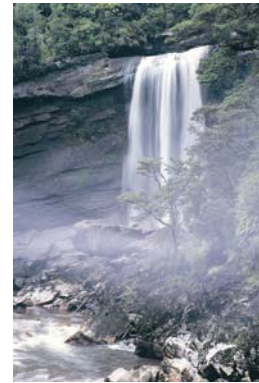


4.9 The best thing about living in Buller

We asked participants what they thought was the best thing about living in Buller.

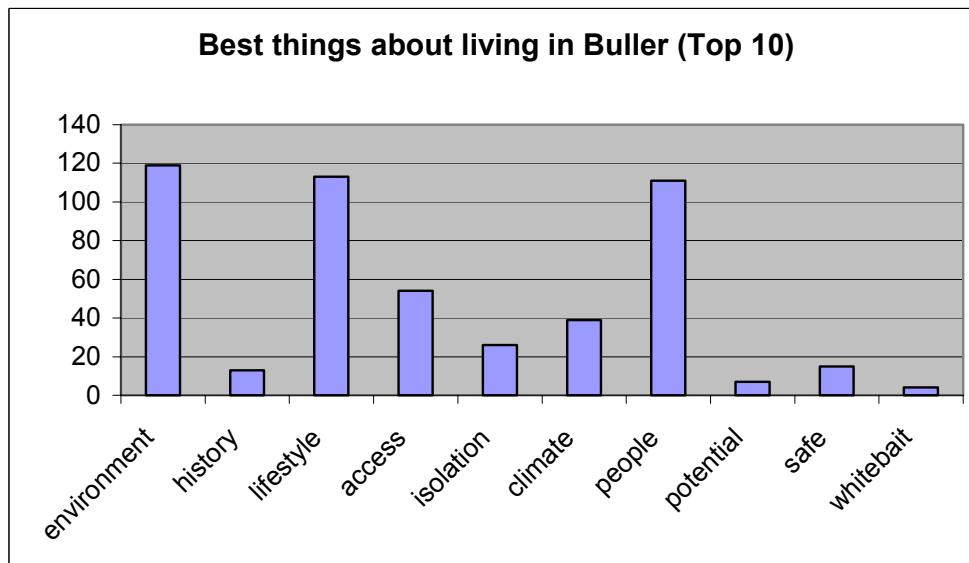
The top 10 collective responses from participants are represented on the graph below.



The environment topped the responses, with Buller people very positive about the region. In particular, they value the natural environment's uniqueness, the openness, ruggedness, and beauty. Residents value the protection of the natural character of the region, and they place importance on their ability to live in and experience the outdoors etc.

Residents value the easy lifestyle, quality of life, and peaceful nature of the region and place importance on retaining this through any future development.

People from across Buller saw the region and our communities, as supportive, friendly, with goodwill, great people and good community spirit.



Highly valued was the easy access we have to beaches, rivers, bush and recreational opportunities, and the close proximity of sea and mountains that offers easy access to a range of recreational opportunities that promote the region's lifestyle. Residents wanted to ensure that access was maintained and not restricted.

Low population numbers and comparative spaciousness and lack of crime when compared with other areas, the regions history and strong roots in the

past, good climate and white baiting also ranked as some of the best things about living in Buller.

What Buller people said.....

“Scope for both individuality and real community living.”

“We were born at Denniston 85 and 77 years ago. The region has all that elderly people need.”

“The outdoors is our backyard.”

“The great mix of people and the beautiful environment.”

“Quality of life, peaceful and supportive communities.”

“Small town atmosphere but adequate facilities.”

“Spaces, scenery, way of life.”

“Fantastic access to outdoor pursuits – even just walking on the beach.”

“I spin thinking of all the opportunities here.”

“The beauty of landscape and having it all on our backdoor step – river, mountains etc.”

“A wonderful environment and good sense of community.”

“Low population pressures, affordable housing.”

“The lifestyle. Everything is here.”

“The environment and fresh, clean air.”

“Owning my own house, my children going to smaller schools, the open spaces.”

“It’s not too big and not too small, with lots of greenery.”

“The people, environment, quality of life.”