

Geelong Community Survey 2020

APPENDIX 1. Summary of quantitative and qualitative data and comments

Basic quantitative results for each question were provided by Survey Monkey's algorithm. Averages on the provided statistics were done manually using Excel.

The 'sentiment' of each comment was calculated using Python VADER library (<https://pypi.org/project/vaderSentiment/>). The VADER algorithm scored the sentiment of each comment from -1 (most negative) to +1 (most positive). The sentiment scores were used as a filter to create a list of the most negative and positive comments (Appendix, sentiment_scores 1-19).

Despite the limitations of sentiment analysis (e.g. not all comment sentiments will be correctly interpreted), it was a pragmatic way to filter the >4,000 comments made. A full dataset of comment and sentiment scores is available

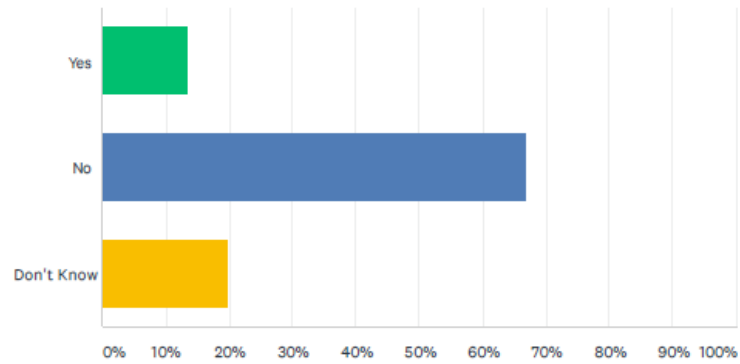
This resulted in a data record in the form of a list of comments that scored the highest negative scores and the highest positive scores for each question. These are provided for each question below.

Comments are 'as written' by responders.

The qualitative analysis was not able to pick up comments that would be classified as 'Don't Know'. To enable the dataset to be identified, a physical search through all the comments for each question was undertaken. Don't know comments were used to identify reason/s for 'Don't know' responses, if applicable. ('Don't know' numbers in brackets = response number for each comment for each survey question in the raw data.)

Statistical analysis in this report has been undertaken and overseen by academic professionals.

Q1 Are local services and infrastructure coping with the current population growth rate?



Category	% response
Yes	13.46
No	66.9
Don't Know	19.57

Answered 557

Skipped 2

Comments provided 335 (60%)

Response ID	Highest negative Comment	Response ID	Highest positive Comment
11859238037	The drain, literally on the water supply to Geelong is dangerous environmentally. TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT and NO WATER TANKS INSTALLED on Each and EVERY HOUSE. The fact that Barwon Water was forced to stop pumping water out of the Otway Aquifers due to the increasing and abhorrent Environmental Damage it was causing to landowners, Farmers gives a definitive Insight into the 'could not care less' attitude of Geelong leaders and their Greed.	11844695751	comparing to other regional councils, geelong is very lucky to have a variety of good quality services and infrastructure to support current population
11907978321	Council need to put our rates back into the Bellarine. Ridiculous congestion on Bellarine roads due to rates grab by COGG through massive overdevelopment, poor condition of beaches due to lack of cleaning services- rubbish, broken glass, cigarette butts, microplastics washing from our roads and paths; horrendous condition of local roads due to lack of adequate maintenance-potholes, edges breaking away, very poor cycling infrastructure, non-existent public transport, no decent Bellarine art centres- Potato Shed totally inadequate for population explosion due to overdevelopment.	11907677621	Quality of roads, outdoor spaces for people to enjoy, medical services
11823584892	No bike paths Lara to You Yangs, Barwon Heads Rd choked, Green Spire choke points, jammed up roads around Johnstone Park, dreadful parking in city especially to access Library and theatre areas	11828579167	East-west traffic in town is quite clogged so perhaps it would be best to discourage cars here and instead encourage use of public transport and cycling. It is sad to see so many grand old shops looking so derelict, so perhaps shop owners could be given grants to spruce up the shops.
11907736094	look at the train usage and roads Melbourne bound, the sprawl of suburbia, I can't safely cycle from Corio to ?? Geelong West or the city forcing me to drive or wait for trains, why??? Why are cycle paths placed in often times dangerous to use situations, please take the time to cycle all over Geelong and see whether there is enough. Footpaths and cross overs in Corio are in a poor state of repair, dangerous oftentimes	11874697317	CoGG is trying hard to keep up with the population increase with support for local services and infrastructure
11811587429	Barwon Heads road is poor and continuing to fail. Bike riding is dangerous and needs investment across the region.	11824073587	Highton Child and family Centre supports the growth of young families in our area.
11898878222	Lack of parking at train stations and bus timetable is inadequate. Feel unsafe to cycle due to lack of infrastructure and existing well utilised infrastructure isn't upgraded/maintained eg Barwon River path poor surfaces, unlit & negligible bins. Lack of a weekly farmers food market.	11920427555	They were falling behind but it's getting better now
11819608251	The air quality is terrible. Wood fire heating is destroying the air from 9am	11873698985	
11832740291	Inadequate social housing FOR desperate people on the excruciatingly high DHS wait list		

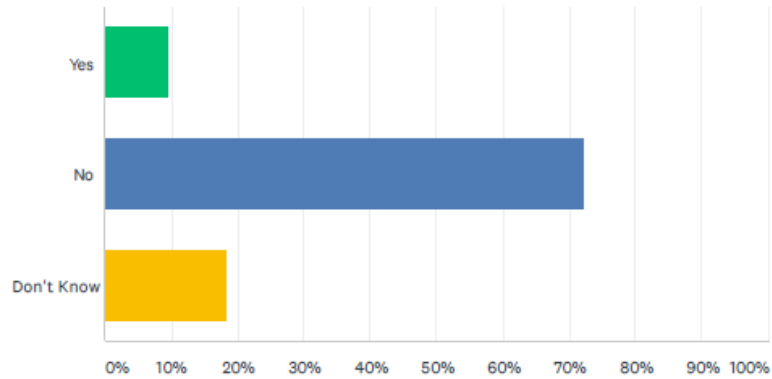
11830414220	<p>streets are being blocked by increasing numbers of parked cars from multiple dwellings on one block. This has impeded bus access/routes. Traffic flow has tripled along Church St/Autumn/McCurdy/Hyland from the Fyansford development. This is a safety issue at intersections. Wildlife from Fyansford and Cementies Hill have been rendered homeless from the development works and environmental degradation.</p> <p>Flora in these areas and biodiversity has been obliterated for concrete and excavation.</p>		
11830476223	Poor and deteriorating roads, congested paths, no cycling infrastructure, random orphan shopping centres with no public transport linkages		
11812260620	Traffic problems, horrendous in summer and weekends		
11859094224	Car parking in the suburbs can be horrendous for pedestrians or disabled people, with cars blocking driveways and footpaths.		
11835926666	Low gas often no gas , bridge in wrong place		
11924061313	Lots of urban in-fill in my suburb increasing density, not private green space provided but the local park is forlorn and unloved. Not an inviting place to be.		
11906384006	Old Portarlington, St Leonards have been very overlooked. Significant lack of footpaths causing safety issues with people have to walk on roads(many still unmade) with young kids, pushers and shopping!V dangerous and also dirty on muddy dusty unmade roads ! Also lacks of streetscape plantings keep the values and liveability down. Council has failed in keeping to old towns of North Bellarine up to date.		
11830434273	Barwon Heads Rd. Surfcoast Hwy - why are developers allowed to use/disrupt public roads on large construction deveopments? Commuters/rate payers/taxpayers shoild not be inconvenienced by private ventures. All day CBD parking. Excessive arrows on traffic lights - causes traffic to be stopped waiting for no traffic, particularly in CBD - before COVID and much worse now.		
11885421296	Gas flow is constantly interrupted. Traffic during peak times is horrendous.		
11832976667	As the road traffic increases we goes desperately need cycling paths seperate from the road. High danger areas are Grubb Road, Thaker Street, Shell Road, Banks Road.		

11917508455	Our roads are deteriorating, our traffic management well that is the wrong word miss management is prevalent. The council cannot even get speed signs correct on both sides of the same road at the same place. I tried for two years and failed.		
11850301895	The Bellarine Aquatic Centre (pre covid) was over-crowded and not coping with the numbers of people. Very problematic for people wanting to maintain health and wellbeing old and young. It is also difficult to get appointments for medical or health without having to wait a week or more		

'Don't know' Comments:

No Comments

**Q2 Is our environment coping with the current population growth rate and development?
(Native vegetation and animals, water supplies and run off, air quality?)**



Category	% response
Yes	9.69
No	72.1
Don't Know	18.13

Answered 557

Skipped 2

Comments provided 303 (54%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11859238037	The Destruction of Wetlands and Floodplains of Armstrong Creek areas, the destruction of 100's of years old River Red Gums, the changing of waterway flows and directions for housing developments (Moorabool River), TOO MANY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS Increasing Traffic Throughout Geelong and Surrounding Areas, the LOSS of Farming Lnads across the Bellerine Peninsula, The excessive Plans for the Boral Development at the Waurm Ponds Cement Works Wedge Tail Eagles live and hunt in this area, with the Boral development this will destroy the Eagle's Habitat and drive them out of the area to compete into other Eagles habitats and ultimately impact their survival. TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT.	11907778719	I've ticked 'no' in light of a growing population. The balance feels manageable now, but it crucial to protect and restore our remnant vegetation to maintain our amazing natural (and cultural) values. E.gs.multiple locations where degraded areas could be revegetated; the Bellarine Landcare nursery is such a brilliant,positive local resource. Weed removal. Support for water sensitive urban design measures (eg. Local water storage like tanks; solar) would be wonderful. I note that these have had some visibility, but we need to continue these efforts, incl in reaching more of the community. Recent rabbit baiting in reserves by council: I was concerned about impacts on native birds of prey, but signage gave no information on this?? In general, it would be fantastic to have more detailed signage on council activities, like the recent clearing rear of the Dell foreshore (near golf club). I do have concerns about water quality, erosion, and run-off .
11873698985	You Yangs has such high usage now with absolutely no extra funding. It is suffering greatly due to this. A huge tourist and community resource which is neglected and as a result at risk. Loss of habitat and biodiversity with no replacement strategies. Diversion and altering of natural waterways eg Howells creek, and whilst not directly related the enormous rabbit issue we have creating erosion and vegetation loss in vulnerable areas. Something has to be done there!	11853785685	There is a great opportunity to increase the green corridor from Botanic Gardens to Point Henry when ALCOA site is fully demolished. The animal life along the foreshore is phenomenal. Please don't over develop
11812726730	Loss od habitat, and isolated pockets of habitat; many more animals crossing roads and getting killed or injured; lots of rubbish in the environment including waterways	11844695751	our environment is being protected with better planning measures. Comparing to the past, things are definitely improving
11832976667	New housing seems to have wood fire places which causes problems for people with asthma and emphysema. Wood fire places should be banned.	11830553163	Love the addition of the green some
11920965942	as previous answer. also destruction of habitat for animals. When Universtity Park estate was extended, all the big pine trees were cut down. A consquence of this was that all the ravens were left homeless and "hung" about on house roofs and streets with nowhere to go. See this happening often. No thought for the animals. And no thought for the trees and vegetation.	11901761644	This is a qualified answer. It's actually yes and no, with some good areas, some awful. I'm hoping to have the opportunity to expand later in the survey.

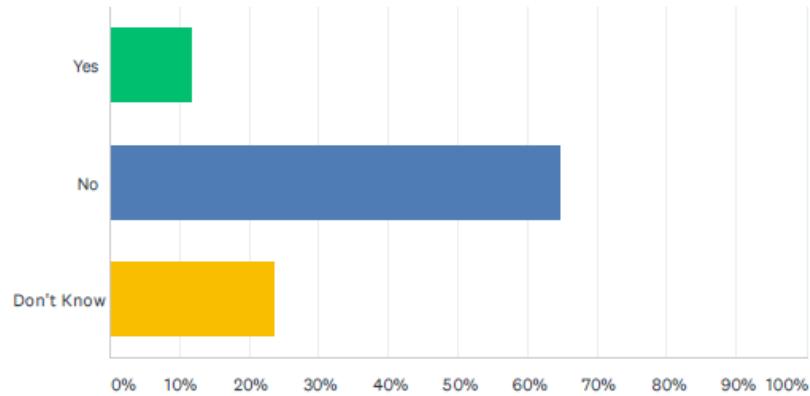
11885895710	The extraordinary amount of dog poo on our walks through the public reserve and along our treed walks. My second comment bike riders are now destroying so much of our vegetation in reserves. at the rate of destruction we will not have much left.		
11816171821	balloons should be banned from shops, events etc, builders dumping waste run off into stormwater drains		
11830754487	Council looking to subdivide land in Drysdale and encroach on large lots of land ruining trees and water catchment. No respect for unique areas more concern for developers than citizens.		
11918211177	Mature Trees being cut down to make way for developments at Deakin and Epworth Hospital displaced cockatoos and many other birds. Kangaroos dead by the side of the road in Waurn Ponds. Bin day is terrible, so much rubbish flying out of overfilled bins making its way into waterways.		
11812147776	Too often estates are built, trees are cut down, areas where wet lands and creeks are left bare. There are purpose built parks, but this does not make up for the destruction taking place in the first place.		
11907684037	poor stormwater management and reuse, flooding, removing native veg (i.e. adjacent industrial estate in OG), development threatening last remaining remnant veg i.e. OG nature reserve		
11898770547	Flooding happens regularly in Barrands Lane Drysdale this is being investigated again but residents lives are being devastated by the flooding		
11907828416	Barwon Heads. The river bank is getting damaged at the water's edge and in areas that leads to it. Unofficial paths through the mangrove and bush are packing the dirt down, making it impossible for the low plants to regenerate.		
11869930078	Massive pest animal damage - poor control		

11880544423	sandhill damage, polluted storm water into river		
11816120919	Preservation of biodiversity is a poor second to poor exploitation of greenfield sites.		
11869968282	New housing estates with houses taking up most of the block or concrete leaving little or no permeable services. Builders washing paint and concrete into stormwater. Trees cut down for developments		
11907978321	Over development of rural and coastal areas-blocks of land with high density housing and no trees. lack of cycling paths between Bellarine towns, for example Ocean Grove and Drysdale, Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale. lack of cycling paths between Bellarine towns, for example Ocean Grove and Drysdale, Ocean Grove and Point Lonsdale. Lack of cycling and public transport options to Geelong and around towns on the Bellarine resulting in road congestion and loss of air quality.		
11820115037	The foreshore/beach at St Leonards is often damaged in the holiday season. There is little regard for the preservation of existing trees, scrub and grasslands when new houses are built. Most blocks are bare-earthed permanently destroying habitat. New houses are generally built to fill an entire block leaving inadequate space for gardens..		
11920983757	New estates in the Armstrong Creek corridor .Ocean Grove , Drysdale , Port Arlington etc have denuded native vegetation and threatened native wildlife. the huge increase in dog ownership has put extra strain on the area as dogs can scare off native wildlife and the uncollected poo from dogs is causing much dangerous bacteria entering our rivers and sea. Their poo is also harmful to native wildlife. Air quality is being compromised as there is little public transport on the peninsular area , hence car use is at an all time high . is e		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (23) Unaware of any data to indicate
- (239) Don't know, but doubt it'

**Q3 Is the City of Greater Geelong doing enough to protect our natural environment?
(Beaches, nature reserves native animals and plants on private land?)**



Category	% response
Yes	11.73
No	64.62
Don't Know	23.65

Answered 554

Skipped 5

Comments provided 270 (49%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Highest negative scores		Highest positive scores	
Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11815197235	They are using pesticides to kill some animals. This is causing the death of other animals via secondary poisoning. It is also putting children at risk e.g the use of 1080 near 13th beach. 1080 is not contained in one area and can be moved kilometres away.	11844695751	great programs and have genuine passion to protect our natural environment.
11907978321	The Bellarine is a pigsty through poor services cleaning around roads, beaches and towns. Lack of intensive planting and massive overdevelopment has resulted in severe loss of habitat. All residential and commercial developers should be contributing to replacing the vegetation and habitat they destroy.	11917691167	As above, there is always room for improvement to protect our natural environment. However, I do believe the City is doing a good job.
11917851462	Several residential developemenets on the Bellarine have had a SEVERE impact on our wildlife...tree after tree are removed displacing countless birds homes and essential roosting sites...this not only impact birds and possums who would have had nests in these trees but causes territory wars as these didplaced animals fight for remaining habitat. Birds of prey have lost a huge amount of feeding grounds with new housing developments depriving them of feeding options...the flow on effect is catastrophic...many birds coming into care are severly underweight as their feeding options dissapearing.	11883640374	I recognise the City shows good leadership, though they should have declared a climate emergency to better protect the future of the natural environment
11869834972	At the rate of excessive housing development, threatened species and other native wildlife have a more restricted area to try to survive it. I see raptors hovering over backyards now, due to land loss and inability to feed from paddocks and farmlands. Owls are dying due to excessive housing overpopulation and use of rodenticides. I'm seeing more ring-tail and brush-tail possum carcasses on the road.	11885743142	Overall the work is commended but more is Needed to ensure more green spaces are left between developments.
11850965979	Eastern beach is typically a mess after every weekend with rubbish....the delivery trucks to the beach house kiosk reek havoc at approx 6.30 am weekdays SPEEDING along pedestrian pathways...	11823584892	Love the tree planting blitz

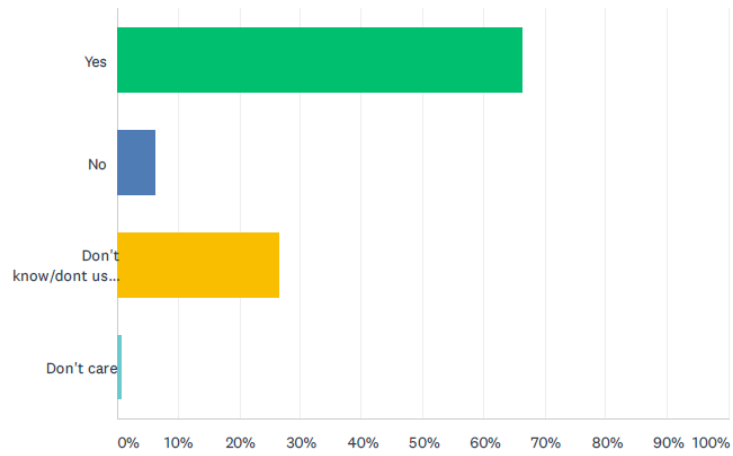
11857243464	We see environmental destruction wherever we look. The decision of the CoGG council, promoted by the current mayor) not to endorse a climate emergency doesn't promote any confidence in the future of this region.		
11920983757	COGG is often ignoring rural , farming zones and also not respecting Coastal overlay zones . They are selling there souls to developers and allowing developers and individual builders to ignore existing rules /zones . They change zones whenever under pressure . They do not seem to care about this beautiful environment at all . They also strangely allow dogs on nearly all Ocean Grove beaches and Barwon foreshore and reserves . . Even allow dogs off lead on basically all Ocean grove / Collendina beaches . This is in no way compatible with protecting our natural environment . There is so much uncollected dog faeces on our shores , rivers , Coastal reserves ,.Bacteriafrom this all eventually gets washed into sea. Poo on the actual shore line ALL ends up in the water. Dogs also frighten off foreshore birds and constantly dig up where molluscs and sand worms are hiding .Dogs off lead should be restricted to very limited areas . A fenced dog park should be provided in all towns so our natural environment is protected.		
11815400447	Cogg is allowing extensive housing development without restrictions on the type of housing. Virtually all houses are built boundary to boundary so no space for even a couple of fruit trees, let alone native trees. I should not have to describe to the apparent town planning experts employed to govern these developments how this type of development impacts on natural landscapes or the health of the population. I'm sick of being asked and see no change.		
11902417259	Too much rampant housing development in many surrounding townships have totally ruined the small towns and destroyed animal habitats.		

11883007869	Campers on Geelong beachfront should be banned. More dog parks needed. With development native animals are being neglected.		
11845582593	Recycling, red cycling, I still think the community is not informed, clearly print up bins to stop waste in bins that could be recycled		
11830508039	There needs to be more compliance; very few irresponsible dog owners are fined, illegal dumping continues and native parks and areas need to be protected from development.		
11924355290	Road kill is rife on the Anglesea Rd due to massive increases in traffic & land clearing.		
11906384006	It has failed to create significant nature corridors on the Bellarine. And it has even failed to do plantings and replantings on roadside reserves to maintain at least those limited nature reserves..		
11918025371	Illegal fishing continues daily on council infrastructure clearly marked with No Fishing signs. No fines or enforcement in years		
11840013987	Not enough parks in CBD and trees in general in built up areas. Some have been planted but it seems there is no plan in place to look after them and they die first summer. Also roadsides are unattractive- Ballarat is a good example of attractive median strips and roadsides		
11859238037	No Geelong 'Leaders' do not care less as long as they are making money and expanding their bank accounts.		
11845365621	Doubt it - struggle with large existing council lands		
11923971779	allows inappropriate destruction of old trees on the foreshore on the Bellarine		
11917605464	Reduction of tree cover, use of poisons and allowing too much urban expansion, reducing native habitat		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (8) Council needs to raise the community's awareness of the values and uniqueness of our indigenous plants.
- (19) Unaware of any specific programs to 'protect'
- (20) I do not know what is being done to protect native animals, nature reserves beaches etc.
- (38) If they are it is very low profile
- (118) But I hope so
- (128) It'd be nice to know
- (130) Don't know much about it
- (159) I don't know what they are doing
- (174) If they are its not highly publicised or obvious

Q4 Does public transport need any improvements within and beyond Geelong?



Category	% response
Yes	66.31
No	6.31
Don't know/Don't Use	26.67
Don't Care	0.72

Answered 555

Skipped 4

Comments provided 294 (53%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11917851462	Absolutely sub standard. Bellarine Peninsula public transport is just about non existent. With an ageing population there are virtually no alternatives other than to use a car , when that is no longer an option people become very socially isolated ...young people have no little or no options to socialize or obtain work due to limited transport options.	11840441099	McHarry's has improved over the years - but surely now time to go gas powered for big buses or smaller electric vehicles i.e. 10 seater b that go a lesser but more localised distance. I think it is time for even private providers to run such small vehicles like in Queensland - a timetable to meet planes (Avalon)/ ferry (Portarlinton) or rail (all local stations) and deliver people right to their front door. With an ageing population such a service would be well useduses that
11857243464	Public transport in the Bellarine Peninsula is woeful. Uptake of the existing services is poor because the services are so infrequent - which leads to people using cars.	11830414220	some routes have increased servics but other connecting ones are still very infrequent which makes it hard to use fully for most travel arrangements. It is great that some services have increased.
11924070602	Bus service hourly from Ocean Grove to geelong, does not encourage people to take public transport as no flexibility! And so infrequent!	11857935660	I am impressed by the increase in available bus routes but we need to re-open passenger train services toward Ballarat. Clearly this will need funding by State and Federal government but that should not preclude council being active.
11917430328	Avalon is the forgotten suburb - no public transport at all - no footpaths to cross the highway into Lara even if people wanted to walk/cycle	11817490771	I feel our buses and trains are improving well . Keep up the good work .
11836011815	Public transport connections have been poor right across Geelong for a long time. A fast train service between Geelong and Melbourne has been talked about for far too long with no action. A train connection to Avalon Airport and on to Melbourne would be a logical and convenient enhancement. When will we ever get an train service between Tullamarine Airport and Melbourne?	11820881431	Good to see McHarry'svstarting to acquire electric buses. Council needs to think of the future in its planning and embrace renewable energy sources for all council businesses and services

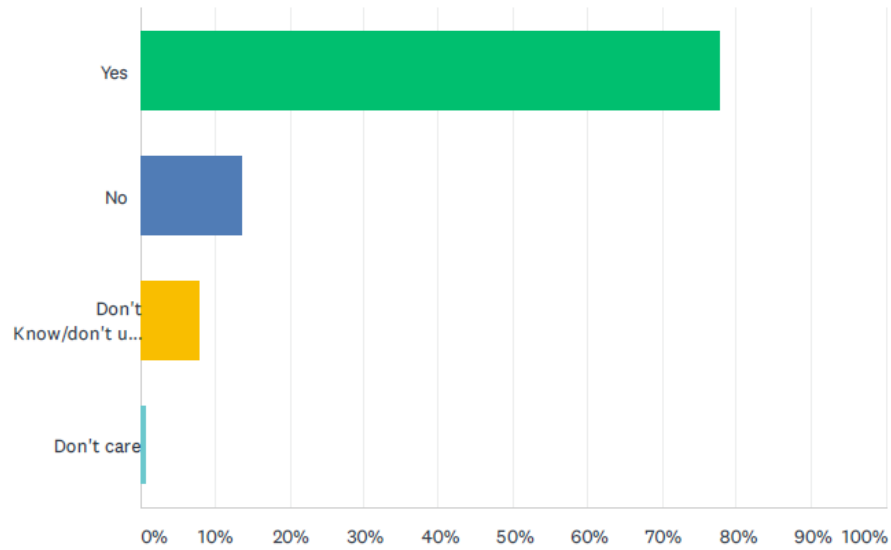
11859238037	And dont' care, the issue is OVER POPULATION and this Must Be Reined in and STOPPED.		
11816851121	Infrequent. Inconvenient. Slow. Lack of convenience is a barrier to use.		
11830873683	More bus routes in new areas needed. Isolated bus stops without footpath access. Eg in front of Lutheran school Surfcoast highway, no footpath from sanctuary estate to new town centre.		
11901761644	Geelong's public transport is hugely under-utilised because of its poor design. It basically consists of fleets of empty buses weaving complicated patterns around our suburbs that few people really knows its routes or times.		
11907947156	Yes- its currently very poor on Bellarine Peninsula. Its underutilised because its poor, unreliable, often late and timetable are roughly the same as 45 years ago.		
11878681328	Public transport to Barwon Heads is pathetic, need more buses, smaller and electric buses. More trains also		
11923948138	Rail link to Melbourne has not improved in efficiency in 40 years. Bus network needs to be stepped up in both routes and timing to make it viable as compared to private vehicle use in the Geelong area.		
11907978321	We have no access to public transport; there is no train service from the Bellarine whilst stations are being built to all the new estates-for example Armstrong Creek etc		

11871074051	Cross peninsula services are poor meaning many people are forced to use cars when they may wish to reduce emissions		
11839851274	But difficult to implement		
11923971779	poor bus service on the northern bellarine (not enough)		
11898549850	very limited bus services and train services from any of the outer areas and almost no services beyond Waurn Ponds.		
11833851907	city is the hub, northern suburbs poorly connected to city, train stations look sad & unsafe, buses need cut-in bays especially on busy roads		
11816526379	Bus is the only option, poor service		
11859519914	Bus to the Geelong station: 25 minutes. Car: 10 minutes. It is no wonder the buses are mostly empty. Split into trunk buses and branch minibuses.		

Don't Know comments:

No comments

Q5 Does walking and cycling (active transport) need to be improved around Geelong and the Bellarine?



Category	% response
Yes	77.84
No	13.51
Don't know/Don't Use	26.67
Don't Care	0.72

Answered 555

Skipped 4

Comments provided 328 (59%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11901918875	As mentioned above, this is very poorly provided for in Portarlington. There needs to be provision of a network of paved or gravelled footpaths and bicycle routes to cater for the many pedestrians and cyclists who are currently forced to mix it with cars on the roads as the nature strips are difficult to navigate, and are often blocked with garden beds and shrubbery.	11901812229	Increased cycling infrastructure, (dedicated / shared and safe) and attractive pedestrian areas would increase likelihood of locals shopping locally, and decrease need for so much vehicle pathways. Pakington st pedestrian walkways have improved access and safety immensely. Improved street amenity / planting and bike parking - along with use of community groups to activate residents would be helpful.
11874142968	No walking or safe cycling connection between towns on the Bellarine. eg no safe link between Ocean Grove and Pr Lonsdale, no safe link between Ocean Grove and Drysdale.	11917691167	Active transport should be further encouraged however inline with the growth of population density within the City of Greater Geelong. Ensure that encouragement and infrastructure growth for active transport is parallel to growth and infrastructure to vehicle/public transport. IE. Bike lanes cannot be introduced on roads that significantly impact the vehicle use . Malop street has significantly been impacted by bike lanes as there is no turning lane right into Yarra street causing terrible congestion.
11920983757	Bikes need to be encouraged as transport not just a sport but many roads on the Bellarine are not conducive to safe bike riding . Footpaths are also a huge problem in Ocean Grove . There are many streets it is almost impossible to walk along without having to get on the road . Many nature strips withot paths are almost impossible to walk on if with pusher or impossible and dangerous for the elderly .	11835972275	We have it good with the rail trail however, research shows that the single most effective way to encourage bike/walking is to improve and install new paths etc. Perhaps work can be done closer to the city center
11902183789	The track between waterfront and ripplside is the most used are and has been terribly neglected	11865285720	More paths please, do love the cross town path- not that I have used it, but i think it is great.

11877772276	The rail trail is covered in broken glass, which really destroys tyres	11823544781	The rail trail & tracks around the Barwon River are really good, but there needs to be better links, More people will bike around when there are dedicated bike tracks/paths. Bikes & cars shouldn't mix.
11885895710	especially the connection to ocean grove. bike riding is extraordinary limit and unprotected. also the connection during summer of camping to the beach appears to be so dangerous for children heading off to the beach.	11918025371	The new lighting coming for Evans reserve is great but our absence of working street lights needs to be addressed to ensure safety for evening walkers.
11815400447	I cannot peddle from my home to the shops in St Leonards as there is no safe bike lanes. My grandchildren won't pedal either. It's just ridiculous that there is no bike lane up the length of Murrodoc Rd to the town boundary. Yet there is extensive housing development. What are you people thinking??	11895541883	Please keep working with cyclists to develop extensive bike paths across the peninsula and into geelong. Walking is becoming more and more popular as a form of transport, of socialising, of maintaining fitness, and mood. We need to make all towns easily walkable, and work toward walking paths between towns and along the coastal reserves.
11830414220	Driver education about cyclists is imperative in this region. There are many dangers for cyclists from dangerous drivers in this region especially in outlying access routes.	11845412169	The Council appear to be making good improvements - High St Belmont project looks ideal
11917247624	The bike lanes are currently disjointed, meaning cyclists have to some how get themselves from where one lane ends to the start of the next. This often means cyclists are exposed to quite dangerous stretches in these gaps. We need less emphasis on car travel, especially in the cbd... DO NOT want the green spine reversed... it is doing what it was designed to do... reduce vehicular traffic on Malop St.	11917006219	We need more protected bike lanes and better walking routes with traffic signalling that favours pedestrians rather than cars .
11812119122	Dog poo is negative to walking - on the beach and nature strips. No word on what Council is doing about footpaths	11866339049	Dedicated bike lanes are needed to encourage greater use of bikes

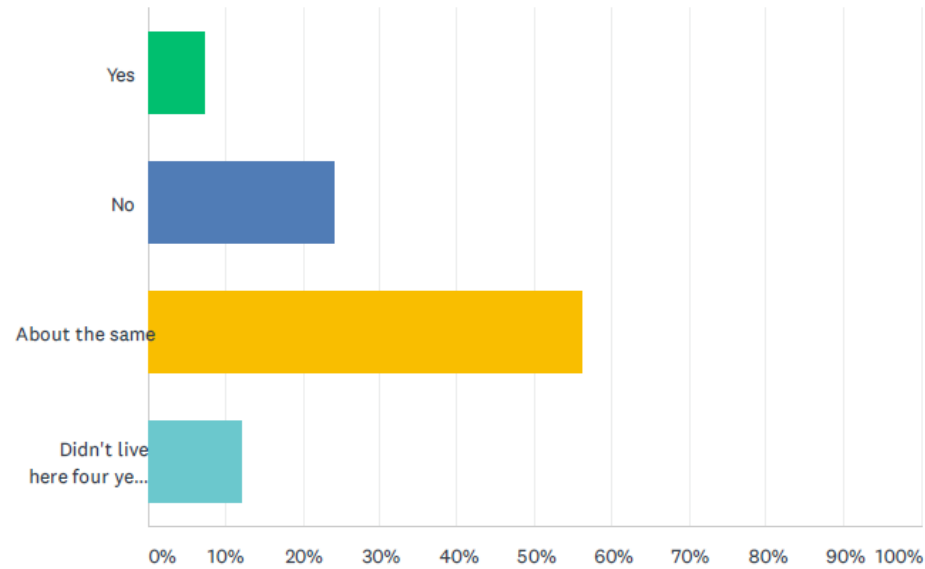
11901758168	No safe footpaths in Clifton Springs. Most areas have only grass and people are forced to walk on the shared cycle track alongside the main roadways such as Bayshore Avenue. All signage indicating this as designated bike and walking have gone, and I have seen cars driving in that lane. Parents with prams, younger children on small bikes and older people find it very difficult to walk around many of the streets in Clifton Springs.		
11857935660	Better linked cycling and mixed use trails need to be opened up. Unfortunately some existing cycling routes are badly sited and designed. Malop St. Pakington St and Lonsdale St are virtually unused by cyclists as they poorly designed and dangerous.		
11925193308	Inner suburbs have a lack of bicycle paths, also driver awareness/education is poor in Geelong		
11907736094	Let the council use bikes for month or two and see what the thoughts are there after. Broken down, crumbling, disjointed and not enough		
11918211177	Very tricky and dangerous to head into the city by bike from Highton, particularly once hop off the river bike track around Newtown area		
11898878222	See above Qn 1 response. Feel unsafe cycling in many areas. Bike stolen when locked close to Sth Geelong station platform so security is an issue.. Many areas don't have footpaths or paths are in poor repair so unsuitable for those using prams, wheelchairs or who are vulnerable if they trip over...		
11812358568	Ocean Grove to Point Lonsdale walk/cycle track via Creswell rd, this would be low cost and NO environment impact at all		

11920498025	Low traffic volumes out way need for restricted road access		
11901772591	No footpaths in clifton springs makes it difficult for walking, particular with prams and small children.		
11813841573	Bike lanes in Geelong have been excessive, disruptive to car travel, used by few, if any people and ridiculously expensive		

Don't Know comments:

No comments

Q6 Do you feel safer in our region than four years ago?



Category	% response
Yes	7.36
No	24.06
About the same	26.37
Didn't live here 4 years ago	12.21

Answered 557

Skipped 2

Comments provided 122 (22%)

Highest negative scores

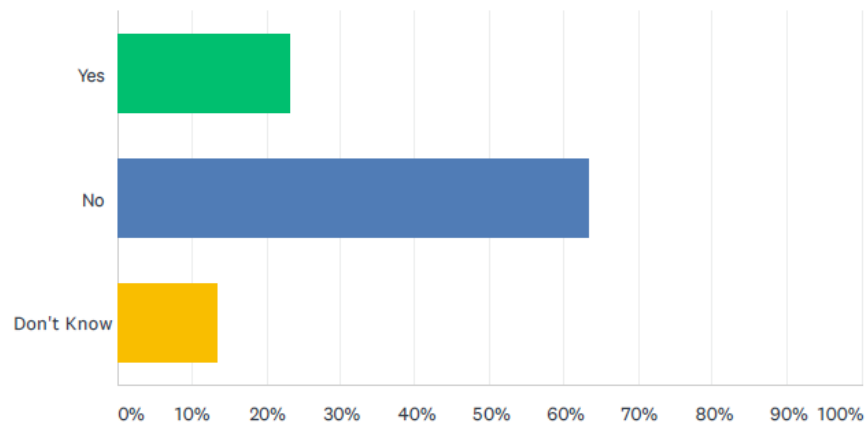
Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11902423232	Maybe I'm more aware with social media, but we seem to have lots of low level crime - cars broken into, and we seem to have administrators rather than police. Every night between 12 & 1 there seems to be a bunch of rev heads that race up Church road in G. West - they are unstoppable with our current levels of protection. Unfortunately I don't have the same confidence i used to with the police in the past	11901812229	More pedestrian crossings around Pakington st has improved safety of crossing in Main Street. More eyes on street also safer.
11820715732	The mall rats and drug affected people are threatening and quite violent at times	11920983757	I feel safe enough from people but the huge population growth has made me feel unsafe atttttimes when crossing roads and often when driving over summer as the intersections near the town or beach area and in Barwon Heads are almost impossible to navigate . there are traffic jams , silly drivers etc etc
11859238037	Increased violence, increased thefts, INCREASED DRUG USE and VIOLENCE Attached.....Dysfunctional abusive households,. Too Many People.	11812722411	I've always felt safe in Ocean Grove. I walk and run in the dark and allow my children to travel short distances by themselves. I don't think crime is a significant issue.
11832196470	More crime and economic times making petty crime evident	11841244473	Geelong feels very safe
11923948138	No issues, but sick of the graffiti and feel vulnerable to properties being tagged/vandalised. No adequate penalties fo vandalism, and such a waste of valuable resources to rectify.	11823544781	As a male I have a privileged position here. I think many women would respond less positively than I just did
11858949758	I am so worried that our Council is not admitting we need to declare a climate emergency and part of my answer is linked to air pollution; conspiracy theories that climate change is a fallacy and these are being	11917266045	i feel safe getting out and about in the region. the majority of issues to do with personal safety are those perpetrated in people's home through DV.

	started by people who are not conscious of what they are doing		
11901918875	As above, the lack of proper footpaths forces us to walk on roads, putting us in danger of accidents.	11917430328	Have always felt safe in our neighbourhood and the Geelong region.
11870814395	I'm concerned that safety may be a bigger problem with likely increasing poverty due to COVID-19 and the recession	11833167320	I generally feel safe - COVID adds another layer
11815028891	Way to much crime, graffiti, damage to property and lack of effective lighting on or roads.	11759740527	Personal safety or that of my family has not a high concern in this country,state, region.
11907732600	With the suburbs encroaching (Warralilly, Armstrong Creek, etc) noticeably more rubbish dumping, hoon driving, suspicious vehicles parked in strange places, is happening		
11924427989	Young kids have no respect and can be very intimidating. In the CBD and other areas.		
11898817734	We are always aware that dangers can be avoided.		
11906384006	More police and fire station facilities are good. But more traffic and people are damaging the Bellarine area		
11871074051	Attack on the Bellarine Rail Trail ... no monitoring after it happened		
11812773991	Come and have a look at the amount of graffiti, cars beeing stolen, break ins not the place it used to be downside of over development		
11917605464	law and order issues ie drugs, assaults and theft is creating a sense of unease. I dont go out on my own very often		
11880544423	More crime and drug use		
11835926666	Locals in ocean grove seem to have more crime		

11845412169	I have no reason to not feel safe - why this question?		
11830835281	Crime and house break-ins increased as there are no permanent police stations manned anywhere along the Bellarine peninsula.		

Q7 Is the City of Greater Geelong providing sufficient support for the community to reduce and manage waste?



Category	% response
Yes	23.20
No	63.31
Don't know	13.49

Answered 556

Skipped 3

Comments provided 320 (57.5%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11859238037	People are STILL Dumping Recyclable Materials into the skips at the Recycling Centre.....when they drive Through the Recycling area to get to the General Waste area. the Attendants watch as the Recyclable Materials are dumped into General Waste! The need to recycle ALL Waste is not Pushed Enough By the Council, not at all, not enough hard waste/recyclable Collection. Those dumping Recyclables at the Douro Street Recycling Centre should be either fined or Charged a much Increased Charge for being absolutely lazy or ignorant.	11924355290	Recycling promotion has recently improved, which is great. Incentives to reduce all household waste would be a great improvement- eg. User pays system with various sized curbside bins. Dog litter at Queens Park is a problem, possibly due to no bag dispensers & very few rubbish receptacles.
11907922013	Woefully inadequate. No food waste recycling, kerbside waste/recycling is very basic. So many public events and retail outlets are not practising good waste reduction and management. Large amounts of time with no recycling supplier and recycling going to landfill! Lack of public education and support to change. No schemes or incentives for households or businesses to reduce waste.	11879772118	Very pleased recycling has restarted. I would like incentives for people to compost at home
11895580458	The fact there is so much illegal dumping shows that waste management is insufficient. The council needs to take a proactive approach to reducing waste at the point of production i.e. lobbying local companies to be reduce single use packaging and offering recycling of packaging waste from consumers.	11907546543	Douro Street Recycling is very good, however the council needs to work out a way to recycle soft plastic and develop business to re purpose waste thereby creating employment opportunities as well

11892549193	Way to much dumping is occurring, make tips more accessible and lower fees. Broken glass is a major hazard across roads and bike paths. For weekly garbage there is no incentive to people that produce less waste and rarely put out the bins. Charging heavy users would lead to more dumping, perhaps give low users free parking cards, or similiar.	11820115037	Greater confidence in household rubbish reduction, reuse and recycling efforts would be good to see.
11815028891	People are the problem. All talk no action. People need to take responsibility for their actions and stop blaming council inaction.	11815014190	Hard rubbish collection is great. Keep it going please.
11898878222	Seeing poor examples of very full bins whereas I manage to hardly put anything out. Not having set dates for hard waste collection in suburbs limits people picking up items to reuse/repurpose. The very limited collection once a year by individual booking probably leads to inappropriate dumping by some.	11907778719	I would LOVE to see some community level composting options.
11917681620	Shame very little action is taken about illegal dumping.	11817490771	Encouraging greater community participation and understanding is needed most , I feel .
11902423232	There is no such thing as waste. Everything can potentially be reused and if it can't, then it should be illegal to sell it. When are we going to be collecting and reusing food waste like other councils?	11759740527	I think CoGG are doing better on waste than most areas of environmental services. I think they could do a better job of protection the water quality and offsite effects of the Drysdale tip. I think they should re open the recycle shop at the tip. I think we should be separating glass to get better recycling results
11907732600	More hard waste collections may decrease the amount of rubbish being illegally dumped, though with the mentality the perpetrators have, it's hard to say		
11920498025	Poor recycling policies and unclear options. Should be more free dump options include dead in rates		

11870332995	I believe hard waste collection should be a more frequent offering to the community to avoid vacant land and nature strips becoming dumping grounds.		
11840441099	rubbish everywhere - the Geelong Railways Station the worst - what an introduction to the City. Drysdale tip - bio-energy a good thing - should be more of it happening. The concept of 4th bin for glass only will be a disaster when houses, flats units can hardly manage 3 bins on the property. I am against the concept of it all being up to the individual to collect recyclables such as glass. I'd rather see neighbourhood collection for glass (like in Europe), same for composting household waste - communal not individual efforts		
11911858620	Food waste is still going to landfill, should all be going into compost. Hard rubbish is almost non existent & encourages illegal dumping.		
11830730654	Your recycling of waste and what you cannot pick up is very poor.		
11821255639	recycling crisis. It's confusing. Long term plan needed		
11870814395	Far too much waste is going to landfill and public education is poor		
11901646645	More waste recovery centres needed. More soft plastic recycling facilities needed. Green bin should be for all organic waste		
11859244659	A separate food waste bin has been adopted in other areas and is one way we could reduce waste much more.		

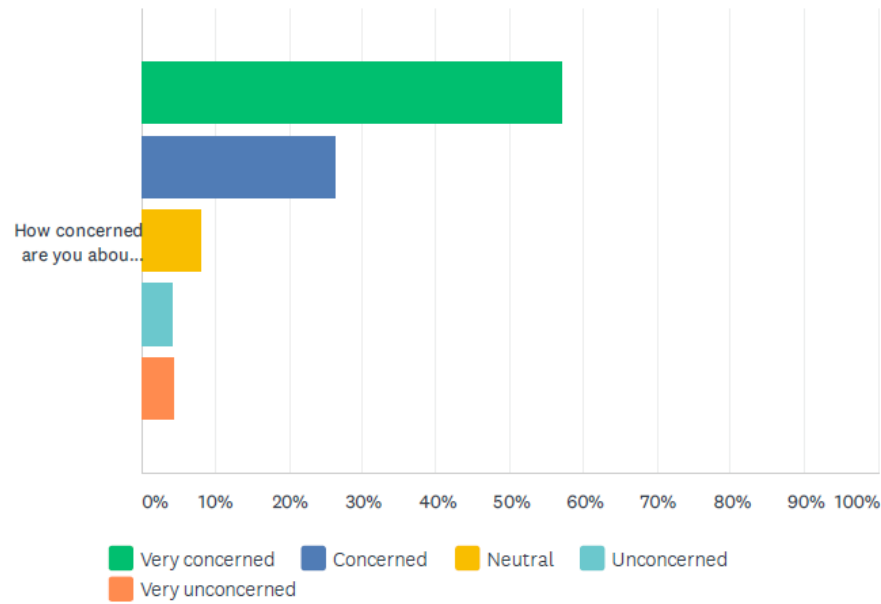
11857243464	All food waste must be composted. The CoGG needs to supply an additional bin to those people who do not compost their food waste.		
11850965979	Whilst improving the lack of hard waste pick ups leads to widespread dumping !!		

Don't Know comments:

- (18) I contacted the CoGG about community composting and gardens and had an unsatisfactory response.
- (23) Not sure what is happening but hard waste collection is good
- (25) Are the even recycling anymore? It seems like the yellow bins are just another rubbish bin for people who live in my areas.
- (53) It may be improving but I don't trust that they are doing it
- (54) Efforts to reduce the use of plastics and waste overall are not obvious
- (92) I haven't seen any support for waste reduction. ie Plastic-wise etc.
- (123) Everyone is confused and overwhelmed with waste systems
- (155) Very confused about recycling and whether it is going anywhere
- (276) Recycling crisis – its confusing long term plan needed
- (277) Not sure about our recycling though – where is it going?

Q8 Please rate your level of concern about the following:

Climate change predicted for our region (flooding due to sea-levels, reduced rainfall, increased risk of bushfire and extreme weather).



Very concerned	57.01
Concerned	26.26
Neutral	8.09
Unconcerned	4.14
Very unconcerned	4.50

Answered 556

Skipped 3

Comments provided 310 (56%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

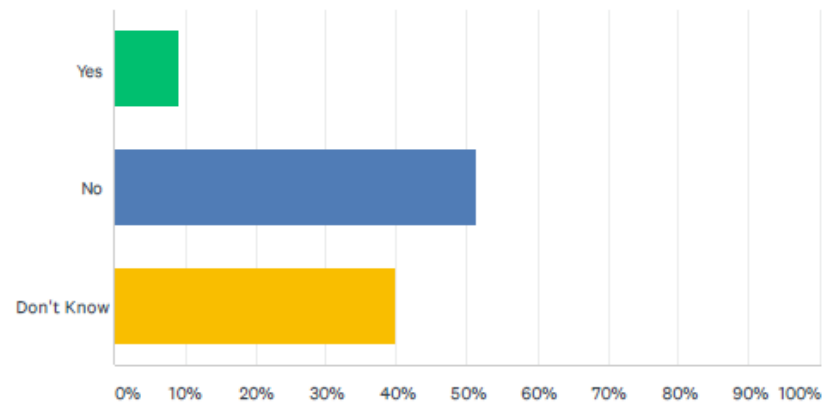
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11859030095	Lack of action from all levels of government, negative reaction to, and ignorance of, scientific facts reported in the media. No declaration of climate emergency by COGG council.	11918025371	Climate change has been happening on earth as far back as we can obtain records, ie ice cores. Climate change isn't going to hurt us and a warmer more tropical climate may be just what we need to inner Australia to become fertile. Government's promote climate change because it it a great driver of the economy, just like immigration.
11898549850	The city still refuses to acknowledge climate change is real, there has been absolutely no consideration or changes made to the continuous unsustainable building of large cheaply built house housing estates that are built not only on flood plains, are squashy, ugly and destroying the last vestiges of green areas in the area. The houses do not meet any real sustainability measures, this needs to be addressed urgently.	11920427555	Relatively speaking this area is doing a good job and the focus is in the right direction. This council has been really strong on improving the focus on environmental issues and our future in the past year. Lots of good work being done and a lot of opportunity to provide input.
11875071827	it's the most seriously troubling issue, much worse than C-19 and the economy resulting from the pandemic	11841158144	We live in a beautiful part of the world that needs to be protected so it stays beautiful, that includes development. We do not want this area to become another spralling city.

11907736094	We my wife and I try to reduce our own in pact but we are only 2, we see such waste everywhere it's almost criminal	11824615672	Any climate change is natural and survivable with clever and creative management. CO2 is plant food and greening the planet . Mna-made additional CO2 is insignificant since the CO2 in the ocean rises and falls with temperature keeping an equilibrium.
11902452962	Rising temperatures will decimate our vulnerable communities, leave us vulnerable to bushfire and water shortages. Impacts on coastal communities and ecosystems will damage our tourism. We are vulnerable and nobody seems to be doing anything		
11924355290	Why?! Because science indicates that we are in a climate crisis & on the precipice of collapse		
11845018810	I am concerned that climate change will lead to extinctions of many plants and animals which are vulnerable to extreme temperatures and weather events. Humans too are vulnerable. The destruction of life must be stopped		
11858948361	Evidence is showing that we are creating huge damage to the natural environment and are in danger of suffering catastrophic results		
11889191011	It's impending doom that relies on enormous companies to stop polluting. I doubt it'll happen		
11831909898	The scientific evidence is there, we are heading for a very different and difficult future and Geelong people are sleep walking their way to it . The council needs to take a lead role here		

	because some people are too selfish and too stupid to accept climate change		
11908291696	Because all these aspects we are now experiencing are only going to get worse and can no longer be ignored.		
11853550120	Sea level rise will affect low lying houses. Bushfire risk increases. Water becomes more scarce		
11832583467	This is a very real issue that is already beginning to affect us. It will affect our children and grandchildren. We are not doing enough to address this problem, which will be potentially catastrophic.		
11883558399	The science tells us we are heading for a train wreck and global economic policy is doubling down on all the measures to make it as catastrophic as possible		
11869930078	Polluted beaches & poor inundation protection.		
11880536080	BH is very low lying		
11901796562	I'm a young person who's grown up in Geelong, I fear a lot about my future and have been discouraged attending some council meetings surrounding issues of climate change because there seems to be very little partisanship amongst counsellors about the urgency of this issue		

11907963389	i believe that the governments (federal, state and local) plus people could do so much more to mitigate this disaster now.		
11882570318	Development along and through historic wet areas means flood incursions and raised tidal levels will cause serious inundation of low lying land -eg, Barwon isthmus		
11830620175	Rising sea level. Disregard for destruction of environment		

Q9 Is the City of Greater Geelong addressing Climate Change effectively at the local level?



Category	% response
Yes	8.99
No	51.26
Don't know	39.75

Answered 556

Skipped 3

Comments provided 218 (39%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11898878222	Council has been extremely disappointing on this. Failure to declare a climate emergency and act appropriately consistent with such a declaration.	11892549193	the answer is yes and no, yes green events are well supported, we need more green power, more public transport, better bike paths. The train is servicing people more often with more trains and this is great, could be more electric buses and council vehicles including dump trucks.
11907778719	I was extremely disappointed at the recent decision NOT to call a climate emergency. This appears both nonsensical and a deeply wasted opportunity, given that local governments (particularly if banding together) could have huge potential to tangibly mitigate the inarguable climate crisis.	11844862599	Great coastal adaptation work on Bellarine, recent streetlight upgrade
11815400447	I see no evidence of it. Cogg seems to be ignorant of the fact that there is a Climate Emergency. Shame on our mayor.	11883640374	I see the City is leading us well, I comment their overall endeavour, we need (individuals) to rise to better responses as does the national and international leadership

11921575707	<p>Ignoring Transport alternatives. Discouraging community gardens and composting. Allowing plastics eg water sold in plastic bottles. Not supporting renewal energy solutions. Look at Daylesford for example.</p>		
11898549850	<p>You still refuse to acknowledge there is a climate crisis, unbridled over development is continuous, public transport has been significantly decreased, there is literally no help or incentives at a local level for businesses or home owners to improve their impact</p>		
11920983757	<p>One of the biggest contributors to Climate change is very insensitive urbanisation and the depleting of green space . COGG ignore all their own ideas regarding green , sustainable living . It is unbelievable how they let developers takeover green areas . they do not enforce planting of trees on new house / apartment blocks . They allow far too much hard surfaces in new developments. They do not enforce environmentally sustainable new apartment blocks . They allow new builds to have no eaves , apartments to be totally dependant on air conditioning . etc etc green</p>		

11759740527	Didn't agree to sign up to the climate emergency. The environment strategy is unstructured and hard to follow , and narrowly focussed on the city itself not engaging community or businesses broadly.		
11882444004	Wasting money on a non existent threat		
11857243464	The council's policy of 'sustainability' is a pathetic facade. Their is no real action on climate change.		
11874697317	Lack of support for the 'Climate Emergency' proposal by Councillors was very disappointing.		
11844744198	You are destroying the natural environment with greedy land developers. Start planting forests and stop the past ice in our seas		
11812147776	They voted against a climate emergency and the sustaainblty framework is weak.		
11833364284	There is no stance or target that the council has set for our region and as such no obvious supports for households to reach this.		
11901778058	why was declaration of a climate emergency denied by council? The declaration highlights the critical importance of the issue.		

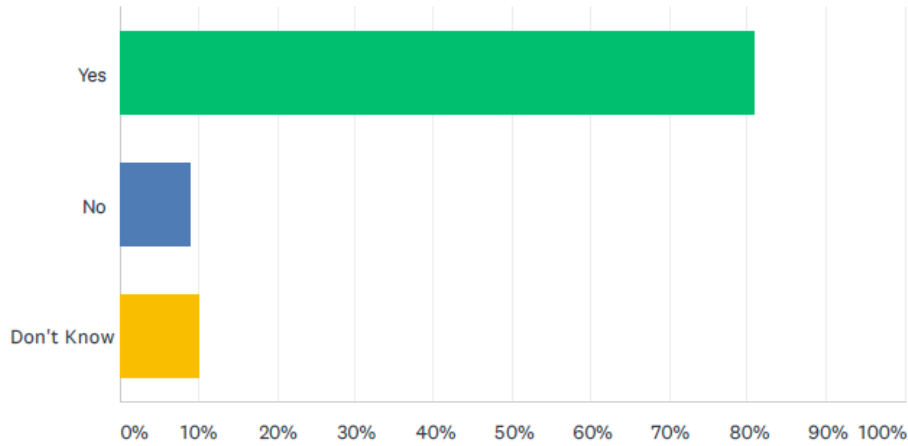
11865285720	Permits for houses that are orientated wrong, no eaves or verandas. some of the effects of summer heat can be reduced by mindful design, rather than install a thumping big air con.		
11924070602	Refused to declare climate change emergency!		
11812791385	Not seeing community engagement on it ... feel as though the community has to fight against council for acknowledgement		
11895055578	Refused to declare a local Climate Emergency		
11820972743	Refused to declare a climate emergency		
11820841097	Declare a climate emergency. Put pressure on state/fed governments. Show other LGAs how to respond to climate change.		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (3) People are not informed/don't know what to do
- (7) I don't see many thing(s)happening and often things that do, I only hear about after not during
- (12) Nothing appears to be happening
- (14) However, I would guess not as I haven't red anything to suggest it is
- (23) (26) What is being done?
- (32) Unsure of consistent reporting
- (36) Well what are they doing? Anything specific?
- (47) I suspect not

- (52) Not aware of the CoGG stance on this issue
- (181) I haven't heard of any programs reading that topic so don't think so.
- (58) Rarely hear about it from Councillors.
- (70) Don't really know what the council is doing?
- (87) I have no idea – Ove seen no evidence of such help
- (94) Minimal discussion with ratepayers and residents
- (98) No publication/promotion of what is actually being done
- (100) If they are, I am not aware of it
- (119) I am unaware of collective actions
- (126) Can't say for sure as there is very little information coming from Council
- (134) I rarely come across any details or information about how the CoGG is addressing climate change
- (197) I have no ideas what the council is doing to address climate change at a local level.
- (142) Nothing happening in my areas
- (151) Are they doing anything?
- (159) Can't see anything that they are actually doing other than producing the occasional report policy or strategy that doesn't appear to address anything
- (171) Not really sure how much they are doing
- (172) No actions to be observed
- (176) Haven't seen any examples
- (181) I have not heard of any initiatives
- (203) I see no evidence for it
- (209) No idea if they are doing anything
- (211) I just don't know – I haven't heard and reads much about it
- (215) Unsure of their policies

Q10. Should the City of Greater Geelong do more to help households and businesses in our region to reduce carbon emissions?



Category	% response
Yes	81
No	8.96
Don't know	10.04

Answered 558

Skipped 1

Comments provided 217 (39%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11901902552	But very difficult to do when council doesn't control the main policies in this space.		
11830425062	Allowing bulk builders to build shit houses that are not insulated properly or orientated in the correct direction etc		
11847521121	Ban wood & coal burning indoor cooling		
11819608251	Ban/ buyback wood fuelled heaters		
11907732600	Don't know what COGG is doing at the moment. Certainly are not encouraging recycling of hard waste.		
11891988697	Get rid of those bulbs that have mercury in them. They dont light up the rooms enough, they dont provide any heat whatsoever, go back to the older ones that still had mercury in them. If you get rid of one thing you put another thing on the table much much worse. Carbon you say, those awful heaters/reverse circle on the wall are costing the earth unless you have solar. I cant afford solar as a pensioner. I prefer to use, yes my carbon heater, its gas and cheaper then the electric.		

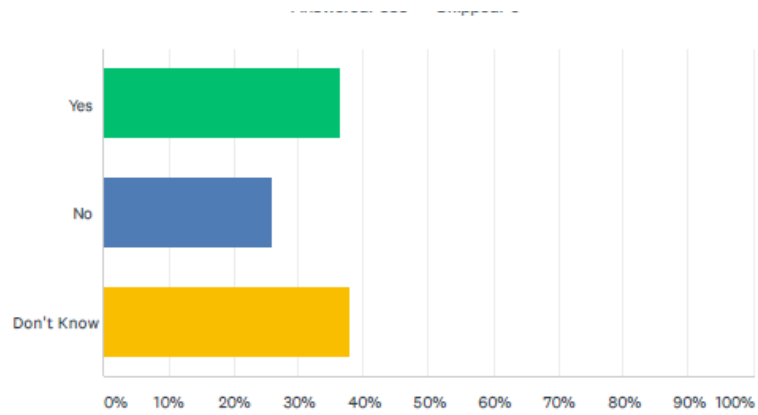
11924089265	Relocate those ugly industries in Corio Bay		
11907877772	But I really think the more councils do it puts more pressure on the federal government to do something		
11859238037	ENFORCE Installing of 5-10+ thousand litre Water Tanks, All houses INSTALL SOLAR PANELS to Run their households not just their Hotwater, Enforce Strict Recycling of All Household Waste.		
11882927966	We need a progressive approach to reducing waste, managing our own recycling We need to subsidise more solar installation on homes and offices		
11859391737	Waste food should be collected separately so that it doesn't contaminate land fill		
11869968282	Building industry and waste minimisation		
11832366434	Waste of resources		
11792998488	Providing better infrastructure for vehicles particularly trucks to avoid our Geelong central city to make it liveable and for disabled people. Too dangerous with trucks going through		
11898878222	Critical that Council moves very proactively on this.		
11816171821	building controls for builders dumping bricks, insulation etc		
11857182969	Primarily a Commonwealth responsibility, then State, unsure how much municipalities alone can effect significant reduction.		

11815197235	Stop intensive animal agriculture		
11816344438	No information available		
11878681328	No brainer		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (48) Don't know what the CoGG is doing at the moment.
- (65) What is it currently doing?
- (95) Not aware of what is currently happening
- (197) No information available
- (212) More information on website and local papers required

Q11 Is the City of Greater Geelong providing enough support to creative and cultural activities?



Category	% response
Yes	36.35
No	25.86
Don't know	37.79

Answered 553

Skipped 6

Comments provided 151 (27%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11882538197	Just no	11907778719	I would say yes and no. I've seen some great cultural activities. But I sense that our arts community is hugely talented and creative, important for the community and our places in general, but also struggling to get local support. Creative Geelong is a one-of-a-kind place that Geelong could leverage, but I am not sure if it is continuing??
11883746236	Beach access limited	11901758168	While there are many groups and wonderful events in Geelong, the hiring charges currently in place at all the performance venues makes them unviable for smaller local groups. I would like to see the council offer support to venues to offer affordable performance spaces to locally created entertainment in all genres.
11835843815	But difficult at this time	11812462726	The community space at St Leonards is brilliant. So many benefit. It needs enlarging though as it's too small to use with social distancing. And needs to be better resources...always hassles with the network and photocopier.
11830649626	Difficult in current Covid situation	11903870597	But the online concerts GAC are running during the pandemic are an excellent way to support the arts.
11873176433	Education and acknowledgement if country are missing. Also casual/accepted racism should be addressed.	11759740527	Not my lead interst area. I love the library and the talks the library delivers. Love the Potato shed.
11812073719	No creative activities in Ocean Grove	11924140376	CGG does pretty well at creative and cultural events and activities, but it is important to continue this, and could probably be supported more, particularly at this time during covid.

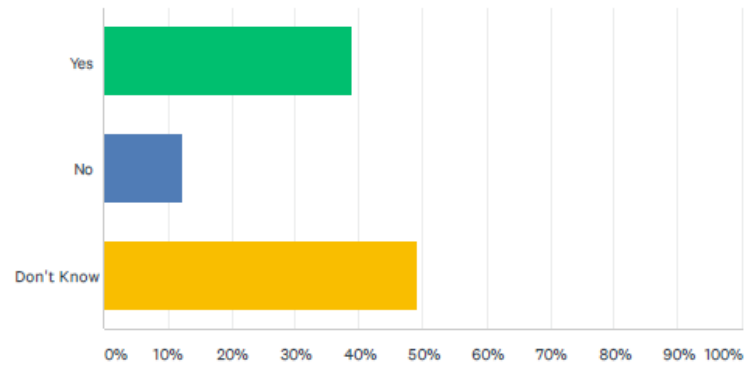
11831923479	No museum, not enough multicultural events.	11824037234	Love the pre covid events and arts things around Geelong - seemed to be well supported.
11819608251	No culture awareness here at all		
11878681328	I am not sure but i suspect not. Pako fest is not enough !		
11820885371	Not sure, but I think so.		
11859238037	Too Many (bored) People require Entertainment and this Creates Increased Waste, Consumption and Carbon Emissions.		
11840830386	Hard to say at the moment		
11833139156	Hard at the moment with covid		
11816526379	there's always something going on when there's no corona		
11907978321	Too Geelong city centric. I no longer want to go to Geelong to attend events due to the cost of and lack of parking		
11918025371	I think we have it pretty close. Our indigenous peoples need support but i am very much against separating cultures and people into groups as this leads to victimization and isolation.		
11925193308	Lack of free community arts and culture events		
11907617973	No, I hardly ever hear something regarding that topic which is a bit sad.		
11816079659	Its hard to judge these things in corona times		

11901748324	The arts sector has fallen during Covid. We need more online exhibitions and festivals.		
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'Don't know' Comments:

- (29) What do they do?
- (30) Don't know what CoGG are doing – Seems to be a bit of a recurring theme here – may be due to lack (of) communication from CoGG
- (75) I am not sure but I suspect not – Pako Fest is not enough
- (105) Hard to say at the moment

Q12 Is tourism in the region getting enough support from the City of Greater Geelong?



Category	% response
Yes	38.89
No	12.12
Don't know	49.01

Answered 553

Skipped 6

Comments provided 108 (19.5%)

Highest negative scores**Highest positive scores**

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11845018810	Too much tourism is damaging our environment and impact our liveability. With corovirus tourism is dangerous as it will spread the virus making our local communities unsafe. International tourism is extremely damaging to the environment as i5 relies on long haul air flights or massive cruise ships both of which are massive polluters and fossil fueldependent. We must end the stupid belief that international tourism is a economic driver and face the real threats abd damage it produces, wihch is especially bad with coronavirus and climate change.	11901758168	The National Wool Museum is a magnet for visitors and offers an insight into Geelong's history and wool industry. It is making great progress but from what I can see, would benefit from far greater support to maintain its collection and passionate volunteers
11917508455	I believe it is, there are many bodies promoting our region. What is required is infrastructure and appropriate prompt and efficient planning. In my experience in planning objections etc in COGG the process and expertise is appalling. I have been involved in a meeting that was run appallingly. The planning department did not eve know it legal responsibilities. The objectors had at te same site owned properties they had tenanted without any planning approval and these objectors to a proposal had made complaints and received threats from their co-objectors tenants and the council planning did nothing.They were not even aware of it.	11917681620	The Great Ocean Road and Geelong waterfront are a great attraction, is there something else?.

11850301895	There are so many events and people are coming here but it is difficult to get permits for establishing (appropriate) accomodation on rural land	11844921738	Tourist Info centres are terrific and very helpful. Definitely need sealed road to Jack Rabbit, behind Portarlington Camp Ground (too many excuses about who owns what land & Road) just seal the road - the dust is just too much in summer!!!!
11844744198	Don't care	11885743142	I see a lot of marketing and positives in this area promoting our town.
11918025371	Tourism has taken a big hit due to corona and judging the current situation would be difficult.	11812147776	I think the Bellarine gets good bit of support. They are going to need more coming out of COVID.
11824745299	Check the proposed Portarlington Resort proposal - the lack of interest n this \$50m investment by key groups in Council is shameful.	11823490311	There are some great ways that the tourism sector is being helped, however with victoria being potentially closed for a long time, funding for projects that would create work and more tourism in the future would be ideal
11847521121	Ues. And it's a whole lot less embarrassing without Darren Lyons.	11907828416	Part of creating and supporting positive tourism is education - about the habitat, the history, the impacts - current and potential - of tourism on the the environment.
11901741034	No possibly due to covid	11923765295	New focus on Arts tourism, Events and festivals, Food and drink tourism (Breweries, Distilleries, Wineries, Restaurants, the Q-train, etc in our region), we should build a science playground for local families and as another tourist attraction, also a museum of indigenous history to supplement the Narrana tourist attraction.)
11921582856	Focused on Geelong, but Bellarine not being adequately promoted as a tourist destination.	11840441099	With Ferry services increasing and The Spirit of Tasmania to be berthed in Geelong 2021 - I hope to see G21 and CoGG assist small business across the region to have a chance of gaining business- Tourism tours of wineries/ local shops/ parks/ accommodation etc. and the idea of small buses (electric) being able to take people wherever they need to go.

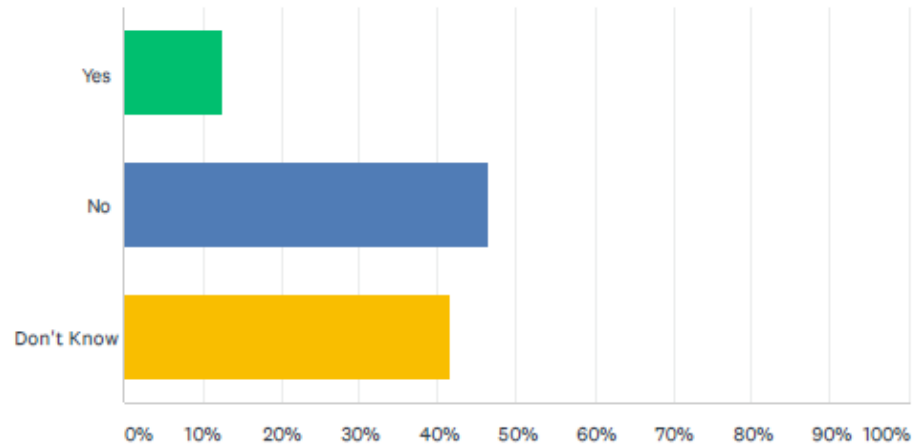
11812791385	I think city supports tourism but doesnt support the local areas to cope with it especially environmentally	11904112165	Tourism has always got more than enough support from the council and it's time for the state and federal governments to increase their support.
11911041167	Little or no publicity evident locally.	11831654041	The Spirit of Tasmania is a real coup for Geelong. It will bring people to our doorstep. Who would traditionally bypass the city. An opportunity that shouldn't be ignored
11920983757	Tourism is being supported but the locals are not being supported. The influx of visitors is having some detrimental affects on locals . there actually should be a cap on air b and bs . Far too many	11917430328	The events calendar or our region is huge (excluding 2020 due to COVID19), we need more support from Federal and Local Government to co fund events
11907546543	The Bellarine is challenge by tourism in a negative way too. The problems are the lack of infrastructure in the form of quality roads, reduced speed limits and better parking, public transport and bike/walking paths. The new Ring Road around Drysdale is brilliant though and that is a plus.	11920427555	Tourism is very well supported and the Bellarine is a big focus area. They know this region is the place to be!
11891971463	It's a tricky time though	11918268801	It has certainly grown, especially with events being attracted to the area
11836011815	Local tourism has been profoundly affected by the current COVID19 pandemic and will take a long time to recover.		
11833139156	Hard to say with covid		
11816079659	again, its hard to judge these things in corona times		
11812726730	Hard to tell during covid		
11883558399	Tourism growth is another problematic area. What is needed now more than ever is tourism Mgt so that it reflects ecological carrying capavity		

11922023301	Not applicable ATM		
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'Don't know' Comments:

- (21) Little or no publicly evident (sic) locally
- (61) I assume they do
- (56) I don't really understand how the relationship between GOT works?
- (66) (73) Don't care

Q 13 Does the City of Greater Geelong provide enough support for vulnerable people in our community such as the elderly, people with disabilities, homeless people and people living on low incomes?



Category	% response
Yes	12.41
No	46.22
Don't know	41.37

Answered 556

Skipped 3

Comments provided 192 (34.5%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11830553163	Accessibility is poor compared to other developed countries. Homelessness and drug abuse are noticeable problems	11830414220	I have no direct access but like to think we have a compassionate community plus I do not see many homeless or disenfranchised people on my trips around the region. Affordability of housing is imperative. Access to good food is imperative. Good healthcare I think we do ok here.
11895541883	I work at headspace and repeatedly find that many vulnerable young clients are forced to stay in accommodation which is unsafe and damaging to them as there are literally no alternatives.	11924140376	It would be fantastic for the CGG to continue to find ways to support on the ground locals and initiatives from these groups. Ground level community development, investment in infrastructure in the north, holistic approaches, access to good healthy food in the north
11831909898	There should be no homeless people on the street and more needs to be done for domestic violence victims	11885743142	I see any good incentives including aged care and diversitate. More funding and resources is always welcome in these areas to make a real impact through.
11832740291	Inadequate local social housing. Gross lack - Mental health hospital beds separate for women.	11907678410	There is enough support but it can always be improved, which is what the city should strive for, constant improvement
11816120919	Noone does but more inovative solutions are available, the problem is about to get much worse.	11911858620	All could benefit from local gardening programs to provide exercise, mental stimulation & chemical free food to improve their health
11898817734	Homelessness is a crime by the Government. Women and children living in cars is appalling. Set up more social housing. It will prevent health and social issues in the future and the cost dollr-wise will be enormous.	11825163993	Not on Bellarine, CBD getting better but could benefit from accessibility improvements
11879790737	There is always room for more though! Especially around domestic violence and youth homelessness	11841969535	I think centrelink in the Geelong region does an amazing job... (i also believe a lot of their help could be spent on the less "noisy" more deserving citizens in Geelong) having said that , I believe there are many places those people can go to for help
11812147776	So much more needs to be done for housing. It is a crisis- needs attention and we need people to stand up for Geelong and demand social housing	11892549193	Clearly not as poverty is very visible in many areas of geelong. Relax the rules around self-build projects. Allowing people to self-build is many times cheaper than tradie built modern

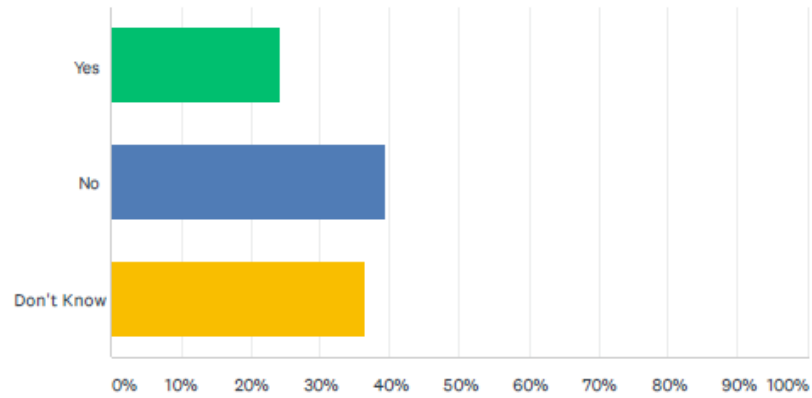
			homes that are expensive and usually built of short-lived plastic and concrete.
11865285720	This is also a problem that should be addressed by higher levels of g'ment. Took a viral pandemic to act Per CV19 they were an eye sore , action only came when the homeless were seen as a health hazard.	11924061313	I believe they have a Social Housing Strategy now which is important. They have made a big investment in a Food Distribution Hub, but I would like to see more projects and advocacy which address food security more proactively eg the Norlane Community Initiative.
11907617973	From experience having lived with a person sitting in a wheelchair, she was always complaining about the pathways and often not able to go from one place to the other in Geelong so relied on taxis which is very sad.	11918192380	my elderly father has carers to shower and clean for him. very happy with them so far.
11898502833	Can I add: newly arrived CALD families, refugees, women fleeing family violence?	11845365621	Yes and No - COGG / region is pretty good but can always find new ways to do better
11815373174	There is a huge need for community housing for e.g. victims of domestic violence & the homeless, especially women	11882538197	There are many amazing people working in this area and I am sure council supports this but there is always room for more! We have so many vulnerable children that need support around them
11906609357	A GENUINE effort on social housing is long overdue. Sometimes I wonder why people bother getting on Council if they don't care about such needs.	11820718207	Lots of charities providing meals and other essentials to the less privileged
11830415243	Always seeing people lying down in the streets without a home	11849777362	I don't think there is every enough support it can always be improved.
11882570318	Waiting lists and time of intervention is inadequate as staff are so overwhelmed. Aged people cannot use the internet, and phone access to services result in vulnerable people finding it all too hard and dropping out of the		
11883558399	People in the northern suburbs especially have poor access to nature, cycling and pedestrian pathways		

11898549850	When your community has to rely on the limited resources supplied by their neighborhood houses that says a lot. The locally run organisations consistently have their funds cut and are unable to keep up with the demands for health, housing and financial support of many of Geelong's more vulnerable residents. The homeless situation is getting worse and you keep bringing in large charities from outside who disappear once the funding runs out, they don't know or understand the complexities of the lives of the people who live here.		
11902698313	but I doubt it		
11901918875	As above, the lack of proper paved or gravelled footpaths through Portarlington forces all the people who can't drive cars to walk on the increasingly busy roads.		
11859094224	Until authorities start to provide cheap public housing for these poor people, nothing will change.		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (62) I am not sure that the CoGG does in these spaces
- (68) I don't know enough to comment
- (73) Policies of the council in all these areas is not clear
- (85) Don't hear much about these issues which is concerning
- (98) Not sure
- (112) I am one of the people in the vulnerable category and I have heard nothing from the Council.
- (189) I am unaware of what council does

Q14 Does the City of Greater Geelong place enough value and priority on the knowledge and culture of the Wathaurong and other First Nations people?



Category	% response
Yes	24.24
No	39.32
Don't know	36.45

Answered 557

Skipped 2

Comments provided 175 (31%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11901758168	Not sure where to begin with this! Lack of visible acknowledgment in prominent locations such as the main highway entrance into Geelong, the lack indigenous voices on council and in the media, and the difficulty in trying to find out where it might be possible to learn the local indigenous language	11859391737	Everyone in the community ought to know the true history of the Wadawurrung people and the Geelong area. We need to learn to use simple language terms like 'hello' 'thank you' 'take care' 'goodbye'. Wadawurrung language should be taught in schools.
11918025371	Knowledge and culture is a generational thing and the constant tampering and damage done by white do gooders trying to (in their eyes) promote them is sad to witness. A council has no remit in this area or climate change and should stick to the running of our city.	11866339049	I don't know how much engagement or support there is for this to happen. I know the Waddawurrung people cover an enormous area and are poorly funded to engage - Council could assist. We would all benefit from knowing more about traditional knowledge and we could consider renaming the Barwon Heads Bridge after a white man that lived with the tribe to the tribe that saved his life.
11917851462	A large percentage of our community have absolutely no understanding of our areas history or Indigenous connections which i find very offensive	11923864437	The one fire initiative - providing training for indigenous people to do cultural burning around the region to reduce wild fire risk would be a great start. Actively promoting indigneous culture as something to value and encourage would be another important step
11866084447	Not sure but I suspect the answer is no.	11812147776	I think Geelong does do a good job as whole. Wathaurong is a strong Co-op so we are lucky. More can be learnt- more can be done.
11759740527	NO their is very little leadership in this area. even with all the residential development. I havent seen a single indigenous word used in on any road or suburb. maybe a park or two?	11869993776	This has really improved in recent years but would be great to see a more permanent voice for First Nations people at council

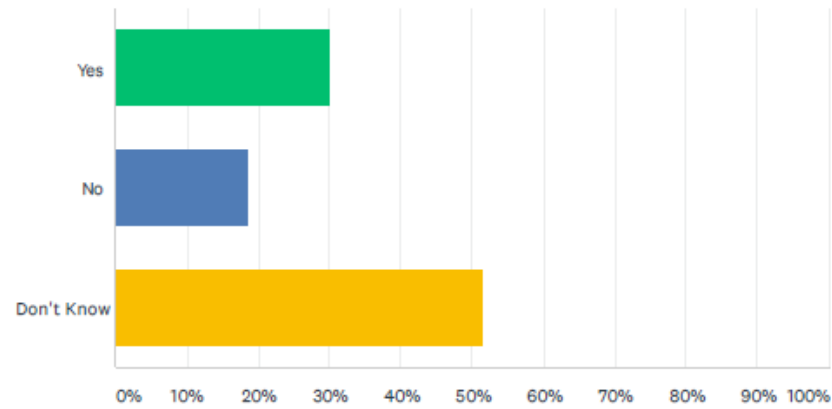
11907617973	I never hear any appreciation for the native Australians and don't hear about any programs either.	11833364284	I think they are doing a good job, it can always improve however it actually at a good baseline
11901748324	This is actually difficult to find, other than narana, where else can I access geelong specific information.	11907778719	I would love to see more, and more visible emphasis. eg. Signs that acknowledge and educate. Emphasis on self-determination, richness of knowledge, the rest of us walking on others' land.
11850301895	More integration so it is normal not token welcome to country at the start and then get on with business	11830267460	Would like to see Wathuron given more of a platform in geelong, more presence to promote welcome to country at events, more funding, more jobs and trainee programs for indigenous people
11891999964	I see gestures but not sure there is anything else much	11924140376	CGG seems to be highly respectful and clearly values our First Nations people, but I think this could always be greater, and could involve Wathaurong voices on council
11907946980	More than token acknowledgement is needed; real action on preservation of indigenous land, cultural sites and traditions (including their assistance to become more sustainable eg. Use of fire for land management etc)	11917605464	but more knowledge is always better as we need to value our First People knowledge and culture
11880676634	No acknowledgement of first nations in Barwon Heads	11883007869	It is improving but we need street and place and school name changes to honour the First Nations people
11824040084	The visitor wouldn't even know that there is a history of Indigenous peoples in the region. No visible signs at all.	11870332995	I feel there is great recognition of our first nations people and appreciate that many of our suburbs etc have names that recognise this.
11898878222	Haven't seen clear evidence of this.	11869834972	I am proud that the local schools know our FNP are the Wathaurong and that our students have cultural days to celebrate.
11898549850	You could do a lot better, yes you commissioned an Indigenous artist to curate Geelong After Dark this year and there are some great programs but there are still racist, colonist statues and works in and around Geelong.		

11921575707	Where is the public acknowledgement of the history of Geelong? Kardinia means sunrise for example. There is no recognition in our public spaces of the Waddawurrung First Nations people in Geelong. This part of our story has been ignored for far too long and COGG can easily change that.		
11845018810	Council needs to work with Wadawurrung to educate the community about the real history of massacres, forced dispossession, theft of land and destruction of life of the traditional Owners. Council must work with communities to regenerate land and marine environments, demonstrate respect for TO heritage and remove or contextualise monuments such as the Batman memorial at Indented Head. Council should work to change the names from the bloody murders and tyrants such as Bostock (slave owning family), Fyan, Batman. Rename with Waddawurrung place names. Get rid of names like White Woman's Rock at Indented Head. Racist history must be countered continually.		
11840820579	I am not aware of anything the Council does in this area. That suggests that it is not placing enough value and priority.		
11885743142	Unsure of COGG priorities.		
11859321833	commercial considerations continue to overwhelm their 50000 years of culture		
11917681620	Acknowledgement every time someone opens their mouth has gone too far, its beginning to be ineffective.		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (8) Again good to get more information
- (13) Haven't seen anything
- (23) I do not hear very much about this topic at all (from) the council
- (34) I never here (sic) a thing
- (36) I don't hear about it at all
- (37) I never hear any appreciation of the native Australians and don't hear about any programs either
- (61) I haven't seen clear evidence of this
- (66) I see gestures but not sure there is anything else much
- (69) Unsure of CoGG priorities
- (89) Very few people even know of this local culture
- (94) Not much (e)vidence of cultural awareness in event or other areas like parks/reserves
- (120) I am not aware of anything the council does in this area – that suggests that it is not placing enough value and priority
- (129) I guess because I don't know speaks to the problem
- (135) Don't know much about this
- (150) I haven't seen any evidence of such support
- (164) I'd like to see more about it .. not visible to me at the moment
- (16) Don't care
- (170) There is no visible evidence to support that the CoGG supports the traditional owners
- (171) Unsure of how much support is available

Q 15 Does the City of Greater Geelong encourage and support a wide enough range of businesses to create a prosperous economy?



Category	% response
Yes	30.4
No	18.53
Don't know	51.44

Answered 556

Skipped 3

Comments provided 110 (20%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11832763115	I believe that bad decision making and planning has run down the CBD. Many empty shops and increasingly difficult to drive through the city. They're discouraging people from using the CBD.	11820635734	We have a thriving Chamber of Commerce and a wide range of small and larger businesses. It is great to see a number of head offices relocating here.
11907732600	Can only cite personal experience again. COGG are the most frustrating council to deal with when one is trying to grow a business in this area. Very frustrating to deal with.	11830508039	Supporting and encouraging local businesses has a much larger impact on the local economy than say supporting big companies. With each new suburb being created, there are too few local businesses being seen and more and more massive chains taking over. The city may not have control over this, but they should be able to influence and encourage these places to support the local community
11859238037	Geelong City main streets is now largely full of cheap, plastic tat shopping and we avoid at all costs, there is No Historical Character as compared to Ballarat and Bendigo, this seems to have been Severly Neglected and Destroyed in Geelong and anyone with a creative, artfull interesting business can not afford the high rents charged.	11850272225	City of Design, Clever & creative brand & support for start-ups etc.
11901743657	CoGG makes planning applications difficult. Planners don't care	11883640374	I anticipate this is the case, support and encouragement within the fair controls for environment protection and community wellbeing ell being
11853785685	The City Centre is changing but much of it still looks sad - no more crap food outlets.	11895580458	Geelong has to set itself apart to compete with Melbourne, there is such a thing as the "Passion Economy" that the council should embrace to attract unique businesses to Geelong to revitalise the city centre.

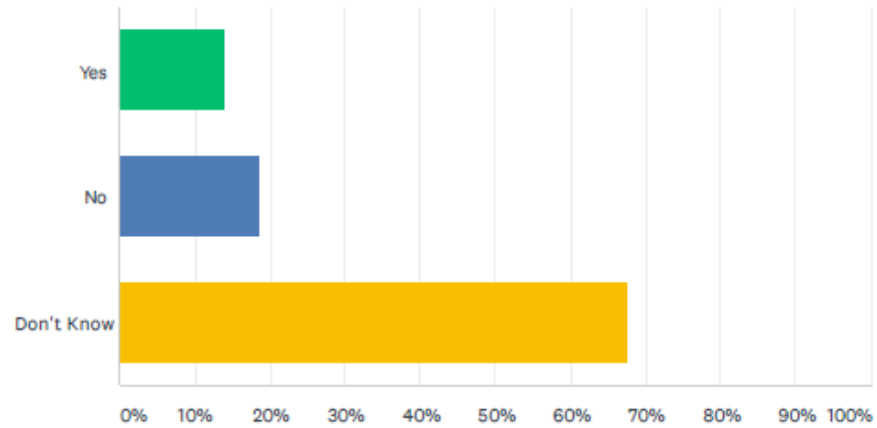
11907736094	In saying that, I had a business for 11 years AND NEVER WAS CONTACTED, encouragement??? Just contact would have been a start	11841969535	I do appreciate the free parking in the city atm.
11858949758	at the detriment of climate emergency and Covid 19	11812147776	There has been a greater focus, however the policy networks that exist need to focus more on renewables and encouraging carbon neutrality
11812514077	No interest	11902423232	institutions like Geelong Manufacturing Council are closed shop, tight knit, old shop - they lock out the progressives, and need to be over run to release fresh energy into the city
11831982419	have lost too many companies		
11866249296	Lack of transparency		
11911858620	Saleyards sold off & not replaced. Manufacturing of local goods virtually all gone. No support for primary production		
11833364284	Covid times - uncertain		
11901875382	Lower rents in the inner city to spread the main business area not just the central shopping centres		
11917760339	Comments are frequently heard from businesses in Lara that they have no contact with local council representatives		
11830425062	Artists and musicians are not supported enough		
11840200713	Small business entrepreneurs are charged excessively at every turn..		

11898549850	You cut the funding the Renew Geelong and you do not enough support for small diverse business that could actually help to give Geelong its own identity instead of being just a smaller version of Melbourne		
11920983757	Little too dependent on the little people and tourism . COGG need to encourage develop some new major industries.Eg a new huge recycling initiatives .. paper , plastics , dog waste etc . And get back some major manufacturing industries . Eg		
11824745299	Call 0458 293 695 to discuss the details. Too many and too important to just flippantly fill in her and forget.		
11812260620	we need more companies to move their businesses to Geelong		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (5) I haven't heard of obstructive (sic) behaviour by CoGG
- (15) Doesn't seem to be much industry or infrastructure development to support it
- (24) Never informed of their actions in this area

Q16 Does the City of Greater Geelong provide the communities and businesses of the Geelong and Bellarine with enough support to develop and adopt new technology?



Category	% response
Yes	13.82
No	18.67
Don't know	67.50

Answered 557

Skipped 2

Comments provided 110 (20%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

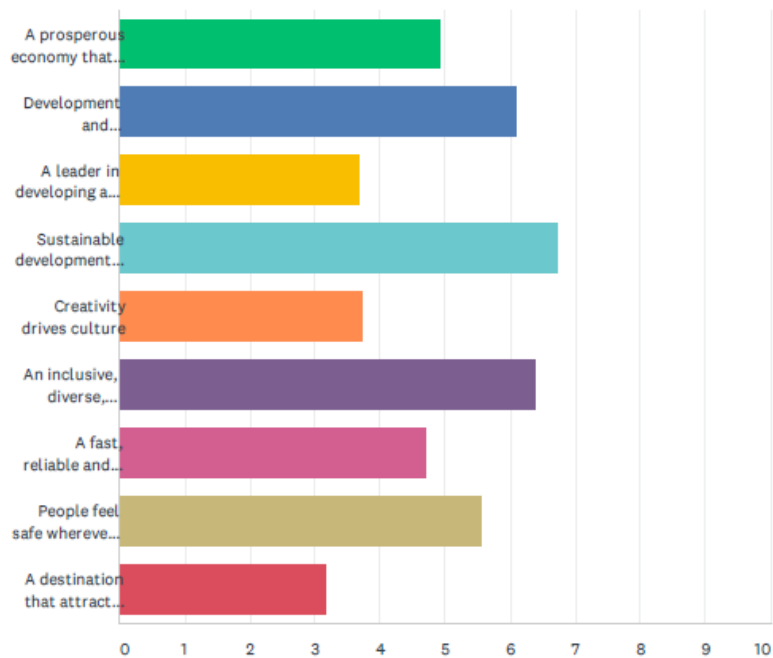
Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11830433757	Not the remit of the CoGG but the internet connectivity (and 4G) is pathetic on the Bellarine with large blackspots	11917851462	The addition of free wifi was one positive initiative
11870814395	I suspect they are not providing enough support	11892549193	Answer yes and no. Good success is carbon fibre development and some other projects, more can be done because we need more jobs and geelong can be high-tech and inventive.
11924082001	Poor 5G coverage	11883047384	Carbon fibre innovation a good thing.
11833487784	Public schools have terrible internet	11864811351	The opportunities are there and people need to be proactive
11830873683	Too many mobile black spots. Copper internet wiring, woeful 3rd world standard	11895541883	I beleive we could be a leader in sustainability and innovation with the right leadership and community education and grants from council.
11901918875	As above, it is very difficult to find information about businesses and commerce in Portarlington, about the community directions and management of the area.	11891988697	I would hope so
11907978321	We have no access to decent internet, I am trying to work from home!	11918192380	I believe this is true
11898878222	Deakin pursued this area without support from CoGG to my knowledge.		
11904292006	Substandard NBN is now a massive issue with everyone working from home eg Clifton Springs - no fibre to home		
11923948138	No incentives apparent.		
11924355290	On technology, we are extremely disappointed by the sudden rollout of 5G, which is not proven to be safe technology for humans and environment.		
11924449128	We don't need development of new technology, we need community to pay more attention to old		

	practice and ways of connecting to the land and each other		
11906886905	They are working hard to update internally. You have to role model what you want others to do		
11882444004	Not a council responsibility		
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11816120919	See above.		
11816120919	See above.		
11816120919	See above.		
11816120919	See above.		
11906662102	Can always do more		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (6) Does council do any work around this?
- (12) ...and I should, so if they are they are keeping it quiet
- (18) Not in my experience
- (30) Not that I know of in Drysdale area
- (48) As per previous comment NIL support
- (49) I don't (k)now
- (56) ??
- (61) I haven't seen any evidence of this happening
- (67) I would like to know what support CoGG provides. Please send me project details
- (69) I don't know anything about that

Q17 The statements below are the aspirations of the City of Greater Geelong’s Clever and Creative vision. Please rank these according to their importance to you. Number 1 is the most important.



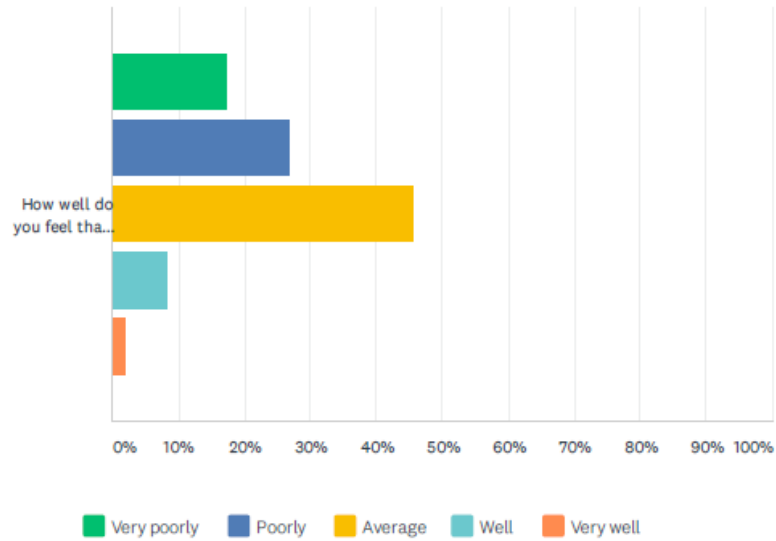
Category	Weighted score
Prosperous economy that supports jobs and education opportunities	4.94
Development and implementation of sustainable solutions	6.08
A leader in developing and adopting technology	3.68
Sustainable development that supports population growth and protects the natural environment	6.74
Creativity drives culture	3.74
An inclusive, diverse, healthy, and socially connected community	6.38
A fast reliable and connected transport network	4.70
People feel safe wherever they are	5.57
A destination that attracts local and international visitors	3.18

Answered 559

Skipped 0

Q18 Please rate the following question.

How well do you feel that the Council listens to and involves you in its decision making?



Answered 556

Skipped 3

Comments provided 200 (36%)

Category	%
Very poorly	17.45
Poorly	26.80
Average	45.50
Well	8.45
Very Well	1.80

(Weighted average 2.50)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

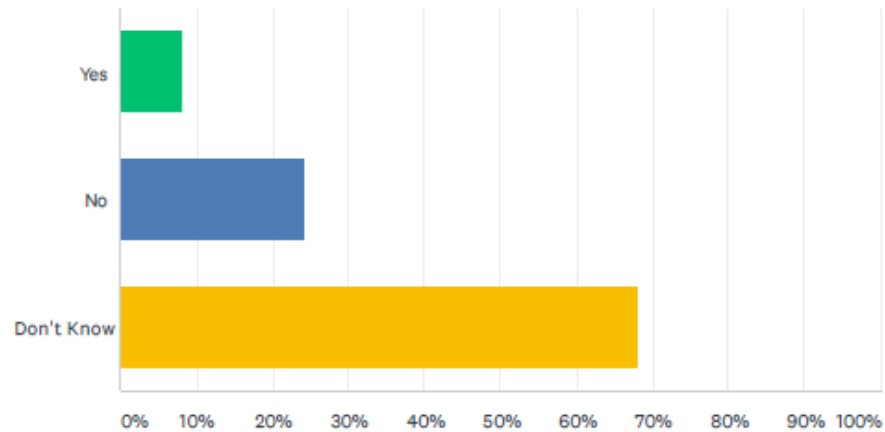
Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11923765295	It continues to discriminate against males, in allocation of funding for programs, in staff employment, and in supporting anti-male propaganda (such as flying a flag which says "Stop domestic violence against women by men" which is clearly not about an anti violence message but an anti male message since it ignores those women attacked by other women. men attacked by women, and men attacked by men)	11830414220	its also up to us to find out what is going on if we want to change things. I could be more involved in my own area of expertise advice to council but when we have ideas outside convention irrespective of our expertise we are less likely to be considered. We could do a LOT better on evidence based decision making in this region and set an admirable standard for the whole state/country if we pooled our collective abilities
11917508455	Try phoning a council member. Those speed signs that are still incorrect after two years - why would I have the life sucked out of me by incompetence and total ignorance.	11841969535	I have not felt necessary to push forward my opinions. To be honest I'm not exactly sure who I would contact if I did have issues I wanted to address.. Perhaps our current council representatives could make themselves a bit more public. I must admit I was well pleased when Darren Lyons made himself available at my daughters art exhibition as a judge and to hand out awards. He was constantly in the newspapers and on radio promoting Geelong and its events.
11831321284	Had good responses from parking, driveway crossover sections, Lrates section. Poor experiences with the planning Dept, as they approved a 2 storey structure next door which will partially block my solar panels in winter. They also promised my property would be protected from any damage by the build, but when clearing the block my foundations were affected and no protection works insurance had been put in place and they denied all responsibility, so I had to pay out \$12,000 to fix it. They are also refusing to put in insurance to protect the new foundations when they excavate along them for their footings. Council are saying it has nothing to do with them and basically	11892549193	The athenian forum was best, it not only delivers real democracy, it inspires its people with freedom of thought because there are no powerful overlords.

	<p>passing the buck. with the Worksafe money for the bike lanes they basically ignored the wishes of the people who live and shop in the area, going as far as combining the votes for two options so they could get the bike lanes as they want the free money from WorkSafe</p>		
11858786304	<p>Lobbied for a climate emergency declaration last year, only to be declined. Was heartbreaking.</p>	11917430328	<p>Many opportunities to engage with the Councillors either at meetings, or by phone or email. I have been watching council meetings for over 12 months. Council cannot be all things to everyone. I believe that decisions made are for the majority fair and in the best interest of the community. What isnt helpful is when those affected by a decision they do no agree with take it personally and refuse to accept a decision.</p>
11859238037	<p>Question 17 allows no comment. There is no point to choose "Greatly Limit OR Stop Any Further Housing Developments", or "Protect All Wetlands, Grasslands, Farmlands, Forests, From Housing Developments, Stop All Water Extraction Fro Underground Aquifers".</p>	11917266045	<p>move to online option positive. council meetings held in different towns positive.</p>
11830415243	<p>Doesn't repair roads like they should regardless of the dangers reported in the media</p>	11920427555	<p>I think they do a great job. Our councillors are really responsive and seem to work well together.</p>
11906384006	<p>We went through a council panel hearing and were extremely disappointed to see the panel was comprised of council executives. They just supporting each other and their colleague the council planning officer. We a felt it was a stacked kangaroo court with no support for residents !Then we got to VCAT it was so disappointing to have Council lawyers arguing</p>	11901748324	<p>A person has to take great initiative to seek out and contribute. The council should work harder to find new ways to engage people who aren't political</p>

	against its own community and the environment it is supposed to protect. I cannot believe that Councillors could be happy to know what really happens in their name. They are being 'manager's by council officers!		
11923864437	Council is big on consultation but poor on putting community initiatives into practice. They use community consultation to rubber stamp their own preferred agendas	11830669411	Engaging the community via Facebook and giving opportunities for feedback on programs and services
11885895710	just do not get a sense that planning is under control. i think warralilly area is a disaster waiting to happen. much has been built in a flood plan.		
11792998488	By newspapers, articles, web pages...only problem is that they have difficulty implementing them in priority		
11907617973	Bad experience with politics. They do what they want anyway.		
11824411615	We need to have a permanent resolution to our boundary's so as not to have to keep going to vcat to challenge every developer that wants to throw money at our small towns and villages to make big bucks and destroy there ambience and character.		
11918199544	Unsure the weighting given State/Federal government interests, poor media reporting, 'balanced scorecard' data from Councillors		
11845033973	Council meetings at diverse locations. Access to council newsletter poor.		

11870332995	It is unfortunate that Council tends to prioritise connection with community around election time		
11908291696	Lots of token consultations take place but input then ignored		
11891781141	CoGG rejected a proposal for a 45 unit residential development in my street in Geelong. VCAT of course over-turned that decision and the hideous development is going ahead. CoGG should have more authority over what happens in it's own backyard		
11917851462	Inadequate processes to table questions to council		
11904713896	Have simpler ways to do this rather than having to read lengthy papers. I know Ballarat did something that included 'having your say' at markets and on line. It didn't involve sitting down having to read largw background documents that are hard to take in and boring.		
11841244473	We must declare a state of emergency to kickstart climate action		

Q19 Does the City of Greater Geelong collaborate enough with other Councils and levels of Government to address issues which cut across regions and levels of Government? (eg transport, climate change, safety, jobs and business development).



Category	% response
Yes	7.87
No	24.15
Don't know	67.98

Answered 559

Skipped 0

Comments provided 89 (16%)

Highest negative scores

Highest positive scores

Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11911858620	CoGG is still sending food waste to landfill. No residential development for low incomes & homeless. Empty houses & vacant land could provide jobs & safety for those in need.	11907778719	I can't say, to be fair. But I would strongly support ambitious collaboration with respect to the climate emergency.
11898549850	Never seen any evidence of this as you still deny climate change is an emergency	11904292006	Stronger G21 partnerships supports the region as a separate identity to Melbourne attracting more regional support
11901918875	Looking at Corio, I would say that no-one at local, State or Federal level cares at all! Here in Portarlington, why have the roads and footpaths not been paved? Have you seen the state of Pigdon and Tower Roads? Where is the social housing? Why do we not have a library, municipal and arts and culture centre? Why is there no bicycle path between Drysdale and Portarlington? Why is there a dearth of recognition about Wathaurong management of this area, their culture and spiritual connection to specific locales, flora and fauna?	11820881431	I've been in council meetings where it was suggested that COGG build collaboration with council like Darebin and Queenscliff to help Geelong embrace sustainable options for life in this climate emergency situation.
11885895710	too much regional meetings policy bull shit gatherings	11924082001	G21 is a great regional union
11924238612	I've been told more times than I can count that public transport is 'out of their control', but no efforts have been made to influence public transport timetables and routes.	11917006219	This is a great idea and it should be happening because many of our issues would be the same.
11922182013	If it is about Transport council blames Public Transport Victoria	11844849721	Link with other councils RE climate change sustainability and healthy places healthy people
11901761644	After the pandemic emergency is over, we should have lobbyists in Spring Street and Canberra pushing the 'sustainable recovery' model and offering our community as leaders.	11850272225	G21 plays important role but more networking across state would be beneficial

11895055578	Have not declared a local Climate Emergency therefore has not joined the group of Councils working on these plans.		
11840820579	The failure to adequately plan for transport needs in our growing community		
11815483885	It lags behind other Councils e.g. Mornington Shire on many policies		
11816120919	Unfortunately the 'system' mitigates against this. The LGA is a shambles.		
11853785685	But we can see when partisan politics blocks sustainable development		
11907546543	But probably not - for example it seems that the Planning Department when working with Developers does not communicate well with Vic Roads or vice versa. The example is the continued rearranging of the Barwon Heads Road through the developments from Marshall to Anchorage.		
11907978321	No evidence I can see		
11901743657	It's all talk no action		
11870332995	I think there is much to gain with working collaboratively with other regional councils, but I am not aware of this occurring (perhaps through my own ignorance)		
11917430328	Unsure of collaborations across LG's		

11907617973	Don't think so. Mostly it's about competition than collaboration unfortunately. It doesn't take much to look at other nations where things seem to work (reg. environmental awareness) and do the same but I guess money rules and Egos are too big.		
11823544781	It appears to be 'reinventing the wheel' as regards implementing an approach to the climate emergency. World wide there's a network of over 1700 councils that are at various stages of following through with their declaration of a climate emergency. For some reason CoGG doesn't appear to be tapping into that incredibly rich resource		
11906662102	Can always do more		

'Don't know' Comments:

- (16) Unsure of collaborations across LG's
- (20) If they do talk it is not obvious
- (21) No evidence I can see
- (22) I've never heard anything from council.
- (23) I cant say – to be fair.
- (27) I don't know but of course they should
- (38) Never seen any evidence for this
- (181) I have not heard of any of these initiatives
- (67) I don't hear about such cooperation
- (84) I don't see any evidence of this on big overarching issue such as climate change
- (89) Doubtful as environment strategy doesn't appear to mimic the best in Victoria.

Q 20 Do you have any further comments to help make our region a better place to live?

Answered with comment 332

Skipped 227

Highest negative scores		Highest positive scores	
Response ID	Comment	Response ID	Comment
11819608251	I'm stuck inside for another day because the air quality is so bad from wood fired heating.	11812462726	1. Swimming pool for St Leonards. So many elderly people here would really benefit from aquarobics etc. Also more young kids in the area would benefit. 2. Boardwalk between St L and Queenscliff or part thereof e.g. a fun beginning would be from Swan Bay Caravan Park to Basils Farm. Benefits walkers and cyclists. 3. Safe link from St Leonards or Bellarine Rail Trail. Hard to access safely from St L without a car to transport the bikes.
11907778719	Can we please have a cat curfew?! I know this can be contentious to implement, but it is terrible to see cats roaming and hunting (and getting injured).	11923765295	Have an incentive scheme for those who contribute positively to our community (eg a months free parking, a years free parking, rates reduction, free tickets to events/festivals.) Create a website for suggestion to improve the community.
11885501775	just get on with action on the issue of severe climate damage, instead of pretending you are doing something while you play politics and do nothing. Try looking at what other councils, eg Darabin Council has already set in place. There will be nothing for anyone unless you deal with the issue so most of the other questions are irrelevant without first dealing with the one problem staring us all in the face that you keep are pushy footing around. .	11848465968	A lot of these questions were difficult to answer as I have a lack of knowledge of the council supports in place. I would like to see our region as a leader in sustainable issues, including a recycling scheme that is world class. I would like the development of ugly uniform mass housing developments stopped and council to insist future development protects our environment and space preserving the character of our area. At the very least I would like council to insist every new house built has a solar energy system. I think if council were to lead a bit more, be pro active and brave in tackling climate change they

			would be surprised by the positive response they would get from the community :)
11904713896	Pay attention to the building litter that is coming off the new estates. I am appalled at the lack of control that the builders have to contain their rubbish. Huge amounts of plastic, plastic bottles, cans and polystyrene blown into waterways. I feel very despairing, so much so that I want to move away.	11844921738	1. Keep the locals happy Eg fix potholes, neat tidy, graffiti removal, respond to local community groups. (This has improving over last 5 years) 2. Support local with council contracts, suppliers 3. Sometimes ask for community support With minor tasks- rubbish, graffiti, cigarette butts, in a particular when locals are out walking. Or just reporting problems. I love Snap/send
11901875382	Improve inner city parking and lower the costs. Also more hospital parking at lower costs is desperately needed especially for the cancer Centre. Plus more modestly priced events to attract people to our community	11901748324	We need more local jobs. An over funded mental health system. An engaging youth centre in the city. I would love to see a more advance skate park, the one on the water is always filled with little children, we need a safe, fun and healthy space for teens to go in the city.
11906609357	Don't change to one-Councillor wards. Dreadful idea. STOP AND THINK about where Geelong's future water supplies will come from - and then put a brake on the work of builder mates! Our wildlife is precious - quit destroying habitat.	11908071748	Please protect St Leonards' natural environment from further housing estate expansion - including the current St Leonards golf course, which is a beautiful public space, contains significant remnant vegetation and supports a multitude of animal and insect species.
11870517718	Stop the bloody housing developments!!!	11924453995	Protect green spaces and waterways. Develop more micro scale nature reserves like the one on St Leonards, they could fit in lots of areas and have great benefits for ecology, biodiversity and human health.

11921115551	council forming a group to push there agenda through is totally wrong and I will be voting for a new member in our area with no political membership	11901758168	Encourage local media to focus on positive news and achievements in the region. The almost constant negativity and reporting of bad behaviour by young people does not help the majority of intelligent, respectful and engaged youngsters in our region. Many local people of all ages achieve astonishing things including on the sports field and beyond in music, arts and performance and volunteering. I would like to see a far more inclusive and positive focus for Geelong going forward.
11923948138	Our elected representatives still appear disfunctional when one is aware of party affiliations, voting blocs, and failure to understand that decisions they make spend ratepayers funds. Decisions such as the recent Green Spine reversal are an example of very short-sighted decision making with no aspirations of the communities expectations.	11816079659	Lets support each other in a positive way, finger pointing is not helpful. Even the council needs encouragement, not blame. They are local people who put their heart into working there, and working for their communities.
11880710686	Development from Geelong towards the Bellarine is ruining it. Armstrong creek development etc ruining countryside. Need to slow development and build housing towards Colac and not coast. The Bellarine is full. It needs to stop.	11908219833	Protect and celebrate the natural environment. Support indigenous history and education. Discourage antisocial behaviours and celebrate community diversity, achievements.
11892549193	Bigger is not better. No so long ago the aquifer was accessed because geelong ran out of water. Increasing the population is a really bad idea. Many residents love geelong because it is less busy than melbourne. People that live here have no voice to preserve their lifestyle, instead they feel the geelong they knew is crushed and gone, every day more roadworks and slower speed limits. It is much less livable.	11828622373	Ted Wilson worked hard to promote and encourage cycling. Make the city cycling safe and people will use the cycling infrastructure. So many of us want cycling safety and infrastructure to be a priority. For health, the environment and affordability, cycling is important.

11907947156	Its a great place to live- but slowly the quality of life is being degraded due to short term thinking and lack of focus on the big issues	11902423232	Geelong is a great place to live. Imagine if the rest of the world didn't exist - then our councillors would be motivated to lead our community instead of their own pantering to state and federal Govt. Hopefully Asher will get her promotion soon and get out of town - we want people to lead us, who put our interests first, not their obvious political aspirations
11816120919	We need a completely new kind of council makeup to run the shire rather than use it a leg-up or photo op. Single member wards will be a disaster.	11841969535	On a personal note with a current health need, I would love to have the council provide jobs for the supervision of the children's pool at eastern beach. Before restrictions and the closing of beaches was introduced in Geelong , I was one of several heading to the pool to do my physio exercises. There were also many who jogged/ played sports who I would see enter the water just to stand in it for its benefits. With the pool closed and without access to a swimming pool it has caused my well being to suffer considerably. I'm not able to do my exercises in the beach on the sand and it can be difficult for me to try to book a time at a facility like waterworld or splashdown. Thank you for taking the time to read my responses, Joanne :-)
11840441099	CoGG Councillor cliques - in which they vote as a block have hindered decision making - particularly in relation to Climate Emergency Declaration - an opportunity lost and for what ?	11882538197	We just need to be very aware of how fast we are growing, our growth needs to be happy healthy and environmentally sound and NOT with the dollar as a top priority
11816171821	stop public events/shops using balloons that create havoc with the environment, fishing lines disposal, litter	11850301895	We need a plan for a sustainable city and protect and celebrate our natural and cultural values
11823584892	Stop the high rise!! This rush to built more and higher offices and apartments is ruining central Geelong	11898549850	Celebrate and support local artists, the first nations community and develop a real solution to the climate change. Listen to the people who live here and actually support areas other than just Geelong CBD

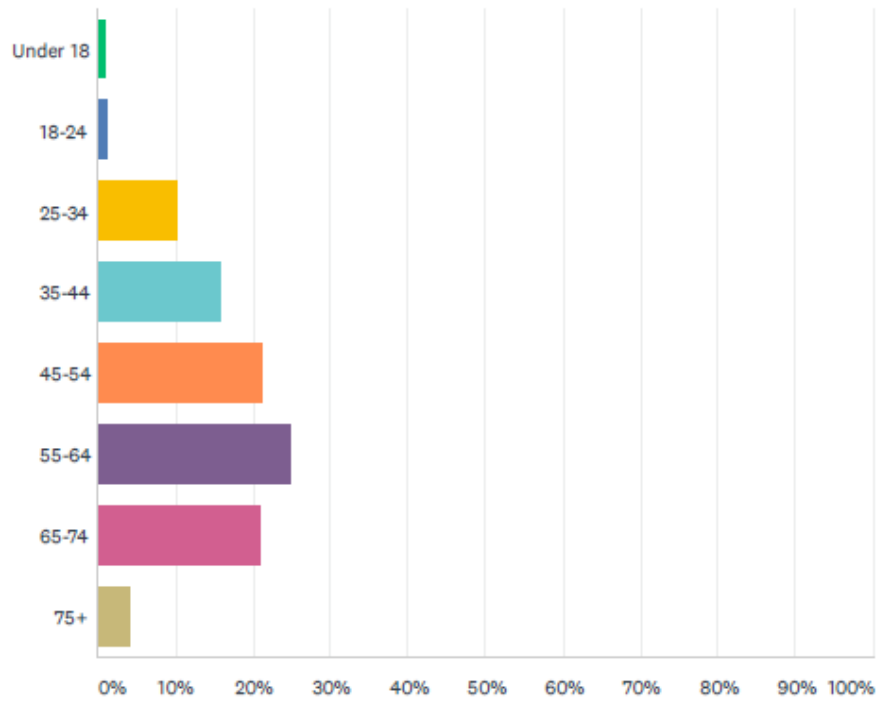
11831909898	Make the shipping precinct in Malop St a Mall, like the Rundle St Mall in Adelaide, the City centre is also ugly and unattractive, more trees and plants	11833364284	Better network of bike and footpaths- overall of bike paths, footpaths and classic recreational facilities (tennis courts). Encourage or incentivise local (post code) environment groups/ community gardens where education can be provided to locals. Improving food security for some
11844744198	I see the destruction of this area every day. Stop allowing unbridled housing development. Only allow housing for public housing small units. See how many developers would agree to that. They do not help nor support their community. You do not protect our environment. so many do not trust the council down here to do the right thing. Plant more trees and return the native flora and fauna give people a reason to be proud again.	11828214796	I encourage all councilors to do their best for our community and I thank them for their efforts, made on our behalf.
11924218716	Stop worrying about climate change	11816344438	There needs to be a greater interest and commitment to supporting the community of St Leonards.
11923971779	stop bending over backwards to accommodate greedy developers	11879945251	It is likely that we will be travelling less and we will be having fewer visitors, especially international visitors. We need to support all people in our region, especially those who are disadvantaged. Our local neighborhoods are going to become more important so these need to be able to provide what we need....shopping, community spaces, natural spaces, cultural activities and social support. Localisation may become the new buzz word and local councils have an important role supporting this.

Q21 Postcode data

Answered 530

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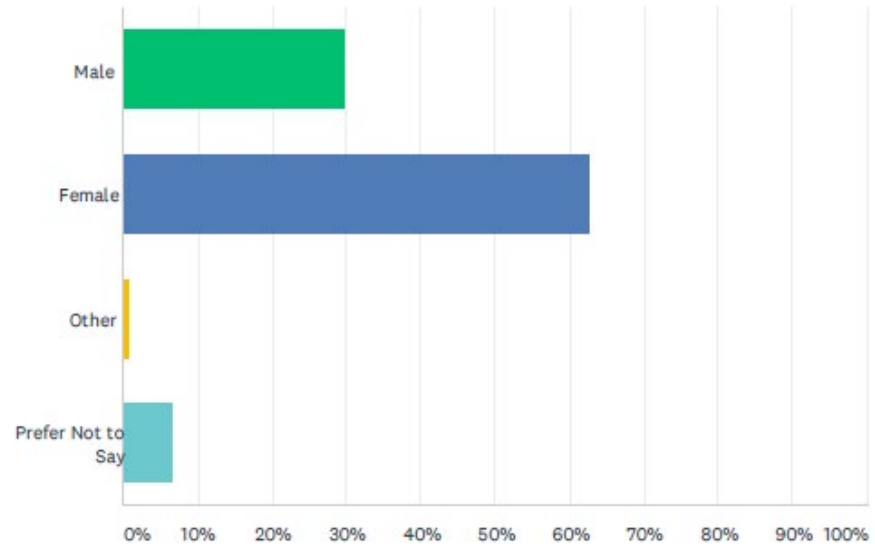
Q22 Age



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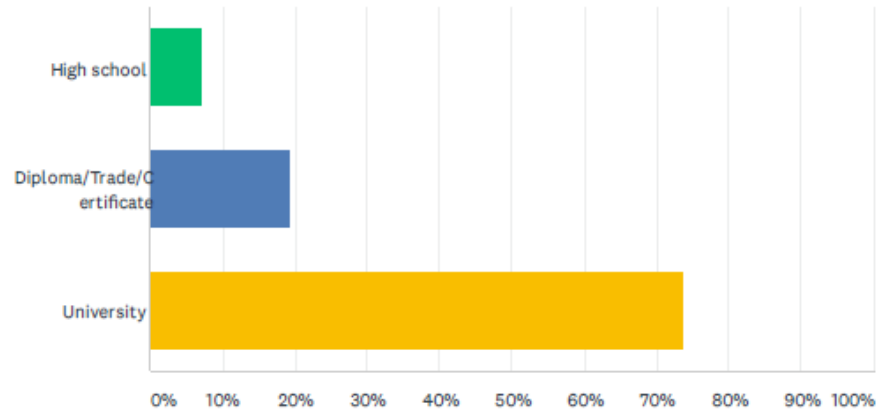
Q23 Gender



Answered 531

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Q24 Highest level of Education



Answered 533

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