How can we communicate and engage with you better?

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

20 August 2024 - 15 September 2024

PROJECT NAME: Are you being heard?



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Age	
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Mandatory Question (200 response(s)) Question type: Single Line Question



Mandatory Question (200 response(s)) Question type: Dropdown Question













Question options



Mandatory Question (200 response(s)) Question type: Dropdown Question



Mandatory Question (98 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 Why do you not give feedback to Council?

Employee
Not sure where to/no space to do this. Don't want to do it publicly on facebook
Don't have much to say and I am in the Southland District Council rates zone
not sure of the preferred method for that
makes no difference
Feel they won't listen
On past experience it's not worth the time and effort as things rarely change
I used to but it's a waste of time. Regardless of what the majority think or say, they do their own thing anyway.
Feel we are not heard
never asked for it
Seemed like a total waste of time in years gone by. Fell on "deaf" ears
I don't make the time to do it to be honest. I think of it was questions with a sliding scale that I just had to click numbers ie 1 disagree 10 completely agree that would be faster & amp; easier for me. I don't have the time to type out long winded thoughts

Didnt say
never know how.
haven't had any opportunity
Haven't bothered online, normally talk to a councilor.
I haven't felt the need
Survey links not sent to email to complete. Time poor.
They don't listen so not wasting my time. They didnt listen to submissions about rates.
Because the way in which we are being Rated we soon see us not being able to service the dept on my house, and we will be forced to sell it, and possibly never be able to own a home again, and this Council sure do know how to waste Money, it's sickening
Do not think they listen to much feedback
Wouldn't listen anyway, council just does what it wants ,who cares what I think
We have a lot of feedback but we dont pass to GDC as it will have no affect. The spending continues
Waste of time on one listens

 with you better? : Survey Report for 20 August 2024 to 15 September 2024
Never thought about it
I don't keep up with Council news as much as I should
Can't be bothered. Don't get anywhere, set in their ways.
New here
Not part of the District
I dont know how
I dont know anything about it
Haven't seen anything
Dont have social media
Know one listens to what we say
Dont have time to attend meetings. Surveys would be handy and can do at own pace and convince
Don't think it will matter
Nowhere to give it
Council does what council wants

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Other than attending a meeting, not sure how on general business issues
They don't listen
Haven't had reason to
Too lazy and don't care enough
didn't know I could
Too hard and not listened to either
Didn't think it would make any difference
council doesnt listen
Jejej
you don't listen!!!! You use constants who have no real work experience in the job at hand.
New ratepayer, was renting for 22yrs didn't i realize could contribute as a tenant. Have lived in Gore all but 6 years of my life
Because my opinion is unlikely to change/influence Council decisions
The issues that affect me most appear to be contracted out.





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Unsure how
Never asked
We are a school and don't feel the need.
Nothing to feedback about
Certainly don't on facebook, not interested in others commenting on my thoughts, would rather comment on this type of forum
To time consuming
x
Because they don't listen
never had the opportunity presented
Haven't had any issues and with the rates increase, cannot do anything about it.
Because the feeling from the past is that Mataura residents issues are never heard
Our policy refrains this
just landed here

didn't think I was allowed too
New to the area, not too familiar with it
employed by Council
Work for council.
Because I work there
Feel the feedback is not genuinely wanted. When people give other views to what the preferred option is, those people are made fun of & not taken seriously.
Because I nothing ever gets done when feedback is given
Nothing bothers me that much.
Staff member - I've never felt like it would be welcomed
never had anything significant to report
Have found that in the past it is a waste of time
I believe they have their own agenda no matter what I think, therefore "what's the point". I find their holier than thou opinions just plain arrogant.

Mandatory Question (102 response(s)) Question type: Single Line Question

Q8 How would you prefer to give feedback to the council? Is there something we can do differently?

Listen to the rate payers perhaps
Have some rural ratepayers meetings
Send the link to my email address
Actually listen instead of just asking for the sake of it/
No, I like the Antenno app, easy to send any non urgent issues
Online surveys
You make a lot a promise's but keep none, you only see the Raye Payer as a (Cash-Cow)
Just like this
Listen to what ratepayers want and stop wasting money on nice to have stuff that probably benefits 5% of the community
Survey if it is read
Internet
More open meetings

Online surveys are good if they are only a few questions.





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Regular surveys like this is a great idea

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Paper based survey for older people who maybe don't utilise electronic means of communication.
no
Survey. Hear what is being said and act on majority view.
I don't mind digital means. But to get real numbers reported back to council to actually get a scope of what people are thinking you need to go back to door knocking and ask them face to face!
Having anonymous platforms is important. Ensuring the elderly have ways of having their voice heard that is not necessarily digital it's important .
Feedback is irrelevant when council doesn't listen
Be transparent/ think of how the community are struggling
I'd like there to be a safe avenue for staff to have a say as residents and ratepayers
online or if necessary in person
Be transparent and allow all meetings to be open with agenda and feedback allowed for every meeting. Online works well as the majority of us have jobs and meeting times do not suit. Listen to the feedback, you are meant to represent the community.
A system that gets a response
Online survey such as this one is great and not overly time

consuming

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Any of the above works but online works best as I can do this out of my work hours
In writing or face to face with a councillor
in person on phone for example
There needs to be more chances for people to talk to council face to faceo face
On line
This is fine
any way as long as it goes somewhere, not just an empty voice
Facebook is good if comments can be turned off.
Instagram story polls, facebook poll/question box. Any thing that is quick
Add an extra box on antenno for things that don't fit it the categories listed.
Facebook and Antenno as long as comments are being read
No, I think you are taking care of the District and listening well.
No

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Satisfied with current opportunities for feedback.
Anonymously
Not have a massive rates rise next year aswell
Phone or in person
Phone. And to see some action actually done
N/a
Paper forms as they are anonymous.
Online or paper, either or works.
no
Have more public meetings and talks, survey's
Social media links would be a good way to reach the younger demographic
By Email or survey
Be easier to get in touch with in person.

Optional question (127 response(s), 73 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q9 Are there any barriers sto	pping you from giving feedback to the Council?
	Being an employee, I feel I am not allowed
	Not for me personally, i take an interest in the Councils work and keep myself updated on the happenings, the details and make an effort to provide information and feedback on relevant topics for myself/my family
	lack of platforms
	I'm not a ratepayer in Gore, I only work in Gore
	No
	none I've never been backwards in coming forward!!
	no
	no
	No
	Some there have a god complex
	Same answer as above
	Regardless of what the people wnt they do what they want anyway.

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Too hard
no. We are talking but are you listening
no
No
No
No
A lack of closing the feedback loop with updates or resolutions discourages me from providing feedback
No
I dont believe the middle class feels listened to. I think this is exacerbated if these people are any version of youthful, elderly, brown, 'different', alternative etc. Take another look at the video asking people to get involved. Word limits r a barrier
No
my work hours
Yes sometimes the person taking the feedback is not people friendly (not Brian)

for our no communicate and engage	
	No . Please start and listen to the poor rate payers , why we continue with linking Nanning with Gore . Nanning has HUGE FIELDS of rotting cars ,perhaps they want more space to dump them .
	Yes there are to many close door meetings about important issues that affect our community that the community should have a right to be heard on
	Yes as being a GDC staff member we are not allowed to comment I think this needs a a change of rules.
	same as above. Do they listen, or reply to your questions. Do you get straight amswers. Do they manipulate the answers ?
	If given opportunity
	No.
	No
	No
	Never appear to be made welcome when attending, or attempting to attend
	As above, time to consider ideas, and get survey completed
	No one listens
	Council inability to listen and act on ratepayers concerns. What happened after the Annual Plan Submission Hearing was Shameful
	No

Frustration
No
No, that's why I'm doing the survey
No
Why bother
No results pending
No one listens
Retaliation
No
134
Yes. Things font seem to be actioned
Meetings during work hours
I feel the council does not listen to those who do give feed back so I tend not to waste my time

No
No
Discouraged by lack of progress even tho there's been offers of help.
The you don't care what I think barrier is the barier
Most have own ideas
No one listens
no
No
Time pressure
Lack of action- common theme in the community. Voicing opinions and not getting replies/acknowledgement or actions.
Na
Depends what it is but there is a certain element of will they listen, is my feedback valuable, am I wasting my time? To a degree we have elected representatives who should be looking out for us.
No

	not now
PM	Yes - needs to be open ended surveys!!!
	Under the Hicks/Parry regime, people stopped wasting their time because it became clear they had their own agenda. The public's opinion was NOT wanted.
	Being hasselled by facebook keyboard warriers.
	No
	no
	No
	I don't understand what to do and how to go about making a submission
	giving feedback is pointless. you either don't listen or the CEO has already made up his mind on a vanity project
	Have gone to a drop in meeting and attending a submission meeting in Gore whilst I felt listened too nothing changed, was a total waste of my time and yours
	No
	They don't listen to the ratepayers. So why would I bother.
	I don't do facebook

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Yes being a staff member
no
Again, history shows that the council is not listening. It feels any opportunity for feedback is a token gesture and that it will not affect outcomes. The council is bleeding the people it serves dry!
No one answering
As I mentioned above, I am not convinced that public responses are given due consideration
No, although not actually finding out/knowing if any of my feedback is genuinely heard or actually considered is disengaging.
No
yes the personal touch on phone is not working so have to resort to antenno
Yes
No
No
no
No.



a crazy attitude to letting the Council debt balloon out for control,
spending over the budget. not budgeting for surplus every year
No
That people won't listen
No
No, if I wanted to say something I would
No
have called - no luck
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No
no
It doesn't help that you don't respond
Yes
The limit of words in my message This lack of communication leads to unnecessary surprise and shock.
time, being reminded as busy with life, also lack of acknowledgement and seeing our opinions put into practice or discussed

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Unsure which avenues to take. I would rather have a paper survey. Also, as we have an aging population many don't know how to use the internet or don't have access to it. Several times I have wanted to attend a drop in session or public meeting, but it was held during normal business hours. The majority of your ratepayer base will work 9-5 jobs, so it's unfair that we are excluded from public meetings and drop in sessions. The feeling of not being listened too. Time generally yes just make it easier to get an answer. just time barriers That the feedback I give won't be heard I don't really know how to do it No lack of awareness No

No
No
don't feel like it makes a difference
Not easy at my age to get to the Council building for a one on one talk. Why no Council person come to Mataura occasionallky?
An employee
no
maybe not know you are allowed to
Work for council so it is generally not deemed appropriate by management and don't want to get singled out. Partner cant give feedback as he doesn't want to affect my employment.
No
They are my employer
No barriers.
Giving feedback with our names attached to it

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Knowing I'm wasting my breath ringing about roading issues because
nothing ever gets done
Yes
N/a
Staff unable to reply to FB posts
Even if we cannot win the prize etc. I would still like to voice my opinion. Even better if I can do it anonymously.
no
Yes, not being listed too.
No
No as long it is worthwhile and listened to.

Optional question (161 response(s), 39 skipped) **Question type:** Single Line Question



Q10 How do you currently get news and information from the Council?

Mandatory Question (200 response(s)) Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 What are ways you would like to get information from the Council in the future?





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Mail drop, email and public forum
There's enough ways now.
Facebook is fine
Just the same
useful
Currently ok
Answer the publics questions would be a great start and start implementing some of their ideas.
phone
Email
This question does not make grammatical sense, so what hope is there?
I don't care, I just want you to stop raping us of our hard earnt income, the first \$100 a week we earn goes to the Go District Re for our Rates, that's outrageous
Just be honest and own the bad decisions you make

As above suits us
Same
Same
There are so many options already so feel like that is a good amount of options
Facebook
123
It feels like they will only tell us what they want to
No more emails
School Newsletters, School notices. Tiktok, Instagram
School notices, Tiktok, Instagram
Online, Google, I don't use social media, posters around town, school newsletter
Online, Google, I don't use social media, posters around town, school newsletter
Letters to each house hold
Mailbox drop, emails, via the antenno app, texts

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E mail
Online is best
Better use of Ensign plus encourage them to get deliveries sorted. We often miss completely along with many others
Is there going to be any information that's going to change your current mindset I wish
As above
N/A
I get a weekly email newsletter from KCDC which I find useful for what's happening around the region, events and developments.
no change
Emails and online examples Facebook etc
More Facebook posts- summaries on council meetings and links to agendas
Paper?
As above.
Facebook

	emailed information
PM	Online
	There was a time when the Ensign kept the public informed on council business and what was coming up in agenda's, but this practice seems to have disappeared. Perhaps a brief summary on face book outlining items to be discussed at council meetings
	I am happy with current options. The public needs to understand how cohnciks work. ie. The relationship between staff and councilors. Councilors get all the blame for decisions made predominately by staff. A good example is staff numbers and pay rates
	AS above
	same as above
	I really like the videos that explains things and newsletters
	by mail
	Ok as it is
	Get out there more and talk to real people/workers.
	Tiktok
	As a land owner and public function provider. I would like to be automatically informed of anything to do with my property or the tourist industry

Just the same is fine
The current ways work for me.
Public meetings before council meetings held at appropriate times even if you have to bend of backwards a little.
As above
Council web site. News papers. Local radio
Justifying unneeded expenses
I'd like to see tiktok and also I'd like to see a wider use of te reo
plenty of options available now.
Honest publications online and via Antenno
Be answered when a question is answered.
I am happy with the current communication platforms.
Personal when I've taken time to provide feedback. All of the above forms are useful to know what the council is doing.
e mail and via the district council website

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Direct rather than through the post or Southland times
email
Have a more interactive app. One where we can reach out and have a day.
Newsletters and Questionaries
As above
Social Media
your over spending equals 21% rates rise. new pipes Wigna + Eccle,, + Elizaveh Sts excellent New admin + Library - nuts
Facebook
I think its adequate as it is.
Via a weekly newsletter that goes out to all public about the happenings at the council
Facebook
I'm fine with how I currently do it
Radio
newsletter - goings on at Council etc

Txts
If it directly relates to me, email would be fine. Otherwise the systems that I us now seem to work just fine.
email
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Short and easy posts on Instagram/ Facebook with a web link in case I get interested in reading more about the topic.
Emails
In the newspaper
Happy with how I currently get information.
Online (noticeboard at library)
emails
happy with the ways I get information
Entertaining videos that have a informative aspect
Unsure

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Happy with current communications
Open discussion sessions to participate in, focus groups
Satisfied with current information pathways
Antenno app so can manage the amount of notifications coming through
Online. Ensign
Facebook, antenno
In my opinion the council has done everything, maybe old-fashioned posters on the noticeboards at the various buildings. Something we can physically point to when the public says they didn't know despite it being everywhere.
Ads on the tv would be nice
Business drop ins for those at work all the time
As at present and email
Meeting reports

Optional question (153 response(s), 47 skipped) **Question type:** Single Line Question

Q12 Would you like to see the results and outcomes from this engagement? If so, let us