



### Waitaki District Council

Annual Residents Survey (NZCPM)
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### Background, Objectives and Method

### **Background**

 Waitaki District Council has an ongoing need to measure how satisfied residents are with resources, facilities and services provided by the Council, and to prioritise improvement opportunities that will be valued by the community

### **Research Objectives**

- Provide a robust measure of satisfaction with the Council's performance in relation to service delivery
- Determine performance drivers and assist Council to identify the best opportunities to further improve satisfaction, including satisfaction among defined groups within the district
- Assess changes in satisfaction over time and measure progress towards the long term objectives

#### Method

- A statistically robust survey conducted by telephone with a sample of 400 residents across the Waitaki District Council area
- Data collection was managed to quota targets by age, ward and ethnicity and post data collection the sample has been weighted so
  it is aligned with known population distributions as contained in the Census 2013
- At an aggregate level the sample has an expected 95% confidence interval (margin of error) of +/- 4.9%
- Interviewing took place over three waves between 25 October to 14 November 2017 (n=134), 15 to 22 February 2018 (n=133), and 7 to 29 June 2018 (n=133)

#### **Notes**

■ Due to rounding, percentages may add to just over or under (+/- 1%) totals





### **Executive Summary**

- The Waitaki District Council has maintained a particularly strong reputation profile with 53% of residents classified as 'Champions', having a positive emotional connection and recognising that Council is doing a good job. The overall benchmark reputation score is 78, being in the top of the acceptable range of 60 to 79
- Waitaki District residents are generally satisfied with the various services, infrastructure, facilities and amenities that are provided and maintained by Council, with the percentage of satisfied residents remaining at similar levels as obtained in 2017, with the exception of landfills, transfer stations and sealed roading
- While satisfaction with services and facilities is high, residents are not recognising that rates represent value for money. Value for money has a high impact on overall perceptions and demonstrating how rates are spent and that they are fair and reasonable, has potential to improve overall perceptions
- Satisfaction levels with Council community consultation has decreased slightly, influenced by Oamaru being the only ward to have a decrease in satisfaction
- Satisfaction with the Mayor and Councillor performance has remained fairly stable, while satisfaction with the Community Boards although influenced by a significant 'don't know' component, has increased slightly in Waihemo and decreased slightly in Ahuriri
- Waste Services (landfills and transfer stations) and information seen or heard about the development of the Gallery, Museum and Archive, are activities where the low satisfaction level is heavily influenced by 'don't know' responses



**Summary of Key Performance Indicators** 









### Key results summary and comparison to previous years

Page	Question	2018 Sample (n=)	2016 Satisfied (%4-5)	2017 Satisfied (%7-10)	2018 Satisfied (%7-10)	% point change (2017-18)
39	Cemeteries in the Waitaki District – user/visitor	178	87	83	86	3
15	Water supply provided by Council in Waihemo (2016 includes Stoneburn)	62	72	69	72	3
45	Performance of Waihemo Community Board members	80	45	46	49	3
29	Parks and reserves in the Waitaki District - user	248	91	85	87	2
11	Unsealed roading network in the Waitaki District	400	24	27	29	2
33	Sports fields and facilities in the Waitaki District - visitor	121	84	84	84	-
35	Public toilets – user	275	69	74	73	-1
41	Performance of the Mayor and Councillors	400	65	57	56	-1
25	Library services in the Waitaki District - visitor	182	91	95	93	-2
37	Aquatic Centre – user/visitor	130	90	87	85	-2
13	Water supply provided by Council in Oamaru	156	89	86	84	-2
31	Council-owned Lakes camping grounds - user	40	76	66	64	-2
23	Information seen or heard about the development of the Gallery, Museum and Archive	400	28	25	23	-2
19	Resource recovery park	221		88	86	-2
27	Opera House - visitor	164	94	95	92	-3
21	Waitaki District is generally a safe place to be	400	91	90	87	-3
47	Council's consultation with the community	400	42	43	39	-4
43	Performance of Ahuriri Community Board members	41	45	49	44	-5
17	Waste services provided by Council: landfills and transfer stations	400	39	35	26	-9
9	Sealed roading network in the Waitaki District	400	46	47	35	-12

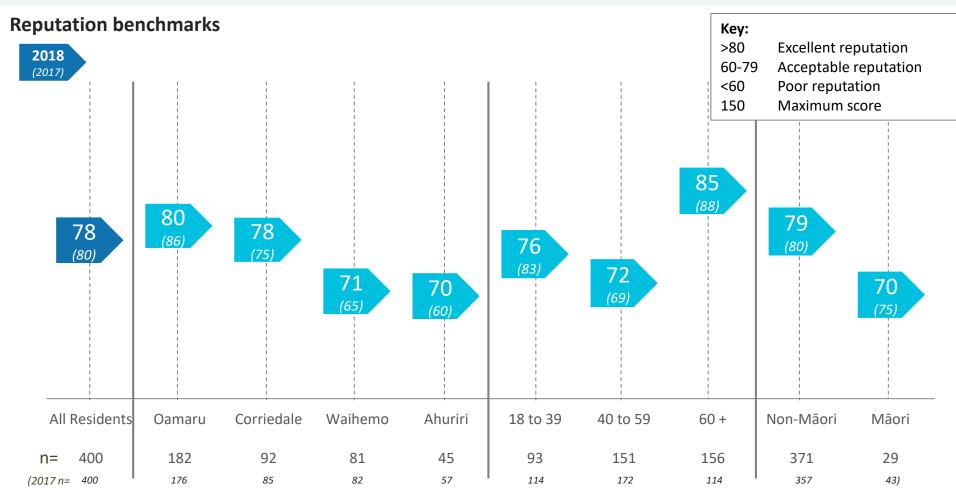
NOTES:

1. Sample: 2016 n=402, 2017 n=400, 2018 n=400





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Satisfaction with Services Provided



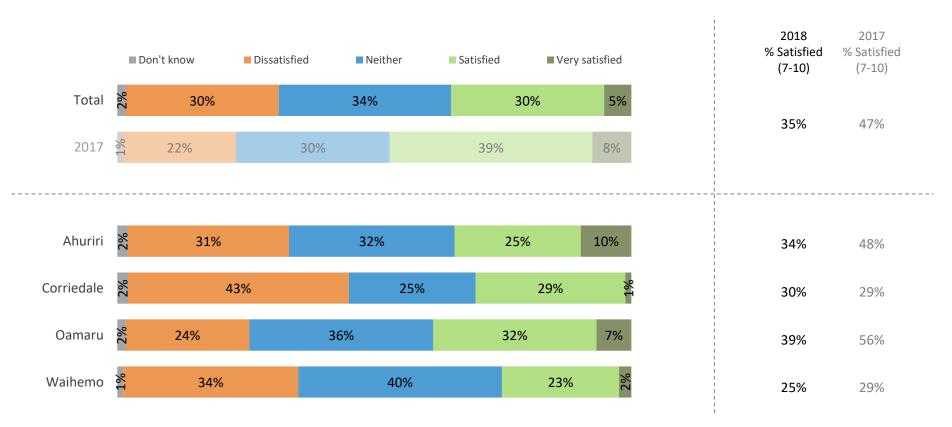






# Around a third (35%) of residents are satisfied (%7-10) with the sealed roading network, with the Waihemo and Corriedale wards having the most dissatisfied residents

### **Sealed roading network**



Total sample: n=400

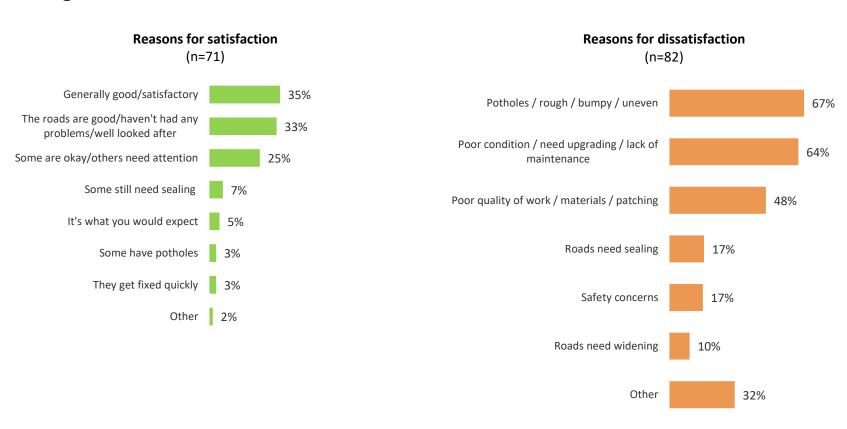
<sup>2.</sup> Q4: How satisfied are you with the sealed roading network in the Waitaki District? (Note: This does not include state highways)





# Potholes, rough and uneven surface, followed by poor condition and lack of maintenance are the top two reasons for dissatisfaction with Council's sealed roads

### Sealed roading network



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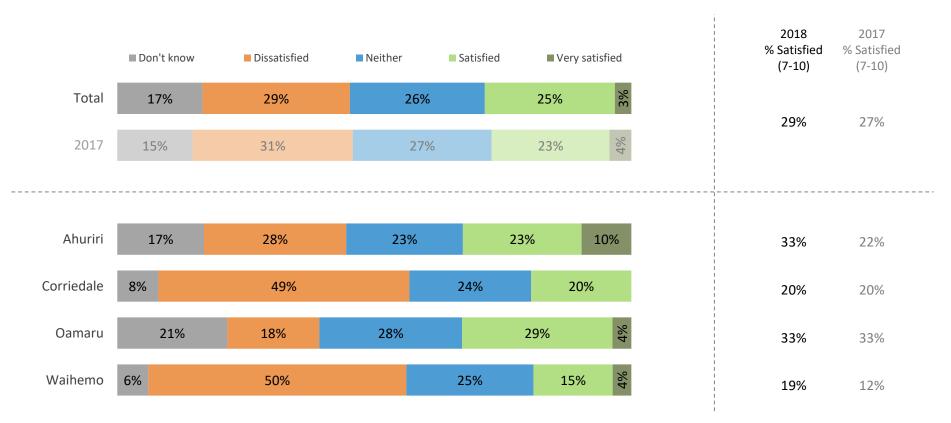
<sup>1.</sup> Q4: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the sealed roading network in the Waitaki District? (Note: This does not include state highways)





Three in ten (29%) residents are satisfied (%7-10) with the unsealed roading network, with residents in the Waihemo ward not as satisfied as those in other wards

### **Unsealed roading network**



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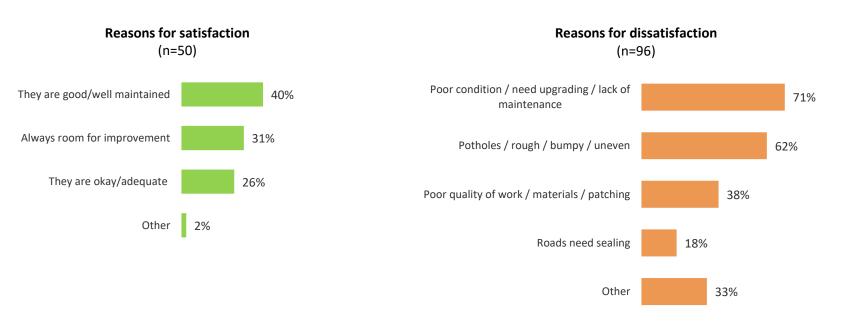
<sup>.</sup> Q5: How satisfied are you with the unsealed roading network in the Waitaki District?





# As with sealed roads, poor condition and lack of maintenance followed by potholes are the two top reasons for dissatisfaction with Council's unsealed roads

### **Unsealed roading network**





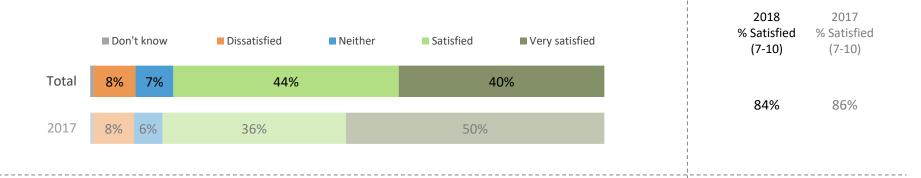
<sup>1.</sup> Q5: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the <u>unsealed</u> roading network in the Waitaki District?





The number of very satisfied residents that receive their water from the Oamaru supply has decreased to 40% from 50% in 2017

### Oamaru water supply



#### NOTES:

. Q6: Which water supply are you connected to?

<sup>1.</sup> Total sample: n=156

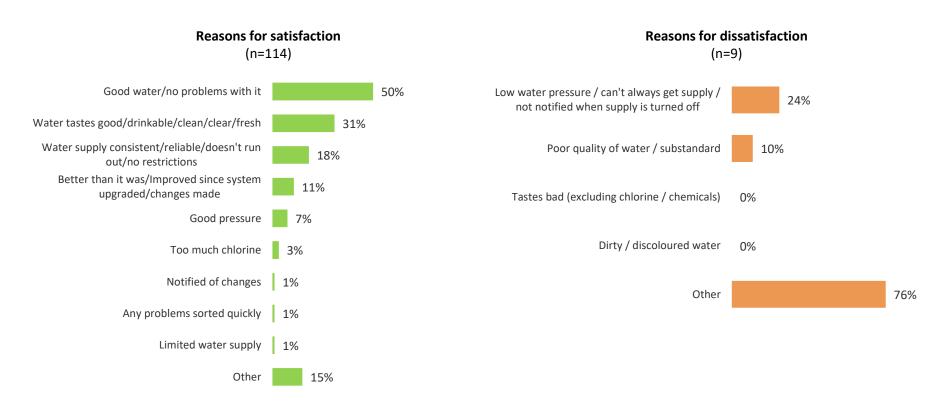
Q6a: How satisfied are you with the water supply provided by the Waitaki District Council?





# From the small number of dissatisfied residents with the Oamaru water supply, low pressure and supply interruptions was the top reason for their dissatisfaction

### Oamaru water supply



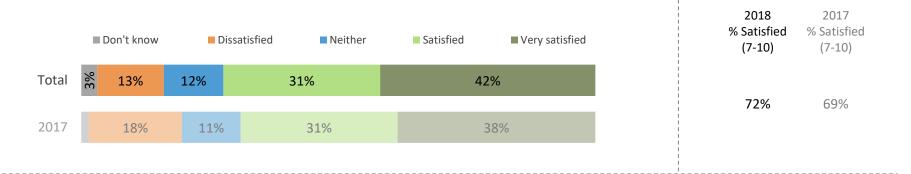
<sup>1.</sup> Q6: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the water supply provided by the Waitaki District Council?





The number of satisfied residents that receive their water from the Waihemo supply has increased slightly from 69% in 2017 to 72%

### Waihemo water supply



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Total sample: n=62

2. Q6: Which water supply are you connected to?

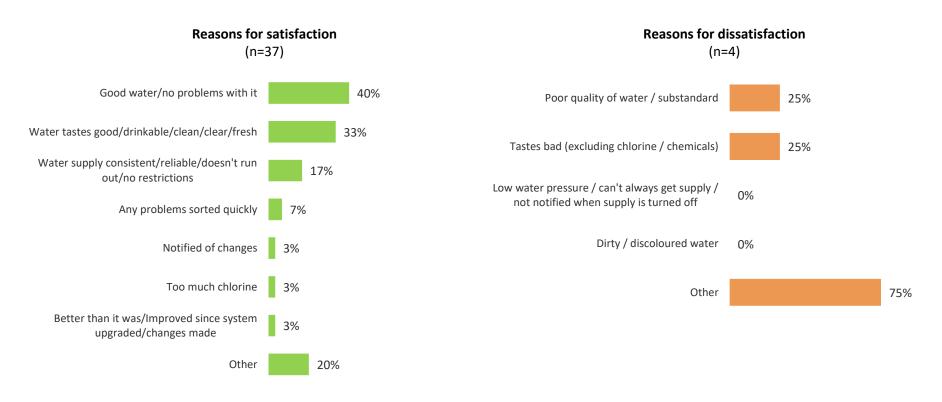
Q6b: How satisfied are you with the water supply provided by the Waitaki District Council?





# Good water that is drinkable, fresh and clean are top reasons that residents are satisfied with the Waihemo water supply

### Waihemo water supply



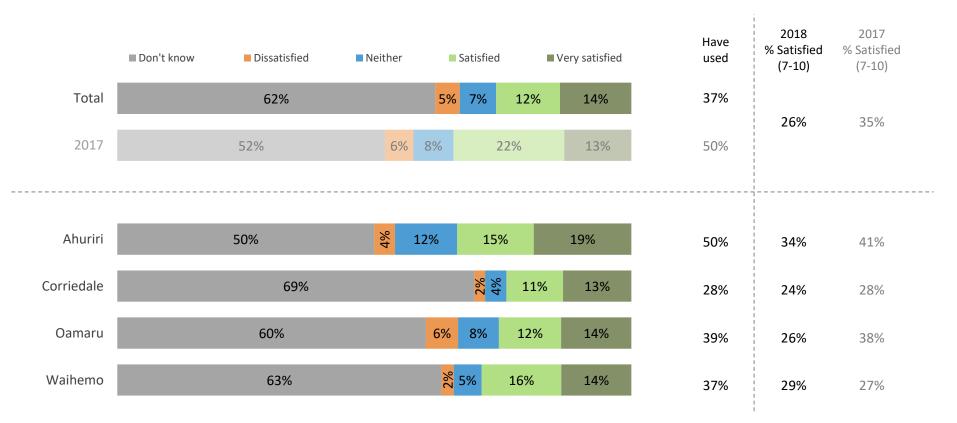
<sup>1.</sup> Q6: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the water supply provided by the Waitaki District Council?





# Satisfaction with landfills and transfer stations is highest in Ahuriri ward, along with having the highest usage

### Waste services: landfills and transfer stations



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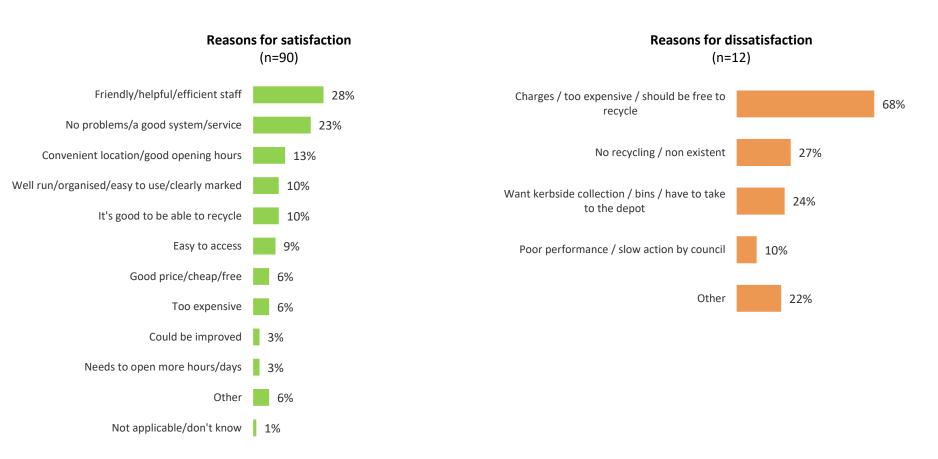
Q7: How satisfied are you with landfills and transfer stations?





# The biggest reason for dissatisfaction with waste services was the cost and an inability to recycle for free

### Waste services: landfills and transfer stations



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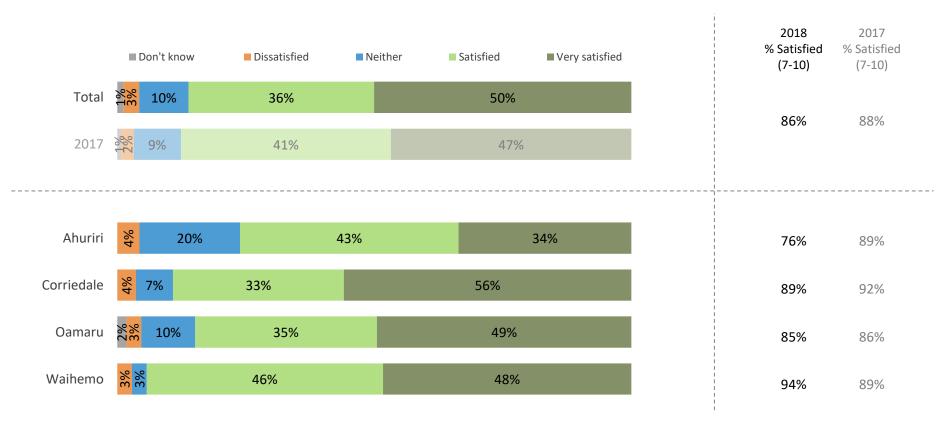
<sup>1.</sup> Q7: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with waste services provided by Council: landfills and transfer stations?





# A large number of residents (86%) are satisfied with the resource recovery park from across all wards, with Ahuriri having the lowest level at 76%

### Resource recovery park



Total sample: n=221

<sup>2.</sup> Q29a: How satisfied are you with the resource recovery park?

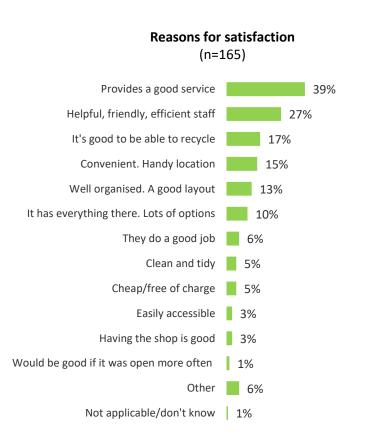
Not asked in 2016





# Providing a good service, and helpful, friendly, and efficient staff are top reasons that residents are satisfied with the resource recovery park

### Resource recovery park



### Reasons for dissatisfaction (n=3)

Is a perfect way to fill a gully and other land sites!

Things seems to be getting thrown out instead of recovered

Very expensive

The ground is terrible "like a pig pen"

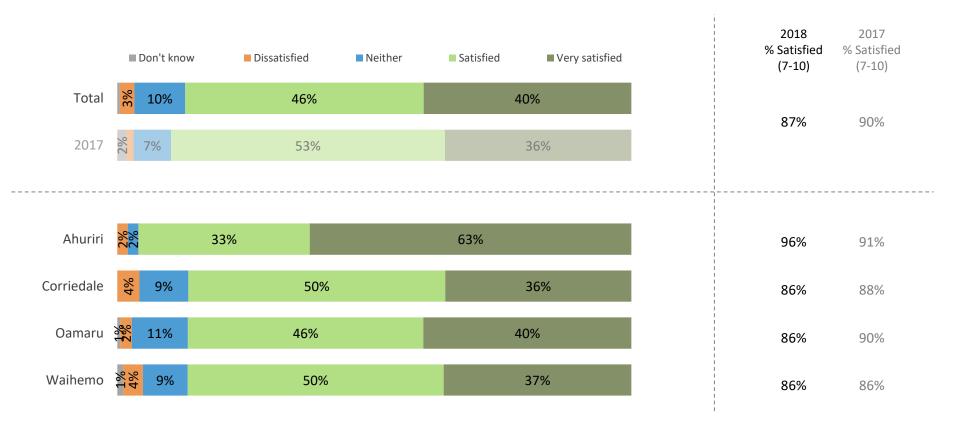
- Q29b. (If satisfied) why is that?
- . Q29c. (If very dissatisfied or dissatisfied) why is that?





Almost nine in ten (87%) residents are satisfied that the Waitaki District is generally a safe place to be with slightly more satisfied residents in the Ahuriri ward (96%)

### A safe place to be



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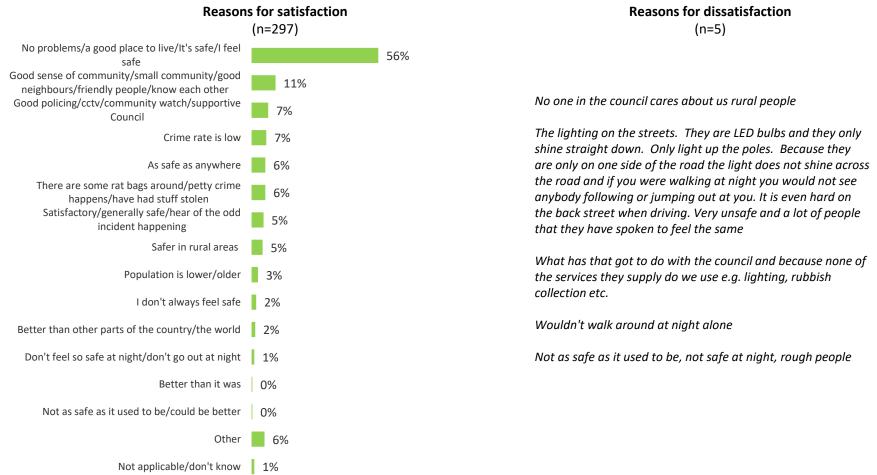
Q8: How satisfied are you that the Waitaki District is generally a safe place to be?





# The majority of residents generally feel safe and think that the Waitaki District is a good place to live

### A safe place to be



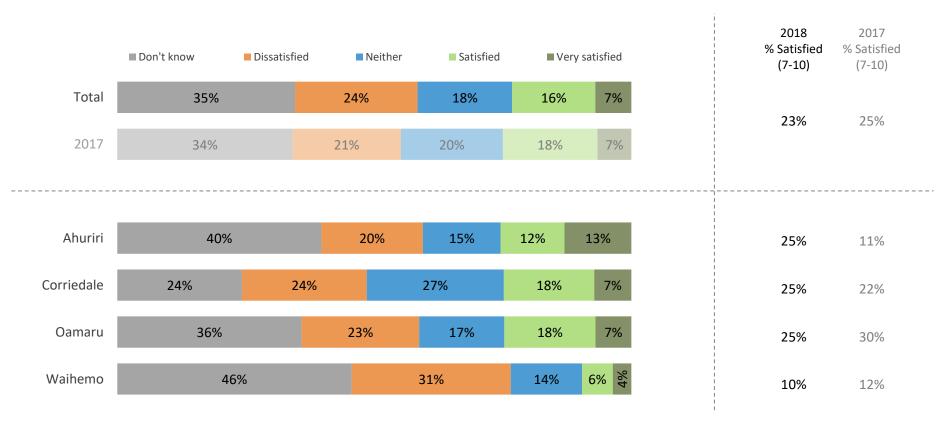
<sup>1.</sup> Q8: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied that the Waitaki District is generally a safe place to be?





A large number of residents (35%) didn't know or were unaware of any information on the development of the gallery and museum, particularly in Ahuriri (40%) and Waihemo (46%)

### Information seen or heard about the development of the Gallery, Museum and Archive



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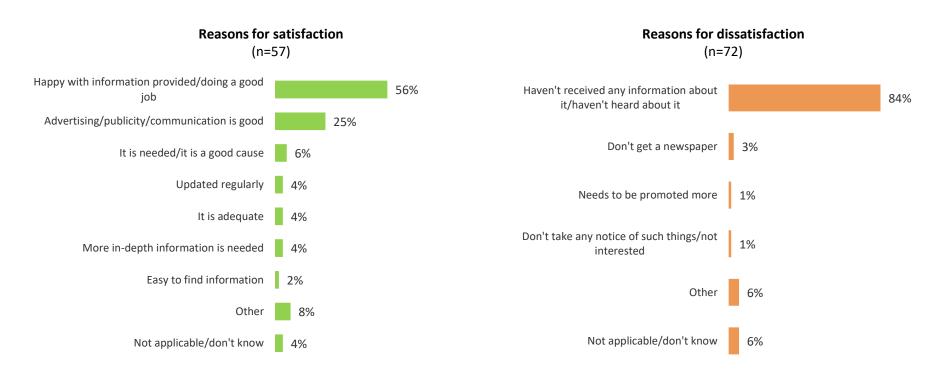
<sup>2.</sup> Q9: How satisfied are you with the information you have seen or heard about the development of the Gallery, Museum and Archive?





# Many residents hadn't heard about or received information about the development of the gallery, museum and archive, causing them to be dissatisfied

### Information seen or heard about the development of the Gallery, Museum and Archive



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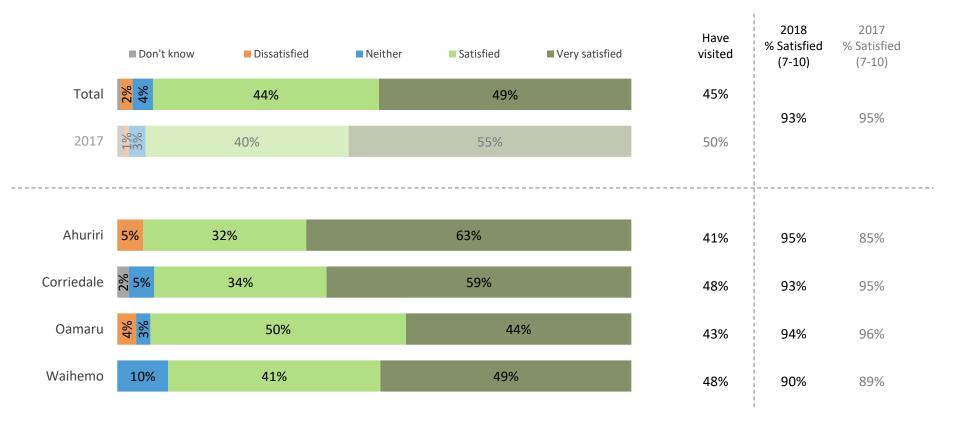
<sup>1.</sup> Q9: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the level of information provided about the redevelopment of the gallery and museum?





# Visitation rates for library services are lowest in Ahuriri, while residents appear to be very satisfied with this service (93% satisfied)

### **Library services**



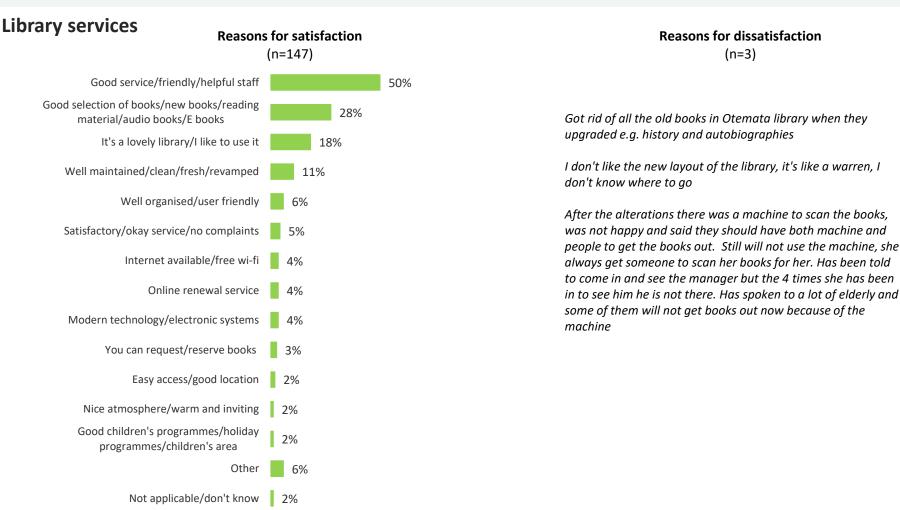
Total sample: n=182

<sup>2.</sup> Q10: How satisfied are you with library services in the Waitaki District?





# Half of residents satisfied with library services are satisfied due to the friendly service and helpful staff



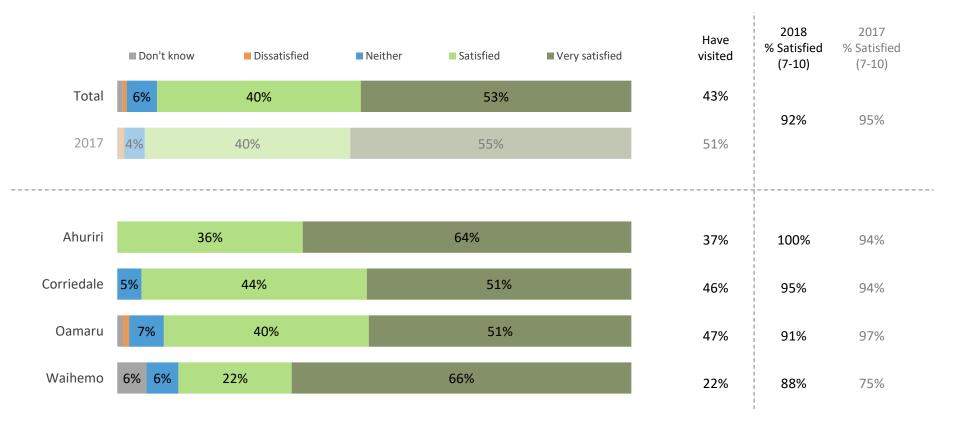
<sup>1.</sup> Q10: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with services at any of the libraries in the Waitaki District?





# From the approximately two in five (43%) residents that have visited the Opera house, 92% are satisfied compared to 95% in 2017

### **Opera house**



Total sample: n=164

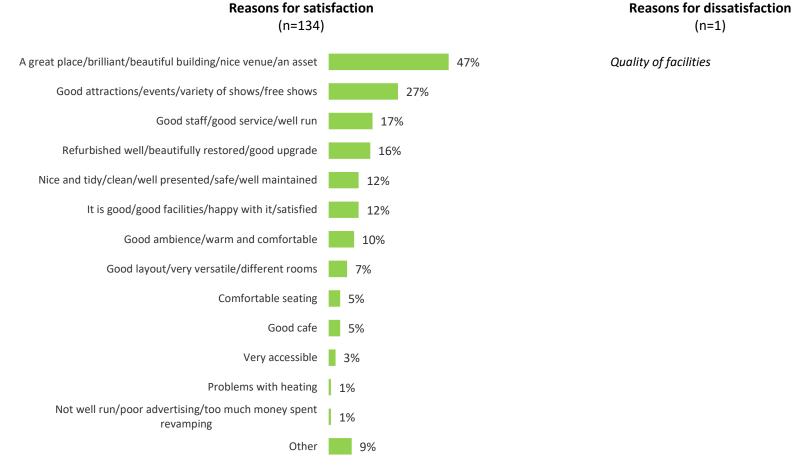
<sup>2.</sup> Q12: How satisfied are you with the Opera House?





# The top two reasons given for satisfaction with the Opera house related to the place being

# aesthetically pleasing, and hosting a variety of attractive events Opera house



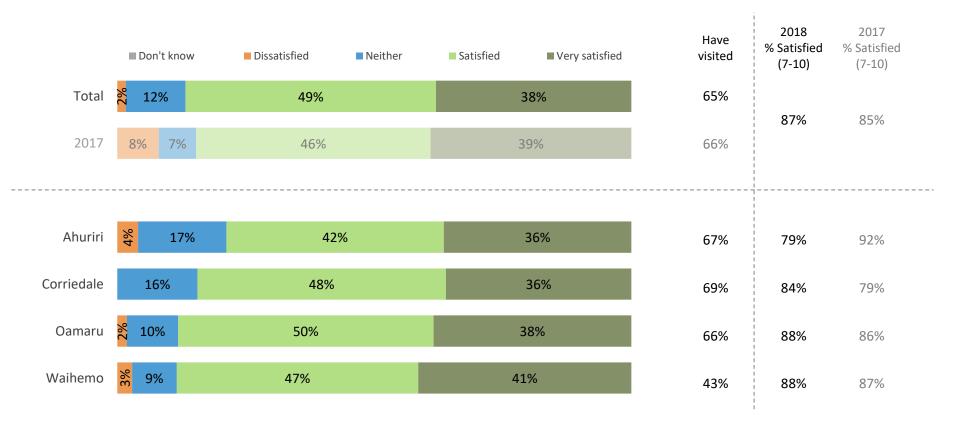
Q12: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the Opera House?





There has been a decrease in the number of satisfied Ahuriri residents with the parks and reserves at 79% compared to 92% in 2017

### Parks and reserves



Total sample: n=248

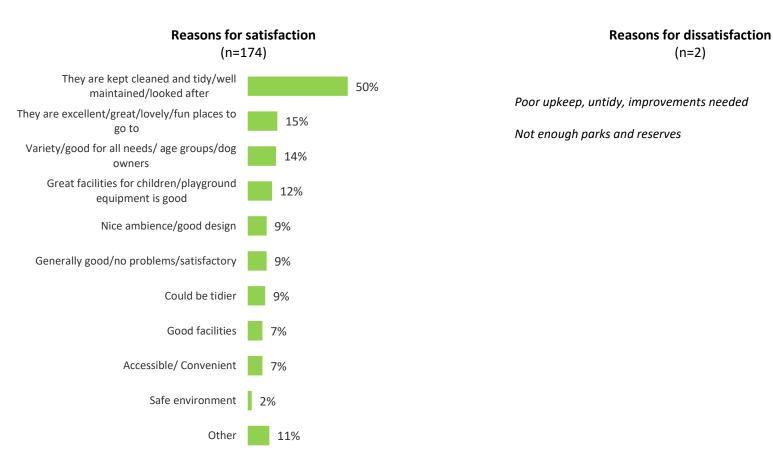
Q13: How satisfied are you with the parks and reserves in the Waitaki District?





# Half of the residents satisfied with parks and reserves state that they are kept clean and tidy and are well maintained

### Parks and reserves



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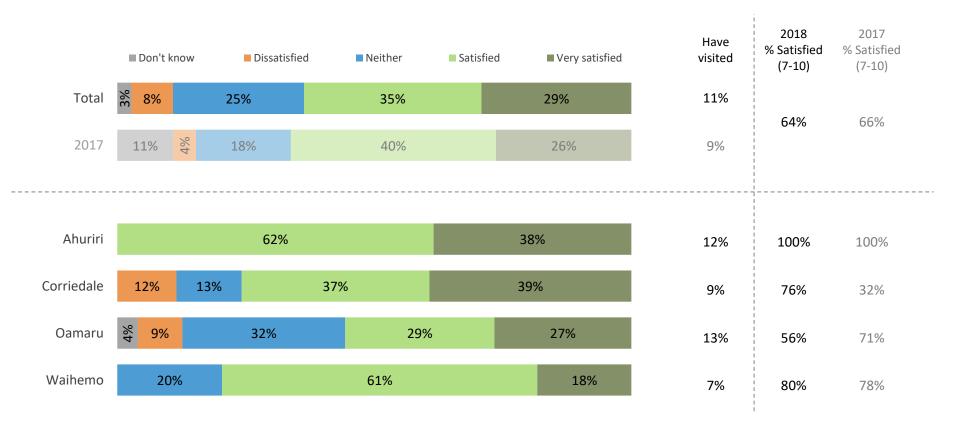
<sup>..</sup> Q13: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the parks and reserves in the Waitaki District?





# The least number of satisfied residents with the Council-owned Lakes camping grounds are from the Oamaru ward (56%) which has seen a drop from 71% the previous year

### **Council-owned Lakes camping grounds**



Total sample: n=40

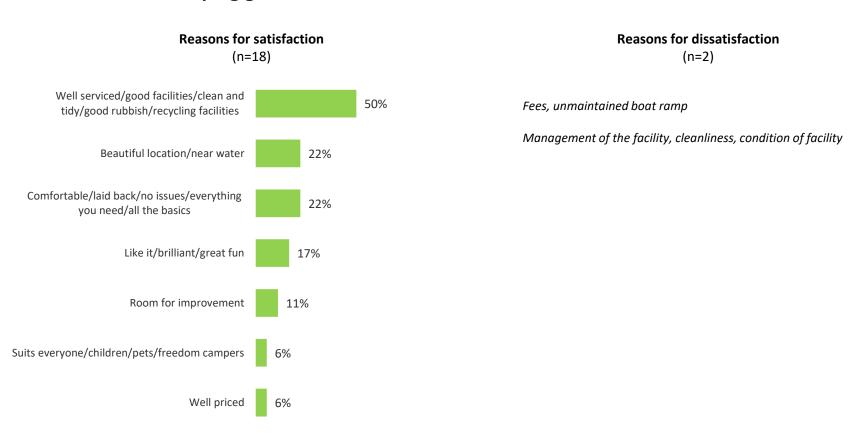
<sup>2.</sup> Q14: How satisfied are you with the Council-owned Lakes camping grounds over the past 12 months?





# Well serviced, good facilities that are clean and tidy was the most common reason for satisfaction at the Council-owned Lakes camping grounds

### **Council-owned Lakes camping grounds**



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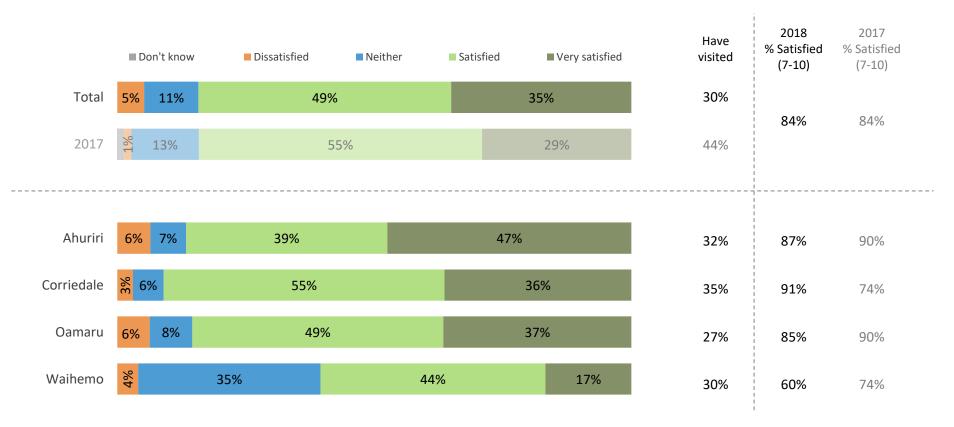
<sup>1.</sup> Q14: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the Waitaki District Council Lakes camping ground over the past 12 months?





# Waihemo residents continue to be the least satisfied with sports fields and facilities, although satisfaction overall remains relatively high (84%)

### **Sports fields and facilities**



Total sample: n=121

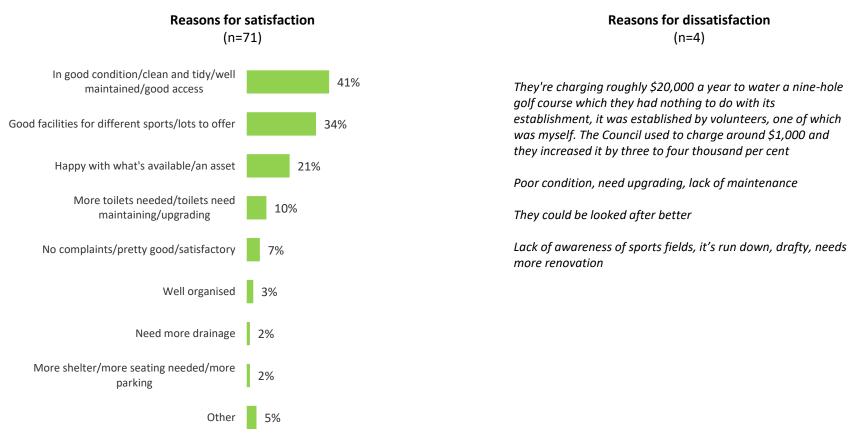
Q15: How satisfied are you with sports fields or facilities in the Waitaki District?





# The sports fields and facilities being kept clean and tidy and in good condition are the main reason for satisfaction given by residents

### Sports fields and facilities



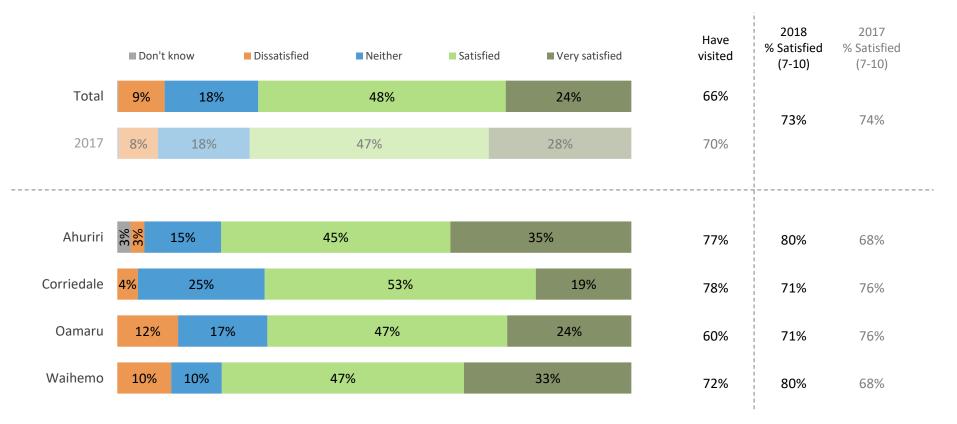
<sup>1.</sup> Q15: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with sports fields or facilities in the Waitaki District?





The number of satisfied residents with the public toilets has remained fairly constant at 73%, with increases in satisfaction seen in the Ahuriri and Waihemo wards

### **Public toilets**



Total sample: n=275

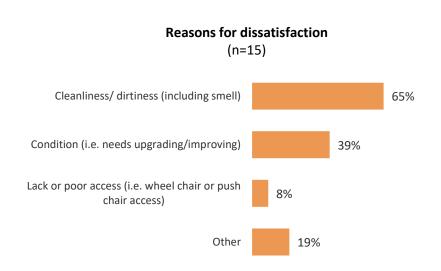
Q16: How satisfied are you with the public toilets?





# Reasons for dissatisfaction (15 responses) with the public toilets primarily relate to their level of cleanliness and condition

### **Public toilets**





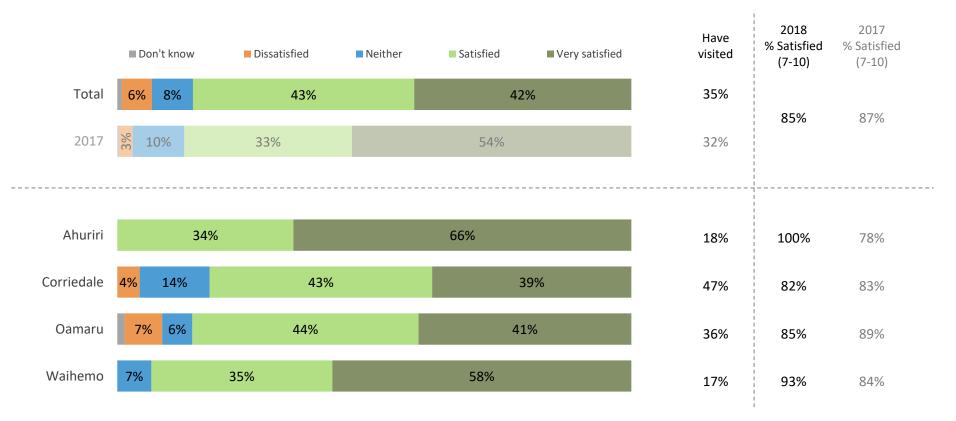
<sup>1.</sup> Q16: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the public toilets?





# The high level of satisfaction with the Aquatic Centre has dropped slightly compared to the previous year, mainly in the Oamaru ward

### **Aquatic Centre**



Total sample: n=130

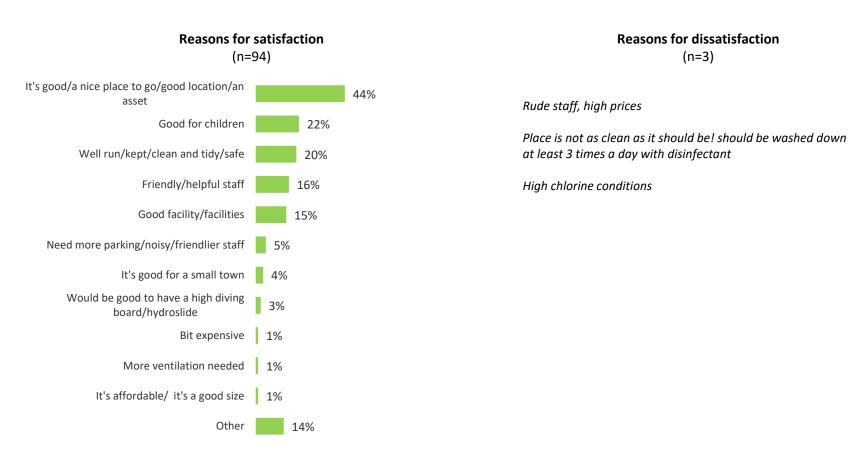
Q17: How satisfied are you with the Aquatic Centre?





# Good facilities, location and being good for children are top reasons given for satisfaction with the Aquatic Centre

### **Aquatic Centre**



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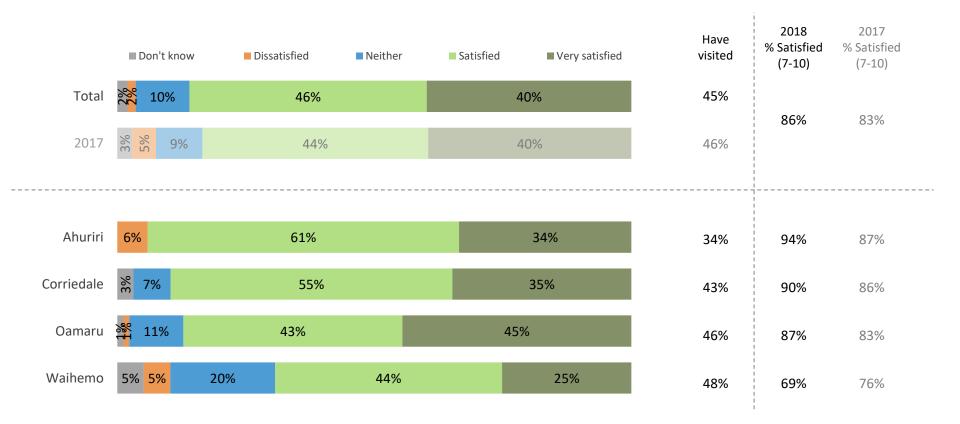
<sup>..</sup> Q17: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the Aquatic Centre?





Nearly half of all residents (45%) have visited a cemetery in the past year, with a large number of these satisfied with the service (86%)

### **Cemeteries**



Total sample: n=178

Q18: How satisfied are you with cemeteries in the Waitaki District?





# Reasons for dissatisfaction (3 responses) with the cemeteries relate to the lack of maintenance and one isolated incident

### **Cemeteries**

Reasons for dissatisfaction (n=3)

Poor condition / need upgrading / lack of maintenance

Not much co operation between the Kurow cemetery trust and the Waitaki District Council. They treated me badly, confusion with plots, but it's all sorted now

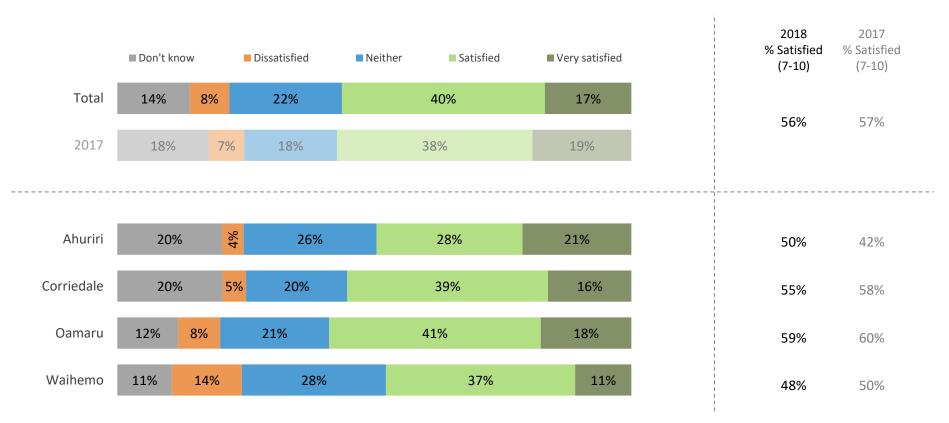
<sup>1.</sup> Q18: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with cemeteries in the Waitaki District?





There are a number of residents (14%, down from 18% in 2017) who were either unable or unwilling to provide a satisfaction score for the performance of the Mayor and Councillors

### **Performance of the Mayor and Councillors**



Total sample: n=400

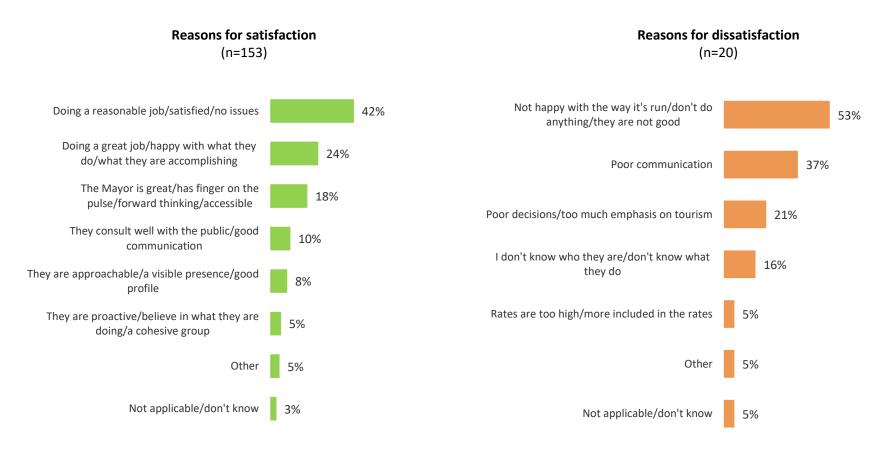
<sup>2.</sup> Q19: How satisfied are you with the performance of the Mayor and Councillors over the last 12 month period?





Of the residents that are satisfied with the performance of the Mayor and Councillors, two in five (42%) feel they are doing a reasonable job and have no issues

### **Performance of the Mayor and Councillors**



<sup>1.</sup> Q19: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the performance of the Mayor and Councillors over the last 12 month period?





# There are a large number (36%) of residents in Ahuriri who remain undecided with regard to the performance of their local Community Board members

### **Performance of Ahuriri Community Board members**



lotal sample: n=41

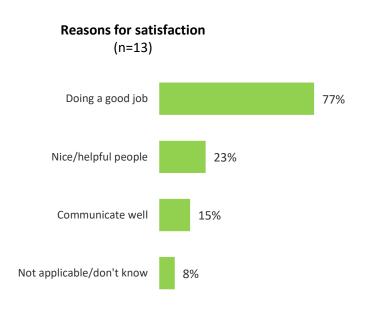
<sup>2.</sup> Q20: How satisfied are you with the performance of Ahuriri Community Board members?





# Residents of Ahuriri that are satisfied with the performance of their local Community Board members felt that they were doing a good job

### **Performance of Ahuriri Community Board members**



### Reasons for dissatisfaction (n=1)

Because they don't think the Boards represent the ratepayers, the Board represents the Waitaki District Council to the ratepayers, it's the wrong way around

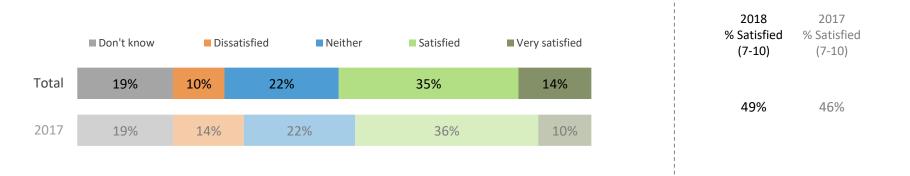
<sup>1.</sup> Q20: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the performance of Ahuriri Community Board members?





# There is also a large number (19%) of residents in Waihemo who are undecided with regard to the performance of their local Community Board members

### **Performance of Waihemo Community Board members**



lotal sample: n=80

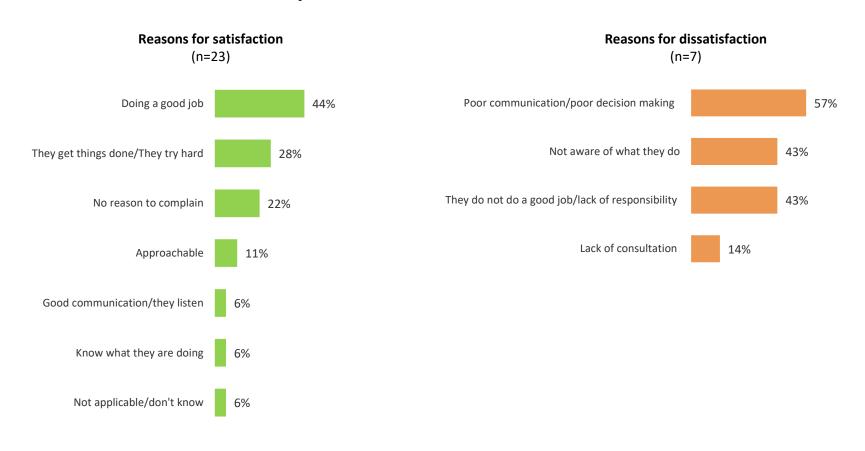
<sup>2.</sup> Q21: How satisfied are you with the performance of Waihemo Community Board members?





# As with the residents of Ahuriri those from the Waihemo ward that are satisfied with the performance of their local Community Board members had little reason to complain

### **Performance of Waihemo Community Board members**



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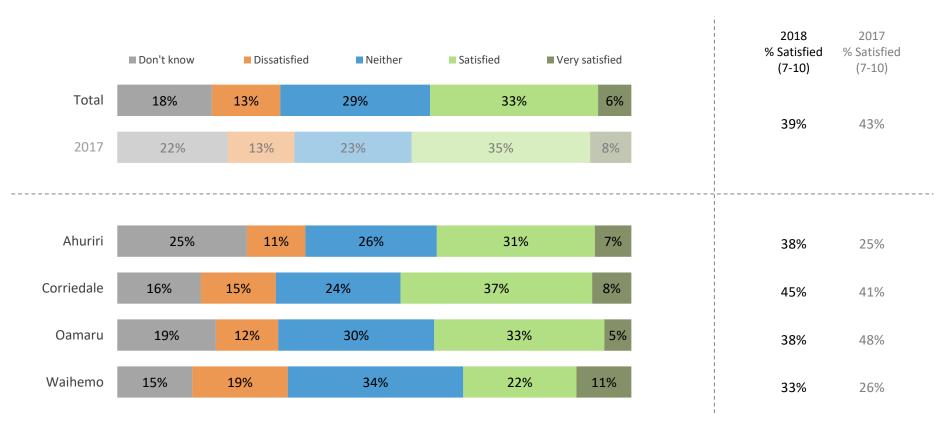
<sup>1.</sup> Q21: Can you tell me why you were not satisfied / satisfied with the performance of Waihemo Community Board members?





In relation to Council consultation, there has been a noticeable decline in the number of satisfied residents in the Oamaru ward, 38% compared to 48% in 2017

### Council's consultation with the community



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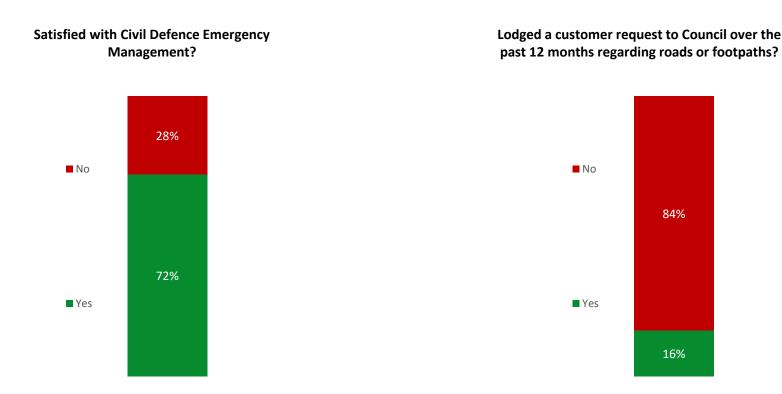
Q22: How satisfied are you with Council's consultation with the community?





Nearly three quarters of residents are satisfied with Civil Defence Emergency Management and around one in six (16%) have lodged a request to Council in the past year regarding roading

### **Civil Defence and Roading request**



I. Total sample: n=400

Q23: Are you satisfied with Civil Defence Emergency Management?

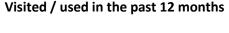
<sup>3.</sup> Q24: Have you lodged a customer request to Council over the past 12 months regarding roads or footpaths?

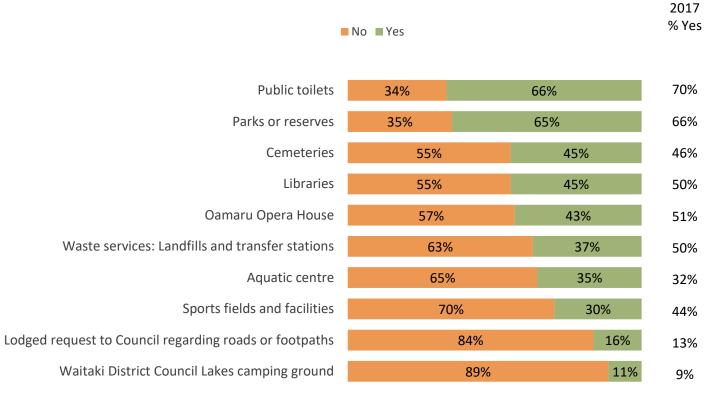




Visitation and usage of services provided by Council has remained similar to 2017 with the exception of a decrease in use of the Oamaru Opera House, waste services and sports fields

### Frequency of use





Total sample: n=400

<sup>..</sup> Q: In the last 12 months, have you visited or used the following services provided by Council...



# **Understanding Reputation**

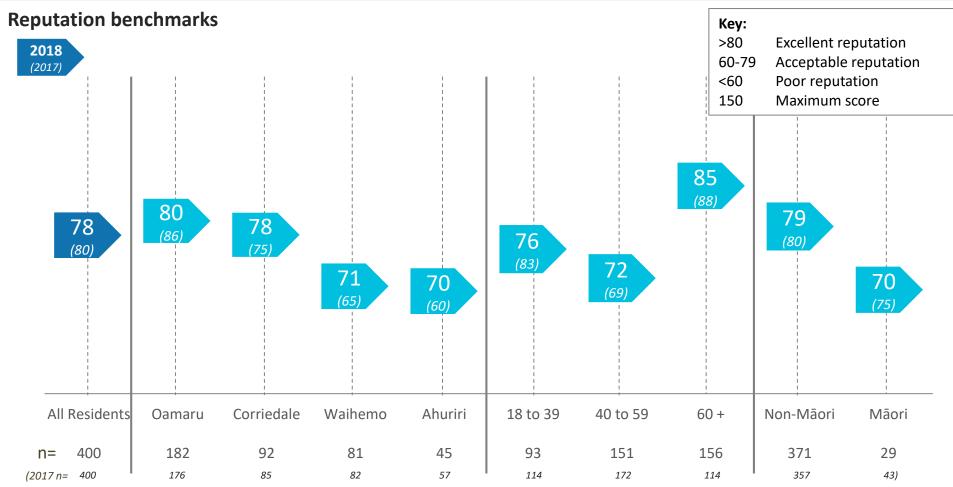








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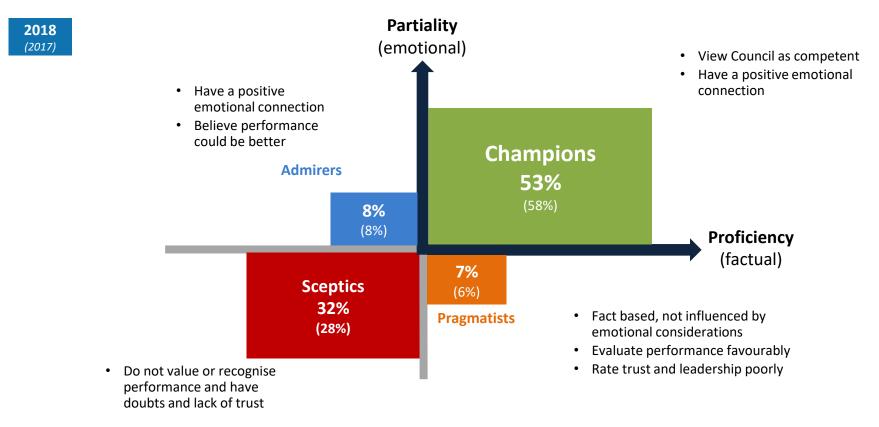
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### Reputation profile



Sample: n=400

<sup>1.</sup> Segments have been determined using the results from a set of five overall level questions

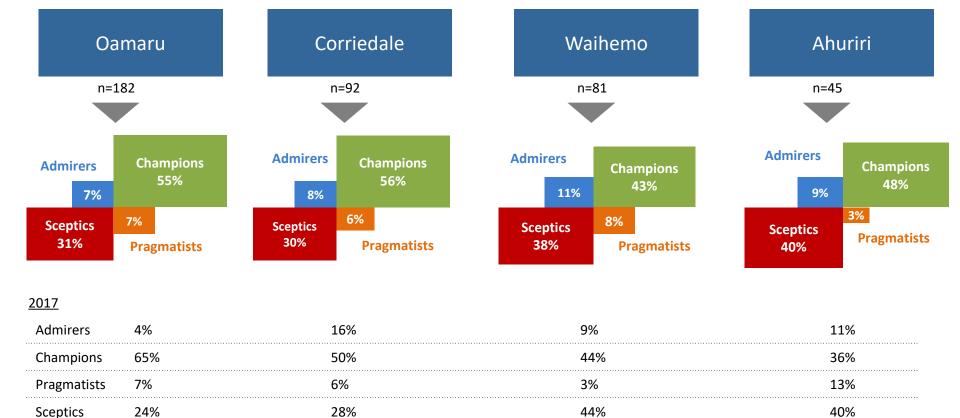
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There are less 'champions' in the Waihemo ward where residents have doubts and mistrust in the Council and are more likely to be sceptical

**Reputation profile: Wards** 



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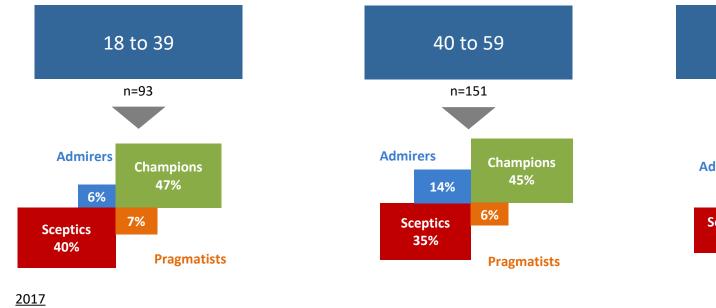
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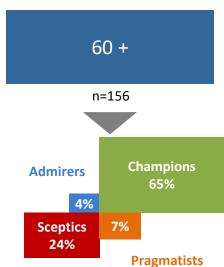




The younger age group has seen a notable decrease in the number of 'Champions' compared to 2017, while those aged over 60 are the most likely to be 'Champions'

Reputation profile: Age





Admirers	10%	11%	4%
Champions	66%	48%	63%
Pragmatists	5%	3%	11%
Sceptics	19%	38%	23%

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# **Drivers of Overall Satisfaction**

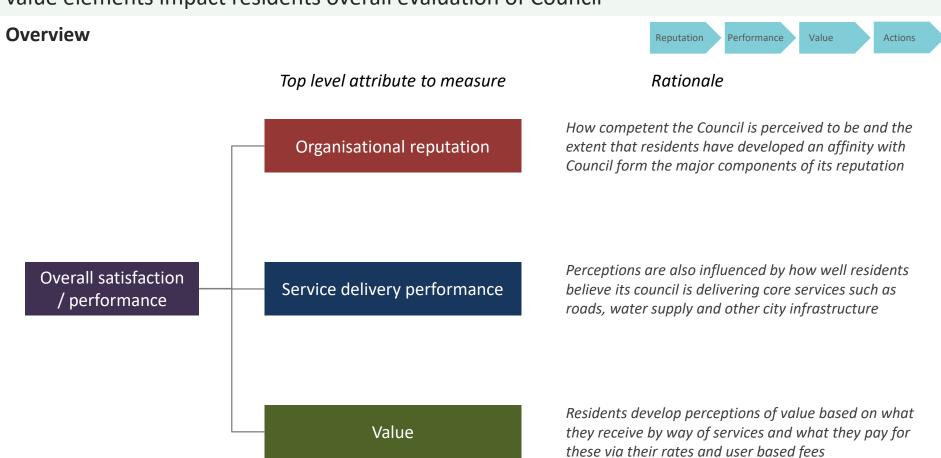








The foundation of the framework used is to determine how the various reputation, service and value elements impact residents overall evaluation of Council





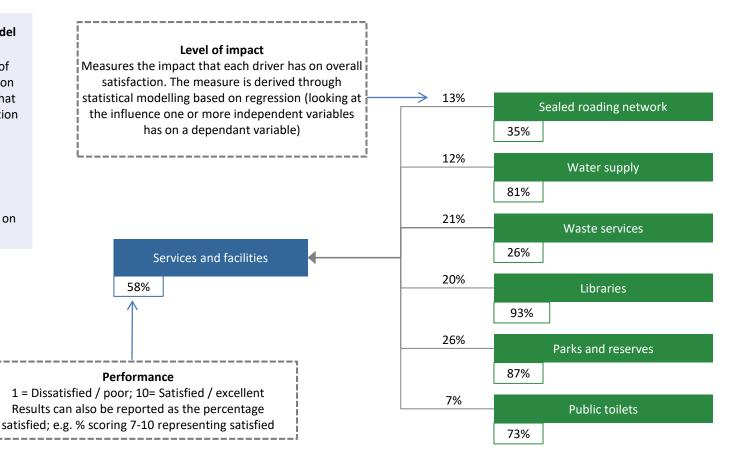


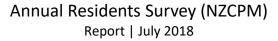
# Parks and reserves has been calculated as having the highest impact (26%) on residents perceptions of service and facilities performance, followed by the waste services (21%)

### Services and facilities performance

#### Overview of our driver model

- Residents are asked to rate their perceptions of council's performance on the various elements that impact overall satisfaction with public facilities
- Rather than ask what residents think is important, we use statistics to derive the impact each driver has on overall satisfaction



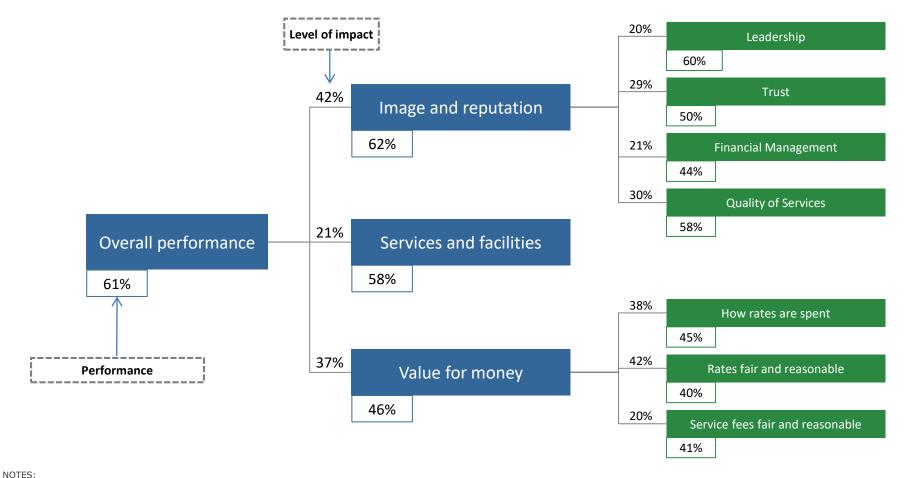






The overall performance evaluation is influenced more by image and reputation and value for money and less so by services and facilities

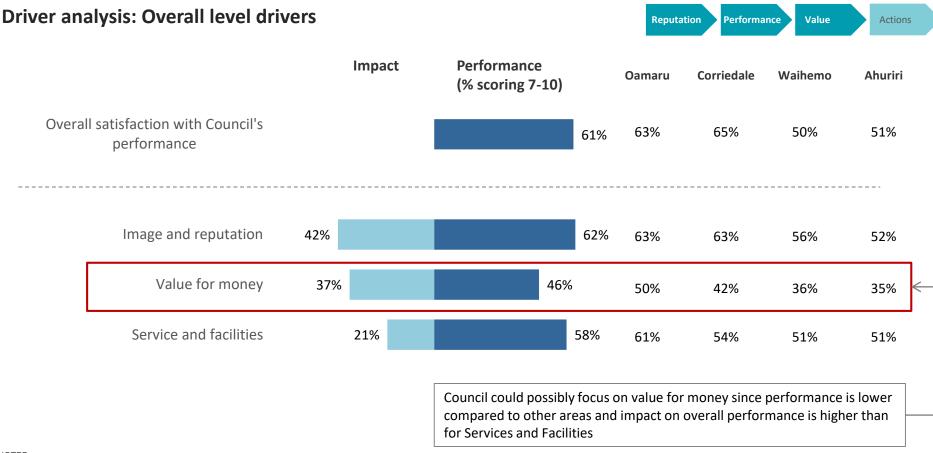
### **Overall performance**







Perceptions of value for money has a moderate influence on overall perceptions of Council and as the evaluation is not the highest, focus in this area represents an opportunity for Council

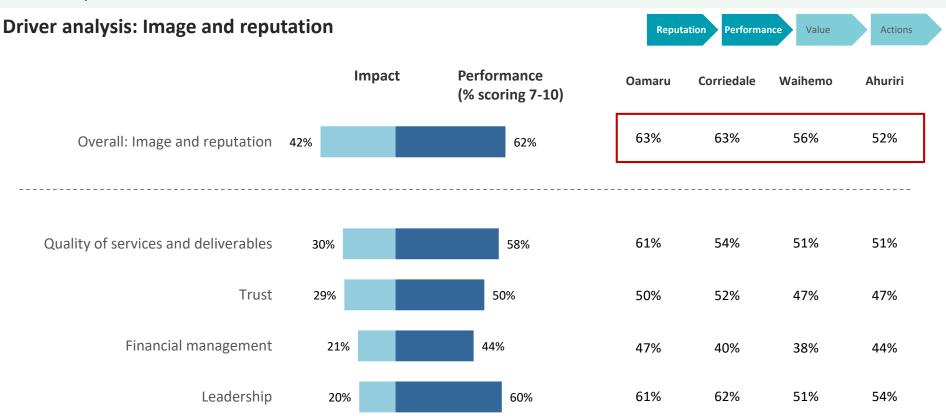


- Sample: n=400
- OVERALL: Now considering everything we have covered with regard to the Waitaki District Council; all the services they provide, their reputation and value for money, how satisfied are you with the overall performance of the Council?
- 3. REP5: So considering, leadership, trust, financial management and quality of services provided, how would you rate the Council for its overall reputation?
- 4. REP4: And thinking about all the services and infrastructure the Council provides, how would you rate them for the quality of the services they provide?
- 5. VM2: Considering all the services and facilities that the Council provides. Overall how satisfied are you that you receive good value for the money you spend in rates and other fees?





# Ahuriri residents have the least positive view of the Waitaki District Council reputation (52% satisfied), while residents in other wards, are less satisfied



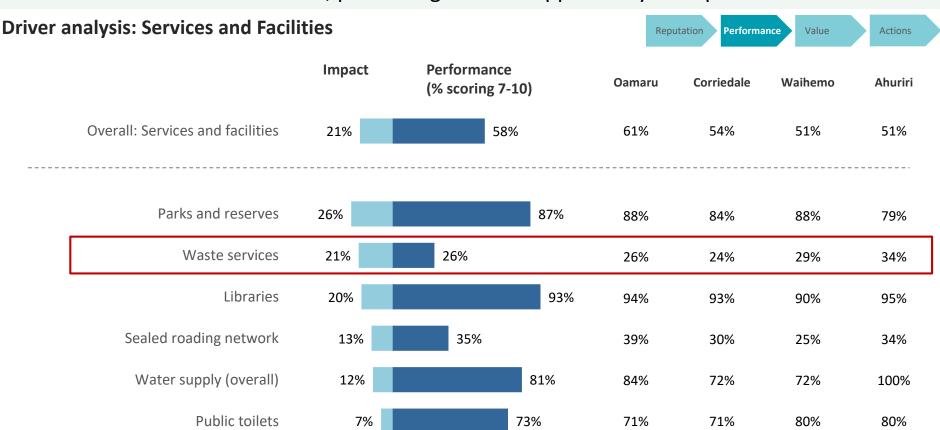
- 1. Sample: n=400
- 2. REP1: Being committed to creating a great district, how it promotes economic development, being in touch with the community and setting clear direction... overall how would you rate the Council for its vision and leadership?
- 3. REP2: Next I'd like you to think about how open and transparent Council is, how council can be relied on to act honestly and fairly, and their ability to work in the best interests of the District? Overall how would you rate the Council in terms of the faith and trust you have in them?
- 4. REP3: Now thinking about the Council's financial management how appropriately it invests in the district, how wisely it spends and avoids waste, and its transparency around spending. How would you rate the Council overall for its financial management?
- 5. REP4: And thinking about all the services and infrastructure the Council provides, how would you rate them for the quality of the services they provide?

  6. REPE: So considering leadership trust financial management and quality of societies provided how would you get the Council for its quartely societies.
- 6. REP5: So considering, leadership, trust, financial management and quality of services provided, how would you rate the Council for its overall reputation?





# Satisfaction levels with waste services are low, while this service has a large impact on the overall service and facilities score, presenting the best opportunity to improve



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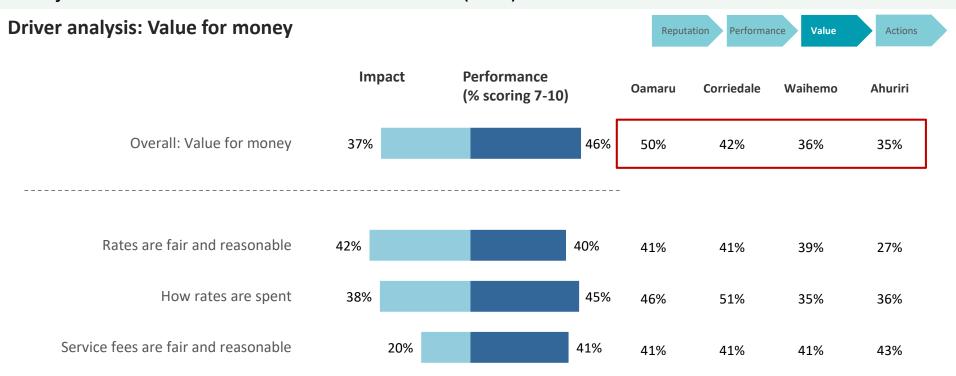
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<sup>2.</sup> REP4: And thinking about all the services and infrastructure the Council provides, how would you rate them for the quality of the services they provide?





Half of Oamaru residents (50%) are satisfied with how Council is spending their rates, compared with just over one in three residents in Ahuriri (35%)



- Sample: n=400
- 2. VM1.A: How would you rate your satisfaction with the Council for how rates are spent on services and facilities?
- 3. VM1.B: How would you rate your satisfaction with the Council for rates being fair and reasonable?
- . VM1.C: How would you rate your satisfaction with the Council for fees for other services being fair and reasonable?
- 5. VM2: Considering all the services and facilities that the Council provides. Overall how satisfied are you that you receive good value for the money you spend in rates and other fees?

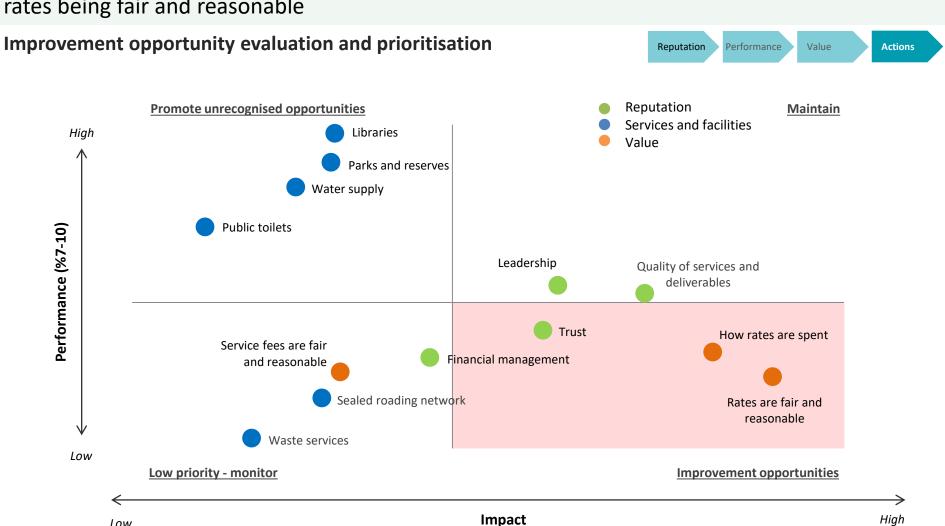


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Opportunities for improving perception exist around reputational trust, how rates are spent, and rates being fair and reasonable





# **General Comments**



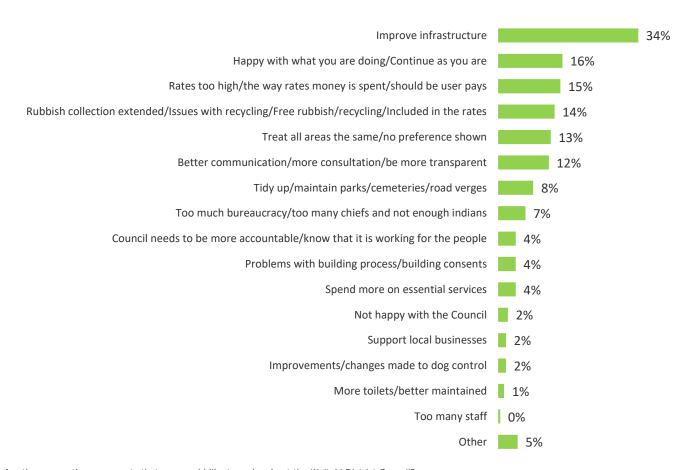






# General comments received from just over half of the residents surveyed are summarised in the chart provided

#### **General comments**



#### NOTES:

2. Sample: n=212

<sup>1.</sup> GEN: Are there any other comments that you would like to make about the Waitaki District Council?



# Sample Profile

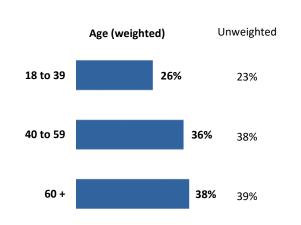


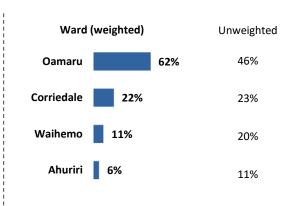


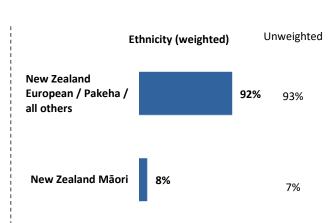


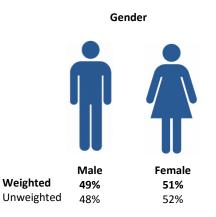


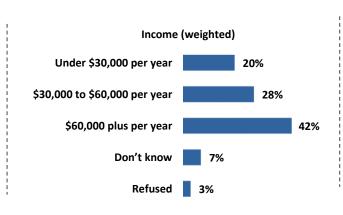
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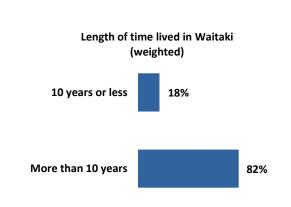












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