

**Kirwee/Courtenay/Kimberley Area**  
**Key Issues Identified From Community Survey**



- Survey respondents most commonly nominated a safe environment as the most important characteristic in the creation of an ideal community.
- Other attributes thought to be important in creating an ideal community include the availability of community and recreational facilities, access to schooling, a rural environment and emergency readiness/responsiveness.
- With respect to the Kirwee/Courtenay/Kimberley area community at present, a safe and rural environment have been identified as the most valued features.
- When choosing a community to live in ten years from now, a safe environment is the single attribute which almost half of the survey respondents expect to value.
- The majority of survey respondents purchase goods or services and participate in recreational activities in the Kirwee/Courtenay/Kimberley area; however a significant proportion of respondents expressed a desire for increased opportunity to be involved in these activities in the local community.
- Survey respondents nominated the lack of shops and services as worst aspect of the Kirwee/Courtenay/Kimberley area and the area where change is most desired. This includes both the variety and number of shopping facilities available.
- Numerous Council services listed in the questionnaire were described as never used by many survey respondents. Just over one quarter of respondents were in favour of reduced provision of some services, however the scope of services selected was widely variable.
- Almost half of the survey respondents indicated that they would like increased provision of organic waste collection and district/environmental planning in the area.
- The majority of households responding to the survey were opposed to the Council playing a role in making community housing available. However of those respondents who supported this involvement, provision of housing for the elderly and disadvantaged were the roles cited as being the most appropriate in this regard.
- All survey respondents were property owners in the Kirwee/Courtenay/Kimberley area and almost all respondents were also permanently resident in the area.
- Survey respondents most commonly identified with the Kirwee area community, although smaller clusters of respondents did nominate Courtenay or Kimberley as their local community.
- Almost three quarters of respondents described their household as being located within two kilometres of the focal point for the Kirwee community and over two thirds of this group of respondents considered themselves a part of the Kirwee community.
- Although full income was not derived from tourism for any households responding to the survey, a small cluster of households sourced part of their income either directly or indirectly through the tourism industry.
- Employment is the factor most likely to trigger a move away from the Kirwee/Courtenay/Kimberley area community.