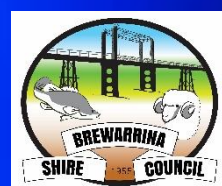


# REVISED COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN BREWARRINA SHIRE 2026



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## Message to Residents

This document is Brewarrina Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan. The Plan is a working document that identifies the main priorities, objectives and goals for the future of the Brewarrina Shire local government area leading up to 2026.

Our 'Brewarrina Shire 2026' Plan sets out the social, environmental, economic and civic leadership goals for the future of our community. Therefore, it is a **community plan**, not just a Council plan. The Council will however be responsible for the Plan's implementation and the ongoing updates to the Plan in the coming years.

The Plan has been developed through community stakeholder workshops, a survey and careful analysis of the findings from both. The Plan will be delivered as a partnership between Council, State agencies, community groups and individuals and addresses a broad range of issues that are relevant to the whole community.

Our Councillors support the Plan, believe that it reflects the priorities of our community and look forward to seeing its development and delivery over time.

Regards,

Vivian Slack-Smith  
MAYOR  
Brewarrina Shire Council

## **An introduction to Brewarrina Shire**

Brewarrina is a rural and remote community located in the north-west region of New South Wales on the banks of the Barwon River, 800 km's north west of Sydney.

The Shire has a total population of 1,651 persons (ABS 2016), spread over an area of 19,000 sq. km's and borders the state line of Queensland to the north and is surrounded by the shires of Walgett, Brewarrina, Bogan and Bourke. The nearest major population and regional centre is the city of Dubbo, approximately 400 km's southeast of Brewarrina.

Brewarrina Shire covers approximately 2.4% of the total area of NSW and contains less than 0.00025% of the total population, with one person for every 10.758 sq km's. In comparison Sydney, which covers 1.5 % of the total area of NSW, contains 63.4% of the total state's population.

Brewarrina is the largest centre in the shire, incorporating two Aboriginal reserves situated close to town (West Brewarrina and Barwon Four). The population of Brewarrina represents about 52% of the total local government areas population.

In addition to Brewarrina, there are four other populated centres within the shire. These are Goodooga, Angledool, Gongolgon and Weilmoringle. The shire population has steadily declined over the past eight census counts, with close to 600 persons leaving the district since 1991. As at the last census date, the majority of the Brewarrina population were under 39 years of age, with one quarter younger than 15 years. A greater proportion of these younger people are amongst the Aboriginal population. Aboriginal people constituted 61.2% of the population at the time of the 2016 census.

The Brewarrina Shire is home to the Ngemba, Murri Warri, Euahlayi, Weilwan, Ualari and Barranbinya people. Brewarrina has great historical significance to the Aboriginal people of the region as the town was one of the great inter-tribal meeting places of eastern Australia with the unique fisheries or "Nghunnhu", sustaining hundreds of Aboriginal people during the tribal gatherings held prior to European settlement. The fisheries are elaborate man made stone constructions in the riverbed designed to trap fish. The Brewarrina Fish Traps is an Australian heritage listed site and is of spiritual significance to Aboriginal people.

Agriculture is a strong sector of the Brewarrina economy and the area is a major producer of wool, livestock and a significant producer of cotton and wheat.

## **Brewarrina Shire 2026**

Local Councils in NSW are required to undertake their planning and reporting activities in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005.

## Local Government Planning and Reporting Framework



A Community Strategic Plan is a working document that identifies the main priorities, objectives and goals for the future of the Brewarrina Shire local government area.

In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may affect the community and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its goals.

The Plan must:

- Have a long term focus – minimum of 10 years.
- Address key issues – social, environmental, economic and civil leadership.
- Provide for a resourcing strategy – including how community assets will be used for the future, how the council workforce will be managed to deliver up the desired plan outcomes and a financial plan to spell out how aspects of the plan will be funded.
- Outline how progress in implementing the plan will be measured and monitored.
- Provide for the council to progressively report to the community on progress and achievements.

### Community Consultation and Engagement

Community consultation and engagement are integral aspects of Council's every day activities. Engagement is not an 'add-on' activity. When Council has a good relationship with the community, it is more likely to understand the range of needs and aspirations of the community and to ultimately make better informed decisions.

The Engagement Strategy encourages the community to be informed and to participate in decision-making processes that guide the development of shire-wide service provision.

The Community Engagement Strategy outlines how Council will engage with its community and relevant stakeholders in developing and finalising the Community Strategic Plan. Over time it will be reviewed to outline how Council will ensure regular engagement and discussion with our community about their needs and aspirations for the town.

### Community Consultation

Council's Community Engagement Strategy was adopted by Council on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2016. Community consultation for the development of the Community Strategic Plan commenced in November 2016, with Council staff conducting six forums and consultation meetings across the Shire, with over 130 people attending. These included:

- Council Staff
- Councillors
- Community (community groups, health, service groups, business)
- Goodooga Community
- Weilmoringle Community
- Youth
- Aboriginal Lands Council
- Workshops with Managers
- Workshop with Councillors on 28 October 2016, and further workshops – during consultation, and to receive preliminary results and draft plan.
- Focus group meeting (23/11/2016)
- Focus group meeting (25/11/2016)
- Focus group meeting (20/11/2016)
- Focus group meeting (8/03/2017)
- Focus group meeting (7/12/2016)



Above: Community Gathering At Weilmoringle

In addition, a survey was conducted via both hard copy and online means and regular information updates were provided via a variety of communication channels (e.g. local newspaper, Council website, Brewarrina Shire Council Facebook page.)

Hard copy and on-line surveys were distributed and returned to Council between 24th February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. Council received 178 replies from a broad range of responders from a representative sample of the population.

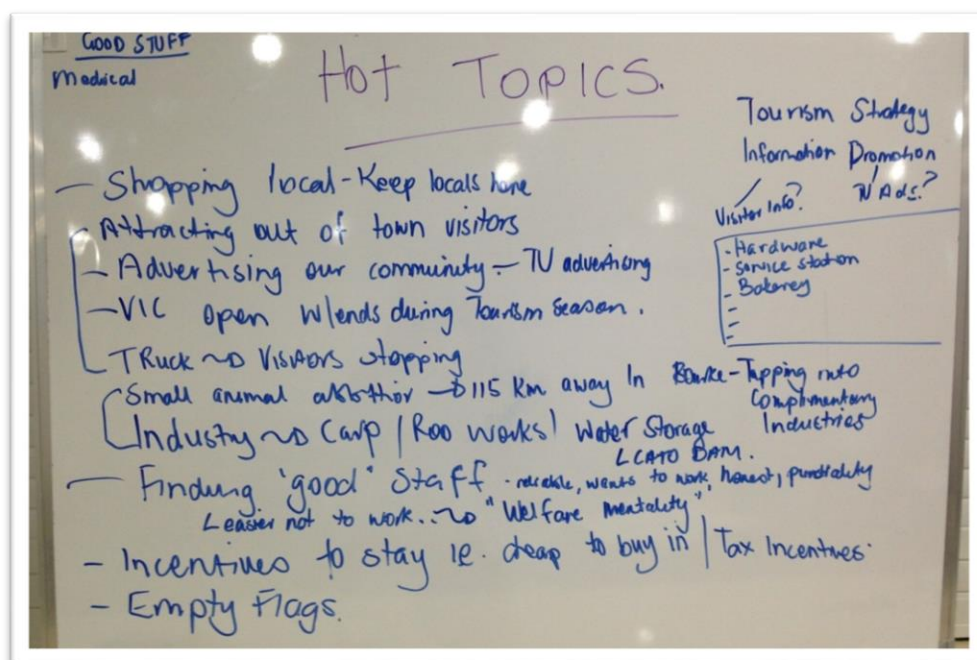
In total Brewarrina Shire Council consulted with 13.5% of the population. A compilation of survey results is included as Attachment 1.



Above: Brewarrina Aboriginal Lands Council

The development of 'Brewarrina Shire 2026' was also actively informed by recent community engagement activities including:

- Brewarrina Shire Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017
- Lower Macquarie Water Association Plan



Above: Hot Topics discussed by Brewarrina Businesses



## State and Regional Plans

The development of 'Brewarrina Shire 2026' has taken into account the NSW State Plan, 'NSW 2021 – a Plan to Make NSW Number One', the Regional Plan developed by Regional Development Australia – Orana (RDA Orana) – 'Regional Plan Orana NSW 2010 – 2020' and Draft Far West Regional Plan 2036 developed by NSW Planning and Environment.

Some of the issues considered in these plans have been taken into consideration in the Brewarrina Shire's Community Strategic Plan including areas such as the economy, infrastructure, health, education, transport and tourism.

### Transport Infrastructure

Rural roads are a key area of concern for the Brewarrina Shire Community. A priority for Brewarrina Shire Council is to *upgrade and seal the road from Hebel (Queensland boarder) to the township of Brewarrina, via Goodooga*. This sealed road would provide an alternate inland route for heavy vehicles, take traffic off the already congested Pacific and Newell Highways and provide an economic stimulus to the community of Goodooga, with business and job opportunities.

Regional Development Australia, Orana, identify the need to “upgrade and seal various roads within the region to create a better service link” (p.29), and to work towards “improvements to rail infrastructure” (p.30). This is also aligned to the NSW State Plan Goal 19 – “Invest in Critical Infrastructure” with targets including to improve the quality of urban and rural state roads.

### Economic Growth – Industry, Business and Tourism

The re-establishment of industry and business in the Brewarrina Shire has been highlighted through the community consultation process, *in particular a game meat abattoir* or alternate semi-skilled, labour intensive industry that can provide employment opportunities for residents.

This is aligned with the Orana RDA's Plan to “develop new eco-tourism ventures which focus on river systems” (p.34), which in turn aligns to the NSW State Plan Goal 3 to “Drive Economic Growth in Regional NSW”.

## Key issues and Challenges for our Community

### Values

- Provide a safe and attractive working and living environment that will attract skilled people and help boost the population
- Continue to support and develop agriculture and other existing industries, but reduce reliance on the agriculture industry via development of alternative income sources
- A Shire that has quality and well-maintained infrastructure
- A place that encourages vitality and leadership in the community

- A Council that provides quality and cost-effective services, and that partners with the community in decision-making.
- A community that is inclusive and encourages the development of its young people

## **Key issues**

Community consultation identified key challenges affecting Brewarrina Shire.

- The hollowing out of the population – trend toward increases in older, less skilled, more welfare dependent population. Need to boost the population (and skill levels) by attracting and retaining working families and employed young adults.
- Need to attract new industry and enterprises to reduce reliance on agriculture industry and help boost employment – particularly semi-skilled industry.
- Provision of community services and facilities, such as health services and law enforcement, to service existing residents and attract new residents.
- Infrastructure and services across the Shire need to be of an adequate standard to support local business and the community – e.g. local and rural roads, water supply, waste management and drainage.
- Need to support the youth of the community and encourage their development, education and ensure there are adequate facilities and services to meet their needs.

These issues will be addressed under the following categories:

- Social
- Economic
- Infrastructure
- Environmental
- Governance

## **Community Vision Statement**

“Create an economic and socially sustainable Brewarrina Shire for our children”

## **REVISION OF PLAN**

Council has undertaken a review the Community Strategic Plan in 2022 and the current plan has been amended to incorporate/remove/amend matters that have been achieved or are no longer relevant as well as any additional requirements under the current regulations.

In addition to this the Council conducted a workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at which the projects in the table 1 were identified as priority projects for consideration in future budget and grant submissions.

<b>BREWARRINA STRATEGIC PLAN</b>	
<b>PRIORITY PROJECTS COUNCIL 2022</b>	
<b>Community Plan Objective</b>	<b>Project Brief Description</b>
5.2	Welcome to Country Signage
1.2	Multipurpose Centre Brewarrina & Goodooga
3.2	New Visitor Information Centre & Shire Office
3.2	Golf Course Clubhouse Brewarrina & Goodooga
5.2	More interpretative Signage
	<b>Gongolgon</b>
3.2	Upgrade to Cemetery Fencing Toilet
3.2	Tennis Courts Upgrade
3.1	Sealing Streets
3.2	Beautification & Toilets at Rest Stop near bridge
	<b>Angledool</b>
3.1	Seal Airstrip
3.2	Communal Area at Cemetery
	<b>Goodooga</b>
3.1	Kerb & Gutter Repair program
3.1	Street Signage
1.4	Lighting Upgrades
3.2	Oval Seating
1.3	Recreation Centre at Oval
	<b>Brewarrina</b>
1.4	Transition to solar street lighting
3.2	Main street Beautification program including weir park
3.1	Barwon 4 Walkway
3.2	Tree Planting Program
3.1	Pathway upgrades
1.4	Seal laneways & town streets
3.2	Communal areas
2.2	4 Mile Camp area hot water and more toilets
2.2	4 Mile Camp Area Pontoon Jetty boat friendly
2.2	BBQ areas in town parks
4.2	Waste Facility at Barwon 4
3.2	BBQ area in pool grounds
2.2	Murals for town streets and water tower

<b>BREWARRINA STRATEGIC PLAN</b>	
<b>PRIORITY PROJECTS COUNCIL 2022</b>	
<b>Community Plan Objective</b>	<b>Project Brief Description</b>
	<b>Rural Roads</b>
<b>3.1</b>	Remove/Replace Double Grids Arthur Hall Way
<b>3.1</b>	Seal Gongolgon to Byrock Road
<b>2.2</b>	Seal Old Mission Road
<b>3.1</b>	MR 70 Goodooga Road continue Widening
<b>2.2</b>	Lobby Walgett Shire to upgrade Narran Lake Road
<b>2.2</b>	SH 29 Bourke Road toilet rest stop in Bourke Shire
<b>3.1</b>	Gravel Resheeting Local Roads
<b>1.4</b>	Upgrade Flood Evac Road around Brewarrina
	<b>Big Picture Projects</b>
<b>2.1</b>	Solar Farm - Feasibility Study
<b>2.1</b>	Roo Works possible Tannery
<b>2.2</b>	River Cruise Boat
<b>2.1</b>	Green Hydrogen Hub
<b>2.2</b>	Regional Events (Festivals Rodeo etc.)
<b>2.2</b>	Pontoon Walkway across river near Wandering Jew wreck

The document, as amended, was placed on public exhibition for 28 days and will, once adopted, become the latest Revision of the Community Strategic Plan 2026.

## 1. Social

Significant community challenges and issues that have influenced the composition of the community's Social strategies include:

- Lack of employment opportunities, decline in quality of essential services/infrastructure such as health, education and housing. These factors mean that it is difficult to attract and retain working families and employed young adults.
- Decline in population levels and the relative ageing of the community, involving increases in older community members and the exit of school-aged and post-secondary youth.
- Challenge of maintaining essential local services and ensuring these services continue to be provided locally rather than as out-reach services.
- Responsibility of parents and carers to take responsibility for youth in their care.

### Our Community's 2026 Social Strategies:

<b>Objective 1.1: Improve social well-being to offer a competitive lifestyle to attract and retain working families</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
1.1.1	Local access to essential services and less outreach services particularly for essential services.	Council	Community	Ongoing
1.1.2	Maintain high levels of community cohesion and community spirit	Community	Council	Ongoing
1.1.3	Provide leadership and coordination of service providers in the Brewarrina Shire	Council, Interagency	Community	Ongoing
1.1.4	Ensure a high standard of education for Shire residents	Schools, TAFE, Department of Education and Training	Council	Ongoing
1.1.5	Retain and develop housing for skilled people	Government and local businesses	Community	Ongoing
1.1.6	Co-ordinate and support community groups to promote events and activities	Council	Community	Ongoing

	within the local community such as Australia Day.			
1.1.7	Promote the development of Goodooga.	State and Federal Government	Council & Government.	

<b>Objective 1.2: Support young people and encourage their development</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
1.2.1	Provide leadership and coordination of the Brewarrina Youth Centre to coordinate actions to assist all youth	Council, other community service providers for youth	Family and Community Services	Ongoing
1.2.2	Provide sustainable Early Childhood education services to the community.	Council and community	Family and Community Services	Ongoing
1.2.3	Development of traineeship programs to retain youth and provide with new skills	Council	Funding Agencies	Ongoing

<b>Objective 1.3: Improved health outcomes for the community</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
1.3.1	Provide appropriate levels of health care and aged care within the Shire	Government	Council, Government	Ongoing
1.3.2	Advocate for Dentist and Doctors available in Brewarrina to meet community's needs	Private enterprise	Council, Government	Ongoing

<b>Objective 1.4: A safe and clean community</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
1.4.1	Provide animal control services to meet the demands of the community	Council	Community	Ongoing
1.4.2	More visible police presence	NSW Government	Community, Council	Ongoing
1.4.3	Provide adequate protection from fires, other natural disasters and other risks to	Council & Emergency Management Services	Community, NSW Government	Ongoing

	public health and safety			
1.4.4	Help ensure safe and sustainable development	Council	Community, NSW Government	Ongoing
1.4.5	Maintain high standards of street cleanliness, vacant block management	Council	Community	Ongoing
1.4.6	Maintain town streets and footpaths	Council		Ongoing

## 2. Economic

Significant economic challenges and issues that have influenced the composition of the community's Economic strategies include:

- The need to connect our communities by bitumen roads to encourage economic growth and development in all industries.
- Investigation of and encouragement of other potentially viable industries such as tourism and an abattoir.
- Decline in population and corresponding reduction in the amount of skilled labour and businesses in the Shire – need to boost population levels and employment opportunities.

### Our Community's 2026 Economic Strategies

<b>Objective 2.1: Strengthening agriculture and existing local industries and exploring other options</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
2.1.1	Improvements to the bitumen access from Brewarrina / Goodooga	Council	TfNSW	Ongoing
2.1.2	Assist and encourage the development of new business	Council, NSW Government, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses	Regional Development Australia, local businesses	Ongoing
2.1.3	Actively promote and encourage industry development.	Council, NSW Government, local business	Regional Development Australia, local businesses	Ongoing

### **Objective 2.2: Enhance the experience of visitors to Brewarrina Shire**

<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
2.2.1	Review and promote upgrades to main street including landscaping, gardens and street furniture, discourage empty shop fronts with displays	Council local businesses	Community, Commonwealth State Government	Ongoing
2.2.2	Review and where possible implement recommendations from Destination Management Plan (DMP) – including marketing of the region.	Council local businesses	Community, Commonwealth State Government	Ongoing
2.2.3	Increase visitor and turnover for Visitor Information Centre.	Council	Community, Commonwealth State Government	Ongoing
2.2.4	Take lead role in developing Brewarrina Fish Traps.	Council	Community, Commonwealth State Government	Ongoing
2.2.5	Promote co-operation and development of Brewarrina Tourism committee and operators.	Council local businesses	Community, Commonwealth State Government	Ongoing



### 3. Infrastructure

Significant challenges and issues that have influenced the composition of the community's Infrastructure strategies include:

- Need for good transport networks including Shire roads – the maintenance of this important asset is a key challenge.
- The need for the introduction of long-term planning into asset management procedures to ensure that future needs can be planned for and current infrastructure is supported.

#### Our Community's 2026 Infrastructure Strategies

<b>Objective 3.1: Good quality transport infrastructure</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
3.1.1	Ensure local roads and bridges are maintained/constructed to acceptable community standards in a cost effective, efficient and safe manner	Council, Government	Government, Community	Ongoing
3.1.2	Ensure regional main roads and highways are maintained to acceptable community standards	Roads and Maritime Services	Government, Council	Ongoing
3.1.3	Maintain and enhance the local aerodrome and promote its use	Council	Government	Ongoing
3.1.4	Develop/ Monitor asset management plans for transport and plant.	Council	Council	Ongoing Review
3.1.5	Development of "Active Transport Plan" that encompasses both pedestrian mobility plan on recreational path ways plan	Council	TfNSW	End 2022

<b>Objective 3.2: Good quality community infrastructure and facilities</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
3.2.1	Maintain parks, gardens and reserves in a safe and attractive condition	Council	Community	Ongoing

3.2.2	Monitor pool management and implement maintenance and upgrades	Council	NSW Government, Community	Ongoing
3.2.3	Provide a high quality library service that meets the needs of the community	Council	Community	Ongoing
3.2.4	Maintain community facilities, parks and gardens to an appropriate standard (e.g. Sporting Complex)	Council	Community	Ongoing
3.2.5	Maintain and service the villages of Weilmoringle, Goodooga, Angledool and Gongolgon	Council	Community	Ongoing
3.2.6	Maintaining authorised Heavy Vehicle Inspection Station and upgrade existing Council Works Depot	Council TfNSW	TfNSW	Ongoing
3.2.7	Upgrade and refurbishment of Brewarrina Shire Council Chambers to comply with legislation	Council	Council	Ongoing
3.2.8	Develop Asset Management Plans for buildings and community facilities	Council	Council	Ongoing

#### 4. Environmental

Significant challenges and issues that have influenced the composition of the community's Environmental strategies include:

- The potential impacts of climate change and water policy.
- Management of waste in the Shire with no recycling program currently in place.
- Need for ongoing management of water supply, drainage and sewerage in Brewarrina.

## Our Community's 2026 Environmental Strategies

<b>Objective 4.1: Management of the local environment</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
4.1.1	Monitor Brewarrina Shire Council LEP	Council	NSW Government	Ongoing
4.1.2	Maintain high levels of maintenance and services in the area of public Cemeteries	Council		Ongoing
4.1.3	Management of noxious plants	Council	NSW Government, Landowners	Ongoing
4.1.4	Maintain involvement and support of Catchment Management Authority	Council	Central West CMA	Ongoing

<b>Objective 4.2: Resource use, waste disposal and management</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
4.2.1	Reduce rate of landfill through waste management, minimisation and collection methods	Council	Community	Ongoing
4.2.2	Ensure the efficient and cost effective operation of Council's road making materials	Council		Ongoing

<b>Objective 4.3: Management of water/wastewater</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
4.3.1	Manage environmentally responsible drainage works in accordance with Council program	Council	NSW Government	Ongoing
4.3.2	Provide Brewarrina and villages of Goodooga and Angledool with an adequate and safe water supply that is appropriately priced for all consumers	Council	NSW Government	Ongoing
4.3.3	Provide Brewarrina and village of Goodooga with an adequate and	Council	NSW Government	Ongoing

	environmentally acceptable sewerage scheme that is appropriately priced for all consumers			
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## 5. Governance

Significant challenges and issues that have influenced the composition of the community's Governance strategies include:

- The hollowing out of the population (trend toward increases in older, less skilled, more welfare dependent population) resulting in an increased burden on existing community leaders and stock of volunteers.
- Ensuring the Council continues to remain strong and financially sound and is pro-active in the promotion and improvement of the community through sound and responsible leadership working as partners with the community in decision-making.
- Long term governance and community leadership is vital for the future of Brewarrina Shire. Leadership skills need to be fostered to encourage the development of future community leaders and volunteers within the community.

### Our Community's 2026 Civic Leadership Strategies

<b>Objective 5.1: A community that partners with Council in decision making</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
5.1.1	Implementation of Council's Community Engagement Strategy	Council	Community	Ongoing
5.1.2	A willingness for community leaders to engage with Council to achieve community goals	Council	Community Groups	Ongoing

<b>Objective 5.2: A Council that provides quality service to ratepayers and residents and delivers cost-effective services to these customers</b>				
<b>Strategies</b>		<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Timing</b>
5.2.1	Quality customer service focus by Council staff	Council	Community	Ongoing
5.2.2	Timely and accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability	Council	Community	Ongoing

5.2.3	Effective staff training and development processes in place	Council	Community	Ongoing
5.2.4	Development and review of Council website to provide online services and interactive forms.	Council	Community	Ongoing

## **Appendix 1- Community Consultation**

### **Consultation Sample;**

In total Brewarrina Shire Council consulted with 13.5% of the population.

### **Focus Group Results**

*The following information is a compilation of community responses gathered in late 2016 and early 2017. These issues will be the bases of a survey that will be put out to the community in the coming week. This will then conclude the “Community Engagement Strategy” phase of the Brewarrina Community Strategic Plan. This information is for Councillor Information and discussion, not action required at this time.*

## **Weilmoringle Community Consultation**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Present: 21 people present

### **HOT TOPICS FOR THE WEILMORINGLE COMMUNITY**

#### **ROADS**

- Myuna and Bora bore drain
- Can the Hebel to Brewarrina road be bitumen?
- Something needs to happen to the approaches upcoming to the Alan Thompson Bridge
- Blind spots on the southern side of the Culgoa Bridge
- Kahmoo Rd / New Bend – Concerns it’s too sharp a bend
- Road repairs for the Weilmoringle / Goodooga Brewarrina Road
- Gravel access to the main road.
- Thank you for the road signage on the Jobs Gate Road.
- Brewarrina to Coolabah road 110Km / hour speed limit

#### **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

- Telecommunications security.
- Rates and Rural addressing notice.
- Weilmoringle School has very slow internet connection.
- Levee Bank near the Weilmoringle School.

## **Brewarrina Business Community Consultation**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

Present: 12 people present

### **HOT TOPICS OF BREWARRINA BUSINESS HOUSES**

#### **BREWARRINA TOWN**

- Shopping Local – how do we keep the local money in town?

- Attracting out of town visitors to Brewarrina
- Advertising the community – TV, Radio Advertising
- Visitor Information Centre should be open weekends, especially during the tourism season
- Tourism strategy – Information promotion
- How do we get trucks and visitors to stop in Brewarrina?

#### BUSINESS OPORTUNITY

- Hardware, Service Station, Bakery
- Abattoir business in Bourke, how can we tap into complimentary industries?
- Creating other industries in the town around Carp, Roo Works, Water Storage Cato Dam
- Finding good staff/ workers who are reliable, honest, and punctual who **WANT** to work rather than have the “Welfare Mentality”
- Incentives to stay in Brewarrina; Cheap to buy, Tax incentives
- Empty Flags

#### WHATS GOOD ABOUT BREWARRINA

- Visiting Medical
- Free Dental
- Cheap Grog @ RSL
- Cheap To Live In Brewarrina
- Lifestyle Opportunities
- The Opal Road
- Positive Programs for the Kids
- Brewarrina does have some wonderful opportunities

### **Goodooga Community Consultation**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Members of the community we surveyed at the Goodooga School at a community information day.

#### **HOT TOPICS FOR GOODOOGA COMMUNITY**

##### TOWN

- Goodooga shop is dangerous and needs to be cleaned up
- Old houses that are dilapidated are an eye saw to the town and need to be cleaned up
- Goodooga hall, no member of the community has access
- Goodooga tip is not maintained and there is rubbish everywhere
- Why does Goodooga not have a skate park, youth centre or youth programs for the kids
- Can Goodooga get solar street lights? (Like the Dodge walkway). Or alternatively put a grill over the lights so kids cannot smash them anymore
- Can Goodooga have a tourist attraction i.e. Bore Baths like, Burren Junction
- There is no ANZAC memorial for the Goodooga community

- Can a bus shelter at the Goodooga Reserve, (there is no shelter from the weather)
- Main Street Beautification, establish trees and bushes
- Upgrade to the footpaths
- Upgrade signs around the town. (Street signs, businesses, directional signs and places)
- Maintain and beautify of the Goodooga Cemetery
- No pressure with Raw Water
- Upgrade to football Oval (No shade or no seating for the community)
- Is it possible to get a swimming pool for the town?

#### ROADS

- Brewarrina – Goodooga road, can it be bitumen? The Goodooga community feel disconnected from Brewarrina community because of this
- Goodooga/ Ridge Road – approaches to the ramps and uneven surfaces need to be fixed.
- Approaches to the Narran Bridge

### **Brewarrina Aboriginal Land Council Community Consultation**

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Present: 16 people present

#### **HOT TOPICS FOR BREWARRINA ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL**

##### EDUCATION/ YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Expansion of youth centre PCYC
- Bush to beach
- Girls programs ie CLONTARF
- Educational programs for adults

##### JOBS

- Creating jobs for local people
- Creating more industry
- Support local Indigenous business for a better outcome for the whole community
- Community Hub run by Indigenous Groups
  - Supermarket
  - Café
  - Tourism
  - Arts and crafts
- Indigenous involvement in in overseeing programing (not waste aid)
- Reinstate green army
- Employment development

##### COMMUNITY

- Better age care for elders
- Clean community
- Social housing



- Economic development/ collaborations
- Community hub
- Leadership mentoring
- Remove signs from the VIC

#### INFURSTRUCTURE

- Seal the Brewarrina Goodooga Road
- Restore fish traps

## **Brewarrina Central School – Year 5 to Year 12**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Children from Year 5 to Year 12 from the Brewarrina Central School (approximately 60 children) participated in a workshop along with 23 teachers and assistants. Below is a compilation of issues they discussed during this workshop.

#### HOT TOPICS BREWARRINA CENTRAL SCHOOL

- Rubbish and garbage bins. More are needed in the Newtown and Billabong areas.
- Recycling program
- Lights for the Railway flat
- Bring back the Brewarrina Show
- NBN internet access
- Bus stop at Billabong
- More shaded areas around the town
- Air con for each of the class rooms at the Central School

#### SPORT ACTIVITIES

- Better toilets at the football field.
- New oval
- Cricket fields
- Indoor Netball Courts, Basketball Courts and Tennis area
- Golf
- Boxing & Wrestling Area

#### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Water Park
- PCYC
- Skate park upgrade, with an in ground bowl
- Diving board at pool
- Flip out trampolines
- Motorbike track / Go Kart track
- Bike Track
- More Playgrounds around Brewarrina

#### YOUTH CENTRE

- More discos
- Movie nights
- Open air movie nights
- More competitions at the youth centre

#### SHOPS THAT WE WOULD LIKE IN BREWARRINA

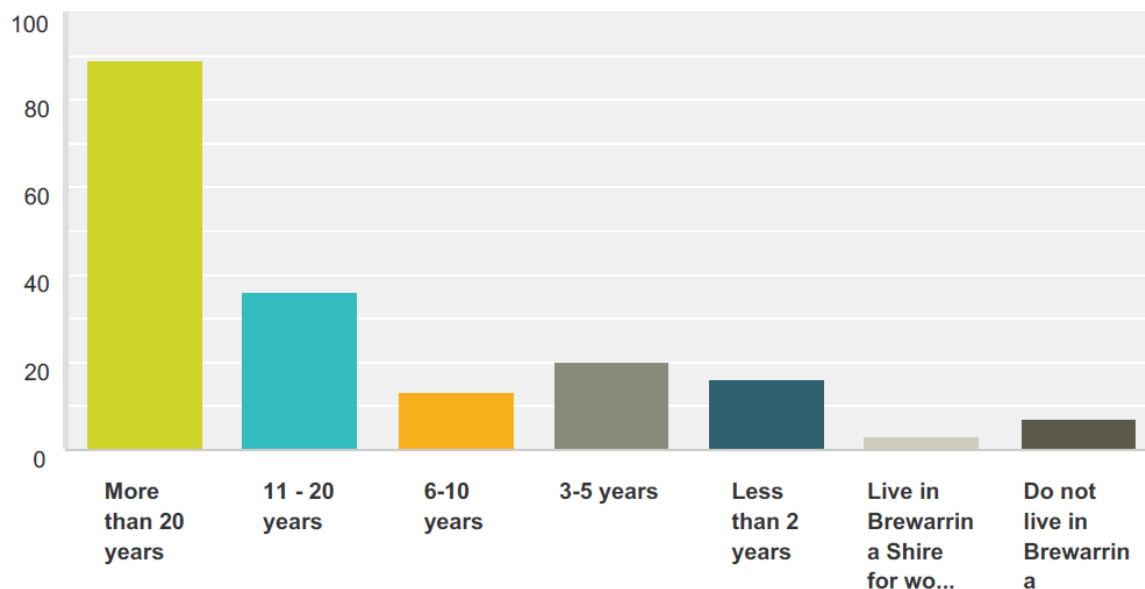
- Chinese restaurant
- Bakery with fresh bread
- Barber
- Clothes shop
- KFC
- Veterinary

## Community Consultation – Community Survey Results

Hard copy and on-line surveys were distributed and returned to Council between 24th February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. Council received 178 replies from a broad range of responders from a representative sample of the population.

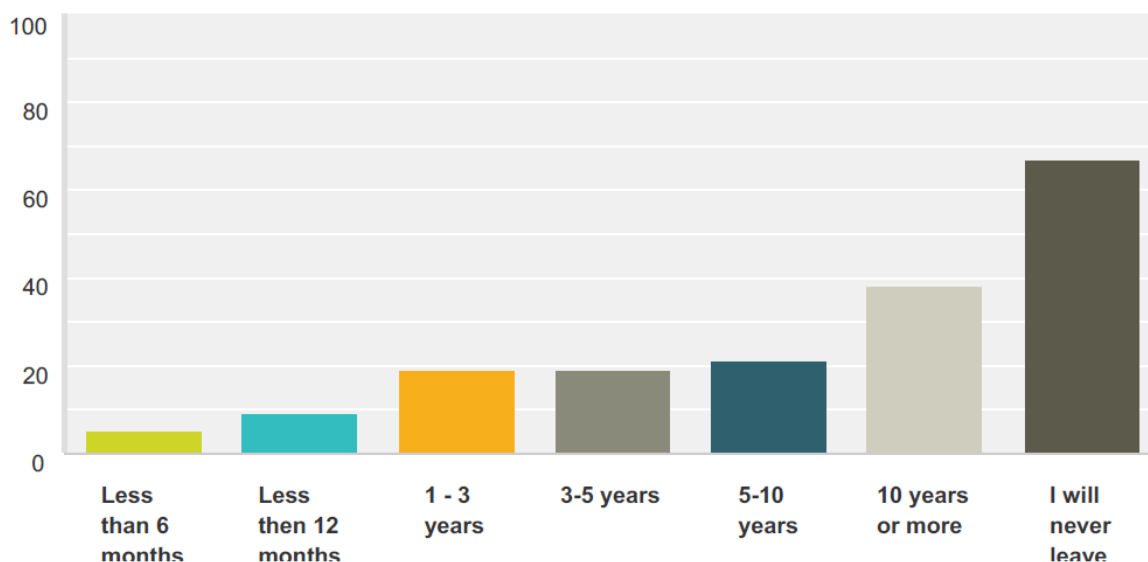
### Q1. How long have you lived in the Brewarrina Shire?

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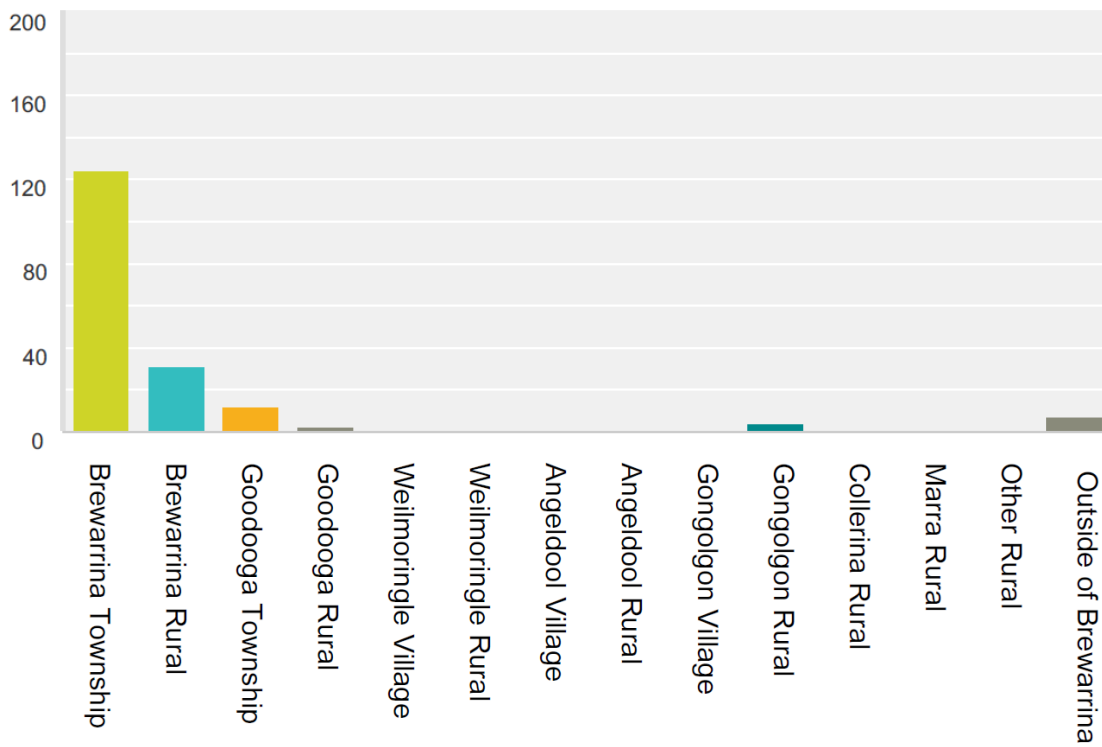
### Q2. How long do you see yourself living in the Brewarrina Shire?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 8



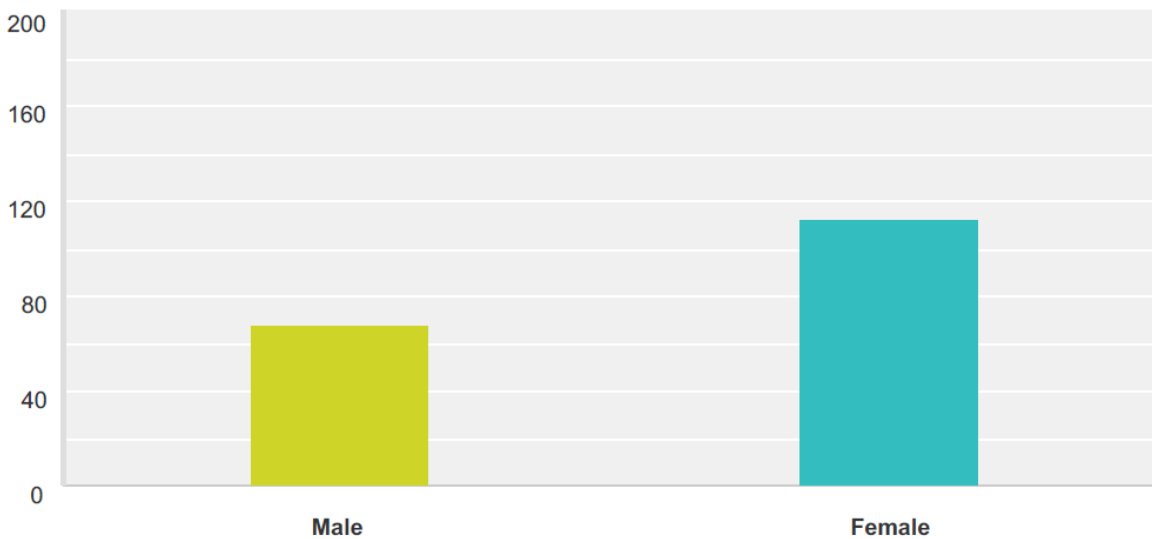
### Q3. In which area of Brewarrina Shire do you live?

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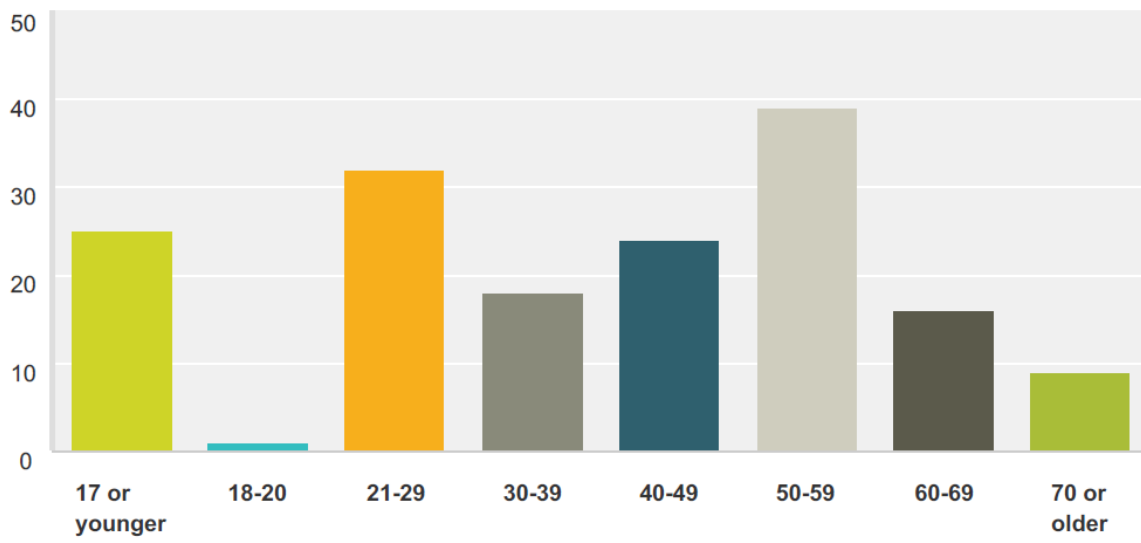
### Q4. Are you male or female?

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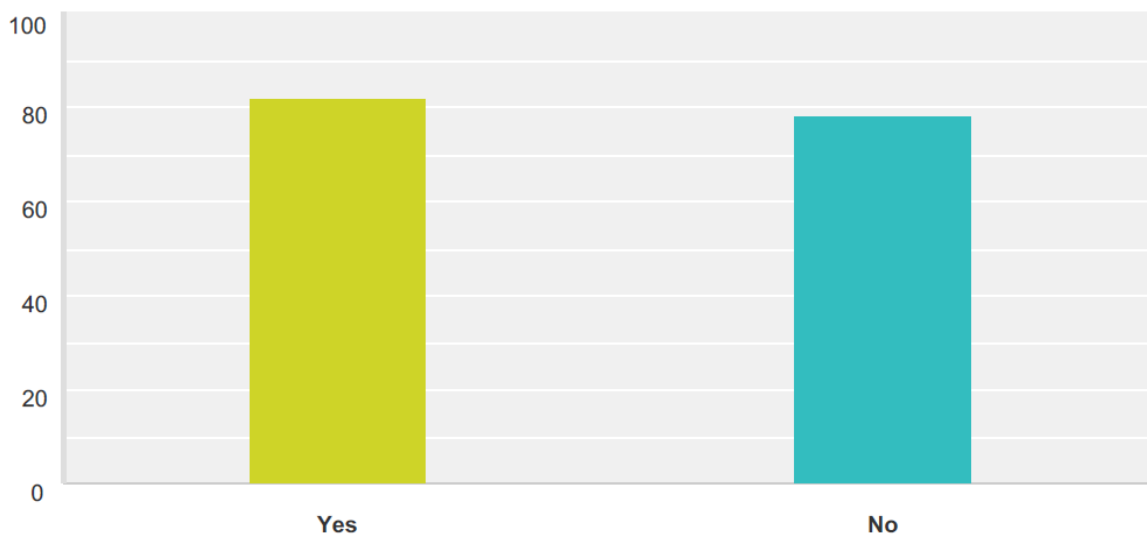
**Q5. Which category below includes your age?**

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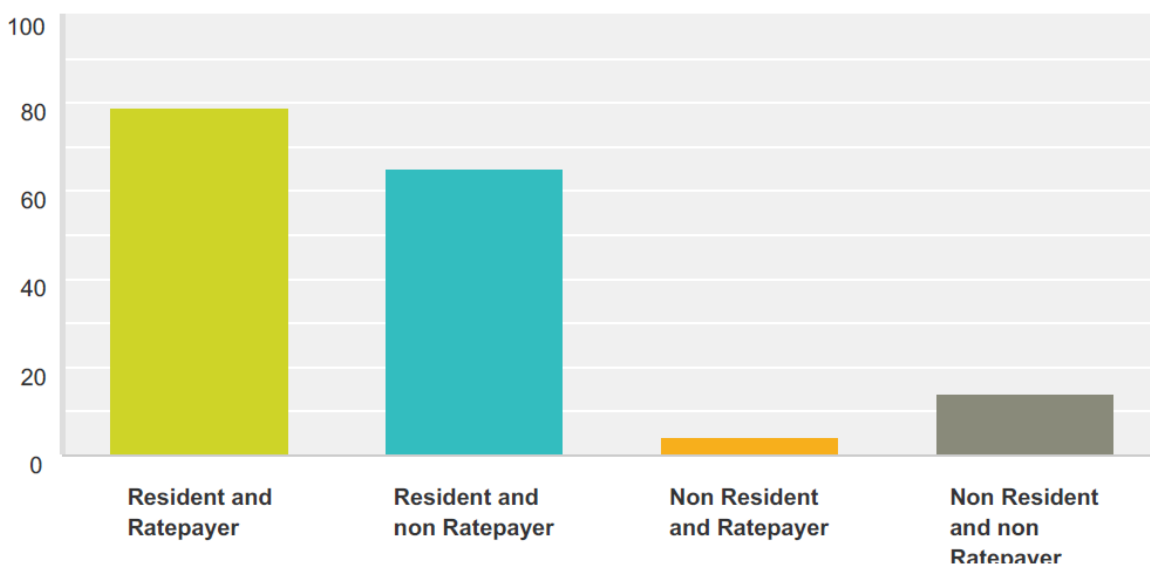
**Q6. Do you identify yourself as Aboriginal?**

Answered: 160 Skipped: 26



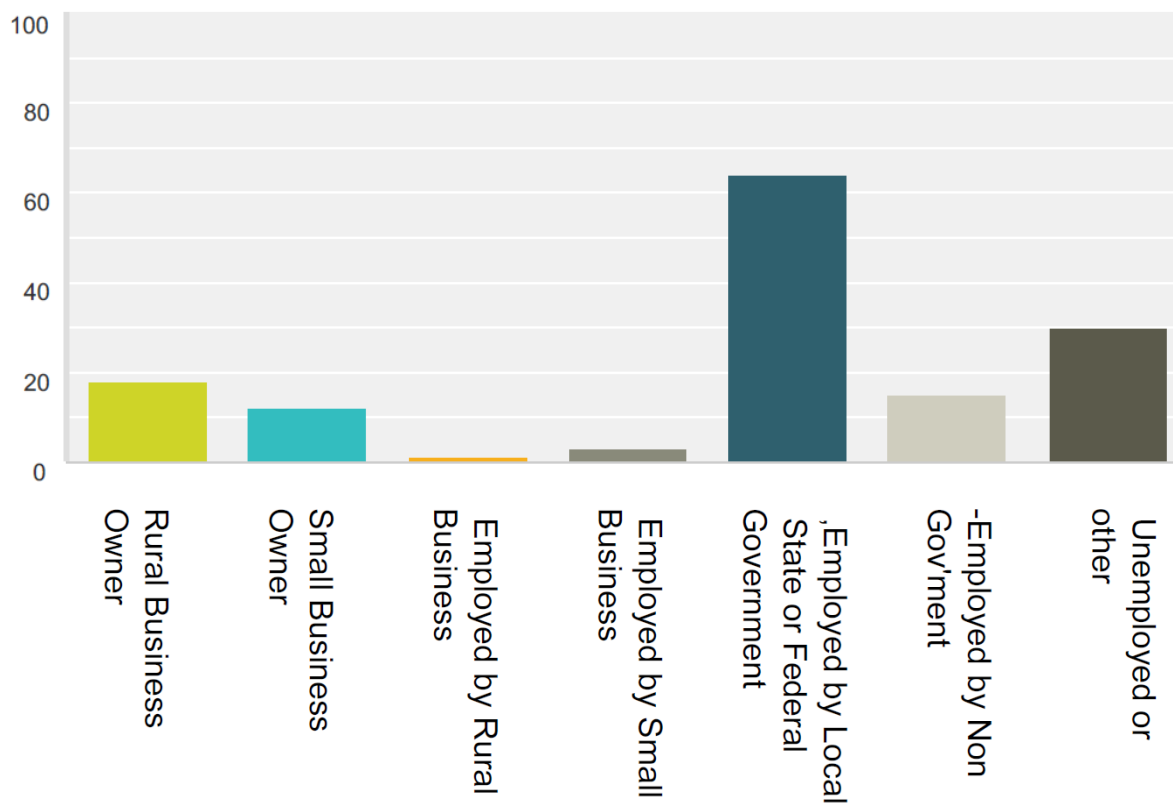
**Q7. Which of the following categories best describes your status?**

Answered: 162 Skipped: 24



**Q8. Which category best describes you employment Status?**

Answered: 143 Skipped: 43



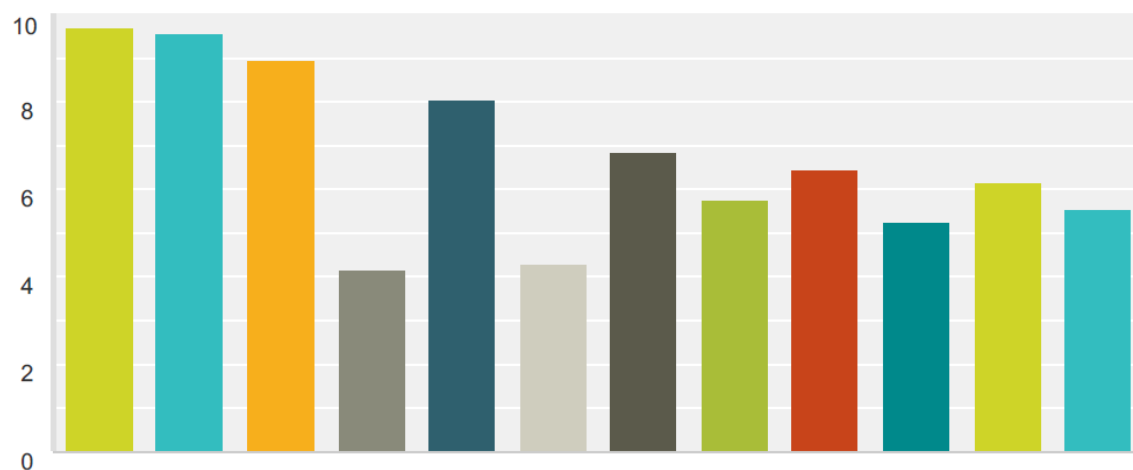
### Other employment options associated with Q8.

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<b>Pensioner</b> View all • Edit • Delete		30.30%	10
<b>Retired / Homeduties</b> View all • Edit • Delete		15.15%	5
<b>Student</b> View all • Edit • Delete		51.52%	17
<b>Uncategorized</b> View all		0%	0

### Q9. What factors or issues are the most important to you in terms of living in the Brewarrina Shire?

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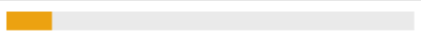




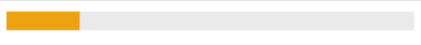
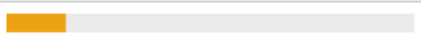

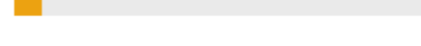


- More residential housing or land available for sale
- Access to afterschool care
- Access to quality childcare facilities
- Well maintained CBD with strong town / village image
- Quality parks and gardens
- Well maintained rural roads
- Establishment of recycling services
- Adequate supply of drinking water
- Regular and affordable commercial airline services
- Strong economic opportunities and jobs
- Access to a range of health services
- Access to quality Education

**Q10.**

**If you could bring one new industry to the Brewarrina Shire, what would it be?**

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<b>Build, Mine &amp; Manufac</b> View all • Edit • Delete		11.21%	13
<b>Health Industry</b> View all • Edit • Delete		8.62%	10
<b>industry for jobs</b> View all • Edit • Delete		7.76%	9
<b>Meat Works</b> View all • Edit • Delete		20.69%	24
<b>N/A</b> View all • Edit • Delete		2.59%	3
<b>Retail - Food</b> View all • Edit • Delete		18.10%	21
<b>Retail - General</b> View all • Edit • Delete		14.66%	17
<b>Tourism</b> View all • Edit • Delete		9.48%	11
<b>Youth Activity</b> View all • Edit • Delete		6.90%	8



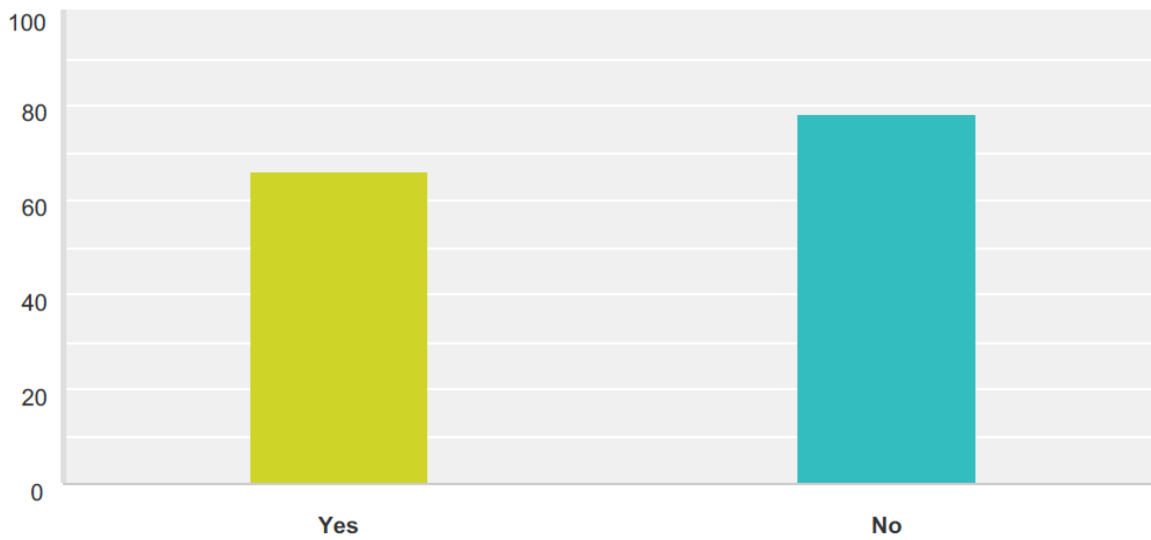
## Q11. If you could bring one new service or facility to Brewarrina Shire, what would it be?

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<b>Aged Care Facility</b> View all • Edit • Delete		1.72%	2
<b>Auxillary health service</b> View all • Edit • Delete		10.34%	12
<b>Hairdresser</b> View all • Edit • Delete		2.59%	3
<b>Heavy Vehicle Inspection</b> View all • Edit • Delete		2.59%	3
<b>More Youth Services</b> View all • Edit • Delete		18.97%	22
<b>Motel</b> View all • Edit • Delete		0.86%	1
<b>Organised sport and gym</b> View all • Edit • Delete		14.66%	17
<b>Other</b> View all • Edit • Delete		14.66%	17
<b>Petrol Station</b> View all • Edit • Delete		3.45%	4
<b>Recycling</b> View all • Edit • Delete		4.31%	5
<b>Retail - Food</b> View all • Edit • Delete		15.52%	18
<b>Retail - other</b> View all • Edit • Delete		7.76%	9
<b>Safe House accommodation</b> View all • Edit • Delete		2.59%	3
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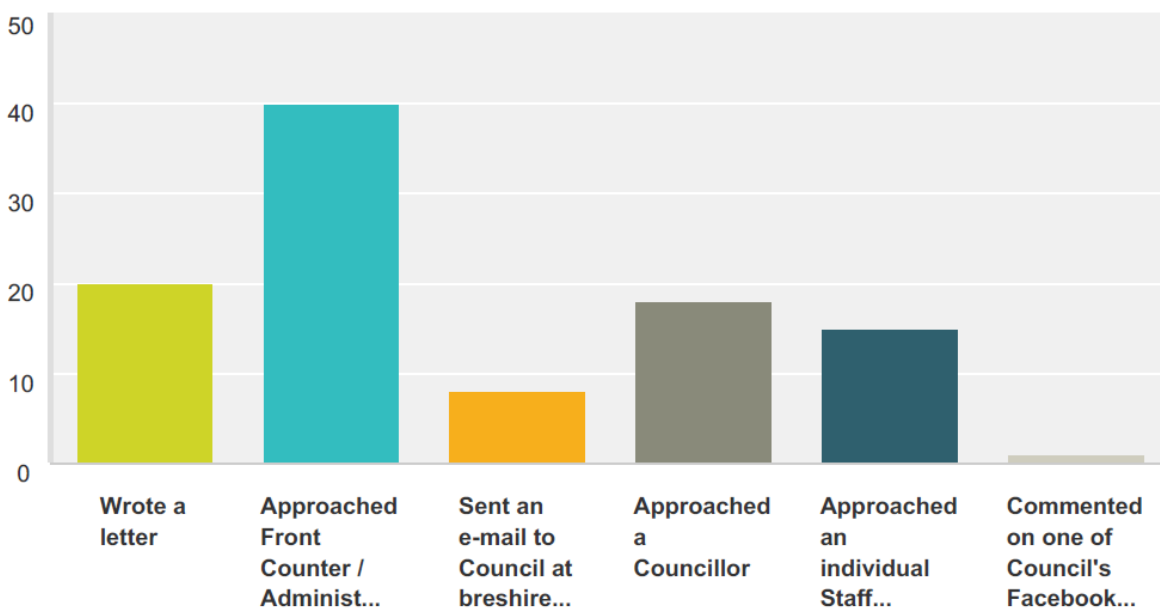
### Q12. Have you ever approached Council with an issue or complaint?

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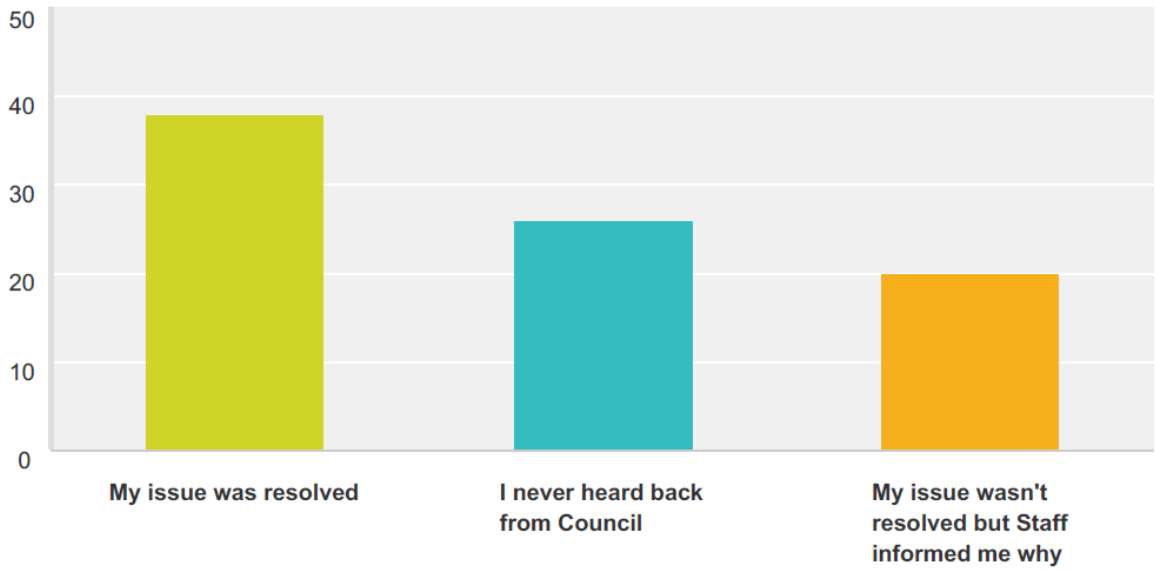
### Q13. If you did contact Council, how did you make this contact?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 84



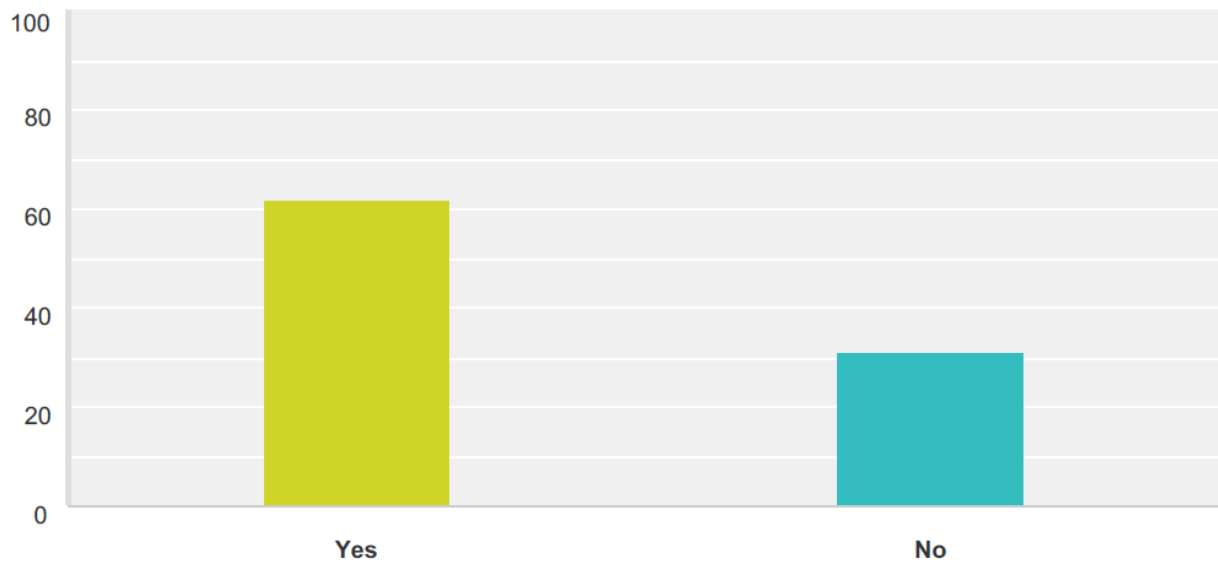
**Q14. If you did contact Council, what was the outcome of your enquiry / complaint?**

Answered: 84 Skipped: 102



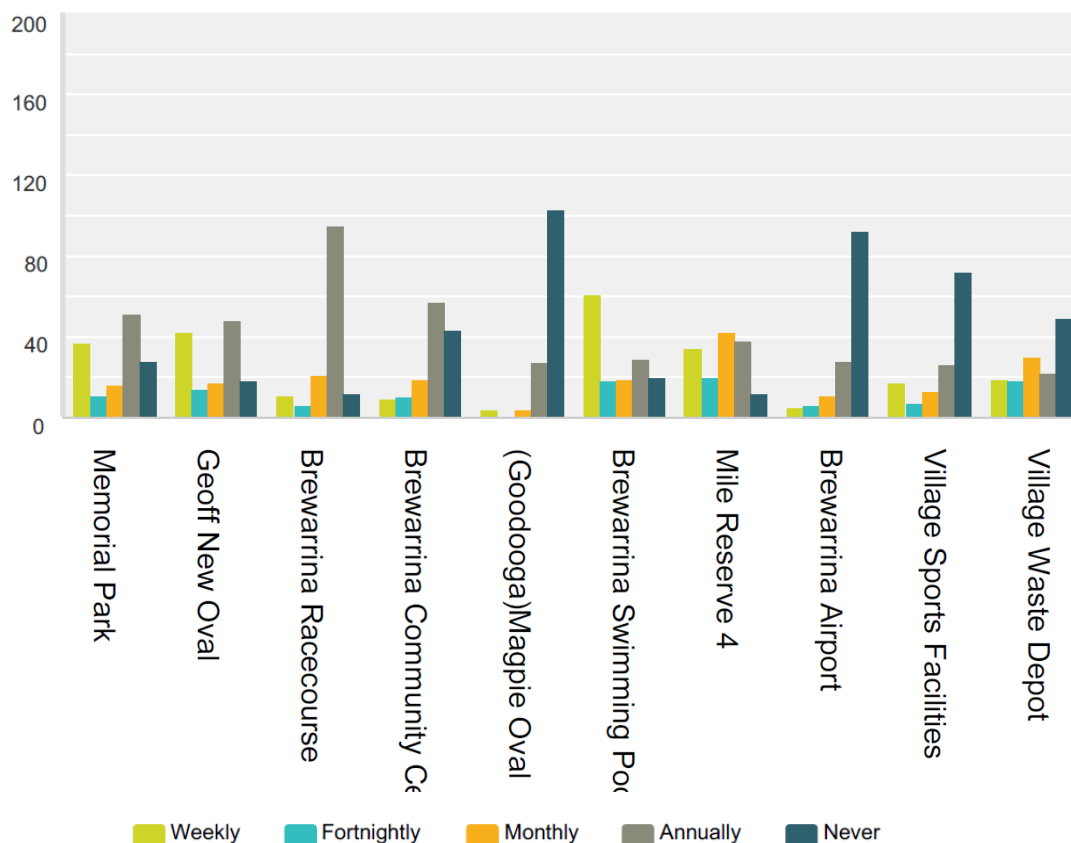
**Q15. Were you happy with the process and the service you received from Council?**

Answered: 93 Skipped: 93



**Q16. How often do you use / visit the following facilities?**

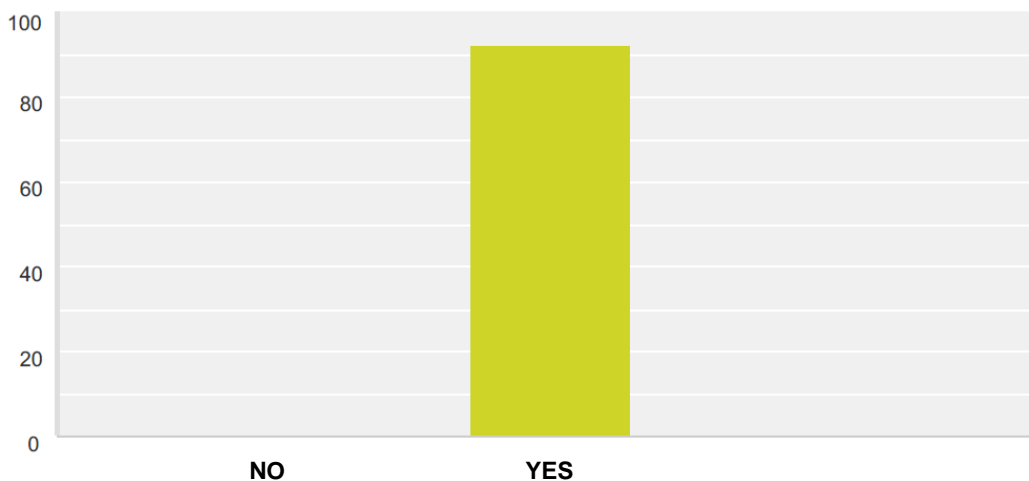
Answered: 157 Skipped: 29



**Q17.**

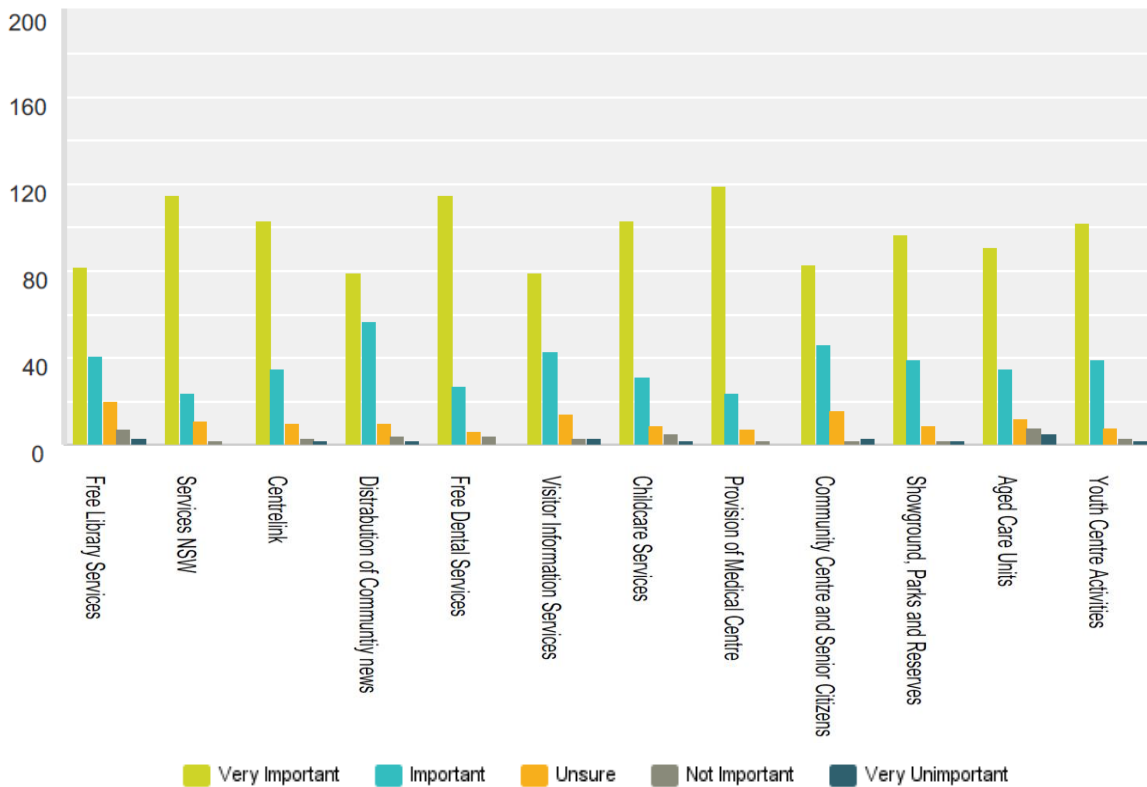
**Council provides medical facilities and accommodation for health professionals with the aim of improving access to health services in Brewarrina. Is this something you would like Council to continue?**

Answered: 142 Skipped: 44



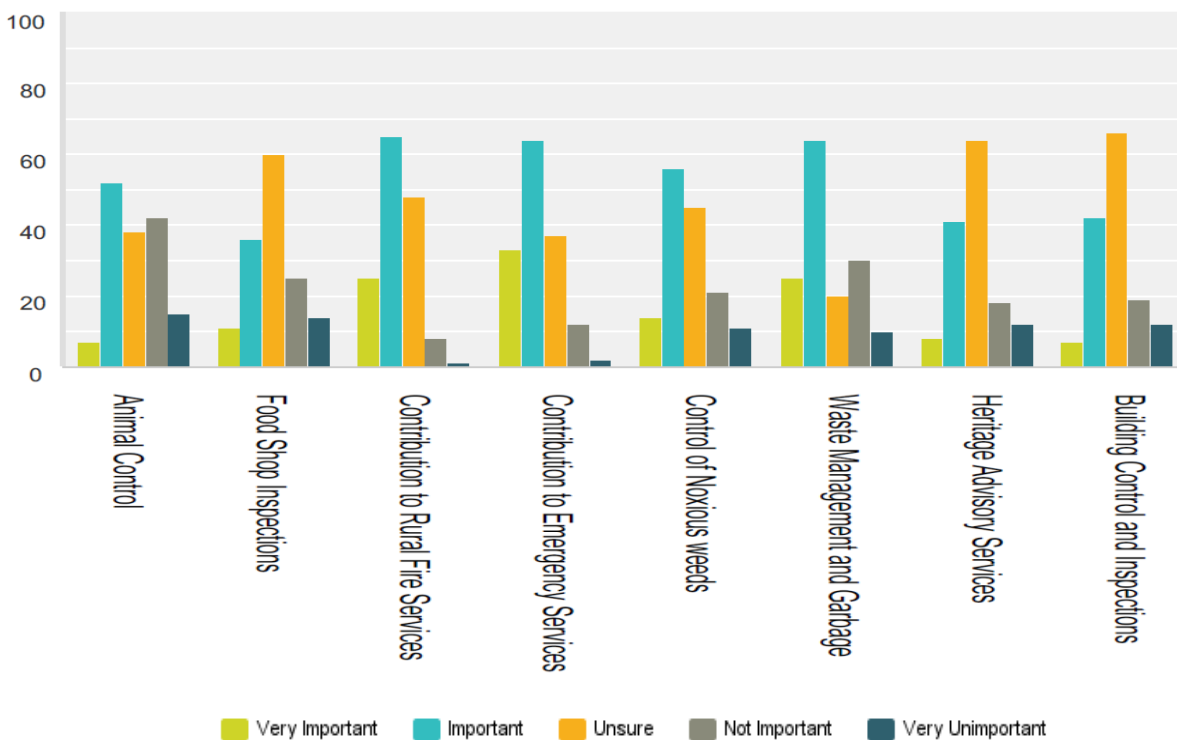
**Q18. Council provides many community services. How do you rate the delivery of these services?**

Answered: 156 Skipped: 30



**Q20. How do you rate the level of service Brewarrina Shire Council provides in the following environment, health and building areas?**

Answered: 158 Skipped: 28



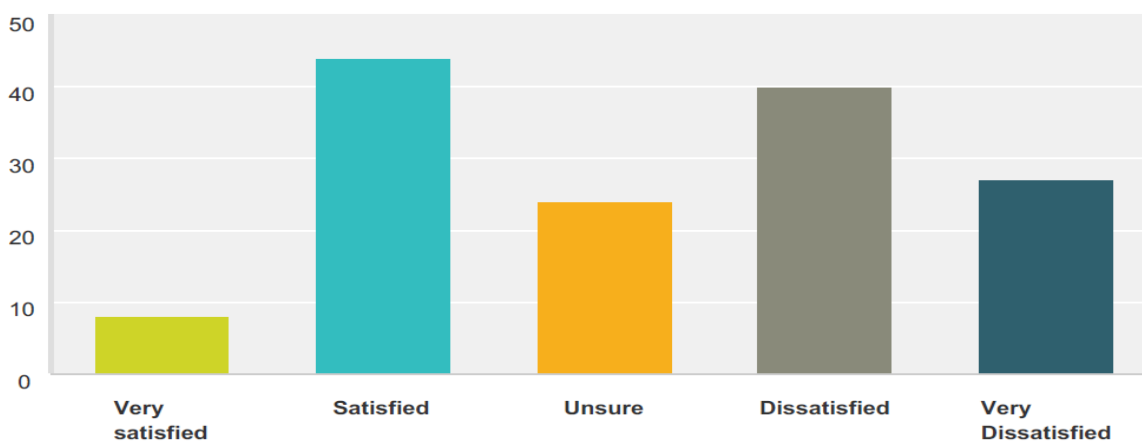
## Q21. If there is anything you would like to comment on in relation to Council's Environmental, Health and Building area, please feel free to do so?

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<b>Animal Control</b> View all • Edit • Delete		9.30%	4
<b>Building</b> View all • Edit • Delete		11.63%	5
<b>Council General</b> View all • Edit • Delete		34.88%	15
<b>Food Shop Inspections</b> View all • Edit • Delete		4.65%	2
<b>Tip &amp; Waste</b> View all • Edit • Delete		20.93%	9
<b>Untidy Streets</b> View all • Edit • Delete		6.98%	3
<b>Untidy town blocks</b> View all • Edit • Delete		6.98%	3
<b>Weeds</b> View all • Edit • Delete		4.65%	2

## Q23. Are you satisfied with Councils unsealed roads?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 43



**Q24. If there is anything you would like to comment on in relation to Council’s Technical Services Department, please feel free to make a comment?**

Answered: 40 Skipped: 146

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<p><b>General</b></p> <p><a href="#">View all</a> • <a href="#">Edit</a> • <a href="#">Delete</a></p>		12.50%	5
<p><b>Parks &amp; Gardens</b></p> <p><a href="#">View all</a> • <a href="#">Edit</a> • <a href="#">Delete</a></p>		5%	2
<p><b>Seal Goodooga Road</b></p> <p><a href="#">View all</a> • <a href="#">Edit</a> • <a href="#">Delete</a></p>		25%	10
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