

## **Lismore Mochuda Development Company Ltd. Economic Survey: The facts**

### **General:**

The total number of survey forms distributed was 850 of which 49 were returned not filled in. For calculation of percentage returned the number  $850 - 49 = 801$  should apply.

The number of forms returned completed = 152 or 19 %

Population of Lismore according to 2006 census was 1762, this includes Lismore rural and Urban.

The 2006 census reports an average household size in Lismore of 2.73. (Lismore LAP page 17)

The LAP states on page on page 16 (Chapter 2): (quote) ...current population in the town, the figures Lismore urban and Lismore rural can be used (for the LAP. JAR) on the basis that the majority of the Lismore rural population is contained within the current town boundaries. (unquote)

### **Other general remarks:**

In some questions the responses have been ranked according to the number of "votes" received. As all responses are valid the number of votes have not been indicated with the ranking, this was applied in the following questions:.

Question 4, other goods and services.

Question 6: Tourism development

Question 7: Enterprise development

Question 8: Health and Local services provision

Question 9: Recreational activities for Youth

Question 10: Recreational activities for elderly

### Question 1

The total number of completed forms returned was 152 representing 337 persons. If the population of Lismore (1762) is taken into account, this represents 19.1 % of the total population.

The average size of the household was  $337/152 = 2.217$  (2.2), 155 male and 181 Female.

**Age profile of respondents: 304 people gave their age, this is 90% of respondents.**

Age group	Percentage	Census 2002
Under 25	28 %	35 %
25 - 40	17 %	
41 - 55	20 %	
56 - 65	14 % (Total 25 -65 = 51%)	Census 2002 for 25 – 64 age group 48 %
Over 65	21%	17 %

**Employment : 327 people gave their employment status, this is 97 % of respondents.**

Status	Number of replies	Percentage
Employed	92	28.1
Self-employed	12	3.7
Un-employed	34	10.4
Student	43	13.1
Retired	83	25.4
Housewife/father	14	4.3
Children under 16	45	13.8
Carer	3	0.9
Farmer	1	0.3

### Occupation and Skills and Trades

Respondents had difficulty with the difference between Occupation and skills/trades.

Therefore these two have been combined in the table below. 148 replies were received.

Occupation/skills/trade	Number	Percentage	OCC	Skills/trade
Accountant	3	2.0		
Banking	1	0.7		
Building/construction	10	2.8		
Carpentry	4	2.7		
Childcare/au pair	5	3.4		
Clerical	2	1.4		
Computer skills	3	2.0		
Dept. Of defence	1	0.7		
Driver	5	3.4		
Engineer	2	1.4		
Factory/general	9	6.1		
Fitter	1	0.7		
Gardening	8	4		
Graphic design	2	1.4		
Homemaker/housewife	10	6.8		
IT engineering	3	2.0		
Lab technician	1	0.7		

Lawyer	1	0.7		
Linguist	1	0.7		
Management	1	0.7		
Mechanic	6	4.1		
Mechanical Engineer	1	0.7		
Medical/first aid	6	4.1		
Musician	1	0.7		
Nurse	4	2.7		
Nutritionist	1	0.7		
Pharmacist	2	1.4		
Plumber	1	0.7		
Sales	1	0.7		
Secretarial	6	4.1		
Shop keeping	12	8.1		
Teaching	10	6.8		
Truck driver/driver	3	2.0		
Veterinary	2	1.4		
Waitress	2	1.4		
Welder	4	2.7		
Writer/artist/arts	4	2.7		
Solicitor	1	0.7		
Admin/training	1	0.7		
Hair stylist	1	0.7		
Care assistant	1	0.7		
Agricultural worker	1	0.7		
Farming	2	1.4		
Electrician	1	0.7		
Painter/decorator	1	0.7		

**General Interest/Hobbies. 418 replies received.**

<b>Hobby/Interest</b>	<b>Number of replies</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Badminton	3	0.7
Baking	3	0.7
Bingo	1	0.2
Camogie	5	1.2
Camping	1	0.2
Cards	1	0.2
cinema	10	2.4
comp games	3	0.7
computers	9	2.2
Crafts/Arts	14	3.4
cycling	5	1.2
Dancing	2	0.5
DIY	2	0.5
Dogshows/dogs	2	0.5
Drama/theatre	7	1.7
Driving	1	0.2

Farming	1	0.2
Fishing	8	2.0
Flower aranging	2	0.5
Gardening	22	5.4
Golf	14	3.4
Gym	2	0.5
hillwalking	1	0.2
Hunting	4	1.0
Hurling/GAA	16	3.9
Knitting/sewing	8	2.0
Local History	1	0.2
Motor sport	2	0.5
Music	23	5.6
Painting/decorating	2	0.5
Photography	2	0.5
Politics	1	0.2
Racing	1	0.2
reading	66	16.1
Rowing	2	0.5
Rugby	2	0.5
Running	1	0.2
shopping	3	0.7
Singing	3	0.7
soccer	14	3.4
socialising	1	0.2
sport general	36	8.8
swimming	10	2.4
Tennis	2	0.5
vintage machinery	2	0.5
vol. Work	1	0.2
Walking	57	13.9
Watching TV	9	2.2
Watersport	1	0.2
Woodwork	1	0.2
Yoga	5	1.2
Animals	2	0.5
outdoor activities	4	1.0
kickboxing	3	0.7
writing/creative	5	1.2
Indoor bowls	1	0.2

## Question 2

### Where do you buy the bulk of your weekly shopping.

Locally: 145 replies or 95% of respondents

	Numbers of replies	Percentage of replies (Total 145)
0 – 25%	38	26
25 – 50%	28	19
50 – 75%	33	23
75 – 100%	46	32

Elsewhere: 139 replies. Note: some respondents indicated more than 1 location, 98 out 152 respondents or 64.5 % of the respondents shop outside Lismore

Town	Number of replies	Percentage of replies
Dungarvan	65	46.8
Fermoy	15	10.8
Youghal	22	15.8
Clonmel	5	3.6
Cappoquin	9	6.5
Cork	6	4.3
Waterford	4	2.9
Mitchelstown	1	0.7
Midleton	2	1.4

Shops indicated for shopping elsewhere: 130 replies. Note: some respondents indicated more than 1 shop.

Shop	Number of replies	Percentage
Tesco	26	20.0
Aldi	16	12.3
Lidl	59	45.4
Shaws	1	0.8
Dunne stores	19	14.6
Supervalue	9	6.9

### General remarks with this question.

Health foods not in Lismore

Would travel to shop outside Lismore but no bus services

### Question 3

Would you support our “Shop Local” initiative.

Replies received: 152

Reply	Number of replies	Percentage
Yes	142	93.4
No	8	5.3
No Response	2	

**Reasons given for not supporting this initiative or general remarks under why not. (17 remarks)**

Lismore is too expensive	10
lack of genuine organic produce in Lismore	1
Quality of produce on offer	2
Value is an issue	2
Inconsistency in availability	1
maybe, maybe not	1

### Question 4

What goods and services are needed but not available locally.

A total of 311 responses were received from 132 survey forms. This is 86.8 % of those who returned the form.

Note: some respondents selected more than 1 option

Goods/services	Number of replies	Percentage
Shoe shop	82	26.3
Drapery	71	22.9
Laundrette	40	12.8
Bicycle shop	33	10.6
Internet Cafe	28	9.0
Pottery	12	3.9
Fishing Tackle	22	7.1
Bookshop	23	7.4

**Other Goods and services required as per returned forms, ranked in order of number of responses. I.e. Bakery came out on top and ATM was mentioned once.**

Bakery

Euroshop/knickknack

Sportshop

Camp site/caravan

site

Clothes

shop/children

coffee shop

leisure centre

Shoe repair shop  
 swimmingpool  
 Charity shop  
 Health food shop  
 Hostel  
 Toy shop  
 Youth centre  
 B&B  
 Carboot sales  
 cinema  
 drycleaner  
 DVD/Musical  
 Electrical shop  
 Household goods  
 Italian restaurant  
 Larger supermarket  
 men's cloths  
 secretarial services  
 Pet shop  
 ATM  
 reliable/working

**General remarks:**

All needed but not feasible to survive in Lismore.

## Question 5

**Would you deliver recyclable materials to civic amenity site if re-opened. 152 replies.**

	Number of replies	Percentage
Yes	139	91.5
No	6	4.0
No response	7	4.5

**General remarks with this question:**

Site needed for larger waste items  
 If price is dropped  
 Use bin collection  
 Don't know, using brown bin now  
 Happy to pay for collection for Youghal or Dungarvan

## Question 6

**Have you suggestions on how tourism might be developed locally.**

**Received 386 suggestions from 146 survey forms, which represents 96.1 percent of respondents.**

Suggestion	Number of replies	Percentage
Organised Walking Tours	67	17.3
Festivals	78	20.2
Picture Painting/Writing school	32	8.3
Adult Education courses	50	13.0
Activities on the river	89	23.1
Hill Walking/Climbing	70	18.3

### **Other suggestions and general remarks ranked in order of number of responses.**

Open the Castle  
 Cinema  
 Camping facilities/caravan park  
 Parties for singles  
 Dogshows (Lismore show)  
 Film making location development  
 Hotel to cater for coach trips  
 Latin American Music, Sala, Rock, Trad,Jazz  
 Town twinning with continent town  
 cycling tours  
 Newsletters  
 Facebook  
 Hostel/budget accomodation  
 Language school  
 More courses for young people  
 Organise community  
 do not overprice everything  
 Photography  
 Birdwatching  
 More evening entertainment  
 More for the over 40's  
 Irish dancing classes  
 For tourism public transport a must  
 Parade  
 Publish maps with photo's of areas within 6 mile radius  
 Create central hub for possible services  
 Too many courses  
 Enough festivals  
 outdoor pursuit centre  
 More cooperation between clubs  
 Music/music in the pubs  
 Entertainment

Hop on - Hop off bus  
 Golden year special offers  
 special bus to vee and towers  
 Handball alley to re-open as priority  
 Better choice of activities needed  
 More activities for people in town/kids/tourists  
 Art/drama school

### Question 7

**Suggestions on Enterprise Development. 141 replies were received with a total of 314 suggestions indicated. Number of replies is 92.8 % of total forms returned (152).**

Suggestion	Number	Percentage
Artisan Cooperative	28	8.9
Craft Fairs	44	14.0
Workshops	44	14.0
Develop Sam Shire	100	31.9
Food Growing Cooperative	60	19.3
Small Engineering	38	12.1

**Other suggestions and general remarks ranked in order of number of responses.**

allotments  
 samshire as skatepark  
 specialist high value engineering  
 cooperative internet selling of local produce  
 funding SME's  
 use shop fronts to display local artists  
 Newsletter  
 Community shop  
 Develop farmers market  
 Youthclub run by kids  
 clean up sam shire urgently  
 More variety of goods in supermarkets i.e dairy free.  
 ask waterford coco to develop enterprises  
 driving school/school of excellence in special area(dedicated)  
 Clean up Samshire  
 Small engineering already available  
 Too many artisan coops already

### Question 8

**Suggestions about Health and Social Services. 139 forms were returned with 350 suggestions. The 139 forms represent 91.5 % of respondents.**

Suggestions	Number	Percentage
Training Opportunities for unemployed	86	24.6
Meals on Wheels	62	17.7
Educational courses	54	15.4
Computer training	56	16.0
Book clubs	29	8.3
Fitness training	63	18.0

**Other suggestions and general remarks ranked in order of number of responses.**

- More for the elderly
- OntoOne computer training
- Caredoc facility in town
- computers in VDP hall to be used
- carers ass. Support group
- Arts and craft training
- better taxi service for patients
- Film club
- Training opps already there
- Old folks home doing meals on wheels?
- plenty educ courses available
- mainng plenty already
- Active retirement group
- Irish wheelchair shop
- Community housing/daycare
- Training pointless - no jobs
- Youth and Adult centre
- Change soc. Welfare system, people to be able to sign on and off if they find work for 1-2 days
- Walking train for kids going to and from schools

### Question 9

**Suggestions about how recreational/sporting/youth activities can be enhanced locally. Received 141 forms back with a total of 301 suggestions marked. The 141 forms represent 92.8 % of returned forms.**

Suggestion	Number	Percentage
Activity Centre	85	28.2
Skate Park	57	18.9
Scouting	44	14.6
Youth Park	39	13.0
Youth Orchestra	43	14.3

Outreach Opportunities	33	11.0
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**Other suggestions and general remarks ranked in order of number of responses.**

youthclub  
swimmingpool  
Community hall used for more activities  
Revive tennis court  
Irish music  
Leisure centre  
Boy racing facilities  
Pitch and Put  
Youth club with pool and tennis court  
youth days/services/steering group  
camps  
Arts courses/fashion courses  
cycling club  
jogging club  
Exercise park  
Skate park too specialised, not feasible  
Youth park - not feasible  
youth orch. Already being supplied locally, no great interest  
Outreach- what do you mean by this  
Use existing facilities  
pipeband  
auto-driving skills area or track  
After school activities needed  
Organised bonfire/fireworks for Haloween

**Question 10**

**Suggestions on how recreational activities for the elderly can be enhanced locally. A total of 140 forms were returned with 418 marks. This represents 92.1 % of those who returned the forms.**

Suggestion	Number	Percentage
Public bus service	115	27.5
Computer training	52	12.4
Free Health screening	80	19.1
Educational Day Trips	86	20.6
Craft Training Lessons	59	14.1
Religious retreats	26	6.2

**Other suggestions and general remarks ranked in order of number of responses.**

age action, day centre

use VDP hall for more activities and outings  
 repair/open ball-alley  
 Tea Dances in Hotel  
 class visits to St. Carthages home, interaction of generations  
 Youth visiting service  
 open grove  
 clean canal  
 remove rocks by graveyard gates  
 Ring the Angelus  
 clean spout  
 Retired locals as tour guides  
 Dance classes  
 music events  
 concert  
 coffee mornings  
 game morning  
 allotments  
 bus service -They wouldn't use it if available  
 comp training - not again  
 Free health - medical card already there  
 religious retr. - definitely not, public money not to be used to support own personal beliefs  
 Evening courses  
 Bowling green

### Question 11

**Anyone in the household prepared to become involved in activities of Lismore Mochuda.**

	Number	Percentage
Yes	45	29.6
No	77	50.7
Not at present	5	3.3
Maybe	1	0.01
No Response	24	15.8

**Comments with this question in no particular order.**

Keep up good work  
 More social activity for seniors  
 Providing comp courses  
 Willing to help-out  
 Dog mess/fine owners  
 Use VDP hall  
 Daily bus service needed, bus pass is useless in Lismore  
 Well done, keep us informed  
 Ask chairman to stop talking down the town

Footpaths a disgrace  
if fits in with children's schedule  
depends on kind of activity  
Don't want the queen to visit ireland/lismore  
Newsletter once a week  
Use community hall for school children  
disco for children <16 once or twice a year  
interested in organising arts classes for young and elderly  
This has made me think, a lot of work going on in Lismore, well done  
Great ideas, should be explored in public meeting  
Only available after 8  
Most points in this survey already there or not needed  
Greater need to teach people to appreciate what is available  
Become givers rather than takers  
Stop sponsoring the freebie culture  
Tidy towns committee is fantastic, how about encouraging unemployed and elderly to  
get involved  
Willing to get involved but only working in the background.