

MARKYT Community Resilience Scorecard

Location: Western Australia
 Data collection dates: 5 June to 8 July 2020
 Survey sample size: 7,666 community members

COVID-19 concern

33%

% high/very high



Personal impact

23%

% high/very high

Top 5 concerns with COVID-19

48%	46%	30%	29%	27%
Family and friends getting sick	Recovery of the local economy	Personal financial situation	Staying connected with others	Work or employment opportunities

Reach and impact of key messages

99% Aware of COVID-19 symptoms	100% Aware need to physically distance	61% Always physically distance
58% downloaded COVIDSafe App	100% Aware need to practice good hygiene	89% Always practice good hygiene

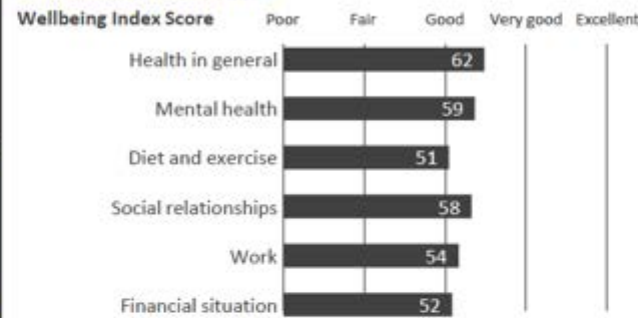
Top 3 LG sources

49%	30%	27%
Social media	Local government website	Email

COVID-19 content

33%	63%	4%
Not enough	Just right	Too much

Community Wellbeing



LG performance in response to COVID-19



69% feel hopeful

and enthusiastic about the future



Main recovery priorities for local government



48%

Economic recovery and local employment opportunities



37%

Community health and wellbeing sport and recreation, library, community development, etc



35%

Local infrastructure to improve roads, footpaths, cycleways, facilities, internet, etc



35%

Recovery Plan in collaboration with local business and community



27%

Support services for people most vulnerable to COVID-19



26%

Community safety and crime prevention

Channel preferences

47%	44%	30%	26%	24%
Social media	Email	Local government website	newsletters	Local community newspaper

Communication channels | current v preferred

Community members mainly received COVID-19 news and information from their local government through social media, followed by their local government's website, email messages and local community newspapers.

In future, social media continues to be the preferred way to receive information, followed by much greater use of email.

Community members would also like greater use of newsletters, direct mail and SMS alerts. These areas represent communication gaps, where preferences exceed current activity.

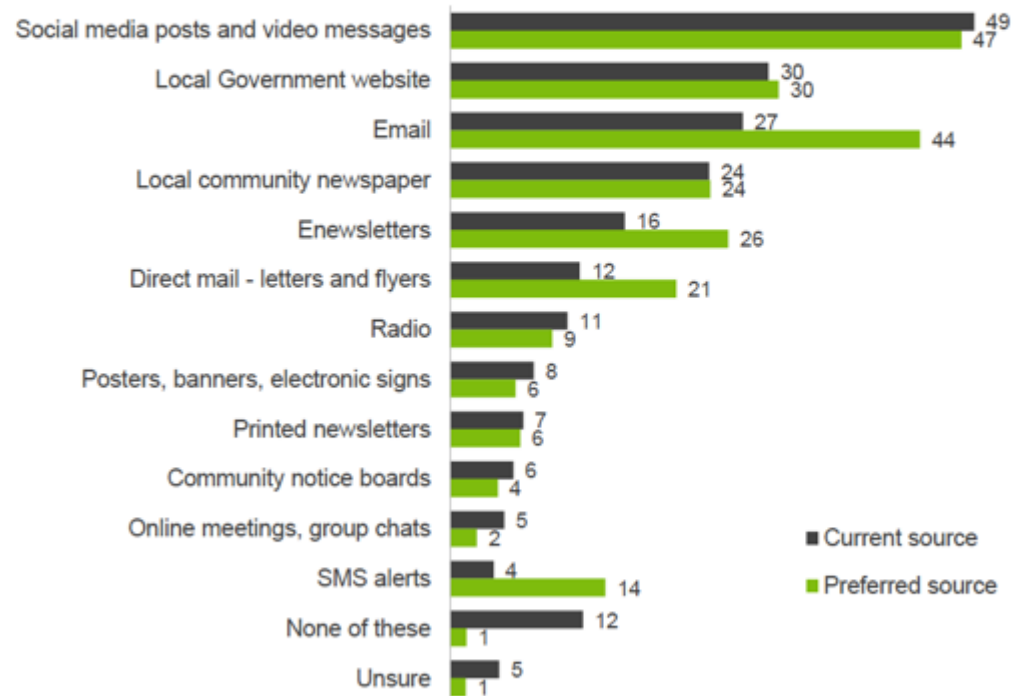
Generally, people are seeking targeted, customised communication solutions.

There is low demand for community notice boards, printed newsletters and posters, banners and electronic signs. There is also low interest in online forums for meetings and group chats.

However, preferences do vary across cohorts.

News and information sources from local government

% of respondents



Q. How have you received news and information about COVID-19 from your Local Government? Base: all respondents, excludes no response (n = 7,204).

Q. How would you prefer to receive information and updates from your Local Government about what's happening in your local area? Base: all respondents, excludes no response (n = 7,153).

Sources of information about COVID-19 from local government

Top 3 sources by region

Gascoyne	
Social media posts and video messages	66%
Local Government website	31%
Community notice boards	20%

Wheatbelt	
Social media posts and video messages	61%
Local community newspaper	31%
Local Government website	28%

Perth Metro	
Social media posts and video messages	45%
Email	29%
Local Government website	28%

Peel	
Social media posts and video messages	48%
Local community newspaper	42%
Local Government website	35%

South West	
Social media posts and video messages	53%
Local community newspaper	37%
Local Government website	31%

Kimberley	
Social media posts and video messages	69%
Local Government website	45%
Email	30%

Pilbara	
Social media posts and video messages	76%
Local Government website	42%
Email	31%

Mid West	
Social media posts and video messages	63%
Local Government website	35%
Local community newspaper	29%

Goldfields-Esperance	
Social media posts and video messages	72%
Local Government website	37%
Radio	24%

Great Southern	
Social media posts and video messages	57%
Local community newspaper	46%
Local Government website	36%



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Local communities across Western Australia have shown strength and resilience in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Overall, **general health** only dropped 2 index points across West Australian communities during the COVID-19 pandemic*
- ✓ 69% of community members **feel hopeful** and enthusiastic about the future
- ✓ Community members are **happy with Local Government's response** to COVID-19, scoring overall performance 68/100 with a 'good' average rating

A majority of community members:

- ✓ Believe Local Government has demonstrated **clear thinking** and decision making
- ✓ Feel Local Government has shown empathy and **compassion**
- ✓ Have confidence and **trust** in Local Government to make good decisions
- ✓ Agree there are **good health and safety practices** in place at community facilities to manage COVID-19 risks



* Compared to a health survey conducted by the Department of Health in 2018.

Source: Radomiljac A, Davies C, and Landrigan T. 2019, Health and Wellbeing of Adults in Western Australia 2018, Overview and Trends. Department of Health, Western Australia.