



2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey

Moorabool Shire Council

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Background and objectives

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

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

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

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

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

Serving Victoria for 23 years

Each year the CSS data is used to develop this State-wide report which contains all of the aggregated results, analysis and data. Moreover, with 23 years of results, the CSS offers councils a consistent, long-term measure of how they are performing – essential for councils that work over the long term to provide valuable services and infrastructure to their communities.

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

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Key findings and recommendations



Moorabool Shire Council – at a glance

Overall council performance

Results shown are index scores out of 100.



Moorabool 50



State-wide 59



Large Rural 55

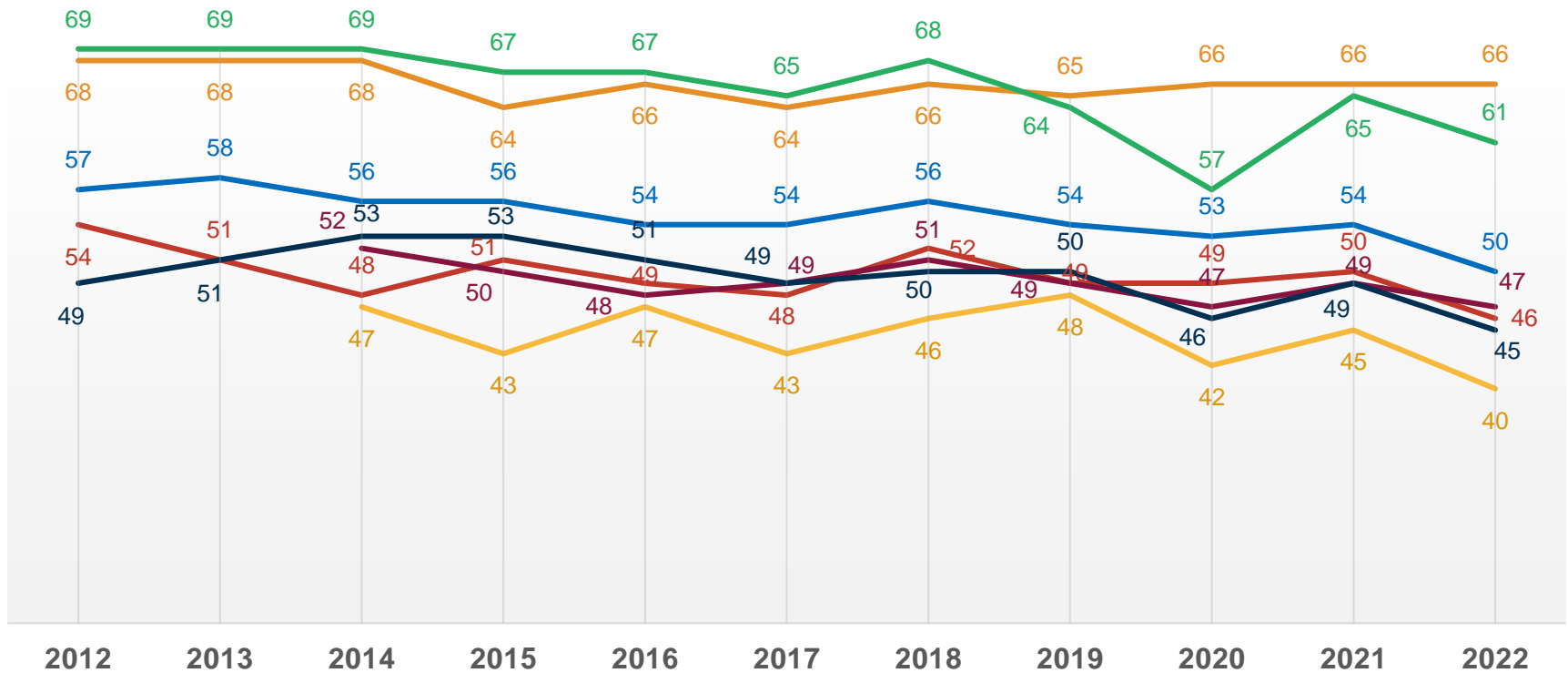
Council performance compared to State-wide and group averages

	Areas where Council performance is significantly higher	The three areas where Council performance is significantly lower by the widest margin
Compared to State-wide average	None	<div> Local streets & footpaths </div> <div> Recreational facilities </div> <div> Sealed local roads </div>
Compared to group average	None	<div> Recreational facilities </div> <div> Elderly support services </div> <div> Local streets & footpaths </div>



Summary of core measures

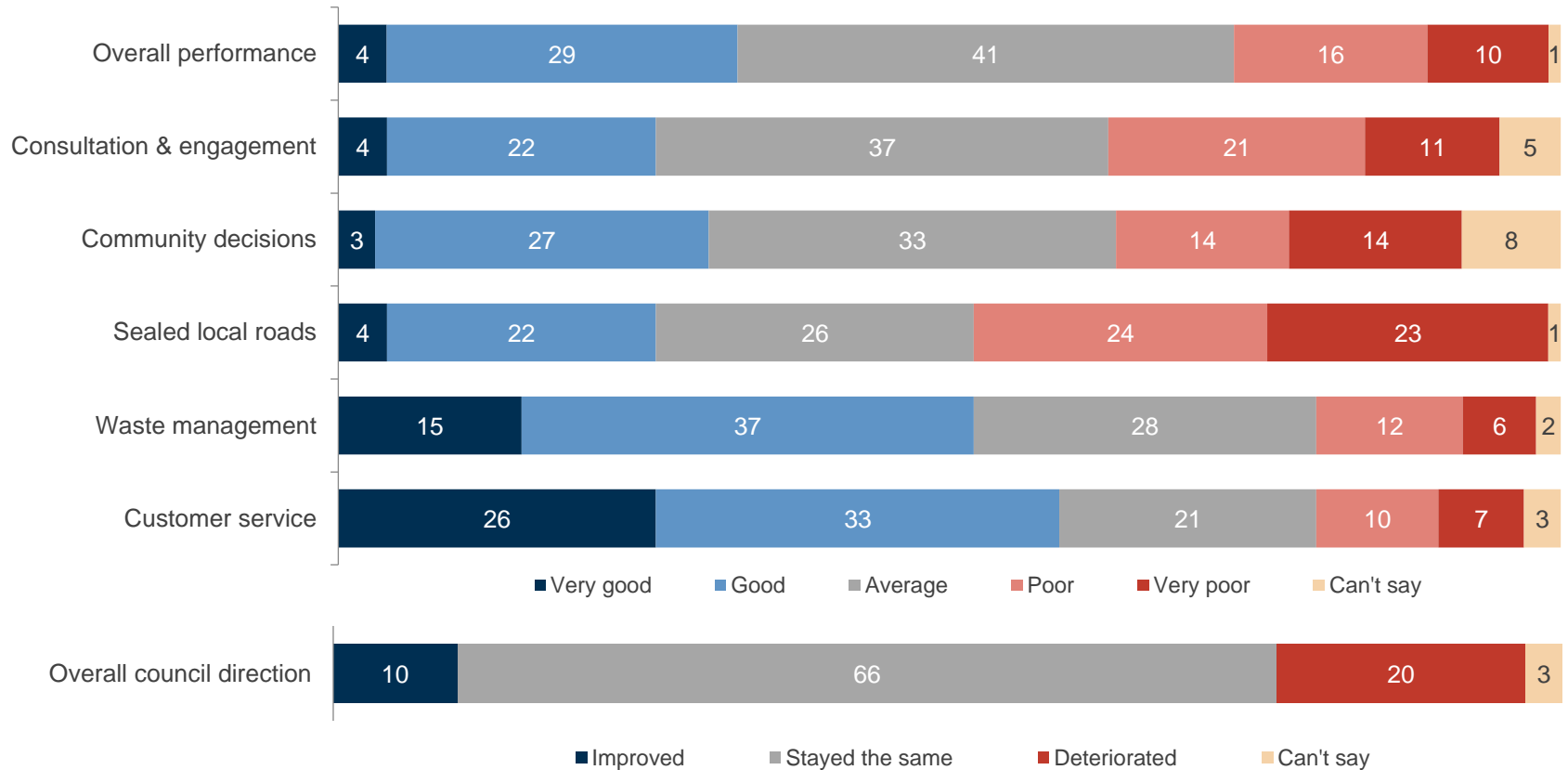
Index scores















Summary of core measures

Core measures summary results (%)





Summary of Moorabool Shire Council performance

Services		Moorabool 2022	Moorabool 2021	Large Rural 2022	State-wide 2022	Highest score	Lowest score
	Overall performance	50	54	55	59	Aged 65+ years	Aged 35-49 years
	Value for money	42	44	48	53	Aged 65+ years	Aged 50-64 years
	Overall council direction	45	49	47	50	Aged 65+ years	Men, Aged 18-34 years
	Customer service	66	66	67	68	Aged 50-64 years	Aged 18-34 years
	Waste management	61	65	65	68	Remainder of Shire residents	Ballan residents, Aged 35-49 years
	Appearance of public areas	61	66	67	71	Ballan residents	Aged 18-34 years, Women
	Family support services	58	64	64	65	Aged 65+ years	Aged 50-64 years
	Recreational facilities	55	57	66	69	Ballan residents	Aged 50-64 years
	Elderly support services	55	67	65	67	Aged 65+ years	Aged 35-49 years
	Bus/community dev./tourism	53	57	58	60	Ballan residents	Aged 65+ years



Summary of Moorabool Shire Council performance

Services		Moorabool 2022	Moorabool 2021	Large Rural 2022	State-wide 2022	Highest score	Lowest score
	Community decisions	47	49	51	54	Ballan residents	Bacchus Marsh residents, Aged 50-64 years
	Consultation & engagement	46	50	51	54	Aged 18-34 years	Bacchus Marsh residents, Aged 50-64 years
	Lobbying	46	50	51	53	Remainder of Shire residents	Ballan residents
	Local streets & footpaths	41	48	51	57	Bacchus Marsh residents	Ballan residents
	Sealed local roads	40	45	45	53	Bacchus Marsh residents, Aged 65+ years	Ballan residents



Focus areas for the next 12 months

Overview

Perceptions of Council performance declined significantly from 2021 on most service areas evaluated, as well as perceptions of overall performance. The largest declines occurred in the areas of elderly support services (down 12 points), local streets and footpaths (down seven points) and family support services (down six points). Ratings for overall performance, as well as most service areas, are at their lowest levels in the series.

Key influences on perceptions of overall performance

Moorabool Shire should focus on improving performance related to decisions made in the community's interest, the condition of local streets and lobbying efforts. All three strongly influence overall performance perceptions but are among its poorest performing areas. Demonstrating Council efforts to advance and defend local interests and ensuring that local streets and footpaths are well maintained provide the greatest opportunities to drive up satisfaction with Council performance.

Comparison to state and area grouping

Council's performance ratings are significantly lower than the Large Rural group and State-wide averages for councils on most measures. The key exception is customer service, where Council performs in line with both. Performance gaps between Moorabool and Large Rural group averages are widest in the areas of recreational facilities, elderly support services, and local streets and footpaths. The condition of local streets and footpaths requires particular attention over the next 12 months.

Abate declines

Council should also look to improve elderly support services and the condition of sealed local roads. Perceptions of elderly support services have a moderate influence on overall satisfaction levels, but Council's rating declined by twelve index points in the past year. In addition, three in ten Council residents (30%) volunteer sealed local roads as the Council area most in need of improvement. This is on top of a five-point decline from 2021 in Council's rating, with perceptions of sealed roads being lowest in the Ballan area.

DETAILED FINDINGS

Overall performance



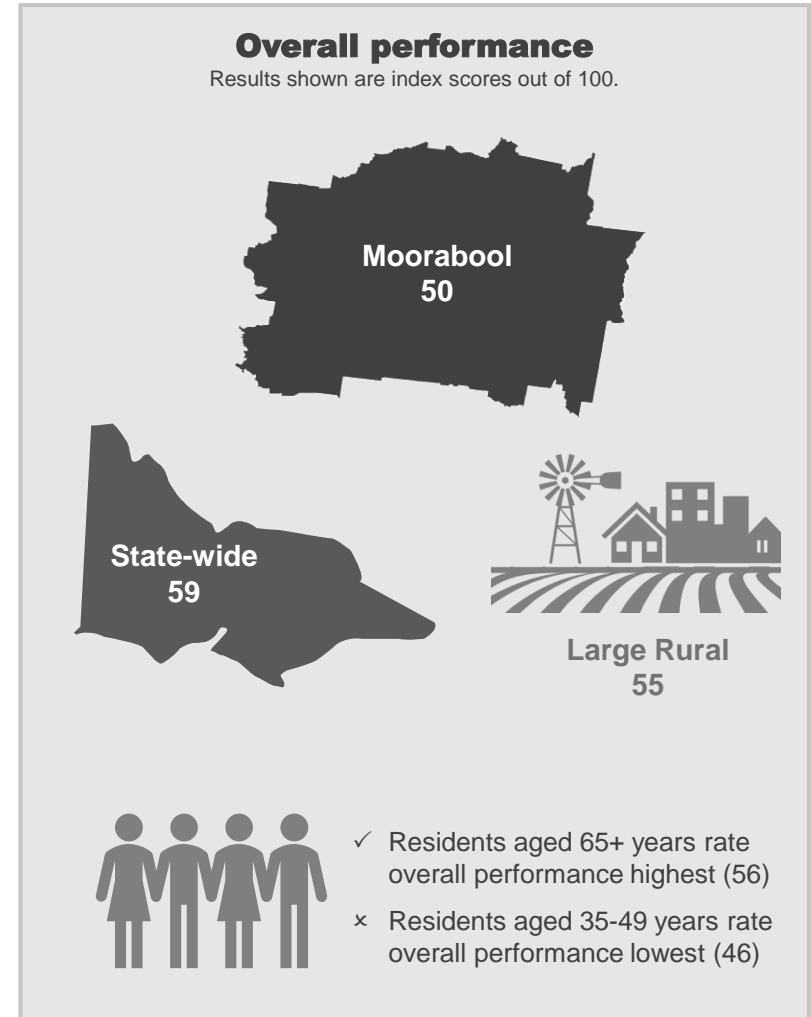
Overall performance

The overall performance index score of 50 for Moorabool Shire Council represents a significant four-point decline on the 2021 result. Council's rating is now at its lowest level in the time series.

Moorabool Shire Council's overall performance is rated statistically significantly lower (at the 95% confidence interval) than the average rating for councils in the Large Rural group and State-wide (index scores of 55 and 59 respectively).

- At the subgroup level, the largest decline occurred among residents of Bacchus Marsh (index score of 48, down seven points from 2021).
- Residents over 65 years of age rate overall performance significantly higher than the Council average. By comparison, residents aged 35 to 49 years rate overall performance 10 index points lower.

Two in five residents (39%) rate the value for money they receive from Council in infrastructure and services provided to their community as 'very poor' or 'poor'. This is almost twice as many as those who rate value for the money as 'very good' or 'good' (22%). A further 36% rate Council as 'average'.





Overall performance

2022 overall performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	59▲	61	58	60	59	59	59	60	61	60	60
65+	56▲	59	62	58	57	56	55	56	56	59	60
Remainder of Shire	55	54	50	52	58	52	53	52	54	60	n/a
Large Rural	55▲	58	55	56	56	54	54	56	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballan	51	53	56	51	55	55	46	59	55	53	n/a
Women	50	54	55	54	58	55	54	55	55	57	57
Moorabool	50	54	53	54	56	54	54	56	56	58	57
Men	50	55	51	53	55	52	53	57	56	59	57
18-34	50	52	54	53	61	61	60	61	58	66	60
50-64	49	55	50	51	51	50	52	55	53	55	52
Bacchus Marsh	48	55	53	54	55	54	56	59	56	57	n/a
35-49	46	51	47	51	55	48	48	54	55	52	56

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

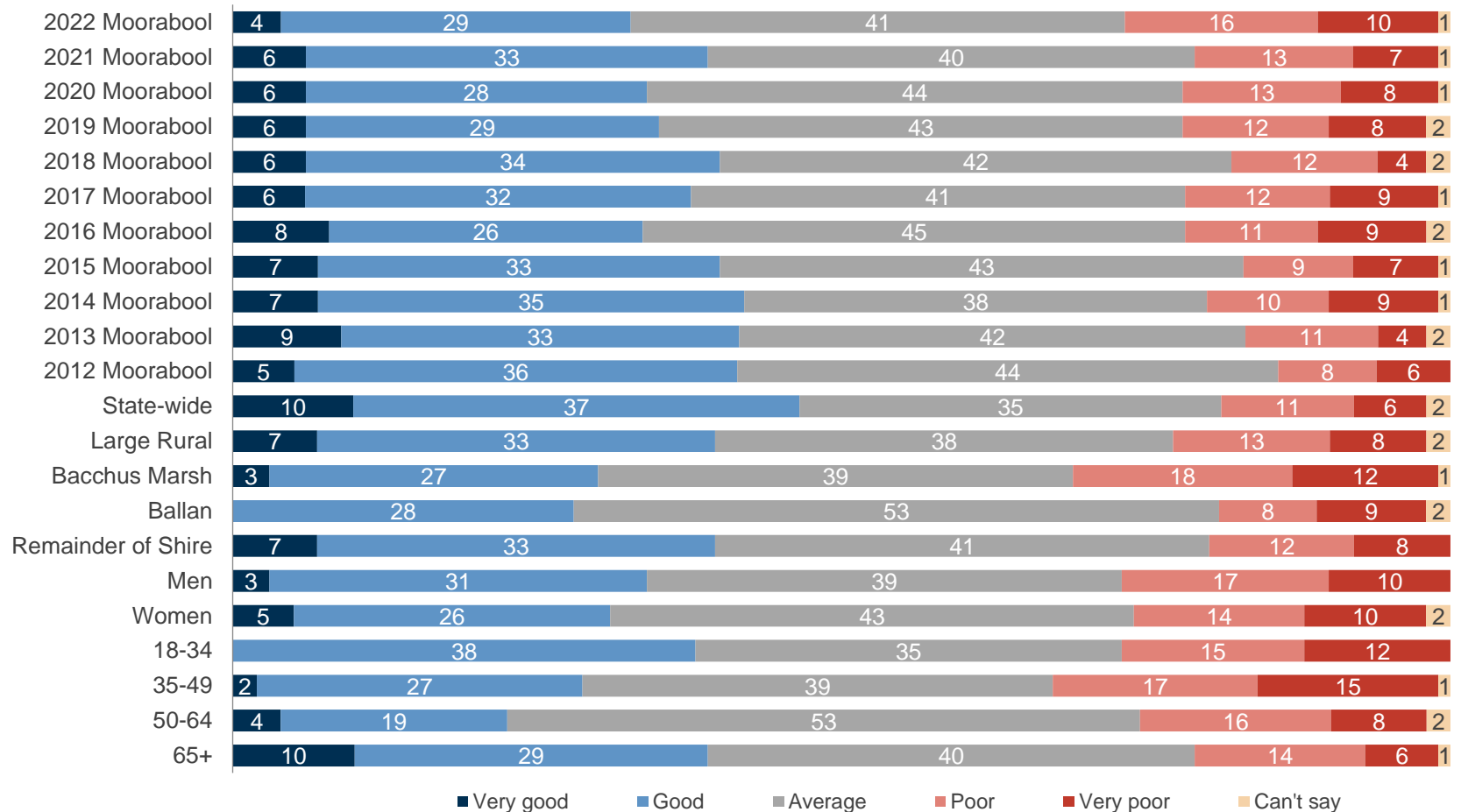
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Overall performance

2022 overall performance (%)

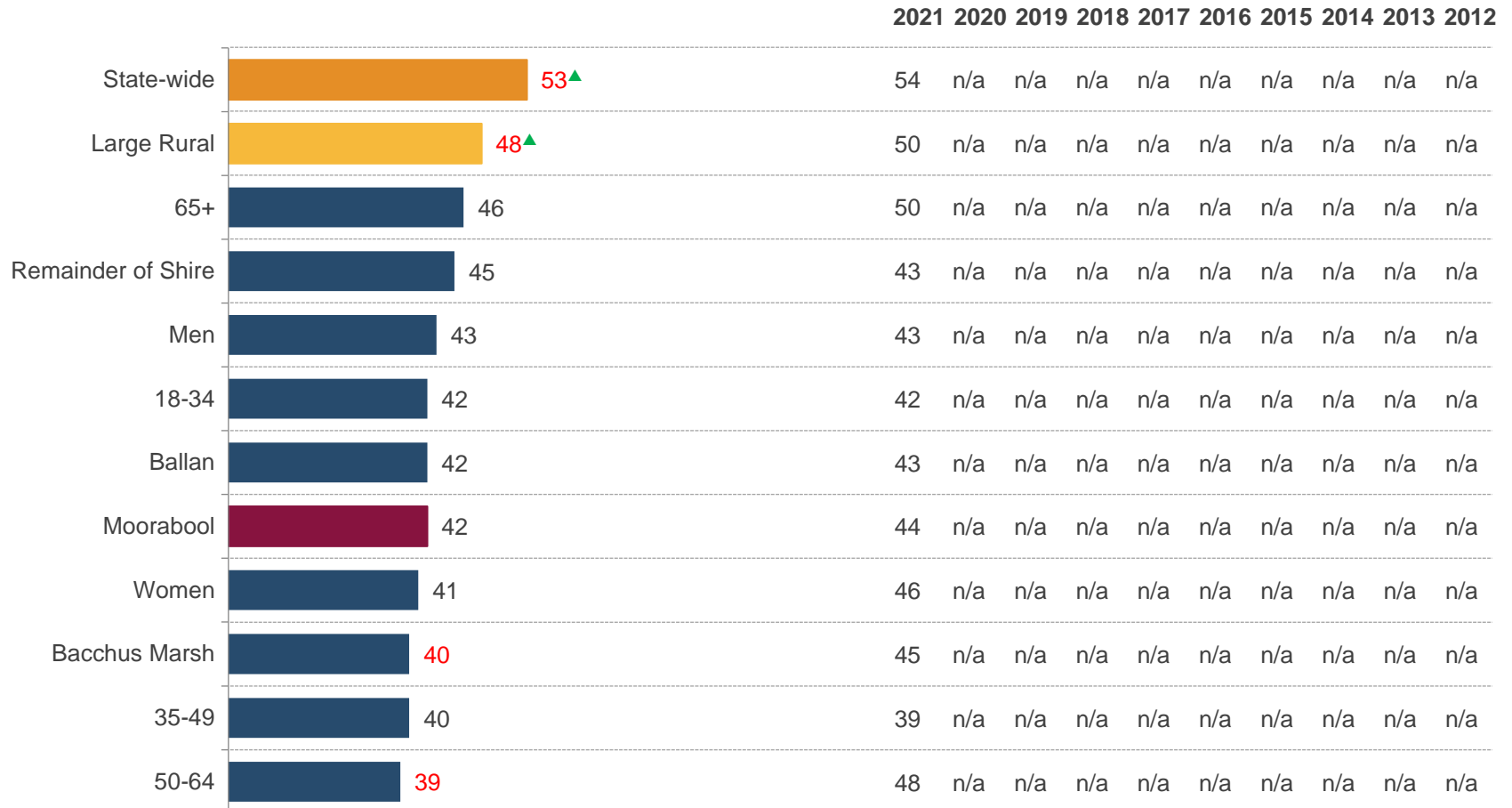


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Value for money in services and infrastructure

2022 value for money (index scores)



Q3b. How would you rate Moorabool Shire Council at providing good value for money in infrastructure and services provided to your community?

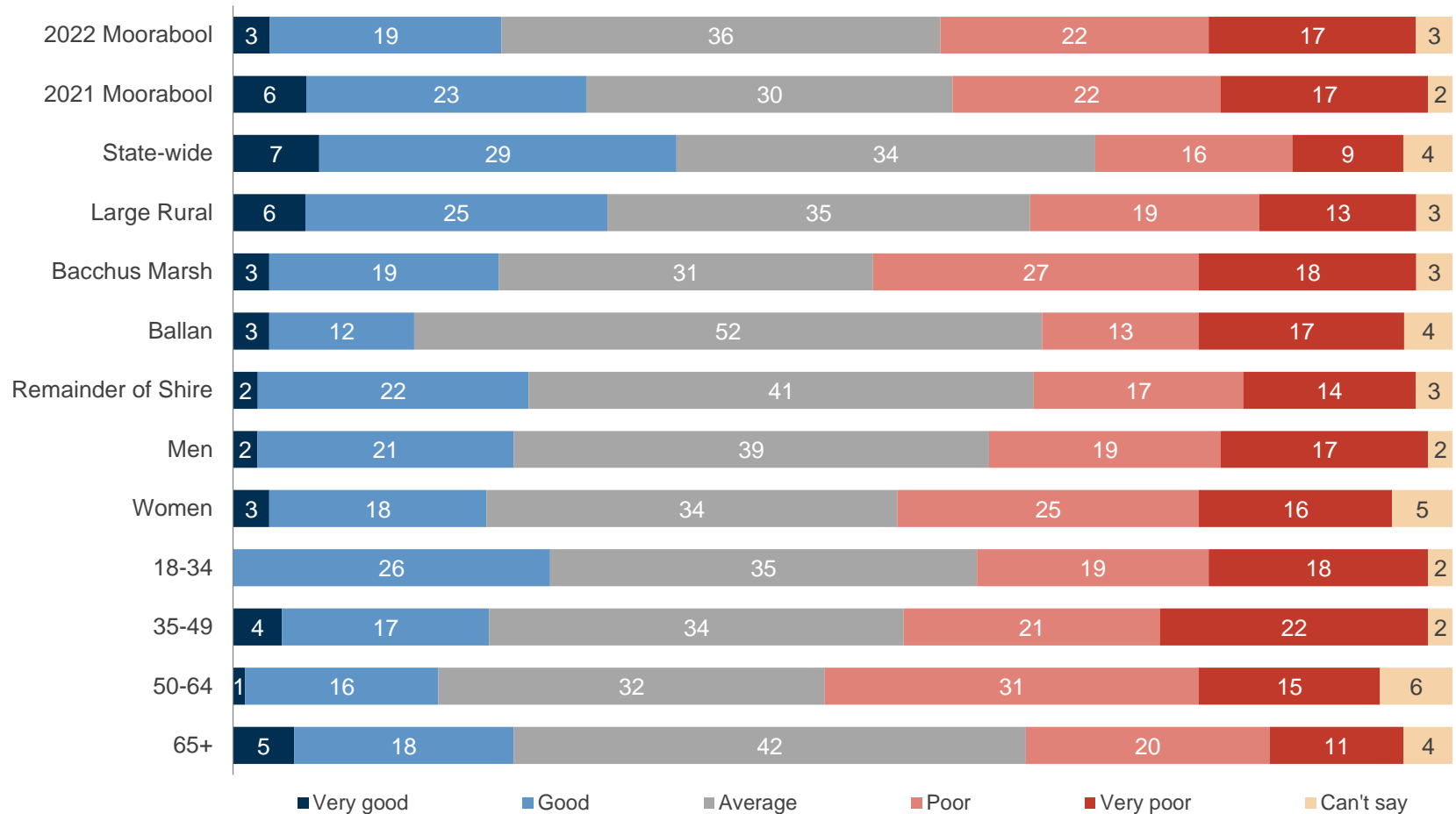
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Value for money in services and infrastructure

2022 value for money (%)



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Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 66 Councils asked group: 19



Top performing service areas

Waste management (down four points from 2021) and the appearance of public areas (down five points) are Council's highest rated service areas in 2022, with index scores of 61 each.

Council's rating for waste management still remains higher than in 2020, when Council's rating dropped to 57 index points after two years of declines. Council's rating for the appearance of public areas, though still positive, has dipped to its lowest point on record.

Council now performs significantly lower than the Large Rural group and State-wide averages for councils in these service areas.

- Residents of Bacchus Marsh and those aged 35 to 49 years are behind ratings' declines in both service areas.
- Residents of Ballan, women, and those aged 65 years or older also declined significantly in the past year in their impressions of the appearance of public areas.



Council performs best on the measures of waste management and the appearance of public areas in 2022 (each with an index score of 61).



Low performing service areas



Council's performance ratings declined significantly on most measures in the past year. The largest declines occurred in the areas of elderly support services (down 12 points), local streets and footpaths (down seven points), and family support services (down six points).

- Ratings have declined more, and across more service areas, in Bacchus Marsh than in other areas of Council.

Council rates lowest – relative to its performance in other areas – in the areas of sealed local roads (index score of 40, down five points from 2021) and local streets and footpaths (index score of 41, down seven points).

- Council rates significantly lower than Large Rural group and State-wide averages for both measures. The performance gap between Council and group and State-wide averages is widest when it comes to the condition of local streets and footpaths (index scores of 51 and 57 respectively).

Moreover, three in ten (30%) residents volunteer sealed road maintenance, and 10% volunteer footpaths/walking tracks as Council areas in need of improvement.



Individual service area performance

2022 individual service area performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Waste management	61	65	57	64	68	65	67	67	69	69	69
Appearance of public areas	61	66	64	64	64	64	64	63	65	64	69
Family support services	58	64	62	61	62	62	62	64	64	64	65
Recreational facilities	55	57	58	54	55	55	56	60	61	57	61
Elderly support services	55	67	62	64	67	63	62	66	67	67	68
Bus/community dev./tourism	53	57	58	60	60	54	57	55	56	57	57
Community decisions	47	49	47	49	51	49	48	50	52	n/a	n/a
Consultation & engagement	46	50	49	49	52	48	49	51	48	51	54
Lobbying	46	50	47	47	48	47	48	49	51	52	54
Local streets & footpaths	41	48	46	53	49	48	47	49	48	50	49
Sealed local roads	40	45	42	48	46	43	47	43	47	n/a	n/a

Q2. How has Council performed on [RESPONSIBILITY AREA] over the last 12 months?

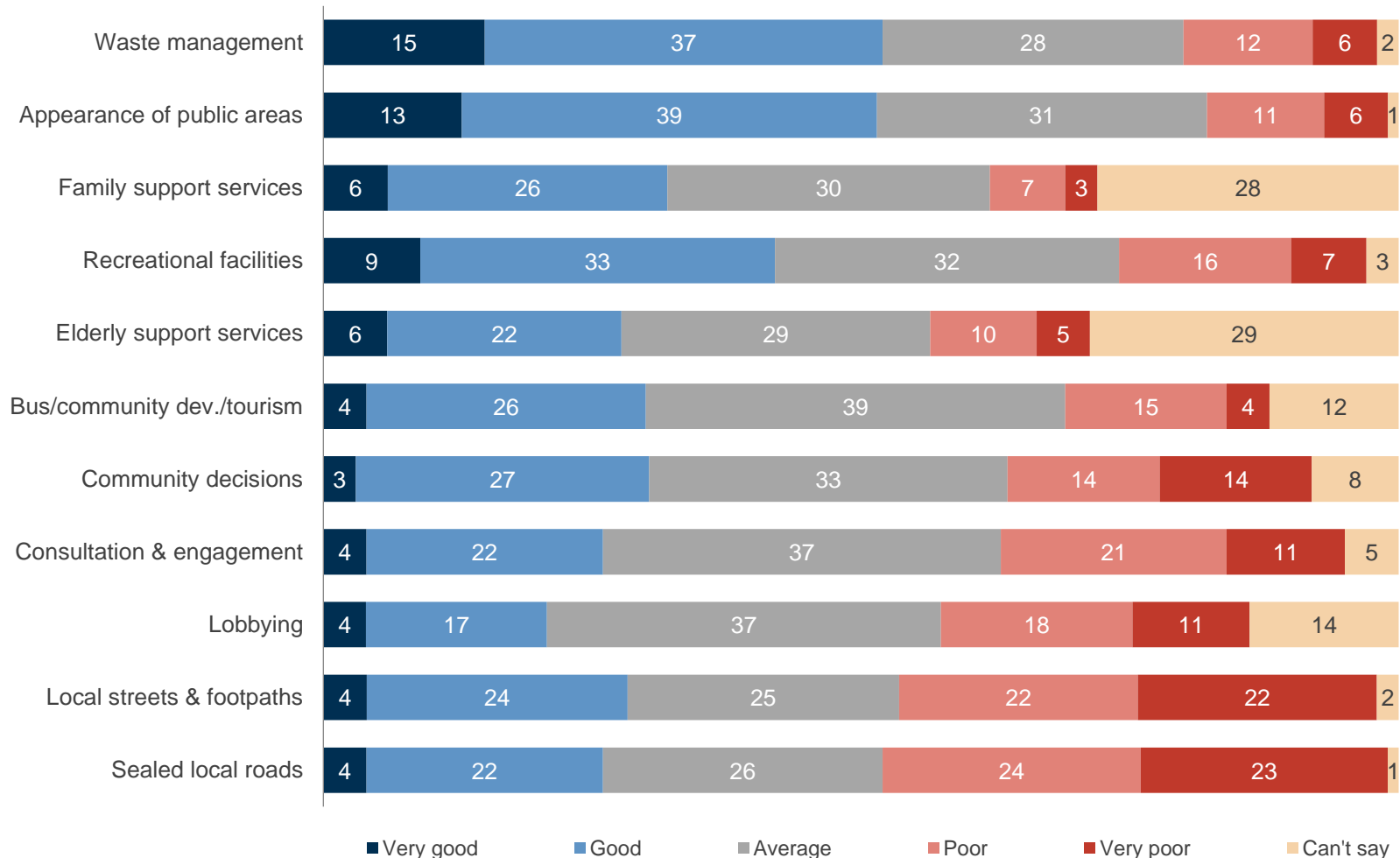
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Individual service area performance

2022 individual service area performance (%)





Individual service area importance

2022 individual service area importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Waste management	83	83	84	80	82	80	78	79	79	80	78
Local streets & footpaths	83	81	82	79	80	78	79	79	79	81	81
Community decisions	82	83	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elderly support services	79	79	80	80	79	78	80	79	77	78	81
Consultation & engagement	77	78	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Appearance of public areas	76	74	75	73	73	75	75	72	72	74	72
Lobbying	76	75	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Family support services	75	74	75	73	73	74	75	71	73	75	76
Recreational facilities	74	73	75	72	74	73	73	72	72	74	73
Business & community dev.	70	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bus/community dev./tourism	68	65	66	64	65	67	67	67	65	69	68

Q1. Firstly, how important should [RESPONSIBILITY AREA] be as a responsibility for Council?

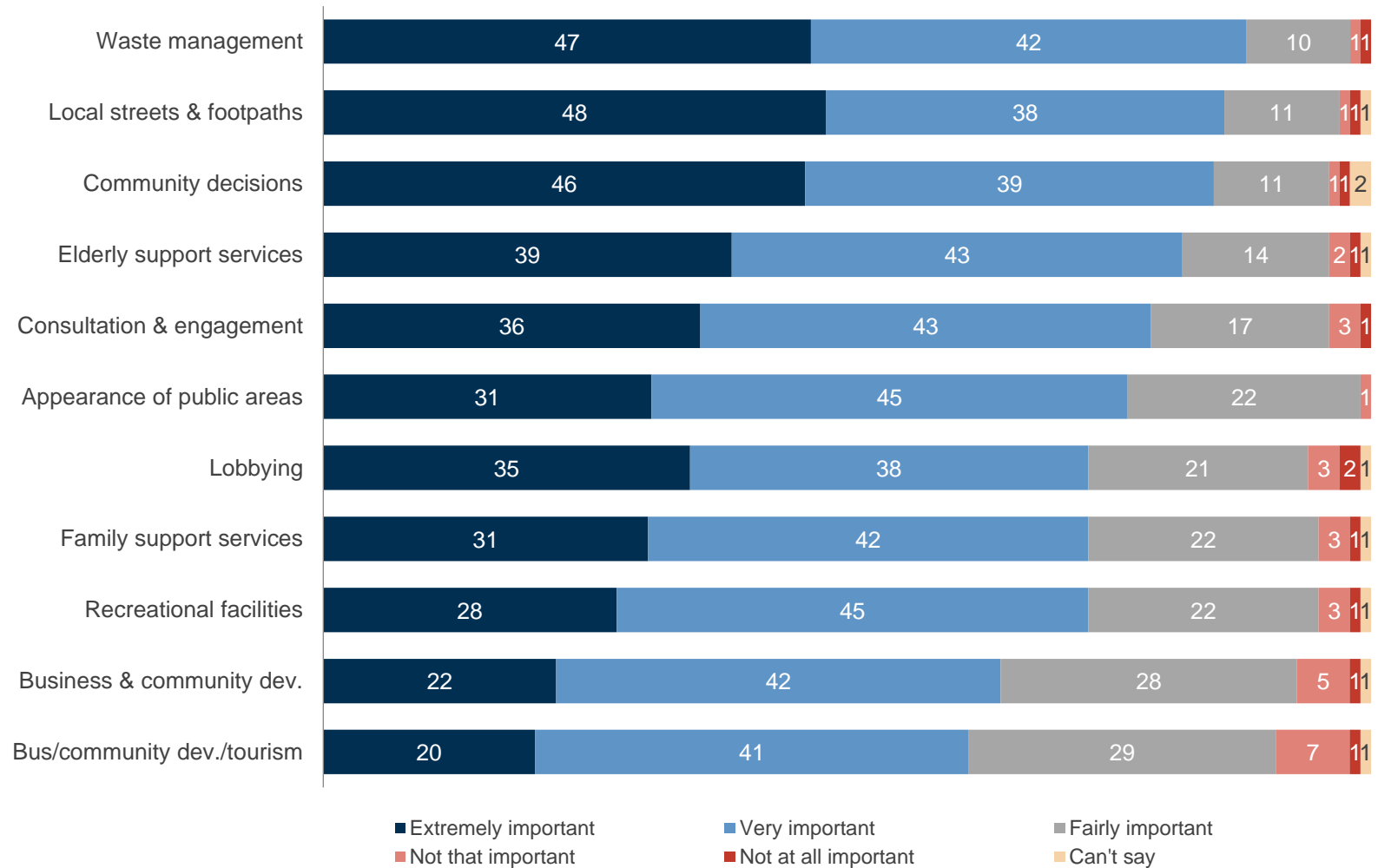
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Individual service area importance

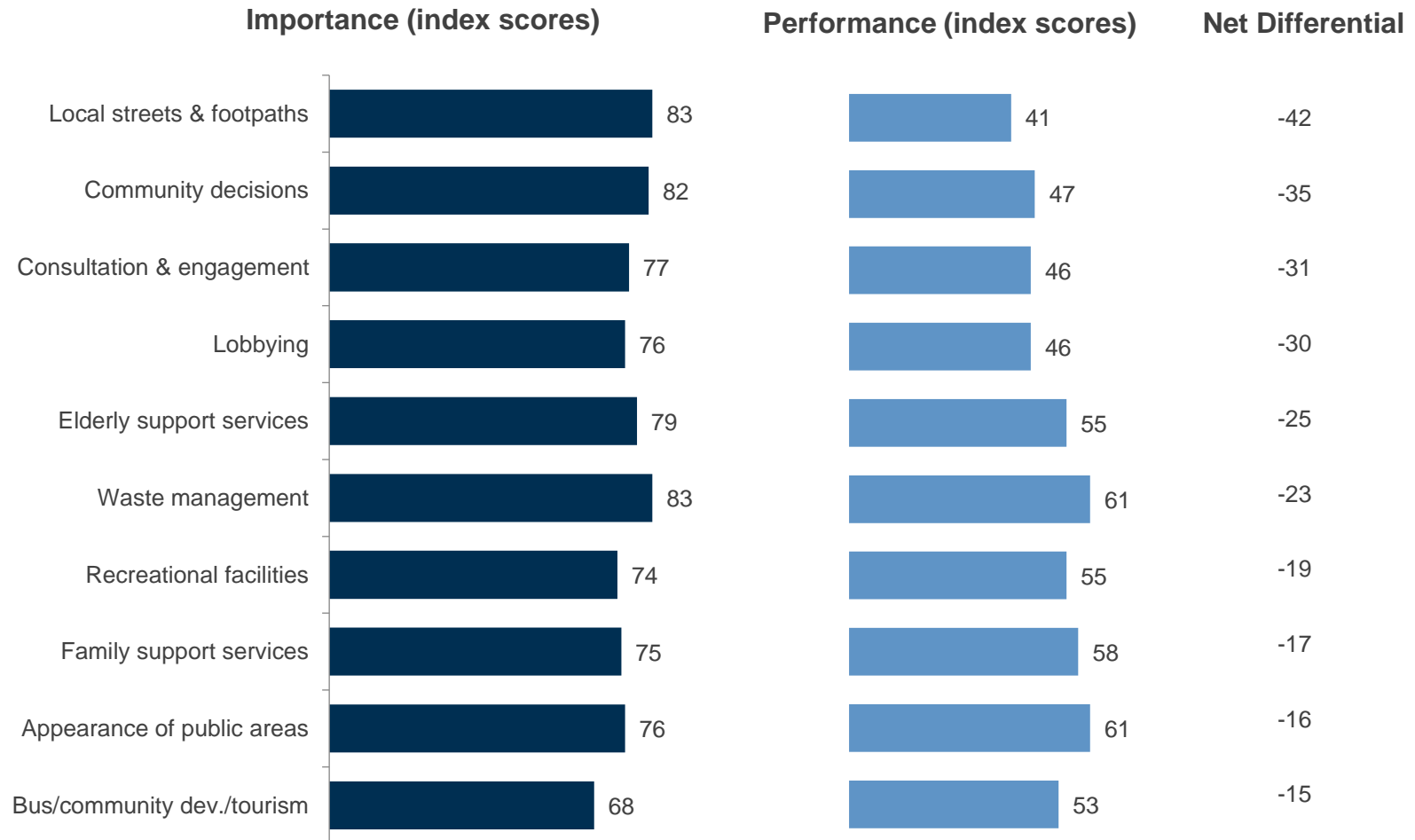
2022 individual service area importance (%)





Individual service areas importance vs performance

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



Note: Net differentials are calculated based on the un-rounded importance and performance scores, then rounded to the nearest whole number, which may result in differences of +/-1% in the importance and performance scores and the net differential scores.



Influences on perceptions of overall performance

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

- Decisions made in the interest of the community.

Good communication and transparency with residents about decisions made in the community's interest provides the greatest opportunity to drive up overall opinion of Council's performance.

Currently, this is among Council's poorer performing areas (index score of 47).

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

- The condition of local streets and footpaths
- Lobbying on behalf of the community
- The appearance of public areas
- Elderly support services
- Waste management.

Looking at these key service areas only, Council performs relatively well on the appearance of public areas and waste management (index of 61 for each), and also on elderly support services (index of 55). These are all moderate influences on Council's overall performance rating.

Improving community perceptions of services for elderly residents, ensuring public areas are well kept, and maintaining service levels on waste management, can help to shore up positive overall ratings of Council.

However, in addition to its decision making, most in need of attention are the condition of local streets and Council's lobbying efforts, which are poorly rated (performance index scores of 41 and 46 respectively) and have a stronger influence on overall community opinion.

It will be important to attend to the maintenance of streets and footpaths, and to demonstrate efforts to advocate for residents' interests, to help improve overall ratings of Council performance.



Regression analysis explained

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

In the charts that follow:

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

The regressions are shown on the following two charts.

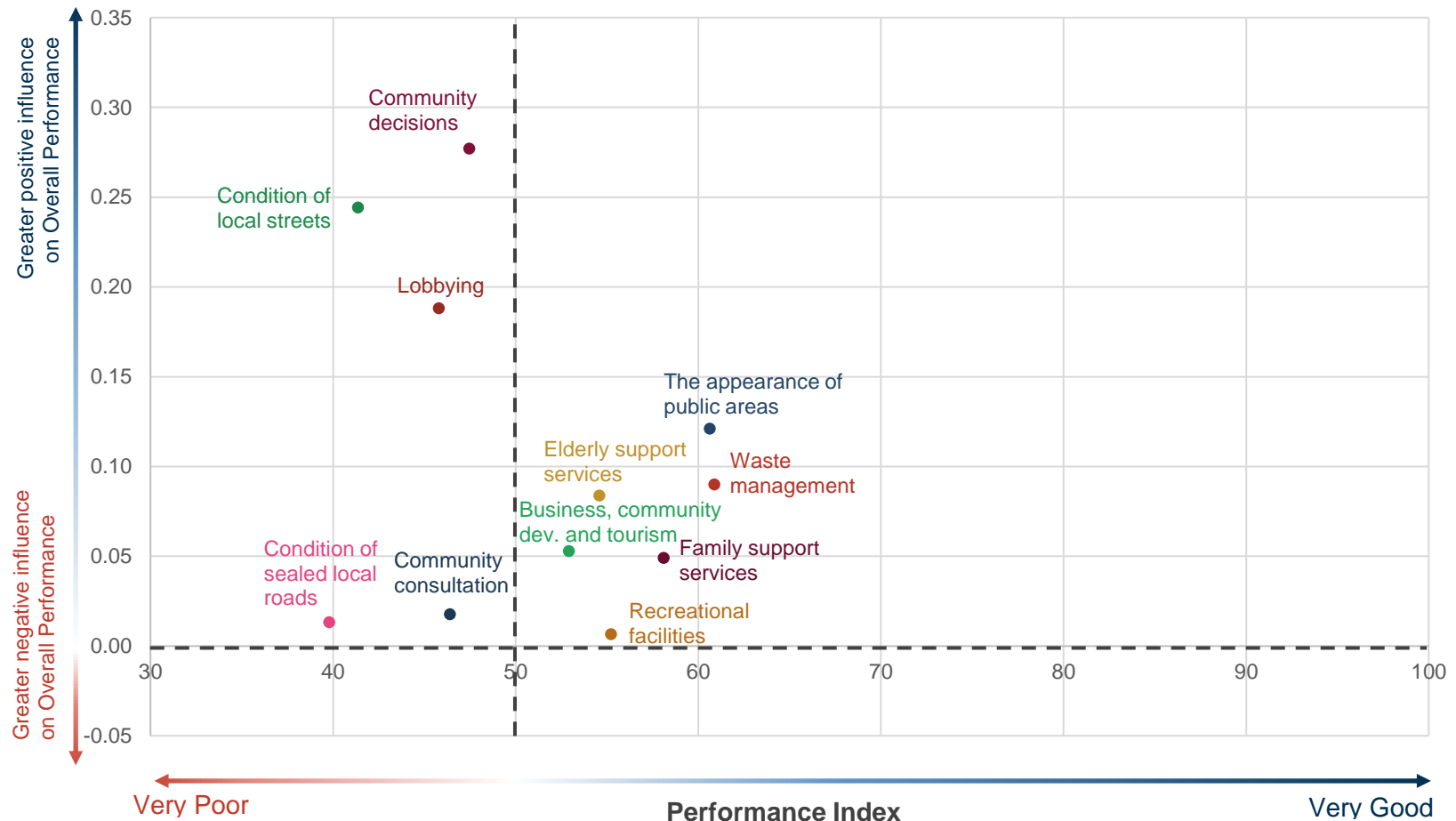
1. **The first chart** shows the results of a regression analysis of *all* individual service areas selected by Council.
2. **The second chart** shows the results of a regression performed on a smaller set of service areas, being those with a moderate-to-strong influence on overall performance. Service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

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



Influence on overall performance: all service areas

2022 regression analysis (all service areas)

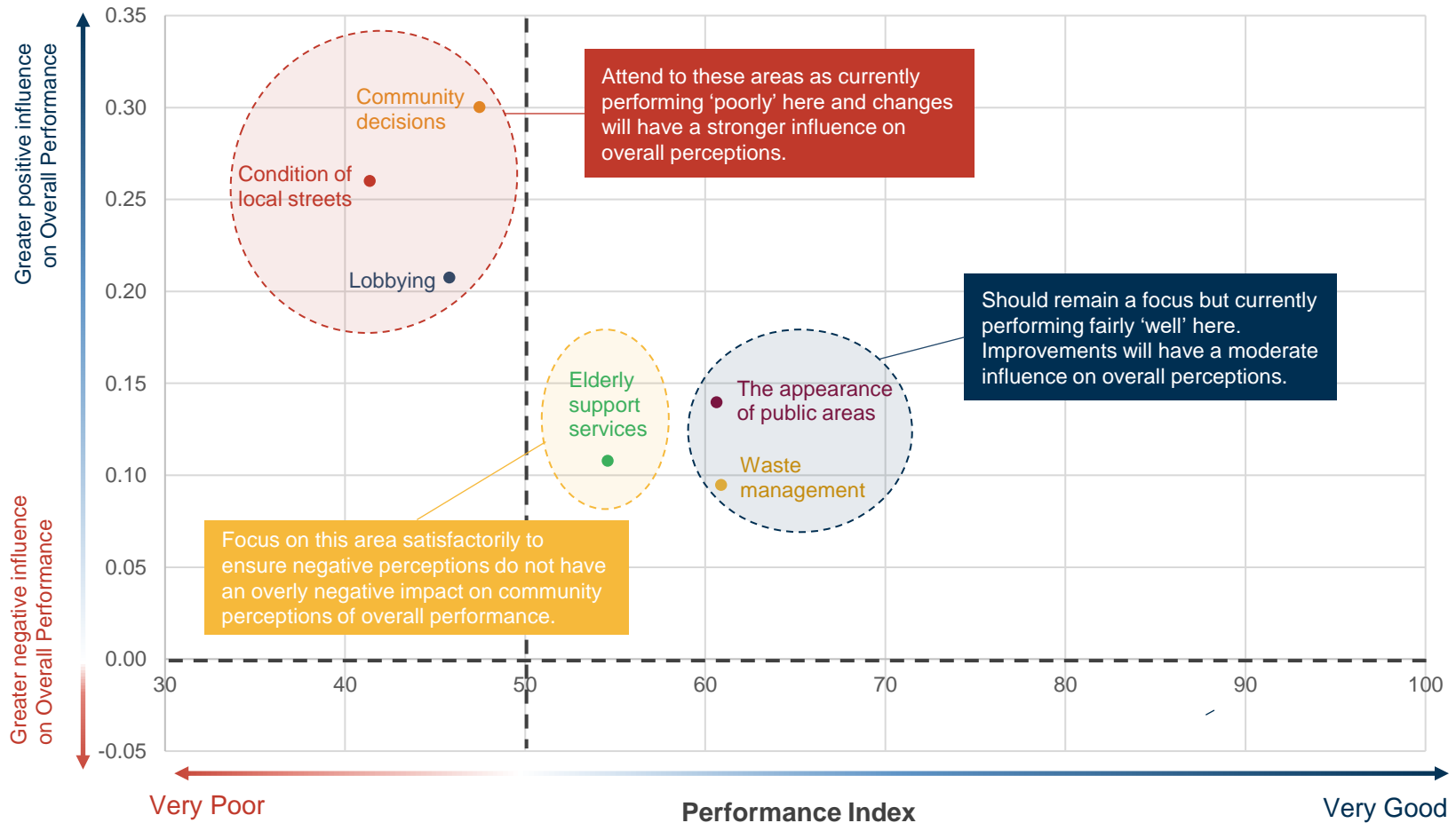


The multiple regression analysis model above (all service areas) has an R^2 value of 0.617 and adjusted R^2 value of 0.606, which means that 62% of the variance in community perceptions of overall performance can be predicted from these variables. The overall model effect was statistically significant at $p = 0.0001$, $F = 56.90$. This model should be interpreted with some caution as some data is not normally distributed and not all service areas have linear correlations.



Influence on overall performance: key service areas

2022 regression analysis (key service areas)



The multiple regression analysis model above (reduced set of service areas) has an R^2 value of 0.613 and adjusted R^2 value of 0.607, which means that 61% of the variance in community perceptions of overall performance can be predicted from these variables. The overall model effect was statistically significant at $p = 0.0001$, $F = 103.67$.



Areas for improvement

2022 areas for improvement (%)
- Top mentions only -





Customer service



Contact with council and customer service

Contact with council

Two-thirds of Council residents (67%) had contact with Council in the previous 12 months. Rate of contact remains relatively high after peaking at 69% in 2020.

- Residents outside of Ballan and Bacchus Marsh had the most contact with Council (73% in the Remainder of the Shire). Comparatively, 55% of residents of Ballan and 67% of residents of Bacchus Marsh had contact with Council.



Among those residents who have had contact with Council, 59% provide a positive customer service rating of 'very good' or 'good', including 26% of residents who rate Council's customer service as 'very good'.

Customer service

Council's customer service index of 66 is unchanged from 2021. This is a positive result for Council.

Customer service ratings have been relatively stable for the past decade. Customer service is rated in line with the Large Rural group and State-wide averages (index scores of 67 and 68 respectively).

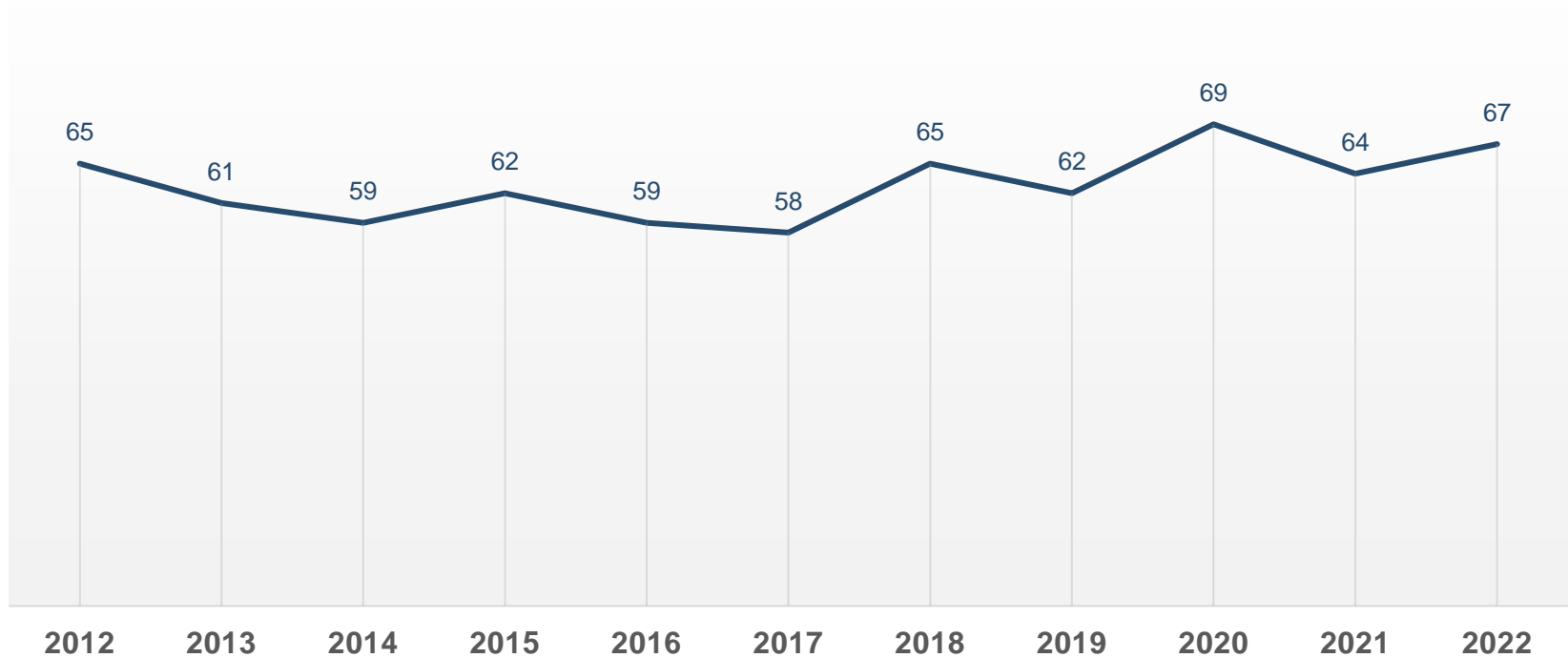
A majority of residents who had contact with Council (59%) provide a positive customer service rating of 'very good' or 'good' compared to 17% who provide a rating of 'very poor' or 'poor'.

- Perceptions of customer service are equally positive across Council areas.
- Residents aged 18 to 34 years (index score of 55) rate Council's customer service significantly lower than the Council average, having significantly declined in their impressions in the past year (down 11 points).



Contact with council

2022 contact with council (%)
Have had contact



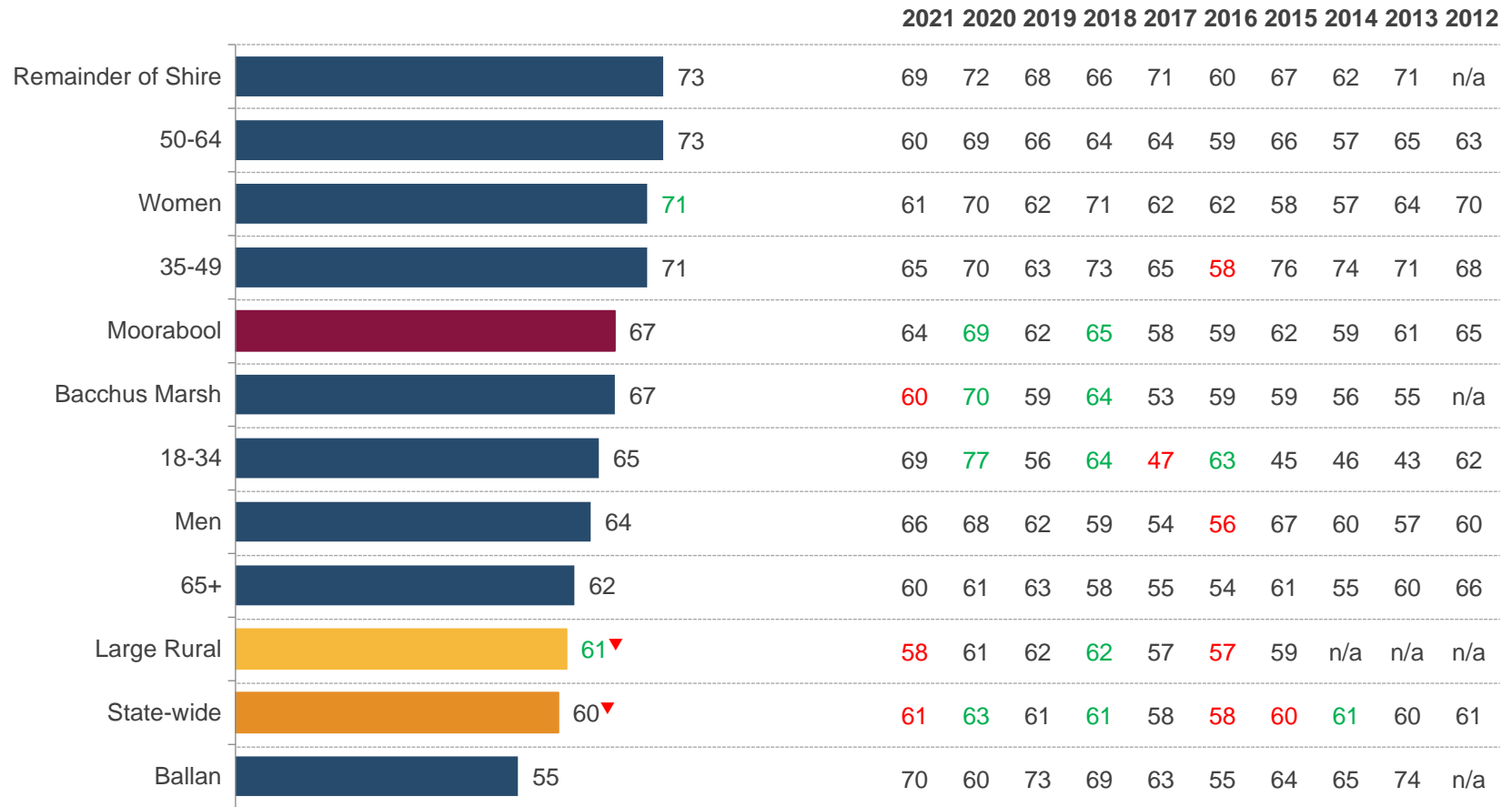
Q5. Over the last 12 months, have you or any member of your household had any contact with Moorabool Shire Council?
This may have been in person, in writing, by telephone conversation, by text message, by email or via their website or social media such as Facebook or Twitter?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 42 Councils asked group: 11



Contact with council

2022 contact with council (%)



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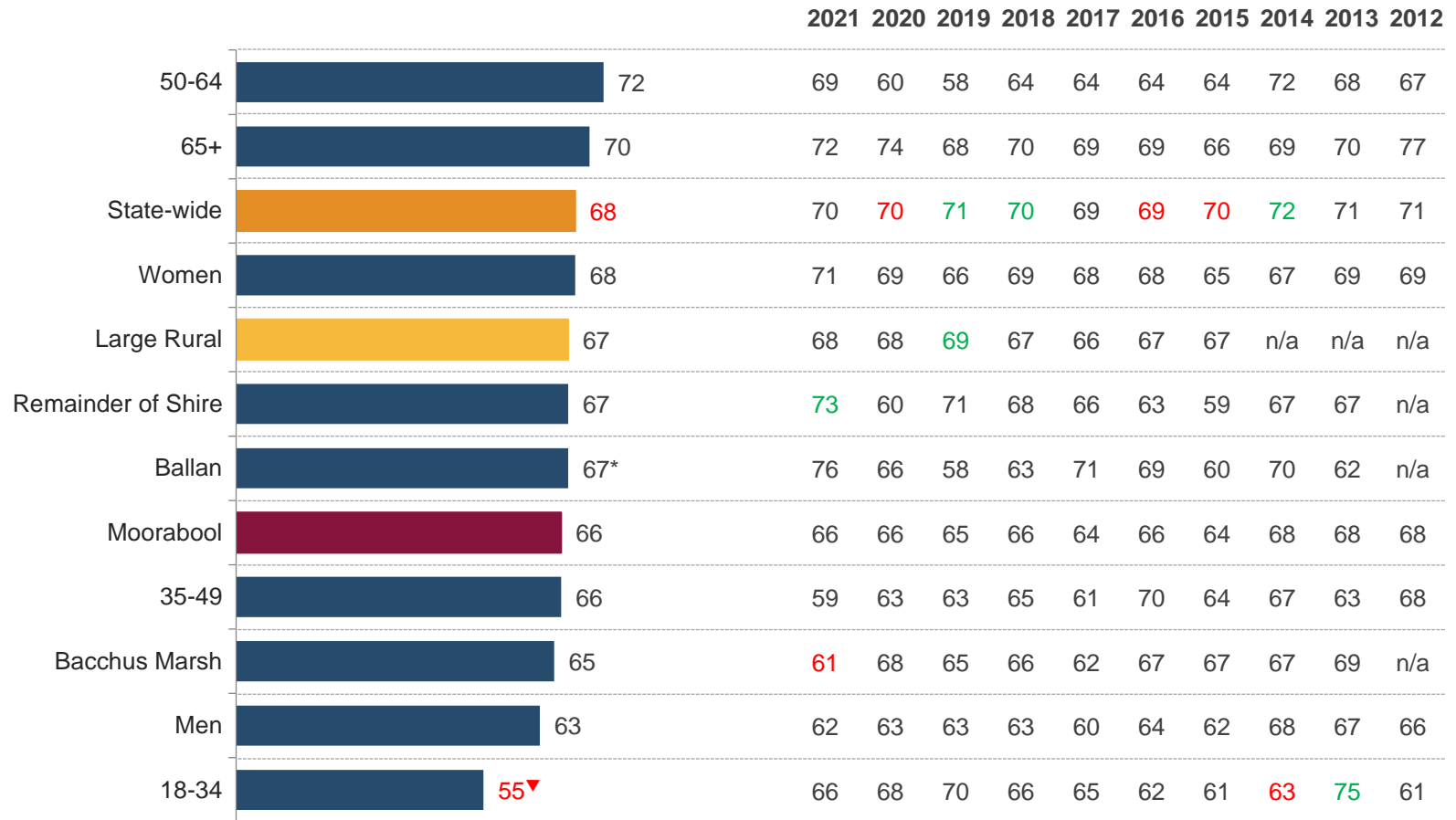
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Note: Please see Appendix A for explanation of significant differences.



Customer service rating

2022 customer service rating (index scores)



Q5c. Thinking of the most recent contact, how would you rate Moorabool Shire Council for customer service?

Please keep in mind we do not mean the actual outcome but rather the actual service that was received.

Base: All respondents who have had contact with Council in the last 12 months.

Councils asked State-wide: 67 Councils asked group: 19

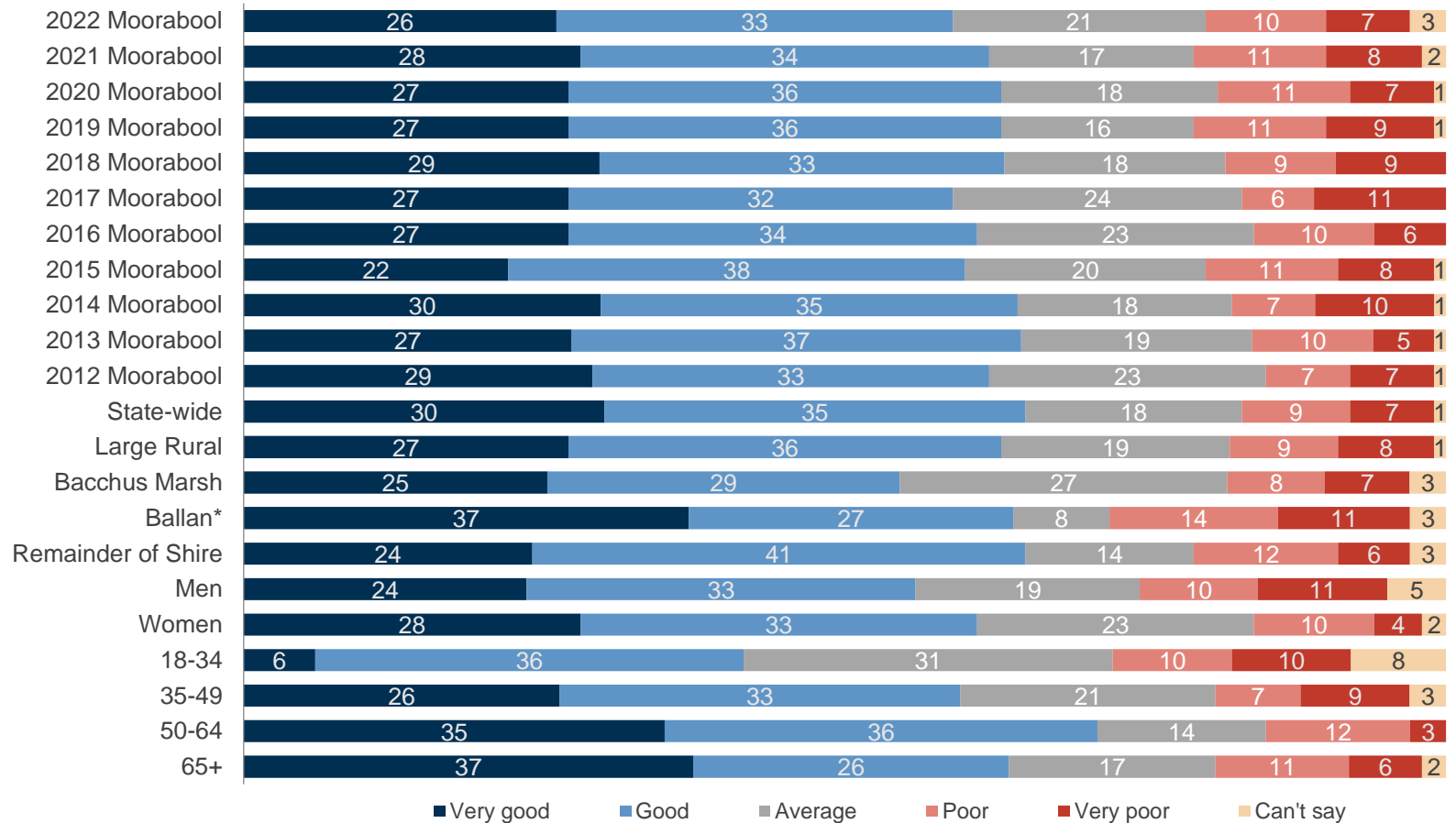
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Customer service rating

2022 customer service rating (%)



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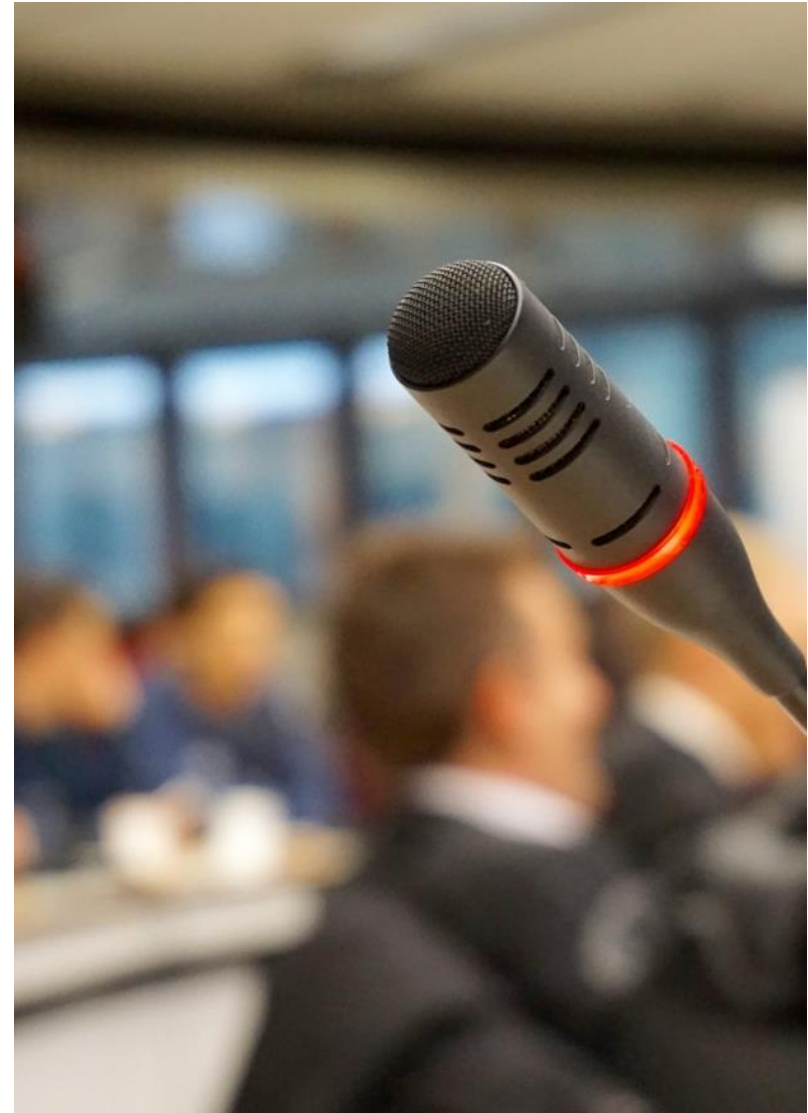


Communication

Communication

Residents prefer to receive Council news and information about upcoming events either from a newsletter sent via email (29%) or mail (26%). Preferences are relatively unchanged from 2021.

- Social media updates (24%) have much greater appeal among residents under 50 years of age. Residents under 50 years of age are slightly more likely to prefer a newsletter sent via email (31%) to social media updates.
- Residents over 50 years of age are much more likely to prefer a newsletter sent via mail (31%) to their counterparts (19% among residents under 50 years of age). Like their younger counterparts they also prefer emailed newsletters, but they are not as keen on social media.





Best form of communication

2022 best form of communication (%)



Advertising in
a Local
Newspaper



Council
Newsletter
via Mail



Council
Newsletter
via Email



Council
Newsletter as
Local Paper Insert



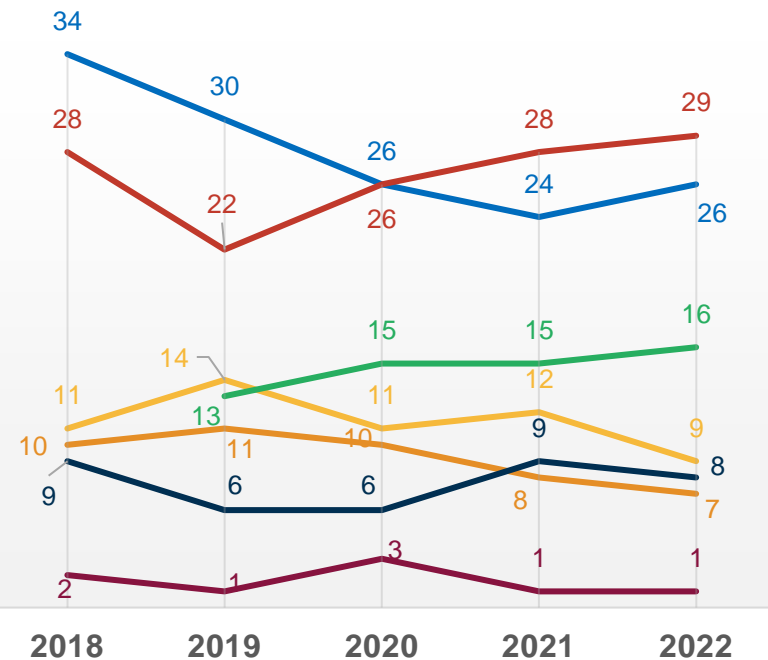
Council
Website



Text
Message



Social
Media



Q13. If Moorabool Shire Council was going to get in touch with you to inform you about Council news and information and upcoming events,

which ONE of the following is the BEST way to communicate with you?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 39 Councils asked group: 10

Note: 'Social Media' was included in 2019.



Best form of communication: under 50s

2022 under 50s best form of communication (%)



Advertising in
a Local
Newspaper



Council
Newsletter
via Mail



Council
Newsletter
via Email



Council
Newsletter as
Local Paper Insert



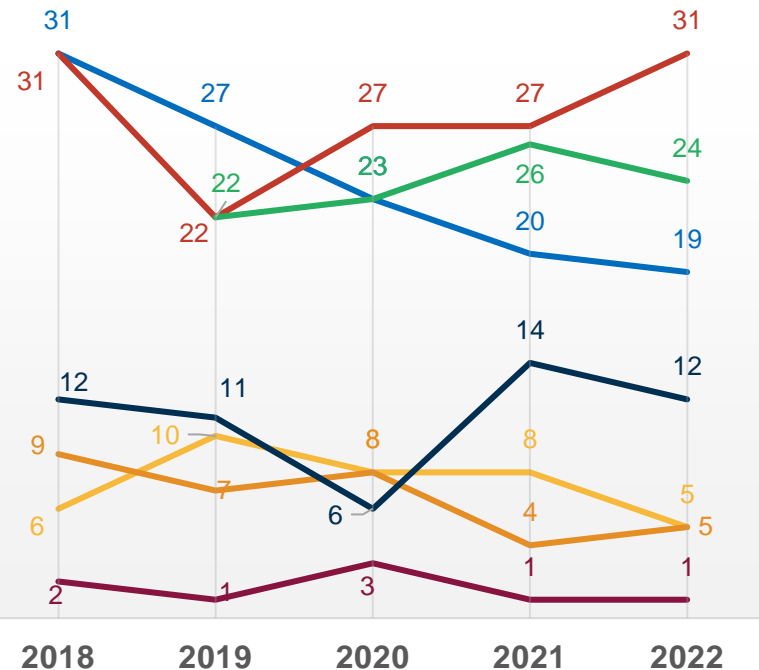
Council
Website



Text
Message



Social
Media



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

Base: All respondents aged under 50. Councils asked State-wide: 39 Councils asked group: 10

Note: 'Social Media' was included in 2019.



Best form of communication: over 50s

2022 over 50s best form of communication (%)



Advertising in
a Local
Newspaper



Council
Newsletter
via Mail



Council
Newsletter
via Email



Council
Newsletter as
Local Paper Insert



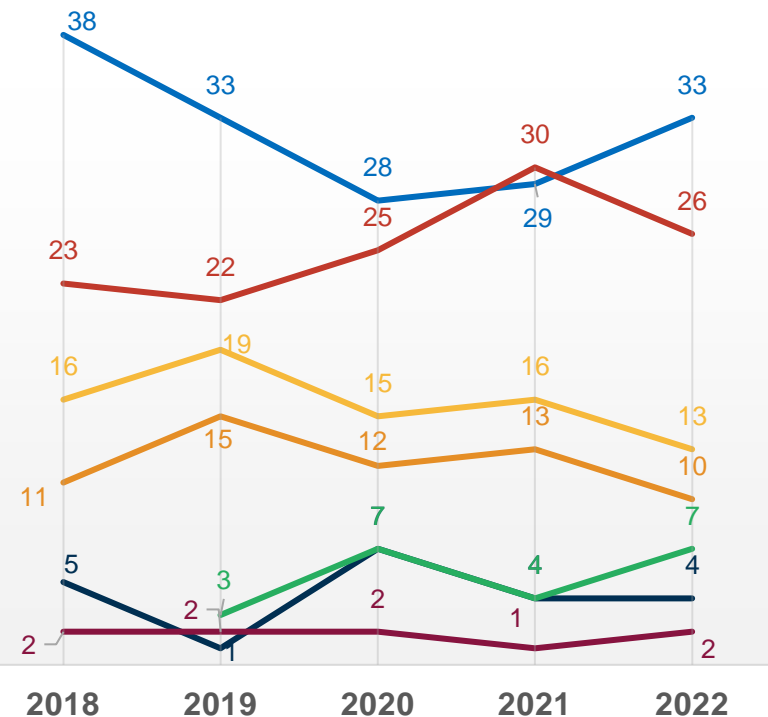
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Q13. If Moorabool Shire Council was going to get in touch with you to inform you about Council news and information and upcoming events, which ONE of the following is the BEST way to communicate with you?

Base: All respondents aged over 50. Councils asked State-wide: 39 Councils asked group: 10

Note: 'Social Media' was included in 2019.



Council direction

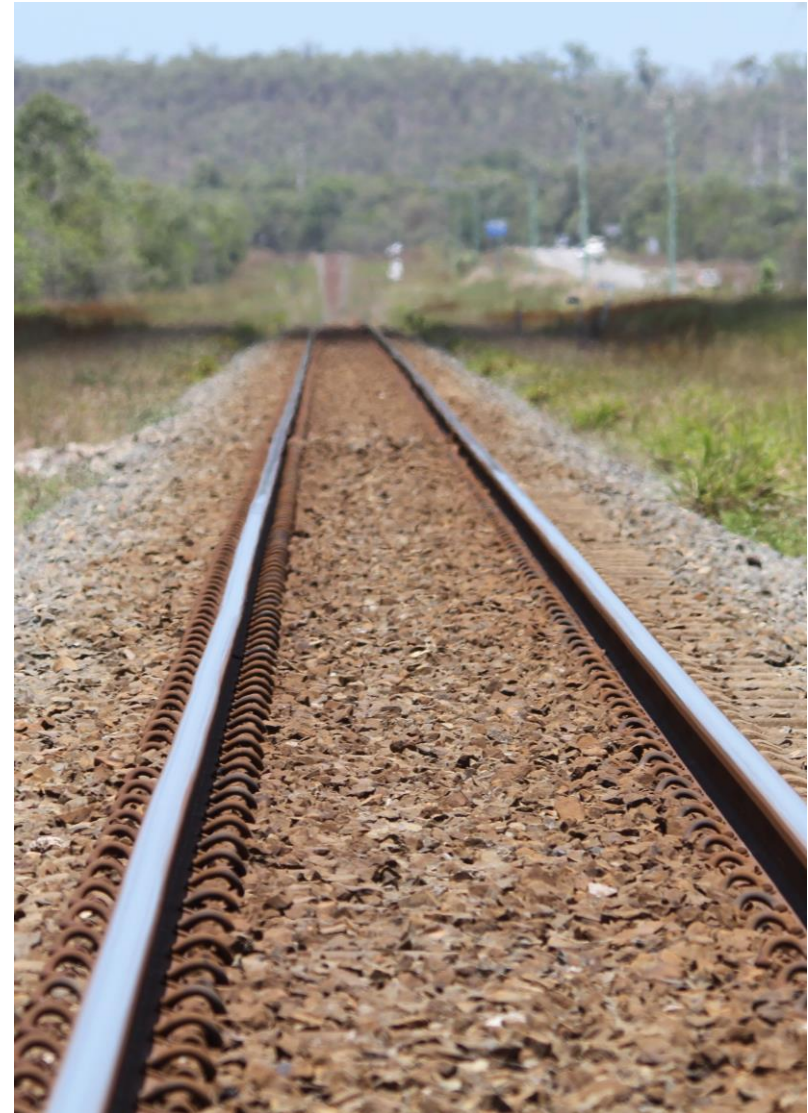


Council direction

Most residents (66%) believe the direction of Council's overall performance stayed the same over the previous 12 months.

- One in five residents (20%) believe the direction of Council's performance deteriorated, up five percentage points from 2021.
- Another one in ten residents (10%, down three points) describe it as having improved.
- The most satisfied with council direction are residents over 65 years of age and women.
- The least satisfied with council direction are residents aged 18 to 34 years and men.

When it comes to the trade off between rates and services, residents have a preference for cuts in council services to keep council rates at the same level as they are now (51%) over rate rises to improve local services (27% would prefer this).





Overall council direction last 12 months

2022 overall council direction (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	50▲	53	51	53	52	53	51	53	53	53	52
65+	48	51	54	51	47	52	52	54	54	55	53
Large Rural	47	51	50	51	52	52	48	51	n/a	n/a	n/a
Women	47	49	49	50	50	48	54	53	51	53	50
Remainder of Shire	46	49	45	57	54	53	50	52	54	52	n/a
Moorabool	45	49	46	50	50	49	51	53	53	51	49
35-49	45	48	43	48	48	45	52	51	51	49	47
Bacchus Marsh	45	49	45	49	49	48	53	54	53	51	n/a
Ballan	44	44	55	47	49	48	45	53	55	50	n/a
50-64	44	49	47	48	46	46	46	47	52	46	46
Men	43	48	43	50	50	51	48	54	55	48	49
18-34	43	48	41	53	59	54	53	62	57	55	53

Q6. Over the last 12 months, what is your view of the direction of Moorabool Shire Council's overall performance?

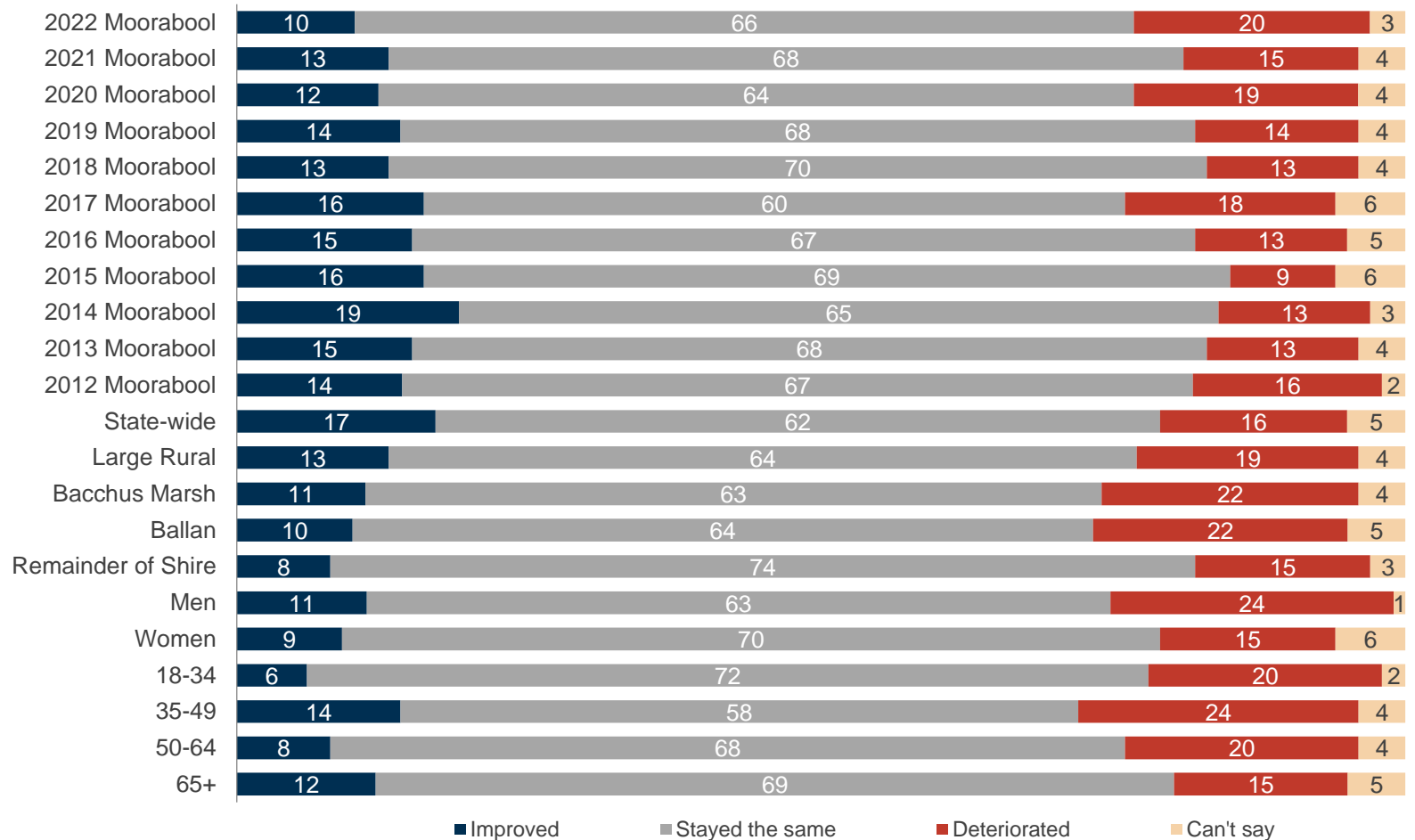
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Overall council direction last 12 months

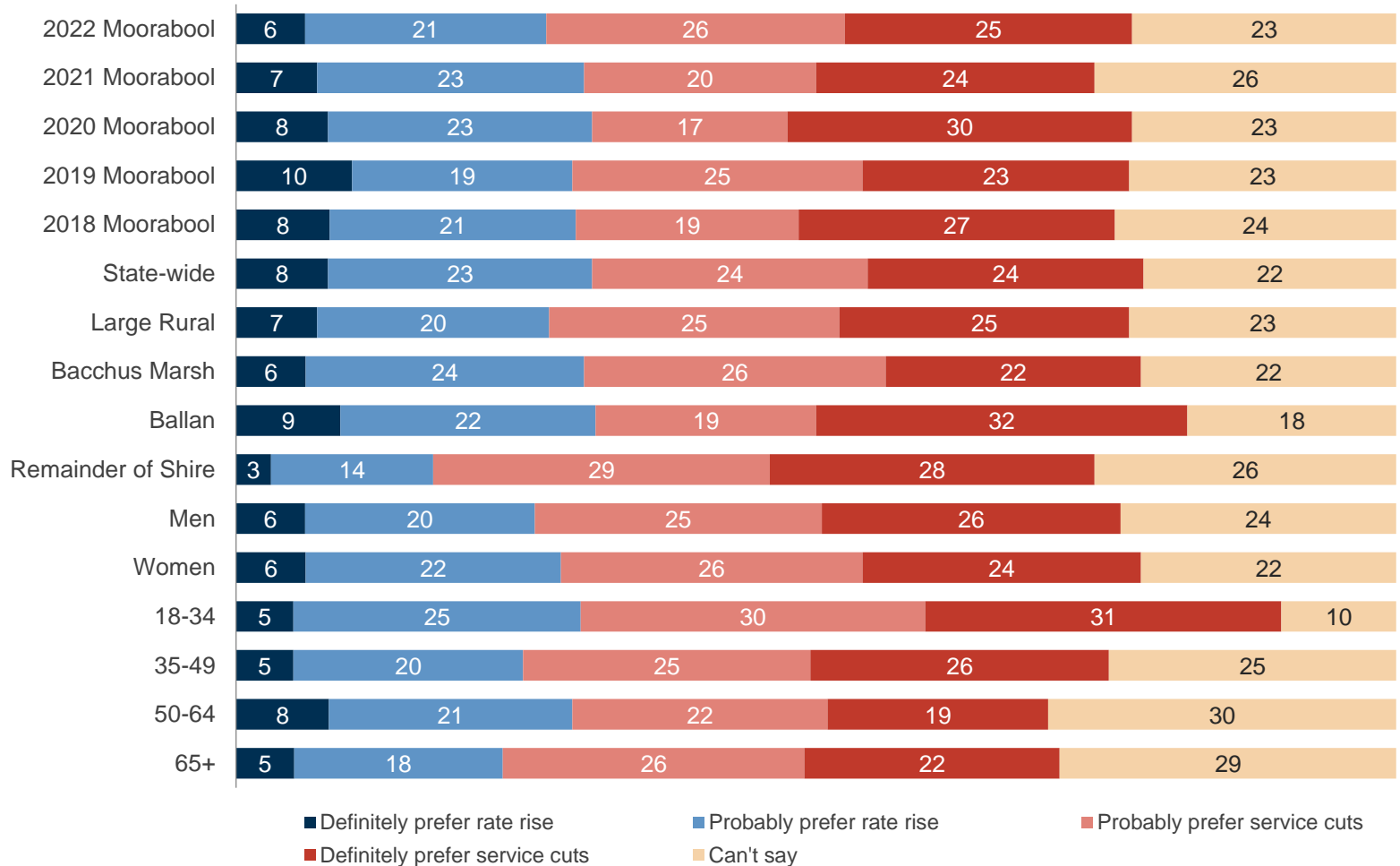
2022 overall council direction (%)





Rates / services trade-off

2022 rates / services trade-off (%)



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

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 18 Councils asked group: 6

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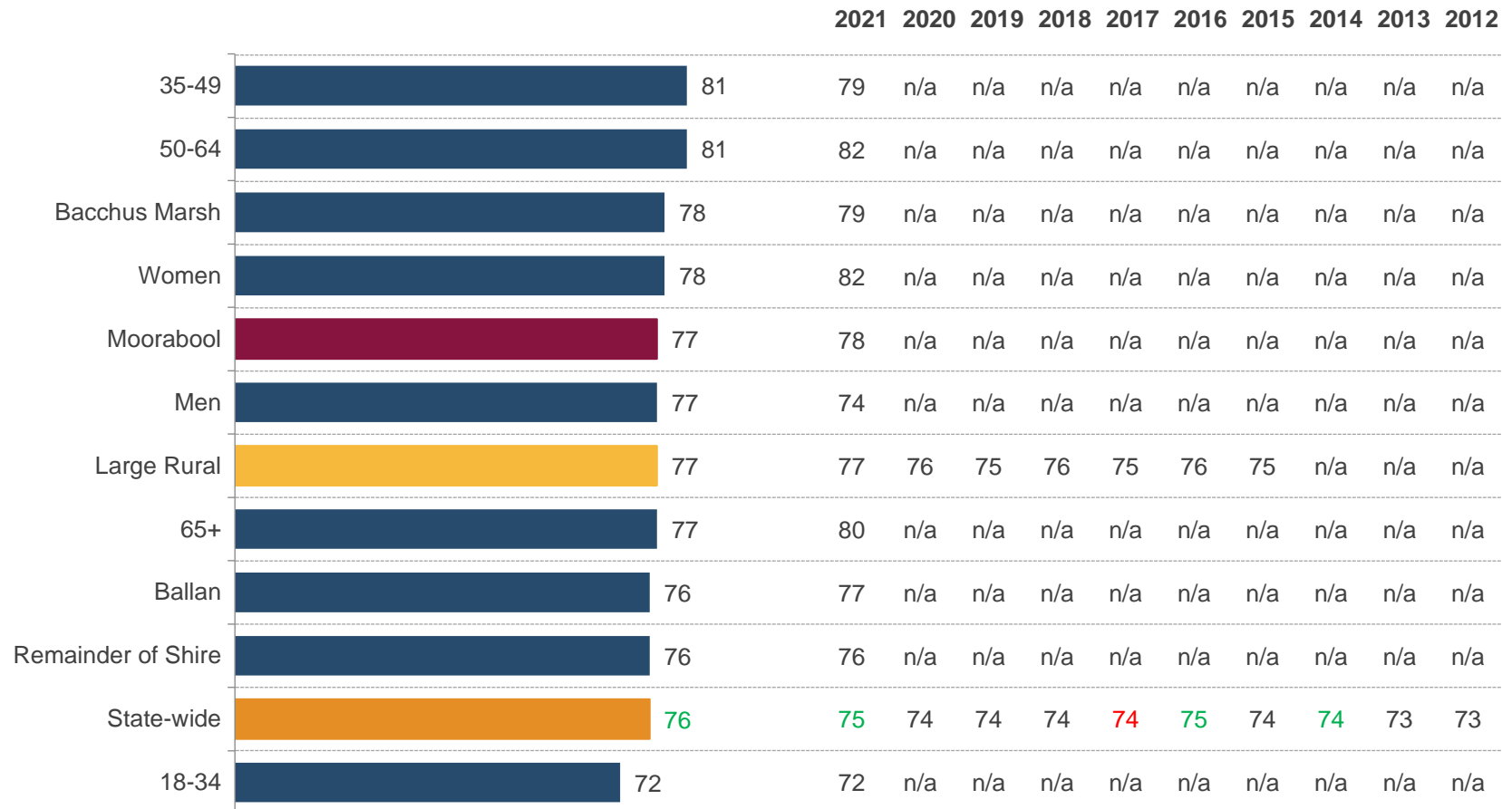
Individual service areas



Community consultation and engagement importance



2022 consultation and engagement importance (index scores)



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Community consultation and engagement' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 30 Councils asked group: 10

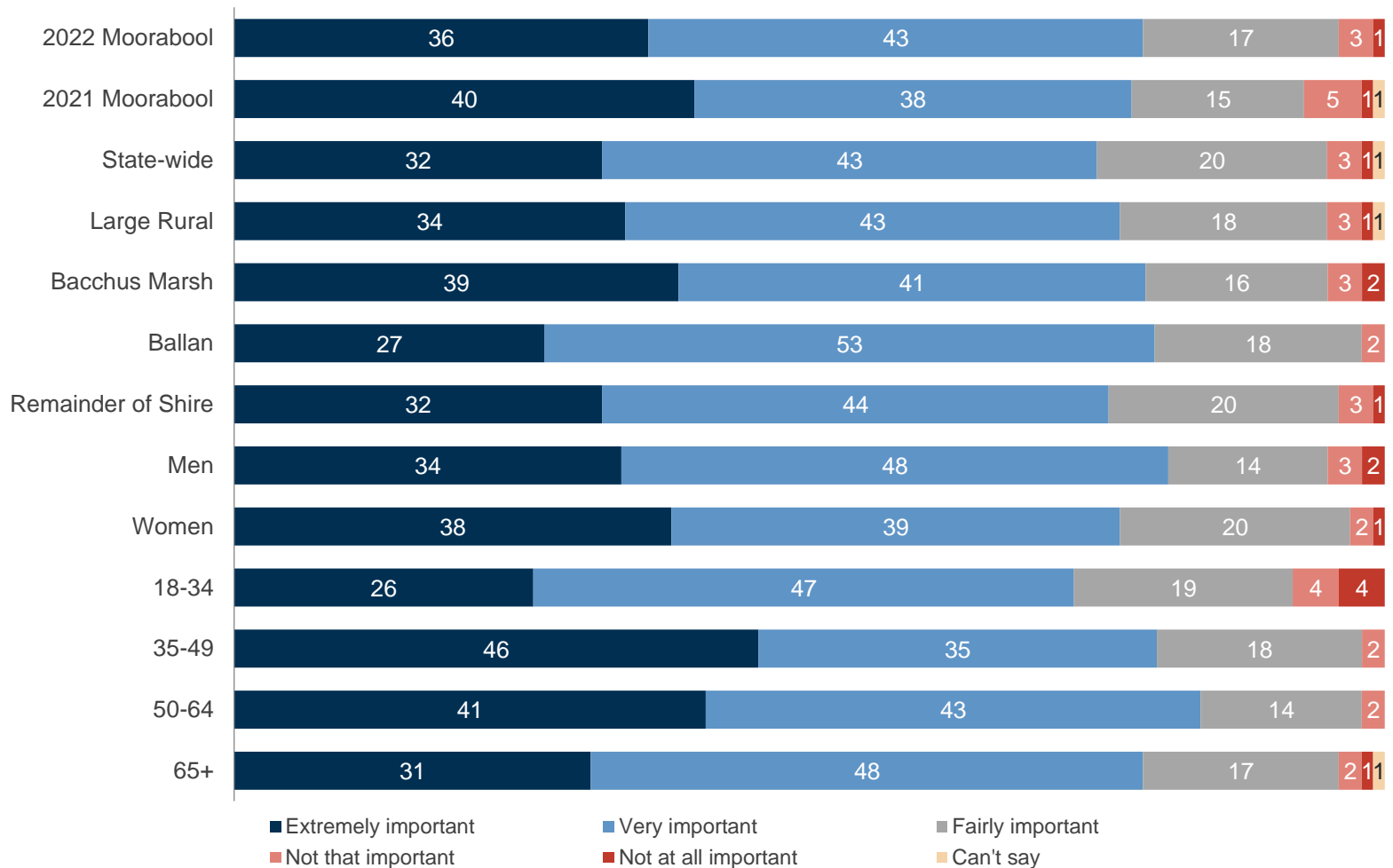
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Community consultation and engagement importance



2022 consultation and engagement importance (%)





Community consultation and engagement performance



2022 consultation and engagement performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	54▲	56	55	56	55	55	54	56	57	57	57
18-34	51▲	48	51	48	58	53	53	55	48	61	59
Large Rural	51▲	54	54	54	54	52	52	54	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	49	51	48	50	55	49	50	50	51	51	n/a
Ballan	49	47	49	42	61	50	43	43	50	52	n/a
Women	46	49	49	49	51	50	53	51	47	54	53
Moorabool	46	50	49	49	52	48	49	51	48	51	54
Men	46	51	48	49	52	45	45	51	50	48	55
65+	45	55	55	51	53	49	53	50	52	49	58
35-49	45	48	43	49	49	45	43	51	46	46	54
Bacchus Marsh	44	50	49	50	49	47	49	53	47	50	n/a
50-64	44	49	46	46	47	44	47	49	50	47	46

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Community consultation and engagement' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 67 Councils asked group: 19

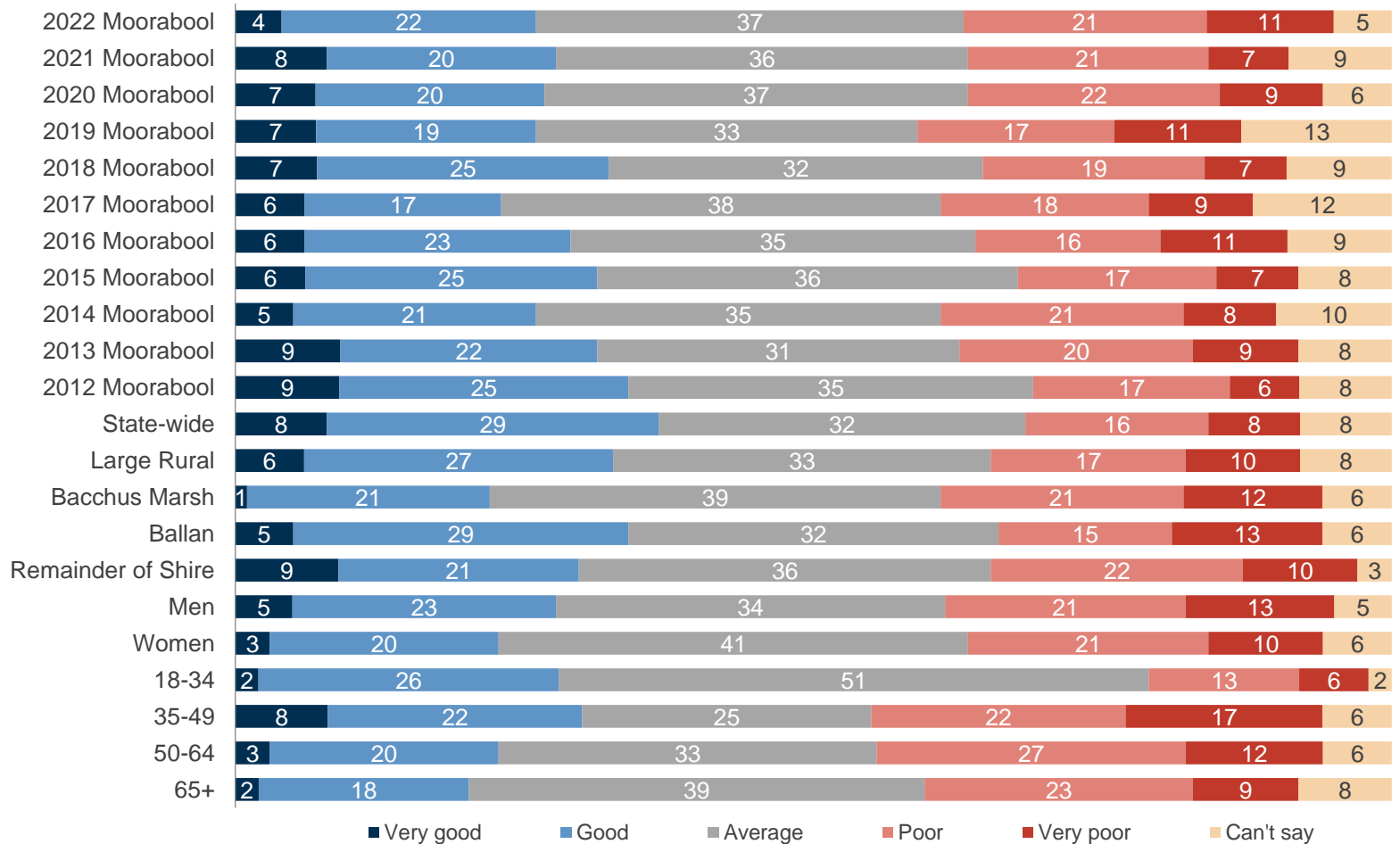
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Community consultation and engagement performance



2022 consultation and engagement performance (%)

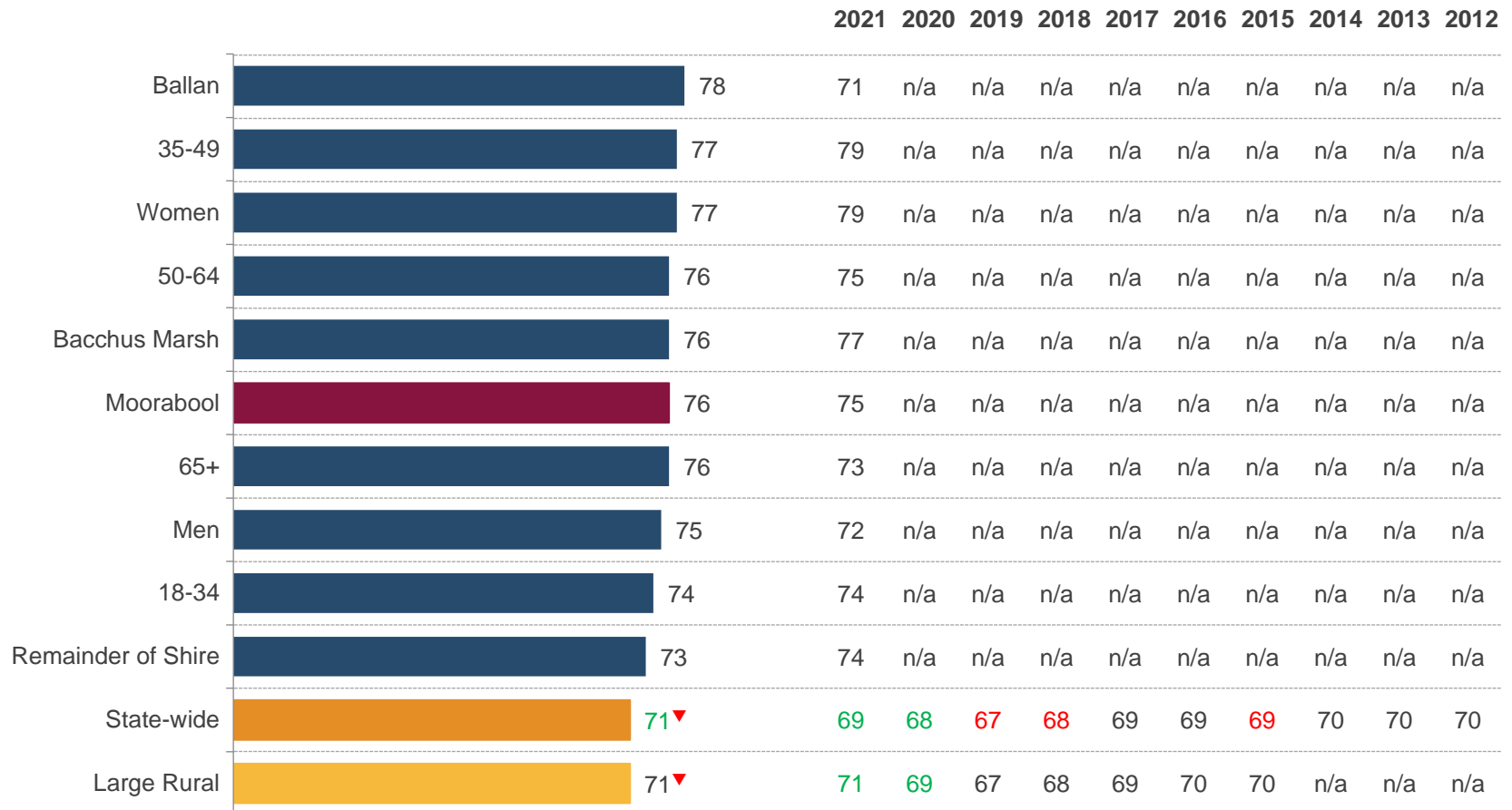




Lobbying on behalf of the community importance



2022 lobbying importance (index scores)



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Lobbying on behalf of the community' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 25 Councils asked group: 8

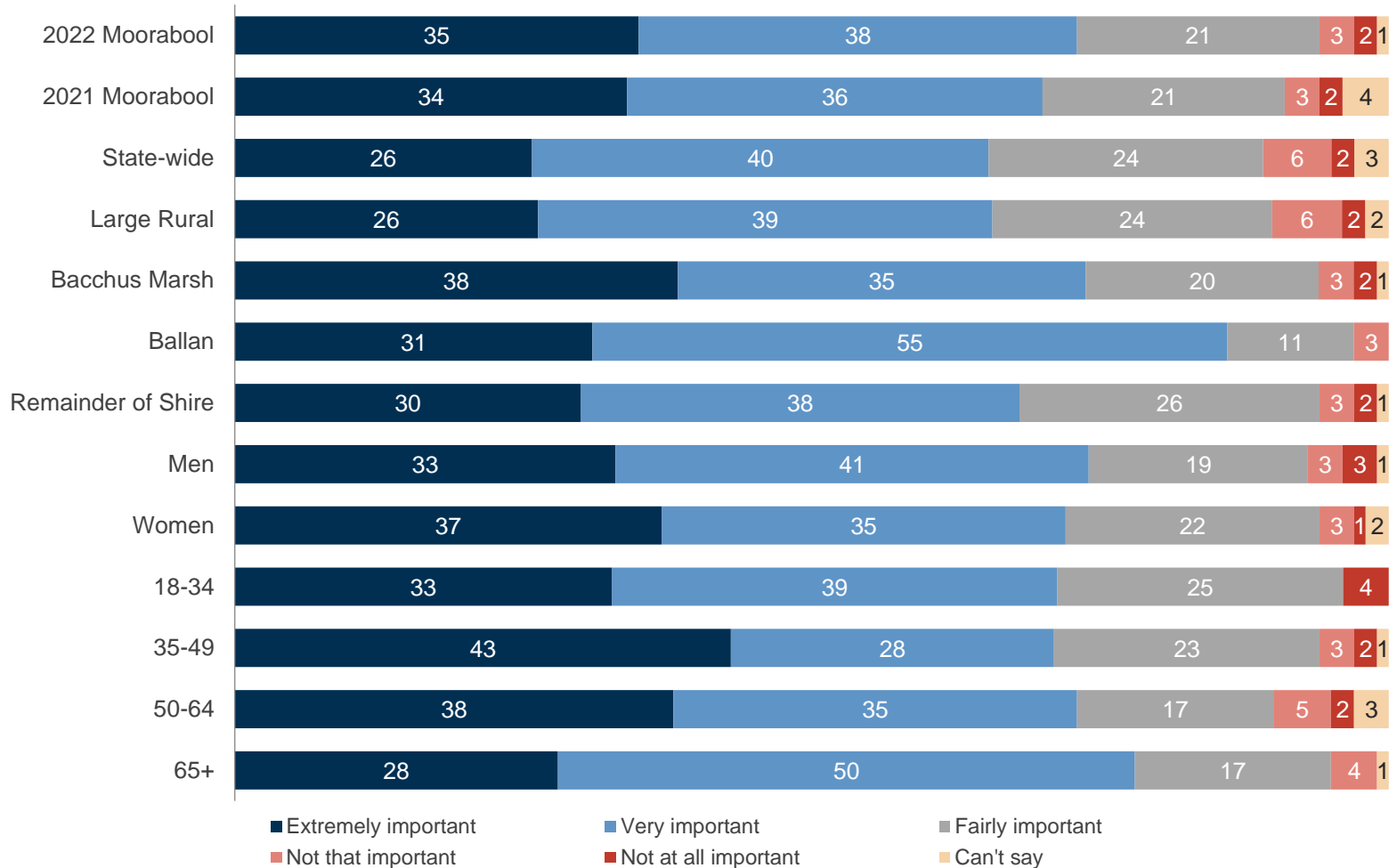
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Lobbying on behalf of the community importance



2022 lobbying importance (%)





Lobbying on behalf of the community performance



2022 lobbying performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	53▲	55	53	54	54	54	53	55	56	55	55
Large Rural	51▲	54	53	52	52	51	50	53	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	50	53	52	49	52	44	47	49	49	51	n/a
65+	49	57	54	52	52	50	53	45	51	54	56
18-34	47	45	50	50	57	51	55	52	54	61	60
Men	46	48	46	46	46	45	48	51	50	54	55
Moorabool	46	50	47	47	48	47	48	49	51	52	54
Women	46	51	49	47	51	48	49	47	51	51	53
Bacchus Marsh	45	49	46	45	47	46	54	49	50	53	n/a
50-64	45	51	46	41	39	46	43	53	51	49	49
35-49	42	48	41	42	45	40	44	45	47	47	52
Ballan	41	48	50	51	49	51	32	51	58	50	n/a

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Lobbying on behalf of the community' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 49 Councils asked group: 14

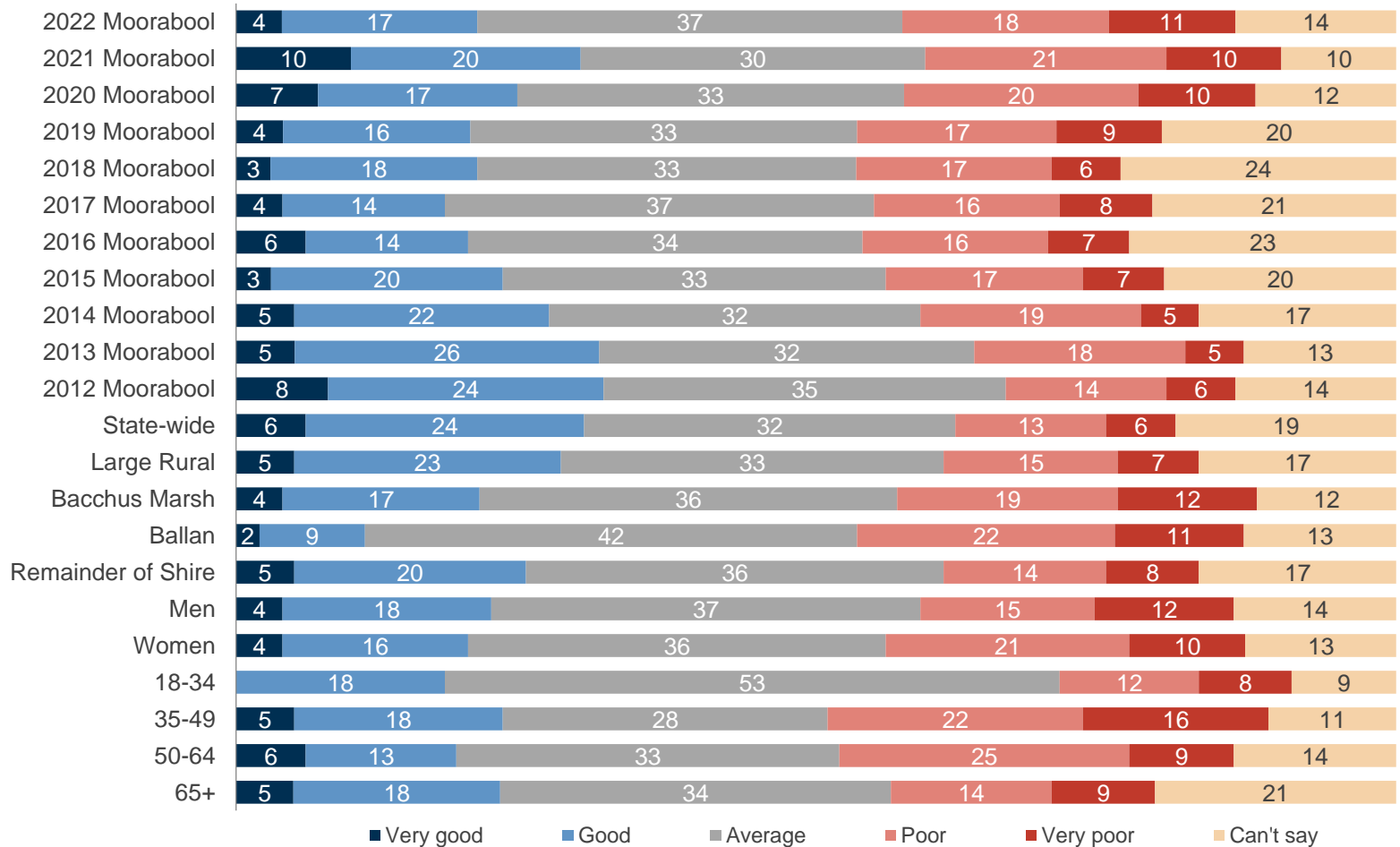
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Lobbying on behalf of the community performance



2022 lobbying performance (%)



Decisions made in the interest of the community importance



2022 community decisions made importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Remainder of Shire	84	81	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50-64	83	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	83	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
18-34	83	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
35-49	83	87	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Moorabool	82	83	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bacchus Marsh	82	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Women	81	86	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballan	81	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
State-wide	81	81	80	80	80	79	80	80	79	n/a	n/a
Large Rural	81	82	79	80	80	80	80	80	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	80	78	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Decisions made in the interest of the community' be as a responsibility for Council?

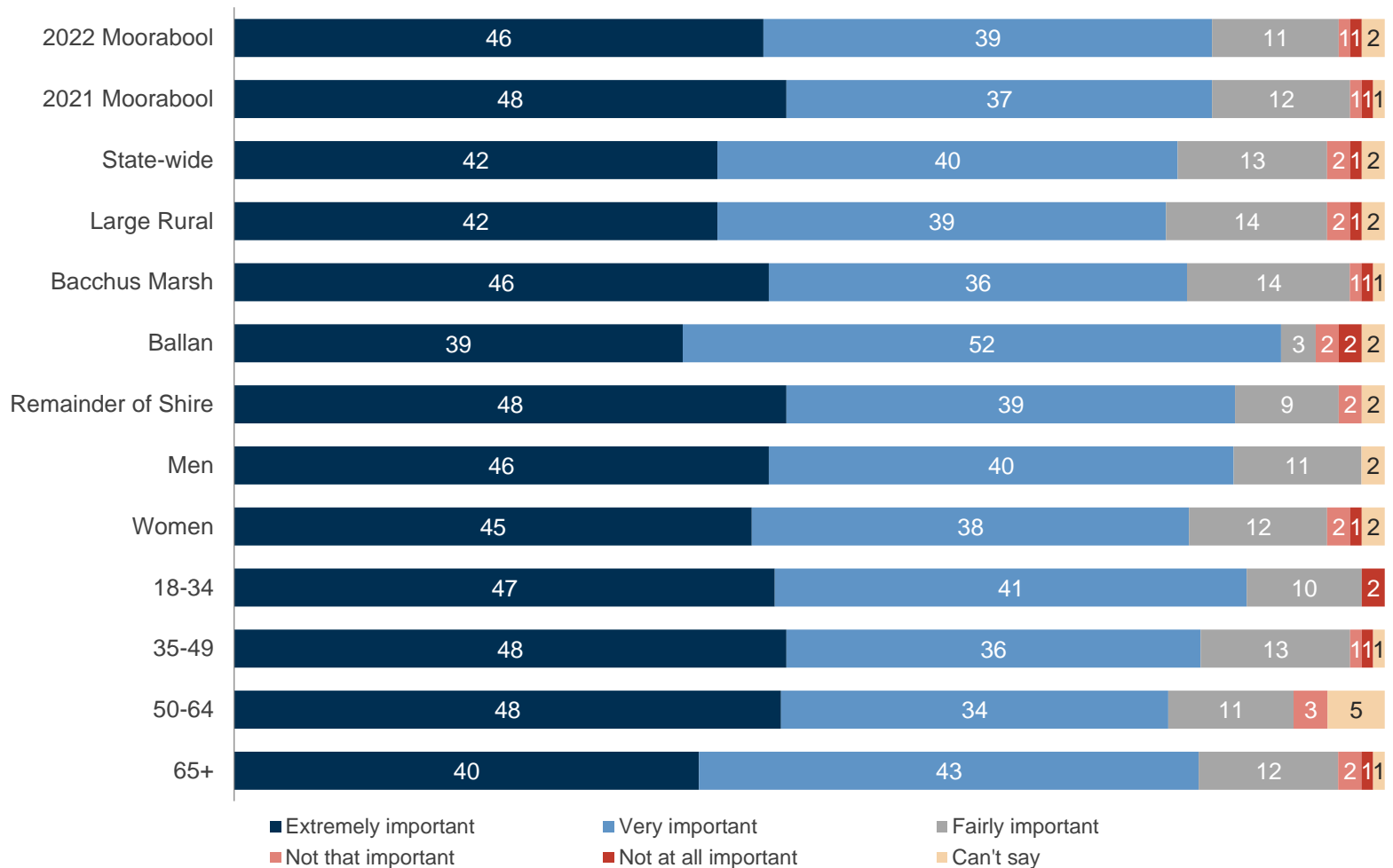
Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 24 Councils asked group: 9

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Decisions made in the interest of the community importance



2022 community decisions made importance (%)



Decisions made in the interest of the community performance



2022 community decisions made performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	54▲	56	53	55	54	54	54	55	57	n/a	n/a
Ballan	53	45	51	49	52	53	38	43	52	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	52	51	46	47	59	50	52	49	53	n/a	n/a
65+	51	55	55	53	51	50	51	47	53	n/a	n/a
Large Rural	51▲	54	52	52	52	51	50	52	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	48	51	46	49	50	48	47	51	53	n/a	n/a
18-34	48	44	48	50	60	52	53	59	54	n/a	n/a
Moorabool	47	49	47	49	51	49	48	50	52	n/a	n/a
Women	47	48	47	49	52	50	49	49	51	n/a	n/a
35-49	46	46	40	45	48	47	41	45	51	n/a	n/a
50-64	44	53	45	46	45	47	50	49	50	n/a	n/a
Bacchus Marsh	44	49	46	49	47	48	49	52	51	n/a	n/a

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Decisions made in the interest of the community' over the last 12 months?

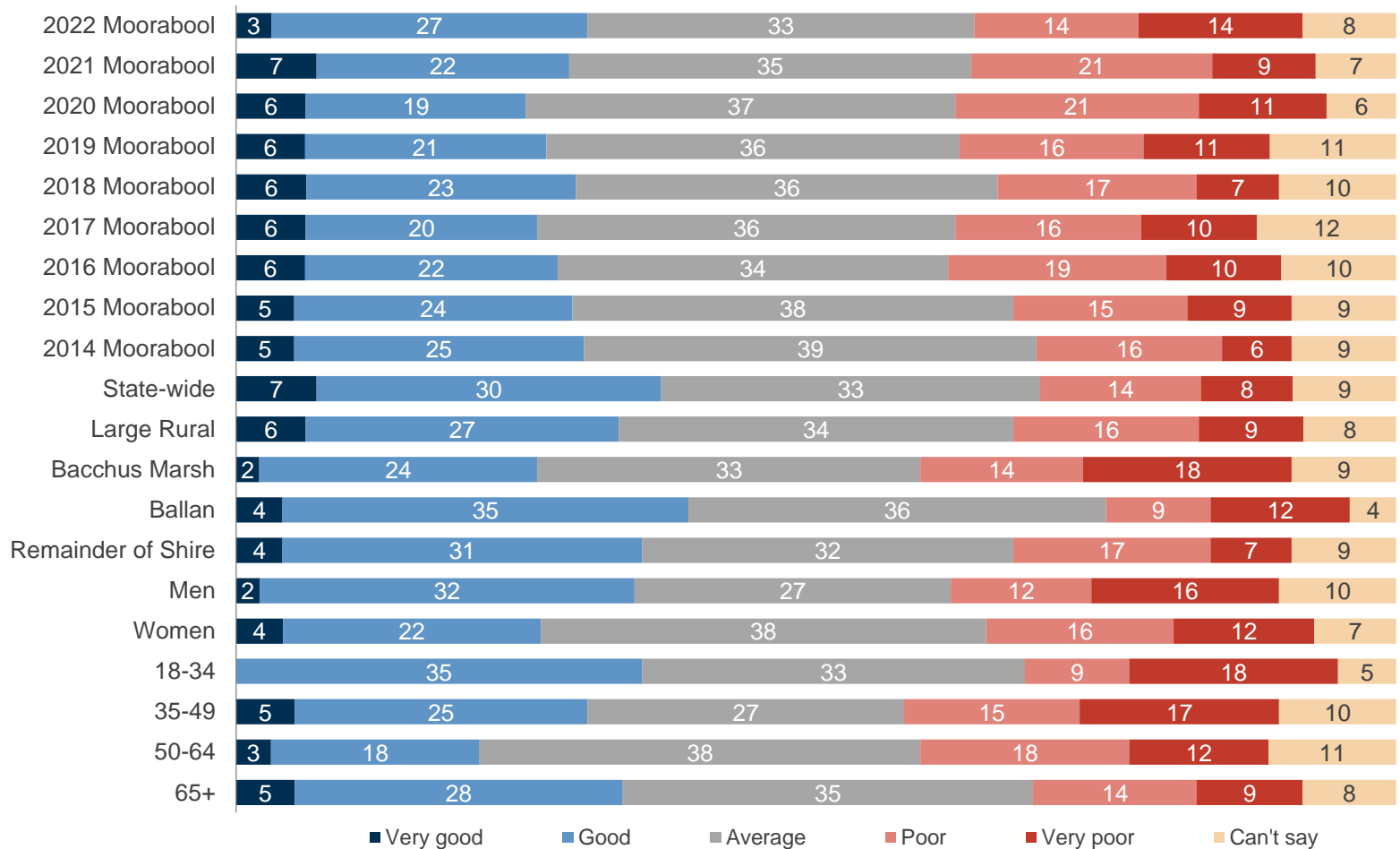
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Decisions made in the interest of the community performance



2022 community decisions made performance (%)



The condition of sealed local roads in your area performance



2022 sealed local roads performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	53▲	57	54	56	53	53	54	55	55	n/a	n/a
Large Rural	45▲	50	47	47	45	43	44	45	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bacchus Marsh	44	49	45	51	48	47	52	49	51	n/a	n/a
65+	44	48	49	52	48	45	55	42	49	n/a	n/a
Men	40	43	40	47	45	43	48	48	45	n/a	n/a
Moorabool	40	45	42	48	46	43	47	43	47	n/a	n/a
Women	40	47	43	48	46	43	45	39	49	n/a	n/a
35-49	39	40	35	48	48	38	41	41	47	n/a	n/a
50-64	38	49	40	45	37	41	45	44	42	n/a	n/a
18-34	38	45	42	45	50	47	48	46	48	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	35	40	32	43	43	32	44	34	40	n/a	n/a
Ballan	29▼	34	29	35	41	40	33	43	42	n/a	n/a

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

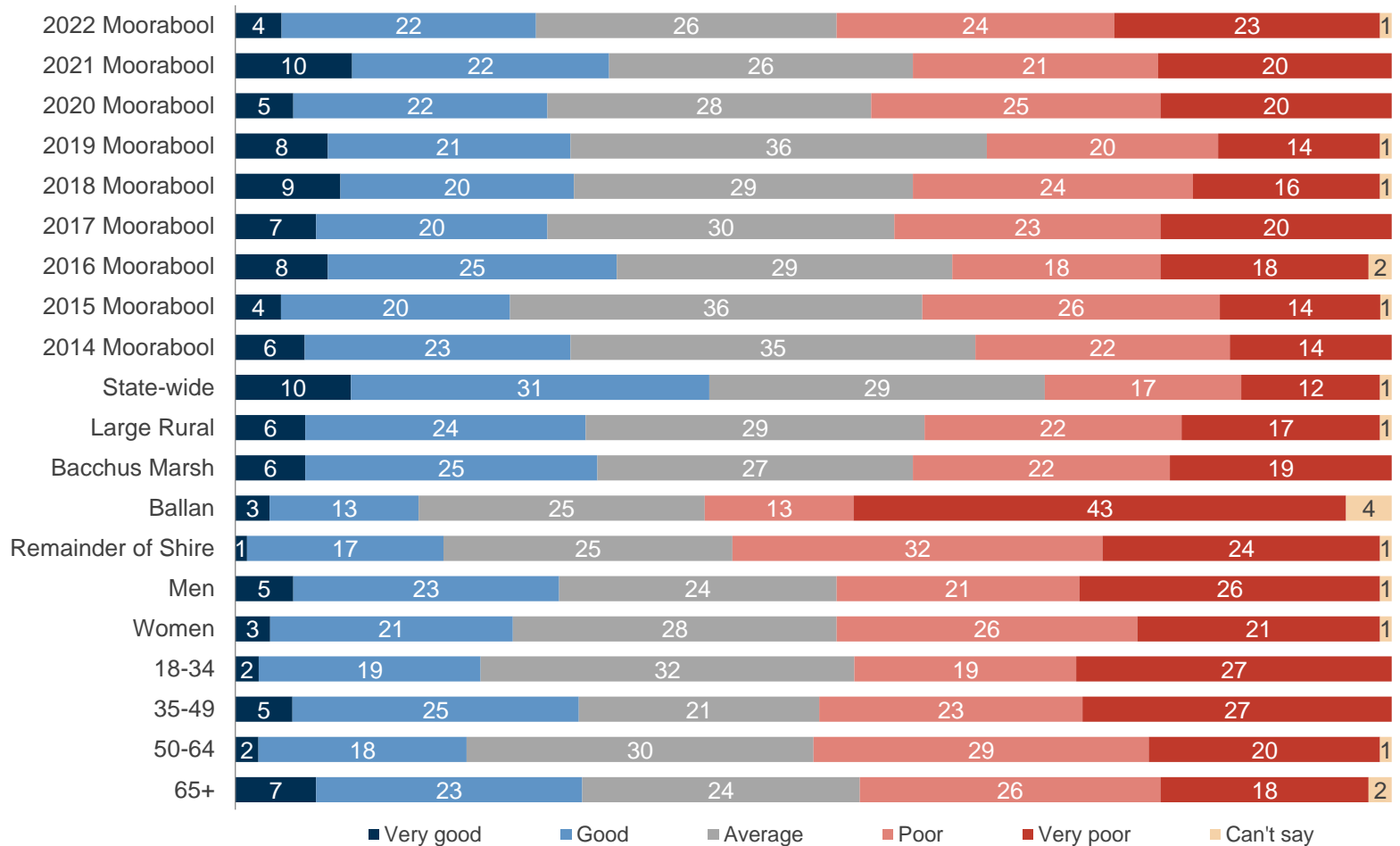
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The condition of sealed local roads in your area performance



2022 sealed local roads performance (%)



The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area importance



2022 streets and footpaths importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Ballan	88	84	83	74	80	75	82	77	78	89	n/a
35-49	85	82	83	81	77	80	79	80	82	83	81
Women	84	84	83	83	81	80	82	81	81	83	83
50-64	84	82	83	78	85	79	80	84	83	82	84
Bacchus Marsh	84	79	83	80	79	79	79	80	79	81	n/a
18-34	83	79	78	77	77	75	79	77	72	75	80
Moorabool	83	81	82	79	80	78	79	79	79	81	81
Men	82	77	80	74	78	75	76	77	76	78	79
65+	81	80	84	78	80	78	76	77	77	82	78
State-wide	81	79	78	77	78	77	77	77	77	78	77
Large Rural	80	79	78	77	77	75	77	77	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	80	83	75	74	81	77	76	79	77	78	n/a

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

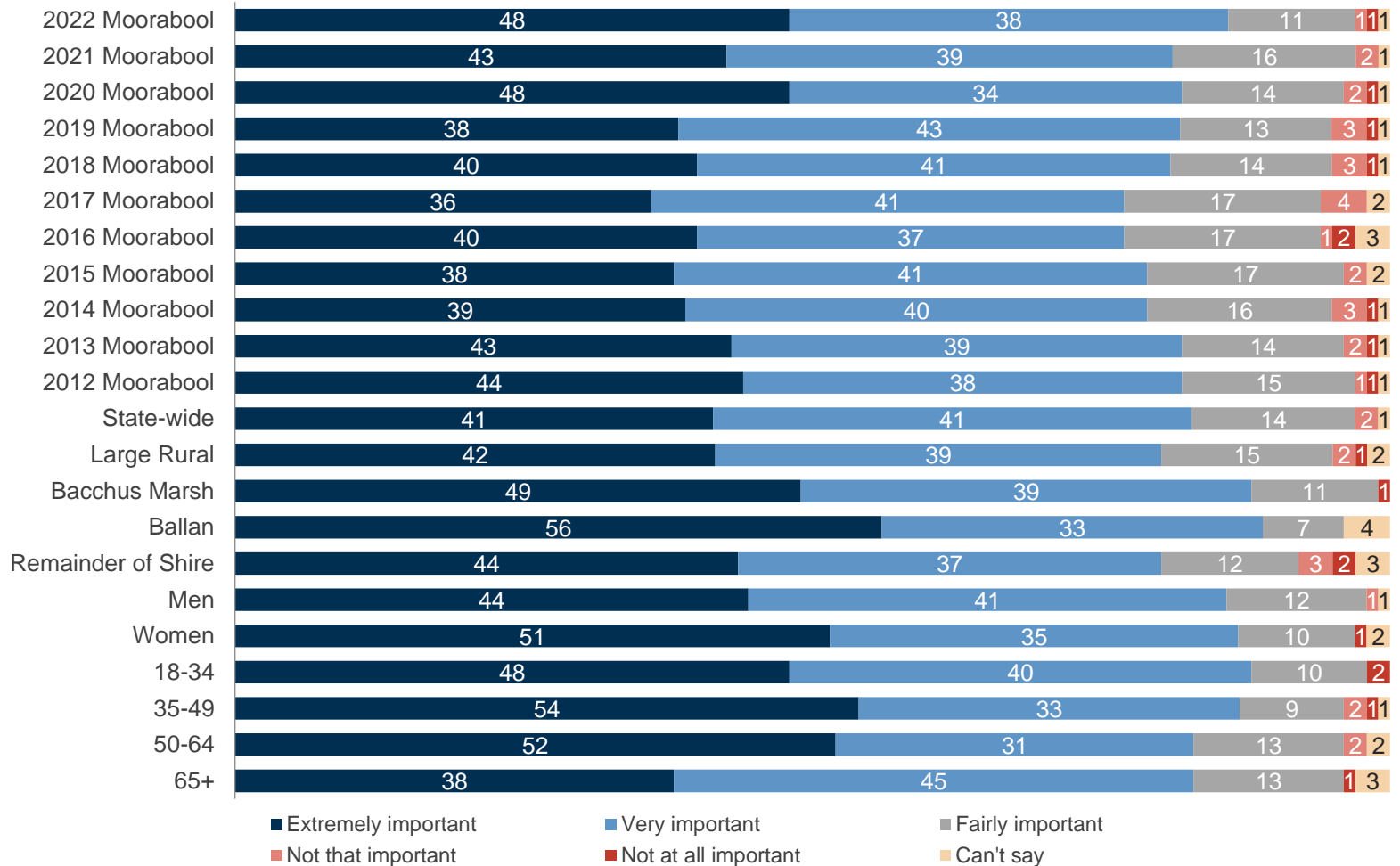
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The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area importance



2022 streets and footpaths importance (%)



The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area performance



2022 streets and footpaths performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	57▲	59	58	59	58	57	57	58	58	58	57
Large Rural	51▲	55	54	55	54	53	53	54	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bacchus Marsh	45	51	47	55	52	50	54	53	51	52	n/a
65+	43	48	52	57	49	47	53	46	51	48	55
18-34	42	46	48	56	55	56	51	57	51	57	53
Men	42	47	44	53	48	49	46	52	49	50	49
Moorabool	41	48	46	53	49	48	47	49	48	50	49
35-49	41	46	41	49	50	46	40	43	48	47	46
Women	41	48	48	53	50	48	47	45	46	49	48
50-64	38	52	43	47	41	44	43	51	41	46	42
Remainder of Shire	37	43	42	45	43	44	38	40	44	45	n/a
Ballan	34	40	47	48	46	47	38	53	43	42	n/a

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

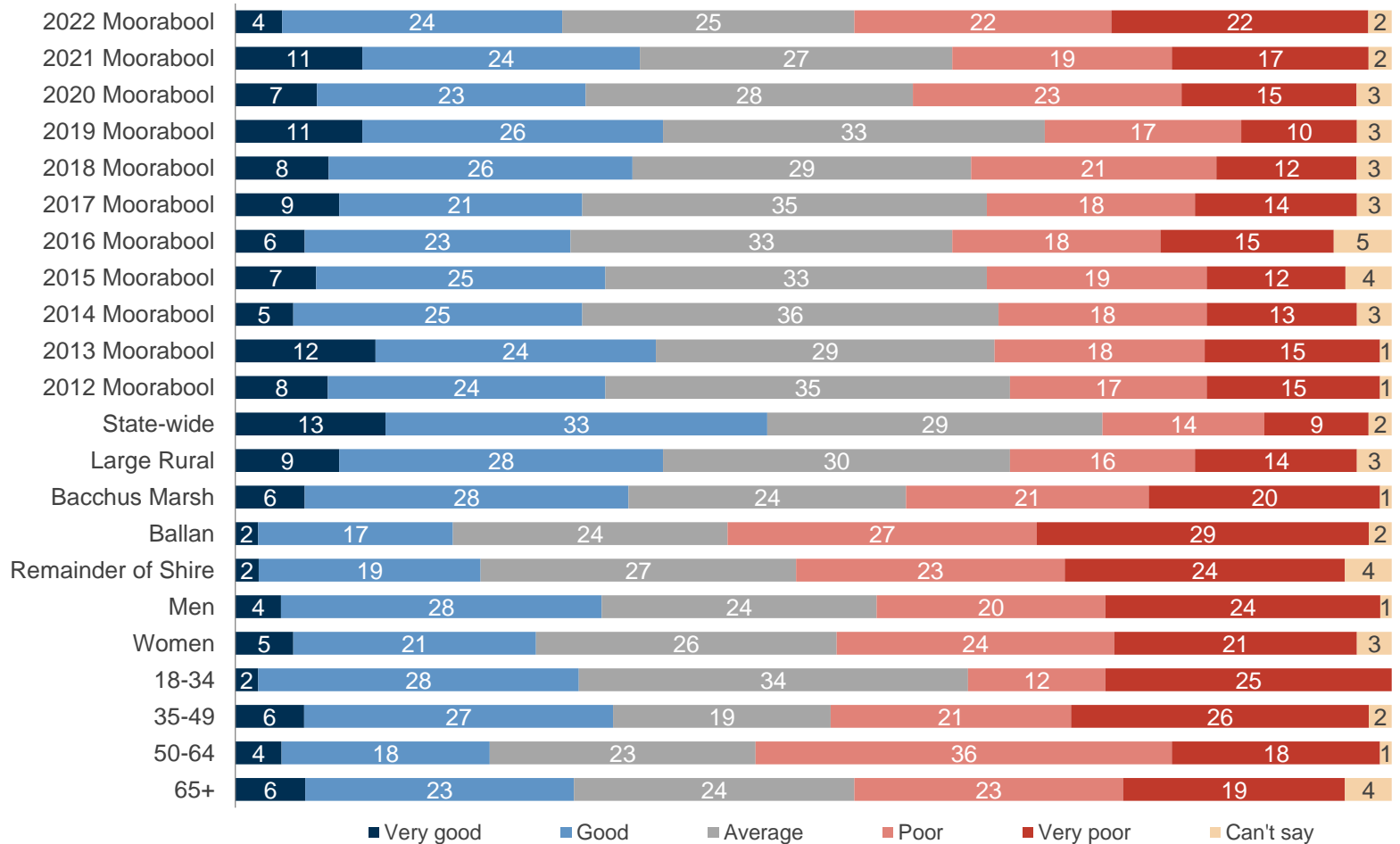
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The condition of local streets and footpaths in your area performance



2022 streets and footpaths performance (%)





Family support services importance



2022 family support importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Women	78	80	81	81	79	81	79	77	78	81	81
35-49	76	76	75	76	74	72	77	71	74	74	77
State-wide	76	76	75	74	74	73	73	73	72	73	73
18-34	76	73	74	71	72	78	74	73	72	77	78
Bacchus Marsh	76	76	75	73	73	74	76	73	75	77	n/a
50-64	76	73	73	72	73	72	73	74	77	74	75
Large Rural	75	75	74	73	72	72	72	72	n/a	n/a	n/a
Moorabool	75	74	75	73	73	74	75	71	73	75	76
Remainder of Shire	75	69	76	72	72	74	72	69	70	70	n/a
65+	73	74	78	73	75	73	76	67	70	76	75
Men	72	68	69	66	67	66	71	66	68	69	71
Ballan	72	73	71	74	76	71	78	70	71	74	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Family support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 18 Councils asked group: 5

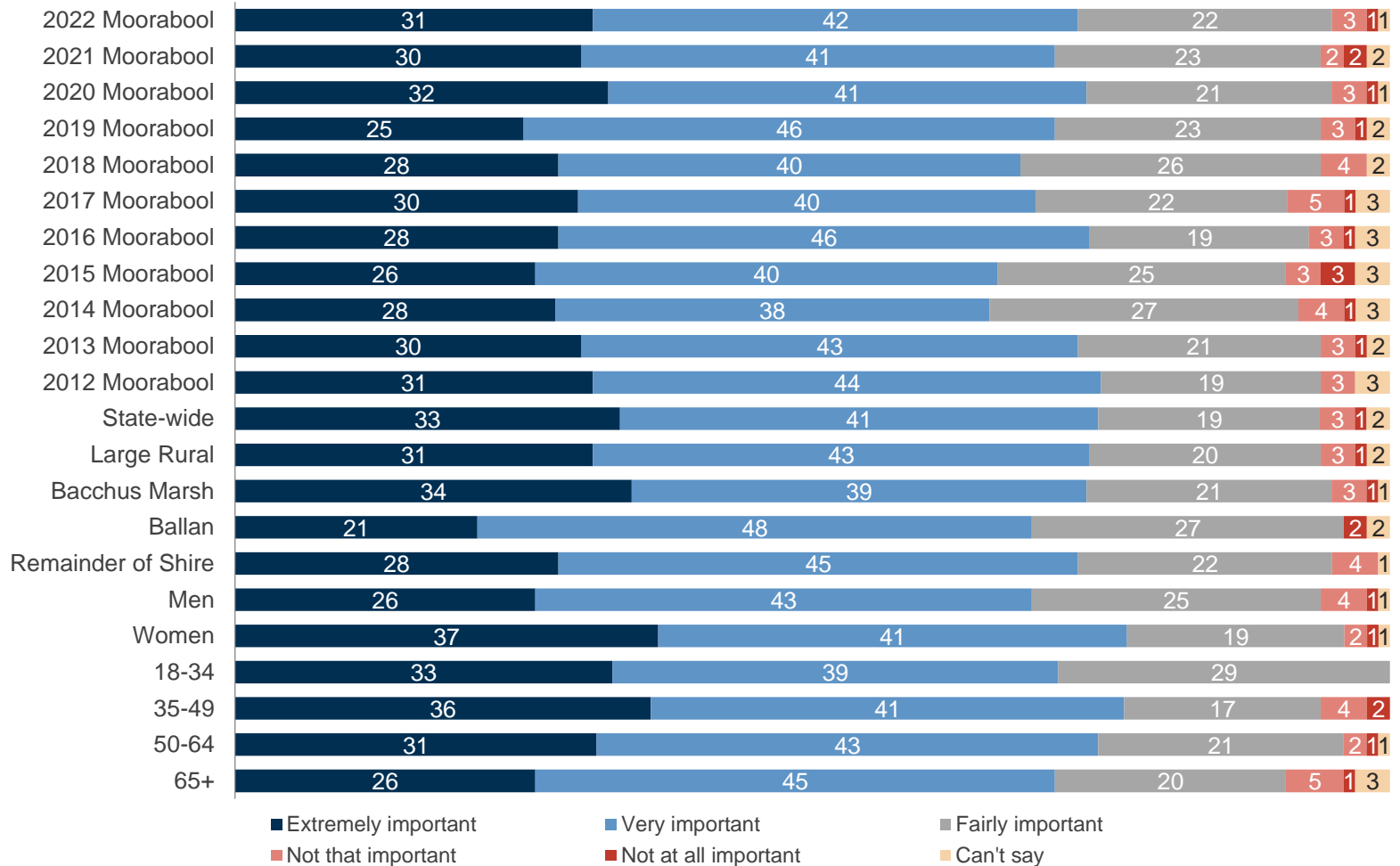
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Family support services importance



2022 family support importance (%)





Family support services performance



2022 family support performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	65▲	66	66	67	66	67	66	67	68	67	67
Large Rural	64▲	66	64	65	65	65	64	67	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	62	65	67	66	64	65	62	61	64	66	67
Women	59	64	64	61	63	63	61	63	65	65	65
35-49	59	63	60	64	62	58	63	65	63	62	66
Bacchus Marsh	58	65	62	62	61	62	63	64	65	66	n/a
Moorabool	58	64	62	61	62	62	62	64	64	64	65
Remainder of Shire	58	62	61	62	63	59	61	64	61	63	n/a
Ballan	58	59	61	55	65	65	62	59	67	60	n/a
Men	58	63	59	61	62	61	64	64	64	64	66
18-34	57	63	62	59	65	64	64	63	69	70	68
50-64	55	63	59	55	58	62	60	64	60	59	61

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Family support services' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 29 Councils asked group: 7

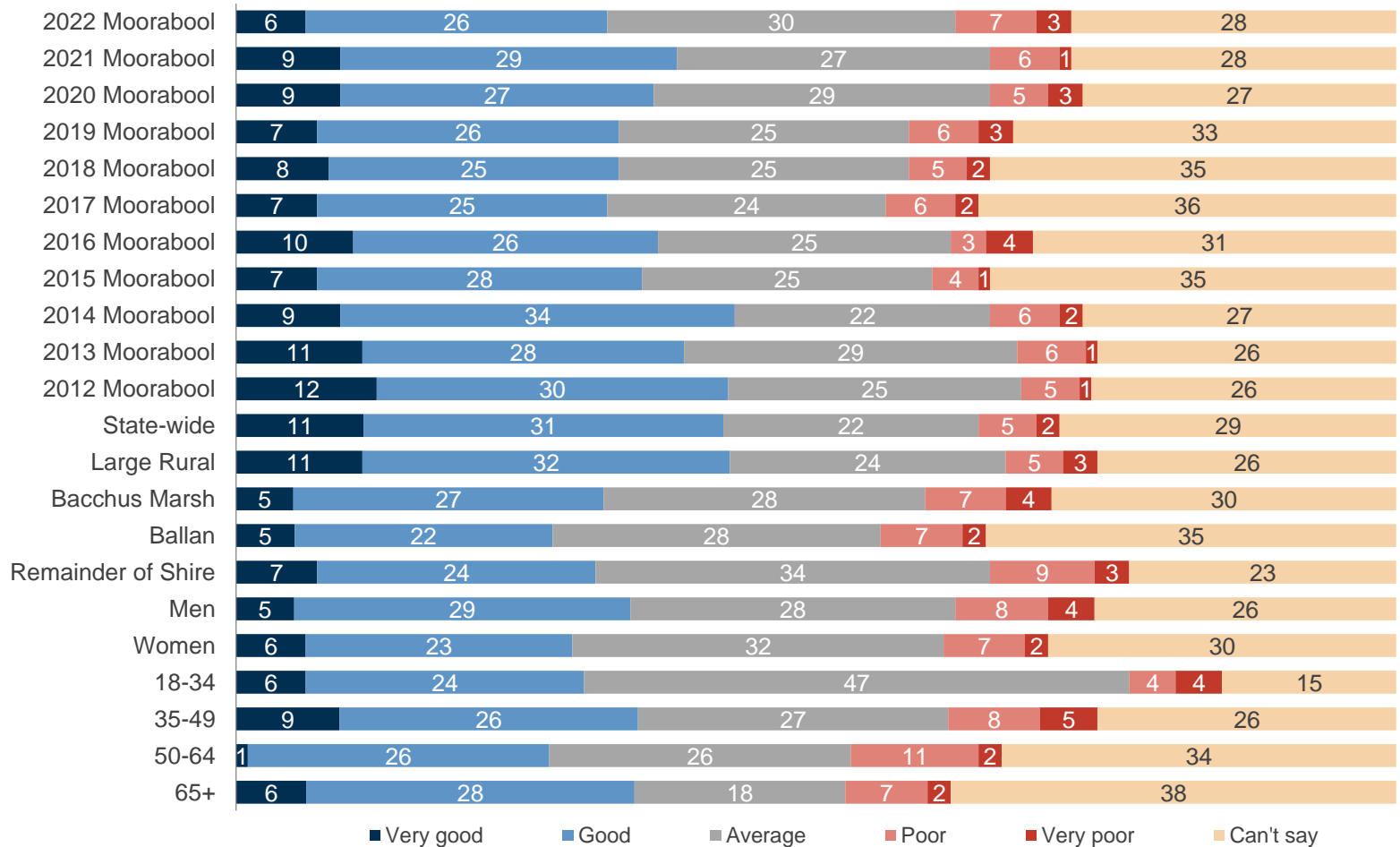
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Family support services performance



2022 family support performance (%)





Elderly support services importance



2022 elderly support importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Women	83▲	83	83	86	85	85	84	83	83	81	87
State-wide	82▲	82	80	80	79	78	78	79	79	79	80
Large Rural	81	80	80	79	78	78	78	78	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	81	80	82	80	82	78	81	74	77	83	83
Bacchus Marsh	80	80	81	80	79	79	81	79	78	79	n/a
50-64	80	83	81	83	80	80	79	82	82	80	83
18-34	80	77	77	77	76	80	79	80	71	76	78
Remainder of Shire	80	76	77	82	78	77	77	79	76	74	n/a
Moorabool	79	79	80	80	79	78	80	79	77	78	81
35-49	77	78	80	82	78	77	81	79	78	75	82
Men	76	75	77	75	72	72	76	74	71	74	76
Ballan	75	79	78	79	82	77	81	78	72	80	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Elderly support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 4

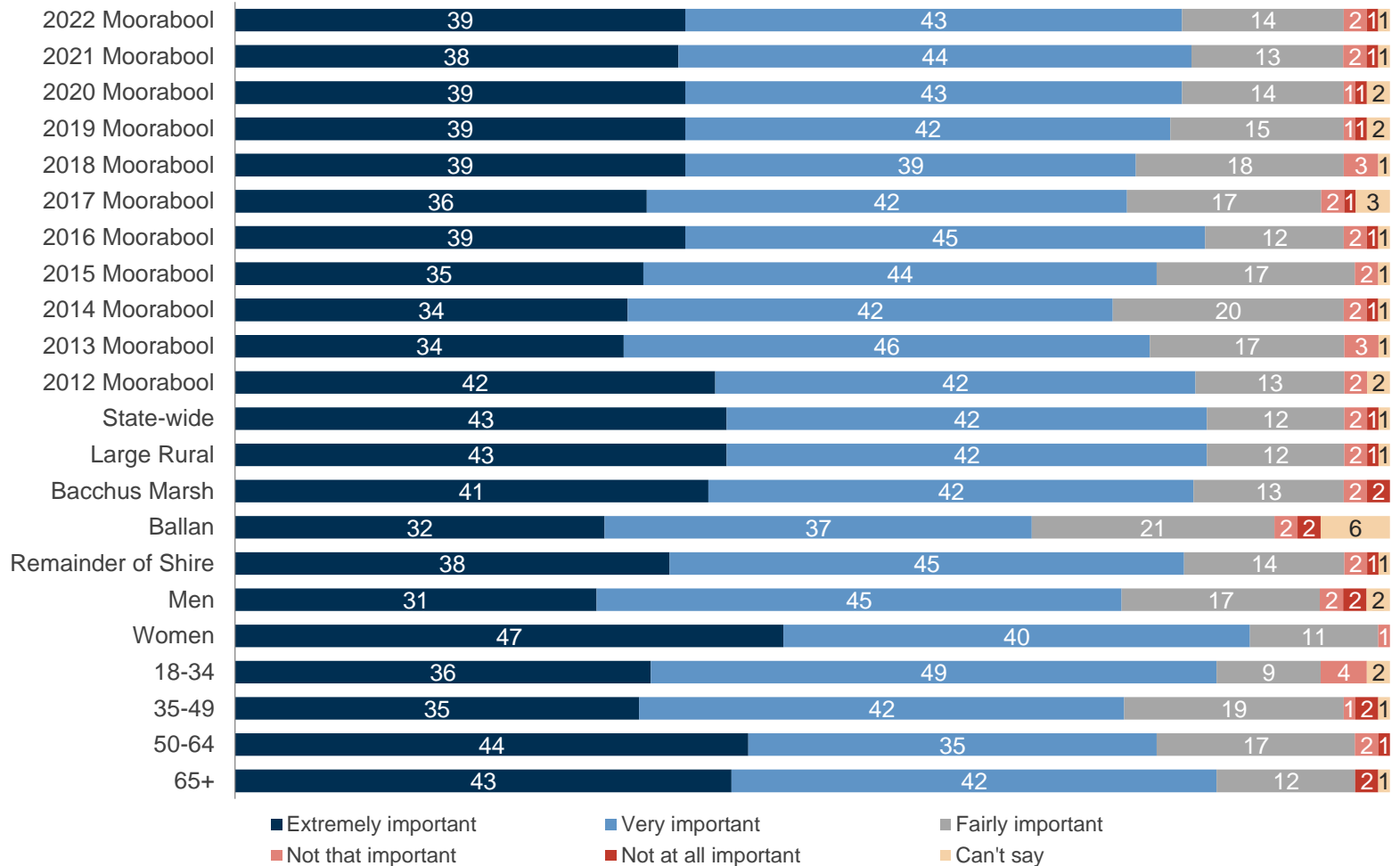
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Elderly support services importance



2022 elderly support importance (%)





Elderly support services performance



2022 elderly support performance (index scores)

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	67▲	69	68	68	68	68	69	70	69	69
Large Rural	65▲	68	67	67	67	66	69	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	59	68	66	72	69	63	65	64	68	72
50-64	58	66	58	56	64	62	59	66	67	64
Men	56	67	63	65	67	62	63	66	67	67
Ballan	55	69	68	66	66	71	66	71	77	75
Bacchus Marsh	55	67	63	65	67	62	64	65	69	68
Moorabool	55	67	62	64	67	63	62	66	67	67
Remainder of Shire	53	64	57	59	67	63	56	65	57	63
Women	53	66	62	63	67	65	62	66	66	68
18-34	52	67	64	59	73	66	69	69	67	74
35-49	50	64	60	68	61	62	56	63	66	61

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Elderly support services' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 32 Councils asked group: 7

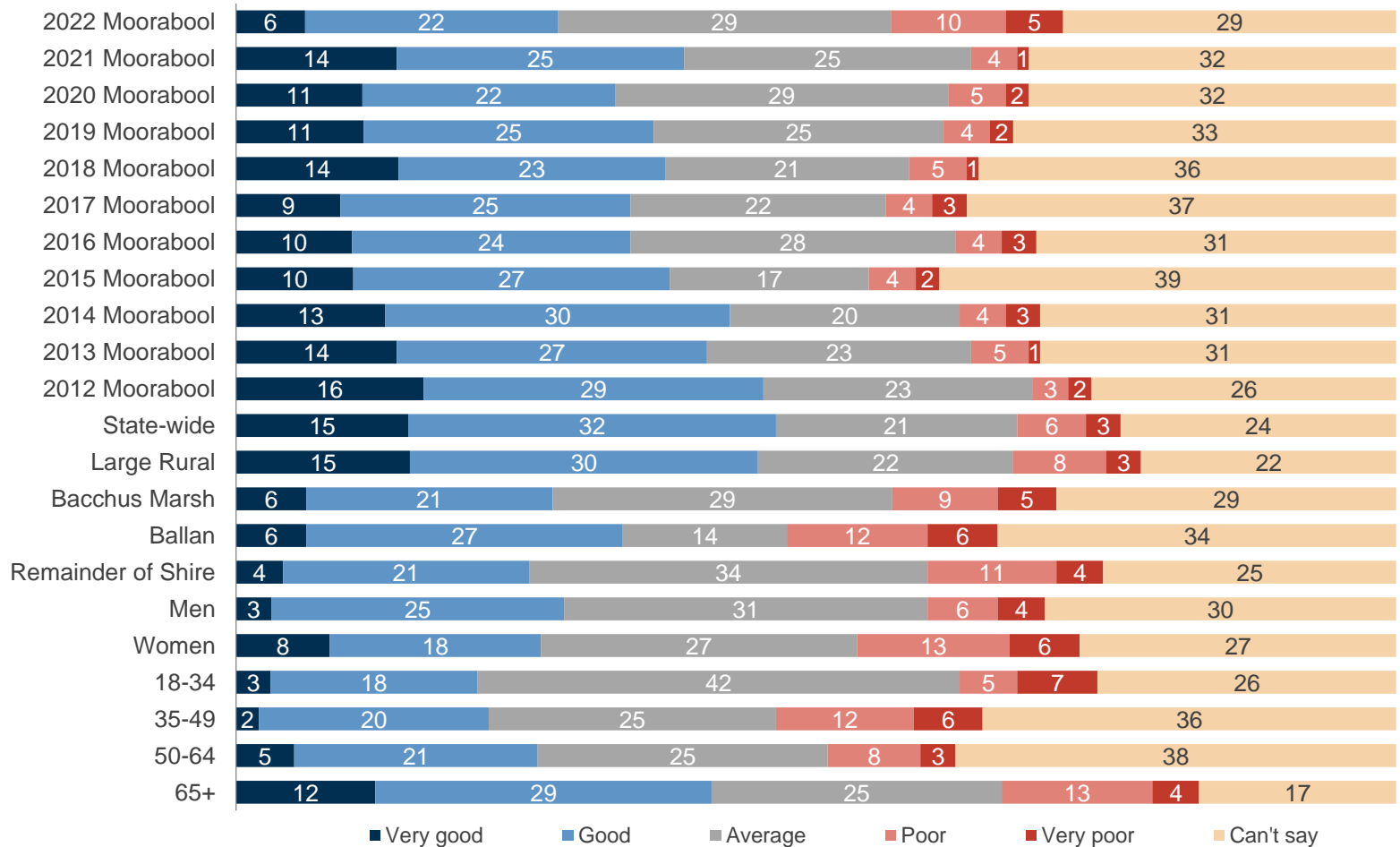
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Elderly support services performance



2022 elderly support performance (%)





Recreational facilities importance



2022 recreational facilities importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
35-49	76	74	78	79	74	74	76	75	76	77	77
Bacchus Marsh	75	73	76	73	75	75	76	74	74	77	n/a
65+	75	72	76	68	75	68	70	65	70	73	74
Women	75	75	78	76	77	77	74	74	73	77	76
State-wide	74	74	72	72	73	72	73	72	72	72	72
Large Rural	74	73	72	72	74	72	72	72	n/a	n/a	n/a
Moorabool	74	73	75	72	74	73	73	72	72	74	73
Men	74	71	72	68	70	68	71	70	70	70	70
18-34	74	73	73	68	70	74	70	74	66	70	70
Ballan	73	72	74	72	72	70	72	67	72	74	n/a
50-64	72	73	73	72	76	74	73	73	75	73	70
Remainder of Shire	72	73	73	63	71	66	66	70	67	65	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Recreational facilities' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 33 Councils asked group: 9

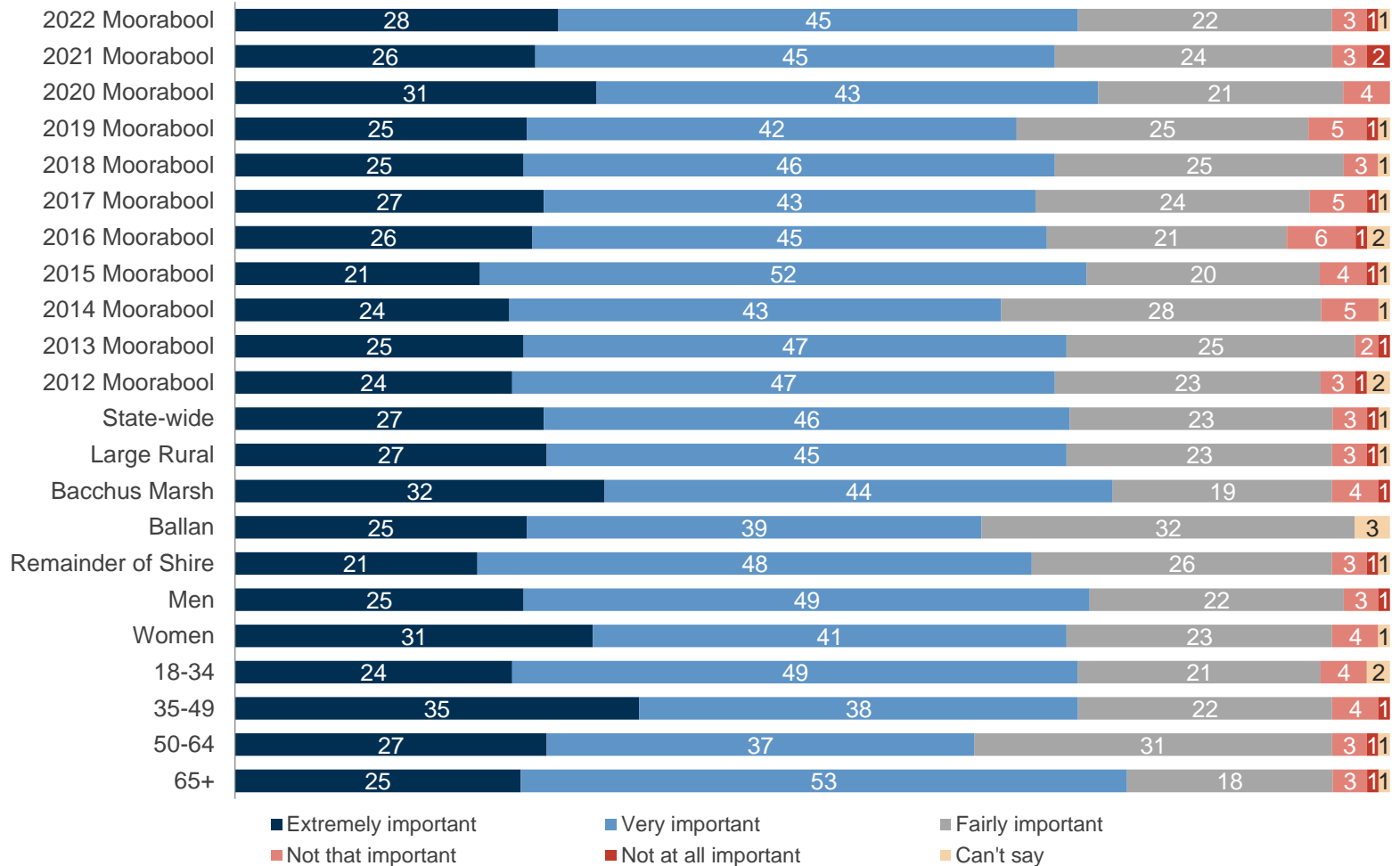
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Recreational facilities importance



2022 recreational facilities importance (%)





Recreational facilities performance



2022 recreational facilities performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	69▲	71	70	70	69	70	69	70	71	70	70
Large Rural	66▲	68	67	68	66	66	65	66	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballan	62	52	63	53	58	58	53	59	60	59	n/a
65+	60	62	67	64	56	61	60	61	65	62	66
Men	56	56	60	56	56	60	56	63	61	58	65
Remainder of Shire	56	58	59	58	63	59	57	62	65	63	n/a
35-49	55	53	51	51	52	52	52	53	58	54	62
Moorabool	55	57	58	54	55	55	56	60	61	57	61
Women	55	58	55	52	54	51	56	57	61	56	57
Bacchus Marsh	54	57	57	54	51	54	57	60	60	55	n/a
18-34	53	56	55	49	57	56	60	65	64	60	59
50-64	52	57	60	54	56	55	55	64	58	55	57

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Recreational facilities' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 43 Councils asked group: 10

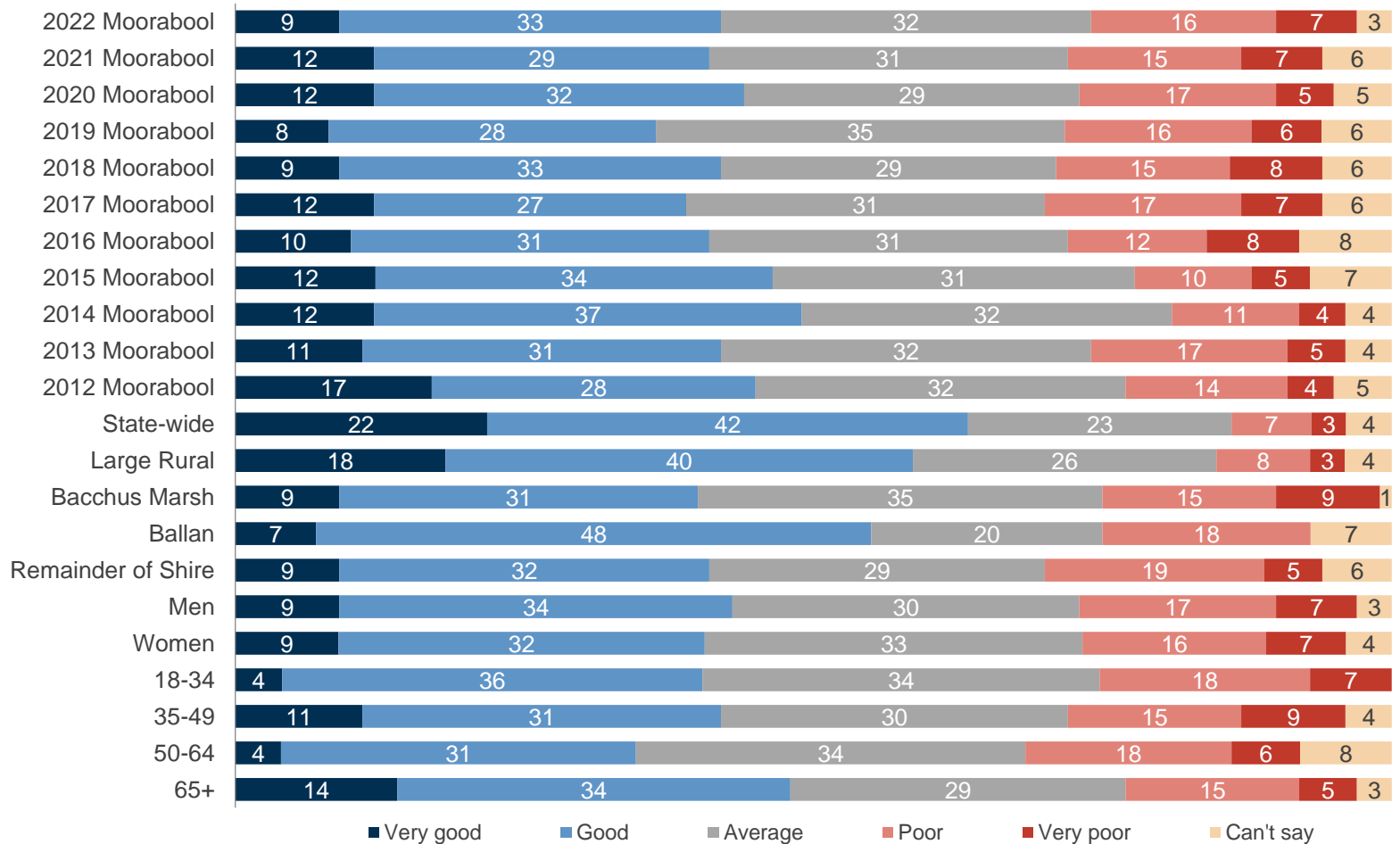
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Recreational facilities performance



2022 recreational facilities performance (%)





The appearance of public areas importance



2022 public areas importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Bacchus Marsh	78	75	75	76	74	77	76	74	74	76	n/a
35-49	77	75	77	74	74	76	74	75	74	77	75
65+	77	73	78	72	72	73	73	67	72	73	72
Women	77	74	75	77	76	78	77	73	74	74	74
Moorabool	76	74	75	73	73	75	75	72	72	74	72
Ballan	76	75	80	68	75	75	76	72	68	75	n/a
Men	76	74	75	69	70	72	73	70	69	74	71
18-34	76	74	70	71	70	75	76	71	65	71	70
50-64	75	76	75	75	76	76	75	73	77	75	72
State-wide	75	75	74	73	74	74	74	73	73	74	73
Large Rural	75	75	73	73	73	73	74	73	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	72	72	73	64	69	72	73	68	67	68	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'The appearance of public areas' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 32 Councils asked group: 9

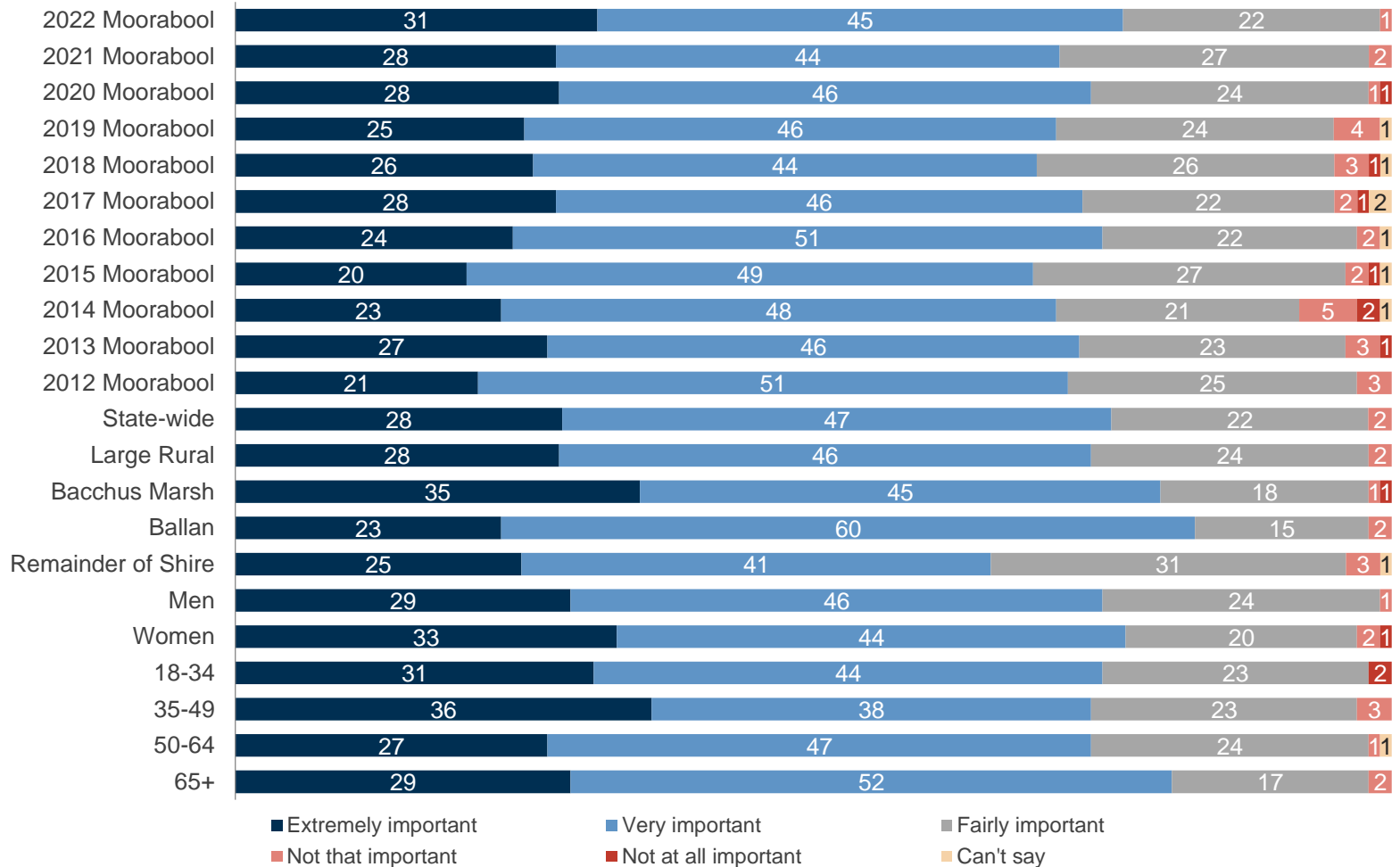
Note: Please see Appendix A for explanation of significant differences.



The appearance of public areas importance



2022 public areas importance (%)





The appearance of public areas performance



2022 public areas performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	71▲	73	72	72	71	71	71	72	72	71	71
Large Rural	67▲	70	71	70	69	69	69	69	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballan	63	73	69	67	64	63	62	59	69	58	n/a
Men	62	66	66	64	62	63	64	65	63	64	68
50-64	62	67	64	61	63	61	60	63	60	62	63
65+	61	68	65	65	61	64	66	63	65	61	71
35-49	61	68	62	64	65	66	64	63	67	61	68
Remainder of Shire	61	66	63	62	67	66	65	62	64	67	n/a
Moorabool	61	66	64	64	64	64	64	63	65	64	69
Bacchus Marsh	60	65	64	64	62	64	65	64	64	64	n/a
18-34	59	61	66	66	65	66	67	64	66	72	72
Women	59	67	63	65	65	66	65	61	67	64	69

Q2. How has Council performed on 'The appearance of public areas' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 43 Councils asked group: 11

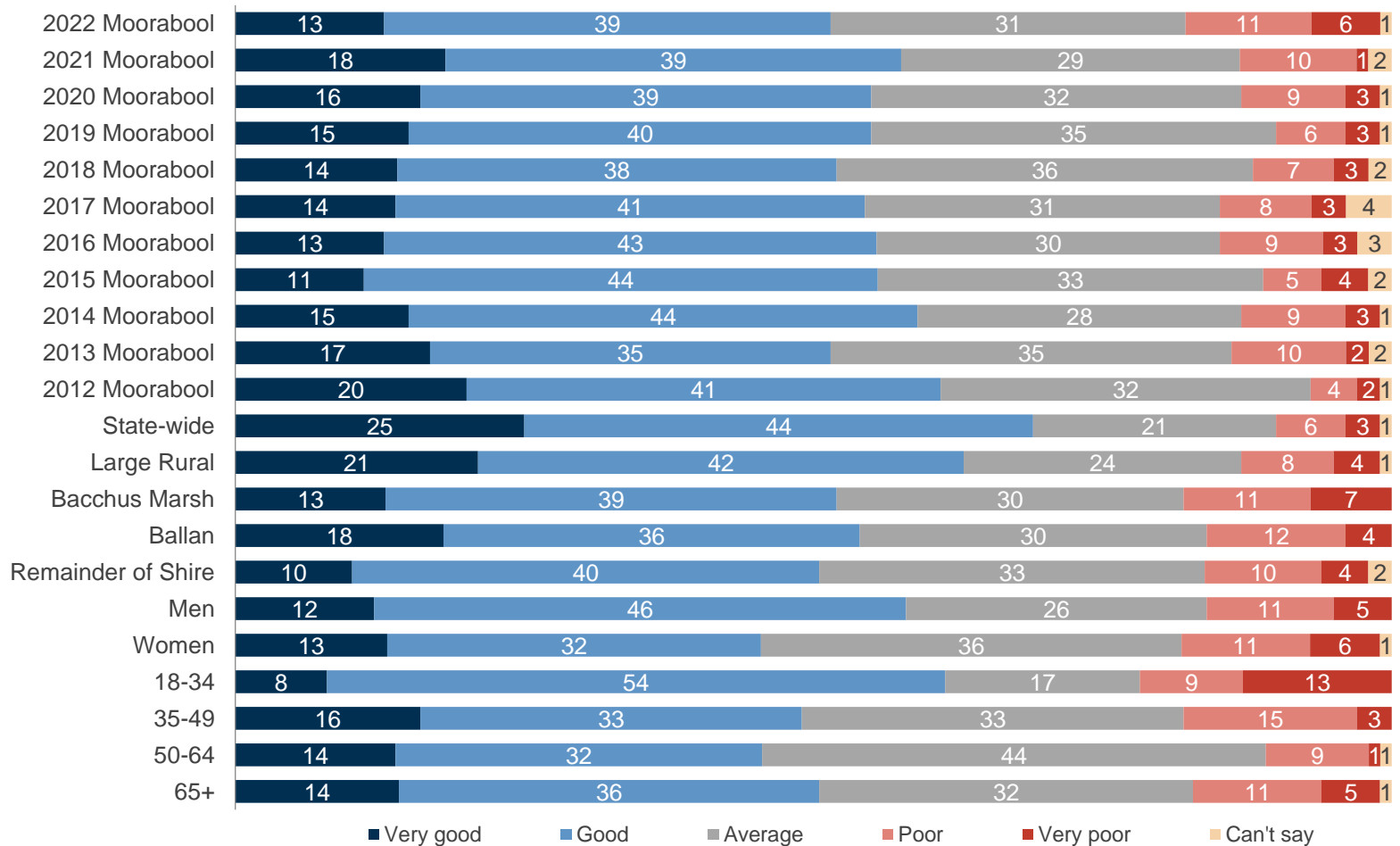
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The appearance of public areas performance



2022 public areas performance (%)





Waste management importance



2022 waste management importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Bacchus Marsh	85	82	85	80	83	82	79	79	81	80	n/a
50-64	85	85	87	79	86	83	80	83	83	82	81
Men	84	80	82	76	79	78	77	78	76	77	76
35-49	84	82	85	83	82	80	77	83	80	81	80
Ballan	84	85	84	78	84	79	79	76	77	82	n/a
Moorabool	83	83	84	80	82	80	78	79	79	80	78
18-34	83	82	81	76	79	79	75	71	75	76	73
Women	82	85	87	84	86	82	79	80	82	83	81
State-wide	82	82	82	81	81	79	80	79	79	79	78
65+	82	82	85	81	83	79	82	78	79	82	80
Large Rural	81	81	81	80	81	78	79	78	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	81	84	81	79	80	77	76	79	76	79	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Waste management' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 32 Councils asked group: 9

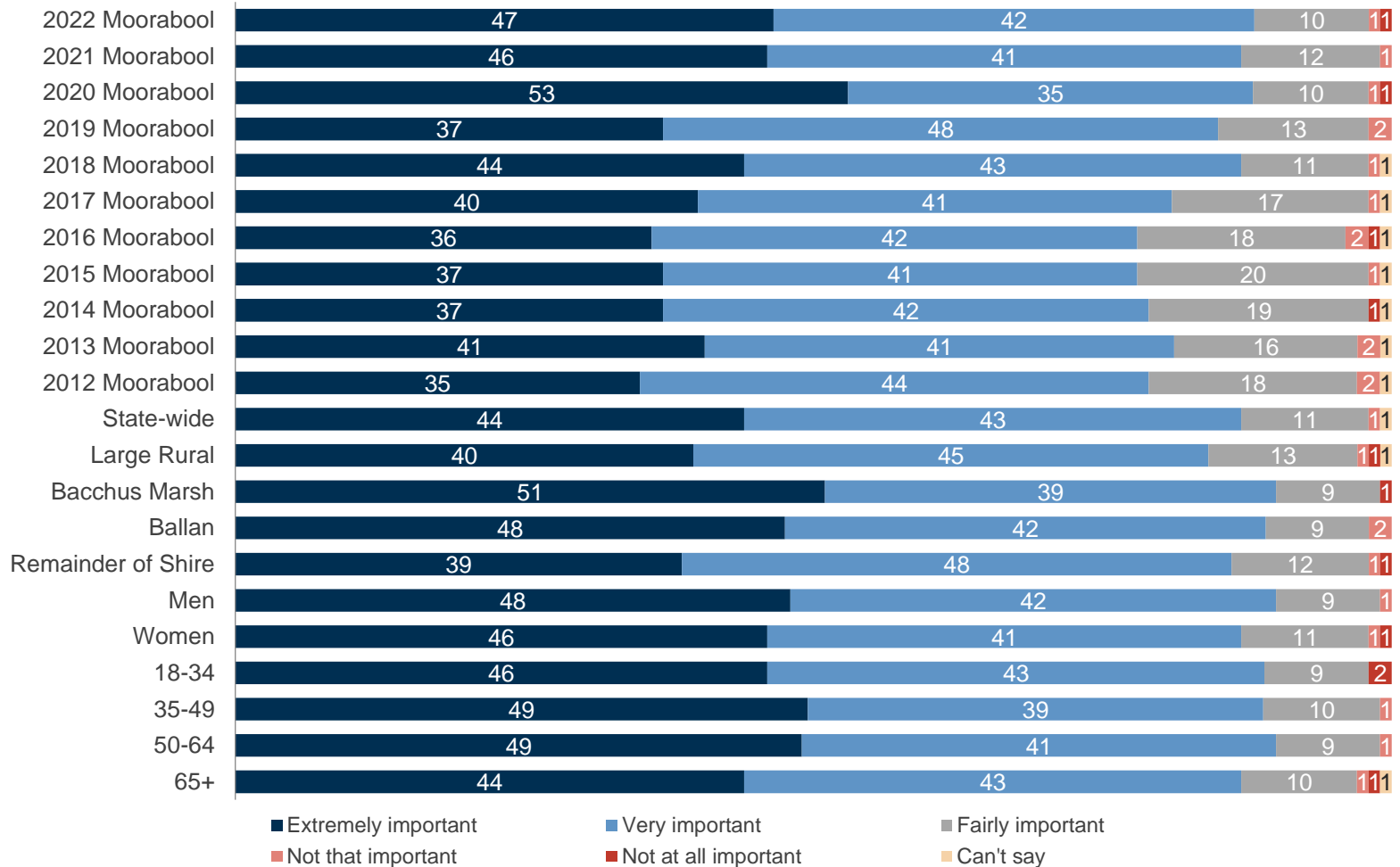
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Waste management importance



2022 waste management importance (%)





Waste management performance



2022 waste management performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	68▲	69	65	68	70	71	70	72	73	71	72
Large Rural	65▲	66	62	64	67	68	66	68	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	65	62	54	62	69	66	68	68	69	75	n/a
65+	64	69	69	68	70	69	70	68	68	71	75
Men	63	66	58	67	66	64	68	68	70	70	70
18-34	62	61	49	63	66	61	64	67	73	75	68
50-64	61	65	57	59	70	65	66	67	67	65	68
Moorabool	61	65	57	64	68	65	67	67	69	69	69
Bacchus Marsh	59	66	57	66	68	65	67	66	69	67	n/a
Women	59	64	56	62	69	67	65	66	68	68	69
35-49	57	65	55	66	65	66	66	65	68	67	68
Ballan	57	65	64	59	62	66	62	66	68	63	n/a

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Waste management' over the last 12 months?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 67 Councils asked group: 19

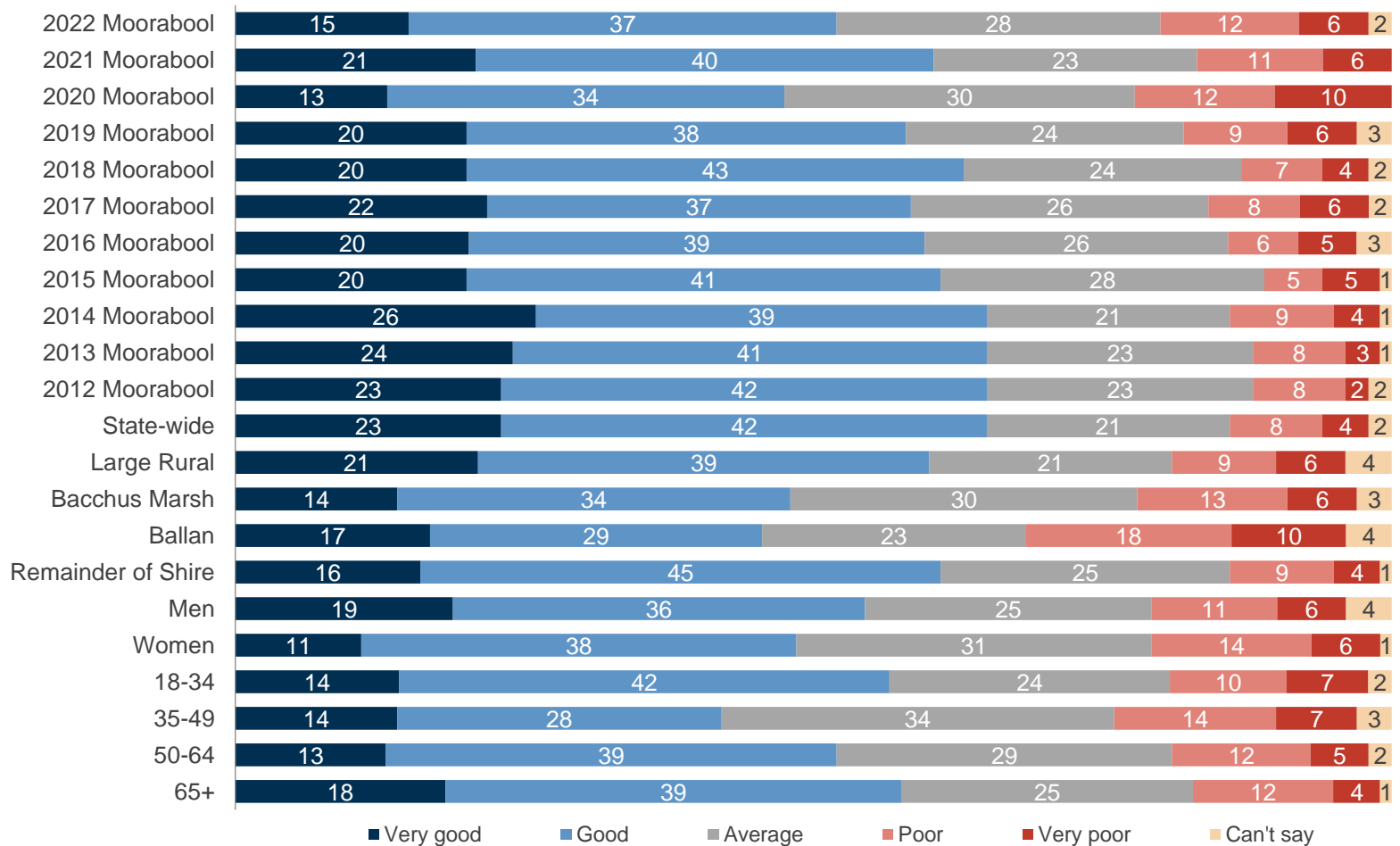
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Waste management performance



2022 waste management performance (%)



Business and community development and tourism importance



2022 business/development/tourism importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Large Rural	70	71	68	64	65	67	69	70	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	70	61	64	60	62	64	64	67	63	66	65
Bacchus Marsh	70	65	66	64	66	70	71	69	66	71	n/a
18-34	69	60	62	61	61	71	65	70	62	68	66
35-49	69	65	67	66	69	68	70	69	66	69	71
State-wide	69	70	67	65	66	67	67	67	67	67	66
Moorabool	68	65	66	64	65	67	67	67	65	69	68
65+	67	67	67	63	66	61	65	62	64	67	67
50-64	67	69	67	66	63	68	65	67	67	69	66
Women	67	69	67	67	67	71	69	67	66	71	70
Remainder of Shire	66	64	61	63	61	62	62	64	62	62	n/a
Ballan	66	68	68	63	66	66	58	67	64	71	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Business and community development and tourism' be as a responsibility for Council?

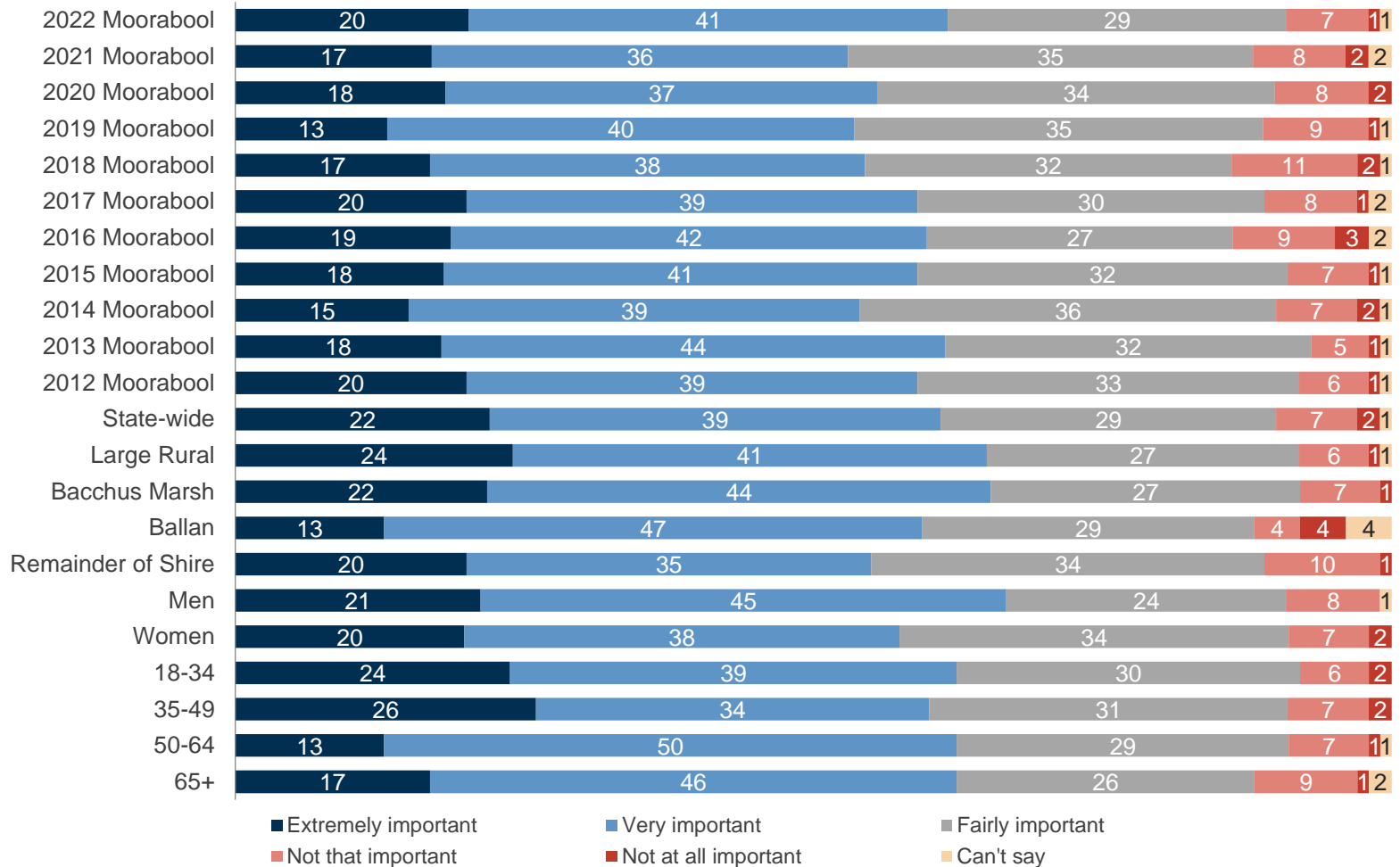
Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 23 Councils asked group: 7

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

Business and community development and tourism importance



2022 business/development/tourism importance (%)



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Business and community development and tourism' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 23 Councils asked group: 7

Business and community development and tourism performance



2022 business/development/tourism performance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
State-wide	60▲	61	59	61	60	61	60	61	62	62	62
Large Rural	58▲	59	61	62	61	60	59	59	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballan	57	56	57	59	61	54	52	54	56	51	n/a
Remainder of Shire	54	56	54	57	63	49	53	49	53	55	n/a
50-64	54	55	56	54	54	54	54	54	54	52	51
35-49	54	55	56	59	59	55	54	53	57	54	60
18-34	53	59	59	61	67	52	63	60	58	62	59
Women	53	57	59	61	59	57	58	58	59	57	58
Moorabool	53	57	58	60	60	54	57	55	56	57	57
Men	53	57	56	58	61	52	57	52	53	57	57
Bacchus Marsh	52	57	59	60	58	57	61	58	57	59	n/a
65+	51	58	59	63	58	58	59	53	55	62	60

Q2. How has Council performed on 'Business and community development and tourism' over the last 12 months?

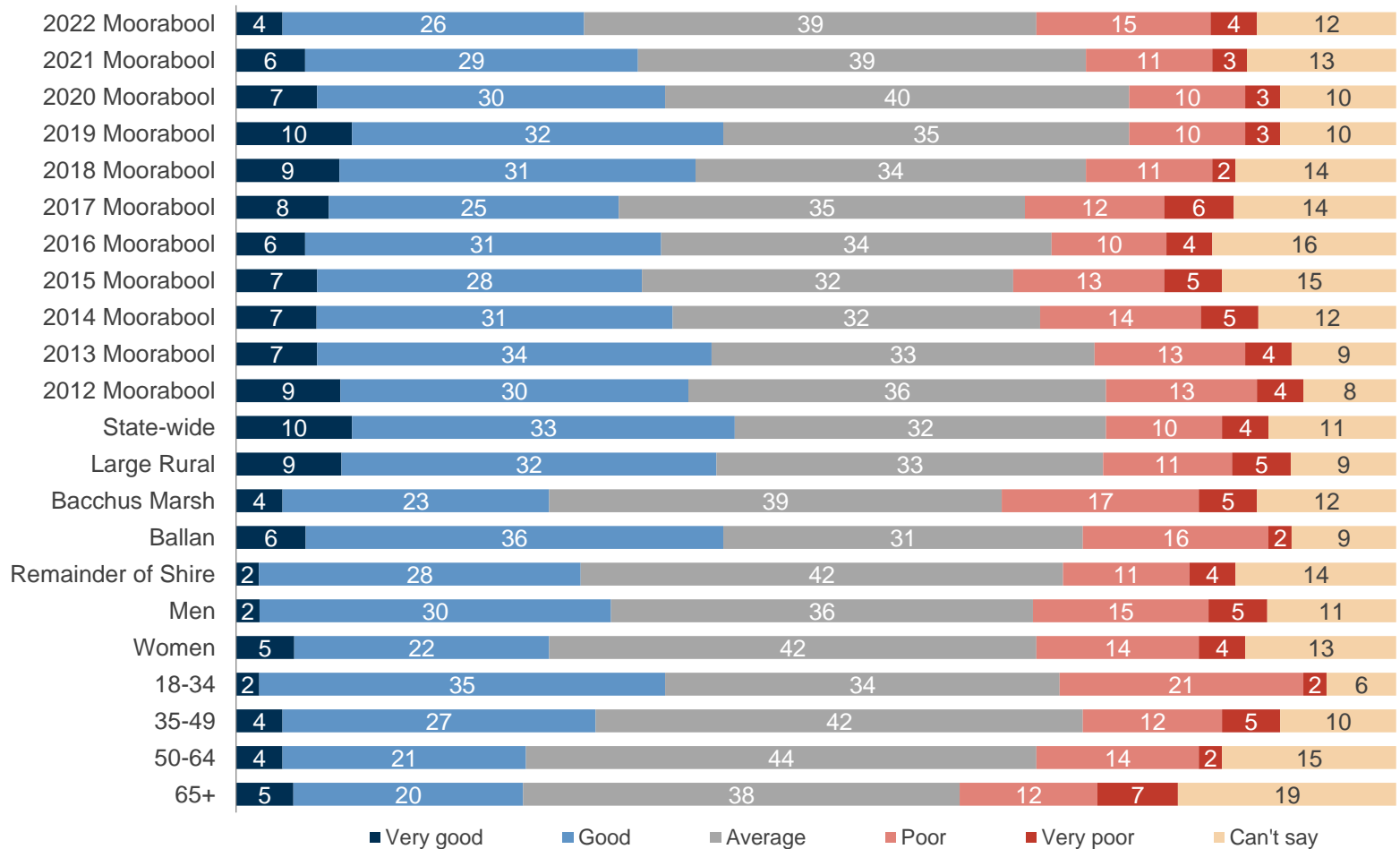
Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 30 Councils asked group: 10

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

Business and community development and tourism performance



2022 business/development/tourism performance (%)





Business and community development importance



2022 business/community development importance (index scores)

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Women	72	70	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bacchus Marsh	71	69	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	71	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
18-34	71	66	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
35-49	71	68	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Moorabool	70	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
State-wide	70	70	69	69	69	70	70	69	69	n/a	n/a
Remainder of Shire	69	63	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	69	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Large Rural	68	68	68	70	69	70	71	72	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballan	68	69	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50-64	67	71	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'Business and community development' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 9 Councils asked group: 3

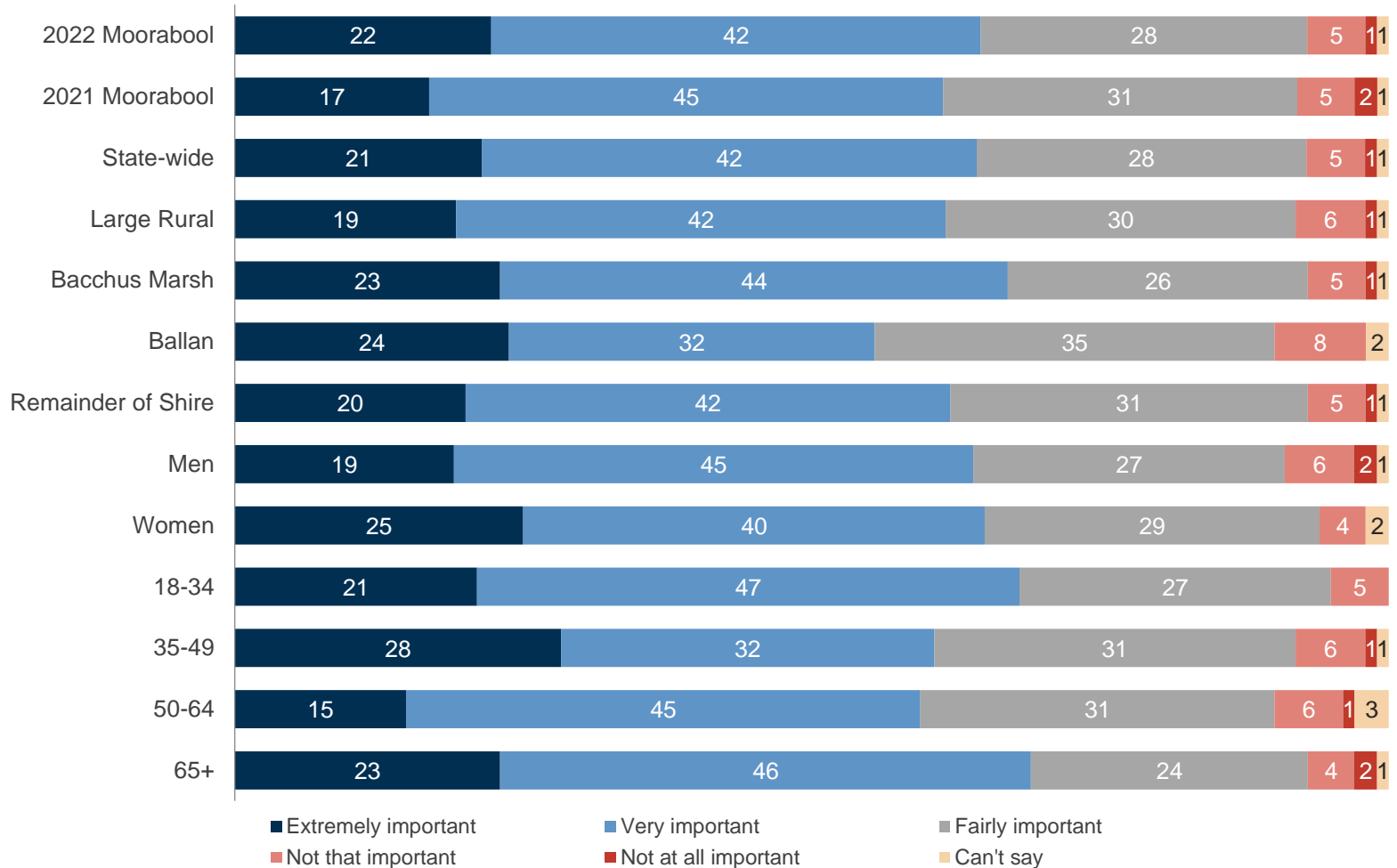
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Business and community development importance



2022 business/community development importance (%)



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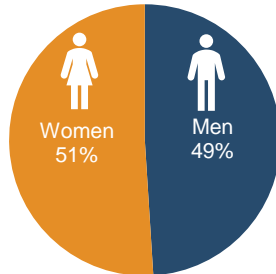
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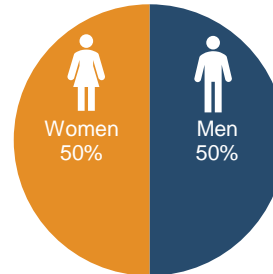
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2022 gender

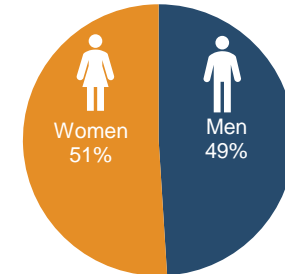
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Large Rural

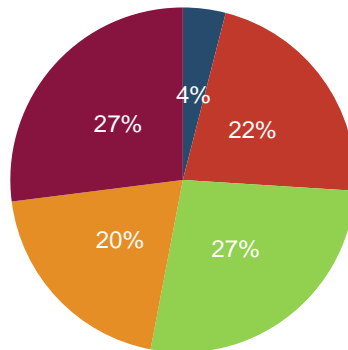


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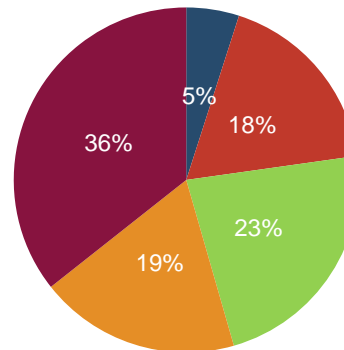


2022 age

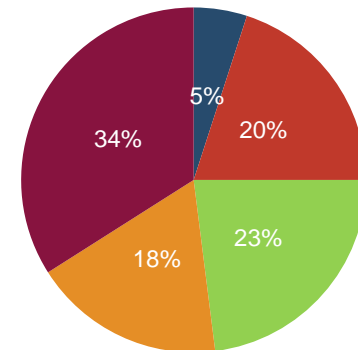
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Large Rural



State-wide



■ 18-24 ■ 25-34 ■ 35-49 ■ 50-64 ■ 65+

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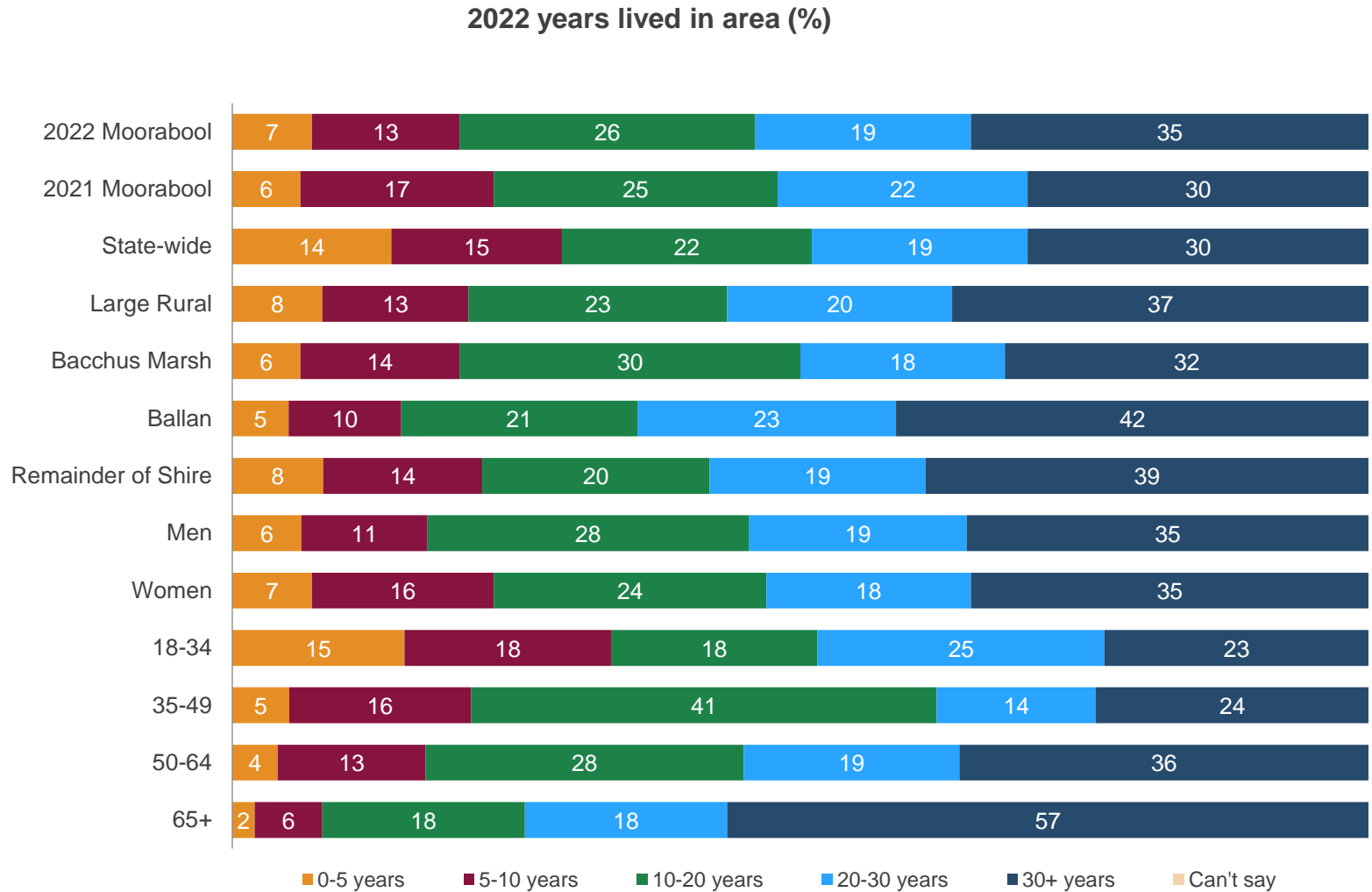
S3. [Record gender] / S4. To which of the following age groups do you belong?


Base: All respondents. Councils asked State-wide: 67 Councils asked group: 19

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



Years lived in area





Appendix A: Index scores, margins of error and significant differences



Appendix A: Index Scores

Index Scores

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

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

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

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

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



Appendix A: Margins of error

The sample size for the 2022 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Moorabool Shire Council was n=400. Unless otherwise noted, this is the total sample base for all reported charts and tables.

The maximum margin of error on a sample of approximately n=400 interviews is +/-4.9% at the 95% confidence level for results around 50%. Margins of error will be larger for any sub-samples. As an example, a result of 50% can be read confidently as falling midway in the range 45.1% - 54.9%.

Maximum margins of error are listed in the table below, based on a population of 27,200 people aged 18 years or over for Moorabool Shire Council, according to ABS estimates.

Demographic	Actual survey sample size	Weighted base	Maximum margin of error at 95% confidence interval
Moorabool Shire Council	400	400	+/-4.9
Men	175	197	+/-7.4
Women	225	203	+/-6.5
Bacchus Marsh	239	242	+/-6.3
Ballan	41	41	+/-15.5
Remainder of Shire	120	117	+/-9.0
18-34 years	52	104	+/-13.7
35-49 years	105	108	+/-9.6
50-64 years	105	81	+/-9.6
65+ years	138	106	+/-8.4



Appendix A: Significant difference reporting notation

Within tables and index score charts throughout this report, statistically significant differences at the 95% confidence level are represented by upward directing green (▲) and downward directing red arrows (▼).

Significance when noted indicates a significantly higher or lower result for the analysis group in comparison to the 'Total' result for the council for that survey question for that year. Therefore in the example below:

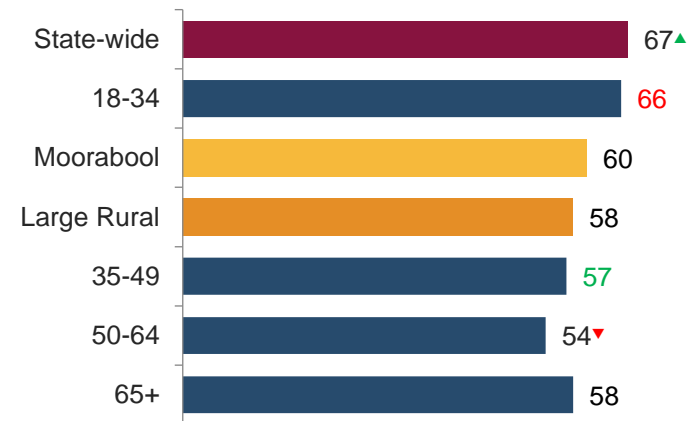
- ▲ The state-wide result is significantly higher than the overall result for the council.
- ▼ The result among 50-64 year olds is significantly lower than for the overall result for the council.

Further, results shown in green and red indicate significantly higher or lower results than in 2021.

Therefore in the example below:

- The result among 35-49 year olds in the council is **significantly higher** than the result achieved among this group in 2021.
- The result among 18-34 year olds in the council is **significantly lower** than the result achieved among this group in 2021.

**2022 overall performance (index scores)
(example extract only)**





Appendix A: Index score significant difference calculation

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

$$Z \text{ Score} = (\$1 - \$2) / \text{Sqrt} ((\$5^2 / \$3) + (\$6^2 / \$4))$$

Where:

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

All figures can be sourced from the detailed cross tabulations.

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



Appendix B: Further project information



Appendix B: Further information

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

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

Detailed survey tabulations

Detailed survey tabulations are available in supplied Excel file.

Contacts

For further queries about the conduct and reporting of the 2022 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, please contact JWS Research on

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Appendix B: Survey methodology and sampling

The 2022 results are compared with previous years, as detailed below:

- 2021, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 28th January – 18th March.
- 2020, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 30th January – 22nd March.
- 2019, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2018, n=401 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2017, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2016, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2015, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2014, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 31st January – 11th March.
- 2013, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 24th March.
- 2012, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 18th May – 30th June.

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

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

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

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

A total of n=400 completed interviews were achieved in Moorabool Shire Council. Survey fieldwork was conducted in the period of 27th January – 24th March, 2022.



Appendix B: Analysis and reporting

All participating councils are listed in the State-wide report published on the DELWP website. In 2022, 67 of the 79 Councils throughout Victoria participated in this survey. For consistency of analysis and reporting across all projects, Local Government Victoria has aligned its presentation of data to use standard council groupings. Accordingly, the council reports for the community satisfaction survey provide analysis using these standard council groupings. Please note that councils participating across 2012-2022 vary slightly.

Council Groups

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

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

Councils participating in the Large Rural group are:

- Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Campaspe, Colac Otway, Corangamite, Glenelg, Golden Plains, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Moira, Moorabool, Mount Alexander, Moyne, South Gippsland, Southern Grampians, Surf Coast, Swan Hill and Wellington.

Wherever appropriate, results for Moorabool Shire Council for this 2022 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey have been compared against other participating councils in the Large Rural group and on a state-wide basis. Please note that council groupings changed for 2015, and as such comparisons to council group results before that time can not be made within the reported charts.



Appendix B: 2012 survey revision

The survey was revised in 2012. As a result:

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

As such, the results of the 2012 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey should be considered as a benchmark. Please note that comparisons should not be made with the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results from 2011 and prior due to the methodological and sampling changes. Comparisons in the period 2012-2022 have been made throughout this report as appropriate.



Appendix B:

Core, optional and tailored questions

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Over and above necessary geographic and demographic questions required to ensure sample representativeness, a base set of questions for the 2022 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey was designated as 'Core' and therefore compulsory inclusions for all participating Councils.

These core questions comprised:

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

Reporting of results for these core questions can always be compared against other participating councils in the council group and against all participating councils state-wide. Alternatively, some questions in the 2022 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey were optional. Councils also had the ability to ask tailored questions specific only to their council.



Appendix B: Analysis and reporting

Reporting

Every council that participated in the 2022 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey receives a customised report. In addition, the State government is supplied with this State-wide summary report of the aggregate results of 'Core' and 'Optional' questions asked across all council areas surveyed, which is available at:

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

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



Appendix B: Glossary of terms

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

CSS: 2022 Victorian Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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