

Life in Christchurch Neighbourhoods and Communities 2019 Linwood-Central-Heathcote

Highlights

- Sense of Place
 - 84% (n=632) of respondents living in Linwood-Central-Heathcote enjoy living in their neighbourhood. The top reasons for this are:
 - The natural environment and open spaces (49%, n=309)
 - Venues, facilities and services are easy to access from their neighbourhood (42%, n=263)
 - Easy access to a range of transport options (32%, n=203)
 - 68% (n=514) feel proud to be a resident of their neighbourhood.
 - 55% (n=377) report feeling a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood.
- Facilities
 - 67% (n=503) are satisfied or very satisfied with the range of recreation, shopping and socialising opportunities in their local neighbourhood.
- Volunteering
 - 53% (n=389) have volunteered in the last 12 months for groups or organisations in their local community over the last 12 months, and 62% (n=455) have volunteered for groups or organisations in the wider community in the last 12 months.
- Problem Assessment
 - 78% (n=507) say they are happy to work with others when they see a need in their neighbourhood.
- Community Attitudes
 - 56% (n=375) agree or strongly agree that what is collectively best for their neighbourhood is best for them.
 - 55% (n=363) agree or strongly agree that their neighbourhood has a positive future, while 22% (n=143) neither agree nor disagree.

Where is there room for improvement?

- Safety
 - While the majority of respondents feel safe in their home after dark (84%, n=633) and walking in their neighbourhood during the day (88%, n=667), there are significantly less respondents who feel safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark (48%, n=362).
- Leadership
 - Respondents are divided as to whether their community is addressing the most important issues affecting their neighbourhood; 27% (n=191) agree or strongly agree, and 28% (n=197) disagree or strongly disagree.
- Problem Assessment
 - While 42% (n=275) have a good understanding of the needs of their neighbourhood, 34% (222) neither agree nor disagree with this statement, and a further 17% (n=113) disagree or strongly disagree.
- Discrimination
 - 20% (n=129) of respondents have been discriminated against in the last 12 months. This is significantly higher than the overall results for respondents (15%, n=423).
 - 43% (n=56) say the discrimination took place on the street or in a public place.
 - 34% (n=44) say they think the discrimination occurred because of their gender, and 29% (n=37) say they think it was because of their age.

In the 2020 – 2022 Community Board Plan, a priority to ‘Support and Improve Community Wellbeing’ is included. The priority will aim to address the above issues to some extent.