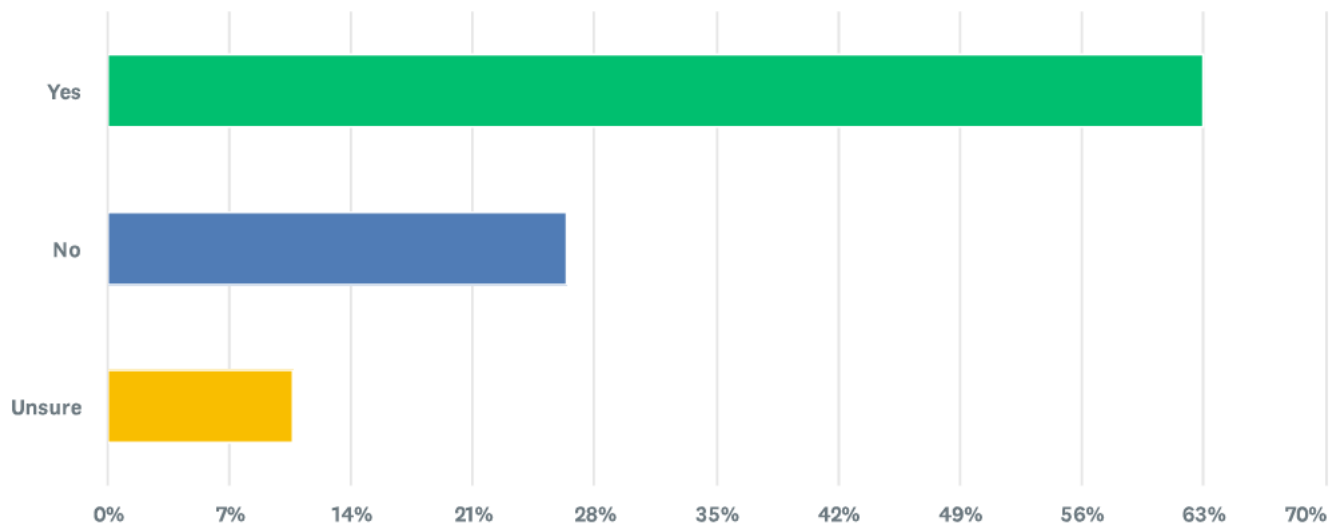


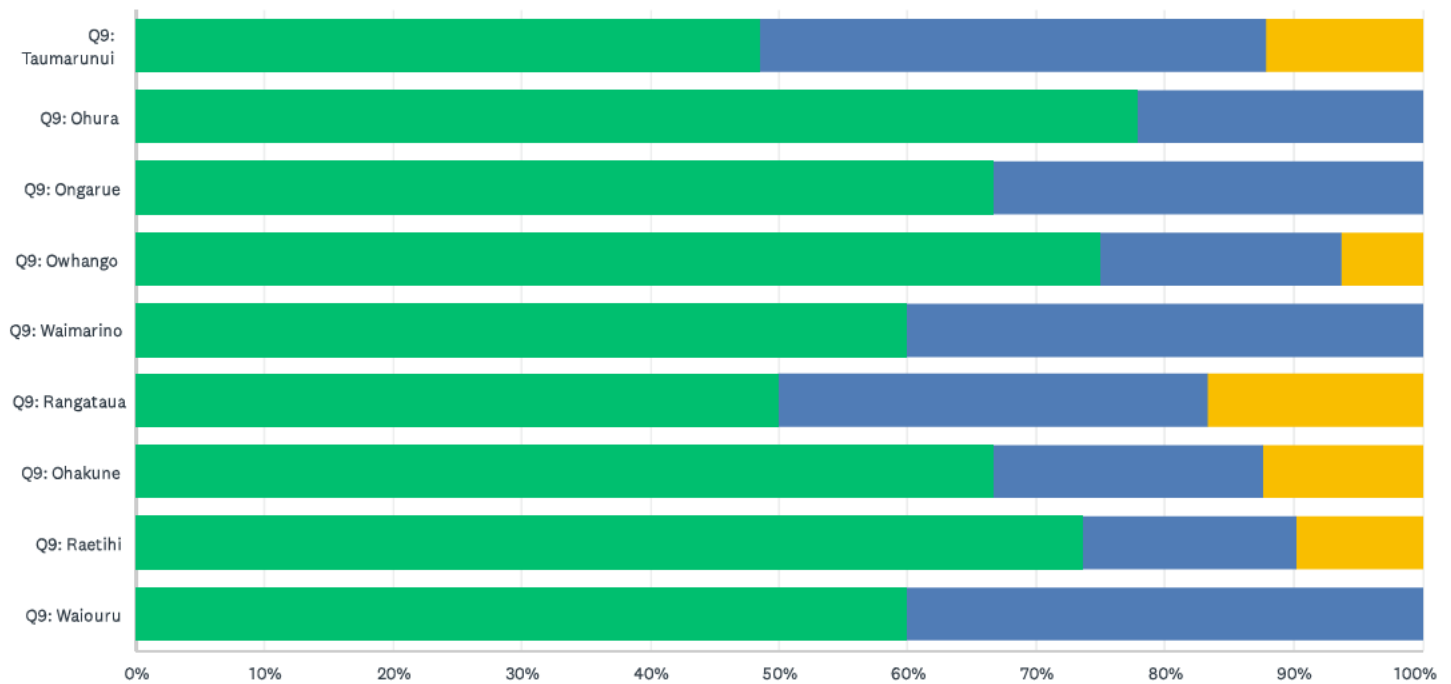
Q1 330 responses

Should Council have a role in supporting community and business development?

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	63.03%	208
No	26.36%	87
Unsure	10.61%	35
Total		330

Q1 Should Council have a role in supporting community and business development?

Answered: 296 Skipped: 7

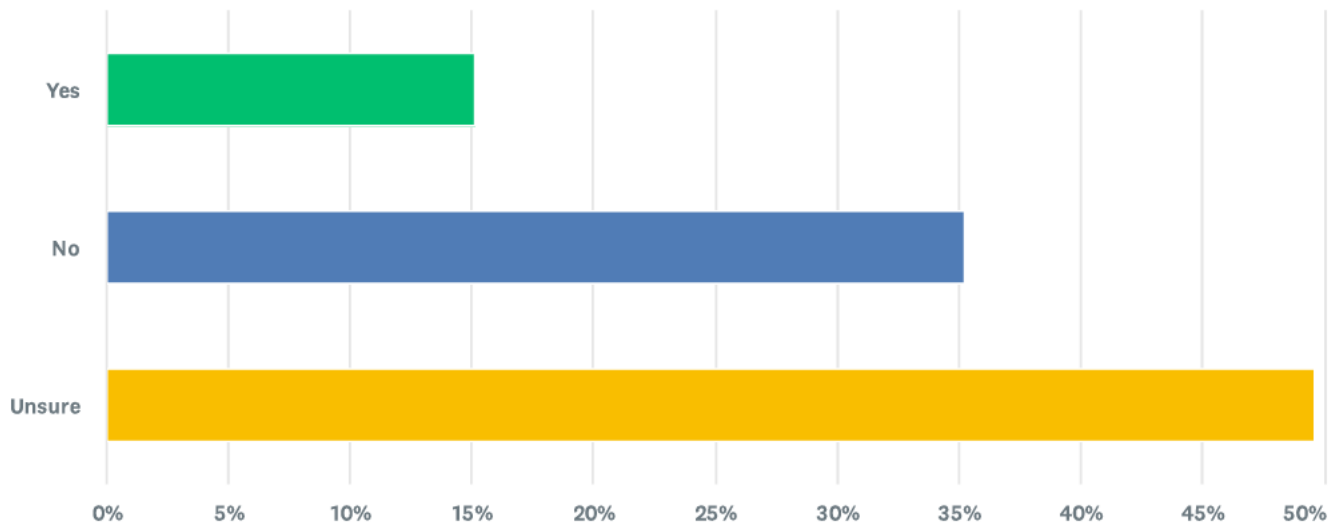


Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	48.48% 48	39.39% 39	12.12% 12	33.45% 99
Q9: Ohura	77.78% 7	22.22% 2	0.00% 0	3.04% 9
Q9: Ongerue	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	1.01% 3
Q9: Owahango	75.00% 12	18.75% 3	6.25% 1	5.41% 16
Q9: Waimarino	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.69% 5
Q9: Rangataua	50.00% 3	33.33% 2	16.67% 1	2.03% 6
Q9: Ohakune	66.67% 54	20.99% 17	12.35% 10	27.36% 81
Q9: Raetihi	73.61% 53	16.67% 12	9.72% 7	24.32% 72
Q9: Waiouru	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.69% 5
Total Respondents	185	80	31	296

Q2 278 responses

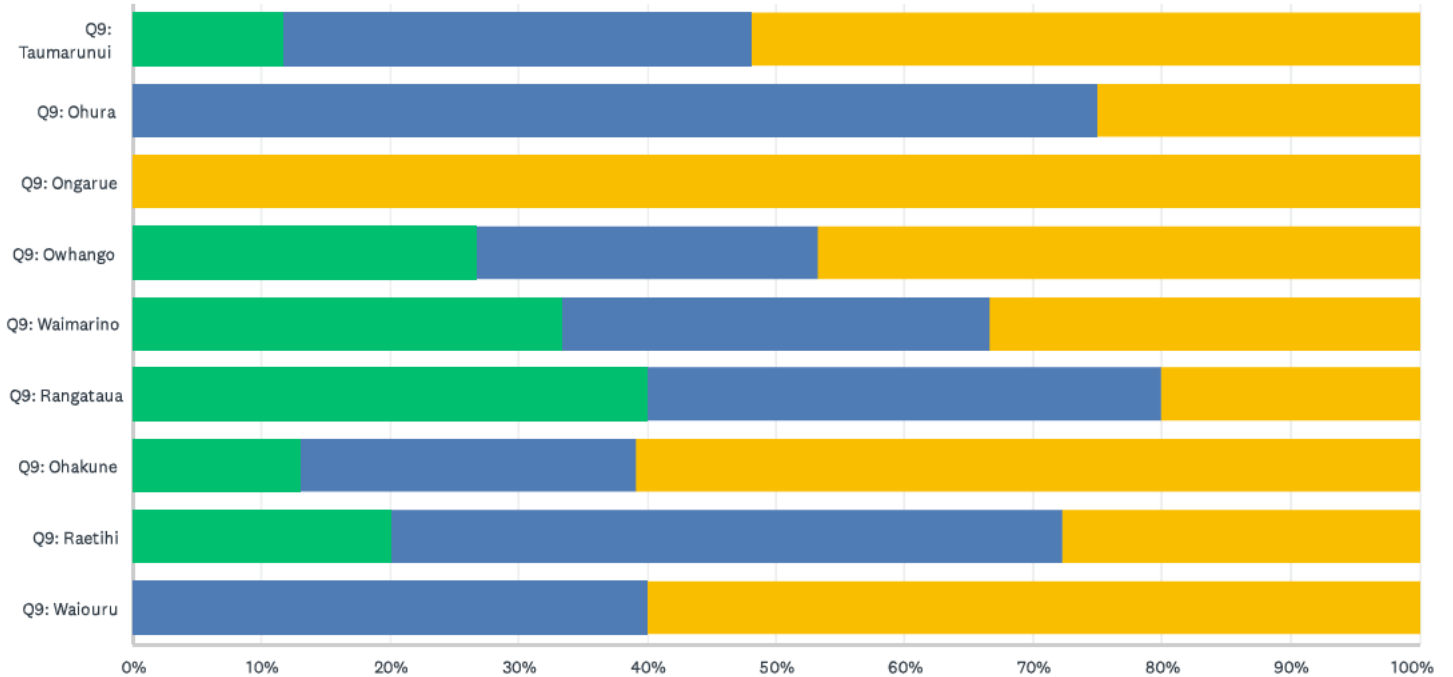
If YES do you think Council is providing the right level of community and business development services?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes Yes	15.11%	42
No No	35.25%	98
Unsure Unsure	49.64%	138
Total		278

Q2 If YES do you think Council is providing the right level of community and business development services?

Answered: 250 Skipped: 53

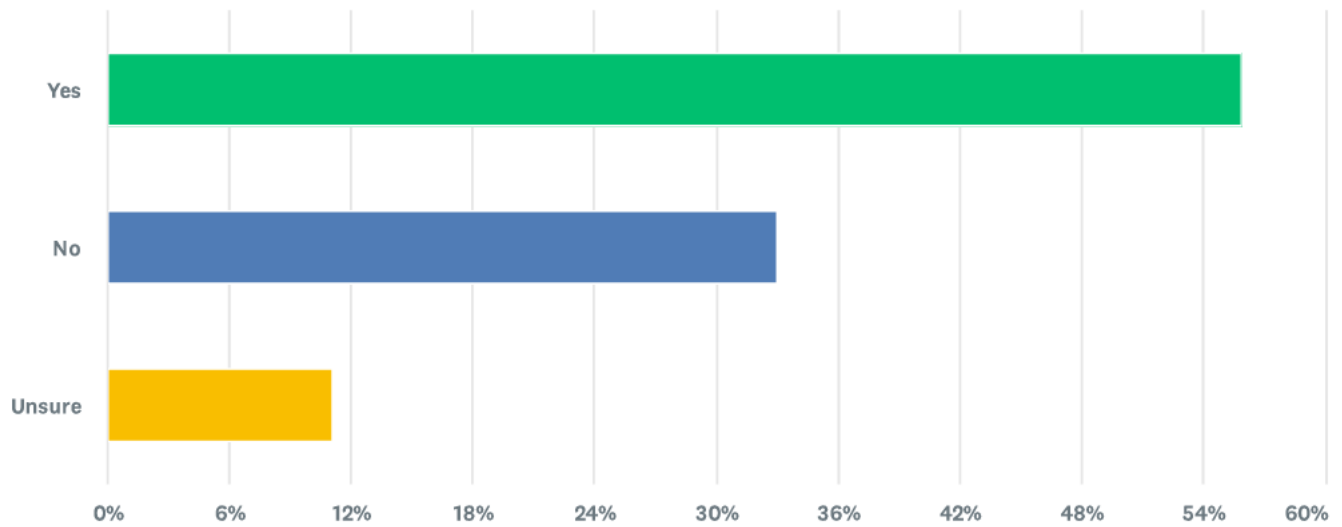


Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	11.69% 9	36.36% 28	51.95% 40	30.80% 77
Q9: Ohura	0.00% 0	75.00% 6	25.00% 2	3.20% 8
Q9: Ongarue	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 3	1.20% 3
Q9: Owhango	26.67% 4	26.67% 4	46.67% 7	6.00% 15
Q9: Waimarino	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	1.20% 3
Q9: Rangataua	40.00% 2	40.00% 2	20.00% 1	2.00% 5
Q9: Ohakune	13.04% 9	26.09% 18	60.87% 42	27.60% 69
Q9: Raetihi	20.00% 13	52.31% 34	27.69% 18	26.00% 65
Q9: Waiouru	0.00% 0	40.00% 2	60.00% 3	2.00% 5
Total Respondents	38	95	117	250

Q3 333 responses

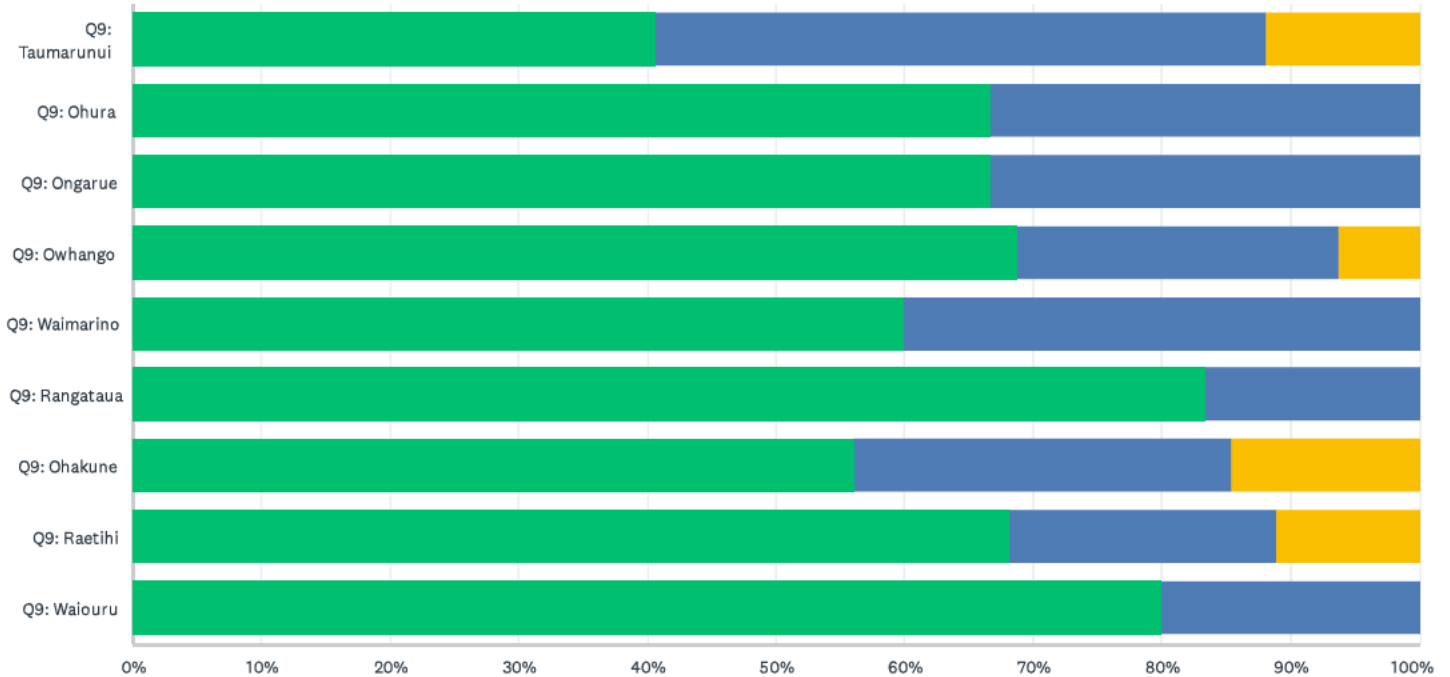
Should Council continue to administer externally funded community grant programmes, such as Creative Communities and Sport NZ funding?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	55.86%	186
● No	33.03%	110
● Unsure	11.11%	37
Total		333

Q3 Should Council continue to administer externally funded community grant programmes, such as Creative Communities and Sport NZ funding?

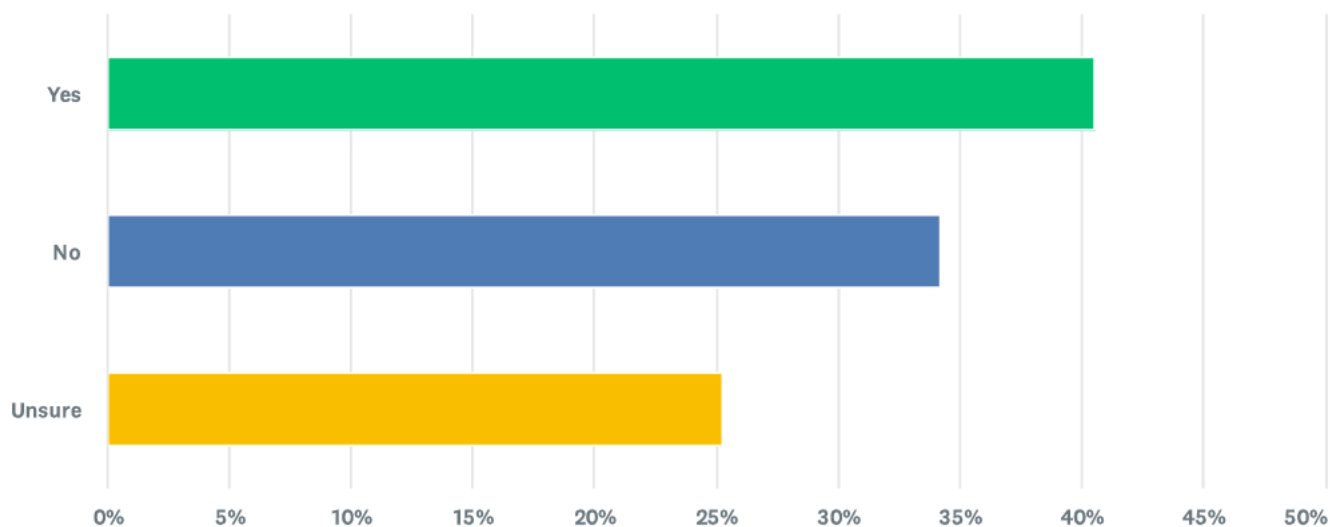
Answered: 299 Skipped: 4



Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	40.59% 41	47.52% 48	11.88% 12	33.78% 101
Q9: Ohura	66.67% 6	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	3.01% 9
Q9: Otago	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	1.00% 3
Q9: Otago	68.75% 11	25.00% 4	6.25% 1	5.35% 16
Q9: Waimarino	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.67% 5
Q9: Rangataua	83.33% 5	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	2.01% 6
Q9: Ohakune	56.10% 46	29.27% 24	14.63% 12	27.42% 82
Q9: Raetihi	68.06% 49	20.83% 15	11.11% 8	24.08% 72
Q9: Waikouaiti	80.00% 4	20.00% 1	0.00% 0	1.67% 5
Total Respondents	167	99	33	299

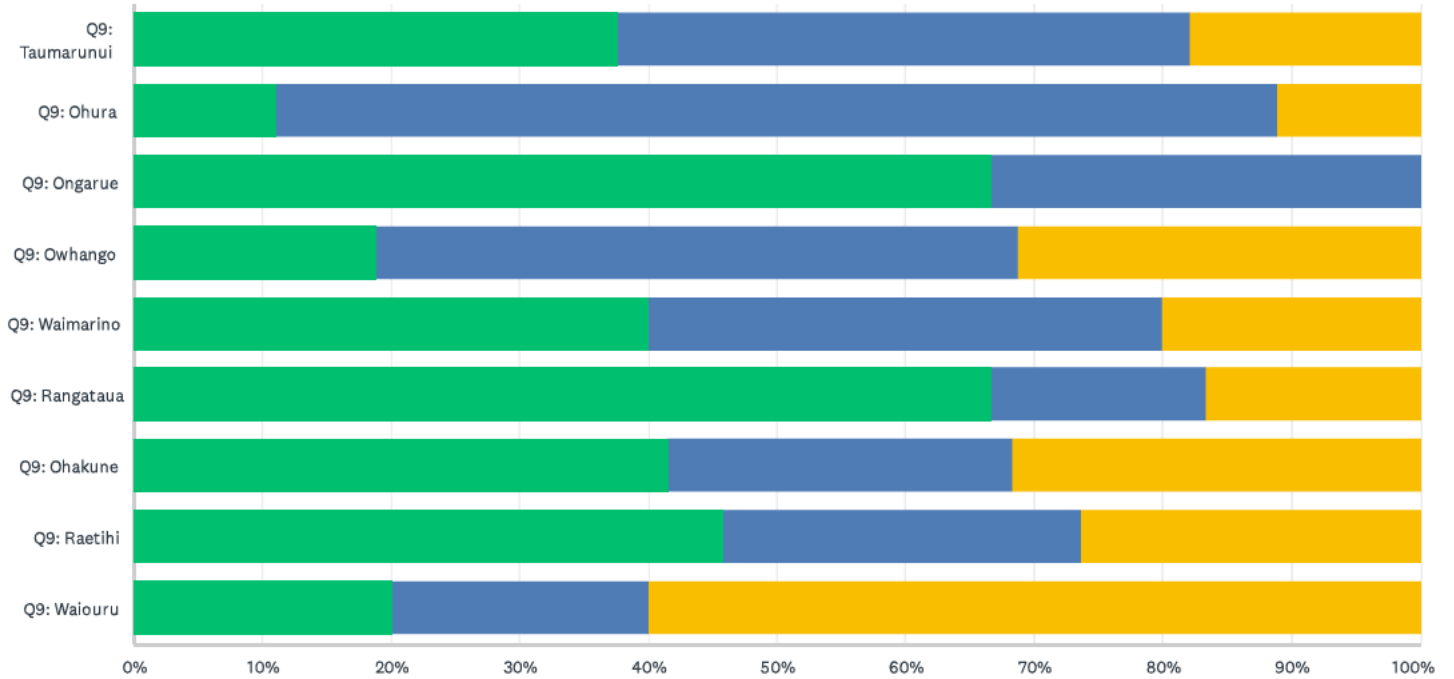
Q4 333 responses

Should Council continue to support the delivery of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme?

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	40.54%	135
No	34.23%	114
Unsure	25.23%	84
Total		333

Q4 Should Council continue to support the delivery of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 4

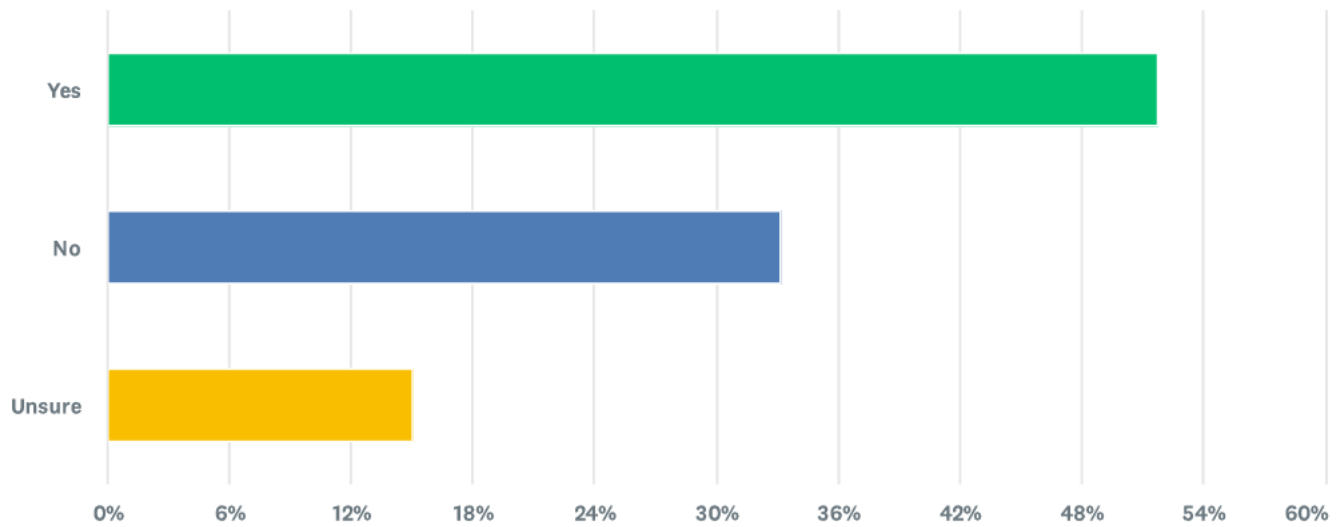


Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	37.62% 38	44.55% 45	17.82% 18	33.78% 101
Q9: Ohura	11.11% 1	77.78% 7	11.11% 1	3.01% 9
Q9: Otago	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	1.00% 3
Q9: Otago	18.75% 3	50.00% 8	31.25% 5	5.35% 16
Q9: Waimarino	40.00% 2	40.00% 2	20.00% 1	1.67% 5
Q9: Rangataua	66.67% 4	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	2.01% 6
Q9: Ohakune	41.46% 34	26.83% 22	31.71% 26	27.42% 82
Q9: Raetihi	45.83% 33	27.78% 20	26.39% 19	24.08% 72
Q9: Waikouaiti	20.00% 1	20.00% 1	60.00% 3	1.67% 5
Total Respondents	118	107	74	299

Q5 332 responses

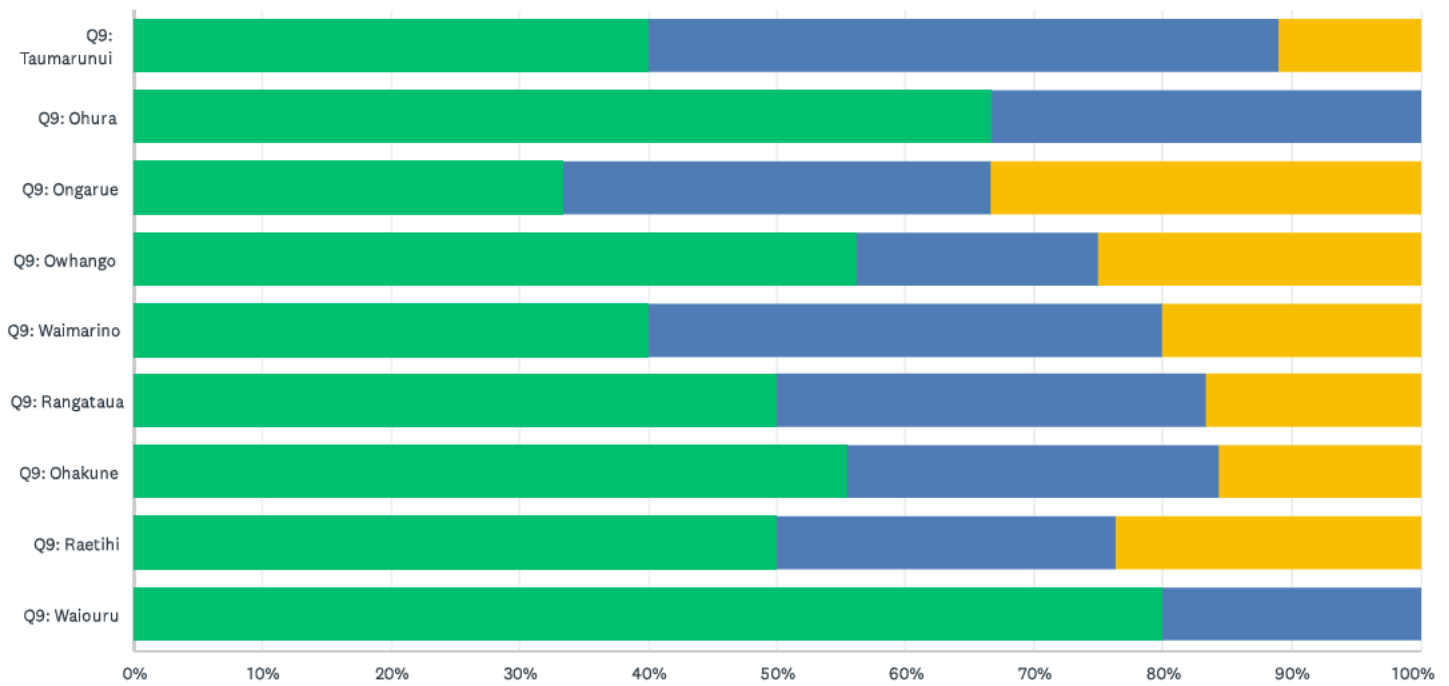
Should Council continue to provide local business liaison, coordination and support?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	51.81%	172
● No	33.13%	110
● Unsure	15.06%	50
Total		332

Q5 Should Council continue to provide local business liaison, coordination and support?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 4

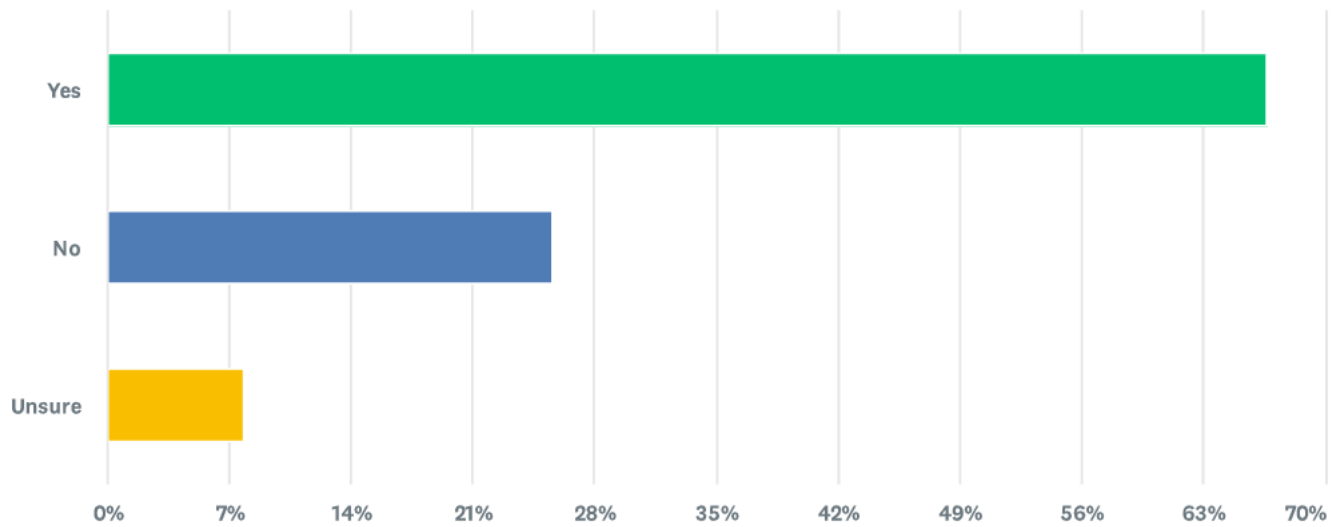


Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	40.00% 40	49.00% 49	11.00% 11	33.44% 100
Q9: Ohura	66.67% 6	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	3.01% 9
Q9: Ongerue	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	1.00% 3
Q9: Owahango	56.25% 9	18.75% 3	25.00% 4	5.35% 16
Q9: Waimarino	40.00% 2	40.00% 2	20.00% 1	1.67% 5
Q9: Rangataua	50.00% 3	33.33% 2	16.67% 1	2.01% 6
Q9: Ohakune	55.42% 46	28.92% 24	15.66% 13	27.76% 83
Q9: Raetihi	50.00% 36	26.39% 19	23.61% 17	24.08% 72
Q9: Waiouru	80.00% 4	20.00% 1	0.00% 0	1.67% 5
Total Respondents	147	104	48	299

Q6 333 responses

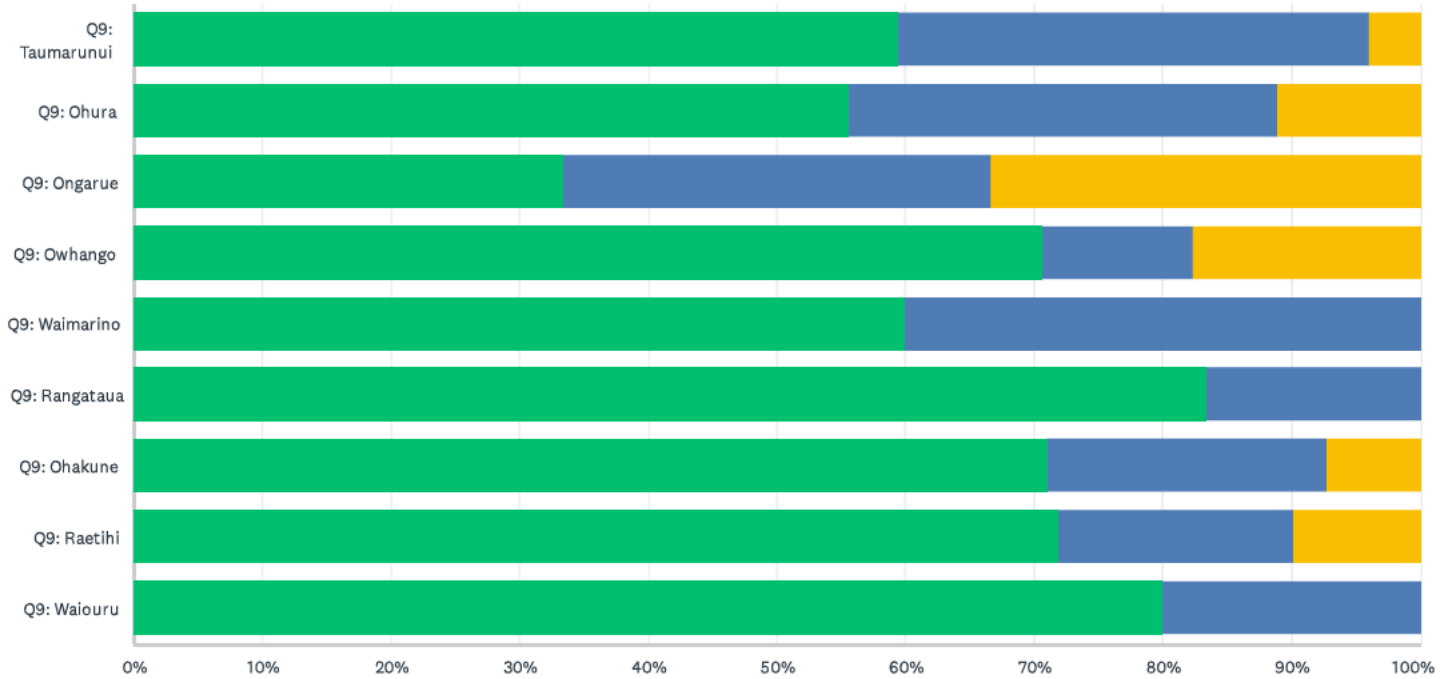
Should Council continue helping community groups connect with funding, advice and other support?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes Yes	66.67%	222
No No	25.53%	85
Unsure Unsure	7.81%	26
Total		333

Q6 Should Council continue helping community groups connect with funding, advice and other support?

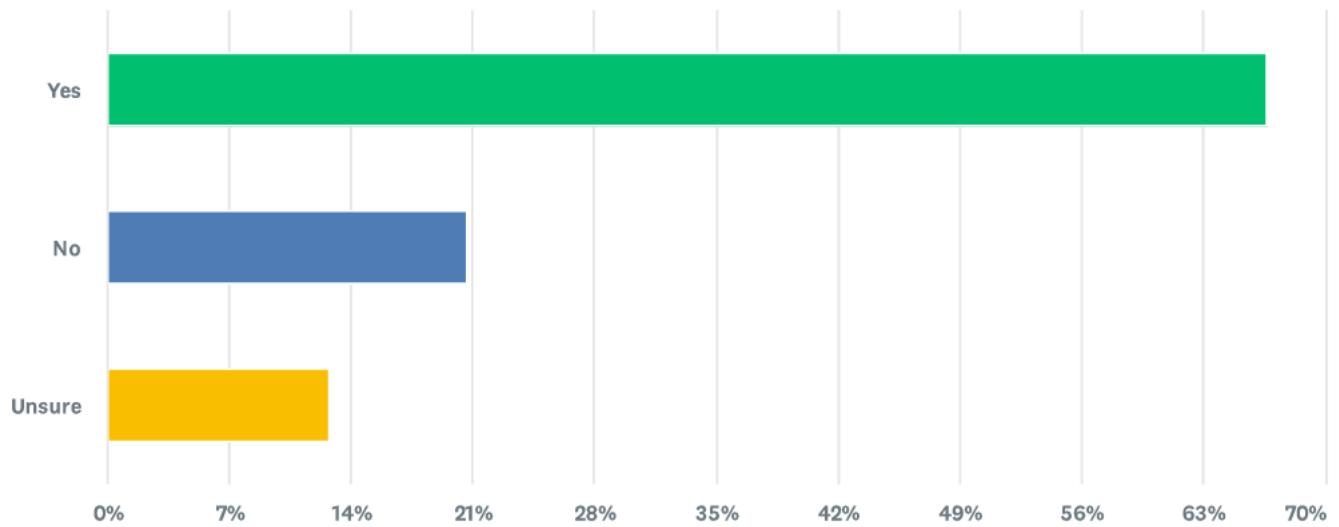
Answered: 300 Skipped: 3



Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	59.41% 60	36.63% 37	3.96% 4	33.67% 101
Q9: Ohura	55.56% 5	33.33% 3	11.11% 1	3.00% 9
Q9: Otago	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	1.00% 3
Q9: Otago	70.59% 12	11.76% 2	17.65% 3	5.67% 17
Q9: Waimarino	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.67% 5
Q9: Rangataua	83.33% 5	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	2.00% 6
Q9: Ohakune	71.08% 59	21.69% 18	7.23% 6	27.67% 83
Q9: Raetihi	71.83% 51	18.31% 13	9.86% 7	23.67% 71
Q9: Waioaru	80.00% 4	20.00% 1	0.00% 0	1.67% 5
Total Respondents	200	78	22	300

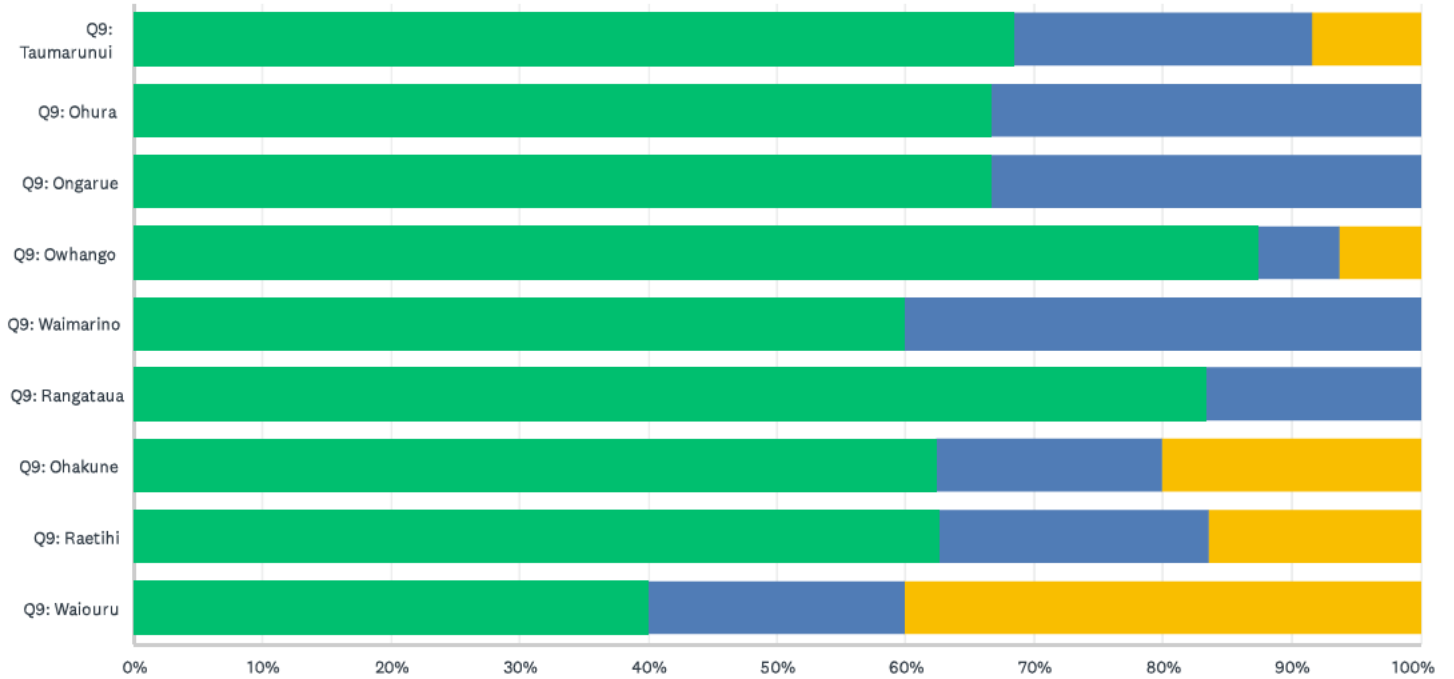
Q7 315 responses

Do you support Council funding the Pride of Place Fund for local place-making projects?

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes Yes	66.67%	210
No No	20.63%	65
Unsure Unsure	12.70%	40
Total		315

Q7 Do you support Council funding the Pride of Place Fund for local place-making projects?

Answered: 286 Skipped: 17

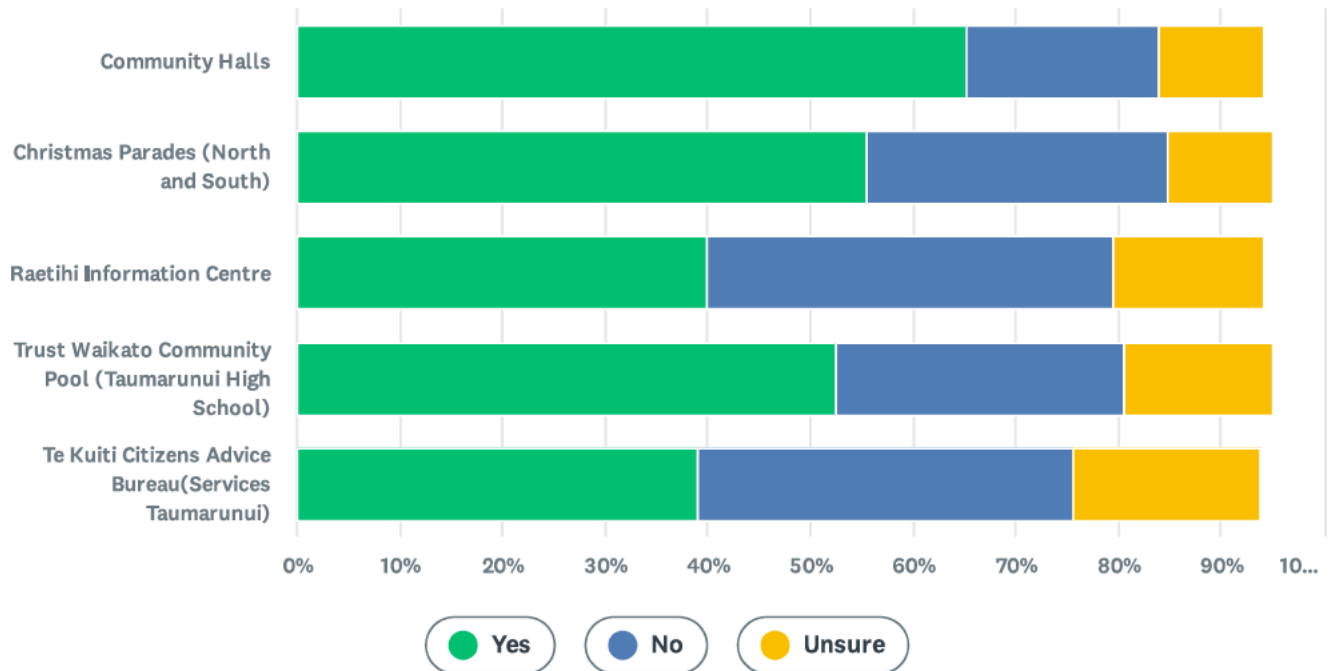


Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	68.42% 65	23.16% 22	8.42% 8	33.22% 95
Q9: Ohura	66.67% 6	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	3.15% 9
Q9: Otago	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	1.05% 3
Q9: Otago	87.50% 14	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	5.59% 16
Q9: Waimarino	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.75% 5
Q9: Rangataua	83.33% 5	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	2.10% 6
Q9: Ohakune	62.50% 50	17.50% 14	20.00% 16	27.97% 80
Q9: Raetihi	62.69% 42	20.90% 14	16.42% 11	23.43% 67
Q9: Waikouaiti	40.00% 2	20.00% 1	40.00% 2	1.75% 5
Total Respondents	189	59	38	286

Q8 328 responses

Should Council include dedicated funding for any of the following, or should these be left as grants which are reviewed every one to three years?

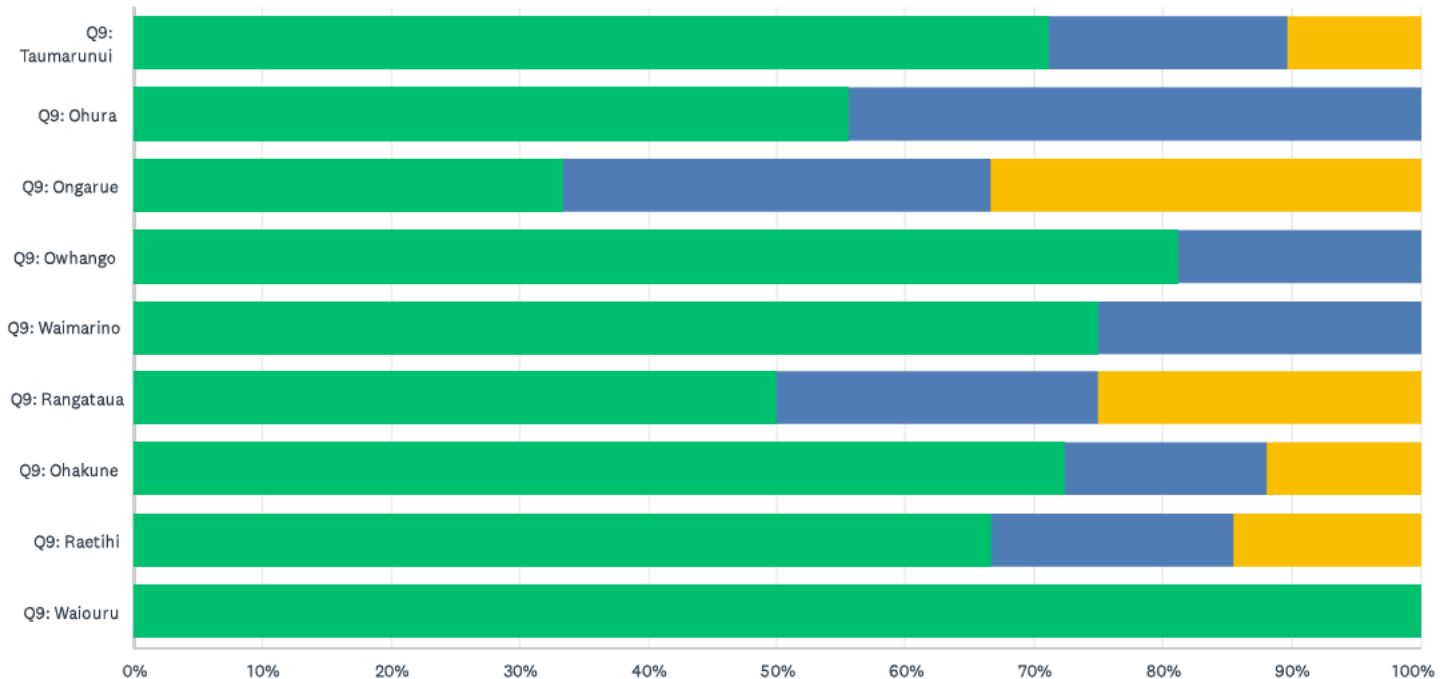


	Yes	No	Unsure	Total
Community Halls	65.24% 214	18.60% 61	10.37% 34	309
Christmas Parades (North and South)	55.49% 182	29.27% 96	10.37% 34	312
Raetihi Information Centre	39.94% 131	39.63% 130	14.63% 48	309
Trust Waikato Community Pool (Taumarunui High School)	52.44% 172	28.05% 92	14.63% 48	312
Te Kuiti Citizens Advice Bureau (Services Taumarunui)	39.02% 128	36.59% 120	18.29% 60	308
				1550

Q8 Should Council include dedicated funding for any of the following, or should these be left as grants which are reviewed every one to three years?

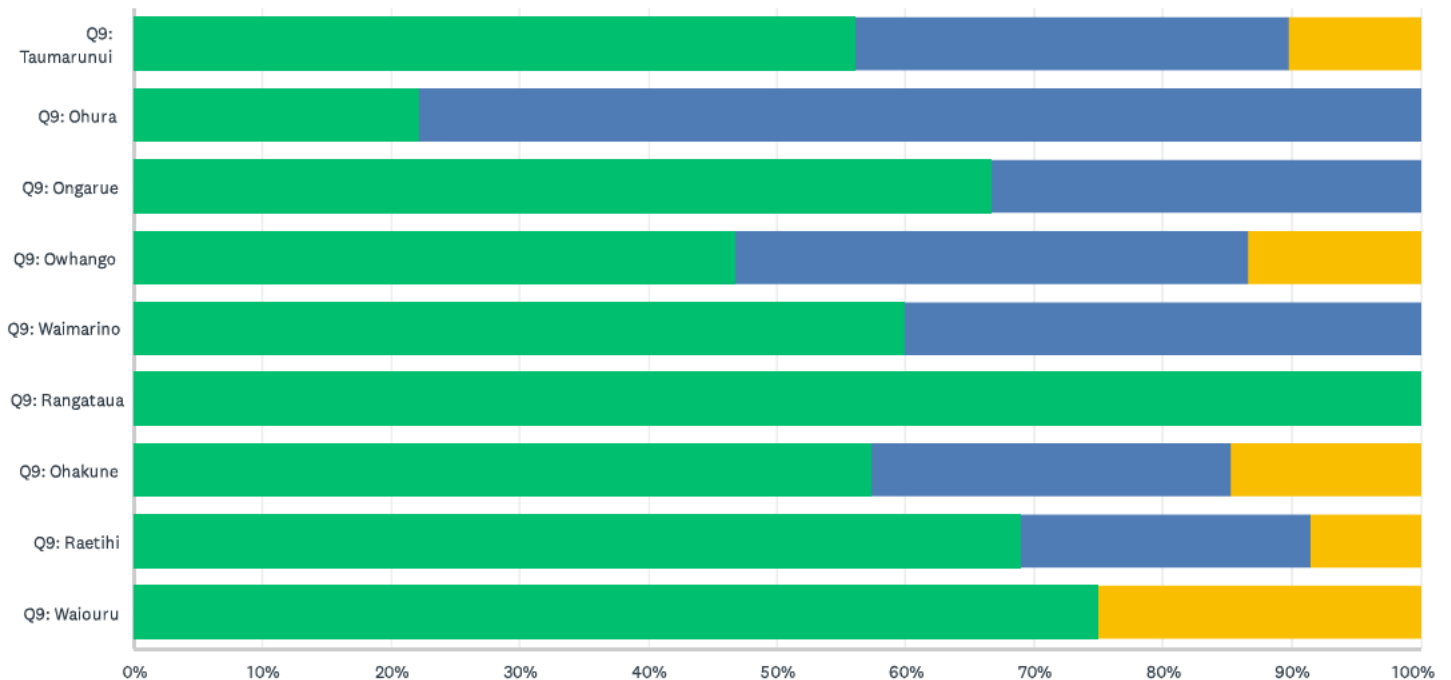
Answered: 298 Skipped: 5

Community Halls



Yes No Unsure

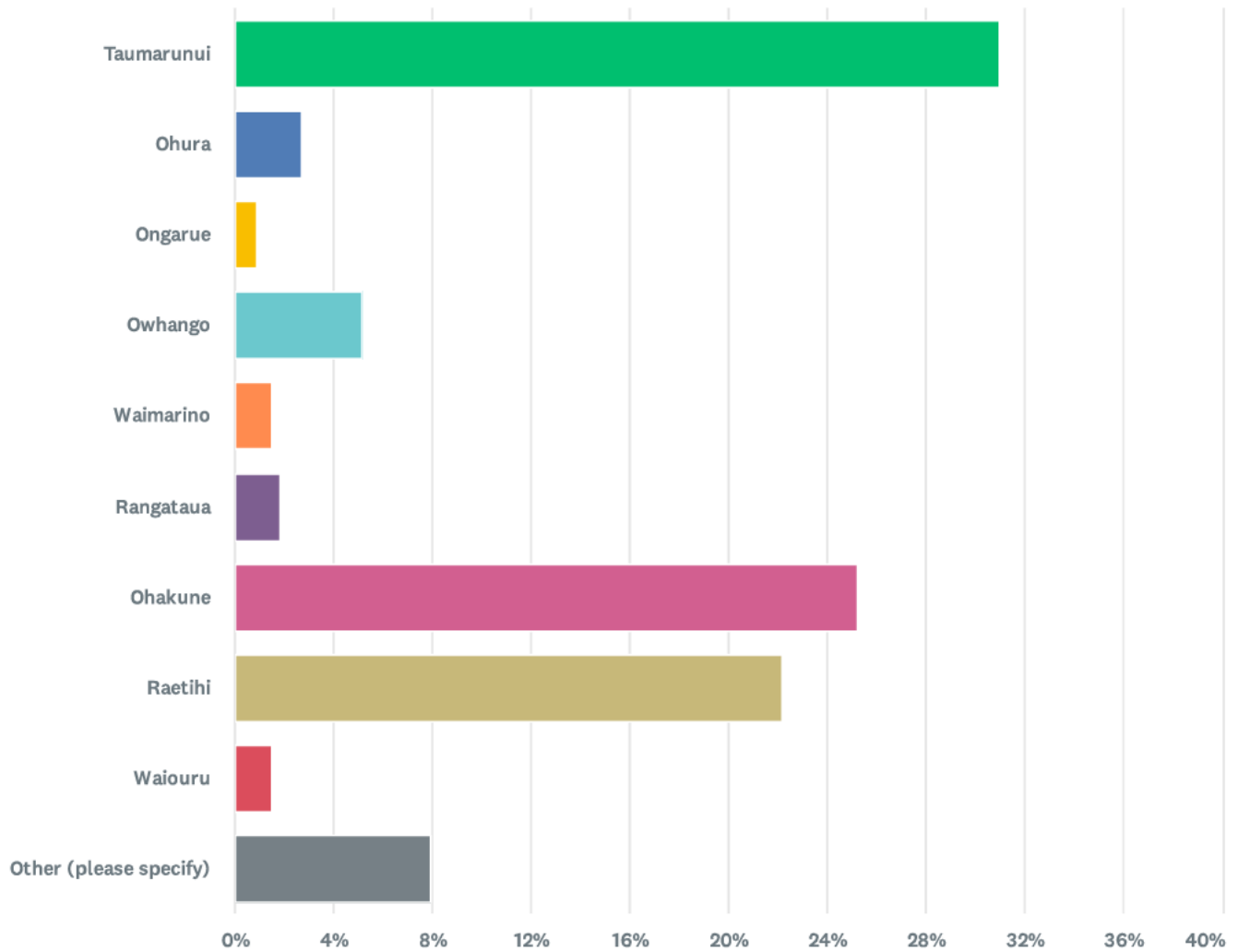
Christmas Parades (North and South)



Yes No Unsure

Q9 329 responses

Where do you live?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Taumarunui	31.00%	102
● Ohura	2.74%	9
● Ongarue	0.91%	3
● Owhango	5.17%	17
● Waimarino	1.52%	5
● Rangataua	1.82%	6
● Ohakune	25.23%	83
Total		329

Community and Business Development

Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Raetihi	22.19%	73
 Waiouru	1.52%	5
 Other (please specify)	7.90%	26
Total		329

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kakahi	8/10/2026 8:54 PM
2	Horopito	8/10/2026 8:36 PM
3	Orautoha	8/10/2026 8:08 PM
4	Kakahi	8/7/2026 11:16 AM
5	Pipiriki	8/5/2026 5:09 PM
6	Piriaka	8/5/2026 10:45 AM
7	Rural Taumarunui	8/4/2026 6:21 PM
8	Tauranga but have a rental property in Ohakune	8/3/2026 1:11 PM
9	Ohakune ratepayer who lives out of town	8/3/2026 11:45 AM
10	and Upper Hutt	8/3/2026 11:38 AM
11	Auckland, bach in Raetihi	8/3/2026 8:38 AM
12	Auckland	8/2/2026 5:10 PM
13	Raurimu	8/2/2026 11:53 AM
14	Coromandel	8/1/2026 10:43 AM
15	Auckland	8/1/2026 10:33 AM
16	Pipiriki	7/31/2026 7:53 PM
17	Nemingha	7/31/2026 6:24 PM
18	Raurimu	7/31/2026 5:46 PM
19	Raurimu	7/31/2026 4:52 PM
20	Horopito	7/31/2026 2:02 AM
21	Raurimu	7/30/2026 1:11 PM
22	Kaitieke	7/28/2026 12:40 PM
23	Piriaka	7/28/2026 10:38 AM
24	Raurimu	7/23/2026 2:33 PM
25	Number 8 links above are not working and it's not worded correctly - I support grant funding for all	7/22/2026 12:44 PM
26	Waimarino - I do not know enough about RDC's role in supporting community and business development, funding community grant programmes such as Creative Communities and Sport NZ, or administering initiatives such as the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs to provide an informed answer on this topic. My understanding was that the Raetihi Information Centre project was no longer proceeding. If that is the case, where will the allocated funding be redirected? Why is it still included in this survey? I understood that several million dollars had previously been set aside for this project. Could the Citizens Advice Bureau service based in Te Kūiti provide support to residents across the wider district, including South Ruapehu? Not everyone is able to travel to Taumarunui, and for some residents it is almost	7/22/2026 11:32 AM

Community and Business Development

Trust Waikato Community Pool (Taumarunui High School)				
	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	64.95% 63	24.74% 24	10.31% 10	32.55% 97
Q9: Ohura	44.44% 4	55.56% 5	0.00% 0	3.02% 9
Q9: Ongarue	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.01% 3
Q9: Owahango	53.33% 8	33.33% 5	13.33% 2	5.03% 15
Q9: Waimarino	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.68% 5
Q9: Rangataua	33.33% 2	33.33% 2	33.33% 2	2.01% 6
Q9: Ohakune	45.45% 35	40.26% 31	14.29% 11	25.84% 77
Q9: Raetihi	48.53% 33	23.53% 16	27.94% 19	22.82% 68
Q9: Waiouru	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	1.34% 4

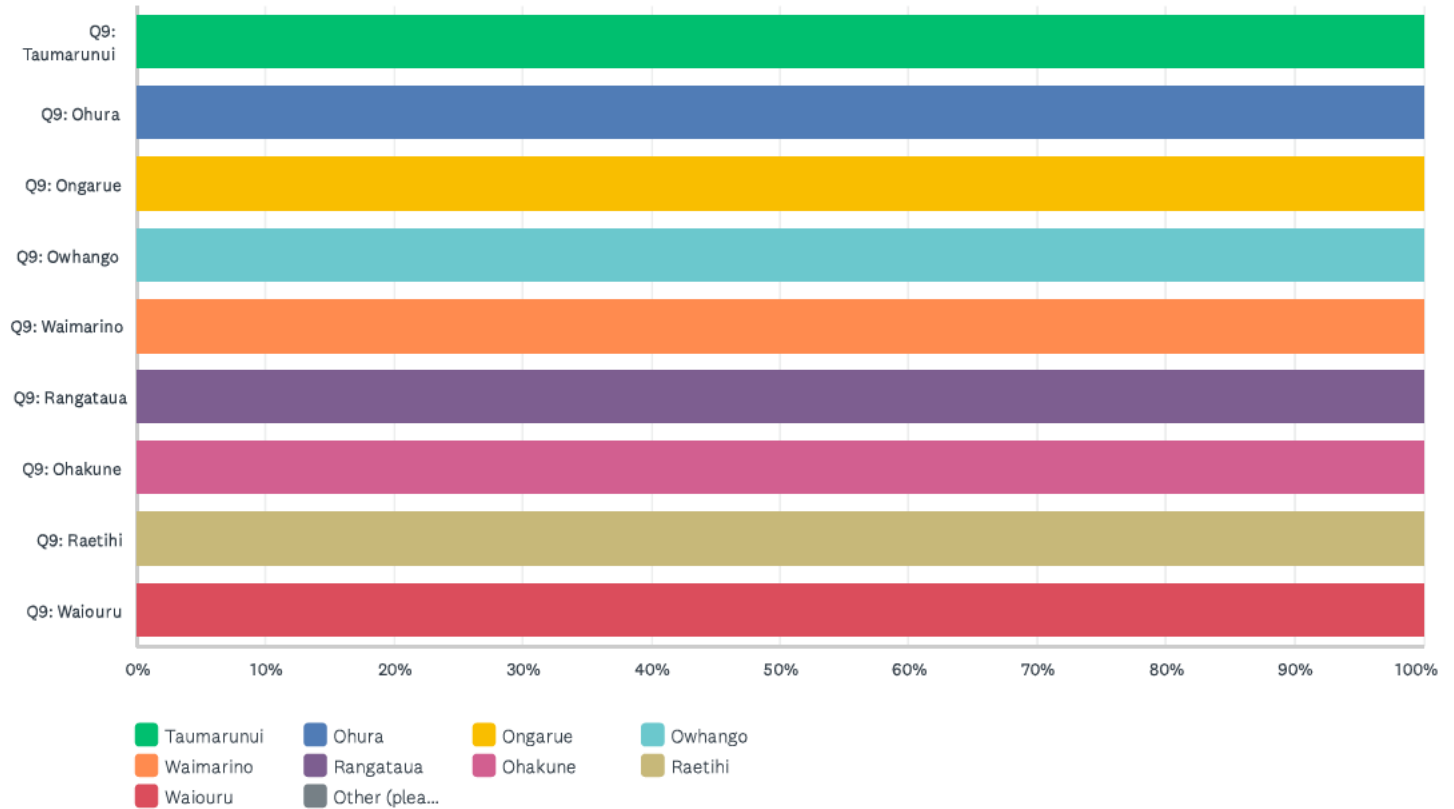
Community and Business Development

Christmas Parades (North and South)				
	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	56.12% 55	33.67% 33	10.20% 10	32.89% 98
Q9: Ohura	22.22% 2	77.78% 7	0.00% 0	3.02% 9
Q9: Ongarue	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	1.01% 3
Q9: Owhango	46.67% 7	40.00% 6	13.33% 2	5.03% 15
Q9: Waimarino	60.00% 3	40.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.68% 5
Q9: Rangataua	100.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.34% 4
Q9: Ohakune	57.33% 43	28.00% 21	14.67% 11	25.17% 75
Q9: Raetihi	69.01% 49	22.54% 16	8.45% 6	23.83% 71
Q9: Waiouru	75.00% 3	0.00% 0	25.00% 1	1.34% 4
Raetihi Information Centre				
	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	28.87% 28	53.61% 52	17.53% 17	32.55% 97
Q9: Ohura	22.22% 2	55.56% 5	22.22% 2	3.02% 9
Q9: Ongarue	0.00% 0	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	0.67% 2
Q9: Owhango	18.75% 3	62.50% 10	18.75% 3	5.37% 16
Q9: Waimarino	50.00% 2	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.34% 4
Q9: Rangataua	75.00% 3	0.00% 0	25.00% 1	1.34% 4
Q9: Ohakune	40.54% 30	43.24% 32	16.22% 12	24.83% 74
Q9: Raetihi	70.83% 51	23.61% 17	5.56% 4	24.16% 72
Q9: Waiouru	75.00% 3	0.00% 0	25.00% 1	1.34% 4
Te Kuiti Citizens Advice Bureau(Services Taumarunui)				
	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	40.21% 39	45.36% 44	14.43% 14	32.55% 97
Q9: Ohura	55.56% 5	44.44% 4	0.00% 0	3.02% 9
Q9: Ongarue	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	1.01% 3
Q9: Owhango	38.46% 5	61.54% 8	0.00% 0	4.36% 13
Q9: Waimarino	50.00% 2	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	1.34% 4
Q9: Rangataua	60.00% 3	20.00% 1	20.00% 1	1.68% 5
Q9: Ohakune	42.11% 32	32.89% 25	25.00% 19	25.50% 76
Q9: Raetihi	38.24% 26	39.71% 27	22.06% 15	22.82% 68
Q9: Waiouru	40.00% 2	20.00% 1	40.00% 2	1.68% 5

a two-hour round trip. Given the cost of fuel and transport, this can be a significant barrier to accessing the service.

Q9 Where do you live?

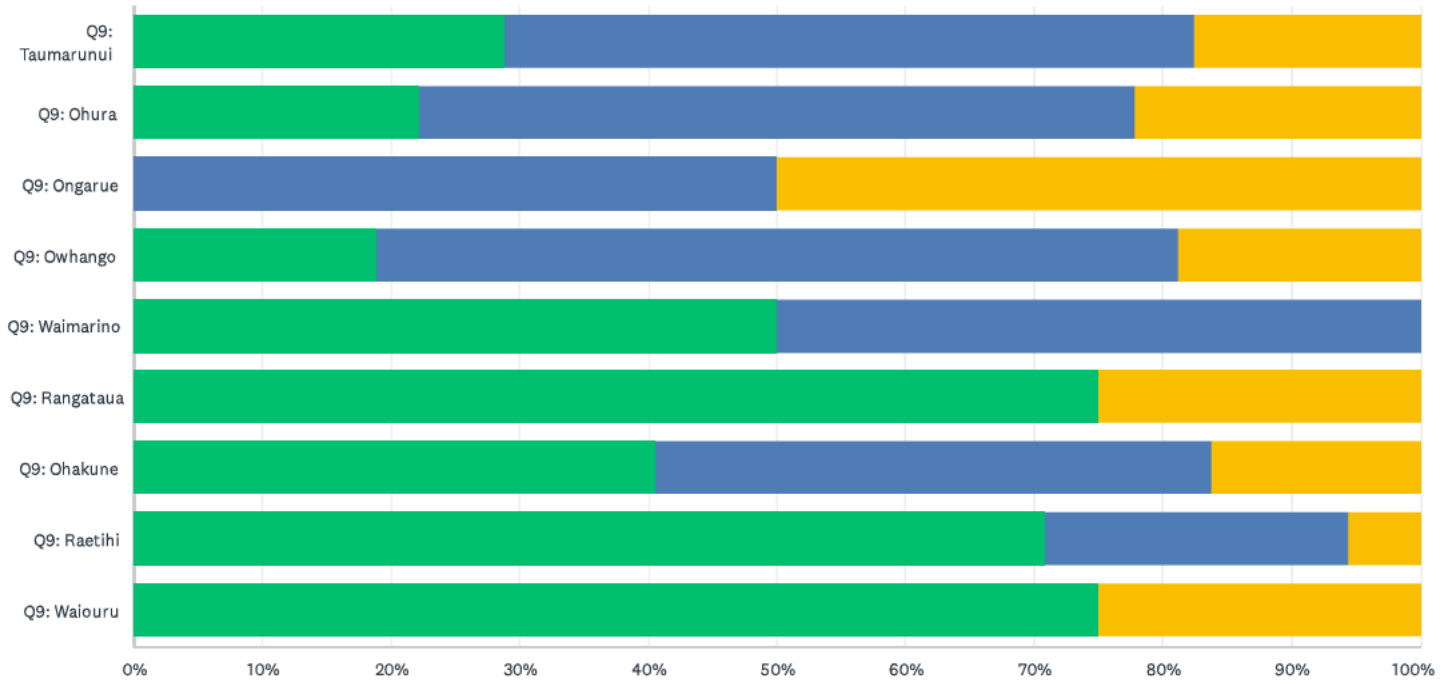
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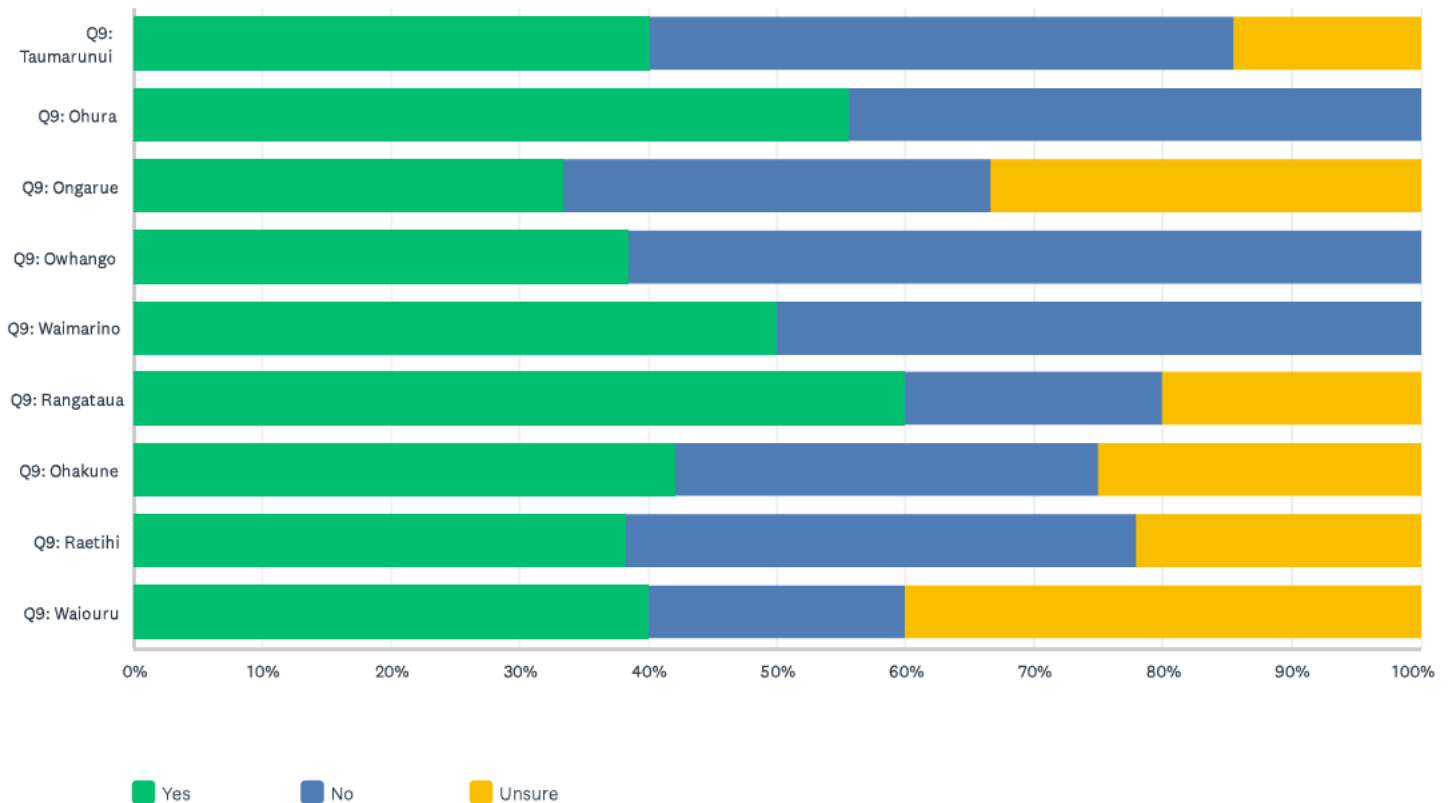
	TAUMARUNUI	OHURA	ONGARUE	OWHANGO	WAIMARINO	RANGATAUA	OHAKUNE	RAETIHI	WAIOURU	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	Total
Q9: Taumarunui	100.00% 102	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	303
Q9: Ohura	0.00% 0	100.00% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	24
Q9: Ongarue	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6
Q9: Owango	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 17	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5
Q9: Waimarino	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17
Q9: Rangataua	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	17
Q9: Ohakune	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 83	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	24
Q9: Raetihi	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 73	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	24
Q9: Waiouru	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	17
Total Respondents	102	9	3	17	5	6	83	73	5	0	

Community and Business Development

Raetihi Information Centre

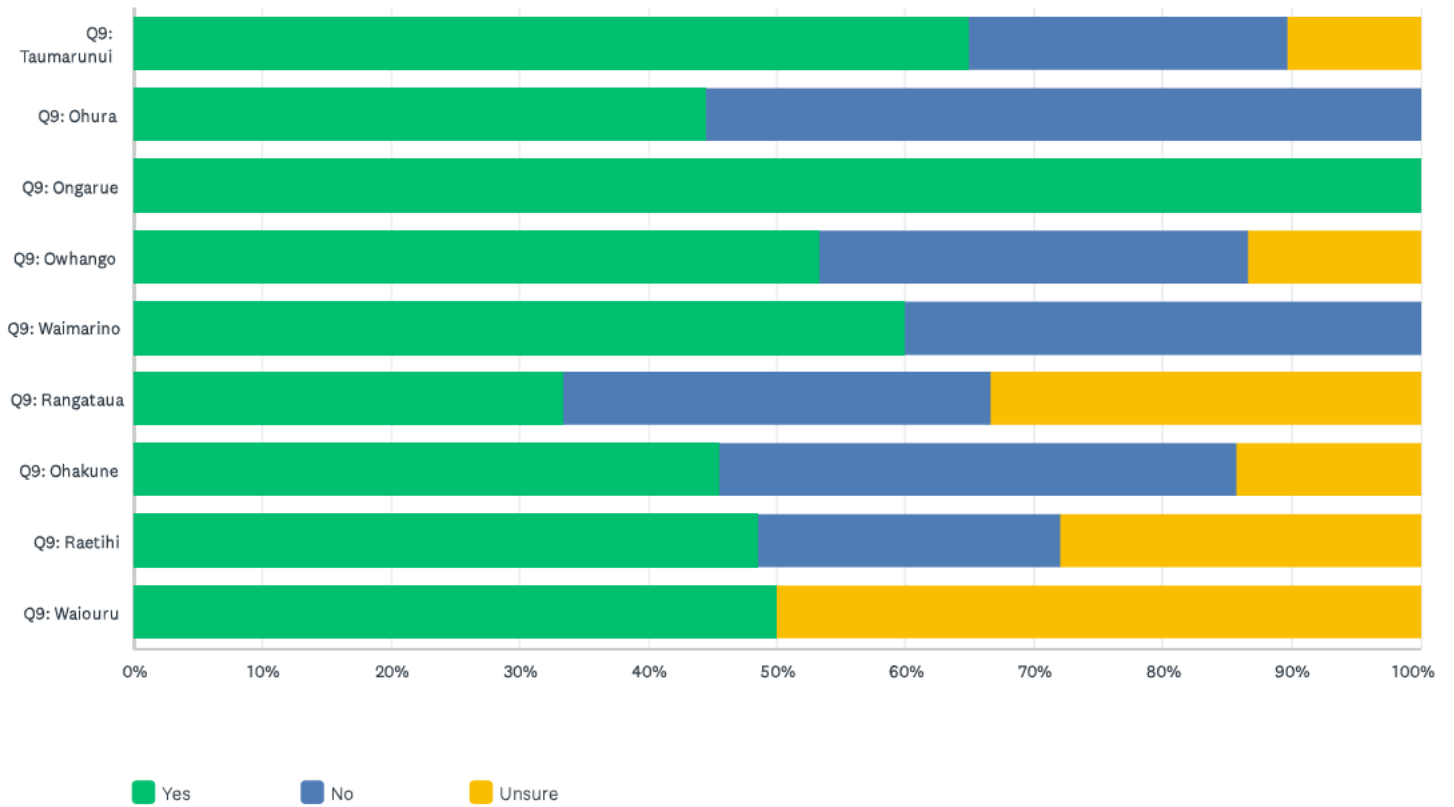


Te Kuiti Citizens Advice Bureau (Services Taumarunui)



Community and Business Development

Trust Waikato Community Pool (Taumarunui High School)



Community Halls				
	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	71.13% 69	18.56% 18	10.31% 10	32.55% 97
Q9: Ohura	55.56% 5	44.44% 4	0.00% 0	3.02% 9
Q9: Ongarue	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	33.33% 1	1.01% 3
Q9: Owhango	81.25% 13	18.75% 3	0.00% 0	5.37% 16
Q9: Waimarino	75.00% 3	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	1.34% 4
Q9: Rangataua	50.00% 2	25.00% 1	25.00% 1	1.34% 4
Q9: Ohakune	72.37% 55	15.79% 12	11.84% 9	25.50% 76
Q9: Raetihi	66.67% 46	18.84% 13	14.49% 10	23.15% 69
Q9: Waiouru	100.00% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.34% 4

Q10 Do you have any other feedback on Community and Business Development

Answered: 65 Skipped: 272

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Projects/groups, which are externally funded, should not incur costs to the Council to administer the funds.	8/13/2026 11:34 AM
2	This is a pitiful amount to warrant its own survey. Basically not enough \$ for any of these needs to justify the administration thereof.	8/11/2026 9:20 AM
3	Xmas parades - is dedicated funding / grants the road closure licensing and waivers fir licenses? Or is it further money for costs.	8/11/2026 9:19 AM
4	5. What does it cost? 7. Trust Waikato Pool provides an avenue for exercise for older residents and is well supported by youth and is an all year round facility.	8/10/2026 9:03 PM
5	Stick to council works. Project administrators be appointed to manage these services. No councillors should be on these either.	8/10/2026 9:02 PM
6	Yous never support Taumarunui as it is	8/10/2026 8:59 PM
7	If possible reduce the grants given to the above groups.	8/10/2026 8:55 PM
8	This isn't an area I have a lot of knowledge about, but my gut feeling is that councils can pass out information as to funding available to community groups, but shouldn't set money aside to pay for their activities as such.	8/10/2026 8:53 PM
9	People have phones for advice. Christmas parade can be organised locally.	8/10/2026 8:50 PM
10	Rural community halls that are no longer used - should you sell them before the buildings deteriorate further? Before amalgamation so proceeds stay in our area. For example; our Retaruke Hall hasn't been used since 2017. Someone came to put up Exit signs but left the door unlocked. Passers by used the toilets for which no water was available. Also water damage where roof was damaged by wind - repaired when noticed - but deterioration continues. How many other unused facilities could be cashed in? Before they cost money to be demolished because of risk.	8/10/2026 8:46 PM
11	Library and Information Centre should be combined.	8/10/2026 8:36 PM
12	Our community is small, so quite involved with business development or business losses.	8/10/2026 8:30 PM
13	Do not spend any more than the current level. More "use pay" for the community pool.	8/10/2026 8:18 PM
14	Thankful for Emily and her pruning of trees thru the council. Garden club used to get money for town and country civic pride many years ago too. Making our towns beautiful.	8/10/2026 8:11 PM
15	Because the community pool in Taumarunui is based at the high school it would be interesting to know how much the high school is contributing compared to council.	8/10/2026 8:08 PM
16	I appreciate the council having this service available to assist in keeping community events operating.	8/10/2026 8:03 PM
17	Encourage the people and businesses to help build this town of Taumarunui.	8/10/2026 7:59 PM
18	Regarding question 2, providing the right level of any service requires communication and follow-ups. The latter council is lacking.	8/10/2026 7:58 PM
19	Smoothing the waters and making business simpler, costs very little so that should be the overall focus.	8/10/2026 7:56 PM
20	When is Te Kuiti part of Ruapehu?	8/10/2026 7:47 PM
21	Look after the community halls, they are very useful.	8/7/2026 5:01 PM
22	Get the main street cameras fixed to protect it from thieves and vandalisim and to protect our residents and make it safe for all.	8/7/2026 4:50 PM
23	What does Te Kuiti have to do with Ruapehu? This should not be funded. What happened to	8/7/2026 10:53 AM

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	the other \$44,000?	
24	Again another bunch of poorly explained questions with a massive lack of information to help inform. Eg Should Council continue to administer externally funded community grant programmes, such as Creative Communities and Sport NZ funding? Both these funds are ADMINISTERED on behalf of externals and the same with the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs. Shouldn't the question be are you happy \$X amount are dedicated to staff support for these kaupapa. Halls: come on you own these facilities and have handed over to community groups to help save money. This is half the reason they are barely fit for purpose currently. Vibrant communities and happy whānau are the easiest way to supporting community and business development, if things are so bad you want to take the \$2k support for Christmas Parades you should maybe make a call to PWC?	8/7/2026 9:39 AM
25	Council should facilitate applications from businesses expediently and with little fuss and make compliance easier	8/7/2026 9:26 AM
26	I support Council continuing this funding, but there should be more community engagement about what is offered and which projects should be prioritised each year. Consideration should also be given to separate funding allocations for the northern and southern parts of the district, so communities can see that funding is directly contributing to their own area. Council should clearly communicate what funding is available, who can apply and how decisions are made. There should also be public follow up on funded projects, including progress updates and the outcomes achieved. Not buried in a community board meeting report either.	8/7/2026 8:16 AM
27	Question #10 needs a question mark at the end of it.	8/6/2026 8:28 PM
28	That's a lot of money on one pool when there are 3 in the region.	8/6/2026 5:28 PM
29	The pool needs more user pays eg \$10 per person + seasonal passes. Support the pool but not full funding	8/6/2026 11:51 AM
30	Make AI videos of how to do things. Rather than a paid role.	8/6/2026 5:49 AM
31	Spend more	8/5/2026 5:09 PM
32	Question 8 has two options so Yes or No cannot apply to both	8/5/2026 10:45 AM
33	Council should work alongside with Iwi Settlement Groups to help or amalgamation of dome sort MOU to work together to help support in these community areas.	8/5/2026 8:44 AM
34	Supporting local business is important, but nor specific to tourism.	8/5/2026 8:35 AM
35	Core business should be priority. We can't afford continual rate increases.	8/4/2026 9:38 PM
36	Question 8 is confusing. Are we answering yes to dedicated funding, or yes to continuing grants?	8/4/2026 6:21 PM
37	Investing in activities that support our young people is investing in the future and will make for stronger communities that will be able to overcome the challenges the future is likely to expose us to.	8/4/2026 10:20 AM
38	Although there are not many community halls left in the district the ones that are still operating need support from the council with these grants. The yearly costs of keeping many of the rural halls open are extremely high and therefore these halls are not left with many funds to complete maintenance and repair projects. These council funds towards community halls are extremely important and appreciated by the communities they serve. Keeping the halls open is becoming increasingly important especially rurally when weather events or natural disasters occur to provide a safe place for the community.	8/4/2026 10:03 AM
39	I would support Council remaining involved, but the current service is not strong enough and must become more accountable, practical and evenly distributed across the district. Community and business - Council should continue supporting community and business development, but the present level of service is not sufficient for the challenges facing our district. Small businesses, rural settlements and volunteer-led organisations are under significant pressure, yet Council's support is often difficult to see, access or measure. Simply referring people to funding opportunities is not community or economic development. Council should provide practical assistance to develop projects, prepare strong applications, connect groups with the right expertise and help successful initiatives become sustainable. The service must also be delivered fairly across the whole district. Smaller places such as Kākahi, Ōwhango, Ōhura and surrounding rural communities should not receive less attention because they have fewer people or less capacity to advocate for themselves. Programmes such as the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs should continue, but Council must publish clear local results: how many people entered lasting employment, how many	8/4/2026 3:20 AM

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employers were supported, how much funding was secured and what happened after the initial placement. And give the contractor back to REAP. Reducing this work may create a small short-term saving, but it will shift more responsibility onto already stretched volunteers and businesses and weaken the district's long-term resilience. Pride of Place and dedicated funding Community Halls are essential civil-defence, social and community infrastructure, particularly in isolated settlements. For Christmas parades, I would lean toward No to permanent dedicated funding. They should remain eligible for contestable grants, with funding based on an annual plan, community participation and demonstrated benefit. For the Raetihi Information Centre, I support dedicated funding only if Council applies the same transparent criteria to equivalent facilities elsewhere and reports visitor numbers, services delivered and local economic benefit. Dedicated funding should not become an automatic entitlement for selected organisations while others must repeatedly compete. Ruapehu is experiencing business closures, reduced household spending, population challenges and continuing vulnerability in tourism and agriculture. This is exactly the wrong time to retreat from economic development. Cutting investment may lower a budget line today, but it risks reducing employment, business survival, visitor spending and the future rating base. However, contracting a specialist agency should not mean Council outsources responsibility and accepts broad promotional reports as evidence of success. Contracts should contain measurable district-level outcomes, including businesses assisted, jobs created or retained, external investment attracted, visitor expenditure, new enterprises established and results achieved in each local community. Taumarunui and the northern part of the district need a much stronger focus. Investment should support existing small businesses as well as tourism, Māori enterprise, food production, land-based opportunities, town-centre renewal and business succession. Economic development must produce visible results on the ground. If Council cannot clearly show ratepayers what has been achieved, the answer should be better performance and accountability—not abandoning economic development. And also; The absence Kāhaki from the list is another weakness: rural communities should not be made statistically invisible by being grouped into "Other."

40	As a business I feel we aren't supported the Raetihi town has potential for more shops and the upkeep of our shops or opportunities to rent shops	8/3/2026 9:34 PM
41	Why does council support non for profit!! Raetihi info centre with funding when my business pretty much does there job because the volunteers aren't there or are at my business staying warm... Give me the funds and I'll do both!!!!!! I pay over \$10000 in rates between my business and personal home for [REDACTED] this to get funded 🙄	8/3/2026 8:17 PM
42	NA	8/3/2026 3:30 PM
43	No	8/3/2026 11:45 AM
44	Council should resist taking a leading role in social work - and should guard against the costly bureaucracy which can develop. There are govt agencies for that.	8/3/2026 11:38 AM
45	Stop paying bachanders to iwi/hapu grifters. Council does not represent the Victorian British Crown in treaty matters.	8/3/2026 10:15 AM
46	Sometimes it is just about pointing people in the right direction and letting them sort things themselves. [REDACTED]	8/3/2026 10:14 AM
47	I have been in business in Ohakunesince RDC was formed and cannot think of any "business development" council has undertaken. RDC should only administrate "National Funds", and have no further involvement - including budgeting for others.	8/2/2026 9:21 PM
48	Giving out is not sustainable. Creating an income generator for a single purpose makes it sustainable. Instead of giving \$110,000 that returns nothing and needs to be renewed the next year, which is not sustainable. it is better to invest the \$110,000 of money into viable ventures where the profits are allocated to support the purpose, therefore it becomes sustainable to the level of profit output. For example if you were to invest in a person who delivers a service to the community, everyone will know that by using this service you are also supporting the charitable cause it's profits support. As the ventures grow, more funds become available to re-invest etc. Getting community to support local ventures that support local causes is more sustainable then just giving out a donation.	8/2/2026 2:01 PM
49	The council wastes money for things that are not essential and the contractors that are not your normal contractors have laughing at the council and making too much money at the rate payers expense.	8/2/2026 1:23 PM
50	This is two different things. (Community and Business Dev.) Helping the community is better than trying to help business development. Helping the community in different ways with funding will be more beneficial and will attract business development that will want to	8/2/2026 11:53 AM

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get around and support the community. Christmas parade should be funded by local businesses, as this is to attract people to start spending in the retail community.

51	The viability of some community halls should be a consideration where there is limited use.	8/2/2026 10:49 AM
52	Get rid of it. Focus on big stuff. Those small community based things should just fundraise for themselves	8/2/2026 12:15 AM
53	Council role should be primarily support with compliance and regulation and should exclude funding except for physical assets such as community halls.	8/1/2026 10:54 PM
54	Its upto the community and business to develop what they want themselves, between all those who are interested and benefit from that.	8/1/2026 12:08 PM
55	Our council is there to do its best for the community. Community funding is a tangible expression of this.	8/1/2026 11:29 AM
56	I think the business development advice given by RDC employees is out of touch with reality and not useful. Using examples from their own experiences of running businesses 20 to 30 years ago was not useful. They may connect some businesses for networking events which they may find useful. Being more proactive, honest and open about events would be helpful. I doubt many Raetihi businesses participate.	8/1/2026 9:13 AM
57	Ok so, " Should Council continue to support the delivery of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs programme?" this is NOT rate payer funded this is an MSD contract. Rate payers should not be commenting on this as this is the Mayor's programme, or should be.	7/31/2026 8:20 PM
58	Question 8 is badly worded so information gathered will be inconsistent. Why have an either or question and give yes or no answers?	7/31/2026 7:58 PM
59	Support the economy and the downstream effect will support businesses.	7/31/2026 7:00 PM
60	Not sure how to answer. Shouldn't funding of all council pools follow the same approach?	7/31/2026 6:22 PM
61	The community needs a central source for assistance for external funding for the many groups. Much of the town (like other towns too), rely on non-profits and volunteers, which are often managed by people without the necessary skill to apply for funding etc. Re Mayors task force for jobs, is it councils responsibility to provide this? Should this fall on central government through MSD - let local government provide the service. Why are we giving money (insignificant amount) to Te Kuiti CAB? Should the High School not be funding the pool themselves or applying for other grants themselves?	7/31/2026 5:53 PM
62	It would be good if funding went to things that rate payers use...	7/31/2026 5:35 PM
63	Community and Business Development - What is the one thing that, if solved would improve everything else? This is one of those questions where a first-principles approach is more useful than debating individual programmes. The question I'd ask is: "What is the biggest constraint preventing local people and businesses from creating value?" Everything else flows from that. If I had to reduce it to one thing, it would be: Increase the number of productive people creating value in Ruapehu. Why? Because productive people create almost every positive outcome a council wants: More businesses. More employment. Higher household incomes. Stronger main streets. Higher property values. More visitors. More community organisations. Larger rating base. Lower rates per household. Better services without increasing debt. The council doesn't actually create prosperity. It creates the conditions in which prosperity can emerge. Instead of asking: "Should Council support business development?" I'd ask the deeper question: "What prevents one more successful business from opening every month in Ruapehu?" Or even better: "What would make Ruapehu the easiest district in New Zealand to start, grow and keep a business?" Now you're searching for leverage. A systems view The leverage point is not money. It's capability. If people know how to: identify opportunities, solve problems, start businesses, attract investment, build skills, and collaborate, then wealth compounds. That aligns remarkably well with the work we've been developing around judgement, capability development, and protecting learning environments. Those ideas aren't just education concepts—they're an economic development strategy. If I were rewriting this section of the survey I would replace three separate questions with one foundational question: "What single investment would most increase the number of capable people creating value in our district over the next 20 years?" Everything else—tourism, infrastructure, recreation, community facilities, even rates—becomes easier when more people are creating sustainable value. As the saying goes: Don't ask how to divide a bigger pie, Ask how to bake more pies. "What single investment would most increase the number of capable people creating value in our district over the next 20 years?" Fantastic question - What are the logical possibilities with what's at hand? I think this is where your CASE methodology becomes particularly powerful. You've consistently been looking for the constitutional	7/31/2026 3:33 PM

question rather than the operational one. Instead of asking, "What programme should we fund?" you're asking, "What capability, if strengthened, would improve every programme?" Working from what Ruapehu already has, rather than wishing for what it doesn't, the logical possibilities look something like this: Investment What it creates Long-term effect
Judgement Better decisions Fewer costly mistakes Young people Future leaders Population retention Entrepreneurship New businesses Broader rates base Trades & practical skills Local capability Less money leaving the district Digital & AI capability Higher productivity Businesses compete globally from Ruapehu Community leadership Stronger volunteer organisations Lower demand on Council Tourism product development Better visitor experiences More visitor spending Natural assets Parks, rivers, mountains Enduring competitive advantage But if we continue applying first principles, I think these collapse into one overarching investment: Capability Infrastructure Not roads. Not buildings. Not grants. Capability. Imagine Ruapehu becoming known as New Zealand's Capability District. Every resident, from Year 7 students to retirees, has access to learning that helps them: Ask better questions. Make better decisions. Solve real community problems. Start businesses. Improve existing businesses. Build practical and digital skills. Mentor others. Every community project becomes a classroom. Every business becomes a learning partner. Every young person graduates with a portfolio of real work—not just qualifications. A constitutional question for Council Instead of debating dozens of individual spending items, imagine every proposal being tested against one question: "Will this investment measurably increase the district's capability to create value over the next twenty years?" If the answer is yes, it deserves serious consideration. If not, why are we funding it? The hidden leverage This is where I think your work has been heading all along. The district doesn't primarily suffer from a shortage of money. It suffers from a shortage of compounding capability. Money is consumed. Infrastructure depreciates. But judgement compounds. A capable 15-year-old becomes a capable entrepreneur, employer, parent, councillor, volunteer, investor and mentor over the next fifty years. One investment echoes through multiple generations. That may be the highest-return investment available to any local authority. And perhaps the constitutional statement becomes something like: "Our role is not simply to deliver services. Our role is to increase the capability of our community to create value for itself." Everything else—economic development, tourism, youth development, community wellbeing, environmental stewardship, and ultimately lower rates—can be viewed as downstream consequences of that single commitment. NOTE: The questions and concepts explored here reflect my personal thoughts and perspectives. I encourage you to engage actively with the content. Copy the article into your preferred LLM, activate voice mode, and have a dynamic conversation. Feel free to ask questions, explore the implications, or challenge the ideas presented.

64	Council needs to get back to the basics.	7/31/2026 1:12 PM
65	Council should continue providing the admin support for external funded grants etc that benefit local orgs/things such as Mayors Taskforce for Jobs. Cannot see any measurable benefit in other "business development" council does. As a business owner have attended a few and it was just someone trying to sell something. Should continue support for the Taumarunui indoor pool - cheap investment for a year-round facility	7/31/2026 11:07 AM

Q10 Do you have any other feedback on Community and Business Development

Answered: 54 Skipped: 249

	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER FEEDBACK ON COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL
Q9: Taumarunui	100.00% 20	37.04% 20
Q9: Ohura	100.00% 2	3.70% 2
Q9: Ongarue	100.00% 1	1.85% 1
Q9: Owahango	100.00% 3	5.56% 3
Q9: Waimarino	100.00% 1	1.85% 1
Q9: Rangataua	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Q9: Ohakune	100.00% 13	24.07% 13
Q9: Raetihi	100.00% 14	25.93% 14
Q9: Waiouru	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Total Respondents	54	54