

Wyong Shire Council

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

ENCLOSURES

Wednesday, 26 February, 2014



WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL
ENCLOSURES TO THE
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TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2014 ,
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

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1.	19/10/2013	Email	I am very concerned that, if it is true, council is abolishing shire precincts. I attended the first meeting of Mannering Park's precinct meeting, when you encouraged people to be part of the precinct meeting. Why on earth would these be abolished when it is after all, the ratepayers expressing their views and needs.
2.	19/10/2013	Email	Why are you afraid of the precinct committees? Is the fact that you are being forced to do something about your Ruttleys Rd access. This and the other matters that keep arising will not go away. I think that you have stirred the hornets nest so you should be ready for the sting. I feel that you are not consulting with the community and are putting your interests first as always and I suggest that you actually consider what you are proposing.
3.	20/10/2013	Email	Its hard to understand how Council's desire to develop an effective communication with the community can ever start by Council conducting its own internal review of Precinct Committees who currently represent the community .. with no consultation during that review .. and then propose an alternative strategy .. to commence in March .. apparently a foregone conclusion .. with comments from PCs relegated to a 'report' in February. Why have PC's been excluded from the consultation process until after Council has resolved to start a new system ...? Surely it would have been preferable to hold a consultation with PCs before deciding on an alternative system? Why does Council wish to dis-empower the ability of PCs to determine their own agendas and make comments / recommendations to Council as they see fit?
4.	21/10/2013	Email	I write in relation to Councils 'alternate future model for Community Precinct Committees' as outlined in the report 'Community Precinct Forum Framework' which I understand is to be considered at Council's Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 23 next. The recommendations outlined in that report effectively limit community input and will only serve to reduce consultation. My staff and I regularly attend precinct committee meetings and we believe that these meetings provide an invaluable point of contact between my office and these communities, these monthly meetings can attract up to 30 residents who canvass as wide range of important local issues at both state and federal government levels. The NSW government believes that to run an inclusive government, it is vital to engage the community in consultation and I am of the opinion that to erode access of community groups to any level of government is in direct contravention of this philosophy. I believe that the current Precinct Committee structure within the Swansea electorate should be retained and I hereby seek your support in this regard.
5.	23/10/2013	Email	Gee guys is this a way to try and control your communities by having no local representation, seems the Precincts may have been to effective getting things done in the local areas and making you work. Please remember we rate payers are your employers, and you are our employees and if you're not happy working for us than I suggest you find another job. If these precincts are taken away from the community it might be best' To turn them into local action groups where council has no

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		control, wonder how that will work. I think you will find with the support of the state and federal members this community will still have plenty of support to make council accountable for what they should be doing in the local area.
6.		<p>At tonight's Wyong Shire Council meeting I urge you to vote against the proposal to replace the existing Precinct Committees with just 2 Committees meeting only quarterly.</p> <p>As an active member of Manning Park Community Precinct Committee since its formation, and its current Treasurer, I want to express the extreme disappointment I felt at our meeting on Monday night when I heard of the proposal by Council to abolish the existing 11 Precinct Committees in the Shire and replace them with just 2 Precinct Committees each of which would only meet quarterly. Since Monday night I have spent quite a bit of time reflecting on the implications for my community (and, I am sure, for the other local communities in the Shire) if the proposal is adopted. And as I have done so I have found that my initial feelings of disappointment have turned into feelings of anger that the proposers of the motion would have so little regard for the importance of local communities and would want to centralise so much decision-making initiative and power.</p> <p>In the case of the Manning Park Precinct Committee, a group of 20 – 30 people meeting on the third Monday of each month has been able to openly discuss matters which individual members have raised, and then the Executive and others have seen these matters through to implementation. I do not have time to go through my Minutes to remind me of what has been achieved, but I can immediately think of improvements in a number of areas of our town and its surrounds which have happened because of the work of the Precinct Committee. I am aware that many of these required the support and hard work of Council staff members and some individual Councillors, but these people were only able to be involved in these projects because they were alerted to the particular need by the Precinct Committee.</p> <p>In the background paper to the proposal, mention was made of the 11 X \$500 saving to Council if it no longer had to pay the annual \$ 500 administration fee to each Precinct Committee. In informal discussion after our meeting on Monday night, it was agreed that the Committee would be very happy to raise its own administration costs by raffles; street stalls etc. if finance was one of the important reasons for the new proposal.</p> <p>I am now retired, but during my working life both as a High School teacher and a Minister of Religion I saw that, in meetings, many people would speak up to express their viewpoint when they were in a smaller gathering of people they knew, but would not do so in a larger gathering when most people present were strangers. I am sure that many of the people who express valuable ideas in our present meetings would not do so in a larger meeting made up of mainly strangers (or would not even bother to attend)</p>
7.	23/10/2013	Letter

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		<p>be organised and administered by the Council with Council determining the agenda for a set period of time.</p> <p>The proposal being promoted by Wyong Shore Council will disempower local communities as it will replace a community system with a centralised system driven by the Council. The precinct committee system was introduced to give local communities a say in determining the direction of their communities. The philosophy behind the Precinct committees is the recognition that people living in the community are in the best position to determine the needs of their community. I urge Wyong shire council to retain the current precinct committee system.</p>
8.	25/10/2013	Email
		<p>As a local resident of some 40 years .. and one who has been actively engaged in community issues and volunteer work ... I am extremely disappointed with the report on precinct committees to be considered by Council on Wednesday.</p> <p>Whilst purporting to show that an alternative forum-type arrangement is a more effective communication strategy between Council and the community .. the report itself and the implementation timetable are extremely poor examples of consultation and effective communication. The report states that Council values input from the community; yet the precinct committees, which currently represent the community, have been entirely frozen out of the review process. Surely it would have been better to involve the precinct committees in the review process .. then take a recommendation to Council ?</p> <p>Undertaking an in-house review without consultation hardly demonstrates 'integrity' or 'respect' .. listed as among Council's values. North Sydney has long been regarded as exemplars of leading edge / best practice in matters of precinct representation. In undertaking its review, I'd have thought WSC would have reviewed North Sydney's process as a guide. Martin Bass, a staff member at North Sydney has published a research paper entitled: "THE PRECINCT SYSTEM – VALID MODEL OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OR RELIC?": It concludes: There are a number of factors which are likely to contribute to the ongoing success of the precinct model in North Sydney – the independent nature of politics in the local area, a strong adherence to principles and practices of open government by the administration and elected councillors, high community expectations in regard to public involvement in decision making and a wealth of community knowledge of and interest in the physical, historical, social and cultural characteristics of North Sydney and its built environment. Far from being a relic, the precinct system in North Sydney continues to play a valuable role in Council's decision making and is an indispensable part of the fabric of the local community. The document is attached for your information. Dr Ray Rauscher, who has had a long association with precinct committees and other participatory community forums in Wyong, has also written an academic paper in this subject; I am sure he would be willing to make it available.</p> <p>It should be noted that North Sydney's review produced a discussion paper - then allowed a much longer consultation period ... some months in fact. See: http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Community_Engagement/Precinct_Committees/Precinct_System_Review The recommendation and draft motions to be discussed on Wednesday give the distinct impression that Council has already made a decision that the 'alternative' will start from March 2014 ... hardly a display of Council's espoused practice of openness and transparency in decision-making. The timing of the engagement is rather unfortunate too .. one can only speculate as to why precinct committees only get a briefing on a decision already taken by Council 3 weeks after that decision. Those proposing this schedule clearly don't understand how precinct committees work. Most meet monthly .. and not in January. The proposed briefing</p>

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		<p>mid November means that PCs may have one meeting in December - often their Christmas party - to inform members of Council's proposal .. before making a submission over the Dec / Jan / Christmas holiday period to be included in a report to Council in February.</p> <p>That report is clearly a formality .. an imaginary 'consultation box' to be ticked ... as Council will have already made a decision - in October - to start its alternative proposal in March. Frankly, unacceptable if Council is genuine in its values</p> <p>One of the biggest complaints from both the community and precinct committees is that Council seemingly puts contentious matters before them over the Christmas / holiday season. Surely Council learned from the barrage of complaints about the LEPO / rates response time over the holiday break ? Apparently not. Unless there are cogent reasons why this report must be discussed at Council next Wednesday, I suggest that the report be withdrawn and that Council enter into genuine and meaningful consultation with all precinct committees and allow at least 3 months for proper consideration and discussion of Council's proposal. To enable genuine evaluation of Council's 'alternative' proposal (by both councillors and the community), I'd also like to see any case-study examples of where regional forums have been shown to be more effective than precinct committees.</p> <p>Costing of any alternative proposals would also be welcome. As you know, I prefer to be positive rather than negative; on this issue I feel I should express my thoughts direct to you, together with some research I have conducted in less than an hour. I look forward to your response.</p>
9.	28/10/2013	Email

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		<p>Mayor and Deputy Mayor were not in our favour. Instead their plan is to hold, it would appear, perhaps 4 Community Forums per year (not your current committee members, we would no longer exist, but, for you, the residents to attend to discuss issues).</p> <p>There will be much to discuss at the Nov. 6 meeting (7.30pm Sohler Park Community Hall) and we need your voice in the decision making process - do we continue our role in representing the Ourimbah Community but under another 'hat' or do we fold. On meeting today with other Precincts, it would appear they wish to carry on as best they can without any funding, but will also have to put it to their members. One of these members has already written to the Express Advocate about the foregoing, and today a 'photo shoot' was carried out to accompany the article - watch out for this week Express - it may be in before next week. We need to think about our future and what is best for Ourimbah and how can we achieve it.</p>
10.		<p>I am writing to inform you that a number of precincts (listed below) meet on 28 October to discuss matters relating to the Community Precinct Framework – item 4.11 at the council's meeting on Wednesday 23 October.</p> <p>We noted that the council undertook community consultation on the Framework document and that the precincts are specifically invited to attend a meeting at the council chambers on Thursday 14 November (I understand this has now been changed to Wednesday 20 November!) We look forward to attending this meeting and hope that an agenda will be forthcoming in plenty of time for us to further consult our members on the issues to be raised.</p> <p>We hope also to have sufficient time to raise points ourselves for consideration.</p>
11.	29/10/2013	Letter
		<p>As happens too often; people with good intent have jumped to incorrect conclusions, perhaps based on previous negative experiences. I am not an active member of the Ourimbah Precinct Committee, but receive their email newsletters.</p> <p>Please keep up the good work that appears to be taking place in revitalising Wyong Council. I am a member/subscriber to the Council's ePanel and also agree strongly with the idea of creating a B Ward Committee to liaise with Council. I cannot see a problem with Ourimbah Precinct Committee continuing to meet if required, with one of its executive committee members being nominated to represent it on the B Ward Committee.</p> <p>The Ward based committee is obviously designed to replace what must be an unwieldy situation with council staff and councillors trying to deal with many committees that are not coordinated under the Ward structure of Wyong Shire Council.</p> <p>I am sure Council's proposal for ward liaison committees will be set up on a trial basis and will be amended as time passes when they need 'tweaking' to improve them.</p>
12.	01/11/2013	Email
		<p>Could you please advise the basis of your assertion that ..</p>

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13.	03/11/2013	Email
		<p>only 3 precinct committees in B ward ... 80% of B ward does not have a committee or other forum which liaises with Council. This illustrated the need to consider improvements. ?</p> <p>Could you also advise what actions Council has taken to strengthen committees that may have been considered 'in trouble' and any actions to revitalise committees that are currently inactive ?</p> <p>Please note that:</p> <p>1 Some of our members were in the gallery when you informed Council that the average attendance at Community Precinct meetings was 7.</p> <p>That low number came as quite a surprise as the meetings they attend generally have 12-14 people attending and often 4-5 apologies are received. Could you please provide the statistics on which you based the information you provided to Council ?</p> <p>2 Some of our long-standing members are also aware that this Association has made a number of submissions to Council in respect of Capacity Building for CPCs. Capacity Building for community precinct committees At least 4 times since 2006, WSRRA, on behalf of precinct committees, has suggested that Council facilitate 3-4 forums each year ... each of approx. 2 hrs. duration Session 1 strengthening two-way communication and Council – CPC relationship Council info sharing with precinct committees feedback / forum 1/2 hr. precincts raise broader policy / governance / strategic issues with Council 1/2 hr. break tea / coffee / sandwiches provided by Council 15 Session 2 strengthening communication / capacity building Precincts training for chairs / secretaries / treasurers 1/2 hr. open forum .. share problems / solutions, successes, challenges alternate meetings 2 minutes each / focus on a selected issue 1/2 hr. Cost nominal for room and refreshments \$ 200 assume Council staff claim TIL as with other evening events Benefits strengthened relationships / increased trust between precinct committees and Council capacity building to enable the leadership of precinct committees to be more effective (suggest a base-line survey and annual review) extract from WSRRA Annual Report - 2009 Aug - Sept 08 discussions with Trevor Dowling re regular council / precinct / community committees again bore no fruit - Council re-organising Corporate Services section We are concerned that Council is now moving to disband precinct committees, yet has seemingly ignored these repeated constructive suggestions which would undoubtedly have strengthened their performance. Could you please indicate why Council has adopted such a strategy ?</p> <p>3 In the invitation to attend the world cafe forum, is the following: the draft discussion paper has been designed as a starting point for engagement with the current Precinct Committees, as well as with the wider community, with the aim of reviewing and discussing approaches for engagement As we are not a precinct committee, but involved with community development, could you please provide details of the engagement strategy for the wider community ?</p> <p>4 It is open to Community Precinct Committees and the broader community to suggest topics for discussion at the world cafe -style forum ? If so, to whom should these be sent ? Thank you in anticipation.</p>
14.	04/11/2013	Email
		I regret I was away all of Friday and had no opportunity of replying.

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		<p>Re a "world cafe" style meeting – I have read your information with some interest and must wonder about the success of such a format in these circumstances.</p> <p>Keeping the interest in the works of a Precinct takes a lot of hands-on and personal effort even in a localised area and on a regular monthly basis even then obtaining a quorum can be touch & go.</p> <p>I have some reserves as to how the good burghers of Wyong Shire will react to this, your, format especially once the novelty has worn off.</p> <p>This is not a normal format for our local meetings and could be considered, by some, as un-Australian.</p> <p>Of serious concern are the changes that have been, are being, made to this proposed Meeting.</p> <p>As recently as last Monday we were invited to a "Precinct Committee Forum "which has, now, become a "Combined Community Precinct Forum". This, to my mind, detracts from the ideas proposed to Precincts by Council as well as some individual Councillors that there would be serious negotiations with Precincts before any decisions were made by Council..</p> <p>If there should be any large attendance of Community Members, with no knowledge of Precinct workings, then I seriously suggest that any such negotiations/discussions could be largely side-tracked.</p> <p>So far we have had little or no input into any proposed changes. Also there has been some changes to the actual date for this Forum. Originally we were advised 5th November then on 24th October we heard that this date had been changed to 14th November and, now, we find that the date is 20th November. I am sure that you can understand that, at such a busy time of the year with many social and family commitments, trying to juggle such date changes can prove very problematical and does not augur well for the future.. Over a long period of time, in some cases a decade or more, a great deal of good work has been done by Precincts and much accomplished for the benefit of the Wyong Council and the Shire in general. To see this disappear or be diminished would be a sad situation and an unfortunate epitaph for those who have worked so long and diligently for the benefit of the Shire & successive Councils. The next Council elections may, well, give a sign from the ratepayers.</p> <p>. It should prove very illuminating to observe the feelings/comments of our Members on this matter at our next Meeting on 19th November when I anticipate there will be a full and animated discussion.. I note that you have been working to finalise the Agenda for the Forum and I await, with some interest, receipt of a copy of same.</p> <p>I wish to advise you that there is some confusion in the various announcements as to the fate of the Precinct Committees.</p> <p>The minutes of the 23 Oct Council meeting note that the Precinct Committee structure will be replaced by a Community Precinct Forum Framework from March 2014.... so what is the reason for obtaining feedback from existing precinct members and the wider community until the end of January 2014.... since the biased internal review and conclusion, without any prior consultation with Precinct Committees, appears to be a fait de compli</p> <p>Further, we have noted that the description " Precinct" has also since been abandoned to just "Community Forum" in recent communications. Why is this so?</p>
15.	05/11/2013	

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		<p>Therefore, it would be appreciated if the various interpretations circulating as to the fate of Precinct Committees be clarified. Majority of Members do NOT have Internet Access</p> <p>According to the Mayor Doug Eaton said: "The landscape of community consultation has changed radically since we first set up community precinct committees back in 1995. Back then most people didn't even have email. This proposal recognises that when it comes to involving our community in decision making we really do have the capacity to do more with less. I'm keen to hear what people think about the proposal but I'm confident that this initiative would expand the number and variety of people who can participate and the quantity and the quality of the interactions they can have with our staff and councillors."</p> <p>You might be aware that 90% of our Precinct members do not have internet access and would not be willing to take the long trip to Wyong for a Community Forum. Further they belong to the growing majority of people over 55 in our Precinct - a group which Council has actively encouraged to live in Wyong Shire. Percentages circulating is that approximately 60% of residents in Wyong Shire do not have internet access.</p> <p>Precinct Committee Servicing Ward B</p> <p>I believe that Councillor Eaton's email to the Ourimbah Precinct Committee may be inaccurate - viz: "Ourimbah is only one of 3 precinct committees in B ward and as such 80% of B ward does not have a committee or other forum which liaises with Council. This illustrated the need to consider improvements</p> <p>Our estimate is that the percentage not being serviced by a Precinct Committee is nearer 33% , as there is no Precinct for Bateau Bay</p> <p>I would appreciate a response to the issues I have raised.</p> <p>I fail to understand why council wishes to close down the precincts and run community forums instead. Shouldn't both be available? We were supposed to have a combined meeting nearly 2 years ago and that was cancelled (by council) as you are aware we have attempted to have this meeting reschedule to no avail.</p> <p>My own personal opinion is that precincts should not be closed, but yes by all means extend and have regular community forums as well. I thought two per year would be sufficient. We were supposed to have one annually anyway so why not have two and invite the community as well to try and get a more divisive opinion.</p> <p>As I have previously stated council themselves have never fully utilised precincts to their own advantage for community feedback. Items that come to mind: Amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford council: Airport: Desalination plants: Chinese Theme Park : Rate increases : Changes to planning: Popular mayor vote.</p> <p>The list goes on where precincts could have been used for community feedback.</p> <p>Councils report does not take into consideration what the benefits are by having local community precincts.</p> <p>For example: Meeting place once a month. Many of our members are within walking distance. Hand delivered letterbox newsletter pamphlets. Signage and electronic communication. Most of our members receive electronic minutes from our monthly meetings.</p>
16.	07/11/2013	
17.	09/11/2013	Email
		The first question in the E. Panel shows your ignorance about Community Precincts Committees in Wyong Shire.

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18.	16/11/2013	Email
<p>All residents are automatically members of a precinct committee. The elected Executive is endorsed by Council and 355 committee under the LGA. So asking them are they members when they already are is redundant. It is just another example of Council failing to correctly inform the public that they are already members.</p> <p>I have attached an email trail below. If you read on it lists what I perceive is a litany of failure to the community. The email to the GM was unanswered and it tells why so many of us believe Wyong Council has failed the people of Young Shire' Mayor Weekly ABC Interview:</p> <p>ABC Central Coast Scott Levi - 1.15pm - 7 November 2013</p> <p>Mayor Eaton says no one is suggesting that precinct committees disappear under proposed new framework. He says he expects the precincts to continue. He explains that some areas of Wyong Shire don't have this type of committee.</p> <p>Item 4.10 Community Precinct Forum Framework of 23 October 2013 Ordinary Council Business paper with your name on it (amongst others) states:</p> <p>Phasing out of the Community Precinct Committees</p> <p>It is proposed that the current Precinct Committee be phased out, with the final date being in June 2014.</p> <p>Does the Mayor think we are fools? The trick of propaganda is to repeat a lie so often that people start believing it.</p> <p>I personally would feel grubby having to work with people like this that continually twist the truth and cover up their actions.</p> <p>Firstly it needs to be pointed out that the report tabled and prepared by yourself for the creation of the new precinct forums fails in not being objective in its analysis of existing precincts, and is heavily biased towards recommending the new style forums.</p> <p>It is clearly evident that the pro's were a broad brush treatment of the virtues of the current precincts, and for this reason we have collated a more comprehensive list of the advantages of the current doctrine, (including a micro view of our own precinct), which the initial analysis has not taken into account)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRECINCTS PROVIDE A FORUM FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS WITHOUT PREJUDICE WHERE THEY ARE NOT IN ANY WAY INTIMIDATED, CONVERSELY THESE SAME PEOPLE MAY NOT FEEL AS INCLINED TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AND TALK FREELY AT A MORE FORMAL FORUM ON THE CONCEPT PROPOSED. - THIS PRECINCT HAS SHOWN ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT WHEN THERE ARE BIG ISSUES TO DISCUSS OUR LOCAL RESIDENTS TURN OUT IN FORCE, EXAMPLES OF THIS ARE AS FOLLOWS:- - in the past 7 years , on 12/2/2007, 139 members, attended 12/7/2009, 43 members, attended 8/2/2010, 60 members attended average attendance across 7 years has been 17 accordingly, there is no guarantee in a quarterly forum ,where limited time would be available and council controlling agenda that these type of numbers would prevail -we are proud that due to the precincts involvement and lobbying we have amassed 11major achievements in the past 3 years, which has improved the lifestyle of our community. a locally run precinct with a dedicated committee could only achieve these notable outcomes. - THE EXECUTIVE DOES NOT CONSTRAIN OR LIMIT DISCUSSION ,AND ARE NOT MINDFUL OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, IN FACT WHERE THERE IS HEALTHY DEBATE A LENGTHYER DISCUSSION IS ENCOURAGED. 		

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		<p>LOCALLY RUN COMMUNITY PRECINCTS PROVIDE AN AMBASSADORIAL ROLE FOR COUNCIL TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY , THIS WILL CERTAINLY DISAPPEAR UNDER THE NEW TYPE FORUMS.</p> <p>- MONTHLY PRECINCT MEETINGS VERSUS QUARTERLY FORUMS PROVIDE (3) TIMES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BRING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF LOCAL CONCERN, THIS PREVENTS SUGGESTIONS FROM FADING INTO OBScurity DUE TO PASSAGE OF TIME AND LOSS OF INTEREST</p> <p>We believe the above highlights that the best way forward into the future is to retain the existing precinct model. furthermore it is always in the interest of council to have councillors who are prepared to face scrutiny and can be held to account, at the same time being transparent at all times.</p>
19.	18/1/2013	Email
		<p>I wish to make a submission regarding the proposed Precinct Forum arrangements. The survey you have offered is highly structured and tells me that Council does not want any criticism of this proposal. This proposal has been commissioned and published without any consultation with community or precincts. Indeed when two councillors moved to have consultation they were 'gagged' by the other councillors. See the following extract. Extract from Council meeting minutes of 23 October 2013</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor GRAHAM and SECONDED by Councillor VINCENT:</p> <p>1 That Council undertake community consultation on the attached Community Precinct Forums Framework.</p> <p>2 That Council review means of strengthening the Community Precinct Committees, including examining how other Councils structure their Community Precinct Committees.</p> <p>3 That Council receive a report on the results of the community consultation to further develop a Community Precinct Framework as soon as possible.</p> <p>The AMENDMENT was put to the VOTE and declared LOST.</p> </div> <p>It is obvious that most councillors have a closed mind about this proposal. Wad the report commissioned by Councillors or staff? Does Council think that Precincts have too much power or provide too much scrutiny? Councillors should realise that they are employees of the community and not the reverse. I am currently a member of Gwandalan/Summerland Point Precinct and attend meetings every month if possible. I attend these meetings because I wish to put something back into the community and I believe we are effective as far as council provides information to us. I like to keep up to date with happenings in the community and keep others informed. I do not believe that Precinct Committees are intended to initiate activities but I am also a member of Tidy Towns who do. We do liaison with local MPs.</p> <p>I believe that Council does not routinely provide us with information relating to their activities. This seems to happen mostly when we</p>

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		<p>ask, or a member of Council decides we should be told. This issue has been raised at Precinct Forums in the past but no visible improvement has resulted. I have engaged with Council in the past in many ways. I am a member of the ePanel, use the website and am known to a number of Councillors. I would like to be signed up to Council's new e newsletter and can't wait to see if there is more specific information about things taking place in my community. Unless the newsletter targets communities I think there is a risk of 'information overload'. I wonder if the report writer has visited many Precinct meetings. There does not seem to be any consideration of what works with Precincts.</p> <p>I comments on some of the negatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance numbers fluctuate <p>This is true, large numbers come when a major issue comes about. It is hardly surprising. If we do not get information from Council about projects in our area many people would not find the meeting interesting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Not representative of the broader community demographics <p>Again not surprising. Retired people tend to have more discretionary time. Younger members of the community are busy with work, travel to and from work, and raising children. The use of social media will not change this.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Councillor attendance at meetings is not regular <p>This is true of the current council but not previously. If they are to achieve the respect of ratepayers they will come more regularly.</p> <p>We have 5 councillors in our riding but only one has attended our precinct meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Executive team or staff attendance not regular <p>Our executive members do attend regularly. Not sure who has staff. If Council does not provide information to precincts then people could lose interest. The executive in our precinct do attend regularly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Timely engagement – a more strategic approach is needed <p>This depends on the flow of information from Council. Quarterly meetings will do nothing for timeliness.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Focus on specific issues identified by committee members only <p>All issues raised at Precinct meetings are considered. Executive members attend regularly and are aware of issues arising in the community so it is not surprising if they raise more issues than other ratepayers</p> <p>It is obvious that, if Council persists with this initiative, communities will return to "progress Association" mode.</p> <p>The highly structured format proposed for these forums will mean that Council is 'talking at' rather than 'talking with' ratepayers. The 3 monthly timeframe will mean that information is too late and the short question and answer time will mean too little information is imparted. The meeting could not possibly be targeted effectively at individual communities. Ratepayers will largely get bored listening to information relating to other communities. This communication is intended to fail. Forums commencing at 6:00pm will rule out any working people. The method of arriving at the agenda will enable council to avoid 'difficult' issues.</p>
20.	18/11/2013	E-mail
		<p>SUBMISSION TO WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL RE PROPOSED CHANGES TO PRECINCT COMMITTEES.</p> <p>Information from Council sets out a proposal to disband Precinct Committees and replace them with two hour quarterly meetings in each Riding.</p> <p>It is suggested that this will give Council more feedback from the community about their views on Council activities.</p> <p>At present Precinct Committees meet monthly in different areas of the Shire to discuss these Council activities.</p>

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		<p>It is a magnificent leap of faith for Council to assume that they will get better communication with the public with such reduced consultation.</p> <p>Council has not presented any solid evidence that the Precinct Committee system has failed in any respect. So why suggest a change?</p> <p>Conspiracy theorists might propose that Council wishes to reduce its consultation with the public and this is prompting the reduced opportunity for consultation. Indeed the proposed agenda for the meeting on November 20th with its fancy programme suggests that Council wants to totally control the meeting and forestall any real discussion with Precinct representatives.</p> <p>It is unfortunate that public utilities such as Councils seem to forget that they have a responsibility to their residents. Ratepayers fund the activities of Councils and elect representatives to see that the wishes and desires of the residents are properly addressed. Councils are no different from Public Companies whose purpose is to make decisions that will benefit the shareholders.</p> <p>Councils have the same responsibility to make decisions that are in the best interests of their ratepayers and to do this adequately they need to have close communication with residents so that their decisions reflect the needs of the community.</p> <p>Reducing the regular input from Precinct Committees will make Council more remote from its residents and could lead to Council acting dictatorially rather than democratically.</p> <p>If Council feels that the input it receives from Precinct Committees is insufficient then a better cause of action would be to strengthen the Precinct Committee system, not abolish it.</p> <p>In a democratic society the opinions of all people are important and efficient avenues should be available to make these opinions a fundamental part of Decision making.</p> <p>I call on Council to forget about the proposed two hour forums and engage with representatives from Precinct Committees and the public in a full and frank series of discussions on how the present Precinct system can be made even more efficient.</p> <p>I submit this will lead to more community interest in Council's activities and lead to a decision making system that will be a benefit to Council and to the community.</p>
21.	19/11/2013	Email
		<p>The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct Committee express their disappointment and dismay with Council's decision to phase out Precinct Committees based on what we perceive to be a non transparent, exclusive internal review and a biased discussion paper, without any consultation with the 11 Precinct Committees, who are representatives of their respective local communities. The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct Committee considers Wyong Council's 20 minute review in the Agenda for the Combined Community Precinct Forum, is superficial .We feel that the token consultation devalues the work of the many volunteers, who have been involved in Precinct Committees for the past 18 years. The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct Committee believes that there are limited opportunities for Ward style forums without the existing Precinct Committees. However, the provision of such forums can be a useful for Council to consult on Shirewide issues and these can complement the existing Precinct Committees, which focus on community participation on local issues. There is no need for an either/or approach. Precinct Committees can continue to do the highly valued community work that they are doing. We agree that other approaches in addition to Precinct Committees are warranted and, together, could possibly capture greater community involvement across a wider range of demographics.</p> <p>As you are aware I prefer to deal with facts .. rather than spin ...</p> <p>I was hoping for answers to these two simple questions before the meeting on Wednesday night</p>
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<p>- that's why I asked the questions in what I believed was plenty of time Could you please advise the basis of your assertion that... ... only 3 precinct committees in B ward ... 80% of B ward does not have a committee or other forum which liaises with Council. This illustrated the need to consider improvements. ? Could you also advise what actions Council has taken to strengthen committees that may have been considered 'in trouble' and any actions to revitalise committees that are currently inactive? I have a demonstrated record of engagement with and significant contribution to my community. I believe my questions are legitimate and reasonable - they are addressed to you - both as a B Ward Councillor and, for the first question, in response to your statement as Mayor.</p> <p>Re: Proposed changes to WSC Precinct Committees</p> <p>I wish to express my great disappointment and grave concerns regarding Wyong Shire Councils decision to eliminate Precinct Committees in the current format and proposing to replace them with a very much one sided Council dominated and controlled forum. The changes and the proposed forum sets out to erode the ability of the residents and ratepayers of any area to have issues, concerns or complaints dealt with in a fair and reasonable way. It will lead to the exclusion of community participation as opposed to inclusion as set out in the: 'Local Government Act 1993 No 30' Chapter 2 Section 7 Parts (a), (b) & (c). The proposed changes will not provide sufficient time or a suitable venue for any effective discussion regarding the concerns, complaints and issues the community has. The majority of the community prefers to deal through their Precinct Committee as this eliminates the feeling of being intimidated or bullied by a Council officer. The whole thing will be shambles and counter productive. Council will be less accountable and will have the ability to fud off and stone wall complaints etc. The existing Precinct provides a conduit by which residents and ratepayers can submit complaints / concerns and issues regarding Council operations/decisions. The Precincts can then submit and make representation to Council and in most cases the submission goes directly to the appropriate Council officer as opposed to passing through countless sets of hands before the issues is dealt with if at all. In essence the Precincts have shown the ability to hold Council accountable and ensure that things are replied to, investigated and resolved.</p> <p>Is this scrutiny the reason Council wants to 'change' and remove the current Precincts? Are Councillors afraid of being accountable? Is it staff-advising Councillors on promoting this change? Is it a combination of staff and Councillors who wish to avoid their obligation to the community? What is the reason and motivation behind this? 'If it isn't broke why try and fix it'? Things are working very well from all the Precincts and their results are good. The community is happy with the function of the Precincts so why is Council determined to take away what the community wants. Councillors and staff please take the time to read and familiarise yourself as a Council with the following: 'Local Government Act 1993 No 30' Chapter 3 Section 8 The Council's Charter Council has tried to push this through as usual without consultation but now finds itself having to participate in consultation but as usual it will be in some grandiose form with all the buzzwords and the spin-doctors to sell it and or show it down out throats. The</p>		

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		<p style="text-align: center;">Comments</p> <p>3. Brainstorming other models: There are many methods of engaging with community, and Council over the years have experienced many. The existing CPC model has been the evolution of past Resident & Ratepayers Groups, Progress Associations, Public Meetings. etc. and staff have expanded recently to include several electronic forms of engagement. It is my contention that the introduction of a new model or process does not necessarily mean that an existing model must be abolished. I believe that the most effective, true community engagement, is being conducted using the model of existing CPCs. There is no doubt that a legitimate review, involving CPC members and any interested residents could lead to improvements of the existing model and the proposed forum may be a positive addition. There are also other areas, such as providing Precincts with a realistic "budget" that could be allocated locally to a priority as selected by the community, that could effectively increase attendance and involvement in CPCs, but this is a matter for another discussion. Conclusion: This submission has been necessitated by the action of some Councillors requesting that a report be prepared by staff "for a framework to be developed to transition from a Community Precinct Committee to a Community Precinct Forum." In effect, this is a request for the abolition of the Monthly Precinct meetings. This is, and always has been, a "flawed" direction and no clear thinking resident could for one minute believe that the "quarterly forum" is a more effective way of engaging with the community than the existing monthly Precinct meetings. The community consultation scheduled for 20th November has a broad agenda but all Precinct Committee members are under no illusions about what is really on the table! We are now fighting for the survival of Precinct Committees! Reviews and possible changes to the existing model may be required in time, but these matters can only be addressed following a positive report for the retention of existing Community Precinct Committees being presented to the scheduled February Council meeting. Community Precinct Forums will only be effective if they are introduced in parallel with existing Community Precinct Committees, not instead of them!</p>
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		<p>Comments</p> <p>A) TO EXPLAIN THE VALUE OF CURRENT PRECINCTS B) TO HIGHLIGHT THAT FORUMS AND PRECINCTS SERVE DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS C) TO CONFIRM THAT WE ARE OPEN TO REVIEW AND CHANGE WHEN WE ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR EVOLUTION</p> <p>Firstly – This description of the effectiveness of Precincts is based on my 2 term experience as Chair of the Lakes but is undoubtedly mirrored in other Precincts. Our attendances vary from 9 to 19 but we are an active political group. Our local chemist member represents the Kanwal Traders Association who gathered 2,400 signatures asking for the return of the local post box. The association and the precinct together involved the local politicians and press until we were successful. Another of our members whipped up nearly 1,000 residents at a rally to keep the Alfred Greentrees reserve as open space community land. A number of us made representations to the DLEP process and saved 2 bush blocks and we are still engaged with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure about 3 others. We have had the 2 Councillors who live in our area, Crs Nayna (3) and Troy (2) to a number of meetings and we have invited Crs Vincent (2) and Greenwald (1). Cr Best has only missed out to date because members felt he was already well known to them from his long service on Council. So we might be a small group but we know how to be effective.</p> <p>Secondly – Precincts serve a different function to Forums. Forums are to distribute information. Precincts also distribute information but they also encourage discussion and social interaction. Like many others in the Lakes suburbs we had the good sense to leave Sydney and settle on the beautiful Central Coast. Moving is easy, settling in is hard. Becoming a member of a group of like-minded people who want to improve the community was our way in. Forums are a two way medium; precincts are where you can engage with others and make friends. And all precinct areas have their special individual needs. The northern precincts are concerned with the distribution of the Delta lands, and no doubt, fire reduction. The Lakes suburbs are concerned with the provision of amenities, including roads and schools, when the new developments increase population pressure further. Not all these issues fall within the council's authority, which raises the question of what is to happen to those matters that fall under other authorities, if there are no precincts to write letters and follow up?</p> <p>Lastly – The Lakes Precinct committee is open to review and change but as we serve a useful function we should continue albeit in a form that can respond to both the shire-wide needs and our own specific individual agendas. Any new format must include information and discussion of both shire-wide and specific local issues. Any new format must allow for follow up by community/council representatives, so matters are resolved as far as possible, to everyone's satisfaction.</p> <p>I urge councillors not to vote for the document before you.</p>
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29.		<p>stakeholders not involved in the making of the recommendation. I believe this was well and truly evident at the workshop.</p> <p>an issue relevant to CPS and the way older people access information see attached</p> <p>-----</p> <p>it was only 1993 when public servants working in Commonwealth departments were given desktop computers and expected to learn to use them. Those computers weren't connected to the internet, but by 1995, dial-up connections had become widespread in Australian homes.</p> <p>A person who retired aged 55 in 1995 would today be 68.</p> <p>So, clearly a great many of today's over 65s were not required to work with computers, would not have needed to invest in one at home and, as a consequence, internet access has not become a part of their lives.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>I know it's hard for people of your generation to realise ... most older people don't have a computer and can't use email ... fewer than half the men at Bateau Bay Men's Shed have an email address and, of those that do, about 1/3 are vaguely competent computer users ... for the other 2/3, creating a document and attaching it to an email is more than a challenge ... why have I linked this to CPCs? simply because its relevant to WSC engagement with older people ... and older people are a large (and growing) demographic within our community</p> <p>no-one from the combined CPCs I have spoken to has any objection to Council engaging with younger generations in a different way</p> <p>... but</p> <p>we don't see why that ought to disenfranchise older people .. Council's engagement strategy ought to be to add new means of communication, rather than remove / substitute a method that clearly works</p> <p>the fact that so many 'over 60s (as the Mayor said) turned up .. and had prepared answers to the questions .. shows the 'older generation' welcomes face-to-face discussion .. which is what they enjoy in CPCs</p> <p>I am a product of Apex .. where people were encouraged to express a point of view ... to think about an issue .. maybe to frame a motion, put it to a meeting .. and possible engage in discussion or debate ..</p> <p>in relatively small meetings (maybe 20) ... a bit like CPCs</p> <p>few people of my generation will get up in a large public meeting: most will have a say in a smaller group ...</p> <p>worth bearing in mind in organising the ward forums ...</p> <p>without denigrating our current Councillors, I wince when many of them try to frame a motion .. or make an amendment .. many of their attempts could be improved if they had training like I received in Apex ...</p> <p>no-one should underestimate the enormous sense of resilience that these thinking / reasoning skills gives to a community, nor underestimate the empowerment of people who can stand up and speak ...</p> <p>just my thoughts ... add to WSC engagement options, there's no need to replace what works for older people .. far better to ADD new strategies for younger people ..</p> <p>just my thoughts ...</p>
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		I was pleased to have met up with you at this morning's breakfast and appreciate your listening to my comments regarding the future

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		<p>of Precinct Committees. It was concerning that you have not seen a copy of the Precinct Committees Guidelines which included their objectives.</p> <p>The points I raised are as follows:</p> <p>1. Poor Management and Supervision of PCs</p> <p>1.1 PC have a set of objectives and guidelines to follow - but adherence to these are not supervised</p> <p>1.2 PC have not had a thorough review for the 17 years in which I have been involved</p> <p>1.3 PC have not been managed well by Council - this includes: Executive Committee members have no training, there is no formal acknowledgement of the PC's good work and/or the contribution of individuals; the objectives have not been reviewed; and there is no supervision/guidance as to what they can and cannot do to ensure that objectives are being met.</p> <p>1.5 PC are not well promoted by Council - apart from the info on the dates and venues of General Meetings.</p> <p>2. Political & Personal Agendas</p> <p>Council's lack of management, supervision, training have resulted in some Precinct Committees becoming the platform for political and/or personal activists. As I mentioned, this could be deterred if there is a set of conditions for the establishment and continuation of a PC to include for example - PCs must remain apolitical are not be used as a political platform and/or for individual(s) pursuing a particular agenda. Failure to comply with this condition could result in the removal of Council funding. (this needs more consideration)</p> <p>3. Recommendation : Precinct Committees Management Panel</p> <p>Establish a PC Management Panel - includes reps the PC, from staff and Councillors... (limit 2 years duration) - the purpose is that this becomes a governing body for PC to enable PC to be self governed - the Management Panel can contribute to the topics and agenda for the Forums, and also to ensure that the objectives and guidelines are being met...other objectives can be worked out by the Panel aim is to ensure that PC are efficient and effective in terms of objectives. Of course, more work needs to be done on this recommendation - but it is a starting point.</p> <p>4. The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct</p> <p>Our Precinct's Executive Committee meets every month - we prepare a schedule of activities 3 months ahead - our average attendance is 25 - but we can get 50+ when there is an interesting speaker. Some 300 people to attend when for Wyong's Consultant's Report for Long Jetty was on public exhibition a few years ago. Running our Precinct takes on average at least 5 days per month and the use of our personal resources.</p> <p>90% of our members do not have the internet and are not computer literate. To engage with a wider audience, our Precinct has a website developed and maintained by our former Secretary, Doug Darlington - www.theentranceprecinct.org . We are about to discontinue this due to the uncertainty of the PCs' future. We also have 80% absentee owners in our Precinct.</p> <p>5. Need for Transparency and Inclusiveness</p>

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		<p>I have strong background in training, organisational change and programme evaluation. I therefore, found the review and discussion paper to be biased and non transparent, especially since no representatives from the Precinct Committees had any input - there is much confusion as to the interpretation of the " recommendations". From the perspective of PCs - the non transparency and lack of inclusiveness of the review were considered as a blatant move to phase out a valuable community resource - a group of committed volunteers .</p> <p>You would be aware that PCs are not against Community Forums on Shirewide topics/issues - they would work well to complement well managed and supervised PCs whose focus is on local issues.</p> <p>Lloyd, you might agree that in hindsight, perhaps the initial Community Precinct Forum which was attended by more than 80 PC members should have been the first step in the review of PCs - it certainly would have been more inclusive, transparent and professional and avoided the stress and anguish suffered by Council's most valuable source of committed volunteers.</p> <p>I have attached for your information, the PC Guidelines, our Precinct's 2012-2013 AGM Report and Minutes of our November 2013 General Meeting</p> <p>I thank you for your interest and trust that you will give my comments and recommendation your serious consideration.</p>
31.	04/12/2013	Letter
		<p>Precincts celebrate the diverse nature of the Wyong Shire. It is the venue where local residents can approach a local body with their problems and concerns. It is often the first port of call for residents to voice the local issues that concern them. If is appropriate, the precinct can support and help. It is a friendly and no threatening arena and people appreciate the lack of formality. They can be heard without the restrictions that council based forums place on people. Shire based forums are for shared problems across all suburbs. The precincts are a positive benefit to the Council. It is where community minded people can worry with council for the benefit of their local area. They willingly use their time and energy to improve their local area. They 'wear' the fact that many folk come along only when they have a special need. But the precinct is there and will always help when appropriate.</p> <p>Precincts radiate to all part of their local community. People know it is there when issues arise. This is the time of year for many community and organisation get-togethers. When I have mentioned the scrapping of precincts at these gatherings, everyone is alarmed and dismayed. They don't attend meetings (on the whole) but support the precinct and most definitely want them to continue.</p> <p>We have elected the Councillors in our ward and the precinct meetings are ideal venues for them to share relevant information and demonstrate their active interest in the people they represent. I consider I am one of the many ideal residents in Wyong Shire. I'm a law abiding citizen. I'm a good neighbour. I pay my Council rates and charges on time. I am interested in my community. I contribute actively to local, state and national groups. I care for my property and the environment so why do you want to dismantle precincts? Which work well and are such a positive group and the venue where I can be heard. I attended your meeting on a Wednesday 20 November. I heard 'presentations' that didn't convince me and I felt were only 'lip service' because a decision had been made without regard to our concerns. I am disappointed and disillusioned. Your actions have left me feeling that as I rate payer I don't matter.</p> <p>Seems to me Council do not want Precincts keeping them on their toes and the like of me not easy to get to council at their times and not really being able to have a say on our area.</p>
32.	04/12/2013	Email

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		I think they just want us to go away and not bother them. Very Very sad as they are meant to be looking after our areas. I look back and see all the GOOD the Precinct has done for our area. Or nothing much would have happened. The reason I come is the passion the people who come to the Precinct have for Ourimbah. If Council think getting rid of Precincts is progress? I do not think so. A good bit article in the local paper today. As we see Councillors are not interested in our area (TILL ELECTION TIME)
33.	05/12/2013	Letter
		I think Precinct meetings in your own local area are better than forums held at the council chambers because I for one don't like driving long distances at night. I don't think seniors should be expected to buy a computer to receive information from the council. I would much prefer that precinct committees be left as they are to deal with issues in their own local areas instead of the proposed community precinct forums.
34.	5/12/2013	E-mail
		I got the feeling of those present that they were very keen to keep the Precincts and add the quarterly forums. I acknowledge that the majority of us are already involved in a Precinct. Maybe each Councillor could adopt one or two Precincts and attend bi-monthly, i.e. one meeting a month, so as not to overload them. I asked that a report of the meeting be published in the Local paper. Did I miss it?
35.	21/12/2013	Email
		Please send a hard copy of the community precinct forum 2014. I understand that it is the holiday season and people may not have the time to complete before Jan 31 2014 due to school holidays and the summer holiday season in general and suggest this be more widely advertised and extend the closing.
36.		
		I am forwarding you a copy of the article published in the Wyong Chronicle 19 December where I argue that there is room for both local S355 precinct committees and ward based precinct forums as proposed in Colby's paper to council. I repeat for you my final paragraph. Council staff will produce a further document at the end of January. The current S355 precinct committees are the groups most regularly engaged with council and wish to continue. Council wishes to introduce Ward based forums and to increase electronic surveys. All methods of interaction are valuable. Why can't they all be used? Surely we don't need to embrace an "It's my way or the highway" philosophy!
	08/01/2014	Email
		The councillors meet soon to plan for 2014. Their proposals will no doubt be laid out in the March ward forum. Local S355 precinct committees could meet in April and May to deal with specific local matters some of which do not come under WSC control eg post boxes and others that do eg a local abandoned hall building. These issues could be funnelled into the agenda together with the larger plans of council to the June ward forum. Where there is a will there is a way to make it happen. This could be Option 3 and would be justified by the many submissions you have received asking that local S355 precinct committees be continued. It would be a shame if a long-standing method of engagement between the community and council via its S355 precinct committees were removed at the instigation of one possibly inexperienced councillor who found answering questions at a precinct meeting a bit confronting. Please

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		<p>accept this as a submission for your consideration under the council's "Have Your Say" on the proposed community precinct forums.</p> <p>Ward based Forums or Local Community Precinct Committees or Both?</p> <p>Wyong Shire has had locally based Precinct Committees for 17 years. Earlier this year the precincts were reviewed internally. A new system of council/community interaction was recommended. On 20 November Wyong Council invited precinct committees to discuss this "Community Precinct Forum Framework" document which proposes to phase them out and introduce Ward based precinct forums. Over 80 people attended this meeting.</p> <p>All long-term systems need to be reviewed but committee members with long experience in the community have gained useful experience in engaging with people. The new document implied that older citizens dominate the current committees and younger people would be engaged if electronic means were used. However not everyone has easy access to computers. Precinct committees serve a valuable purpose which is different from the proposed forums. Located from Gwandalan to Ourimbah and east to The Entrance they are easily accessible. They meet monthly. Attendances vary with the 'heat' of the issue from 9 to 50+. They have proper executive structures to follow up with emails, letters etc. and have run many campaigns to improve local facilities. They also respond to shire-wide issues understanding how the broader policy will affect their own community.</p> <p>The proposed new forums (covering Ward A and B collectively) are to be conducted every three months. They will have an agenda set by the Mayor and council's General Manager and will be conducted in a forum style. While this will allow councillors to explain policy and council staff to expand on its implementation, it will not provide the social and discussion interaction of the smaller committees. There will be only a short time for questions.</p> <p>Current Precinct Committees are not against expanding the means of engagement. Modern times do need modern methods but that doesn't mean the old ones need to be thrown out. After all we are trying to deal with the greatest blocker to a worthwhile democracy – apathy. We need to carry people with us if our cause is good. The average age of the precinct members should not be a consideration. Retirees are justified in their concern for the environment and the effect council decisions might have on their rates. Many younger people share these concerns. To remove the long –established committee system does not increase engagement. Council staff will produce a further document at the end of January. The current S355 precinct committees are the groups most regularly engaged with council and wish to continue. Council wishes to introduce Ward based forums and to increase electronic surveys. All methods of interaction are valuable. Why can't they all be used? Surely we don't need to embrace an "It's my way or the highway" philosophy!</p>
37.	10/01/2014	Email
		<p>Submission to Council Regarding Precinct Meetings</p> <p>At the Public Meeting on Tuesday 26th Nov. 13 the lack of support from the general Community indicates Precincts are still a very important avenue for public access to Council.</p> <p>(1) Residents are more likely to connect with a local group rather than the more rigid procedures of Council, in a place remote from their own suburb</p> <p>(2) Local interest will be lost in a forum designed for the whole shire on agendas conducted by Council.</p> <p>(3) Precincts are a meeting place with Council politicians in friendly local surroundings.</p>

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		<p>(4) We are the arm of the Community as not all people have access to computers or maybe Computer illiterate.</p> <p>(5) The time between the proposed forums is too lengthy for issues that require immediate attention from Council.</p> <p>(6) Precincts ADVISE HELP and ASSIST Community Members with the process of the Council Politicians at a local level without the emotion, also Local Precinct meetings are held at a time more convenient to the local Community.</p> <p>(7) The present system, as it now operates, enlightens the public and creates more TRANSPARENCY. Community communication on certain issues affecting local issues relating to major issues would be stifled and will become non-existent.</p> <p>(8) Social contact is most important to local members and creates Community awareness.</p> <p>(9) Also the public forum suggested leaves little opportunity for people to question decisions Council makes to their immediate area.</p>
38.	15/01/2014	Mail
		<p>The Lake Munmorah/Chain Valley Bay Precinct Committee has been in existence since the PC's were set up more than a decade ago. We retained the Progress Association, which meets a half hour before the Precinct Committee begins. Predicting the possibility that a less democratically included Council may show down the PCs, the Progress Association will continue to work on behalf of our community.</p> <p>In the past twenty years, I have served as secretary and chair of both the Progress Association and the Precinct Committee. A couple of years ago I was asked to help establish three new PCs: Berkeley Vale, Budgewoi and Manning Park. I have heard that these committees are doing well.</p> <p>While any democratic organisation is flawed, it must be acknowledged that a scheduled forum where people feel comfortable about contributing their observations, airing their complaints and offering creative solutions to common problems should be encouraged. This was the primary function of the PCs and has been successful.</p> <p>Of course dissent is an essential part of the consultative process, but without dissent decisions are often made though lack of oversight. That dissent is suppressed by hard-headed regimes is no surprise to anyone. But the price of freedom is vigilance and has puny as our local associations might be, they often provide a simple alternative view that is often lacking in complex bureaucracies. We know that there have long been forces in Wyong Council that find community input odious. Their reasons are best left to them. But the people of Wyong Shire hire these folks to work on our behalf. To suggest that the PCs are unrepresentative of the wider population is spurious. Of course PCs do represent the views of that small part of the community who bother to go to meetings but can anyone seriously believe that quarterly 'public forums' will prep the majority of the population to change their behaviour and suddenly decide to express an opinion? I think not. And if cost is an issue, I figure the Mayor's gold chain cost as much as it does to run the Precinct Committees for many years. Which is of greater value to the people of Wyong Shire?</p>
39.	17/01/2014	E-mail
		<p>I wish to comment of WSC's proposal to replace community precinct committees with what it chooses to call 'community precinct forums'.</p> <p>For some 17 years, community precinct committees have served Wyong Shire well.. providing advice and comment to Council on a broad range of local issues and concerns.</p> <p>CPCs have also been a valuable training ground for people in grass-roots democracy, encouraging many people to raise issues in a small group.. that they would never raise in a large public forum. Those taking office ion CPCs have shared and learned valuable</p>

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<p>the misleading name 'community precinct forum' for a quite different meeting format which is essentially a Council-controlled briefing session with minimal community input.</p> <p>Council should also look at the attendances at the recent 'world cafe' forums: by my estimate, around 90 at the CPC forum, versus around 10 (non-precinct) at the second forum.</p> <p>I am strongly of the view that community precinct committees are an effective means of engagement with a large and growing section of our community. They have worked well and, in most cases, continue to work well.</p> <p>For at least 4 years, Wyong Ratepayers and Residents Association advocated that Council strengthen CPCs by providing regular training seminars - had Council responded positively to those suggestions, I have no doubt there would be more CPCs and that the current CPCs would be more effective. I remain of the view that the minimal investment of \$ 5000 would produce community benefits many times the 'cost'.</p> <p>Many in our community are amazed at the way Council has dealt with this matter - indeed, the outcome of Council's ham-fisted approach has been protest and alienation rather than increased engagement.</p> <p>Undertaking an internal review and report to Council without any reference to the CPC / community gave the appearance of a report to justify an already decided position; it was certainly not a genuine consultative review.</p> <p>Similar comments were made in respect of what many in the gallery perceived to be a staged 'debate' on the floor of the Chamber, with questioning by certain Councillors clearly constructed to advance their position rather than facilitate properly informed debate. Whatever decision Councillors make, they should be aware that the consultation process so far has been seen as inadequate and has largely lost the trust of many in our community; this will take time to rebuild.</p> <p>WARD BASED COMMUNITY FORUMS</p> <p>One of the Aims of The Wyong Shire Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc. in its constitution, dated 8th March, 1993, is to promote the provision of the precinct system throughout the Wyong Shire. In 1995 that Council resolved to establish a precinct system. In 1997, a requirement was introduced to the Local Government Act requiring that Councils implement the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) into their operations.</p> <p>ESD, as defined in the Local Government Act, requires the effective integration of economic and environmental considerations in decision-making processes.</p> <p>Wyong Council needs to provide opportunities for community consultation so individuals and groups can provide input on the development of programs and policies, and comment on the overall success and direction of this Strategy.</p> <p>Dr. Ray Rauscher's paper on Local Government Precinct Committees and Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) Based Urban Planning describes how Place Management is a community development process that places reliance on the community to solve local problems and promote healthy communities. Wyong Shire Council needs to take notice of the simple logic espoused by Dr Rauscher in his paper to understand the true value of Community Precinct Committees to Council.</p> <p>WSRRA is concerned that any proposal to disband Community Precinct Committees in favour of Council run Forums for each ward would deprive Council of the valuable community input that Precinct Committees provide and believes that rather than disbanding Community Precinct Committees they should be strengthened by providing more resources, such as training for members. It should not be an either or approach. This Council has lost a lot of community goodwill over its handling of this matter. The</p>		

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		<p>submission by Margaret Bevege, Chair of the Lakes Precinct is endorsed by WSRRA as it explains clearly and succinctly the value of Precinct Committees to Wyong Shire Council. It will take time and resources to get the Community to believe that their opinions matter to Council. WSRRA recommends that Council adopts a proposal to renew and strengthen Community Precinct Committees as well as introducing ward based precinct forums.</p> <p>Please find a copy of Dr Rauscher's paper attached (Attachment B) as well as a copy of Margaret Bevege' submission (Submission 35) for your reference.</p>
41.	24/01/2014	Email
42.		
		<p>As a business owner in Berkeley Vale I am writing to you to express my support for the Berkeley Vale/Chittaway Precinct Committee.</p> <p>The graffiti that is place on my shop walls happens regularly. The volunteers of the committee come on a regular basis and help me to clean it up, usually without being asked. I would be lost without their help & support.</p> <p>On behalf of the Mannering Park community I am writing to object to the council's proposal to abolish the current Precinct structure and replace it with a Ward A and Ward B forum system which is to meet quarterly.</p> <p>The following points are the negatives in the current Precinct operation that council included in their report to the 23rd October 2013 council meeting. I have included our Precinct's arguments against these council perceived negatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance numbers fluctuate. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is difficult to comprehend how council regards fluctuating numbers as a negative. Regardless of what community or voluntary organisation you consider, the numbers always fluctuate depending on the circumstances. Attendances at any meeting are based on many factors including the controversy of an issue being examined, periods of holidays and even the weather. Fluctuating numbers at meetings can't be used as a gauge of the success or otherwise of the Precincts. Outcomes from the Precincts' operation should be the determining factor in gauging its success. Council attendance at meetings was not regular. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Once again it is difficult to understand how the councillor's non-attendance at Precinct meetings is a negative for the Precincts. Our Precinct invites councillors to every meeting and under this council only one councillor bothers to attend. This argument should not be directed at the Precincts but rather should be directed to the councillors who do not attend the meetings. Executive Team or staff attendance at meetings was not regular. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Staff attendance at meetings is not a prerequisite for the Precinct being a success. There are many small local issues that the Precincts attend to which do not require attendance by council staff at meetings. Whenever issues of larger concern arise our Precinct has never had an issue with getting the relevant staff to attend. Timely engagement – a more strategic approach is needed. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> With 11 monthly Precinct meetings held each year it is difficult to envisage how council intends to improve on the current engagement by having four meetings. Focus on specific issues identified by committee members only. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The issues identified by our Precinct, and I would suggest all other Precincts, vary from issues of local

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		<p>The proposed new format will have the agenda set by the General Manager and the Mayor, with a short question and answer session at the end. How does council intend to "improve information and education", "encourage broader community participation", "receive feedback", "gauge community opinion" or "develop solutions" by meeting with the community for eight hours annually? Of these eight hours, only 80 minutes will be set aside for community engagement via the question and answer session and presumably only on subjects approved by the General Manager and/or the Mayor.</p> <p>As expressed by speakers at the two community consultation meetings held by council, the community sees little goodwill in this report and the process, and can see that there is an agenda by council and councillors to quash, rather than enhance, the community's voice. The respect and trust that our community may have had for the council and councillor's is being damaged through this process.</p> <p>Our community believes that the proposed Ward forum format has some benefits on the shire-wide scale but if it is to be implemented the current Precinct Committee structure needs to be retained to allow the continued regular community input on the local area level. Our Precinct requests that if your next report to council includes the establishment of the Ward Forums that the report also recommends the retention of the current Precincts Committee system.</p>
43.	29/01/2014	Form
		<p>Is the Forum for individuals only or concerned groups? If 100 people attend this Forum will 100 people ask 100 different questions? Precinct Committees are accessible to all residents. A range of issues relevant to that area can be sent to Council for advice and action.</p> <p>Council could provide training to persons from Precinct Committees on how to contact Council, what department needs to be contacted to deal with the issue at hand, identify the Councillor that deal with the area.</p> <p>Engagement – one size does not fit all. The principles are American Psychobabble – action is what is required or reason why action cannot be done. What was wrong with Precinct Committees needs to be spelled out, if not diverse or numbers – advertise the meetings in the area. It appears to be that the mountain has to come to Mohammed!</p> <p>Agenda: This gives all the power to the Mayor and none to the people. Where in the area will the agenda be shown? Only on the website??</p> <p>Online Consultation: Good point. This will attract the younger members conversant with Twitter and Facebook (can be a double edged sword). Twitter and Facebook invites those among us who lack responsibility for their statements.</p> <p>Forums: More political correctness. If one's argument is strong then one could be shut down?</p> <p>Why don't more Councillors attend Precinct Committee Meetings?</p> <p>It would appear that Council wants to make the individual their target. Under the present system the elected Councillors are there for an individual to approach or member/s of a precinct committee to approach with concerns about their area. Under the forum idea, the individual will be on their own against the interests, or for the interests, of the appropriate Councillor/s. Forums are suspect and open to corruption. Central Coast residents are heavily weighted as commuters. The idea of residents coming to meetings, especially the younger ones, will take time. Twitter and Facebook will help in letting residents know what Council is doing.</p> <p>Measurement: Number and diversity of attendees – ageism, religion, race?? developers</p> <p>Summary: On the surface the idea of Community Precinct Forums looks to be progress in action. There is merit in accessing the communication pathways of social media, twitter and Facebook. These pathways will capture some of the younger demographic 20-</p>

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<p>50 year olds. For those who don't access twitter/Facebook there are other forms of communication. Between the lines it appears that the "Councillors" want the populace to come to them rather than disturb themselves by coming to Precinct Committee Meetings. The way of the forum is that the individual represents only themselves – not a group. Individuals can be dealt with easier than with groups – who can exert a degree of pressure on the elected representative.</p> <p>Further to the above "Forum" type meetings, it makes it easier and quicker for Council to dilute any presentation or discussion by an individual/ group representative, so that Council can push its own agenda whatever that may be or for whomever that might be. One may well ask "Why do we need Councillors to represent the ratepayers and representatives". May be it would be far better to deal with Council direct. Council to have an Administrator overseen by a bipartisan respected Ombudsman or a board of respected people as in the Hospital Boards of the region.</p> <p>As with all active Precinct Committees in the Shire, we are forwarding our objections to the above proposal. Whilst we are not against quarterly Forums, we do not believe they should replace the current Precinct system in their entirety – in addition to, would perhaps have been a more appropriate approach.</p> <p>It would be fair to say that we do not believe Council made any effort to consult with residents and seek their views on Precinct Committees before deciding to 'shut us down' – had this been done we are certain there would have been little support given to Council. Residents feel comfortable having a face to face conversation with those they know – they do not feel intimidated.</p> <p>Precinct meetings in their present form provide free discussion of concerns and knowledge flows between neighbours and other groups e.g. Hospital Auxiliary, CEN, Sporting Clubs, School P & C and despite Councils belief in media advertising, local papers are not available in <u>all</u> areas of the Shire. Access to local PC meetings is timely, safe and comfortable in terms of parking with flat grounds to walk should persons be limited with mobility. Formal settings such as 'round table' discussions with council staff taking notes is likely to hinder discussion – many hold back due to lack of confidence in speaking to and with strangers. Council should take note that LOCATION and TIME are key issues for residents wishing to attend meetings, hence local venues for local people are essential.</p> <p>We are not sure how Council can expect to see many members of the community turn up for quarterly forums if held in Chambers. Many residents spend up to 5 hours a day, 5 days a week travelling to and from work and the last thing on their mind is to spend another 2 hours at a forum and more travel (these people range in age from 17 – 60) hence the reason many PC's see older residents/retirees attend meetings. With the current lack of transport on the coast (especially train services) many commuters are lucky to be home by 6pm. It is doubtful Council staff took travel times into consideration when they made their comments about fluctuating numbers at PC meetings – our average attendance at meetings Feb 2011 – Dec 2013 is 14 excluding Councillor Eaton (who attended 14 and sent apologies for 4) and Guest Speakers. These attendances do not take into account a big issue such as the widening of the Pacific Highway when we had 100.</p> <p>There are many more notations that could be made, however, on reading the submissions from some of the other Precinct Committees, further comments would be repetitive as we concur with all that has been stated.</p> <p>Precinct Committees are about community consultation with the COMMUNITY, <u>then</u> a communication flow to Council – this present proposal is consultation with COUNCIL, <u>then</u> a flow of communication to the community.</p> <p>Council's greatest error in putting out the Draft Forum Document without consultation with Precinct Committees and the Community is that many members feel let down and betrayed by the very people who are there as 'caretaker managers' for Wyong Shire</p>		

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		<p>residents and who were the instigators in setting up PC's in 1995. We trust the outcome of the Survey for Proposed Community Precinct Forums will prove to Council that Precinct Committees in their current form are not only a valuable link to both the community and Council but that they deserve to be supported and funded as previous.</p> <p>On reading some of the 'hard copies' of the document left (approximately 120) and collected from two of our local shops, our residents are supportive of PC's, many ticking they were unlikely to attend forums and few agreeing to be on 'E Panel'. Of the just over 100 left at our local shops, 46 were delivered to Council and according to information from residents, approximately 6 were mailed and several submitted on line.</p> <p>A result of the survey and of Councils decision would be appreciated in due course.</p>
45		<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the above proposal. I wish the Council well in trialling the proposed Community Precinct Forums (meeting quarterly in north and south parts of the Shire). I submit Council would be making a poor decision to abandon the long running (this is year 19, with a start in 1995) Community Precinct Committees (CPCs). Continuing CPCs along with CPFs would offer a more valuable outcome.</p> <p>I have served several years as Lakes Community Precinct Committee chairperson, and was a founding member of that Committee in 1995. I would like to submit to Council the following document that could contribute to the Council's determination of the above question (outlined in Council's Oct 2013 report).</p> <p>I attach my paper (2006 unpublished) (7p) on the history of community precinct committees and provide direct e-access on a local web base.</p> <p>http://habitatwplanningforum.wordpress.com/2012/04/05/local-government-precinct-committees-and-ecologically-sustainable-development-esd-based-urban-planning-written-by-ray-rauscher/</p> <p>You are welcome to distribute the paper if required. I submit here some comments on the paper (1-5) and other matters that bear some relevance to Council's proposals above.</p> <p>1. The abstract of the paper</p> <p>"Abstract - This paper outlines the author's research to date on incorporating ecologically sustainable development (ESD) based urban planning within the aims of Local Government Precinct Committees. The paper explores the history of Precinct Committees, particularly the role of place management as a foundation for precinct committees. The structure and operation of Precinct Committees within the Greater Metropolitan Region (GMR) of Sydney/Central Coast/Lower Hunter/Illawarra in the State of New South Wales (NSW) is examined. Planning tools such as NSW New Planning System and Agenda 21 (UN 1993) are examined for their relevance to ESD based planning at the precinct level. The Lakes Precinct (Wyang Shire) is taken as a case study of a precinct in an urbanising area within a growth centre region (Central Coast)."</p> <p>2. The paper addresses the foundations of community precinct committees as 'place management'. This principle of place management has continued to be adopted by local governments and State governments since the paper was written (2006). Wyong Council has continued to use the principle in many of its recently adopted reports (i.e. Shire Vision; etc.).</p> <p>3. The paper then addresses the principle of 'ecologically sustainable development' (ESD) and the inclusion of this principle within many local government models of community precinct committees. The State government in its latest deliberations (to return to Parliament early this year) on the new planning legislation also includes the principle of ESD needing consideration in development</p>
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		<p>Precinct Committee.</p> <p>Each Precinct is unique – We are not the same and the residents demographic or priorities are not identical from area to area. For example Warnervale has significant flooding issues to deal with and this barrier to accessing schools is a high priority. We empower our residents to use the Customer service request system to report maintenance and safety issues in the Shire and the local precinct area.</p> <p>Recognise diversity – The residents in each Precinct are from diverse backgrounds and have diverse needs whether it be financial, social, cultural for example Warnervale has a high commuter population absent from their community during the week and sometimes only able to participate on the weekends. This unique quality does not fit in with most WSC engagement held at 5pm on a weekday. Our precinct holds meetings in the evening to allow for workers and also extraordinary meetings or gatherings on the weekend to give further opportunities to be involved.</p> <p>Provides local engagement opportunities – Meetings provide social opportunities for residents to feel connected to their community. A welcoming soft entry point, unlike council meetings / or larger ward meetings filled with jargon and limited participation or interaction.</p> <p>Inclusive environment -opportunity to have a say and be listened to and feel valued. Gain feedback and have 2 way communication and discussion. This would not be effective in a larger group as time would be a real issue and the agenda would be set by council not the committee/ resident input. Especially for less confident residents or residents that do not have access to local newspapers for council information or access to a computer or internet.</p> <p>Identify and helps to build social capacity – Residents take on roles, network and join other community groups and working parties. Partnerships with other stakeholders in the local area such as Warnervale Family & Community Centre, several members contribute and deliver the local community magazine "Wagtales", have been involved in the local Warnervale Annual Fair Committee, Tuggerah Lakes Care, School and Preschool Committees, Community Action groups, Steering Committees, Sporting Clubs and advocacy work. Our community advocacy members are committed and very active in many projects.</p> <p>Increases participation in the community- Members and residents become more involved with other projects for example Community BBQ's run by the Precinct on several occasions, we have even facilitated Grant Writing workshops attended by various community groups and schools from all over the Central Coast. We have embraced opportunities to partner with the local community centre being involved in Volunteer Expos with WF&CC. Members are often involved in various other committees and community groups, providing further linkages and knowledge of the wider community.</p> <p>Two way communication- Information to and from council, councillors and staff, feedback opportunities with regular Guest Speakers. Staff presentations are often held relating to local or Shire matters, and updates from Local Area Command (police) the residents may request specific local updates from staff such as Porters Creek Wetlands Study, Flood Road upgrades, WTC or WEZ relating to Watanobbi or Warnervale. At a Ward meeting other areas possibly would not be interested.</p> <p>Group problem solving, brainstorming happens at our meetings, submissions, resolutions and contribution from the floor to actions plans.</p> <p>Also communicate to residents by email, flyers and with regular updates in the community newsletter "Wagtales" goes to 4500 homes in the Warnervale area.</p> <p>Communication with other tiers of government – Members have an accessible way of engaging in the governance process with</p>

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		<p>Comments</p> <p>all tiers of government. As well as regular visits from State and Federal MPs. These updates and Q&A time are provided for the residents. The precinct has worked on group submissions for the Coal Mine issue as well as the recent Planning changes etc.</p> <p>What doesn't work?</p> <p>Support for advertising our Guest Speakers in the newspaper. Has to be done so far in advance. Sometimes the speaker has not been confirmed in time as this can take many weeks to arrange.</p> <p>Written Correspondence replies from Council can sometimes take several months. This communication chain is often slow and residents can lose interest in issues or become frustrated with Council's processes and "red tape".</p> <p>Imagine raising an issue at the possible Ward meetings and not getting a response before the next one in 3 months' time.</p> <p>Some councillors are easier to contact than others and some like to be involved or are interested in engaging with residents more than others</p> <p>This is something that is essential in this role as they are our elected community representatives and should be conveying the community voice not their own personal or party agendas.</p> <p>If WSC were aware of what the Precincts achieve in their local areas then they would be promoting this to the residents instead of taking all the credit in the media. For example we know that the Watanobbi / Warnervale Precinct worked tirelessly for 7 years to promote the community's need for flood road upgrades</p> <p>And whilst council provided the funds with a low interest loan and also the engineering designs, work crews/ tenders there was no mention of the community involvement with this other some councilors taking all the credit for promoting this need in the community.</p> <p>No recognition or thanks for the effort, contribution and work we do in the community and with council. Councillors are remunerated for their efforts in engaging with the community regardless of how effective they are or not. I am sure some engage more than others and attend more meetings or participate in committees more than others and how is this accounted for?</p> <p>What suggestions/things can be put in place to support Council's engagement process?</p> <p>Start to support the shires Precinct committees & acknowledge the enormous voluntary contribution they have made to this shire.</p> <p>Realise that the initiatives of WSC engagement process has implemented are being promoted by Precinct Committees.</p> <p>A large percentage of our elderly don't have access to social media. Therefore Precinct Committees are there only stage for political engagement.</p> <p>Understand there is a real need for both precinct Committees & a Ward Forum (Proposed Community Precinct Forums) as they could have distinct roles that would complement each other.</p> <p>Finally the amount of unnecessary distress & distrust WSC has incurred on the most dedicated community members must be addressed.</p> <p>Proposed Community Precinct Forums – What are the opportunities? What are the challenges?</p> <p>Various methods of engagement are valuable, not just one form is needed. Some of us prefer different methods of delivery and learning for example a visual learner may prefer online engagement however a kinaesthetic learner may prefer the 'hands on' opportunities. I will not be treated like a number, I am a human being with ideas, thoughts and feelings, I respect others and myself and believe in empowering others to get involved and have a say. How will WSC provide for these individual differences in the community we are not all the same and we do not all engage with others the same way. There are no opportunities for a ward style forum without the existing precinct committee meetings remaining & the forum become the catalyst for information sharing & support</p>

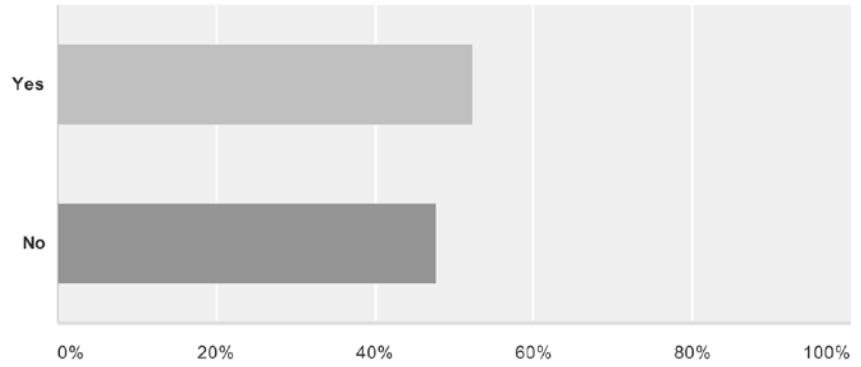
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		<p>from WSC.</p> <p>The latest public comment by the Mayor regarding the resolution of October 23 Council meeting is not going to be enacted & Precinct Committees are not being folded up by June 2014. (Please explain)</p> <p>Brainstorming other opportunities/models for engagement for the community</p> <p>WSC has to start again with real and varied methods of engagement with the community & find a new direction to stop disenfranchising the volunteer community.</p> <p>Using only online engagement is limited, one way and you do not see any feedback or results published. It does not show transparency like face-to-face methods. Not accessible to the non-computer users in the Shire and the aging demographic. Results and reports from these surveys are never published for public use/comment.</p> <p>I would like to see a future for Wyong Shire where people who would like to participate in meaningful consultation have an opportunity to do this in many different ways including community precinct meetings in local areas. I don't believe 10 elected representatives provide nearly enough information for the council to make informed economic, environmental, cultural and social decisions for the residents and rate payers of Wyong Shire.</p>
47	31/01/2014	<p>Letter</p> <p>Council will have received through submissions and the Precinct Cafe forums much information and opinion supporting the retention of Precinct Committees. In fact the message is loud and clear, that Precincts are not averse to change and operating in the digital age, but this should be alongside a tried and tested already operating system.</p> <p>It does not take an Einstein to understand that quarterly Ward forums will not garner the public interaction that Council desires. But the obdurate statements that Councillors put forward lead one to believe that the decision is taken, and the Precinct form of public engagement is not the sort Council wants to hear.</p> <p>Our Precinct is particularly active in improving the neighbourhood, and understand that other Precincts have morphed into self help groups, committing to an enormous amount of 'council' work. This is all managed and arranged via the Precinct meetings and will collapse if Precincts cease to exist. This is as well as performing their official obligations of being an advisory and discussion group for Council at a local level. So the status of Precincts to Council is one of 'added value', and it beggars belief that you are prepared to forfeit this advantageous situation.</p> <p>Having delivered at least 6 months of well balanced and argued opinion, the frustration created by Council's official line as stated in their media releases, makes these committed residents ask "what does it take for Council to actually accept the message being delivered?" One wants to drop the professional, reasonable approach and give you a blast of invective. It is not good enough to deny committed active people a role in local government under the guise of modernising the system. If Council's intentions are to be believed, they wish to engage more people not less. Can you demonstrate how this is to be achieved by closing down Precinct Committees?</p> <p>Council's proposals in regard to Precinct, promotes more cynicism, more contempt and fosters the response of disgust at a group of people who are meant to serve the community not dictate to it.</p>

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<p>I have been requested by Northlakes ALP Branch members to send this motion to Wyong Shire Council: "Northlakes ALP Branch members unanimously support <u>Option 2 of 4.10 Community Precinct Format Framework Minute from the 23/10/2013 Ordinary Wyong Shire Council meeting, i.e. 'Council could continue with the current model of Precinct Committees'.</u>" "The Northlakes Branch also recommends the 3 monthly Precinct Forums are convened in conjunction with the normal monthly Precinct meetings" "Our members congratulate all Shire's Precinct Committees' for their constructive input, and also support Council's <u>Option 2</u>." Northlakes's ALP Branch members encourage Wyong Shire Council to consider our motion.</p>		

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Q1 Do you consider yourself a current Precinct Committee member?

Answered: 300 Skipped: 0

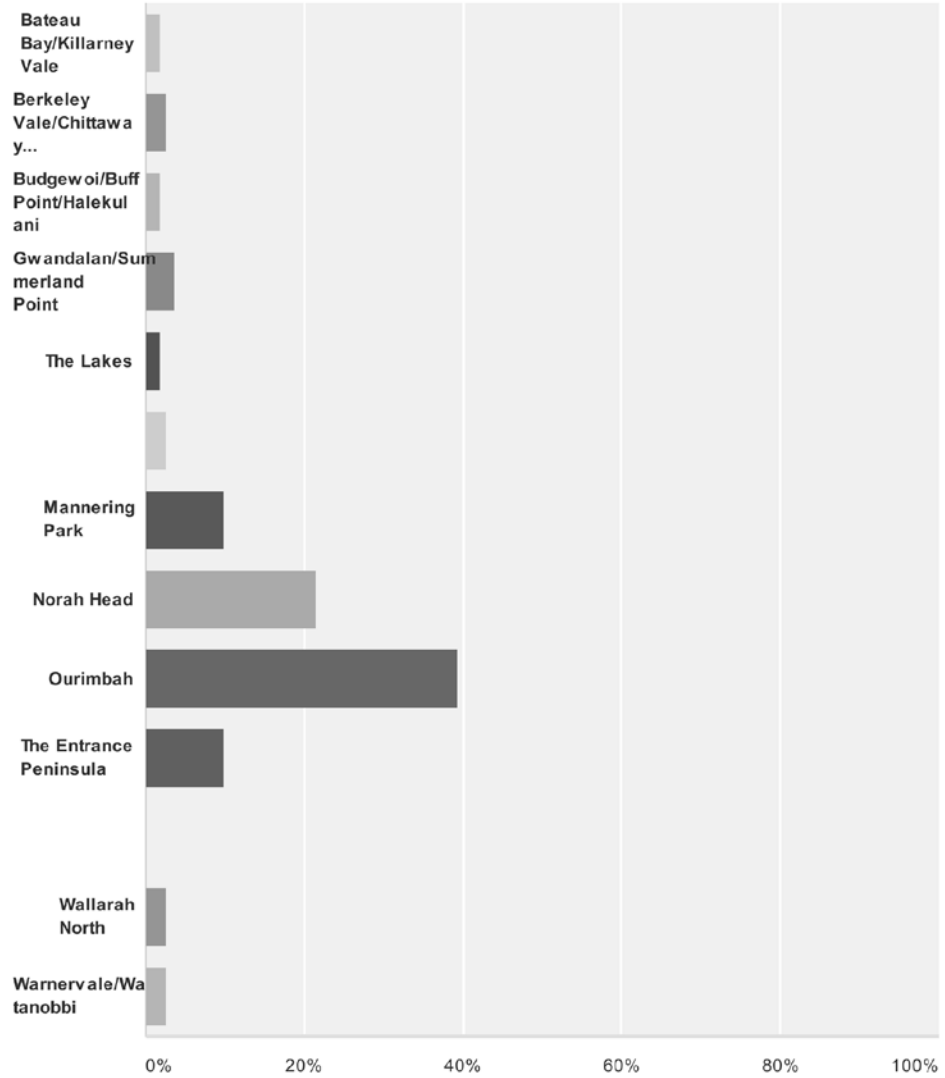


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	52.33%	157
No	47.67%	143
Total		300

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Q2 What Precinct Committee meeting do you attend?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 188



Answer Choices	Responses
Bateau Bay/Killarney Vale	1.79% 2
Berkeley Vale/Chittaway Point/Chittaway Bay	2.68% 3
Budgewoi/Buff Point/Halekulani	1.79% 2
Gwandalan/Summerland Point	3.57% 4
The Lakes	1.79% 2

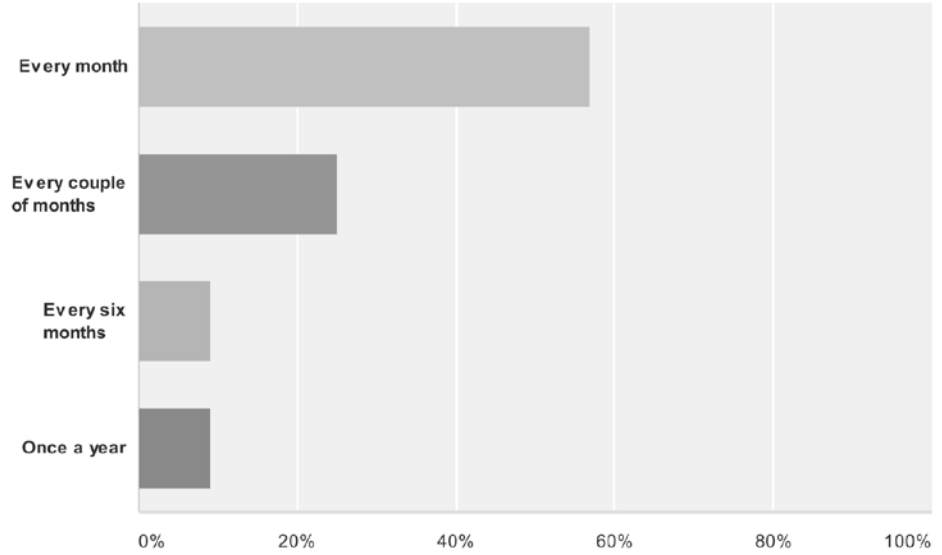
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Lake Munmorah/Chain Valley Bay	2.68%	3
Manning Park	9.82%	11
Norah Head	21.43%	24
Ourimbah	39.29%	44
The Entrance Peninsula	9.82%	11
Toukely/Noraville/Canton Beach	0%	0
Wallarah North	2.68%	3
Wamervale/Watanobbi	2.68%	3
Total Respondents: 112		

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Q3 On average, how often do you attend PC meetings?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 168

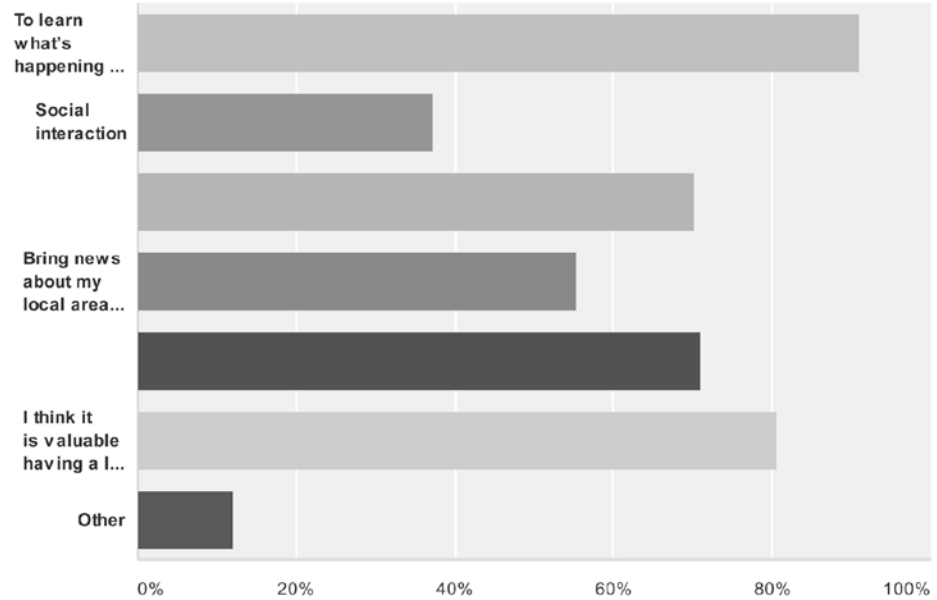


Answer Choices	Responses	
Every month	56.82%	75
Every couple of months	25%	33
Every six months	9.09%	12
Once a year	9.09%	12
Total		132

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**Q4 Why do you attend these meetings?
(Tick all that apply)**

Answered: 134 Skipped: 166



Answer Choices	Responses
To learn what's happening in my community	91.04% 122
Social interaction	37.31% 50
Let the PC know of an issue in my area	70.15% 94
Bring news about my local area to other members	55.22% 74
I like being involved in the community	70.90% 95
I think it is valuable having a link to Council	80.60% 108
Other	11.94% 16
Total Respondents: 134	

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1	I am an elected executive member of the precinct committee.	1/31/2014 10:08 AM
2	I like hearing how Precinct can help with local issues	1/28/2014 9:55 AM
3	I always hear what's happening from friends and neighbours	1/28/2014 9:11 AM
4	If there is a problem	1/28/2014 8:54 AM
5	I enjoy it when Council members come to the meetings and update us on community plans	1/28/2014 8:03 AM
6	We have encouraged improvement e.g. slowed traffic on local roads; playground at Sohler Park	1/28/2014 7:43 AM

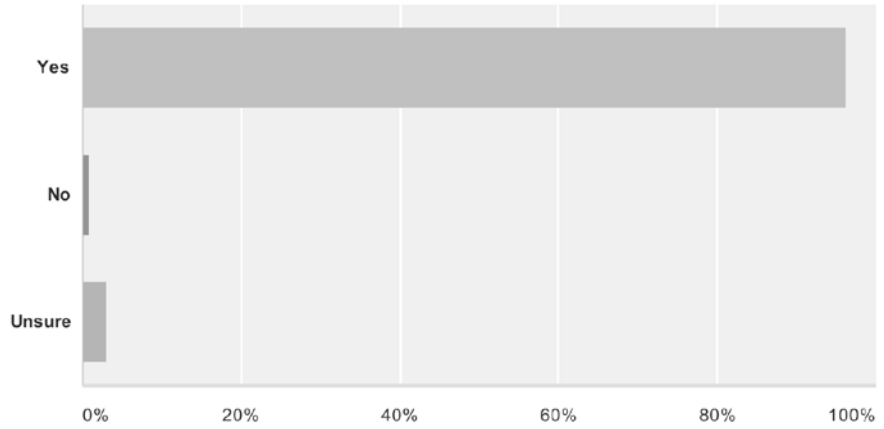
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7	to offer my life skills and qualifications from my world view and knowledge to the relevant matters concerning my local community of Mannering Park.	1/25/2014 5:05 AM
8	Long term follow up of Council issues	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
9	As a member of various other local groups it is a way of networking our activities	1/24/2014 2:43 PM
10	being able to advise council of the precincts needs which council is not always of.	1/23/2014 9:19 AM
11	to bring concerns within the neighbourhood to the attention of the meeting and in turn the council	1/17/2014 4:49 PM
12	Because I care	1/17/2014 10:29 AM
13	Interconnect with interested Councillors & local State / Federal members on local issues.	12/21/2013 5:49 PM
14	to hear guest speakers	12/12/2013 10:37 AM
15	Its a good way to network with like minded people.	11/23/2013 7:30 PM
16	It is a way to let Council know that certain issues are of concern to many residents, not just a few. The proposed structure is just an excuse for gagging the public from speaking out.	11/12/2013 5:08 PM
17	I feel Precincts play a very important role in being a regular opportunity of keeping the local residents informed and, in reverse, being able to pass on resident's views and concerns to Council for their chance to assist their ratepayers.	11/11/2013 9:11 AM
18	A. Precincts provide the means of having a mature and positive dialogue between civic minded citizens and council officers. B. They provide an opportunity for the large issues pertinent to my community to be discussed by those who have the local knowledge / experiences thus having appropriate discussion with well thought out resolutions. C. People come along to meetings when issues that are important to them are discussed, hence attendance numbers vary from meeting to meeting... up to 400+.	11/10/2013 8:28 PM
19	Precinct committee meetings allow less active community members to have their say on matters unique to their area that would be insignificant on a ward level. It is important that these often older and less vocal members have their say.	11/9/2013 8:25 AM
20	It is an opportunity for residents and ratepayers to have a two way communication with their elected community representatives (councillors) and staff. Surveys are one-sided and the results are not published for the community to receive feedback or indeed find out about how others might be thinking. The meeting format allows time for discussion and differing viewpoints to be heard.	11/8/2013 3:41 PM
21	Council is not a friendly place. From an individual's perspective, they are liars and bullies. They will isolate and intimidate individuals who bring problems to them. Most people will not approach council except via the precinct committee	11/8/2013 3:16 PM
22	I think that the people who attend my Precinct Committee have lots of knowledge on the past and present state of the Precinct. We discuss a wide range of issues and seek solutions to local points eg Tidy Towns. I know that I am involved in part of the local government picture. As an environmental educator i have much to share with the Committee.	11/8/2013 3:14 PM
23	Follow up on long running issues for progress and help others with Service Requests	11/8/2013 3:10 PM
24	Volunteering your time in the enhancement of your local community & seeing real grassroots change.	11/8/2013 2:54 PM

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Q5 Do you think Precinct Committees are an effective way for Council to engage with the WHOLE community?

Answered: 134 Skipped: 166



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	96.27%	129
No	0.75%	1
Unsure	2.99%	4
Total		134

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Q6 What activities do you participate in as a Precinct Committee? Examples include Forums with local MP's, Clean Up Australia Day, activity initiated by your Precinct etc

Answered: 78 Skipped: 222

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1	1. Dialogue with local MP - Darren Webber - have participated in this activity several times as a representative of the Norah Head Precinct Area. 2. Actively participated in the WSC proposal to create 'Friends of Noraville Cemetery'. WSC did not proceed with this. 3. Participate in Clean Up Australia Day through our local co-ordinator Gary Dean. 4. Actively participate 3 time per month for 2 hours each time in CoastCare activities centered on Bush St Reserve at Norah Head. 5. Attend 'Better Planning Network' meetings as a Precinct Committee representative.	1/31/2014 10:08 AM
2	Mention local issues that need attention	1/29/2014 11:04 AM
3	School readings; Canteen; Fete stalls	1/28/2014 9:55 AM
4	Meetings with residents over local issues - not as part of PCs	1/28/2014 9:44 AM
5	Clean up Australia Day; Carols in Ourimbah	1/28/2014 9:23 AM
6	Activities initiated by my Precinct Committee	1/28/2014 9:05 AM
7	Precinct meetings only	1/28/2014 8:48 AM
8	None at this stage New participant	1/28/2014 8:38 AM
9	Activities initiated by Precinct	1/28/2014 8:34 AM
10	I was the Secretary	1/28/2014 8:23 AM
11	None	1/28/2014 8:17 AM
12	Clean up Australia Day, Activity initiated by PC	1/28/2014 8:03 AM
13	Activities initiated by Precinct	1/28/2014 7:54 AM
14	Christmas celebration (in the past); Fire trucks and Santa; local school 150 years	1/28/2014 7:43 AM
15	Activity initiated by our precinct	1/28/2014 7:36 AM
16	Engagements organised e.g. visit to local dairy	1/28/2014 7:31 AM
17	activity initiated by my Precinct. The last event attended was the press conference (Attended by Duncan Bray, Police, Doug Eaton together with representative of RTA) to acknowledge the proposal of the State Government granting \$2,000,000.00 for the upgrading of Rutley's Road that we as a Precinct have been working hard for. At the same occasion the Mayor Doug Eaton kindly supported this move with a further grant of \$200,000.00 towards this project.	1/25/2014 5:05 AM
18	tidy towns , graffiti cleaning , meeting of state, federal members.	1/24/2014 5:20 PM
19	Bush Fire Brigade; review documents for DAs, LEP, etc. Deal with RTA, Energy Australia; Coordinate with other groups soccer, football & cricket clubs; School P&C	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
20	Protesting about rezoning, etc.	1/24/2014 2:13 PM
21	Meetings with local MP's Meetings with previous RTA about Pacific Highway widening; meetings with Energy Australia about electricity upgrades	1/24/2014 2:06 PM
22	Meetings with local MPs; meetings with previous RTA about Pacific Highway widening; meetings with Energy Australia about electricity upgrades	1/24/2014 2:01 PM
23	Clean up Australia	1/24/2014 1:57 PM
24	Activities initiated by our Precinct	1/24/2014 1:54 PM

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25	Meeting participation	1/24/2014 11:46 AM
26	Committee Member, Attend Council Meetings	1/24/2014 9:50 AM
27	Forums with MP's; Community Fair; Christmas Carols	1/24/2014 9:44 AM
28	none as yet pending retirement	1/24/2014 9:22 AM
29	activity initiated by precinct committee	1/23/2014 8:17 PM
30	guest speakers from council ,government representatives ,and others who have an involvement in the shire	1/23/2014 9:19 AM
31	Listen to addresses by MPs and other community types	1/22/2014 8:24 AM
32	Forums with local authorities and council	1/17/2014 4:49 PM
33	All of the above	1/14/2014 2:34 PM
34	Information evenings with MPs; Fire Brigade; Clean up Australia; Graffiti Report/Removal	1/14/2014 2:19 PM
35	Meetings on important issues	1/14/2014 2:02 PM
36	Clean up Australia Day	1/14/2014 12:48 PM
37	Forums Clean up day	1/14/2014 12:42 PM
38	Clean up Australia Coast Care	1/14/2014 12:27 PM
39	Clean up, Bushcare	1/14/2014 11:27 AM
40	Committee member	1/14/2014 11:09 AM
41	Clean up	1/14/2014 10:58 AM
42	Brainstomimg	1/14/2014 10:49 AM
43	Tidy Towns. Waterwatch, graffiti clean up. local issues	1/9/2014 4:48 PM
44	Member of Budgewoi Beach Dune Care Inc. which combines with Precinct Committee with cleanup days, graffiti removal and environmental field days involving the community	1/8/2014 11:27 AM
45	forums with local and federal mp,s, local issues that arise in the community etc	12/22/2013 11:16 AM
46	Dunecare field days including National tree Day World Environment Day + others. San Remo Neighbourhood Centre - Town centre murals drawing & design. Northern Lakes Chamber of Commerce / Local State member - CCTV systems grant/ installation / monitoring. Disabled Precinct Association - beach access design & expertise. Lakes Surf Life Saving Club - networking with all to achieve disabled beach access. Sustainability Street - obtaining trees of cultural significance for Budgewoi Holiday Park & surrounds. Budgewoi Public School - lobbied WSC for & received pedestrian pathway at Walu Ave. Just for a start!	12/21/2013 5:49 PM
47	clean up australia day	12/12/2013 10:45 AM
48	it is not the precincts fault if people fail to attend - priorities are different with all age groups every meeting brings together a group with varying interests in their local area we do all of the above plus receipt of information on local developments etc effect on residents	12/12/2013 10:41 AM
49	feel ath PC's should be more advertised so many people are not aware of them	12/12/2013 10:37 AM
50	Help other community groups Identify local issues Council needs to consider Promote community activities Consider Council meeting actions and resolutions Invite external guests to inform community members To advise Council of community opinion on Council services and activities Receive councils proposals and discuss the effects on the local community Provide contact (letter-box drops , network links, notice-boards, etc) to keep the community aware of issues	12/11/2013 4:58 PM
51	specific events to address contentious issues initiated by council and affecting the community	11/29/2013 2:39 PM
52	Forums and activities when possible	11/29/2013 2:14 PM
53	General clean ups of rubbish from reserves and the lakefront. Gaffiti removal etc.	11/23/2013 7:30 PM
54	Jewel by the Lake Festival	11/22/2013 10:41 AM
55	Clean up Australia Day, Fundrasing barbeques for needy families, Graffiti removal days, monthly cleanup of the lake at Berkeley Vale and surrounding areas that are littered with rubbish	11/22/2013 8:47 AM

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56	Mannering Park Tidy Towns, Landcare	11/21/2013 12:26 PM
57	Clean ups, Coastcare	11/19/2013 2:27 PM
58	letter writing; local MP representation; submissions, requests to Councillors and for Councillor attendance, information about Community Gardens, Men's Shed, Landcare and Tidy Towns	11/18/2013 6:27 PM
59	Forums with mp,s councillors ETC	11/15/2013 1:24 PM
60	Passing on info Attendance at meetings , discussion with friends and neighbours who are not able to attend meetings regularly,	11/13/2013 6:02 PM
61	Forums and meetings with Councillors, MPs business owners, the Lions Club of The Entrance, just to name a few.	11/12/2013 5:08 PM
62	clean up Australia; land care local projects; meetings with Council officers, councillors, State and Federal MPs on local issues; traffic surveys; open space inspections; bush fire buffer zone inspections; recreation surveys initiated by Council; submissions on Councils annual Shire Strategic Plan; visits to sites related to sensitive DAs referred to CPC by Council or alerted by a community member; attend Citizen Voice Wyong meetings before each Council meeting; hear Council and State representatives on new plans (i.e. road or community service plans); attend annual end of year function at Council; briefings on proposed State or Federal legislation (i.e. bio-diversity and bio-banking affecting three levels of governance); inspect sites proposed for new infrastructure at Council or community request (i.e. new pathways; cycleways; etc.)	11/11/2013 10:34 AM
63	Interaction with local Councillors, Clean Up Australia Day, Volunteering for Various Organisations e.g. Red Cross.	11/11/2013 9:11 AM
64	A. Long Jetty: various master plans, including the LJ Improvement Masterplan. B. NSW govt alcohol forum and follow up. C. Affordable housing debates.	11/10/2013 8:28 PM
65	Clean up of graffiti, of rubbish, of parks, refer local matters to Council	11/10/2013 9:00 AM
66	National tree day. World environment day. Graffiti removal day and forum. Informal discussions with Gary Edwards MP and Councillor Doug Vincent. Scouts attaining community service and environmental badges.etc	11/9/2013 8:25 AM
67	all activities that request my assistants	11/9/2013 7:36 AM
68	None as part of the Precinct Cmttee activities	11/8/2013 8:11 PM
69	what ever i can when i can	11/8/2013 7:50 PM
70	all that i can	11/8/2013 7:44 PM
71	interact with local MPs & Councillors; regularly remind Council staff of local projects which remain uncompleted; tell staff. & Councillors needs in our local community.	11/8/2013 6:46 PM
72	Community BBQ's, Facilitated training workshops like Grant writing, Clean Up days, partnered with WF&CC for a Volunteer Expo as well.	11/8/2013 3:41 PM
73	Clean up Australia Day is not part of Precinct. Our precinct committee has links to all the other community groups - the local school, local sporting clubs, local playgroups and so on. We used to organise a local Christmas Carols until Wyong Council put a stop to it.	11/8/2013 3:16 PM
74	forums with police and other invited guests, local cleanups, Tidy Towns, graffiti removal, spreading word about the precinct.	11/8/2013 3:14 PM
75	Contacting all levels of government about local issues including planning proposals Listening to Councillors giving updates on WSC activities Reading and reacting to WSC documents eg LEP, Strategy plan etc	11/8/2013 3:10 PM
76	Master plan development, Networking with Business Chamber to install CCTV network, Support Dunecare field days with BBQ & on ground support, Provide updates on community needs to State Government & Councillor Doug Vincent, Provide on ground support for San Remo Neighbourhood Centre activities, Support Disabled Precinct Activities, Network with northern Precinct Committees on several common issues (Already meet as / proposed forum for past 2.5 years) Participate in world environment day, national tree day activities	11/8/2013 2:54 PM

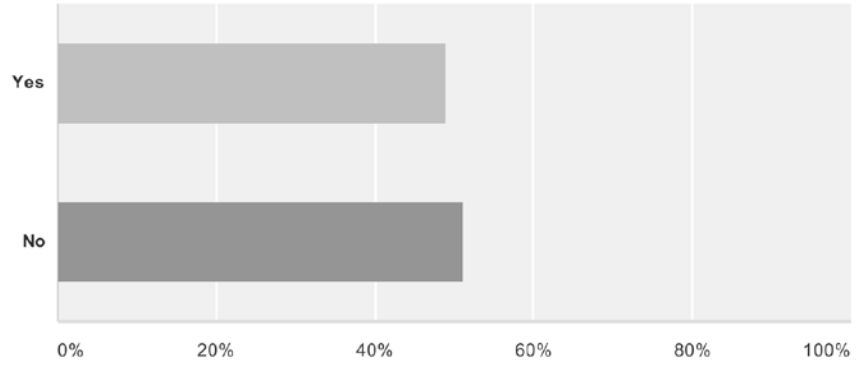
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77	Discussions about local issues with other members, local MPs and any Councillors or Council staff when they attend at meetings; taking that information out into the community - notifying many of upcoming events or topics discussed; bring issues of concern/interest to the meetings mentioned by other community members who may not be able to attend; Masterplan forums.	11/8/2013 1:37 PM
78	local MP, Precincts are not intended to initiate activities	11/8/2013 1:13 PM

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Q7 Are you involved in any other community committee? Examples include Tidy Towns, Dunecare, Ratepayers Association etc

Answered: 131 Skipped: 169



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	48.85%	64
No	51.15%	67
Total		131

#	Please write what you are involved in	Date
1	too old to participate physcially	2/3/2014 10:52 AM
2	1. Norah Head Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc. 2. Norah Head Coastcare Group.	1/31/2014 10:08 AM
3	School reading; CEN	1/28/2014 9:44 AM
4	Lakes Grammar School Canteen and P & C	1/28/2014 9:11 AM
5	Community Environment Network	1/28/2014 9:05 AM
6	CEN, Transport Action Central Coast (TACC)	1/28/2014 7:43 AM
7	I am involved with a multicultural group also	1/28/2014 7:36 AM
8	tidytowns , landcare, 355 community hall member. Progress association.	1/24/2014 5:20 PM
9	Landcare; TAFE; School; Bushcare etc.	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
10	CWA Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary School Community	1/24/2014 2:43 PM
11	Sports Club	1/24/2014 2:13 PM
12	Volunteer Lifeguard	1/24/2014 1:57 PM
13	Landcare Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary	1/24/2014 1:44 PM
14	Landcare Ourimbah Hospital Auxiliary	1/24/2014 1:41 PM

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15	I am retired and after a couple of decades involved with community groups and Local Govt. these days am not as actively involved but am aware that without doubt our best representatives are those that start representation at the grassroots [local] level to gain the necessary input to truly promote issues that concern the residents that Council is expected to serve. During my working life and community/Local Govt. involvement a number of Aldermen [now Coucillors] would raise with me my efforts in promoting local community groups to gain feed-back on what they expected of Council. Their attitude was I was simply making things harder for myself. They preferred to distance themselves and if something of significance came up then the larger forum type meeting would be better. The feeling was less direct pressure throughout their term in office and at larger meeting many people are intimidated in relation to public speaking whilst small local gathering were apt to see people more confident talking on issues.	1/22/2014 8:24 AM
16	Camp Breakaway	1/17/2014 4:49 PM
17	CBN	1/17/2014 10:29 AM
18	You could have mentioned political parties I do attend most Council Meetings during the year. I attend ALP meetings. I attend Precinct Meetings. I used to recite the prayer at meetings in the 80's when Sheridan was mayor. I am an Anglican Priest I don't believe there is any need for prayers to begin Council Meetings - also we don't need the Aboriginal Statement - Why not paint it on a prominent place in the Council Chamber?	1/17/2014 10:13 AM
19	Local Church Masonic Lodge	1/17/2014 9:27 AM
20	Wyong Chapter First Fleeter's Society	1/14/2014 2:26 PM
21	Progress Association; Senior Citizens Club; Northern Wyong CDAT	1/14/2014 2:19 PM
22	Coastcare, Ratepayers Assn	1/14/2014 12:48 PM
23	Norah Head Ratepayers, Residents and Coast Care	1/14/2014 11:21 AM
24	Budgewoi Beach Dune Care	1/8/2014 11:27 AM
25	san remo tidy towns san remo community garden	12/22/2013 11:16 AM
26	Budgewoi Beach Dunecare	12/21/2013 5:49 PM
27	Bushcare General cleaning of lake foreshore pioneer dairy volunteers	12/12/2013 10:37 AM
28	However I take it upon myself to clean the stormwater drains in the streets clean up the lake and pick up rubbish off the entrance rd and remove graffiti	12/12/2013 10:27 AM
29	Tidy Towns Mens' Shed Social club	12/11/2013 4:58 PM
30	Tidy Towns Progress Association Hall committee	11/29/2013 2:39 PM
31	Community garden	11/29/2013 2:14 PM
32	Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club	11/21/2013 12:26 PM
33	Mannering Park Progress Association; Wyong Shire Ratepayers and Residents Association	11/18/2013 6:27 PM
34	San Remo Community Garden SanRemo Tidy Towns	11/15/2013 1:24 PM
35	Tidy Towns	11/13/2013 6:02 PM
36	Glengara Residents Committee. Lions Club Board.	11/12/2013 5:08 PM
37	several	11/11/2013 10:34 AM
38	I will no doubt use my time and talents in another area of the community. I do not wish to become involved in local government forums	11/10/2013 8:28 PM
39	Tidy Towns Landcare Local mines CCC	11/9/2013 8:21 PM
40	Lake Munmorah bush care group. Progress association	11/8/2013 8:11 PM
41	the activities of the local Uniting Church; the 355 Sports Committee which oversees the local Tennis Club	11/8/2013 6:46 PM
42	Local School P&C WNAHS Steering Committee Tuggerah Lakes Care	11/8/2013 3:41 PM
43	many groups - no I will not give you a list. I do not want these other organisations to be bullied by Council.	11/8/2013 3:16 PM

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44	tidy towns Epanel volunteer at the local school	11/8/2013 3:14 PM
45	Running courses for U3A at Wyong RSL (for Central Coast branch) and The Entrance Diggers Club (for Tuggerah Lakes branch) Attending U3A classes Knitting group at Toukey library Tai Chi class at Lake Haven Member representative on exec of The Entrance Camera Club	11/8/2013 3:10 PM
46	Budgewoi Beach Dunecare Inc (18.5 years)	11/8/2013 2:54 PM
47	Dunecare, school committees.	11/8/2013 1:37 PM
48	Tidy Towns Community garden	11/8/2013 1:13 PM
49	Tidy Towns, Landcare and 355 Hall Committee.	11/7/2013 2:51 PM

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Q8 Do you have any ideas on how Precinct Committees can be improved or restructured and increase the reputation of all community members?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 211

#	Responses	Date
1	council to be more transparent regarding improvements	2/3/2014 10:52 AM
2	Council actively publicize the reasons for a Precinct Committee, educate the community more, Councillors get out of their "ivory tower" and go out and meet the community, Council to support the Precinct Committees and don't run down the active participation of the "grey headed old people" who are the ones in the community who have the time available to talk to their local community members, who work and are consequently time poor, and then raise their problems in a local more informal arena with other ordinary ratepayers rather than trying to get heard in the much more formal Council Chambers or other formal arenas.	1/31/2014 1:56 PM
3	I will re-phrase that question as follows: 8. Do you have any ideas on how Precinct Committees in conjunction with WSC can be improved or restructured and increase the reputation of the whole consultation process? Answer: Yes - WSC has dis-engaged itself from this process - the only active WSC representative has been Bev Davis who has consistently upheld the fundamental principles behind the Precinct concept. More WSC engagement in a positive manner would resurrect the whole scheme to a point where the alternatives on the 'table' would be totally un-necessary.	1/31/2014 10:08 AM
4	Funding for printer e.g. inks/paper - for printouts for the community	1/29/2014 11:11 AM
5	Yes, Council could provide training/support on protocols required by Council	1/29/2014 11:04 AM
6	Happy with how they run please leave them alone	1/28/2014 9:55 AM
7	Nothing wrong with reputation. They need to have funding to be able to continue and if Council can afford to pay out money for 4 x 2 Forums a year e.g. staff, food, hire, etc. then why not let PCs still have at least some funding and Council's support	1/28/2014 9:44 AM
8	Yes, Council be more pre-active in informing all community members that they exist and are available to everyone	1/28/2014 9:23 AM
9	Works well as it is because Ourimbah locals are very passionate about their area and like to be involved	1/28/2014 9:11 AM
10	Subsidised Council funding to inform community	1/28/2014 9:05 AM
11	Councillors to be at meetings	1/28/2014 8:54 AM
12	To be given Council funding	1/28/2014 8:48 AM
13	Advertise using Council funding	1/28/2014 8:34 AM
14	Good as it is	1/28/2014 8:17 AM
15	No problem how they are	1/28/2014 8:11 AM
16	1) Council should take more notice of locals e.g. PC 2) More visits by Council Departmental Heads would gain more community support 3) Funds could be provided to let PC carry out minor improvements to the area	1/28/2014 8:03 AM
17	Works well as it is now	1/28/2014 7:54 AM
18	? what's wrong	1/28/2014 7:51 AM
19	Not sure how reputation could be increased! Do you mean improved? or "increase involvement"? perhaps or representation?	1/28/2014 7:43 AM
20	No fine the way it is running	1/28/2014 7:31 AM
21	They should be listened to and taken seriously	1/28/2014 7:23 AM

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22	Yes, that our Elected Council Members, or their representatives, to bring to our communities each month a report of what is happening in Council (after a Council Meeting) in order for the community to have a first hand conduit of communication. This would increase community preparedness to attend meetings if they were going to have the ability to have a free, open and relaxed conversation on topics that are close to their hearts and minds. This in turn would quickly and effectively attend to minor issues on the night or at worst the member could take away the issues and address them as part of their elected role as representing the residents of a particular area. If the Member for State Government (or his representatives) can make themselves available each and every month for such precinct meeting, then we would not consider it would be too much of a stretch that the same service could not be provided by the Council.	1/25/2014 5:05 AM
23	by making local councillors turn up to them.	1/24/2014 5:20 PM
24	Increased advertising; Council should give flyer to new residents explaining Precinct System	1/24/2014 3:00 PM
25	Going OK	1/24/2014 2:49 PM
26	Noticeboards at Local Shops, Medical Centres, School Bulletins advertising activities of our Precinct	1/24/2014 2:43 PM
27	They seem pretty effective; our Precinct has a good reputation	1/24/2014 2:22 PM
28	More support from Council Precinct Meetings with Councillors	1/24/2014 2:13 PM
29	Happy with how they are now	1/24/2014 1:57 PM
30	I think our group doing a wonderful job	1/24/2014 1:54 PM
31	They are very effective at present, have done some great work & have an excellent reputation.	1/24/2014 1:49 PM
32	Enhance existing structure; By informing the public of our activities through Social Media	1/24/2014 9:50 AM
33	no	1/24/2014 9:22 AM
34	More advertising of meetings	1/23/2014 8:17 PM
35	refer to the entrance peninsula minutes of monthly meetings which do cover this matter	1/23/2014 9:19 AM
36	I have only been involved with Mannering Park and one has only to review the "Park's" success over the past few years since it was formed to see "the pride" now evident amongst the "Locals". This was previously missing and Mannering Park had felt it was a lost cause endeavouring to get things done. Typically many would have winged and been critical of Council's lack of attention over the past 30 years but could not see a vehicle by which they could get action. That vehicle was to be The Precinct Committee - suddenly they had a voice. Things began to happen, they had someone they could talk to at Precinct Meetings - they were not intimidated - they were on "home turf" and could talk in public confidently - something they would not do at a large "away" meeting. The intimidation factor would raise its ugly head. Again I draw your attention to the Mannering Park success story. I admit it has seen Council, Councillors and Council servants more accountable in relation to local residents needs/concerns but then that is what Councillors are elected to do "represent each and every resident" and Councils to manage/construct/maintain the Local Govt. area. As to the question above re "increase reputation of all community members" I wonder why you need to increase the reputations of community members. I would suggest it is surely more important to promote the "Committees" rather than specific individuals. I see this more about "the community committees" not individuals. Experience over the years individuals has shown me those that wish to promote their own profile/reputation will do so without Council input/support and then not always to everyone's benefit.	1/22/2014 8:24 AM
37	Would be ideal if councillors would attend most meetings and not always have excuses	1/17/2014 4:49 PM
38	This is a waste of paper and of Council income. A defect of quarterly forums is that there is no provision for all to speak and only the more vocal will do most of it. That is the advantage of the monthly Precincts. Why not have both monthly Precincts and quarterly Forums?	1/17/2014 10:13 AM
39	Give Precinct Committees the rights they deserve	1/17/2014 9:27 AM
40	Leave as is	1/14/2014 2:34 PM
41	No, it serves its purpose at the moment	1/14/2014 2:26 PM
42	Reinstatement of a Liaison Officer; more Councillor contact	1/14/2014 2:19 PM
43	Do you mean "reputation" or do you mean "representation"	1/14/2014 2:02 PM

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44	Regular visitation by Council officers and Councillors	1/14/2014 12:48 PM
45	Good as they are	1/14/2014 12:42 PM
46	Increased visits to meetings by Council representatives to provide a human face of Council to precinct members	1/14/2014 12:27 PM
47	Going well	1/14/2014 12:23 PM
48	More involvement from Council	1/14/2014 11:09 AM
49	Running well Council participation	1/14/2014 10:49 AM
50	Increased publicity to community	1/9/2014 4:48 PM
51	Maintain the Precinct committees with more publicity when issues arise.	1/8/2014 11:27 AM
52	Council should try to get ALL councillors to attend some meetings in their respective wards	12/22/2013 11:16 AM
53	Firstly I do not feel the reputation of community member needs improvement! Precinct Committees need the support of all WSC Councillors regularly attending their meetings. This is obvious when the Councillors supporting Precinct Committees are as outraged as the Precinct members regarding this cynical exercise in central control of our communities being attempted.	12/21/2013 5:49 PM
54	that should be councils interest	12/12/2013 10:49 AM
55	yes more council involvement eg speakers etc	12/12/2013 10:45 AM
56	what exactly is being implied in this question? perhaps people need to attend meetings to be able to contribute to this question and maybe reputation is an incorrect word use	12/12/2013 10:41 AM
57	doesn't need improving retain as is	12/12/2013 10:37 AM
58	more support from council	12/12/2013 10:31 AM
59	by ensuring the local community is informed and has a forum for the residents to discuss and advise Council of their concerns. Have regular meetings amongst the local area community to provide immediate response to issues. When Councillors and staff are invited to precinct meetings they should either attend or offer an apology for not attending. By adhering to the Councils "Information and guidelines booklet" for PRECINCTS by ensuring there is regular local meetings in the existing precinct areas	12/11/2013 4:58 PM
60	I think more council involvement ie councillors attending meetings to interact with rate payers instead of telling us what they think we should	12/4/2013 11:40 AM
61	Make sure that councillors attend and report Make sure that precinct gets all information relating to significant development and DA's for the area	11/29/2013 2:39 PM
62	Leave precincts in current form hold quarterly meetings with council to use as a "check" of issues between community and council via precincts. Council to provide more support to help promote awareness to the community of the precincts and their function. Precincts are the greatest asset council has to reach the broader community it should work alongside precincts not disband them.	11/29/2013 2:14 PM
63	I believe the opportunity exists for council to better inform and get the community involved in many worthwhile projects. We don't need apathy we need action.	11/23/2013 7:30 PM
64	Quicker responses from WSC on issues that arise.	11/22/2013 10:41 AM
65	Precinct Committees that are working well should be left as they are and ones that aren't should be given a helping hand. Council need to make the public more aware of Precinct Committees particularly in the areas where there are no Precinct Committees. Our Precinct was formed as we had teenagers running wild causing havoc and graffiti around the area. A group of residents called a meeting on a vacant block of land which was attended by many people. With the help of ex State Member David Harris he guided us in the right direction and the Berkeley Vale/Chittaway Precinct was formed. The problems in our area decreased rapidly as residents learnt how to deal with these teenagers and they soon learnt we weren't going to put up with it. Without the Precinct our streets would have spiralled out of control and residents would have taken things into their own hands to control the streets. We were so lucky to have David Harris on our side as without him we wouldn't have the Precinct Committee	11/22/2013 8:47 AM
66	Councillors be required to attend Precinct meetings. Staff attend Precinct meetings to discuss, seek comment and get input on major council proposals before they are finalised. Council to actively promote precincts through literature in rate notices, real estate agents ect.	11/21/2013 12:26 PM

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67	Have Councillors attend Precinct Meetings, have Forums as well as Precincts	11/19/2013 2:27 PM
68	Councillor and Council staff attendance; money to canvass whole community views by door knocking and personal one to one conversations, letter drops and surveys etc	11/18/2013 6:27 PM
69	More active interaction with Council	11/15/2013 1:24 PM
70	Precinct Committees could be more productive if Council gave real support instead of Lip-service. Representatives from Council should attend all Precinct meetings as should Elected Councillors. Council should encourage the public to attend Council meetings, particularly when important items are being discussed. Expecting ratepayers to find their way through Council's website is not a real way to engage with the public.	11/13/2013 6:02 PM
71	The Entrance Precinct Committee functions very well. The only reason for disbanding it would be that our elected representatives have their own ideas and do not like criticism from the community.	11/12/2013 5:08 PM
72	Council has had submissions over the 18 years of CPC and thus are in a good position to analyze the needs existing today of CPCs.	11/11/2013 10:34 AM
73	We try very hard to involve as many as possible of our local residents by letterbox drops and, where applicable, by emails. However we have a large number of our local residents who do not have email addresses.	11/11/2013 9:11 AM
74	I believe that there is no one means of engaging with the entire community. In order for all demographics in the shire to be involved numerous techniques need to be embraced. Precinct Committees do have a place in this structure as each precinct focuses on the larger issues relevant to their communities. Many of us are time poor and I for one will not be wasting my precious time locked in discussion of issues that have no relevance to my local community. The very physical location of the various venues makes it easier for people to attend. Precinct committees need guidelines to ensure appropriate governance. New incoming Executive members need training.	11/10/2013 8:28 PM
75	PCs be given higher value by Councillors. Maybe every monthly PC meeting should automatically have a Councillor present. I don't understand the bit about "increase the reputation of all community members.??	11/10/2013 9:00 AM
76	Keeping the Precinct in the same format, how can you engage the local community if your only going to have two precincts, we know the reason why council and eaton are doing this, because the current local precincts have been to effective in making council do what they are suppose todo.	11/9/2013 8:21 PM
77	I find this question offensive! What is wrong with the reputation of our community members!! These precinct members are fine upstanding people that are prepared to give their time and effort for the good of our local community.	11/9/2013 8:25 AM
78	council could advertise Precinct meetings on rate bills also could do more advertising in local papers	11/9/2013 7:36 AM
79	have Councillors and/or Council staff attend meetings	11/8/2013 8:11 PM
80	more council reps to attend meetings to actually see the needs of each community	11/8/2013 7:50 PM
81	more input from council officers in all areas	11/8/2013 7:44 PM
82	M Pk Precinct C'tee functions very well, but we recognise that we need to come up with some fresh ideas on how to attract some new members & how to encourage some current members to be more regular in their attendance.	11/8/2013 6:46 PM
83	Did you mean representation? After all our current councillors are not a balanced representation of the Wyong Shire Demographic. There is one under 40 and only 2 women representing the female population of Wyong. Unfortunately well connected community members are not able to fund their independent campaigns to enter council without being rich! Always open to improvement, we use community newsletters to market our meetings, emailing and we operate a social media page to engage with the wider community. This is also a two-way process unlike your Social Media page where staff may or may not have the time to respond in a timely manner. I check for messages, comments and notifications daily. I have attended many forums Chaired by a Mayor and this is just a talk fest for the individual agenda. There is no opportunity for "real" engagement. The whole exercise is staged and so far removed from the Shire Strategic Vision it is not funny. You need to develop rapport and relationships with people before "real" engagement and community development will occur. Where in the Forum format will this process happen over time?	11/8/2013 3:41 PM

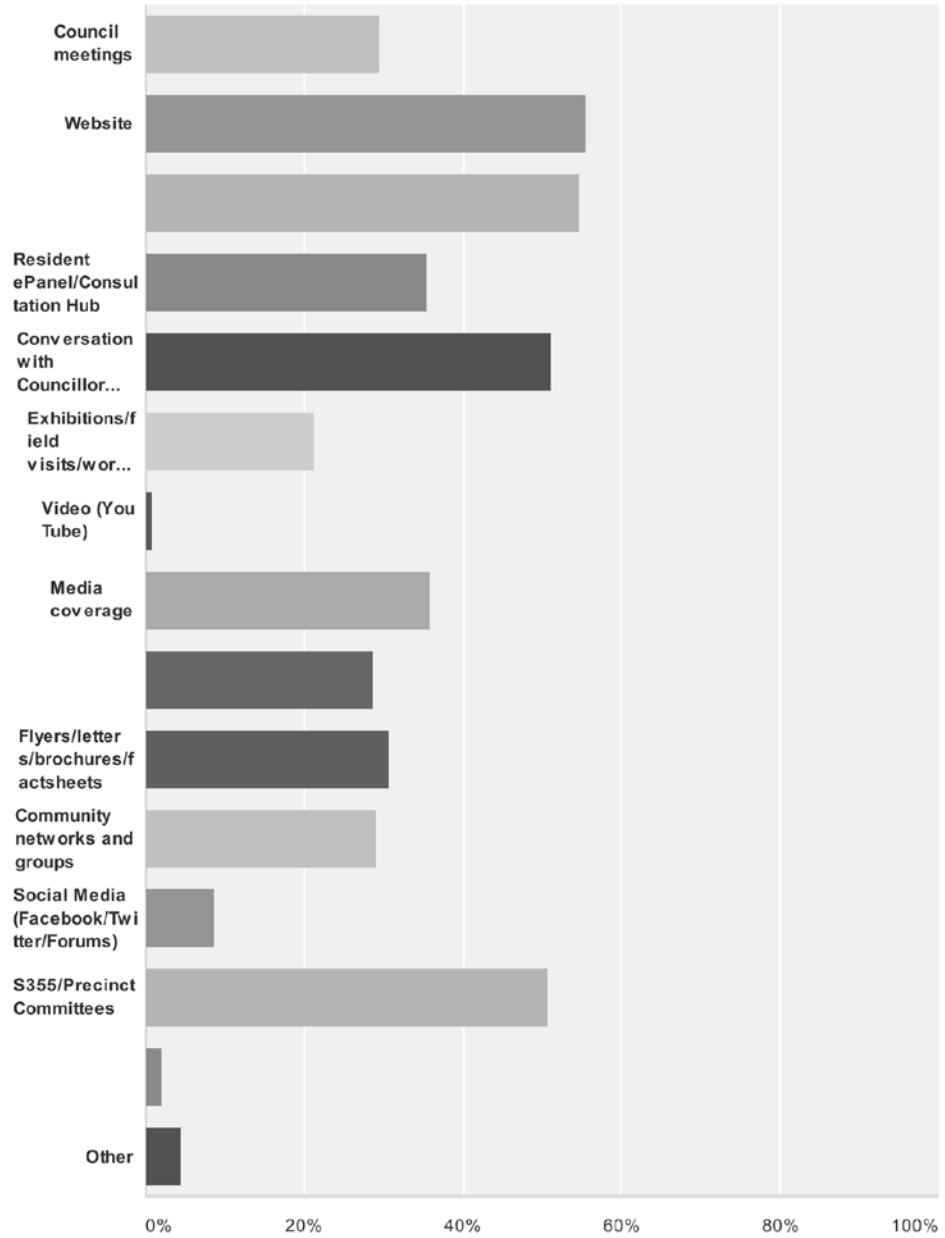
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84	Increase the reputation? People do not get involved in Precinct Committees to increase their reputation. Or do you mean representation rather than reputation? Typical WSC publication - poorly researched with no proof reading.	11/8/2013 3:16 PM
85	I am sure most areas of community participation can under go change. This needs to be addressed by the Precincts.	11/8/2013 3:14 PM
86	Yes to improved but don't understand what the reputation of all community members currently is???	11/8/2013 3:10 PM
87	Precinct Committees could be vastly improved by greater attendance from WSC Councillors that currently don't attend Precinct meetings regularly & allowing these people to better understand how they can serve the communities needs & expectations. Having WSC community engagement staff finding out first hand the importance of Precinct committees in our communities by attending Precinct meetings before restructuring alternatives without prior consultation.	11/8/2013 2:54 PM
88	Monthly meeting is good timing to keep in touch with issues and activities across the precinct and community. More promotion of them by Council would help encourage more community members to attend.	11/8/2013 1:37 PM
89	Yes, better communication from Council! We will also look at establishing an email network. We do not consider facebook and twitter to be useful in this context.	11/8/2013 1:13 PM

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Q9 How have you engaged/communicated/consulted with Council in the PAST?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses
Council meetings	29.39% 72

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Website	55.51%	136
Customer Contact (Face to Face/Phones)	54.69%	134
Resident ePanel/Consultation Hub	35.51%	87
Conversation with Councillors and/or staff	51.02%	125
Exhibitions/field visits/workshops	21.22%	52
Video (You Tube)	0.82%	2
Media coverage	35.92%	88
Online newsletters/emails	28.57%	70
Flyers/letters/brochures/factsheets	30.61%	75
Community networks and groups	28.98%	71
Social Media (Facebook/Twitter/Forums)	8.57%	21
S355/Precinct Committees	50.61%	124
SMS/Mobile Apps/RSS feeds	2.04%	5
Other	4.49%	11
Total Respondents: 245		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Through my husband	1/31/2014 2:17 PM
2	Community Networks Norah Head Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc	1/31/2014 10:15 AM
3	website Council website is difficult to navigate and has 404 not found pages	1/28/2014 9:26 AM
4	website Website useless	1/28/2014 9:20 AM
5	Community Networks Friends and Neighbours	1/28/2014 9:16 AM
6	State/Federal members Local Member	1/28/2014 9:08 AM
7	Formal letters to Council Write submissions	1/24/2014 3:09 PM
8	none none	1/21/2014 7:16 AM
9	Councillors State/Federal members When I feel important issues are being ignored contact local members, councillors and others in order to get some kind of acknowledgement	1/17/2014 4:53 PM
10	Community Networks Family have owned property in the Shire for more than 50 years	1/14/2014 2:07 PM
11	Formal letters to Council letter writing (waste of time 0 only the Precinct has been a great help	12/11/2013 8:48 AM
12	S355/PC Precinct meetings!	11/29/2013 2:55 PM
13	S355/PC Social Media Regular informal discussion with precinct members and our own FB page concerning local issues	11/25/2013 6:12 AM
14	none I really don't engage with the business of Council.	11/18/2013 8:08 AM
15	none ALL TO NO AVAIL	11/9/2013 12:55 PM
16	Community Networks Meetings re coal mines etc.	11/9/2013 12:25 PM
17	Media coverage Express Advocate	11/8/2013 8:58 PM
18	Community Networks Conversation staff Customer Contact I have been a community representative on the Shire Strategic Vision and in my paid work capacity I have also attended many meetings with staff over the past year.	11/8/2013 4:13 PM

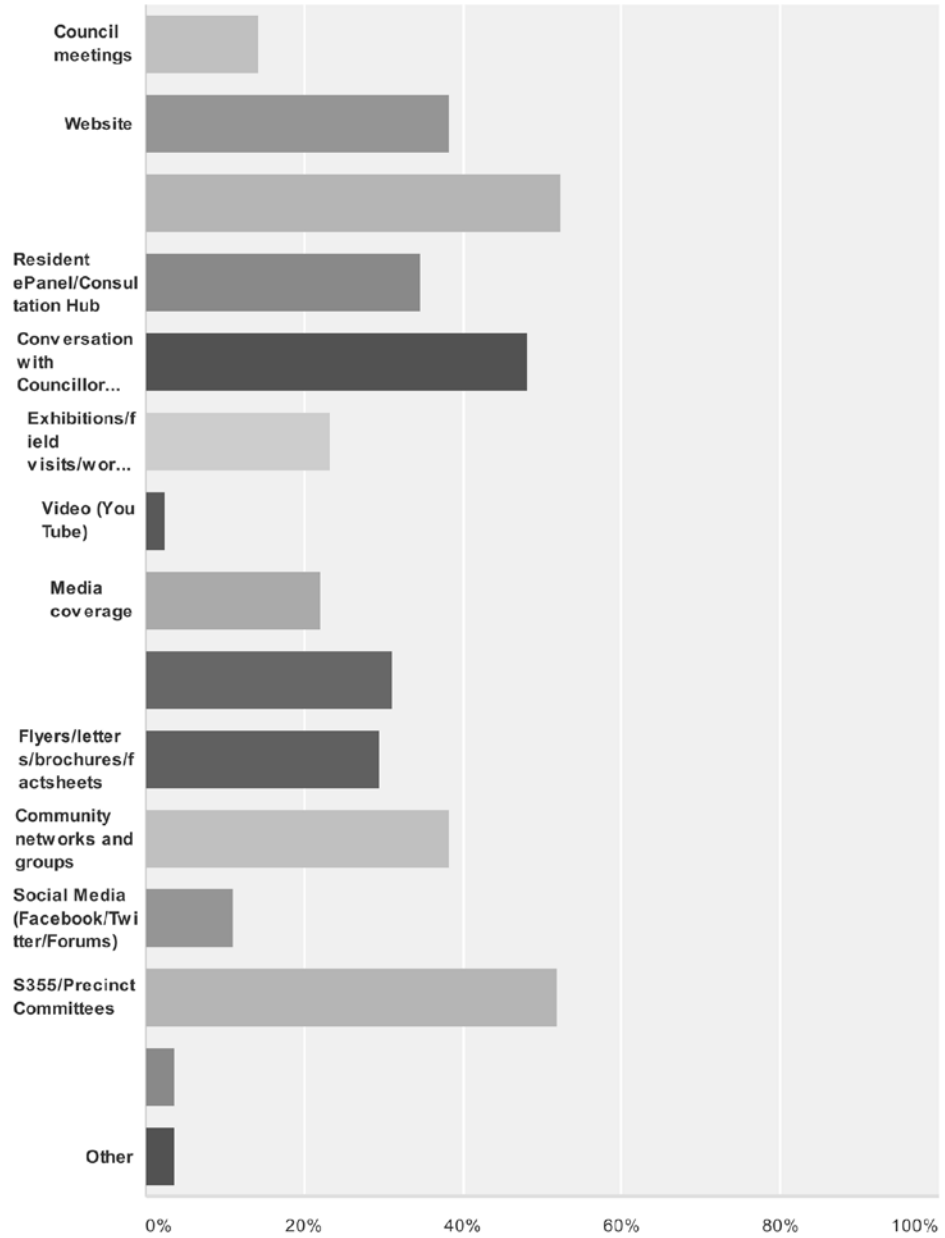
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19	S355/PC attended 1 precinct committee meeting and will go to more if available	11/8/2013 4:00 PM
20	Community Networks Conversation staff I was in a group of Central Coast teachers who were seconded by Wyong Shire Council to develop K-12 Educational Resources for Porter's Creek Wetlands. i was engaged/consulted/communicated with council Landcare Staff while in Palm springs Wetlands Laaaaaaandcare	11/8/2013 3:47 PM
21	none As a pre-qualified contractor I was under the impression that it would be better if I did not comment on Council matters.	11/8/2013 2:01 PM
22	Media coverage submissions of substantive issues	11/8/2013 1:33 PM
23	Conversation staff through work	11/8/2013 12:48 PM

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Q10 What ways do you PREFER to engage/consult/communicate with Council? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 245 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses
Council meetings	14.29% 35

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Website	38.37%	94
Customer Contact (Face to Face/Phones)	52.24%	128
Resident ePanel/Consultation Hub	34.69%	85
Conversation with Councillors and/or staff	48.16%	118
Exhibitions/field visits/workshops	23.27%	57
Video (You Tube)	2.45%	6
Media coverage	22.04%	54
Online newsletters/emails	31.02%	76
Flyers/letters/brochures/factsheets	29.39%	72
Community networks and groups	38.37%	94
Social Media (Facebook/Twitter/Forums)	11.02%	27
S355/Precinct Committees	51.84%	127
SMS/Mobile Apps/RSS feeds	3.67%	9
Other	3.67%	9
Total Respondents: 245		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	community networks Norah Head Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc	1/31/2014 10:15 AM
2	S355/PC Precinct e-mails	1/28/2014 8:57 AM
3	S355/PC Attending Precinct Committees	1/28/2014 8:36 AM
4	S355/PC Conversations with Councillors or Departmental Heads at PC meetings could help make better relationships with Ratepayers	1/28/2014 8:06 AM
5	S355/PC precinct meetings	1/23/2014 9:25 AM
6	sms/mobile Social Media Website Digital and hard copy for council pushed info Online and mobile app for pull. SMS for notifications and emergencies	12/24/2013 5:24 AM
7	community networks Via Budgewoi Beach Dunecare website.	12/21/2013 6:04 PM
8	S355/PC Local Precinct as at least Council listen and things get done for our area.	12/11/2013 8:48 AM
9	S355/PC Precinct committees	11/29/2013 2:55 PM
10	Face to Face There needs to be a mixture of both face to face opportunities and computer based. You are isolating parts of the community from their voice by eliminating one.	11/25/2013 6:12 AM
11	Online newsletters/emails S355/PC Social Media Website It depends on the reason to consult; to date most consultation to Council has been via CPCs. Why are CPCs not on the list?	11/11/2013 10:42 AM
12	HOW CAN YOU COMMUNICATE WITH AN ORGANISATION THAT YOU DO NOT TRUST AND HAS FAILED THE PEOPLE OF WYONG SHIRE?	11/9/2013 12:55 PM

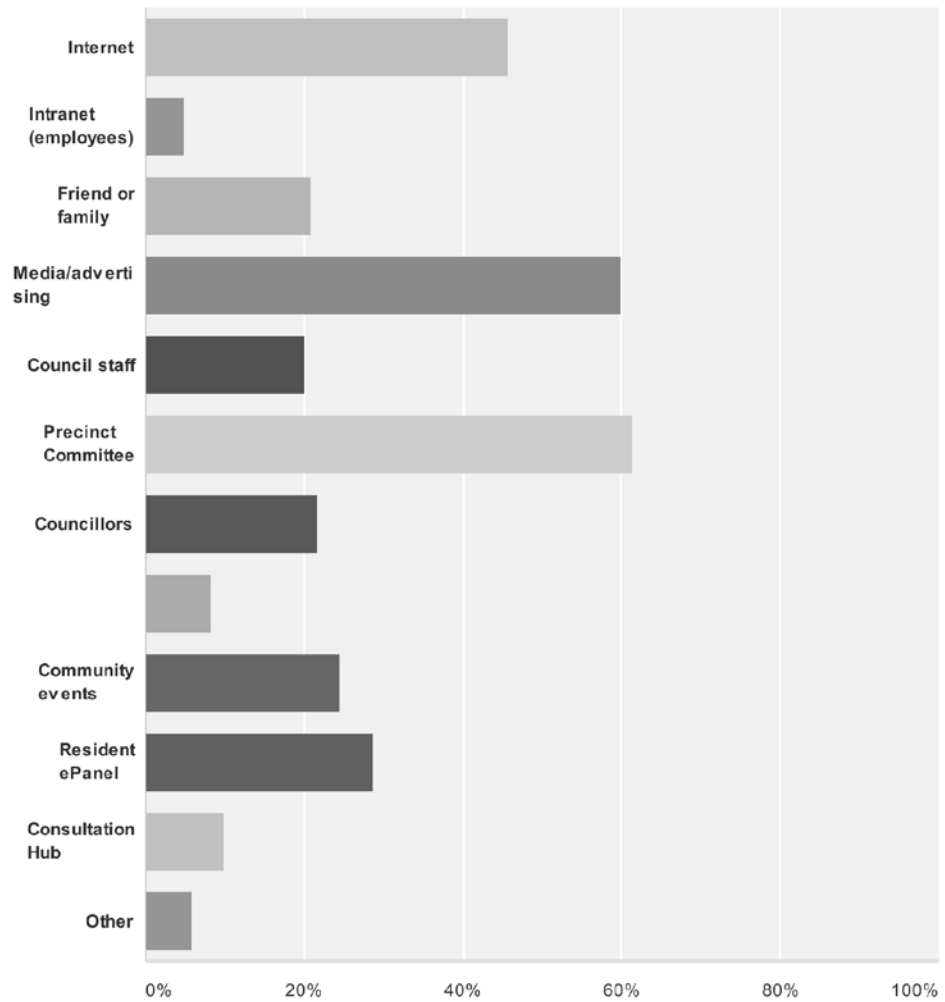
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13	<p>Face to Face I would like to see trusted and correct information delivered to the community. No agendas, no hidden stuff! Upfront, up to date and reliable from reliable and trustworthy sources or methods. The public counts on you to deliver their local council needs and they need to feel like they can DEPEND on you!. That their communication will not be dismissed, that their communication is valuable, they feel listened too, they are taken seriously, that you are solutions focused in a partnership! You don't always know what is best for each individual or indeed each community. Take the time to have conversations and find out! There is a low level of trust in the public perception about financial decisions with rates. First we are hit with how the Wyong Shire Council has NO money and we need more, so let's hit the disadvantaged even harder with a rate rise, then the Mayor releases a media release saying we are now in the black a couple of weeks ago! The information needs to be CORRECT, transparent and with evidence to support this. The average resident sees the series of events from 2103 as Council was hiding money in an account for a rainy day and they were never that destitute and I just coughed up more rates money to a wasteful organisation! That is the perception that has been developed from this chain of events and you are creating this in the media. The average person is not able to engage at a council meeting and would waste their time going. After all we elected community members to make honest, ethical, moral and sound financial decisions on behalf of ALL the residents and ratepayers. The public is only interested if this is NOT happening. Social Media is a waste of time with council as they cannot justify paying a staff member to converse with people on Facebook or blogs all day. The media pages are informative in the Express Advocate however many residents still do not receive the local paper.</p>	11/8/2013 4:13 PM
14	<p>S355/PC I am blind so the local precinct committee is accessible. A combined meeting will not be as transport is not provided</p>	11/8/2013 4:00 PM
15	<p>S355/PC Wyong Council employees are aggressive towards citizens who complain. I have been assaulted by a council employee - this was never resolved by Council - there was no apology. It is not safe to make a complaint in your own name. Precinct committees provide a safe distance for interaction with Council</p>	11/8/2013 3:20 PM

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**Q11 Where do you hear about or go to find out about what's happening at Council?
(Check all that apply)**

Answered: 245 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses
Internet	45.71% 112
Intranet (employees)	4.90% 12
Friend or family	20.82% 51
Media/advertising	60% 147
Council staff	20% 49
Precinct Committee	61.22% 150

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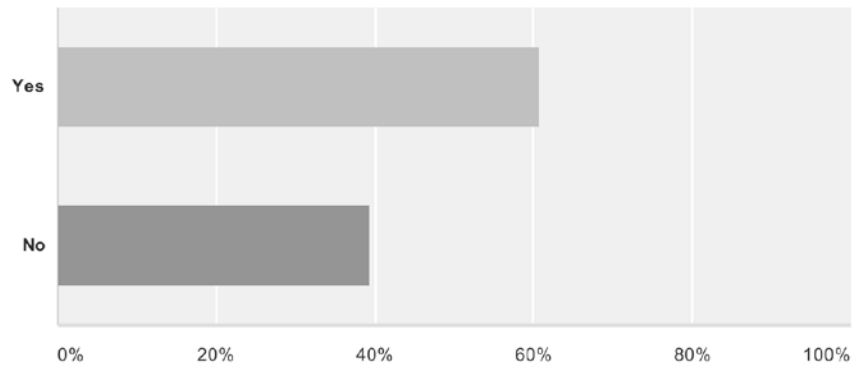
Councillors	21.63%	53
Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)	8.16%	20
Community events	24.49%	60
Resident ePanel	28.57%	70
Consultation Hub	9.80%	24
Other	5.71%	14
Total Respondents: 245		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Norah Head Residents & Ratepayers Association Inc	1/31/2014 10:15 AM
2	local newspaper: Express Advocate, Wyong Chronical, local radio stations	1/30/2014 12:13 PM
3	Face to face When Councillors attend our precinct meetings which no longer seems to occur	1/28/2014 9:58 AM
4	Face to face Football, playground, school fundraisers	1/28/2014 9:16 AM
5	Newspaper Express	1/28/2014 8:57 AM
6	Newspaper In local paper	1/28/2014 8:06 AM
7	Newspaper Newspaper	1/28/2014 7:58 AM
8	community networks Local newsagent in garage = best place to hear what's going on	1/28/2014 7:47 AM
9	We don't receive local papers at my address	1/28/2014 7:28 AM
10	Newspaper newspaper	1/24/2014 5:24 PM
11	Newspaper Rates newsletter local free newspapers, rates brochures	1/24/2014 9:24 AM
12	Newspaper Rates newsletter Local newsletter	1/14/2014 1:55 PM
13	Media express advocate and other local papers	12/16/2013 8:41 AM
14	Info provided by council only gives one sided slant - not good enough. You need to encourage people to be involved at a local level - not stop.	11/25/2013 6:12 AM
15	Rates newsletter Bulletin that comes with rates notices	11/13/2013 6:14 PM
16	Media newspaper	11/10/2013 1:00 PM
17	Internet Business Papers and Meeting minutes and other documents from the website.	11/8/2013 4:13 PM
18	Media Local Newspapers	11/8/2013 3:14 PM
19	Media media	11/8/2013 1:12 PM
20	Social Media facebook	11/8/2013 12:48 PM

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Q12 At the start of the survey the draft Precinct Forum Framework is attached. Have you read this document?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 55

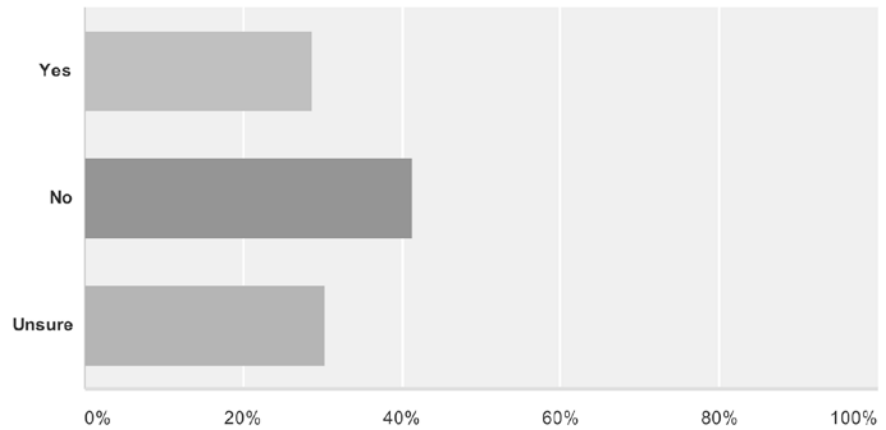


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	60.82%	149
No	39.18%	96
Total		245

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Q13 Do you think that you would attend the proposed Precinct Forums to hear about what is happening at Council, have your say on issues and ask questions of Councillors and/or staff?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	28.57%	70
No	41.22%	101
Unsure	30.20%	74
Total		245

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Q14 Do you have any suggestions that would complement and/or improve the proposed Precinct Forum Framework?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 189

#	Responses	Date
1	Run the Precinct Forums in conjunction with the Precinct Committees Have the Precinct Forums at a more appropriate time and more regularly than proposed.	1/31/2014 2:17 PM
2	Do not hold them in Council Chambers - get out into the community for them. Hold them during the day at weekends, which would permit families to attend rather than at night when working families have too many other competing things to do, such as attending to their children; eating dinner, etc.	1/31/2014 2:01 PM
3	I would answer Question 13 above as 'Yes' only as an extra component of the consultation process without the 'scrapping' of Precinct Committees.	1/31/2014 10:15 AM
4	monthly Community Precinct Committee meetings absolutely need to be continued as well. Their success is evident showing residents are eager to be vocal on local concerns so these can be dealt with during the local Community meetings and then allows time for information to be gathered, reviewed and then presented at the Precinct Forum. Consultation with the community, allows another venue for residents to show their interest and concern, and Wyong Shire Council, Councillors and/or staff to respond positively which encourages and enhances the residents pride respect of their own environment	1/30/2014 12:13 PM
5	no, I am new to area	1/28/2014 11:26 AM
6	Hold decent meetings without butcher paper rubbish	1/28/2014 9:58 AM
7	If they must be held, then do so but in conjunction with PCs so let PCs remain as they are	1/28/2014 9:50 AM
8	Council reps to attend consistently	1/28/2014 9:39 AM
9	Council staff attend PC meetings	1/28/2014 9:20 AM
10	I don't think 4 meetings a year is enough for people to be continually informed about what's going on in Ourimbah	1/28/2014 9:16 AM
11	Proposed forum framework would not be practical - having to give notice of questions 6 weeks in advance	1/28/2014 9:08 AM
12	More funding	1/28/2014 8:52 AM
13	No	1/28/2014 8:21 AM
14	I would not attend Forums at Council as I work till 6 pm attending the meeting at Ourimbah is close to where I live and at a time that allows me to attend	1/28/2014 7:58 AM
15	The local precinct meetings would combine well + forums	1/28/2014 7:47 AM
16	To have the forums monthly.	1/26/2014 10:58 AM
17	I am very sorry but I think that it will be a waste of resources and more importantly money, as I know that I like the format of having time and interested faces to whom I can discuss salient matters with at Precinct meetings.	1/25/2014 5:24 AM
18	Too large, too irregular - no follow up; leave current Precinct system alone	1/24/2014 3:09 PM
19	Many people like me are parochial and are far more interested in local issues that affect me which is why I prefer the current Precinct model	1/24/2014 2:46 PM
20	No	1/24/2014 2:33 PM
21	Keep precinct Committee	1/24/2014 2:24 PM
22	Forum each month in each suburb	1/24/2014 2:16 PM

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23	No	1/24/2014 1:58 PM
24	Keep the Precinct Committee	1/24/2014 1:51 PM
25	Keep Precinct Committees, and better engage the public in our activities through media	1/24/2014 9:54 AM
26	no	1/24/2014 9:24 AM
27	Yes more advertising to make the meeting times more well known	1/23/2014 8:17 PM
28	maintain the precinct committees and monthly meetings	1/23/2014 9:25 AM
29	only that I firmly believe such a framework in replacing the Precinct Committees allows Councillors/Council to distance themselves further from the most important consideration/priority - the residents. It makes it less likely the usual neighbourhood "winging/bellyaching" will remain just that with nothing getting to Council and the problem simply "festering". This in turn results in an area not taking pride and ownership in the areas presentation - again Mannering Park's residents involvement since The Precinct Committee was formed is there for all to see. There is now a pride that was not there before. The streetscape as you enter "The Park" is now lined with gardens - an entry gateway has been constructed - the Point park/beach/boat ramp/amenities have all been revitalised after 30 years+ [aside from sand /new net 2003 with Councillor Bests assistance.	1/22/2014 8:48 AM
30	promote to home owners via mail	1/21/2014 7:16 AM
31	Forums in my local area/town. I would not travel to council chambers.	1/21/2014 6:44 AM
32	My concern is that there will be too many issues to be discussed and real concerns will be brushed aside or put in the too hard basket.	1/17/2014 4:53 PM
33	You could have these in addition to monthly precinct meetings	1/17/2014 10:13 AM
34	The Mayor has announced that only 10-15 people attend precinct committees and this is hardly representative of the people who live in the area. There are approx 147,000 ratepayers in the Wyong Shire and you seldom get more than 20 at the public gallery in Council. So do away with the public gallery? With 147,000 residents in the Shire and less than 50% of these answer this document the Mayor will use this as another avenue to discontinue precinct committees. The Watanobbi/Wamervale Precinct Committee have been involved in getting the following: 1) The post box and phone booth in Watanobbi 2) The pedestrian walkway near the Golf Club and over the rail line 3) The pathway outside the Dam Hotel on Pacific Highway 4) The upgrading of Minnesota Road 5) The Wamervale Town Centre 6) Plus dealing with a list of complaints from ratepayers.	1/17/2014 9:47 AM
35	Leave as is	1/14/2014 2:36 PM
36	No, seems adequate	1/14/2014 2:29 PM
37	Don't change - retain Precinct Committees	1/14/2014 12:52 PM
38	Yes, keep the Precincts	1/14/2014 12:39 PM
39	Maintain Norah Head Ratepayers as a focus on specific local issues	1/14/2014 12:30 PM
40	Consultation/Communication from WSC is imperative	1/14/2014 11:24 AM
41	Council communication is most important	1/14/2014 11:17 AM
42	Meet bimonthly instead of quarterly	1/14/2014 11:12 AM
43	If the World Cafe is an indication not much input from General public will be allowed in the form of questions. Do not agree with it as it will be too large. Precincts are smaller and they pass info on.	1/14/2014 10:55 AM
44	Run them in conjunction with Precincts	1/9/2014 4:57 PM
45	I will read next. This survey link was before the draft link so I opened in that order. Please consider that next time if you wish us to comment	12/24/2013 5:24 AM
46	keep existing precincts in their present form. The forums could compliment the present system	12/22/2013 11:30 AM
47	Precinct Forum Framework can only be successful if it is run in conjunction with the present precinct committees & they remain 355 committees of WSC.	12/21/2013 6:04 PM
48	Forums not required keep things as they are	12/15/2013 8:22 AM

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49	Forums not required no unless time is allocated to each prson who wishes to be involved. the agenda for any meeting should be set by the community not council	12/12/2013 10:43 AM
50	Forums not required this forum is not required	12/12/2013 10:38 AM
51	Combine both Leave the existing Precinct committees as they are to meet locally monthly and if an issue requires further discussion with Council , use the proposed Precinct forum to have the public participation for the education of all participating	12/11/2013 5:18 PM
52	Keep PC as is Keep Precincts as is.	12/11/2013 8:48 AM
53	Combine both the forum should be as well as not instead of	12/4/2013 11:41 AM
54	Combine both Leave the precincts in the current form but include the quarterly meetings with council.	11/29/2013 2:55 PM
55	Combine both Ensure that they are ADDITIONAL to current precinct meetings to give residents an alternative means of engagement	11/29/2013 2:43 PM
56	Increase Forum frequency Greater frequency at least 4-6 per year in each ward	11/25/2013 2:31 PM
57	Combine both Unsure if will work It is too formal. People will not be forthcoming with their issues and solutions with such strict guidelines. You are stopping the voices in this community because they represent the Wyong shire residents - not the councillors!! These forums are not opportunities for council to 'listen, understand, respect, respond and learn' - this will shut down the people voices and stopping the Precinct meetings stops the only public forum that keeps council honest. Really bad idea and needs to be stopped or run ALONGSIDE precinct meetings. People will not attend a formal forum but will attend a precinct meeting when they have an issue. You should be spending all this money you've so far invested in this, towards assisting the precincts better develop their public forums. Shame.	11/25/2013 6:12 AM
58	Keep PC as is Don't shut down precincts where people want to be actively involved in their community. Try get better involvement through the entire shire.	11/23/2013 7:39 PM
59	Combine both Retain existing community precincts as a formal part of the engagement network. Allow more time for questions at forums. Keep the forums for the big shire wide issues and let the precincts continue to bring the local area issues to council.	11/23/2013 2:05 PM
60	Combine both Ran in conjunction with existing Precincts.	11/22/2013 10:46 AM
61	Keep PC as is The Precinct forum was a complete waste of time. It was structured so Council could discuss what they wanted to and the Precinct members couldnt discuss what they wanted. There were too many people on the tables and with so much background noise it was hard to hear. All that was needed was members of the Precincts should have been able to ask appropriate questions to the Mayor., Doug Eaton not his scapegoat Maxine. He was such a coward. He started off the forum by insulting every person that was in attendance stating we were all over 60 (and implying we were past our use by date and not good with change - I am 55) He rolled his eyes at peoples comments, was looking at his mobile when questions were being asked, slouched in his seat (his body language indicating he wasnt interested in what was being said) and mumbled comments under his breath and called out comments to Maxine (who couldnt handle the questions). Whilst the cafe discussions were being held I looked over and saw Doug eating the food that was being prepared. Shouldnt he have been listening to what was being said!!!! I was thoroughly disgusted with The Mayor's behaviour and worry that Wyong Shire is in his hands. What hope do we have. He should be more discreet in his behaviour as he never knows who is looking over their shoulder	11/22/2013 9:04 AM
62	Combine both Have it as a complimentary forum to the existing Precincts	11/21/2013 12:29 PM
63	Keep PC as is Keep the current Precinct arrangements	11/20/2013 9:03 PM
64	Keep PC as is retain precinct committees	11/18/2013 6:30 PM
65	Forums not required I don't think it is required there are plenty of other ways to engage with Council	11/18/2013 9:41 AM
66	NO	11/15/2013 1:27 PM
67	All Cr's attend forums All Councillors to attend, not just those from the appropriate ward. All Councillors make decisions on the Shire's future so should attend all meetings	11/14/2013 8:27 AM
68	Keep PC as is Fotrget the forum proposal and strengthen the Precinct Committee system	11/13/2013 6:04 PM

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69	Timekeeping These forums will not provide sufficient time to allow all attendees the opportunity to voice their concerns as now happens with precinct committee meetings	11/12/2013 8:59 PM
70	No.	11/12/2013 5:11 PM
71	CPC run forums I believe over 18 years the CPCs have worked hard and well. I see no need for separate ward based Precinct Forums, unless run by CPCs for the ward they work within (with Council participation)	11/11/2013 10:42 AM
72	Unsure if will work From very personal experience, I would say that quarterly meetings held in Wyong are not likely to attract local residents (ratepayers)	11/11/2013 9:17 AM
73	Combine both Maybe rather than looking at it from the point of view of either / or, why not have both: Precinct Committees to continue with their focus on local issues; Precinct Forums to focus on the sire wide issues.	11/10/2013 8:41 PM
74	Feedback essential Adequate feedback from Council when comment is made	11/10/2013 4:26 PM
75	Live Streaming online.....skype	11/10/2013 2:08 PM
76	Email based information Feedback essential Unsure if will work think 3 months is too long a timeframe between meetings - it says to me council is too slow in actioning tasks they have accepted. Updates should be sent out monthly ie placed on website. The bulk of the meetings should be discussing/recording and accepting RATEPAYER requests not council dictating the agenda. I personally would not see any value in wasting my time attending a council set agenda with no (apparent) input for that agenda from your constituents.	11/10/2013 1:00 PM
77	Combine both Do not get rid of PCs. Add the quarterly Forum	11/10/2013 9:11 AM
78	Keep PC as is keep the current system. local residents are not going to travel out of there area to attend your meetings. You know it will not work thats why your doing this so you have no one to answer to.	11/9/2013 8:26 PM
79	Worried about travel I would not be able to travel to the meeting as although it is in my council ward area, it is not local to me	11/9/2013 5:31 PM
80	Unhappy THE COMMUNITY VOTES OUT THE CURRENT COUNCIL AT THE NEXT ELECTION AND ELECTS A COUNCIL THAT MEANS WHAT IS SAYS,	11/9/2013 12:55 PM
81	Combine both Realise there is a role for Precinct Forum Framework and a very different role for the existing Precinct Committees and both need to complement each other. WSC needs to respect the outstanding contribution Precinct Committee members have made to there local community. Not drive back door agendas and disengaging those in the community who are dedicated to their local areas.	11/9/2013 8:49 AM
82	Unhappy Proposed forum which is due in 2 weeks I have been advised only council will be talking there will be NO feedback from ratepayers or those people attending therefore it is a DICTATOR SHIP eg this is what is going to happen not what ratepayers request	11/9/2013 7:43 AM
83	Feedback essential To improve transparency by listing all those Agenda items that were rejected, including the reason for rejection.	11/9/2013 7:34 AM
84	Email based information Send an email with notes from the meeting so that people who can not attend can still get information on what is happening. More detailed notes than the minutes from the current (wamervale) precinct committee would be good.	11/8/2013 9:34 PM
85	Combine both allow the existing 11 Precinct C'tees to continue to operate after the Forums commence	11/8/2013 8:58 PM
86	Combine both Unsure if will work I think that 2 forums for the while Shire is too small and 11 committees is too many. The number should be determined by boundaries of common local issues. For example, the lake side communities have a common interest different from the inland communities. The number should also take to account the attendance load of councillors and staff. At least every second meeting should be attended by a Council or staff member.	11/8/2013 8:50 PM
87	Unhappy i cant see how cutting out precincts can in any way improve councils contact with rate payers	11/8/2013 7:55 PM
88	I haven't read it?	11/8/2013 5:42 PM

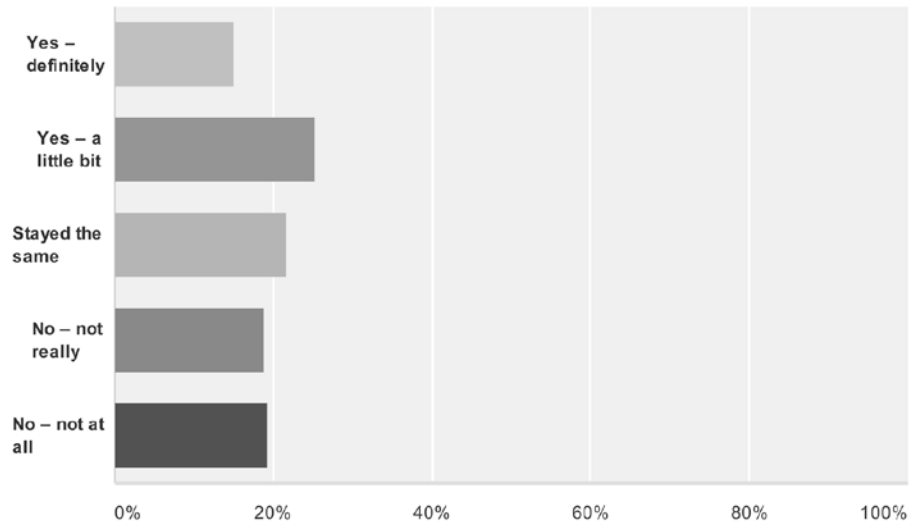
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89	Some discussion regarding safety aspects of single lane unsealed roads. There have been several near head on accidents on Smiths Road at Dooralong lately. Widening the single lane 3km section could very likely save a fatal accident.	11/8/2013 5:05 PM
90	Timekeeping Time for discussion, engagement and resolutions or actions.	11/8/2013 4:13 PM
91	Timekeeping Worried about travel They only go for 2 hours. My current Precinct Committee meeting goes for 2 hours so if combined with other precincts each precinct will not get it's say. Also there is no provision to get the disabled to the new proposed meetings where I can just walk to the current precinct committee.	11/8/2013 4:00 PM
92	Worried about travel Remember that council covers districts right up North and we will be wanting to be able to easily access these forum groups	11/8/2013 3:53 PM
93	Timekeeping there needs to be time limits on speakers so that a wider cross-section of people are heard.	11/8/2013 3:47 PM
94	I don't think so	11/8/2013 3:38 PM
95	Combine both Possibly once I've been to one otherwise I'd just be guessing. Keeping the present PC to tie in to the forums would be useful and bring residents who don't like to travel far at night into the program	11/8/2013 3:20 PM
96	CPC run forums Leave it to local community groups	11/8/2013 3:20 PM
97	Combine both This concept would be of benefit in conjunction with Precincts as their functions are not the same & the challenge now is to try & re-establish some credibility for WSC from this situation. A large majority of community volunteers including myself are appalled at WSC way of handling this issue.	11/8/2013 3:06 PM
98	Worried about travel Locate them at different venues within the ward so that access availability is widened. Make sure there is parking available!	11/8/2013 3:03 PM
99	Not yet.	11/8/2013 2:01 PM
100	Keep PC as is I would prefer to stay with the existing precinct system	11/8/2013 1:34 PM
101	Unhappy Its a WARD forum .. NOT a precinct forum .. and I doubt there will be other than more Council spin .. with little genuine consultation and feedback	11/8/2013 1:33 PM
102	Unhappy yes- don't do it! These look like structured "love In" sessions and there will not be much opportunity to ask questions. Council will be talking AT ratepayers rather than talking WITH them.	11/8/2013 1:22 PM
103	Unhappy Why are you asking - You present this questionnaire and state that it is a proposal and then present the Precinct proposal as approved by GM... The Mayer has highjacked a community forum, for Council use, and then tries to tell the community its for their benefit!! What a joke!!!!	11/8/2013 1:18 PM
104	Email based information should set up ability for residents to register for email advice of the meetings and to lodge questions if unable to attend	11/8/2013 1:12 PM
105	No	11/8/2013 1:12 PM
106	no	11/8/2013 1:05 PM
107	Feedback essential full answers to questions are given, no going off at a tangent	11/8/2013 1:02 PM
108	No	11/8/2013 12:52 PM
109	PCs not req Probably not then necessary to have separate Precinct Committees	11/8/2013 12:51 PM
110	Keep PC as is Maintain the individual Precinct Committees as they are localised and a smaller more supportive place for unsure or nervous people to be able to speak out.	11/7/2013 7:40 PM
111	Combine both Precinct Forums should be run in conjunction with existing Community Precinct Committees.	11/7/2013 3:07 PM

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Q15 Do you think that engagement/consultation/communication with the community has improved at Council over the past year?

Answered: 245 Skipped: 55



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes – definitely	15.10%	37
Yes – a little bit	25.31%	62
Stayed the same	21.63%	53
No – not really	18.78%	46
No – not at all	19.18%	47
Total		245

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Q16 Do you have any other suggestions to improve how you can have your say at Council?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 186

#	Responses	Date
1	if the proposed forum is activated many of the ratepayers will be deprived of valuable input	2/3/2014 10:53 AM
2	Councillor visibility needs to be raised from invisible to visible - they do not appear to engage the wider community through avenues that are already available to them.	1/31/2014 10:15 AM
3	Council staff could be available at community centres, school p&c meetings, community social groups, ie senior citizens clubs, libraries, residential and over 50's housing complexes, local shopping centres, community centres/halls during the day to make contact with a cross-section of residents, especially older folk, people restricted to public transport; as well at night locations. A permanent mobile "caravan type" office to provide public information and question sessions, to tour the Shire.	1/30/2014 12:13 PM
4	Leave the Council Precinct Committees as is	1/29/2014 11:13 AM
5	Council could give more support to Precinct Committees. Use the Precinct Committee to make contact with their respective residents	1/29/2014 11:07 AM
6	no, I am new to area	1/28/2014 11:26 AM
7	Representative at monthly precinct meetings	1/28/2014 9:58 AM
8	Certainly not at Council meetings where speakers are often shut down from continuing to have their point listened to. Councillors (some) show their contempt for us by often walking around, smirking up at the gallery or leaving for a few minutes.	1/28/2014 9:50 AM
9	Much improved website and better advertising of Precinct Committees	1/28/2014 9:26 AM
10	How else but other than Precinct Meetings	1/28/2014 9:16 AM
11	Council should attend/have representation at precinct committee meetings as they are now	1/28/2014 9:08 AM
12	More Council reps at precinct meetings or attend local meetings	1/28/2014 8:57 AM
13	Councillors to attend Precinct Meetings	1/28/2014 8:52 AM
14	Councillors to attend precinct committees	1/28/2014 8:32 AM
15	No	1/28/2014 8:21 AM
16	Only through precinct committee	1/28/2014 8:19 AM
17	Keep PC meetings	1/28/2014 8:15 AM
18	Leave precinct committees as they are	1/28/2014 7:58 AM
19	Keep the channels of the OPC open!	1/28/2014 7:47 AM
20	I don't go to these forums for any say - it's about community consultation and communication	1/28/2014 7:32 AM
21	Show that the Say is listened to and acted on	1/28/2014 7:24 AM
22	Continue with Precinct meetings monthly. I have attended several over the years and feel they are a vital conduit between the community and Council.	1/26/2014 10:58 AM

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23	Just because we are a voluntary community driven group don't treat us as a "pain in the side" that requires to be removed. Treat us like valuable team members. Reply to our correspondence in a timely manner. We are a valuable resource, not the enemy. Remember we are the people who elect and we may also be the people who reject. What intrigues me is that in every other area of Government there is a push towards privatization and the forcing of the user to "do it for themselves" (neoliberalism) and here, you are proposing the opposite. Does this mean that Council considers that they are insecure in how they are performing for their constituents, and need to reign-in and regain control?	1/25/2014 5:24 AM
24	I think you have made your mind up all ready , local precinct have been to effective getting things done and making work for councilors and workers.	1/24/2014 5:24 PM
25	Council should support current Precinct Committees; Council rep or Councilors should attend precinct meeting whenever possible	1/24/2014 3:09 PM
26	I would love to see members of Council meet with us on our home territory	1/24/2014 2:46 PM
27	Only through our Precinct Committee	1/24/2014 2:33 PM
28	Through my local precinct committee	1/24/2014 2:24 PM
29	Have Councilors actually listen	1/24/2014 2:16 PM
30	Only through our Precinct Committee	1/24/2014 1:58 PM
31	See above	1/24/2014 9:54 AM
32	keeping precincts	1/24/2014 9:24 AM
33	No only through the Precinct Committee's	1/23/2014 8:17 PM
34	maintain the precincts committees where we have regular talks by council representatives	1/23/2014 9:25 AM
35	Maintain the Precinct Committee so local residents have an opportunity to "speak up" in a forum that is their "own patch" and is less intimidating than what Council is now proposing. "Grassroots" input is a major priority in my view and in abolishing Precinct Committees in favour of major Forums would not be in the average ratepayers/residents best interest.	1/22/2014 8:48 AM
36	More online consultations about important issues and a commitment from council that they will take notice of what the community want and not just do what council want regardless.	1/21/2014 6:44 AM
37	It would be ideal if there was a list made available to the public as to who particular issues are to be directed and their contact details	1/17/2014 4:53 PM
38	Keep Precinct Committee meetings. If monthly meetings are too time consuming for council, bi-monthly meetings may be an option. The proposed Forum meetings will not allow time for all precincts to put forward their concerns for their areas, and council may overlook some agendas put forward due to time restraints and the larger numbers of attendees.	1/17/2014 7:31 AM
39	Leave comments at Consultation Hub	1/16/2014 1:33 PM
40	Precinct Meetings	1/14/2014 2:36 PM
41	Special open forum night's at Council	1/14/2014 2:29 PM
42	"Tidy up" website to make more user friendly. I often find information difficult to access.	1/14/2014 2:22 PM
43	A more comprehensive column in the local paper	1/14/2014 2:07 PM
44	Presentations by Council staff at Precinct committees	1/14/2014 12:52 PM
45	A Community Forum	1/14/2014 12:39 PM
46	In a more face to face way	1/14/2014 12:30 PM
47	Publicity in local paper is not as good as 2 years prior	1/14/2014 11:17 AM
48	More Council reps to attend local groups	1/14/2014 11:12 AM
49	Get back to basics. All Councilors becoming engaged with the community not just Best and Eaton	1/14/2014 10:55 AM
50	transparency : longer fuller consultation : genuine effort to fulfil community preferences. Less patronage.	1/9/2014 4:57 PM

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51	This level of interaction is unprecedented in my past experience with port macquarie and hunters hill and mmarricville councils where love own properties. Absolutely refreshing and New age. Keep it up though it may take many years to achieve the engagement level you ddesire.	12/24/2013 5:24 AM
52	Keep existing channals via precincts open and be more transparent	12/22/2013 11:30 AM
53	E panel is a very good tool for surveys & can be manipulated to give a desired outcome. Precinct committees are a very good tool for gauging/supporting local community. The fear of WSC abandoning Precinct Committees via 355 exclusion is a extremely damaging path that will disenfranchise those in our community willing to work toward its betterment.	12/21/2013 6:04 PM
54	continue precincts but also have some forums each precinct area is different	12/12/2013 10:43 AM
55	i feel i can have my say at precinct meeting but wouldnt have the same feeling about speaking at a forum meeting and from what ive heard there will not be the availability to speak at the forum it will be a case of hearing only what council wants you to know	12/12/2013 10:38 AM
56	1. Answer enquiries from the public. If Councillors and staff tried to ring a responsible staff member to solve a problem or provide information ,as the public does, then they would find a barrier to speaking with anyone who can help.Emails go unanswered , phone calls go to message bank. or never get past customer service if phones do not reach staff. Council once provided a service to residents and ratepayers .Now the services are being reduced and the council becoming more remote to responding. I spent 19 years working there and intimately know how it served the community,the whole culture of the Council has concentrated on the process and not the service	12/11/2013 5:18 PM
57	Keep Precincts as is. New idea T%he times are bad for workers getting home late. Will not be enough time for all ares to have a say. Council just want to get rid of Precincts .And how many Councillors come to precinct meetings to see what each areas concerns are? Only Re-election time	12/11/2013 8:48 AM
58	it would help if councillors listened to what was said	12/4/2013 11:41 AM
59	Do not personally feel Council listens ,pays lip service and does what it was intending to do in the first place	11/29/2013 7:50 PM
60	Embrace the precincts and use them as a means of communication to the community it will reach far more via the precincts than council realises.	11/29/2013 2:55 PM
61	do what needs to be done to ensure that current precinct meetings are as effective as possible viz: attendance of councillors and ensuring adequate, relevant information gets to precinct executive ahead of meetings	11/29/2013 2:43 PM
62	I am a busy mum who does not have time to attend meetings or meet with councillors. I rely on the precinct committees to put forward my views & concerns & inform me of the outcomes via Facebook etc. I like to know that there are people like those in the precinct committees that are representing my community.	11/27/2013 7:04 AM
63	Maintain existing precinct committee structure	11/25/2013 2:31 PM
64	Stop shutting down our avenues of communication!! Epanels, social media, formalized structure - these do not encourage discussion at a local level. DO NOT REMOVE OUR PRECINCTS!!	11/25/2013 6:12 AM
65	It would be better inf the Mayor was not so condescending to people who are genuinely concerned about what happens to there community. His attitude at the last meeting was appalling and out right rude. If he is the best we can have running the show I don't think this council has much hope. I feel sorry for the Council workers and other Councillors that have to put up with his attitude all the time. I would like to see him supporting people who support the community which he is supposed to represent..	11/23/2013 7:39 PM
66	Staff and councillors need to be genuine in their responses to matters brought to them by residents. Too often a political line or misleading gobbledegook response that doesn't address the question is the response. This shows contempt and lack of respect towards the resident.	11/23/2013 2:05 PM
67	Improved access to Precinct Committees with all residents and more Council involvement and interest. But really, we all know Council will do what Council want regardless of community consultation and your decision has already been made. Council needs to realise we are not fools and as has been shown in the past (re Tumbi Creek Bridge) decisions are made prior to public consultation	11/22/2013 9:04 AM
68	Post information	11/14/2013 5:42 AM

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69	Councillors should make the time to attend precinct committee meetings instead of making their usual excuses of not attending. I have tried on occasions to email councillors who never bother to even respond to my concerns.	11/12/2013 8:59 PM
70	No	11/12/2013 5:11 PM
71	Council needs to consult first. The Precinct Forum Framework and subsequent actions by Council appears to not meet accepted consultation guidelines (LG Act and other current guidelines Council would be aware of).	11/11/2013 10:42 AM
72	After attending some Council Meetings, I fear that it is virtually impossible to have any say at such Meetings. Councillors are too involved in their own personal agendas and seem to forget how and why they were elected and hope voters will forget by the time the next election comes around	11/11/2013 9:17 AM
73	No not really, I think there is a lot of rate payers who work long hours and do not have the opportunity to attend meetings so the internet is the next best.	11/11/2013 7:45 AM
74	The consultation process followed by the officers working on the LJ Improvement Masterplan is a good starting point.	11/10/2013 8:41 PM
75	Keep everything simple and streamlined, easy to follow and pick up again at a later stage.	11/10/2013 4:35 PM
76	When surveys are completed some real feedback occurs. It seems 'too hard' emails go into a black hole and are never answered.	11/10/2013 4:26 PM
77	Keep the people well informed about proposals. Keep the language clear and understandable. Give people sufficient opportunity to meet ,to discuss proposals and to feed back ideas to the Council and that Council listen carefully to that community voice.	11/10/2013 9:11 AM
78	How can WSC be effective when you have a one sided councilors there on there own agenda , the only way yo improve council is with truly independent councilors not aligned with Eaton/Best.	11/9/2013 8:26 PM
79	Timing of events timing of meetings is an issue for commuters and young families.	11/9/2013 3:36 PM
80	It would assist me to be able to be referred to a council staff member on specific issues. For example I requested traffic branch to look into installing an island at our intersection to reduce hooning. Several weeks later I have had no acknowledgement of my written request.	11/9/2013 3:21 PM
81	More community involvement as long as we are told the truth! We need to be notified of any proposed changes NOT just rate rising! I remember we were not told about the China trips and the Mayoral Chains!	11/9/2013 12:25 PM
82	We have only been residents of Wyong council for 11 months. They are doing the wrong environmental things for the lake. ONLY BAND-AID jobs	11/9/2013 11:19 AM
83	While the forum council is suggesting is a good idea, it should not replace precinct committees. They both have a role. Not every committee member has the confidence to speak at a forum. Without precinct committees the community opinion will be divided. I suggest that this is what the council want!!	11/9/2013 8:49 AM
84	Happy with current Quite satisfied with current avenues of communication	11/9/2013 8:28 AM
85	Residents would like to be listened to not told what is going to happen whether they like it or not	11/9/2013 7:43 AM
86	Keep M Pk Pk Precinct functioning even after thr Forums commence.	11/8/2013 8:58 PM
87	The Director's Report 23/10/13 lists the problems with the present arrangements. Seems to me that most of them are in Council's court. Council should be coming forward with matters of interest to the community. For example, the community is unaware of the details of the work carried out by the OEH on the lakes over the past several years.	11/8/2013 8:50 PM
88	Increase F2F more contact with real people with problems in the local areas without all the political correctness	11/8/2013 7:55 PM
89	Instead of the E panel and community hub, just make it one easy to navigate site. I've been to both before and found it so hard to find what I was looking for that I have up. Too many big words too, even with this precinct thing. Just keep it simple wording for those of us that are not up with the lingo	11/8/2013 5:42 PM

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90	I think engagement has gone backwards. There are less staff to engage with and many elected councillors that simply do not engage with the average community resident. We are very poorly represented in this current climate. I don't see how personal agendas should drive and shape the entire community. This will disempower the people to be involved and participate. The well being and quality of life in our community will most certainly decline under this leadership model.	11/8/2013 4:13 PM
91	Increase PC advertisement Advertise the current Precinct Committee meetings via social media, email lists, on front page of the council web site not back through many links and downloads so it was found by luck	11/8/2013 4:00 PM
92	The Entrance is not the only place where you have ratepayers who really do expect to get some value for their extremely overpriced rates.	11/8/2013 3:53 PM
93	Followup and feedback Timing of events i suggest it is not only about having a say. It is more about follow-up and satisfactory outcomes with minimum delay. Any community consultation with council needs to be planned in daytime and evening so all members may have the chance to be present. I suggest that Chapter 4 of the White paper for the new State Planning laws is more about community participation. Individuals have the opportunity to make submissions and this could be improved if council responded to individual submissions.	11/8/2013 3:47 PM
94	No	11/8/2013 3:38 PM
95	Followup and feedback Yes I would do more surveys etc if I was told what the results were	11/8/2013 3:20 PM
96	Leave precinct committees alone. Let them continue with their valuable role.	11/8/2013 3:20 PM
97	Maintain precinct committees	11/8/2013 3:14 PM
98	Remember this whole episode when voting at the next Council elections.	11/8/2013 3:06 PM
99	Retain or form small committees/groups which represent large sections of ratepayers, e.g. seniors, youth, commuters, as these people have the ability to identify their particular needs. As ratepayers, as wide a representative group as possible has much to offer	11/8/2013 3:03 PM
100	The draft paper has too much unnecessary text. The general public is not interested in what version you are working on or who the author of the paper is (This stuff which you have on page 1 could be at the back of the document). Like so much bureaucratic stuff, the reader is forced to work really hard to find what it is you are trying to communicate. You need to get to the point much faster so that people reading can decide very quickly whether they want to read more or participate. I gave myself a few minutes to see whether this is of interest to me but couldn't get past the pages and pages of text and automatically decided 'it's all too hard'. I work full-time and don't have a spare hour to read through your documents. I'd suggest whoever is producing your materials to pick up some magazines or newspapers and see how quickly journalists get to the point. You'll find that most well written articles hook you in in the first sentence or headline.	11/8/2013 2:48 PM
101	I think Council surveys by email you would get a much better response to. These days life is just too busy for people to attend meetings or forums whereas they can fill out a survey at midnight by email like I usually do	11/8/2013 2:28 PM
102	first question, should include "have you been a member of a precinct committee".	11/8/2013 2:07 PM
103	Not yet.	11/8/2013 2:01 PM
104	respect for the community demands open and transparent evidence-based decision-making after genuine in-good-faith consultation with the community .. the ratepayers are the owners of the Council 'business' .. not an inconvenient obstacle to Councillors' agendas	11/8/2013 1:33 PM
105	Empower Precinct committees by keeping them up to date with things happening in their area. If Precincts have useful information then more residents will attend. Precincts may have to look at more ways to get the information to residents. A precinct forum in a remote location will not attract the average resident.	11/8/2013 1:22 PM
106	Leave Community Forums intact. If Council wants to improve its access to community ha! ha!ha! , then organize a separate committee.	11/8/2013 1:18 PM
107	No	11/8/2013 1:12 PM
108	no	11/8/2013 1:05 PM
109	Followup and feedback we all need to have confidence in the council and see action, not words. I have sent 2 emails to council re a dangerous tree on council land outside my house and have had no reply. (no action)	11/8/2013 1:02 PM

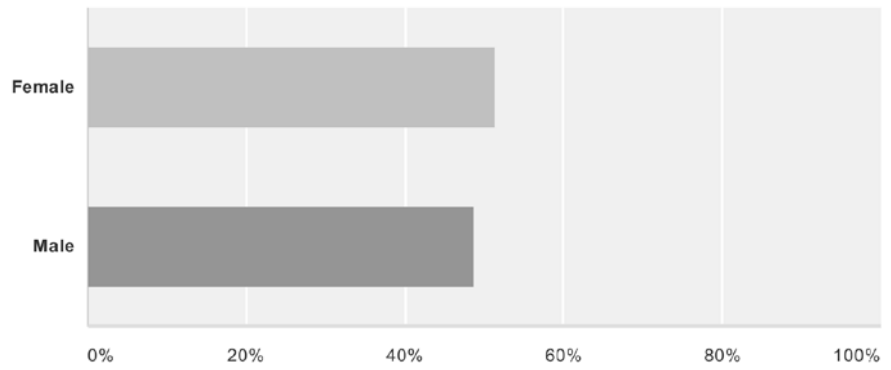
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110	No	11/8/2013 12:52 PM
111	Increase F2F Councillors and MAyor to attend community sporting events in season competitions for juniors and seniors.	11/8/2013 12:51 PM
112	allow comments on facebook page	11/8/2013 12:48 PM
113	Have staff who are prepared to listen, explain, have an open mind	11/7/2013 7:40 PM
114	Increase F2F Councillors and staff avail themselves to attend Community Precinct Committee meetings which was the case prior to the last council elections.	11/7/2013 3:07 PM

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Q17 What is your gender?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 62

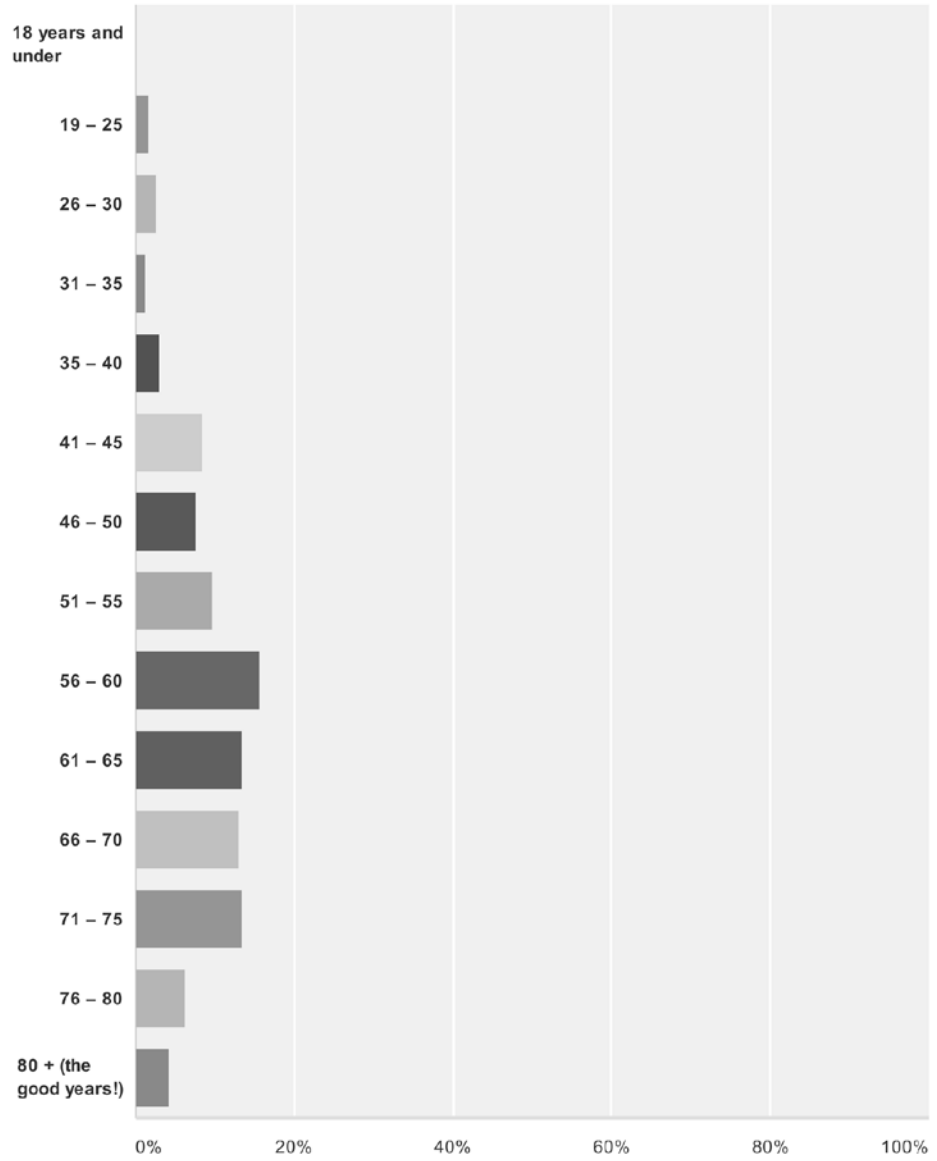


Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	51.26%	122
Male	48.74%	116
Total		238

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Q18 What is your age group?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 62



Answer Choices	Responses
18 years and under	0% 0
19 - 25	1.68% 4
26 - 30	2.52% 6
31 - 35	1.26% 3

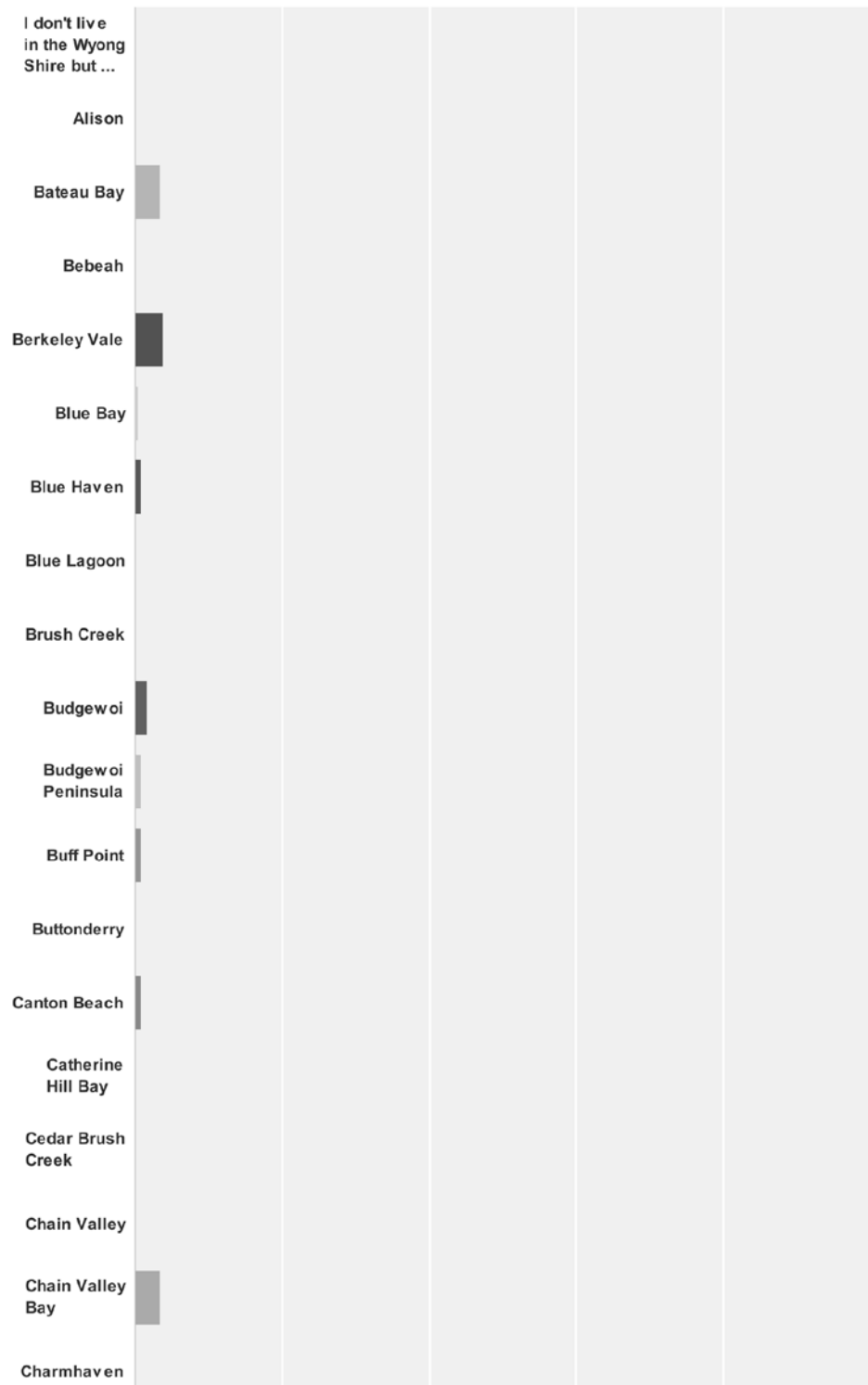
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35 – 40	2.94%	7
41 – 45	8.40%	20
46 – 50	7.56%	18
51 – 55	9.66%	23
56 – 60	15.55%	37
61 – 65	13.45%	32
66 – 70	13.03%	31
71 – 75	13.45%	32
76 – 80	6.30%	15
80 + (the good years!)	4.20%	10
Total		238

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Q19 What suburb do you live in?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 62



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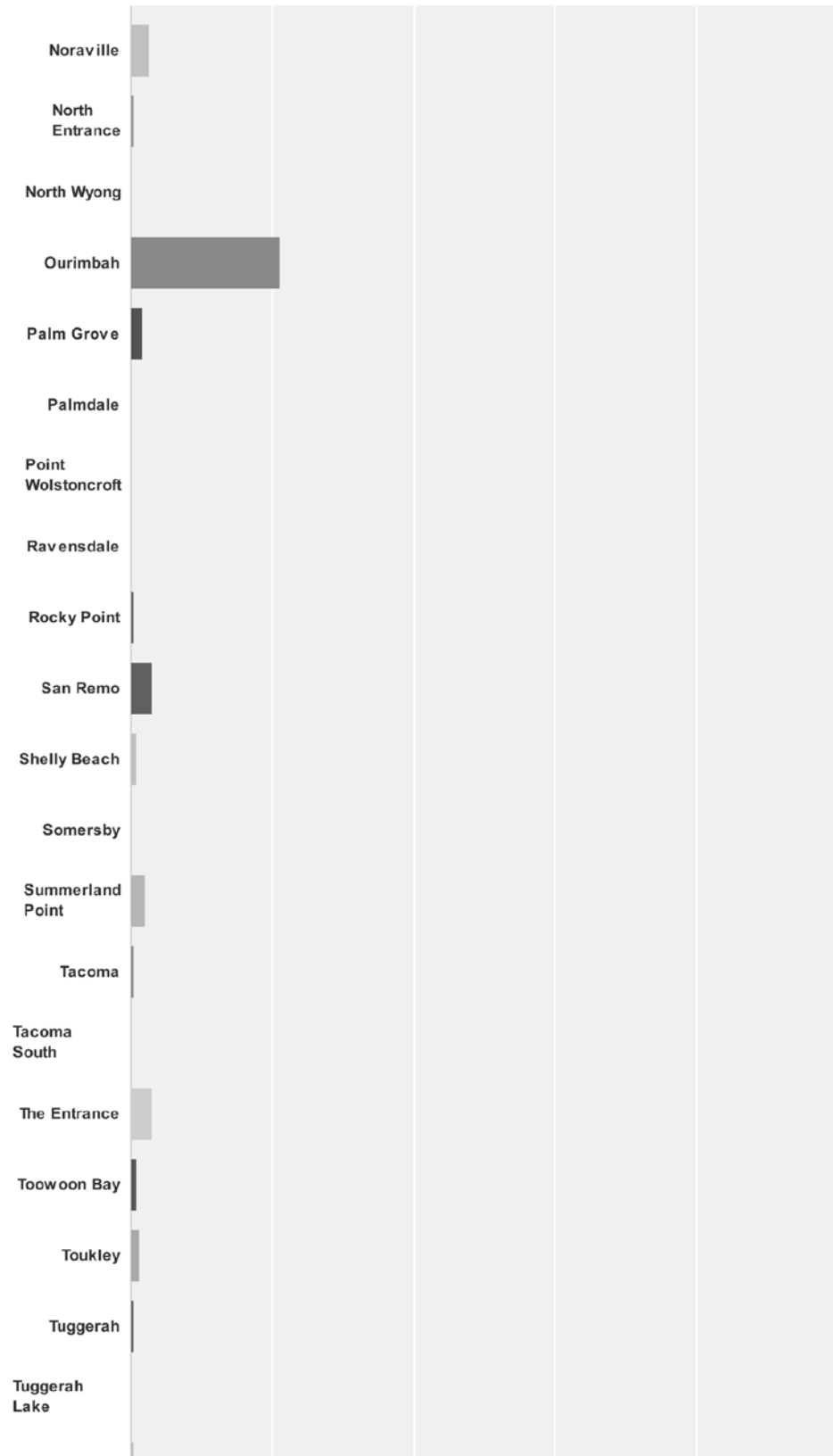
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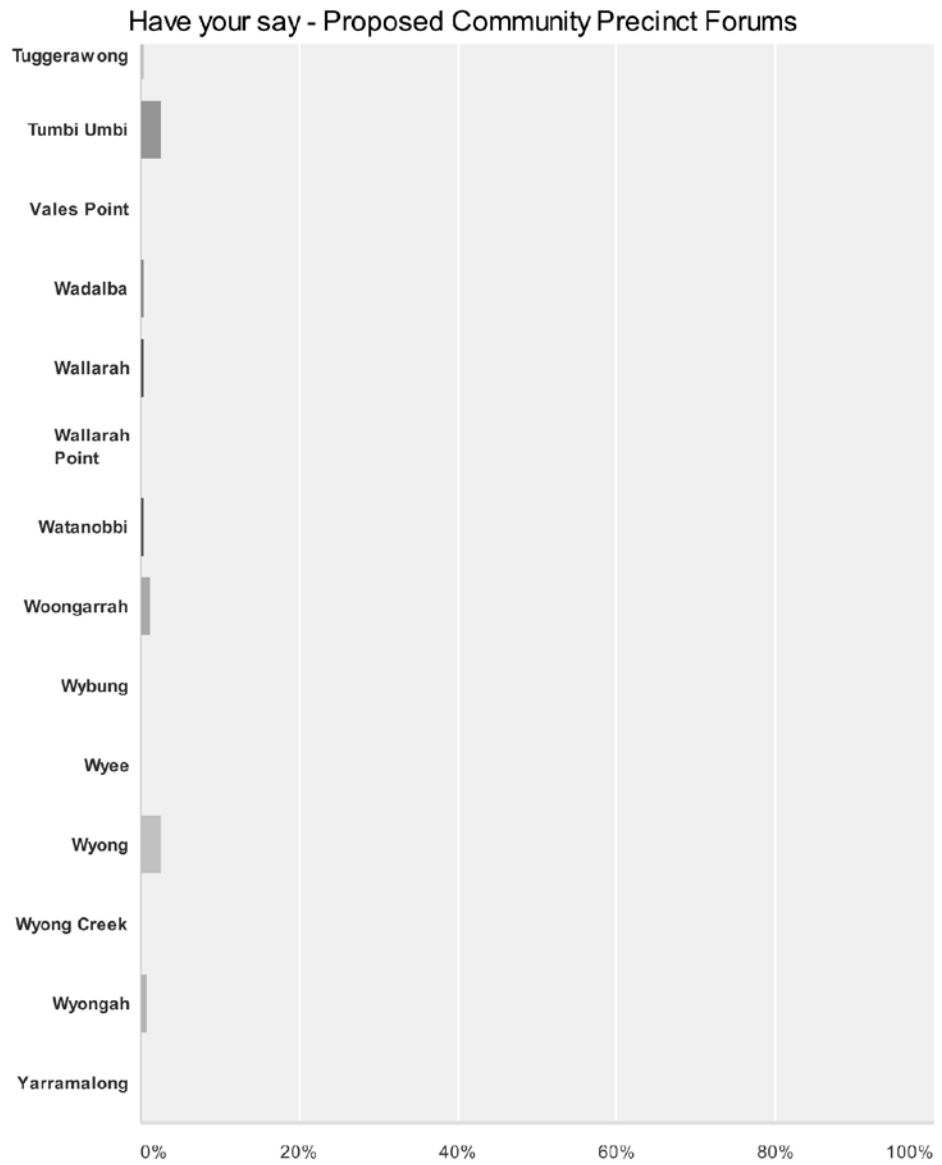




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Answer Choices	Responses
I don't live in the Wyong Shire but I work/play/vist here	0% 0
Alison	0% 0
Bateau Bay	3.36% 8
Bebeah	0% 0
Berkeley Vale	3.78% 9
Blue Bay	0.42% 1
Blue Haven	0.84% 2
Blue Lagoon	0% 0

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Brush Creek	0%	0
Budgewoi	1.68%	4
Budgewoi Peninsula	0.84%	2
Buff Point	0.84%	2
Buttonderry	0%	0
Canton Beach	0.84%	2
Catherine Hill Bay	0%	0
Cedar Brush Creek	0%	0
Chain Valley	0%	0
Chain Valley Bay	3.36%	8
Chamhaven	0%	0
Chittaway	0%	0
Chittaway Bay	1.26%	3
Chittaway Point	0%	0
Chittaway Point South	0%	0
Colongra	0%	0
Cragan Bay	0%	0
Dooralong	0.42%	1
Doyalson	0%	0
Doyalson North	0%	0
Durren Durren	0%	0
Elizabeth Bay	0%	0
Fountaindale	1.26%	3
Frazer Park	0%	0
Freemans	0%	0
Glennig Valley	0%	0
Goobarabah Point	0%	0
Gorokan	2.10%	5
Gwandalan	2.10%	5
Halekulani	0%	0
Hamlyn Terrace	2.94%	7
Hargraves	0%	0
Holgate	0%	0

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Jilliby	0.84%	2
Kangy Angy	0%	0
Kanwal	2.94%	7
Karraganbah	0%	0
Kiar	0%	0
Killamey Vale	2.10%	5
Kulnura	0%	0
Lake Haven	2.10%	5
Lake Munmorah	2.10%	5
Lakeside	0%	0
Lemon Tree	0%	0
Lisarow	0%	0
Little Jilliby	0%	0
Long Jetty	2.10%	5
Magenta	0%	0
Manning Park	5.46%	13
Mardi	0.42%	1
Moonee	0%	0
Norah Head	9.24%	22
Noraville	2.52%	6
North Entrance	0.42%	1
North Wyong	0%	0
Ouimbah	21.01%	50
Palm Grove	1.68%	4
Palmdale	0%	0
Point Wolstoncroft	0%	0
Ravensdale	0%	0
Rocky Point	0.42%	1
San Remo	2.94%	7
Shelly Beach	0.84%	2
Somersby	0%	0
Summerland Point	2.10%	5
Tacoma	0.42%	1
Tacoma South	0%	0

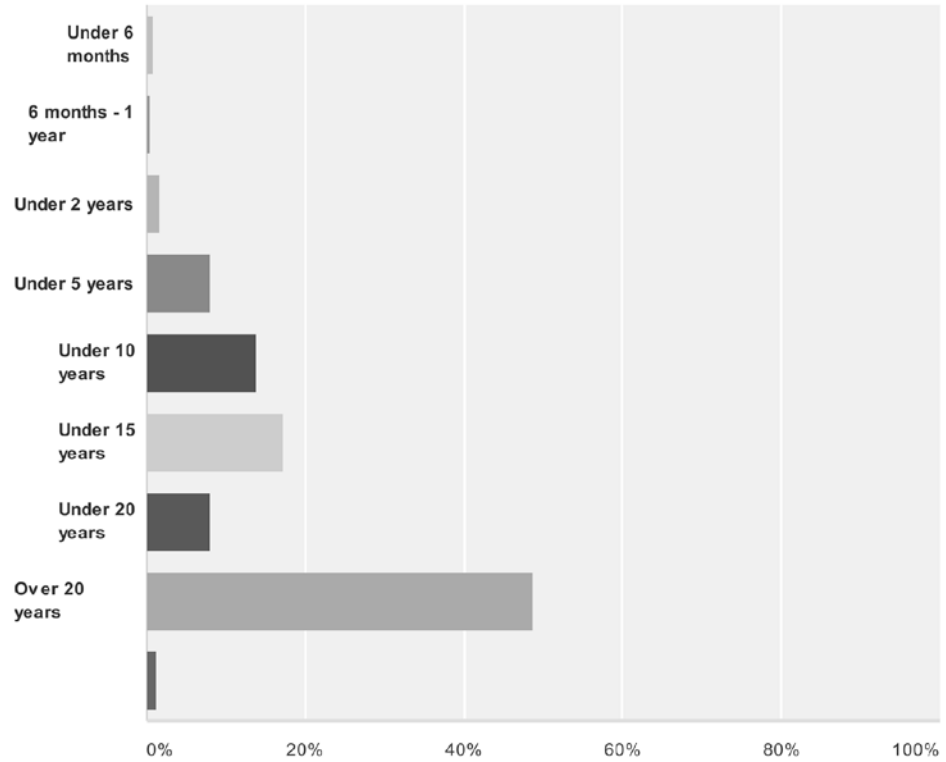
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The Entrance	2.94%	7
Toowoomba Bay	0.84%	2
Toukley	1.26%	3
Tuggerah	0.42%	1
Tuggerah Lake	0%	0
Tuggerawong	0.42%	1
Tumbi Umbi	2.52%	6
Vales Point	0%	0
Wadalba	0.42%	1
Wallarah	0.42%	1
Wallarah Point	0%	0
Watanobbi	0.42%	1
Woongarah	1.26%	3
Wybung	0%	0
Wyee	0%	0
Wyong	2.52%	6
Wyong Creek	0%	0
Wyongah	0.84%	2
Yarramalong	0%	0
Total		238

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Q20 How long have you lived in the Wyong Shire?

Answered: 238 Skipped: 62



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 6 months	0.84% 2
6 months - 1 year	0.42% 1
Under 2 years	1.68% 4
Under 5 years	7.98% 19
Under 10 years	13.87% 33
Under 15 years	17.23% 41
Under 20 years	7.98% 19
Over 20 years	48.74% 116
I don't live in the Wyong Shire – but I work/visit/play here	1.26% 3
Total	238