

## Life in Christchurch Neighbourhoods and Communities 2019

### Banks Peninsula

#### Highlights

- **Sense of Place**
  - 95% (n=221) of Banks Peninsula respondents enjoy living in their neighbourhood. The main reasons being:
    - The natural environment (77%, n= 171)
    - The sense of community (68%, n=151)
    - Feeling at home in their neighbourhood (43%, n=96)
  - 90% (n=209) are proud to be a resident in their neighbourhood.
  - 87% (n=181) feel a sense of community with other people in their neighbourhood.
  - 72% (n=151) agree or strongly agree that they live in a close knit community.
- **Safety**
  - The majority of respondents feel safe walking in their neighbourhood during the day (96%, n=224), in their home after dark (94%, n=219) and walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark (86%, n=200).
- **Volunteer**
  - 83% (n=182) of respondents have volunteered in the last 12 months for groups or organisations in their Local community, and 76% (n=167) have volunteered for their Wider community.
- **Participation**
  - 79% (n=173) attend community events in their neighbourhood where they can. This is significantly higher than the proportion for all respondents (46%, n=1456).
- **Leadership**
  - 62% (n=131) agree or strongly agree that their community has strong and motivated community leaders.
  - 93% (n=191) are happy to work with others when they see a need within their neighbourhood. This is significantly higher than the overall results for all respondents (77%, n=2157).
- **Community Attitudes**
  - 76% (n=158) agree or strongly agree that their neighbourhood has a positive future.

#### Where is there room for improvement?

- **Facilities**
  - 68% (n=157) are satisfied or very satisfied with the range of recreation, shopping and socialising opportunities in their local neighbourhood. This is lower than the overall percentage for all respondents (71%, n=2313)
- **Leadership**
  - While 46% (n=98) agree or strongly agree that community leaders will listen if they share their ideas and opinions, 32% (n=67) neither agree nor disagree.
  - 26% (n=55) neither agree nor disagree that their community is addressing the most important issues affecting their neighbourhood, with a further 23% (n=49) that disagree or strongly disagree.
- **Discrimination**
  - 10% (n=20) have been discriminated against in the last 12 months.
    - 50% (n=10) say the discrimination happened at work
    - 25% (n=5) say it was because of their race or ethnic group

## Tourism in Akaroa and the bays

### Highlights

Respondents living in Akaroa, Barry Bay, Duvauchelle, French Farm, Le Bons Bay or Little Akaloa were asked about tourism in the Akaroa area.

- 85% (n=61) of respondents living in Akaroa and the bays describe the level of tourism activity in Akaroa as high or very high.
- 44% (n=32) think the impact tourism activities have had on their enjoyment of living in Akaroa and the bays is positive or very positive, and 32% (n=23) think the impact is negative or very negative.
- 44% (n=32) think tourism activities have a positive or very positive impact on their overall quality of life in Akaroa and the bays.
- Respondents think the top benefits of tourism for Akaroa and the bays are:
  - It provides jobs for locals (79%, n=57)
  - It helps to support the local economy (76%, n=55)
  - Getting to meet interesting people from all over the world (51%, n=37)

### Comments:

*“The increase in tourism into Akaroa has enhanced the 'quality of life' for many residents. It's wonderful to see the town full of happy people - it's a buzz for them and those of us living here. It's just a shame about the 'very few' residents that continually complain about the increase in tourism.”*

*“Better quality of life. More shopping options, more cafes and restaurant options.”*

### Where is there room for improvement?

- Respondents are divided as to whether tourism activities have a positive or negative impact on the sense of community within Akaroa and the bays:
  - 36% (n=26) think it has a positive or very positive impact on the sense of community in Akaroa and the bays.
  - 42% (n=30) think the impact is negative or very negative.
- Over half of the respondents (51%, n=37) agree or strongly agree that they often go away at busy times to avoid tourists and visitors.
- 63% (n=45) of respondents agree or strongly agree that increased tourism activity has had an impact on their use of public spaces for recreation.
- 63% (n=45) of respondents change when they go shopping and visit Akaroa Township because of increased tourism activity.

### Comments:

*“Has caused a rift in community. Good for some (businesses etc), town too busy for others.”*

*“I avoid the village when cruise ships come in and relish days when they are not here. The range of shops has deteriorated as catering for tourist shopping dominates.”*