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Daisy Hill residents were invited to share their thoughts, ideas and dreams for the future of Daisy Hill.

An online and hard copy survey and two community workshops were used to invite the views of community members for the future of Daisy Hill.

The following community engagement was achieved:

- ✓ 3 residents filled in an online survey
- ✓ 13 residents filled in a hard copy survey
- ✓ 35 residents attended a workshop in November 2022; and
- ✓ 15 residents attended a community workshop in September 2023
- ✓ ?? residents shared feedback on the draft Community Plan

# Consultation Summary- What we heard

## Community Workshop 1

In November 2022 residents came together to share their ideas to make Daisy Hill an even better place to live.

At the first community workshop three key questions were explored:

1. What do residents value or like?
2. What are concerns or dislikes?
3. What are priorities (including voting to get critical few)

## Summary of Key Priorities:

1. Develop the Community Centre as a hub for community life and activity within Daisy Hill.
2. Explore options with Victorian Government for Neighbourhood House funding or similar to extend the services, activities and opportunities delivered through the Community Centre.
3. Develop Men's Shed (including access for women) provision for Daisy Hill residents possibly extending or connecting access to the Maryborough Men's Shed.
4. Create a community garden within the precinct of the Community Centre and explore start-up funding to commence establishment of it e.g Bendigo Bank Community grant, CGSC Community Grant or FRRR grant.
5. Seek support from Martha Haylett MP Member for Ripon for reactivation of the V/line bus stop at Daisy Hill to enable better connectivity.
6. Enable disabled toilet at the Community Centre to have external access to provide public toilet provision for those using the Centre including the children's playground or accessing the nearby V/line bus stop if it is reactivated.
7. Committee of Management to install dishwasher in Centre kitchen to facilitate easier catering by different groups.
8. Continue advocacy to ensure early provision of mobile tower under the Connecting Victoria program to address mobile blackspot areas.
9. Identify suitable dog park provision opportunities.
10. Advocate to Regional Roads Victoria in relation to community concerns of trees on the highway to Maryborough which are close to the road and potentially unsafe and in danger of collapse onto passing cars.

## Community Workshop 2

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, fifteen residents joined together with Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor to talk about priorities for Daisy Hill's first Community Plan.

Participants reviewed and refined draft actions/strategies drawn from the survey results and first workshop. Community members talked together about actions they could start on and what would help Council and community to work well together.

### **New actions identified during the workshop:**

- Earlier notice to the community when free green waste to tip happens
- Annual hard rubbish collection
- A communication platform for the Daisy Hill community to better connect with each other
- Planning for ways to communicate during emergencies given poor internet/mobile service
- Workshop's for women on using tools/building making things
- Explore activities/events/services to better engage/support families with younger children.
- Seating/picnic table inside the playground area at the Community Centre
- Fire Danger sign
- School bus stopping sign
- Flood mitigation
- Weed management plan for Daisy Hill.

### **Activating the Plan- where could we start?**

- Improved Mobile phone/internet services
- Community transport options
- Public toilet access
- Speed reduction/School bus stop signs on Dehnerts Rd
- Road improvements and road side vegetation
- Improved community connections
- Food swap
- Fire warning sign
- Crack down on untidy properties
- Weekly garbage collection
- Dog park

### **What will help community and Council to work well together?**

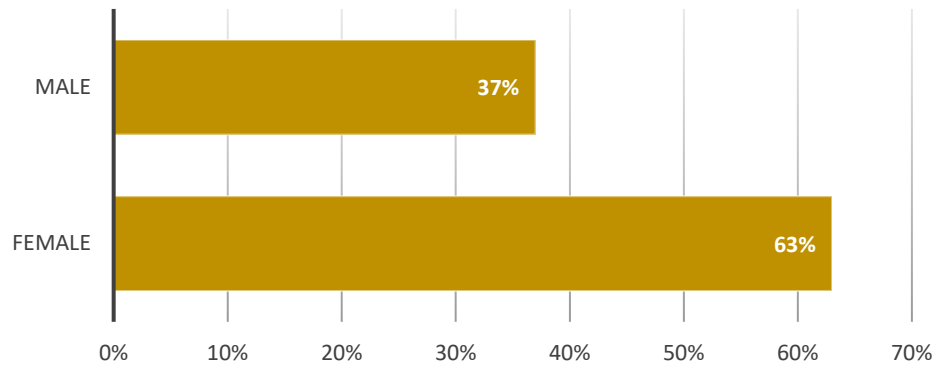
- Better communication between Council and community
- Councillor representation at meetings (like tonight)
- Good sandwiches/cakes/catering
- More events/chances to spend time together (relationship building); and
- Small grant support/training.

# Community Survey Results

The community survey was mail box dropped to Daisy Hill households in July 2023 and was also available online and at the Community Centre.

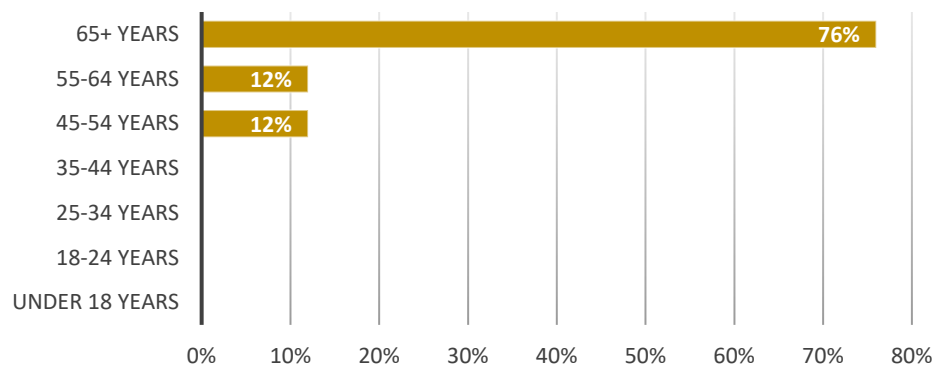
A total of 16 surveys were completed.

## Q1. Your Gender?



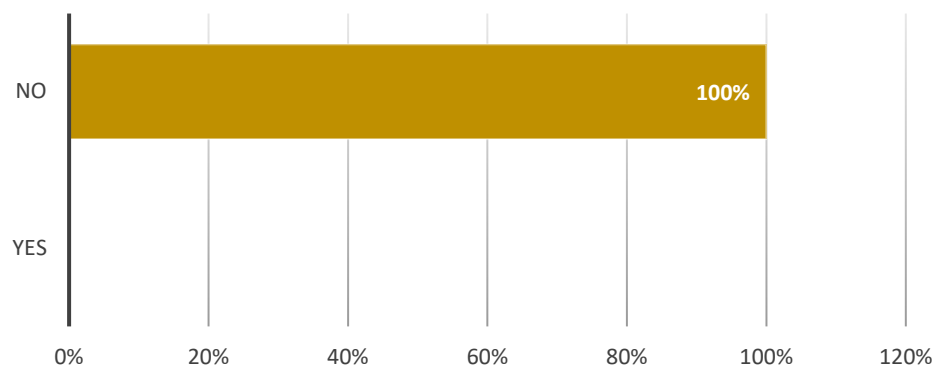
63% of survey respondents were male and 37% were female.

## Q2. Your Age?



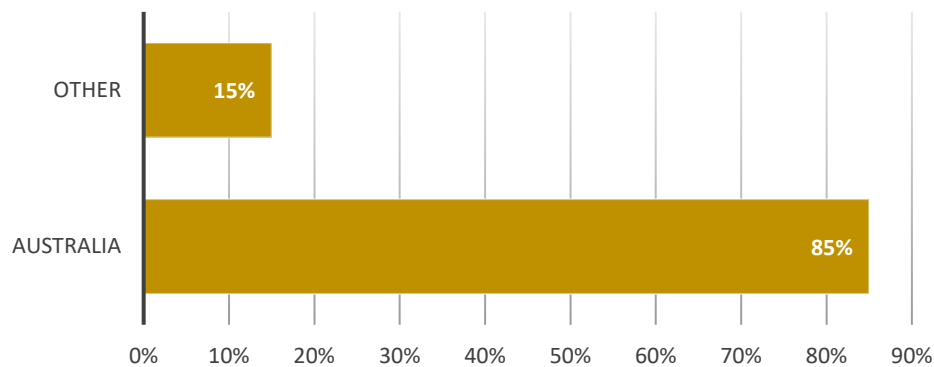
76% of survey respondents were aged 65 years and older, an equal 12 % were aged 55-64 years and 12% were aged 44-54 years.

## Q3. Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?



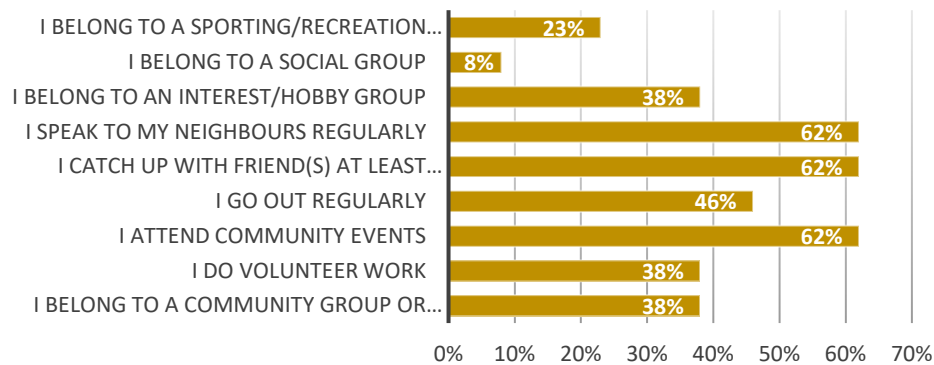
There were no survey respondents who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

**Q4. What country were you born in?**



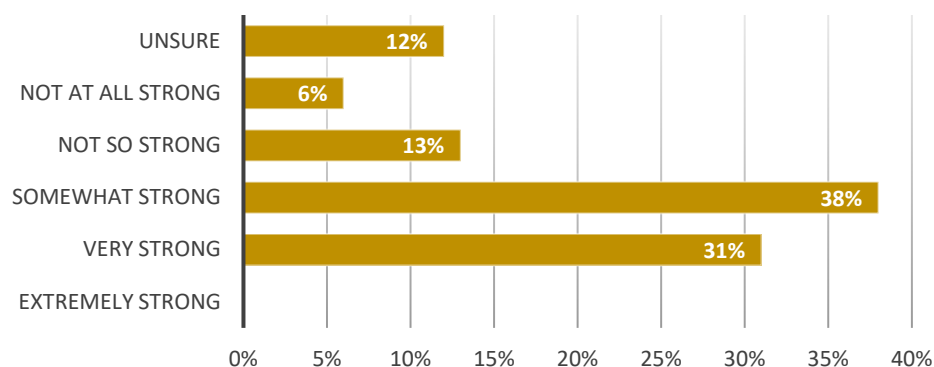
85% of survey respondents were born in Australia and the remaining 15% were born outside of Australia (UK and Germany).

**Q5. Tell us about your CURRENT community involvement (tick all that apply)?**



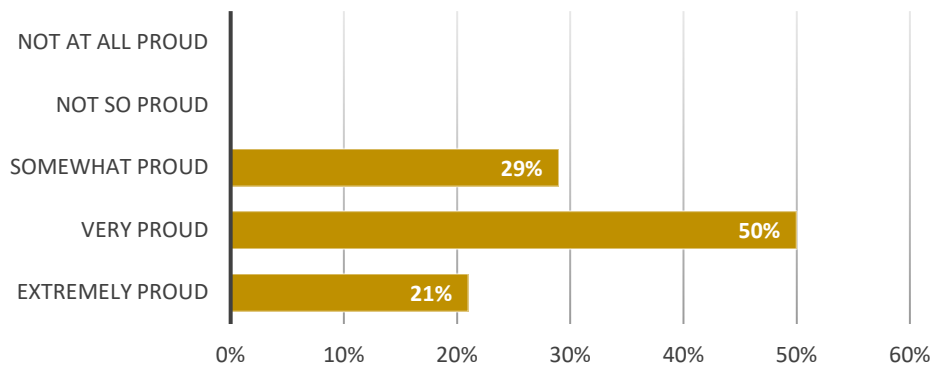
An equal 62% of survey respondents were speaking to their neighbours regularly, catching up with friends at least once a month and attending community events. 38% of respondents belonged to a hobby/interest group, were volunteering or belonged to a community group or association, 23% belong to a sporting/recreation club and 8% belong to a social group.

**Q6. How strong is the sense of community where you live?**



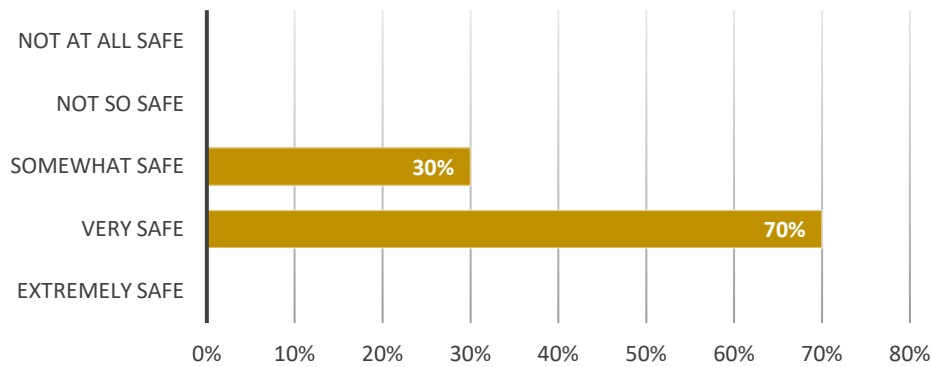
69% of survey respondents said their sense of community was very or somewhat strong, 19% said it was not so strong or not at all strong and the remaining 12% were unsure.

**Q7. How proud are you to live in your community?**



71% of survey respondents were extremely or very proud to live in Daisy Hill and the remaining 29% were somewhat proud.

**Q8. How safe do you feel in your community?**



70% of survey respondents felt very safe in their community and 30% felt somewhat safe.

**Q11. What are the three things you like most about your community?**

- The people (50%)
- The peace and quiet (50%)
- The location (50%)
- The natural environment (38%)
- The Community Centre (25%)
- The wildlife (12%)
- Sense of community (12%)
- The weather (6%)

*“Neighbours look out for each other”.*

*“A feeling of being in the country close to a town”.*

*“We have a great community centre that we can come to”.*

*“We are close to Maryborough”.*

**Q12. What are the most important issues or challenges for your community (now and in future)?**

- Bush fires/emergency preparedness (38%)
- Road maintenance (25%)
- Internet/phone service (25%)
- Flooding/water drainage (25%)
- Lack of transport (25%)
- Rubbish collection (19%)
- Road safety (19%)
- Maintaining community assets (e.g. Community Centre, Tennis Courts) (12%)
- Lack of mail delivery (6%)
- Lack of sewerage (6%)
- Lack of bike/walking tracks (6%)
- Local Government red tape (6%)
- Rates Affordability (6%)
- Gutter maintenance (6%)
- Some nature strips are hard to mow (6%)

*“Lack of transport services is an issue, not just for ageing people”.*

*“Bush fires are an ever present threat in summer”.*

*“The internet is very poor”.*

*“Speed limits need to drop”.*

*“It is hard to see vehicles (blind spots)”.*

**Q13. What priorities would you like to see happen to make your community an even better place to live, work, study or visit?**

- Improved mobile/internet Service (38%)
- Walking/bike path (25%)
- Dog park (19%)
- Strengthened resident voice/involvement (12%)
- Road maintenance (12%)
- Weekly rubbish collection (12%)
- Regular Council services for medium strips, roadsides, grass/weeds (12%)
- Transport to Maryborough (return) (12%)
- Public toilets at Community Centre (12%)
- Reduce speed in Daisy Hill (6%)
- Mail delivery to households (6%)
- More police presence (6%)
- Flood management (6%)
- Fire preparedness (6%)
- Community events/activities (6%)
- Clean up unsightly properties (6%)
- Community produce swap (6%)
- Nature walk (6%)

*“Transport in and out of Maryborough”.*

*“Upgrade mobile phone and internet service”.*

*“Utilise the tennis courts, maybe a small junior competition”.*

*“More input from residents”.*

*“Fire danger signs in prominent locations”.*

*“It would be great to have an enclosed dog area”.*

**Q14. How might Council support the Daisy Hill community to lead their community plan?**



- Act
- Advocate for the community
- Timely follow-up on request/ideas
- Provide grants/funding
- More funding spent locally
- Ongoing support for the Community Centre
- Lessen red tape

*“Stop dawdling and get a move on”.*

*“Prioritise and follow through with valid requests”.*

*“Consider community plan priorities for grant assistance”.*