

Community Transport Survey for Tasman/Kina/Mariri



At TACA we are grateful for the results of the recent Survey we undertook through our community in conjunction with the Mapua & District Community Association and thought you might be interested in our results.

It is pleasing to see that there were 54 respondents which represents around a 23% response rate of our total database, very similar to the responses from the Mapua survey.

As a result of the action of the Nelson Tasman Community Transport Trust, formed last year, it has been awarded a \$12,500 Office for Seniors' grant to research transport needs of the elderly and run a trial bus service.

Trust secretary Elena Meredith said they would start with a once-a-week bus service from Wakefield to Richmond, leasing a nine-seater van from Wakefield Rest Home.

We can only hope that this trial is well supported and may well result in better community transport options in our area soon.

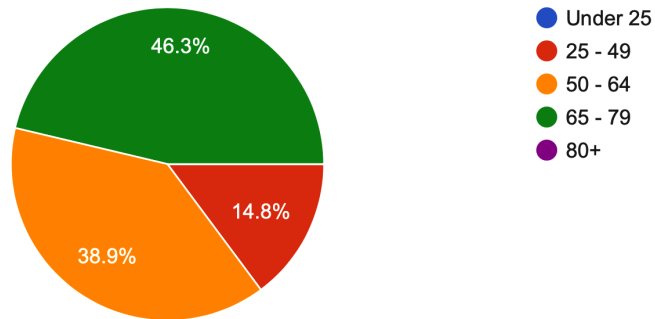
If you are interested in becoming involved in a joint transport system with Mapua, please email our secretary, Brian Hanlon at secretary@tasmancommunity.org.nz with your name and contact details and you will be contacted soon with further information.

Regards, your TACA Committee

1. Personal

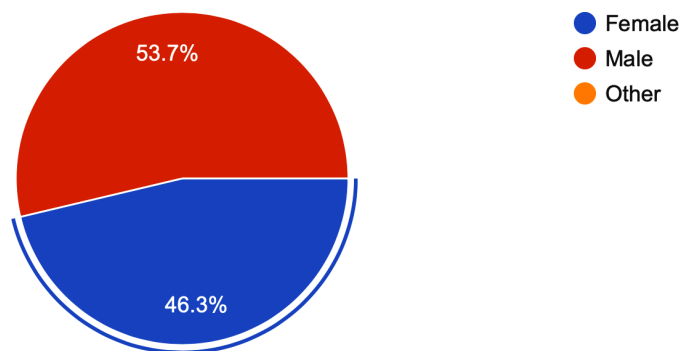
Age Range

54 responses



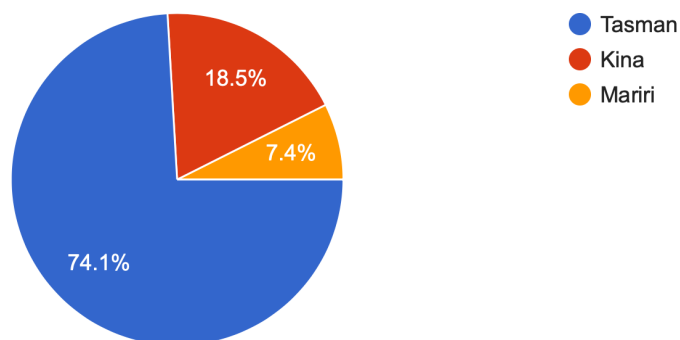
Gender

54 responses



Location, where do you live

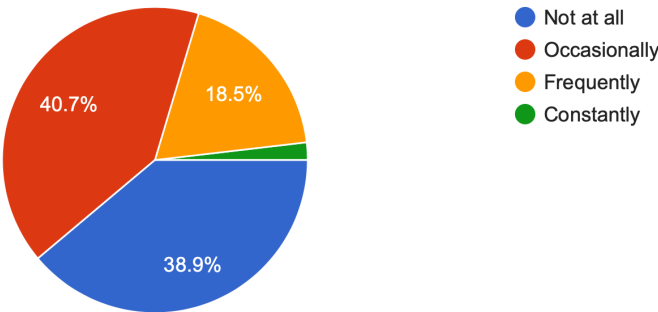
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2. Transport

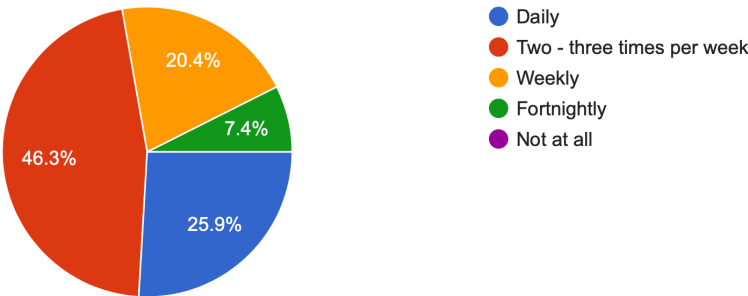
a. To what extent is your choice of activities restricted by a lack of suitable public transport?

54 responses



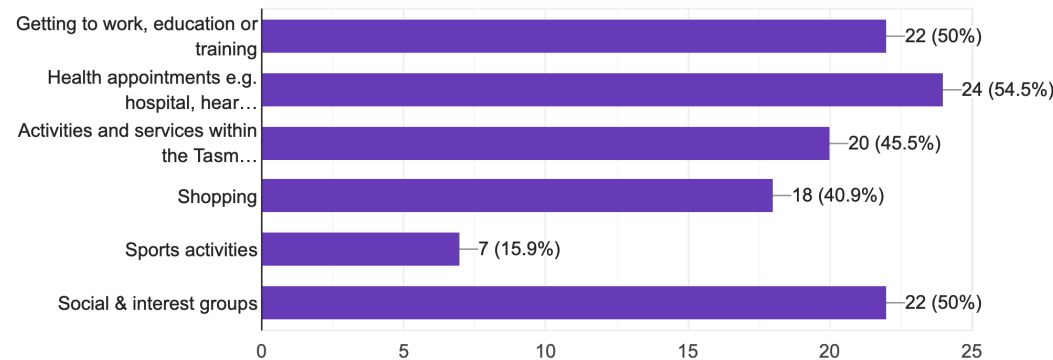
b. How often do you need/like to travel outside Tasman/Kina/Mariri?

54 responses



c. If regular transport was available, would you use it for (tick as many boxes as are relevant to you and your family)

44 responses



Additional comments relating to transport made by some of the respondents:

- The school bus has very restrictive times so for after school activities and weekend activities public transport would be utilised to get into Richmond. I often have to drive in 2 times a day.
- Travel to Nelson Airport is very much needed.
- I can see a clear need for many like family or work commuters to the city.
- Transportation to Airport is essential.
- Can be a problem getting to the airport and back without spending \$100 on a cab!
- I think any transport link should swing through the loop from Mamaku drive to Tasman and back along the coastal Ruby Bay road to Mapua.
- Transport to Richmond Mall and Motueka main street would be helpful.
- Transport would need to be reliable, frequent, well publicised.
- I work at Nelson hospital as do many people in this region but because there is only one bus a day from this area to Nelson which doesn't work for anyone's working shifts so we have no option but to drive. However if there was a flexible bus schedule most of us would use it.
- If there were regular morning and afternoon buses to Richmond I would use this option to travel to work regularly - twice/week.
- Yes, we desperately need a bus service to Nelson and Motueka.
- It would be nice to have public transport but i suspect the convenience of my car would be hard to match.
- Mid morning / mid afternoon options not just early/late options.
- Have a car, parking no problem. No need for a bus.
- Any service needs to be regular, frequent and run to time.

Summary of additional comments from respondents

Demand for a public transport service	
Community support 7 comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desperately needed • Would be well utilised • Clear need • Would be helpful
Suggested routes & destinations 2 comments 3 1 1 2 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelson • Nelson Airport – • Nelson Hospital for employees • Loop; Mamaku Drive→Tasman →Aporo Road/Stafford Drive →Mapua • Motueka • Richmond Mall
Timetables 2 comments 2 1 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid- morning & mid afternoon • Early am & evening for commuters • Flexible to Hospital • After-school & weekend trips for out of school activities in Richmond
Requirements 2 comments 1 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular; reliable; frequent; on time; • well- publicized • convenience of car hard to match – no need for a bus