



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY
GREATER DANDENONG CITY COUNCIL**

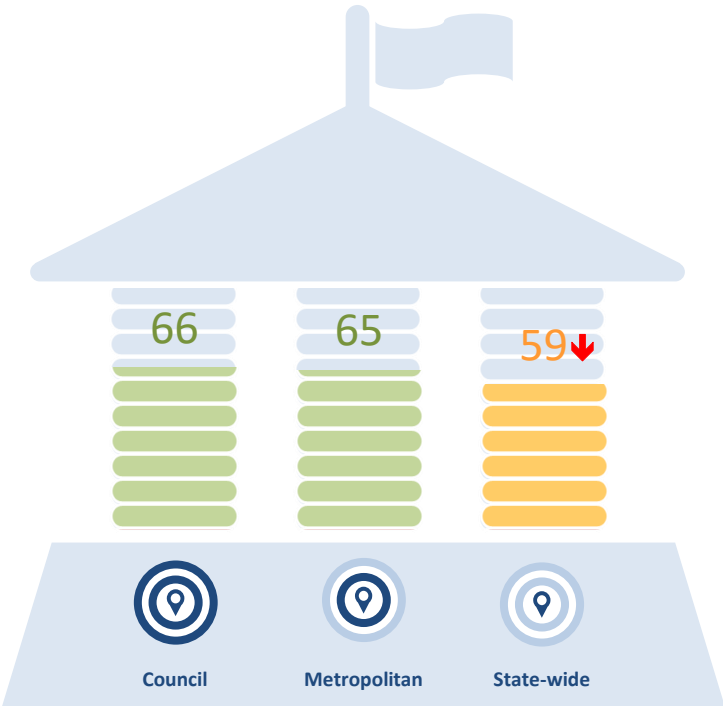
2018 RESEARCH REPORT

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GREATER DANDENONG CITY COUNCIL – AT A GLANCE



OVERALL COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

Results shown are index scores out of 100.

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Welcome to the report of results and recommendations for the 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Greater Dandenong City Council.

Each year Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates and auspices this State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey throughout Victorian local government areas. This coordinated approach allows for far more cost effective surveying than would be possible if councils commissioned surveys individually.

Participation in the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is optional. Participating councils have various choices as to the content of the questionnaire and the sample size to be surveyed, depending on their individual strategic, financial and other considerations.

The main objectives of the survey are to assess the performance of Greater Dandenong City Council across a range of measures and to seek insight into ways to provide improved or more effective service delivery. The survey also provides councils with a means to fulfil some of their statutory reporting requirements as well as acting as a feedback mechanism to LGV.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLING

This survey was conducted by Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18+ years in Greater Dandenong City Council.

Survey sample matched to the demographic profile of Greater Dandenong City Council as determined by the most recent ABS population estimates was purchased from an accredited supplier of publicly available phone records, including up to 40% mobile phone numbers to cater to the diversity of residents within Greater Dandenong City Council, particularly younger people.

A total of n=400 completed interviews were achieved in Greater Dandenong City Council. Survey fieldwork was conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March, 2018.

The 2018 results are compared with previous years, as detailed below:

- 2017, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2016, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2015, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 30th March.
- 2014, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 31st January – 11th March.
- 2013, n=400 completed interviews, conducted in the period of 1st February – 24th March.

Minimum quotas of gender within age groups were applied during the fieldwork phase. Post-survey weighting was then conducted to ensure accurate representation of the age and gender profile of the Greater Dandenong City Council area.

Any variation of +/-1% between individual results and net scores in this report or the detailed survey tabulations is due to rounding. In reporting, ‘—’ denotes not mentioned and ‘0%’ denotes mentioned by less than 1% of respondents. ‘Net’ scores refer to two or more response categories being combined into one category for simplicity of reporting.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY AND SAMPLING

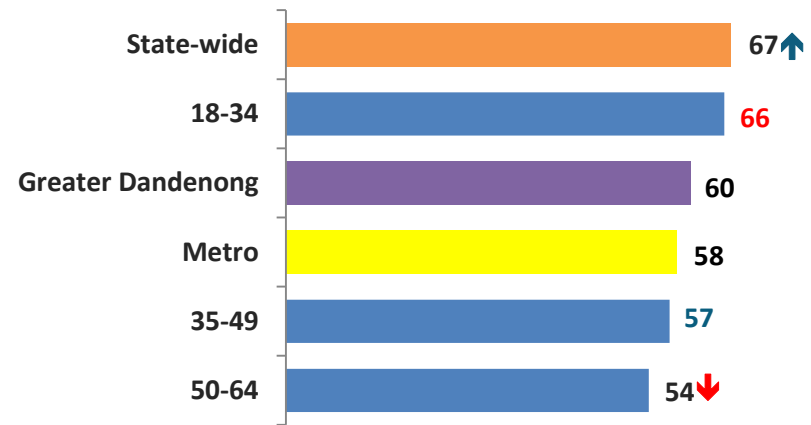
Within tables and index score charts throughout this report, statistically significant differences at the 95% confidence level are represented by upward directing blue and downward directing red arrows. Significance when noted indicates a significantly higher or lower result for the analysis group in comparison to the 'Total' result for the council for that survey question for that year. Therefore in the example below:

- The state-wide result is significantly higher than the overall result for the council.
- The result among 50-64 year olds is significantly lower than for the overall result for the council.

Further, results shown in blue and red indicate significantly higher or lower results than in 2017. Therefore in the example below:

- The result among 35-49 year olds in the council is significantly higher than the result achieved among this group in 2017.
- The result among 18-34 year olds in the council is significantly lower than the result achieved among this group in 2017.

Overall Performance – Index Scores (example extract only)



FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the report and explanations about the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey can be found in [Appendix B](#), including:

- [Background and objectives](#)
- [Margins of error](#)
- [Analysis and reporting](#)
- [Glossary of terms](#)

Contacts

For further queries about the conduct and reporting of the 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, please contact JWS Research on (03) 8685 8555.



KEY FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

The **overall performance index score of 66** for Greater Dandenong City Council represents a two-point **improvement** on the 2017 result. Greater Dandenong City Council has recorded its highest overall performance rating since it commenced tracking in 2013.

- Greater Dandenong City Council's overall performance is rated statistically **significantly higher** (at the 95% confidence interval) **than the average rating for councils State-wide** (index score of 59). Overall performance ratings are in line with the average for councils in the Metropolitan group (index score of 65).
- While most sub-groups improved in their impressions of Council's overall performance in the past year, ratings gains were *most significant* among residents of **Springvale** (index score of 66, an increase of 7 points since 2017) and **Noble Park and Keysborough** (index score of 68, up 6 points since 2017).

Six times as many residents rate Dandenong City Council's overall performance as 'very good' (16%) or 'good' (44%) than those who rate Council as 'poor' (8%) or 'very poor' (2%). A further 27% provide Council an 'average' rating for overall performance.



OVERALL COUNCIL PERFORMANCE

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OVERVIEW OF CORE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Review of the core performance measures (as shown on page 19) shows that Greater Dandenong City Council's **performance was either stable or exhibited an *increase*** compared to Council's own results in 2017.

- Greater Dandenong City Council's performance ratings *increased significantly* since 2017 in the areas of **sealed local roads** (increase of four index points). The area of **overall council direction** increased by four index points but this was *not significant*.
- Of note, the results for Greater Dandenong City Council are *significantly higher* than **State-wide council averages** on all measures with the exception of customer service, where results are in line with both the State-wide and Metropolitan group averages.
- Council's results are also *significantly higher* than the **Metropolitan group averages** for the measures of community consultation, lobbying, community decisions and council direction.

There are **some notable differences across geographic cohorts** within Greater Dandenong City Council.

- **Dandenong** residents tend to rate Council lower than residents of other geographic areas in the areas of council direction, consultation and engagement, lobbying and the condition of sealed local roads.
- Dandenong residents also *decreased significantly* in their perceptions of Council's performance in the areas of **consultation and engagement** and **lobbying** in the past year.

In the area of **customer service** (index score of 71), Greater Dandenong City Council is **similar** to the State-wide council (index score of 70) and Metropolitan group (index score of 72) averages. This is also Greater Dandenong City Council's best performing area.

CUSTOMER CONTACT AND SERVICE

More than half (55%) of Greater Dandenong City Council residents have had recent contact with Council, compared to 44% of residents in 2017. Rates of contact *increased significantly* among residents aged 18 to 49 years and women in the past year.

The main method of contacting Council is by telephone (36%), followed distantly by in-person visits (18%). Rates of telephone contact increased by twelve percentage points since 2017 (24%), while use of other methods remains consistent with past results.

Council's strongest performance is in the area of customer service, and with an index score of 71, is a positive result for Council. This is in line with the 2017 result (index score of 72). Results, however, have failed to return to previous levels after experiencing a decline between the 2016 and 2017 surveys.

- A third (33%) rate Council's customer service as 'very good', with a further 32% rating customer service as 'good'. One in five (18%) rates customer service as average and 13% as 'very poor' or 'poor'.
- Residents of Dandenong, men, and residents aged 18 to 34 years tend to rate Council's customer service lower than other sub-groups. Nonetheless, Council should aim to improve customer service across all groups, not just these particular groups.

AREAS WHERE COUNCIL IS PERFORMING WELL

Customer Service is the area where Greater Dandenong City Council has **performed most strongly** (index score of 71). Indeed, customer service was one of the most frequently mentioned best things about Council (mentioned by 8% of residents).

Another area where Greater Dandenong City Council **is doing well is sealed local roads**. With a performance index score of 69, this service area is rated second highest among residents after customer service. Perceptions of the condition of sealed local roads *improved significantly* – by four index points – since 2017. Perceptions are at their highest level since 2014.

- Ratings gains on this measure have largely been driven by significant increases in perceptions among **men** and residents of **Noble Park and Keysborough**. Ratings among both groups increased by seven index points in the past year.
- Residents of **Noble Park and Keysborough** are significantly more favourable in their views than residents overall, particularly residents of the Dandenong area.

- Council's performance on sealed local roads is rated *significantly higher* than the State-wide average (index score of 53) for councils, but is in line with the average rating for councils in the Metropolitan group (index score of 68).
- Two-thirds of residents (65%) rate Council's performance in the area of sealed local roads as 'very good' or 'good'.
- A further one in ten (11%) residents name road and street maintenance as one of the **best aspects** of living in Council.
- With an index score of 77, the condition of sealed local roads is also considered an important council service.

In addition, residents voluntarily praise Council for its diversity (mentioned by 11% of residents) and waste management services (8%).

AREAS IN NEED OF ATTENTION

The largest decline in 2018 was a three-point drop on the measure of **community consultation** (index score of 60). With index scores of 60, community consultation along with **lobbying** are the lowest-rated measures in 2017.

- Performance on consultation and engagement had increased between 2014 and 2017 but the gains achieved during that time have not been maintained in 2018.
- Much of this decline can be attributed to much more critical ratings on this issue from men, Dandenong residents, and residents aged 18 to 34 years. (Overall lobbying ratings stayed the same in the past year but also *decreased significantly* among Dandenong residents.)
- Generational differences exist in the measure of consultation and engagement. **Residents aged 65+ years** are *significantly more* favourable in their impressions of Council performance in this area, while **residents aged 18 to 34 years** are *significantly less* favourable than residents overall.

Performance ratings on **Lobbying** and **Community Consultation** both had high levels of 'don't know' responses (17% and 11% respectively). This suggests that a lot of the community is not hearing what Council is doing in these areas.

Additional areas for improvement mentioned by residents include public safety (mentioned by 9% of residents), parking (8%), and Council communications (8%).

FOCUS AREAS FOR COMING 12 MONTHS

Again, perceptions of Council did not experience any *significant declines* in ratings in the past year. This is a positive result for Council, particularly given that Greater Dandenong City Council does not have any service areas that are performing *significantly below* the Metropolitan group and State-wide averages.

In terms of priorities for the coming 12 months, Council should look to areas where current performance is lower than what has been achieved previously, namely **consultation and engagement** and **customer service** (though performance in this area is still positive).

Consideration should also be given to residents aged 50 to 64 years and Dandenong residents, who appear to be most driving negative opinion in 2018.

On the positive side, Council should **maintain its relatively strong performance in the area of sealed local roads**.

It is also important not to ignore, and to learn from, what is working amongst other groups, especially residents aged 65+ years and Noble Park and Keysborough residents, and use these lessons to build performance experience and perceptions in other areas.

FURTHER AREAS OF EXPLORATION

An approach we recommend is to further mine the survey data to better understand the profile of these over and under-performing demographic groups. This can be achieved via additional consultation and data interrogation, self-mining the SPSS data provided, or via the dashboard portal available to the council.

Please note that the category descriptions for the coded open ended responses are generic summaries only. We recommend further analysis of the detailed cross tabulations and the actual verbatim responses, with a view to understanding the responses of the key gender and age groups, especially any target groups identified as requiring attention.

A personal briefing by senior JWS Research representatives is also available to assist in providing both explanation and interpretation of the results. Please contact JWS Research on 03 8685 8555.

SNAPSHOT OF KEY FINDINGS

Higher results in 2018

(Significantly *higher* result than 2017)

- Sealed local roads

Lower results in 2018

(Significantly *lower* result than 2017)

- *No significant change*

Most favourably disposed towards Council

- Aged 65+ years
- Noble Park and Keysborough

Least favourably disposed towards Council

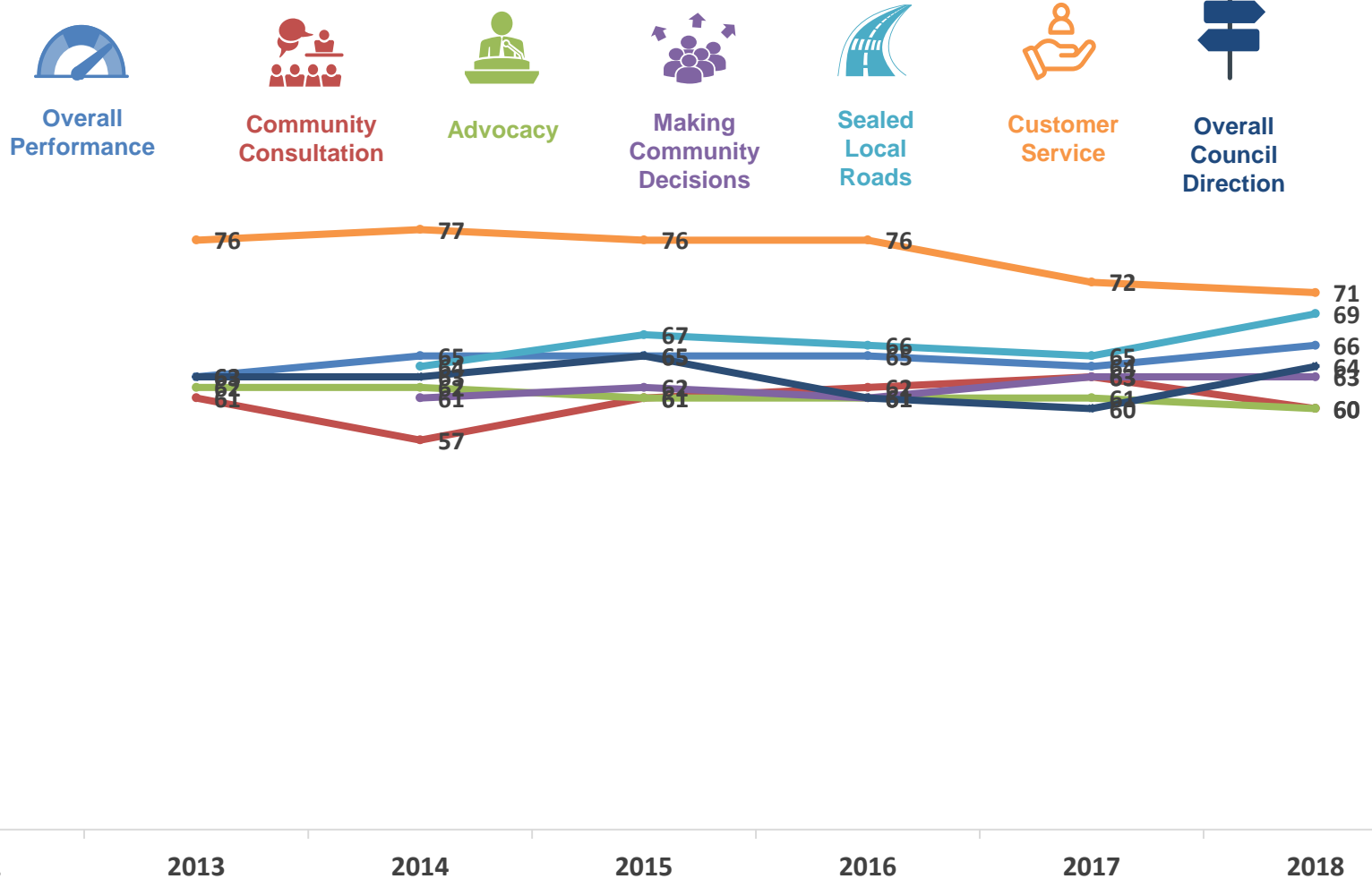
- Aged 50-64 years
- Dandenong

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

2018 SUMMARY OF CORE MEASURES

INDEX SCORE RESULTS



2018 SUMMARY OF CORE MEASURES

DETAILED ANALYSIS

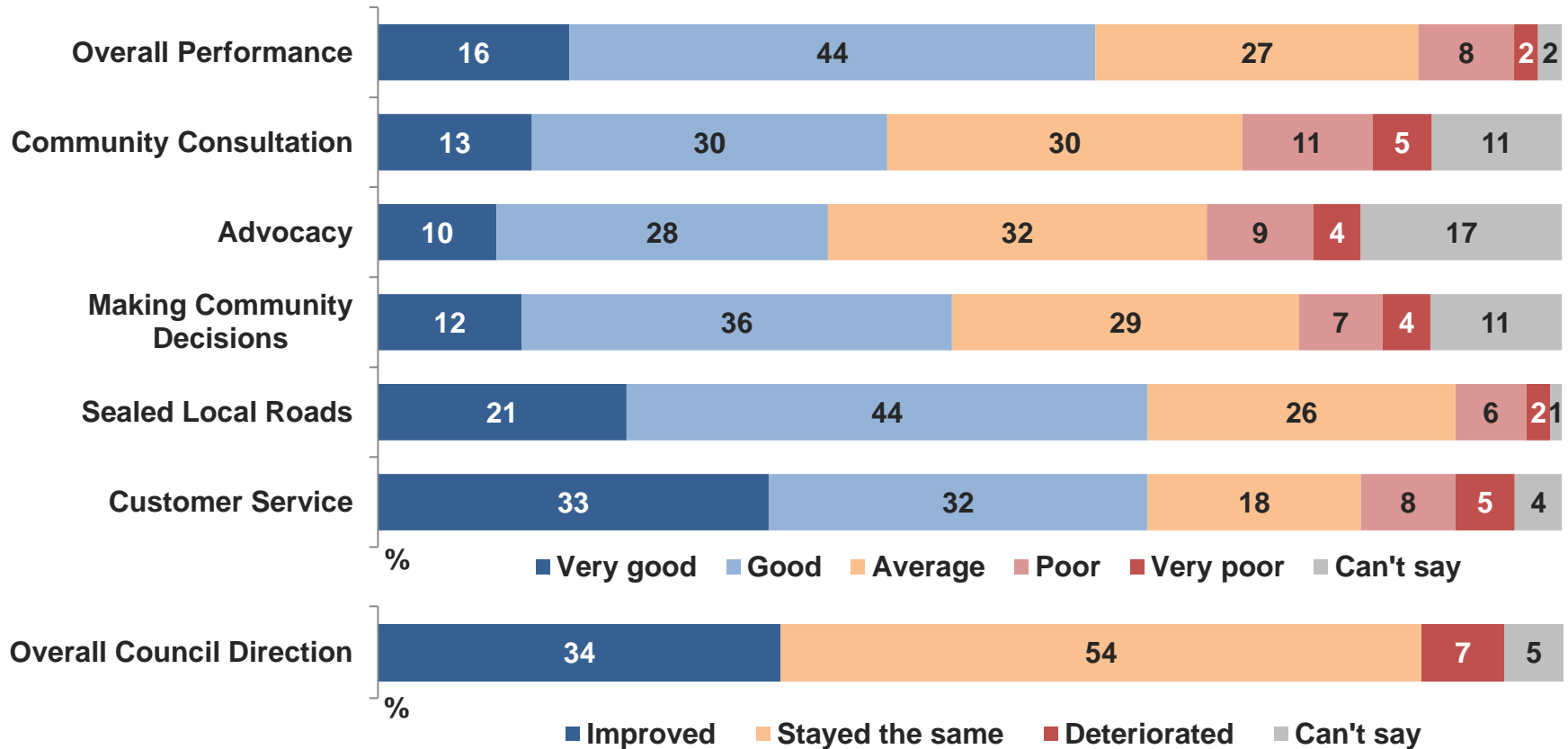
Performance Measures	Greater Dandenong 2018	Greater Dandenong 2017	Metro 2018	State-wide 2018	Highest score	Lowest score
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	66	64	65	59	Aged 65+ years	Aged 50-64 years
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (Community consultation and engagement)	60	63	57	55	Aged 65+ years	Aged 18-34 years
ADVOCACY (Lobbying on behalf of the community)	60	61	56	54	Women, Aged 65+ years, Noble Park and Keysborough	Dandenong
MAKING COMMUNITY DECISIONS (Decisions made in the interest of the community)	63	63	58	54	Aged 65+ years	Aged 50-64 years
SEALED LOCAL ROADS (Condition of sealed local roads)	69	65	68	53	Noble Park and Keysborough	Aged 50-64 years
CUSTOMER SERVICE	71	72	72	70	Aged 65+ years	Aged 18-34 years, Men
OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION	64	60	54	52	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 50+ years

2018 SUMMARY OF KEY COMMUNITY SATISFACTION

PERCENTAGE RESULTS



Key Measures Summary Results



2018 IMPORTANCE SUMMARY

INDEX SCORES OVER TIME

2018 Priority Area Importance

		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Emergency & disaster mngt	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Waste management	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elderly support services	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Enforcement of local laws	79	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Family support services	78	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Local streets & footpaths	78	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Traffic management	77	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sealed local roads	77	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parking facilities	76	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Environmental sustainability	76	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Appearance of public areas	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Disadvantaged support serv.	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Informing the community	72	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Recreational facilities	70	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Art centres & libraries	66	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bus/community dev./tourism	65	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Community & cultural	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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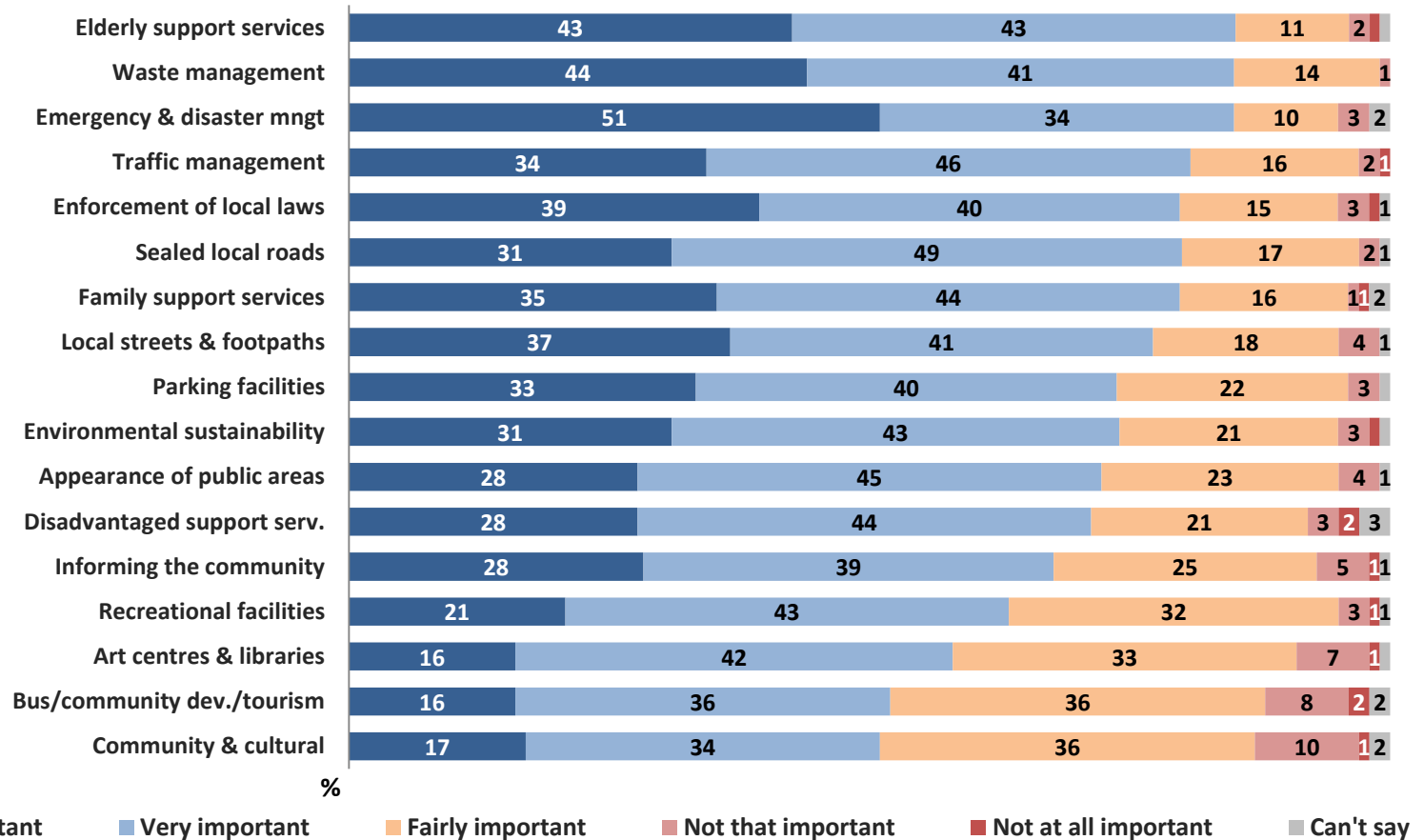
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2018 IMPORTANCE SUMMARY

DETAILED PERCENTAGES

Individual Service Areas Importance



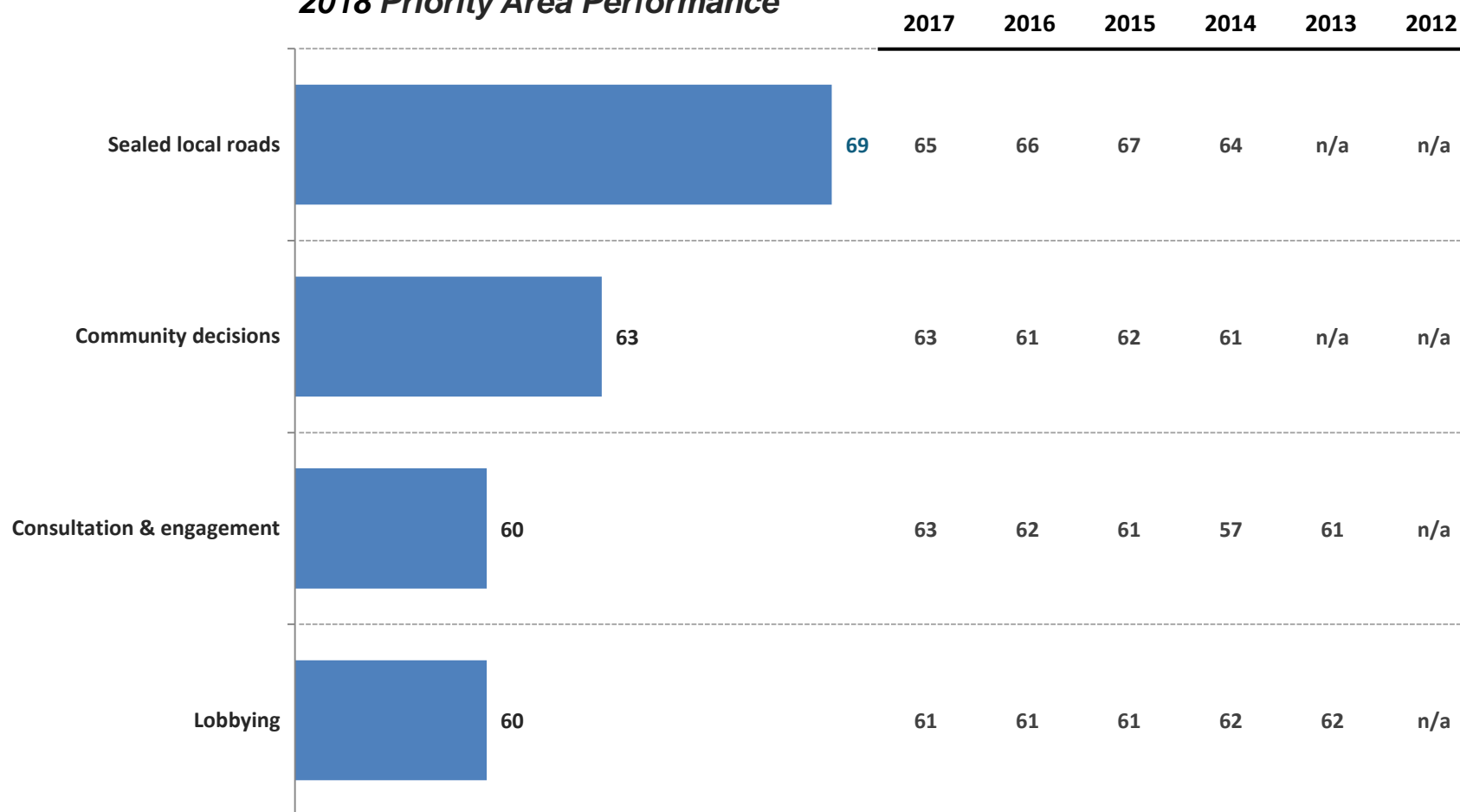
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2018 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

INDEX SCORES OVER TIME



2018 Priority Area Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on [RESPONSIBILITY AREA] over the last 12 months?

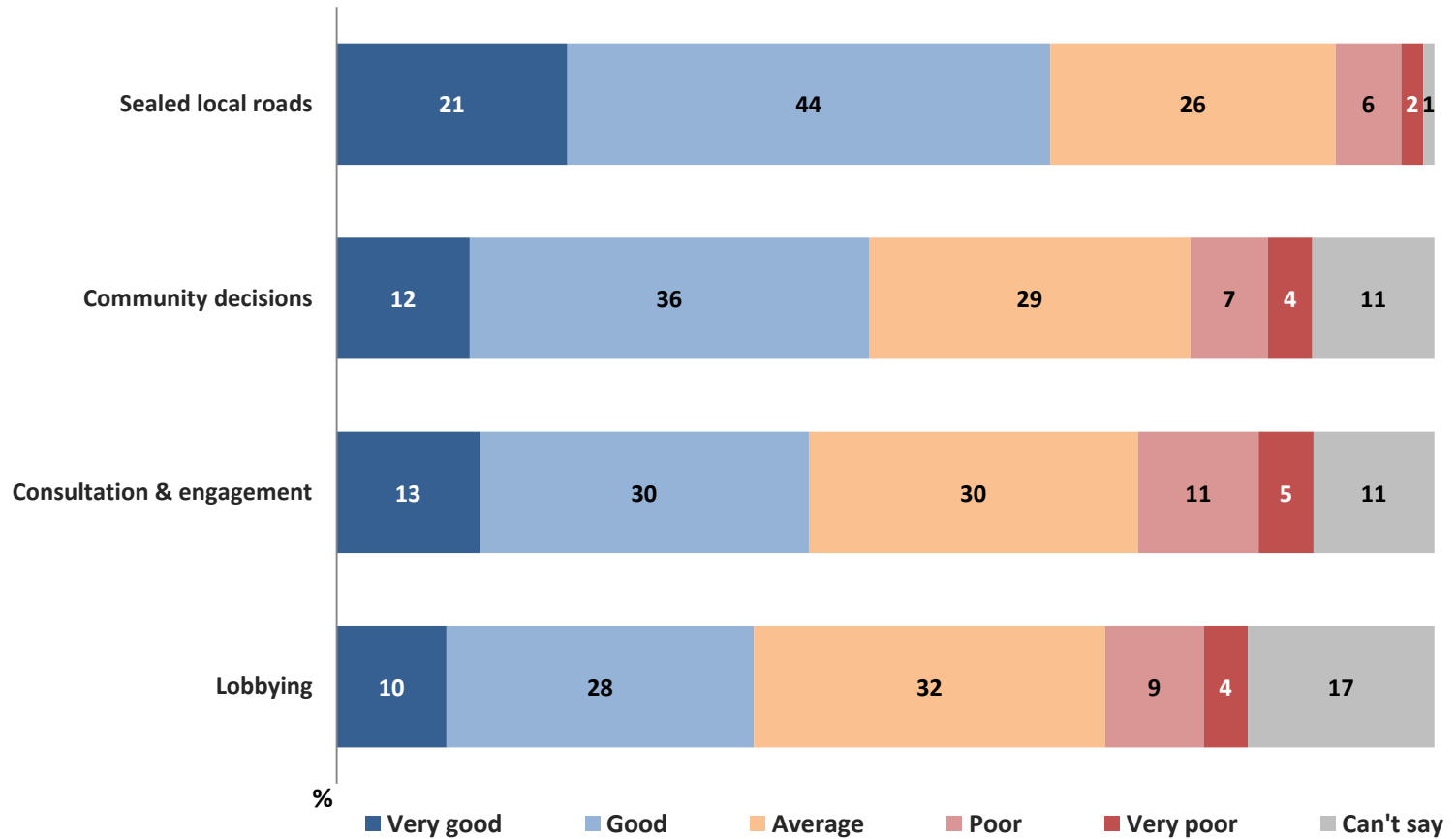
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2018 PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

DETAILED PERCENTAGES

Individual Service Areas Performance



INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY


COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE VS STATE-WIDE AVERAGE



Significantly Higher than State-wide Average

- Consultation & engagement
- Lobbying
- Making community decisions
- Sealed local roads

Significantly Lower than State-wide Average

- None Applicable
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INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY


COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE VS GROUP AVERAGE



Significantly Higher than Group Average

- Consultation & engagement
- Lobbying
- Making community decisions

Significantly Lower than Group Average

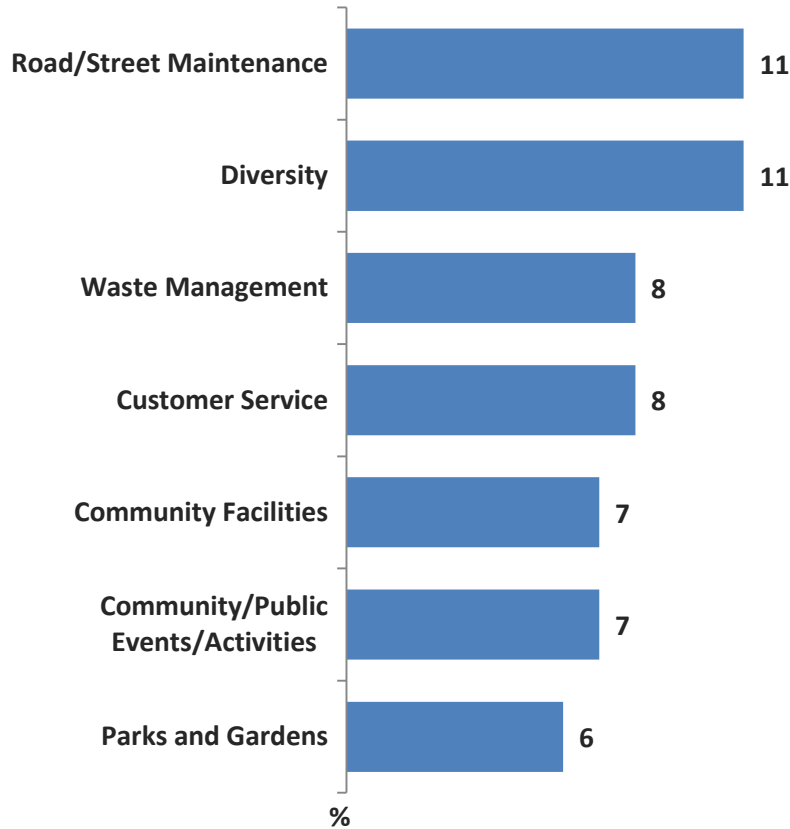
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2018 BEST THINGS ABOUT COUNCIL DETAILED PERCENTAGES

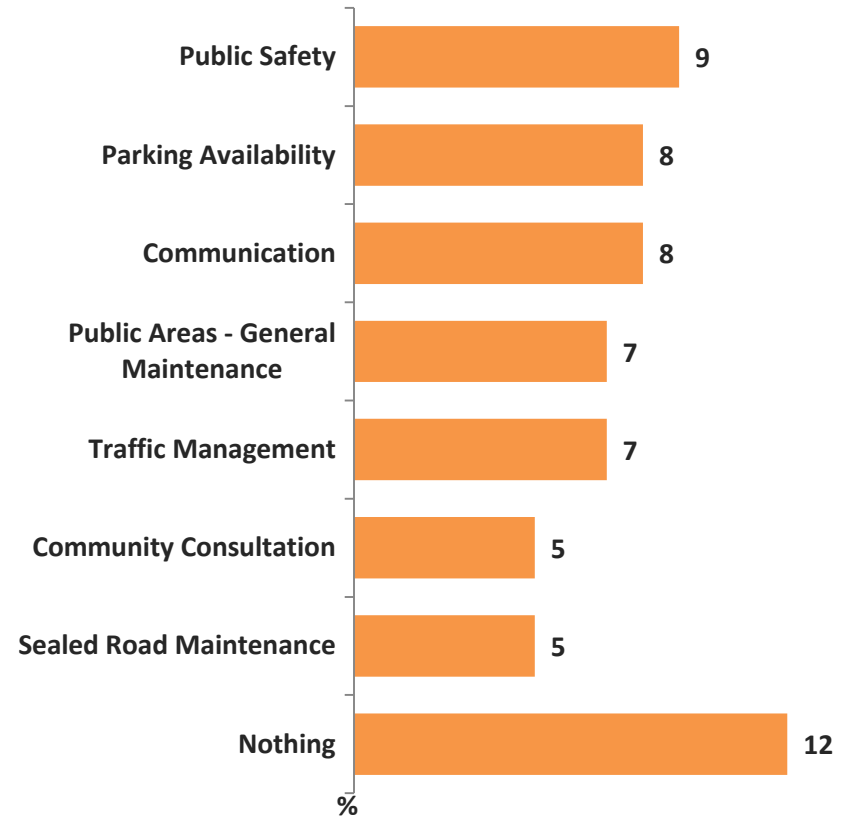
2018 SERVICES TO IMPROVE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2018 Best Aspects



2018 Areas for Improvement



Q16. Please tell me what is the ONE BEST thing about Greater Dandenong City Council? It could be about any of the issues or services we have covered in this survey or it could be about something else altogether?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 7

Q17. What does Greater Dandenong City Council MOST need to do to improve its performance?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 36 Councils asked group: 9

POSITIVES AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

SUMMARY

Best Things

- Road/Street Maintenance: 11% (up 5 points from 2017)
- Diversity: 11% (up 3 points from 2017)
- Waste Management: 8% (up 3 points from 2017)
- Customer Service: 8% (equal points from 2017)

Areas for Improvement

- Public Safety: 9% (equal points from 2017)
- Parking Availability: 8% (up 3 points from 2017)
- Communication: 8% (up 2 points from 2017)



DETAILED FINDINGS

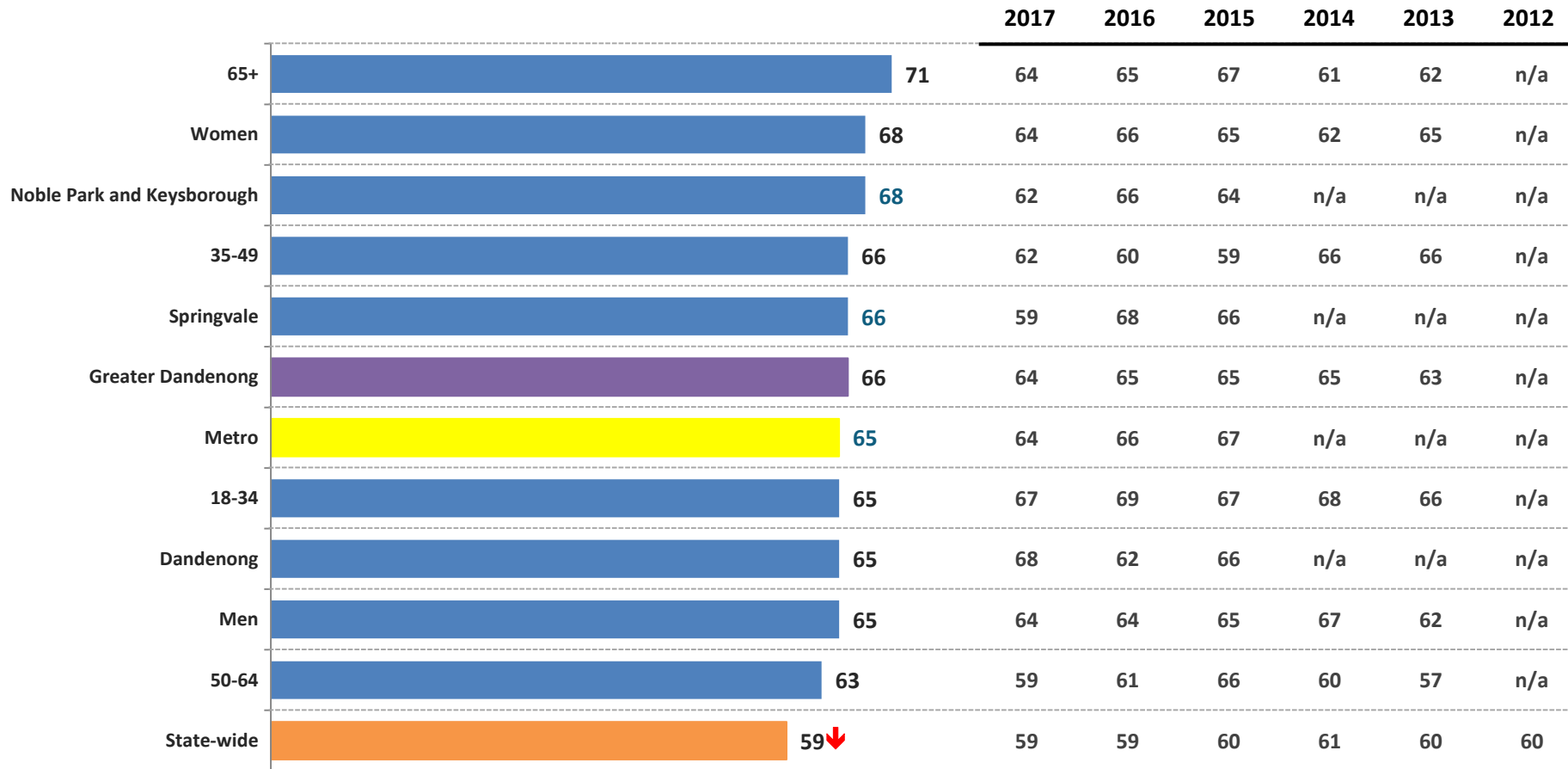
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KEY CORE MEASURE OVERALL PERFORMANCE

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

INDEX SCORES

2018 Overall Performance



Q3. ON BALANCE, for the last twelve months, how do you feel about the performance of Greater Dandenong City Council, not just on one or two issues, BUT OVERALL across all responsibility areas? Has it been very good, good, average, poor or very poor?

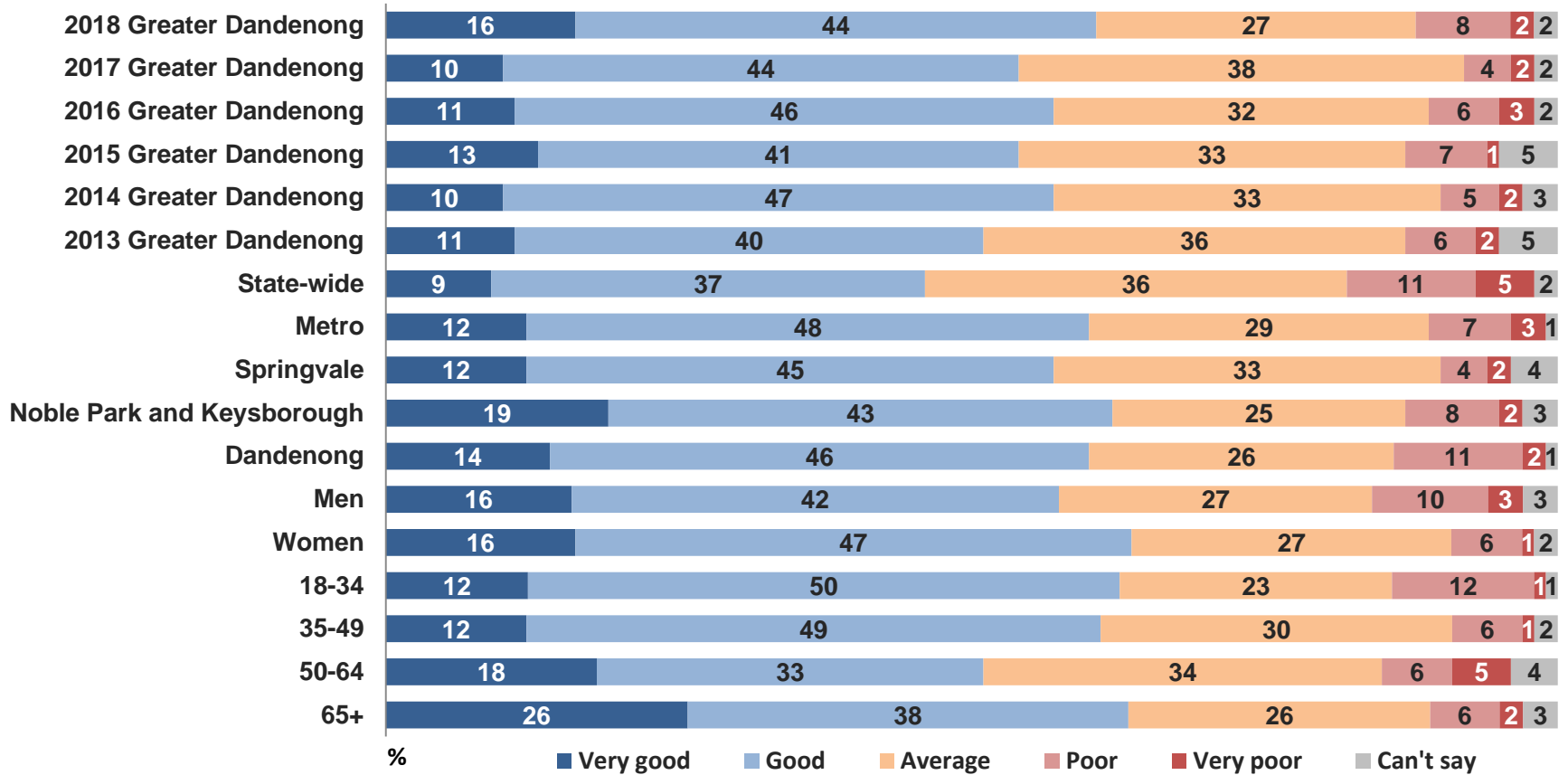
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OVERALL PERFORMANCE

DETAILED PERCENTAGES

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KEY CORE MEASURE CUSTOMER SERVICE

CONTACT LAST 12 MONTHS

SUMMARY

Overall contact with Greater Dandenong City Council

- 55%, up 11 points on 2017

Most contact with Greater Dandenong City Council

- Aged 35-49 years

Least contact with Greater Dandenong City Council

- Aged 50-64 years

Customer service rating

- Index score of 71, down 1 point on 2017

Most satisfied with customer service

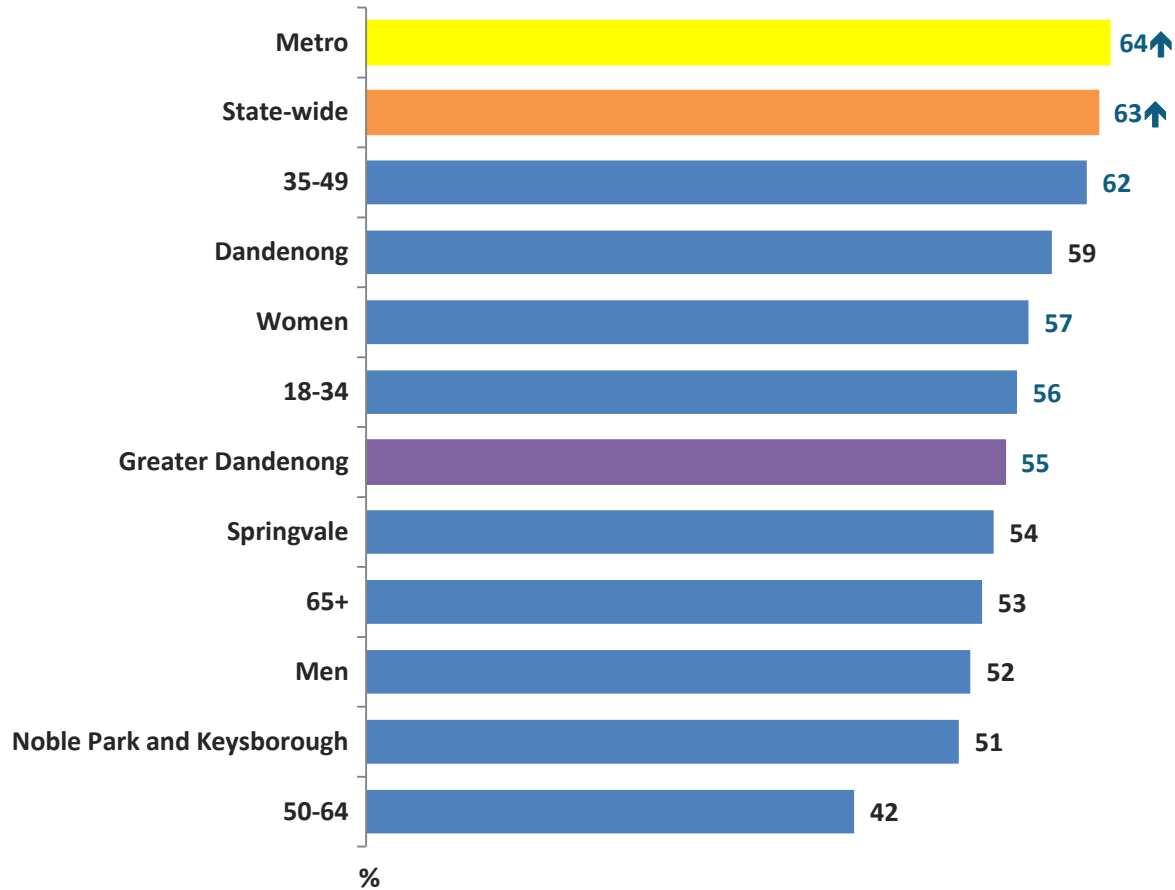
- Aged 65+ years
- Women

Least satisfied with customer service

- Aged 18-34 years
- Men

2018 CONTACT WITH COUNCIL

2018 Contact with Council



Q5a. Have you or any member of your household had any recent contact with Greater Dandenong City Council in any of the following ways?

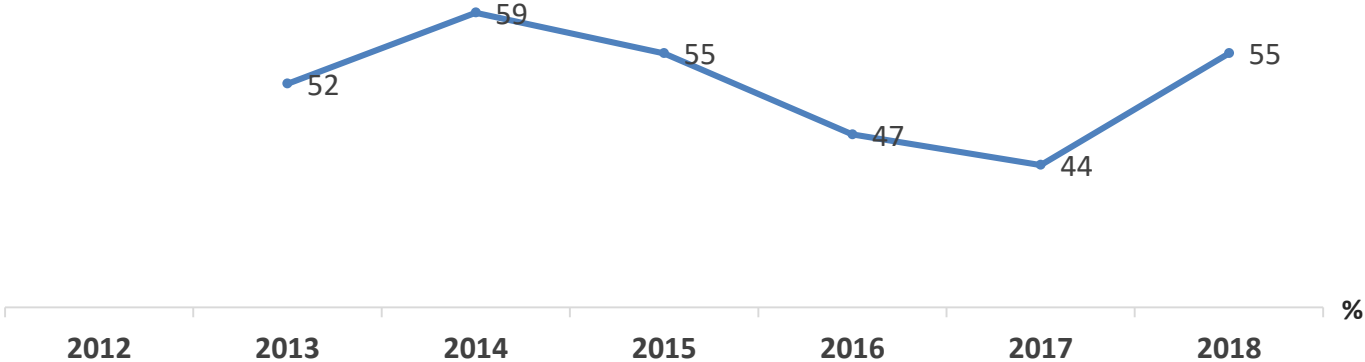
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2018 CONTACT WITH COUNCIL



2018 Contact with Council
Have had contact

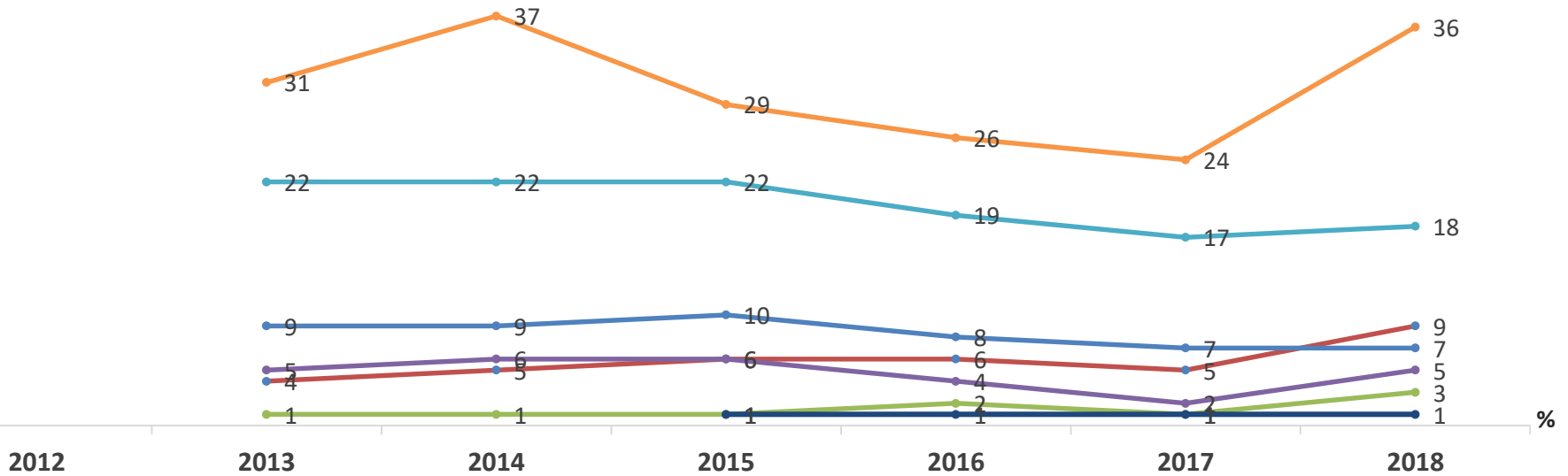


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2018 METHOD OF CONTACT WITH COUNCIL

2018 Method of Contact



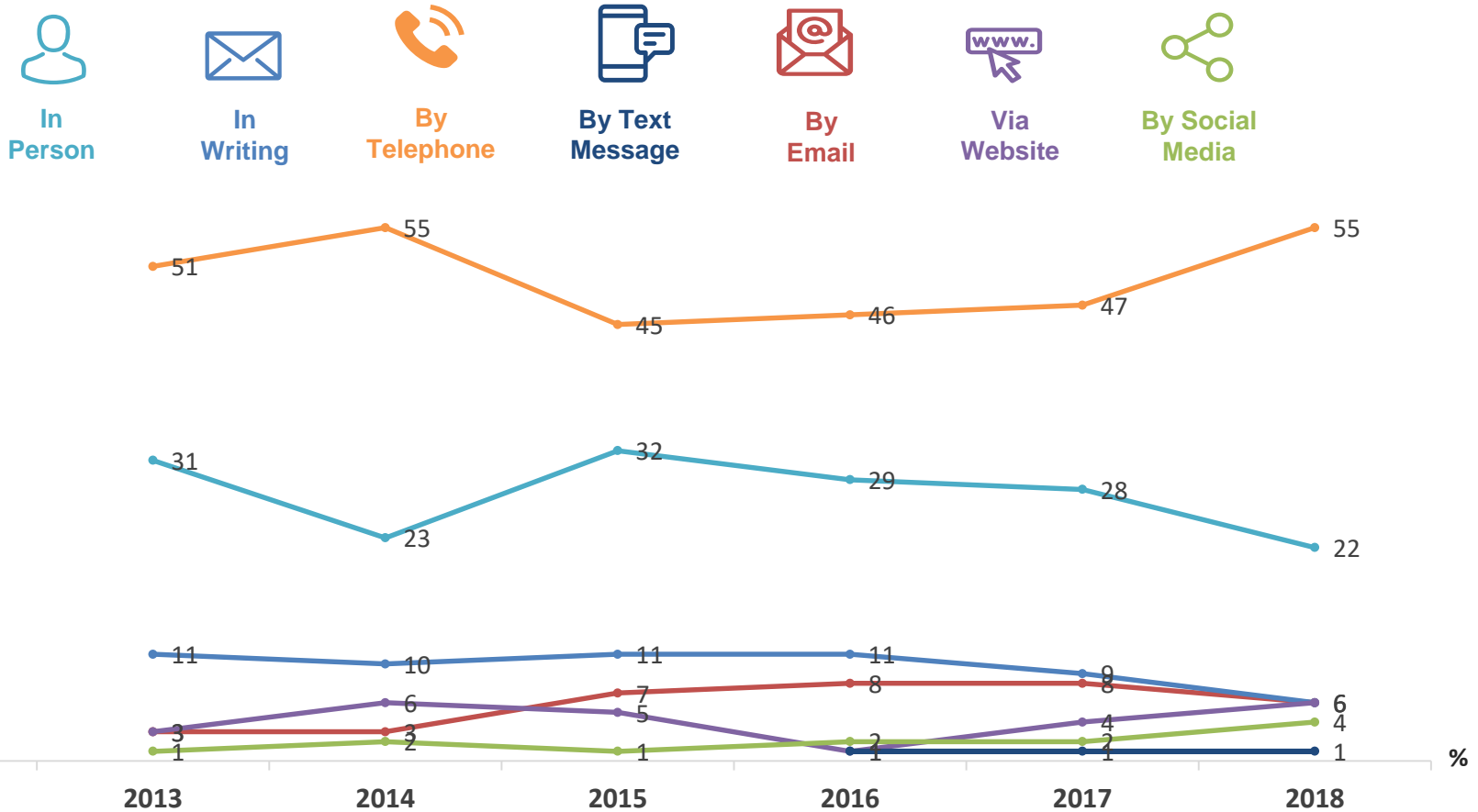
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2018 MOST RECENT METHOD OF CONTACT WITH COUNCIL

2018 Most Recent Contact



Q5b. What was the method of contact for the most recent contact you had with Greater Dandenong City Council?

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2018 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE INDEX SCORES



2018 Customer Service Rating

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
65+	80	77	75	82	78	n/a
50-64	69	77	73	77	72	n/a
Women	76	78	76	78	80	n/a
Springvale	66	83	73	n/a	n/a	n/a
Noble Park and Keysborough	72	78	75	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metro	71	73	73	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greater Dandenong	72	76	76	77	76	n/a
35-49	66	65	74	79	70	n/a
State-wide	69	69	70	72	71	71
Dandenong	75	70	79	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	68	74	76	76	73	n/a
18-34	75	86	82	72	82	n/a

Q5c. Thinking of the most recent contact, how would you rate Greater Dandenong City Council for customer service? Please keep in mind we do not mean the actual outcome but rather the actual service that was received.

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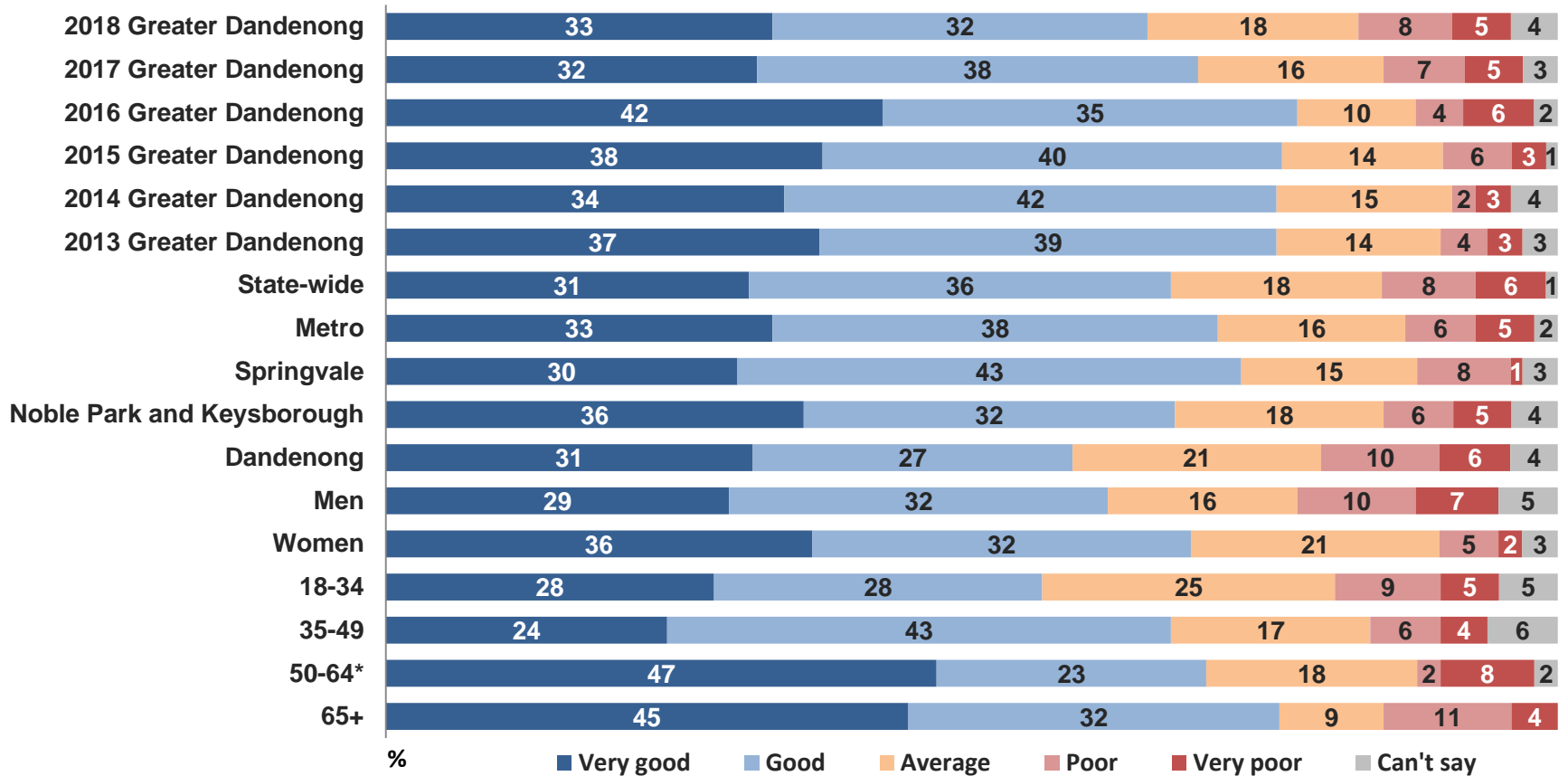
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2018 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE

DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2018 Customer Service Rating



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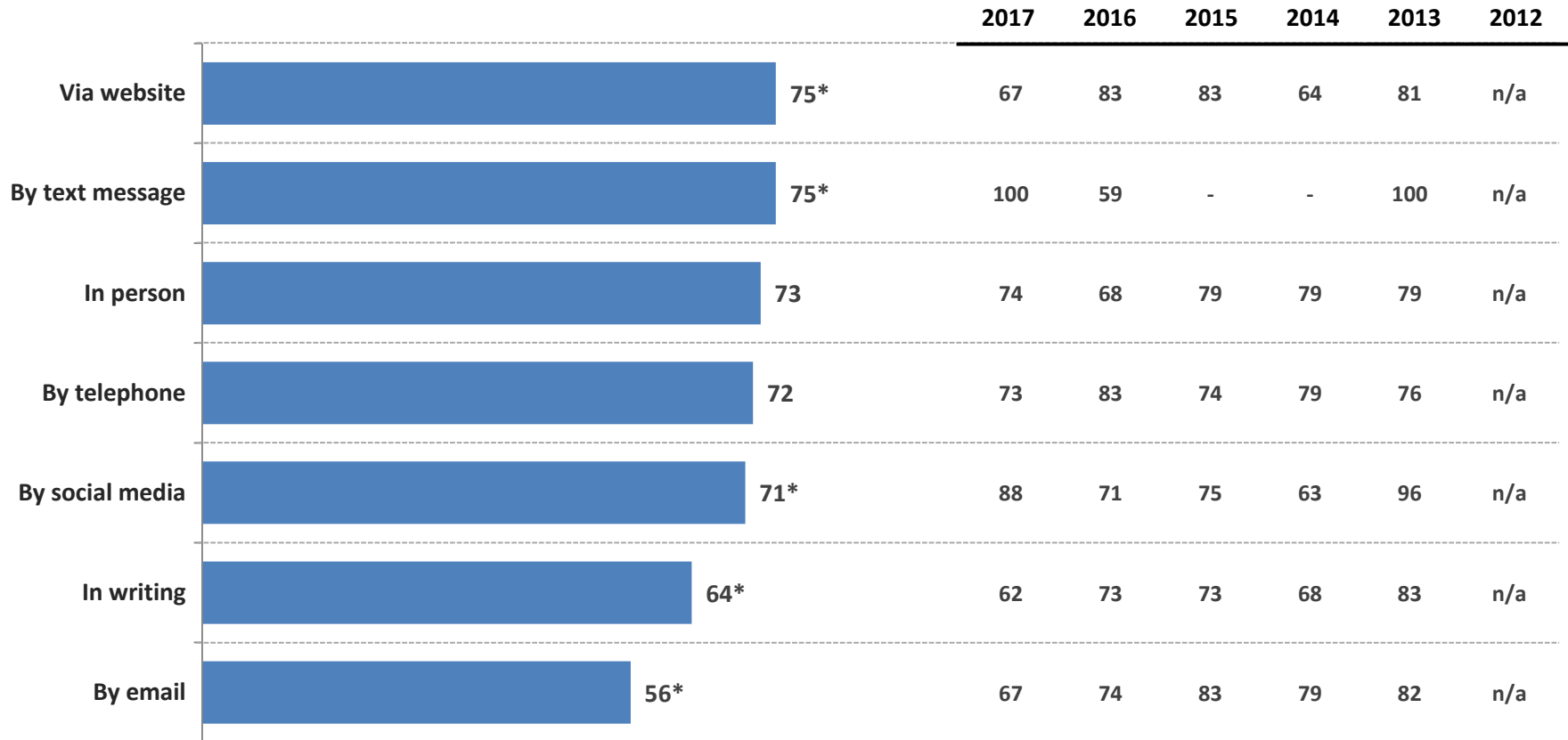
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2018 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE INDEX SCORES BY METHOD OF LAST CONTACT



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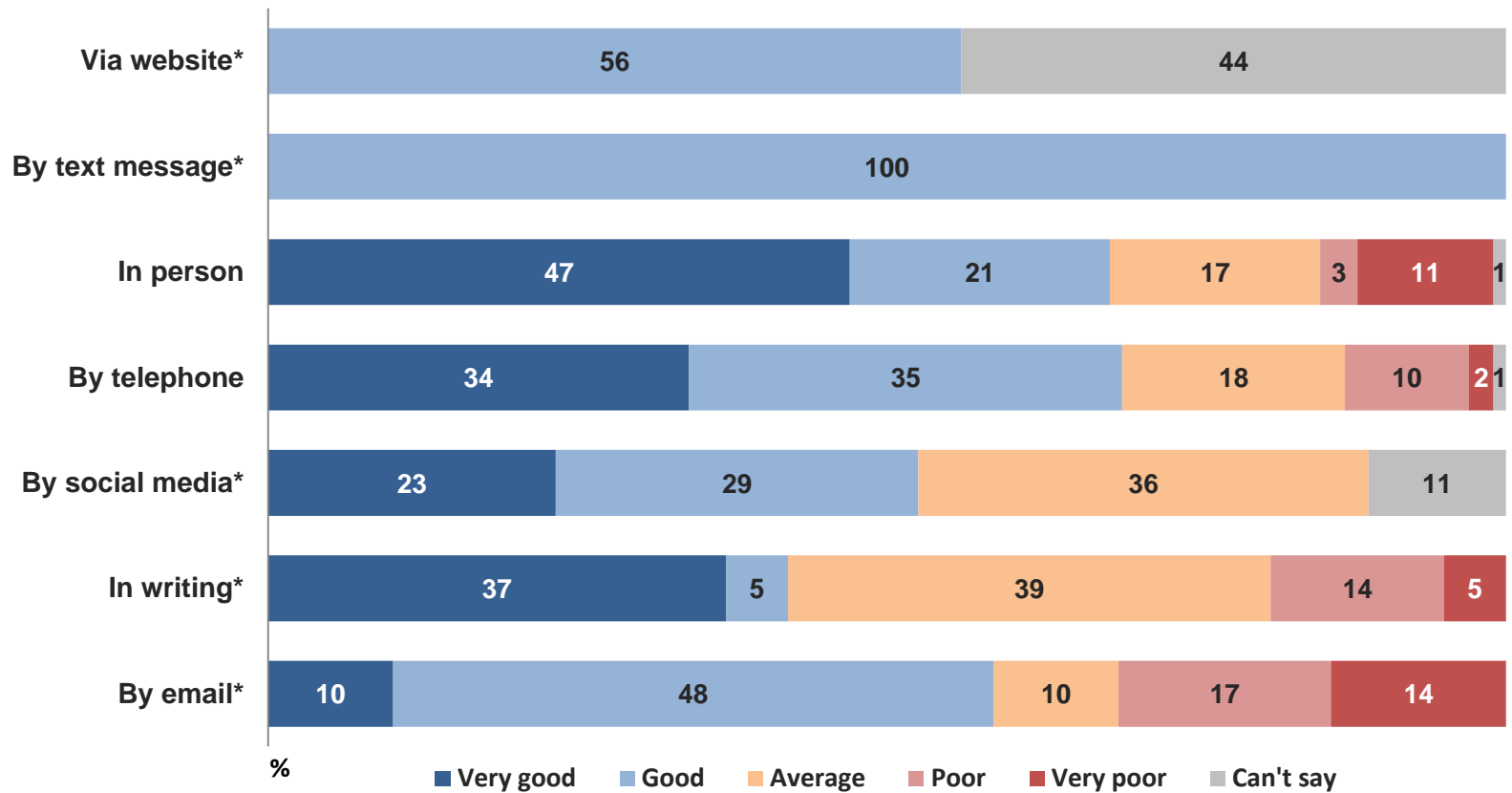
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2018 CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE

DETAILED PERCENTAGES BY METHOD OF LAST CONTACT

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KEY CORE MEASURE COUNCIL DIRECTION INDICATORS

COUNCIL DIRECTION SUMMARY

Council direction

- 54% stayed about the same, down 6 points on 2017
- 34% improved, up 10 points on 2017
- 7% deteriorated, equal points on 2017

Most satisfied with council direction

- Aged 18-34 years

Least satisfied with council direction

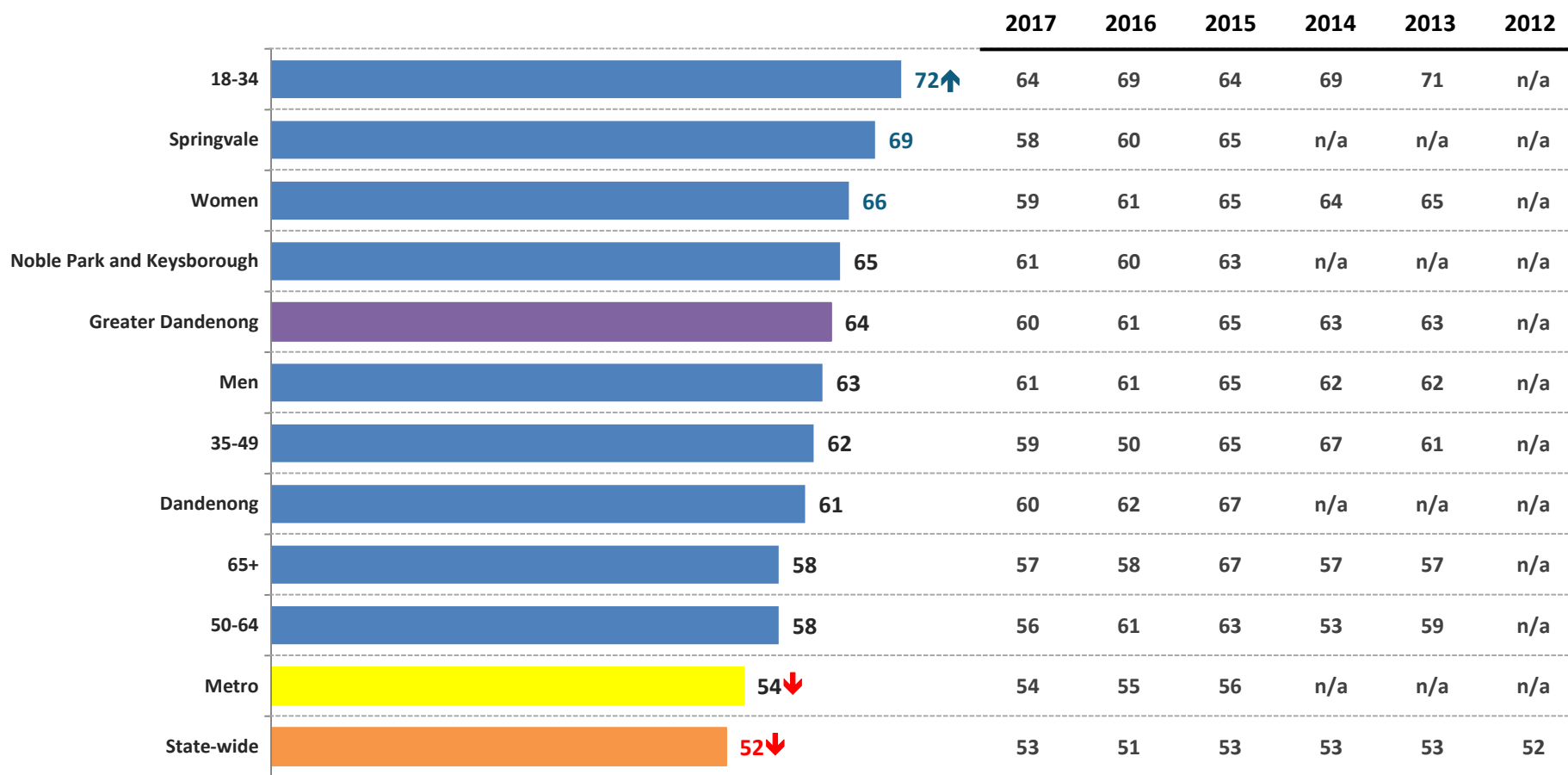
- Aged 50+ years

2018 OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION LAST 12 MONTHS

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2018 Overall Direction



Q6. Over the last 12 months, what is your view of the direction of Greater Dandenong City Council's overall performance?

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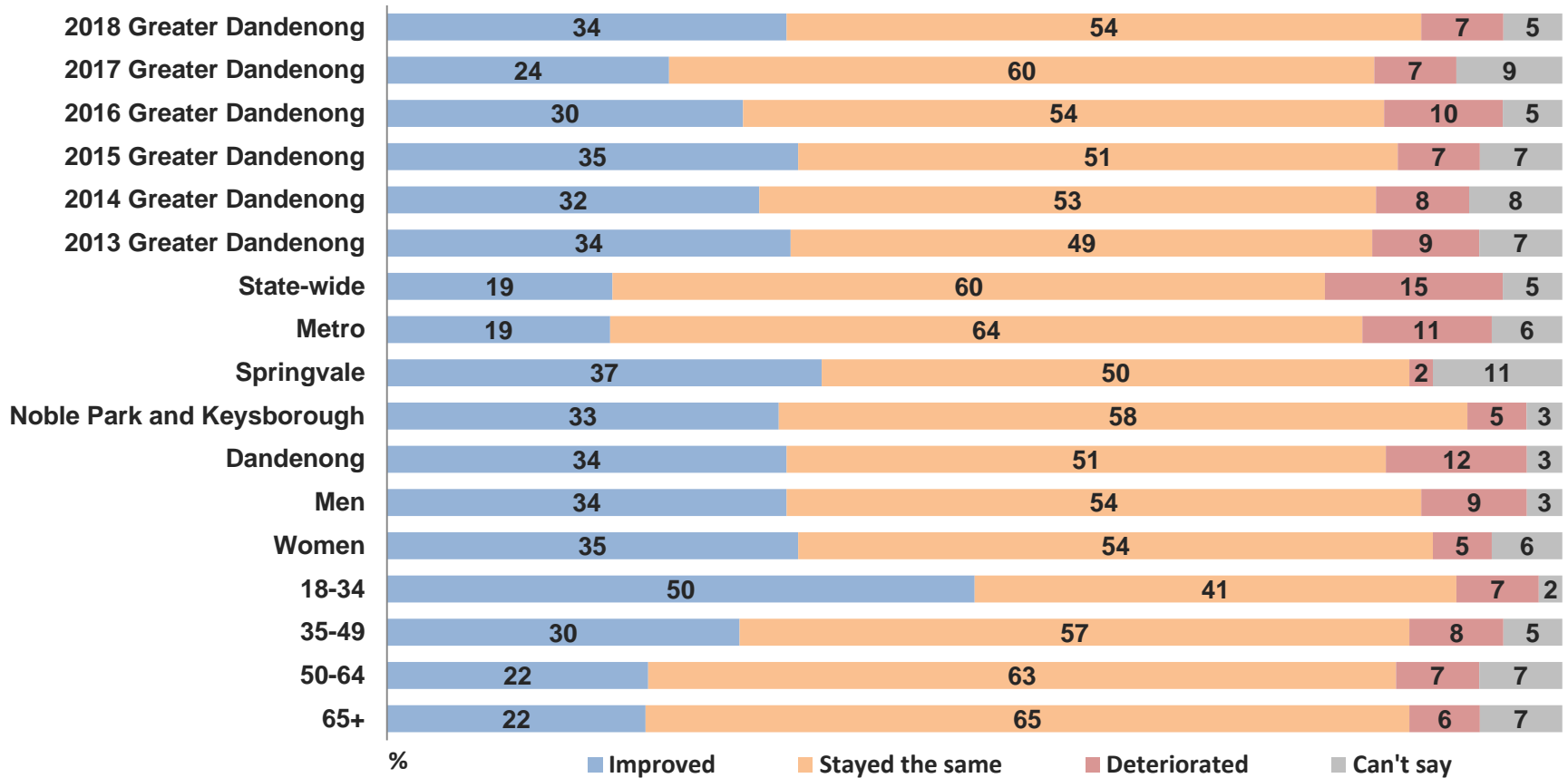
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2018 Overall Direction



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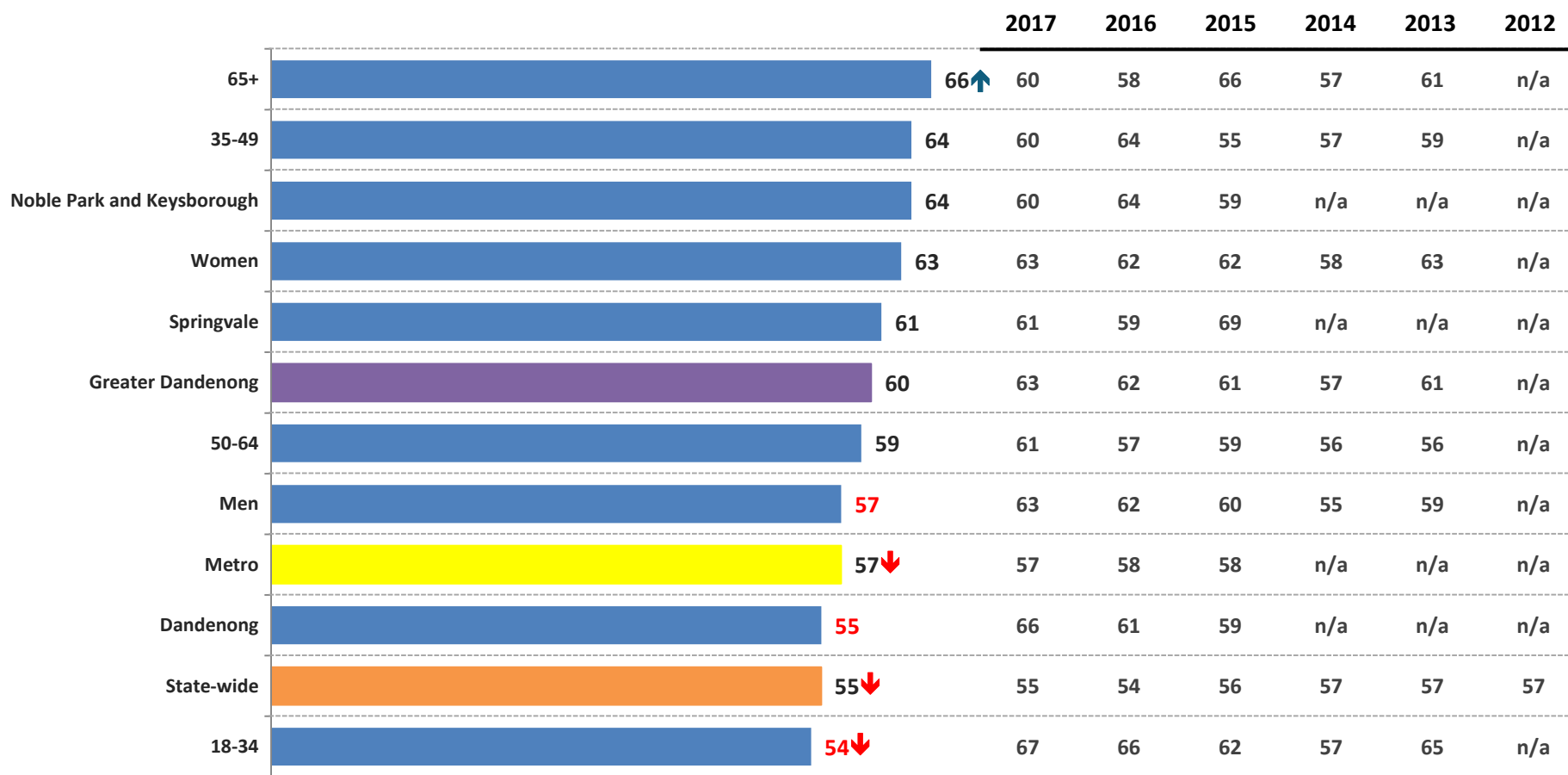


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2018 Consultation and Engagement Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'community consultation and engagement' over the last 12 months?

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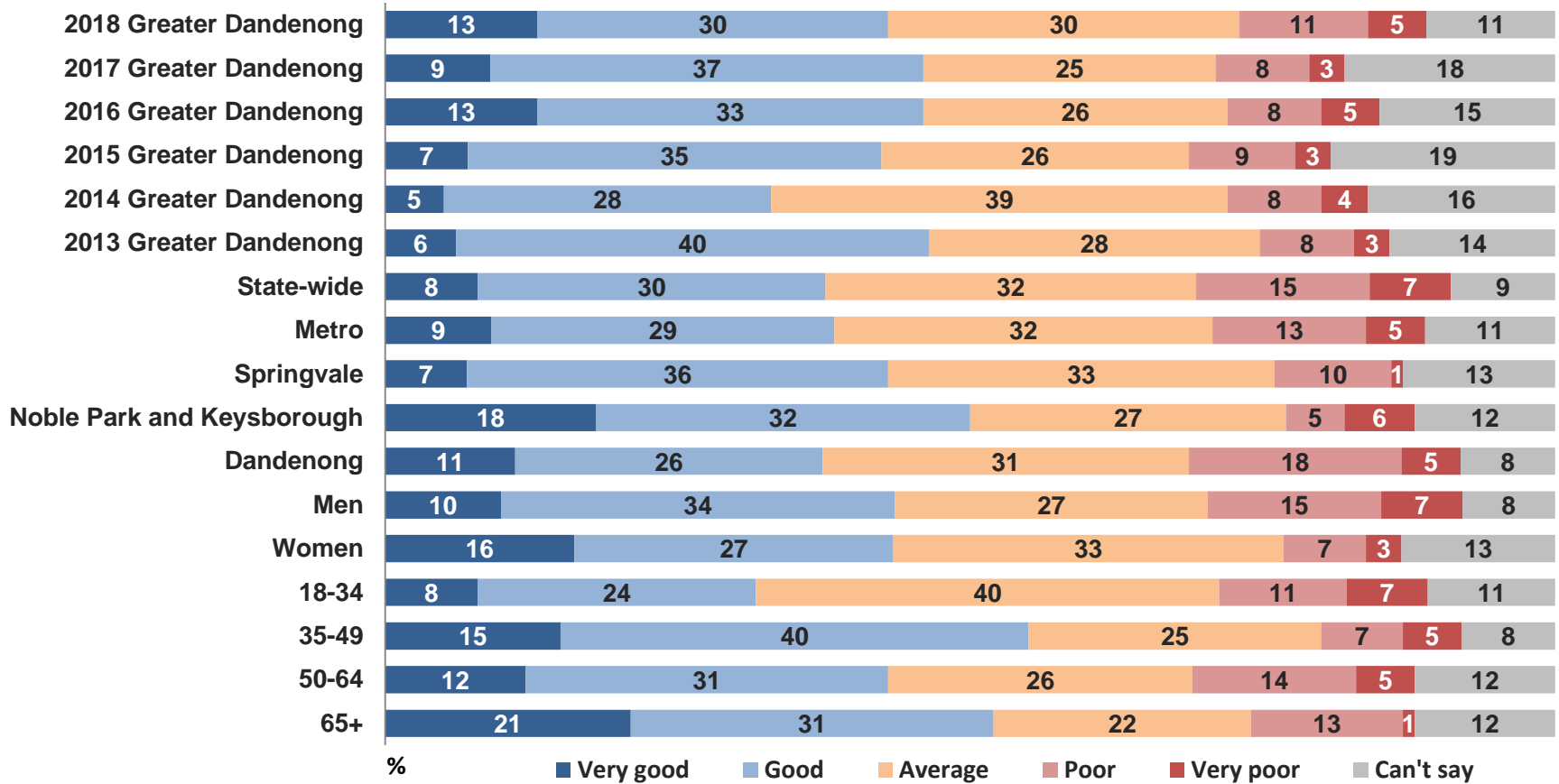
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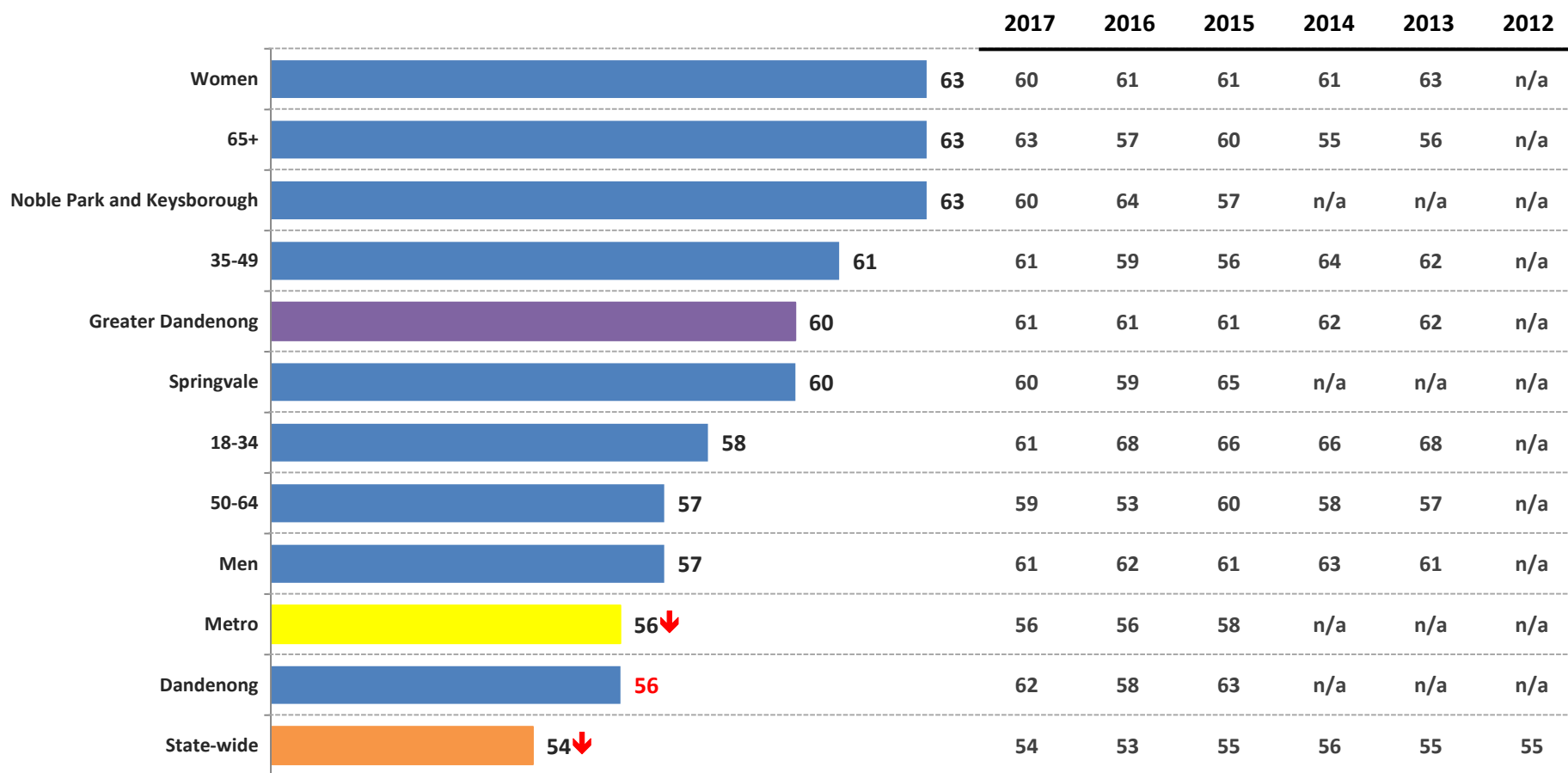
2018 Consultation and Engagement Performance



2018 LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY

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2018 Lobbying Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'lobbying on behalf of the community' over the last 12 months?

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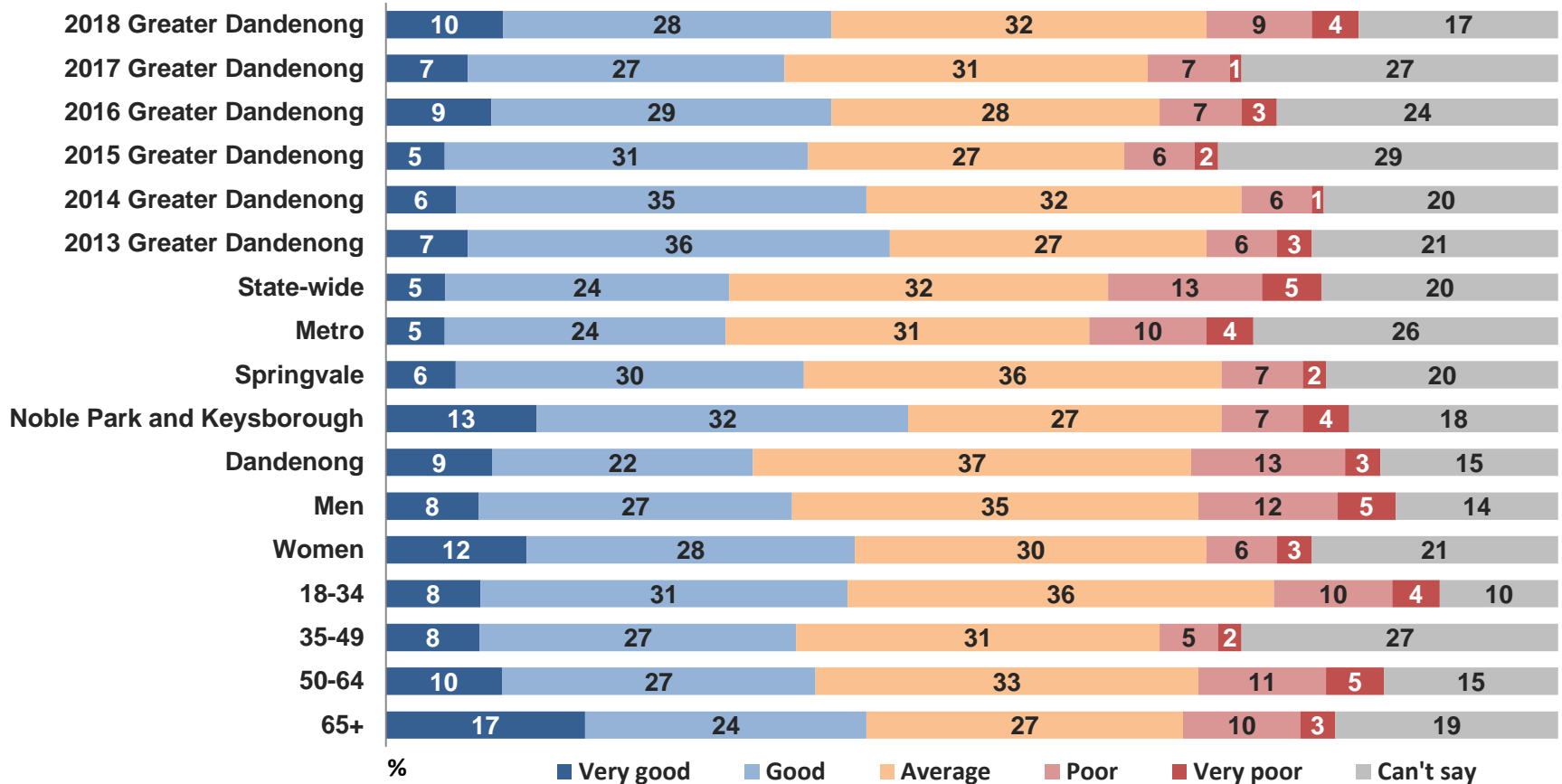
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2018 Lobbying Performance

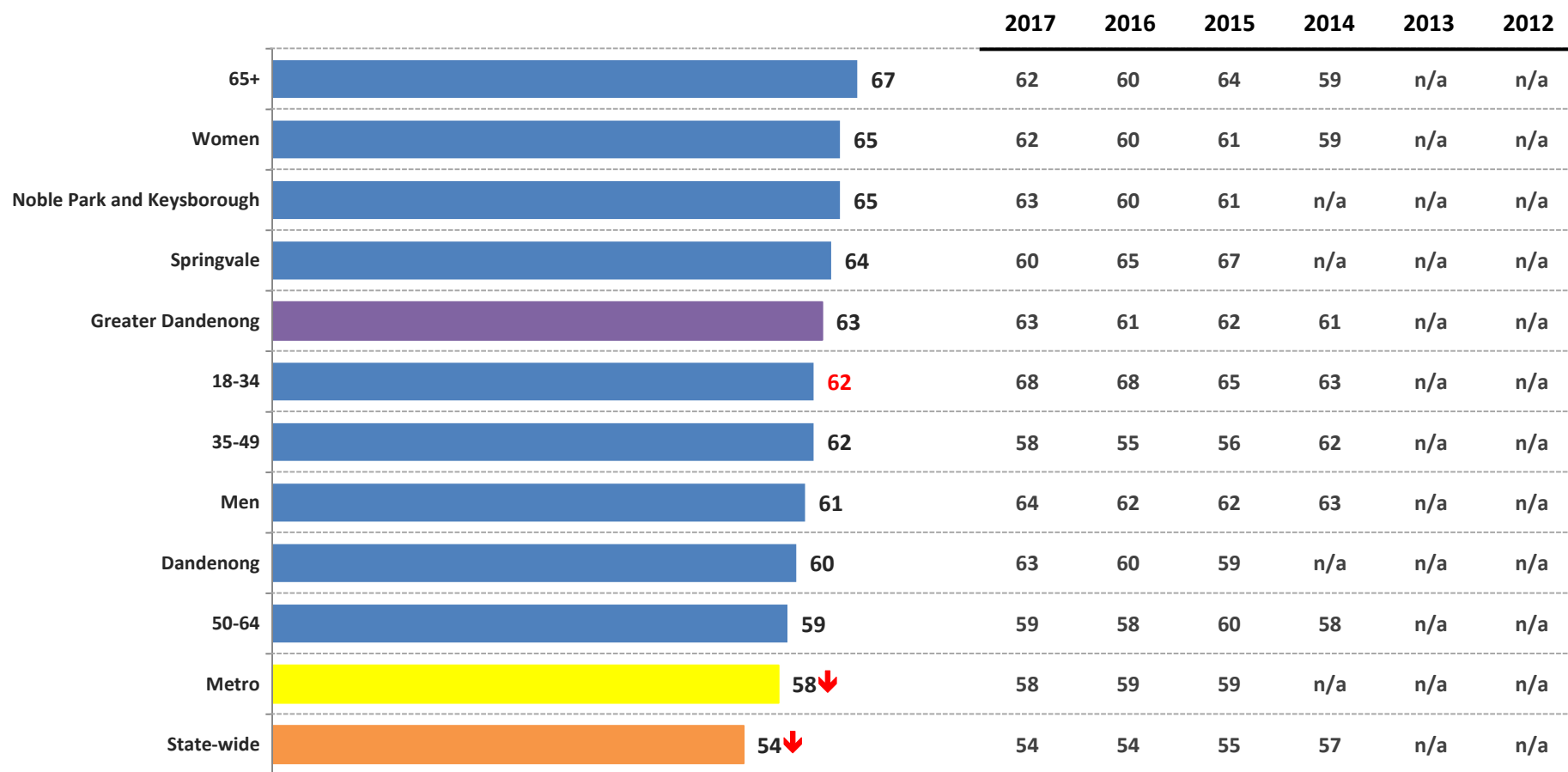


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 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 64 Councils asked group: 14

2018 DECISIONS MADE IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY

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2018 Community Decisions Made Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'decisions made in the interest of the community' over the last 12 months?

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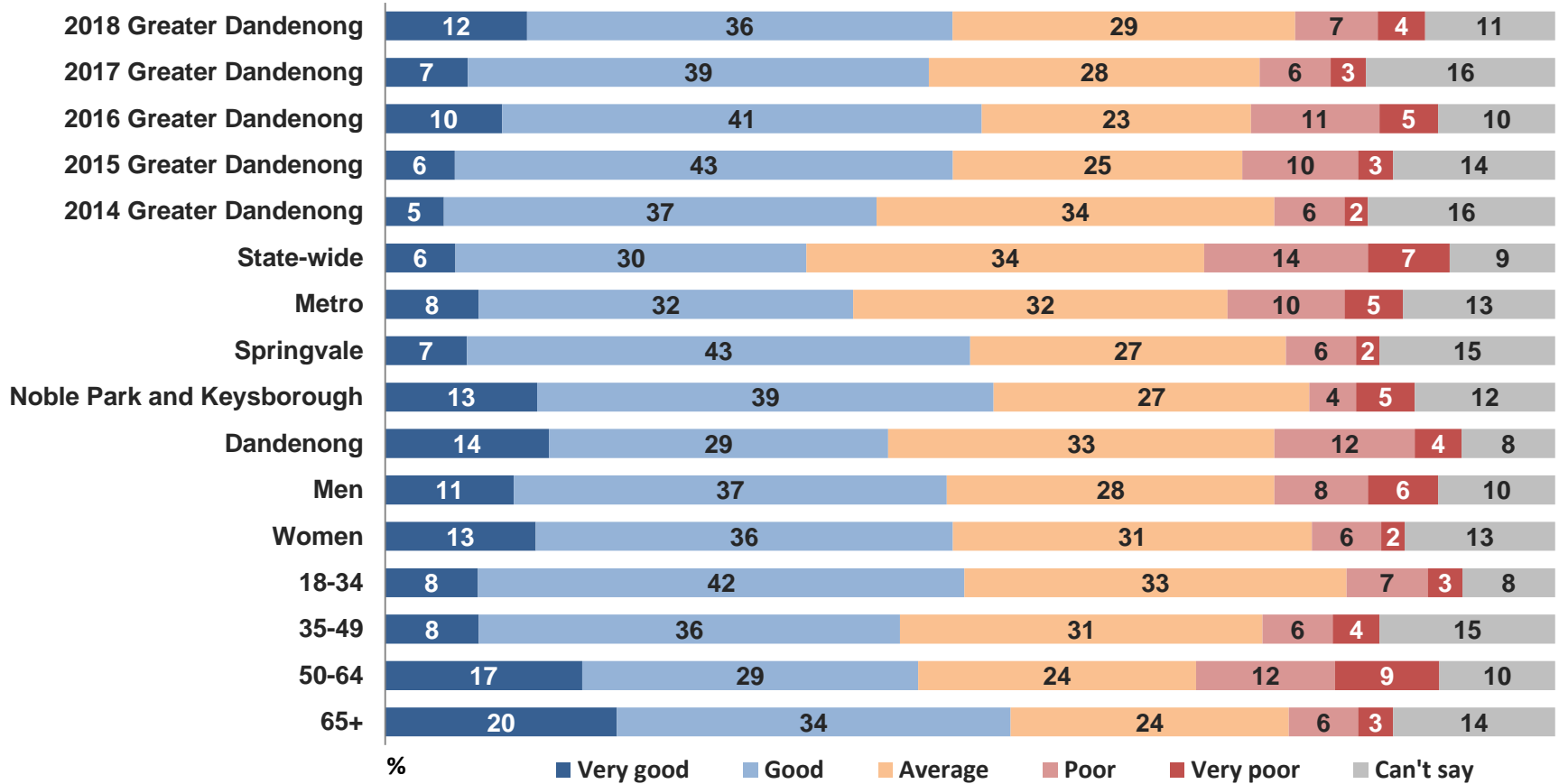
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2018 DECISIONS MADE IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY

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2018 Community Decisions Made Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'decisions made in the interest of the community' over the last 12 months?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 64 Councils asked group: 14

2018 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA

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2018 Sealed Local Roads Importance

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
50-64	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Women	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
State-wide	80↑	78	78	76	77	n/a
35-49	79	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dandenong	79	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	79	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metro	78	77	76	75	n/a	n/a
Greater Dandenong	77	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Springvale	77	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Noble Park and Keysborough	76	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	75	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
18-34	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'the condition of sealed local roads in your area' be as a responsibility for Council?

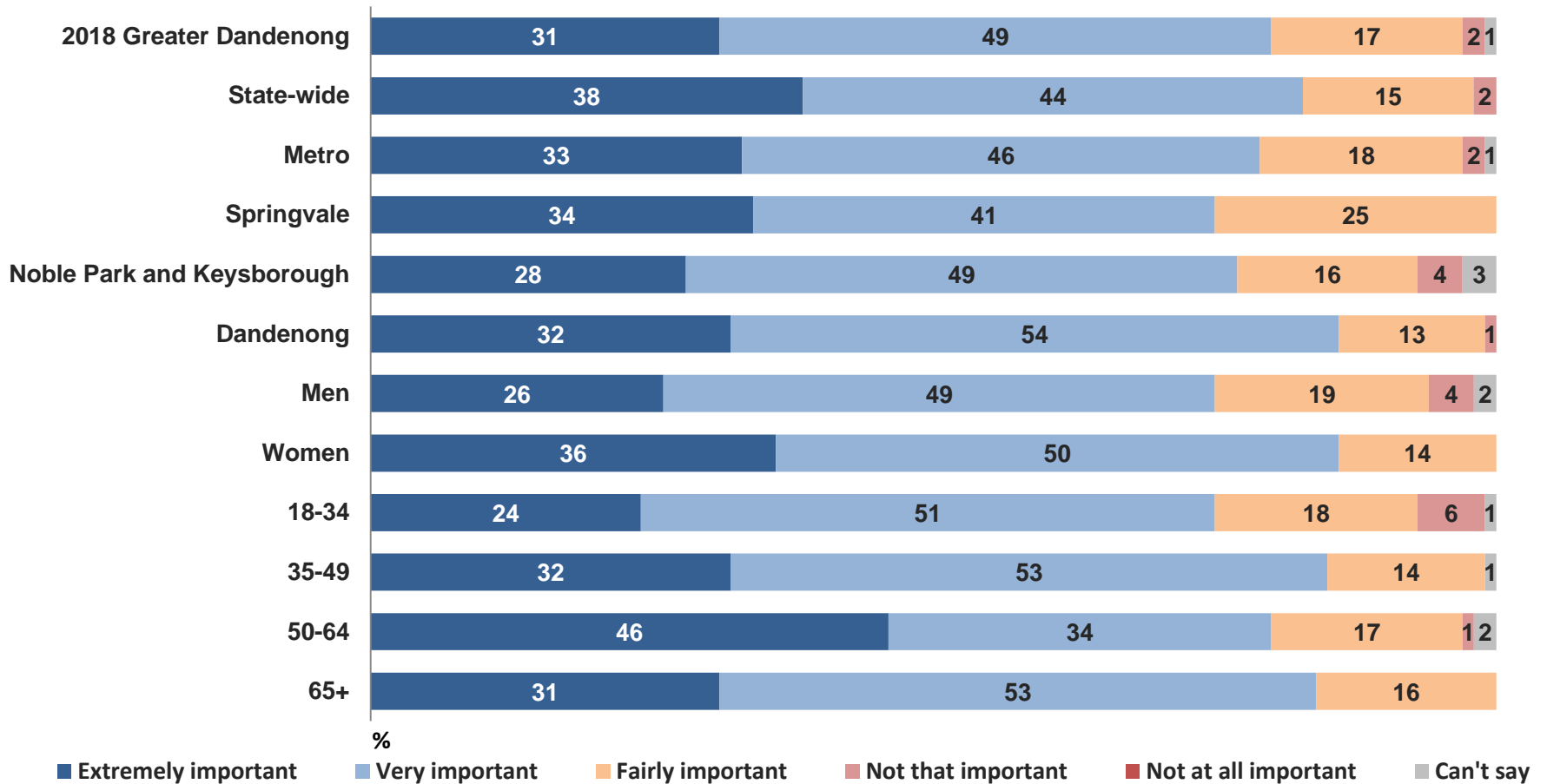
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 17 Councils asked group: 7

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2018 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA

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2018 Sealed Local Roads Importance



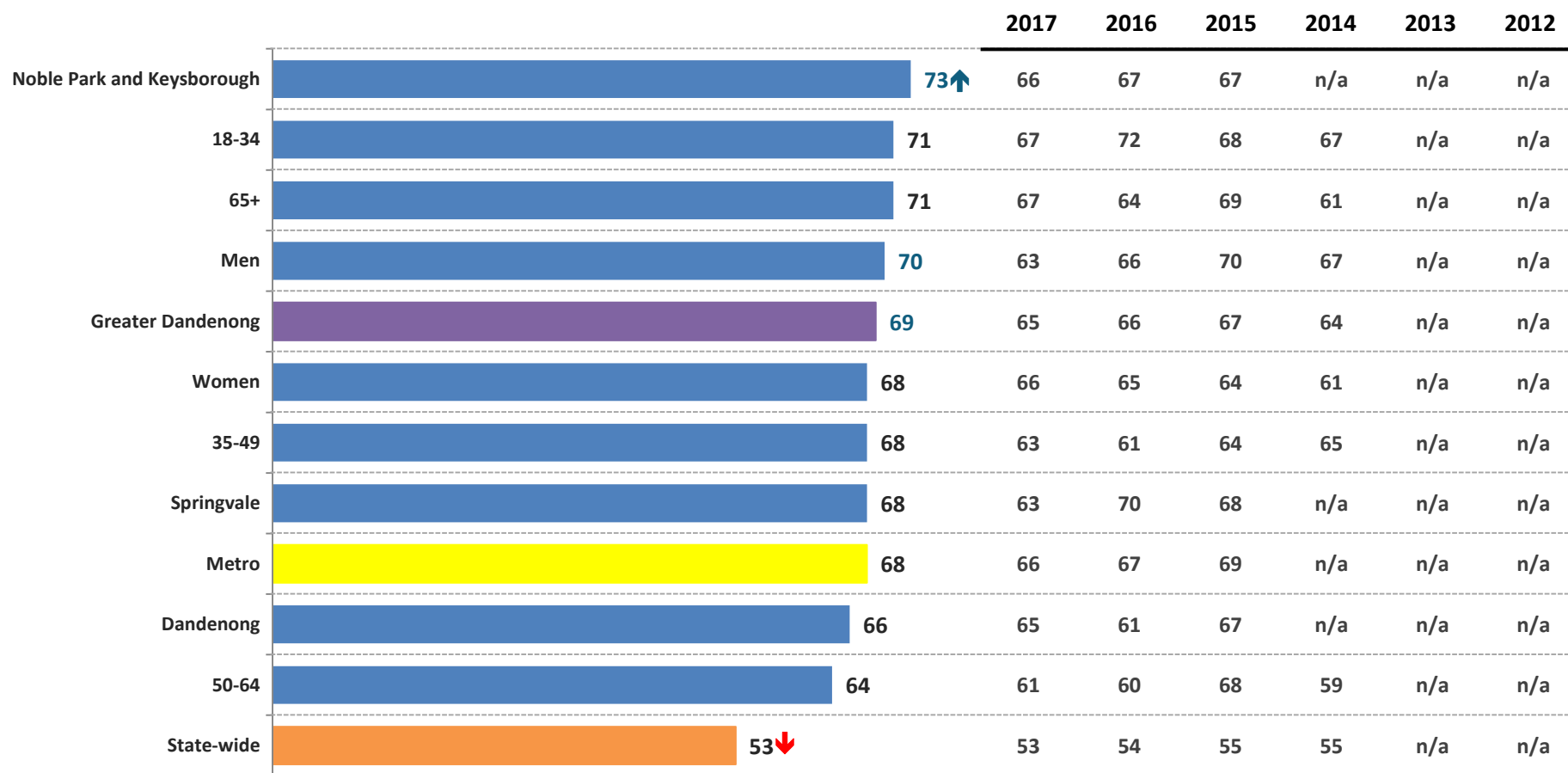
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 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 17 Councils asked group: 7

2018 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA

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2018 Sealed Local Roads Performance



Q2. How has Council performed on 'the condition of sealed local roads in your area' over the last 12 months?

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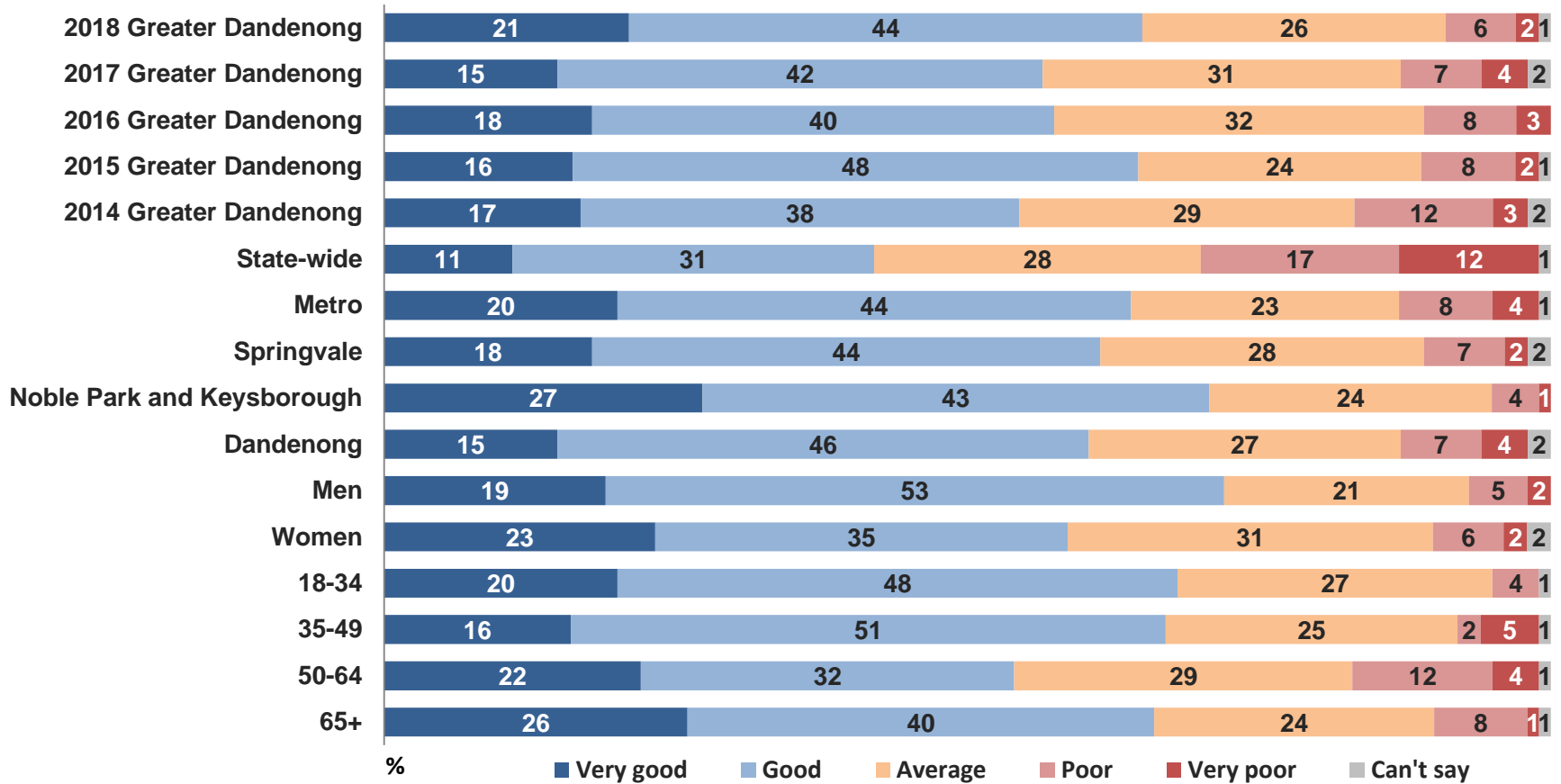
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2018 THE CONDITION OF SEALED LOCAL ROADS IN YOUR AREA

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2018 Sealed Local Roads Performance

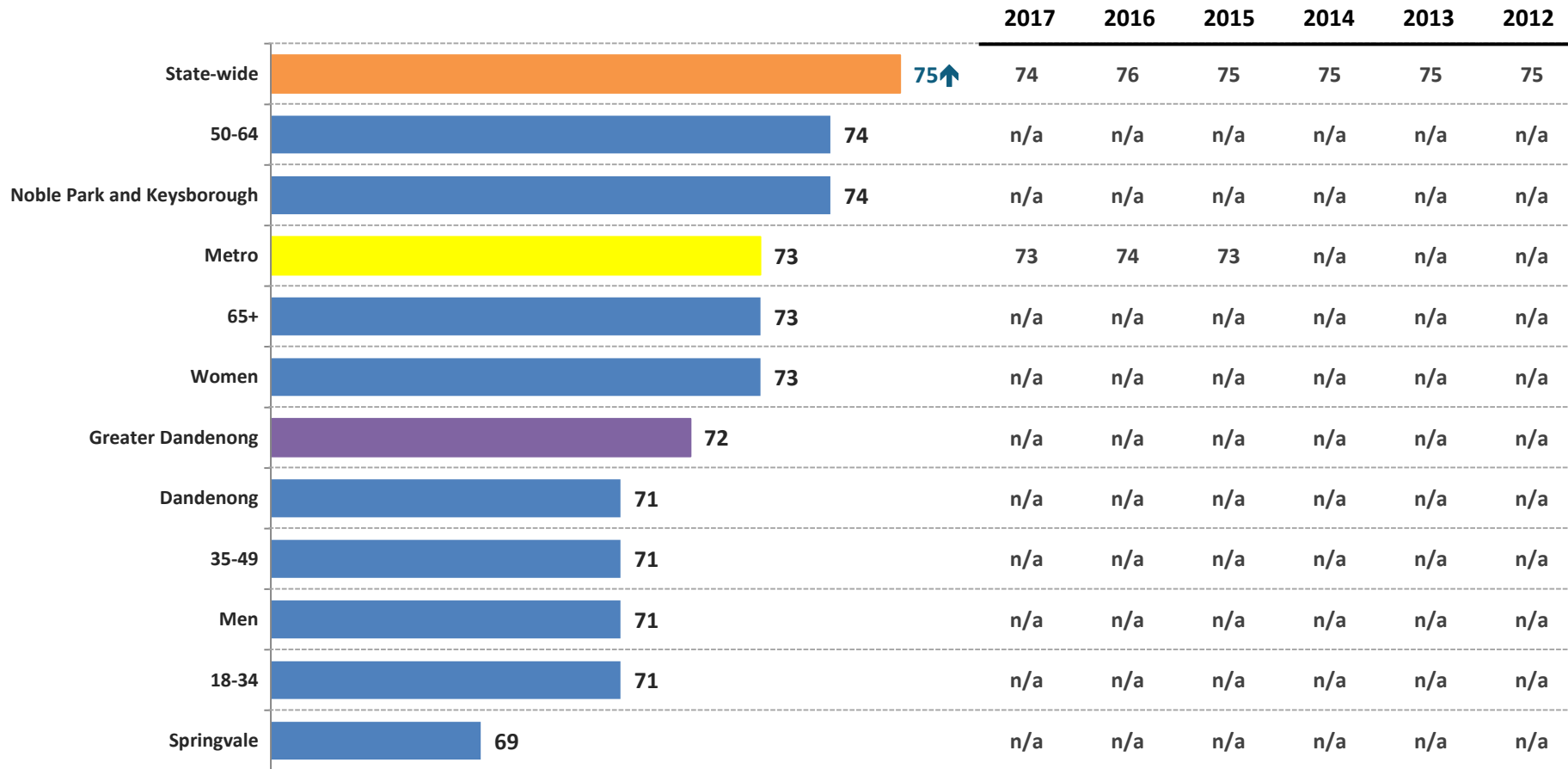


Q2. How has Council performed on 'the condition of sealed local roads in your area' over the last 12 months?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 64 Councils asked group: 14

2018 INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

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2018 Informing Community Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'informing the community' be as a responsibility for Council?

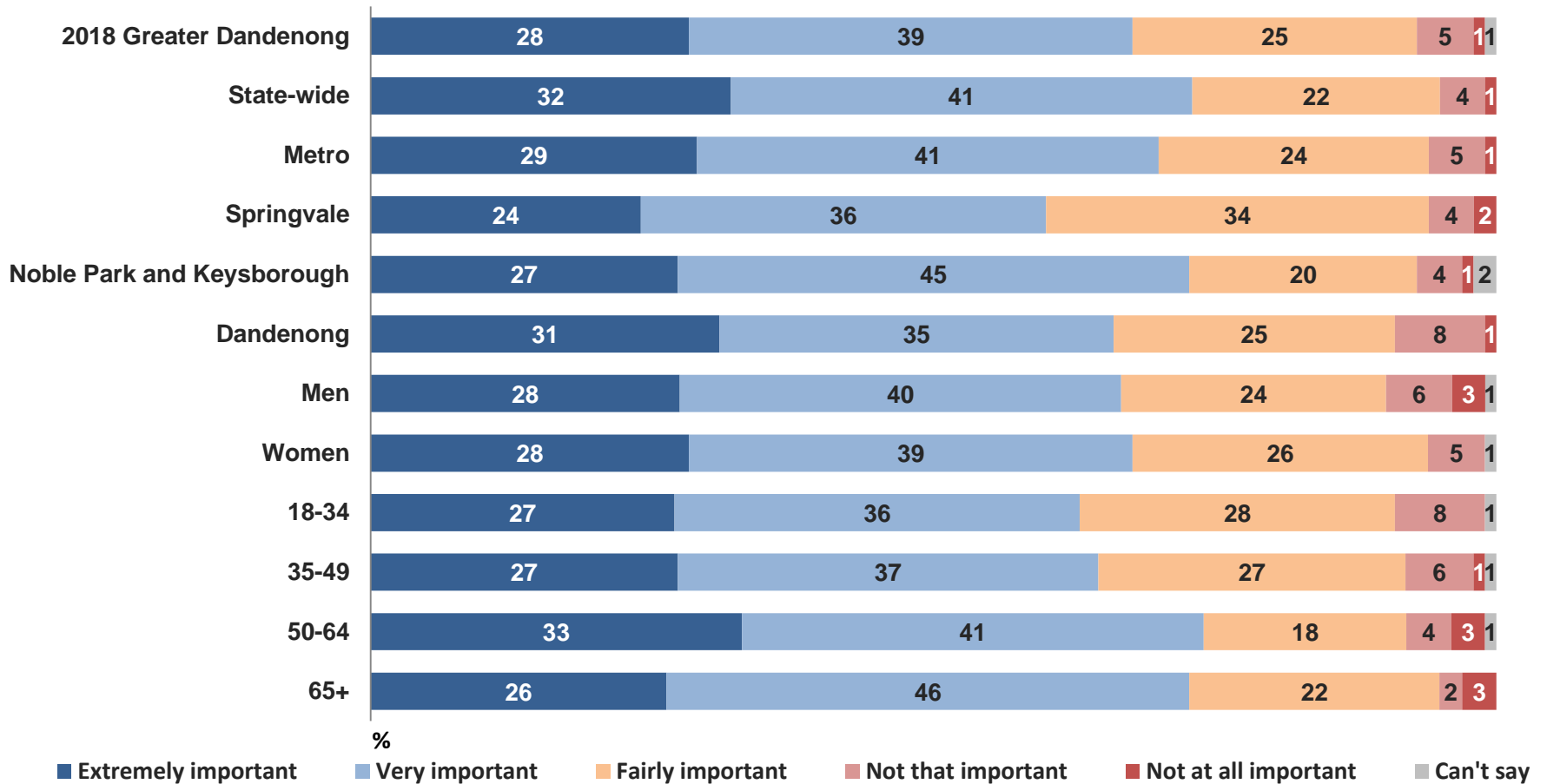
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 8

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2018 INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

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2018 Informing Community Importance



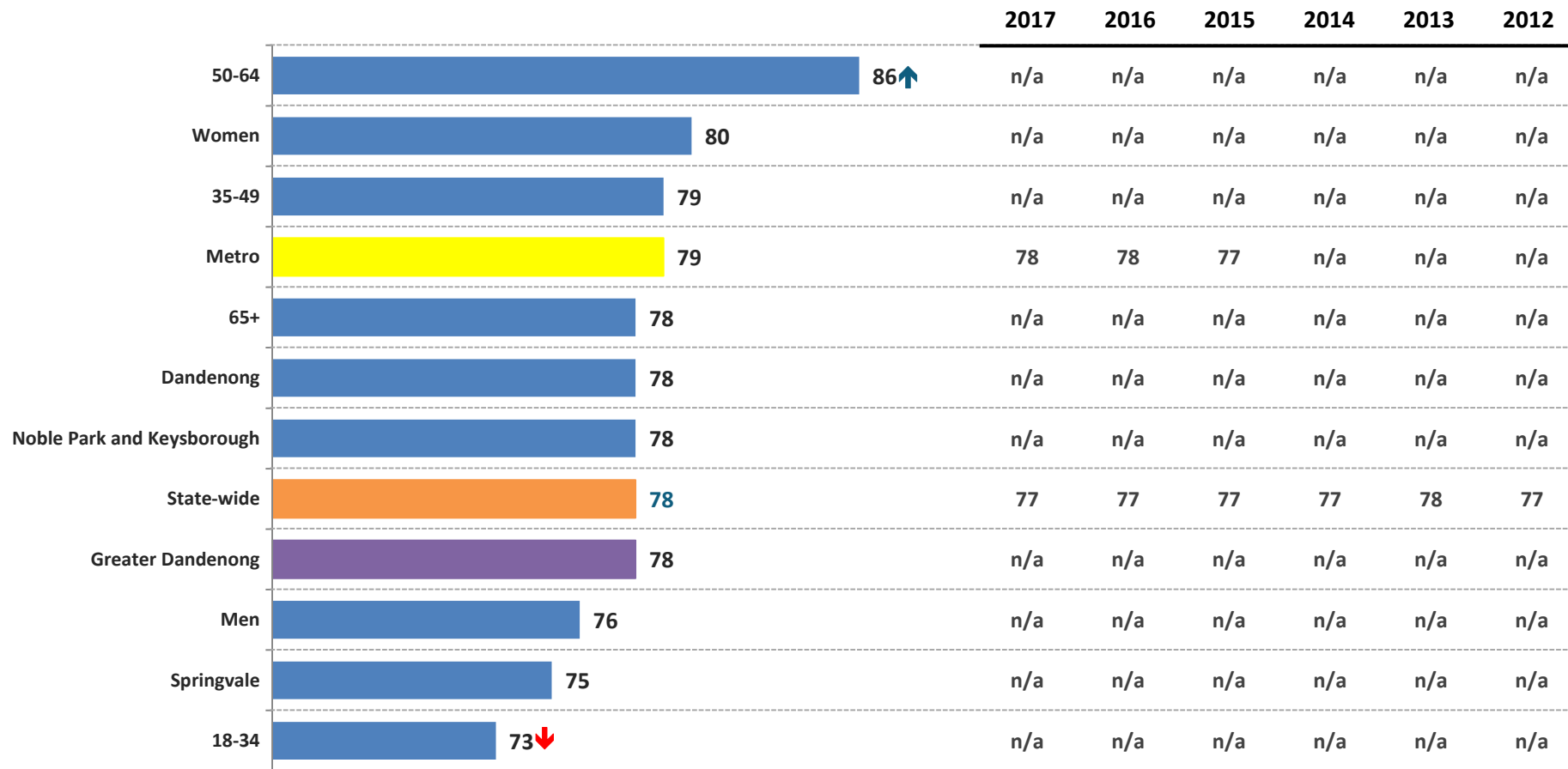
Q1. Firstly, how important should 'informing the community' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 8

2018 THE CONDITION OF LOCAL STREETS AND FOOTPATHS IN YOUR AREA

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2018 Streets and Footpaths Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'the condition of local streets and footpaths in your area' be as a responsibility for Council?

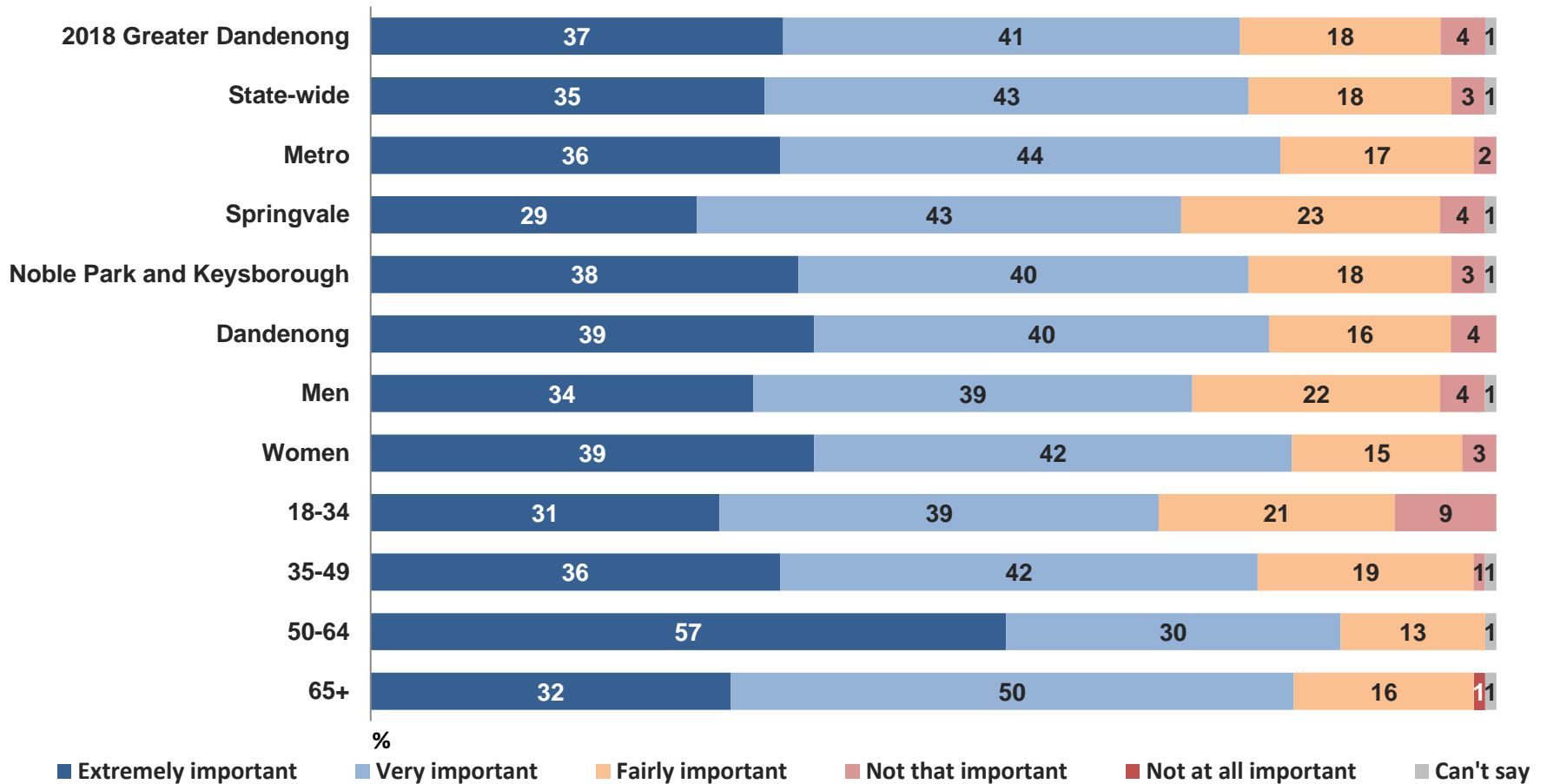
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 21 Councils asked group: 6

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2018 THE CONDITION OF LOCAL STREETS AND FOOTPATHS IN YOUR AREA

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2018 Streets and Footpaths Importance

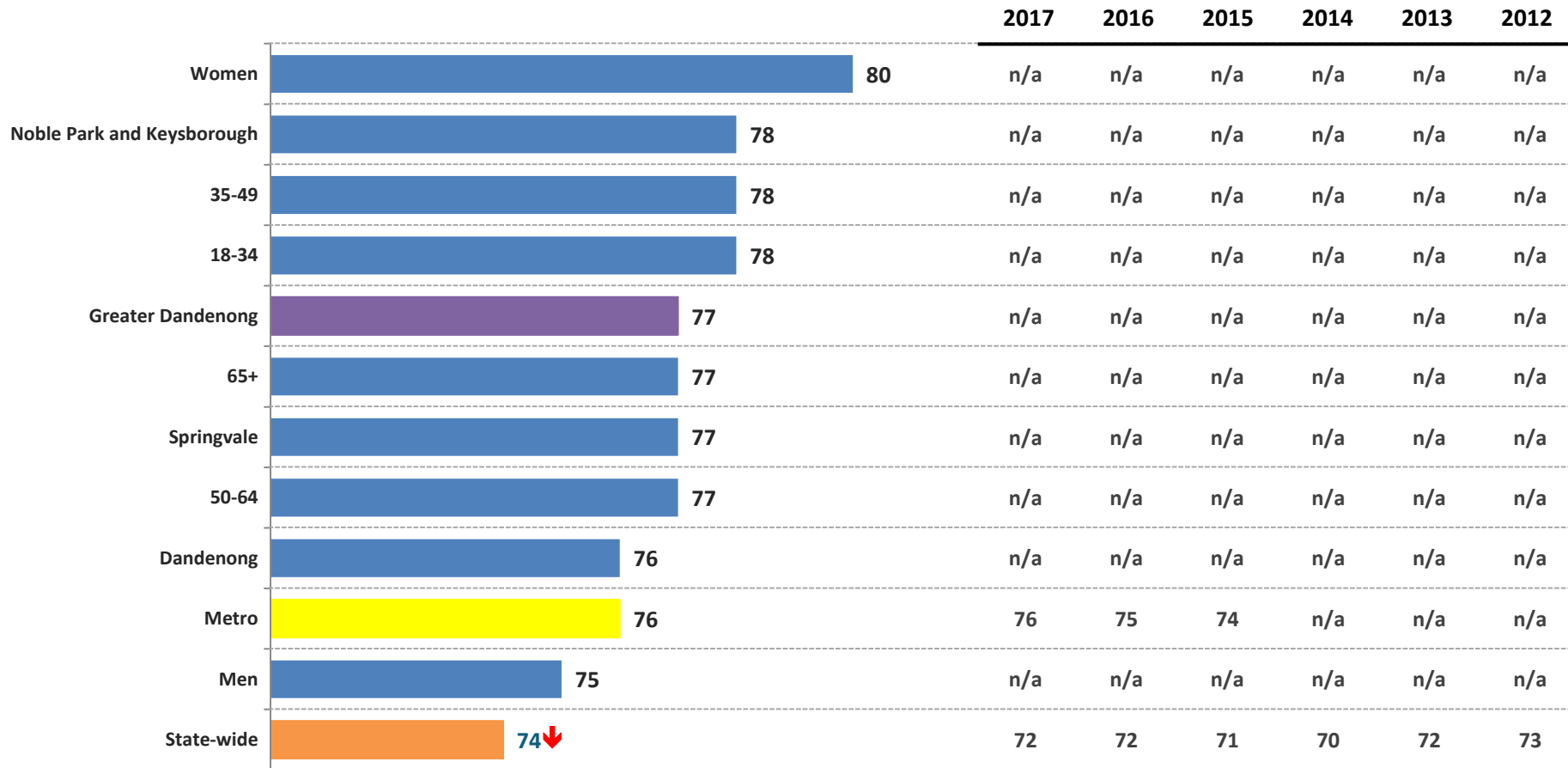


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'the condition of local streets and footpaths in your area' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 21 Councils asked group: 6

2018 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES



2018 Traffic Management Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'traffic management' be as a responsibility for Council?

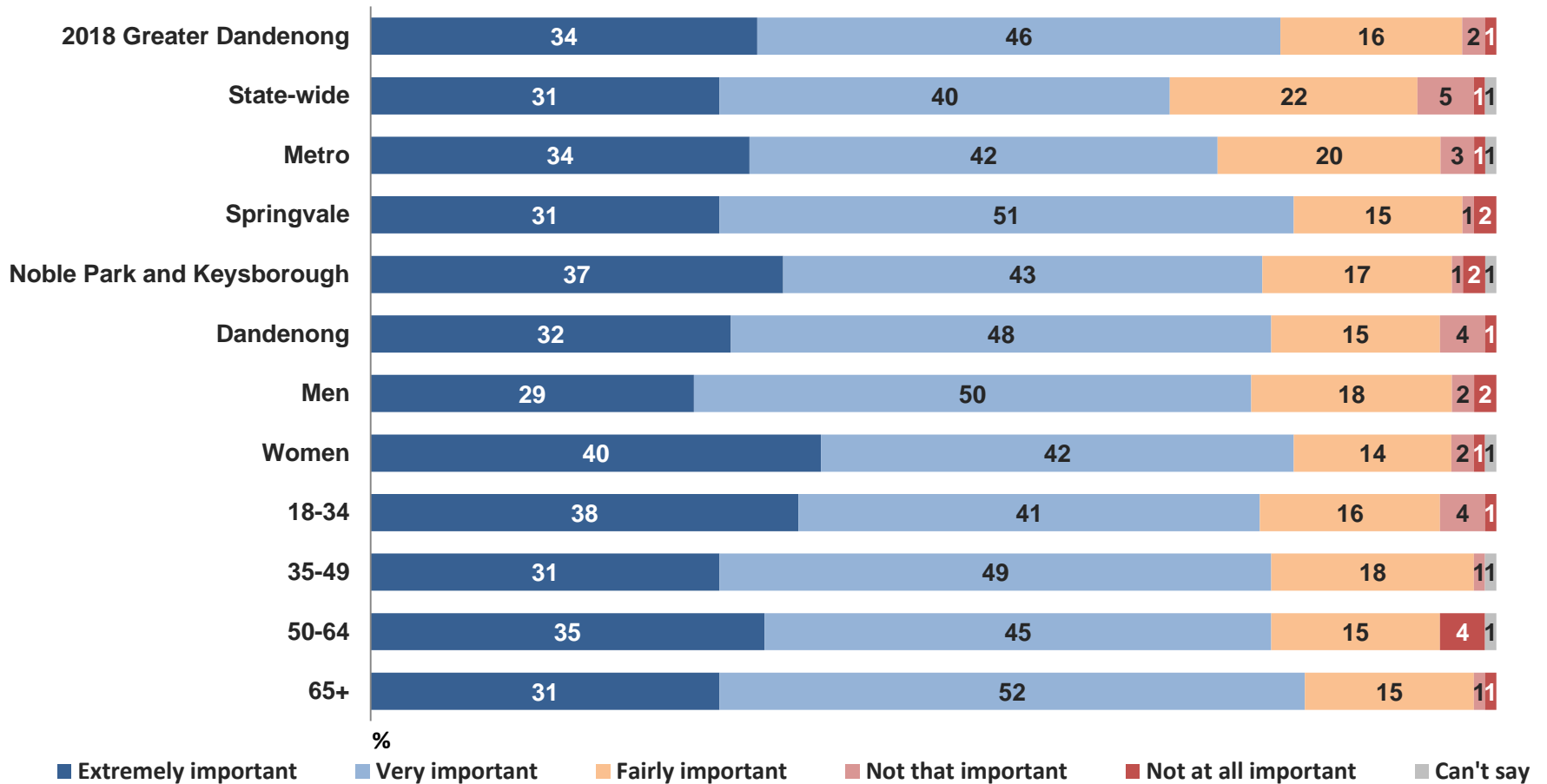
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 11 Councils asked group: 6

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2018 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

IMPORTANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2018 Traffic Management Importance

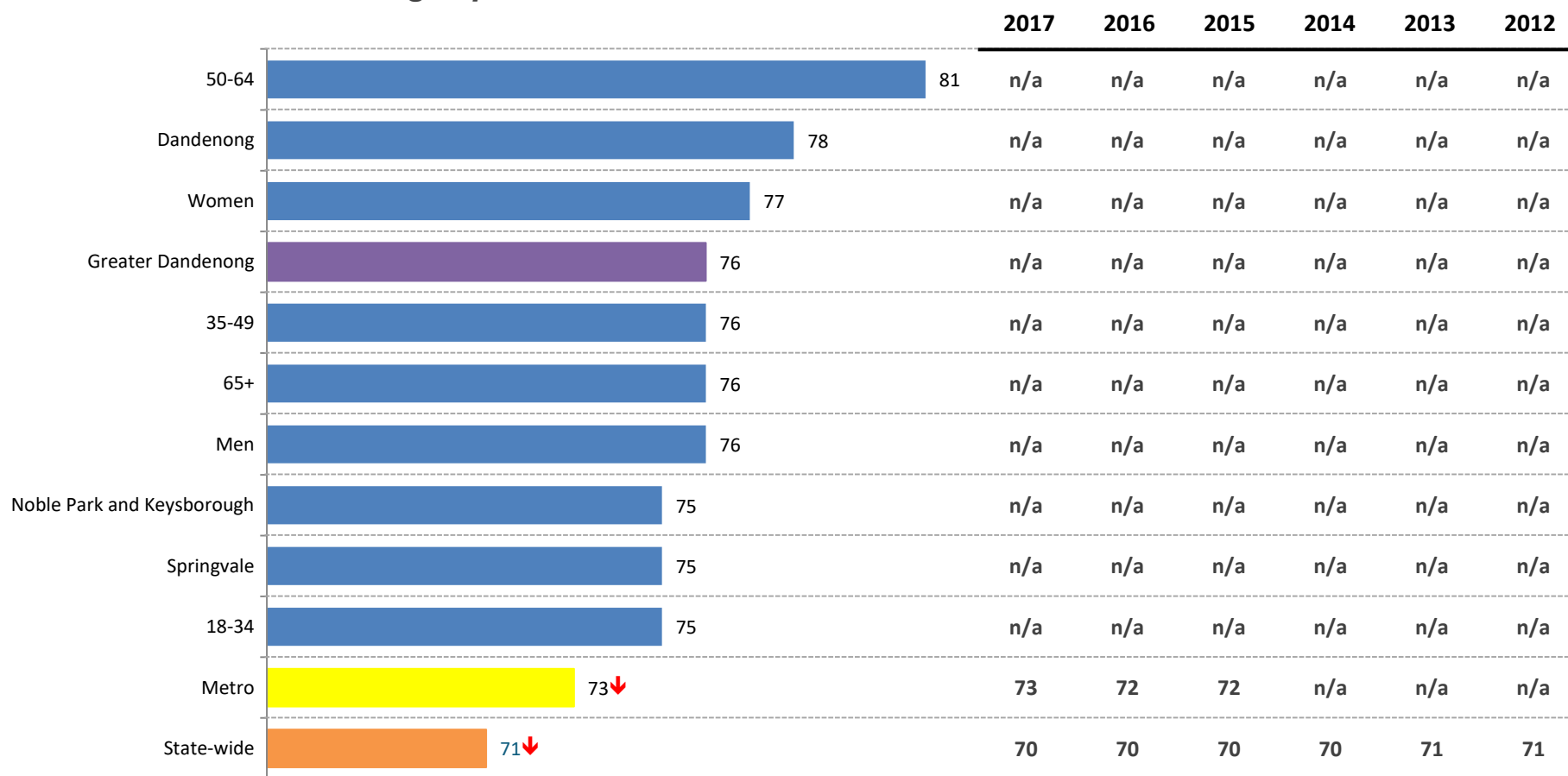


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'traffic management' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 11 Councils asked group: 6

2018 PARKING FACILITIES

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2018 Parking Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'parking facilities' be as a responsibility for Council?

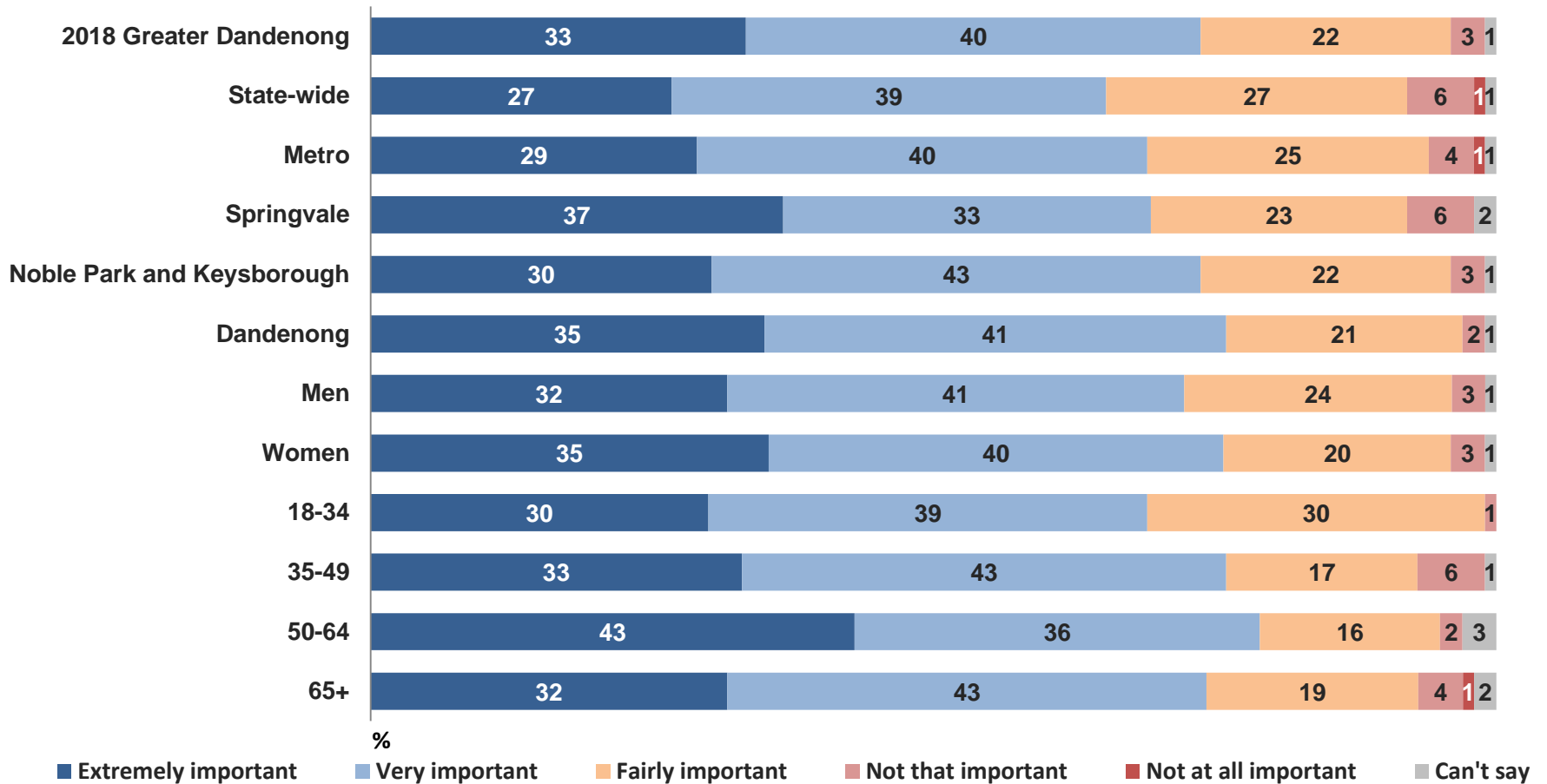
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 16 Councils asked group: 7

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2018 PARKING FACILITIES

IMPORTANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2018 Parking Importance

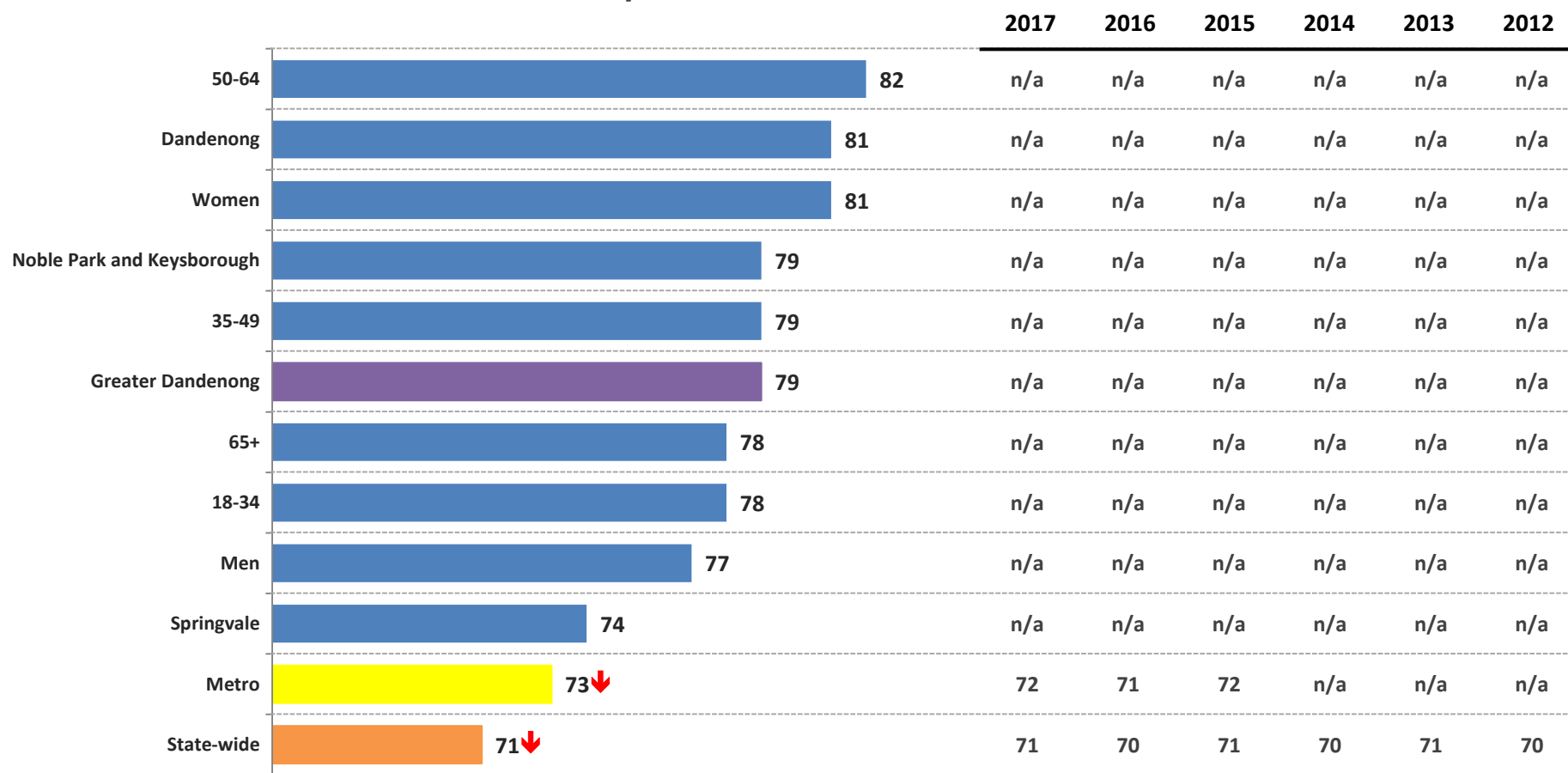


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'parking facilities' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 16 Councils asked group: 7

2018 ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS

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2018 Law Enforcement Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'enforcement of local laws' be as a responsibility for Council?

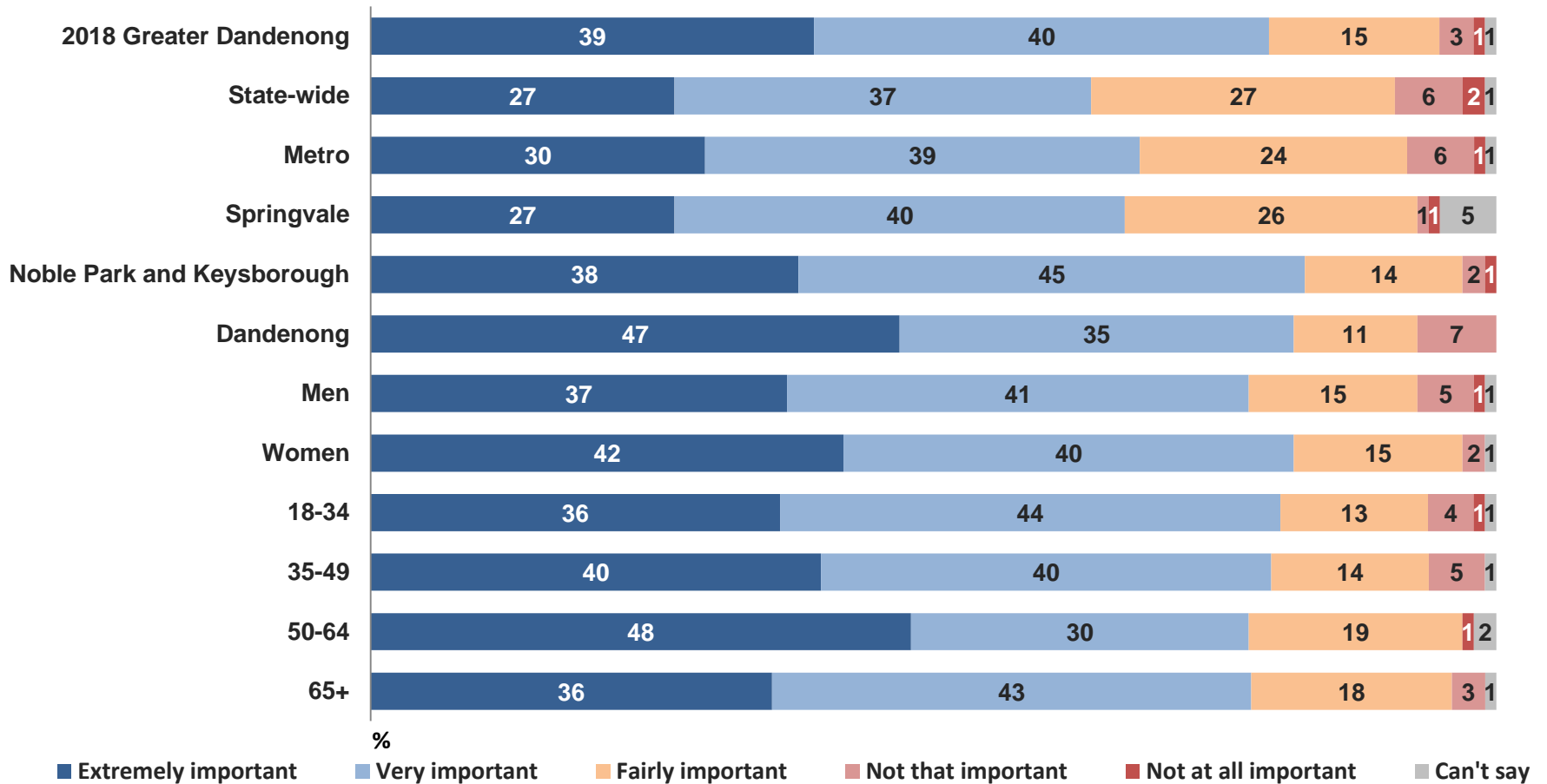
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2018 ENFORCEMENT OF LOCAL LAWS

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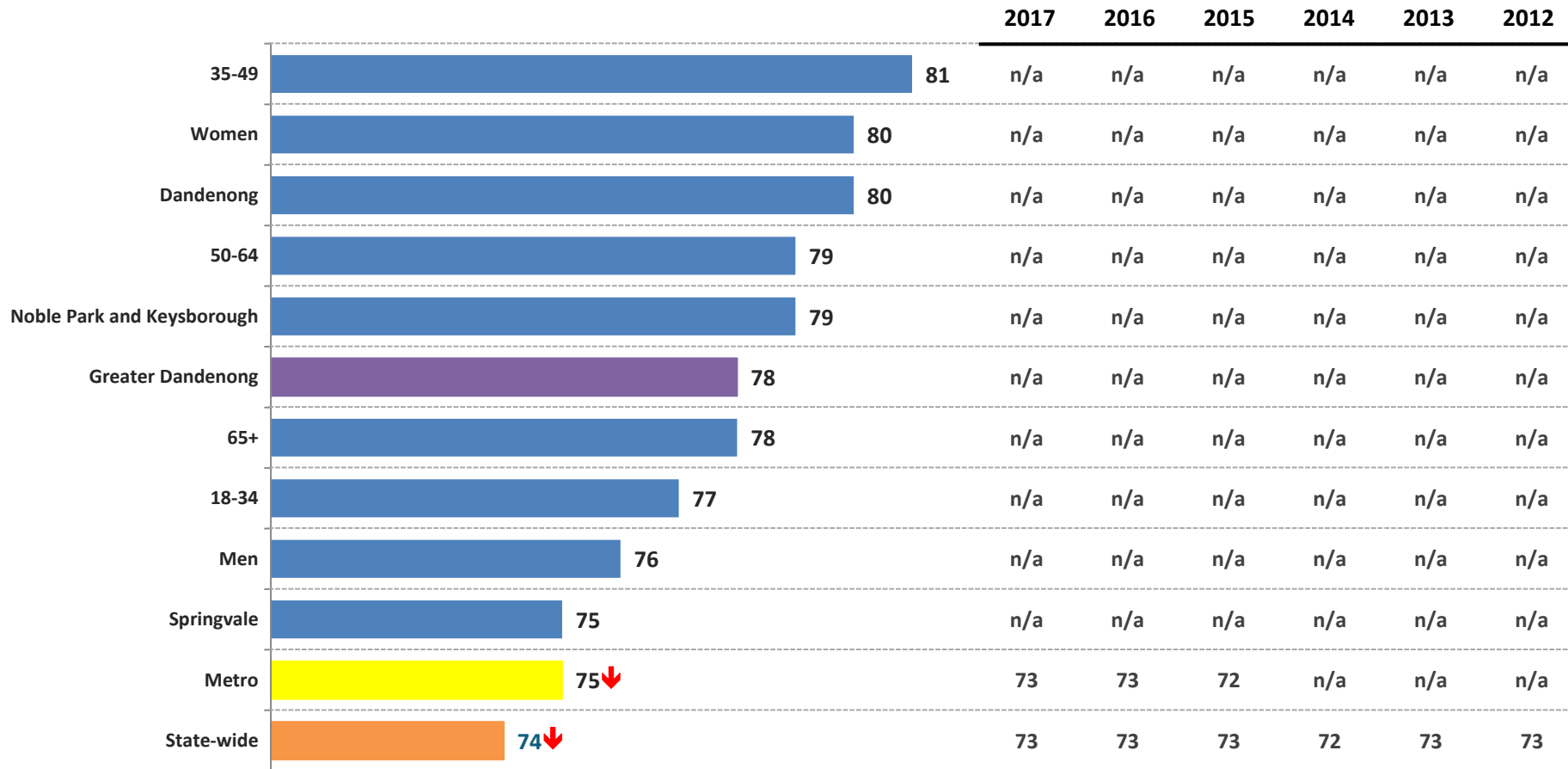
2018 Law Enforcement Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'enforcement of local laws' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 8

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2018 Family Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'family support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

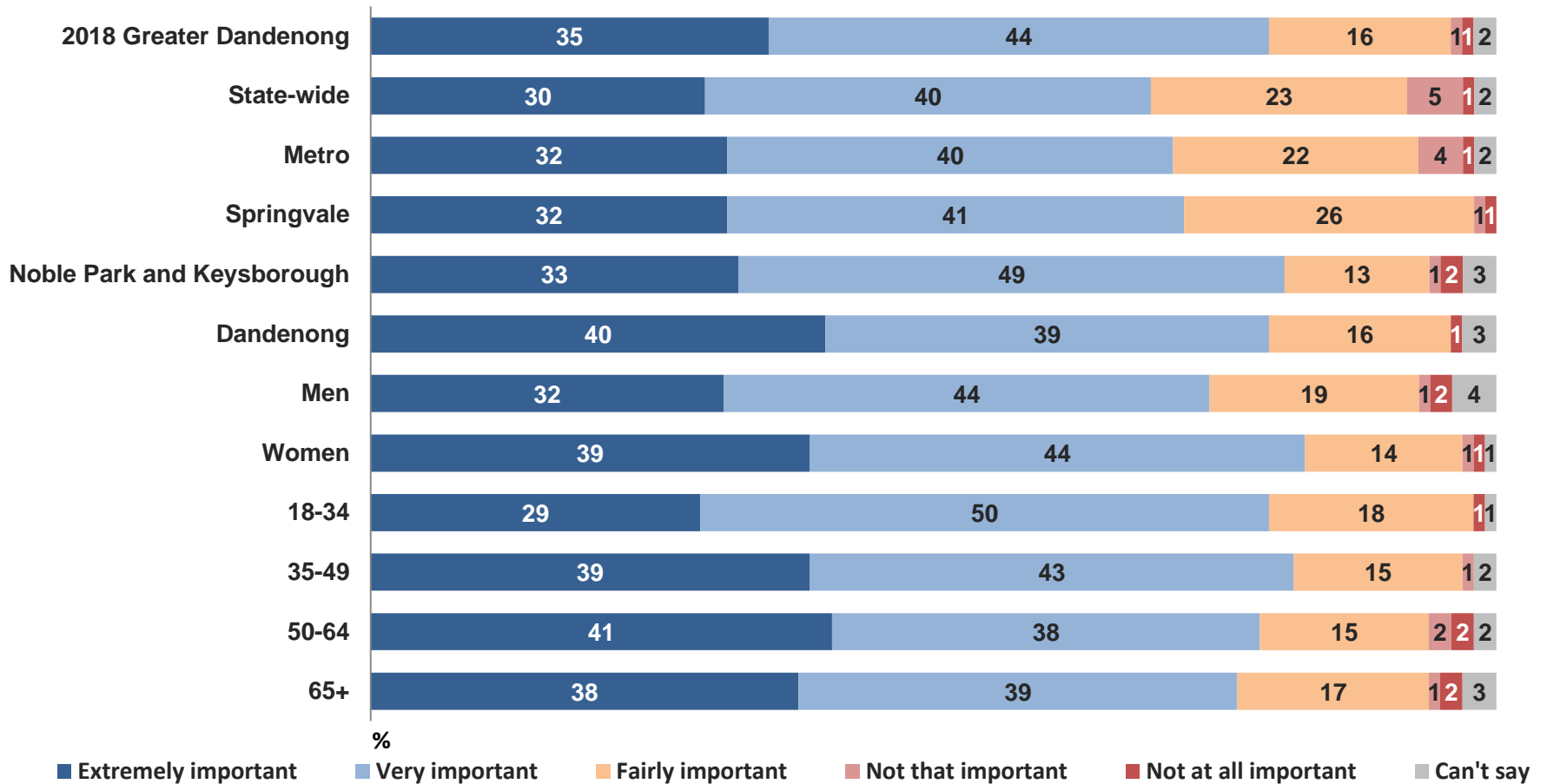
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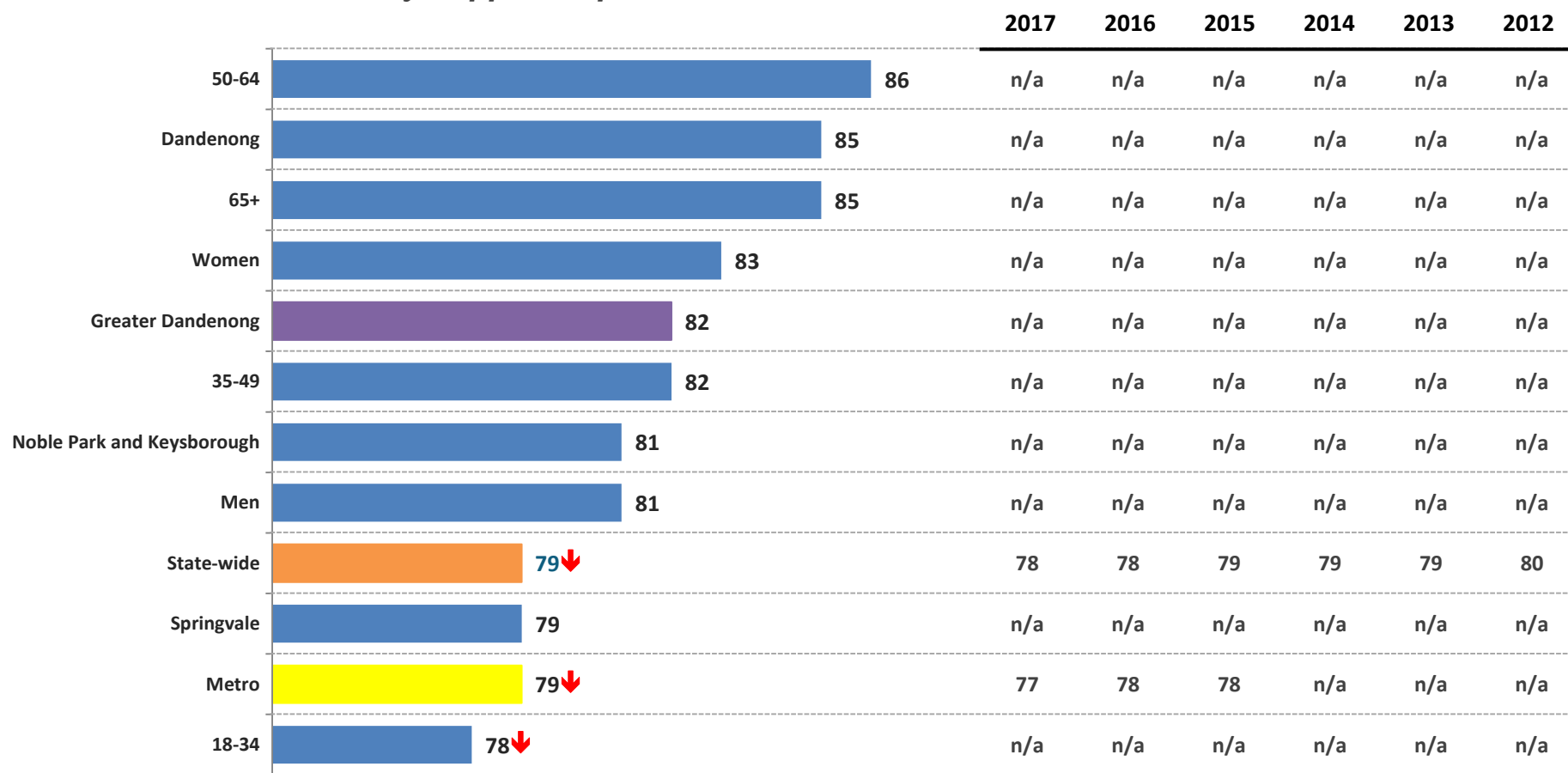
2018 Family Support Importance



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 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 7

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2018 Elderly Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'elderly support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

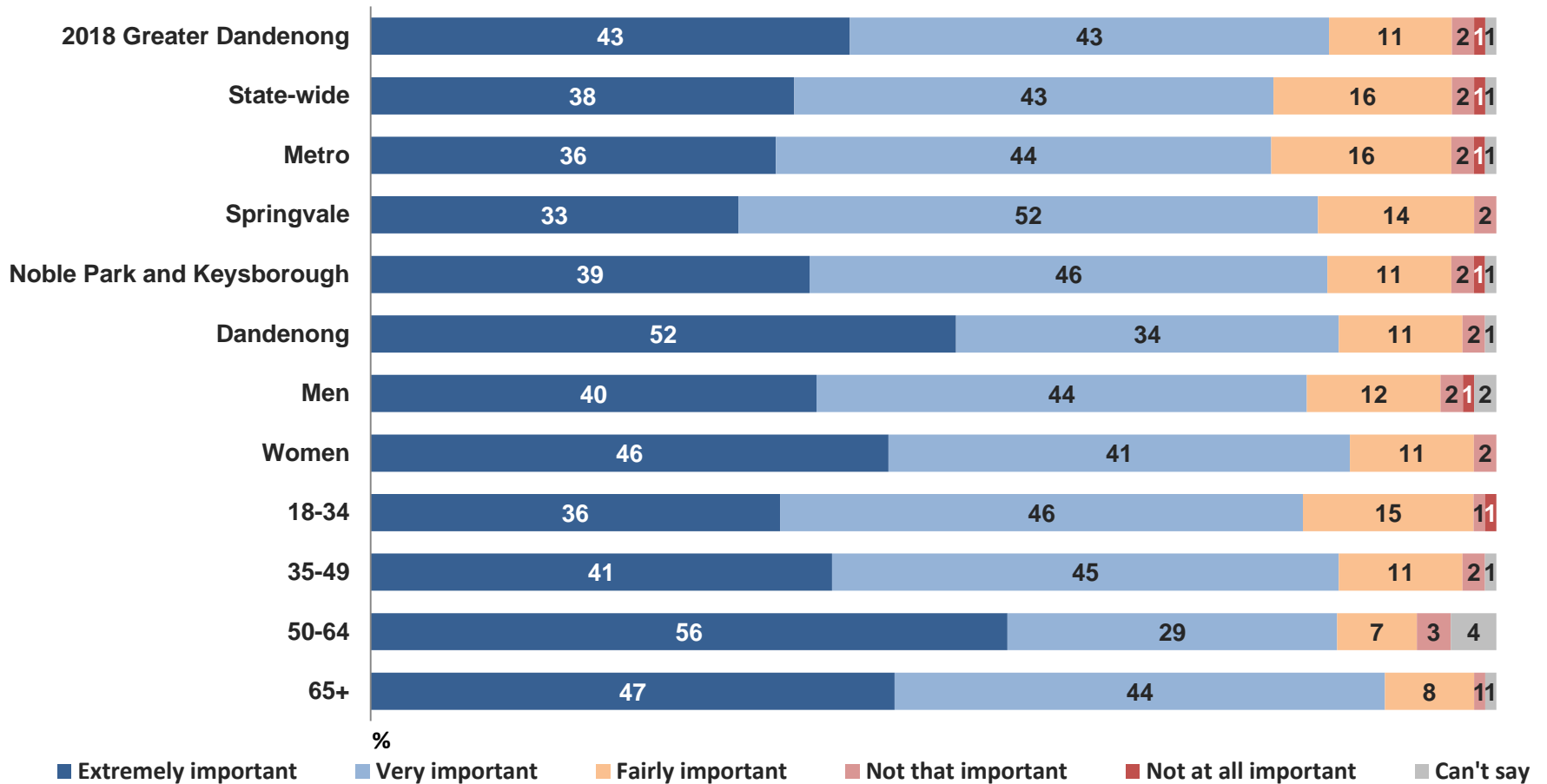
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2018 ELDERLY SUPPORT SERVICES

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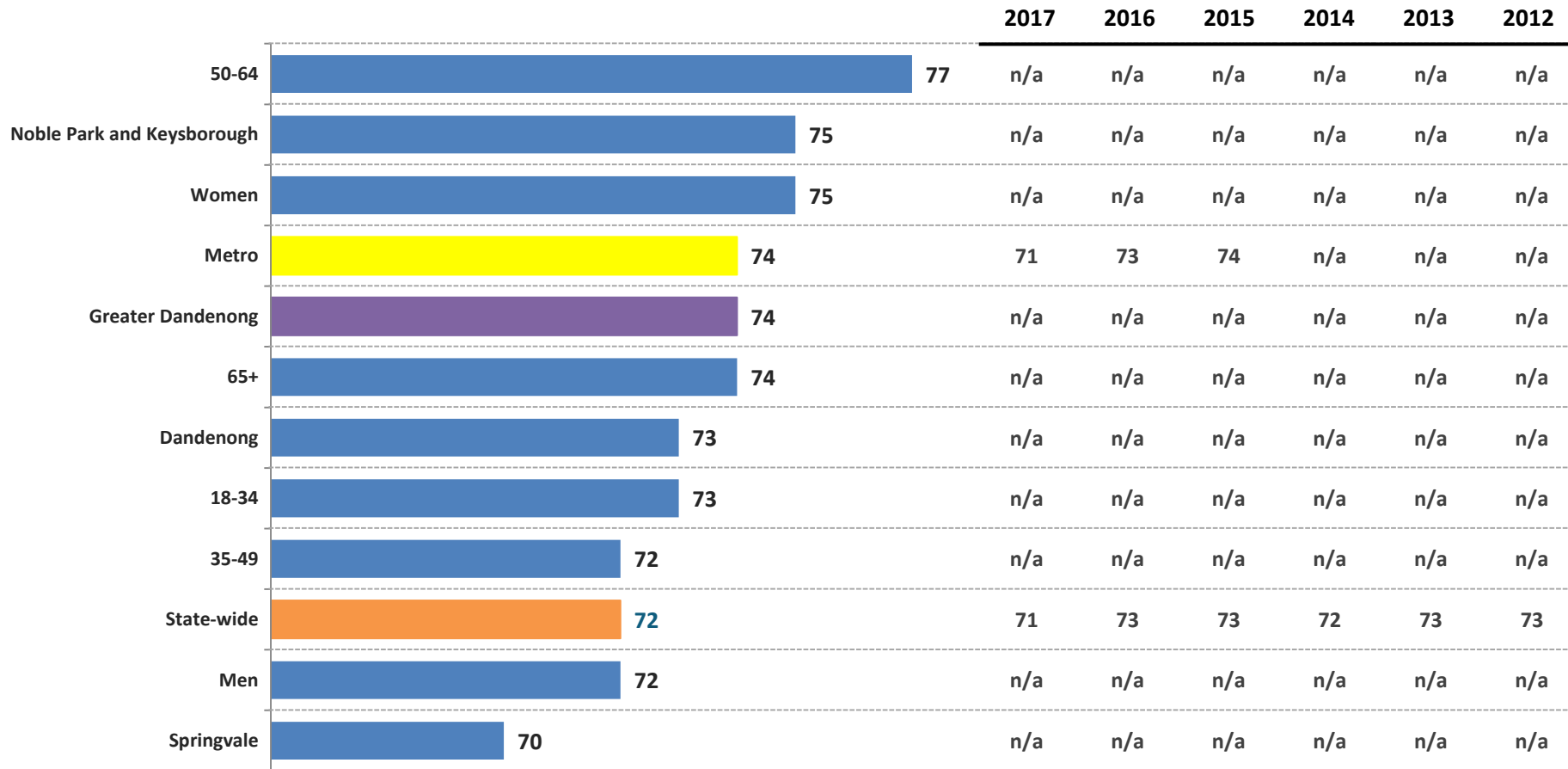
2018 Elderly Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'elderly support services' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 21 Councils asked group: 8

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2018 Disadvantaged Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'disadvantaged support services' be as a responsibility for Council?

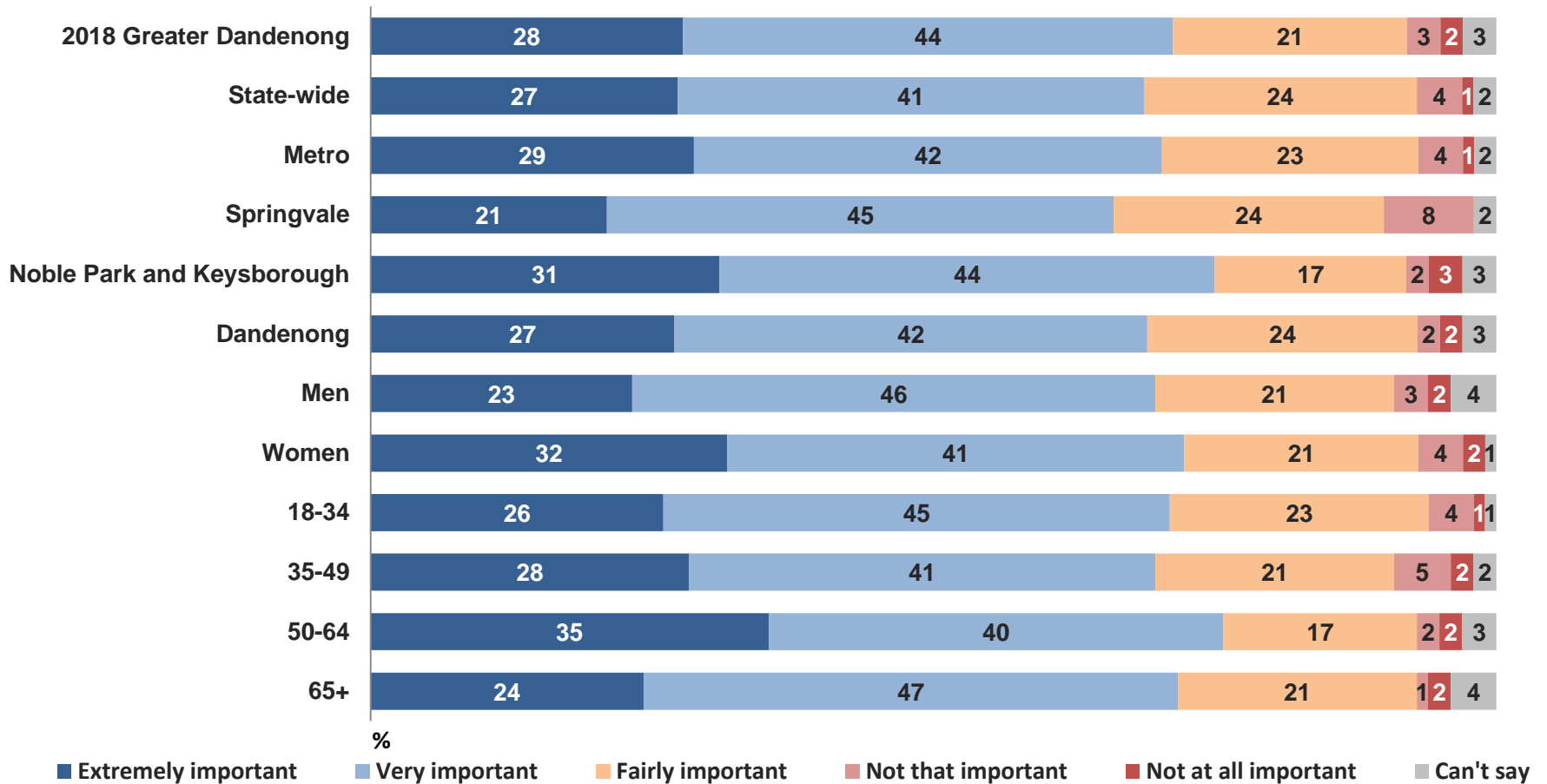
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2018 DISADVANTAGED SUPPORT SERVICES

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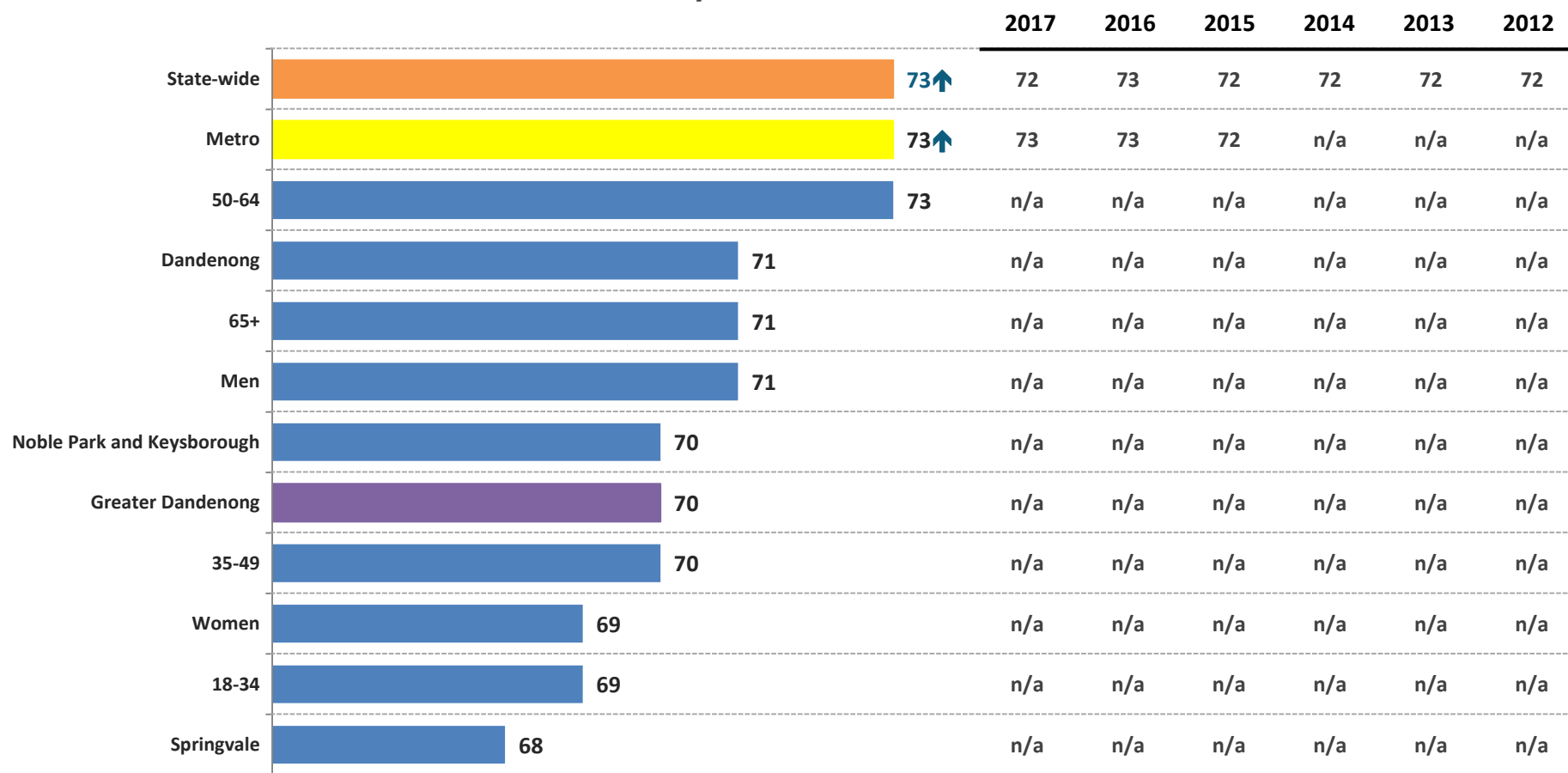
2018 Disadvantaged Support Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'disadvantaged support services' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 11 Councils asked group: 6

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2018 Recreational Facilities Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'recreational facilities' be as a responsibility for Council?

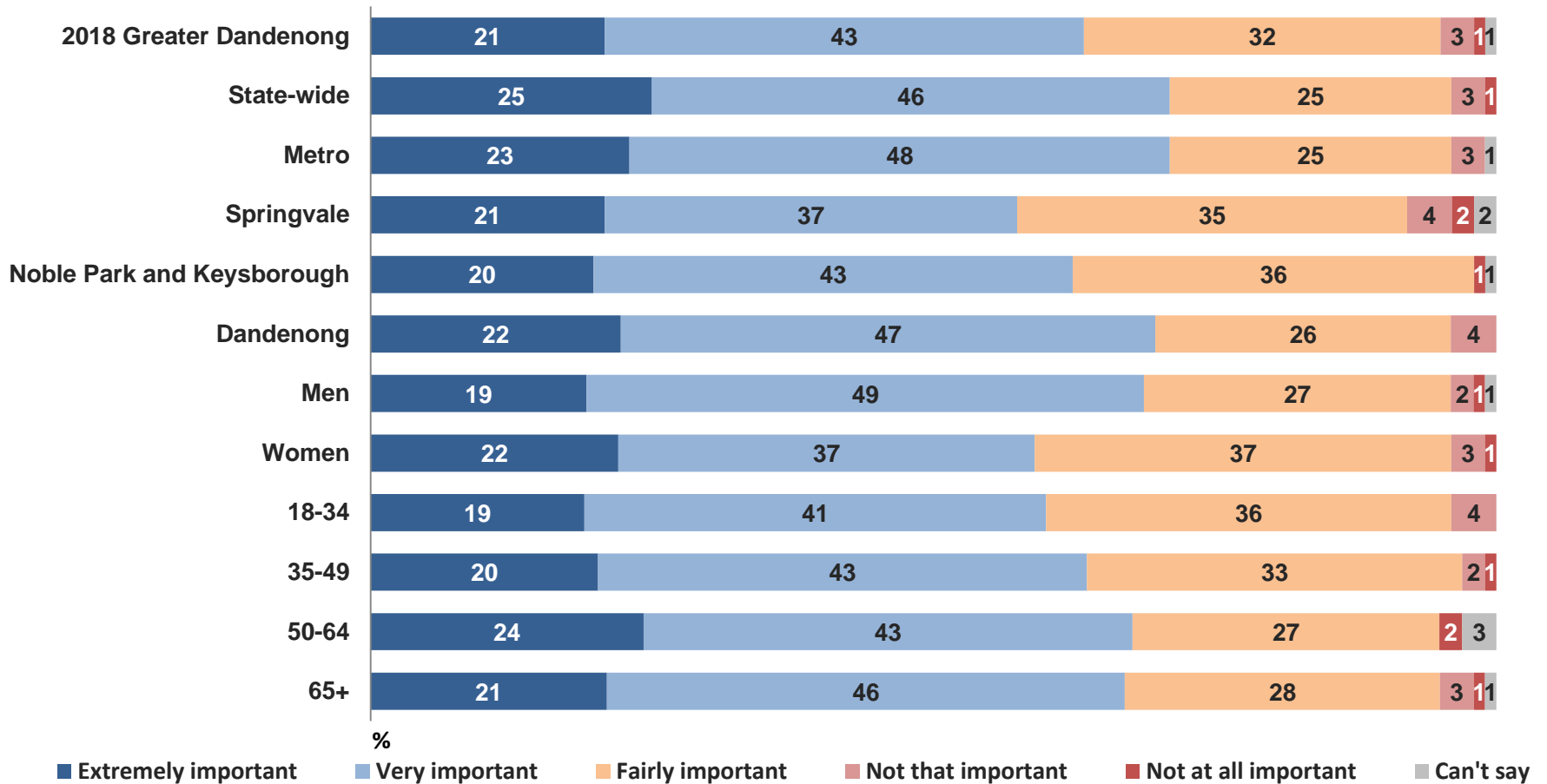
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 26 Councils asked group: 9

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2018 Recreational Facilities Importance

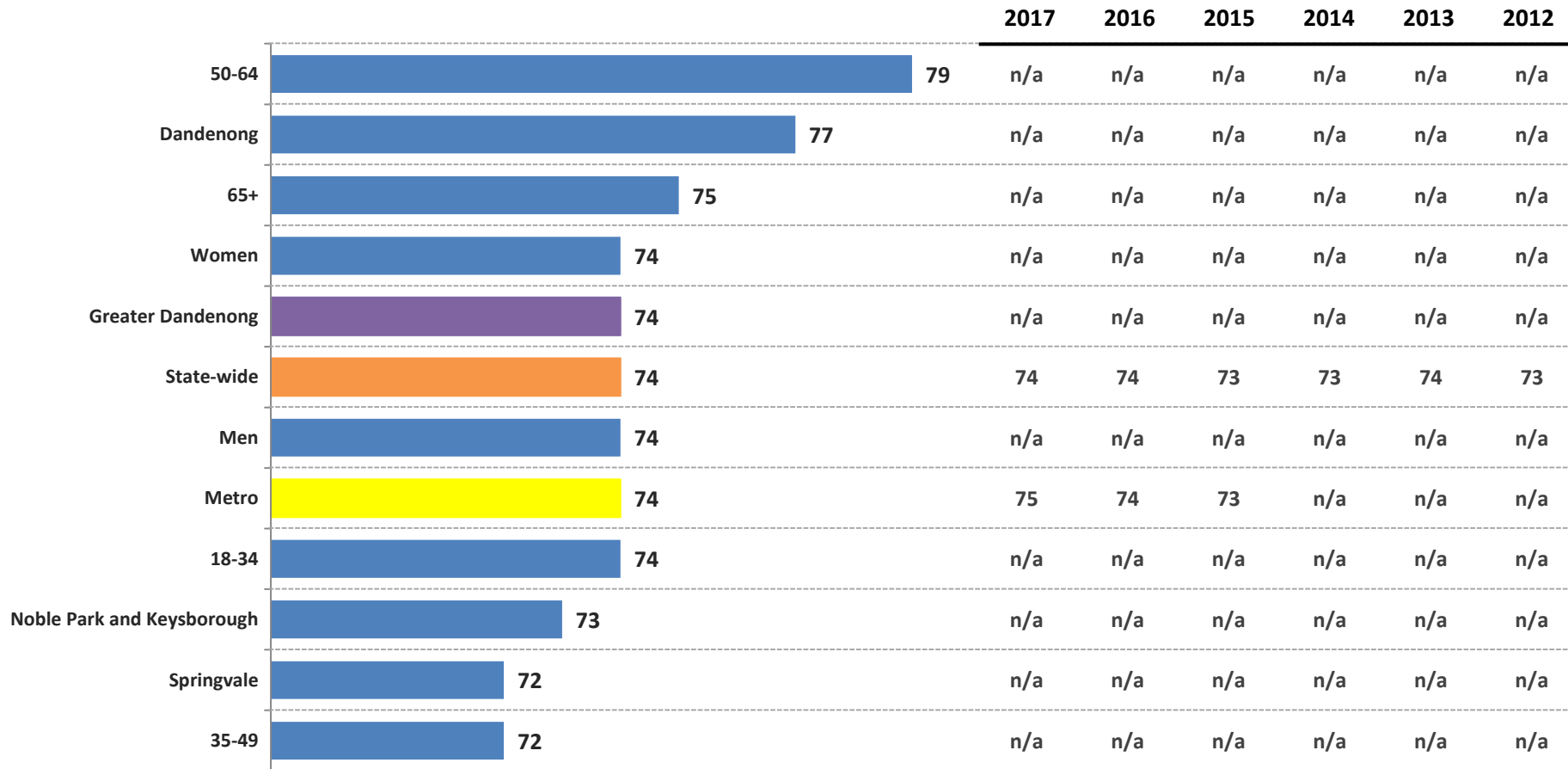


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'recreational facilities' be as a responsibility for Council?
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2018 Public Areas Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'the appearance of public areas' be as a responsibility for Council?

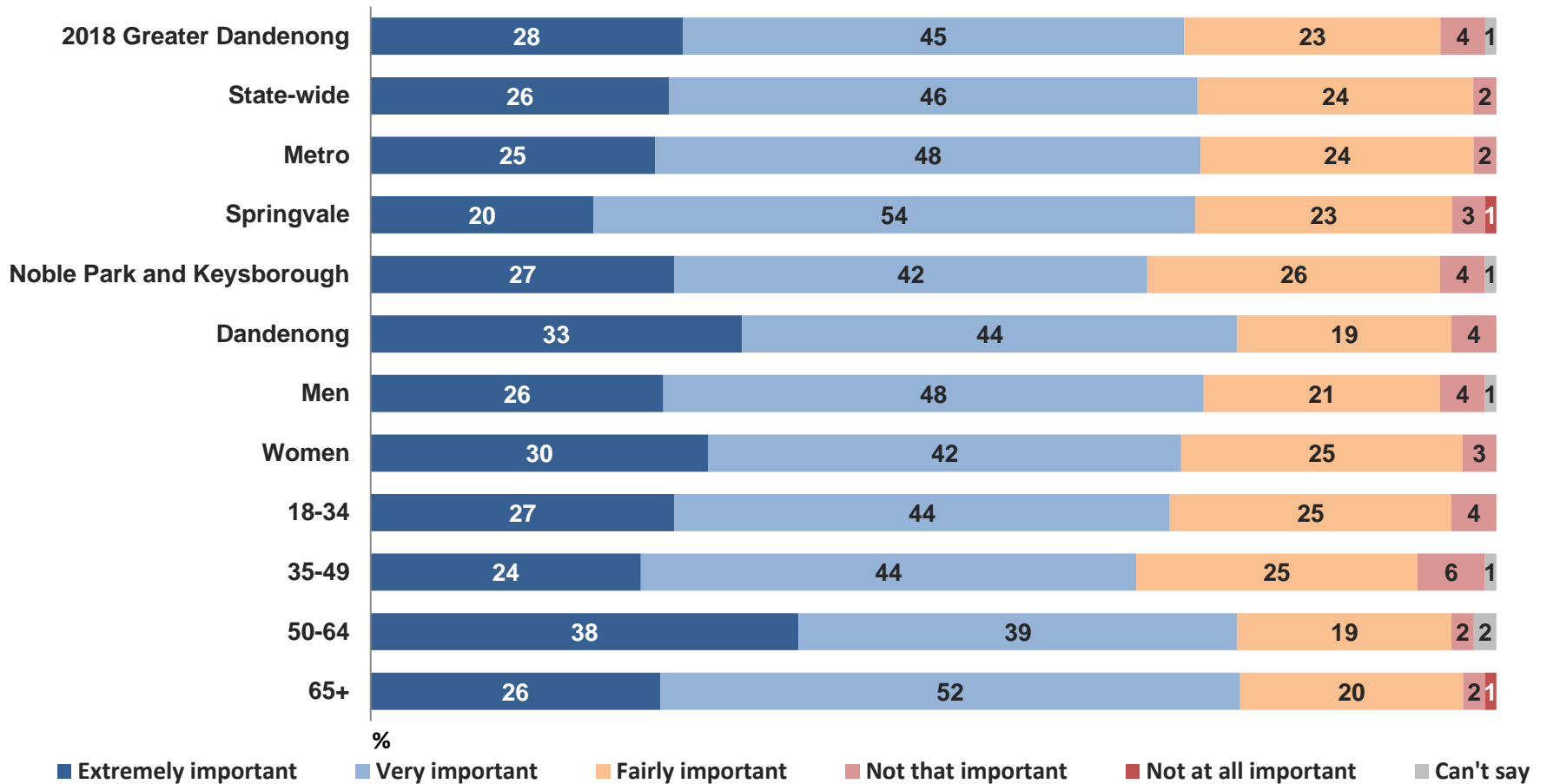
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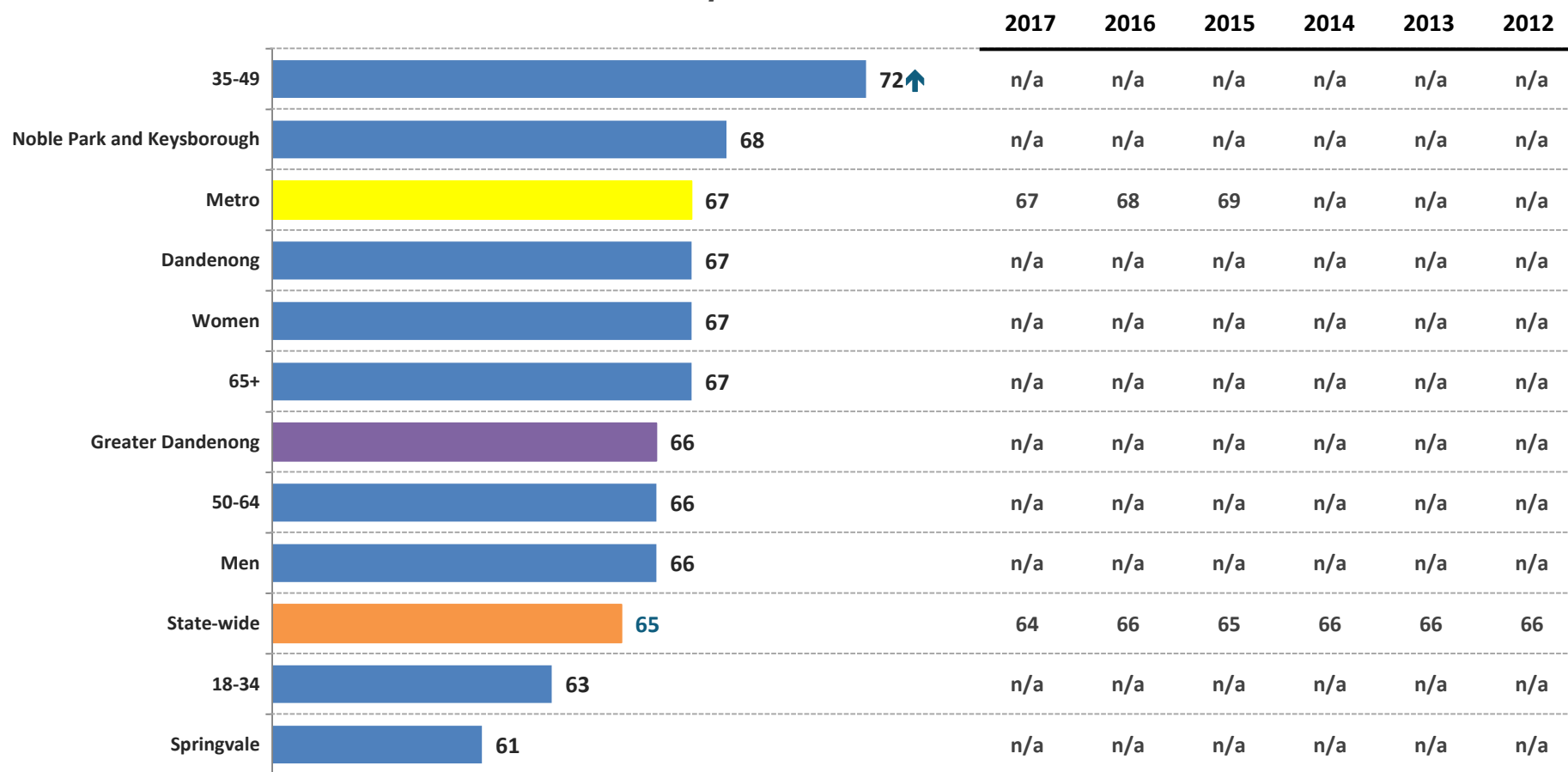
2018 Public Areas Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'the appearance of public areas' be as a responsibility for Council?
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2018 Art Centres & Libraries Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'art centres and libraries' be as a responsibility for Council?

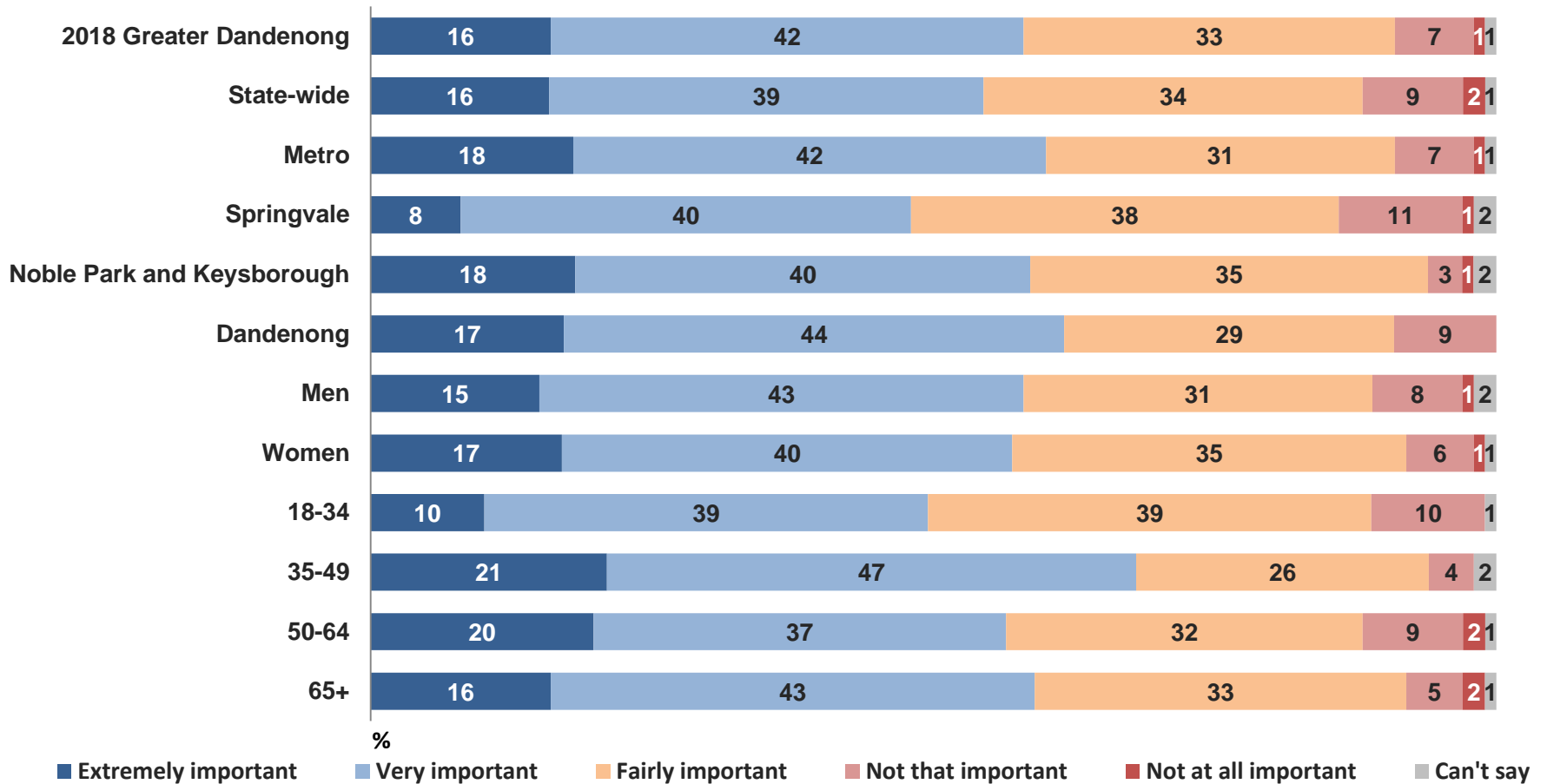
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2018 Art Centres & Libraries Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'art centres and libraries' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 17 Councils asked group: 8

2018 COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES



2018 Community Activities Importance

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Women	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
35-49	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dandenong	66	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greater Dandenong	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50-64	64	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Springvale	63	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Noble Park and Keysborough	63	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
18-34	63	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	61	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metro	61↓	61	62	62	n/a	n/a
State-wide	61↓	61	62	62	62	62

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'community and cultural activities' be as a responsibility for Council?

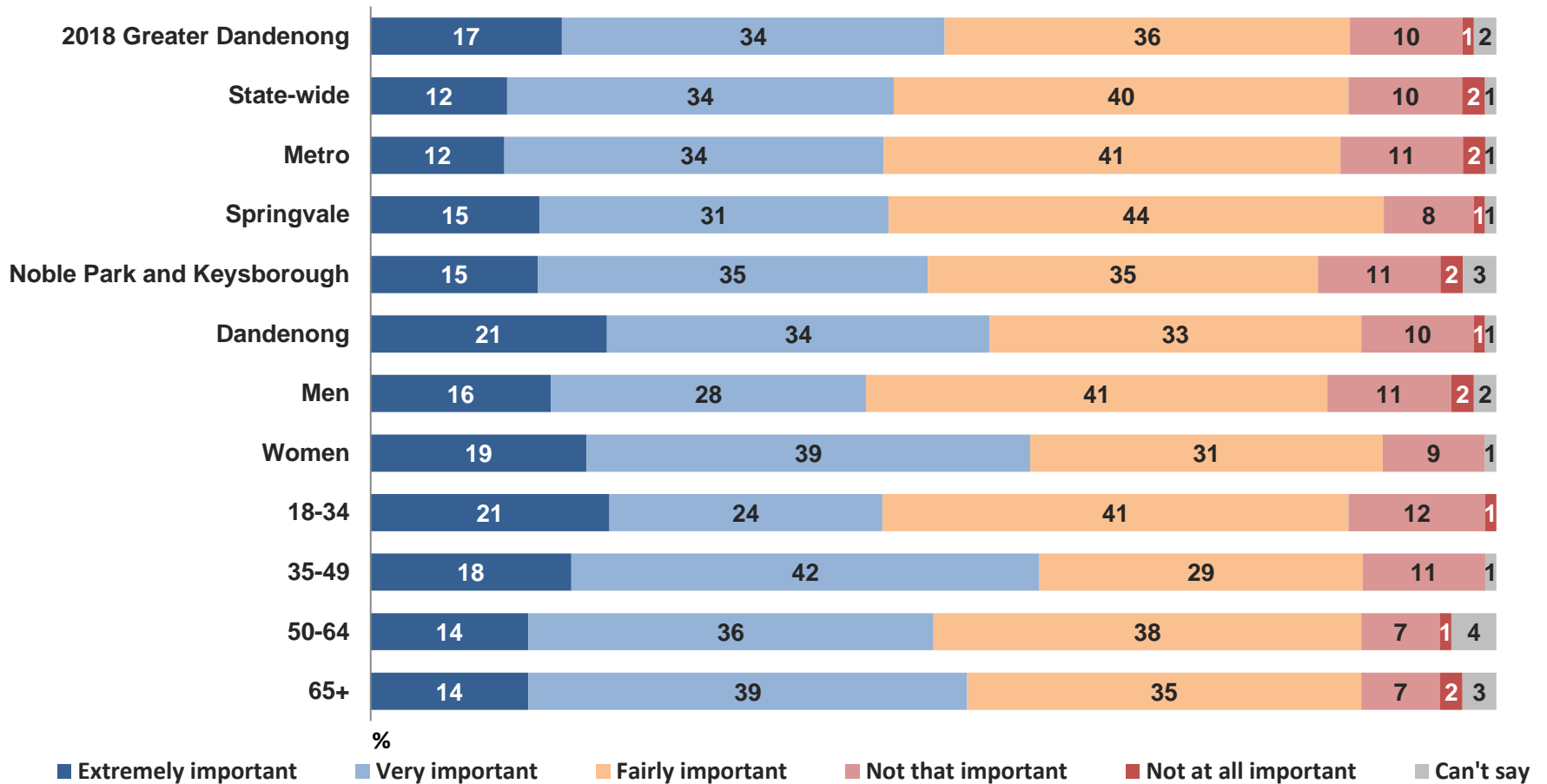
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2018 Community Activities Importance

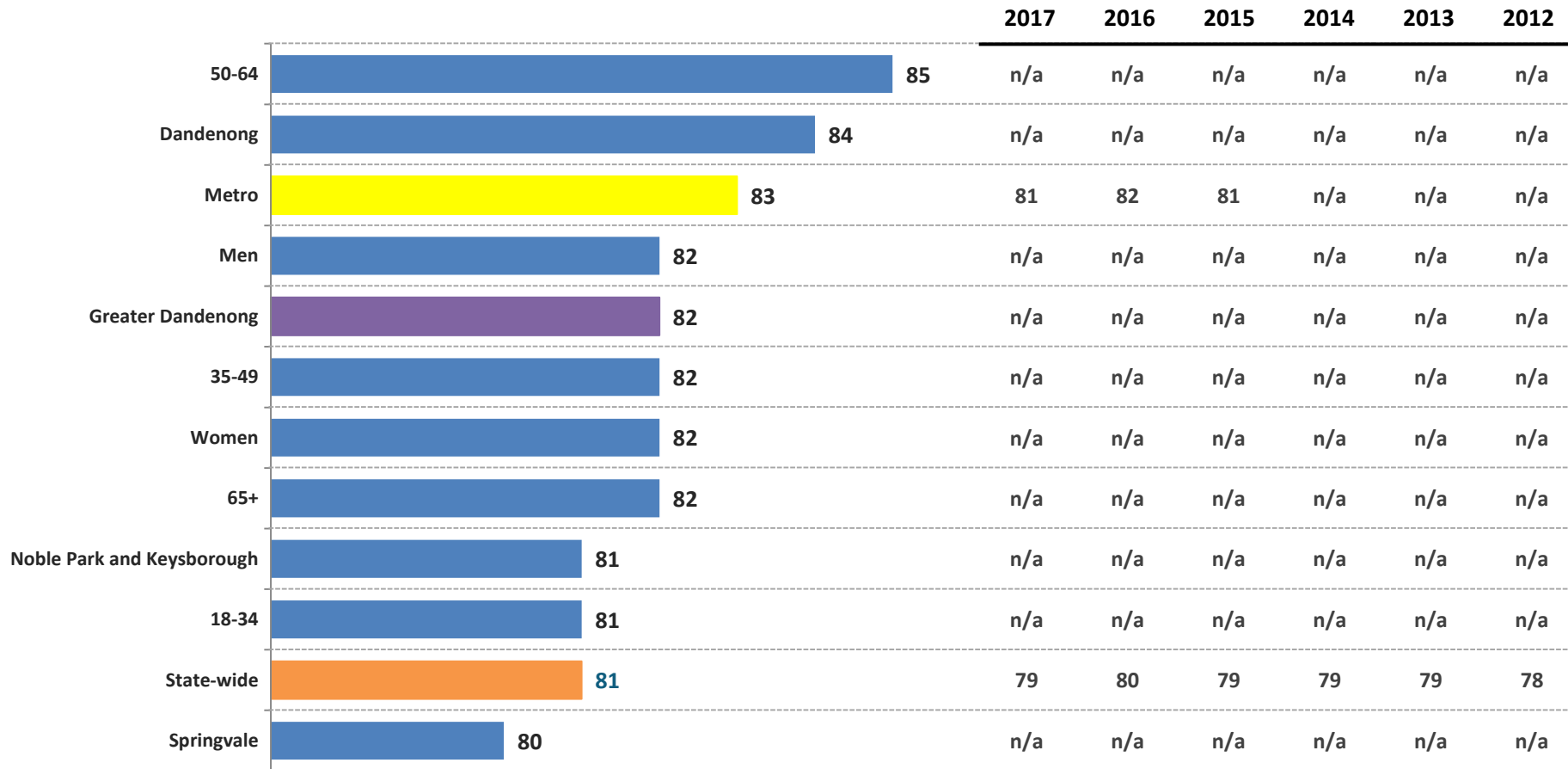


Q1. Firstly, how important should 'community and cultural activities' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 20 Councils asked group: 8

2018 WASTE MANAGEMENT IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES



2018 Waste Management Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'waste management' be as a responsibility for Council?

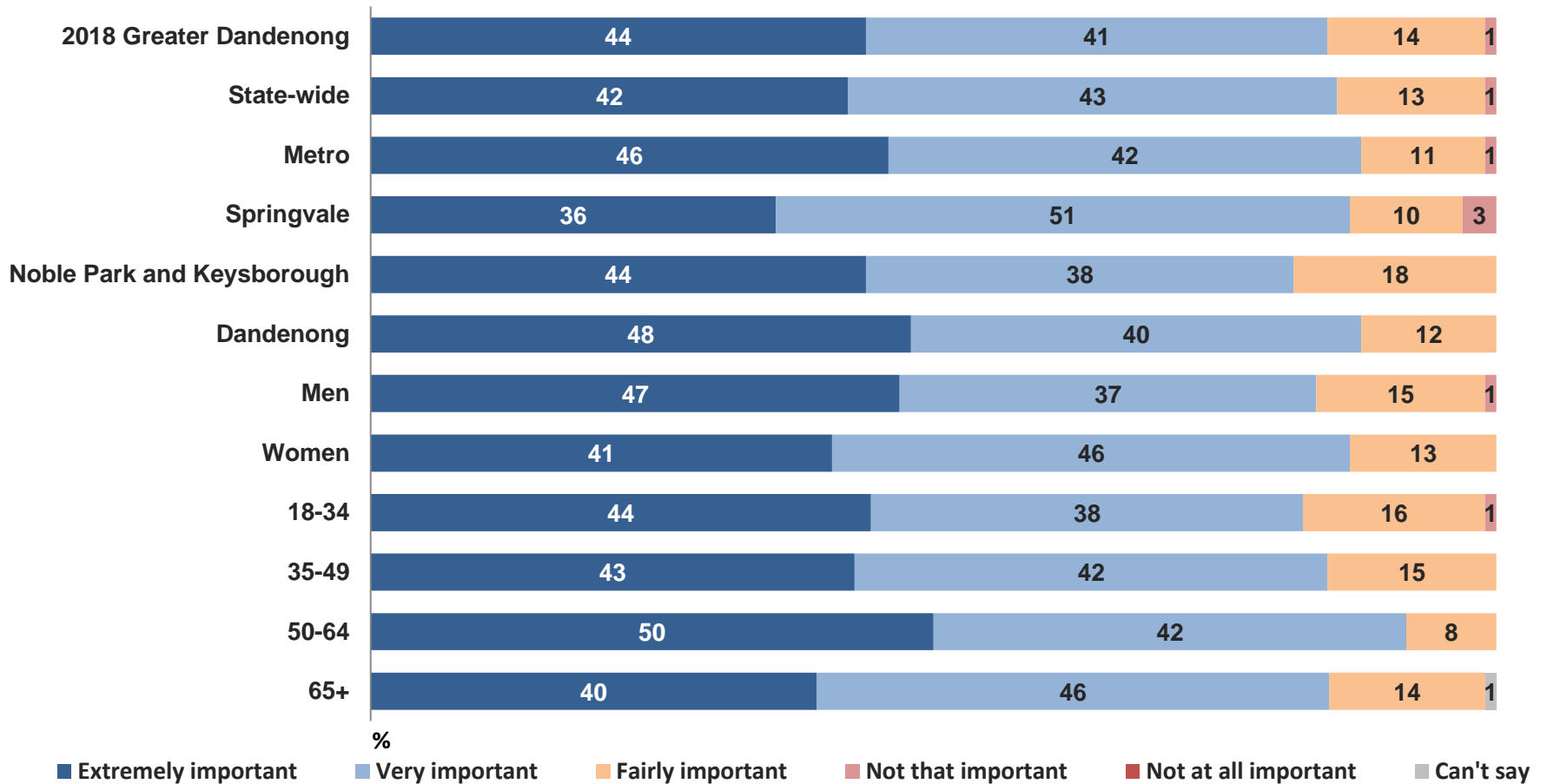
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2018 WASTE MANAGEMENT

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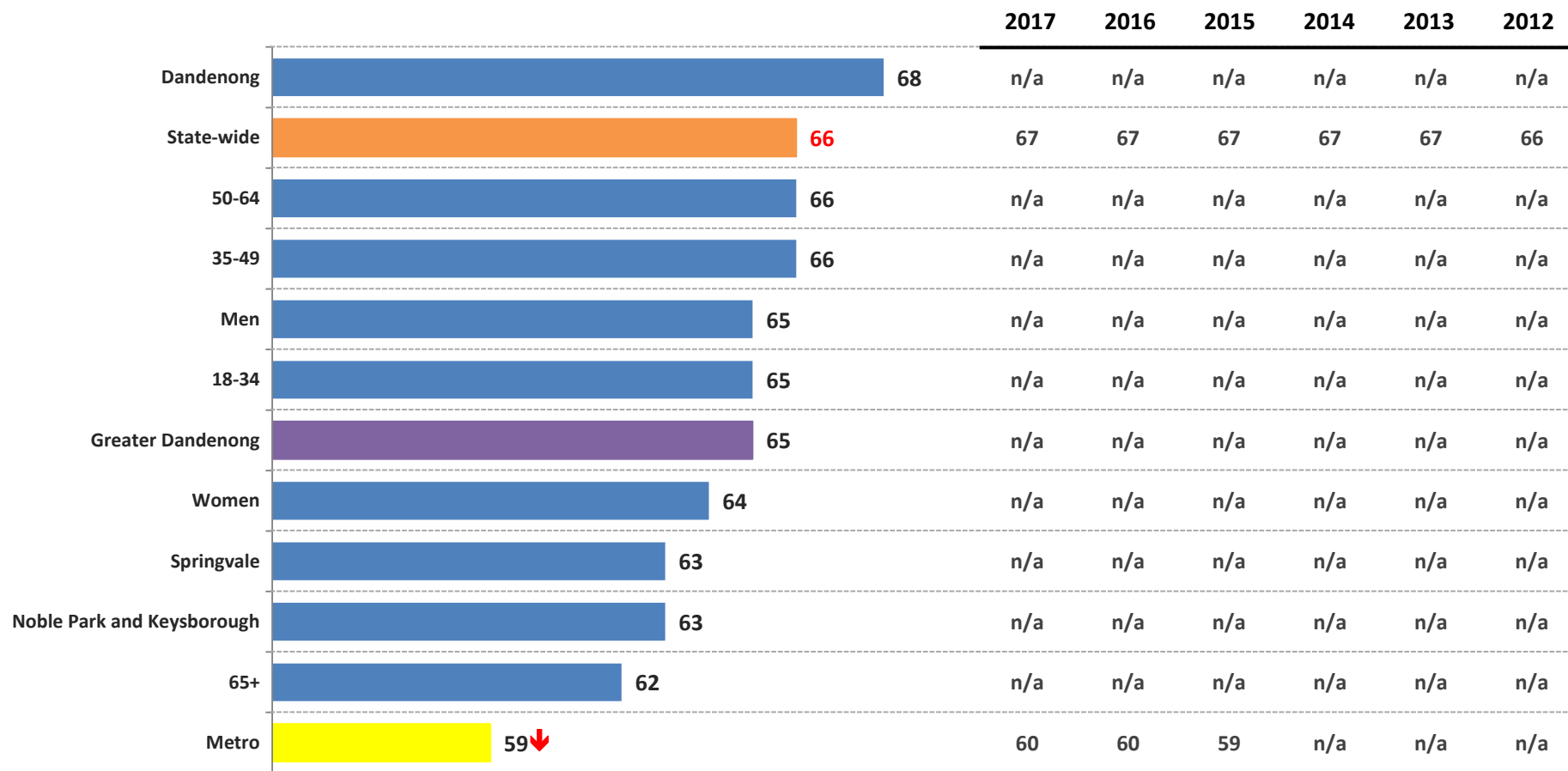
2018 Waste Management Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'waste management' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 26 Councils asked group: 9

2018 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES

2018 Business/Development/Tourism Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'business and community development and tourism' be as a responsibility for Council?

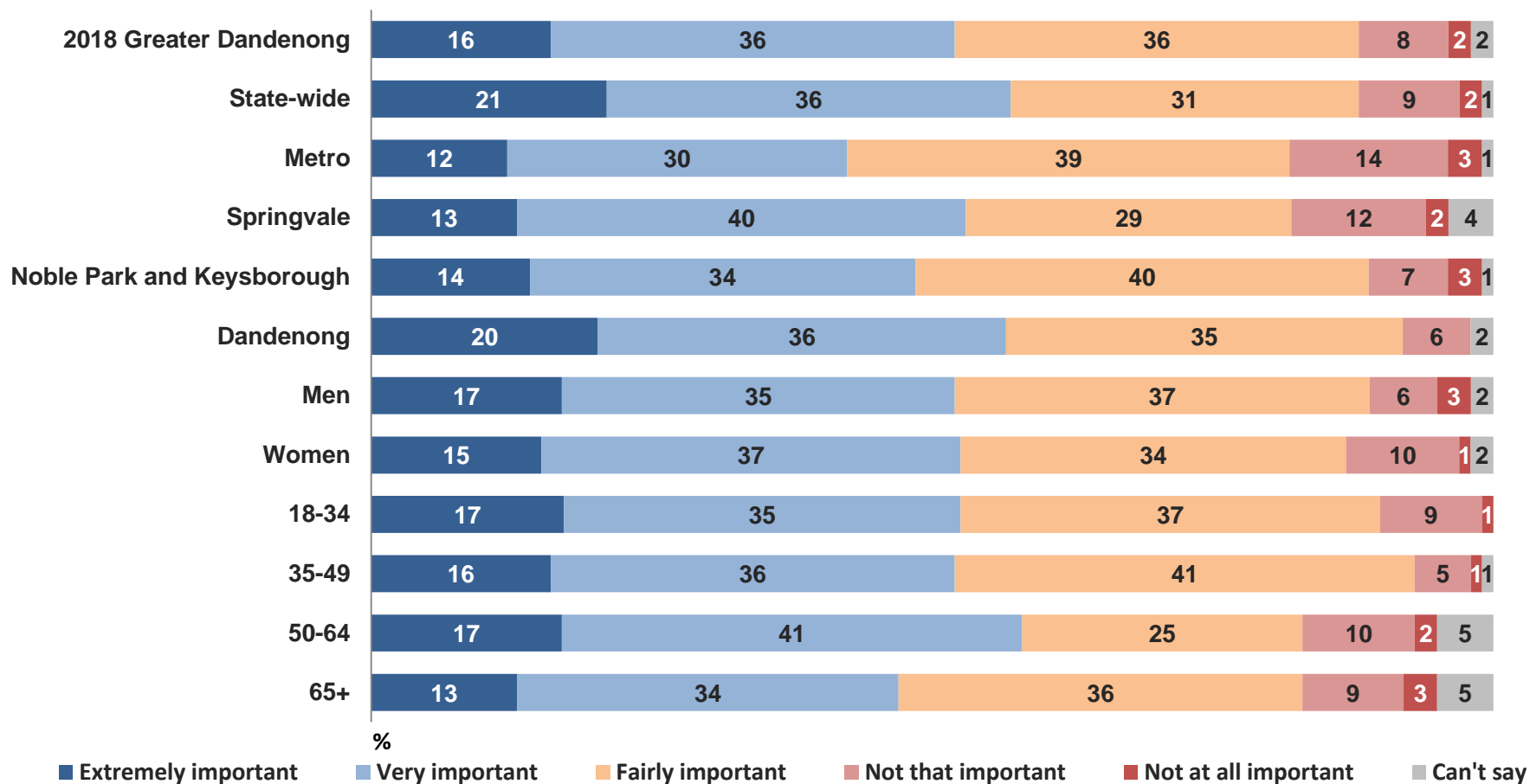
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 18 Councils asked group: 6

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2018 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM IMPORTANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES



2018 Business/Development/Tourism Importance



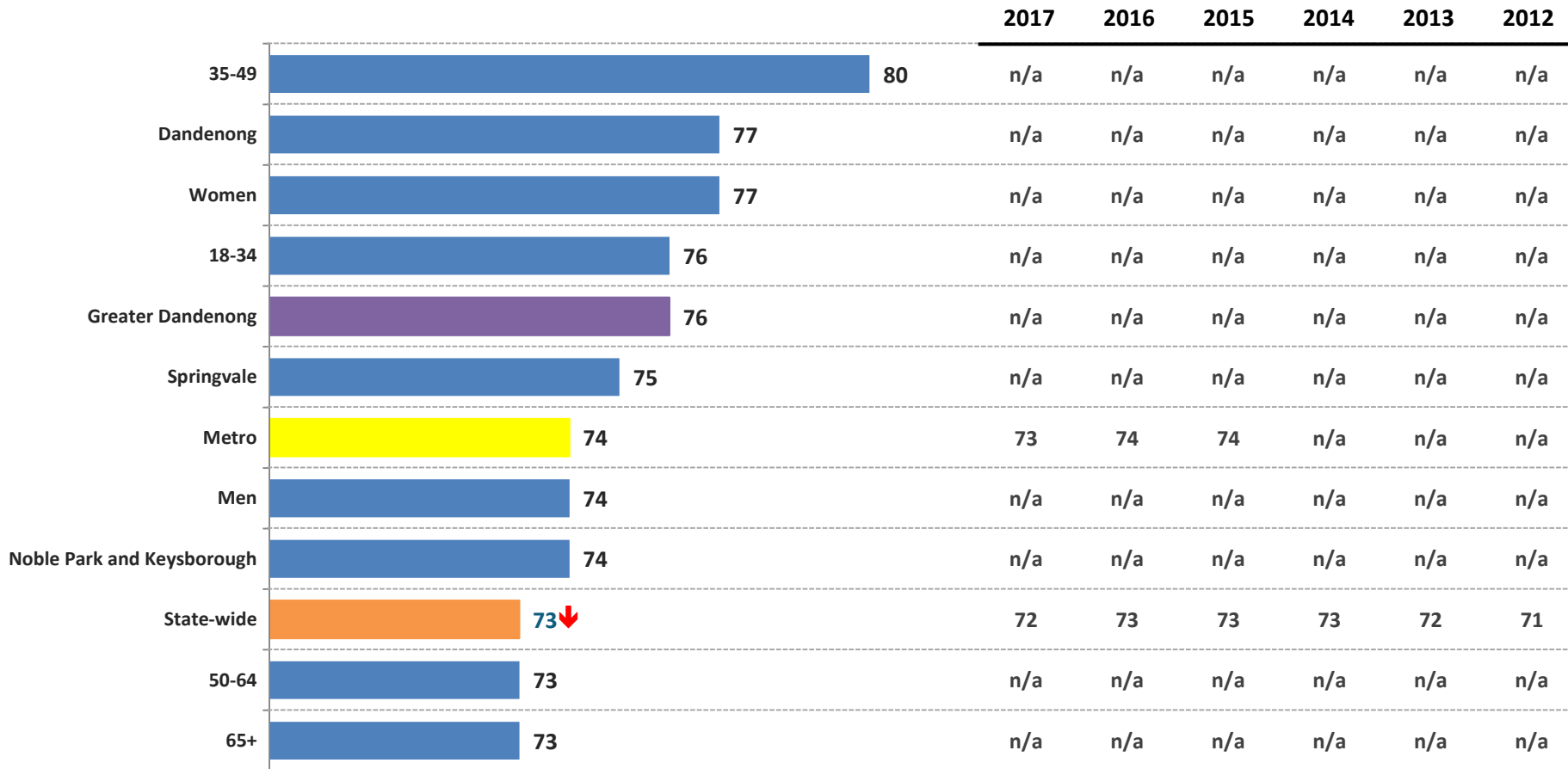
Q1. Firstly, how important should 'business and community development and tourism' be as a responsibility for Council?

Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 18 Councils asked group: 6

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2018 Environmental Sustainability Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'environmental sustainability' be as a responsibility for Council?

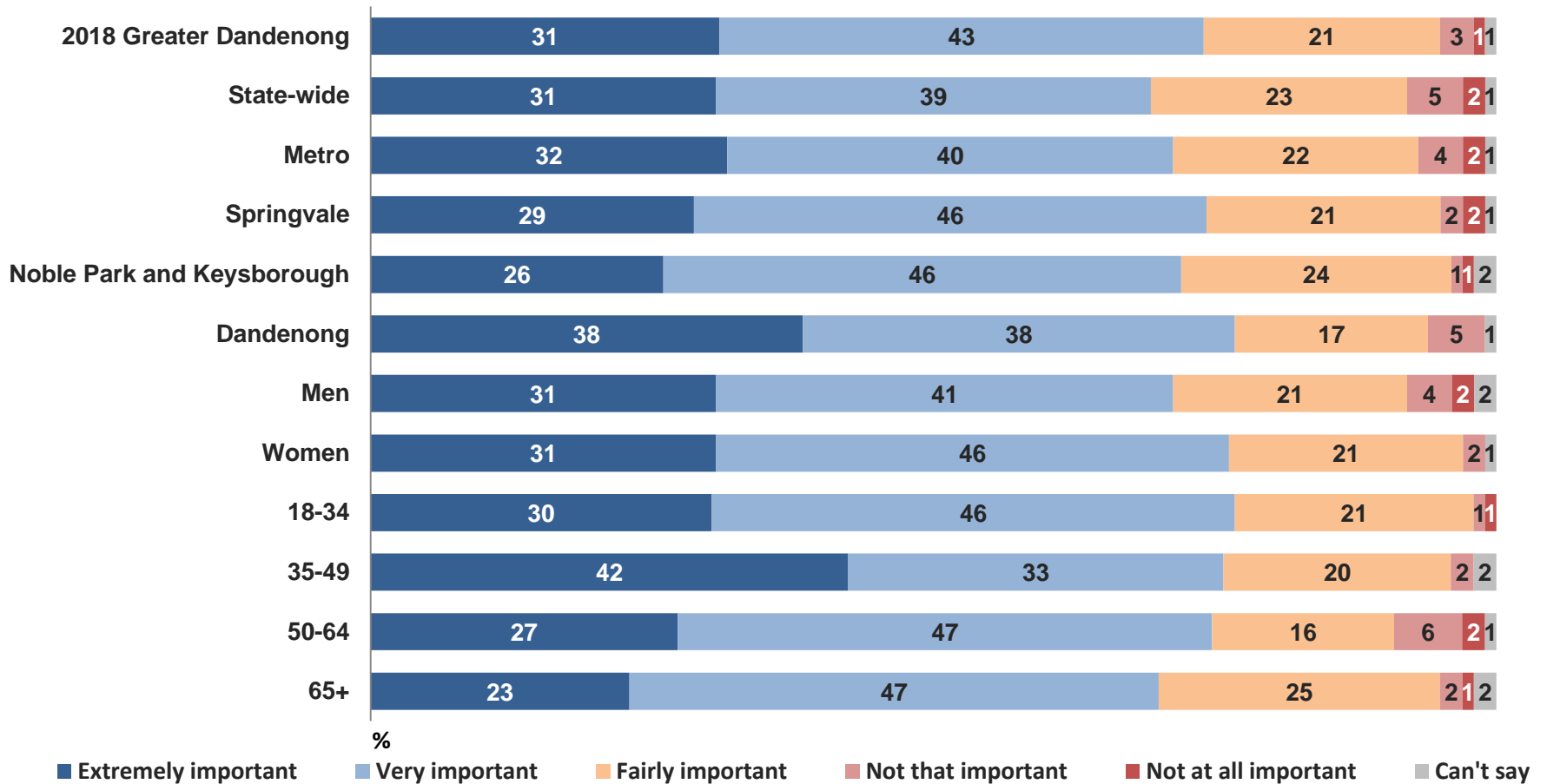
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 19 Councils asked group: 9

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2018 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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2018 Environmental Sustainability Importance



Q1. Firstly, how important should 'environmental sustainability' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 19 Councils asked group: 9

2018 EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT IMPORTANCE INDEX SCORES



2018 Disaster Management Importance

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Women	86	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
35-49	85	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Noble Park and Keysborough	85	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dandenong	85	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greater Dandenong	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
18-34	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
65+	83	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50-64	83	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
State-wide	81↓	80	80	80	80	80
Springvale	81	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Metro	80↓	77	76	77	n/a	n/a

Q1. Firstly, how important should 'emergency and disaster management' be as a responsibility for Council?

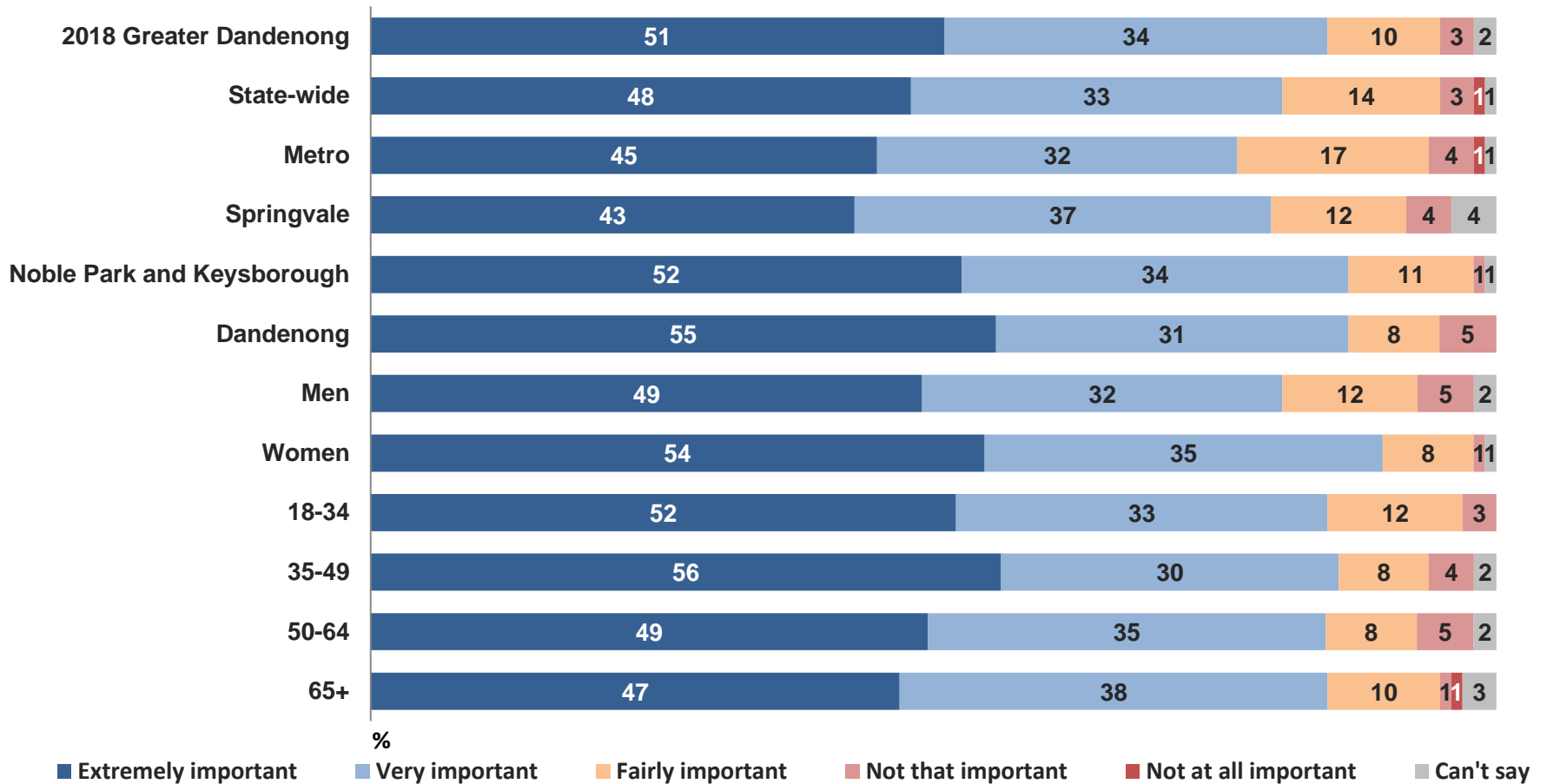
Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 17 Councils asked group: 4

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2018 EMERGENCY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

IMPORTANCE DETAILED PERCENTAGES

2018 Disaster Management Importance



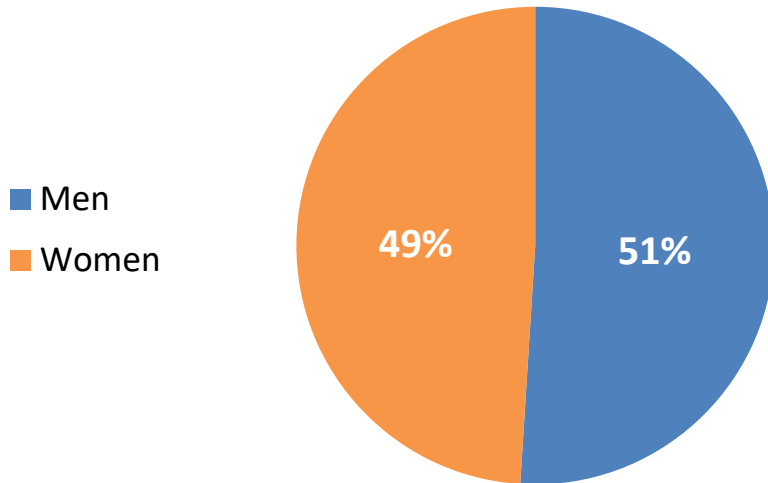
Q1. Firstly, how important should 'emergency and disaster management' be as a responsibility for Council?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 17 Councils asked group: 4



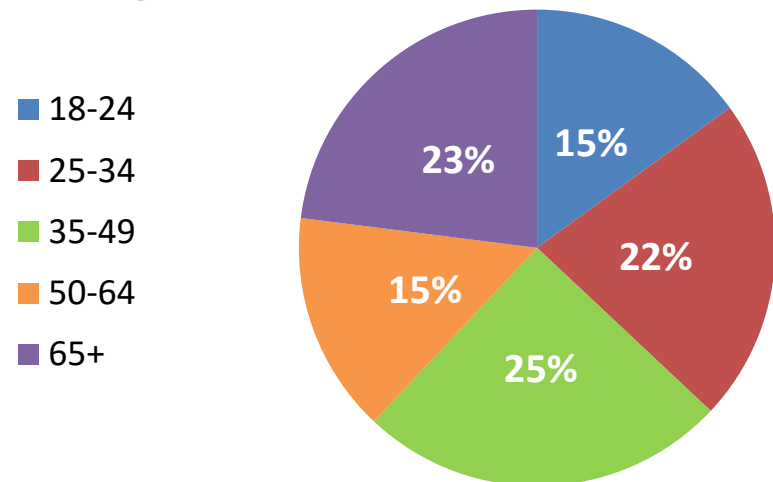
DETAILED DEMOGRAPHICS

2018 GENDER AND AGE PROFILE

Gender



Age

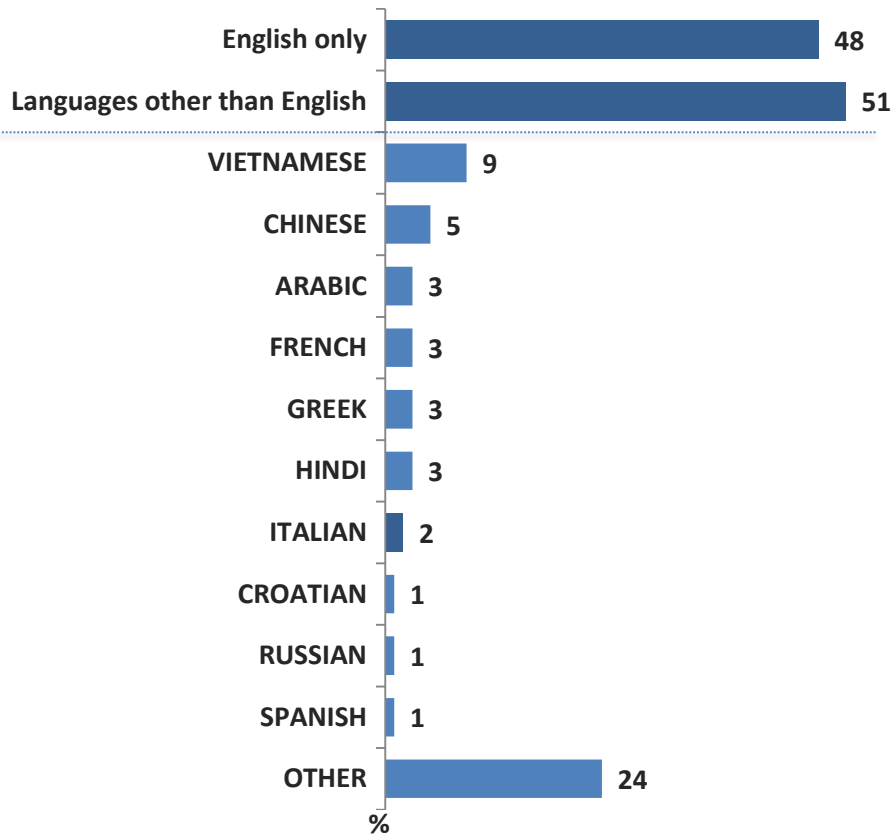


Please note that for the reason of simplifying reporting, interlocking age and gender reporting has not been included in this report. Interlocking age and gender analysis is still available in the dashboard and data tables provided alongside this report.

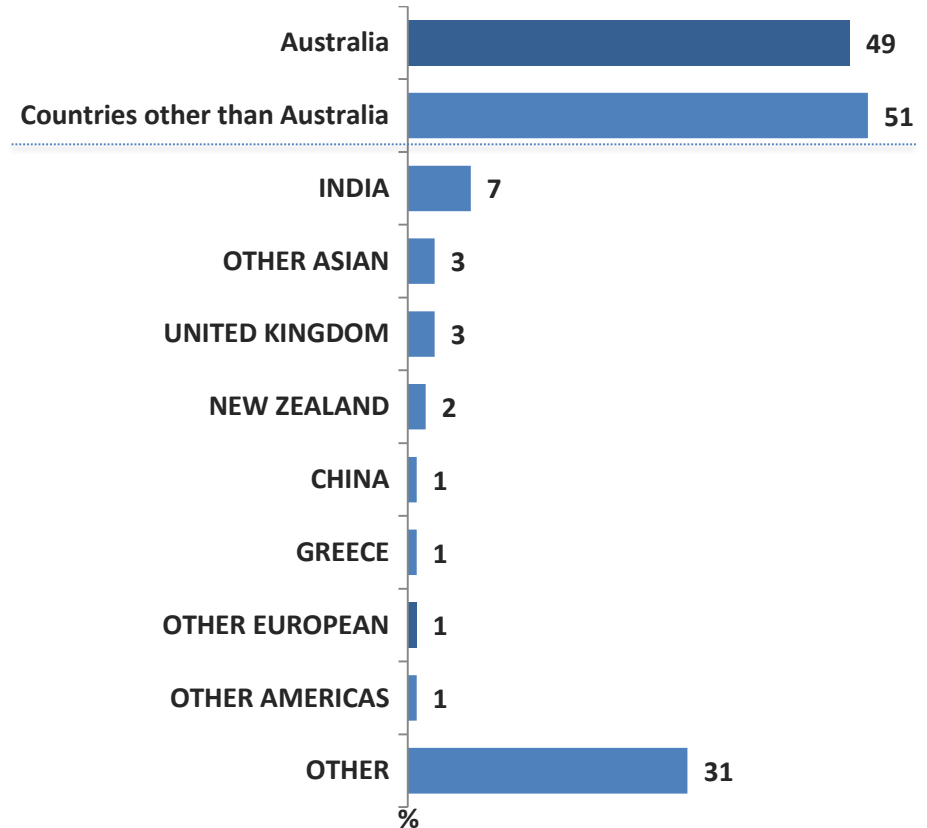
2018 LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

2018 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH

2018 Languages Spoken




2018 Countries of Birth



Q11. What languages, other than English, are spoken regularly in your home?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 4 Councils asked group: 4
 Note: Respondents could name multiple languages so responses may add to more than 100%

Q12. Could you please tell me which country you were born in?
 Base: All respondents. Councils asked state-wide: 3 Councils asked group: 3



**APPENDIX A:
DETAILED SURVEY TABULATIONS
AVAILABLE IN SUPPLIED EXCEL FILE**

A satellite-style map of the United States at night, showing city lights and a glowing network of lines across the landmass. The text is overlaid on the left side of the map.

APPENDIX B: FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The survey was revised in 2012. As a result:

- The survey is now conducted as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18 years or over in local councils, whereas previously it was conducted as a 'head of household' survey.
- As part of the change to a representative resident survey, results are now weighted post survey to the known population distribution of Greater Dandenong City Council according to the most recently available Australian Bureau of Statistics population estimates, whereas the results were previously not weighted.
- The service responsibility area performance measures have changed significantly and the rating scale used to assess performance has also changed.

As such, the results of the 2012 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey should be considered as a benchmark. Please note that comparisons should not be made with the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results from 2011 and prior due to the methodological and sampling changes. **Comparisons in the period 2012-2018 have been made throughout this report as appropriate.**

APPENDIX B:

MARGINS OF ERROR

The sample size for the 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Greater Dandenong City Council was 400. Unless otherwise noted, this is the total sample base for all reported charts and tables.

The maximum margin of error on a sample of approximately 400 interviews is +/-4.9% at the 95% confidence level for results around 50%. Margins of error will be larger for any sub-samples. As an example, a result of 50% can be read confidently as falling midway in the range 45.1% - 54.9%.

Maximum margins of error are listed in the table below, based on a population of 126,000 people aged 18 years or over for Greater Dandenong City Council, according to ABS estimates.

Demographic	Actual survey sample size	Weighted base	Maximum margin of error at 95% confidence interval
Greater Dandenong City Council	400	400	+/-4.9
Men	192	205	+/-7.1
Women	208	195	+/-6.8
Springvale	80	81	+/-11.0
Noble Park and Keysborough	172	174	+/-7.5
Dandenong	148	145	+/-8.1
18-34 years	77	148	+/-11.2
35-49 years	85	99	+/-10.7
50-64 years	95	61	+/-10.1
65+ years	143	92	+/-8.2

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ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

All participating councils are listed in the State-wide report published on the DELWP website. In 2018, 64 of the 79 Councils throughout Victoria participated in this survey. For consistency of analysis and reporting across all projects, Local Government Victoria has aligned its presentation of data to use standard council groupings. Accordingly, the council reports for the community satisfaction survey provide analysis using these standard council groupings. Please note that councils participating across 2012-2018 vary slightly.

Council Groups

Greater Dandenong City Council is classified as a Metropolitan council according to the following classification list:

- Metropolitan, Interface, Regional Centres, Large Rural & Small Rural

Councils participating in the Metropolitan group are: Banyule, Boroondara, Brimbank, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Frankston, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Whitehorse.

Wherever appropriate, results for Greater Dandenong City Council for this 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey have been compared against other participating councils in the Metropolitan group and on a state-wide basis. Please note that council groupings changed for 2015, and as such comparisons to council group results before that time can not be made within the reported charts.

APPENDIX B: ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

Index Scores

Many questions ask respondents to rate council performance on a five-point scale, for example, from 'very good' to 'very poor', with 'can't say' also a possible response category. To facilitate ease of reporting and comparison of results over time, starting from the 2012 survey and measured against the state-wide result and the council group, an 'Index Score' has been calculated for such measures.

The Index Score is calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale), with 'can't say' responses excluded from the analysis. The '% RESULT' for each scale category is multiplied by the 'INDEX FACTOR'. This produces an 'INDEX VALUE' for each category, which are then summed to produce the 'INDEX SCORE', equating to '60' in the following example.

SCALE CATEGORIES	% RESULT	INDEX FACTOR	INDEX VALUE
Very good	9%	100	9
Good	40%	75	30
Average	37%	50	19
Poor	9%	25	2
Very poor	4%	0	0
Can't say	1%	--	INDEX SCORE 60

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Similarly, an Index Score has been calculated for the Core question 'Performance direction in the last 12 months', based on the following scale for each performance measure category, with 'Can't say' responses excluded from the calculation.

SCALE CATEGORIES	% RESULT	INDEX FACTOR	INDEX VALUE
Improved	36%	100	36
Stayed the same	40%	50	20
Deteriorated	23%	0	0
Can't say	1%	--	INDEX SCORE 56

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INDEX SCORE IMPLICATIONS

Index scores are indicative of an overall rating on a particular service area. In this context, index scores indicate:

- a) how well council is seen to be performing in a particular service area; or
- b) the level of importance placed on a particular service area.

For ease of interpretation, index score ratings can be categorised as follows:

INDEX SCORE	Performance implication	Importance implication
75 – 100	Council is performing very well in this service area	This service area is seen to be extremely important
60 – 75	Council is performing well in this service area, but there is room for improvement	This service area is seen to be very important
50 – 60	Council is performing satisfactorily in this service area but needs to improve	This service area is seen to be fairly important
40 – 50	Council is performing poorly in this service area	This service area is seen to be somewhat important
0 – 40	Council is performing very poorly in this service area	This service area is seen to be not that important

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INDEX SCORE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE CALCULATION

The test applied to the Indexes was an Independent Mean Test, as follows:

$$Z \text{ Score} = (\$1 - \$2) / \text{Sqrt} ((\$3^2 / \$5) + (\$4^2 / \$6))$$

Where:

- \$1 = Index Score 1
- \$2 = Index Score 2
- \$3 = unweighted sample count 1
- \$4 = unweighted sample count 1
- \$5 = standard deviation 1
- \$6 = standard deviation 2

All figures can be sourced from the detailed cross tabulations.

The test was applied at the 95% confidence interval, so if the Z Score was greater than +/- 1.954 the scores are significantly different.

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ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

Core, Optional and Tailored Questions

Over and above necessary geographic and demographic questions required to ensure sample representativeness, a base set of questions for the 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey was designated as 'Core' and therefore compulsory inclusions for all participating Councils.

These core questions comprised:

- Overall performance last 12 months (Overall performance)
- Lobbying on behalf of community (Advocacy)
- Community consultation and engagement (Consultation)
- Decisions made in the interest of the community (Making community decisions)
- Condition of sealed local roads (Sealed local roads)
- Contact in last 12 months (Contact)
- Rating of contact (Customer service)
- Overall council direction last 12 months (Council direction)

Reporting of results for these core questions can always be compared against other participating councils in the council group and against all participating councils state-wide. Alternatively, some questions in the 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey were optional. Councils also had the ability to ask tailored questions specific only to their council.

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Reporting

Every council that participated in the 2018 State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey receives a customised report. In addition, the state government is supplied with a state-wide summary report of the aggregate results of 'Core' and 'Optional' questions asked across all council areas surveyed.

Tailored questions commissioned by individual councils are reported only to the commissioning council and not otherwise shared unless by express written approval of the commissioning council.

The overall State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Report is available at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/local-government/strengthening-councils/council-community-satisfaction-survey>.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Core questions: Compulsory inclusion questions for all councils participating in the CSS.

CSS: 2018 Victorian Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

Council group: One of five classified groups, comprising: metropolitan, interface, regional centres, large rural and small rural.

Council group average: The average result for all participating councils in the council group.

Highest / lowest: The result described is the highest or lowest result across a particular demographic sub-group e.g. men, for the specific question being reported. Reference to the result for a demographic sub-group being the highest or lowest does not imply that it is significantly higher or lower, unless this is specifically mentioned.

Index score: A score calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale). This score is sometimes reported as a figure in brackets next to the category being described, e.g. men 50+ (60).

Optional questions: Questions which councils had an option to include or not.

Percentages: Also referred to as ‘detailed results’, meaning the proportion of responses, expressed as a percentage.

Sample: The number of completed interviews, e.g. for a council or within a demographic sub-group.

Significantly higher / lower: The result described is significantly higher or lower than the comparison result based on a statistical significance test at the 95% confidence limit. If the result referenced is statistically higher or lower then this will be specifically mentioned, however not all significantly higher or lower results are referenced in summary reporting.

Statewide average: The average result for all participating councils in the State.

Tailored questions: Individual questions tailored by and only reported to the commissioning council.

Weighting: Weighting factors are applied to the sample for each council based on available age and gender proportions from ABS census information to ensure reported results are proportionate to the actual population of the council, rather than the achieved survey sample.




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