

## **Council Meeting**

**11 June 2013**

### **Annual Community Survey**

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**8531 CITY OF BURNSIDE ANNUAL COMMUNITY SURVEY FEBRUARY 2013**

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**Attachment A**

Q99STRT

"PHONE: \_[Q0PH]\_

Previously contacted [Q0DAT2] [Q0TIM2]

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[Q0COM]

ATTEMPT: [Q0CAL]"

Q88DUM

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Q77P PREAMBLE

"Good afternoon/evening, my name is \_[Q0IV]\_ from Harrison Research. We are conducting a survey on behalf of Burnside City Council about the four strategic directions which Council will implement over the next 13 years. In the process, we are speaking with people who reside in the City of Burnside and would like to provide their perceptions of Council's service delivery performance.

\_ IF NECESSARY, SAY:\_ This is genuine research and I guarantee we are not trying to sell you anything.

\_IF NECESSARY, SAY:\_ If you like you can confirm this by calling the Customer Service Desk at Council on 83664200 and I can call back later.

\_SCREEN 1:\_ Do you live in the Burnside Council area? \_IF NO, THANK AND TERMINATE\_

\_SCREEN 2:\_ Does anyone in this household work in market research or for the City of Burnside either as a staff member or an Elected Member? \_IF YES, THANK AND NOTE\_

Is there anyone living in this household aged 18-24? \_IF YES, ASK TO SPEAK WITH THEM OR ARRANGE CALLBACK - IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK FOR ONE WITH LAST BIRTHDAY - RE-INTRODUCE AS REQUIRED - USE UNTIL THIS AGE QUOTA IS FULL\_

\_IF NO, OR IF 18-24 QUOTA FULL:\_ Please may I speak to the person in the household, aged 18 and over, who was the last to have a birthday? \_REINTRODUCE OR CALLBACK AS NECESSARY\_"

PAUSE

"The survey will take about 18 minutes to go through, depending on your answers. \_IF THEY'RE HESITATING BECAUSE OF TIME\_ We do need to get opinions from as wide a cross-section as possible; I could call back later if it would be more convenient. \_ARRANGE CALLBACK IF REQUIRED OR CONTINUE\_"

IF CONCERNED ABOUT PRIVACY I assure you that any information you give will remain confidential. Any identifying information, such as this phone number, is removed before we analyse the results. No one's individual answers can be passed on to our clients or anyone else.

And before we start, I just need to let you know that this call may be monitored by my supervisor for training and coaching purposes. May we begin? Thank you."

START

#### Q1. URBAN FORM AND LIVING SPACES

"Q1 Thinking first about planning and infrastructure in the council area, please rate how satisfied you are that Council has performed each of the following services or facilities, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied. How would you rate .....?"

READ OUT 1-11, RND

1. The overall planning of the City
2. Protecting the built and natural heritage
3. Providing passive recreation opportunities, such as walking, picnic locations or pursuing hobbies
4. Providing active recreation opportunities, such as playing organised sport or outdoor games
5. Providing and maintaining parks and reserves
6. Providing and maintaining playgrounds
7. Providing and maintaining local roads
8. Providing and maintaining footpaths
9. Providing and maintaining street trees
10. Providing and maintaining cycle paths and walking trails
11. Provision and management of traffic and parking in the City

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

#### Q2 IMPROVEMENTS TO URBAN FORM & LIVING SPACES

"Q2 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?"

1. Suggestion made (Q201 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

#### Q201 IMPROVEMENTS TO URBAN FORM & LIVING SPACES

#### Q3. PROTECTED AND VALUED ENVIRONMENT

"Q3. Thinking now about the environment, how satisfied are you with the way Council has performed each of the following services or facilities. Using the same 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied, how would you rate .....?"

READ OUT 1-6, RND

1. Preparation for and support of residents for bushfire management
2. Restoring and protecting the City's biodiversity
3. Water Management initiatives
4. Garbage and green waste management
5. Hard waste and Electronic waste management
6. After hours and hazard response management

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

#### Q4. IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PROTECTED AND VALUED ENVIRONMENT

"Q4 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?"

1. Suggestion made (Q401 SPECIFY)

2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q401 IMPROVEMENTS TO PROTECTED AND VALUED ENVIRONMENT

Q5. DIVERSE, SUPPORTIVE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY PEOPLE

"Q5. Thinking now about supporting the community, how satisfied are you with the way Council has performed each of the following services or facilities. Using the same 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied, how would you rate .....?"

READ OUT 1-10, RND

1. Support for local businesses
2. Community and cultural activities
3. Providing public and environmental health services
4. Providing services for older residents
5. Providing services for younger residents
6. Providing services for families
7. Presentation and cleanliness of the City
8. Providing animal and pest management services
9. Providing a community bus service
10. Providing library services

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

Q6. IMPROVEMENTS TO DIVERSITY, SUPPORT, HAPPY & HEALTHY PEOPLE

"Q6 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?"

1. Suggestion made (Q601 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q601 IMPROVEMENTS TO DIVERSITY, SUPPORT, HAPPY & HEALTHY PEOPLE

Q7. LEADING, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COUNCIL

"Q7. Thinking now about how satisfied are you with the way Council has performed in each of the following services or facilities. Using the same 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied, how would you rate .....?"

READ OUT 1-6, RND

1. Consultation with and informing the community
2. The performance of current Elected Members in being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community.
3. The interactions you have with Council Staff
4. Providing leadership in the community
5. Financial management
6. The balance between Council rates and the services and standard of infrastructure provided

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

Q8. IMPROVEMENTS TO LEADING, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COUNCIL

"Q8 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?"

1. Suggestion made (Q801 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q801 SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LEADING, INCLUSIVE & CONNECTED COUNCIL

Q9. ADDITIONAL SERVICES NOT PROVIDED NOW

"Q9 Is there any service that you would like Council to provide that it currently does not?"

1. Suggestion made (Q901 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q901 SUGGESTION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES NOT PROVIDED NOW

Q10. CURRENT SERVICES SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED

"Q10 Is there any service that Council currently provides that you consider it should not?"

1. Suggestion made (Q1001 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q1001 SUGGESTION FOR CURRENT SERVICES SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED

Q11 OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE

"Q11 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Council's overall performance over the past 12 months. Please use a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied?"

NUM 0-10,

Q12 CAT MANAGEMENT

**"Q12. I'd now like you to rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement, using a 0 to 10 scale with 0 meaning strongly disagree and 10 meaning strongly agree. To what extent do you agree or disagree that "the City of Burnside should have a cat management approach similar to the way Council manages dogs. By this we mean registration, microchipping, desexing and limit on numbers per household?"**

NUM 0-10,

Q13 PARKING ON DRIVEWAY CROSSOVER OF OWN PROPERTY

**"Q14 The City of Unley is seeking support from neighbouring Councils to lobby the State Government to change the Australian Road Rules to allow residents to park on the driveway crossover in front of their own properties using a permit system. Using the same 0 to 10 scale, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the City of Burnside should support this change?"**

NUM 0-10,

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Q14 gender.

**"Q15 We are coming to the end of the survey. I would just like you to answer a few questions about yourself so we can better understand you. This information will be kept confidential and the answers you provide are aggregated into groups \_RECORD GENDER - DO NOT ASK UNLESS CAN'T TELL\_"**

1. Male
2. Female

Q15 YOB

**"Q16 What year were you born? \_RECORD NUMBER, D IF REFUSED\_"**

WIDTH=4

NUM 1900-1995, D

**Q16 HOUSEHOLD**

**"Q16 Which of the following best describes your household? \_READ OUT 1-8\_"**

1. Lone person household
2. Group household of related or unrelated adults
3. Young couple, no children
4. Older couple, no children at home
5. Couple or single parent with mainly pre-school children
6. Couple or single parent with mainly primary-school children
7. Couple or single parent with mainly teenage children
8. Couple or single parent with mainly adult children still living at home
9. Refused

**Q17. EMPLOYMENT**

**"Q17 What is your current employment status?"**

1. Part-time employment
2. Full-time employment
3. Unemployed
4. Home duties
5. Pensioner (non-age pension)
6. Retired / age pensioner
7. Student
8. Refused

**IF 3-8 IN Q17 GO Q19**

**Q18 HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OCCUPATION?**

**"Q19 How do you describe your occupation? \_IF NECESSARY, MAKE A NOTE AND CHECK LIST FOR CORRECT CODE\_"**

1. Manager / administrator
2. Professional
3. Associate professional
4. Tradesperson / related worker
5. Advanced clerical, sales & service worker
6. Intermediate clerical, sales & service worker
7. Intermediate production and transport worker
8. Elementary clerical, sales & service worker
9. Labourer / related worker

**Q19 SUBURB**

**"Q19 What suburb do you live in? UNPROMPTED**

1. AULDANA
2. BEAUMONT
3. BEULAH PARK
4. BURNSIDE
5. DULWICH
6. EASTWOOD
7. ERINDALE
8. FREWVILLE
9. GLENSIDE
10. GLEN OSMOND
11. GLENUNGA
12. HAZELWOOD PARK

13. KENSINGTON GARDENS
14. KENSINGTON PARK
15. LEABROOK
16. LEAWOOD GARDENS
17. LINDEN PARK
18. MAGILL
19. MOUNT OSMOND
20. ROSE PARK
21. ROSSLYN PARK
22. SKYE
23. ST GEORGES
24. STONYFELL
25. TOORAK GARDENS
26. TUSMORE
27. WATERFALL GULLY
28. WATTLE PARK

**Q20 TENANCY**

**"Q20 Is this house owner-occupied or rented?"**

1. Owner-occupied
2. Rented/tenanted

**Q21 HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME**

**"Q21 Which of the following ranges best describes your household's gross annual income? \_READ OUT 1-7\_"**

1. Less than \$25,000 per annum
2. \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
3. \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
4. \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
5. \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
6. \$150,000 to less than \$200,000
7. \$200,000 or more
8. Don't know
9. Refused

**Q22 BUSINESS OWNER**

**"Q22 Do you, or anyone else in this household, own a business? If so, would it be .....\_READ OUT 1-4\_"**

1. A home-based business
2. Based in business premises within Burnside Council area
3. In business premises outside of Burnside Council area
4. At various locations / clients' premises (e.g. builder, contract work, driver etc.)
5. Something else (SPECIFY Q2301)
6. No, do not own business

**Q2301 BUSINESS OWNER OTHER**

**Q23 CLOSE**



"Q23 That concludes the survey. On behalf of Burnside City Council and Harrison Research, thank you for your time.

Q25 ISO 20252

"Q24 By pressing enter at this screen, I certify that this is a true, accurate and complete interview, conducted in accordance with the ISO 20252 standards and the AMSRS Code of Professional Behaviour (ICC/ESOMAR). I will not disclose to any other person the content of this questionnaire or any other information relating to this project."

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Q0QUO

TOTAL=800

## **Elected Members' Information Document**

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<b>To</b>	Elected Members
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<b>Subject</b>	OUTCOMES OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY SURVEY 2012-2013
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

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### **Members**

The purpose of this Information Document is to provide a summary of the key outcomes of the Annual Community Survey undertaken between 11 and 17 February 2013.

The points presented here are sourced from a draft consultant report titled 'Draft Preliminary Annual Community Survey Report'. The contents of the consultant report will be presented to Council in more detail in an Elected Member workshop on 21 March 2013 by the consultants.

A final consultant report presenting and interpreting the results of the Annual Community Survey will be submitted to Council as an attachment to a Council Report scheduled for a June 2013 meeting. This Council Report will also include a review of the project and recommendations for the future of the survey.

### **Key Results**

The Annual Community Survey research revealed that the respondents to the survey representing the residents of the City of Burnside generally have a reasonably high level of satisfaction with the services provided by Council. Some services have a lower level of satisfaction, but all services can be deemed to be considered average to good.

### **Methodology**

1. A random 800 resident computer aided telephone interview survey, conducted by Harrison Research using Interviewer Quality Control Australia (IQCA) accredited interviewers, in accordance with the Market and Social Research Privacy Principles.
2. All respondents were confirmed living in Burnside.
3. Interview duration averaged 17.5 minutes.
4. Raw data was weighted to correspond with the population distributions of age and gender (ABS 2011 Census Data) and also by Wards.
5. 75% of respondents did not own a business. 9% had a home based business and 3% owned a business in the Burnside Council area.

### **What is a Good Score?**

When respondents answered the survey question, they gave a score from 0 to 10, where 0 was least satisfied up to 10 which was most satisfied. Respondents could also answer "don't know".

When interpreting organisational performance/ service quality results, the following generalisation are usually applied for interpretation of the score.

A score of:

1. Above 8 is 'excellent or very satisfied';
2. Between 6 and 8 is 'good or quite satisfied';
3. Between 5 and 6 is considered 'average or satisfied';
4. 5 generally means undecided, or neither satisfied or dissatisfied; and
5. Below 5 is 'poor or dissatisfied' and signifies potential room for improvement.

Other studies have shown Councils generally score higher on service-related areas (generally above 7) than governance or communications areas (generally below 7).

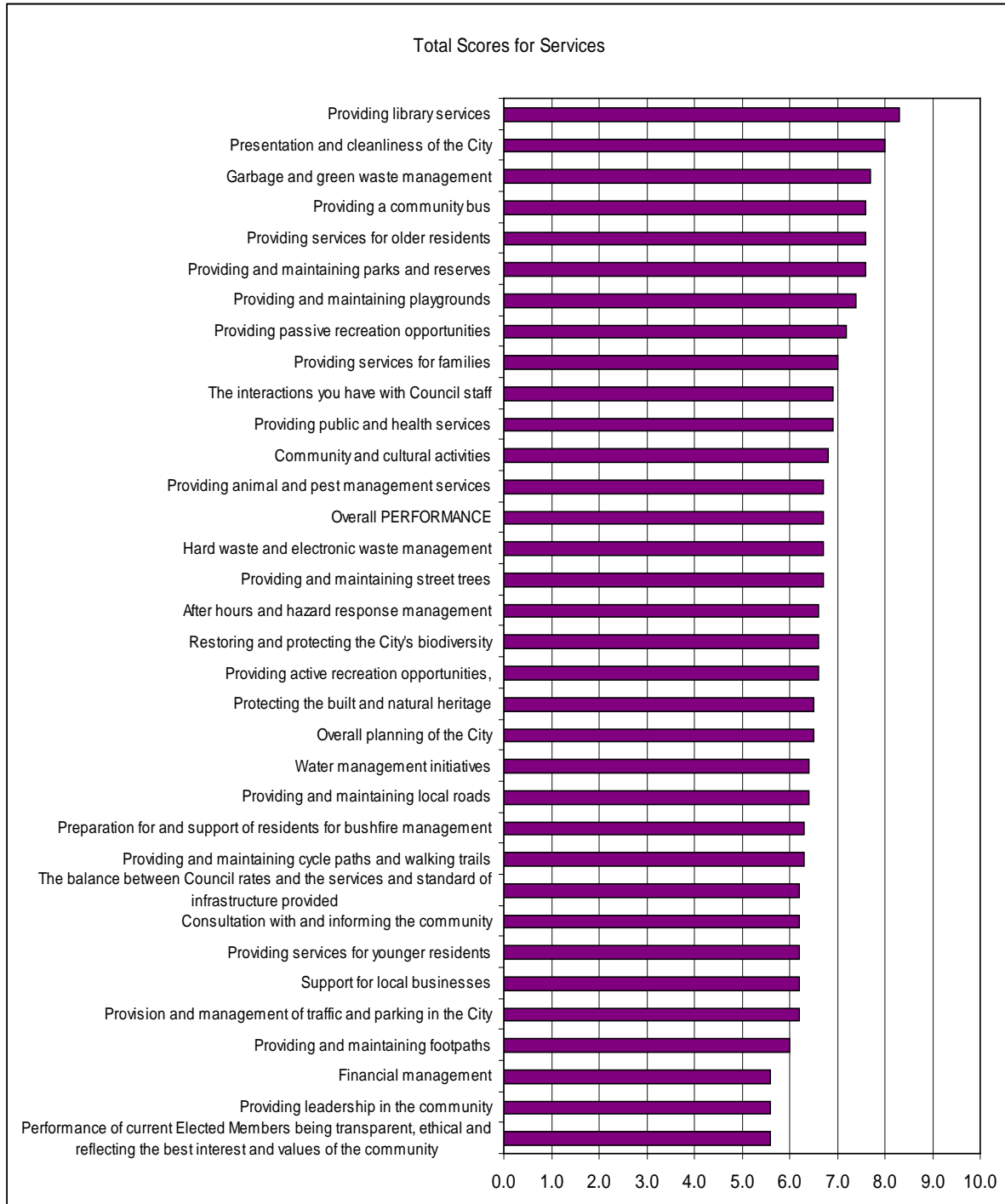
### **Strategic Directions Scores**

The total scores for each service are listed in their Strategic Plan Directions section. Effectively, the higher the score the better the result or the higher the perceived satisfaction of the respondents.

<b>Total Score</b>	<b><i>Integrate Urban Form and Living Spaces</i></b>
7.6	Providing and maintaining parks and reserves
7.4	Providing and maintaining playgrounds
7.2	Providing passive recreation opportunities, such as walking and picnic locations
6.7	Providing and maintaining street trees
6.6	Providing active recreation opportunities, such as playing organised sport
6.5	Overall planning of the City
6.5	Protecting the built and natural heritage
6.4	Providing and maintaining local roads
6.3	Providing and maintaining cycle paths and walking trails
6.2	Provision and management of traffic and parking in the City
6.0	Providing and maintaining footpaths
<b>Total Score</b>	<b><i>Protected and Valued Environment</i></b>
7.7	Garbage and green waste management
6.7	Hard waste and electronic waste management
6.6	Restoring and protecting the City's biodiversity
6.6	After hours and hazard response management
6.4	Water management initiatives
6.3	Preparation for and support of residents for bushfire management
<b>Total Score</b>	<b><i>Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People</i></b>
8.3	Providing library services
8.0	Presentation and cleanliness of the City
7.6	Providing services for older residents
7.6	Providing a community bus
7.0	Providing services for families
6.9	Providing public and health services
6.8	Community and cultural activities
6.7	Providing animal and pest management services
6.2	Support for local businesses
6.2	Providing services for younger residents

<b>Total Score</b>	<b><i>Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council</i></b>
6.9	The interactions you have with Council staff
6.2	Consultation with and informing the community
6.2	The balance between Council rates and the services and standard of infrastructure provided
5.6	Performance of current Elected Members being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interest and values of the community
5.6	Providing leadership in the community
5.6	Financial management

The following bar graph shows the relative scores of all of the services.



### **Respondent Suggestions for Areas to Consider for Improvement**

1. Footpaths need repair / more footpaths (16% of respondents suggested this theme).
2. Maintain / preserve heritage trees / verges (15% of respondents suggested this theme).
3. More hard rubbish collection (15% of respondents suggested this theme).
4. Council should be in touch with residents / listen and consult / better communication / notify of works projects (11% of respondents suggested this theme).
5. More rubbish collection-waste green (9% of respondents suggested this theme).

### **Suggestions for New Services**

Three in four respondents had nothing further to add in that they could not suggest any new services. Themes that were suggested included more:

1. Collection of hard, electronic, hazardous and green waste. Provision of a dump location within Council area for these waste products;
2. Emphasis on maintenance of trees, footpaths, roads, gutters and general maintenance of Council parks;
3. Recreation facilities i.e. walking/ cycling trails, dog park, BMX and skateboard areas;
4. Transport / home help / facilities for elderly and people with disabilities; and
5. Engagement with community / more information / phone service / face to face contact with members.

### **Suggestions for Stopping a Service**

Only 3% of respondents provided a suggestion about a service that is currently being delivered that they perceived could be stopped. Of these comments, community meals was the most prominent service some respondents thought could be cut.

### **Council's Overall Performance**

One in three said they were very satisfied with Council's overall performance in the last 12 month and rated 8 out of 10 or higher satisfaction. 77% of respondents stated they were satisfied with the overall performance of Council.

Score = 6.7 A score between 6 and 8 is considered 'good or quite satisfied'. 77% responded they were satisfied with the overall performance of council. 34% responded they were very satisfied (score of 8 out of 10 and higher) with Councils overall performance in the last 12 months.

### **Cat Management**

The question asked of respondents was "How strongly do you agree or disagree that the City of Burnside should have a cat management approach similar to the way Council manages dogs?"

Score = 7.7 A score between 6 and 8 is considered 'good or quite satisfied'. The majority of respondents, 79%, agree with this suggestion, 11% of respondents disagreed.

## **Change to Road Rules**

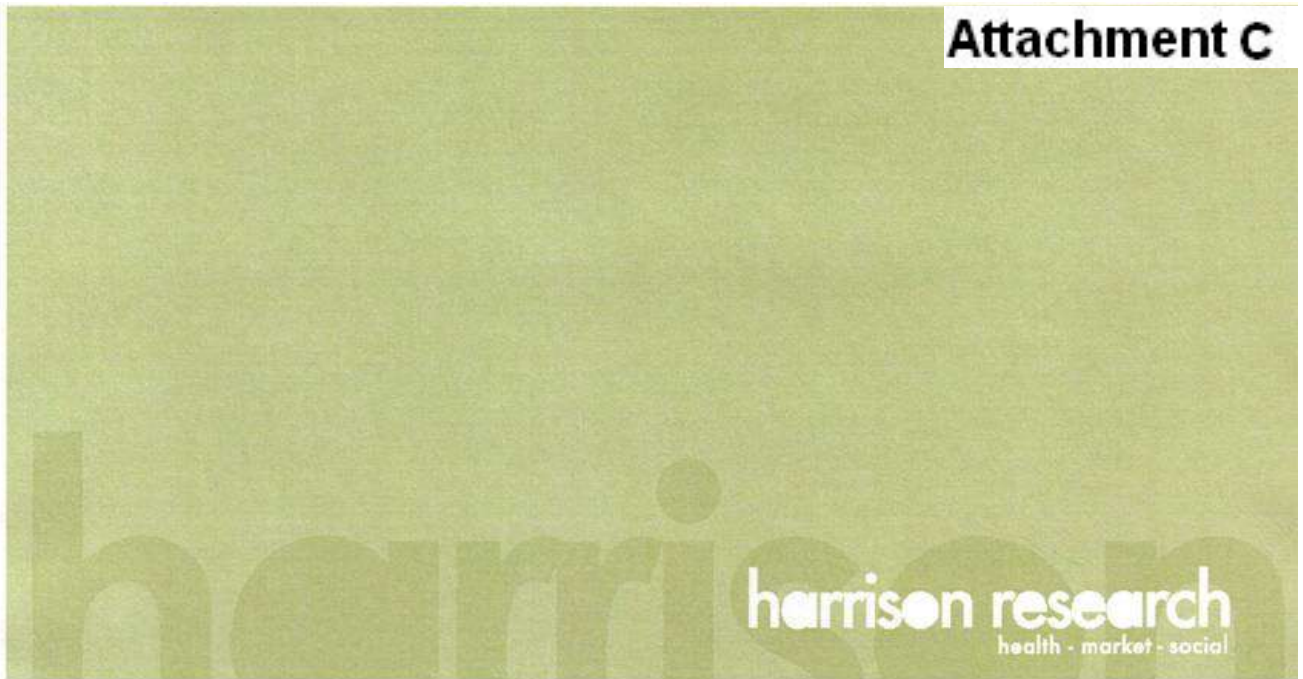
The question asked of respondents was "The City of Unley is seeking support to lobby State Government to change Australian Road Rules to allow parking on resident's driveway crossover, using a permit system. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Burnside Council should support this change? "

Score = 5.9      A score between 5 and 6 is considered 'average or satisfied'. Of the responses 43% strongly agreed with supporting the change, 14% agreed, 26% disagreed and 13% strongly disagreed with supporting the change, giving a rating score of 0.

I hope this summary was helpful and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Leonie.

Regards

Louise



## Annual Community Survey Preliminary Draft Report

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Project #: 8531

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Report Date: March 2013

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# 1. SETTING THE SCENE

## 1.1 Background

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- The City of Burnside wished to undertake a benchmark Annual Community Survey to inform further development of the Draft Strategic Plan and to explore in more detail community perceptions of specific elements within each of the four Key Directions.
- The current research project focuses on the Key Directions in more detail rather than as an overview and in principle community support.
- The primary objective of the research was to provide benchmark data of residents' perceptions of the Key Directions and individual elements and to allow feedback in the form of suggestions for implementation of the Key Directions.

## 1.2 The project

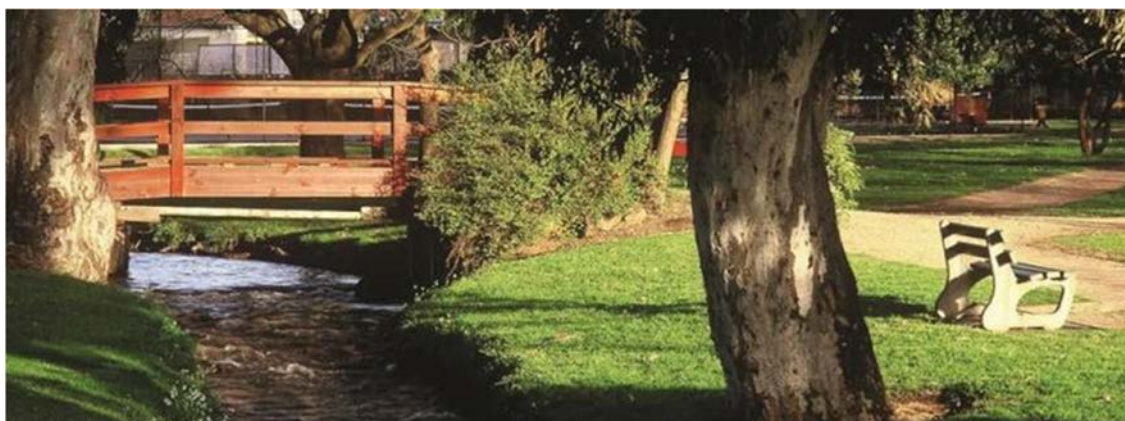
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- The questionnaire for the survey was designed by Burnside Council staff, with support with the initial design from Harrison Research.
- The topics covered aspects around the following broad areas of enquiry:
  - ~ Residents' perceptions of performance across the four key Strategic Directions.
  - ~ Satisfaction with the performance of specific elements within the Key Directions.
  - ~ Residents suggestions for implementation or improvement of services.
- The source for the database of residents was the most recent (compiled November 2011) commercially-available list of South Australian residential phone numbers (Australia on Disc). From this list, all residential numbers within the City of Burnside area were drawn, based on their postcode. The numbers were randomised and telephone interviews completed with n=800 residents. Prior to interviewing, the database of residents' phone numbers was checked against the telephone numbers of residents who had participated in the CATI component of the three most recent projects: Burnside Swimming Centre Community Engagement, Glenunga Reserve Community Engagement and the Sport and Recreation Activity Survey. The purposes in doing this was not just to ensure that respondents do not become fatigued with undertaking surveys for Council but also to ensure opportunity is provided for participation across as wide a cross-section of the local community as possible.
- All potential respondents were also screened to ensure they still reside within the Burnside Council area.
- The sample was randomised (using the 'birthday last' technique to ensure that we do not always speak with the first person to answer the telephone, thereby skewing the sample in favour of older females).
- Raw data was weighted by Age and Gender (ABS 2011 Census Data) and also by Ward to ensure even representation across the geographic boundaries of the City of Burnside. Details of the raw and weighted samples is contained in Appendix 1 of this report.

### 1.3 Report

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- The Preliminary Draft Report to follow incorporates .....
- ~ full details of the methodology employed
- ~ results for the aggregate sample, alongside results for key sub-groups
- ~ commentary highlighting the results and comparisons with sub-groups where statistically significant differences are noted (although these will be expanded upon in the final report).
- ~ graphs to support the commentary and results.
- ~ full tabulations and collated comments will be supplied as an Addendum to the final report.



## **2. EXECUTIVE ASSESSMENT**

## **2.1 Key Outcomes**

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### **2.1.1 Integrated Urban Form and Living Spaces**

Satisfaction with the provision of most of the attributes around integrated urban form and living spaces was strong, ranging from 85% satisfied with the provision and maintenance of parks and reserves down to 54% satisfied with the provision of active recreation opportunities, such as playing organised sport and outdoor games (25% could not respond to this element).

Actual dissatisfaction ranged from 2% for providing and maintaining parks and reserves up to 20% for providing and maintaining footpaths (although the majority of 65% were still satisfied with the latter element).

Having said this, the most common suggestion put forward to improve the elements of Integrated Urban Form and Living Spaces was for better maintenance / repair to footpaths needed (16% raised suggestions to improve this aspect) Maintenance / preservation of street trees was also a prominent theme in suggestions for improvement (15% of respondents).

### **2.1.2 Protected and Valued Environment**

The element of environment which recorded the highest satisfaction with performance was garbage and green waste management (87% satisfied with this element versus 9% dissatisfied).

Showing least satisfaction scores was after hours and hazard response management (32% satisfied), however more than half (55%) of respondents were unable to rate this element (presumably because they had not had need of this service).

Attracting the highest dissatisfaction was hard waste and electronic waste management (16% dissatisfied with this element), although they were still clearly outweighed by the proportion satisfied with hard and electronic waste management (68%).

Supporting this finding, the most common suggestion put forward to improve this Key Direction was for more hard rubbish collection (15% of all suggestions), followed by more waste / green waste rubbish collection (9% of all suggestions). However, 48% of respondents had no suggestions for improvement and a further 11% could not say (don't know).

### **2.1.3 Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People**

Both the presentation and cleanliness of the City and also the provision of library services attracted satisfaction from the overwhelming majority of residents (96% and 92% respectively).

Whilst support for local businesses gained the lowest level of satisfaction (33%), most (51%) could not rate this element, presumably due to not having experienced support for local businesses. Just 5% indicated dissatisfaction with this element.

Providing services for younger residents gained a significantly lower satisfaction than services for older residents (42% versus 65% satisfied). Almost one in ten (9%) residents were dissatisfied with provision of services for younger residents compared with just 2% not satisfied with provision of services to older residents.



Having noted these figures, the most often raised theme when asked what could be improved regarding the Direction of Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People was comments along the lines of “more transparency, clarity of explanations, more cooperation” (raised by only 6% of respondents).

The majority (61%), however, had nothing to add to improve this Key Direction of Council.

#### **2.1.4 Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council**

When read out statements concerning the Key Direction of a Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council, the aspect which attracted the highest level of satisfaction was for performance of “consultation with and informing the community (64% satisfied versus 14% dissatisfied). Just 10% of residents felt unable to rate this aspect (suggesting that the recent engagement conducted throughout the City of Burnside has been recognised by the vast majority of residents).

At the other end of the scale, several aspects fell short of 50% satisfaction levels:

- Financial management – 35% satisfied, 14% dissatisfied and 39% unable to rate
- Performance of Elected Members – 39% satisfied, 17% dissatisfied and 30% unable to rate
- Providing leadership in the community – 40% satisfied, 17% dissatisfied and 27% unable to rate.

Showing consistently lower satisfaction across all aspects of Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council were residents living in the Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward and also residents within the middle to mature family life-stage (45. to 54 year olds). This was a pattern noted across the whole survey but was particularly evident in the findings for this Key Direction.

## **2.2 Implications**

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The research revealed a reasonably high level of satisfaction that each of the Key Directions are being performed (at the total sample level), although the research also revealed that some individual aspects attracted dissatisfaction among between 1 in 10 and 1 in 4 residents.

These aspects / services included the following (based on aspects where dissatisfaction was highest, rather than where satisfaction was lowest):

- Providing and maintaining footpaths (20% dissatisfied), with Eastwood / Glenunga and also Burnside Wards showing the lowest satisfaction with this service.
- Hard Waste and Electronic Waste management (16% dissatisfied), also lower among residents of Eastwood / Glenunga and Burnside Wards.
- Providing services for younger residents (9% dissatisfied), however dissatisfaction increased significantly among respondents in the 45 to 54 cohort (25%).
- Performance of Elected Members (17% dissatisfied) and higher dissatisfaction among residents in the Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward (24% dissatisfied).
- Providing leadership in the Community (17% dissatisfied) and again higher dissatisfaction was noted among residents in the Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward (25% dissatisfied) and among residents on the 45 to 54 cohort (37% dissatisfied with this element).

### 3. PRINCIPAL FINDINGS

### 3.1 Overview of Service Indicators

All respondents were read out statements regarding various services and were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with each statement, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 meant strongly dissatisfied and 10 indicated they were strongly satisfied. Respondents also had the option to indicate they did not know, if there was a service they had never accessed or were unaware of the service.

It is important to be able to put the mean scores into perspective in terms of a general interpretation of the relative organisational performance and/or service quality results. The following generalisations are usually applied:

- Above 8 = excellent or strongly (highly) satisfied;
- Between 6 and 8 = good or quite satisfied;
- Between 5 and 6 = average or satisfied;
- 5 = undecided, neutral or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied; and
- Below 5 = poor or dissatisfied and signifies potential room for improvement

The statements referred to different services provided by Council across the four Key Directions, that is:

- Urban Form and Living Spaces.
- Protected and Valued Environment
- Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People
- Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council

Across all of the service performance indicators tested, regardless of which Key Direction they fall within, the services which attracted the overall highest satisfaction level among residents was for *“providing library services”* (8.3 mean score), followed by the *“presentation and cleanliness of the City”* (8.0 mean score).

At the other end of the satisfied spectrum, three aspects of performance rated at 5.6 mean score, these being: *“financial management”*, *“performance of current Elected Members being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community”* and *“providing leadership in the community”*.

The graph overleaf demonstrates that between these two levels of the service continuum, most other performance indicator scores are between the good or quite satisfied level (i.e. rated between 6.0 and 8.0 out of 10.0).

In addition to the analysis across all performance indicators, statistical analysis was undertaken to uncover any relationships between performance of services and overall satisfaction with Council. Multiple regression and correlation analysis provides a measure of revealed importance of key attributes of service, or the hidden drivers of satisfaction. It is based on determining the association between the performance rating for a service attribute (Q's 1, 3, 5, and 7) and the broader overall satisfaction with all services provided by Council (Q11).

This analysis identified six service aspects which were critical drivers of resident satisfaction across all services provided by Council. All other aspects of service were also revealed as important in driving satisfaction among residents, but slightly less so than the six highlighted services. These less important aspects may be considered “hygiene factors”, or services expected by residents which are only notable if they are not present or not performed as well as residents expect

The table on page 15 demonstrates all of these aspects of service and the correlation to overall satisfaction with Council, highlighting the critical service areas. Of note is the fact that 3 of these aspects of service also were rated lowest for satisfaction, meaning there is significant disparity between residents' expectations and their satisfaction with the actual performance.

## Performance Indicators Overview

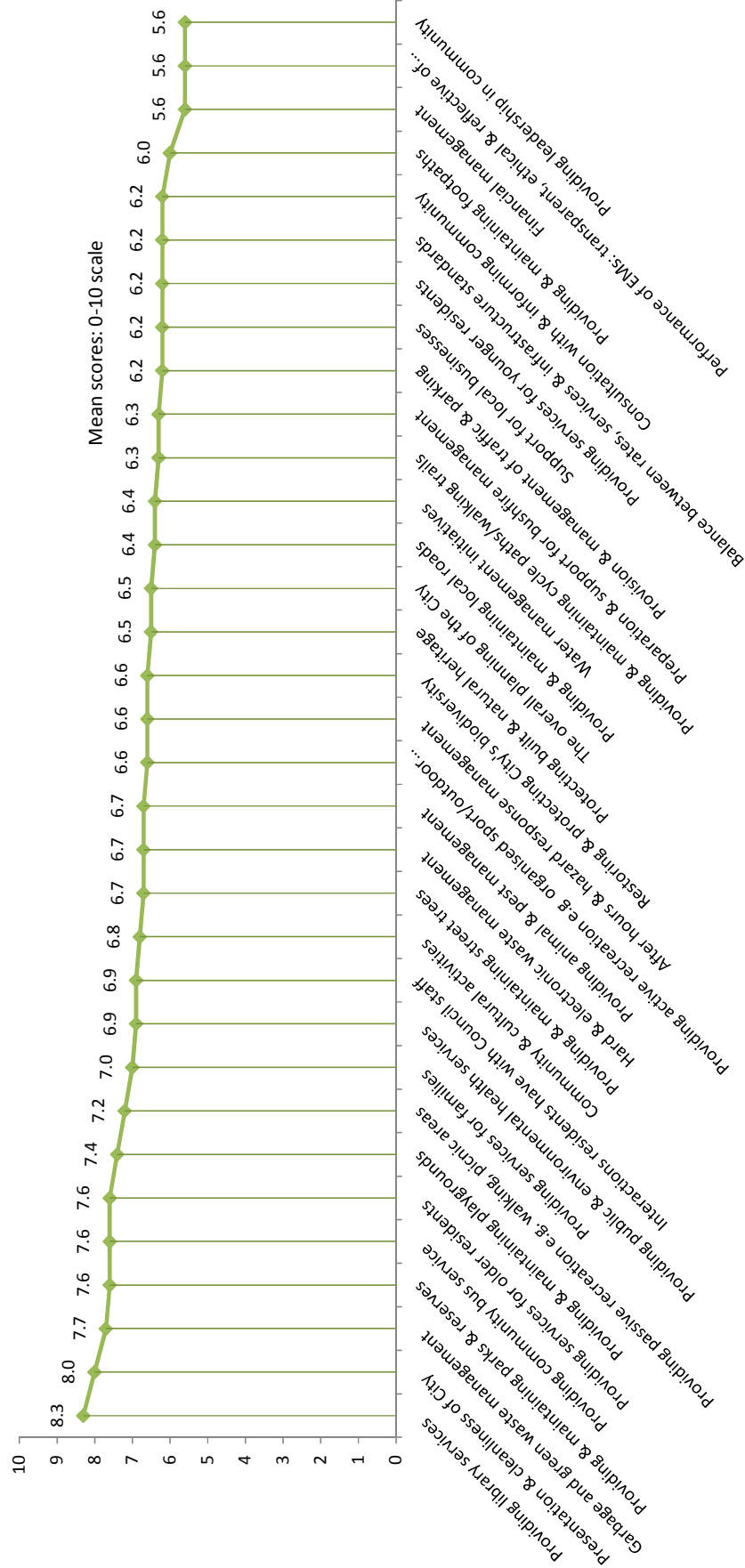


Fig 1: Overall satisfaction across all performance indicators

Services	Variables	Q11 Correlation (Pearson):
The overall planning of the City	Q101	<b>0.555</b>
Protecting the built and natural heritage	Q102	<b>0.464</b>
Providing passive recreation opportunities, such as walking, picnic locations or pursuing hobbies	Q103	<b>0.498</b>
Providing active recreation opportunities, such as playing organised sport or outdoor games	Q104	<b>0.370</b>
Providing and maintaining parks and reserves	Q105	<b>0.464</b>
Providing and maintaining playgrounds	Q106	<b>0.504</b>
Providing and maintaining local roads	Q107	<b>0.474</b>
Providing and maintaining footpaths	Q108	<b>0.395</b>
Providing and maintaining street trees	Q109	<b>0.439</b>
Providing and maintaining cycle paths and walking trails	Q110	<b>0.410</b>
Provision and management of traffic and parking in the City	Q111	<b>0.430</b>
Preparation for and support of residents for bushfire management	Q301	<b>0.464</b>
Restoring and protecting the City's biodiversity	Q302	<b>0.532</b>
Water Management initiatives	Q303	<b>0.455</b>
Garbage and green waste management	Q304	<b>0.441</b>
Hard waste and Electronic waste management	Q305	<b>0.385</b>
After hours and hazard response management	Q306	<b>0.452</b>
Support for local businesses	Q501	<b>0.515</b>
Community and cultural activities	Q502	<b>0.510</b>
Providing public and environmental health services	Q503	<b>0.448</b>
Providing services for older residents	Q504	<b>0.465</b>
Providing services for younger residents	Q505	<b>0.493</b>
Providing services for families	Q506	<b>0.485</b>
Presentation and cleanliness of the City	Q507	<b>0.483</b>
Providing animal and pest management services	Q508	<b>0.437</b>
Providing a community bus service	Q509	<b>0.412</b>
Providing library services	Q510	<b>0.451</b>
Consultation with and informing the community	Q701	<b>0.632</b>
The performance of current Elected Members in being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community.	Q702	<b>0.684</b>
The interactions you have with Council Staff	Q703	<b>0.622</b>
Providing leadership in the community	Q704	<b>0.684</b>
Financial management	Q705	<b>0.700</b>
The balance between Council rates and the services and standard of infrastructure provided	Q706	<b>0.682</b>
	Q11	<b>1</b>
<i>Values in bold are different from 0 with a significance level alpha=0.05</i>		

Table 1: Correlations (Pearson) across all services

The remainder of the key findings to follow, breaks down the performance indicators into the Four Key Directions as determined in the Strategic Plan, to make information dissemination more manageable.

## 3.2 Integrated Urban Form and Living Spaces

All respondents were read out statements regarding various elements of Urban Form and Living Spaces. They were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with each statement, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 meant strongly dissatisfied and 10 indicated they were strongly satisfied.

Note that when using a 0 to 10 scale, it is commonly accepted that respondents rating 6.0 out of 10.0 or higher for a statement represents "satisfaction", with 5.0 being neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 4.0 or less out of 10.0 representing "dissatisfaction".

The statements and proportions for satisfied, neutral or dissatisfied responses with each element of Urban Form and Living Spaces, were as shown in the graph below.

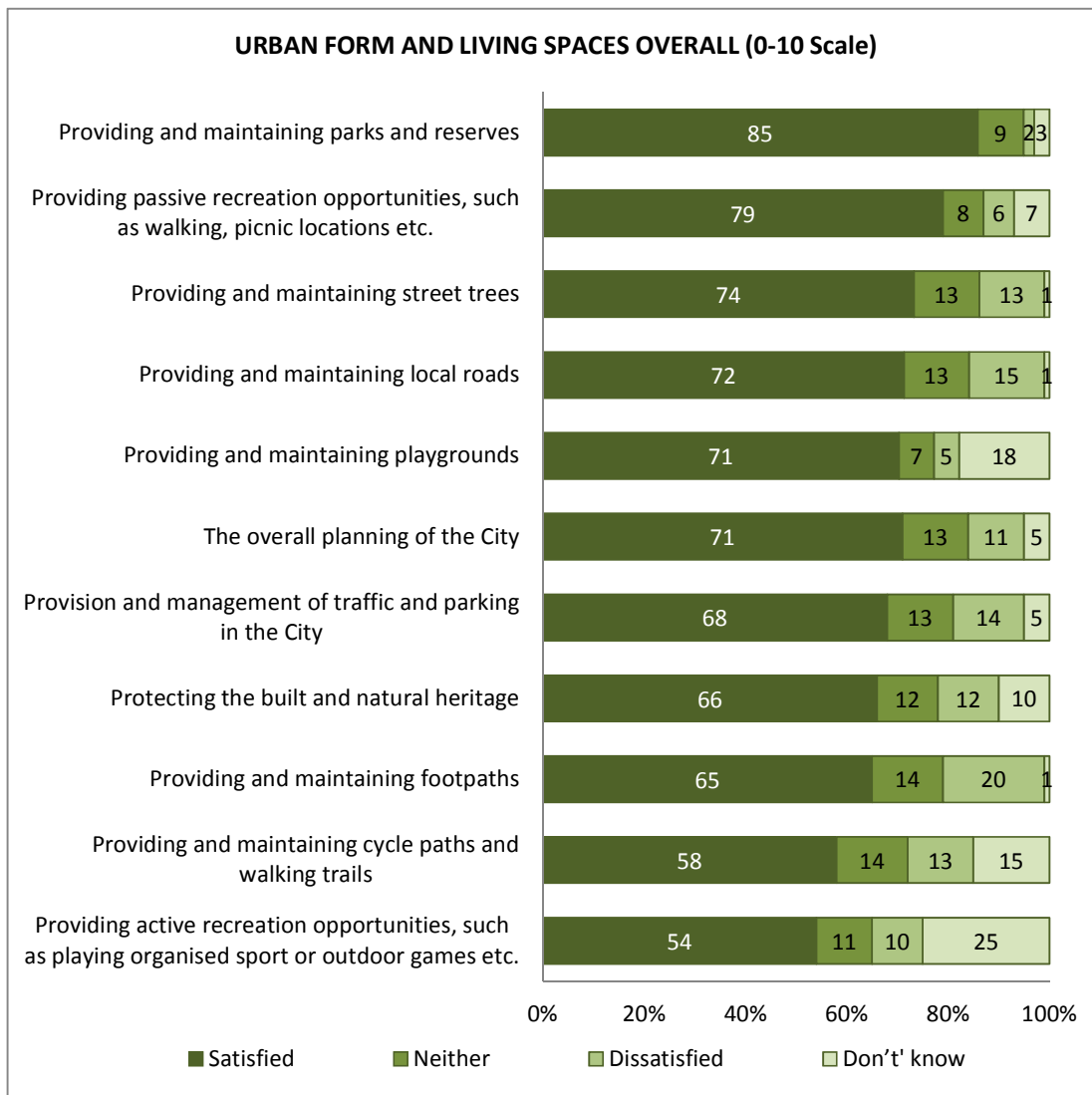


Fig 2: Urban form and living spaces overall

As the graph demonstrates, there is a very high level of satisfaction with the provision and maintenance of parks and reserves (85% satisfied) and a subsequent low level of dissatisfaction (2%).

Highest dissatisfaction was for the provision and maintenance of footpaths (20%) compared with a satisfaction proportion of 65%.

One in four respondents could not respond with a rating for providing active recreation opportunities (25% don't know response), and this element attracted the lowest satisfied rating (54%).

### 3.2.1 Planning and Infrastructure Services

At an individual element level of Urban Form and Living Spaces, the following graphs demonstrate the actual mean score recorded for each element as well as socio-demographic and geographic variations at sub-group level. This provides a top-line only, as the differences may not be statistically significant. Further detail will be reported in the final report.

7 out of 10 (71%) were satisfied with the overall planning of the City, scoring at 6.5 mean.

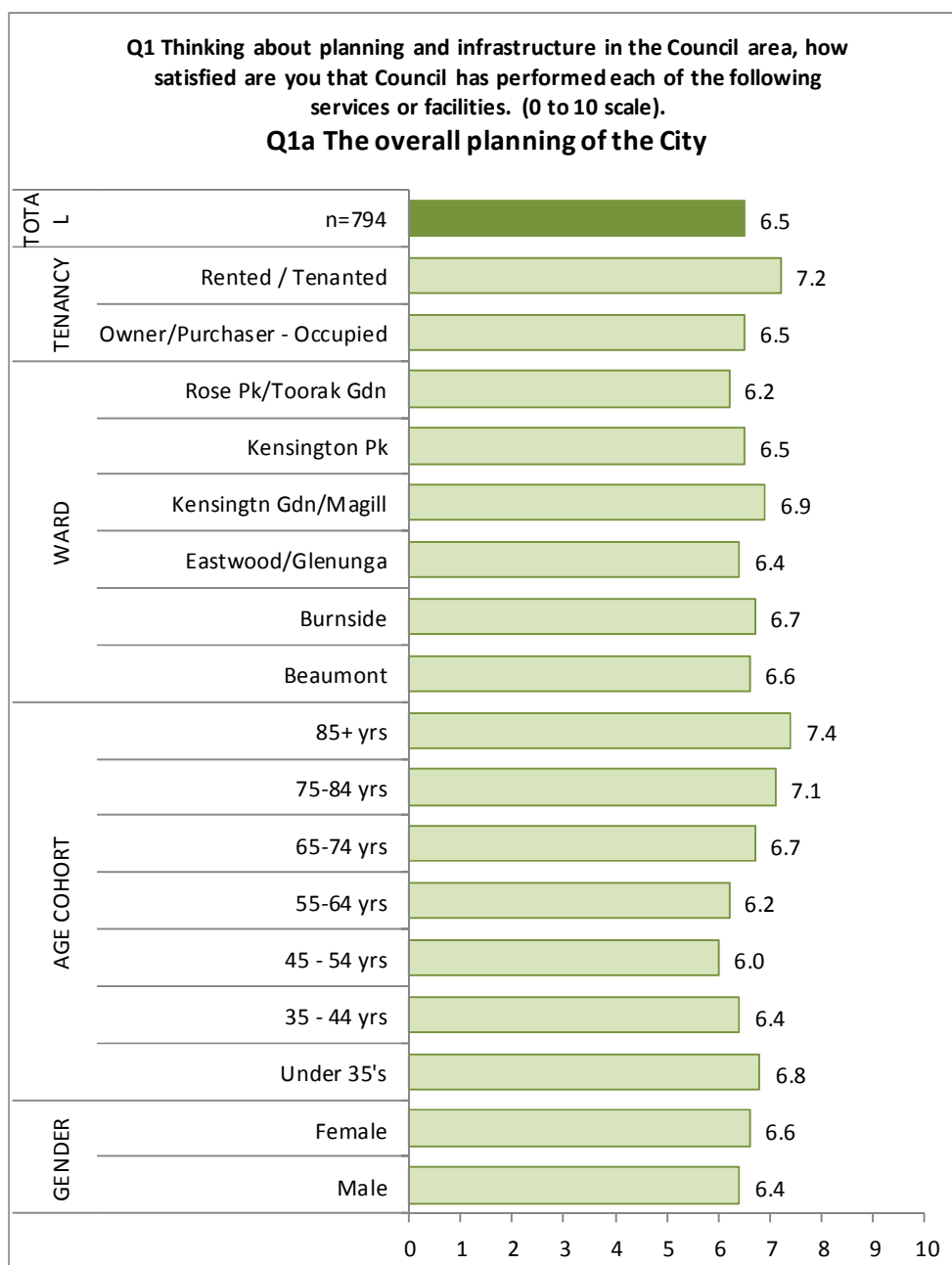


Fig 3: Satisfaction with overall planning

2 out of 3 (66%) were satisfied with protection of the built and natural heritage (6.5 mean score), with relatively small variations across geographic and socio-demographic sub-groups.

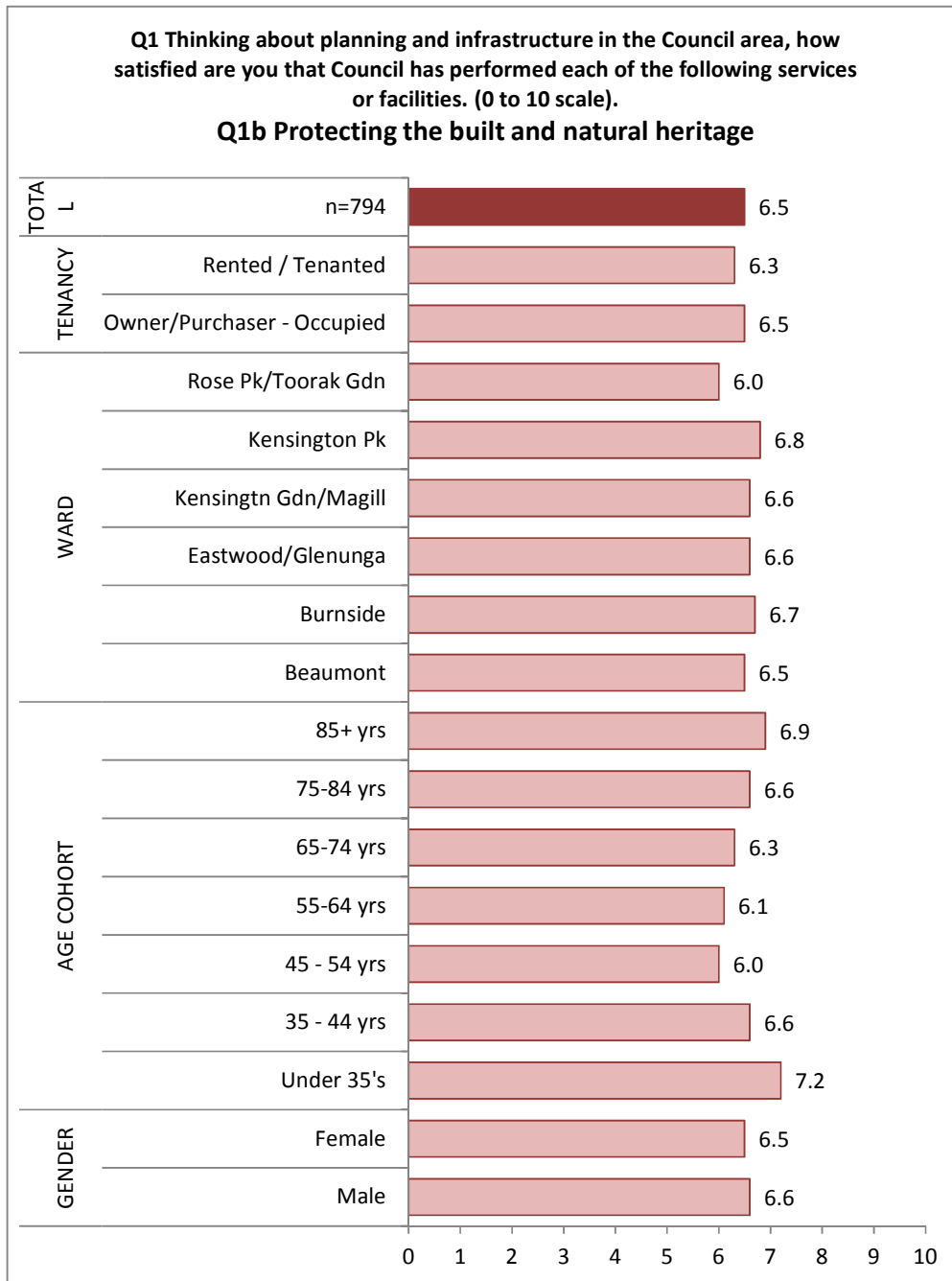


Fig 4: Protecting the built and natural heritage



Nearly 8 out of 10 (79%) were satisfied with the provision of passive recreation opportunities (7.2 mean score), again with relatively small variations across sub-groups (as shown in graph overleaf).

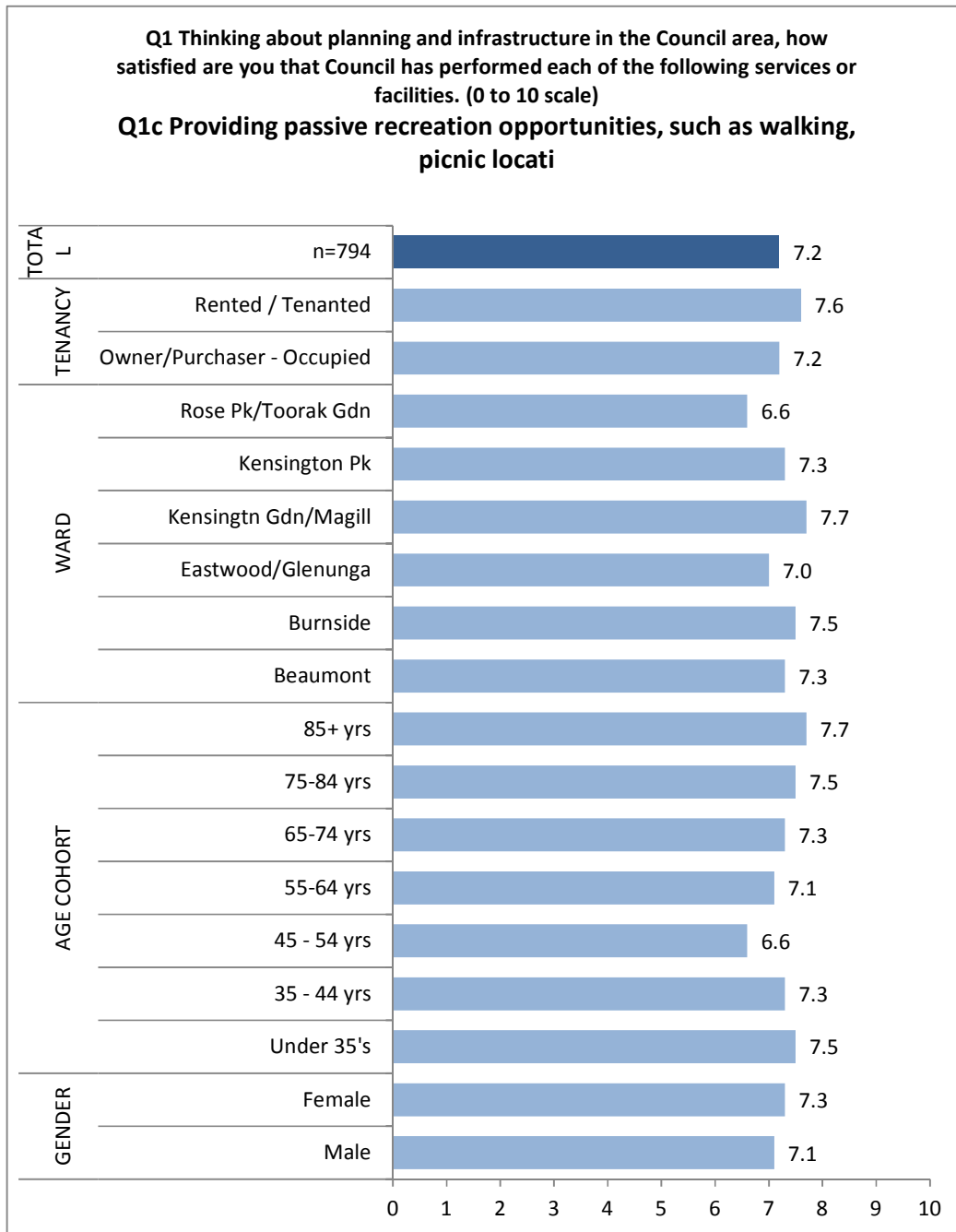


Fig 5: Providing passive recreation opportunities, such as walking, picnic locations etc.

Just over half (54% of respondents were satisfied with the provision of active recreation opportunities, although some significant differences were noted by Ward (particularly high satisfaction among residents of Kensington Gardens/Magill Ward compared with those from Rose Park / Toorak Gardens (5.9 mean) and also Eastwood / Glenunga (6.4 mean). These differences were statistically significant.

There was also a pattern of lower satisfaction among younger cohorts (under 55 years) compared with those 55 years and older. The differences between 45 to 54 year olds, possibly in the mature family life-stage with young adults / teens at home (6.1 mean score), scored significantly lower than 75 to 84 year olds.

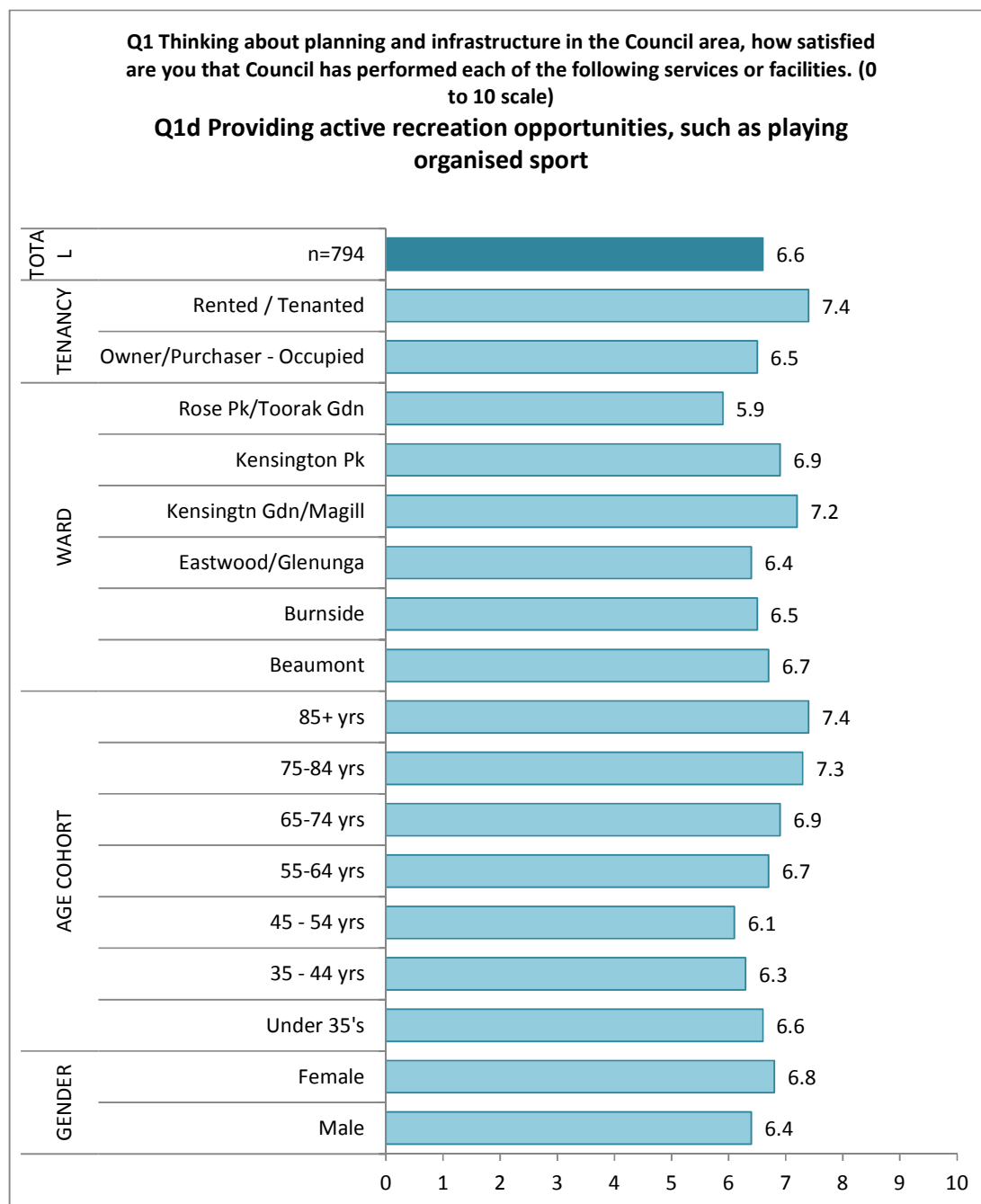


Fig 6: Providing active recreation opportunities, such as organised sport or outdoor games

The provision and maintenance of parks and reserves scored highly at the total sample level and showed only minor variations across socio-demographic sub-groups.

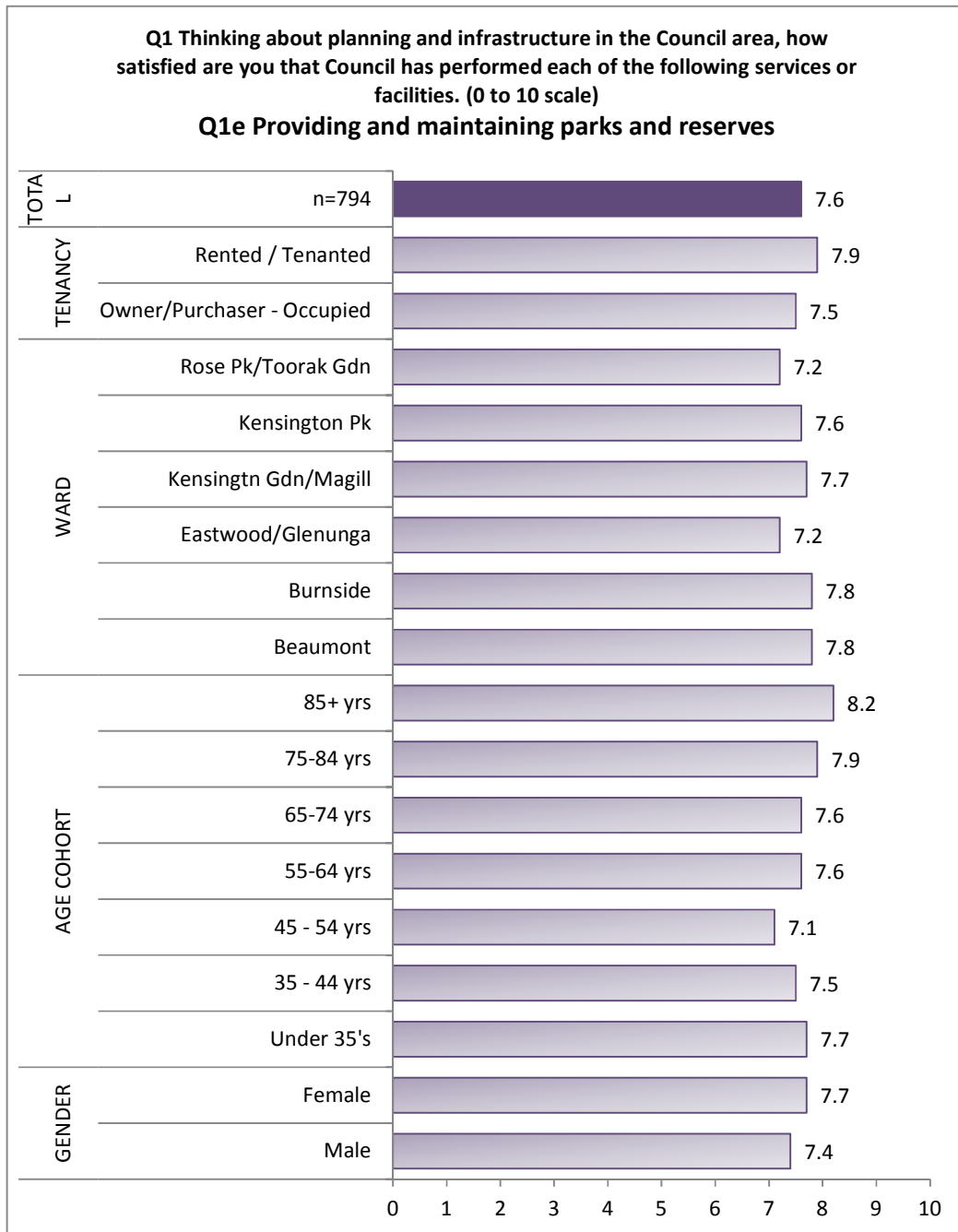


Fig 7: Providing and maintaining parks and reserves

Whilst overall the provision and maintenance of playgrounds rated highly (71% satisfied), significant differences were noted among Eastwood / Glenunga residents compared with those living in Kensington Gardens / Magill (6.9 mean versus 7.9 mean).

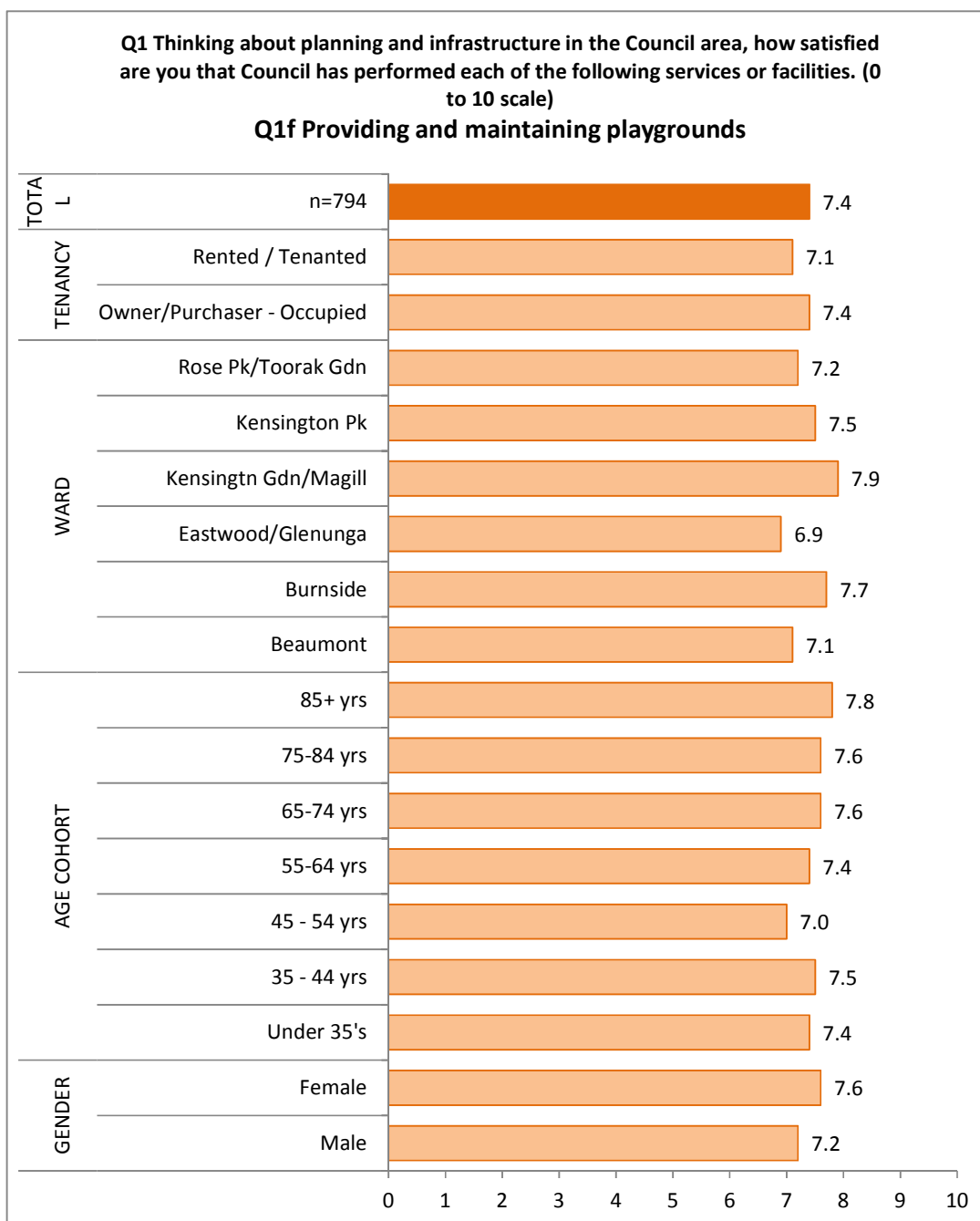


Fig 8: Providing and maintaining playgrounds

7 out of 10 (71%) respondents were satisfied with the provision and maintenance of local roads, although again we see a dip in satisfaction levels among residents of Eastwood / Glenunga Ward and also among 45 to 54 year olds, as the graph below demonstrates.

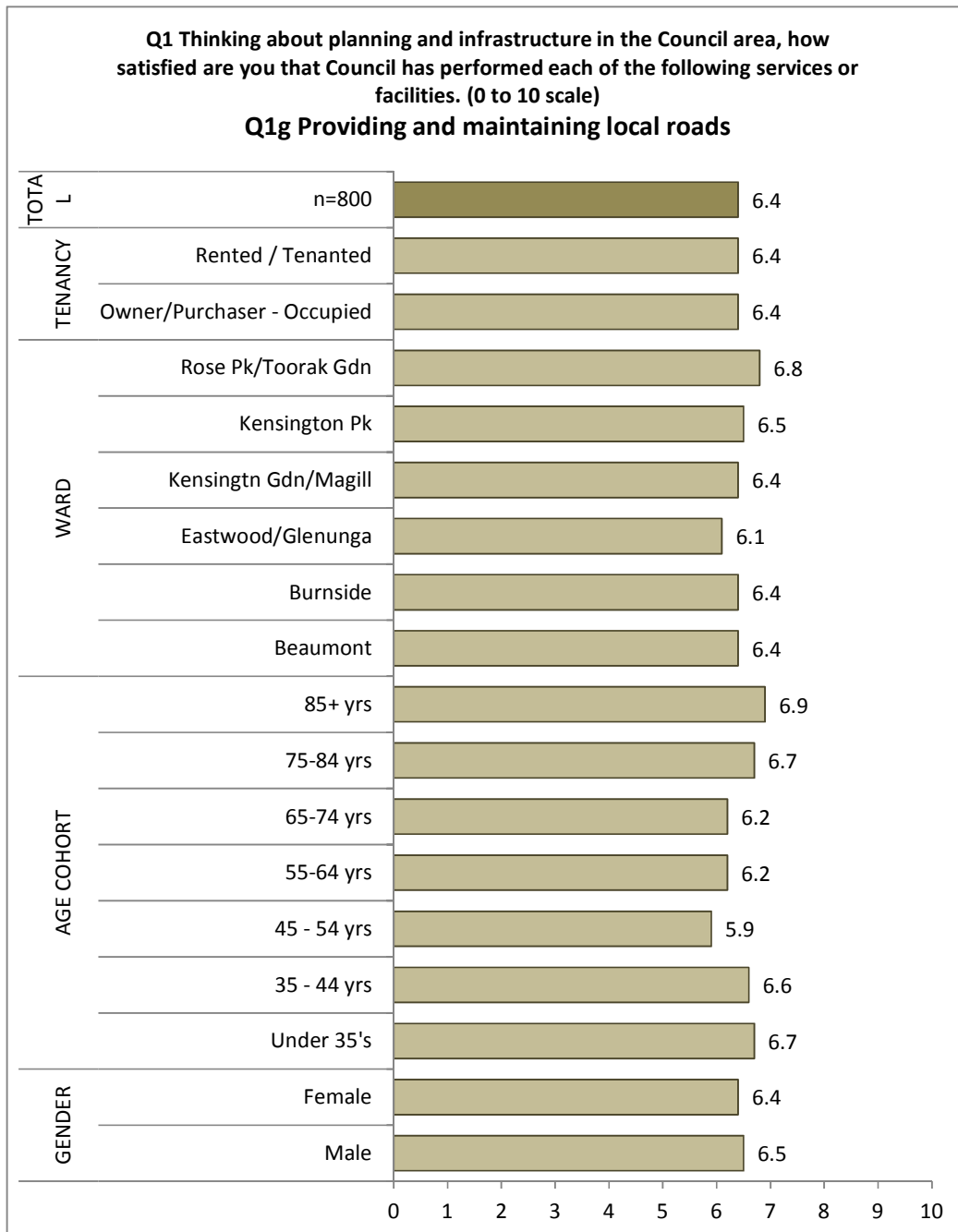


Fig 9: Providing and maintaining local roads

Provision and maintenance of footpaths gained satisfaction among two thirds of the sample (65%), and was relatively even across the Wards, but again 45 to 54 year olds were the least satisfied with this element.

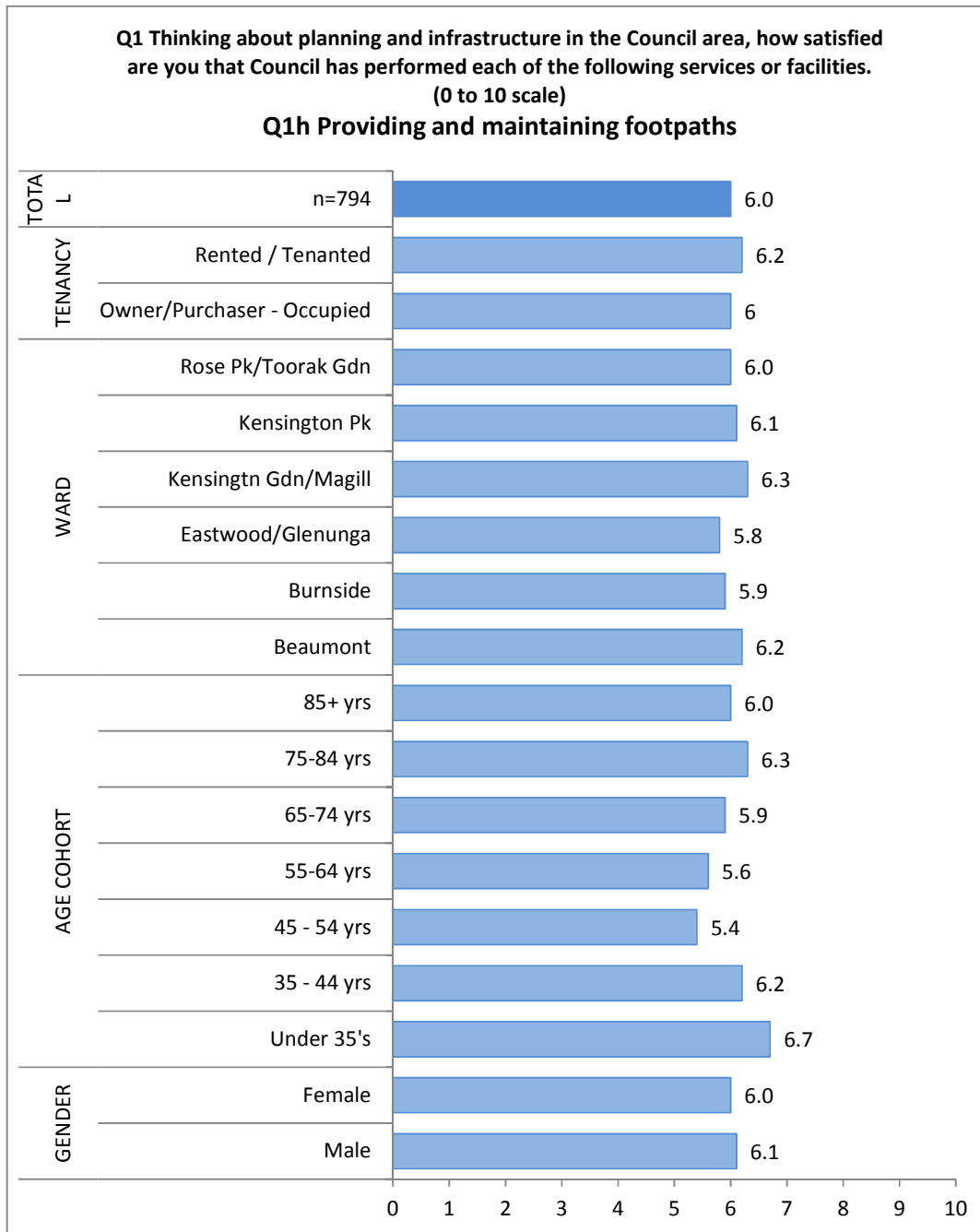


Fig 10: Providing and maintaining footpaths

Nearly 3 out of 4 (74%) respondents were satisfied with the provision and maintenance of street trees (6.7 mean score).

Renters, 85 plus year olds, the youngest cohort and residents across Kensington Park, Kensington Gardens / Magill and Eastwood / Glenunga Wards were most satisfied with this aspect.

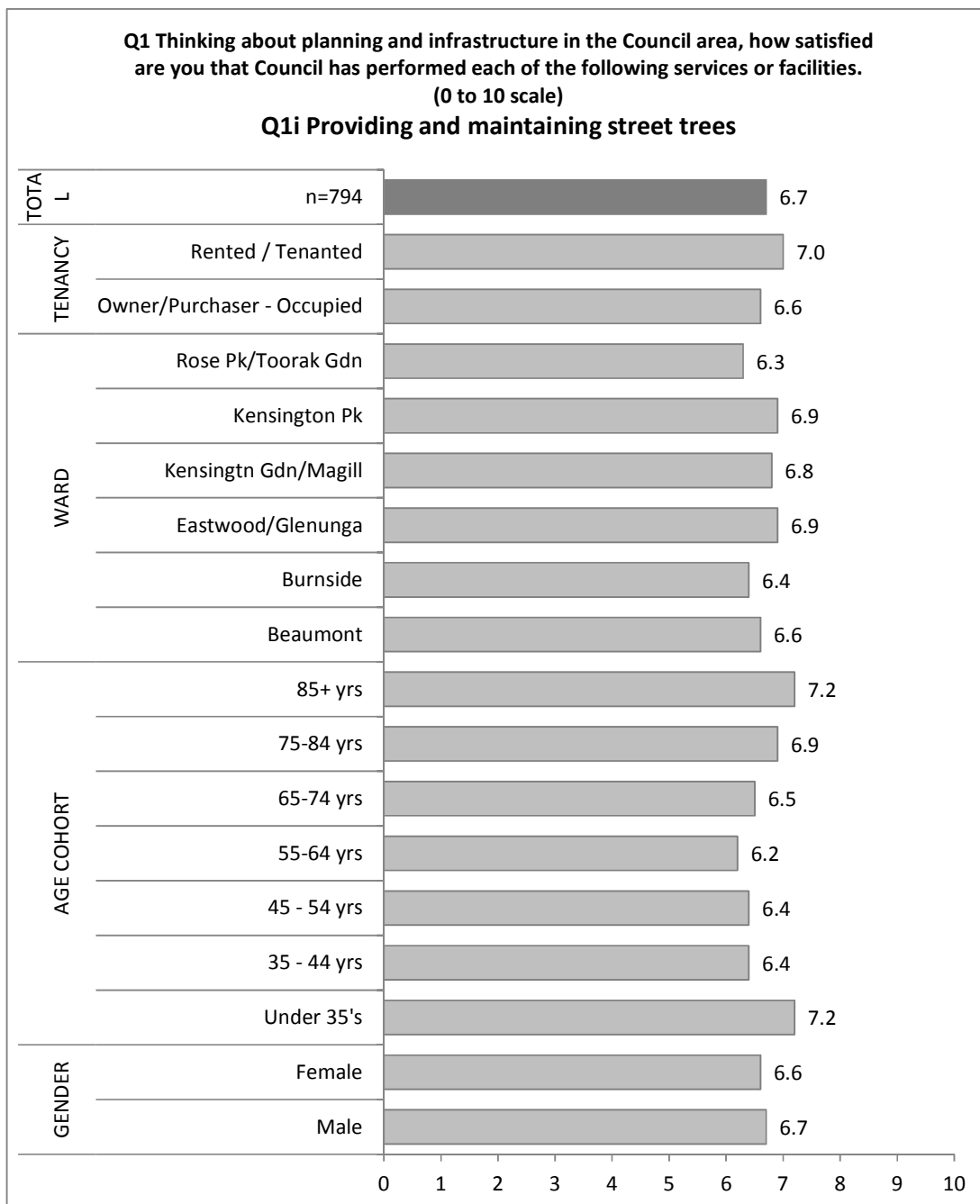


Fig 11: Providing and maintaining street trees

There was lower satisfaction with the provision and maintenance of cycle paths and walking trails (58% satisfied), with an overall mean score of 6.3 and considerable variation in satisfaction across age cohorts and also Wards.

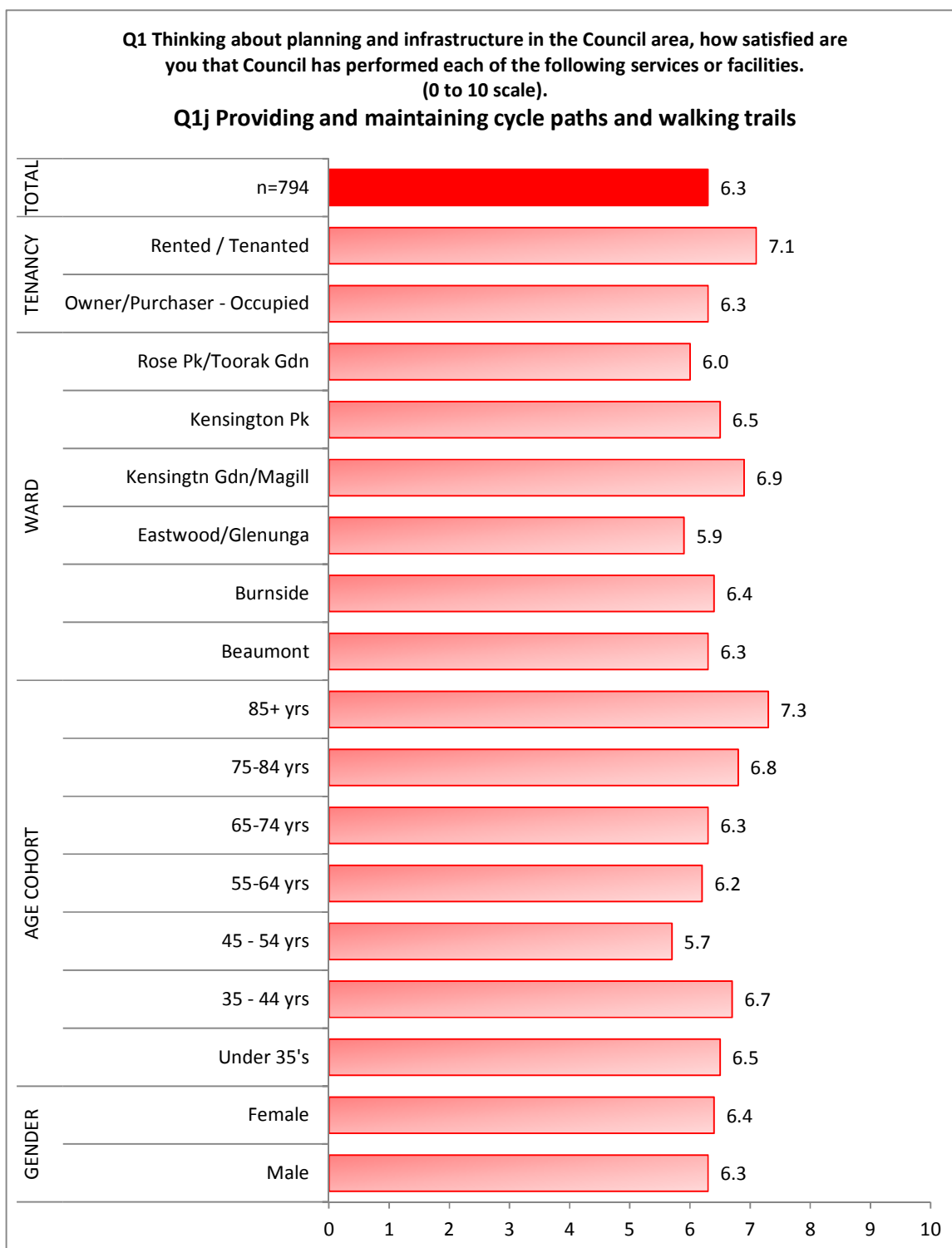


Fig 12: Providing and maintaining cycle paths and walking trails



More than two thirds (68%) of respondents were satisfied with Council provision and management of traffic and parking in the City (6.2 mean score), with only minor variations across geographic and demographic sub-groups.

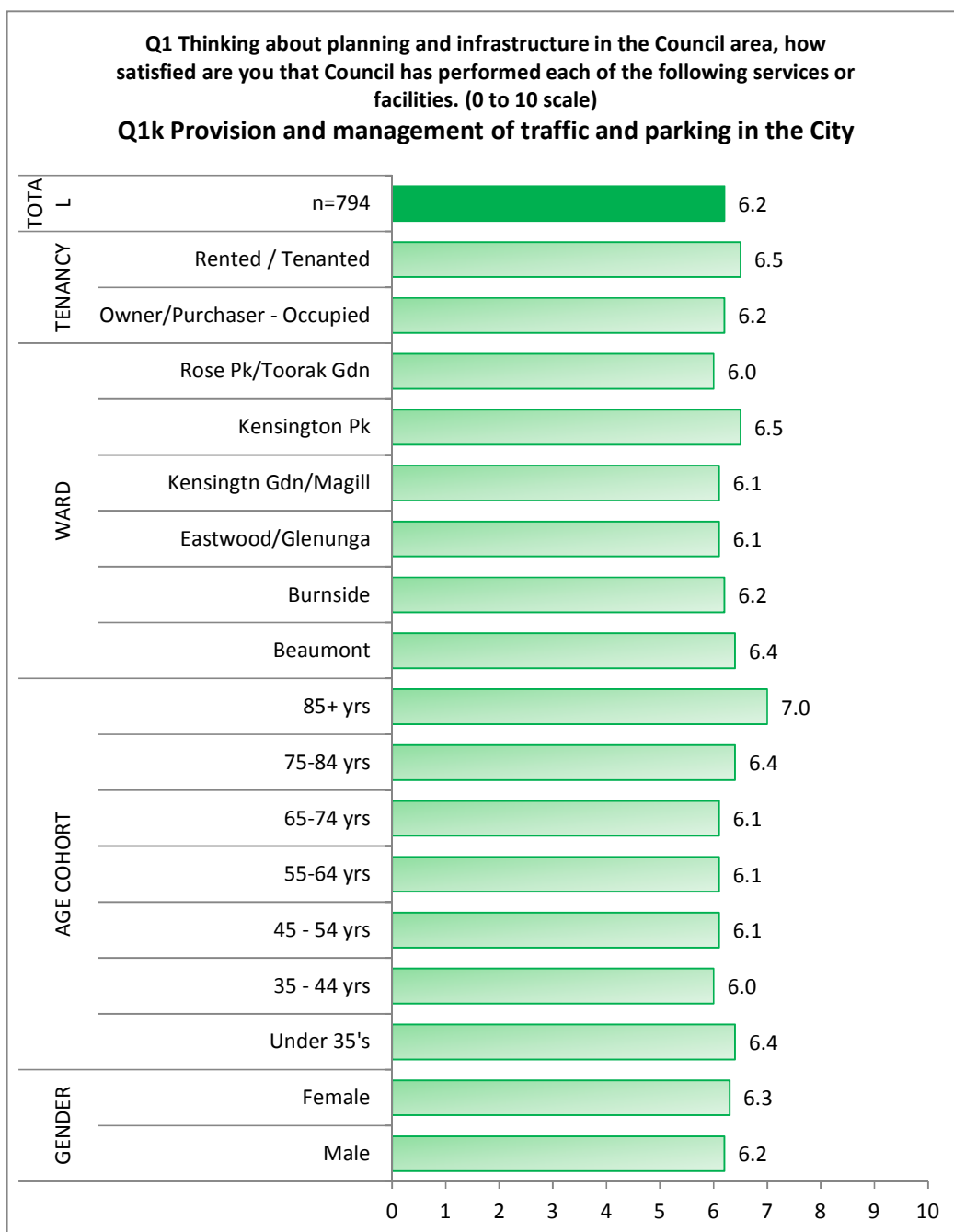


Fig 13: Provision and management of traffic and parking in the City

### 3.2.2 Improvements to Urban Form and Living Spaces

When it came to offering suggestions for improvement across these aspects of Council services, a third (32%) of all respondents said there was nothing they could suggest and a further 12% could not say.

The most often mentioned areas for improvement were:

- Footpaths in need of repair, more footpaths needed or comments about footpaths needed on both sides of the road (16% of mentions). This aspect was more likely to be raised by females (19%) and by older residents (25% of 85 plus year olds).
- Maintain and preserve heritage trees, street trees and verges comments (15% of suggestions), with residents of Kensington Gardens / Magill (23%), females (17%) and the oldest cohort (23% of 85 plus year olds) were most likely to suggest improvement in this area.

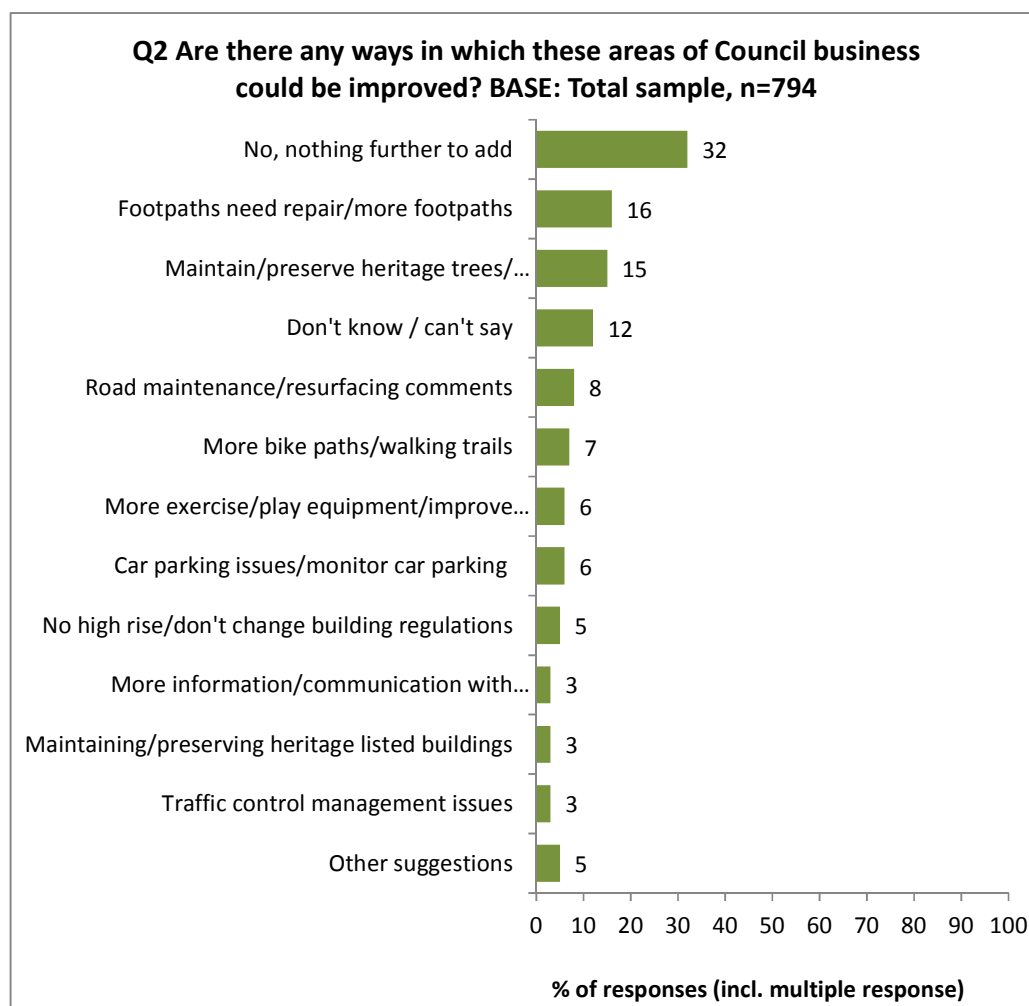


Fig 14: Improvements to Urban Form and Living Spaces elements

The following diagram is a “Word Cloud” which is used to demonstrate key themes by using the size of specific words as an indicator of the frequency with which the word is mentioned.

The key themes across all suggestions made to improve Urban Form and Living Spaces (excluding common words such as Council) were: trees, footpaths, street, road and parking.



### 3.3 Protected and Valued Environment

All respondents were read out statements regarding various elements of Protected and Valued Environment. They were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with each statement, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 meant strongly dissatisfied and 10 indicated they were strongly satisfied.

The statements and proportions for satisfied, neutral or dissatisfied responses with each element of Protected and Valued Environment, were as shown in the graph below.

Garbage and green waste management was the element showing the highest level of satisfaction (87%) with Protected and Valued Environment.

At the other end of the scale, after hours and hazard response management rated lowest (32% satisfied) although this was not due to dissatisfaction but rather than more than half (55%) of the sample had no experience of this service and therefore could not rate it.

A similar finding was noted for preparation for and support of residents for bushfire management (47% said don't know).

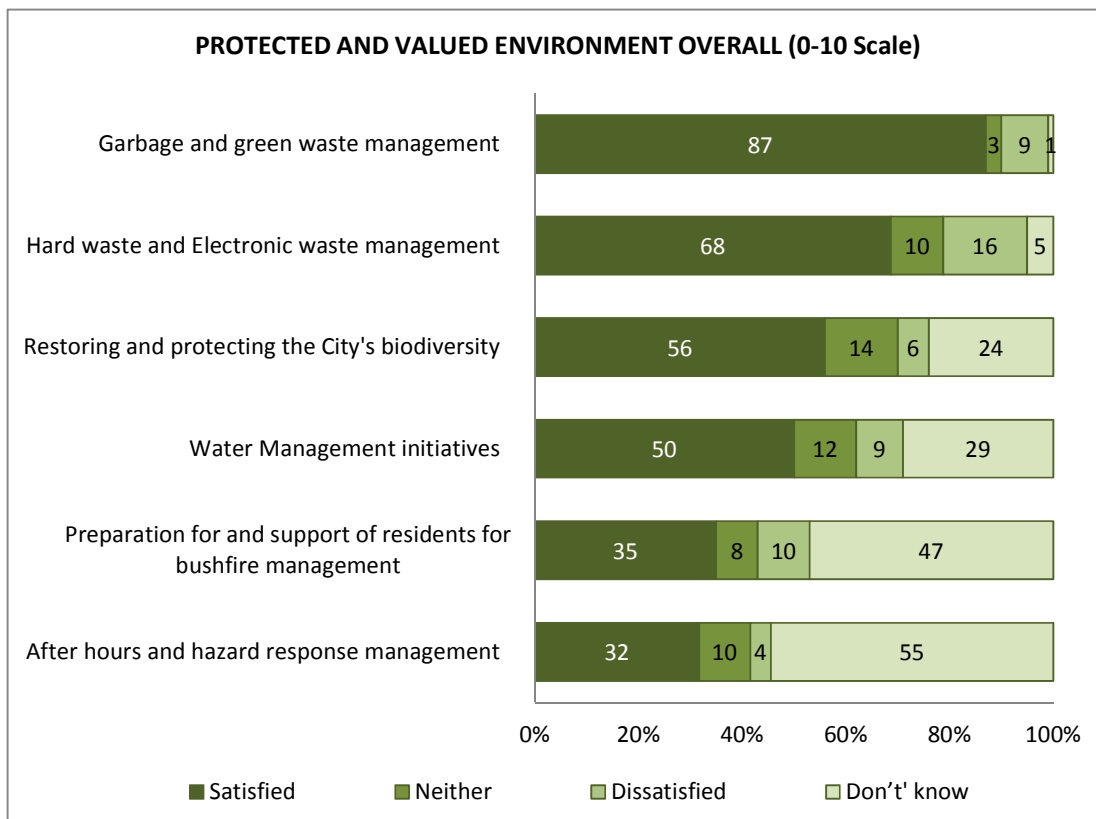


Fig 15: Protected and valued environment overall

More detailed sub-group analysis (in final report) will reveal any patterns in satisfaction with these services (e.g. by age cohort, Ward and so on).

### 3.3.1 Environmental Services

In terms of preparation for, and support of residents for bushfire management, a 6.2 mean score demonstrates a moderate level of satisfaction with this element of the environment (note: mean score does not include don't know responses in the calculation, in this instance 47% of respondents).

Also noted was significant variation across age cohorts (both older residents and the youngest showed higher satisfaction than those between 35 and 74 years. Also noted was a higher mean score among residents who are tenants compared with owner/occupiers (although renters represent only 8% of the sample so differences are indicative).

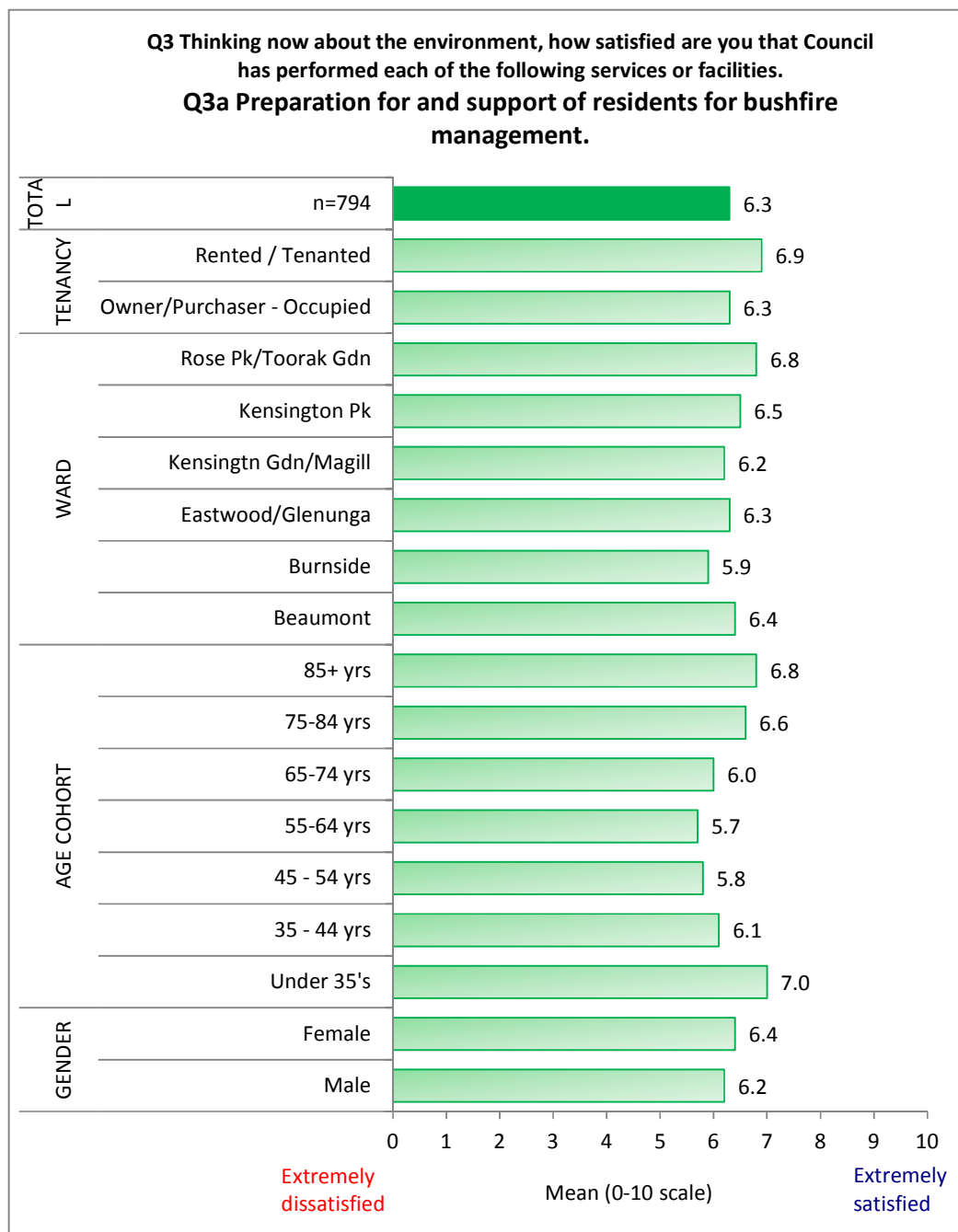


Fig 16: Bushfire management

Restoring and protecting the City's biodiversity attracted a mean score of 6.6 for satisfaction, with relatively minor differences across sub-groups.

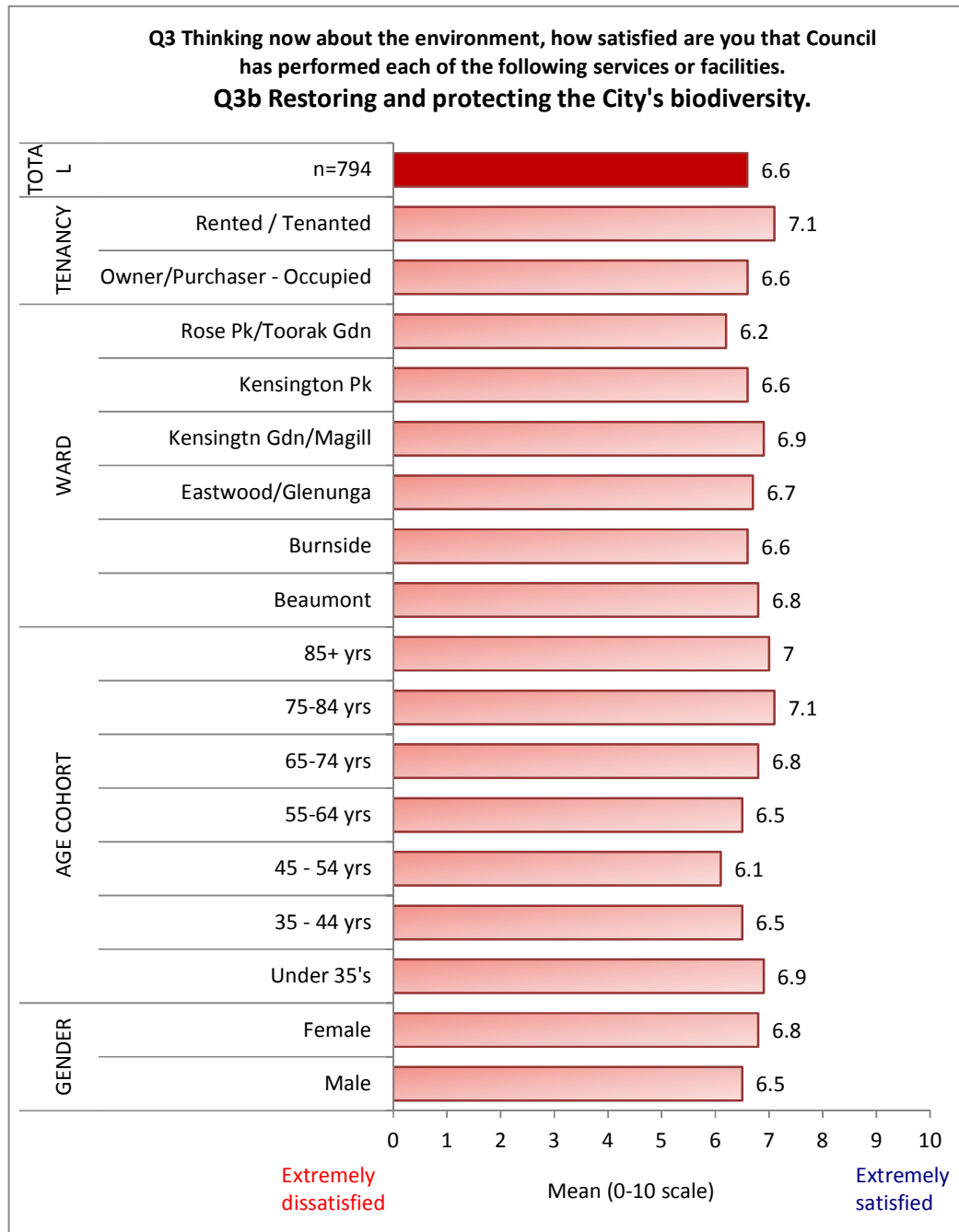


Fig 17: Restoring and protecting City's biodiversity

In terms of water management initiatives, half (50%) of all respondents were satisfied with this aspect (versus 29% indicating they did not know and 9% dissatisfied).

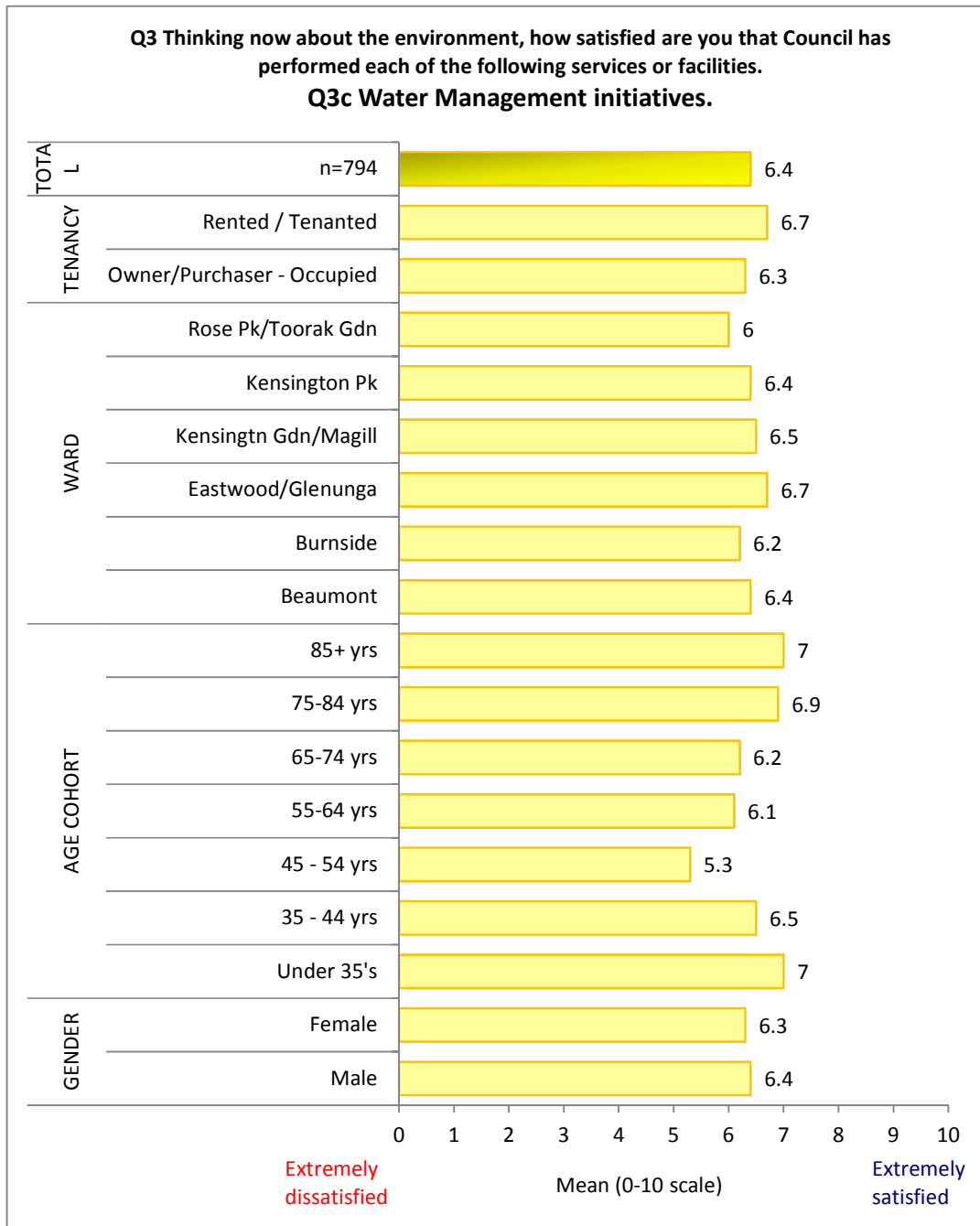


Fig 18: Water management initiatives

Garbage and green waste management scored highly for satisfaction (7.7 mean, 87% satisfied), with higher satisfaction levels revealed among residents who rent / tenants (8.4 mean) 85 plus year olds (8.4 mean) and residents of Kensington Gardens / Magill Ward (8.1 mean).

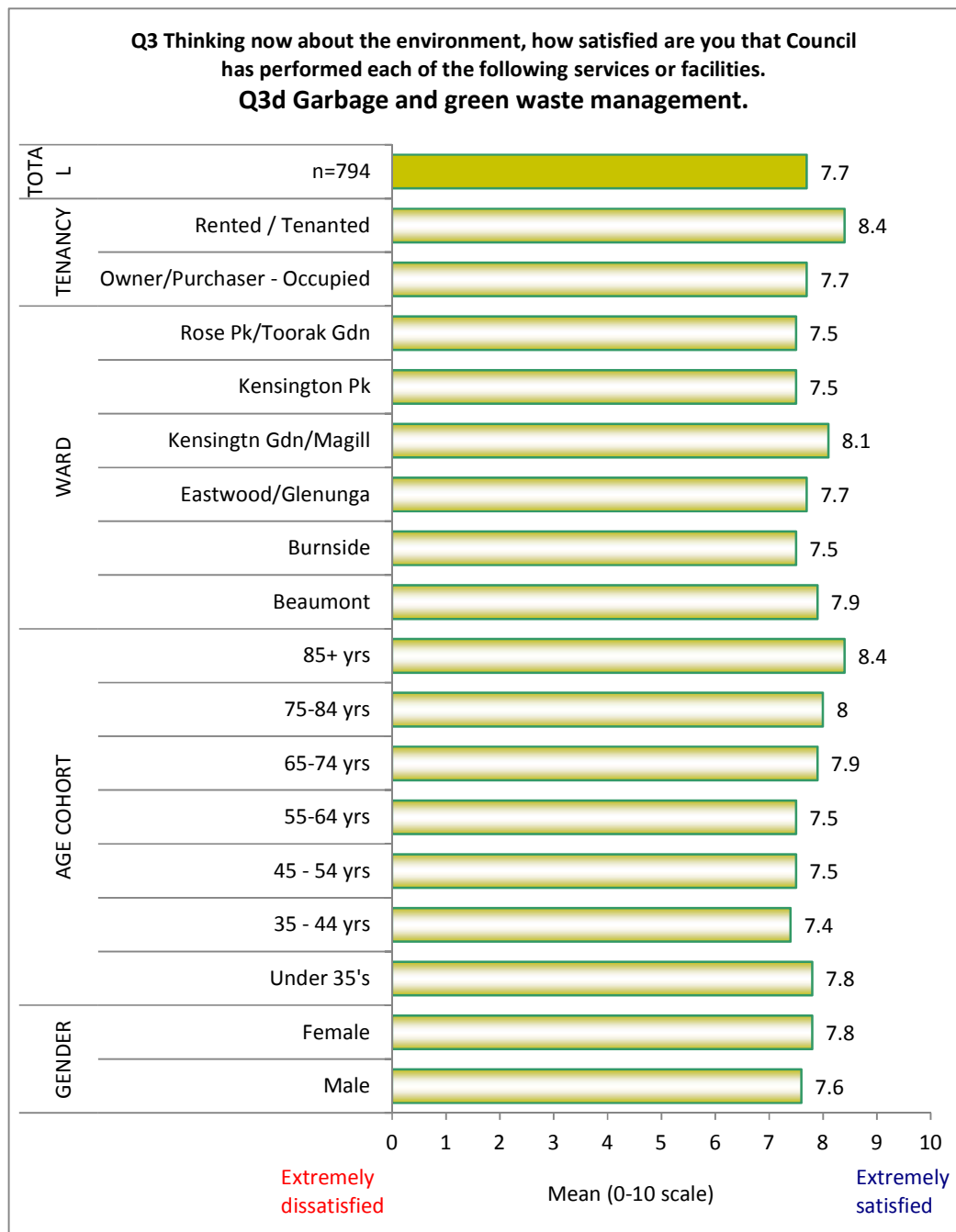


Fig 19 Garbage and green waste management



Hard waste and electronic waste management did not score as highly (6.7 mean, 68% satisfied), and this aspect attracted the highest level of dissatisfaction (16%). Least likely to be satisfied with this aspect of environmental management were residents aged 45 to 54 years (6.1 mean, particularly low compared with under 35 year olds at 7.1 mean) and also male residents (6.5 mean versus 7.0 mean among females).- both of these differences were statistically significant at 95% confidence level.

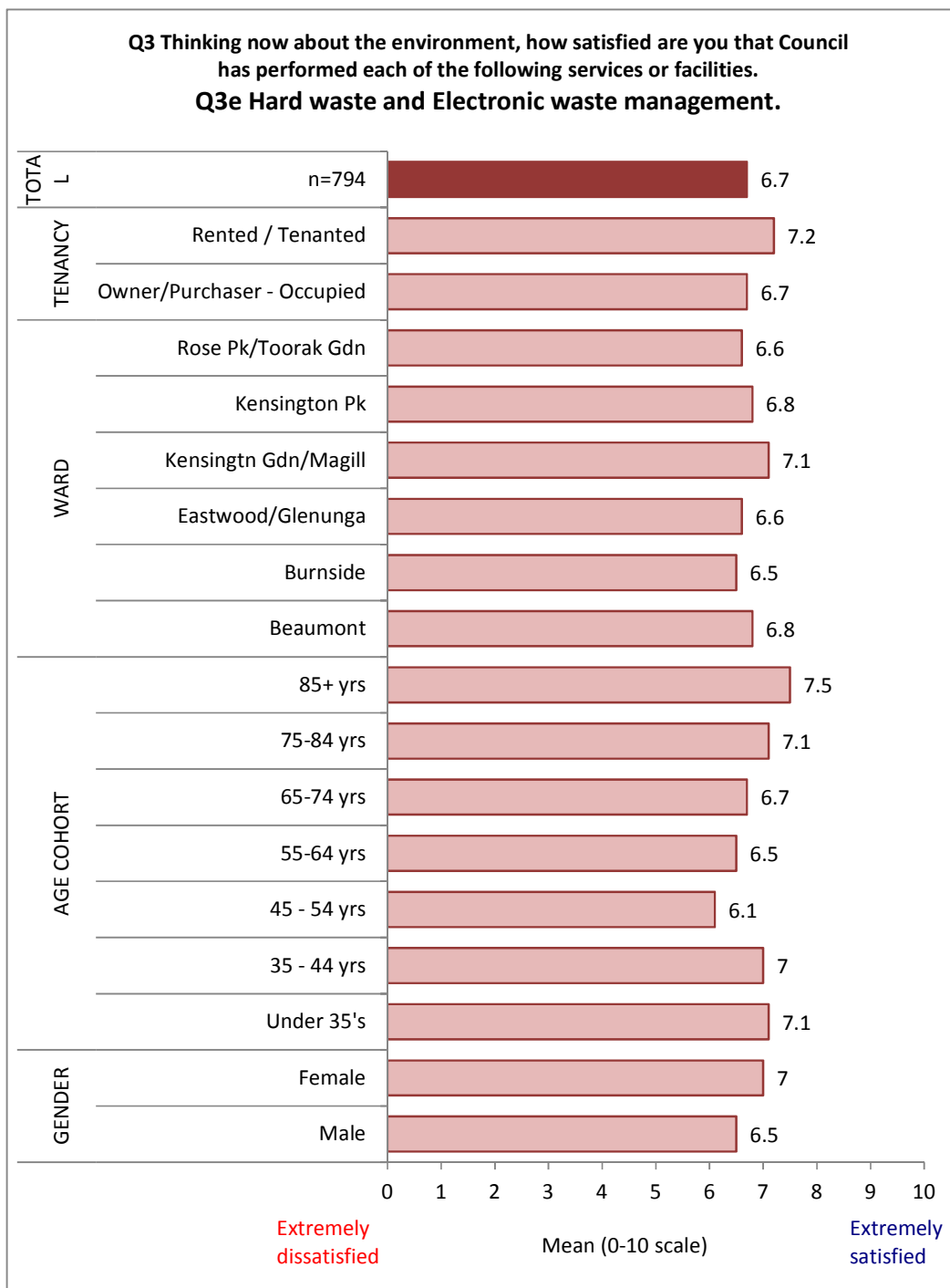


Fig 20: Hard and electronic waste management

After hours and hazard response management, among those who were able to rate this element, was a moderate 6.6 mean score. The most notable variation in response was among renters versus owner / occupiers (5.8 mean versus 6.6 mean respectively), a statistically significant difference. Tenants were significantly more likely to indicate they do not know about after hours and hazard response management (73% versus 53% of residents).

(Note that not having used the service generally resulted in a “don’t know” response and these are not calculated in the mean scores).

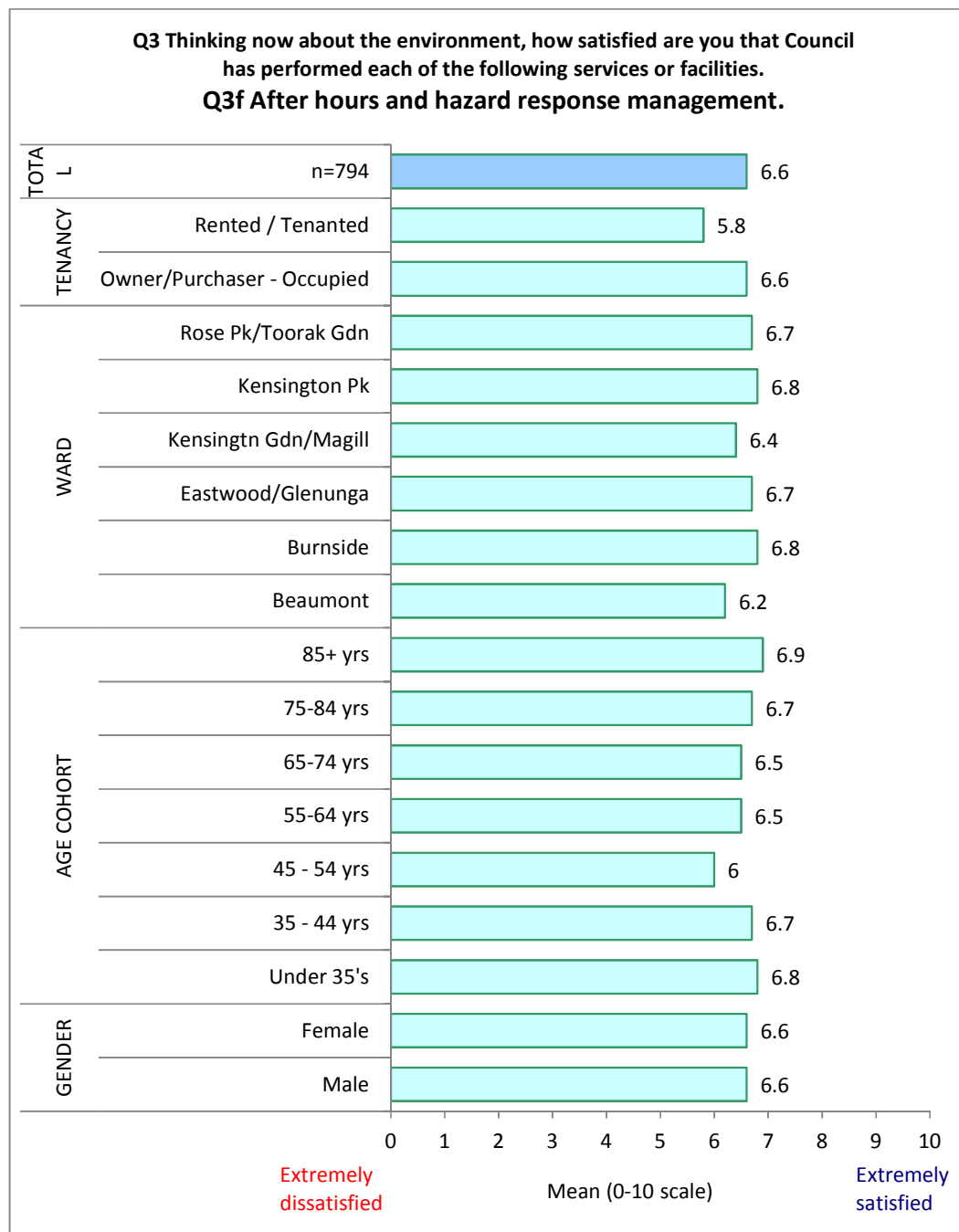


Fig 21: After hours, hazard response management

### 3.3.2 Improvements to Protected and Valued Environment

When asked for their suggestions to improve Protection and Valuing the Environment, nearly half (48%) had nothing further to suggest.

The top response was for more hard rubbish collections (mentioned by 15% of all respondents), followed by more general waste and green waste collections (9%) and more recycling of electronic waste (6%).

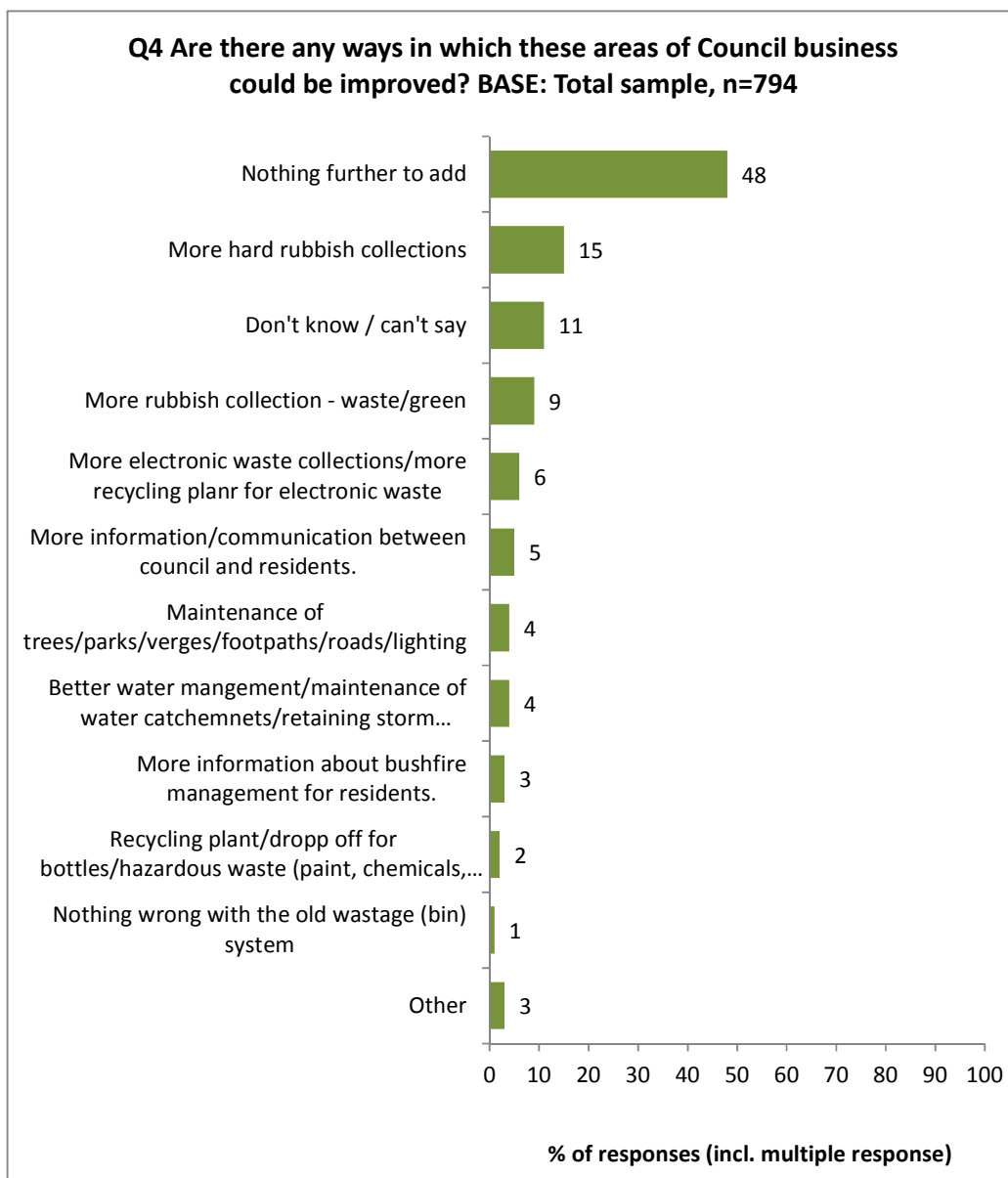


Fig 22 :Improvements to environmental planning

These findings are also reflected in the “Word Cloud” overleaf.



### 3.4 Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People

All respondents were read out statements regarding various elements of the key direction Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People. They were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with each statement, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 meant strongly dissatisfied and 10 indicated they were strongly satisfied.

The statements and proportions for satisfied, neutral or dissatisfied responses with each element of Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People, were as shown in the graph below.

At the top level, the presentation and cleanliness of the City drew the highest level of satisfaction (96%), followed closely by the provision of library services (92%).

At the other end of the scale satisfaction with support for local businesses gained the lowest level of satisfaction (33% across all respondents), although a higher proportion (51%) could not put forward a rating for this element.

Noted also was a relatively low level of satisfaction with providing services for younger residents (42%) against the comparatively high 9% indicating they were dissatisfied with this aspect.

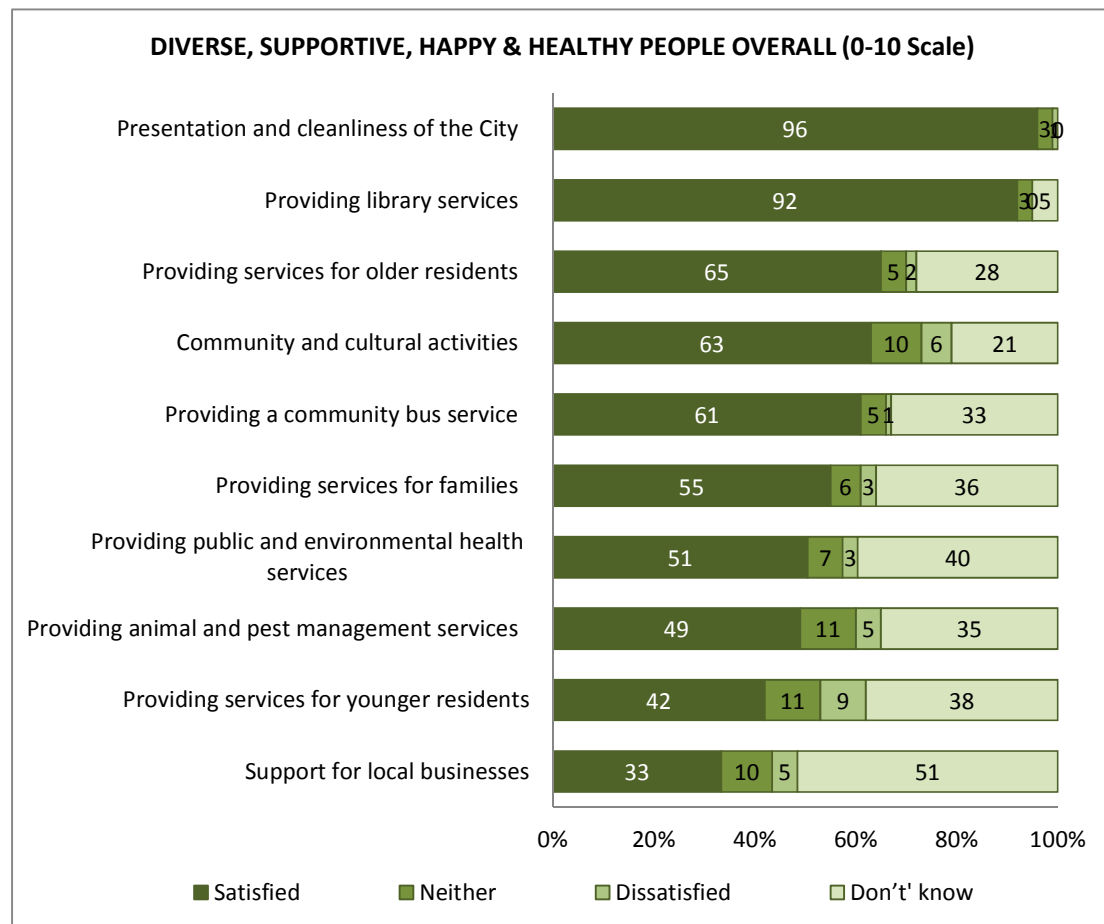


Fig 23: Social Capital overall

### 3.4.1 Elements of Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People

When support for local businesses was analysed by those who actually owned a business (either within the City or outside, home based or on the road), there were slightly higher levels of agreement, in particular among those with a business within the City or a home-based business (39% and 44% respectively were satisfied and the proportion who said they don't know fell to 30% among these two groups).

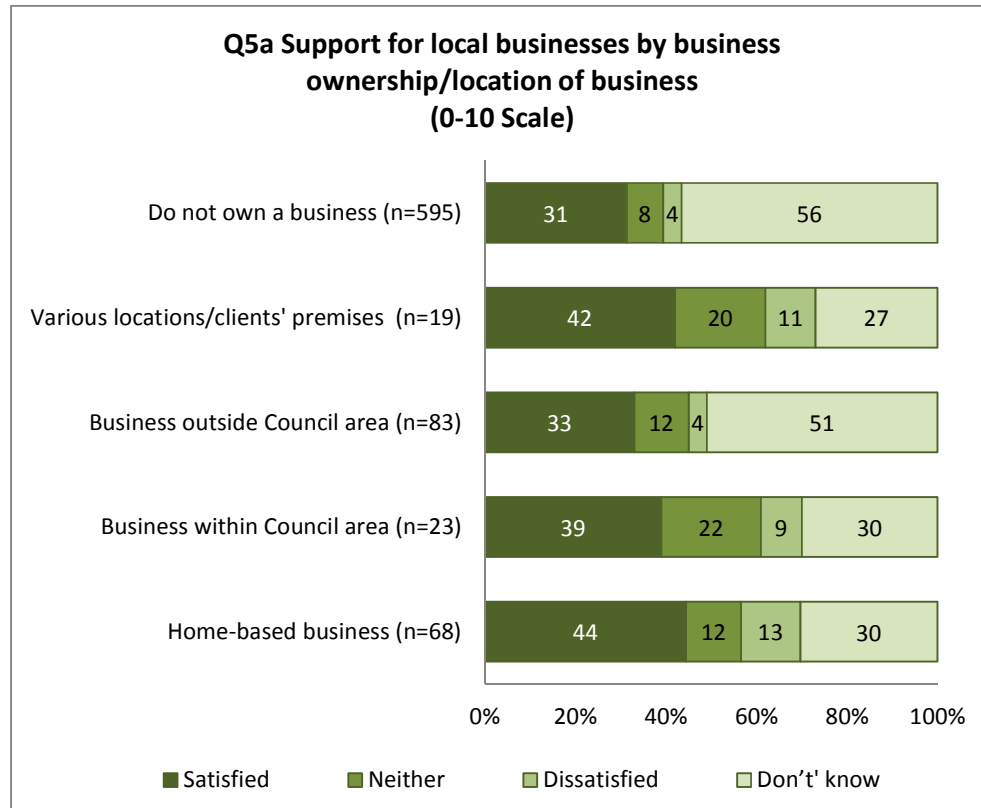


Fig 24: Support for local businesses by business ownership

As noted, support for local businesses was rated fairly low for satisfaction across all respondents (6.2 mean score) and dropped below the average among residents 45 to 54 year old (5.7 mean) and among

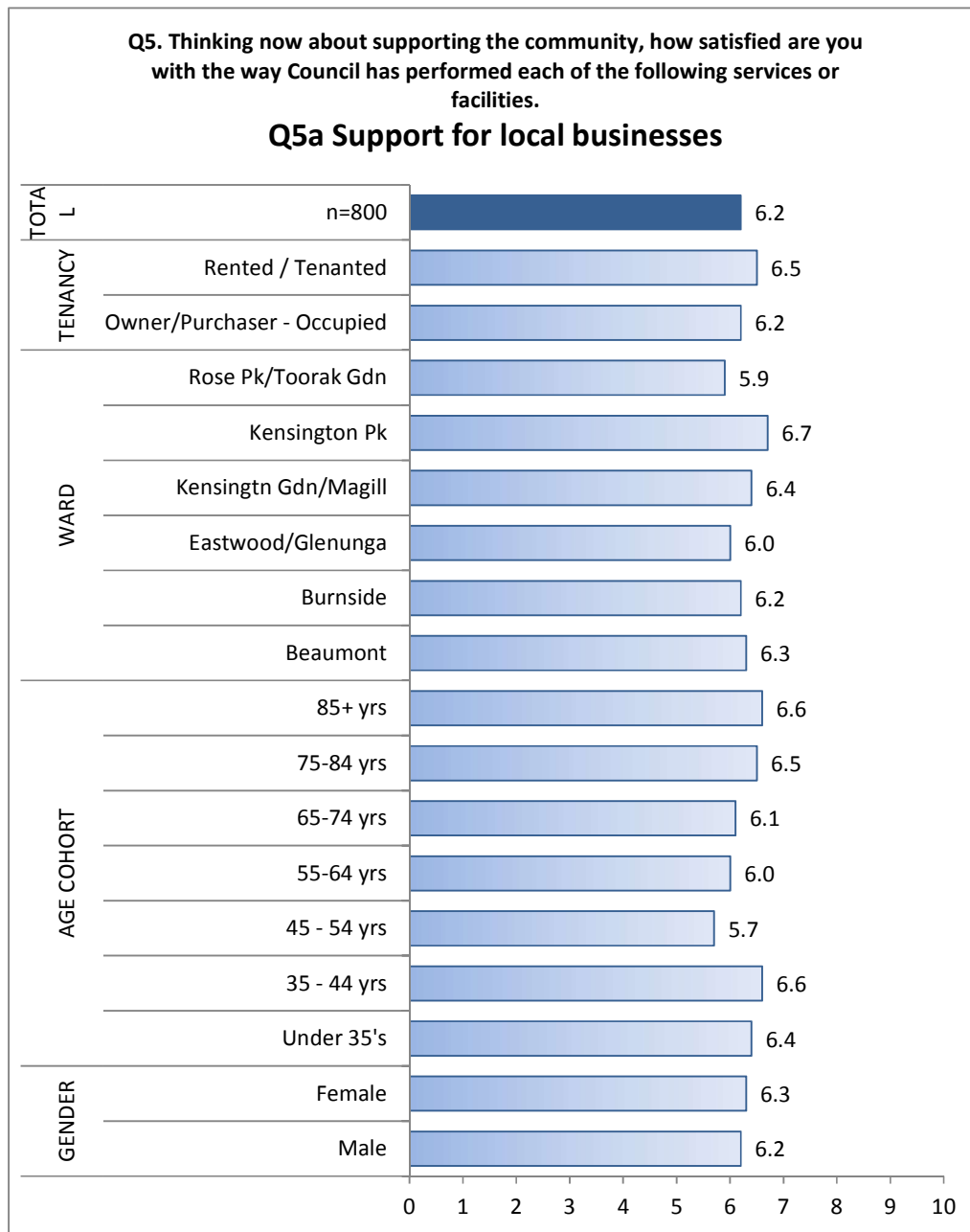


Fig 25: Support for local businesses

Community and cultural activities attracted a mean score of 6.8 overall, with the oldest cohorts being most satisfied with these two elements (75 plus year olds 7.9 and 7.8 respectively).

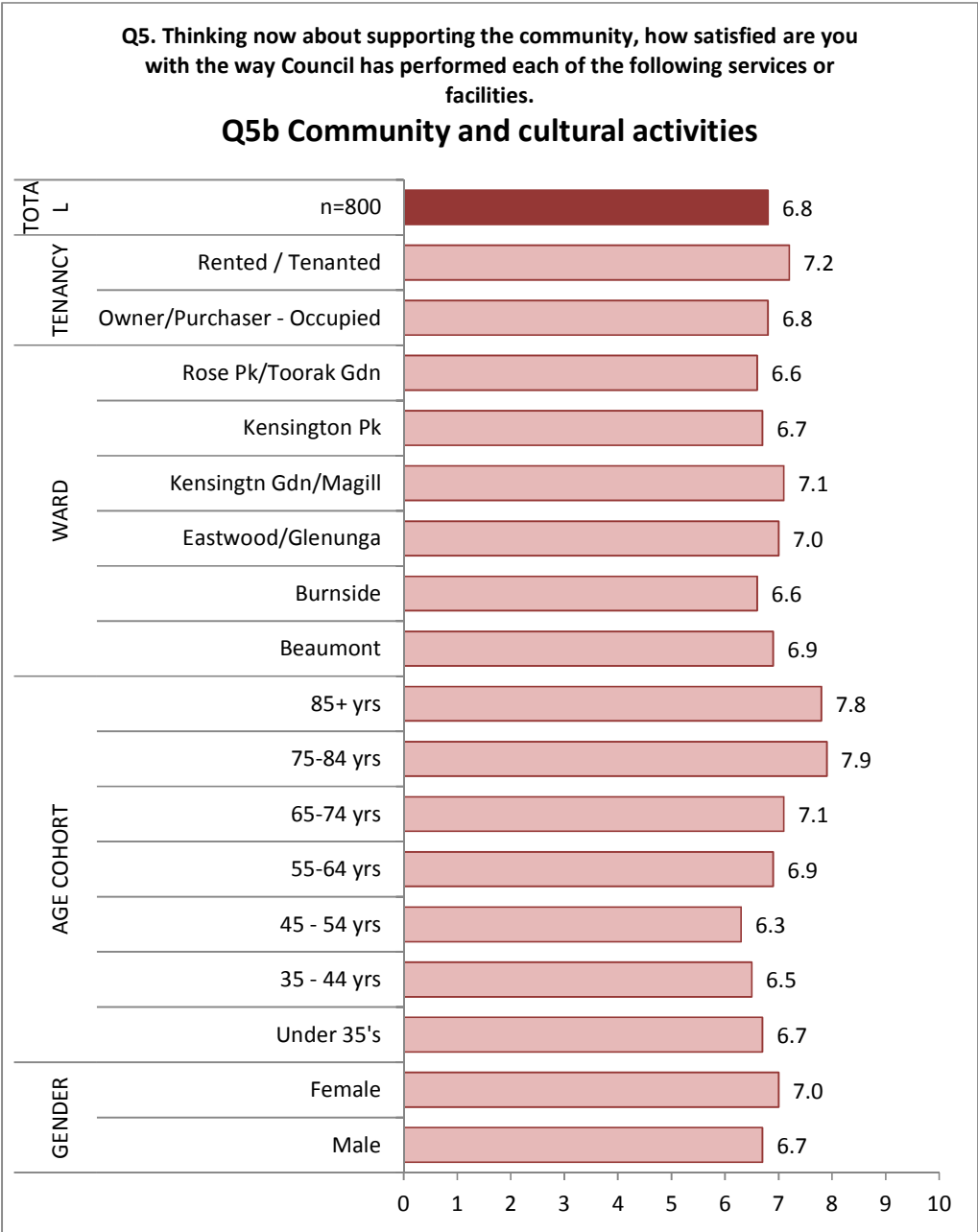


Fig 26: Community and cultural activities



Provision of public and environmental health services rated at a satisfactory level (6.9 mean) although 40% of residents could not provide a response (51% satisfied versus 40% don't know). The proportion dissatisfied was low (3%).

As has been noted regarding some of these other social indicators, the oldest residents showed higher rates of satisfaction (as shown in the graph below).

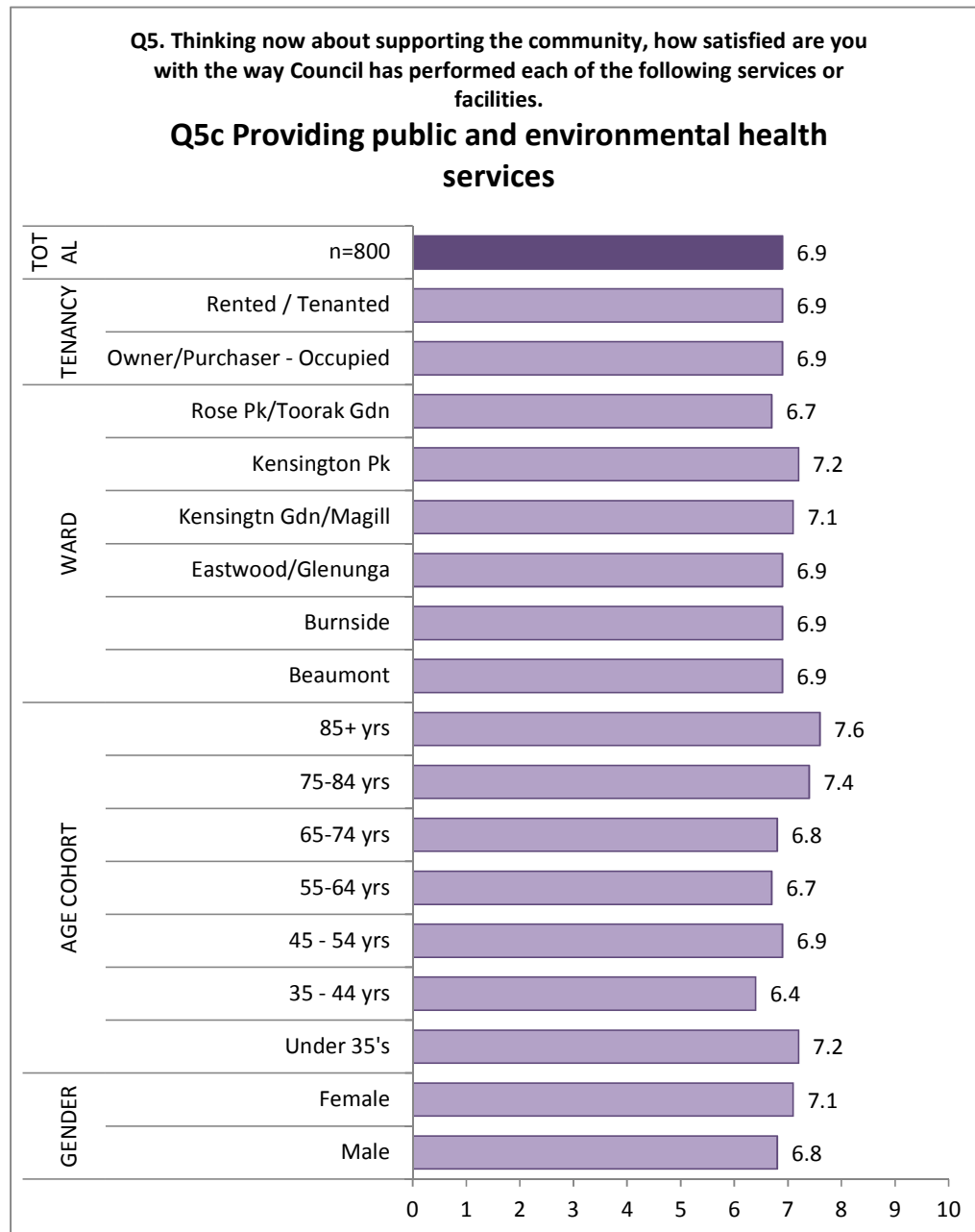


Fig 27: Providing public and environmental health services

Provision of services for older residents rated highly (7.6 mean score, 65% satisfied versus 2% dissatisfied). As may be expected, older residents showed higher satisfaction levels although most residents regardless of whether they may be users of these services or not rated this element highly.

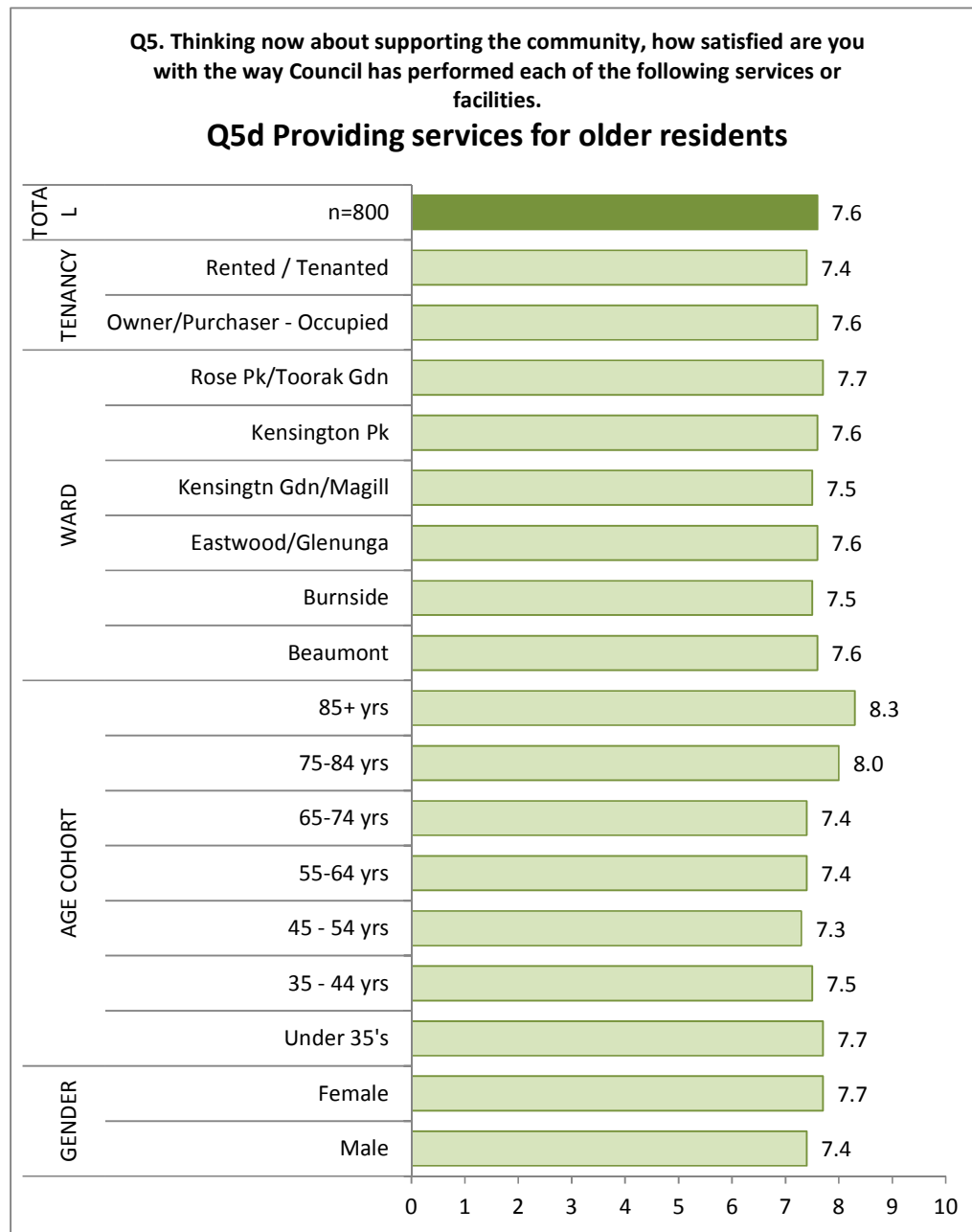


Fig 28: Providing services for older residents

Provision of services for younger residents did not rate as highly as those provided to older residents (6.2 mean overall, 42% satisfied versus 9% dissatisfied with this element).

Most notable among the socio-demographic analysis was the finding that residents in the 45 to 54 year cohort (most likely middle family life-stage) showed a relatively low level of satisfaction with this element (25% of this cohort were dissatisfied versus 35% satisfied).

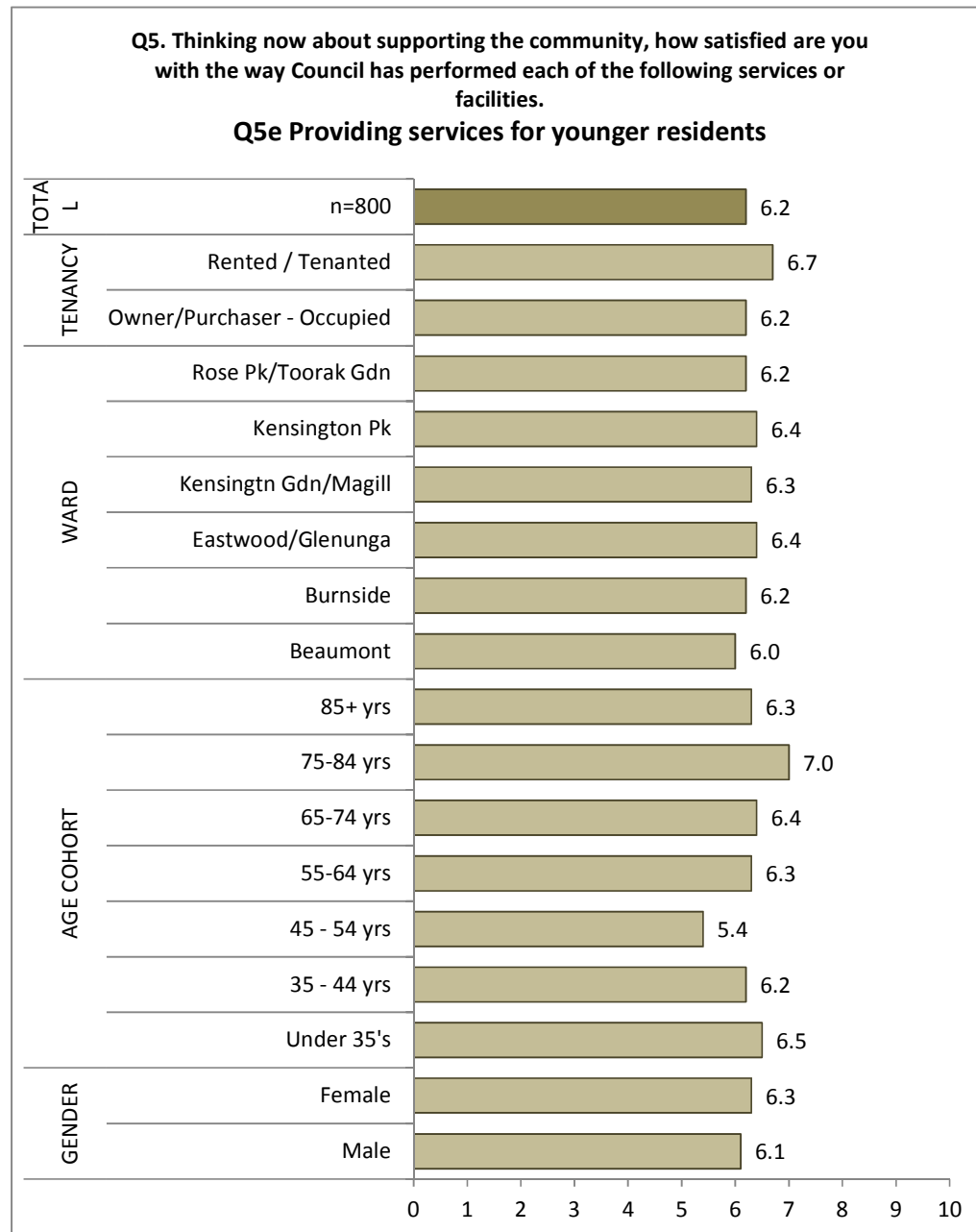


Fig 29: Providing services for younger residents

The provision of services for families rated highly, at 7.0 mean score across the total sample, although among respondents aged between 45 and 54 years the mean declined to 6.5.

Residents of Kensington Park rated this element higher (7.4 mean), particularly compared with Rose Park / Toorak Gardens residents (6.7 mean) and also those living in Burnside Ward (6.8 mean). These variations were statistically significant, although care should be taken in using this information as factors such as the proportion of families in each Ward may vary or some suburbs may have a different socio-economic profile (creating higher or lower demand for services for families).

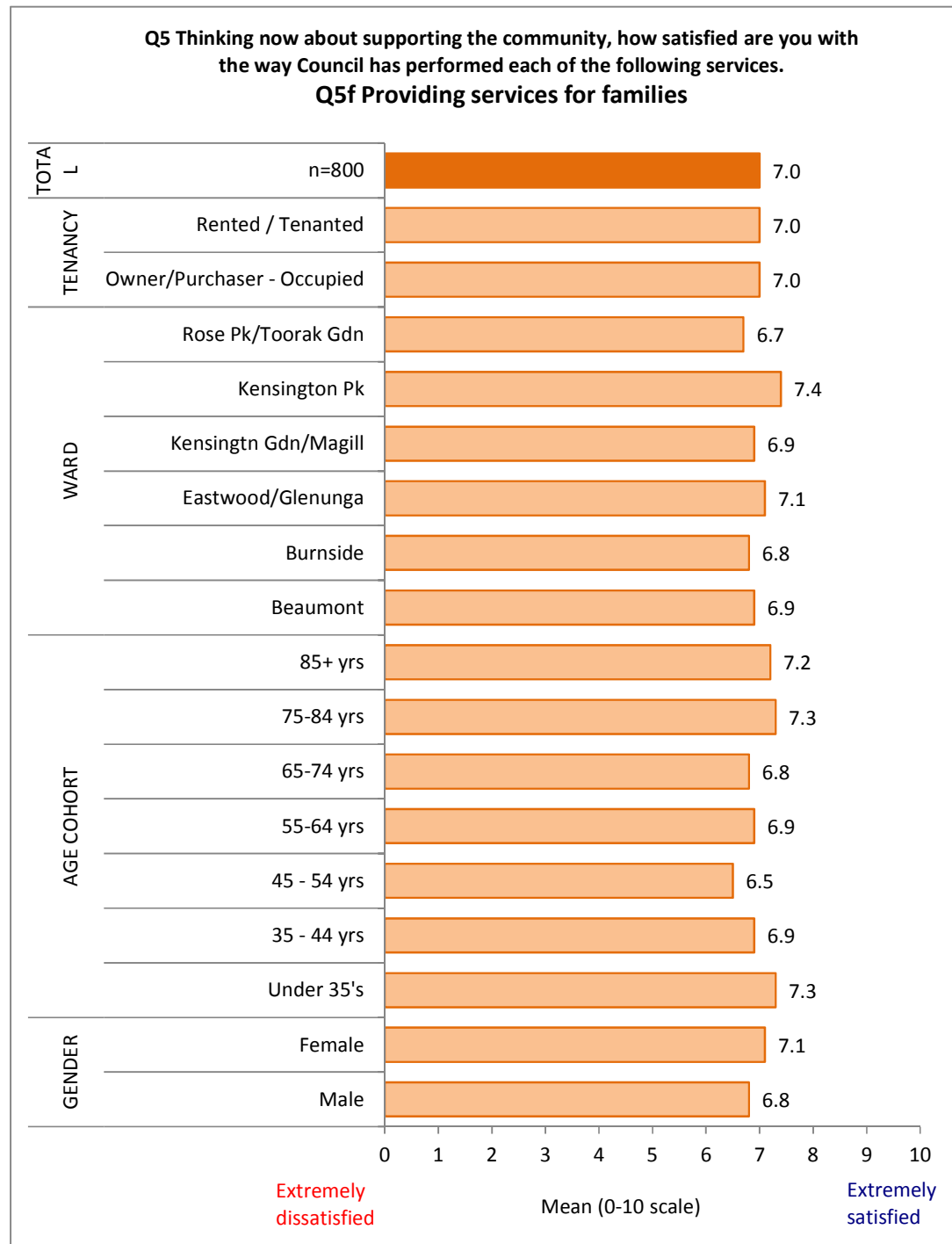


Fig 30: Providing services for families

As noted earlier, presentation and cleanliness of the City is rated highly in terms of satisfaction (8.0 mean across the total sample) and showed little significant variation across socio-demographic and geographic sub-groups.

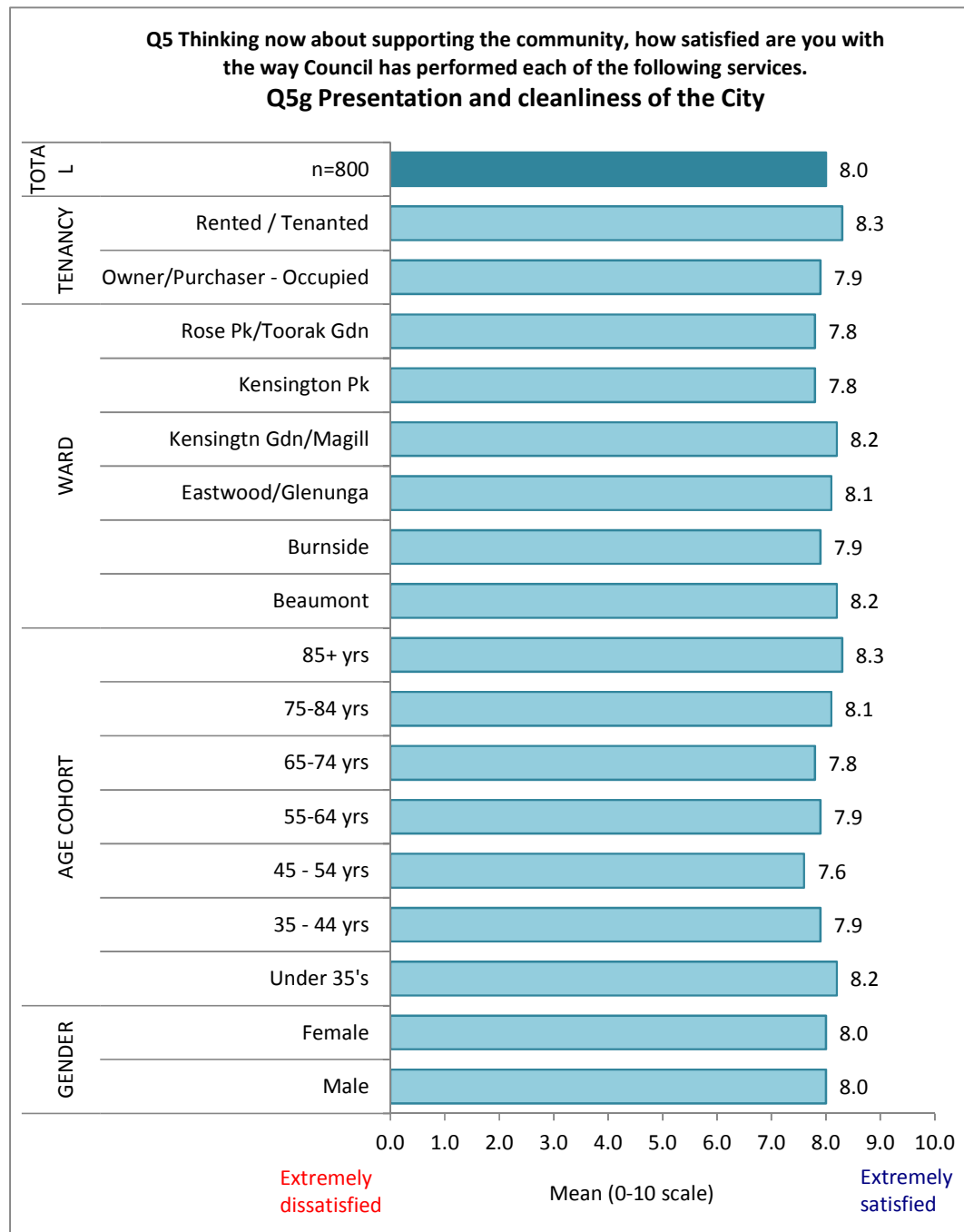


Fig 31: Presentation and cleanliness of the City

Just under half (49%) of all respondents said they were satisfied with the provision of animal and pest management services (6.7 mean), compared with 5% dissatisfaction with provision of this service.

Satisfaction was slightly lower among residents of Eastwood / Glenunga (6.4 mean) but the difference was not statistically significant.

Among respondents in the 45 to 54 cohort, satisfaction was also relatively low (6.2 mean) particularly compared with under 35 year olds (7.1 mean score).

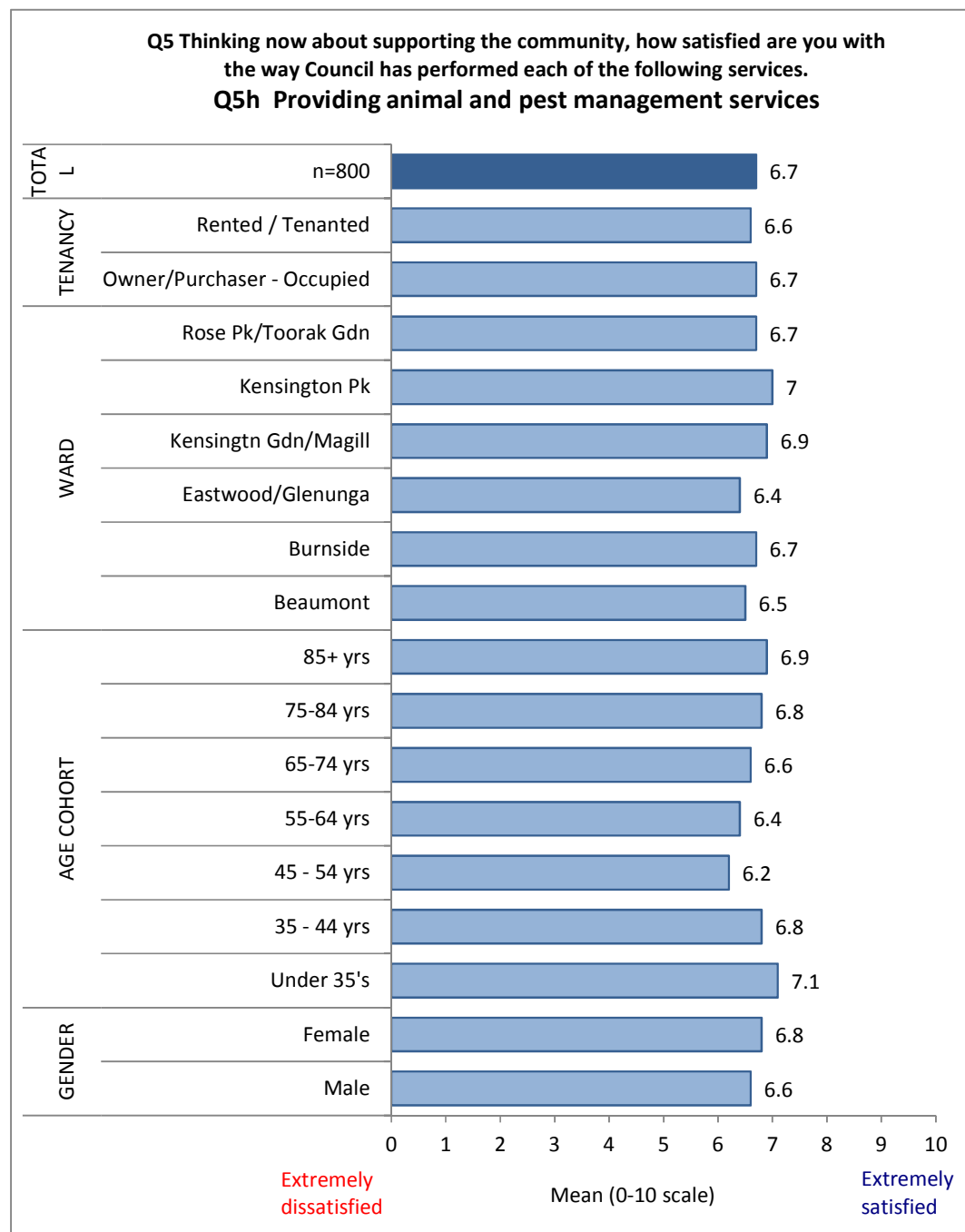


Fig 32: Providing animal and pest management services

Provision of a community bus service rated highly (7.6 mean), particularly among the oldest cohort (8.3 mean).

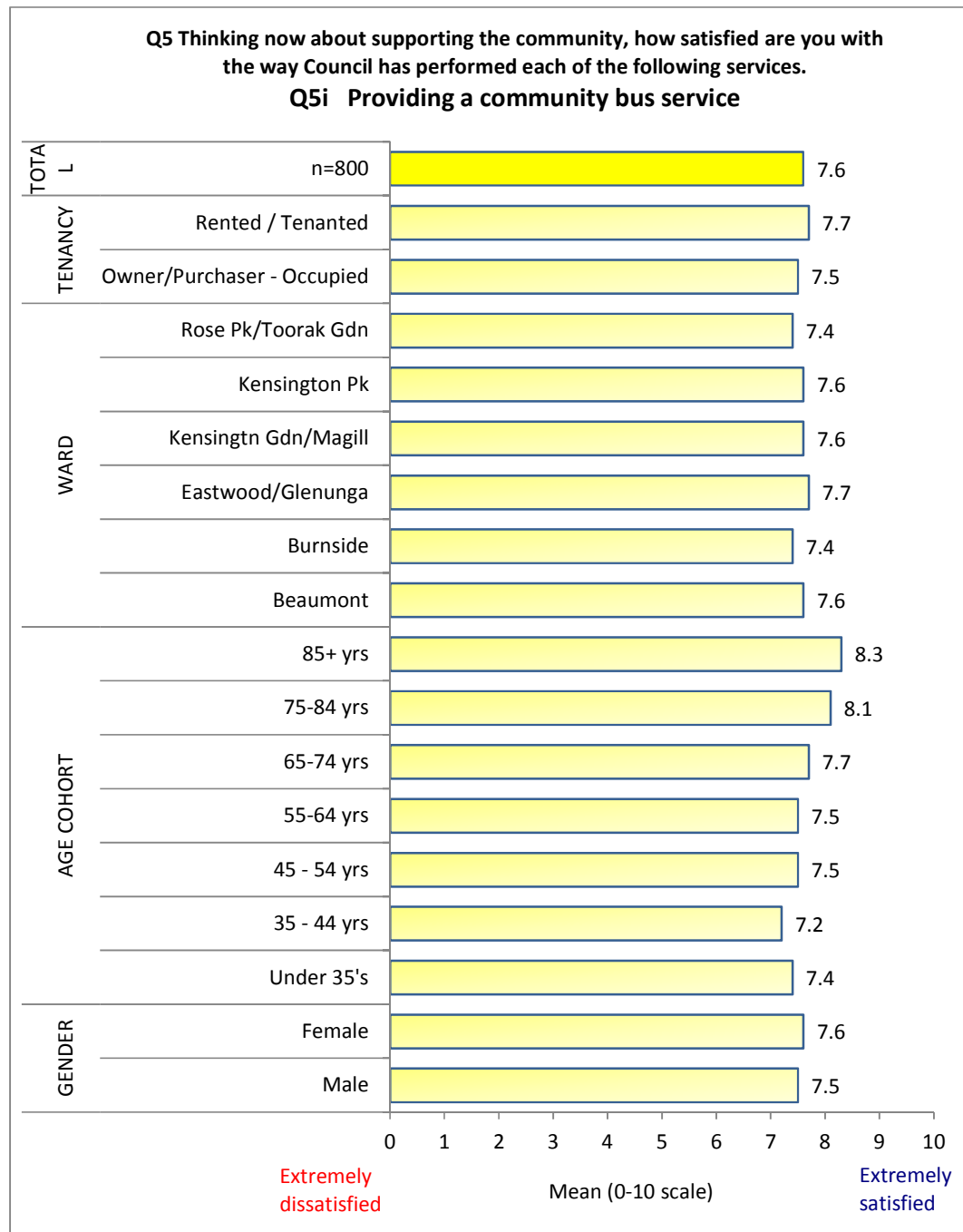


Fig 33: Providing a community bus service

The library services also attracted high levels of satisfaction (8.3 mean) with few variations across sub-groups.

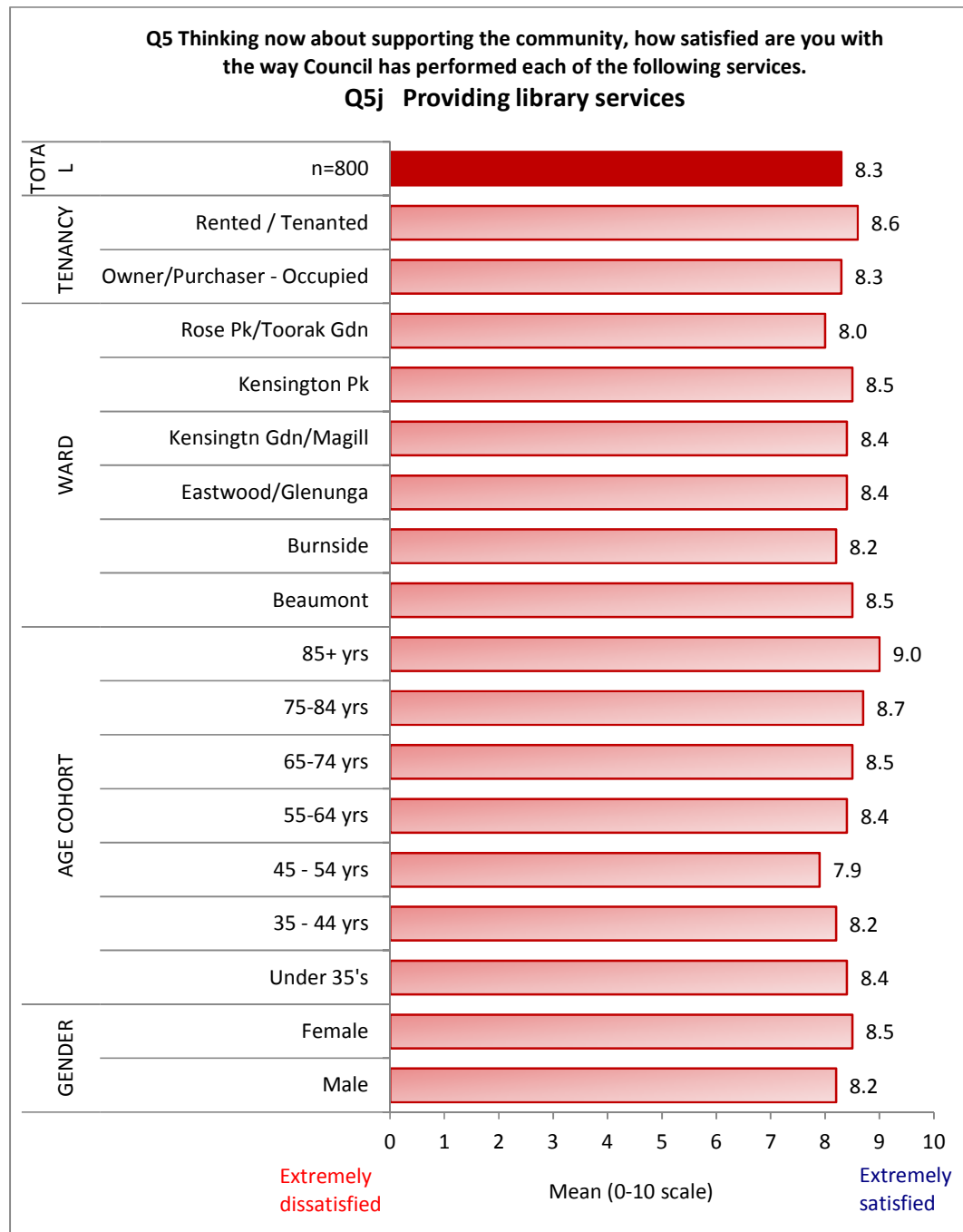


Fig 34: Providing library services



### 3.4.2 Improvements to Diverse, Supportive, Happy and Healthy People

Six out of ten (61%) respondents had nothing further to add towards this Key Direction and an additional 12% could not put forward any suggestions.

The most common theme was comments along the lines that “councillors should be more transparent / clarity around intentions and for greater communication/information and/ or cooperation (6% or n=46 respondents).

The word cloud overleaf demonstrates the prominence of the general themes of council services and people, library and community. More detailed analysis will be provided in the final report.

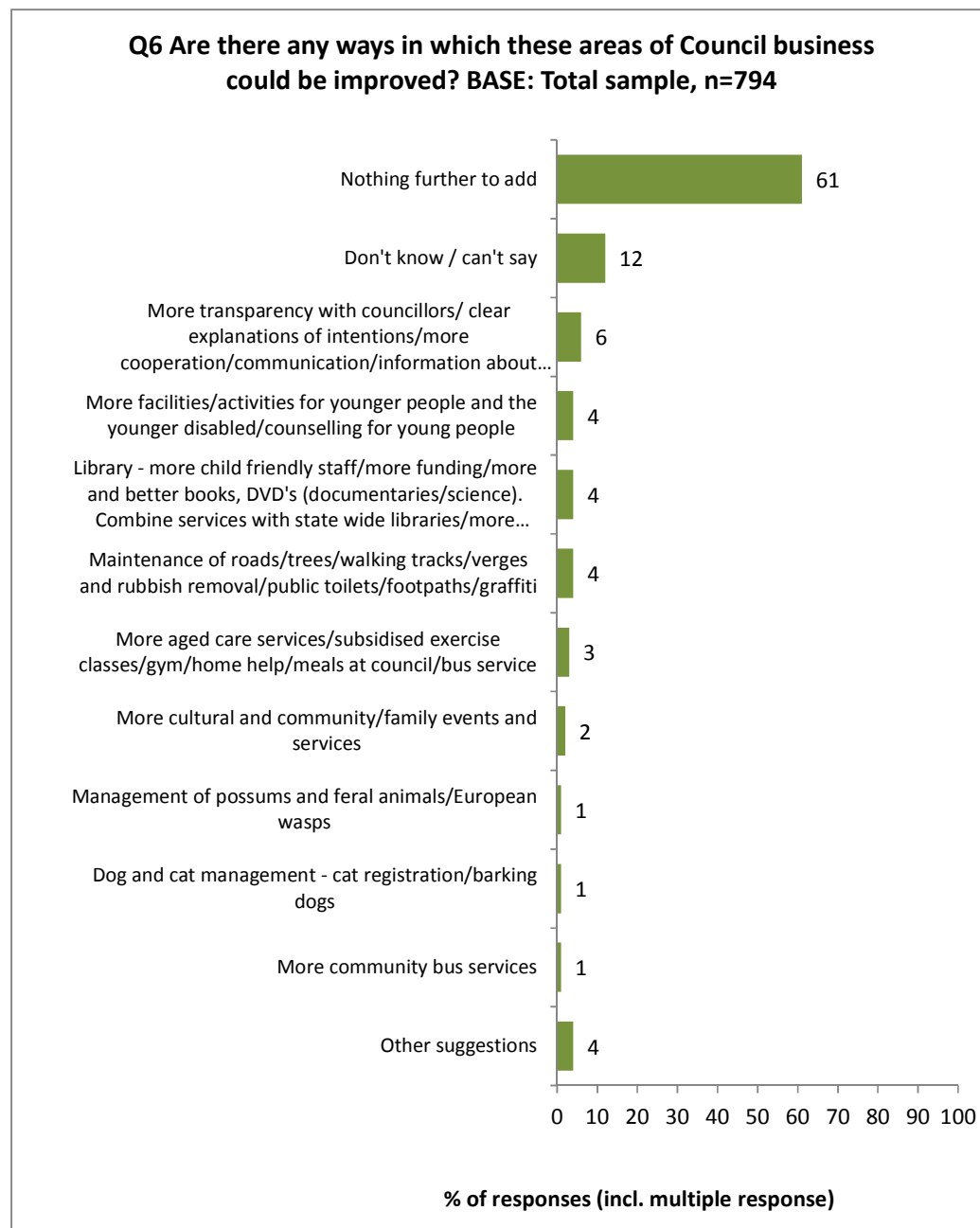


Fig 35: Suggested improvements



### 3.5 Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council

All respondents were read out statements regarding various elements of the key direction Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council. They were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with each statement, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 meant strongly dissatisfied and 10 indicated they were strongly satisfied.

The statements and proportions for satisfied, neutral or dissatisfied responses with each element of Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council, were as shown in the graph below.

At the top level, positively, consultation with and informing the community showed the highest satisfaction (64%) and only 10% of the community were unaware or could not rate this element. This tends to demonstrate that the community consultation undertaken by Council over the last 6 or so months has been acknowledged by residents as satisfactory in terms of information and engagement.

At the other end of the scale satisfaction with financial management was comparatively low (35% satisfied). Of concern, perhaps, was the 39% who could not put forward a rating for this element.

Noted also was a relatively low level of satisfaction with both performance of Elected Members (39% satisfied versus 17% dissatisfied) and providing leadership in the community (40% satisfied versus 17% dissatisfied).

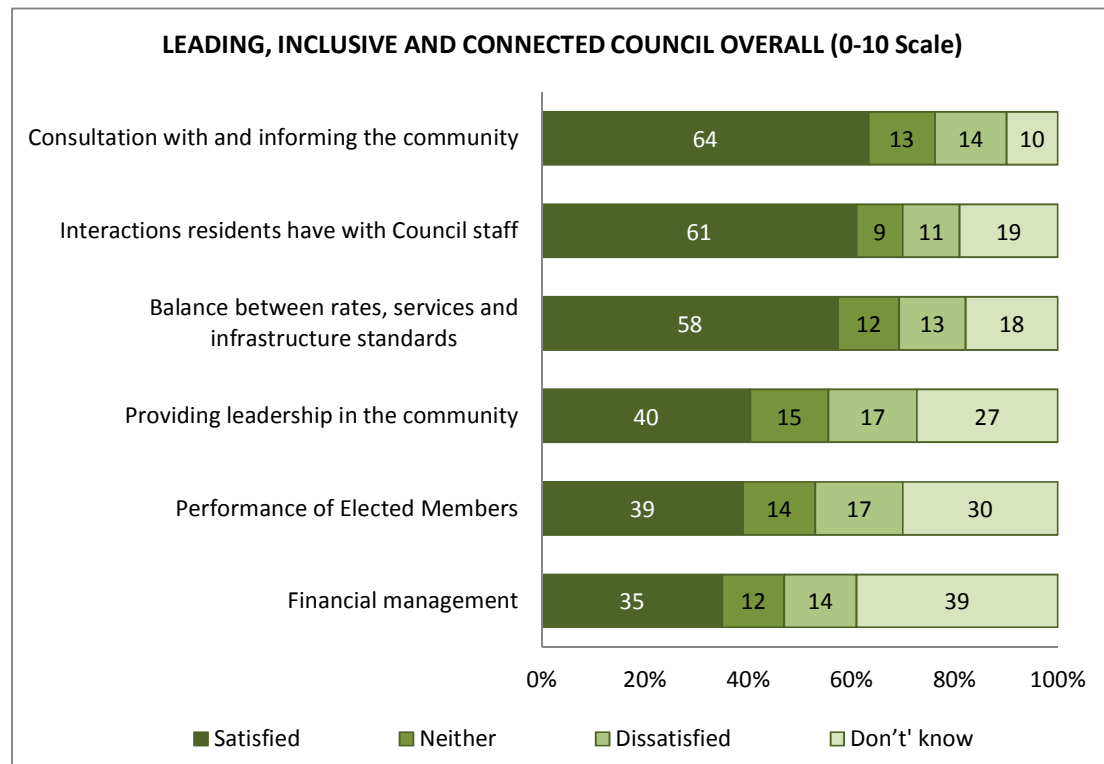


Fig. 36: Leading, inclusive and connected Council overall

### 3.5.1 Individual Elements of Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council

At a socio-demographic and geographic level, one significant variation was the 5.6 mean score afforded to consultation with and information the community among residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward and also the 5.7 mean among residents 45 to 54 years.

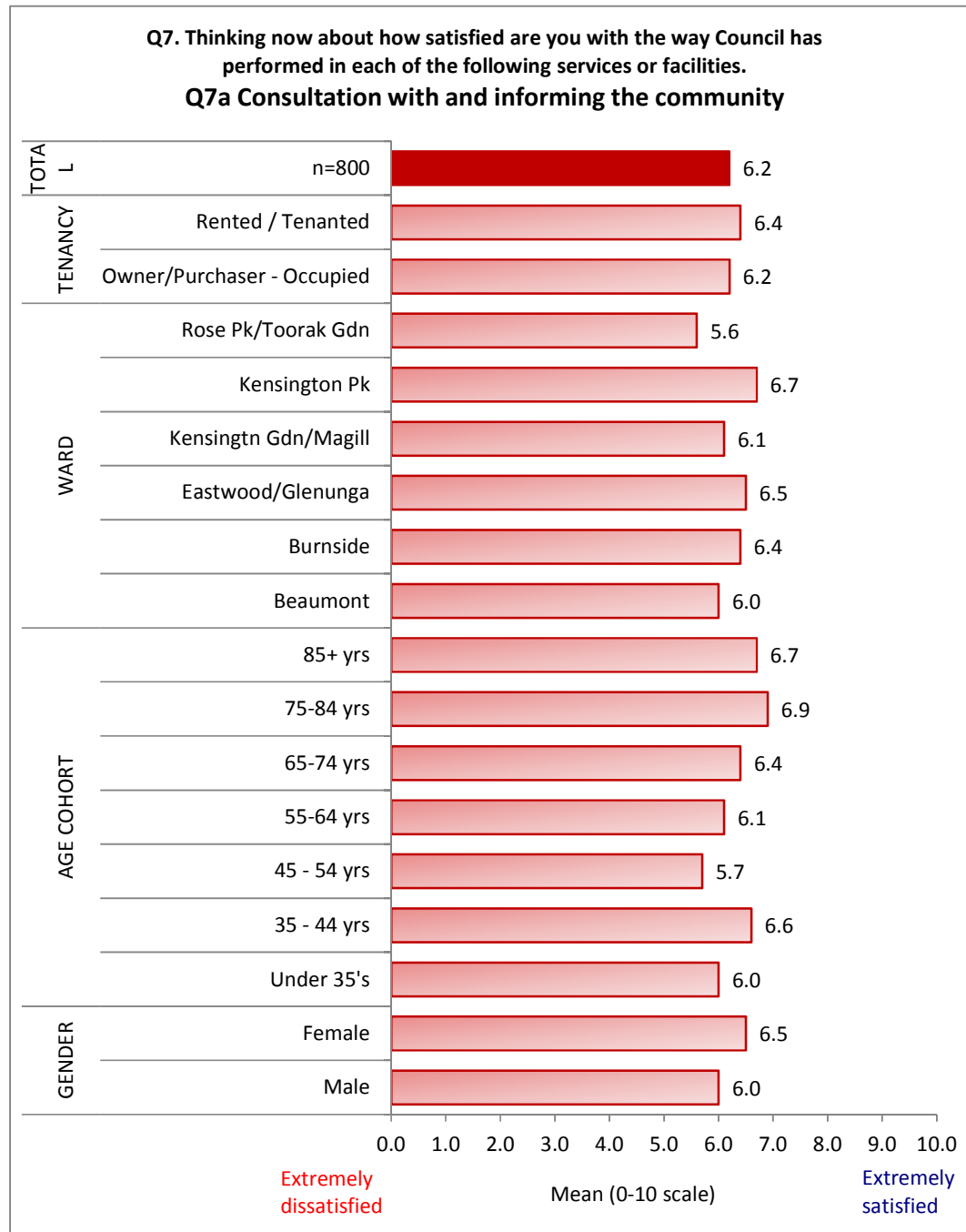


Fig 37: Consultation with and informing the community

In terms of performance of current elected members being transparent, ethical and reflecting best interests and values of the community, a mean score of 5.6 reflects a relatively low satisfaction with this aspect of services. As noted previously with consultation, residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward and also residents 45 to 54 year showed the lowest satisfaction with this element (4.7 mean and 4.9 mean respectively).

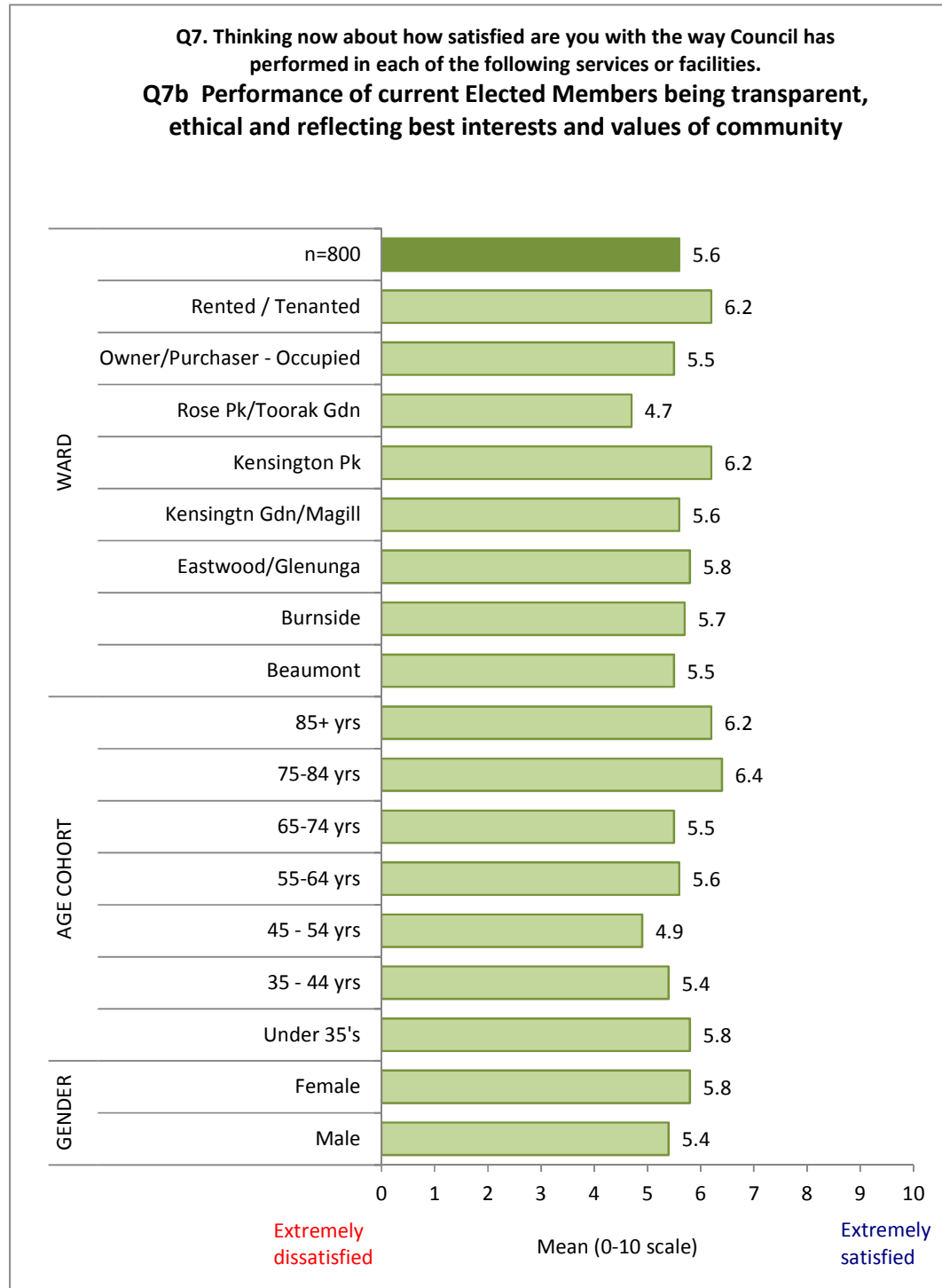


Fig. 38: Performance of current Elected Members

Interactions residents have with Council staff were rated as satisfactory, with a mean score of 6.9 and increasing further among renters (7.9 mean) and residents over 75 years of age (7.8 and 8.0 mean scores respectively).

Females also showed significantly higher satisfaction with staff interactions compared with males.

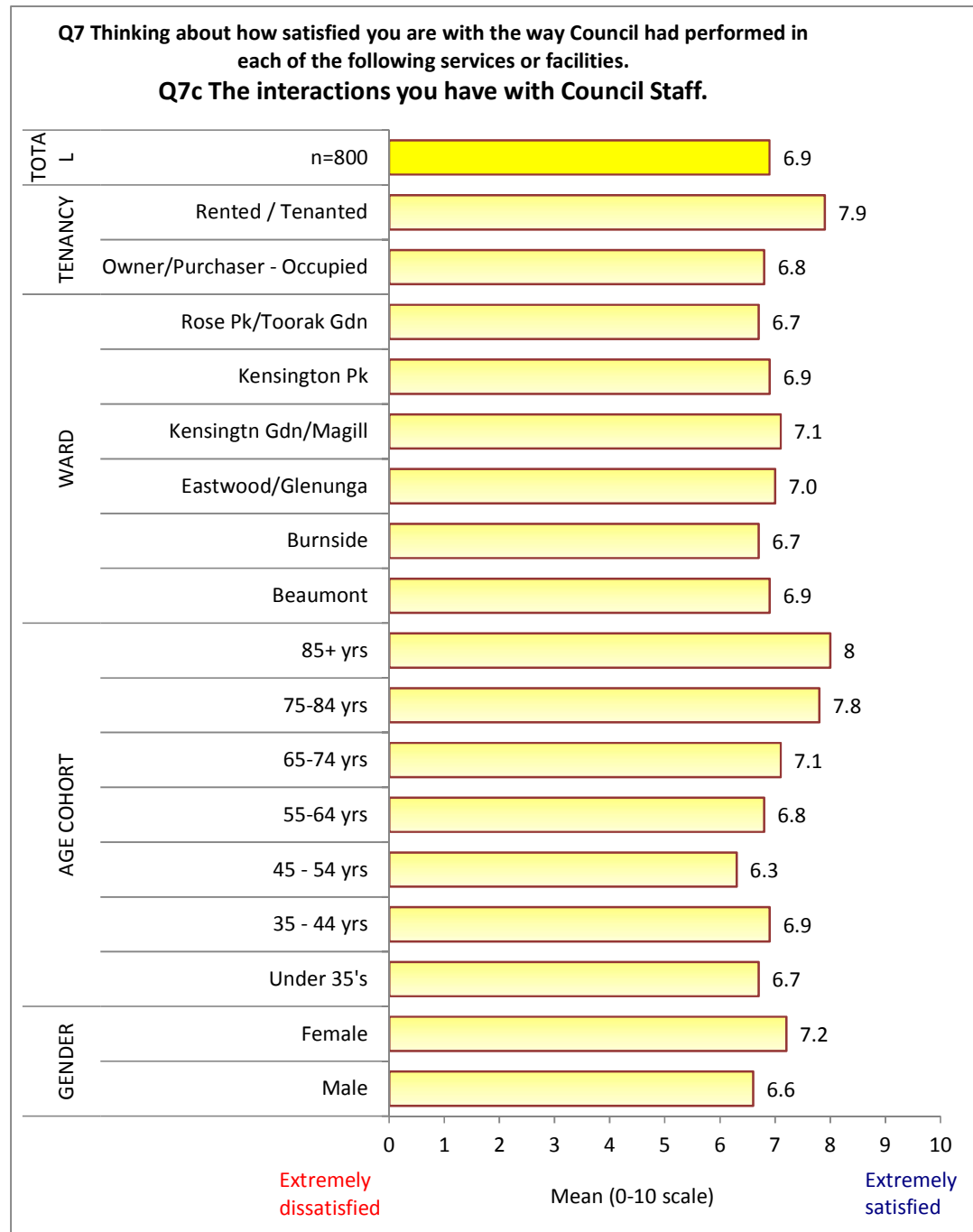


Fig. 39: Interactions with Council staff

As mentioned earlier, providing leadership in the community was quite low in satisfaction (5.6 mean score, 40% satisfied) and feel even further among residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens (4.7 mean score) and those in the middle-mature family life-stage (4.6 mean).

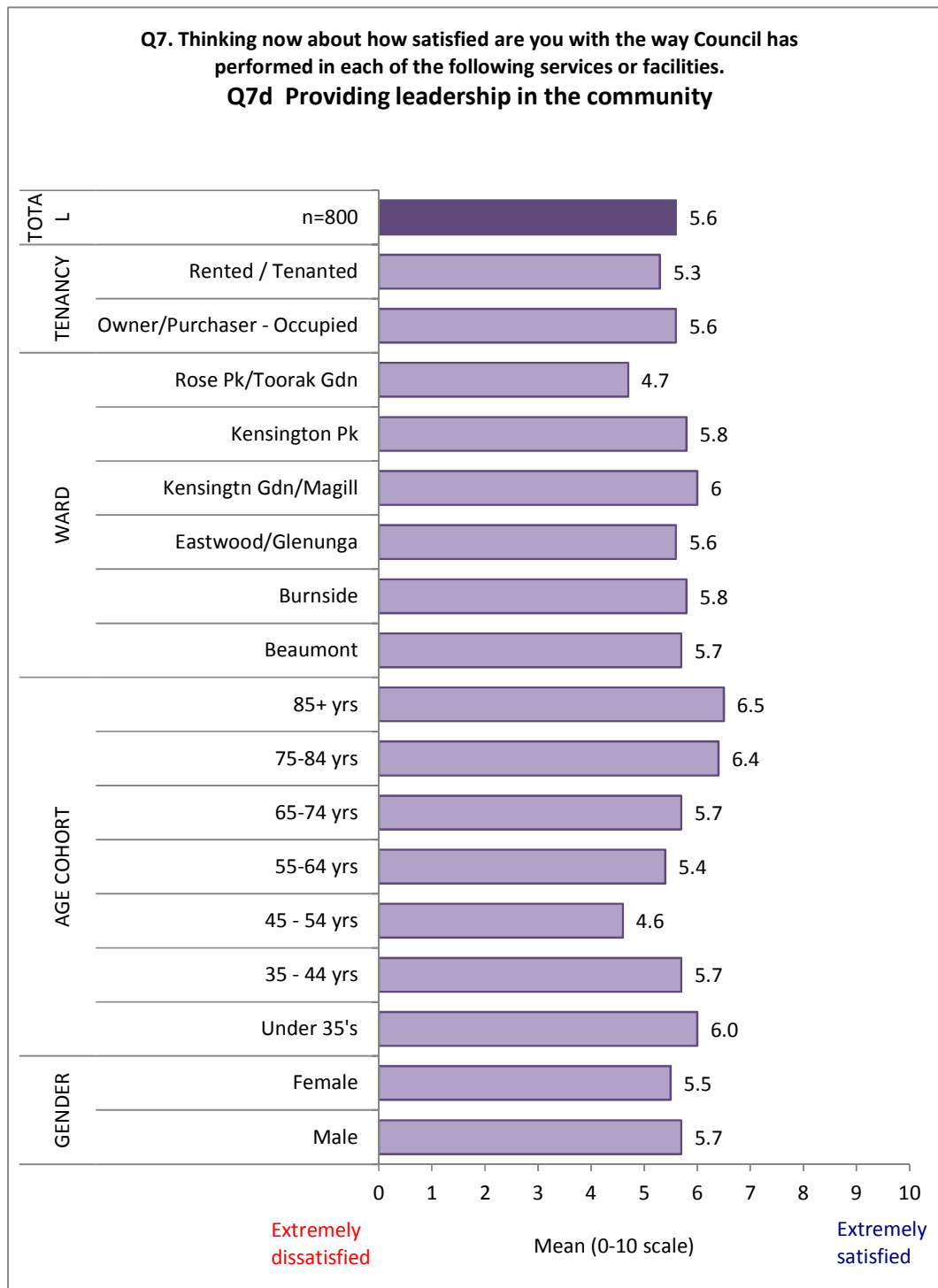


Fig. 40: Providing leadership in the community

The aspect of financial management was also rated quite low in terms of performance (5.6 mean score), with 35% of respondents stating they were satisfied with this aspect of service. Among Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward residents (5.0 mean) and those in the 45 to 54 cohort (4.8 mean) satisfaction declined further. Also noted was a significant variation in the proportion of females stating they did not know about Council's financial management (48% versus 30% of males).

On the other hand, residents in the 75 plus cohorts showed higher levels of satisfaction with financial management (6.6 and 6.3 mean scores respectively).

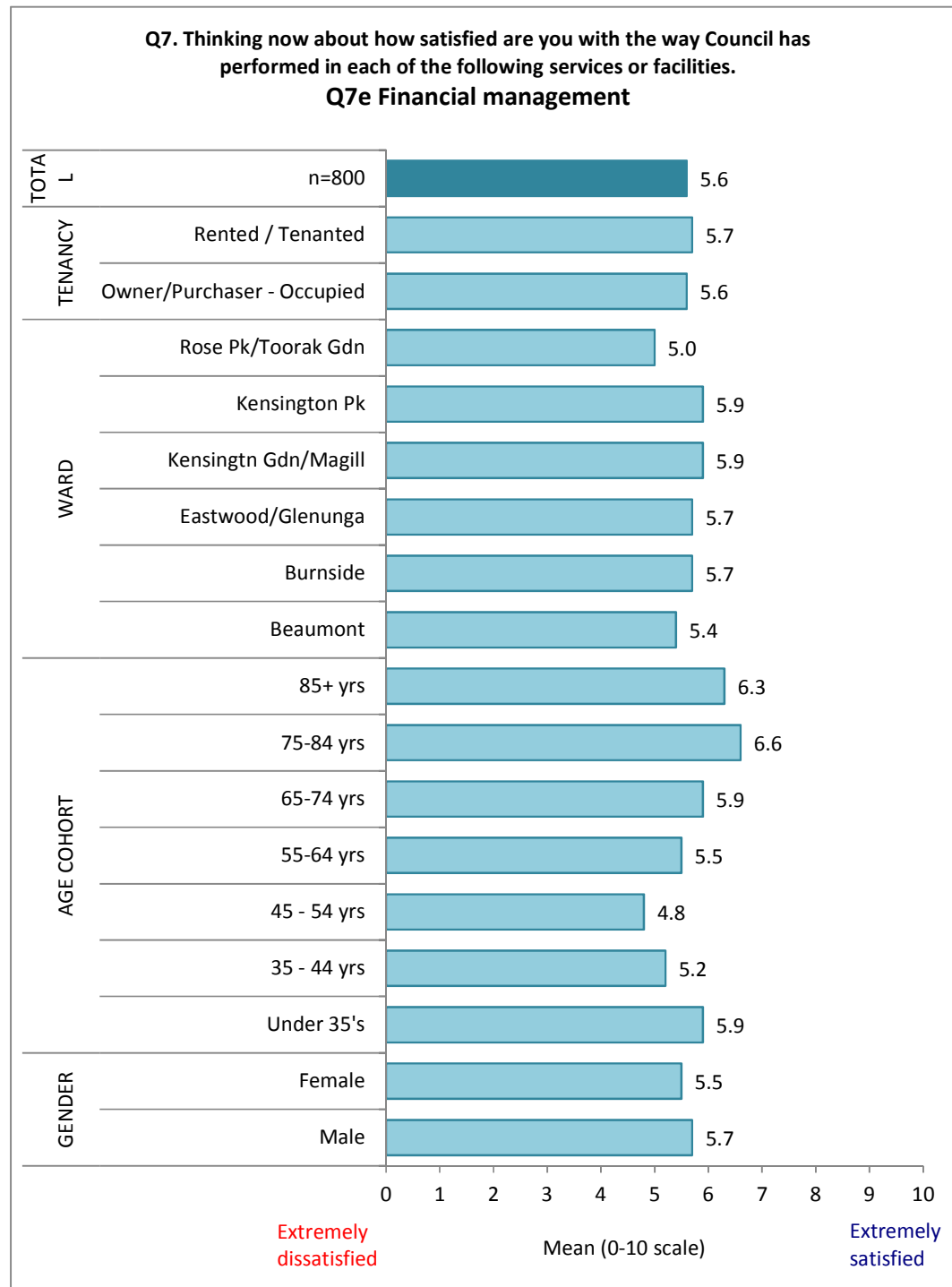


Fig. 41: Financial management



Positively, the balance between Council rates, services and the standard of infrastructure provided was satisfactory for more than half of all respondents (6.2 mean score, 58% satisfied), with relatively minor variations except that the oldest respondents were more favourable towards this element than those in the middle / mature family life-stage (as has been noted across many aspects of the range of services provided by Council).

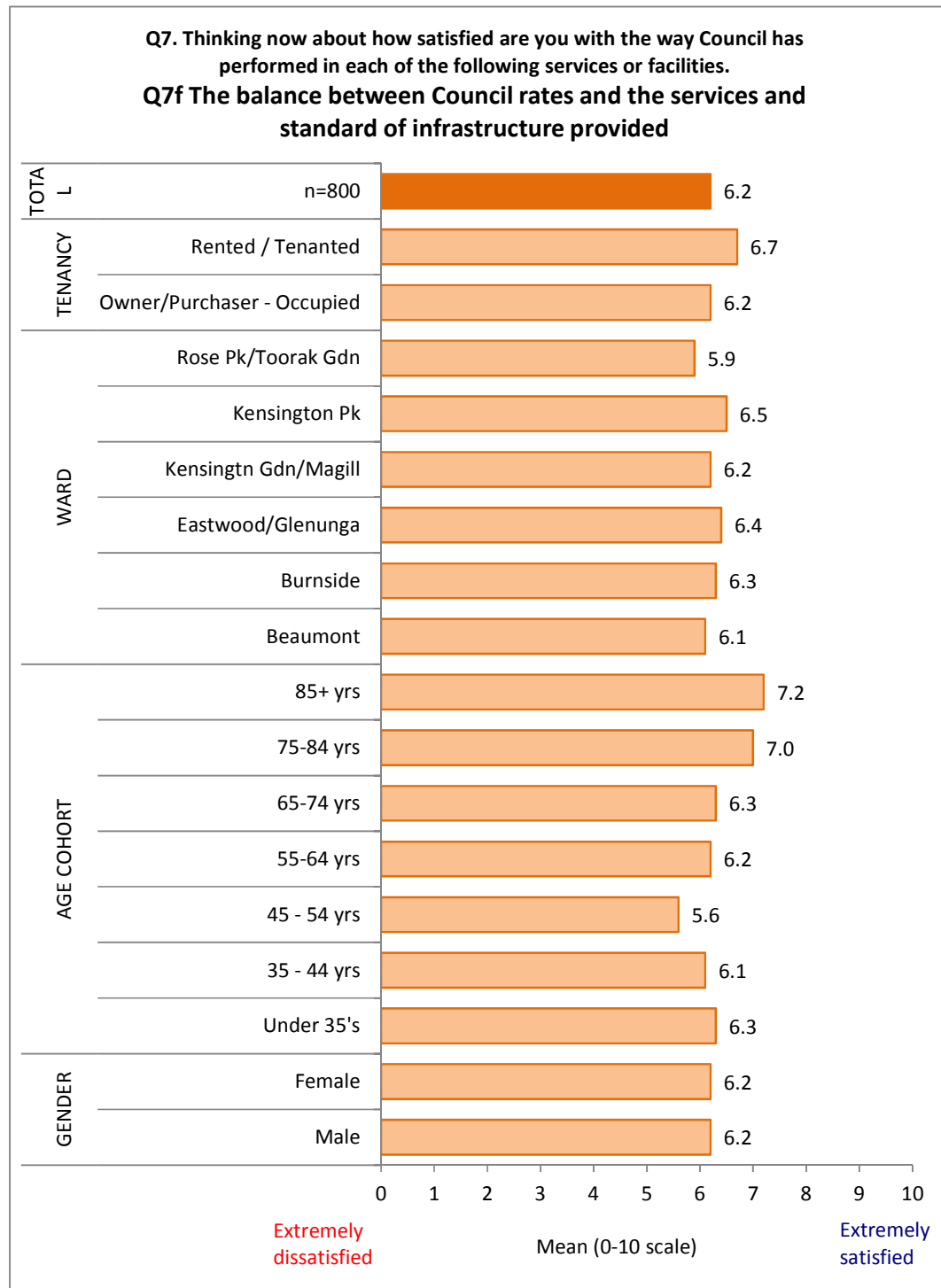


Fig. 42: Balance between rates and services / infrastructure

### 3.5.2 Suggested improvements to Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council

Despite rating some of the elements of a Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council relatively low in terms of satisfaction with the performance, more than two thirds of all respondents either had nothing further to say on the topic (54%) or could not put forward any suggestions (13%).

The most common theme among the suggestions put forward was along the lines that Council should keep in touch/listen and consult and better communicate with residents, mentioned by around one in ten (11%).

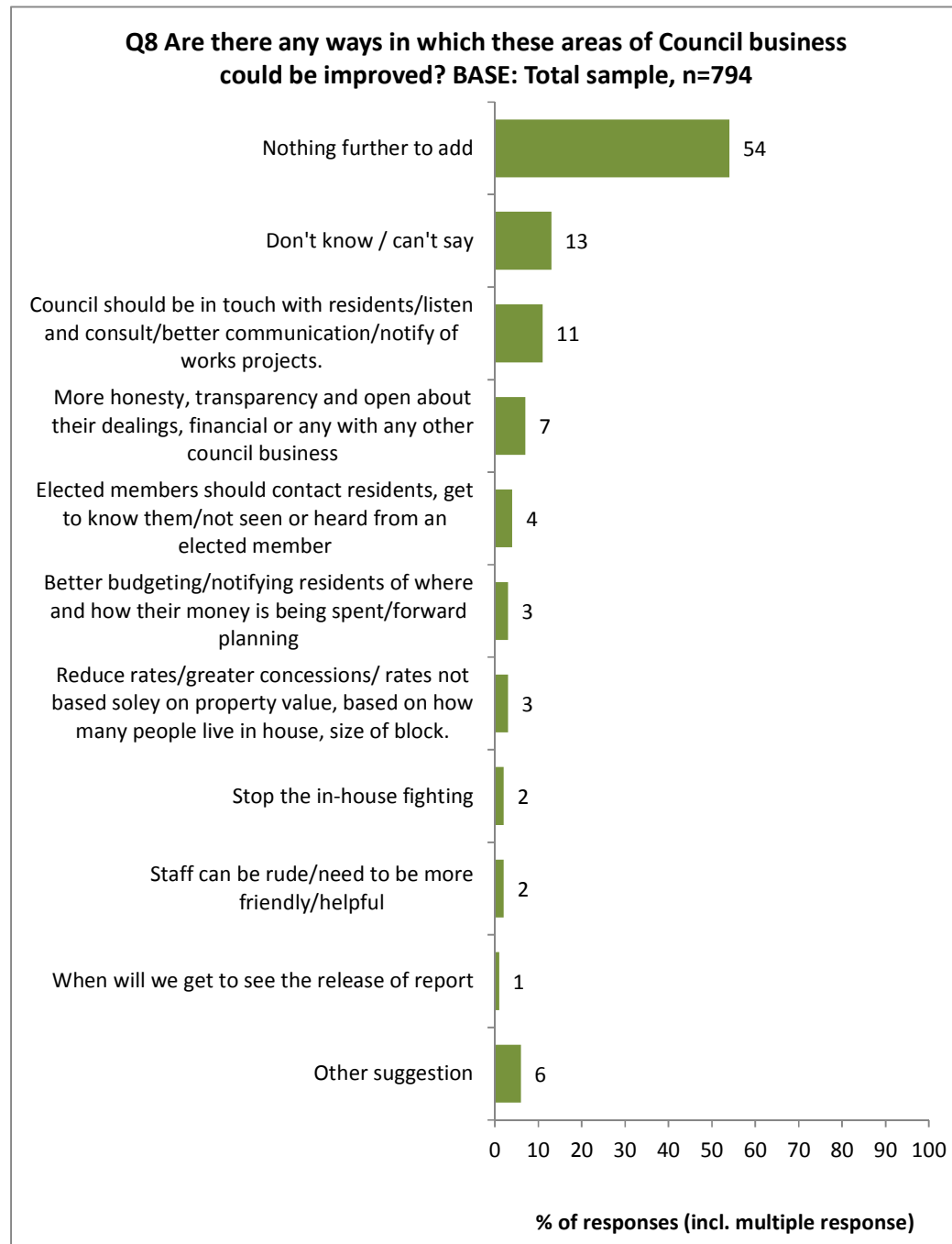


Fig. 43: Suggestions for improvement

Without taking into account common words and the word Council, the word cloud below demonstrates **communication** as a key theme across all of the comments and suggestions around Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council.



### 3.6 Services Not Currently Provided by Council

When asked if there is any service they would like Council to provide that it currently does not, three in every four residents either had nothing further to add (61%) or could not put forward any suggestions (16%).

Among the suggestions, the two most common themes, each nominated by 5% of respondents, were:

- More waste collections (hard, electronic, green, hazardous mentioned specifically) and local location for collection of these waste products, and
- Policy review for maintenance works, including trees, roads, footpaths etc.

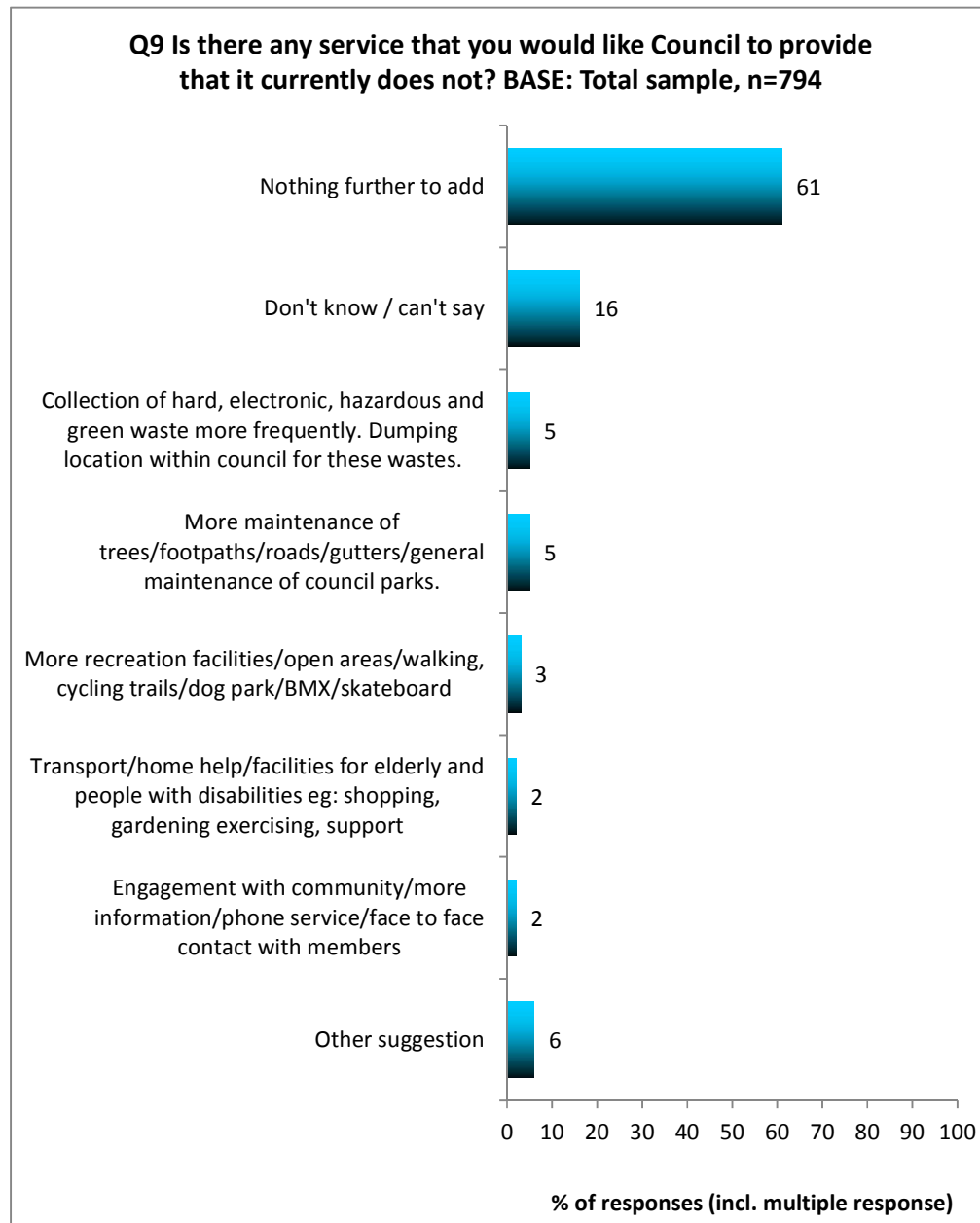


Fig. 44: Services not currently provided by Council

Whilst only 2% of respondents overall mentioned additional services for the elderly, it was still mentioned frequently enough in the open ended quotes to be fairly prominent in the diagram.





### 3.8 Council's Overall Performance

When respondents were asked about Council's overall performance, satisfaction was moderate (6.7 mean score), with the majority (77%) stating they were satisfied with the overall performance. One in three (34%) said they were very satisfied with Council's overall performance in the last 12 months (i.e. rated 8 out of 10 or higher).

As has been noted across other performance indicators, residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward and also those in the 45 to 54 cohort showed lower satisfaction rates than other sub-groups (6.4 and 6.1 mean scores respectively).

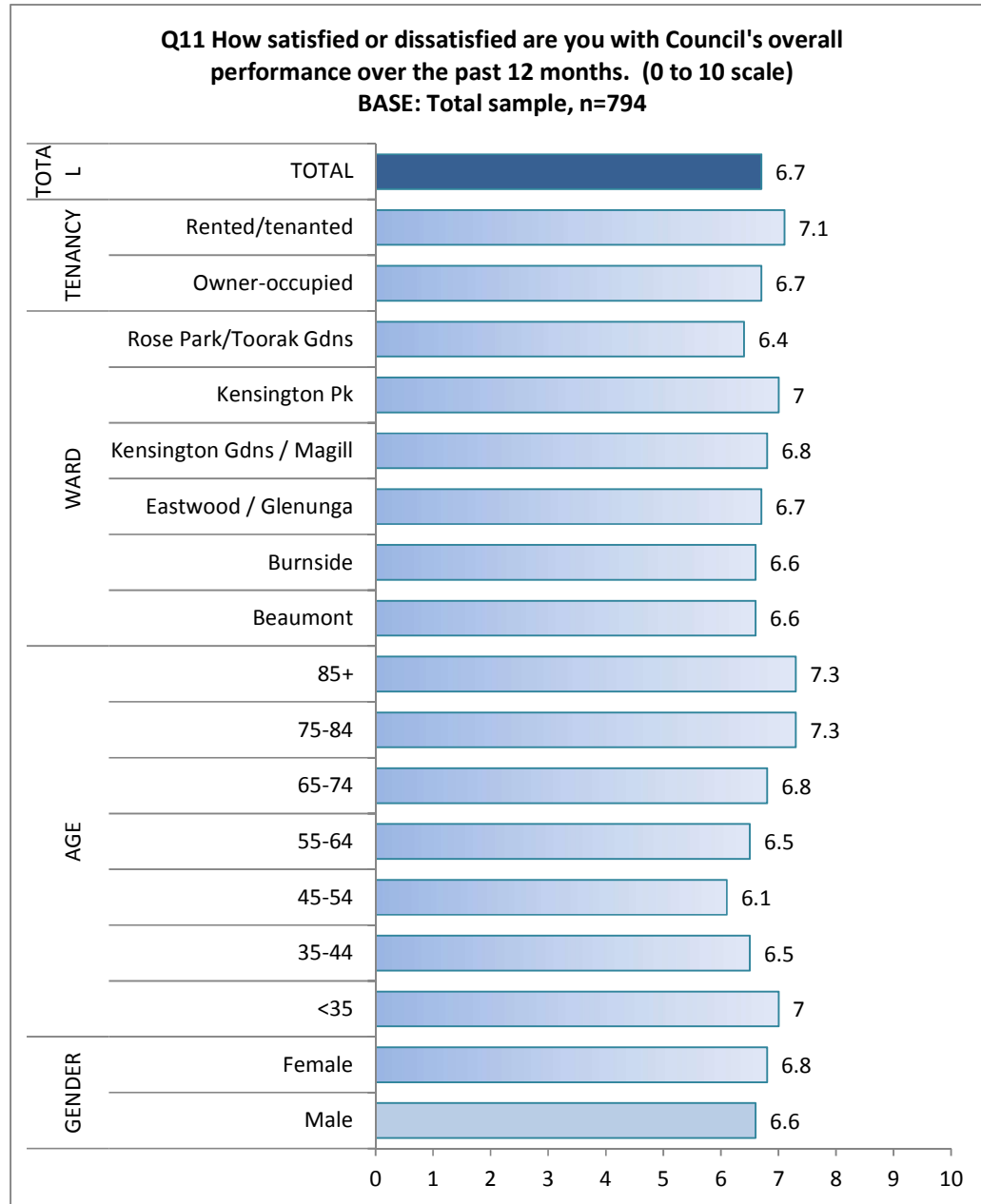


Fig. 46: Overall performance of Council

### 3.9 Cat Management

There was strong agreement among respondents that the City should have a cat management approach similar to the way Council manages dogs, with a mean score of 7.7 overall. The vast majority (79%) of respondents support this policy (compared with 11% disagreeing).

Support was fairly even across socio-demographic sub-groups and when analysed by Ward, although Burnside residents were slightly less supportive of the proposed policy.

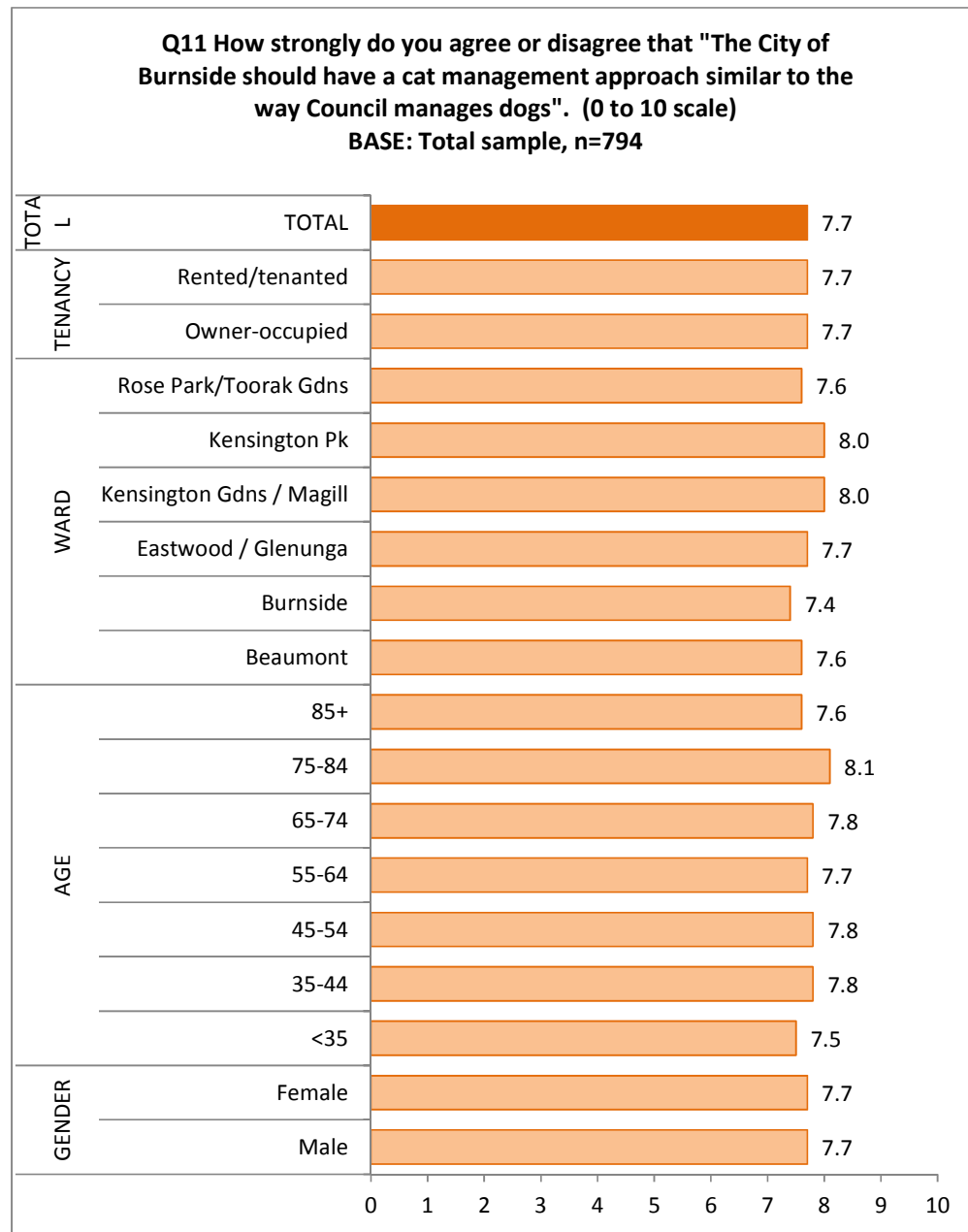


Fig. 47: Cat management approach



### 3.10 Change to Road Rules

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Respondents were also asked to indicate the extent they agree or disagree with Council supporting Unley Council in lobbying State Government to change the road rules to allow parking on residents' driveway crossover using a permit system.

A mean score of 5.9 indicates that this potential change would have moderate support (57% rated their agreement at 6 out of 10 or higher), whilst 43% of these strongly agreed with support for this change to the road rules. On the other hand, one in four (26%) residents disagreed with support for this change (13% of whom rated their agreement at zero).

Among 45 to 54 year olds, the mean score declined to 4.9 (same as for renters), whilst residents of Eastwood / Glenunga Ward also showed lower levels of agreement than most (5.3 mean score). A similar finding was noted among residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward (5.4 mean score), particularly in comparison to residents of Burnside (6.6 mean score).

**Q13 City of Unley seeking support to lobby State Govt. to change Australian Road Rules to allow parking on residents' driveway crossover, using permit system. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Burnside Council should support this change?**

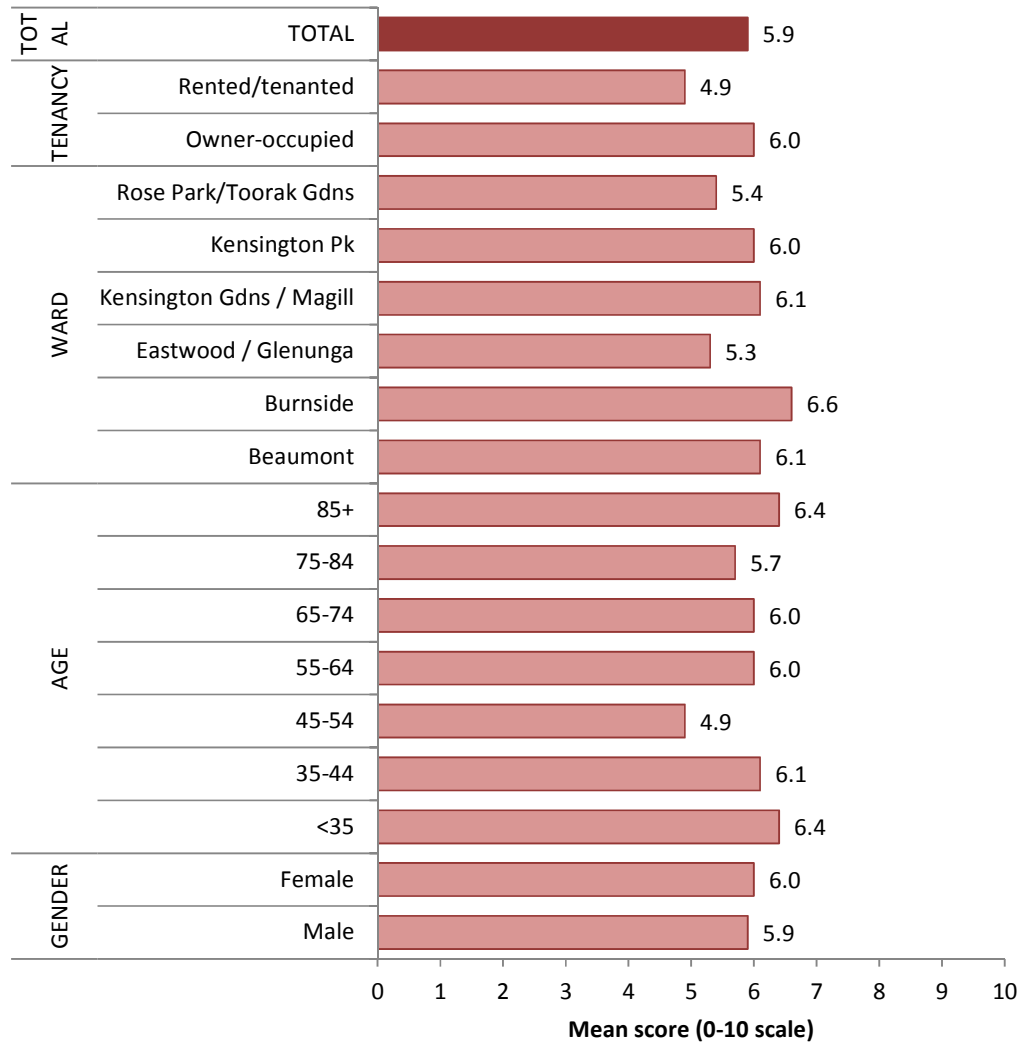


Fig. 48: Support for change to Road Rules

## **APPENDIX A1:    METHODOLOGY**

## A1.1 The interviewing

This telephone survey was conducted with a random sample of n=800 residents of Burnside, drawn randomly from the Electronic White Pages. All interviews were conducted by Harrison Research, using Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing technology (CATI), by Interviewer Quality Control Accreditation (IQCA) interviewers, in accordance with the Market & Social Research Privacy Principles (M&SRPPs).



The interview duration averaged 17.5 minutes, depending on the answers given by respondents. Prior to the fieldwork, a draft questionnaire (survey instrument) was constructed by Harrison Research with input from the client, with some revisions made to the final version. The actual instrument used can be found in *Appendix A2: Questionnaire*.

## A1.2 Resultant sample

Fieldwork began on 11 February 2013 and finished on 17 February 2013.

The sample was random, although an attempt was made to obtain a representation across the age of the population by using the “birthday last” technique so as to avoid bias in the raw sample towards older females.

The raw data was subsequently weighted to correspond with the population distributions by Age and Gender (ABS 2011 Census Data) and also by Wards (provided by City of Burnside Council).

Variations in the unweighted data compared with weighted data are acceptable, due to rounding up or down during the weighting. The marginally lower unweighted figure for completed interviews, is due to several respondents not wishing to provide their age.

	Raw Data #	Raw Data %	Weighted Data #	Weighted Data %
Male	346	43.3%	389	49.0%
Female	454	56.7%	405	51.0%
	<b>800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
< 35 yrs	63	7.9%	217	27.3%
35-44 yrs	28	3.5%	114	14.3%
45-54 yrs	78	9.8%	140	17.6%
55-64 yrs	140	17.6%	132	16.6%
65-74 yrs	231	29.0%	93	11.7%
75-84 yrs	164	20.6%	64	8.0%
85+ yrs	90	11.3%	35	4.4%
	<b>794</b>	<b>99.7%</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>99.9%</b>

	Raw Sample	Weighted Sample
Beaumont	19	16
Burnside	16	16
Eastwood	16	17
Kensington Gardens / Magill	16	17
Kensington Park	18	17
Rose Park / Toorak Gardens	16	16

### A1.3 Socio-demographic Profile of Sample

The following graphs show the socio-demographic profile of the final sample, after weighting.

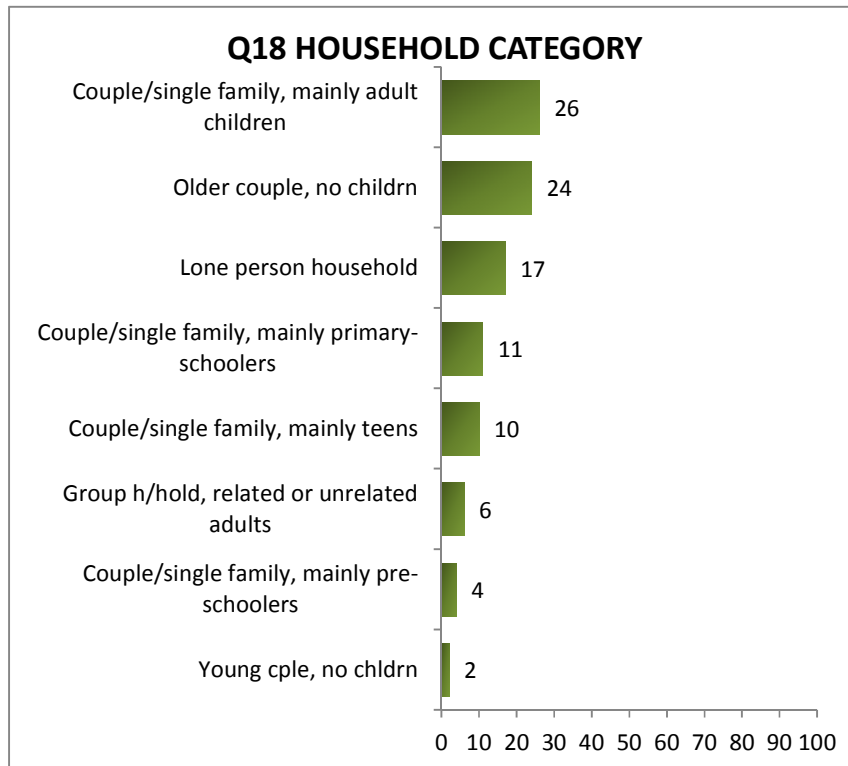


Fig. 49: Household category

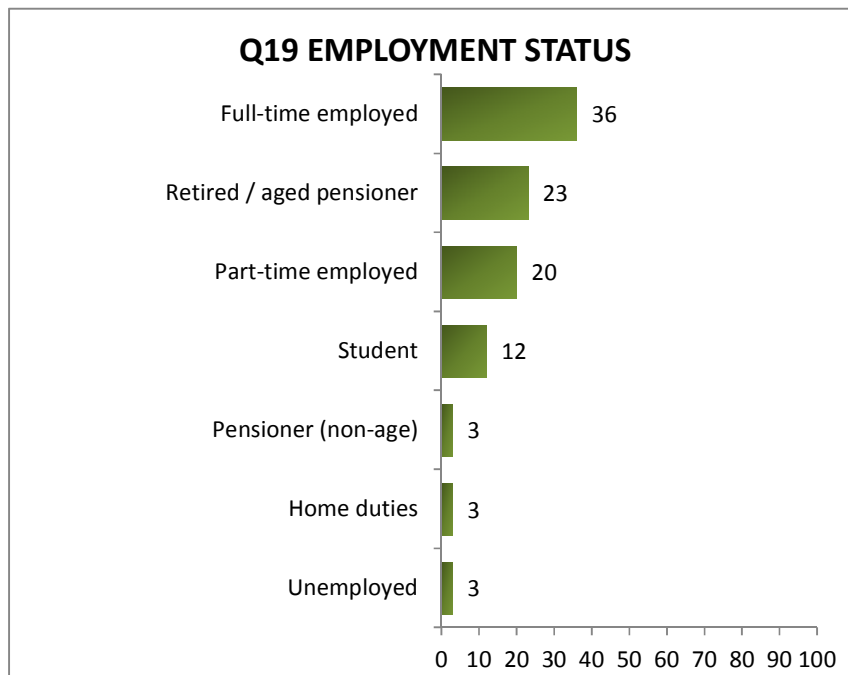


Fig. 50: Employment Status

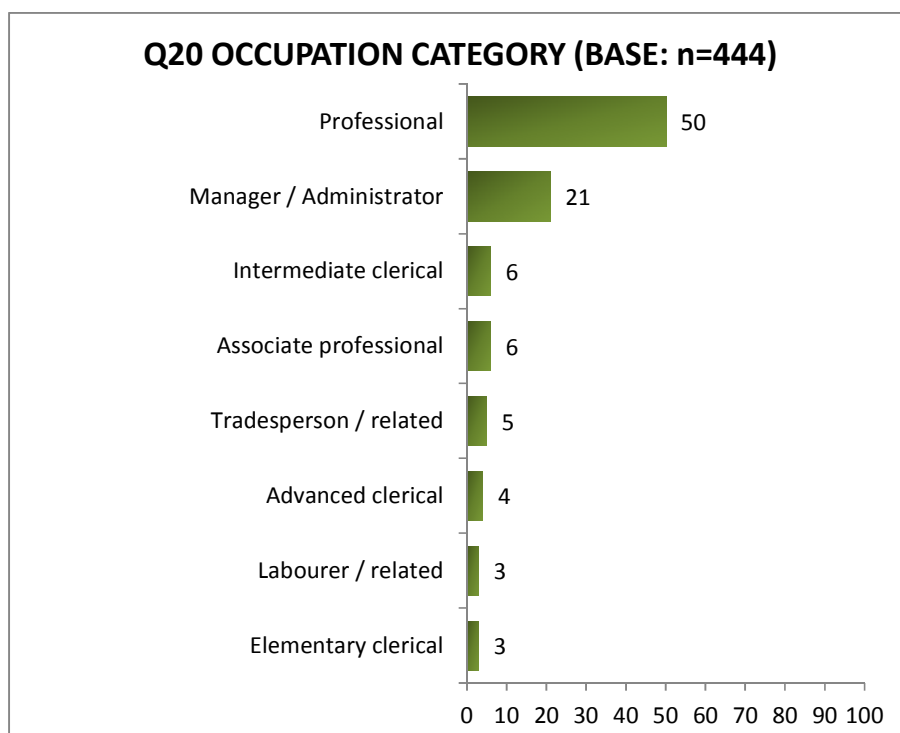


Fig. 51: Occupation category

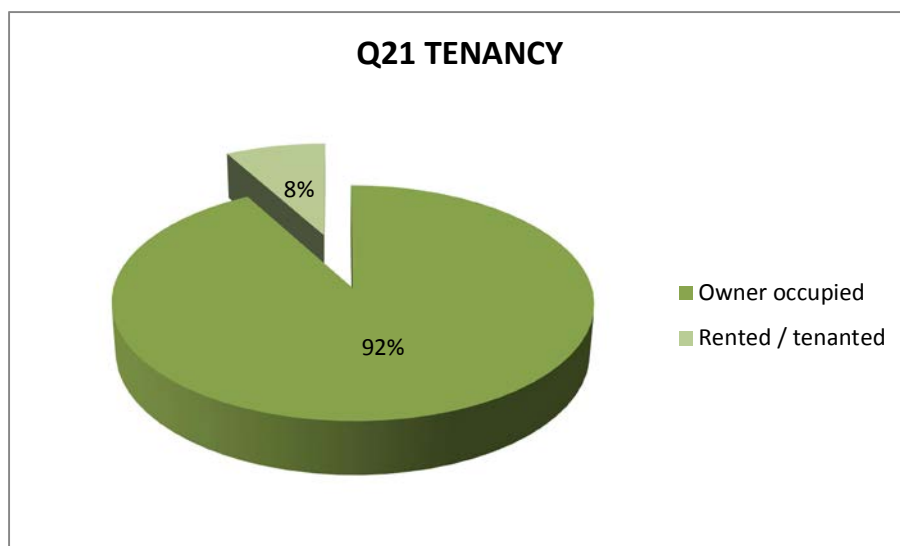


Fig. 52: Tenancy

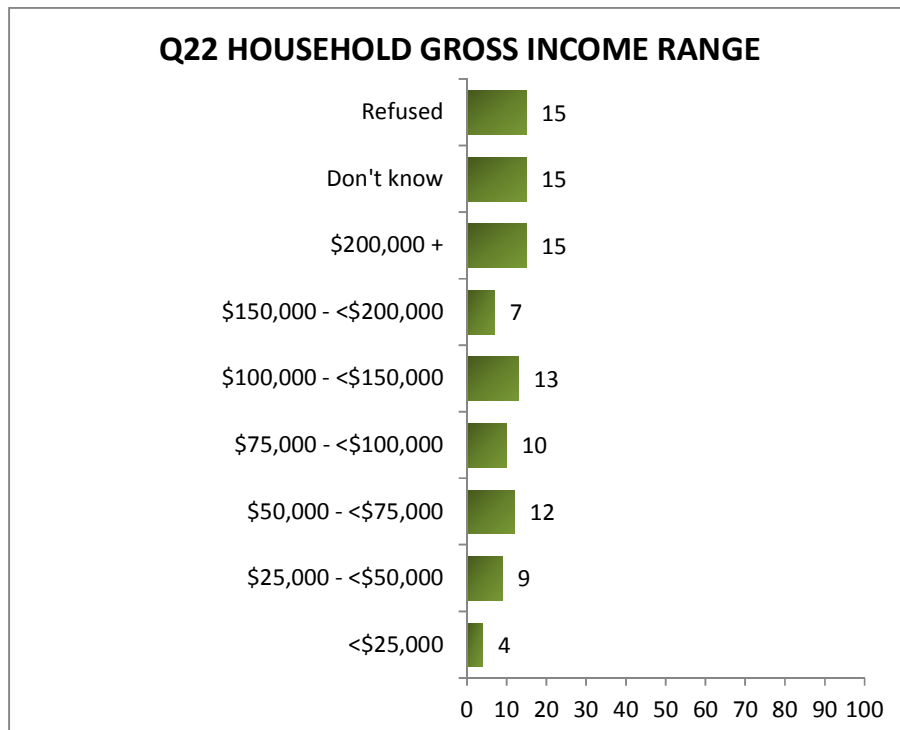


Fig. 53: Household income

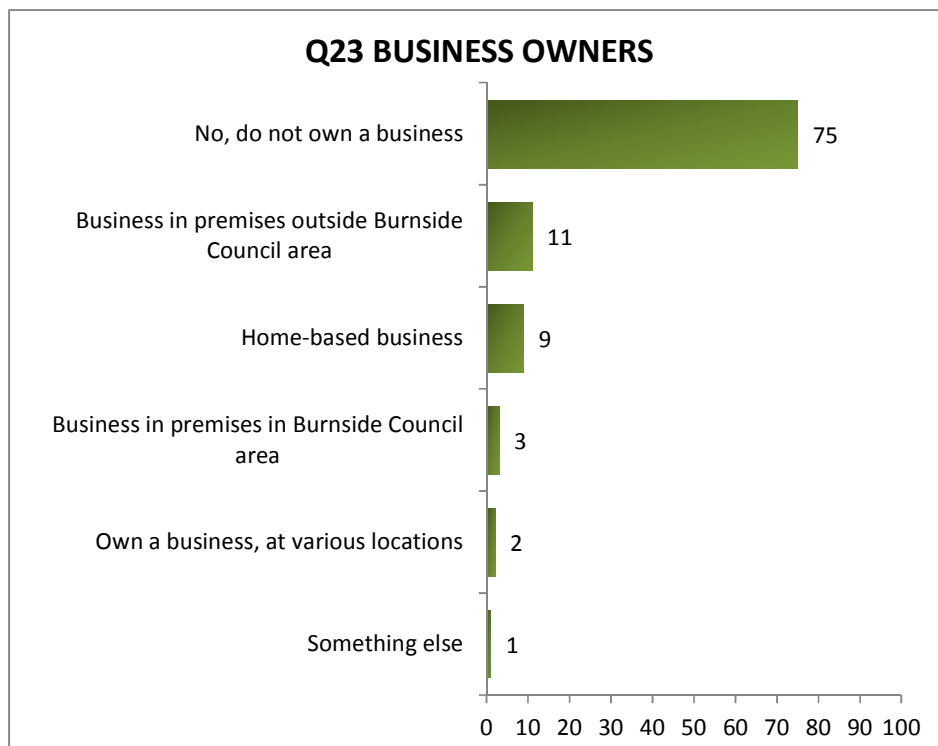


Fig. 54: Business owner

## **APPENDIX A2: QUESTIONNAIRE**



## 8531 CITY OF BURNSIDE ANNUAL COMMUNITY SURVEY FEBRUARY 2013

### Q77P PREAMBLE

"Good afternoon/evening, my name is \_[Q0IV]\_ from Harrison Research. We are conducting a survey on behalf of Burnside City Council about the four strategic directions which Council will implement over the next 13 years. In the process, we are speaking with people who reside in the City of Burnside and would like to provide their perceptions of Council's service delivery performance.

\_ IF NECESSARY, SAY:\_ This is genuine research and I guarantee we are not trying to sell you anything.

\_IF NECESSARY, SAY:\_ If you like you can confirm this by calling the Customer Service Desk at Council on 83664200 and I can call back later.

\_SCREEN 1:\_ Do you live in the Burnside Council area? \_IF NO, THANK AND TERMINATE\_

\_SCREEN 2:\_ Does anyone in this household work in market research or for the City of Burnside either as a staff member or an Elected Member? \_IF YES, THANK AND NOTE\_

Is there anyone living in this household aged 18-24? \_IF YES, ASK TO SPEAK WITH THEM OR ARRANGE CALLBACK - IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK FOR ONE WITH LAST BIRTHDAY - RE-INTRODUCE AS REQUIRED

\_IF NO:\_ Please may I speak to the person in the household, aged 18 and over, who was the last to have a birthday? \_REINTRODUCE OR CALLBACK AS NECESSARY\_"

"The survey will take about 18 minutes to go through, depending on your answers. \_IF THEY'RE HESITATING BECAUSE OF TIME\_ We do need to get opinions from as wide a cross-section as possible; I could call back later if it would be more convenient. \_ARRANGE CALLBACK IF REQUIRED OR CONTINUE\_

\_IF CONCERNED ABOUT PRIVACY\_ I assure you that any information you give will remain confidential. Any identifying information, such as this phone number, is removed before we analyse the results. No one's individual answers can be passed on to our clients or anyone else.

And before we start, I just need to let you know that this call may be monitored by my supervisor for training and coaching purposes. May we begin? Thank you."

START

### Q1 URBAN FORM AND LIVING SPACES

"Q1 Thinking first about planning and infrastructure in the council area, please rate how satisfied you are that Council has performed each of the following services or facilities, using a 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied. How would you rate .....?"

READ OUT 1-11, RND

1. The overall planning of the City
2. Protecting the built and natural heritage
3. Providing passive recreation opportunities, such as walking, picnic locations or pursuing hobbies
4. Providing active recreation opportunities, such as playing organised sport or outdoor games
5. Providing and maintaining parks and reserves
6. Providing and maintaining playgrounds

7. Providing and maintaining local roads
8. Providing and maintaining footpaths
9. Providing and maintaining street trees
10. Providing and maintaining cycle paths and walking trails
11. Provision and management of traffic and parking in the City

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

## Q2 IMPROVEMENTS TO URBAN FORM & LIVING SPACES

**“Q2 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?”**

1. Suggestion made (Q201 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

## Q201 IMPROVEMENTS TO URBAN FORM & LIVING SPACES

## Q3. PROTECTED AND VALUED ENVIRONMENT

**“Q3. Thinking now about the environment, how satisfied are you with the way Council has performed each of the following services or facilities. Using the same 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied, how would you rate .....?”**

READ OUT 1-6, RND

1. Preparation for and support of residents for bushfire management
2. Restoring and protecting the City's biodiversity
3. Water Management initiatives
4. Garbage and green waste management
5. Hard waste and Electronic waste management
6. After hours and hazard response management

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

## Q4. IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR PROTECTED AND VALUED ENVIRONMENT

**“Q4 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?”**

1. Suggestion made (Q401 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

## Q401 IMPROVEMENTS TO PROTECTED AND VALUED ENVIRONMENT

## Q5. DIVERSE, SUPPORTIVE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY PEOPLE

**“Q5. Thinking now about supporting the community, how satisfied are you with the way Council has performed each of the following services or facilities. Using the same 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied, how would you rate .....?”**

READ OUT 1-10, RND

1. Support for local businesses
2. Community and cultural activities
3. Providing public and environmental health services
4. Providing services for older residents
5. Providing services for younger residents
6. Providing services for families
7. Presentation and cleanliness of the City
8. Providing animal and pest management services
9. Providing a community bus service
10. Providing library services

NUM, 0-10, DK  
FOR EACH

Q6. IMPROVEMENTS TO DIVERSITY, SUPPORT, HAPPY & HEALTHY PEOPLE

**"Q6 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?"**

1. Suggestion made (Q601 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q601 IMPROVEMENTS TO DIVERSITY, SUPPORT, HAPPY & HEALTHY PEOPLE

Q7. LEADING, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COUNCIL

**"Q7. Thinking now about how satisfied are you with the way Council has performed in each of the following services or facilities. Using the same 0 to 10 scale where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied, how would you rate .....?"**

READ OUT 1-6, RND

1. Consultation with and informing the community
2. The performance of current Elected Members in being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community.
3. The interactions you have with Council Staff
4. Providing leadership in the community
5. Financial management
6. The balance between Council rates and the services and standard of infrastructure provided

NUM, 0-10, DK

FOR EACH

Q8. IMPROVEMENTS TO LEADING, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COUNCIL

**"Q8 Are there any ways in which these areas of Council business could be improved?"**

1. Suggestion made (Q801 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q801 SUGGESTION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LEADING, INCLUSIVE & CONNECTED COUNCIL

Q9. ADDITIONAL SERVICES NOT PROVIDED NOW

**"Q9 Is there any service that you would like Council to provide that it currently does not?"**

1. Suggestion made (Q901 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q901 SUGGESTION FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES NOT PROVIDED NOW

Q10. CURRENT SERVICES SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED

**"Q10 Is there any service that Council currently provides that you consider it should not?"**

1. Suggestion made (Q1001 SPECIFY)
2. Nothing further to add
3. Don't know / can't say

Q1001 SUGGESTION FOR CURRENT SERVICES SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED

Q11 OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE

**"Q11 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Council's overall performance over the past 12 months. Please use a 0 to 10 scale, where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied?"**

NUM 0-10,

Q12 CAT MANAGEMENT

**"Q12. I'd now like you to rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement, using a 0 to 10 scale with 0 meaning strongly disagree and 10 meaning strongly agree. To what extent do you agree or disagree that "the City of Burnside should have a cat management approach similar to the way Council manages dogs. By this we mean registration, microchipping, desexing and limit on numbers per household?"**

NUM 0-10,

Q13 PARKING ON DRIVEWAY CROSSOVER OF OWN PROPERTY

**"Q13 The City of Unley is seeking support from neighbouring Councils to lobby the State Government to change the Australian Road Rules to allow residents to park on the driveway crossover in front of their own properties using a permit system. Using the same 0 to 10 scale, to what extent do you agree or disagree that the City of Burnside should support this change?**

NUM 0-10,

CLASSIFICATIONS:

Q14 GENDER.

**"Q14 We are coming to the end of the survey. I would just like you to answer a few questions about yourself so we can better understand you. This information will be kept confidential and the answers you provide are aggregated into groups \_RECORD GENDER - DO NOT ASK UNLESS CAN'T TELL\_"**

1. Male
2. Female

Q15 YOB

**"Q15 What year were you born? \_RECORD NUMBER, D IF REFUSED\_"**

WIDTH=4

NUM 1900-1995, D

Q16 HOUSEHOLD

**"Q16 Which of the following best describes your household? \_READ OUT 1-8\_"**

1. Lone person household
2. Group household of related or unrelated adults
3. Young couple, no children
4. Older couple, no children at home
5. Couple or single parent with mainly pre-school children
6. Couple or single parent with mainly primary-school children
7. Couple or single parent with mainly teenage children
8. Couple or single parent with mainly adult children still living at home
12. Refused

Q17. EMPLOYMENT

**"Q17 What is your current employment status?"**

1. Part-time employment
2. Full-time employment
3. Unemployed
4. Home duties

5. Pensioner (non-age pension)
6. Retired / age pensioner
7. Student
8. Refused

IF 3-8 IN Q17 GO Q19

Q18 HOW DO YOU DESCRIBE YOUR OCCUPATION?

**"Q18 How do you describe your occupation? \_IF NECESSARY, MAKE A NOTE AND CHECK LIST FOR CORRECT CODE\_"**

1. Manager / administrator
2. Professional
3. Associate professional
4. Tradesperson / related worker
5. Advanced clerical, sales & service worker
6. Intermediate clerical, sales & service worker
7. Intermediate production and transport worker
8. Elementary clerical, sales & service worker
9. Labourer / related worker

Q19 SUBURB

**"Q19 What suburb do you live in? UNPROMPTED"**

1. AULDANA
2. BEAUMONT
3. BEULAH PARK
4. BURNSIDE
5. DULWICH
6. EASTWOOD
7. ERINDALE
8. FREWVILLE
9. GLENSIDE
10. GLEN OSMOND
11. GLENUNGA
12. HAZELWOOD PARK
13. KENSINGTON GARDENS
14. KENSINGTON PARK
15. LEABROOK
16. LEAWOOD GARDENS
17. LINDEN PARK
18. MAGILL
19. MOUNT OSMOND
20. ROSE PARK
21. ROSSLYN PARK
22. SKYE
23. ST GEORGES
24. STONYFELL
25. TOORAK GARDENS
26. TUSMORE
27. WATERFALL GULLY
28. WATTLE PARK

Q20 TENANCY

**"Q20 Is this house owner-occupied or rented?"**

1. Owner-occupied
2. Rented/tenanted

Q21 HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME

**"Q21 Which of the following ranges best describes your household's gross annual income? \_READ OUT 1-7\_"**

1. Less than \$25,000 per annum
2. \$25,000 to less than \$50,000
3. \$50,000 to less than \$75,000
4. \$75,000 to less than \$100,000
5. \$100,000 to less than \$150,000
6. \$150,000 to less than \$200,000
7. \$200,000 or more
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Q22 BUSINESS OWNER

**"Q22 Do you, or anyone else in this household, own a business? If so, would it be.....\_READ OUT 1-4\_"**

1. A home-based business
2. Based in business premises within Burnside Council area
3. In business premises outside of Burnside Council area
4. At various locations / clients' premises (e.g. builder, contract work, driver etc.)
5. Something else (SPECIFY Q2201)
6. No, do not own business

Q2201 BUSINESS OWNER OTHER

Q23 CLOSE

**"Q23 That concludes the survey. On behalf of Burnside City Council and Harrison Research, thank you for your time."**

Q24 ISO 20252

**"Q24 By pressing enter at this screen, I certify that this is a true, accurate and complete interview, conducted in accordance with the ISO 20252 standards and the AMSRS Code of Professional Behaviour (ICC/ESOMAR). I will not disclose to any other person the content of this questionnaire or any other information relating to this project."**

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TOTAL=800

## **APPENDIX A3: MARGIN FOR ERROR**

## A1.4 Margin for error:

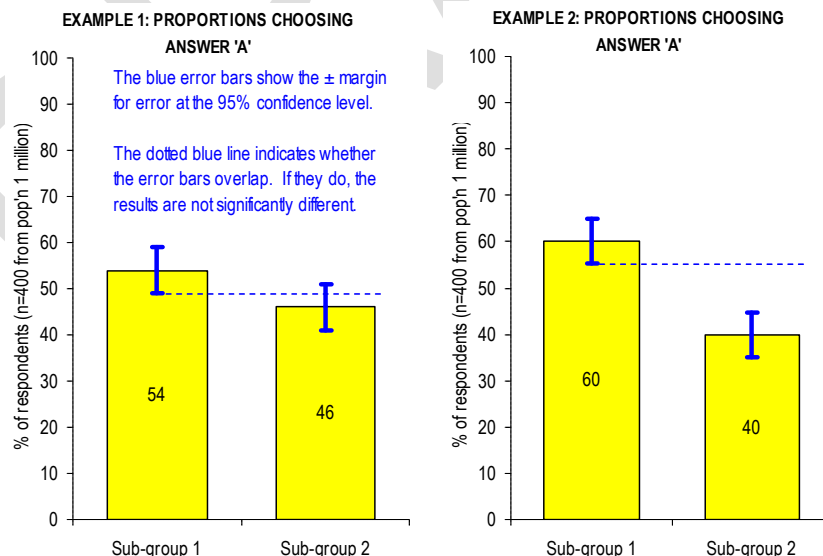
Because nearly all market and social research evaluates results based on population *samples*, rather than a census where everyone is consulted, there is an inherent degree of error in the results. However, if the sample obtained is a properly randomised section of the target population, there are statistical tests that will calculate the degree of accuracy for those results - known as the margin for error or confidence interval.

Unfortunately for the layperson, there is no single figure that says, 'this is a statistically significant difference'. The factors that go into the calculation of statistical differences include:

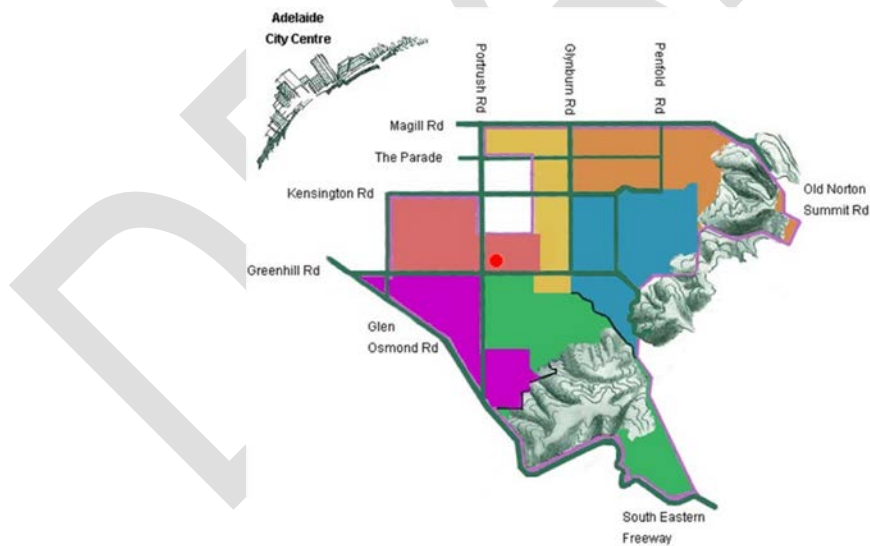
- **population size** - the total number of people in the target audience, not in the whole population. For example, if an organisation were researching its casual staff's views on weekend work, the 'population' would be the total number of casual staff.
- **sample size** - the number of respondents, or people taking part in a survey.
- the **desired level of confidence** in the result - for example, a 95% confidence level simply means that, if we ran the identical survey and sampling methodology 100 times, you would expect to get a result within the calculated margin for error 95 times out of 100.
- the **proximity of the result to the midpoint**.

This latter element (proximity to the midpoint) means that, regardless of sample or population size, a figure close to 50% is inherently less reliable than a figure close to 100%. As an example, if you wish to be 95% confident in the results for a population (N) of 45,000 and a sample (n) of 800, a result of 50% would be subject to a  $\pm 3.45\%$  margin for error. In other words, you could be 95% confident that the real result would be somewhere between 46.55% and 53.45%. However, with the same population, sample and 95% confidence level, a result of 90% saying yes or no would be subject to a margin for error of only  $\pm 2.54\%$ , i.e. the real result would be between 87.46% and 92.54%.

The following graphs may illustrate more clearly the way margin for error works. In each case, we have calculated the confidence interval for the results. If the intervals overlap, then the differences are not statistically significant; if there is no overlap, they are reliably different.









# ANNUAL COMMUNITY SURVEY PRESENTATION

PRESENTER: HELEN FISCHER, RESEARCH MANAGER

# AGENDA



BRIEF PROJECT OVERVIEW

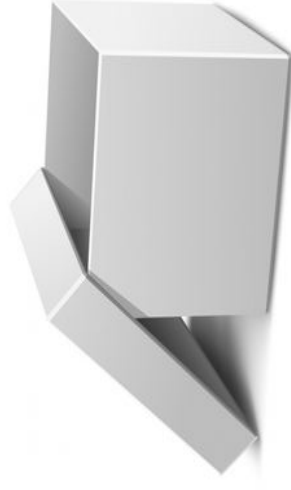
KEY FINDINGS – PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

KEY FINDINGS – SERVICE GAPS OR OVER-SERVICING

KEY FINDINGS – OVERALL SATISFACTION AND IMPORTANCE

KEY FINDINGS – TOPICAL ISSUES

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS





# PROJECT OVERVIEW



# OBJECTIVES



- The City of Burnside wished to undertake a benchmark Annual Community Survey to:
  - ~ inform further development of the Draft Annual Business Plan; and to
  - ~explore in more detail community perceptions of specific elements within each of the four Key Directions.
- CATI survey conducted among a sample of n=800 randomly selected residents – ‘birthday last’ technique used to gain representation across lifestyles, then weighted to Council’s age, gender and geographic profile.
- Database of residents’ phone numbers checked and de-duplicated against the numbers of participants in the CATI component of the three most recent projects: Burnside Swimming Centre Community Engagement, Glenunga Reserve Community Engagement and the Sport and Recreation Activity Survey.
- Purpose of this was to:
  - ~ensure respondents do not become fatigued with undertaking surveys for Council; and
  - ~ensure opportunity is provided for participation across as wide a cross-section of the local community as possible.
- Harrison Research contracted to conduct this statistically reliable survey, as well as analyse and report on the findings.

## KEY FINDINGS – Performance Indicators



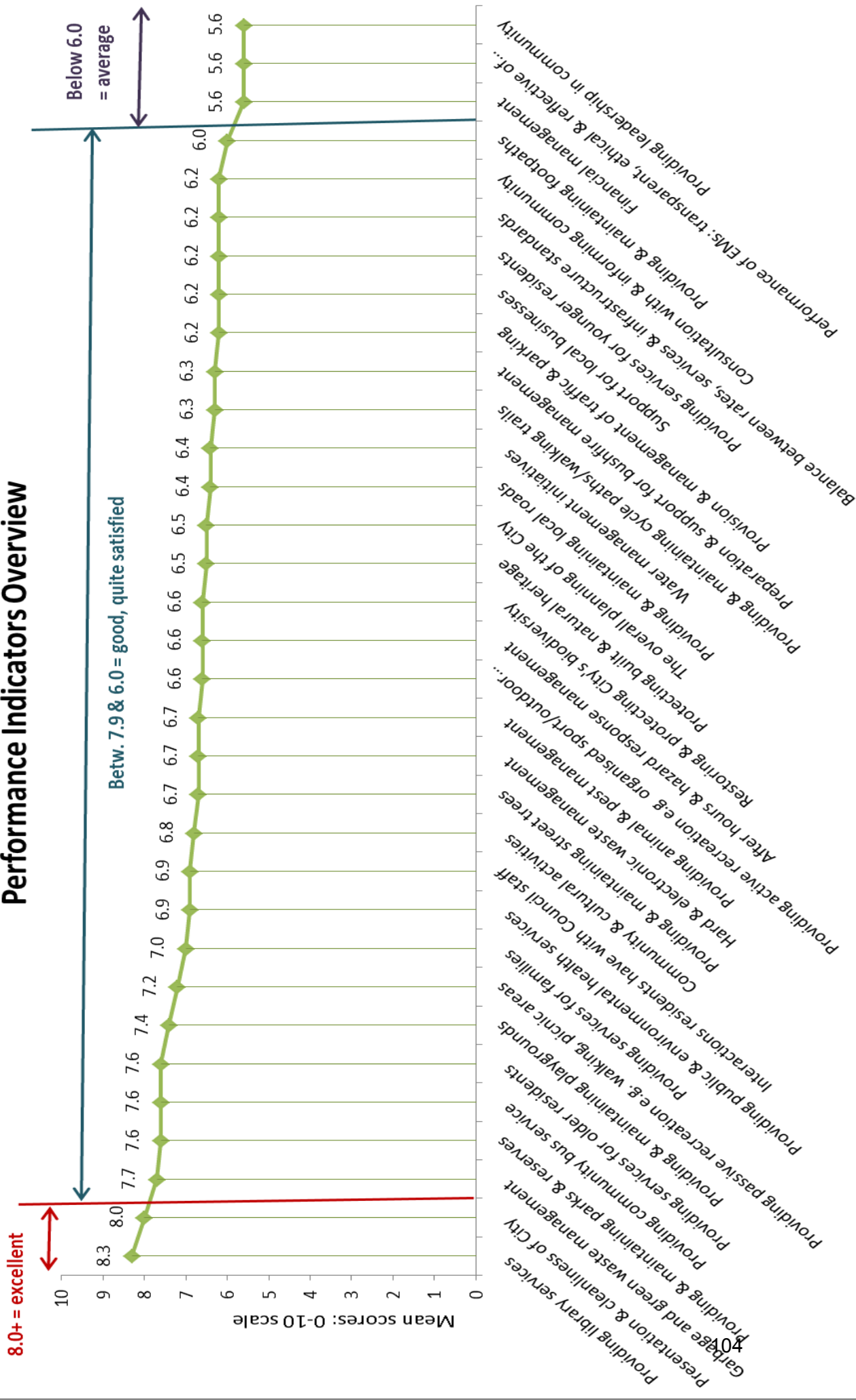
# Performance Indicators Overview

- Across all service performance indicators tested, services which attracted the overall highest satisfaction level were:
  - “providing library services” (8.3 mean score), and
  - “presentation and cleanliness of the City” (8.0 mean score).
- At the other end of the spectrum, three aspects rated at 5.6 mean score, these being:
  - “financial management” ,
  - “performance of current Elected Members being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community” and
  - “providing leadership in the community” .
- All other Performance Indicators rated within the good / quite satisfied range.
- Graph demonstrates the overview across all indicators.





## Performance Indicators Overview







# Performance Indicators



- Highest levels of satisfaction for **parks and reserves, playgrounds and passive recreation facilities** (85% to 71% satisfied and low dissatisfaction).
- Highest dissatisfaction was with **footpaths, local roads and traffic / parking** (between 14% and 20% dissatisfied but still 65% to 72% satisfied).
- All other indicators showed low levels of dissatisfaction, ranging from 2% to 13% dissatisfied, balanced by strong satisfaction levels.



# Suggestions for Improvement

- Most common suggestions for improvement were:

Footpaths need repair / maintenance or provision of more footpaths (16% of suggestions)

Heritage trees / maintain or preserve heritage, large or significant trees (15%)

More road maintenance / resurfacing (8%)

More bike paths / walking trails (7%)

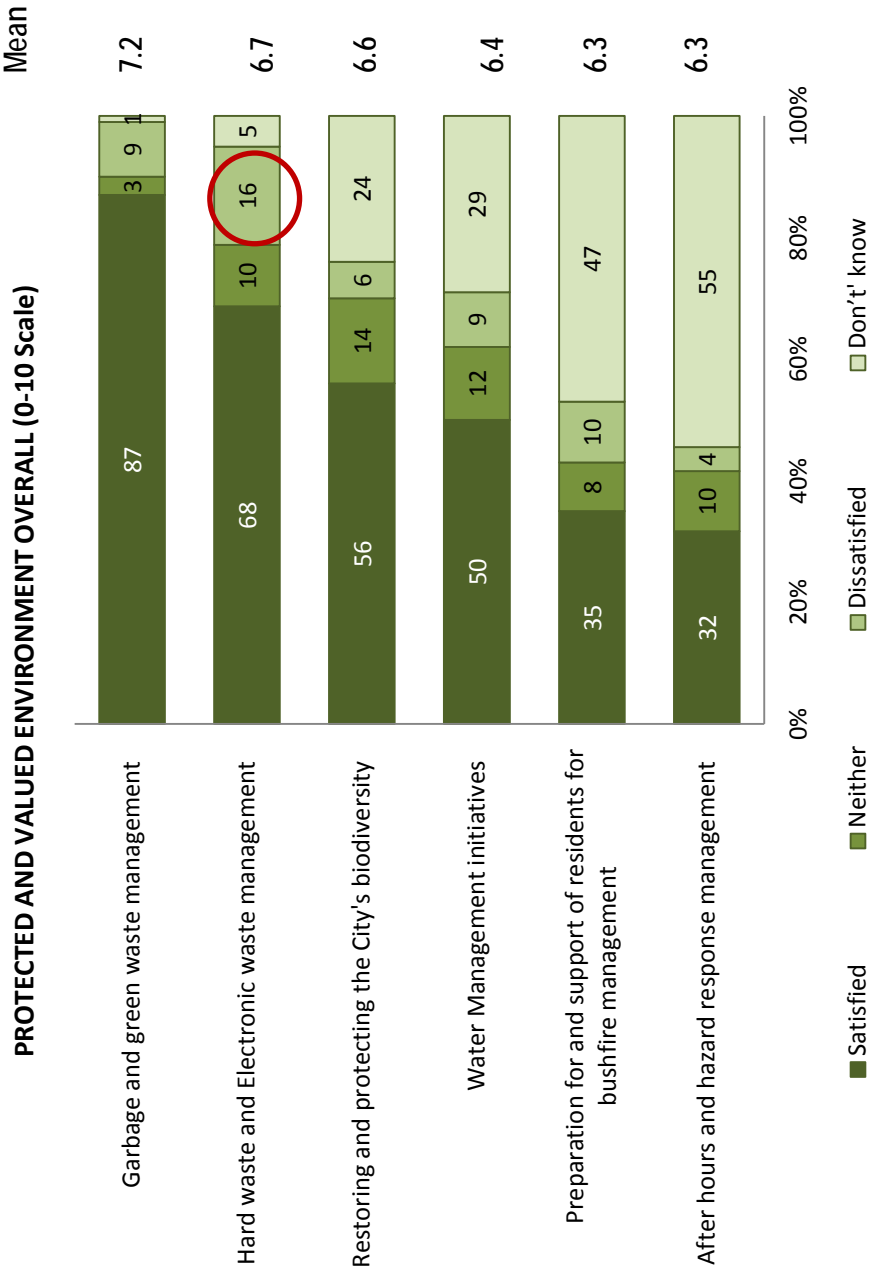
More exercise / play equipment (6%) and

Car parking issues / monitoring of parking comments (6%).

NOTE: A third (32%) of residents surveyed had no suggestions to improve any of these **urban form and living spaces indicators** and a further 12% did not know what to suggest.



# Performance Indicators



- Highest levels of satisfaction for **waste and green waste management** (87% satisfied versus 9% dissatisfied).
- Highest dissatisfaction was with **hard and electronic waste management** (16% dissatisfied versus 68% satisfied).
- All other indicators showed levels of dissatisfaction ranging from **4% to 10%** dissatisfied balanced by significantly stronger satisfaction.
- Some of these services showed low levels of awareness (i.e. don't know responses).
- Including the **City's biodiversity and water management** initiatives.
- Suggests some awareness / promotion of these activities would be valuable in gaining community support.



# Suggestions for Improvement

- Most common suggestions for improvement were:

More hard rubbish collections (15%)

More green / waste rubbish collections (9%)

More electronic waste collections / more recycling for electronic waste (6%)

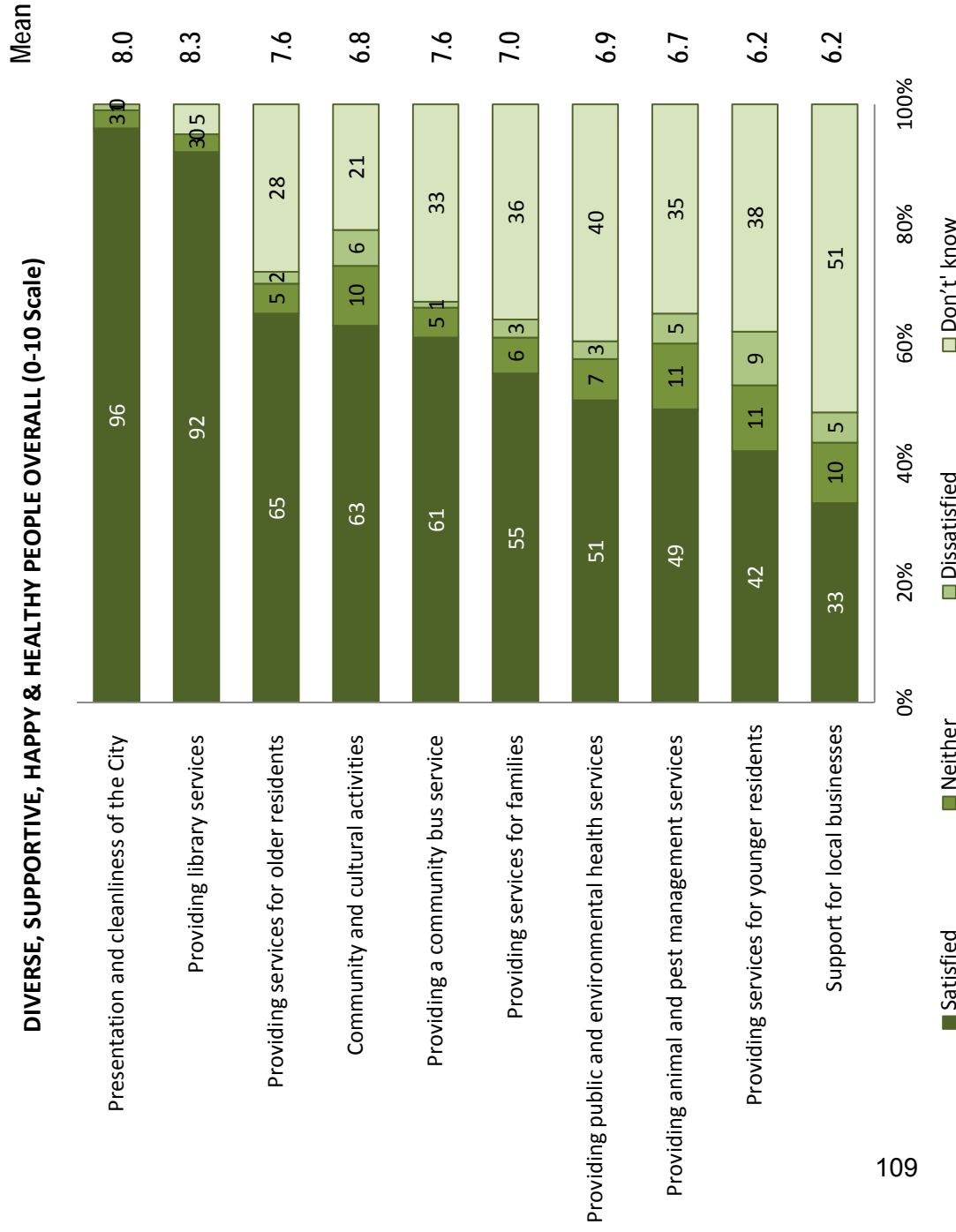
More information / communication between Council and residents (5%)

NOTE: A nearly half (48%) of residents surveyed had no suggestions to improve any of these **protected** and valued **environment indicators** and a further 11% did not know what to suggest.



# Performance Indicators

DIVERSE, SUPPORTIVE, HAPPY & HEALTHY PEOPLE OVERALL (0-10 Scale)



- Highest levels of satisfaction for **presentation and cleanliness** and **providing library services** (96% and 92% satisfied).
- Highest dissatisfaction was with **providing services for younger residents** (9% dissatisfied) and **community and cultural activities** (6%).
- All other indicators showed levels of dissatisfaction ranging from **0% to 5%** dissatisfied balanced by significantly stronger satisfaction.
- Some of these services showed low levels of awareness (i.e. don't know responses).
- Including **support for local businesses** and services for **younger residents**.



# Suggestions for Improvement

- Most common suggestion for improvement was:

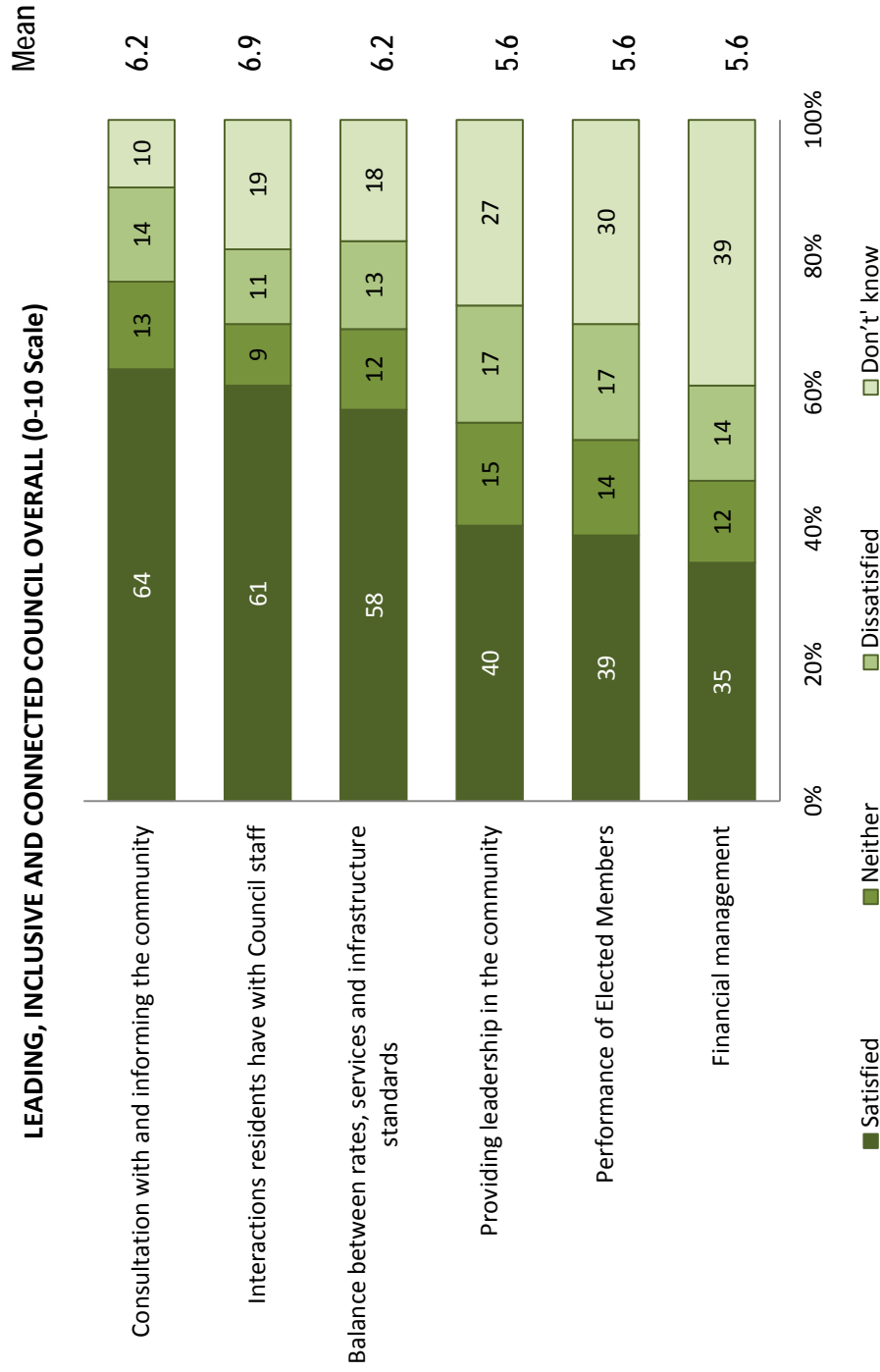
More transparency / clear explanation of intentions / communication / more information (6%)

NOTE: Six out of ten (61%) residents surveyed had no suggestions to improve any of these **diverse, supportive, happy and healthy people indicators** and a further 12% did not know what to suggest.



# Performance Indicators

LEADING, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COUNCIL OVERALL (0-10 Scale)



- Highest levels of satisfaction for **consultation and informing community and interaction with Council staff** (64% and 61% satisfied).
- Highest dissatisfaction was with **providing leadership in community and performance of Elected Members** (17% dissatisfied with each of these).
- All other indicators showed levels of dissatisfaction ranging from **11% to 14%** dissatisfied. These proportions are balanced by stronger satisfaction levels .
- Having said this, the levels of dissatisfaction are higher than for other Key Directions' performance indicators.



# Suggestions for Improvement

- Most common suggestions for improvement were:

Council should be in touch with residents / listen and consult / better communication / notify of works projects (11%)

More honesty, transparency, openness about dealings, financial or other council business (7%).

NOTE: More than half (54%) of residents surveyed had no suggestions to improve any of these **leading, inclusive and connected council indicators** and a further 13% did not know what to suggest.



## KEY FINDINGS – Service gaps or over-servicing

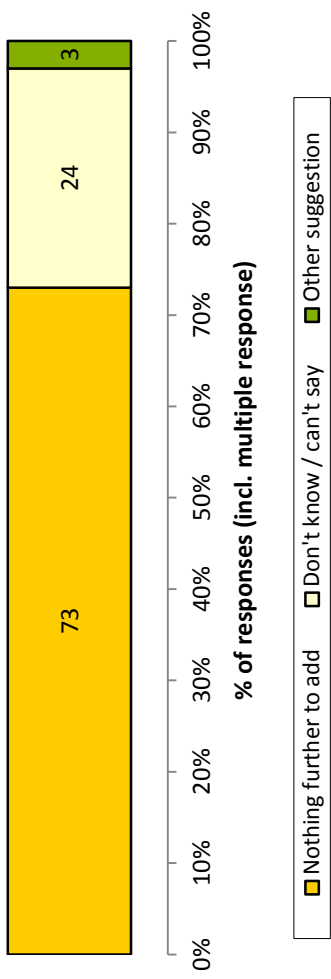




# Current services not needed?

- The overwhelming majority either had no suggestions for services not required (73%) or did not know what to suggest (24%).
- Among the 3% who made suggestions about services they thought were not needed, a common theme was meals provided in community centres.
- Residents indicated they thought this service was abused.

Q10 Is there any service that Council currently provides that you consider it should not? BASE: Total sample, n=794





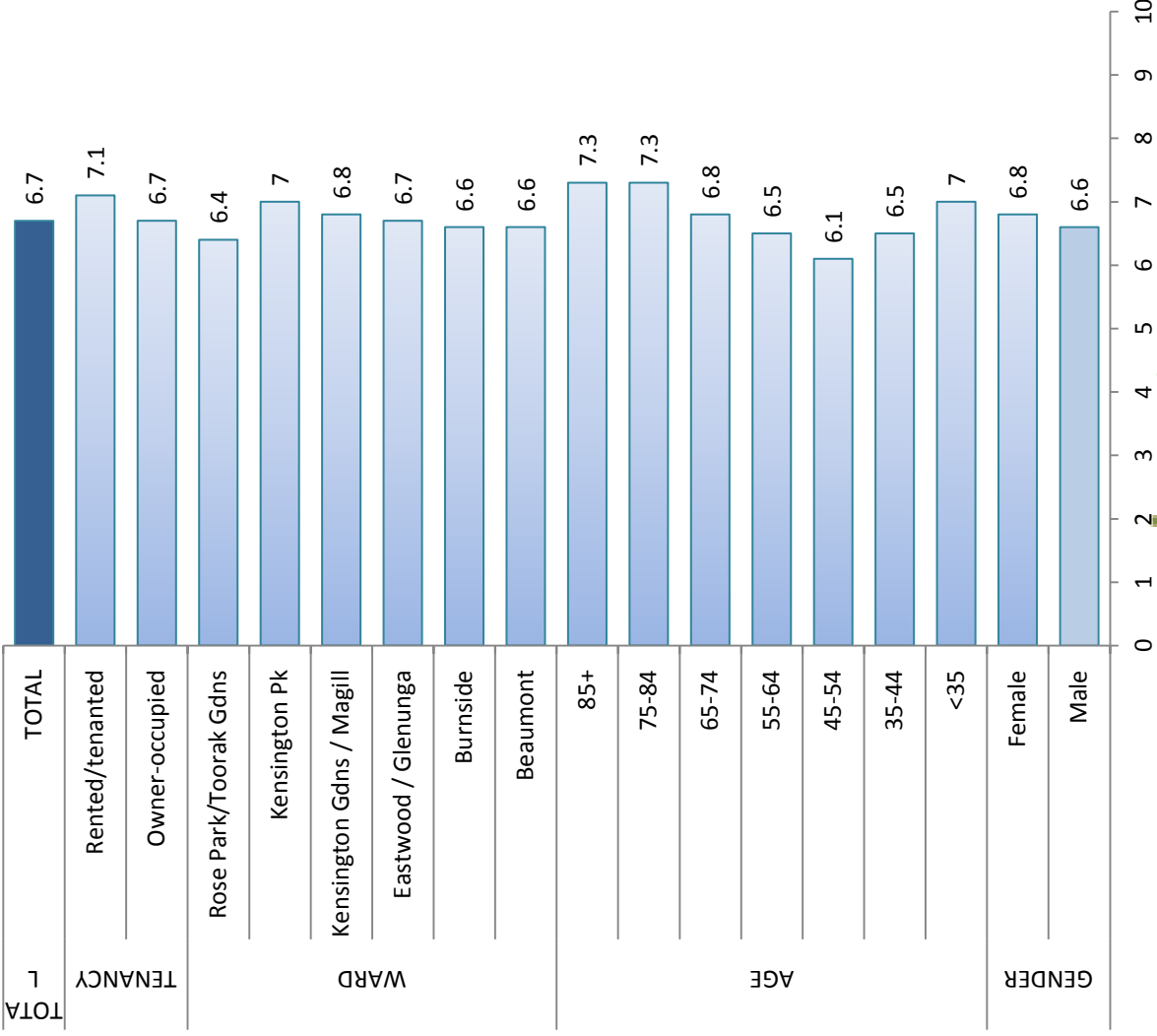
## KEY FINDINGS – Overall satisfaction and importance



# Overall satisfaction

Q111 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Council's overall performance over the past 12 months. (0 to 10 scale)

BASE: Total sample, n=794



- Asked to rate Council's overall performance in last year.
- 6.7 mean score among all residents surveyed (within the good to quite satisfied range).
- Notable across all performance indicators was lower rates of satisfaction among two specific segments:
  - ~45 to 54 year olds consistently less satisfied with both overall and individual performance indicators; and
  - ~Residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens Ward also showed consistently lower satisfaction rates across overall and individual performance indicators.
- Age cohort may have many explanations, e.g. life-stage (teens / young adults still living at home), generational (Gen X) or some other explanation (just grumpy?).
- May wish to review service provision to residents of Rose Park / Toorak Gardens?



# Correlation analysis

- Taking all of the individual performance indicators we have just gone through, we undertook correlation analysis.
- **Correlation** refers to statistical relationships involving dependence between **two sets of data**. That is, how they interact with each other.
- In this instance we have (correlated) compared the ratings for **individual performance indicators** (the ones we have just examined) against the ratings for **overall satisfaction**.
- The purpose is to reveal any relationship between specific performance indicators and overall satisfaction. In other words, how important attributes are in driving residents' satisfaction with Council's overall performance.



# Correlation analysis

- This analysis revealed that six service indicators were more strongly related to overall satisfaction than others. (Strongest relationships are closest to 1.0).
  - **Financial management** (0.700 correlation versus 5.6 satisfaction score);
  - **The performance of current Elected Members in being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community** (0.684 correlation versus 5.6 satisfaction score);
  - **Providing leadership in the community** (0.684 correlation versus 5.6 satisfaction score);
  - **The balance between Council rates and the services and standard of infrastructure provided** (0.682 correlation versus 6.2 satisfaction score);
  - **Consultation with and informing the community** (0.632 correlation versus 6.2 satisfaction score);
  - **The interactions residents have with Council staff** (0.622 correlation versus 6.9 satisfaction score).
- **These results do not mean that all other performance indicators are not important, it just means that these six were revealed as more important to the overall satisfaction of residents.**
- These six performance indicators are a “litmus test” for resident satisfaction in any “snapshot in time”.
- This means that focus on these six aspects is likely to have a corresponding positive impact on resident satisfaction with Council overall.

## KEY FINDINGS – Topical Issues



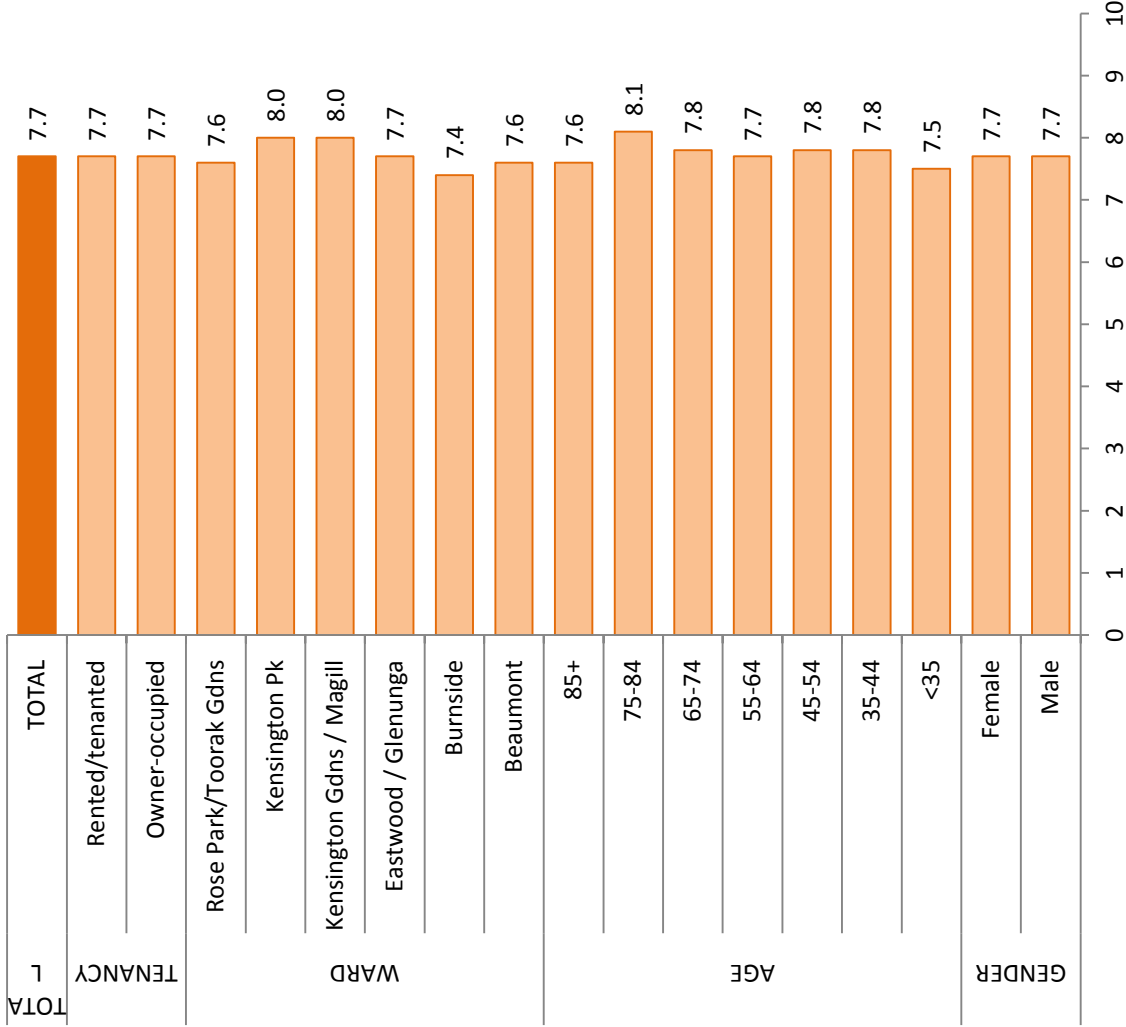


# Cat management

- Strong support for Council to develop a cat management approach similar to the way dogs are managed.
- Meaning registration, micro-chipping, de-sexing and limit on numbers per household.
- 7.7 mean score and similar outcomes across socio-demographic and geographic segments.
- 79% agree versus 11% disagree (8% neither and 2% don't know).

Q11 How strongly do you agree or disagree that "The City of Burnside should have a cat management approach similar to the way Council manages dogs". (0 to 10 scale)

BASE: Total sample, n=794

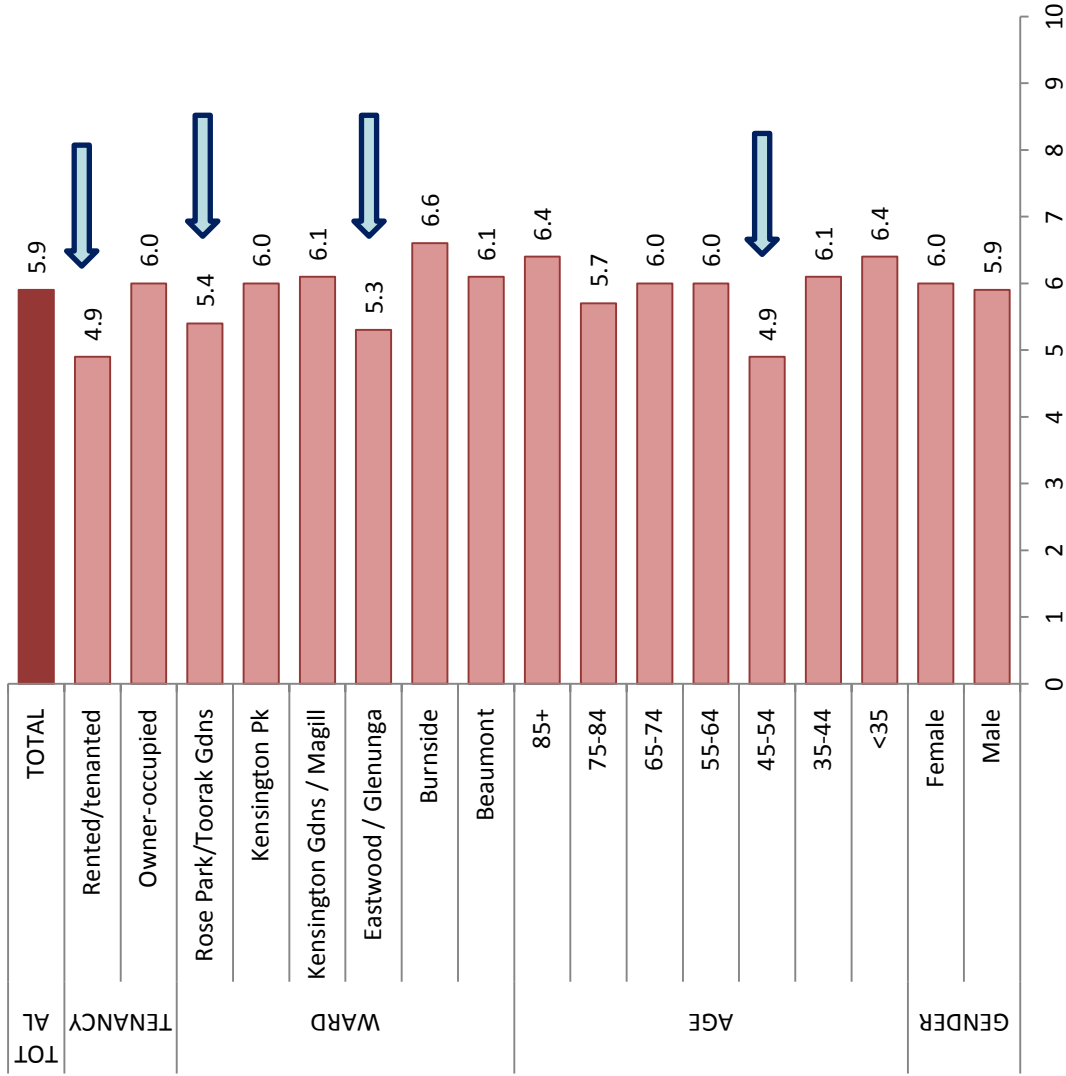




# Support for change to Road Rules

Q13 City of Unley seeking support to lobby State Govt. to change Australian Road Rules to allow parking on residents' driveway crossover, using permit system. To what extent do you agree or disagree that Burnside Council should support this change?

- Lower agreement that Council support neighbouring councils in lobbying State Government to change Australian Road Rules.
- 5.9 mean score and some variation in outcomes across socio-demographic and geographic segments.
- Still has majority support - **57% agree versus 31% disagree** (10% neither and 1% don't know).



Mean score (0-10 scale)



# SUMMARY



## SUMMARY

- Statistically reliable community survey, results have a low margin for error of  $\pm 3.45\%$  @ 95% confidence level.
- Data randomly collected from across whole of Council area, then weighted to be representative by age and gender (ABS Census 2011 Data for City of Burnside SLA) and also weighted by Ward to be geographically representative.
- Most performance indicators across all four Key Directions attracted satisfaction levels at the **good to quite satisfied** level.
- Some performance indicators are **more important than others** in driving residents' satisfaction. All of these revolved around the Key Direction of a **Leading, Inclusive and Connected Council**.
- This is a positive outcome in that these elements are **service oriented rather than infrastructure** and therefore small changes (such as increased communication and consultation) can have an impact on residents' perceptions of Council's performance overall.
- Positive indicators across all other kpi's, with **few suggestions for improvement** made by residents.



## SUMMARY

- Servicing appears to be at the right level, with **few service gaps** and **minimal** suggestions for service areas perceived as **over-serviced**.
- There is strong support for a **cat management** approach similar to dog management.
- There is moderate support for **lobbying State Government** to allow parking on resident's driveway crossover, by permit, within the Australian Road Rules.
- Across all findings, socio-demographic and geographic differences were noted in satisfaction levels (and agreement levels) among:
  - ~Residents of **Rose Park / Toorak Gardens** and, to a lesser extent, residents of **Eastwood / Glenunga Ward**; and
  - ~Residents in the middle family life-stage, aged **45 to 54 years**.



THANK YOU





## Annual Community Survey 2013

The inaugural Annual Community Survey was undertaken in February 2013 using a statistically valid random telephone survey of 800 City of Burnside residents.

The purpose of the Annual Community Survey was to provide a measure of the level of community satisfaction and perceived performance of services provided by the Council to its residents.

Results were used to measure the Council's performance in delivering and achieving the *Be the Future of Burnside 2025* Strategic Community Plan desired outcomes and were utilised to inform the allocation process for 2013/14 Annual Council Budget.

As a result, it is proposed that in the Draft 2013/14 Annual Budget, additional funds will be spent on trees, consultation with and informing the community and providing and maintaining footpaths and continuing to improve the new waste service known as Three Bins and a Basket.

### General Survey Results

The Annual Community Survey revealed that residents generally have a reasonably high level of satisfaction with the services provided by Council. Some services have lower levels of satisfaction, but all services can be deemed to be considered average to good.

Across all service performance indicators tested, services which attracted the overall highest satisfaction levels were; "providing library services" and "presentation and cleanliness of the City".

At the other end of the spectrum, three aspects rated lower being; "financial management", "performance of current Elected Members being transparent, ethical and reflecting the best interests and values of the community" and "providing leadership in the community".

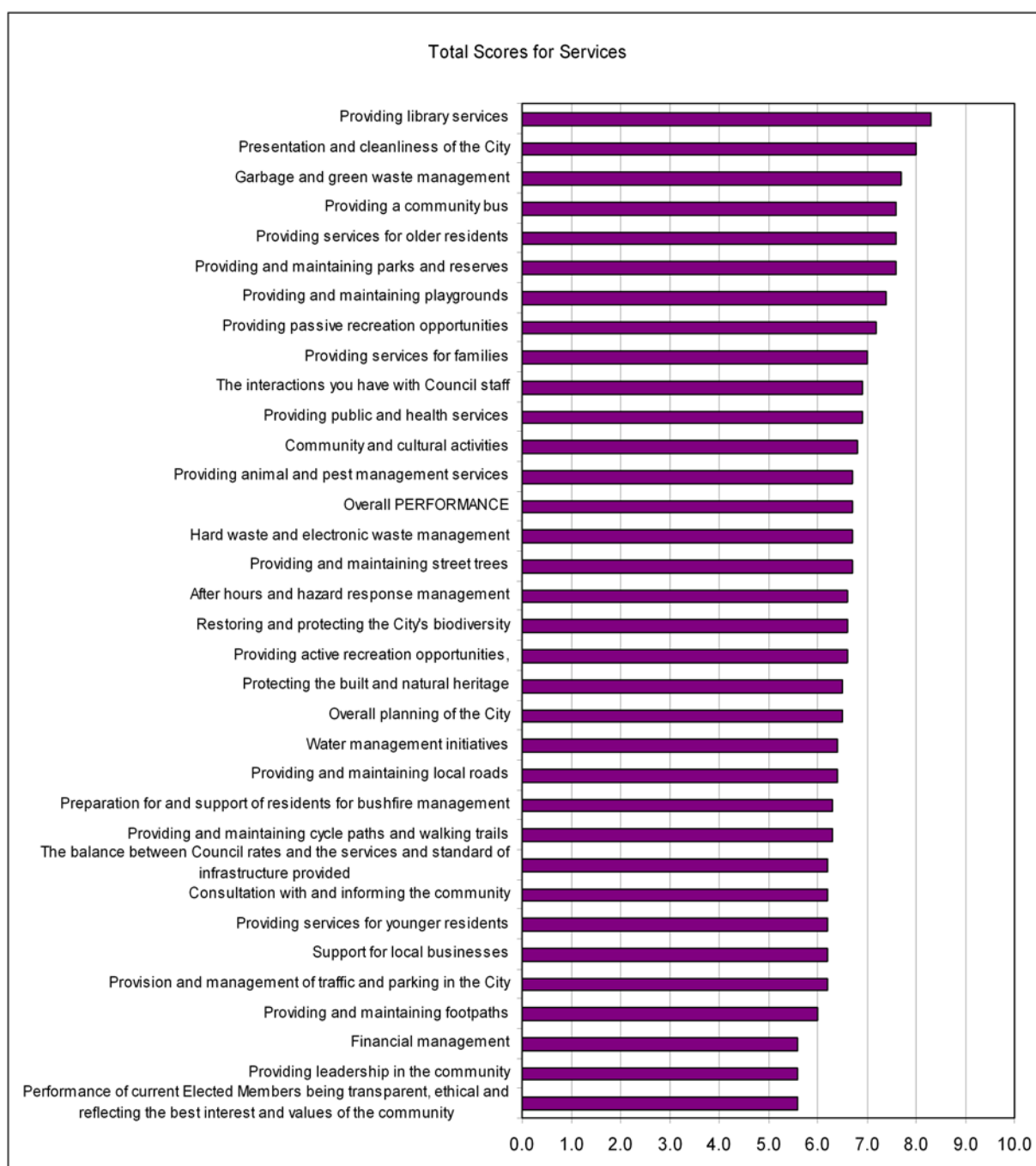


# Annual Community Survey

## Council's Overall Performance

One in three respondents said they were very satisfied with Council's overall performance in the last twelve months and rated the performance 8 out of 10 or higher. 77 per cent of respondents stated they were satisfied with the overall performance of Council.

The following bar graph shows the relative scores out of a total of 10, with 10 being the highest satisfaction, of all of the services which were the topic of questions in the survey.





## Resident Suggestions for Areas to Consider for Improvement

- Footpaths need repair / want more footpaths (16 per cent of respondents suggested this theme);
- Maintain and preserve heritage trees / verges (15 per cent of respondents suggested this theme);
- More hard rubbish collection (15 per cent of respondents suggested this theme);
- Council should be in touch with residents / listen and consult / better communication / notify of works projects (11 per cent of respondents suggested this theme); and
- More green waste rubbish collection (9 per cent of respondents suggested this theme).

## Resident Suggestions for Stopping a Service

Only three per cent of respondents perceived that there were services currently provided by Council that they considered should not be provided.

## Resident Suggestions for New Services

Three in four respondents could not suggest any new services. Themes that were suggested included more:

- Collection of hard, electronic, hazardous and green waste. Provision of a dump location within Council area for these waste products;
- Emphasis on maintenance of trees, footpaths, roads and general maintenance of parks;
- Recreation facilities i.e. walking/ cycling trails, dog parks, BMX and skateboard areas;
- Transport / home help / facilities for elderly and people with disabilities; and
- Engagement with community / more information / phone service / face to face contact with Elected Members.

There was strong support for Council to develop a cat management approach similar to the way dogs are managed.

There was lower agreement that Council should support neighbouring councils in lobbying State Government to change Australian Road Rules to allow residents to park on the driveway crossover in front of their own properties using a permit system.

Council wishes to thank all of the residents who gave of their time and opinions to help make the City of Burnside a better place to be.