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We believe that this funding, combined with current maintenance funding will keep these assets in 'fair' or better condition.



Very good condition footpath

Very good

- Smooth even surface
- No deterioration

Fair

- Slight unevenness Some uneven sections requiring minor Minor deterioration
 - Starting to age with some deterioration & cracking

Current condition

Our position is to maintain the current level of funding for cycleways/footpaths... Do you support this?

next five years.

Very Good

Good

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Poor Very Poor



We believe that if we maintain the current level of funding we

We do face challenges with our heritage buildings however we

will continue to seek grant funding to improve these assets.

will be able to have 95% of buildings as 'fair' or better in the

- Potential structural
- Deteriorated & aged condition
- Major defects
- Regular maintenance required

air & better

Fair & better

Structurally reliable

Current condition

- Good overall condition
- Minor defects
- Some maintenance required



- Structural problems
- Badly deteriorated & aged condition
- Major defects
- Significant maintenance required

Our position is to maintain the current level of funding for community buildings & toilets... Do you support this?

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earn about...how much Council spends to maintain community buildings & transport assets, the condition these community assets are in & what our asset planning is telling us about our funding levels

ave your say...which assets are important to our community, how satisfied are you with our various types of assets, what assets do you think need additional expenditure

Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to participate in Council's survey on community assets. Please review the information we have provided, paying particular attention to the questions in the green boxes. Micromex Research will attempt to contact you in the next week or so to undertake the actual survey.

Over the past three years Council has made significant improvements to the overall condition of our priority roads and bridges.

At the same time we have undertaken a full review and made major improvements to the asset management data and systems we use to make decisions on the allocation of the available funds.

We have measured the condition of each road, bridge, footpath/cycleway and community building and rated them on a scale from 'very good' to 'failed'. Based on this data we now know how much it will cost to provide these assets to the community at what we believe to be a reasonable and affordable level of service.

We now want your perspective as a user on how these assets are being maintained, renewed and funded.

Which assets are important to you? What condition do the assets need to be in to meet your needs? Are you willing to pay a little bit extra if our asset planning identifies a shortfall in funding?

The information will guide our future planning for the Great Lakes area. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

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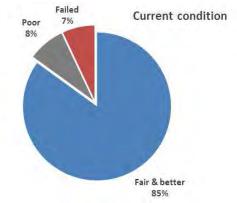
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Our regional roads are The Lakes Way, Myall Way, The Bucketts Way and Stroud Hill Road. The total length of these roads is 136km. They carry the most traffic and are the main transport routes in our area.

The majority of funding for these roads is from State and Federal government grants, with some funding from Council where required.

The current budget to renew these roads is \$2.2m per year. This allows for the majority of these roads to be maintained at a condition of 'fair' or better.

We would like to be able to keep regional roads in a better condition, however we would need to double the current budget amount. As we believe this would be unaffordable for residents we are satisfied with their condition for now. State and Federal grant funding may assist us to improve the roads in this category in the future.



air & better

- Smooth even surface
- Minor cracking
- Minimal pothole repairs



Poor

- Moderate roughness
- Moderate cracking & pothole repairs



Failed

- Very rough surface
- Significant cracking
- Extensive potholes

Our position is to maintain the current level of funding to look after regional roads... Do you support this?

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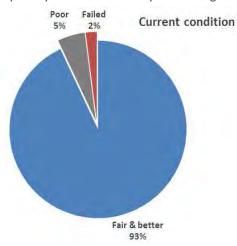
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Our urban roads are what we think of as 'local roads' in our towns and villages. This includes roads like Kularoo Dr Forster, Tuloa Ave Hawks Nest and Stroud St Bulahdelah. The total length of urban roads is 245km. We travel on them regularly but they are not quite as busy as

the regional roads.

The current budget to renew these roads is \$2.8m per year. This will allow us to eliminate all 'failed' roads in the next few

We would like to be able to get all roads up to a level of 'fair' or better however this would require a substantial injection of additional funds of about \$1m per year. We don't believe this is the highest priority for the community at this stage.



Smooth even surface Minor cracking Minimal pothole



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air & better

repairs

Moderate roughness

Unsealed

Rural

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Road

Bridges

Moderate cracking & pothole repairs



- Very rough surface
- Significant cracking
- Extensive potholes

Our position is to maintain the current level of funding to look after urban roads... Do you support this?

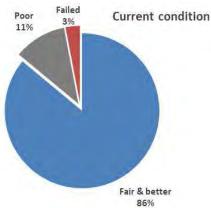
The roads between our towns and villages make up our rural road network. This includes roads like Booral Rd, Willina Rd and Bundabah Rd. The total length of rural sealed roads is 261km.

They carry less traffic than the urban roads, but they provide essential access outside the main towns and villages for people travelling in rural areas.

The current budget is \$2.03m per year. This funding is inadequate as some of these roads will remain in 'poor' or 'failed' condition with the current level of funding.

We would like to eliminate all 'failed' roads and this would require an injection of additional funds of approximately \$900,000 per annum. We believe this is the highest priority as the overall condition of this road network will continue to deteriorate with our current budget.

For an average ratepayer this would mean an extra \$36.30 per year in rates.





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- Smooth even surface
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Our position is to increase Council investment by \$900,000 per annum to better maintain rural sealed roads...Do you support this?

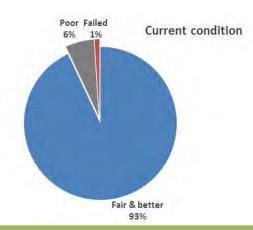
Our rural unsealed roads predominantly provide access to rural lands and associated businesses (livestock, poultry, forestry etc). This includes roads like Wattley Hill Rd, Upper Myall Rd and The Branch Ln. The total length of rural unsealed roads is 432km. These roads generally carry a low amount of traffic with less

than 200 vehicle movements per day.

The current budget is \$695,000 per year which is used to increase the amount of gravel on the surface of these roads.

This budget allows for the large majority of these roads to be maintained at a condition of 'fair' or better. We believe this is adequate due to the lower traffic movements on these roads.

Council also currently invests approximately \$500,000 per year under the Roads to Recovery program to upgrade unsealed roads to sealed roads in urban and rural areas. (Recent projects completed include Bundabah Road and Seal Rocks Road.)



Fair & better

- Even surface
- Infrequent potholes
- Good gravel cover



- Moderately uneven surface
- Moderate scouring & potholes
- Minimal gravel cover



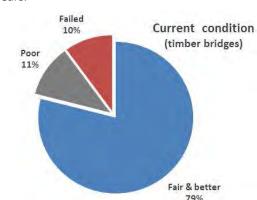
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- Very uneven surface
- Significant scouring & potholes
- No gravel cover

Our position is to maintain the current level of funding for rural unsealed roads... Do you support this?

We currently manage a total of 189 bridge structures. Of these, 82 are aged timber bridges and 107 are concrete bridges.

All of the concrete bridges are in 'fair' or better condition. So our focus has been on replacing aged timber bridges with new concrete structures. The concrete structures have an asset life of 80-100 years.



We have made significant progress in the last 6 years in replacing timber bridges in 'failed' condition. This year a further \$1.4m will be invested which will eliminate all bridges in 'failed' condition and most bridges in 'poor' condition.

Our recent investment will keep our bridges in a 'fair' and better condition.



Our position is to maintain the current level of funding for bridges at this time... Do you support this?

Remember...Micromex Research will be calling you back in the next week or so to undertake the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to participate.

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Council's Corporate Planning Coordinator, Lynn Duffy on 02 6591 7287.







Background & Objectives

Great Lakes Council wanted to conduct community consultation in order to identify and inform their asset management resourcing strategies for the LGA.

The broad objectives of this consultation were:

- 1. To engage the community in the decision making process
- 2. To identify community support for a range of different long term resourcing options to fund the Council services and facilities into the future
- 3. To provide an avenue for feedback in order for residents to express their views on the proposed long term resourcing options

Methodology & Sample

- 1. Micromex randomly contacted & recruited n=600 residents by telephone and asked them to participate in a research program
- 2. An Information pack was developed and then mailed out to allow participants to familiarise themselves with the different asset management conditions and investment suggestions
- 3. Micromex recontacted 400 residents and collected feedback on the importance and satisfaction that residents had with each of the asset classes. Additionally, residents were asked to indicate their level of support for a range of specific asset management strategies
 - A sample size of 400 residents provides a maximum sampling error of approximately +/- 4.9% at 95% confidence

Methodology & Sample

Ratings questions

The Unipolar Scale of 1 to 5 was used in all rating questions, where 1 was the lowest importance, satisfaction or support and 5 the highest importance, satisfaction or support.

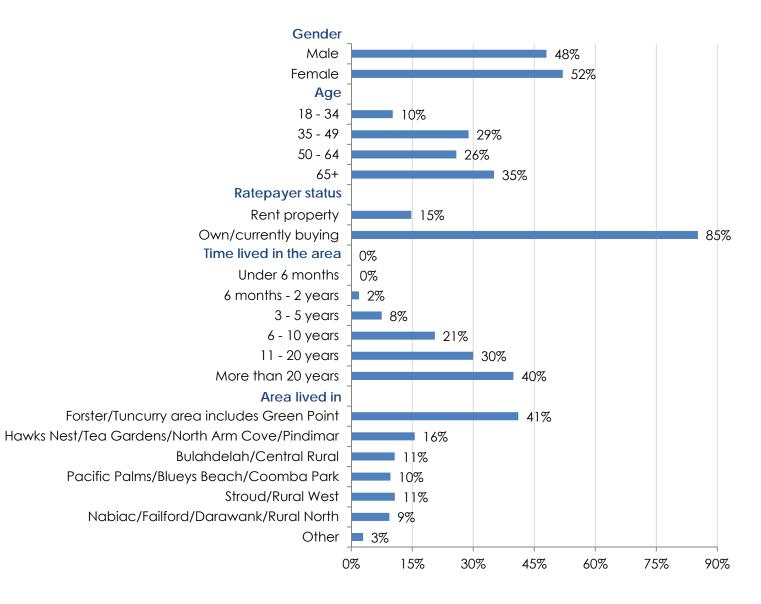
This scale allowed for a mid range position for those who had a divided or neutral opinion.

Mean rating explanation

1.99 or less	'Very low' level of importance/satisfaction
2.00 – 2.49	'Low' level of importance/satisfaction
2.50 – 2.99	'Moderately low' level of importance/satisfaction
3.00 – 3.59	'Moderate' level of importance/satisfaction
3.60 – 3.89	'Moderately high' level of importance/satisfaction
3.90 – 4.19	'High' level of importance/satisfaction
4.20 – 4.49	'Very high' level of importance/satisfaction
4.50+	'Extremely high' level of importance/satisfaction

Data was weighted by age and gender using the most recent ABS census data, to ensure that all sub-groups contributed to the results in proportion to their characteristics

Sample Profile



Q. Gender, age, ratepayer status, time lived in the area, area lived in

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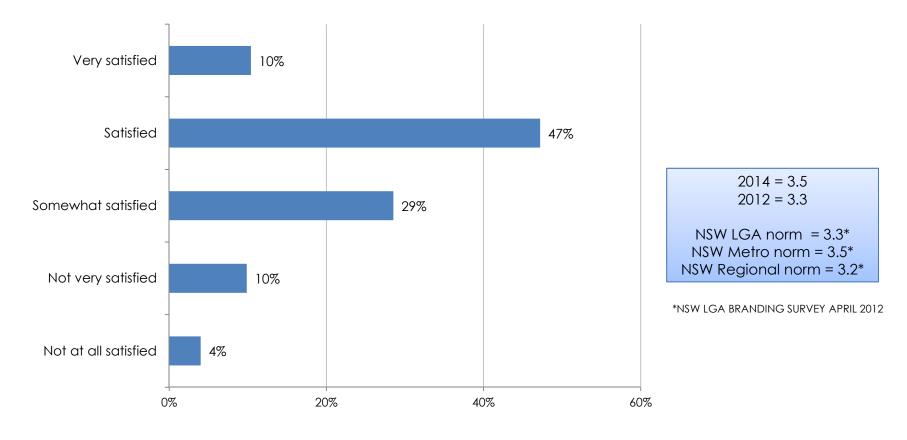
Current Attitudes







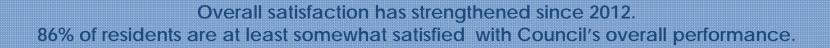
Overall Satisfaction with Council's Performance



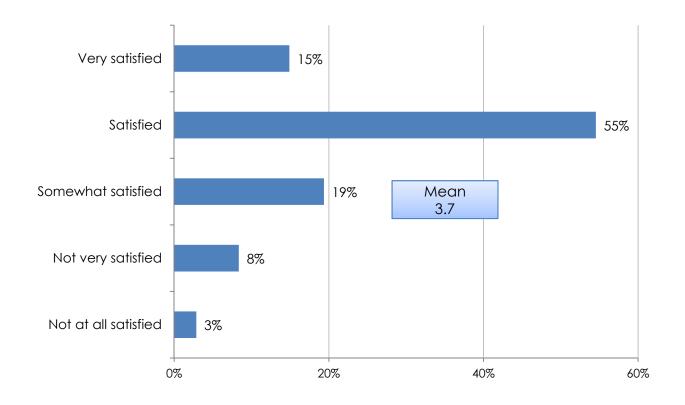
Q. Overall for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council, not just on one or two issues, but across all responsibility areas?

Base: n = 401

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied



Community Satisfaction with Council's Communication

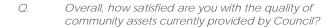


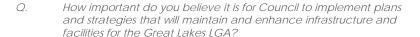
Q. How satisfied are you currently with the level of communication Council has with the community? Base: n = 401

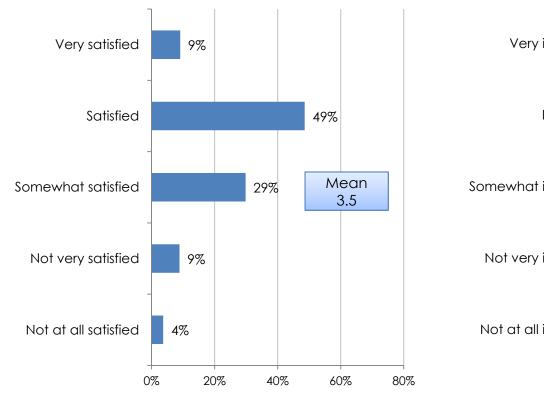
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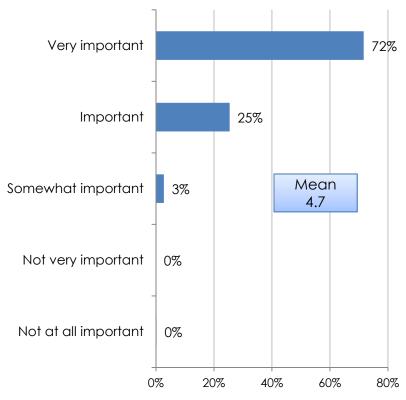


Quality/Importance Of Community Assets & Asset Planning









Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

Base: n = 401

Scale: 1 = not at all important, 5 = very important

97% of residents feel it is important - very important for Council to implement plans and strategies to maintain and enhance infrastructure and facilities in the Great Lakes LGA

Quadrant Analysis

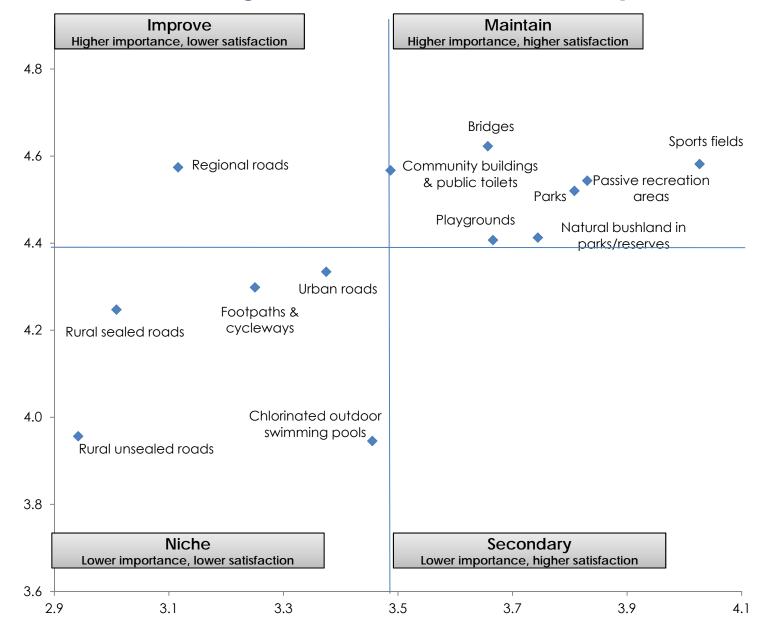






Quadrants are determined by identifying average importance and satisfaction scores across all 13 assets captured

Quadrant Analysis (Satisfaction Vs Importance)



Interpreting The Outcomes

Based on the stated outcomes analysis provided by the quadrant analysis, Great Lakes Council needs to improve resident satisfaction with:

Regional Roads

Additionally, Great Lakes Council needs to foster and maintain resident satisfaction with:

- Bridges
- Sports fields
- Natural bushland
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Passive recreational areas
- Community buildings and public toilets



The other assets fell into the niche quadrant which indicates that they are less important from a relatively perspective, but also that they are providing lower relative levels of satisfaction

Specific Asset Ratings



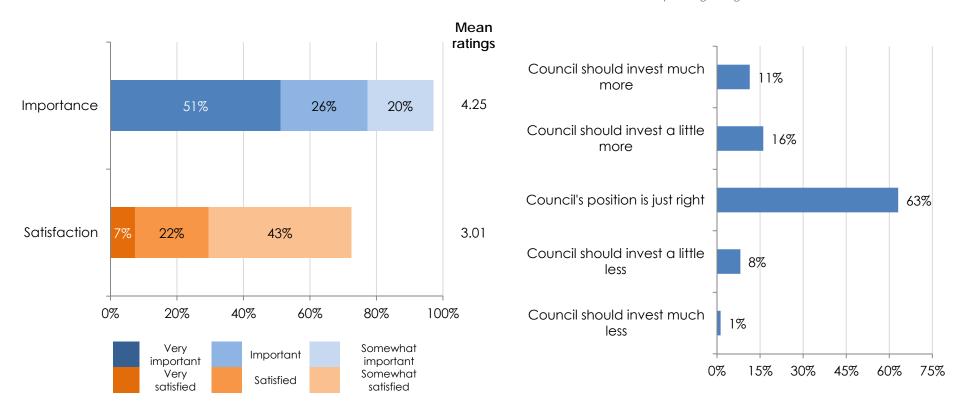




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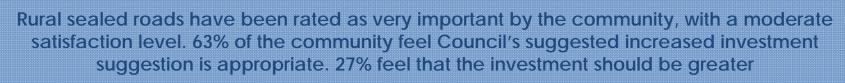
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Q. What is your level of agreement with Council's proposed investment plan regarding these assets?



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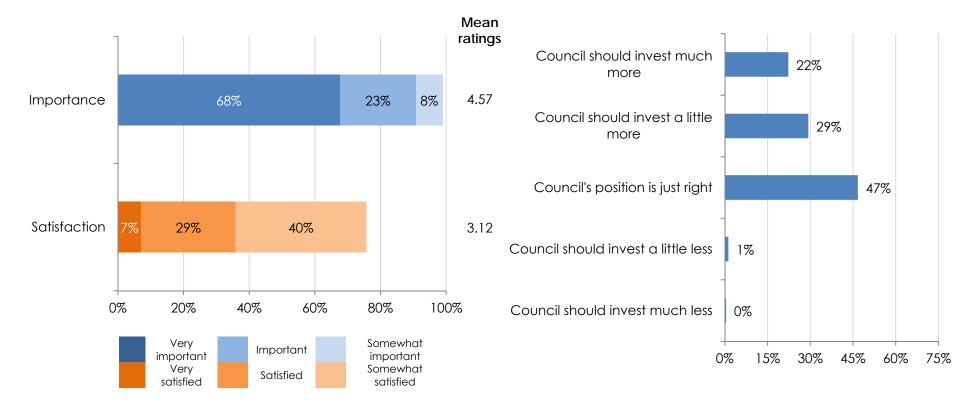
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Regional Roads

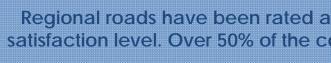
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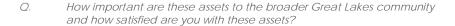
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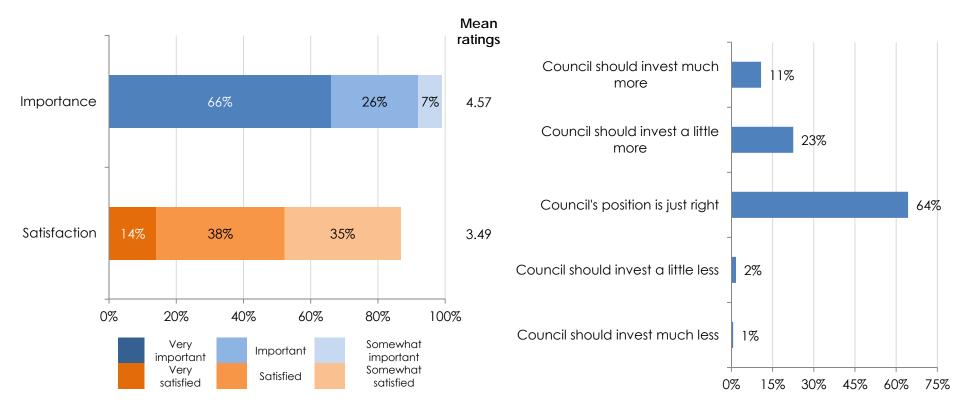


Regional roads have been rated as extremely important by the community, with a moderate satisfaction level. Over 50% of the community feel Council should be investing more in this asset

Community Buildings & Public Toilets



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Community buildings & public toilets have been rated as extremely important by the community.

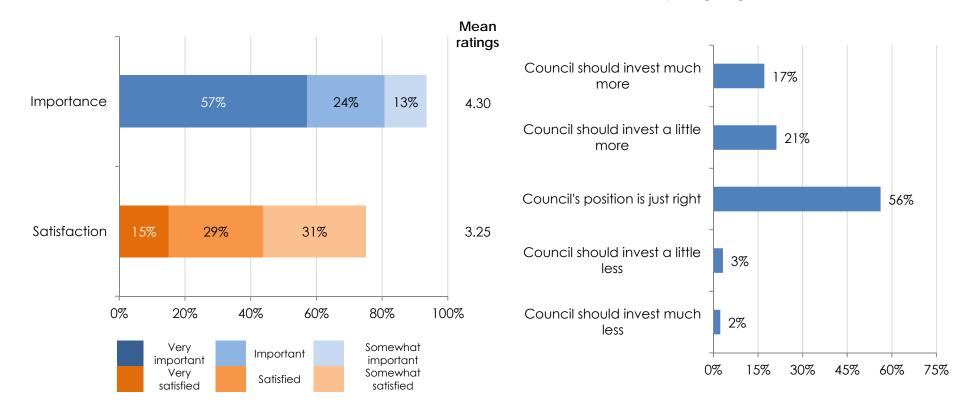
They are currently providing a moderate level of satisfaction.

64% of the community feel Council's investment position is 'just right'

Footpaths & Cycleways

Q. How important are these assets to the broader Great Lakes community and how satisfied are you with these assets?

Q. What is your level of agreement with Council's proposed investment plan regarding these assets?



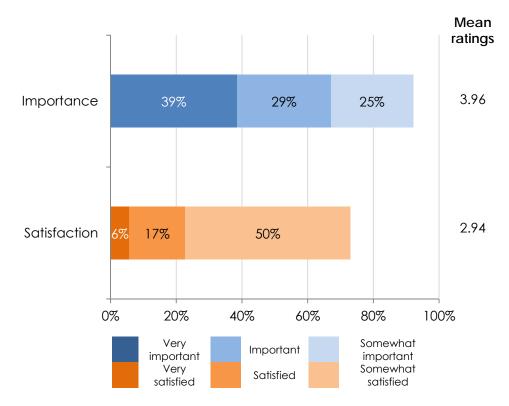
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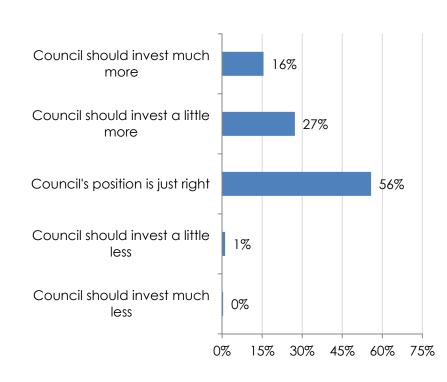
Footpaths & cycleways have been rated as very important by the community, with a moderate satisfaction level. 56% of the community feel Council is investing the right amount

Rural Unsealed Roads

Q. How important are these assets to the broader Great Lakes community and how satisfied are you with these assets?



Q. What is your level of agreement with Council's proposed investment plan regarding these assets?



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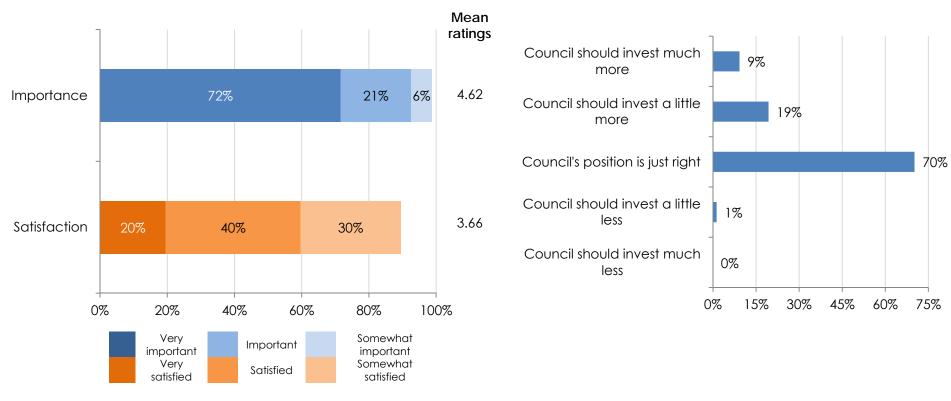
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Rural unsealed roads have been rated as important by the community, with a moderately low satisfaction level. 56% of the community feel Council is investing the right amount

Bridges

Q. How important are these assets to the broader Great Lakes community and how satisfied are you with these assets?





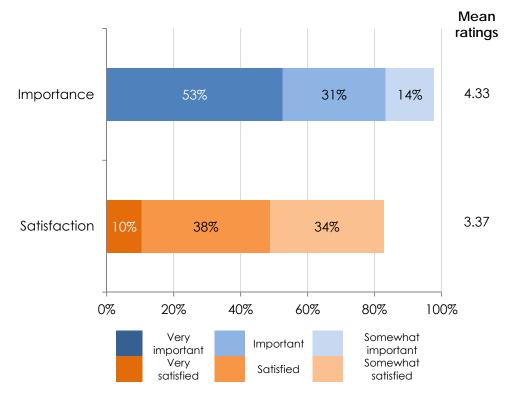
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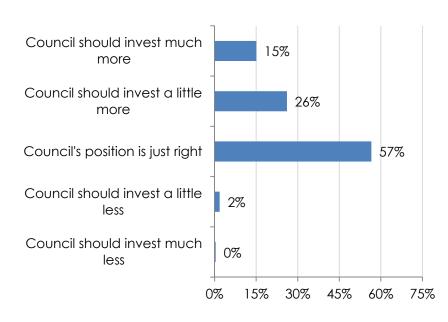
Bridges have been rated as extremely important by the community, with a moderately high satisfaction level. 70% of the community feel Council's position is just right

Urban Roads

Q. How important are these assets to the broader Great Lakes community and how satisfied are you with these assets?

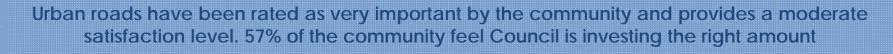


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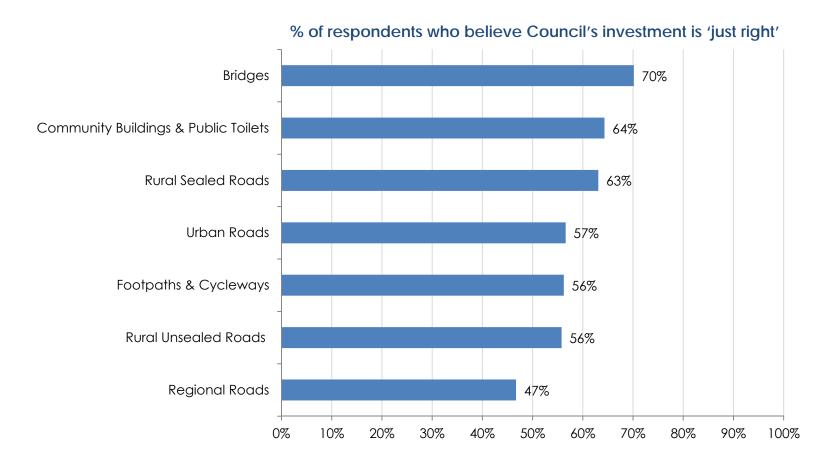


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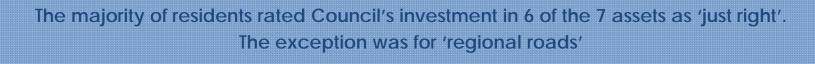
Agreement with Council's Proposed Investment



Q. How important do you believe it is for Council to implement plans and strategies that will maintain and enhance infrastructure and facilities for the Great Lakes LGA?

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Importance/Satisfaction with other Asset Classes



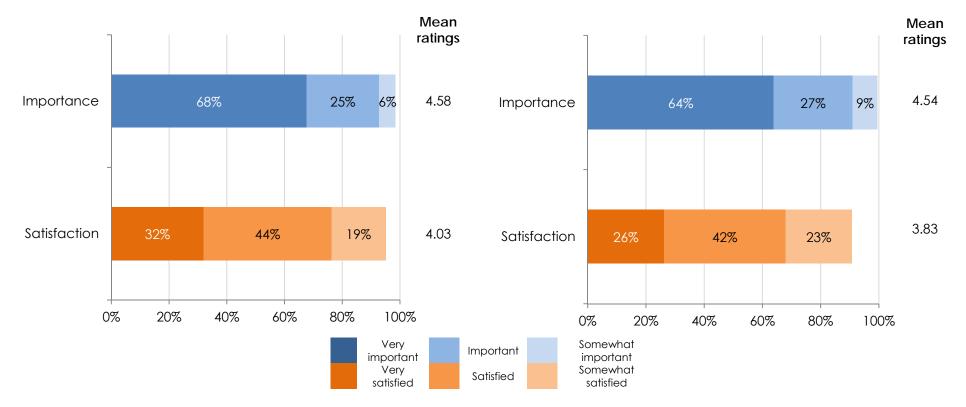


Community Opinion of Recreational Asset Classes

Sports Fields

Passive Recreation Areas

Q. How important are these assets to the broader Great Lakes community and how satisfied are you with these assets?



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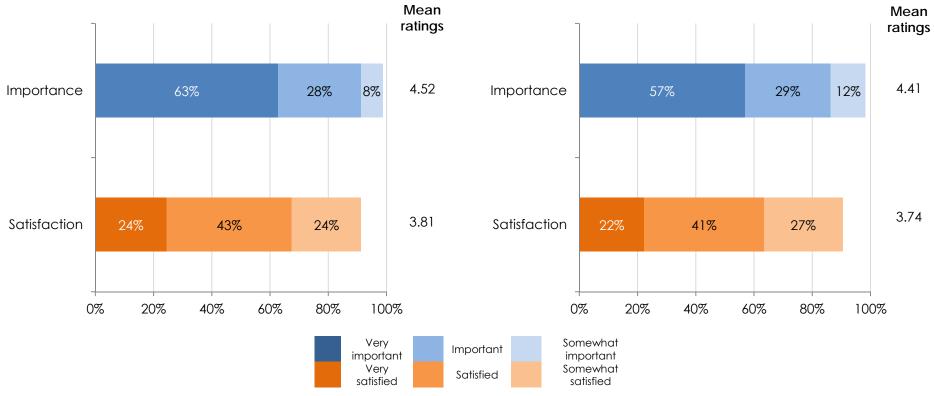
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'Sports fields' was rated of extremely high importance, with a high level of satisfaction

'Passive recreation areas' was rated of extremely high importance, with a moderately high level of satisfaction

Community Opinion of Recreational Asset Classes Parks Natural Bushland in Parks and Reserves

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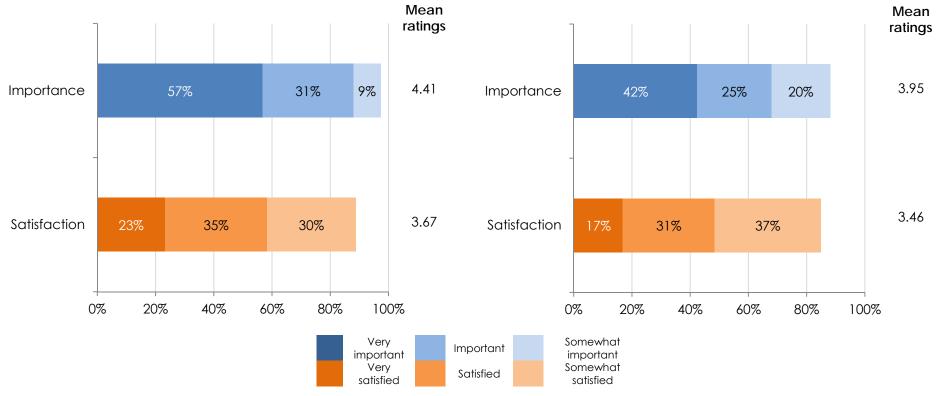
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'Parks' was rated of extremely high importance, with a moderately high level of satisfaction

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Community Opinion of Recreational Asset Classes Playgrounds Chlorinated Outdoor Swimming Pools

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Conclusion







Conclusions

Overall satisfaction with Great Lakes Council's performance has improved on 2012 outcomes and also exceeds our NSW LGA Benchmark

Satisfaction with the quality of community assets currently provided by Council is moderate.

Residents strongly support the premise that Council should be implementing plans to maintain and enhance infrastructure and facilities for the Great Lakes LGA.

- Satisfaction with rural unsealed roads is moderately low, and with regional roads, rural sealed roads and urban roads is moderate
- Satisfaction with playgrounds, passive recreation areas, parks, natural bushland in parks and reserves, and sports fields is moderately high to high, whilst with chlorinated outdoor swimming pools is moderate
- Satisfaction with community buildings & public toilets and footpaths & cycleways is moderate, and with bridges is moderately high
- Most residents believe Council has it 'just right' with regard to it's investment plan for assets, however, between 41% and 51% feel Council should be investing more in regional roads, rural unsealed roads and urban roads

Recommendations

- 1. The community supports Council's suggested increased investment and proposed rate variation to address the requirements of the LGA's rural sealed roads. Council should make application to IPART in order to seek a special rate variation
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Some uneven sections requiring minor maintenance

Current condition

Starting to age with some deterioration & cracking

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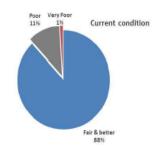
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Thank you for agreeing to participate in Council's survey on community assets. Please review the information we have provided, paying particular attention to the questions in the green boxes. Micromex Research will attempt to contact you in the next week or so to undertake the actual survey.

Over the past three years Council has made significant improvements to the overall condition of our priority roads and bridges.

At the same time we have undertaken a full review and made major improvements to the asset management data and systems we use to make decisions on the allocation of the available funds.

We have measured the condition of each road, bridge, footpath/cycleway and community building and rated them on a scale from 'very good' to 'failed'. Based on this data we now know how much it will cost to provide these assets to the community at what we believe to be a reasonable and affordable level of service.

We now want your perspective as a user on how these assets are being maintained, renewed and funded.

Which assets are important to you? What condition do the assets need to be in to meet your needs? Are you willing to pay a little bit extra if our asset planning identifies a shortfall in

The information will guide our future planning for the Great Lakes area. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

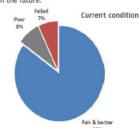
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ā 0 Our regional roads are The Lakes Way, Myall Way, The Bucketts Way and Stroud Hill Road. The total length of these roads is 136km. They carry the most traffic and are the main transport routes in our area.

The majority of funding for these roads is from State and Federal government grants, with some funding from Council where required.

The current budget to renew these roads is \$2.2m per year. This allows for the majority of these roads to be maintained at a condition of 'fair' or better.

We would like to be able to keep regional roads in a better condition, however we would need to double the current budget amount. As we believe this would be unaffordable for residents we are satisfied with their condition for now. State and Federal grant funding may assist us to improve the roads in this category in the future.



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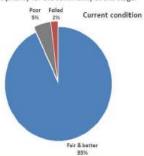
Our position is to maintain the current level of funding to look after regional roads... Do you support this?

Our urban roads are what we think of as 'local roads' in our towns and villages. This includes roads like Kularoo Dr Forster. Tuloa Ave Hawks Nest and Stroud St Bulahdelah. The total length of urban roads is 245km.

We travel on them regularly but they are not quite as busy as the regional roads.

The current budget to renew these roads is \$2.8m per year. This will allow us to eliminate all 'failed' roads in the next few

We would like to be able to get all roads up to a level of 'fair' or better however this would require a substantial injection of additional funds of about \$1m per year. We don't believe this is the highest priority for the community at this stage.



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Our position is to maintain the current level of funding to look after urban roads... Do you support this?

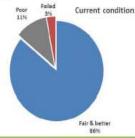
The roads between our towns and villages make up our rural road network. This includes roads like Booral Rd. Willina Rd and Bundabah Rd. The total length of rural sealed roads is 261km.

They carry less traffic than the urban roads, but they provide essential access outside the main towns and villages for people travelling in rural areas.

The current budget is \$2,03m per year. This funding is inadequate as some of these roads will remain in 'poor' or 'failed' condition with the current level of funding.

We would like to eliminate all 'failed' roads and this would require an injection of additional funds of approximately \$900,000 per annum. We believe this is the highest priority as the overall condition of this road network will continue to deteriorate with our current budget.

For an average ratepayer this would mean an extra \$36.30 per year in rates.





Fair & better

- Smooth even surface
- Minor cracking
- Minimal pothole repairs



- Moderate roughnes
- Moderate cracking & pothole repairs



- Very rough surface
- Significant cracking
- **Extensive potholes**

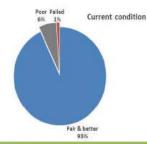
Our position is to increase Council investment by \$900,000 per annum to better maintain rural sealed roads...Do you support this?

Our rural unsealed roads predominantly provide access to rural lands and associated businesses (livestock, poultry, forestry etc). This includes roads like Wattley Hill Rd, Upper Myall Rd and The Branch Ln. The total length of rural unsealed roads is These roads generally carry a low amount of traffic with less than 200 vehicle movements per day.

The current budget is \$695,000 per year which is used to increase the amount of gravel on the surface of these roads.

This budget allows for the large majority of these roads to be maintained at a condition of 'fair' or better. We believe this is adequate due to the lower traffic movements on these roads.

Council also currently invests approximately \$500,000 per year under the Roads to Recovery program to upgrade unsealed roads to sealed roads in urban and rural areas. (Recent projects completed include Bundabah Road and Seal Rocks Road.)



Fair & better

- Even surface
- Infrequent potholes
- Good gravel cover



- Moderate scouring &
- Minimal gravel cover



- Very uneven surface
- Significant scouring &
 - No gravel cover

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Our position is to maintain the current level of funding for rural unsealed roads... Do you support this?

We currently manage a total of 189 bridge structures. Of these, 82 are aged timber bridges and 107 are concrete bridges.

All of the concrete bridges are in 'fair' or better condition. So our focus has been on replacing aged timber bridges with new concrete structures. The concrete structures have an asset life of 80-100 years.

Current condition (timber bridges)

We have made significant progress in the last 6 years in replacing timber bridges in 'failed' condition. This year a further \$1.4m will be invested which will eliminate all bridges in 'failed' condition and most bridges in 'poor' condition.

Our recent investment will keep our bridges in a 'fair' and better condition.



Our position is to maintain the current level of funding for bridges at this time... Do you support this?

Remember...Micromex Research will be calling you back in the next week or so to undertake the survey.

Fair & better

Thank you for taking the time to participate.

If you have any questions in the meantime please contact Council's Corporate Planning Coordinator, Lynn Duffy on 02 6591 7287.

Appendix







Overall Satisfaction with Council's Performance by Area Lived in

Q2b. Overall, for the last 12 months, how satisfied are you with the performance of Council, not just on one or two issues but across all responsibility areas?

	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/Rural West	Other
Very satisfied	10%	19%	4%	7%	7%	2%	4%	0%
Satisfied	47%	53%	37%	44%	47%	43%	40%	73%
Somewhat satisfied	29%	23%	26%	43%	34%	26%	42%	19%
Not very satisfied	10%	4%	21%	6%	8%	22%	8%	8%
Not at all satisfied	4%	1%	12%	0%	5%	8%	6%	0%
Average	3.50	3.86▲	3.01▼	3.51	3.42	3.10▼	3.27	3.65

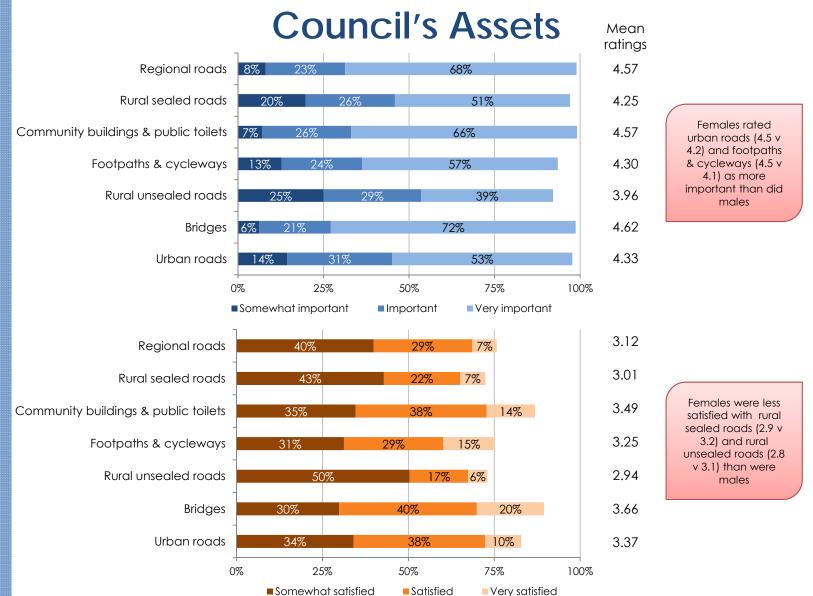
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Base: Overall n = 401







Q. How important are these assets to you and how satisfied are you with them?

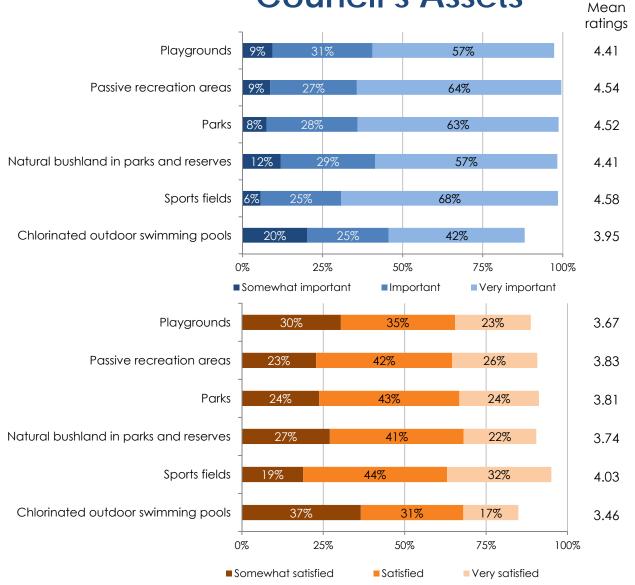


The largest performance gaps were recorded for 'regional roads' and 'rural sealed roads'

Performance Gaps of Council's Assets

	Importance	Satisfaction	Performance Gap
Regional roads	4.57	3.12	1.46
Rural sealed roads	4.25	3.01	1.24
Community buildings & public toilets	4.57	3.49	1.08
Footpaths & cycleways	4.30	3.25	1.05
Rural unsealed roads	3.96	2.94	1.01
Bridges	4.62	3.66	0.97
Urban roads	4.33	3.37	0.96





Females rated parks
(4.6 v 4.4) and
passive recreation
areas (4.7 v 4.4) as
more important
than did males

D. How important are these recreational assets to you and how satisfied are you with them?



Whilst there is room for improvement with all of these assets, the community expressed reasonably high satisfaction with them

Performance Gaps of Council's Assets

	Importance	Satisfaction	Performance Gap
Playgrounds	4.41	3.67	0.74
Passive recreation areas	4.54	3.83	0.71
Parks	4.52	3.81	0.71
Natural bushland in parks and reserves	4.41	3.74	0.67
Sports fields	4.58	4.03	0.56
Chlorinated outdoor swimming pools	3.95	3.46	0.49

Community Comments on Council's Asset Management

Q. Are there any further comments you would like to make regarding Council's asset management?

	N =
Greater road maintenance is required	80
Satisfied with Council's asset management	41
Greater maintenance/provision of footpaths is required	24
Rural areas and smaller towns require more attention	22
More efficient financial management/distribution of funds is required	21
Public recreation facilities require improvement	20
Greater maintenance/provision of public toilets is required	16
Provision of cycle paths should be improved	16
Kerbing/guttering/drainage require improvement	13
Asset management generally requires improvement	10
Management of natural areas requires improvement	9
Greater maintenance of bridges is required	4
Traffic planning in the area needs to be improved	4
Communication of asset management programs should be clearer	3
Council should look to acquire more funds for asset management	3
Access to waterways needs improvement	2
Amalgamation of Councils should be considered as an economic measure	2
Investment should be focused more on young people	2
Libraries/community facilities require greater funding	2
Asset maintenance should consider residents with disabilities to a greater extent	1
Cleanliness of public areas requires improvement	1
Volunteer programs would allow Council to improve asset maintenance	1



Suggested Improvements for Communication

Q. (How satisfied are you currently with the level of communication Council has with the community? R. if not satisfied or not at all satisfied) how do you think Council could improve its communication?

	N =
More frequent provision of Council information via paper mail - newsletters, leaflets, pamphlets, rates notices	39
Providing more information in local newspapers	29
More frequent community consultation - meetings, surveys, Council staff coming into the community	25
Providing more information via email	13
Increased social media presence	12
Improvement in the quality/relevance of information provided	8
Improved responsiveness to enquiries	6
Improved transparency/accountability	5
Providing more information via Council's website	3
Advertising Council activities on television	2
Advertising Council activities on the radio	2
Maintaining public notice boards with Council information	2
More frequent phone contact with residents to provide information	2
Ensuring that correct information is maintained by Council	1
Holding more accessible community meetings	1
Improve readability of Council publications	1
Improving accessibility to Council services	1

Rural Sealed Roads

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	7%	8%	10%	10%	7%	4%	4%	0%		
Satisfied	22%	26%	35%	13%	13%	15%	15%	7%		
Somewhat satisfied	43%	51%	34%	41%	42%	44%	30%	21%		
Not very satisfied	19%	12%	16%	31%	9%	28%	27%	64%		
Not at all satisfied	8%	2%	5%	4%	29%	8%	24%	8%		
Mean rating	3.01	3.26▲	3.27	2.94	2.60	2.79	2.48▼	2.28▼		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Regional Roads

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in							
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other	
Very satisfied	7%	8%	8%	11%	13%	4%	0%	0%	
Satisfied	29%	37%	27%	23%	24%	24%	19%	15%	
Somewhat satisfied	40%	43%	46%	29%	40%	43%	29%	26%	
Not very satisfied	17%	9%	14%	35%	16%	21%	27%	50%	
Not at all satisfied	7%	4%	5%	2%	7%	8%	26%	8%	
Mean rating	3.12	3.36▲	3.19	3.06	3.20	2.94	2.40▼	2.49	
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12	

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Community Buildings & Public Toilets

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	14%	15%	13%	15%	11%	10%	21%	8%		
Satisfied	38%	39%	31%	35%	43%	48%	30%	55%		
Somewhat satisfied	35%	33%	42%	28%	40%	37%	35%	16%		
Not very satisfied	9%	9%	9%	17%	2%	2%	10%	14%		
Not at all satisfied	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%		
Mean rating	3.49	3.50	3.39	3.40	3.53	3.57	3.54	3.43		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Footpaths & Cycleways

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	15%	19%	9%	11%	22%	10%	13%	8%		
Satisfied	29%	36%	25%	22%	29%	20%	30%	6%		
Somewhat satisfied	31%	30%	31%	34%	35%	35%	25%	42%		
Not very satisfied	16%	12%	27%	17%	7%	18%	17%	28%		
Not at all satisfied	9%	4%	8%	17%	7%	17%	14%	16%		
Mean rating	3.25	3.53▲	3.01	2.93	3.52	2.87	3.11	2.62		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied ▲ VSignificantly higher/lower compared to 'overall'



Rural Unsealed Roads

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	6%	8%	3%	8%	0%	4%	4%	8%		
Satisfied	17%	16%	23%	13%	19%	11%	25%	0%		
Somewhat satisfied	50%	59%	57%	52%	35%	34%	31%	65%		
Not very satisfied	20%	14%	13%	22%	25%	43%	25%	6%		
Not at all satisfied	7%	3%	4%	5%	20%	7%	16%	22%		
Mean rating	2.94	3.13▲	3.07	2.98	2.53	2.61	2.75	2.67		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Bridges

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	20%	18%	30%	11%	13%	31%	17%	6%		
Satisfied	40%	42%	36%	39%	29%	44%	47%	43%		
Somewhat satisfied	30%	29%	30%	44%	32%	19%	26%	44%		
Not very satisfied	7%	8%	4%	6%	17%	6%	6%	8%		
Not at all satisfied	3%	4%	0%	0%	9%	0%	4%	0%		
Mean rating	3.66	3.61	3.93▲	3.54	3.20▼	4.01 ▲	3.67	3.46		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Urban Roads

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	10%	14%	7%	23%	4%	2%	8%	0%		
Satisfied	38%	46%	43%	22%	32%	39%	24%	27%		
Somewhat satisfied	34%	33%	32%	33%	38%	35%	36%	44%		
Not very satisfied	13%	6%	12%	21%	17%	20%	17%	21%		
Not at all satisfied	5%	1%	7%	2%	9%	4%	14%	8%		
Mean rating	3.37	3.66▲	3.31	3.44	3.06	3.15	2.94	2.90		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Satisfaction with Asset Class by Area Lived In Sports Fields

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

		Area lived in								
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other		
Very satisfied	32%	41%	19%	24%	20%	34%	41%	7%		
Satisfied	44%	44%	41%	52%	61%	37%	36%	48%		
Somewhat satisfied	19%	14%	29%	17%	9%	24%	20%	45%		
Not very satisfied	4%	1%	10%	7%	7%	6%	4%	0%		
Not at all satisfied	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%		
Mean rating	4.03	4.23 ▲	3.67▼	3.92	3.90	3.99	4.13	3.63		
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12		

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Passive Recreation Areas

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

	Area lived in							
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other
Very satisfied	26%	36%	13%	25%	29%	29%	8%	7%
Satisfied	42%	45%	29%	40%	47%	39%	53%	27%
Somewhat satisfied	23%	14%	36%	27%	17%	20%	33%	50%
Not very satisfied	7%	4%	15%	6%	7%	10%	6%	15%
Not at all satisfied	2%	1%	7%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Mean rating	3.83	4.10▲	3.28▼	3.80	3.98	3.83	3.63	3.27
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Parks

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

	Area lived in							
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other
Very satisfied	24%	32%	16%	12%	23%	16%	30%	14%
Satisfied	43%	43%	36%	29%	55%	65%	32%	52%
Somewhat satisfied	24%	21%	30%	47%	17%	8%	25%	27%
Not very satisfied	6%	4%	12%	11%	5%	4%	8%	8%
Not at all satisfied	2%	1%	5%	0%	0%	6%	4%	0%
Mean rating	3.81	4.01 ▲	3.46▼	3.42▼	3.96	3.81	3.78	3.71
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Natural Bushland in Parks & Reserves

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

	Area lived in							
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other
Very satisfied	22%	31%	17%	15%	20%	15%	16%	6%
Satisfied	41%	40%	43%	40%	47%	38%	44%	34%
Somewhat satisfied	27%	21%	30%	34%	24%	31%	31%	52%
Not very satisfied	8%	7%	6%	4%	9%	14%	10%	8%
Not at all satisfied	2%	1%	4%	7%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Mean rating	3.74	3.94▲	3.64	3.53	3.78	3.51	3.66	3.38
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Satisfaction with Asset Class by Area Lived In Playgrounds

Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

	Area lived in							
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other
Very satisfied	23%	26%	17%	13%	16%	22%	40%	14%
Satisfied	35%	39%	23%	36%	42%	36%	28%	42%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	24%	47%	37%	33%	28%	21%	37%
Not very satisfied	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%	6%	6%	8%
Not at all satisfied	4%	2%	5%	6%	0%	8%	4%	0%
Mean rating	3.67	3.79	3.40	3.40	3.64	3.58	3.95	3.61
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12

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Chlorinated Outdoor Swimming Pools

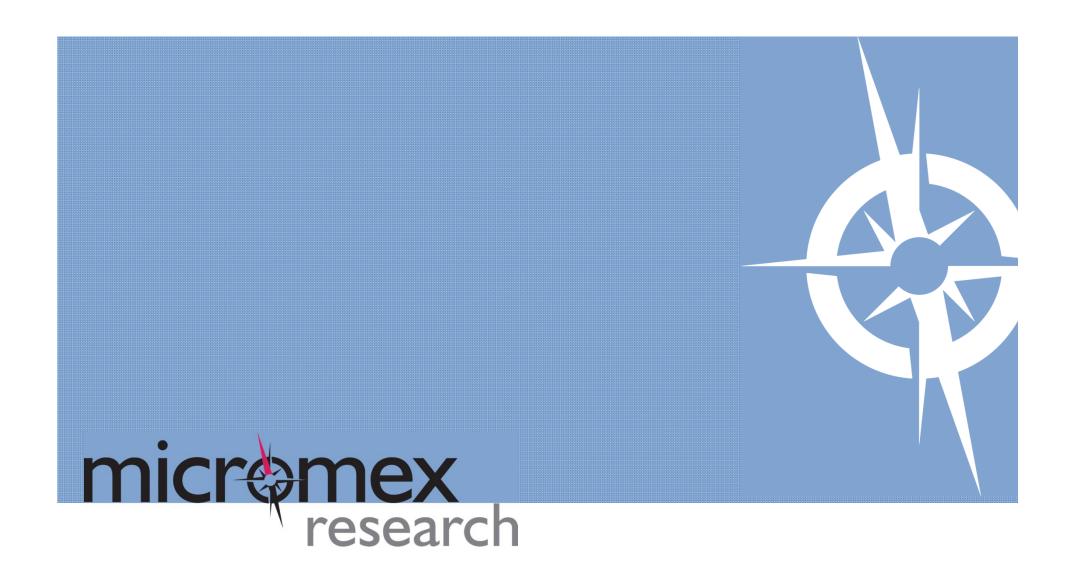
Q. How satisfied are you with these assets?

	Area lived in							
	Overall	Forster/ Tuncurry area includes Green Point	Hawks Nest/ Tea Gardens/ North Arm Cove/ Pindimar	Pacific Palms/ Blueys Beach/ Coomba Park	Nabiac/ Failford/ Darawank/ Rural North	Bulahdelah/ Central Rural	Stroud/ Rural West	Other
Very satisfied	17%	14%	14%	18%	6%	16%	46%	7%
Satisfied	31%	27%	42%	24%	27%	46%	25%	48%
Somewhat satisfied	37%	41%	39%	41%	44%	24%	20%	30%
Not very satisfied	10%	13%	3%	11%	18%	9%	7%	7%
Not at all satisfied	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	6%	2%	8%
Mean rating	3.46	3.31	3.61	3.36	3.13	3.58	4.05▲	3.40
Base	401	165	63	39	38	43	43	12

Scale: 1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

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Asset management progress

- 3 staff trained by IPWEA in NAMS Plus
- Basic AMPs prepared to enable special rate application to be made
- AMPs for roads, drains, buildings, bridges, parks
- Morrison Low engaged to undertake an Asset
 Management Improvement plan over 6 months
- Formal program now completed
- Finalisation of updated plans now in progress

Asset management improvement plan

 6 workshops in 2013 with Morrison Low (Tim McCarthy who completed GLC TCorp review)

Key areas assessed

Asset knowledge

Data processes

Strategies

Operations

Information systems

Commitment

Integration with LTFP

- Base case funding to bring assets up to satisfactory level
- Politically acceptable Special Rate Variation
- Current funding levels

Roads & drainage condition data

- Regional roads re-segmented to ~0.5km average lengths
- Visual inspections (1-5 rating) completed on all sealed roads
- Regional roads roughometer device successfully trialled
- Bridges 100% inspections completed including timber boring of major structural elements for bridge condition numbers.
- Load testing of bridges showing deteriorated elements. Load limits placed on 4 bridges
- CCTV survey of "sample" drainage lines completed (Forster catchments)
- Currently undertaking footpath/cycleway condition inspections

Future steps

- Finalise the AMP structure
- Finalise financial data
- Review service levels
- Integrate AMPs with LTFP
- Review Asset Management policy and strategy

Road condition indicators



Service level scenarios

Scenario 1 Condition 4

Poor or better

Scenario 2 Condition 3

Fair or better

Scenario 3 Condition 2

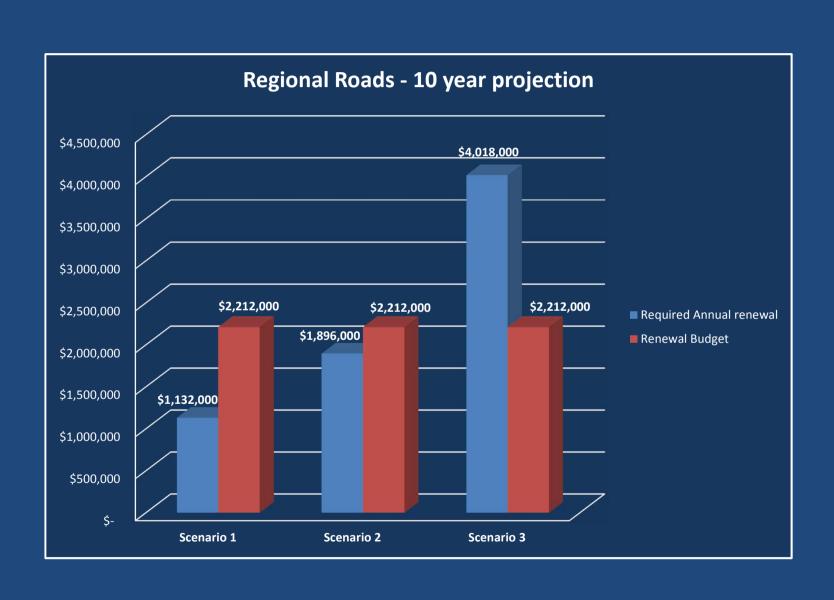
Good or better

Regional roads

- The Lakes Way, The Bucketts Way, Myall Way and Stroud Hill Road - total length 136 km
- Current value \$51.1m (pavement & seal)



Regional roads

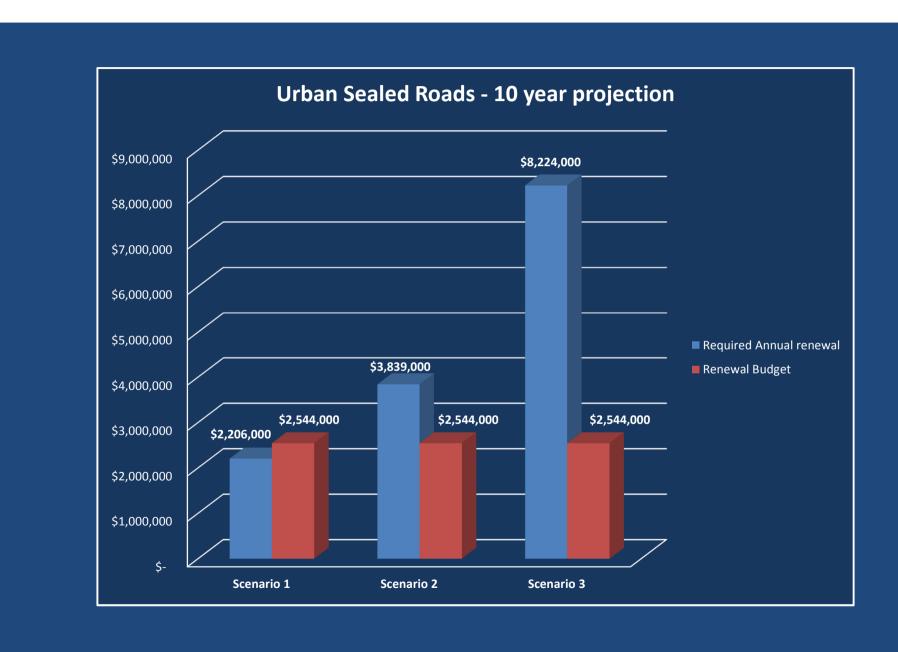


Urban sealed roads

- Total length 245 km
- Current replacement value \$115.7m (pavement & seal)

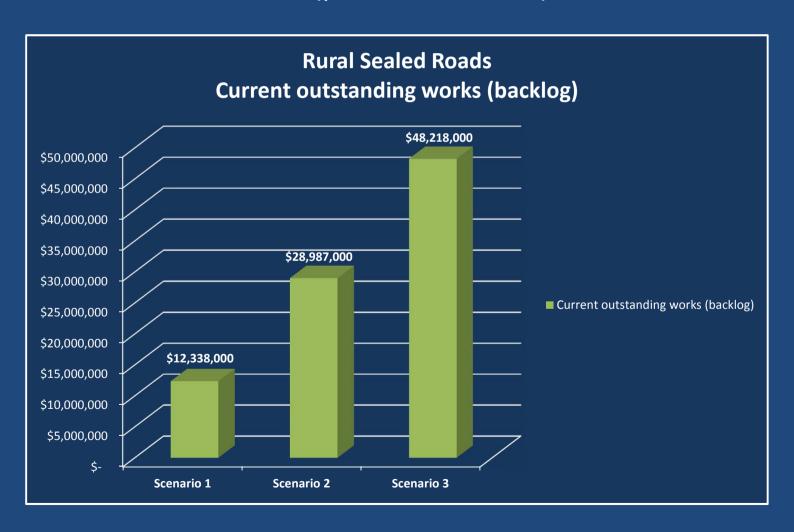


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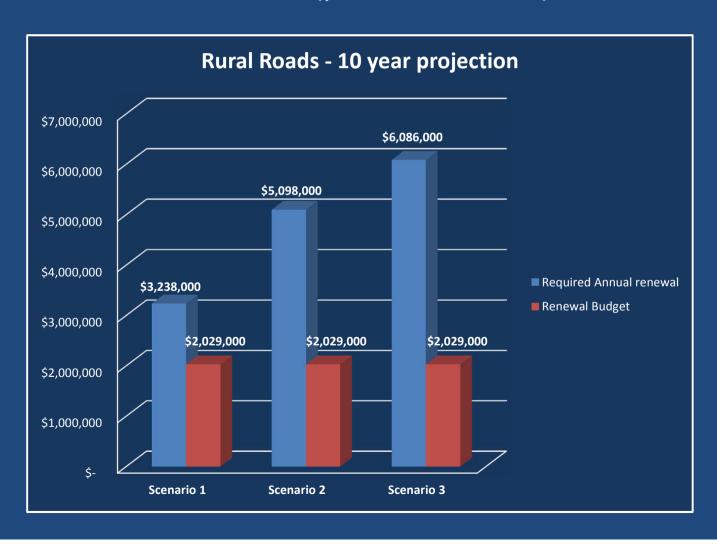
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- Current value \$70.2m (pavement & seal)



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Summary

Backlog

Regional Roads \$ 7.5 million

Urban Roads \$ 4.4 million

Rural Roads \$12.3 million

TOTAL \$24.2 million

Maintenance Deficiency

Regional Roads Nil

Urban Roads Nil

Rural Roads \$1.2 million

Recommendation

That Council consider provision of an additional \$1 million per year for the maintenance of roads.

Projects

Projects

Civic/Community Centre Precinct - Forster

Tea Gardens Recreational and Cultural Precinct

Women's respite centre - Forster/Tuncurry

Tuncurry Town Centre improvements

Alternative energy supply (green energy development)

North Tuncurry Regional Sporting Complex

Forster Town Centre improvements

Outdoor entertainment/performance space - Forster/Tuncurry

Forster car parking

Marine Education Centre

Stroud Showground improvements

Stroud cemetery extensions

Programs

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Information technology and broadband communication

Ageing Services Centre of Excellence

Urban road construction / rural road construction

Asset Management Plans - infrastructure

Small village enhancement

Tourism

Community engagement*

Identify what differentiates 'Great Lakes' from other areas

Footpaths and cycleways

Noxious weed program

Development compliance

Transport

Crime prevention

Boat ramps, wharves, jetties

Creative, attractive area for entertainers

Cultural officer

Other Projects & Programs

- Community Engagement
- Resources (staff)

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1 Communication Officer (Digital) $80k2 Business Improvement Officer $90k
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3 Planning Systems Officer (3 days) \$51k

- ICT Strategy implementation \$250 – 300k (figure to be refined as project research undertaken)

Discussion

