



Gatton CBD Traffic and Pedestrian Review 2016

Council undertook a review of community usage and preferences for priority regarding pedestrian crossings in Gatton CBD. For the purpose of this review, the CBD was defined as Railway Street between Spencer Street (at RT Edwards) and Crescent Street (at the Commercial Hotel), and North Street between William Street (more particularly from the Shire Hall) and Wiggins Street.

An online survey was made available from late September until the end of October 2016 and was promoted through the Gatton Star, Council's Facebook and direct mail to Gatton CBD businesses. An option was provided for people without suitable internet access to make an appointment with one of Council's community engagement officers to complete the survey.

The following pages are the results as generated directly from SurveyMonkey, the online survey platform used by Council. These results formed the basis of a formal report provided to Council's Gatton Revitalisation Committee.

As a result of this community consultation, Council is not intending to make any significant or notable changes to pedestrian crossings or traffic flows within the area in scope.

Council appreciates the feedback from everyone who took the time to complete the survey.

For more information on this consultation please contact:

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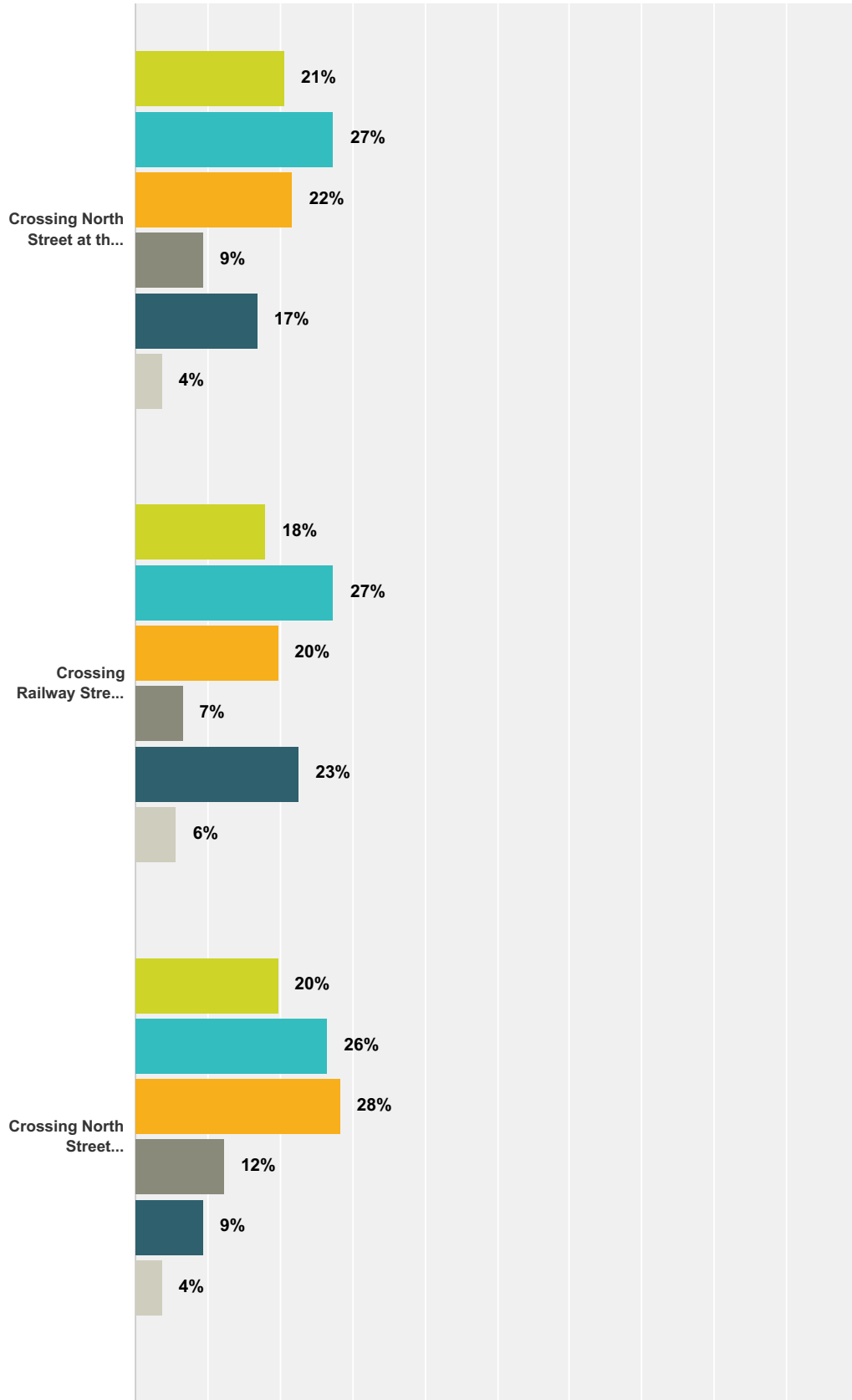
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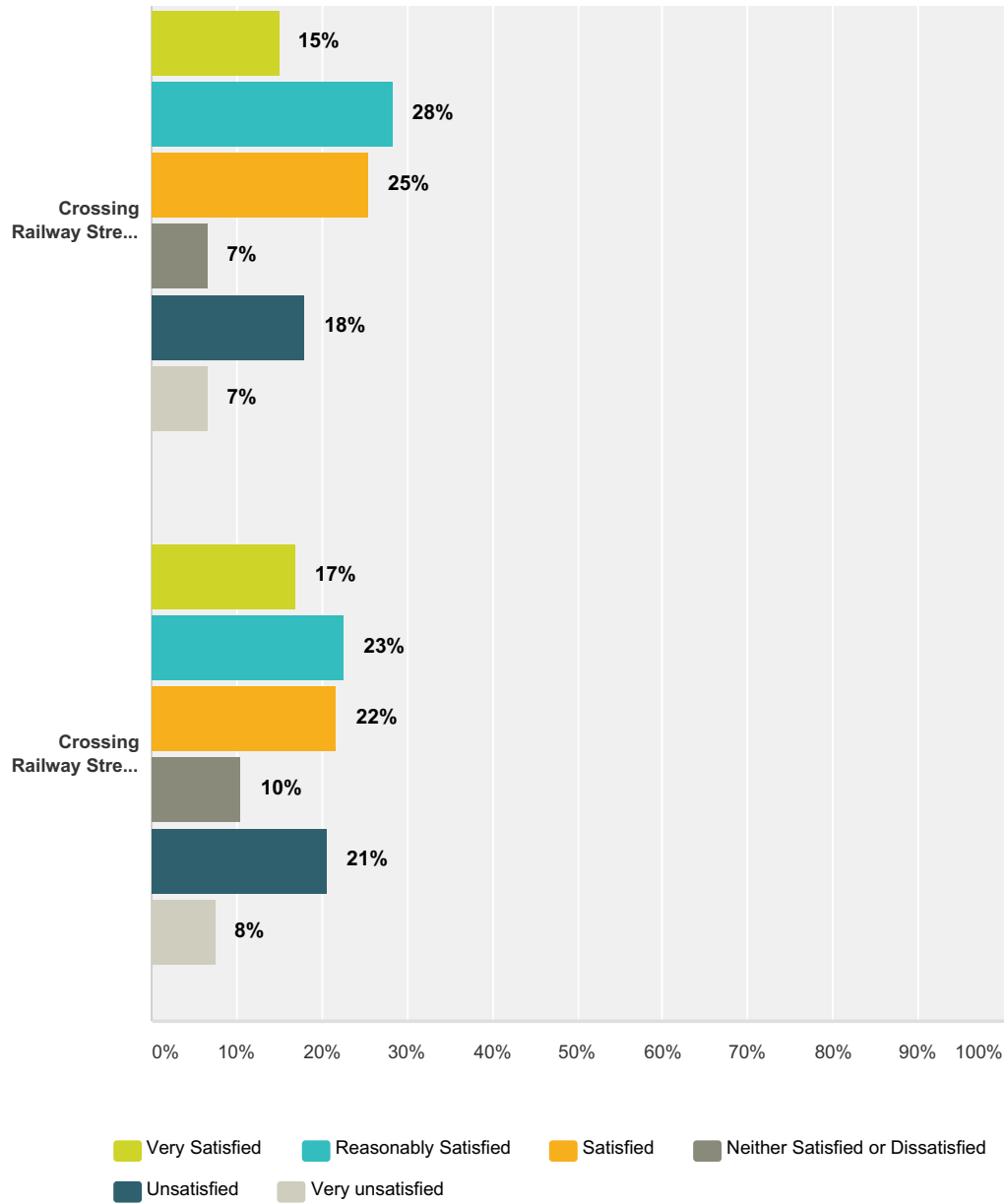
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Q1 How satisfied are you with pedestrian access across roads within the Gatton CBD? (This includes things like how safe you feel when crossing, time spent waiting to cross, and places to cross).

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	Very Satisfied	Reasonably Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Total
Crossing North Street at the central roundabout	21% 22	27% 29	22% 23	9% 10	17% 18	4% 4	106
Crossing Railway Street at the central roundabout	18% 19	27% 29	20% 21	7% 7	23% 24	6% 6	106
Crossing North Street generally	20% 21	26% 28	28% 30	12% 13	9% 10	4% 4	106
Crossing Railway Street generally	15% 16	28% 30	25% 27	7% 7	18% 19	7% 7	106
Crossing Railway Street at the Crescent Street roundabout	17% 18	23% 24	22% 23	10% 11	21% 22	8% 8	106

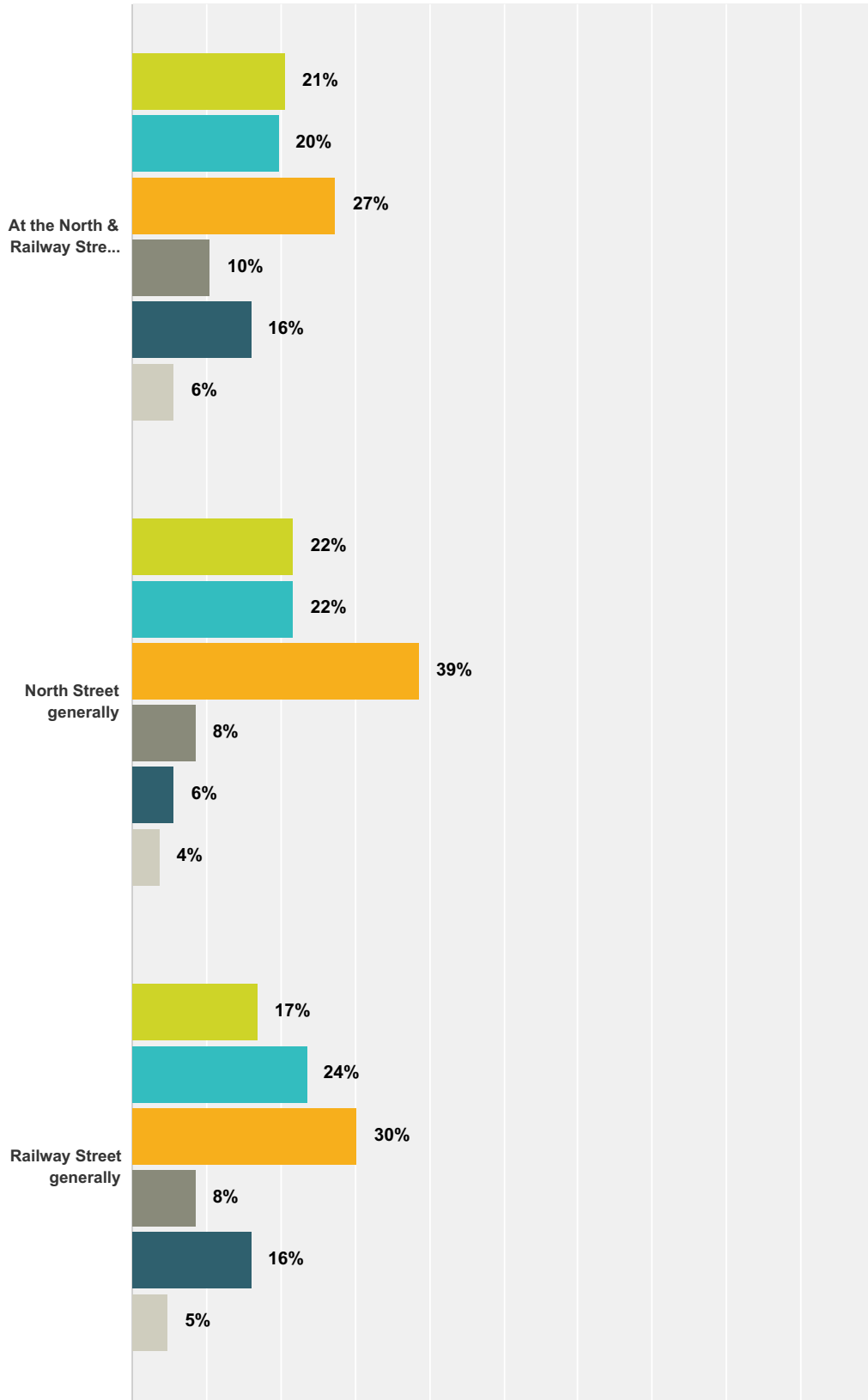
#	Comments	Date
1	The garden structures on the pedestrian crossing make it difficult for drivers to see and as a pedestrian make me feel very unsafe. As a driver, it is hard to anticipate as to whether people are just talking on the garden beds or are actually going to cross the road.	10/25/2016 1:28 PM
2	Drivers do not stop at these crossings a lot of the time have been almost run over on more than one occasion trying to cross the road at a pedestrian crossing near round about	10/25/2016 10:49 AM

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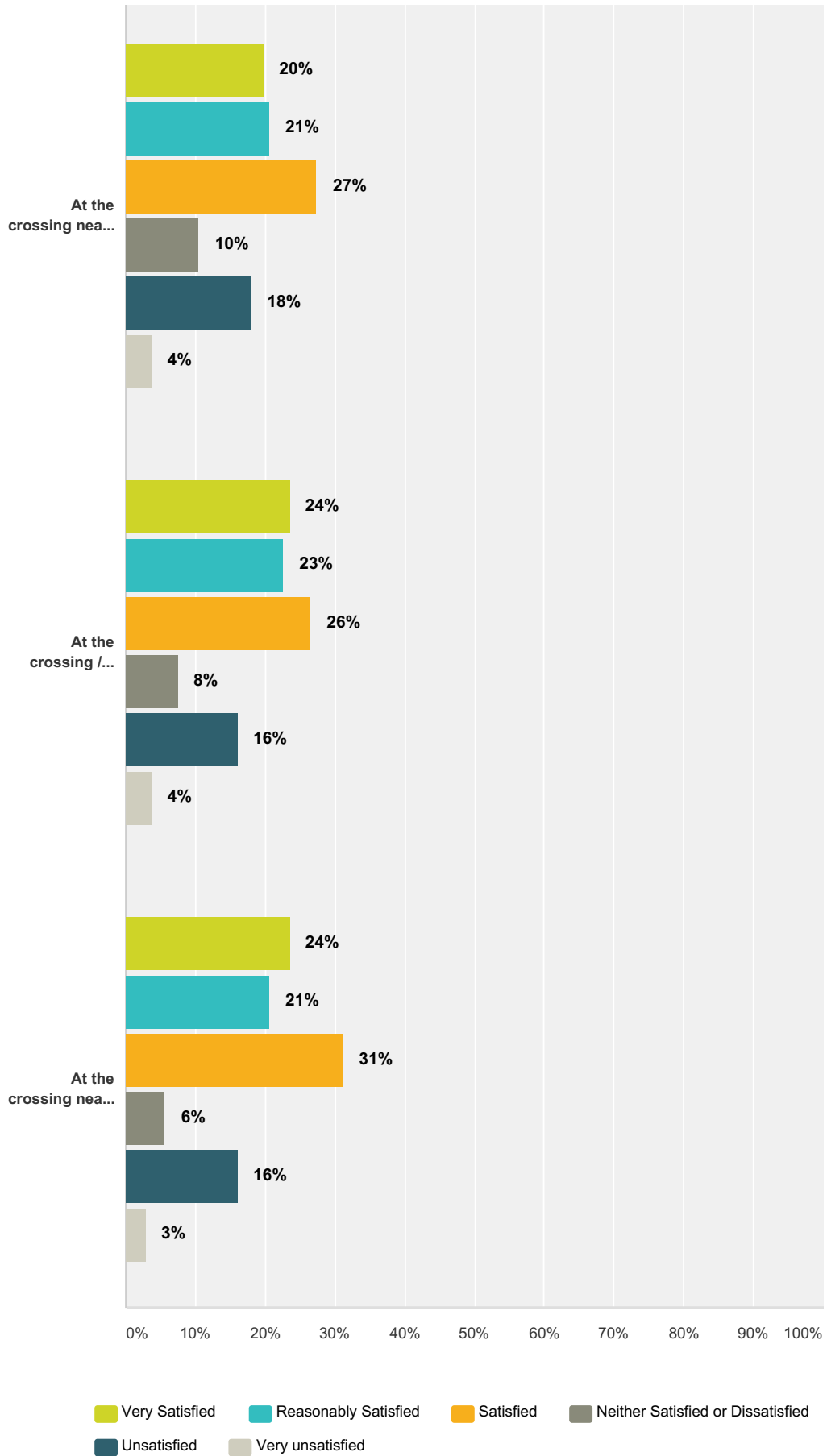
	The people crossing are not seen easily . The pedestrians should give way to traffic as in other towns	10/25/2016 9:41 AM
4	due to trees all places unsafe to cross	10/25/2016 9:28 AM
5	Railway and cochrane at toyota should be your priority...and footpaths down smith street for students-they are walking all over road with buses on this route	10/25/2016 9:18 AM
6	The timbers around our roundabouts make it hard to see pedestrians. I don't walk onto crossing until the car has stopped. There has been so many times cars haven't seen us	10/25/2016 9:02 AM
7	William Street outside Lockyer Doctors is the difficult one to cross, watching traffic from North St, Eastern Drive, Crescent Street and William Street, as well as the tight onsite carpark. With that being a centre for pathology, radiology and doctors, obviously pedestrians around there are unwell and sometimes disabled, and there needs to be intervention to assist. It might need a roundabout with crossings such as the one at Railway and North.	10/25/2016 8:20 AM
8	Most crossing are safe .	10/25/2016 8:17 AM
9	I'm not a big fan of the crossing adjacent to the roundabouts. If seen towns like Byron bay have them removed and moved up the street. They then had to erect fencing guide pedestrians towards relocated crossing	10/25/2016 6:19 AM
10	For pedestrians it's good as long as drivers are alert and watching.	10/25/2016 2:51 AM
11	People seem to not understand how to use them. They also dawdle or walk halfway then cut across the road off the crossing. Vehicle drivers will see someone get on far left (or right - which ever way travelling) and they wait until the people cross BOTH crossings. These issues cause a lot of congestion.	10/24/2016 11:00 PM
12	You can't be seen easily as you're about to step onto crossing	10/24/2016 10:40 PM
13	On crescent and north st's drivers ignore traffic directions and cross through parking spots and across solid white lines	10/24/2016 10:07 PM
14	There is one extremely dangerous crossing near the cemetery. So many people have almost been hit that is ridiculous someone will be killed them out of time .	10/24/2016 9:38 PM
15	Think u should turn it into a mall a lot of oversea people don't know the road rules saw one man drive around the roundabout the wrong way	10/24/2016 9:25 PM
16	Having the crossings on the roundabout is dangerous they need to be moved further away for safety.	10/24/2016 9:03 PM
17	Just incase i got them wrong. Crossing in main street are fine. One off roundabouts not safe.	10/24/2016 8:57 PM
18	Crossings not at the roundabout have hard visibility for drivers with the structures at each end of them. Crossings can be dangerous so close the roundabout and can cause congestion of traffic on the roundabout	10/24/2016 8:44 PM
19	Visibility at ANZ bank and IGA crossings is limited because of arbours	10/24/2016 8:24 PM
20	Crossings at the roundabout are very painful. People are flat out using roundabouts correctly let alone having to enter a roundabout watching for traffic and pedestrians!	10/24/2016 8:09 PM
21	North Street needs a safe crossing, either near the intersection of William Street, or near the Shire Hall.	10/13/2016 5:16 PM
22	Issues with visibility on those two crossings	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
23	A lot of drivers think they do not have to give the right of way to pedestrians. I always stop and make sure it is safe before I cross. Drivers need to take more care. I sped up my pace when drivers stop and I always give way to pedestrians when driving. Drivers only need to slow down and take notice	10/10/2016 12:07 PM
24	Fix the goat tracks in the community!	10/7/2016 11:52 AM
25	North Street can be quite dangerous when crossing the road. Cars come out of the IGA carpark and cross the lane into the centre parking to turn right instead of turning left out of the carpark. Crossing Crescent Street to get to the post office can sometimes be hairy with people turning right out of the IGA carpark. Basically, there are rules being broken and no compliance. Pedestrians should go to the crossing and vehicles should turn left and go around the roundabout.	10/6/2016 10:12 PM
26	Pedestrian crossing near Iga and Anz are a little hard to see sometimes because of structures and gardens. They look great but can cause blind spots.	10/6/2016 8:29 PM
27	Crossings are right on corners. Cars are almost on them before they see pedestrians at corners.	10/6/2016 8:10 PM
28	I do not like waking into Cigarette smoke? I think driver enter the crossing to fast.	10/6/2016 5:57 PM
29	Quite a number of times I have had cars not see me on the pedestrian crossings, I think due to the box gardens on the edge of the street. A couple of near misses or stunned drivers halting to a stop, lucky I am more unaware of the problem and am careful. Maybe drivers are less cautious but the gardens dont seem to help. It has happened more so on the crossing in front of the Shoe shop and iga, but also on SuperCheap/National Bank crossing.	10/6/2016 2:43 PM
30	I have had several occasions when cars do not give way and I have felt quite unsafe.	10/6/2016 2:42 PM

Q2 As a driver, how satisfied are you with vehicle flows through the Gatton CBD? (This includes things like how long it takes to drive through the CBD, length of delays waiting for pedestrians, safety of all road users.)

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At the North & Railway Street roundabout	21% 22	20% 21	27% 29	10% 11	16% 17	6% 6	106

North Street generally	22% 23	22% 23	39% 41	8% 9	6% 6	4% 4	106
Railway Street generally	17% 18	24% 25	30% 32	8% 9	16% 17	5% 5	106
At the crossing near IGA	20% 21	21% 22	27% 29	10% 11	18% 19	4% 4	106
At the crossing / roundabout near the Royal Hotel	24% 25	23% 24	26% 28	8% 8	16% 17	4% 4	106
At the crossing near the ANZ bank	24% 25	21% 22	31% 33	6% 6	16% 17	3% 3	106

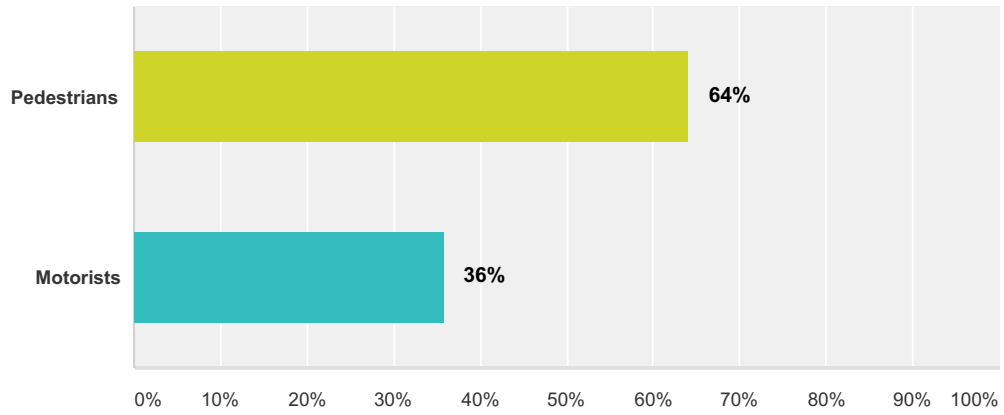
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1	With the bricked planters etc it can be hard to see pedestrians while driving down the street.	10/25/2016 11:09 PM
2	The whole CBD feels a like a shared zone. People dawdle (take forever) to cross at the crossings, or they just jay walk and cross where they feel like it. The area which really needs attention is the lights at the corner of railway and eastern drive. They take forever and the traffic flow is shocking. A roundabout in the place of those lights would run faster and smoother, with a quick turn left option for trucks ect passing through Gatton towards Grantham.	10/25/2016 3:33 PM
3	At busy times no traffic is constantly stopping with the pedestrians crossing the road	10/25/2016 9:41 AM
4	The timber makes seeing pedestrians hard. All the crossings in the one spot means traffic cones to a stand still quite often.	10/25/2016 9:02 AM
5	I do find it hard to always see people crossing near iga or anz bank when driving through town. I believe the arbours in the middle make it hard to see people crossing as well as the parked cars near them. It's not as clear as people crossing near the round a bout.	10/25/2016 6:03 AM
6	It's not good when traffic backs up on the North St/Railway St roundabout because of pedestrians crossing the pedestrian crossing. Drivers need to be more aware of others trying to use the roundabout and of pedestrians crossing the road.	10/25/2016 2:51 AM
7	As a driver approaching pedestrian crossings in the CBD, I find it very unsafe from a visibility perspective due to how the pedestrian access points are quite large and you don't see people until the last minute.	10/24/2016 11:02 PM
8	As stated above.	10/24/2016 11:00 PM
9	It's hard to see people about to cross. Generally people have no idea how to use a roundabout and when you have to turn left you wait for a pedestrian that goes across and then also across where you want to to go and then catch a turn between other traffic entering and on the roundabout.	10/24/2016 10:40 PM
10	No one obeys the traffic laws in Gatton we don't give a shit	10/24/2016 10:07 PM
11	I do find it hard to always see people crossing near iga or anz bank when driving through town. I believe the arbours in the middle make it hard to see people crossing as well as the parked cars near them. It's not as clear as people crossing near the round a bout.	10/24/2016 9:43 PM
12	That's all good. It's the lights that take for Eva to change. There should be roundabouts so the traffic and keep flowing so stop start stop start stop start bloody annoying.	10/24/2016 9:38 PM
13	Dangerous with crossings so close to roundabouts.	10/24/2016 8:44 PM
14	Gardens and structures on crossings obstruct people from view before entering the crossings.	10/24/2016 8:09 PM
15	Perhaps could make Railway Street one way leading from the lights down to Crescent Street. Could then look at making North Street one way from William Street to East Street.	10/13/2016 5:16 PM
16	Visibility issues, these three crossings should be crossings not pedestrian crossings	10/10/2016 4:11 PM
17	Pedestrian crossings at roundabouts tend to be more dangerous due to the continuous flow of traffic. If budget allows, I suggest replacing the roundabout with lights.	10/9/2016 8:28 PM
18	I have to replace my wheels due to damage from your roads through out the electorate	10/7/2016 11:52 AM
19	Pedestrians are very hard to see at these crossings	10/7/2016 11:13 AM

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	<p>It's important to accept the pedestrian and vehicle access. The most irksome issue is people not knowing how to park and trying to drive forward into the footpath parks and those reversing out of the centre parks. Perhaps the centre parks should be dispensed with and angle parking be implemented on either side. I would like to see the crossings away from the roundabouts. There are better systems than having pedestrian crossings 'on' the roundabouts. This can cause bottlenecks at times and blind spots. The pedestrian crossing right outside the Commercial Hotel is dangerous, I have seen a naked man at the station end of this roundabout and another man lying on the roundabout. It is also deceptive - not knowing if the people lingering outside the hotel are indicating their intention to cross the road or not. Railway Street should be local traffic only with preference for pedestrians. Parking is an issue with all day parkers using the parks in the main street. I support council monitoring the parks in the main street and issuing fines where necessary. People also turn right across the traffic from the Crescent Street exit of the IGA carpark.</p>	10/6/2016 10:12 PM
21	The central roundabout has a lot of hazards for drivers and can impede traffic flow with the pedestrian crossings coming off the roundabout	10/6/2016 9:14 PM
22	In shadow of buildings, hard to see pedestrians. Cars parked near crossings block vision of pedestrians	10/6/2016 8:10 PM
23	some times as a driver i have a blind spot at the crossing	10/6/2016 5:57 PM
24	THE CROSSING NEAR IGA IS VERY HARD TO SEE PEDESTRIANS DUE TO SHADOWS AND THE FRAME OF THE ARCHES. IT IS NOT CLEARLY VISIBLE UNTIL PEDESTRIANS START TO WALK OUT.	10/6/2016 1:08 PM

Q3 Who would you prefer to have priority (right of way) at intersections and crossings (marked and unmarked) within Gatton CBD?

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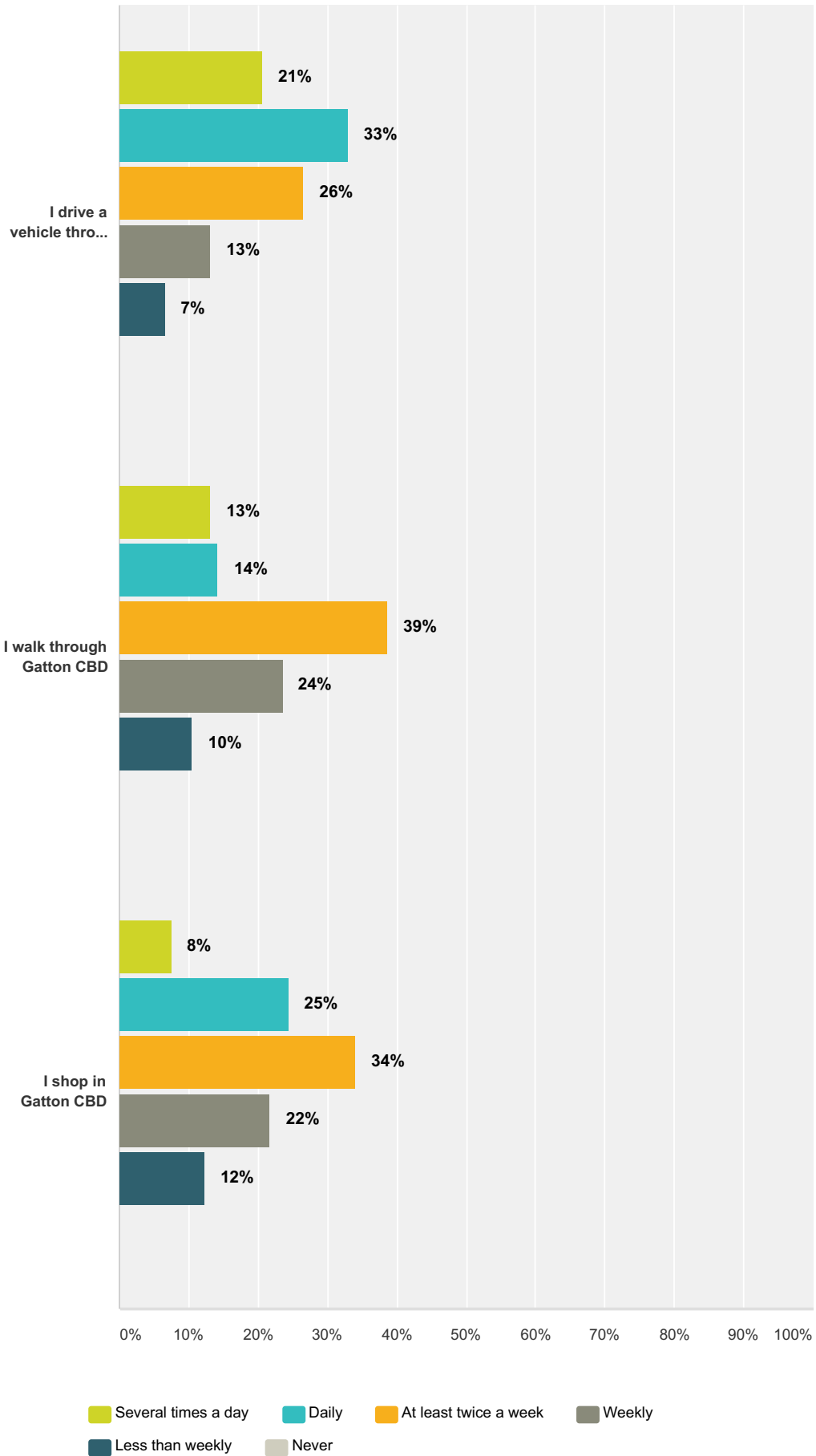
Answer Choices	Responses	
Pedestrians	64%	68
Motorists	36%	38
Total		106



Q4 Please indicate your usage of the Gatton CBD. (Select ALL that apply)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 0

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	Several times a day	Daily	At least twice a week	Weekly	Less than weekly	Never	Total
I drive a vehicle through Gatton CBD	21%	33%	26%	13%	7%	0%	106
	22	35	28	14	7	0	

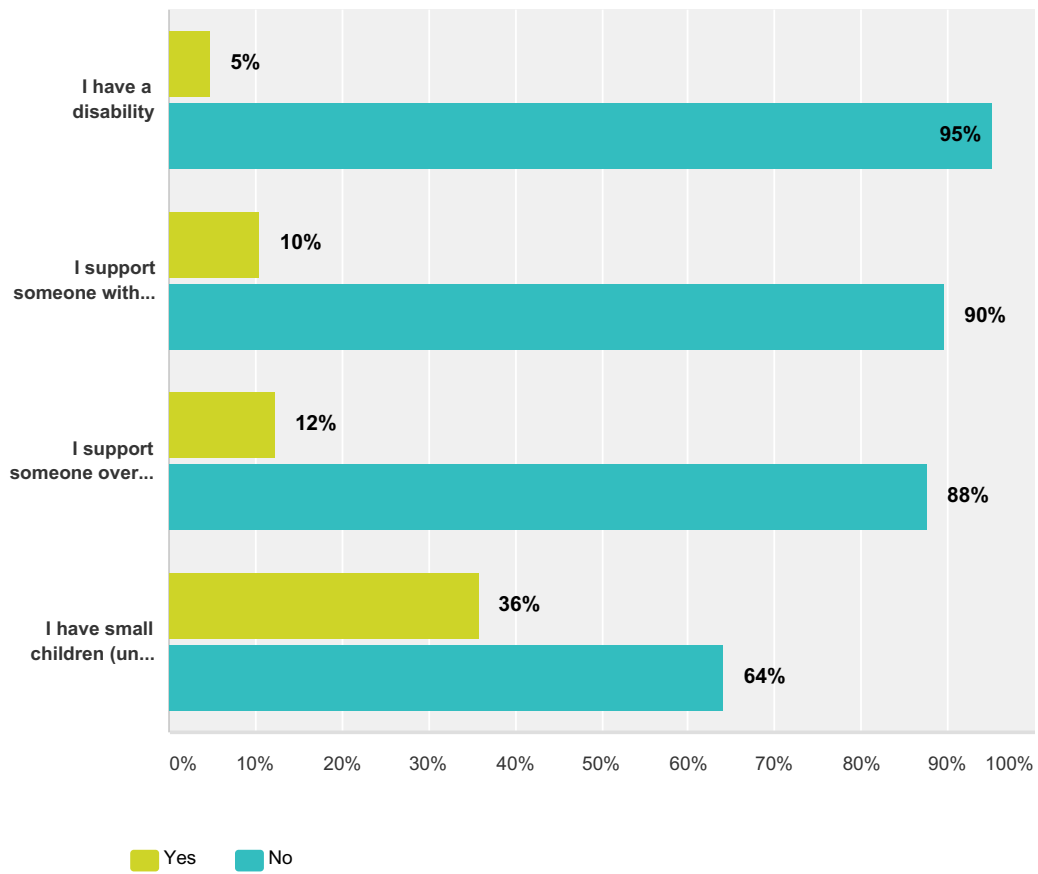


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I walk through Gatton CBD	13% 14	14% 15	39% 41	24% 25	10% 11	0% 0	106
I shop in Gatton CBD	8% 8	25% 26	34% 36	22% 23	12% 13	0% 0	106

Q5 Please complete the following demographic questions. (Select ALL that apply)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 0



	Yes	No	Total
I have a disability	5% 5	95% 101	106
I support someone with a disability	10% 11	90% 95	106
I support someone over 70 years of age	12% 13	88% 93	106
I have small children (under 5 years)	36% 38	64% 68	106

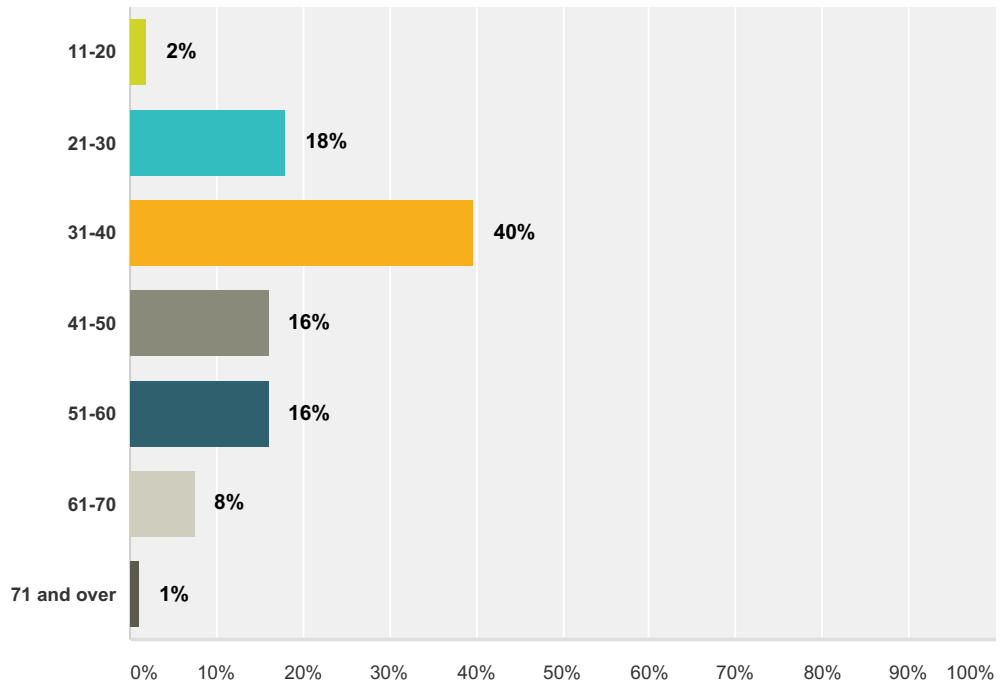
#	Comments	Date
1	Footpaths on smith connecting railway and william streets along smith...lots of students walking on rd	10/25/2016 9:18 AM
2	Pedestrians should be safe on crossings. Motorist should give way to pedestrian crossings. Motorist should not get so held up at the major round about in the Center of town.	10/25/2016 9:02 AM
3	I used to work in Gatton CBD, so I have a lot of recent experience.	10/25/2016 8:20 AM
4	Often the speed of cars travelling up the above mentioned streets alarm me too!	10/25/2016 6:19 AM
5	I believe that there needs to be something down at the end of north street where the road comes to a t intersection near the doctors. It is extremely hard to see on coming traffic when cars are parked in the middle.	10/25/2016 6:03 AM
6	I believe that William Street has far worse traffic and safety concerns. There needs to be a roundabout at North Street/William Street intersection because the doctors surgery vreates traffic chaos. Also there needs to be turning signals at the lights on the Spencer Street/William Street intersection.	10/25/2016 1:19 AM

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8	But grandkids	10/24/2016 9:25 PM
9	I avoid the Main Street if possible. Unfortunately too many people don't know how to drive and the parking is quite limited	10/24/2016 8:44 PM
10	Please get rid of all the bloody trees in the middle and add more parking spaces, i rarely shop down the street due to a lack of parking.	10/24/2016 7:59 PM
11	All footpaths and ramps are pram friendly.	10/13/2016 5:16 PM
12	3 windscreen replacements this year due to passing cars and having rocks thrown up from the road edges and pot holes	10/7/2016 11:52 AM
13	Having had the recent experience of supporting someone in a wheelchair, Gatton CBD footpaths are in need of repair and consideration of people with restricted mobility. Street crossings at the traffic lights in particular require attention as I found the need to 'reverse' the wheel chair down the pedestrian apron and 'reverse' to get back up the other side. This is unsafe.	10/6/2016 10:12 PM

Q6 Please indicate your age bracket

Answered: 106 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
11-20	2%	2
21-30	18%	19
31-40	40%	42
41-50	16%	17
51-60	16%	17
61-70	8%	8
71 and over	1%	1
Total		106