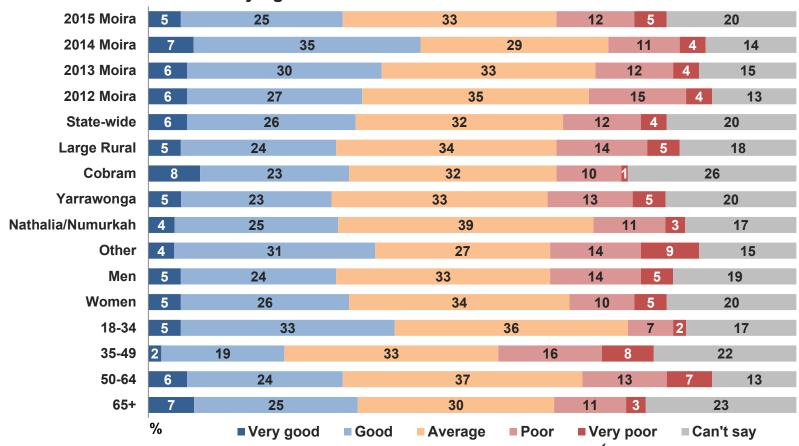




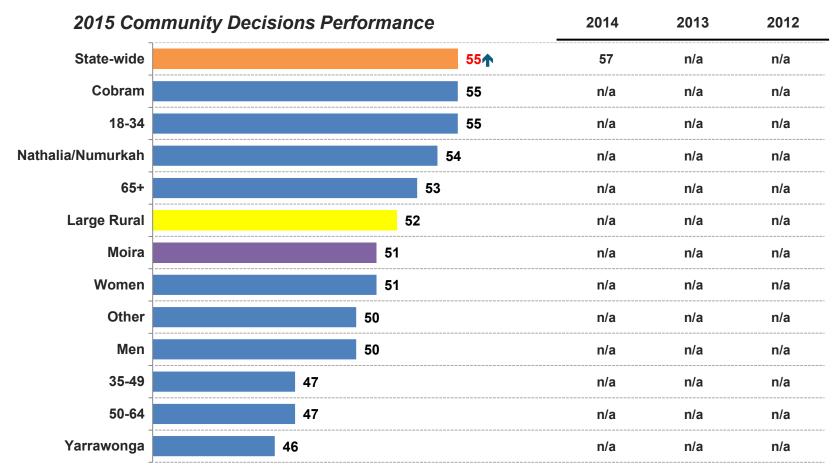


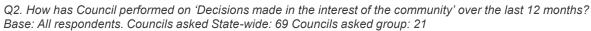
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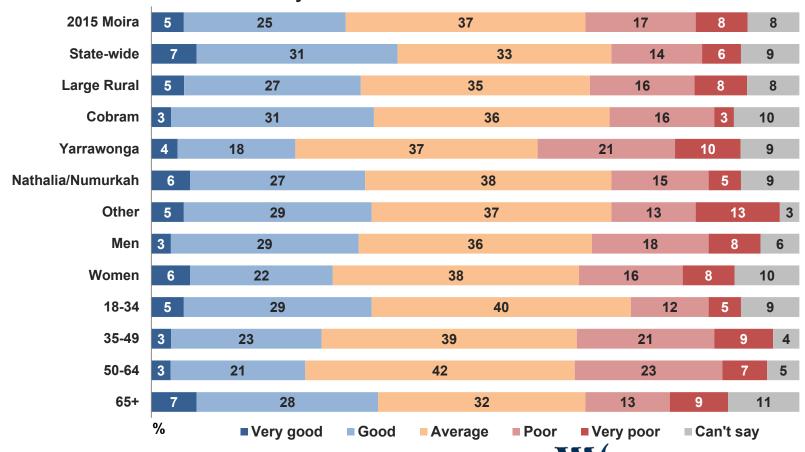




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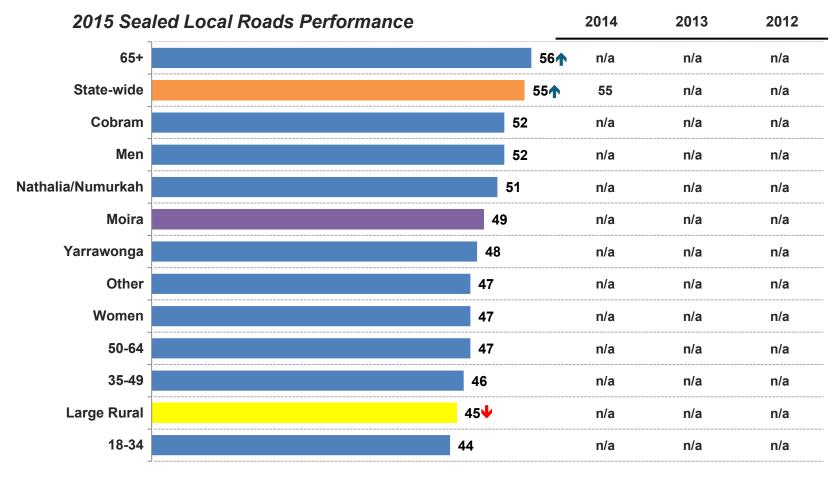
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2015 Community Decisions Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'Decisions made in the interest of the community' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 69 Councils asked group: 21

2015 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA PERFORMANCE INDEX SCORES

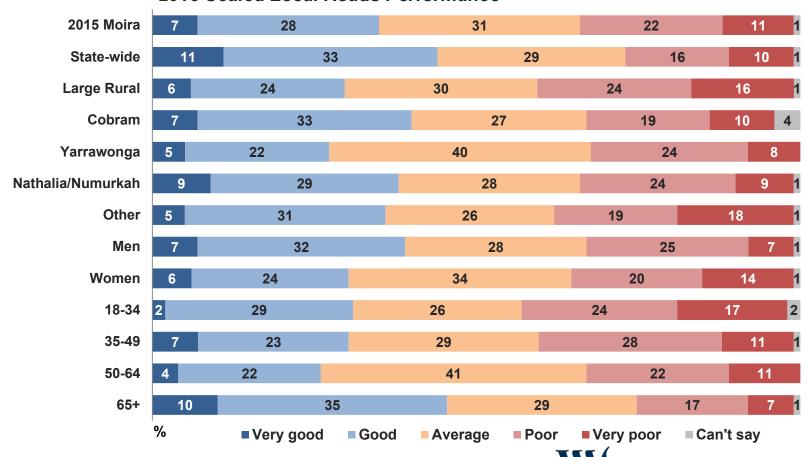


Q2. How has Council performed on 'The condition of sealed local roads in your area' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 69 Councils asked group: 21

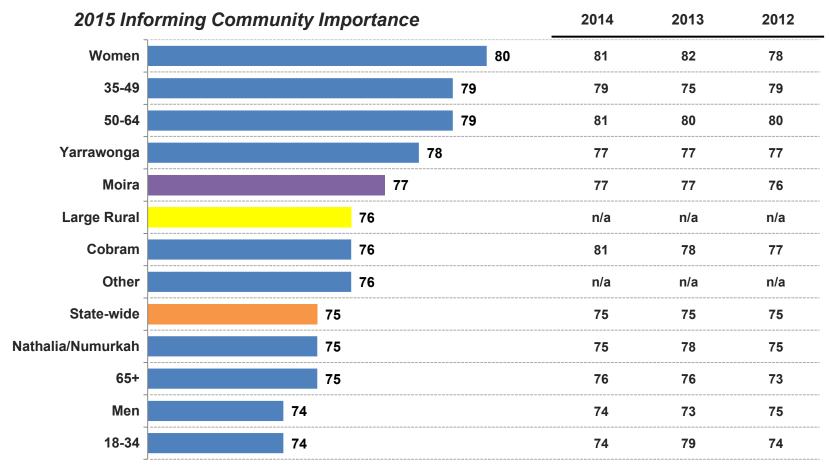
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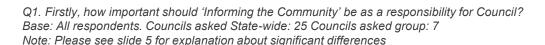
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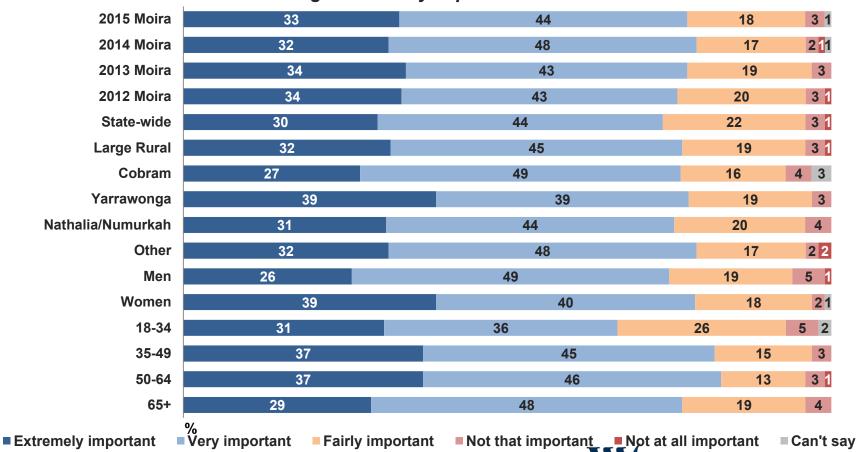






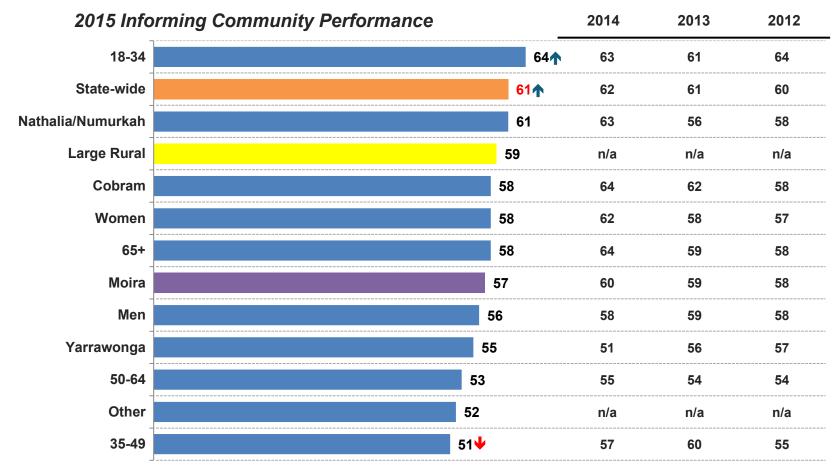
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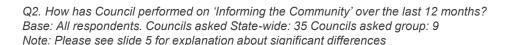
2015 Informing Community Importance



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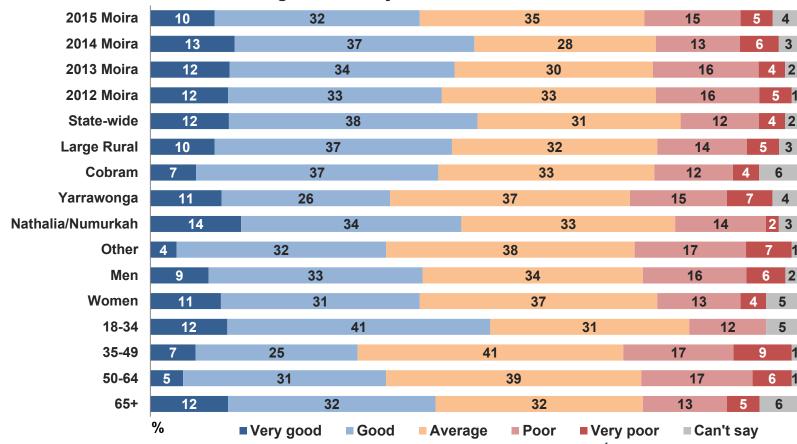




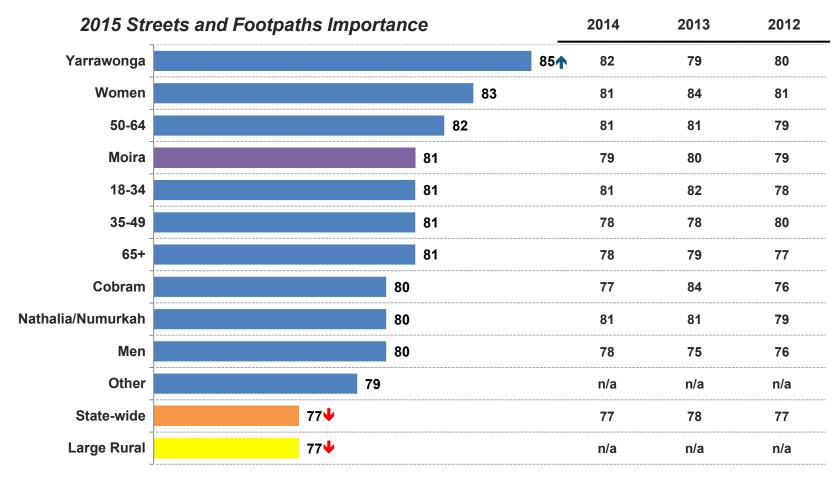


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2015 Informing Community Performance



2015 THE CONDITION OF LOCAL STREETS AND FOOTPATHS IN YOUR AREA IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area' be as a responsibility for Council?

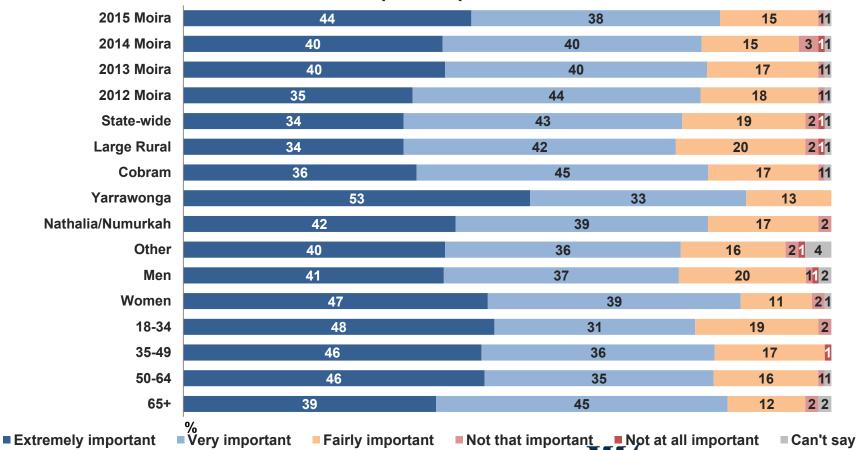
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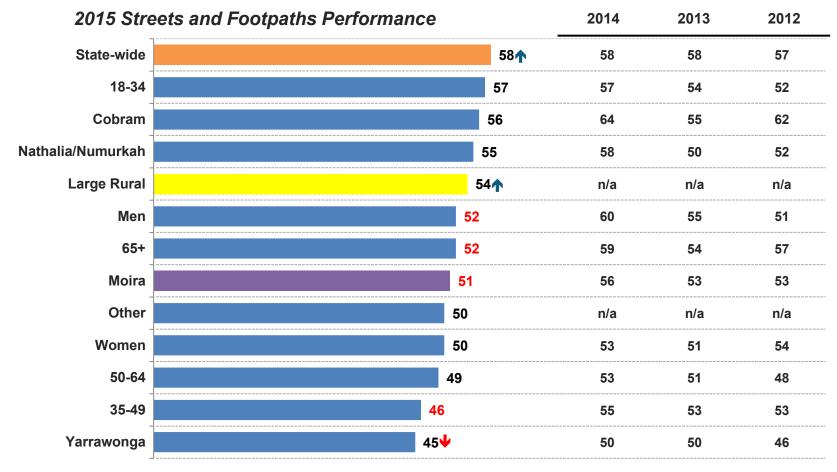
2015 Streets and Footpaths Importance



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Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 29 Councils asked group: 9

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Q2. How has Council performed on 'The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area' over the last 12 months?

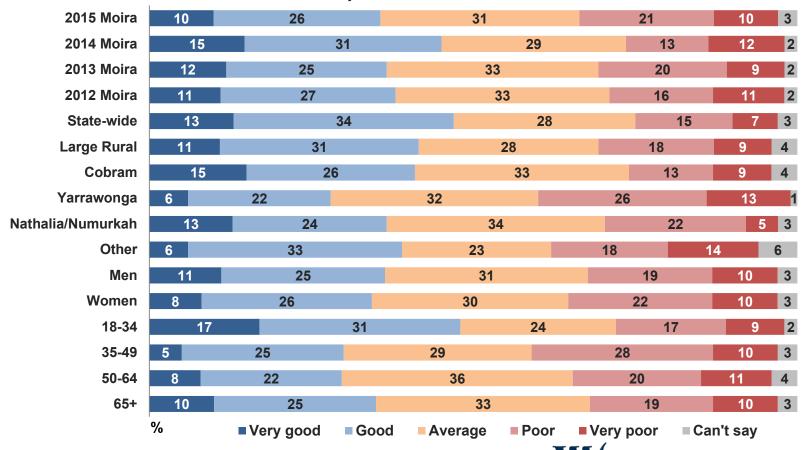
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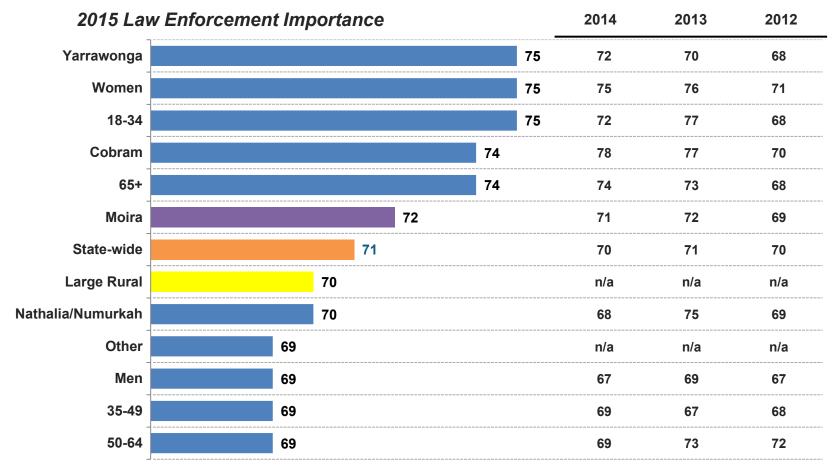
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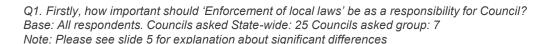
2015 Streets and Footpaths Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 40 Councils asked group: 15

2015 ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES

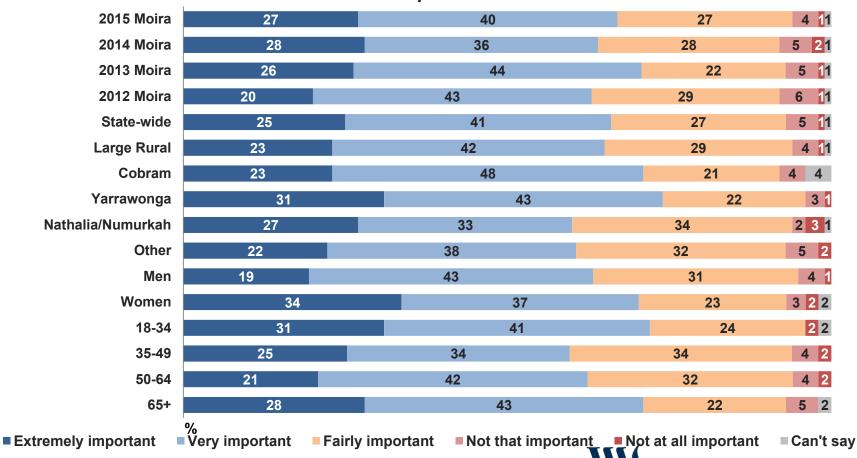






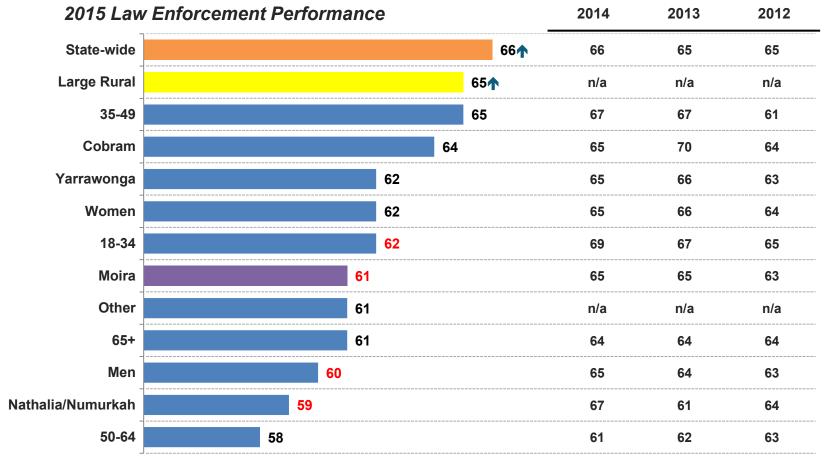
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2015 Law Enforcement Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Enforcement of local laws' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 25 Councils asked group: 7

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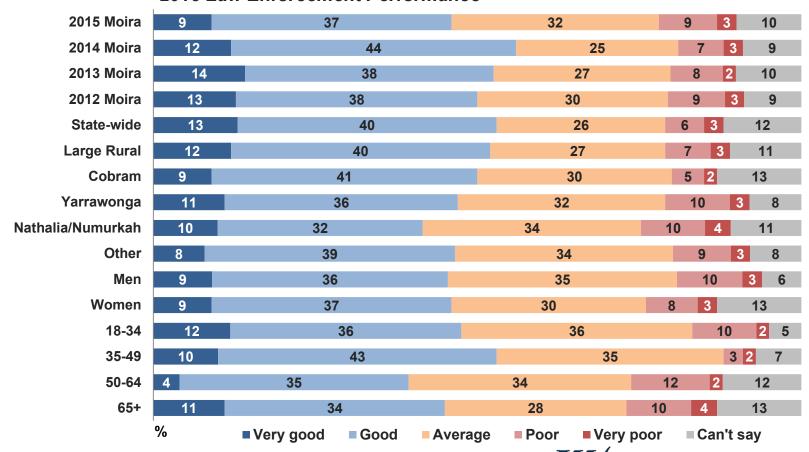


Q2. How has Council performed on 'Enforcement of local laws' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 36 Councils asked group: 12 Note: Please see slide 5 for explanation about significant differences

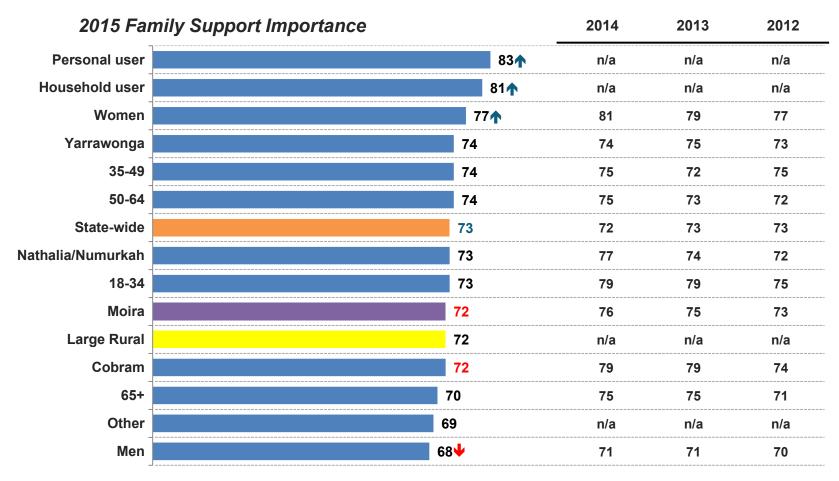


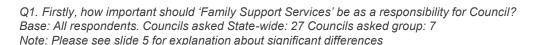
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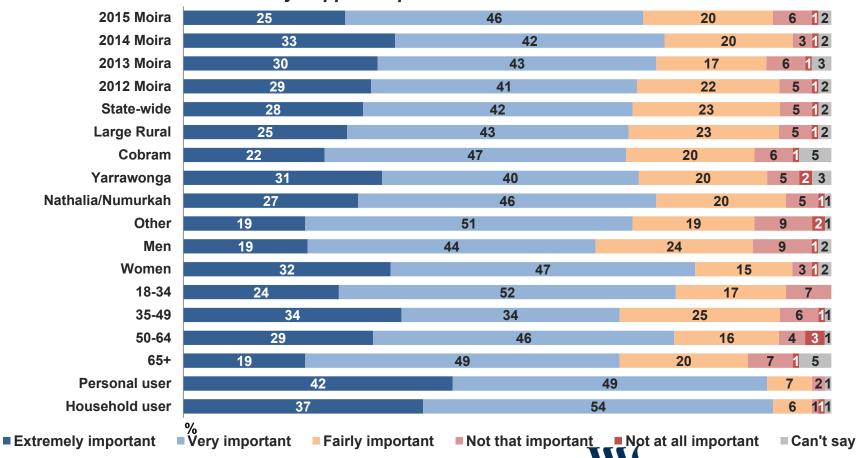




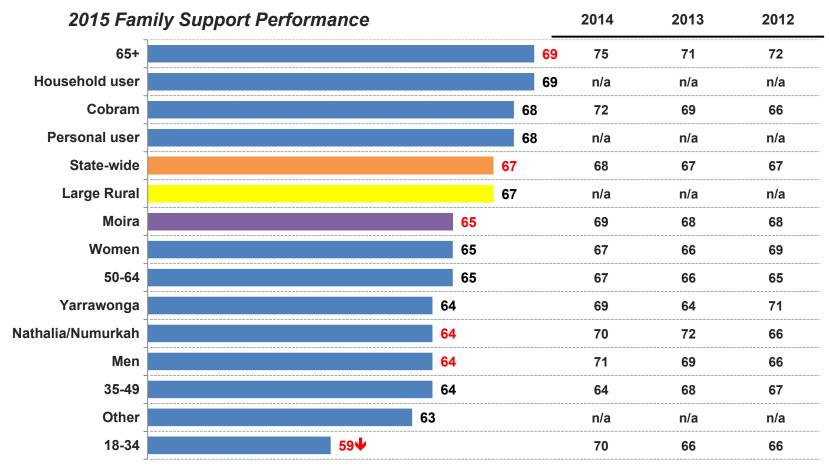


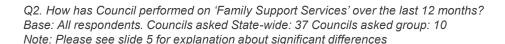
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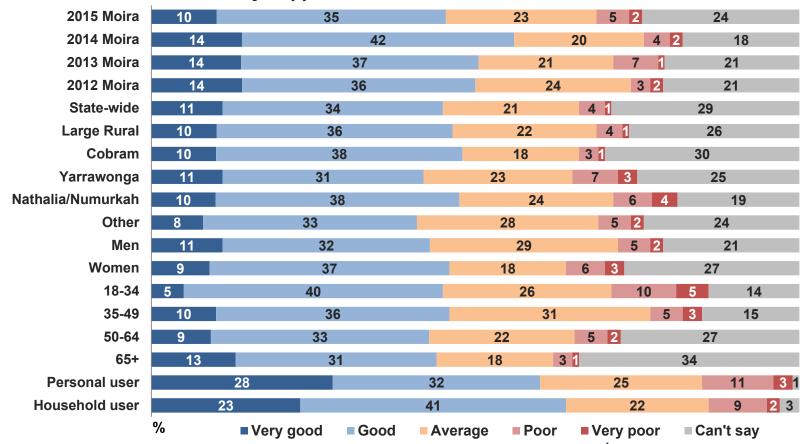




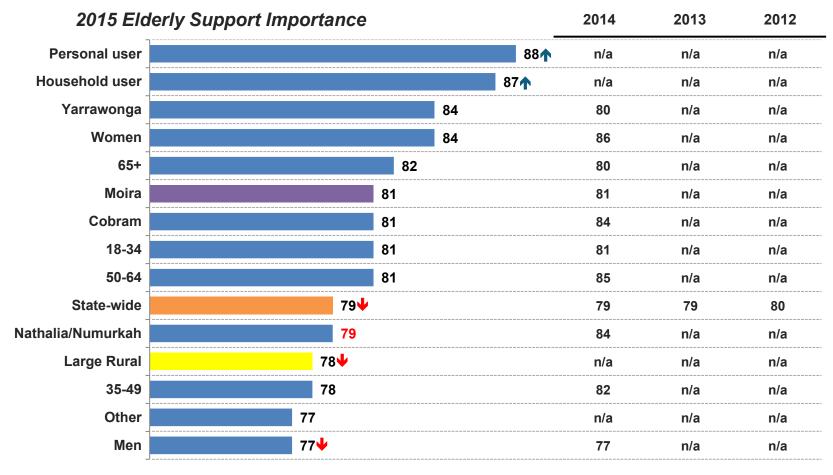


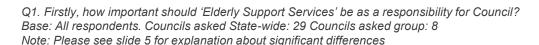
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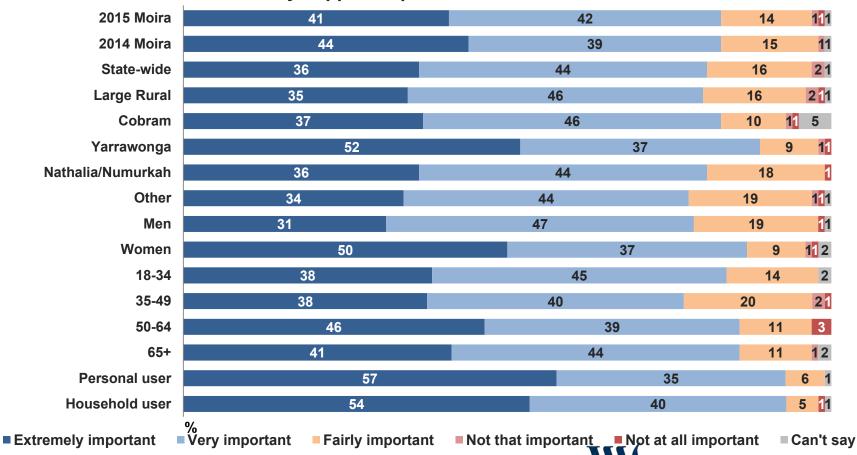






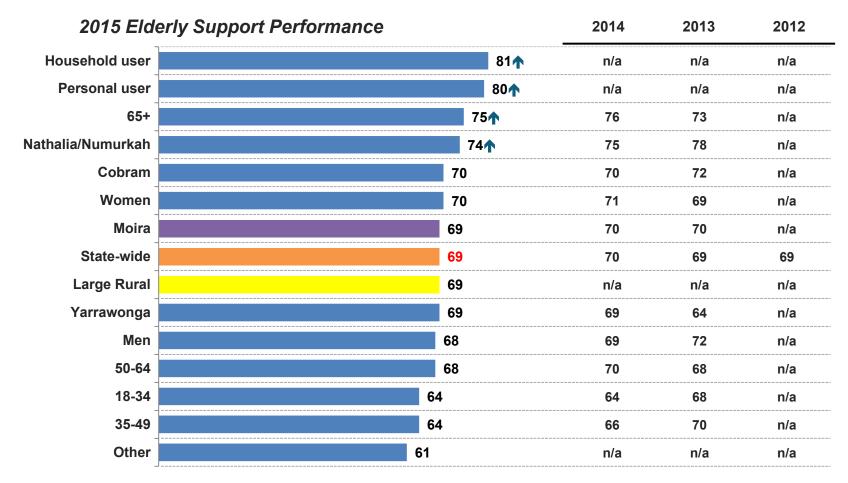
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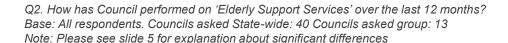
2015 Elderly Support Importance



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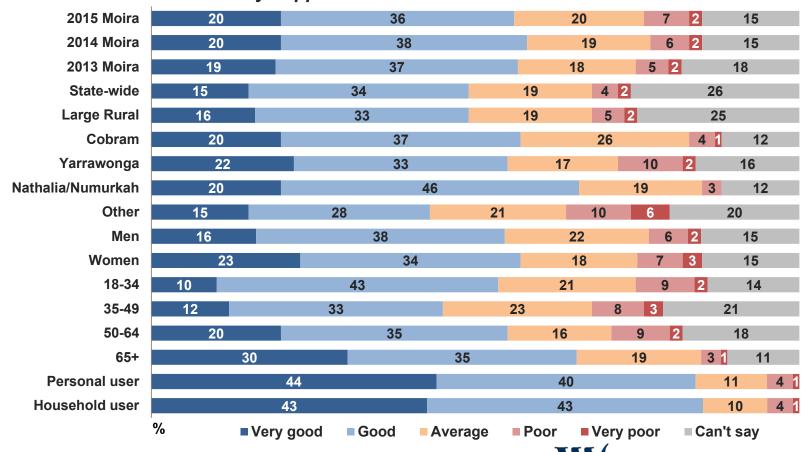
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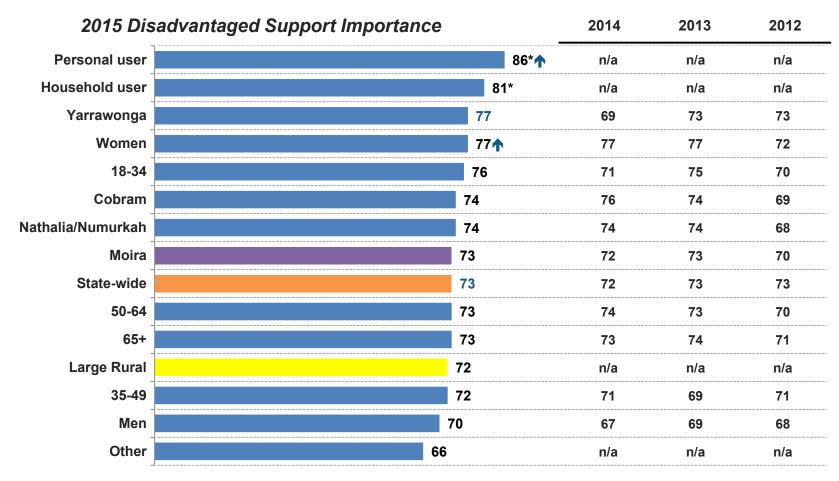


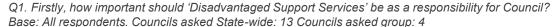
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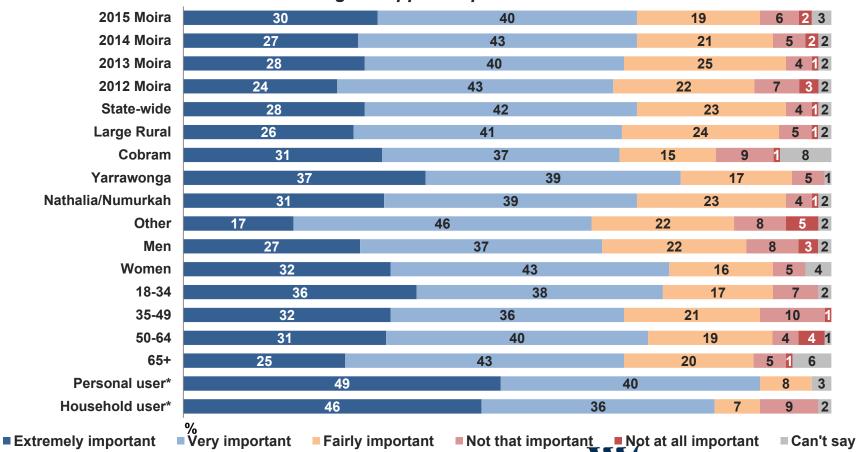


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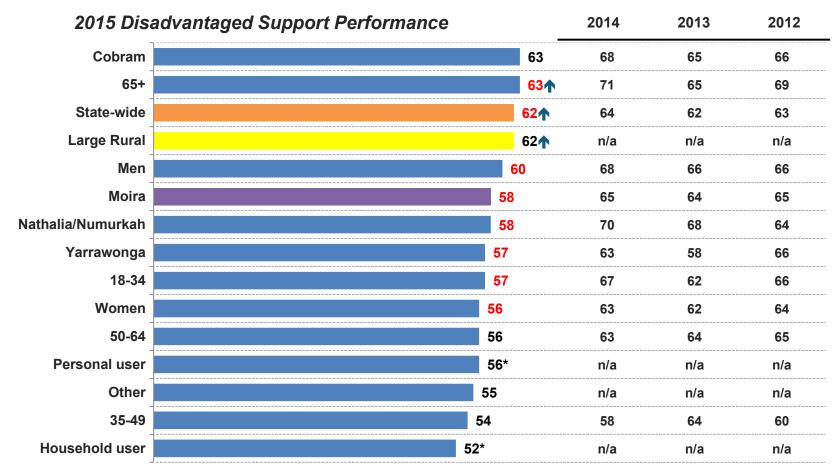
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2015 Disadvantaged Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Disadvantaged Support Services' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 13 Councils asked group: 4

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Q2. How has Council performed on 'Disadvantaged Support Services' over the last 12 months?

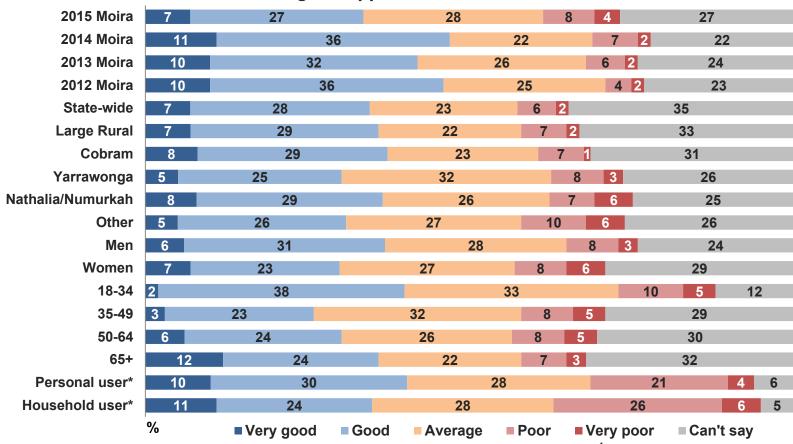
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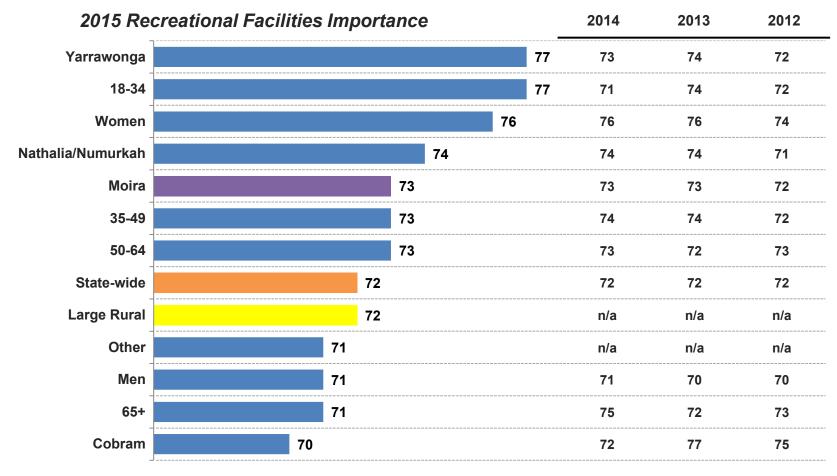
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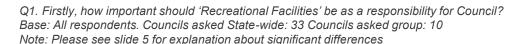
2015 Disadvantaged Support Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'Disadvantaged Support Services' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 17 Councils asked group: 5

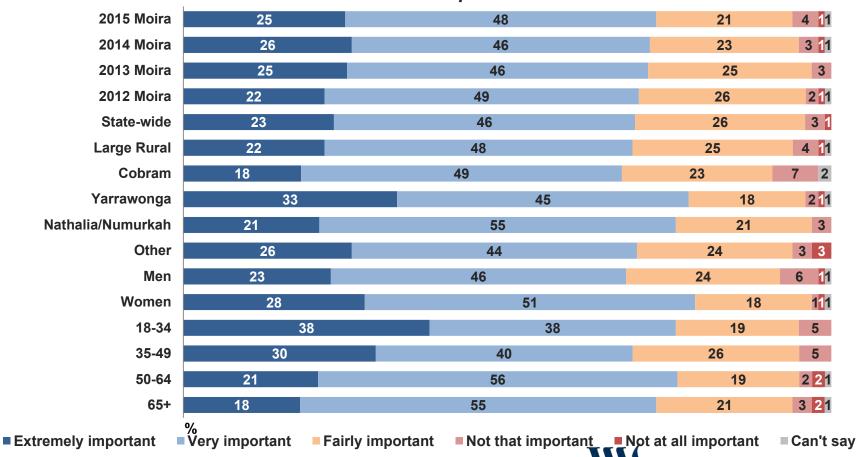
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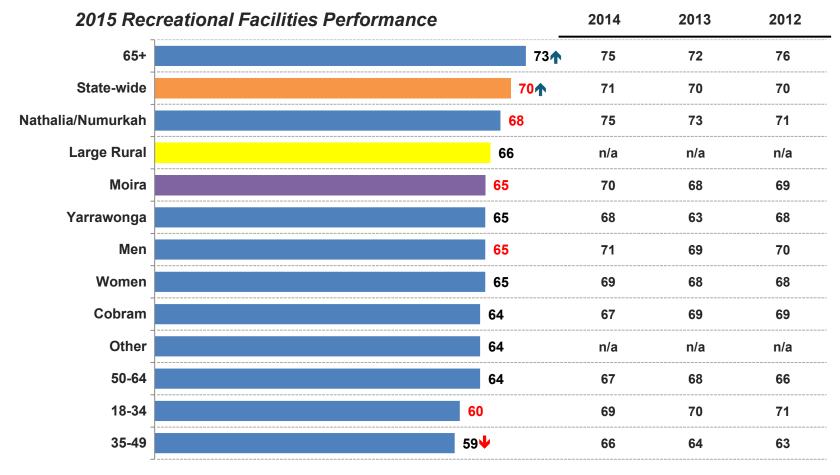
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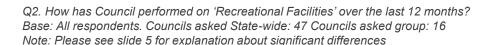
2015 Recreational Facilities Importance



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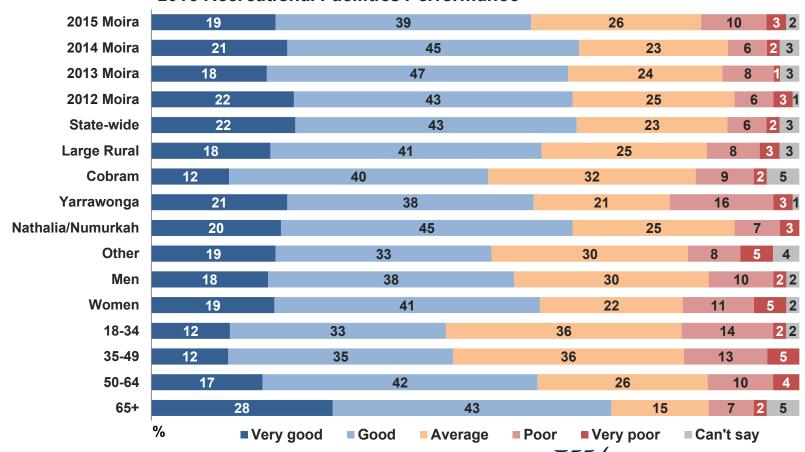
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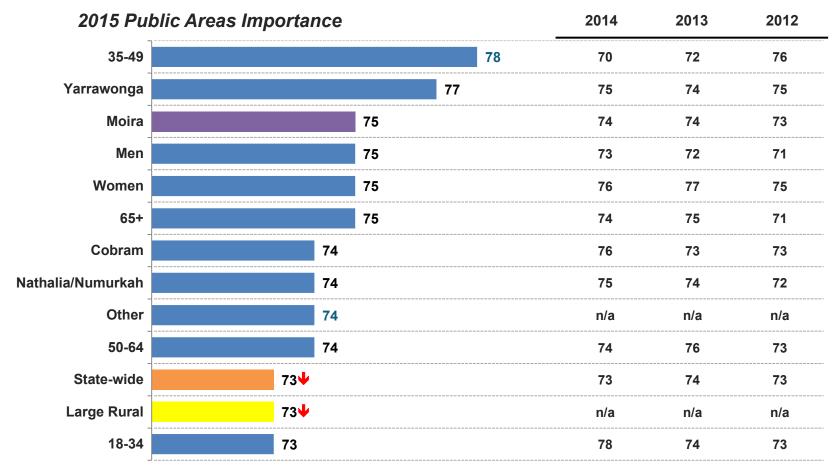


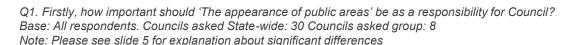
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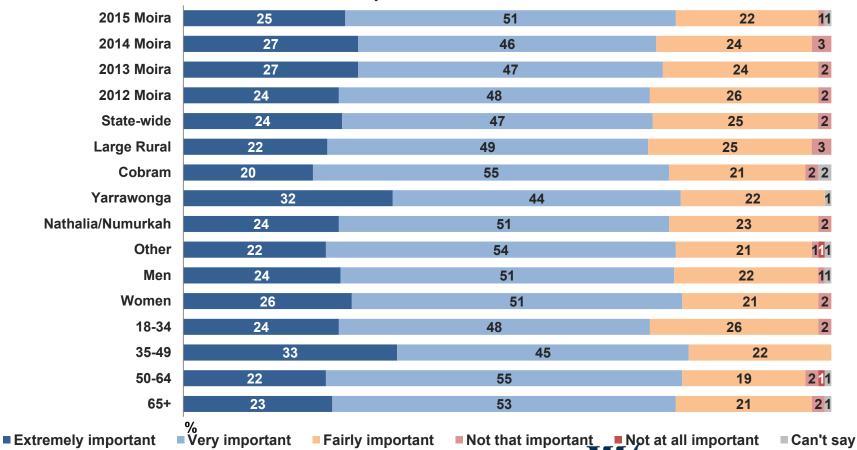






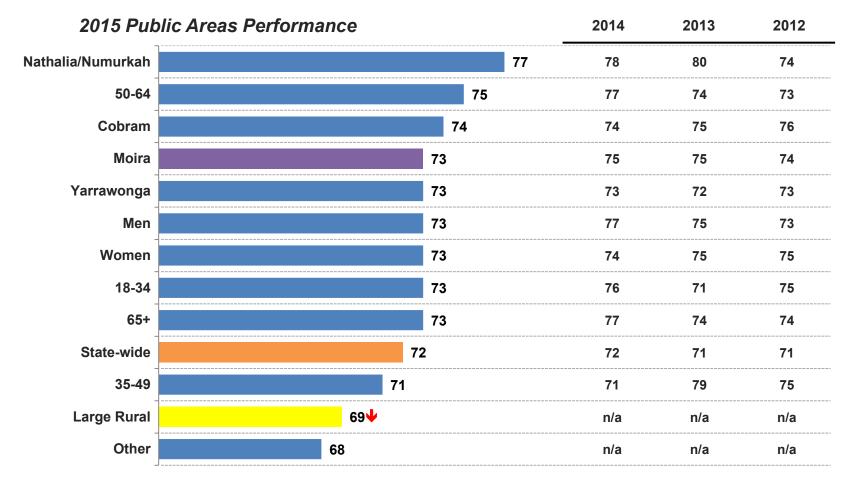
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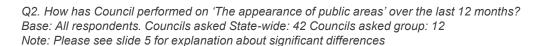
2015 Public Areas Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'The appearance of public areas' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 30 Councils asked group: 8

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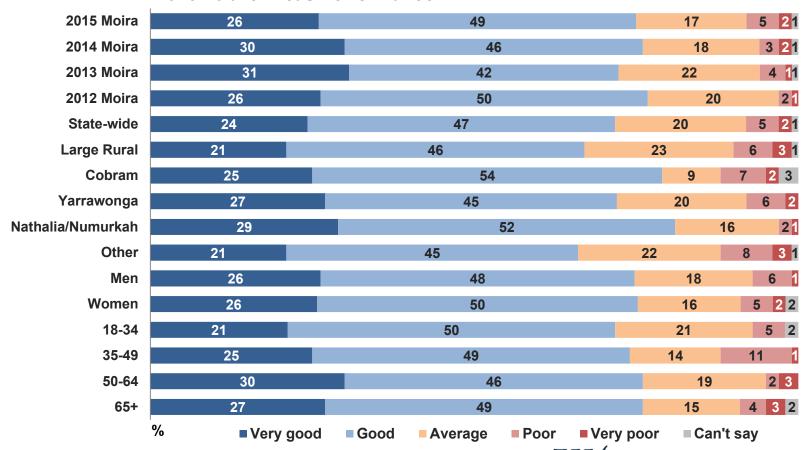




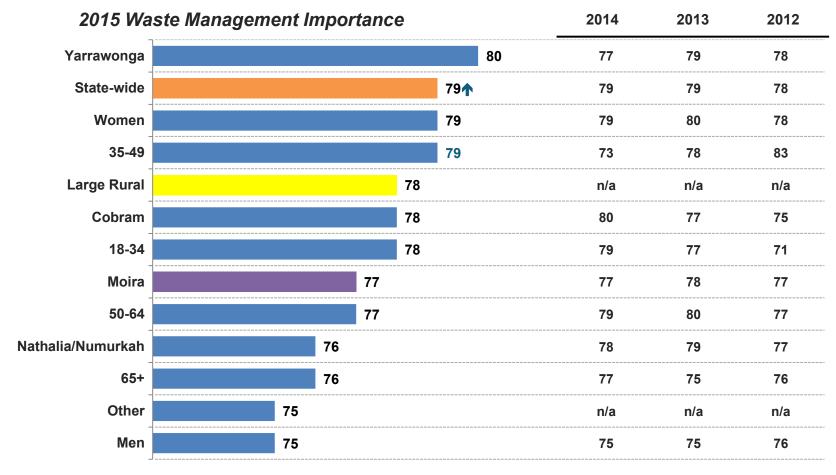


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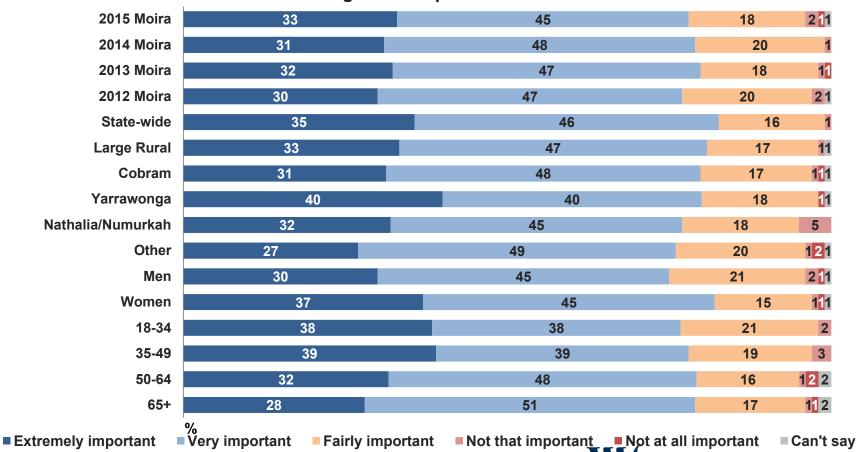






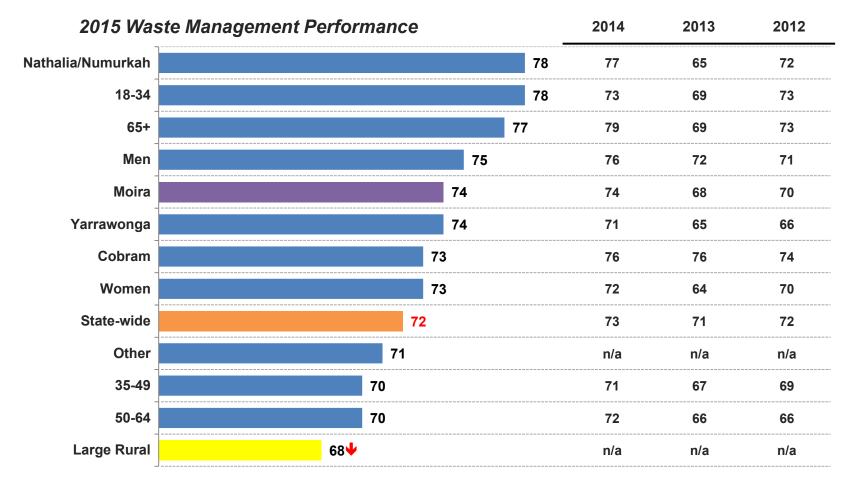
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2015 Waste Management Importance



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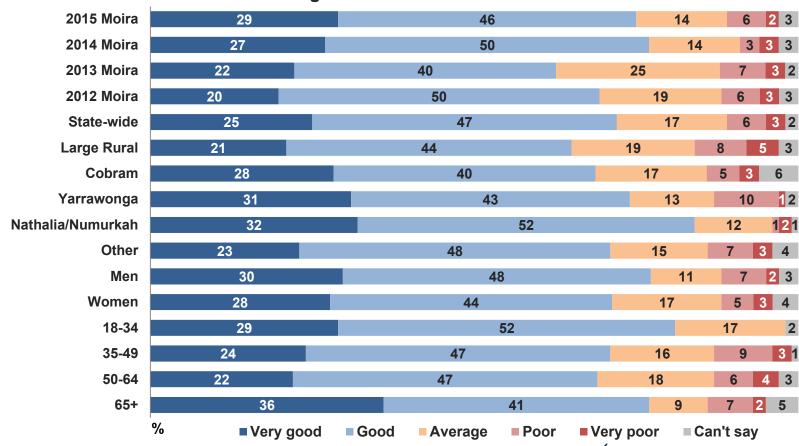
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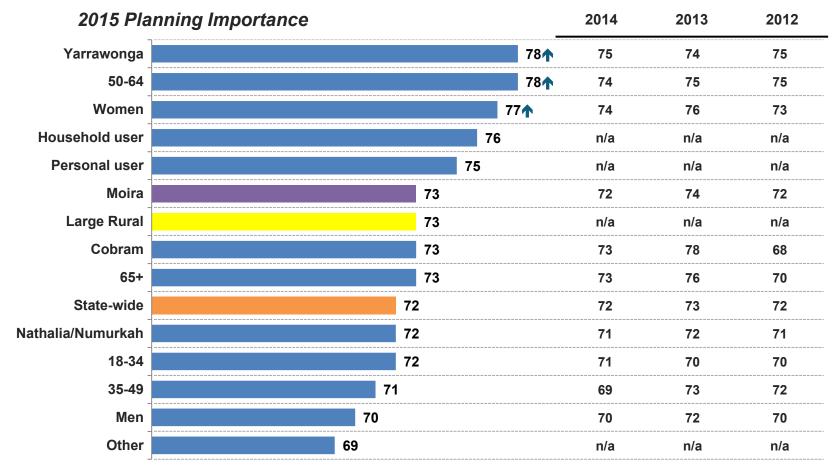


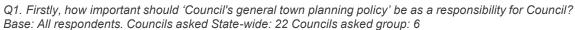
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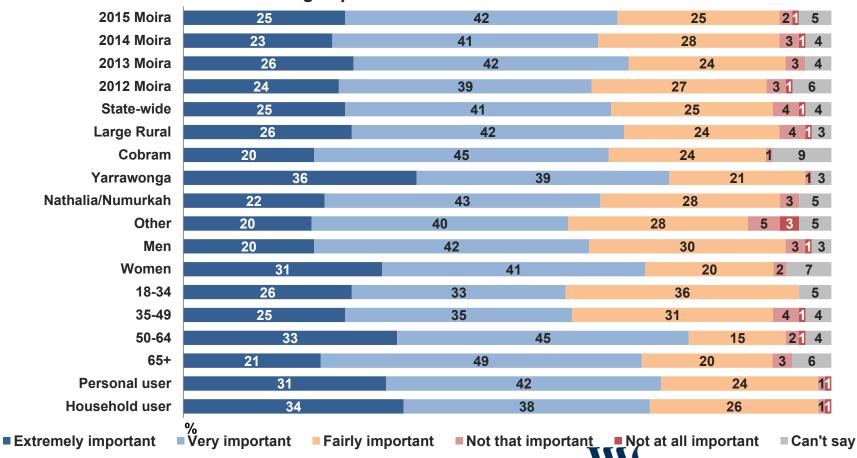




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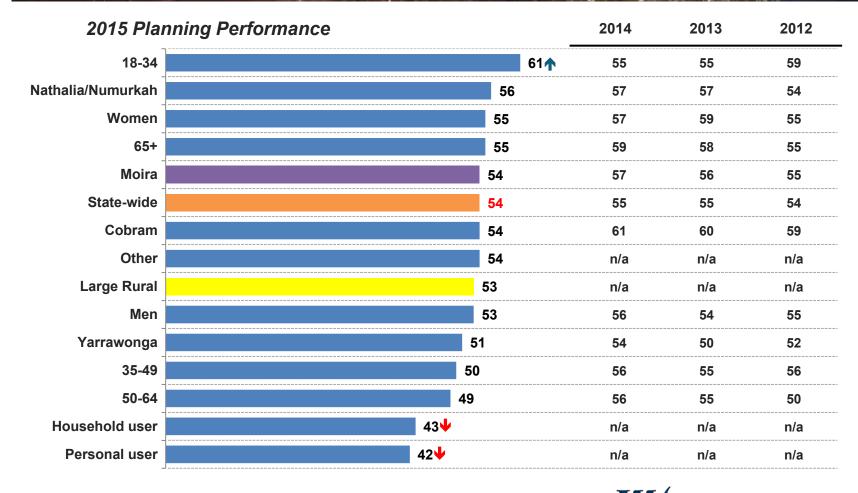
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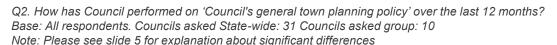
2015 Planning Importance



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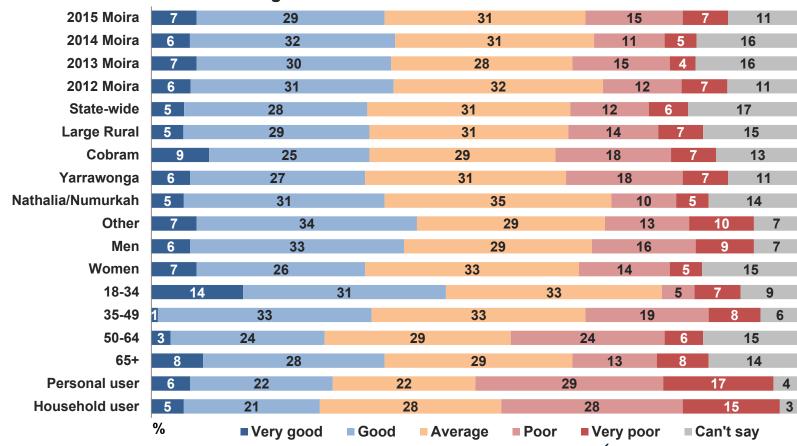
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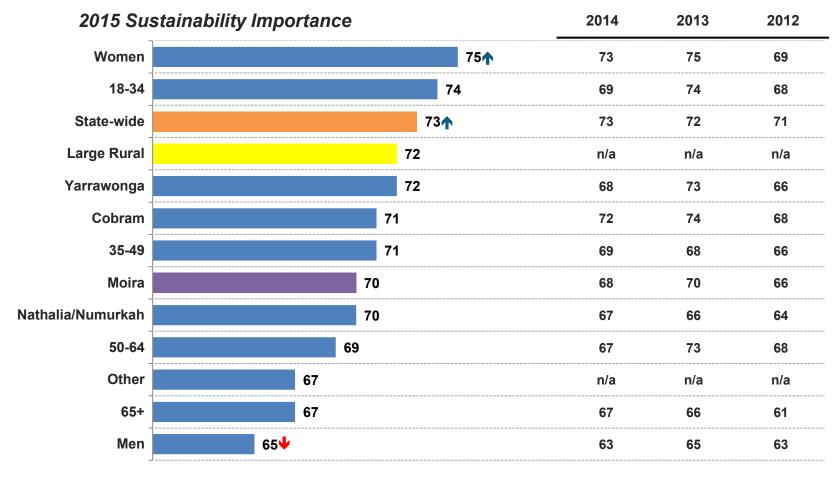


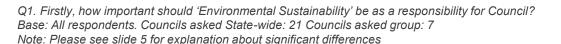
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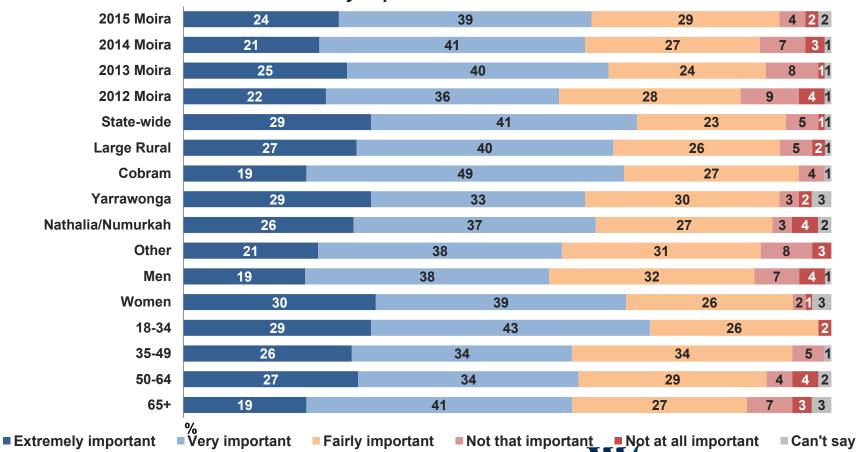






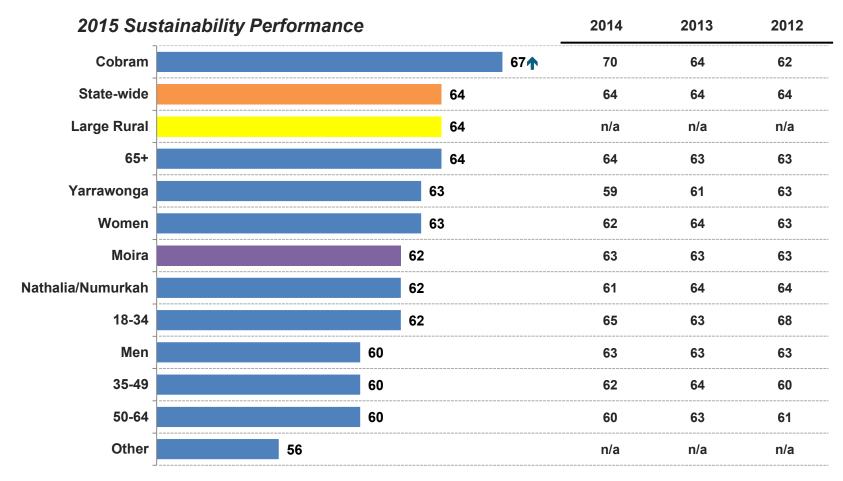
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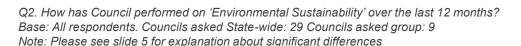
2015 Sustainability Importance



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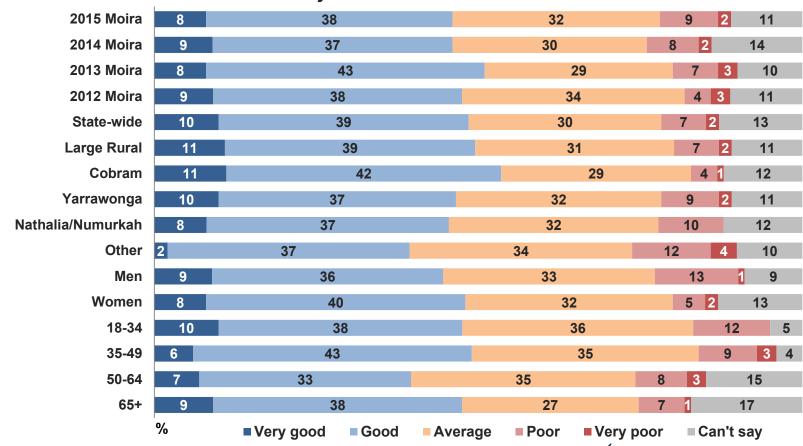




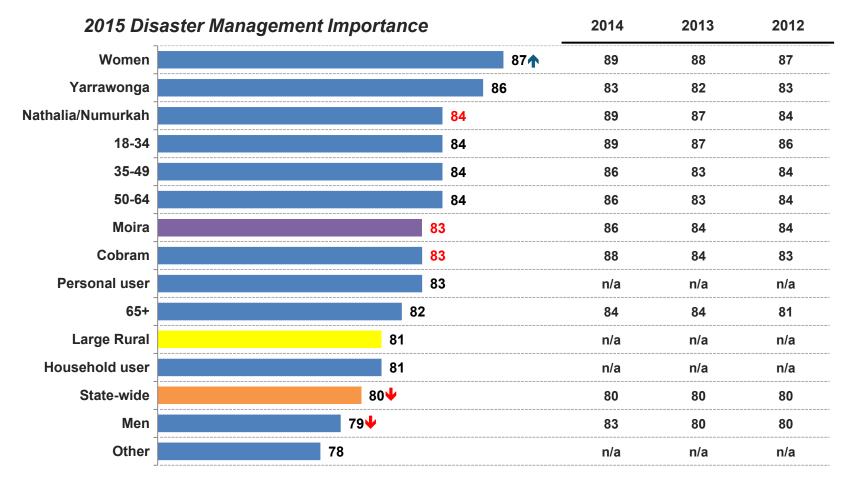


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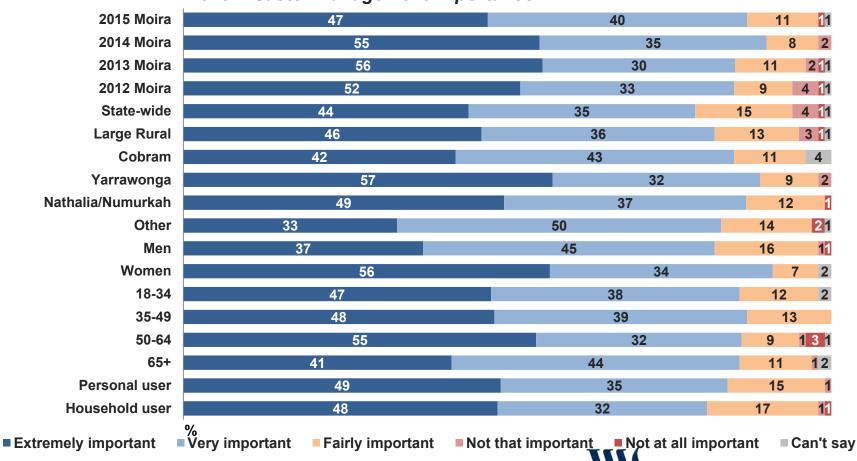




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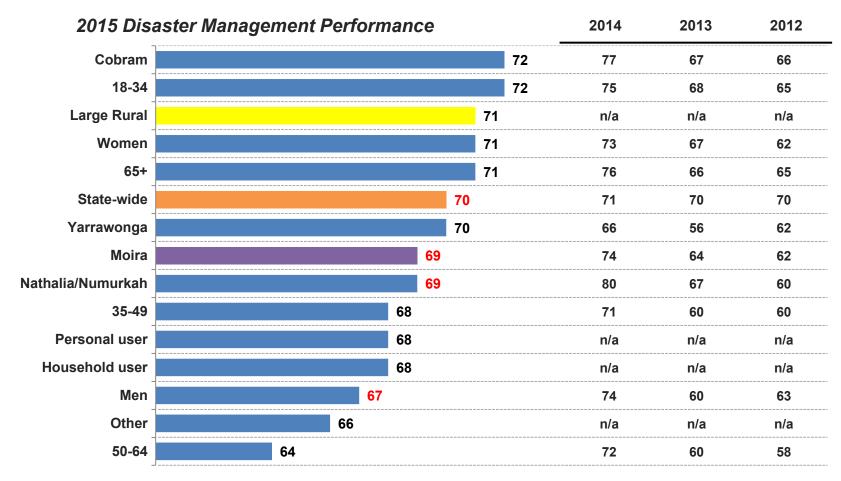
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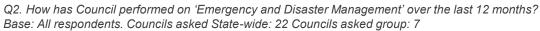
2015 Disaster Management Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Emergency and Disaster Management' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 16 Councils asked group: 5

2015 EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE INDEX SCORES



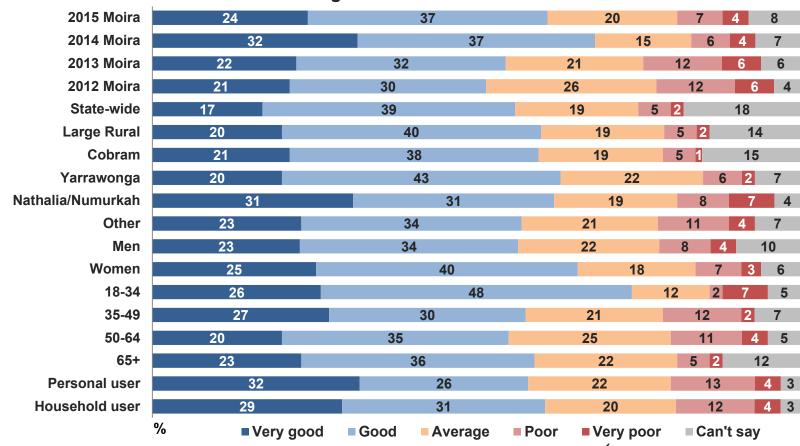


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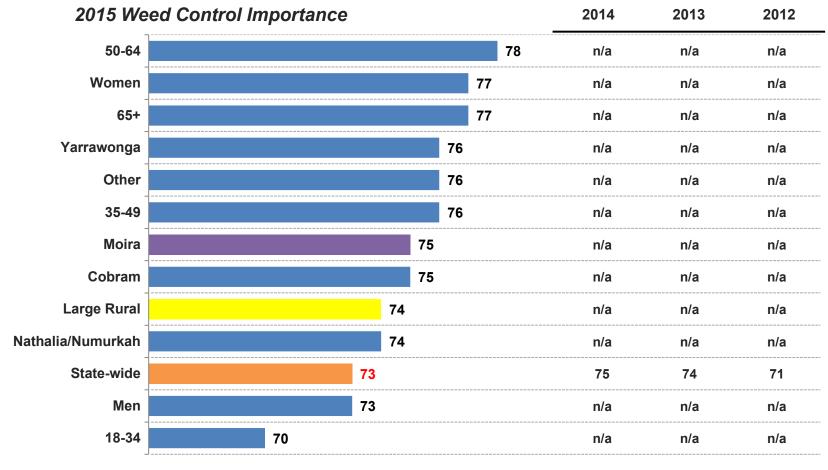
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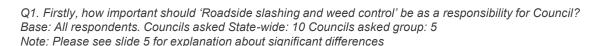
2015 Disaster Management Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'Emergency and Disaster Management' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 22 Councils asked group: 7

2015 ROADSIDE SLASHING AND WEED CONTROL IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES

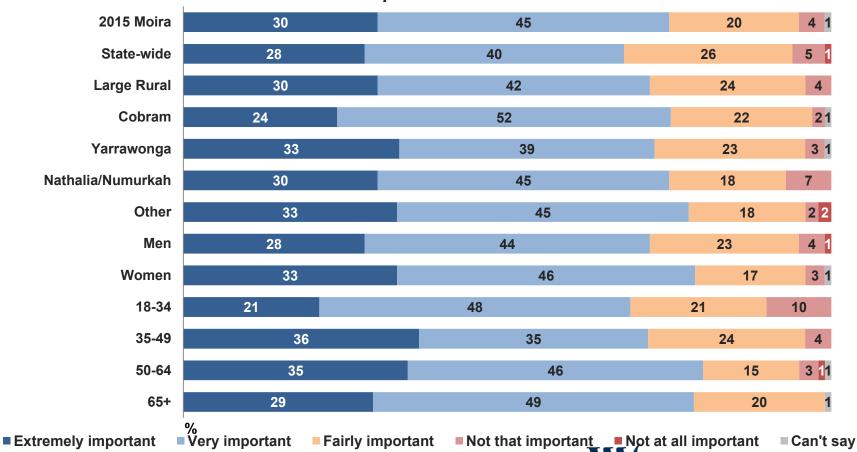






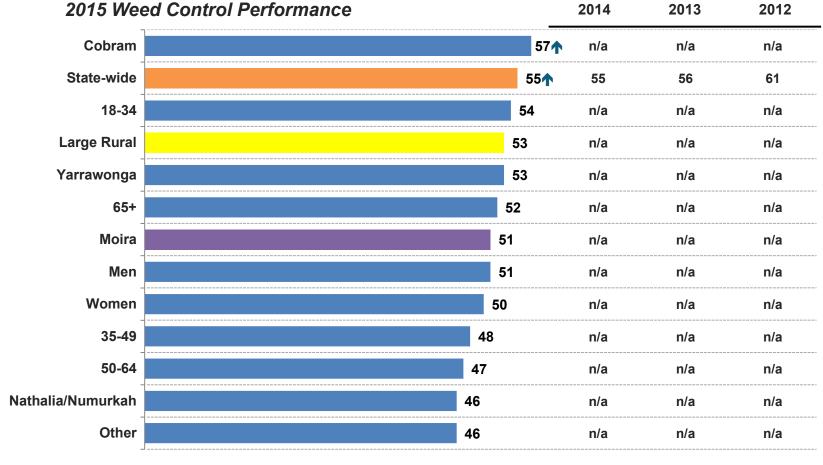
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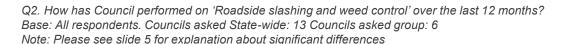
2015 Weed Control Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Roadside slashing and weed control' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 10 Councils asked group: 5

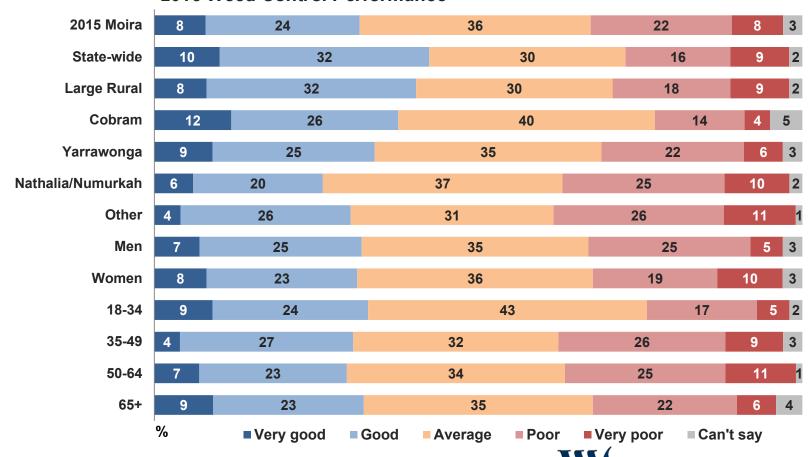
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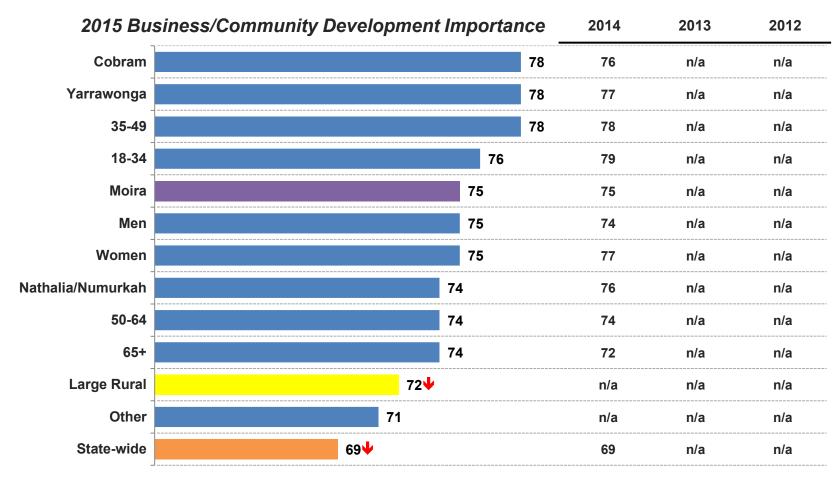
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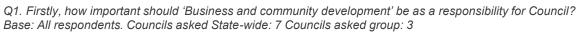
2015 Weed Control Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'Roadside slashing and weed control' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 13 Councils asked group: 6

2015 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES

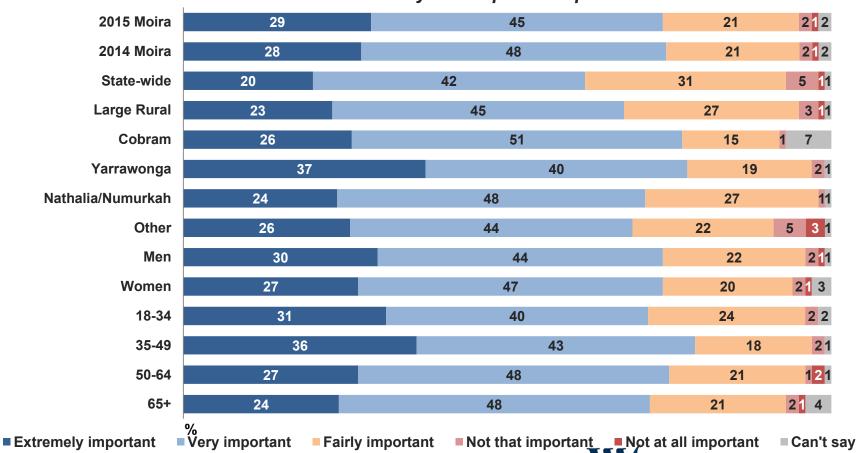




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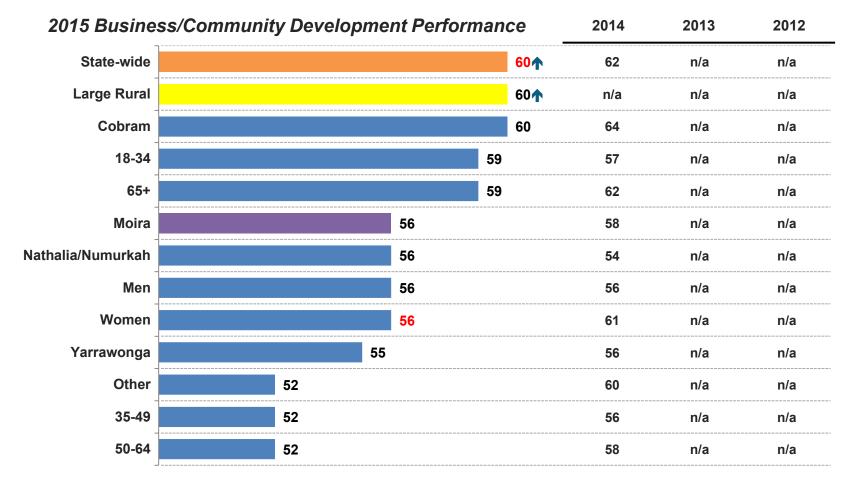
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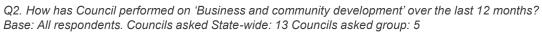


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Business and community development' be as a responsibility for Council? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 7 Councils asked group: 3

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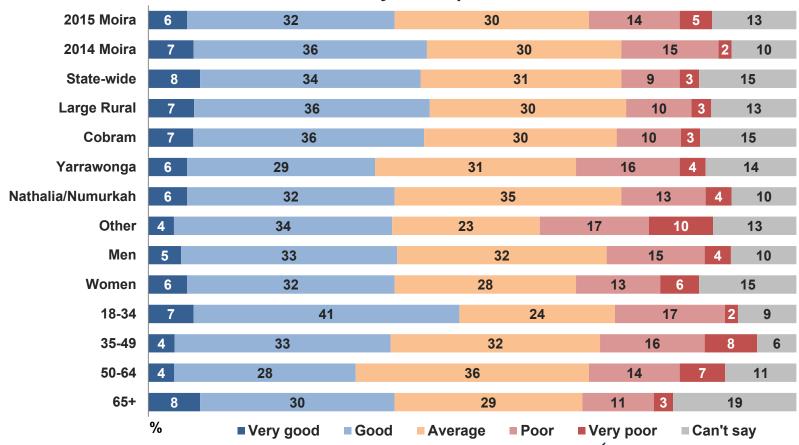




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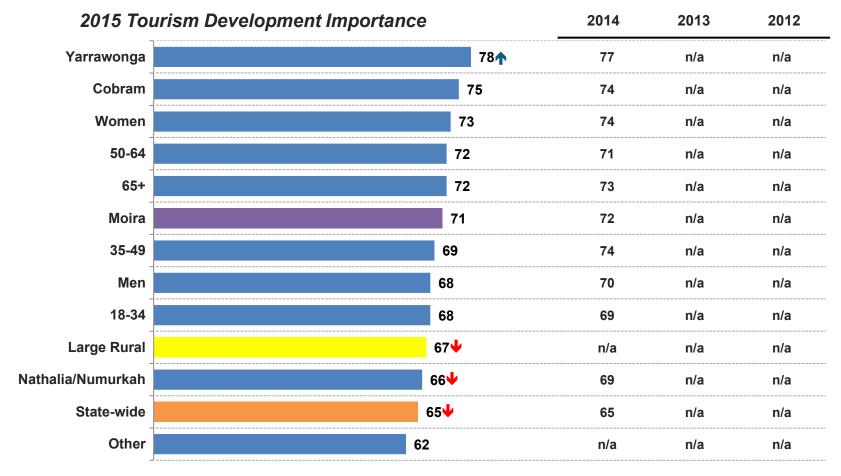
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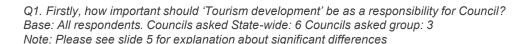
2015 Business/Community Development Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'Business and community development' over the last 12 months? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 13 Councils asked group: 5

2015 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES

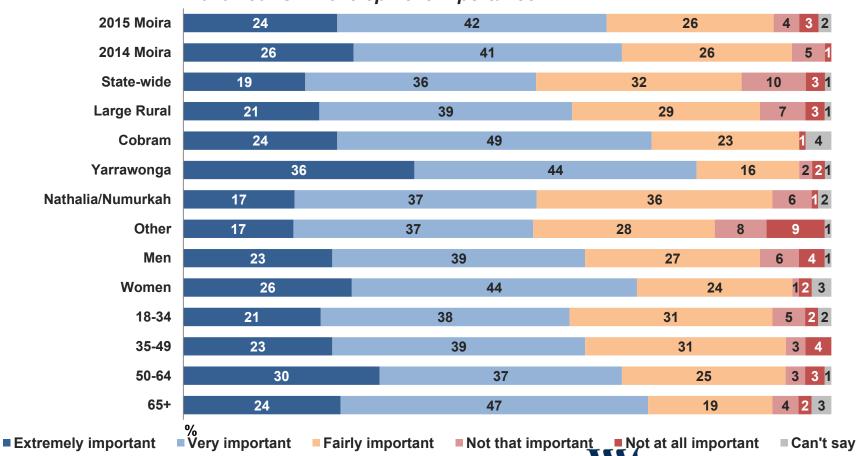






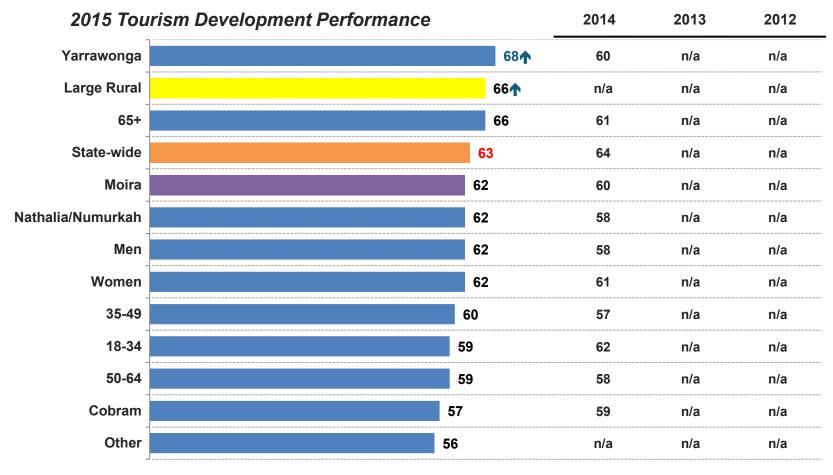
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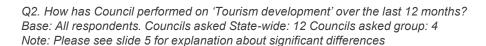
2015 Tourism Development Importance



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2015 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE INDEX SCORES

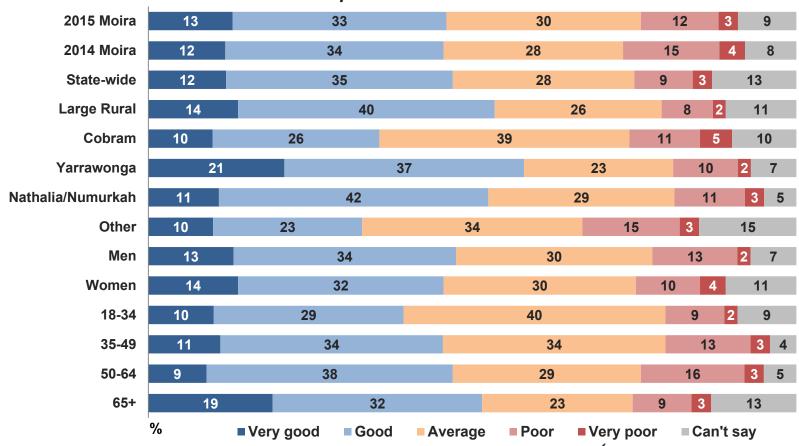






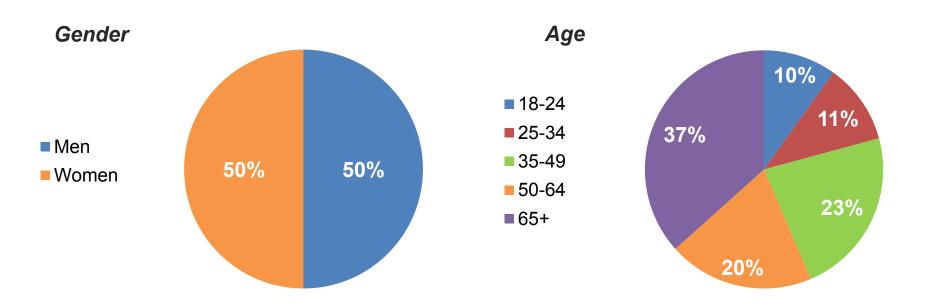
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2015 Tourism Development Performance





2015 GENDER AND AGE PROFILE

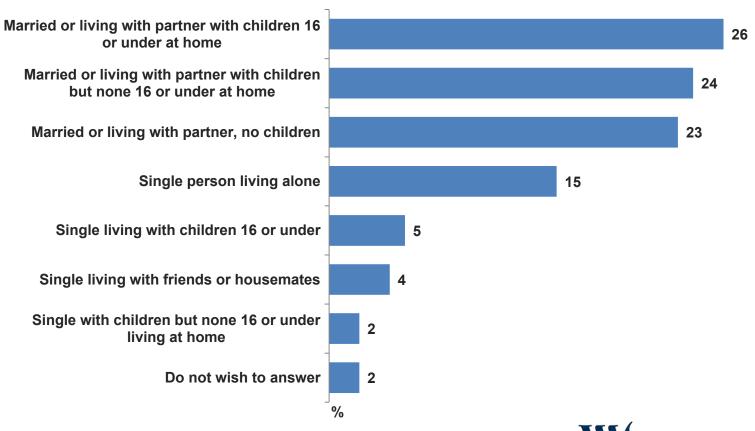


Please note that for the reason of simplifying reporting, interlocking age and gender reporting has not been included in this report. Interlocking age and gender analysis is still available in the dashboard and data tables provided alongside this report.



2015 HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE

2015 Household Structure

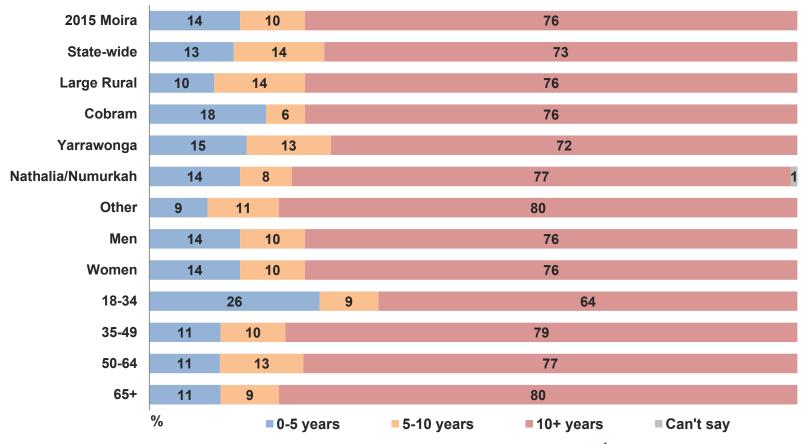


S6. Which of the following BEST describes your household?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 11 Councils asked group: 3

2015 YEARS LIVED IN AREA

2015 Years Lived in Area



S5. How long have you lived in this area?/How long have you owned a property in this area? Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 18 Councils asked group: 4





APPENDIX B: BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The survey was revised in 2012. As a result:

- The survey is now conducted as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18 years or over in local councils, whereas previously it was conducted as a 'head of household' survey.
- As part of the change to a representative resident survey, results are now weighted post survey to the known population distribution of Moira Shire Council according to the most recently available Australian Bureau of Statistics population estimates, whereas the results were previously not weighted.
- > The service responsibility area performance measures have changed significantly and the rating scale used to assess performance has also changed.

As such, the results of the 2012 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey should be considered as a benchmark. Please note that comparisons should not be made with the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results from 2011 and prior due to the methodological and sampling changes. **Comparisons in the period 2012-2015 have been made throughout this report as appropriate.**

APPENDIX B: MARGINS OF ERROR

The sample size for the 2015 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Moira Shire Council was n=500. 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=500 interviews is +/-4.3% 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 45.7% - 54.3%.

Maximum margins of error are listed in the table below, based on a population of 22,000 people aged 18 years or over for Moira Shire Council, according to ABS estimates.

Demographic	Actual survey sample size	Weighted base	Maximum margin of error at 95% confidence interval
Moira Shire Council	500	400	+/-4.3
Men	215	200	+/-6.7
Women	285	200	+/-5.8
Cobram	105	83	+/-9.6
Yarrawonga	156	121	+/-7.8
Nathalia/Numurkah	134	110	+/-8.5
Other	105	86	+/-9.6
18-34 years	42	83	+/-15.3
35-49 years	96	92	+/-10.0
50-64 years	129	79	+/-8.6
65+ years	233	147	+/-6.4

All participating councils are listed in the State-wide report published on the DELWP website. In 2015, 69 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 in 2012, 2013 and 2014 vary slightly to those participating in 2015.

Council Groups

Moira Shire Council is classified as a Large Rural council according to the following classification list:

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

Councils participating in the Large Rural group are: Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Campaspe, Colac Otway, Corangamite, East Gippsland, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Horsham, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Moira, Moorabool, Mount Alexander, Moyne, South Gippsland, Southern Grampians, Surf Coast, Swan Hill, Wangaratta and Wellington.

Wherever appropriate, results for Moira Shire Council for this 2015 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey have been compared against other participating councils in the Large Rural group and on a State-wide basis. Please note however, that council groupings have changed for 2015. As such, comparisons to previous council group results can not be made within the reported charts. For comparisons with previous groupings, please contact JWS Research.

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 benchmark survey and measured against the State-wide 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.

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

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

APPENDIX B: INDEX SCORE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE CALCULATION

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

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

Where:

>\$1 = Index Score 1

>\$2 = Index Score 2

▶\$3 = unweighted sample count 1

>\$4 = unweighted sample count 1

▶\$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.

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 2015 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)
- Lobbying on behalf of community (Advocacy)
- Community consultation and engagement (Consultation)
- Decisions made in the interest of the community (Making community decisions)
- Condition of sealed local roads (Sealed local roads)
- Contact in last 12 months (Contact)
- Rating of contact (Customer service)
- Overall council direction last 12 months (Council direction)

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 2015 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey were optional. Councils also had the ability to ask tailored questions specific only to their council.

Reporting

Every council that participated in the 2015 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey receives a customised report. In addition, the state government is supplied with a State-wide summary report of the aggregate results of 'Core' and 'Optional' questions asked across all council areas surveyed.

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.

The Overall State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Report is available at www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au.

APPENDIX B: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

CSS: 2015 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 sub-group 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.