

Lakeside/Sedgemere/Southbridge Area Community Survey

Additional Information



Survey respondents interested in attending a workshop:

Yes: 25 households; 39.1%

Uncertain: 2 households; 3.1%

No: 26 households; 40.6%

No Answer: 11 households; 7.2%

The following additional comments were provided by survey respondents in the course of this community survey:

- Southbridge is a lovely quiet place to live, would like to see the rate of growth controlled in order to preserve the quiet, safe community.
- Dissatisfaction regarding repetitive and difficult nature of questions. Also regarding the length of the survey.
- Suggestion of a flounder festival as a point of difference for the area.
- To have a strong community it is important that all members contribute. If the local government is taking ownership of the communities, it is denying ownership by those that live there. The Council can help most by reducing the red tape for those wanting to set up a business or a community organisation.
- Would love to see an improvement in the district's roading e.g. shingle roads being sealed.
- Desire expressed to see survey results acted on and ratepayers concerns addressed. Concern expressed that very little has been done for Southbridge - bar water reticulation, sewerage system & millennial archway.
- Desire expressed for a skate park or similar so teens are not walking the streets.
- Farmland preservation is a concern.
- Develop a plan for beautifying Southbridge
- Dissatisfaction regarding the Council planning department - staff are inefficient, rude and unhelpful.
- Southbridge has a great community spirit and is a great, safe place to bring up children.
- Council should give the ratepayers a list of personnel (not councilors) they can contact direct for when the need arises.
- Library should be user pays.

- Concern expressed regarding rumours of removing trees in Bridge St. It is neither a main street nor a busy one therefore cannot see the need for this.
- Concern regarding the further development and consent for businesses which draw on natural resources but do not pay for them e.g. water usage and water quality.
- Money should be spent on Lakeside domain and keeping community buildings in good repair.
- It is essential for Southbridge people to use Leeston facilities.
- Extensive population growth of Selwyn district is a problem that needs to be managed, not an asset to be lauded.
- Concern regarding the groundwater and that the area is zoned as a red area when it is water rich. Farming has been the mainstay for this area for over 100 years and will continue to be, but Council will have to enable residents to maintain current water rights so current farming practices can be maintained also.