

Mackellar Matters

REPORT



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Introduction

Democracy is precious and should not be taken for granted. Australia is fortunate to be a democratic country where eligible people vote for the candidate or perhaps a political party who they think will best carry out the business of governing on their behalf. A strong and vibrant democracy also relies on its citizens being engaged beyond just voting at elections. Engaged citizens are active in their communities using their voices in a variety of ways to help bring about change that improves their community and society more broadly.

There are many possible reasons why people and communities may feel disengaged and disenfranchised. The current Australian political landscape is dominated by two major political parties whose active membership has been in steep decline for many years with an increasing number of minor parties appearing on the political stage. All parties constantly work to increase their power and influence. The influence of and lack of transparency around corporate donors and professional lobbyists is significant and makes people question in whose interests are the decisions being made.



How do you have your voice heard? It can be challenging, even daunting to engage directly with your local Member of Parliament. Getting a response to an email or securing a meeting can take time, energy and persistence.

Members of Parliament are there to represent their community in the Parliament. If there is little input from the community in the political processes, genuine community representation is questionable at best and completely lacking at worst.

Communities need to develop their own ways of engaging with their elected representatives so that their values and interests are better reflected in the decisions they make whilst representing their community. No other group or party or individual will necessarily do this for a community, so if such a forum is to exist it must be created by a non-partisan grassroots movement working first and foremost in the interests of the community.

Voices of Mackellar grew out of this objective. The Kitchen Table Conversation process that has been undertaken aims to provide the foundations for a new community forum for residents' values and voices to be heard and recorded. The collation of these Conversations are documented in this Report and completes the first new stage of the journey towards greater citizen engagement and better community representation in Mackellar.

A photograph of three women sitting at a wooden table, smiling and laughing. The image is overlaid with a solid blue color. A white-bordered box with a small triangle at the top center contains a quote in white text. The woman on the left is wearing glasses and a light-colored top with embroidery. The woman in the middle is laughing with her eyes closed. The woman on the right is partially visible, also smiling. On the table, there is a smartphone, a patterned mug, a glass, and a plate with a fork and spoon.

“Never doubt that
a small group of
thoughtful committed
citizens can change the
world; indeed, it’s the
only thing that ever has.”

MARGARET MEAD, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST

Who We Are...

Voices of Mackellar was incorporated as an Association in NSW in September 2020 by a small group of residents who believe each of us can play a constructive role in how our voice can be heard and we as a community are represented.

The founding committee members of Voices of Mackellar were initially inspired by how the **Voices for Indi** and the **Voices of Warringah** led to increased citizen engagement in the democratic and political processes in these federal electorates.

Voices of Mackellar was launched with the goal of achieving a similar increase in engagement in the Mackellar electorate on the northern beaches of Sydney.

The federal electoral division of Mackellar covers an area from Palm Beach in the north to Dee Why and Forestville in the south and across the west to Duffys Forest and also includes the offshore communities around Pittwater. There are approximately 110,000 people on the electoral roll in Mackellar.

Each electorate in Australia has its own environment, geography and socio-economic demographics that make it unique. Whilst Voices of Mackellar has drawn on the experiences of other 'Voices' groups it has always been important for the Voices of Mackellar committee to develop their own way of engagement with and for the Mackellar community.

Voices of Mackellar prides itself on being a non-partisan community group, not affiliated with any other political, religious or commercial organisation and welcomes the participation of all people of Mackellar. Voices of Mackellar committee members are all volunteers with funding entirely provided by donations from members of the Mackellar community.

VOICES OF MACKELLAR COMMITTEE

Leonie Scarlett - President

Rebecca Clarke - Secretary

Maree Nutt OAM - Treasurer

Adam Hodgson - Data & Research

Patti Burton - Young Voices
& Social Media



Our Values

Inclusivity Respect Integrity

The guiding values of
Voices of Mackellar emphasise
inclusivity, respect and integrity.

We welcome and encourage participation by all people of Mackellar, irrespective of political allegiance, age or gender and provide safe supportive processes to ensure a diversity of opinions are listened to, respected and heard.

We **ENCOURAGE** collaborative, respectful discussion.

We **EMPOWER** people to speak up for what they believe in and acknowledge the courage it takes to do so.

We **RESPECT** the privacy of our participants.

We **ACT WITH INTEGRITY** and ensure that our behavior is ethical, accountable, transparent, honest and respectful.



What we've been doing so far ...

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS

Kitchen Table Conversations (KTCs) lie at the heart of the 'Voices' model. These are small group hosted discussions where a consistent set of questions are asked with the responses recorded anonymously. The conversations are held in a safe and respectful environment where people can have their voice heard. They are not forums for discussion or debate.

The focus of Voices of Mackellar to date has been to create a community of people who are interested in developing a local model of participatory democracy starting with the Kitchen Table Conversations.

Notwithstanding COVID-19 restrictions, between November 2020 and June 2021 Voices of Mackellar held 68 Kitchen Table Conversations with 380 people participating from all 15 postcodes in the electorate. We also received 50 responses to the same questions asked in an online survey during May 2021. The combined data from these responses form the basis of the results in the second section of this Report.

To date we have distributed over 20,000 flyers to households around the electorate increasing awareness of Voices of Mackellar and inviting people to participate in Kitchen Table Conversations.



MEETING OUR REPRESENTATIVES

We have recently had constructive introductory meetings with Michael Regan, Mayor of Northern Beaches Council; Rob Stokes, the State Member for Pittwater and Jason Falinski, the Federal Member for Mackellar. All expressed their willingness to participate in community forums and/or panel discussions hosted by Voices of Mackellar.



DEMOCRACY DRINKS WITH TIM DUNLOP

In April 2021 we held our first event attended by over 70 people who came together to hear from Tim Dunlop, Doctor of Political Philosophy and author of *The Future of Everything*.

Tim outlined why in his view, Australians need to rethink the role of political parties and the way we vote if we want government to better reflect community values.

He also said there is increasing interest in the idea of citizen assemblies, where a body is formed from citizens to deliberate on an issue or issues of local, national or international importance.

Dunlop said “Parties aren’t mentioned in any constitution of a major democracy ... They have some good points, for example, unity, but the risk they run is that they bring an inertia, a stasis to politics. They can make it hard to get things done Change always comes from the margins; the centre of power will resist change. Change also tends to happen very slowly and then suddenly it is upon you. So, understand that you are starting the debate even if it does not feel like it. Connect, build networks, and use all the tools at your disposal.”

YOUNG VOICES OF MACKELLAR

There are many challenges specific to the younger generation who are often missing from political debate. We have recently launched Young Voices of Mackellar and are encouraging our younger community members to participate in the political process and have their voices heard on matters that are important to them and will affect their future.



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The Mackellar Matters Report

In Summary...

Over a 6 month period (November 2020 to May 2021) the Voices Of Mackellar team listened to and recorded the opinions of over 430 Mackellar residents on a range of subjects, including their experiences of living in Mackellar, their hopes and concerns for the future of life in Mackellar, and their thoughts on their political representation.

Using the Kitchen Table (KTC) format developed by the Victorian Women's Trust and used by other 'Voices' groups, gatherings of between 3 to 10 residents met for up to 2 hours to talk through a pre-determined series of questions, with a further 10% answering the questions via an online questionnaire in May 2021.

Please note that in this report we speak of "responses" being opinions of participants in our Kitchen Table Conversations rather than number of respondents.

Our Kitchen Table Conversations have demonstrated that the Mackellar community is a strong community built upon a network of family, friends, schools, sporting and social clubs.



*Our local environment
is a treasure.*

Along with community, residents are also concerned about the impact of a growing population on their highly valued and beautiful local environment, which is seen to be a wonderful asset that needs protection.

*There's a sense of belonging,
you are part of something and
you matter to other people and
they matter to you.*

Residents often speak of the “villages of the Northern Beaches” and the beautiful environment in which they live but worry about losing the sense of community they so highly value. They fear rapid change is affecting their quality of life. These are the growing pressures brought about by an increasing population and subsequent development.

What is the future for my child when nothing is taken seriously with the climate? You try not to get catastrophic but it's difficult.

If you don't have a climate policy, you don't have an effective economic policy.

At the national level, residents felt strongly that not enough is being done to mitigate the effects of climate change.

There is an absolute epidemic of anxiety and depression amongst the kids.

(local high school teacher)

Fears were also expressed that existing health and education services on the Northern Beaches are being eroded, with specific concerns about the need for more mental health support.

We need a parliament far more representative of the community rather than just political staffers and lawyers.

It is also significant that, as in the rest of Australia, Mackellar residents expressed a lack of confidence in the federal political process and a level of discontent with their representation.

Hard to reconcile the growth and the growth and the growth without losing the beauty and character.

Development is a big issue, preventing over development, making sure development is respectful of the local environment. I'm concerned that with a bigger council (since the amalgamation) there may be global solutions applied that don't actually protect the particular environment in my neighborhood.

There is a feeling that Australia is becoming a less egalitarian society with many participants mentioning what they see as an economic divide appearing in our country. Gender equality and indigenous equality were also frequently mentioned. An example of growing inequality is, unsurprisingly, housing affordability which is seen as a major issue in Mackellar.

Young families are getting priced out of this area. The young people are squeezed out and it is difficult for younger people to economically make a go of it in this area. Our demographic is getting older.

In short Mackellar residents highly value their environment and community, are concerned about the pressures of development and climate on both, and increasingly doubt the political process can deliver solutions to these challenges at either the local or national levels.

Please see the Appendix for more detailed representations of findings.

In More Detail...

What we appreciate about living in Mackellar

In answer to the question: *‘What do you value about living in Mackellar?’* it was clear residents had a high appreciation of the environment and community in which they live. Almost a third of responses mentioned the beautiful Northern Beaches environment, specifically the beaches, national parks, lagoons and wetlands, tree canopies and parks.

Lucky to live here!

Proximity of friends and family is also seen to be important, together with the existence of a large number of community sporting, social and council funded support groups and services.

Nature, beaches, villages, laid back feel of the place. Not uptight, very relaxed and friendly.

The community, people and ocean. The community is truly special - people are so friendly and supportive; people care about the place.

After the environment, almost half of the responses highlighted an appreciation of the strong and safe communities which exist in what is described as “the villages of Mackellar”, as well as a love of the area’s relaxed beach lifestyle.

I live here to get away from the hustle of Sydney but close enough to enjoy it.

Schools, sporting and other clubs are the backbone of a strong community.

The electorate’s wide choice of shops, restaurants and other venues is also seen to be important together with the “walkable” nature of Mackellar’s many “villages”. Additionally, the work and social benefits of being close to the centre of Sydney are valued.

What makes for a strong community?

When asked what makes for a strong community, local community strength was mentioned frequently in our Kitchen Table Conversations. We wanted to find out a little more about the elements that Mackellar residents saw as being the essential foundations of a strong community.

Groups of people working towards common goals that they care about and thinking about the future, working to make it better and fairer society.

The most often mentioned factor was the presence of family and friends, and critically what was so often described as shared values with a cross community “trust and respect” value system.

“The people” obviously make the community. A sense of pride and compassion is really important which comes from a sense of community. A strong community is a place where people “think” and “care”.

The presence of a wide selection of community organisations, spanning the arts, sports and social activities, were unsurprisingly considered essential for a strong community, together with our clean, well maintained, walkable and safe village structure. Pre-schools, schools and our health and social services network were also seen as important pillars of the community.

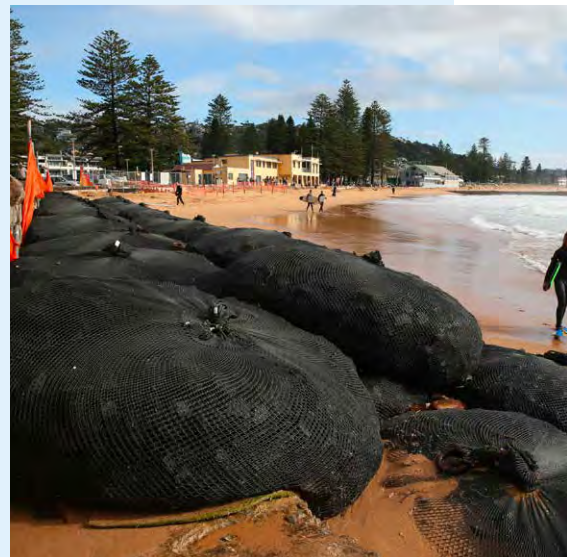


The top concerns of participants

Attendees of our Kitchen Table Conversations (KTCs) were asked to outline their issues and concerns both at the local and national level. They were then asked to prioritise their top 5.

TOP 20 ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- 1 Stronger action on climate change
- 2 Threats to the local environment
- 3 Need to control power of lobbyists/donors
- 4 More political accountability/Federal ICAC
- 5 Growing inequality in society
- 6 Indigenous inequality
- 7 Invest in public education
- 8 Need for long term economic planning
- 9 More diverse media/Independent ABC
- 10 Growing housing unaffordability
- 11 Better treatment for refugees
- 12 Improve mental health support
- 13 Tax reform
- 14 Aged Care
- 15 Foreign investment
- 16 Public health investment
- 17 Employment opportunities/Manufacturing jobs
- 18 Women's inequality
- 19 Intergenerational inequality
- 20 China





*Climate change
is my number
one issue.*

NEED FOR STRONGER ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Regardless of age and gender, environmental issues were of greatest concern. The number one issue for many participants was a perceived lack of action by the federal government on climate change. Strongly supported was the need for more renewable energy and electric vehicles to replace the use of fossil fuels in our economy, better waste management, reduction in the use of plastics and a call for a science and evidence-based approach to policy making.



Stop the whole coal thing.

We could be a powerhouse for renewables.....there should be more investment in a transition to renewables ... and base climate policies on science. Defer to experts and science as happened with COVID.

I have 2 grand-daughters and I am concerned for their future.

THREATS TO THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

*The degradation of the
environment is something
we cannot allow to happen.*

There was a perception that our local environment is under threat. A plethora of issues were raised, but the most often mentioned was the rapid development in Mackellar, driven by the growth in population. Many people were concerned about:

- The level of inappropriate housing and apartment development;
- Increased traffic congestion, parking, road building; and
- The concomitant degradation of the local environment.

Examples given were tree clearance, waste and water management and wildlife protection, with the need for sustainability being frequently mentioned. There is no doubt that for many residents there is a sense of frustration about the perceived degradation of the Mackellar environment brought about by forces which they feel are beyond their control.

*My concern is preserving the
environment in Mackellar,
having some kind of housing
solution and protecting the
natural areas.*

*You can't park anywhere
already. Why would we
increase cars? We would need
to put multiple story car parks
everywhere. It's absurd!*

Entire blocks are destroyed...

NEED FOR POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Political accountability was a top issue. Participants strongly called for changes to the current political system including,

- Better control and transparency around lobbyists and donors, and
- A Federal ICAC “with teeth”.

On this issue Mackellar is no different from the rest of Australia (see **2019 Australian Election Study, ANU**).

Political donations need to be outlawed as they corrupt the system.... political accountability is falling away.

How do we deal with donors who do not have the intent of the citizens as their focus?

Political parties are too corruptible as there's undue influence of donors and the fossil fuel industry and the interchange/revolving door of politicians, lobbyists and industry heads leads to cronyism.

We need economic reform to control growing inequality.

GROWING INEQUALITY IN OUR SOCIETY

In our conversations many participants expressed a belief that inequality persists in our society and in some areas is growing.

How will our children be able to afford to buy a house here?

Hidden homelessness. Older women are sleeping on friends' sofas. There needs to be more support for mental health in the community. No vision for how to make a fairer society.

- Growing housing unaffordability and a problem of homelessness in Mackellar was seen as a key issue.

The 'statusbro' still dominates our political landscape and women are still discriminated against in this country.

- Gender equality was also raised frequently as an issue.

There needs to be Constitutional recognition of our First Peoples' Rights.

The poor treatment of indigenous peoplethere is still an embarrassing gap in health outcomes, life expectancy etc.

- There was strong support for government to more seriously deal with indigenous issues such as: constitutional recognition, the Uluru Statement and socio-economic inequality.
- Participants also wanted to see better treatment of refugees.

I deplore the inhumane treatment of refugees.

Immigration levels without infrastructure, we need a plan.

There should be a just transition away from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy and that needs to start now.... we need a whole of country plan.

We are vulnerable to China as we have no manufacturing base here in Australia anymore.

Very concerned about foreign ownership of Australian land and assets - especially in the food producing regions.

KEY SOCIAL CONCERNS

The key social concerns of the Mackellar community can be summarized as follows:

- People wanted better funding for higher education, specifically for university and TAFE.

University funding is inadequate and too reliant on overseas finances.

University should be free of charge. Education debt (HECS) is not a good outcome.

We have hollowed out skilled industries. TAFE has been replaced by useless training providers. People have been pushed to uni even though it doesn't suit them.

- Aged care was also a topic frequently mentioned that needs attention.

LONG-TERM PLANNING

Participants were concerned about the absence of government vision and the lack of long-term planning in areas such as

- Population growth and immigration rates,
- Transitioning the economy,
- Local manufacturing and
- Foreign investment



My main concern is around youth mental health and suicide. Mental health support is sorely lacking....

Youth suicide is a really big concern as well as high rates of suicide among middle aged men.

- Mental health was mentioned many times in our Kitchen Table Conversations with more needing to be done in terms of suicide prevention for both adults and youth.

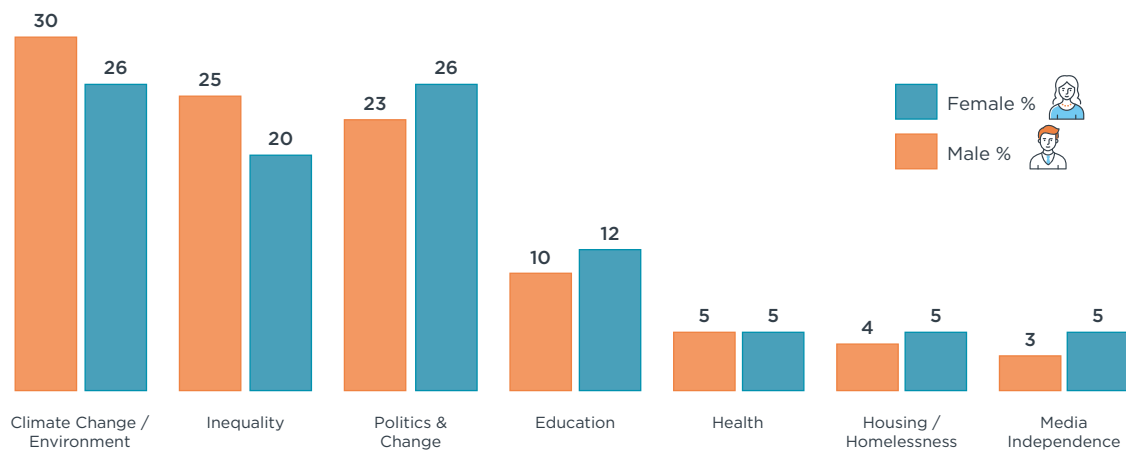
Aged care services are diabolical to negotiate.

Aged Care is too reliant on the private sector.

YOUNG VOICES

We were interested in the opinions of the younger age group (aged 18-25) who participated in our Kitchen Table Conversations and completed our online questionnaire. The graph (below) shows that climate change concerns are in first place, followed by women's rights and social equality. Then came political issues, including a belief the political process needed to change and public debate to improve. Unsurprisingly education, in fourth place, was linked to recent changes in university funding and fee structures.

TOP ISSUES WITH YOUNGER RESIDENTS (18-25)



How are we going to respond to all the coming natural disasters associated with climate change?

Increasing loss of democracy, lack of integrity and reduced accountability. Feeling of impotence and frustration and the feeling of being unable to change things.

Cost of tertiary education is too high and is steering me away from studying.

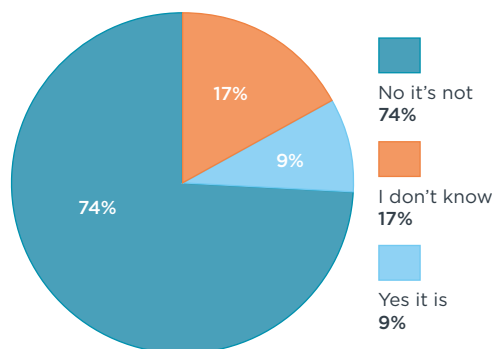
Stop the superstar status of the sports people and bankers and give it to the teachers, nurses and scientists.

Political Representation

Do you have an adequate voice in the way you are represented?

A considerable majority of participants felt they were not being listened to by their political representatives.

IS MY VOICE HEARD BY OUR POLITICIANS (%)



Base - 431 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

I don't feel listened to or represented.

Seems like an insurmountable effort to be heard..... and they are not listening anyway. My interactions whether letters or emails only received automated responses. There's no accountability.

I think certain people in the community do get listened to, like the rich and the powerful and whoever the politicians are personally networked with. They listen to people with influence but not normal people. I don't think we are heard or even considered in their decision making.

Strong ethics and morals. Humility.... Listening and taking real action. Evidence based decision making.

Courageous - someone who has the courage and tenacity to fight for what they believe, not just a career politician.

Independence of spirit so they don't just follow the party line.... Someone who listens to their electorate and will fight for what's important to those people .

QUALITIES OF A REALLY GOOD POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE

We asked our participants what they considered were the important qualities of a really good political representative.

Their suggestions included:

- Honesty and integrity,
- Willingness to represent the community rather than a party
- An ability to listen,
- Be visible and accessible, and
- Not be a career politician

FORMING BETTER, STRONGER RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES

We asked participants how to achieve stronger relationships with their political representatives.

Suggestions included:

- The holding of more open forums.

It is worth noting that the emphasis here is on the word “open” meaning that such forums should not simply be the representative speaking to the forum, but rather should be a frank and honest debate.

- Improving communication between the representatives and the community, using technology when possible,
- Fewer gatekeepers, and
- Better civic education on the political process.

Regular meetings for us to voice our ideas and have them explain what's happening.

They should utilise current tech in a way that grants better access for all age groups.

Need to make it easy for people to engage with representatives & the onus should be on the rep to engage with their constituents.

I'd like them to explain what they voted on and why.

More groups like Voices and more KTCs.



03

What's next for Voices of Mackellar

Overall, we found that people in Mackellar had many positive feelings about living here but also had some significant concerns in areas where they would like to see change. There was substantial concern about our political representation and a perception that there is huge scope to do better.

We will continue to encourage engagement in the political process by all in the Mackellar electorate by growing community participation with Voices and Young Voices of Mackellar.

The findings in this Report will form the basis for ongoing discussions between the community and our elected representatives, plus any potential electoral candidates.

In the coming months we look forward to hosting panel discussions and community forums on the major issues identified in this report, and demonstrably that are of concern to the people in Mackellar. We will invite our representatives to participate in these discussions so the community can get to know them better, have a better understanding of particular issues as well as relevant policy positions and have their say in the way they are represented.

We will host more Kitchen Table Conversations using the knowledge and experience gained to refine our methodology and, depending on election timing, we aim to update this Report and, also include in more detail the concerns of our Young Voices.

The next federal election is likely to be held between August 2021 and May 2022. Voices of Mackellar intends to host candidate forum/s in order to provide people with an opportunity to learn about the policies, perspectives and proposals of all the candidates. We will encourage all eligible voters to attend, support and ultimately, vote for the candidate who best reflects their values.

By developing new community forums, we believe that we are creating a way for our values and voices to be heard, not just at election time but through ongoing engagement with the political representatives of Mackellar and our community on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

Will you
join us on
our journey?

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Appendix

a) KTC QUESTIONS

Mackellar Community

- i. What do you value about living here?
- ii. What do you think makes for a strong community?

Issues & Concerns

- iii. Do you have any local or state issues that concern you?
- iv. Do you have any national issues that concern you?
- v. Do you have any ideas about what could be done about these?

Political Representation

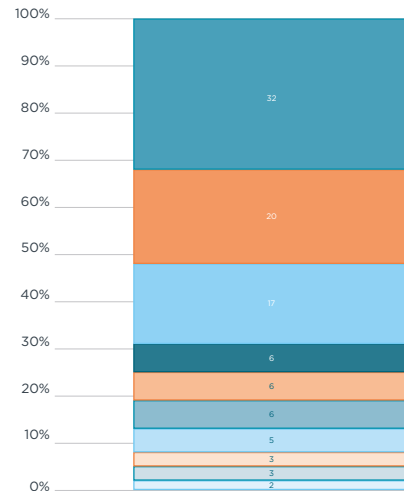
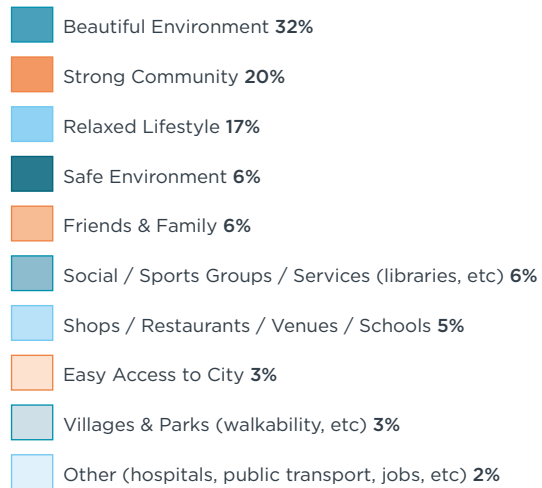
- vi. What do you think are the qualities of a really, good political representative?
- vii. Do you feel you have an adequate voice in the way you are represented? Why/Why not?
- viii. What do you think would make for a stronger relationship between people and their elected representatives?

Top 5 Issues

- ix. What are the three issues that concern you most?
- x. Finally, if you like you can add two more ..

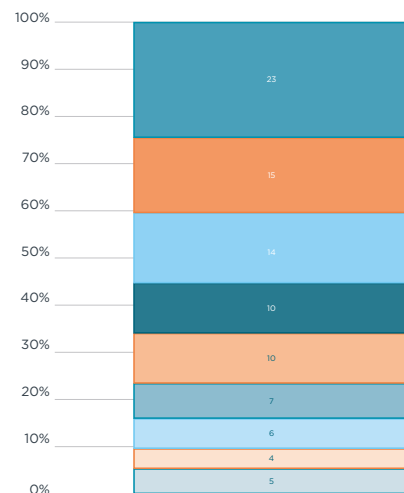
b) CHARTS & DATA

WHAT WE APPRECIATE ABOUT LIVING IN MACKELLAR (%)



Base - 1029 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

WHAT MAKES A STRONG COMMUNITY IN MACKELLAR (%)



Base - 741 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

FEMALE & MALE PRIORITIES



Female Priorities

Climate Change Action
Political Accountability
Environment
Education
Indigenous Equality
Housing Affordability
Media / Social Media Control
Renewables
Aged Care
Long Term Economic Planning
Social Equality
Refugees
Womens Equality
China & Foreign Investment
Mental Health



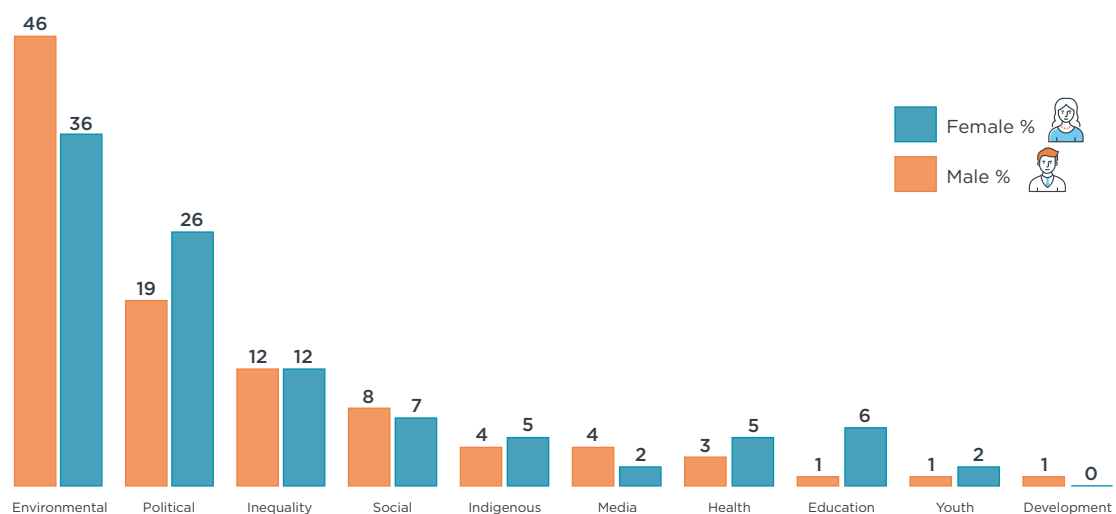
Male Priorities

Climate Change Action
Political Accountability
Environment
Education
Long Term Economic Planning
Renewables
China & Foreign Investment
Housing Affordability
More Independent Media / Support ABC Funding
Womens Equality
Social Equality
TAX Reform
Work & Jobs
Immigration
Indigenous Equality

Base - 3006 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

TOP ISSUES WITH MALE & FEMALE RESIDENTS

Weighted by importance



Base - 1813 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

YOUNGER & OLDER PRIORITIES



Under 45 Priorities

Climate Change Action
Renewables
Political Accountability
Housing Affordability
Environment
Media / Social Media Control
Social Equality
Womens Equality
Long Term Economic Planning
Mental Health
Domestic Violence
Education
Refugees
Tax Reform
Universities

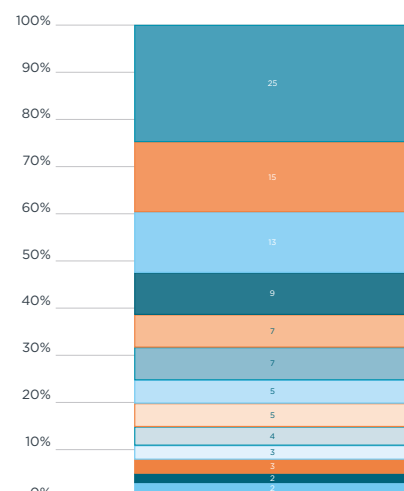


Over 45 Priorities

Climate Change Action
Political Accountability
Renewables
Environment
Long Term Economic Planning
Indigenous Equality
More Diverse Media
/ Independent ABC
Aged Care
Social Equality
Womens Equality
Housing Affordability
Work & Jobs
Refugees
China
Education

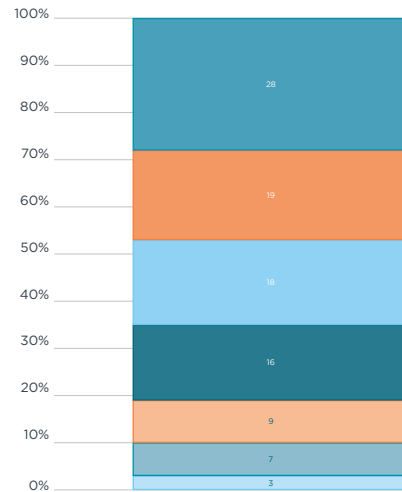
Base - 3006 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

WHAT MAKES A GREAT POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE (%)



Base - 733 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

HOW TO ACHIEVE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR POLITICIAN REPRESENTATIVES (%)



Base - 467 responses from 431 Mackellar residents aged 18+

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Acknowledgments

The strength of any community group comes from the size and willingness of its network to participate and to contribute and we have had great support from our community and beyond during our first year. Without which we would not have come so far in such a short time.

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The 430 people who participated either in person or online and shared their thoughts with us;

The many people who pounded the pavements distributing our flyers;

All those who have supported us with their generous donations; and,

Last but not least, we would like to thank our families who have supported our absences while we've been busy working to improve community consultation and representation in Mackellar.

