
Eastbourne Community Survey 2014



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In 2014 the Eastbourne Community Board conducted a survey of Eastbourne and the Bays to gauge the wellbeing and satisfaction of the residents and to identify issues of importance to the community. The information gathered in the survey could then be used to guide the Board in representations to Hutt City Council and to provide data that could be referred to in the event of any regional amalgamation. The data from the survey could be used by individuals, community groups and businesses to make Eastbourne's voice heard in a larger government structure.

Questions in the survey were designed to find out the priority residents placed on long standing projects such as the Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way; to discover residents' dreams and concerns about the future of Eastbourne; to gather opinion on the current plans for developments in the East Harbour Regional Park; and to investigate feelings on safety in the community.

A total of 624 people responded to the survey, i.e. 17 percent of the adult population (15year+) of Eastbourne and the Bays. Results have been reported on for each question and broken down according to gender, age, location and how long people had lived in the area, where relevant.

Most Important Issues

Respondents were asked to rank their three top issues and also to identify the single most important issue for them. The completion of the Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way was clearly the most important issue (number one for 33 percent of respondents) with concern about climate change and extreme weather events next (16 percent of respondents). Safety in the community, clean seas for swimming and quality public transport were also highly ranked. A number of other local issues were also identified.

Eastern Bays Walk/Cycle Way

The Eastern Bays walk/cycle way was rated as "unsafe" or "very unsafe" by 60 percent of respondents and in a later question on safety in the community the walk/cycle way was rated as the most unsafe place in the area. While 70 percent (436) of respondents reported using the walk/cycle way, 54 percent said the current standard of the walk/cycle way deterred them from using it. The anxiety about their safety on the walk/cycle way was shared by walkers, cyclists and drivers.

Hopes and Dreams

Respondents were asked to name one thing they would love to see in Eastbourne and the Bays that is not currently present. After a safe walk/cycle way (81 people) the next most important thing they would like to see is a vibrant, busy and attractive village (64 people). The third wish was for protection from the effects of climate change, followed by a boutique cinema and reliable and affordable public transport. Many other suggestions were made, including a covered swimming pool, better management of storm water, a skateboard park and pedestrian control at Days Bay.

Worries and Concerns

The greatest worry for Eastbourne residents (63 people) is that inappropriate development on the hills is damaging the bush, creating hazards and spoiling the beauty of the landscape. While respondents generally accept buildings about four storeys high against the hillside, they do not want to see high rise development on the water front (32 people). Residents welcome some new development as long as it is high quality and well planned (27 people). Other concerns such as the amount of traffic on the Pencarrow road and trees shading homes are recurring issues in the community. Increased rates were identified in Question 1 by 5 percent of respondents as the most important issue, and 18 percent of respondents ranked it in their top three issues of concern.

Earthquake Preparedness

Eighty-eight percent of respondents said they have an emergency kit ready and 93 percent said that they have neighbours they can rely on in an emergency.

Safety in our Community

The 624 respondents, 527 (84 percent) said there was nowhere in the community that they felt unsafe. Thirty respondents said they have felt unsafe around Burdan's Gate and the Pencarrow road. Several other places, such as the bush tracks, Days Bay beach and areas with dim lighting and/or uneven foot paths, were each mentioned by fewer than 20 people.

The walk/cycle way was not included in the analysis of this question as it was covered in depth in other parts of this discussion.

One-hundred-and-nine respondents (17.5 percent) reported being victims of crimes which ranged from intruders entering their home and stealing to harassment by teenagers on the beach. The great majority of crimes were thefts from cars or garages: some were unlocked, but in other cases a car window was broken and wallets, cell-phones and other items taken.

Bush Walking Tracks

A majority (315) of respondents said they do not want a second walking track near the current Muritai Track; 175 did not know and 114 would like a second track.

The top priority for any additional spending in the Regional Park should be predator control (431 respondents), followed by weed control (239 respondents) improving current walking tracks (202 respondents) and building new, easier tracks (66 respondents).

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Introduction

In November 2013 the newly elected Eastbourne Community Board felt it was important to consult the Eastbourne community to gauge the wellbeing and satisfaction of the residents and to identify issues of importance to them.

As a coastal community, Eastbourne is likely to be affected by climate change, particularly rising sea levels and extreme weather events. Climate change was not included in the consultation on the Hutt City Council's 2014 Annual Plan but submissions to the plan by Eastbourne residents suggested it was a major concern to the community. There is also concern about possible amalgamation in the Wellington region and the effect on local communities such as Eastbourne, which are currently represented by community boards.

At its board meeting in February 2014, the Community Board agreed to survey residents to find out what issues were most important to the community. The results would guide the Board in representations to Hutt City Council and provide data that could be referred to in the event of any regional amalgamation. The data from the survey could be used by individuals, community groups and businesses to make Eastbourne's voice heard in a larger government structure.

Design and Methodology

Questions in the survey were designed to find out the priority residents placed on long standing projects such as the Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way, to discover residents' visions and concerns about the future of Eastbourne, to gather opinion on the current plans for developments in the Regional Park and to investigate feelings on safety in the community. The first question asked respondents to rank their three most important issues from a list of sixteen possible issues and included space for them to add other concerns. The list was drawn up from issues such as a liquor ban that have been raised with the Community Board; climate change and the Eastern Bays Shared Walk/Cycle Way which appeared in submissions to the Hutt City Annual Plan; and long standing concerns such as pollution of the harbour and vehicle use of the Pencarrow road. It was also considered important to get information on safety in the community. A number of local groups and representatives were consulted in the choice of specific questions: the local police on safety in the community and the incidence of crime, representatives of Rona House, Eastbourne Kindergarten and Muritai Health Centre were asked for suggestions they saw as important. The Emergency Response Management Group designed the question on community preparation for emergencies.

See Appendix 4 for a copy of the Eastbourne Community Survey 2014

Questionnaires were inserted in the May edition of the *Eastbourne Herald* - which is distributed to every household in Eastbourne and the Bays. The Herald also carried a prominently placed story to draw readers' attention to the questionnaire and the Eastbourne Community Board's regular advertisement also urged people to take part. In order to make it as easy as possible for residents to respond, the questionnaires could be returned by freepost or put in boxes at the Eastbourne library, Williams Park Pavilion and Muritai School. The Eastbourne Herald also provided an online version of the survey which 15 percent of respondents chose to use. A month was allowed for responses. Final reminders were placed in the *Eastbourne Herald* and online a week before closing date, and posters were put up on local notice boards and in bus stops.

Respondents were asked for information about their age, gender, years lived in Eastbourne and where in Eastbourne they live. This data was then compared with the 2013 census to assess how well the respondents represented the Eastbourne population, and to see whether there was any variation in views according to age groups, gender, time lived in Eastbourne or location of residence. Respondents could also give their email address if they wished to be kept informed on local issues by the Eastbourne Community Board.

A total of 624 completed surveys were analysed. This is equivalent to 17 percent of the adult (15years+) population of Eastbourne and the Bays. Results have been reported on for each question and broken down according to gender, age, location, and how long people had lived in the area, where relevant.

Profile of Respondents

624	
Responses	
Eastbourne Population (2013 Census)	4665
Eastbourne Population over age of 15 (2013 Census)	3779
17 percent of the adult population of Eastbourne responded to the survey (over 15 years old)	

Of the 624 respondents, 50 percent were female, 40 percent were male and 6 percent did not give their gender. Seventy-eight percent of respondents were over the age of 40, 10 percent were under 40, and 12 percent did not give their age.

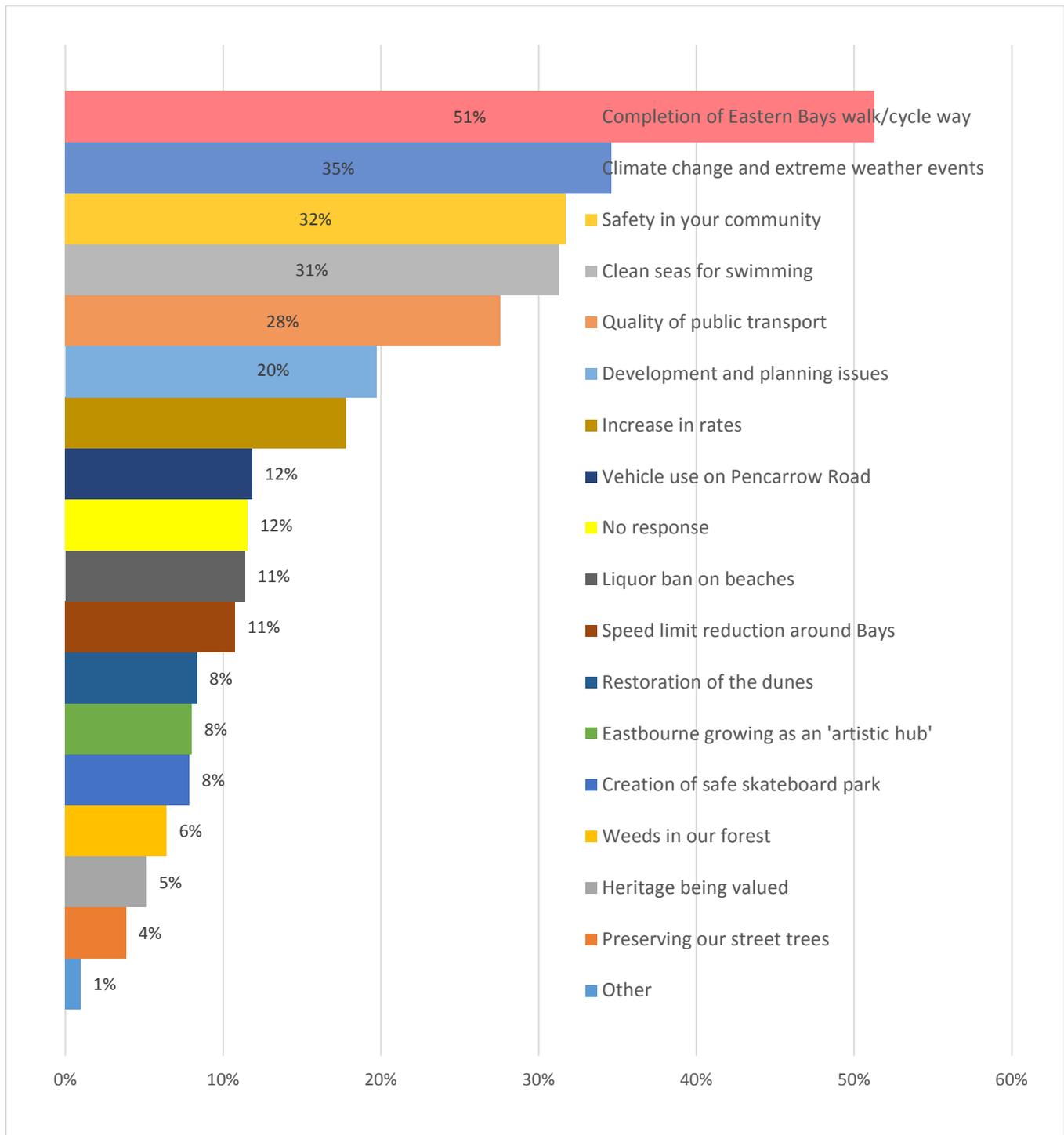
The residents who responded to the survey were evenly spread across Eastbourne and the Bays area. Five percent were from Point Howard, 13 percent from Lowry Bay, five percent from York Bay, four percent from Mahina Bay, two percent from Sunshine Bay, 14 percent from Days Bay and 55 percent from Eastbourne and beyond. This distribution accurately reflects the population of Eastbourne.

Number of respondents	Location of respondent	Survey distribution	2013 Census distribution
32	Point Howard	5 percent	7 percent
83	Lowry Bay	13 percent	12 percent
29	York Bay	5 percent	3 percent
25	Mahina Bay	4 percent	4 percent
12	Sunshine Bay	2 percent	0.3 percent
85	Days Bay	14 percent	13 percent
344	Eastbourne and beyond	55 percent	57 percent

See Appendix 1 for direct comparisons between the survey respondents and the population of Eastbourne (2013 Census).

Most Important Issues in Eastbourne and the Bays

Respondents' top three most important issues.



Respondents were asked to rank the three issues most important to them. The above graph shows how regularly each issue appeared in the top three. 'Completion of the Eastern Bays walk/cycle way' was identified as the most important issue in Eastbourne and the Bays, with 51 percent of respondents ranking it in their top three. The other issues deemed most important were: 35 percent for 'climate change and extreme weather events', 32 percent for 'safety in our community', 31 percent for 'clean seas for swimming' and 28 percent for 'quality of public transport'.

Discussion

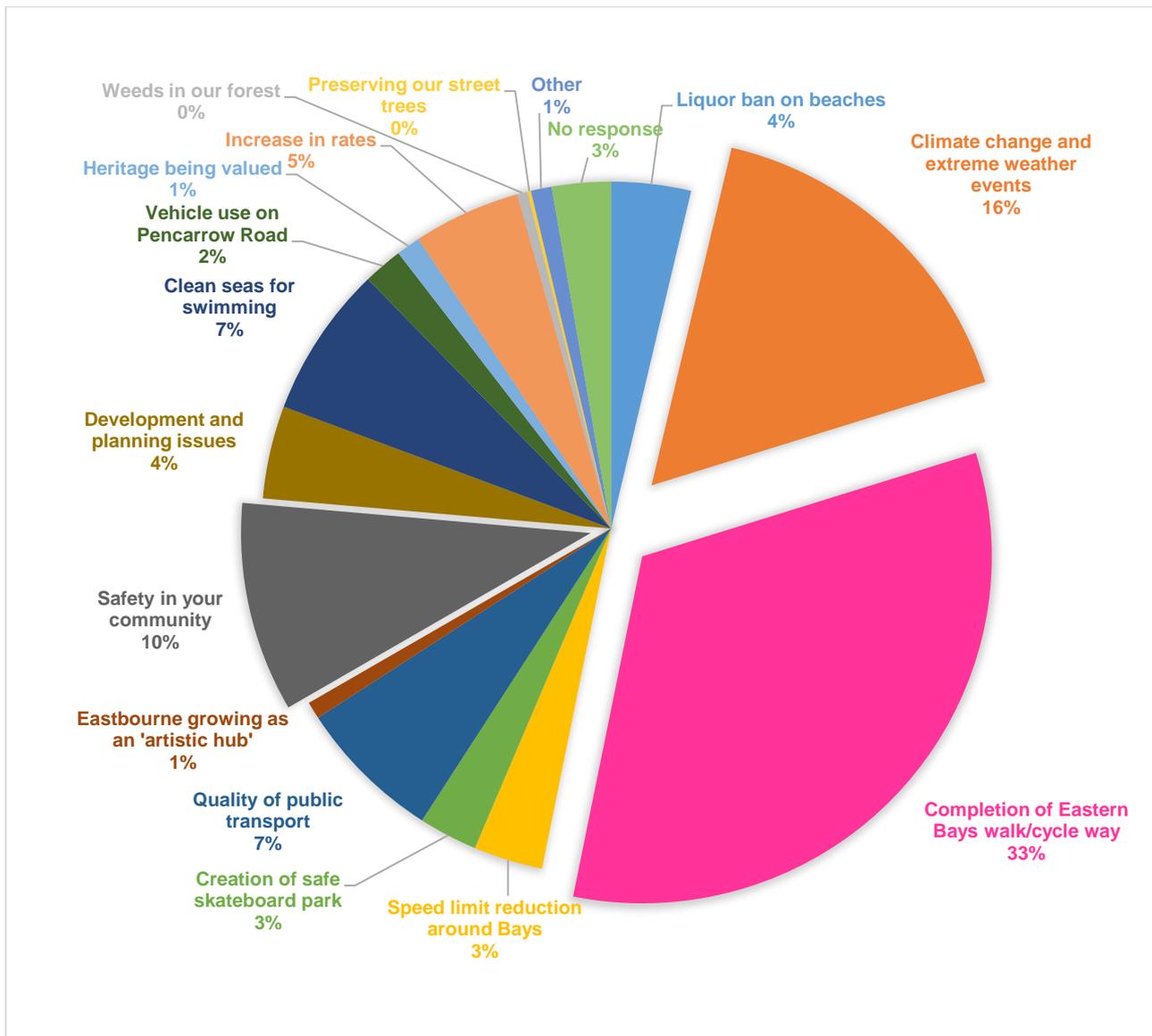
The list of issues to be ranked was drawn up in consultation with community groups and from issues that have been raised with the Eastbourne Community Board. Space was provided for respondents to add any other issues. Two people used this space to state their strong disagreement with the recent reduction of the speed limit through Seaview. The completion of the Eastern Bays walk/cycle way (51 percent), often linked to the need for protection against possible future sea level rise and extreme weather events (35 percent), appeared most frequently in the top three issues for respondents.

The high value residents place on the beautiful physical environment, a thriving Eastbourne Village and a safe community are discussed in detail later in this report. Clean seas for swimming was also in the top three for over 30 percent of respondents, while the quality of public transport was shown to be important in a suburb where both buses and ferries are well used. Older residents in particular are concerned about increasing rates making it difficult for them to stay in their homes. Vehicle use of the Pencarrow road, a liquor ban on beaches, conservation of the dunes and Regional Park, the creation of a skateboard park, and the speed limit around the bays are all ongoing concerns. All other issues on the list were deemed to be important by some respondents.

These responses will be available to guide Eastbourne Community Board submissions to Hutt City Council or the Greater Wellington Regional Council and to establish the concerns of Eastbourne residents in any future regional arrangement.

Most Important Issues in Eastbourne and the Bays

What is the most important issue to the residents of Eastbourne and the Bays?



Respondents were also asked to identify the **number one most important issue** for them. The above graph shows the percentage for each issue. For example, 'Completion of the Eastern Bays walk/cycle way' was the most important for 33 percent of respondents, and for 16 percent the most important issue was 'climate change and extreme weather events'.

Discussion:

Analysis of respondents' top priority showed a similar pattern to the results for their top three issues. This question also enabled respondents to express their support for possible community projects such as Eastbourne growing as an artistic hub and the building of a skateboard park; for the introduction of a liquor ban on beaches; and concern about increasing rates and vehicle use on the Pencarrow road. While no one placed preserving street trees as their top priority four percent placed it in their top three. This was balanced by a similar number who said trees should not come before people's health.

60 percent

60 percent of respondents rate the walk / cycle way 'unsafe' or 'very unsafe'

54 percent

54 percent of respondents are deterred from using the walk / cycle way due to its current standard

33 percent

33 percent of respondents rate the completion of the walk /cycle way as the number one most important issue

51 percent

51 percent of respondents put the completion of the walk/cycle way in their top three most important issues

Eastern Bays Shared Walk/Cycle Way

Key themes from comments on the shared walk/cycle way from Seaview to Eastbourne

- There was praise for the new section of the walk/cycle way in York Bay south.
- The hazards of walking on the very narrow footpaths was a recurrent theme.
- People are anxious about cycling around corners where there is no cycle way (e.g. approaching Days Bay and particularly around Windy Point).
- Anxiety about cycling on the road leads some cyclists to use the footpath which in turn threatens the safety of pedestrians and the cyclists themselves.
- For many respondents, the only place they feel unsafe in Eastbourne and the Bays is linked to the Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way. Drivers feel uneasy passing cyclists and/or walkers on the narrow corners, and cyclists and walkers themselves feel anxious when negotiating those corners.
- Worry about safety deters many people (337, or 54 percent of respondents) from walking or cycling between the bays.
- Without a safe footpath, families in the Bays feel trapped in their area and unable to participate in their wider community.
- Parents are particularly concerned about their children's safety.

- The need for a safe shared walk/cycle way is linked to worries about storms and climate change. The construction of the Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way was also linked by several respondents to the need to build a seawall.

See Appendix 2 for specific examples of comments from respondents.

Eastern Bays Shared Walk/Cycle Way

How safe is the Eastern Bays walk/cycle way?

	Percentage of survey respondents	Number of respondents
Very safe	1 percent	7
Mostly safe	33 percent	206
Unsafe	43.5 percent	270
Very unsafe	16.5 percent	102
No response	6 percent	39

This table shows respondents' feelings about the safety of the shared walk/ cycle way. A substantial majority (60 percent) feel unsafe or very unsafe. Many of those who rated it 'mostly safe' (33 percent) also said there are some dangerous sections Responses to Question 6 on 'Safety in our Community' clearly identified the shared walk / cycle way as the only place in Eastbourne and the Bays where they feel unsafe.

How often do you use the Eastern Bays walk/cycle way?

	Percentage of survey respondents	Number of respondents
Daily	13 percent	78
Weekly	25 percent	157
Monthly	32 percent	201
Never	27 percent	168
No response	3 percent	20
	100 percent	624

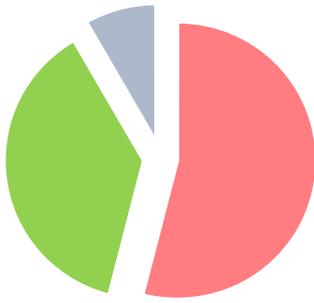
**Does the current
from using it?**

No Response 8%
(52 respondents)

No 38%
(235 respondents)

standard of the Eastern Bays walk/cycle way deter you





Discussion:

The walk/cycle way is used at least once a month by 70 percent of respondents, despite 60 percent of respondents viewing it as unsafe and 54 percent saying the current standard deters them from using it. This would suggest it is highly likely that a safe and continuous shared walk/cycle way would be used more often and by many more residents and visitors to Eastbourne and the Bays.

Hopes and Dreams for Eastbourne and the Bays

What is one thing that you would love to see in Eastbourne that is not currently present?

	Number of responses
Safe walk/cycle way where people can walk and ride safely with their children around the bays from Point Howard to Eastbourne.	81
Vibrant Village with all shops tenanted / small businesses supported / café and family restaurants/ arts & cultural space/ protection of village atmosphere where history and good architecture are valued. Rona Bay wharf to be part of this. <u>Survey comments:</u> “We love it as it is” “It’s difficult to add to paradise”	64
Seawall/planning for climate change – protection from increasing frequency and severity of storms both now and in the future. Strong expressions of desire for the Hutt City Council to “at least start planning” for how this will be done.	36
Boutique cinema	11
Public transport - reliable, efficient and affordable (and green)	11
Housing for older people – so they can continue to live in Eastbourne, either in a suitable home or in supported housing)	8
Covered swimming pool open all year round.	7
Storm water better managed - particularly in floods.	6
Facilities for kids / young people - skateboard area, scooter park, playground at Days Bay.	5
Days Bay pedestrian control	5

Discussion

The Community Board was interested to know whether newer residents value the same qualities as people who have lived in Eastbourne for many years. The survey showed that young and old, long standing residents and newcomers, women and men, all love the same aspects of living in Eastbourne and share similar hopes for the future of the community.

The responses to this question of what residents would like Eastbourne to be like 20 years from now were varied and very individual, but three main themes stood out. Top of their wish list (81 respondents) is a community where people can walk and cycle safely with their children from Seaview to Burdan's Gate. Also very important (64 respondents) is the village atmosphere of Rimu Street which they want to be vibrant and active, a busy retail centre with cafes and thriving businesses where the arts, architecture and history are valued. Residents also want to live in a community protected against possible sea level rise and severe weather events (36 respondents).

The next most common wishes were for: reliable, efficient and affordable public transport; a boutique cinema; housing to enable older people in need of support to continue living in Eastbourne; a covered swimming pool; and better managed storm water.

Wish list items that occurred fewer than three times are listed in *Appendix 3*, and where appropriate will be forwarded to Hutt City Council for consideration.

Worries and Concerns for Eastbourne and the Bays

Are there any development or planning issues that concern you in Eastbourne and the Bays?

	Number of responses
Development on hillsides – there are concerns about the possibility of slips and the loss of bush cleared for houses high on the hillside. Respondents called for stricter controls on such developments, and the preservation of reserves and the natural environment.	63
Height restrictions on new buildings – respondents don't want high rise development on the water front; there is no desire to become like Oriental Bay. Around four storeys against hillside is considered acceptable. Population and housing development needs should be linked to the identity of Eastbourne which is very important to residents.	32
Infilling / subdivisions - these should be high quality and well planned. There is some support for these as a way of encouraging more people to move into Eastbourne so that it doesn't die, but also concerns that infill houses are being crammed onto hillsides.	27
Burdan's Gate / Pencarrow road traffic	12
Dogs on beaches and tracks - concerns are linked to either anxiety about safety when dogs are unleashed, or annoyance when dog poo is not collected	7
Trees overwhelming streets – concerns of trees' shade creating dark, cold environments.	5
Rates increasing - making it difficult for older people to stay in their homes.	3

Discussion:

Eastbourne residents do not want to lose the beautiful environment of the area through inappropriate development. They are worried that development on the hills is damaging the bush, is hazardous and spoils the beauty of the landscape. While they are mainly happy to have buildings about four storeys high against the hillside, they do not want to see high-rises on the water front. Residents welcome some new development as long as it is high quality and well planned. Other concerns, such as the amount of traffic on the Pencarrow road and trees shading homes, are recurring issues in the community.

Although only three people commented in this question on the increase in rates, this was identified in Question 1 by five percent of respondents as the most important issue, and 18 percent ranked it in their top three issues of concern.

Earthquake Preparedness (being ready and connected)

Do you have an emergency kit ready?

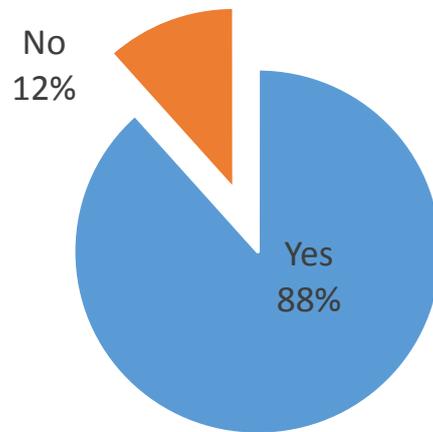
Discussion:

In July 2013, the Eastbourne Community Board, key organisations from the community and Wellington Emergency Management Office developed and published the current 'Eastbourne and the Bays Emergency Response Plan'. During 2013 and 2014 this group promoted the importance of households being prepared for an emergency through articles and leaflets inserted in the *Eastbourne Herald*. A second leaflet was distributed to all letter boxes in July 2014.

Question two in the Community Survey was designed to promote awareness of the need to be prepared, as well as to gauge how well households are prepared for an emergency.

The graph above shows a high level of household preparedness for an emergency, with **88 percent** of respondents saying they have an emergency kit ready. It is likely that several severe storms and a series of earthquakes in Wellington in the last year, combined with promotion by the Emergency Response Group, have contributed to the community's awareness of the need to be prepared.

This question was accompanied by a list of basic requirements for a satisfactory emergency kit. Its purpose was to remind respondents of what should be in their kit, to encourage them to get a kit, or to make sure their existing kit was adequate. Responses showed that almost all respondents who have an emergency kit have no more than one item missing, and informal conversations indicate that some people were spurred into action by this question.



Do you have neighbours you could rely on in an emergency?

93 percent	Yes
5 percent	No
2 percent	No response

Discussion:

The very high percentage of respondents who say they have a neighbour they can rely on in an emergency suggests that Eastbourne has strong links within its neighbourhoods and that

people know their neighbours. The Emergency Response Group is working with the Eastbourne Community Board to develop more street and neighbour links which then connect to a central framework. This will allow the community as a whole to keep in touch and each group to be contacted if necessary in an emergency. The friendliness of the community and the village atmosphere are also given in Question three as reasons people enjoy living in Eastbourne.

Safety in our Community

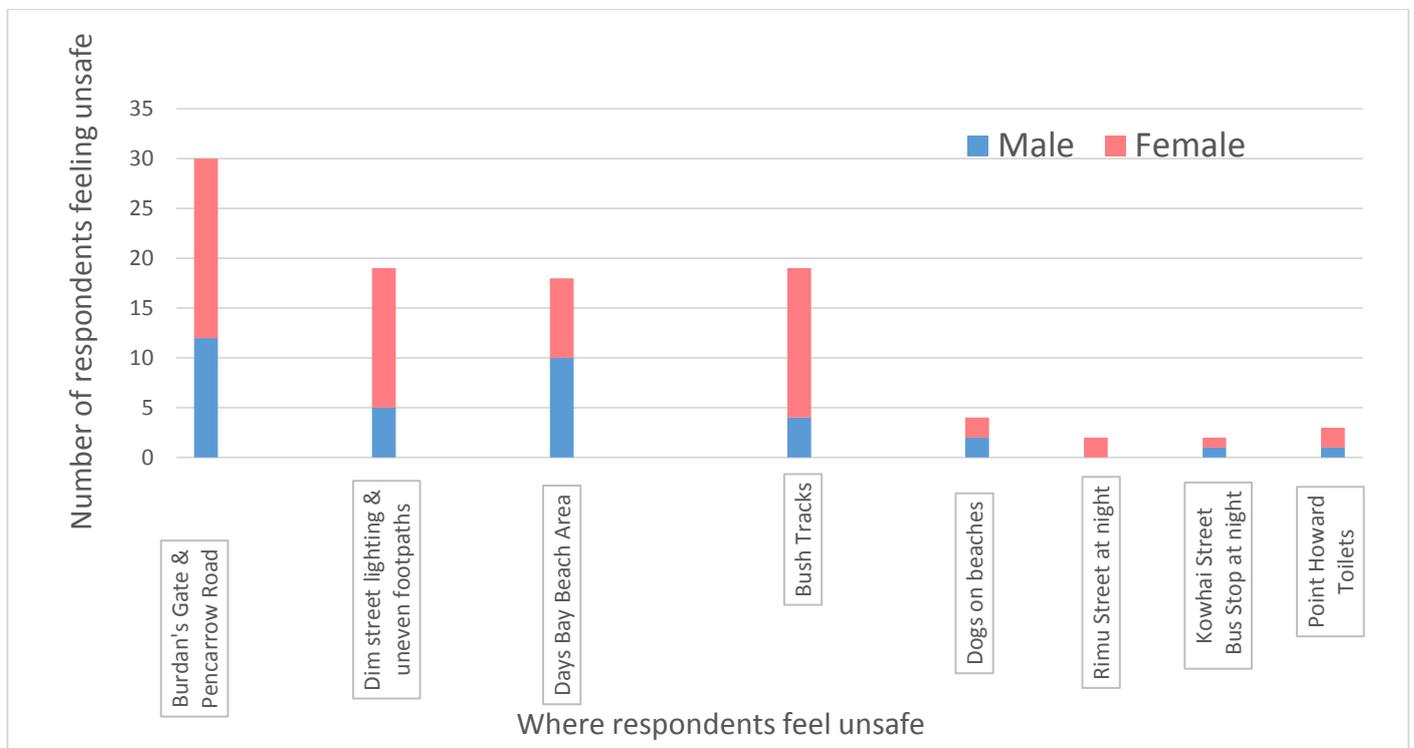
Are there any places where you ever feel unsafe in Eastbourne and the Bays?

	Percentage of respondents	Number of respondents
Yes	16 percent	97
No	84 percent	527

Note: The Eastern Bays shared walk/cycle way was listed in much greater numbers than any other unsafe area but most of these responses overlapped with those to question five on the walk/cycle way, where 60 percent of respondents rated the walk/cycle way as ‘unsafe’ or ‘very unsafe’. For this reason, it has not been included in the table above or in the discussion regarding safety in our community.

The large majority of respondents (84 percent) said there is nowhere in or around Eastbourne where they feel unsafe. Coupled with the minor nature and types of crimes reported in Question 6B, it would suggest that residents of Eastbourne and the Bays feel they live in a predominantly safe community.

Where do you feel unsafe?



Sixteen percent of respondents (97 people) stated that they felt unsafe somewhere in their community. The above graph shows the location where they feel unsafe, and is broken down by gender. Females generally feel less safe than males in Eastbourne.

Safety in our Community

Summary of comments on where respondents feel unsafe

Burdan’s gate and the Pencarrow road

These were often seen as one area. People were most nervous there at night and during weekends, mainly feeling threatened by people drinking and sometimes intimidating residents near Burdan’s Gate.

Streets not well lit: (e.g, Miro Street, Howard Road, Muritai Road, the Recreation Ground, more remote areas)

Perceived poor lighting and uneven footpaths contributed to anxiety about falling. Poor lighting also contributed to a feeling of nervousness, although very few respondents had had an unpleasant incident.

Days Bay: (especially at night, or in summer / at weekends, when the beach is crowded)

There was no difference in the age of respondents who feel unsafe at Days Bay and several parents said their younger children feel threatened by groups of drinkers, sometimes on the wharf.

Williams Park was included in this area by two female respondents

Bush tracks:

Women particularly feel nervous about walking alone in the bush tracks and along the ridge. Butterfly Creek and the tracks above Lowry Bay got special mention by 3 people. Several said they always take cell phones. 2 feel anxious about dogs not on leads on the tracks.

Dogs on beaches: (when not on leash)

Rimu Street: Groups of young people drinking at night

Have you been a victim of crime in Eastbourne or the Bays in the last 5 years?

Number of crimes	Area
7	Point Howard
10	Lowry Bay
7	York Bay
7	Mahina Bay
0	Sunshine Bay
18	Days Bay
58	Eastbourne and beyond
2	Location not given
109	Total

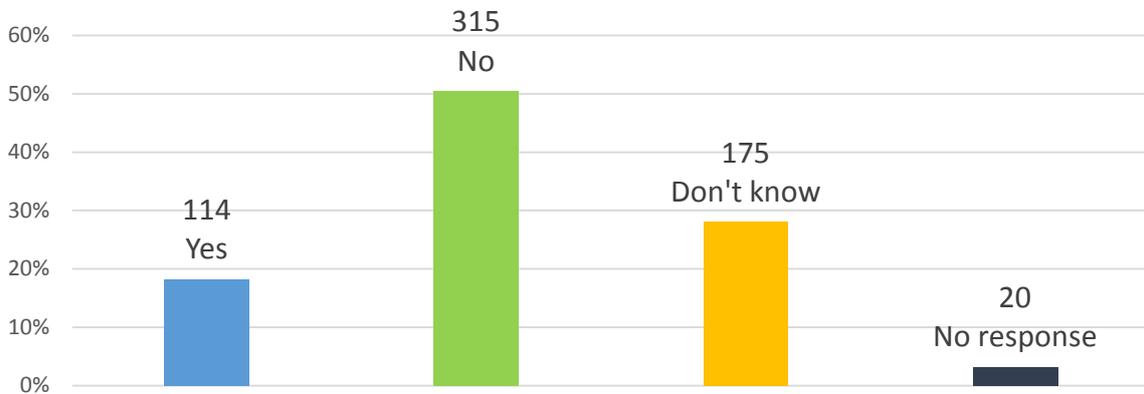
Discussion

One-hundred-and-nine respondents (17.5 percent) reported being a victim of crime/s in the last five years. The crime/s ranged from intruders entering their home and stealing while residents were on the property to incidents of harassment by teenagers on the beach. The great majority of crimes were thefts from cars or garages, some of which were unlocked, but in other cases a car window was broken and wallets, cell-phones and other items taken.

While Days Bay residents reported the greatest number of crimes of the northern bays, the number of reported crimes in relation to the number of respondents from this area was no greater than in other areas. There were no reports of violence.

Bush Walking Tracks

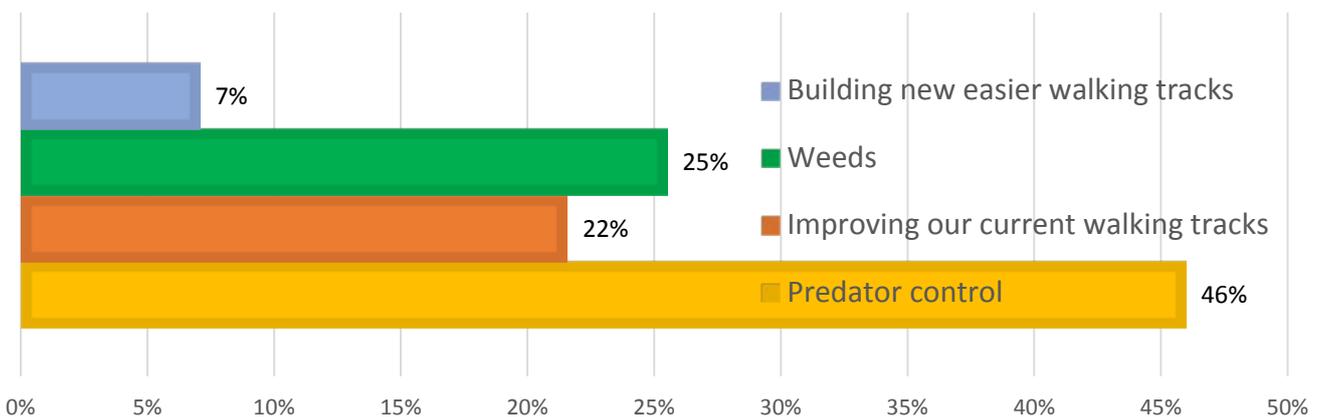
Do you support a second walking track near the current Muritai Track?



Discussion:

This question was included in response to community debate over a proposal by Greater Wellington Regional Council to replace the current Muritai track with a new, easier track. Public outcry had resulted in a decision by the Regional Council to keep the current track and to build a new one as well, but there is community concern that if a new track is built the old one will not be maintained. A majority of respondents (50 percent) opposed the building of a new track, 28 percent did not know and 18 percent were in favour. The results of this question have been sent to Regional Council.

If you had additional money for our Regional Park, what would you spend it on?



Discussion:

The priority given by respondents to predator control may reflect the major increase in the rat population in regional parks throughout New Zealand at the time of the survey. Predator control was followed by control of weeds, then improving current tracks, with building new, easier tracks given the lowest priority. Those who supported new easier tracks tended to be elderly people who would like to be able to continue walking and tramping locally.

Appendix 1: Profile and Distribution of Survey Respondents v 2013 Census

Age range of respondents

Age of respondent	Percentage of survey respondents	Number of respondents
0 - 19	2 percent	14
20 - 39	8 percent	49
40 - 59	31 percent	194
60 +	47 percent	291
Age not given	12 percent	76

This table shows the age range of respondents in the survey. The distribution is a reasonable representation of the age range of residents of Eastbourne and the Bays according to the 2013 Census.*

*The median age of residents of Eastbourne and the Bays according to the 2013 Census is 55. The median age of the survey is approximately 60. This relatively small may be due to children not being directly involved in the survey.

Residential distribution of respondents

Number of respondents	Location	Survey distribution	2013 Census Distribution
32	Point Howard	5 percent	7 percent
83	Lowry Bay	13 percent	12 percent
29	York Bay	5 percent	3 percent
25	Mahina Bay	4 percent	4 percent
12	Sunshine Bay	2 percent	0.3 percent
85	Days Bay	14 percent	13 percent
344	Eastbourne and beyond	55 percent	57 percent

The table above indicates a similar distribution between the survey respondents and the actual population of Eastbourne as recorded in the 2013 Census. For example, 55 percent of survey respondents live in 'Eastbourne and beyond' compared with 57 percent in the Census, a difference of 2 percent.

Gender of respondents

Gender of respondent	Survey Gender Split	2013 Census Gender Split
Male	44 percent	48 percent
Female	50 percent	52 percent
Gender not given	6 percent	

The table above shows the percentage of male and female respondents. The balance split in the survey is very similar to the gender split recorded in the 2013 Census.

Appendix 2

Eastern Bays Shared Walk / Cycle Way – direct quotes on safety

Typical comments

“Walk/cycle way – there isn’t one! There isn’t even a footpath – it is just the edge of the road falling onto the beach in many places.”

“Unsafe on the shared walk/cycle way. Mostly too narrow due to danger from motor vehicles. Even the better bits are too narrow to safely accommodate both cycles and walkers.”

“Completing walk/cycle way would have health, environmental and economic benefits to many people living in Eastbourne and the Wellington region visitors.”

From cyclists

“I would love to see a bike way right around the bays from the light house to Petone. The way it starts, stops and fades out is dangerous. The new York Bay (south) bike way is wonderful. Build more of this.”

“Cycling around the bays I got clipped by a bus.” (2013)

“Really unsafe biking between Days Bay and Eastbourne as vehicles do not allow the 1.5m distance (this is actually almost impossible as allowing this would force cars across the centre of the road).”

“Road between Eastbourne and Days Bay – awful. My children have to bike to school – not safe!”

“I watch every corner, especially when buses going past. Scary!!”

“Cycling safety for kids is the biggest safety issue in Eastbourne.”

“My children cannot safely cycle from our house (Sorrento Bay) to the village. Even walking this is dangerous with our kids.”

From walkers

“The seaside walkway is a death-trap for anyone with young children, prams, or dogs.”

“Walking along narrow footpaths on foreshore of Lowry Bay with buses and trucks passing within ½ metre – too close for comfort.”

“There is no walkway on the sea side between Days Bay and Eastbourne and it is dangerous crossing the road from Windy Point to go into Marine Parade, and more dangerous to cross earlier coming from Days Bay. I do this crossing nearly every day, and it scares me.”

“Traffic on the road and the narrow, unsafe walkway makes us feel unsafe for walking – much more than fear of crime statistics or ruffians.” (This from an elderly resident)

“Look at the stunning job done in New Plymouth – we could learn a lot. If you are going to do it, do it well.”

The need for a safe walk/cycle way is linked to the worries about storms and climate change. The construction of a cycle way was also linked by several to the need to build a seawall.

“Climate change is the most important issue facing Eastbourne with more frequent storms and the possibility of rising sea levels. Why can’t Hutt City Council at least start *planning* for this?”

“I am worried about the sea splashing over the road. It is getting more and more common to have to avoid “high sea” impact when driving around the bays. We should START sea wall protection around the bays.”

Appendix 3: Hopes and Dreams

Individual suggestions from the survey:

- Bins for dog poo at entrance to tracks,
- Under car water sprayer across road to prevent rust,
- Upgrade rundown public toilets,
- Hooks for bags in all public toilets (including men's as men often caring for babies)
- Community spaces,
- Cell coverage/fast internet to facilitate working from home,
- Alternative access road to Eastbourne
- More seats on beaches so parents can relax while children play,
- Make area more disability friendly,
- Bin for re-cycling batteries,
- Family restaurant,
- Facilities such as bins and filleting tables for recreational fishers,
- More rental accommodation,
- Car-free Rimu Street,
- DOC centre,
- Adult education,
- Give dogs more access to beaches,
- Do up the sports club,
- Wheelie bins with lids for green waste,
- Ambulance,
- Viewing platform on Mt Lowry,
- Vet practice,
- Mountain biking track (needed desperately!),
- Better defined pedestrian crossing at Lowry Bay,
- Speed bumps opposite sports field Muritai Road,
- Shelter between Four Square grocery shop and library,
- CCTV cameras in Days Bay.



IMPORTANT

Eastbourne and Bays Survey

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey so the Eastbourne Community Board can better represent the views of our community.

Please return by the end of June.

When you're done; please return FREE POST. Alternatively; drop the questionnaire in the 'Eastbourne and Bays Survey Box' in the Eastbourne **Library; Muritai School Office;** at the **Pavilion** or online at www.eastbourneherald.co.nz

1 What are the most important issues facing Eastbourne and the Bays?

(Rank the **three** most important issues – 1 = most important; 2 = 2nd most important; 3 = 3rd most important)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquor ban on beaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety in your community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change and extreme weather events | <input type="checkbox"/> Development and planning issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of Eastern Bays walk/cycle way | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean seas for swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speed limit reduction around Bays | <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle use on Pencarrow Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration of the dunes | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage being valued |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creation of safe skateboard park | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in rates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds in our forest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastbourne growing as an 'artistic hub' | <input type="checkbox"/> Preserving our street trees |

Other issues / comments:

2 Earthquake preparedness (being ready and connected)

Do you have an emergency kit ready?

- Yes
 No

If yes; do you have?

- Food for your family for at least three days?
- 9L of water per person in your household?
- Adequate medical kit?
- Torch/es and batteries?
- Care for your children if you are out of Eastbourne
- A planned route to safety in the event of a tsunami?

Do you have neighbours you could rely on in an emergency?

- Yes
 No

3 What do want Eastbourne to be like in 20 years time?

Are there any development or planning issues that concern you in Eastbourne and the Bays?

- Yes If yes; list them in order of importance:
- No 1 _____
- 2 _____

What is **one** thing that you would love to see in the Eastbourne/Bays area that is not currently present?

4 Bush Walking Tracks

Do you support a second walking track near the current Muritai Track?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you had additional money for our Regional Park; what would you spend it on? (choose only two)

- Predator control
- Weeds
- Improving our current walking tracks
- Building new easier walking tracks

5 Shared Walking and Cycle Way

In your experience; how safe is the Eastern Bays walking and cycle way?

- Very safe
- Mostly safe
- Unsafe
- Very unsafe

How often do you use the Eastern Bays walking and cycle way?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Never

Does the current standard of the walking and cycle way deter you from using it?

- Yes
- No

6 How safe do you feel?

Are there any places where you ever feel unsafe in Eastbourne and the Bays?

- Yes
- No

If yes; where and when?

Have you been a victim of crime in Eastbourne or the Bays in the last 5 years?

- Yes
- No

If yes; where and when?

7 About you

Age/s:

Gender/s:

Years in Eastbourne:

- 1 – 5 years
- 5 – 10 years
- 10 or more years.

Where do you live?

- Point Howard
- Lowry Bay
- Mahina Bay
- Sunshine Bay
- Days Bay
- Eastbourne and beyond

Would you like to be added to the Eastbourne Community Board **email list** to keep up with current local issues?