

Goodna Health, Wellbeing and Community Life Survey

Results for 2003 are based on the answers provided by the 170 people who participated this year while comparisons with 2002 use the answers of the 102 people who were surveyed in both 2002 and 2003.

General results for 2003

- Four fifths of people in Goodna were satisfied or very satisfied with it as a place to live.
- The most frequently mentioned positive aspect of living in Goodna was being close to amenities (a quarter of people said this).
- The worst thing about living in Goodna was uncleanliness (a fifth mentioned this).
- The problems surveyed residents of Goodna thought were most serious were, together with the percentage of people who mentioned each issue:
 - Unemployment (72%)
 - Car theft (57%)
 - Drug use (56%)
 - Home break-ins (53%)
- The services or facilities that people in Goodna found most difficult to access were:
 - Medicare office (46%)
 - Hospital (30%)
 - Sport and recreation facilities (21%)
- The most serious problems people in Goodna felt young people were facing were:
 - Lack of employment opportunities (67%)
 - Drugs (64%)
 - Lack of training facilities (54%)
- Of the people with children in schooling in Goodna, a clear majority were satisfied with all aspects of the school's performance.
- The problems most experienced by people in Goodna included:
 - Money problems (35%)
 - Work related problems (22%)
 - Unemployment (19%)

Changes between 2002 and 2003

- A sixth of respondents felt that their level of trust in other residents had increased since 2002 while only 2% felt that it had decreased. Most (81%) reported no change.
- Public opinion relating to vandalism of buildings or public telephones changed significantly over the past year. More people thought the problem of vandalism of buildings or public telephones was not as serious as last year compared with those who thought the problem had become more serious (25% versus 5%) while for most (70%) their opinion had not changed.
- Having cars broken into or stolen in Goodna appeared to be less of a concern in 2003 with 19% of respondents reporting lower levels of concern compared to only 4% who said that the problem had worsened. Again, most (70%) had not changed their opinion.
- A third of respondents thought that ease of access to a TAFE for Goodna residents had improved between 2002 and 2003, while 12% believed access had become more difficult.

There were no significant changes in residents' attitudes relating to other issues covered in the survey.