Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2026 Summary of Feedback

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Summary of feedback on the draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2026

Purpose

This report summarises feedback received during the public consultation in June/July to inform the development of the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan. This summary aims to capture themes rather than detail every point of feedback received.

Executive Summary

Local board plans are strategic three-year plans developed in consultation with the community. They set out the direction for the local area reflecting community aspirations and priorities, and guide:

- decisions on local activities, projects, and facilities
- local board input into the council's regional strategies and plans, including the Auckland Plan
- how local boards will work with other agencies, including community groups, central government agencies and council-controlled organisations that play key roles in the area
- funding and investment decisions.

Local board plans focus on the key areas local boards are responsible for and include objectives and some of the key initiatives that will be carried out to achieve them.

Engagement Approach

The draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2026 was developed using feedback received from public engagement carried out between November 2025 and April 2026. Feedback previously heard from the community on a wide range of topics, particularly during the 2026 Annual Budget consultation period, was also considered.

Between 23 June and 23 July 2026, the local board consulted on the draft plan to hear the community's thoughts. Feedback was received through:

- A Have Your Say event
- community and partnership events
- written submissions including online and hard copy forms
- emails and letters
- digital tools including quick polls
- Buzzly campaign for rangatahi (youth).

Support was provided to submitters including:

- Translated and interpreted summary draft Local Board Plans and feedback forms
- Information at Auckland Council libraries
- Online webinars and information available on the AK Have Your Say hub page.

This report summarises the key activities that took place and the feedback that was heard during both the early engagement and the consultation period.

Māori engagement

Mana whenua

A co-ordinated approach was taken by local boards so that mana whenua were invited to engage with relevant local boards in one hui rather than receiving separate invitations from each local board. For the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board, engagement took place with four mana whenua entities as follows:

- Te Kawerau ā Maki - provided a written letter outlining their priorities
- Ngāti Maru - Online hui – Friday 23 January, 2026
- Ngai Tai ki Tāmaki – In person hui, Monday 2 April 2026
- Ngaati Whanaunga - In person hui, Monday 13 April 2026.
- Ngāti Pāoa - In person hui, Monday 13 April 2026.

Mana whenua were sent a copy of the draft local board plan in June 2026 and encouraged to provide written feedback through multiple options including through a new iwi feedback form developed specifically for mana whenua to be able to have their say across multiple local boards within their rohe (area of interest). Feedback was received from the mana whenua entities:

- Ngāti Manuhiri, online submission
- Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki, online submission

Marae and mātāwaka

A regional partnership was formed with Te Kotahi-ā-Tāmaki (marae collective) for the purposes of engaging with marae across Tāmaki Makaurau, supported by online hui to engage with mātāwaka and marae during the early engagement and consultation periods.

Like the new iwi feedback form, a new marae feedback form developed specifically for marae to be able to have their say in a way that reflected their priorities.

Te Kotahi a Tāmaki, Marae Collective provided a written letter outlining their priorities for the whole region as feedback on the draft Local Board Plan 2026. No other mātāwaka group or marae provided feedback.

Stakeholder and community engagement

Table 1: Summary of consultation activities during the consultation period

Activity	Who was involved
Have Your Say Event – Takapuna Matariki Market	11 July 2026 - Local Board Members, supported by local board staff, had a stall at the Takapuna Matariki Market, Takapuna. Community had the opportunity to speak directly to decision-makers and were provided with large boards where they could record their feedback against the priorities identified in the draft local board plan. There were approximately 50 attendees, and 150 pieces of feedback were captured.
Buzzly campaign	We used Buzzly (youth platform) to engage with rangatahi in our local area. We challenged youth to respond to the question: ***What should be the biggest priority for young people in your local area over the next three years?*** We received 92 pieces of feedback.

Advisory Panels: • Diverse Communities • Seniors and Disability • Future Auckland (youth)	Auckland Council Advisory Panels and Local Board elected members were offered the opportunity to engage in focused discussions on draft Local Board Plans 2026, drawing on lived experience, specialist expertise and community insights. Sessions with the Diverse Communities., Seniors and Disability, and Future Auckland (youth) panels were held on 2 July, 3 July, and 14 July respectively. Feedback was captured in summary reports that were shared with the local board at its 18 August workshop.
Marae and mātāwaka regional hui on Friday 03 July 2026	Local Board project team, Local Board engagement advisors and members of Te Kotahi-ā-Tāmaki (marae collective) Marae and mātāwaka representatives including: • Te Mahurehure marae (Albert-Eden) • Whaataapaka marae (Franklin) • Mataatua marae (Māngere-Ōtāhuhu) • Te Awamaarahi marae (Port Waikato, closest to Franklin)
Community Partner events – Bluespur consulting (Pasifika)	16 July 2026 –Bluespur consulting facilitated targeted pasifika engagement through culturally responsive consultation, talanoa and relationship-based approaches. Engagement with ANCAD, North Shore Pasifika Forum, North Harbour Sport, and Assembly of God Church was undertaken to mobilise their pasifika communities to participate. 80 pieces of feedback were captured.
Younite (Devonport-Takapuna Youth Board)	Younite chairpersons socialised the Local Board Plan with the wider Youth Board. The group discussed their key priorities within the plan, conducted a poll at Shore Junction (a youth facility), and submitted the poll results as their formal feedback. The poll received 166 responses.

Summary of feedback

General feedback on the draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan

A total of 369 pieces of stakeholder and community feedback was received on the draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan. 348 individuals, 19 organisations, and two Māori entity provided written feedback.

The local board received the following feedback through various channels:

- 114 hard copy and online feedback form submissions
- 50 pieces of feedback via Have Your Say events
- 16 pieces of feedback through digital tools
- 92 pieces of feedback through the Buzzly challenge
- 81 pieces of feedback through Bluespur Consulting LTD.

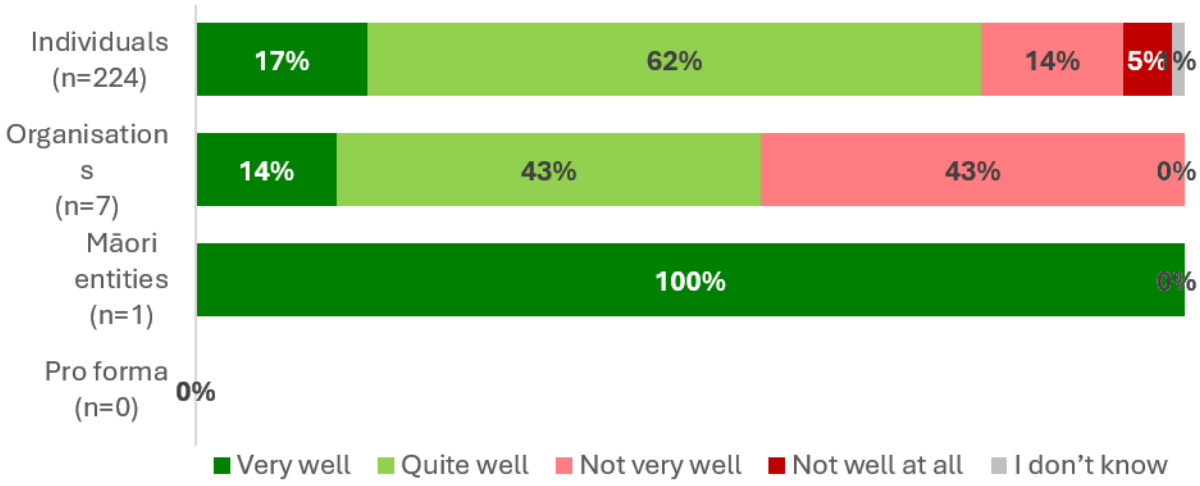
Community

Our community is connected, resilient and has access to services and facilities that meet its diverse needs.

Objectives

- Our communities feel they can have a say in decisions that affect them.
- We involve Māori in our decision-making
- People of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds feel a sense of belonging, and we celebrate diversity within our communities
- Our parks, facilities and recreational spaces are safe, accessible and meet the needs of our community.
- Our communities are resourced and empowered to be resilient and support each other.
- Our flood-affected communities are supported in their recovery and are prepared for future extreme weather events.
- Our people have opportunities to enjoy local sports, arts, cultural and social activities.
- We explore opportunities to reflect Māori identity and support Māori wellbeing in our parks, public spaces and community facilities.

Q1. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Community?



79 per cent of individuals and 57 per cent of organisations thought the needs and priorities of this focus area were captured very well or quite well.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- Support for community wellbeing objectives, particularly regarding diversity and inclusion.
- Requests for stronger engagement with the community, including more community events.
- Requests for stronger focus on youth outcomes
- Support for flood recovery and emergency readiness
- Support for community facilities and public open spaces
- Support for arts and culture, and for sports.

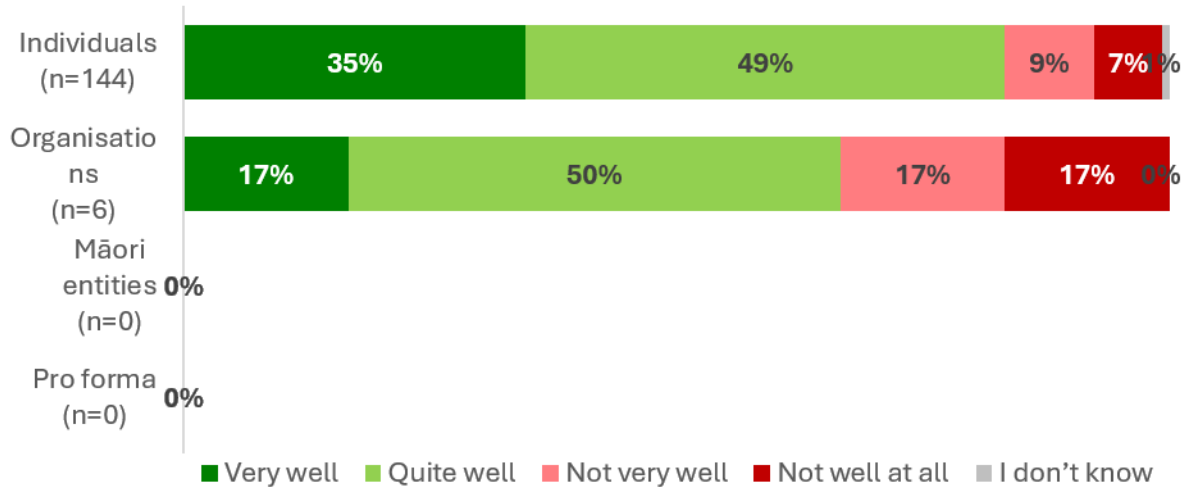
Natural Environment

Our natural environment is healthy and well cared for.

Objectives

- Protect and restore the water quality of our coastline and waterways.
- Conserve and protect our natural heritage and areas of significance to Māori.
- Our communities contribute to local conservation efforts, particularly pest management.
- Increase tree canopy coverage across our local board area.
- Support and encourage sustainable outcomes and living practices.
- Improve access and encourage interaction with our natural environment.

Q2. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Natural Environment?



84 per cent of individuals and 67 per cent of organisations thought the needs and priorities of this focus area were captured very well or quite well.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- Support for tree protection and plantings.
- Support for native plantings and stronger biodiversity.
- Strong support for restoration and environmental protection, particularly coastline and waterways.
- Concerns around climate resilience and flood mitigation.

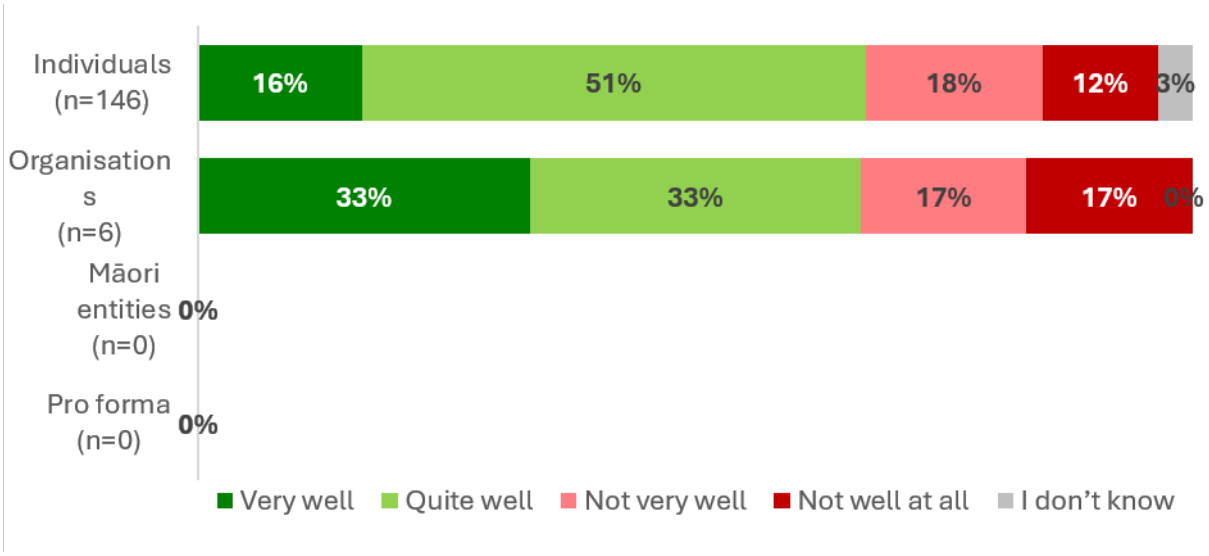
Built Environment

Our built environment supports future growth through vibrant, accessible places that are resilient to climate change and celebrate local identity.

Objectives

- Investment is prioritised for areas with the greatest need.
- Reflect Te Aranga Māori design principles in our projects.
- Prioritise greater local procurement, eco-friendly materials, and sustainable building practices whenever possible.
- Integrate play elements into our places and open spaces.
- Conserve, repurpose, and celebrate our built heritage.
- Maximise our existing assets to deliver new and upgraded fit-for-purpose facilities.
- Develop greenway connections to link our public spaces and improve local connectivity.

Q3. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Built Environment?



67 per cent of individuals and 66 per cent of organisations thought the needs and priorities of this focus area were captured very well or quite well.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- Support for protection and conservation of heritage and character areas.
- Concerns around intensification
- Requests for more community facilities and public spaces, including greenways connections.

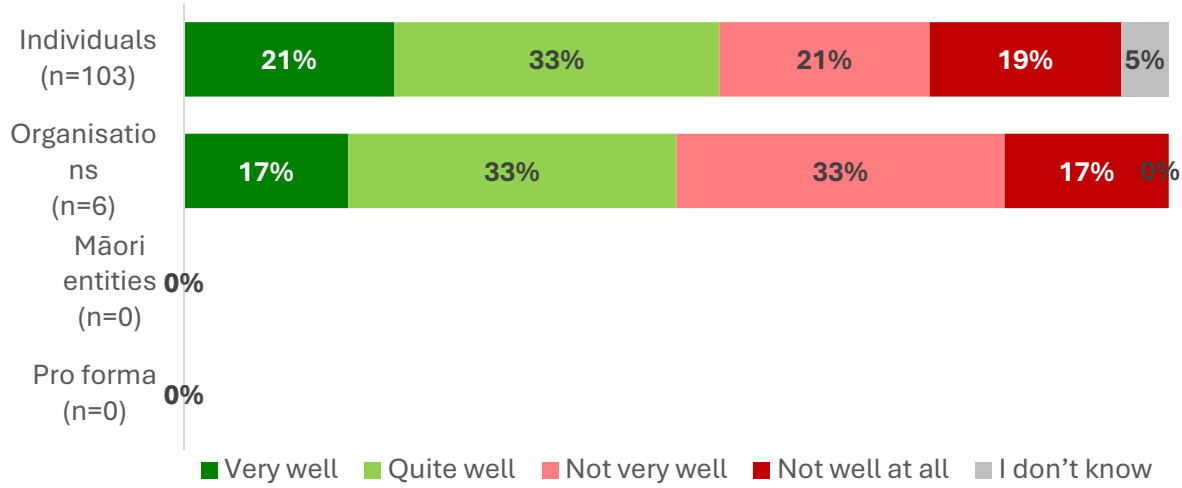
Economic Development

Our local economy is strong, our town centres are thriving, and our communities are prospering.

Objectives

- Our town centres are viable for local businesses, and attractive destinations for shoppers and visitors.
- There are opportunities for youth employment and training in our area.

Q4. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Economic Development?



54 per cent of individuals and 50 per cent of organisations thought the needs and priorities of this focus area were captured very well or quite well.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- Strong support for local businesses
- Concerns about vitality of town centres, particularly Takapuna
- Youth employment opportunities

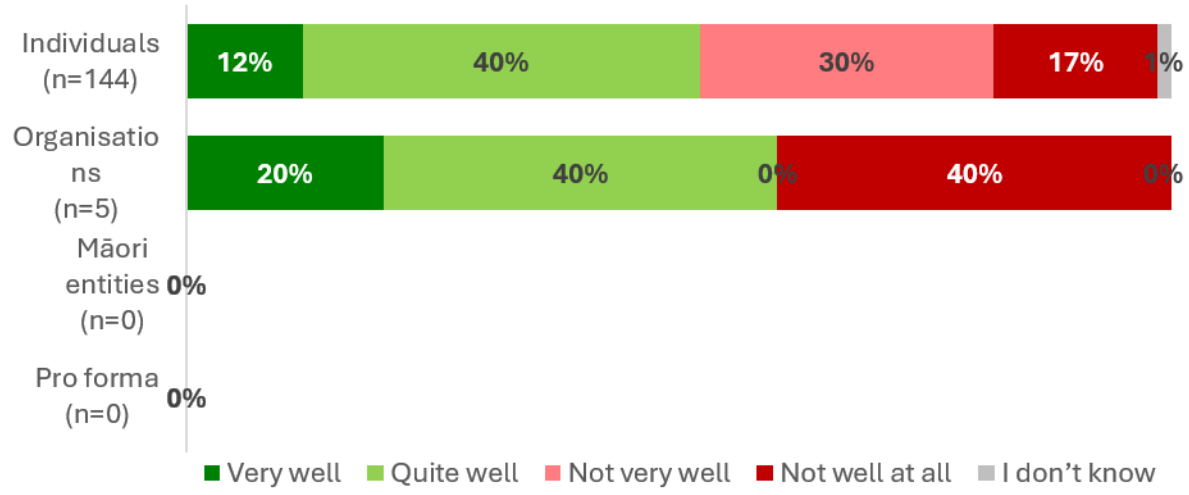
Transport

Our transport network is efficient and reliable, and we can offer our communities ways to move around our area that are safe and affordable.

Priorities

- Support and promote sustainable modes of transport that reduce emissions and ease congestion on the roads
- Improve safety on our road network for drivers, cyclists and walkers to reduce deaths and serious injuries.

Q5. How well do you think we captured the needs and priorities of our Transport?



52 per cent of individuals and 60 per cent of organisations thought the needs and priorities of this focus area were captured very well or quite well.

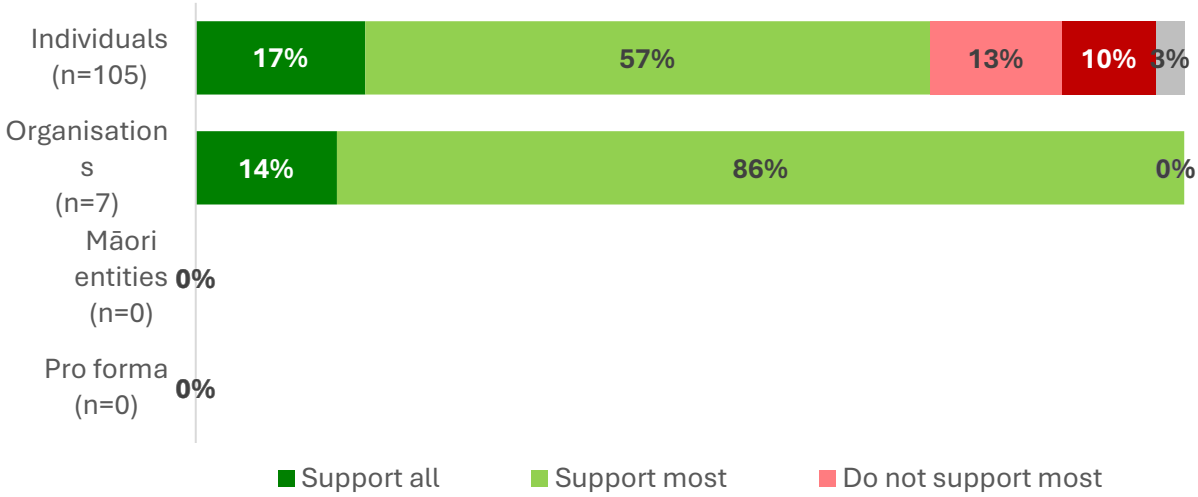
Key themes from the feedback included:

- Lake Road congestion issue
- Requests for improved public transport
- Support for improved cycling and walking infrastructure
- Opposition to cycle lanes
- Support for road and pedestrian safety upgrades

Other questions asked

As part of the draft local board plan consultation, the following additional questions were asked.

Q6. Overall, what is your opinion of the draft Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Plan 2026?



74 per cent of individuals and 100 per cent of organisations support all or most of the draft local board plan overall.

Key themes from the feedback included:

- General support for the draft plan, particularly around community and environmental focus areas.
- Common concern that objectives were aspirational without enough detail on delivery
- Some opposition to Māori-focused objectives and perceived consultation bias
- Strong expectation for prudent spending and responsible use of rates

Q7. How could the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board improve the way it engages with you about local decisions, projects and priorities?

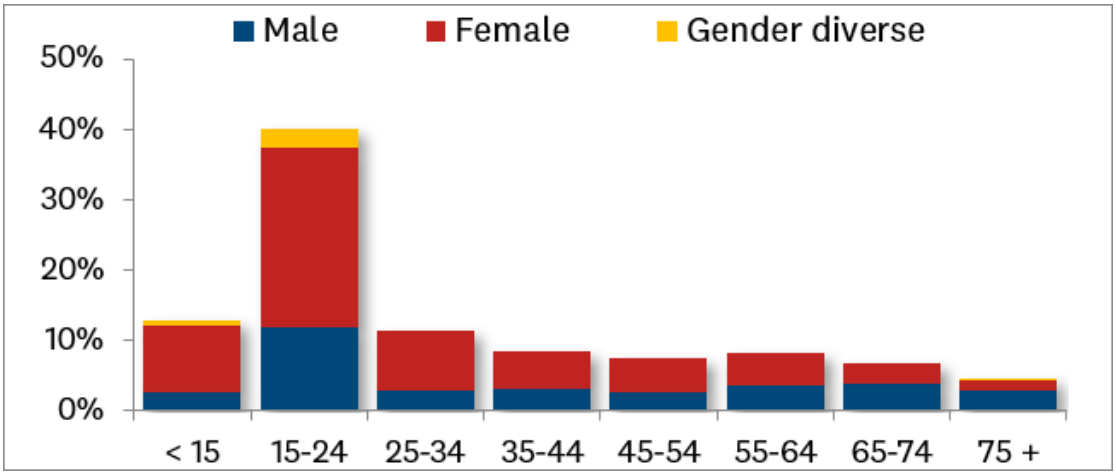
Key themes from the feedback included:

- More face-to-face engagement, including local events and opportunities to speak directly to members.
- Improved communication including through email, social media, newsletters etc.
- Greater engagement with youth

Who we heard from

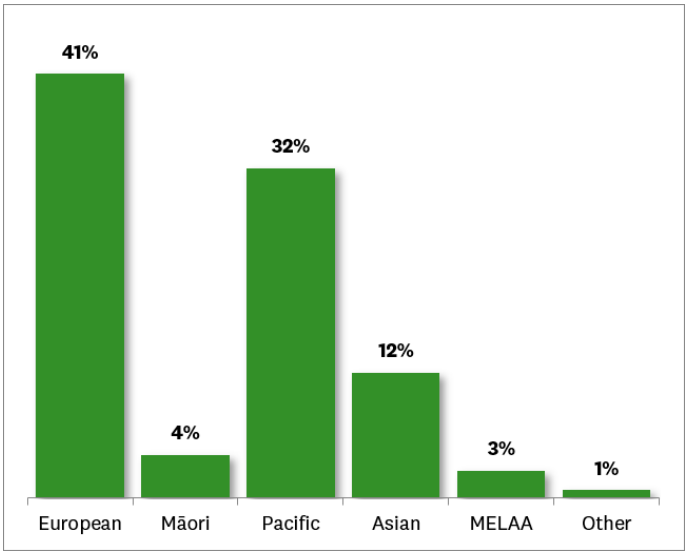
The tables and graphs below indicate the demographic profile of those that answered the demographic questions.

Fig.1



Age TOTAL	Male	Female	Another gender	#	% of feedback
Under 15	7	27	2	36	13%
15-24	33	72	7	112	40%
25-34	8	24	0	32	11%
35-44	9	15	0	24	9%
45-54	7	14	0	21	8%
55-64	10	13	0	23	8%
65-74	11	8	0	19	7%
75+	8	4	1	13	5%
Total	**93**	**177**	**10**	**280**	**100%**

Fig 2.



Ethnicity Sorted TOTAL		#	%
European		**108**	**49%**
	Pākehā/NZ European	102	46%
	Other European	7	3%
Māori		**11**	**5%**
Pasifika		**84**	**38%**
	Samoan	37	17%
	Cook Islands Māori	5	2%
	Tongan	20	9%
	Other Pasifika	23	10%
Asian		**32**	**14%**
	Chinese	19	9%
	Indian	7	3%
	Filipino	0	0%
	Southeast Asian	2	1%
	Korean	3	1%
	Other Asian	1	0%
African/Middle Eastern/Latin		**7**	**3%**
Other		**2**	**1%**
Total		**221**	**110%**