Goodna Longitudinal Survey

The following brief document provides an overview of selected results from the Goodna Longitudinal Survey. Results have been based on the 102 respondents who answered the survey in both 2002 and 2003.

General survey results
This section provides a brief overview of the opinions of Goodna residents in 2003 with respect to various issues.

- The majority of people were satisfied or very satisfied with living in Goodna (79.5%). 16.9% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.
- The things liked most about living in Goodna were that it was close to amenities (32.3%) and that it had friendly people and neighbours (12.2%).
- The things liked least about living in Goodna were high crime (17.2%) and the bad reputation of the suburb (10.8%).
- The perceived safety of walking alone in Goodna during the day was considered safe or very safe by 86.1%. However, walking alone in Goodna after dark was considered unsafe or very unsafe by 61.9%.
- The biggest perceived problems in Goodna were unemployment with 74.7% of residents believing it to be a problem, followed by drug use (57.4% of residents).
- The majority of essential services were easy to access in Goodna. However, some of the hardest services to access included a Medicare office, with 56.9% of people finding difficulty accessing and a hospital (41.3% finding difficulty accessing).

Changes in response between 2002 and 2003
This section presents the estimated changes in opinion of Goodna residents with respect to various issues in Goodna from 2002 to 2003.

- The trustworthiness of Goodna residents in dealing with other people increased over the past year with 16.7% of people believing their level of trust increased compared with only 1.9% whose level of trust decreased. The majority (81.3% of people) thought their level of trust remained the same.

- Public opinion relating to vandalism of buildings or public telephones changed significantly over the past year. There were more people who thought the problem was not as serious as last year (25.1%) compared with those who thought the problem had become more serious (4.5%). The remaining people kept their same opinion (70.4%).
• Having cars broken into or stolen in Goodna was perceived to be less of a problem in 2003 than it was in 2002 with 18.7% believing the problem became less serious compared with 4.3% who thought the problem became worse. The remaining majority of people (69.2%) kept their same view to car theft or break-ins as they had stated last year.

• Access to a TAFE for Goodna residents improved over the past year with 33.6% of people believing the access had become easier than it was last year, while 11.6% believed access had become more difficult. Over half the population in Goodna (54.8%) thought the level of access to TAFE didn’t change.

All other perceptions of Goodna, its problems and various other issues had no significant change in responses.

All results do not include missing responses.