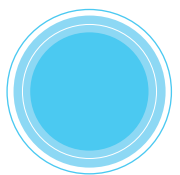


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284

page views on the Villages Have Your Say website

145 comments
41 shares
128 reactions



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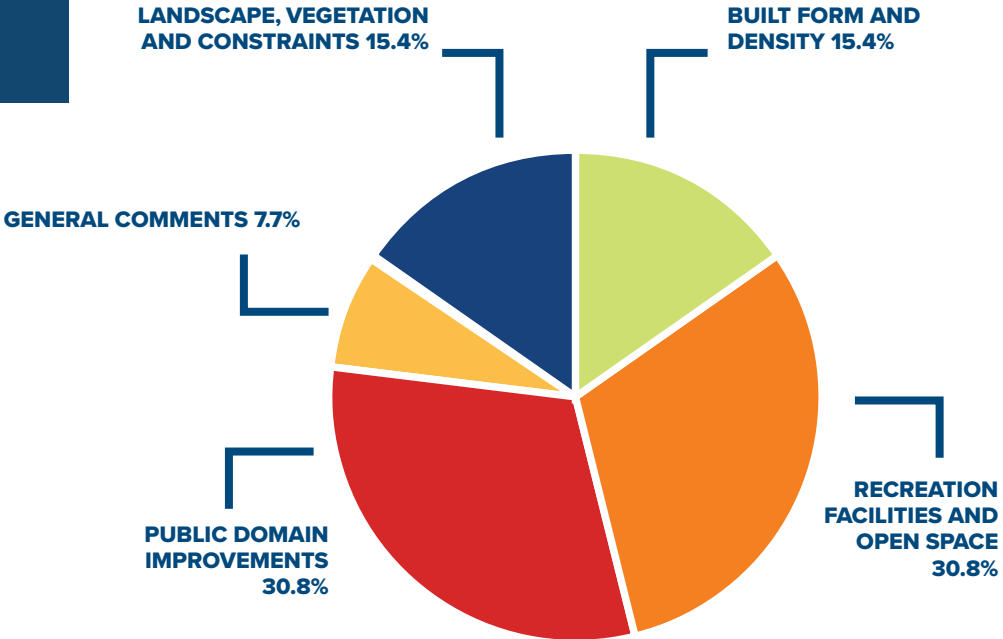
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- Wollombi (x 2)
- Abermain
- Greta
- Ellalong
- Mulbring

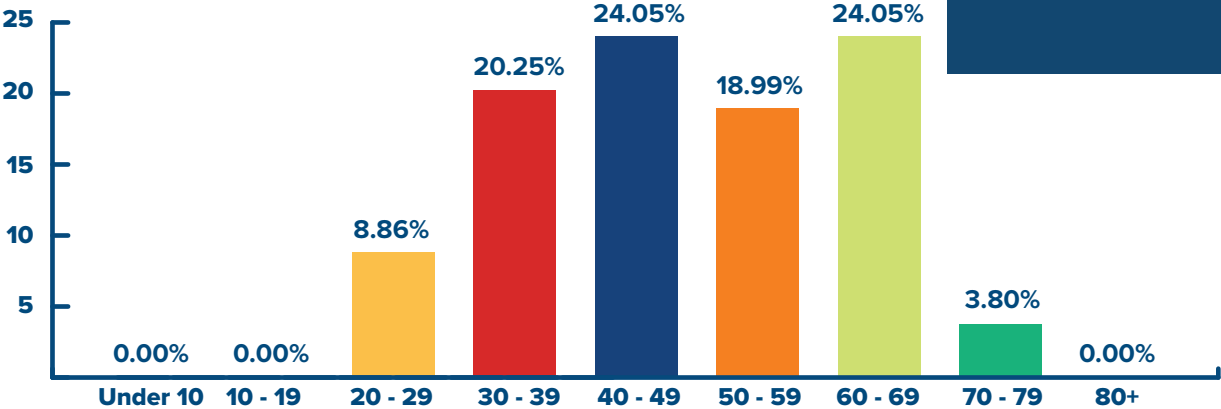
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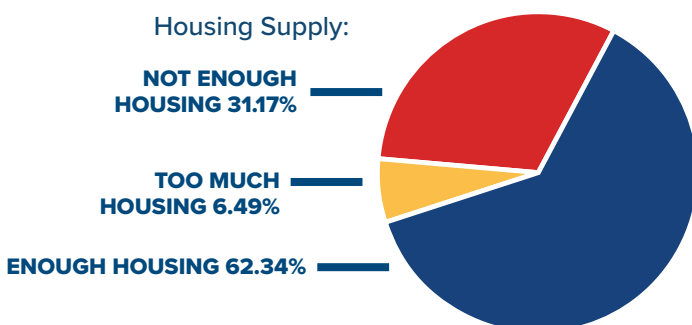
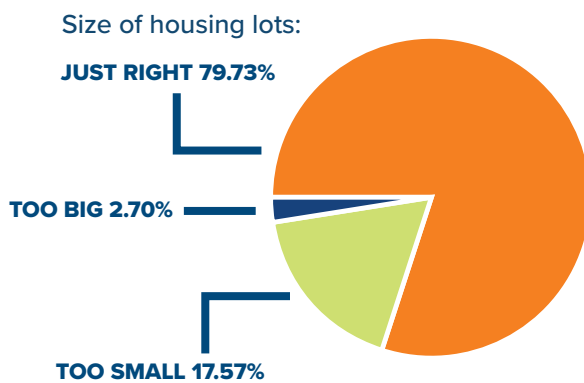
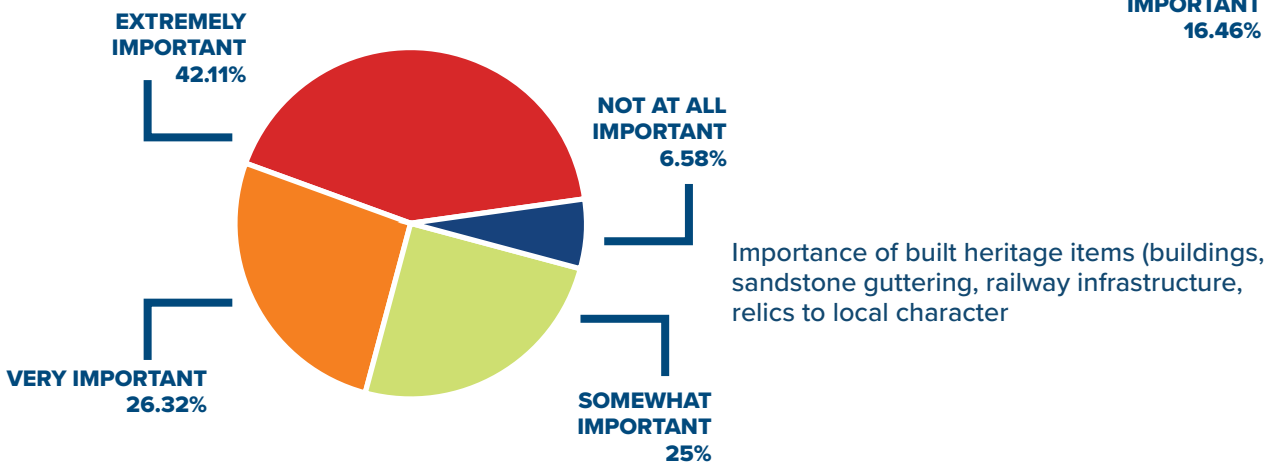
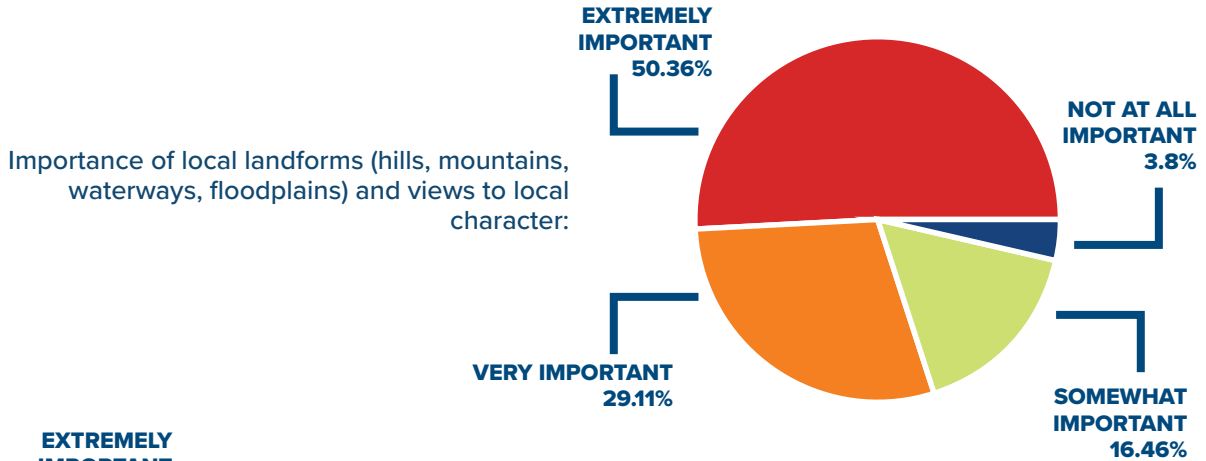
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unique users visit the Social Pin Point mapping leaving the following breakdown of comments:



79
Responses to the online survey (at least one from every village!) coming from a wide range of respondent ages:



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Supported improvements to Public Domain	
Street Trees	39.24%
Park Furniture (seating, tables etc.)	41.77%
Play Equipment	36.71%
Lighting	22.78%
Signage	25.32%
Footpaths/cycleways	63.29%
Gardens	27.85%

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Written submissions relating to the villages of Ellalong, Kearsley, Abernethy, Millfield Wollombi, Mulbring, Laguna & Greta

Submission Themes:

Character

- Community culture
- Community pride
- Current character
- Future character
- Village extent

Heritage

- Aboriginal heritage
- Colonial heritage
- Heritage preservation
- Heritage tourism
- War and service personnel

Infrastructure

- Communications
- Infrastructure for population growth
- Kerb and guttering
- Parking
- Roads (condition)
- Roads (safety)
- Signage (directional)
- Signage (place)
- Stormwater management
- Waste management

Land Use and Development

- Commercial / retail opportunities and viability
- Crown land
- Density
- Dwelling mix / typologies
- Illegal land use / development
- Land fragmentation
- Land use permissibility
- Laneways
- Minimum lot size (subdivision)
- Rural residential development opportunity
- Zoning / Rezoning

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Natural Features

Conservation
Landscape and views
Lookouts
Nature trails

Open Space & Public Spaces

Buildings / amenities
Connectivity
Disposal
Landscaping
Maintenance
Pathways
Public art
Recreation facilities upgrades / new features
Shared pathways / active transport (cycleways)
Sporting fields and multipurpose spaces
Street trees

Social Matters

Accessibility
Cemeteries
Community facilities
Education opportunities
Employment
Housing affordability
Population (growth)
Population (structure)
Resilience
Safety
Security and vandalism



WHAT'S NEXT?

Project staff are currently analysing the feedback received. This information will be used to:

- determine which villages have the highest priority for introduction of local character statements;
- draft local character statements to define current and desired future villages for the highest priority villages;
- identify any potential changes to land use planning controls or provisions to achieve the desired future vision; and
- identify appropriate public domain improvements;





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