



Shire of Dumbleyung – Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Survey Results

The Shire of Dumbleyung recently facilitated three very successful community meetings (two in Dumbleyung and one in Kukerin) to discuss design options with funding implications for establishing a new Dumbleyung Swimming Pool. Each of the community meetings were significantly supported with 117 people attending. The following Dumbleyung Swimming Pool community survey that was released has also been strongly supported with 158 responses received. This represents an excellent response rate, both attendance at the community meetings and via survey responses. Importantly, it strongly indicates how important the issue is for the majority of our community. A full analysis and collation of the survey results has now been completed for inclusion as a late agenda item for consideration by the Dumbleyung Shire Council at Thursday's (tomorrow) meeting. A copy of the survey results is attached to this advice, for information. As has been the case right throughout this process, the Shire will keep the community fully updated as key decisions and/or new information comes to hand.

Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Survey Results

158 survey responses (with Name / contact details provided) were received. The below table shows the locality of each survey response received;

Response	Count	Percentage
Dumbleyung	109	69%
Kukerin	31	20%
Moulyinning	11	7%
Dongolocking	4	3%
Nippering	3	2%
Total	158	

The survey results by question are provided below.

Question 1: Do you want a new public Dumbleyung Swimming Pool?

Response	Count	Percentage
No	20	13%
Yes	138	87%
Total	158	

Majority (87%) of responses were Yes.

Question 2: If yes, which of the four options do you prefer?

Response	Count	Percentage
No pool	19	13%
1	71	48%
2	24	16%
3	5	3%
4	29	20%
Total	148	

Option 1 received the highest amount of votes (71/148 votes or 48%).

Only 39% of responses voted for option 2 or higher.

Question 3: What level of Shire rating increase (percentage) would you feel comfortable to pay for a new pool (to finance a new loan)?

**Note: survey answers that gave a range have been entered into the below data as the mid-point of the given range, for example if the survey answer was 5-7% this answer has been included as 6% in the below data.*

Response	Count
No pool	19
0.0%	24
Least as possible	4
1.0%	3
2.0%	10
3.0%	3
4.0%	11
5.0%	23
5.5%	1
6.0%	2
6.5%	4
7.0%	1
8.0%	18
9.0%	3
10.0%	12
15.0%	1
Whatever is needed	6
Total	145

The above data has now been summarised into rounded whole numbers;

Response	Count	Percentage
0%	43	30%
Least as possible	4	3%
1%	3	2%
2%	10	7%
3%	3	2%
4%	11	8%
5%	23	16%
6%	3	2%
7%	5	3%
8%	18	12%
9%	3	2%
10%+	13	9%
Whatever is needed	6	4%
Total	145	

The most voted for option was 0% rate rise (43 votes including those who voted for no pool, equating to 30% of votes).

The most favoured rate rise options were 5% (16%) and 8% (12%).

The survey results to this question are highly varied due to the nature of the questionnaire (those who voted for option 4 also more likely voted for a higher rate rise as this is the only feasible way to achieve option 4, and those who voted for option 1 opted for a lower rate rise as option 1 was the most affordable).

Key themes identified in comments made against this question are;

- Use Bain Estate to reduce the amount of rates rise needed
- Inequality of rates rises used to fund pool (some users of the pool are residents but not rate payers, also the difference in quantum of rate contributions between farmers and town residents)

Question 4: Should the Shire try and secure CSRFF grant funding through the State Government in 2023 (Note: closing date for application submissions is 30th September 2023 with advice on whether the application is successful (or not) to be received in the following months)?

Response	Count	Percentage
No	25	18%
Yes	113	82%
Total	138	

Majority (82%) of responses were Yes.

The key theme identified in comments made against this question is uncertainty regarding applying for CSRFF stems from potential delays CSRFF will cause to the pool project.

Question 5: How much Bain funding (of the current \$5.5m balance) do you suggest should be used for this project?

**Note: survey answers that gave a range have been entered into the below data as the mid-point of the given range, for example if the survey answer was 1-2m this answer has been included as 1.5m in the below data.*

Response	Count
No pool	19
Least as possible	2
1.00	4
1.13	1
1.25	1
1.50	6
1.75	2
2.00	4
2.25	8
2.50	4
2.75	6
3.00	6
3.25	1
3.30	1
3.50	12
3.70	2
3.75	4
4.00	18
4.13	1
4.25	1
4.50	8
4.95	1
5.00	10
5.50	20
Whatever is needed	5
Total	147

The above data has now been summarised into ranges;

Response	Count	Percentage
Least as possible	2	1%
0-1	23	16%
1-2	14	10%
2.1-3	24	16%
3.1-4	38	26%
4.1-5	21	14%
5.1-5.5	20	14%
Whatever is needed	5	3%
Total	147	

The most voted for option was between \$3-4million (38 votes, 26% of total votes).

The remainder of votes represented a broadly even spread between the other contribution levels, with the next highest between \$2-3 million (24 votes, 16% of total votes).

The survey results to this question are highly varied due to the nature of the questionnaire (those who voted for option 4 also more likely voted for a higher Bain contribution as this is the only feasible way to achieve option 4, and those who voted for option 1 opted for a lower Bain contribution as option 1 was the most affordable).

Key themes identified in comments made against this question are;

- A reasonable amount of the Bain Estate should not be used for the pool project to ensure there is Bain Estate funding available for other future projects
- Utilising a higher value of Bain for the pool project will speed up the pool delivery as funding is more secured and would reduce the required rate rise
- The pool could be named the 'Bain Memorial Pool'
- Funds currently allocation to the Bain Estate Memorial could be reallocated to the pool

Question 6: Do you support community fundraising options such as grain drives?

Response	Count	Percentage
No	30	22%
Yes	104	78%
Total	134	

Majority (78%) of responses were Yes.

Key themes identified in comments made against this question are.

- Community fundraising generally supported as long as all businesses and residents can contribute
- Grain drives target a select group of ratepayers and are not inclusive/equal
- Grain drives are already utilised for other projects in the Shire (sporting clubs)
- If increasing rates to fund the pool it would be unfair to also run a grain drive as farmers are then contributing to the pool twice
- Community crop suggested as another form of potential fundraising