



Rehabilitating Roe 8



# Community Questionnaire

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Rehabilitating Roe 8 acknowledges the Nyungar people of Beeliar boodja.  
Long ago, now and in the future they care for country.



# Community Questionnaire 2025 Summary

Rehabilitation Management Plan Engagement and Involvement Objective	Objective	Outcome
2. Ensure the community has input into decision-making and into the implementation of the RMP	2.4 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' support the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>79% were satisfied with the overall project</li> </ul> 
	2.5 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' feel involved in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>75% were satisfied with sense of community ownership of the project</li> <li>70% intend to be involved in the next 12 months</li> </ul> 
3. Ensure the community has opportunities for hands-on involvement in the implementation of the RMP	3.3 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' report having had the opportunity to be involved in RMP activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>69% participated in activities</li> </ul> 
4. Develop trust, alignment and a shared understanding of the RMP	4.1 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' indicate that they understand the objectives of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of the interviewed participants understood some of the objectives of the RR8 project</li> </ul> 
7. Ensure communications are consistent, accessible and transparent from the outset of the implementation of the RMP	7.1 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' indicate that communications are consistent, accessible and transparent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>78% agreed that communications are consistent, accessible and transparent</li> </ul> 
8. Strengthen the unique community and sense of place associated with the site	8.1 Respondents to the 'community questionnaire' give examples of strengthened community and sense of place in open-ended responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>I love this bush and really appreciate everyone's hard work protecting and regenerating it.</i></li> <li><i>It has been very healing to see the revegetation works and to be able to walk in the corridor on a regular basis.</i></li> <li><i>So love Karak Cooby Bushcare - it's a wonderful addition to Coolbellup</i></li> </ul> 



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## Introduction

This report summarises findings from the annual *Community Questionnaire 2025* for the Rehabilitating Roe 8 (RR8) project. A ten-year Rehabilitation Management Plan (RMP) commenced in 2018 to restore the corridor of land cleared to build the Roe Highway Section 8. It is administered by the City of Cockburn on behalf of the state government. RR8 aims to restore both the land and the community. An annual survey measures the level of community satisfaction according to Engagement and Involvement objectives for Social Rehabilitation and provides a mechanism for community feedback into the adaptive RMP. Previous Community Questionnaire Reports and the RMP can be found on the Rehabilitating Roe 8 website (<https://rehabilitatingroe8.org>). The results of surveys prior to 2024 are not directly comparable to 2025 due to the different sampling methods and revisions to questionnaire.

## Community Questionnaire Methods

### The 2025 Questionnaire Structure

In 2024, a streamlined online questionnaire was introduced to replace earlier versions. The main items on the *Community Questionnaire 2025* were unchanged from 2024 (Appendix 1). This included the three core items: involvement in activities, satisfaction with elements of the project and likelihood of continuing to be involved. These were followed with optional, open-ended comment boxes to gather general feedback and contact details for incentives. The order of the items was designed to get respondents thinking about the project before rating the elements of the project. Satisfaction items were presented to each respondent in random order to avoid bias (each respondent saw a different order of items). To improve the response rate in 2024, an incentive of a \$1000 seedling voucher for the respondent's nominated community landcare group was offered. Following feedback from the 2024 respondents, this year an individual incentive was offered with five \$100 seedling vouchers to the Conservation Nursery, The Wetlands Centre.

### The Rehabilitating Roe 8 'community'

The 2025 *Community Questionnaire* again used the RR8 mailing list as the population that defined 'the community.' In 2025 this list had 1240 members. As in 2024, only members of the mailing list were invited to participate in the questionnaire. Following the running of the *Community Questionnaire 2025*, six individuals who had volunteered through the questionnaire were interviewed. The resulting qualitative data was used to cross-reference the *Community Questionnaire* and also to gather information about two dimensions difficult to capture online.

An invitation to participate was emailed to members of the RR8 mailing list with a link to Survey Monkey on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and the survey was open until the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. Reminder emails were sent to those who had not attempted the questionnaire and it was advertised again in the Djeran 2025 RR8 newsletter (distributed to members of the same mailing list). Frequencies were calculated for quantitative items and non-parametric statistical tests conducted to examine any differences between 2024 and 2025 for the satisfaction bank of items. The open-ended responses were broadly categorised and used to illustrate the quantitative findings. A random draw for the incentive seedling vouchers was held at the Heads Healing the Land Conference in May 2025.

## The 2025 Sample

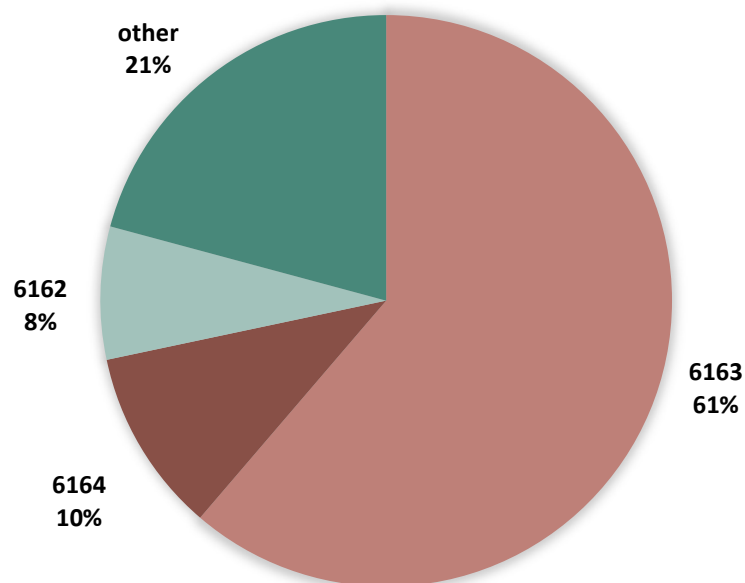
Of the 1240 people invited to participate, 768 opened the invitation email while 429 emails were either unopened (279) or bounced (150). It is worth noting that 43 people have opted out of all future Survey Monkey requests. The questionnaire was attempted by 244 people with 19 people disqualified by having selected 'no' or 'unsure' to the first question: "Are you familiar with the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project?" and redirected to the RR8 website for information. Continuing to screen respondents for prior knowledge of the RR8 project helps ensure ratings of project elements are based on experience.

Of the 225 respondents who answered 'yes' to the screening question, 82% went on to complete the questionnaire. The final sample was therefore 185 respondents, similar to 2024 (180).

The overall response rate from the RR8 mailing list (minus bounced addresses) was 17% for completed questionnaires. While within the typical range (5-30%) for satisfaction surveys, multiple reminders and an incentive have not been able to increase the response rate over the last two years. Carrying out an annual survey on the same group over ten years is a significant burden. As discussed in previous reports, the sample should be considered purposeful (rather than random), with a probable bias toward respondents positive about the project.

Respondents could optionally provide their postcode and 92% chose to do so (Fig. 1). The majority of respondents (61%) came from postcode 6163 (Bibra Lake, Coolbellup, Hamilton Hill, Hilton, Kardinya, North Coogee, North Lake, O'Connor, Samson, Spearwood, and a part of South Fremantle). Respondents from 6164 (Atwell, Aubin Grove, Banjup, Beeliar, Cockburn Central, Hammond Park, Jandakot, South Lake, Success, and Yangebup) made up 10% of the sample and 6162 (Beaconsfield, South Fremantle, and White Gum Valley) 8%. The remaining 21% were from 23 different postcodes (those with no more than 4% from each). The postcode data shows that interest about RR8 is persistent across a wide geographical area.

**Figure 1: Postcode of Respondent**



## Individual Interview Methods

This year six participants were randomly selected from a list of 48 respondents who had expressed willingness to be interviewed in Question 8 of the *Community Questionnaire*. After being invited to participate by email, each participant was interviewed over the phone using the semi-structured Question Guide in Appendix 2. Interviews were conducted between 14-28 May, 2025. Interviews were recorded with the consent of the participant and transcribed by the author prior to analysis. Participants are anonymous in this report. The first two questions were required to provide information for Involvement and Engagement objectives 2.4 and 8.1. As discussed in previous reports, these items had proved difficult to capture in an online questionnaire and interviews were an opportunity to hear first-hand accounts. The other three questions reflected those in the *Community Questionnaire*, allowing participants to give a personal and contextual perspective. As the *Community Questionnaire* is short, the qualitative data from these interviews provided additional depth to the community feedback. This component of the data collection helped to satisfy Involvement and Engagement Goal 2: Ensuring the Community has input into decision making.

## Community Questionnaire Results

### Participation in Rehabilitating Roe 8 Activities

While respondents to the Community Questionnaire are screened to ensure they are ‘familiar with the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project’ there is no further screening, for example to only allow people who have walked in the corridor to rate their satisfaction with trails and paths. Therefore, the participation in activities item is important for several reasons. Firstly, it addresses a goal of the RMP. Secondly, it provides a snapshot of community involvement that can potentially inform their assessment of the project components.

#### **Engagement and Involvement goal 3:**

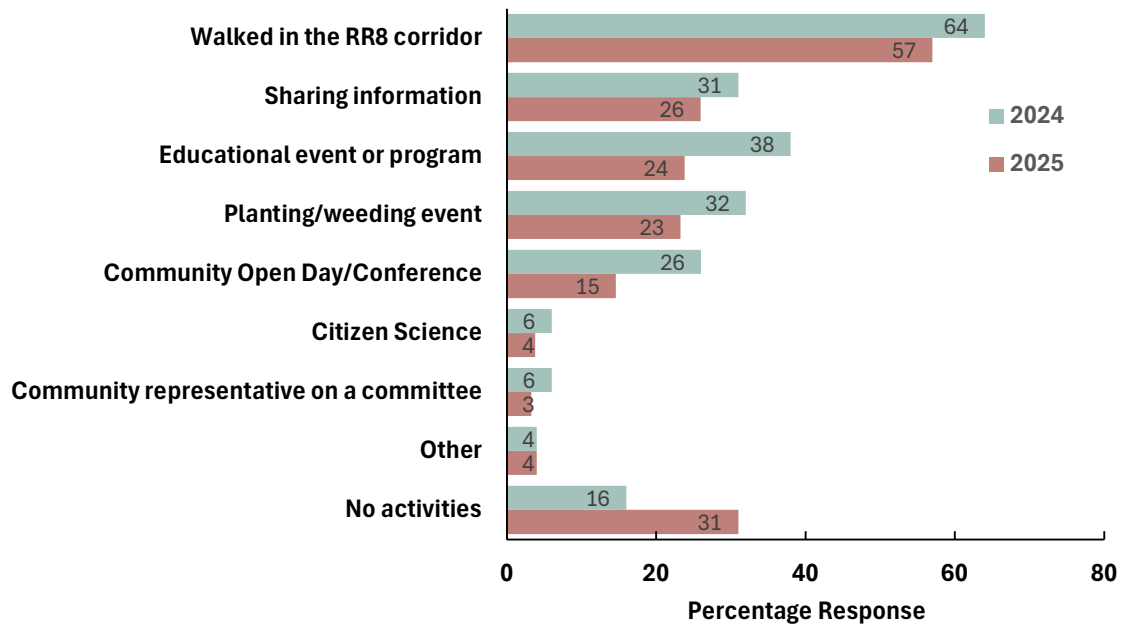
Ensure the community has opportunities for hands-on involvement in the implementation of the RMP.

3.3 At least 60% of respondents to the ‘community questionnaire’ report having had the opportunity to be involved in RMP activities.

### **Question 2: Have you been involved in any of the following opportunities and activities in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project in the last 12 months?**

Twice as many respondents in 2025 reported not being involved in any activities, compared to 2024, leading to slightly lower numbers having participated in activities overall (Fig. 2). The 69% who did participate were involved in a range of activities, exceeding the Engagement and Involvement goal 3 objective. Nearly 60% of the sample had participated in the most common activity, *Walked in the corridor*. *Sharing information* was the second most popular activity. It should be noted that the Heads Healing the Land community conference was held after the questionnaire was administered and it is possible more respondents would have participated in this activity than the results indicate. This year ‘other’ responses included cycling in the corridor and viewing the signs, involvement in Karak Cooby Bushcare, watering new plantings, involvement in community groups with allied goals, and daily clearing of rubbish and dog droppings.

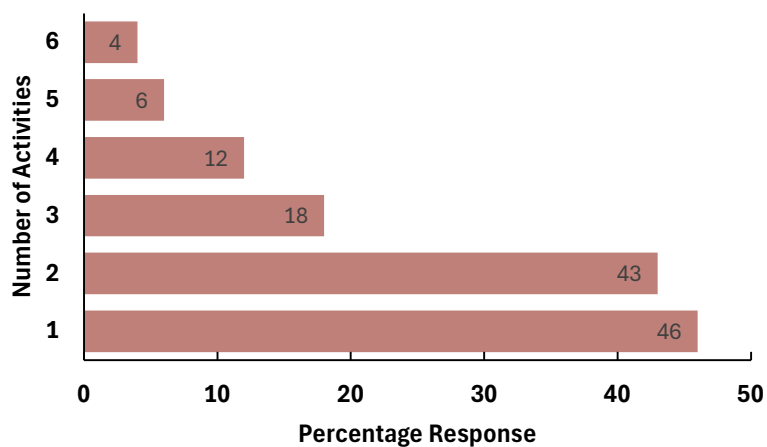
**Figure 2: Percentage Involvement in Activities for 2024 and 2025**



In 2025, on average, respondents participated in between one and two activities (Fig. 3). Four or more activities had been undertaken by 22% of respondents, again showing a small proportion of highly motivated community members. In 2024 and 2025, more than half the *Community Questionnaire* sample had visited the area in the previous 12 months, demonstrating ongoing community engagement of a broader group. The high involvement rate in activities means that the sample is generally a well informed one, increasing confidence in the satisfaction ratings in the next section. As one respondent put it:

- ...the more I attend events at the wetlands centre or in the corridor the more I understand the scale and value of the project and the remaining challenges.

**Figure 3: Number of Activities Undertaken for 2025**



## Satisfaction with Progress

The reduced length questionnaire introduced in 2024 collapsed elements of the project into one list to rate. Satisfaction with *The overall project* was used to infer support for the project and used as the measure for objective 2.4. The satisfaction bank of questions in 2024 had included an item for the first time: *Quality of the revegetation and land management*.

### **Engagement and Involvement goal 2:**

Ensure the community has input into decision-making and into the implementation of the RMP.

2.4 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' support the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project.

2.5 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' feel involved in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project.

### **Engagement and Involvement goal 7:**

Ensure communications are consistent, accessible and transparent from the outset of the implementation of the RMP.

7.1 At least 60% of respondents to the 'community questionnaire' indicate that communications are consistent, accessible and transparent.

### **Question 4: Thinking of how you recognise and relate to the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project area, how satisfied are you with the progress of {list of elements}:**

As the 2024 and 2025 samples were both taken from the same population frame, the Rehabilitating Roe 8 mailing list, it is reasonable to compare them for this Likert scale item (Fig. 4).

Low levels of dissatisfaction were recorded for all elements and 1% or less were 'very dissatisfied' for any item. Between 7 and 19% of respondents reported 'don't know/unsure' for project elements, indicating they were unwilling to rate items. Open-ended comments on the questionnaire provided some insights into this.

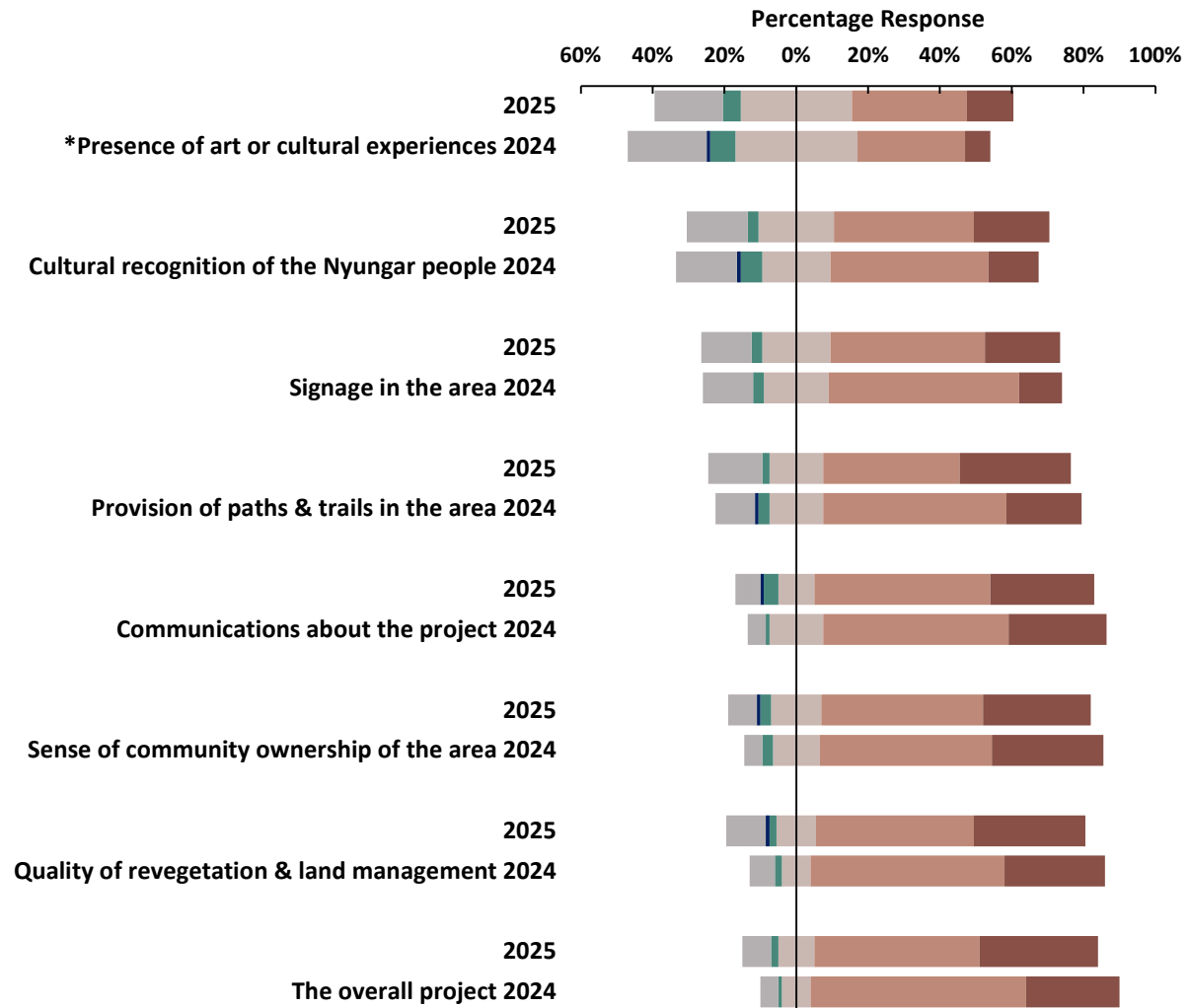
- I'm fairly new to the area and don't have sufficient background knowledge to comment.
- I have only once had a very brief walk into a small section of the reveg area as part of a Conference experience; so am sorry that I can't provide very useful feedback about the overall project.

Comments also addressed satisfaction with specific elements of the project (see Appendix 3 for further comments):

- The project has made good progress this year on trails and signage and the delightful bench on Turtle Corner.
- I particularly like the re-surfacing of the sandy paths and have been walking and running there more often recently than I had been.
- Wonderful reclamation of bushland and great care in doing so by Cockburn City's {project manager} and assistants and by community groups like community wildlife corridor group and Karak Cooby Bushcare.
- {need for} the creation and establishment of new small swamps rich in biodiversity dotted throughout the Roe 8
- Would love to see more indigenous cultural knowledge signage and events in area.

**Figure 4: Percentage Satisfaction with Project Elements for 2024 and 2025**

Project elements are displayed in increasing order of satisfied' plus 'very satisfied' for 2024 to show where any changes occurred.



\* significant difference between years

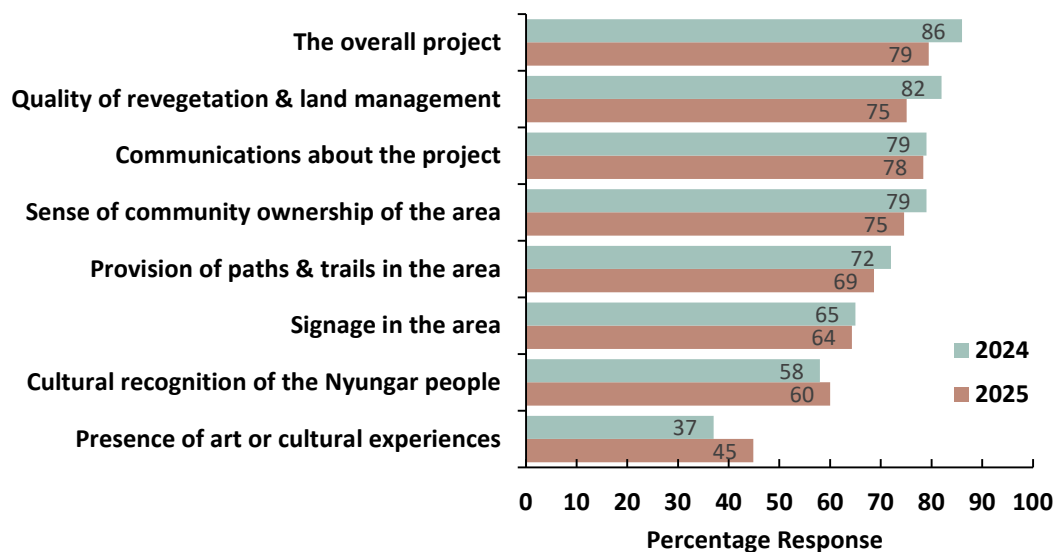
Don't know/Unsure | Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neutral | Satisfied | Very satisfied

Despite the apparent differences, only one was statistically significant from 2024 to 2025. The median satisfaction for *Presence of art and cultural experiences* moved from 3 (neutral) to 4 (satisfied) according to a Mann Whitney U test ( $p < 0.05$ ). All other elements of the project had a median satisfaction of 4 (satisfied) for both years.

The order of satisfaction with elements of the project was also unchanged from 2024 to 2025. The lower ranked elements of the project tended to have higher percentages of respondents who selected 'don't know/unsure'. A display of the combined 'satisfied' plus 'very satisfied' percentages for each element makes the order and comparison between years clearer (Fig. 5).

The measure for Goal 2.4 was combined satisfaction (‘satisfied’ plus ‘very satisfied’) with *The overall project* (79%). Previous reports have noted that because members of the mailing list have pre-identified interest in the project, satisfaction tends to be higher in comparison to early surveys that canvassed a broader population. *Sense of community ownership*, with 75 % combined satisfaction, easily met Goal 2.5. Whilst taking care with comparisons across years, due to the differing population frames, *The overall project* has been rated above 60% from 2021 to 2025 (past reports available at <https://rehabilitatingroe8.org>).

**Figure 5: Combined satisfaction (satisfied plus very satisfied) with Project Elements for 2024 and 2025**



While combined satisfaction with *Communications about the project* met Goal 7.1 (78%), improvements were suggested in the comments. Several comments related to new volunteers and residents finding out about the project,

- I did not know about this project until a friend told me about it. I live 350m from a pathway into this area and am surprised that I did not hear more information. Could a community letterbox campaign be done? Do the Cockburn City Council include it in their very extensive promotion of events and activities?
- Some formal introductory information for new volunteers would be very helpful, either in the form of a handout or a discussion with someone who knows how the overall RR8/Wildlife Corridor projects work.

Other comments suggested that multiple communication channels are required. The timing of newsletters may not be sufficient to advise community members of events, or changes of events.

- If I knew when and where plantings etc were happening, I would attend.
- It would be great if I could be emailed when there is weeding, planting or rubbish removal happening because a lot of the time I see people doing it and I would of liked to participate but did not know it was organised. Not sure if it's a Facebook thing or not.
- The weeding events e.g. could be advertised better- I often am only aware when I drive past and there are volunteers working. Maybe consider having laminated sheets at the corridor entrances with upcoming dates for people who walk in the corridors.

## Willingness to be Involved

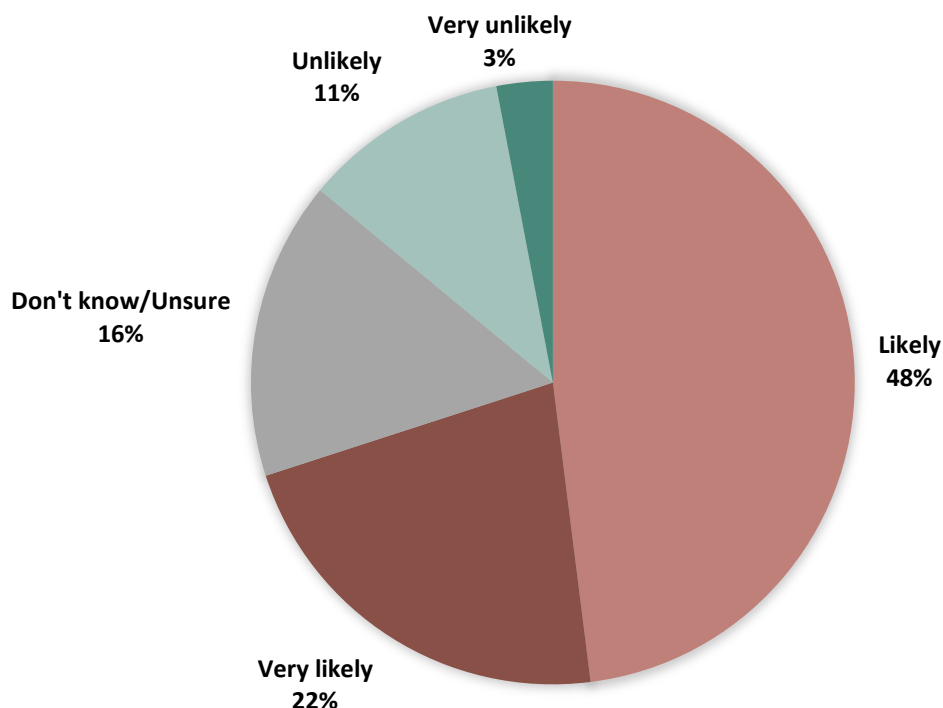
### Question 4. How likely would you be to involve yourself in the project in the next 12 months?

Willingness to participate over time is also a measure of community members' feelings of involvement in the project. The number of respondents likely ('likely' plus 'very likely') to participate in the next 12 months was 70% (Fig. 6), just slightly higher than 2024 (67%). The percentages of respondents in the other categories were just slightly lower than in 2024. While it is tempting to conclude that people have moved from the unlikely to the likely categories over the past 12 months, the results may simply reflect the capture of a different set of people who responded in 2025. The relevant finding is that willingness to participate has remained high across the life of the project.

Respondents gave reasons for their level of involvement in comments:

- I have been following this project for a long time, and while I have not been able to attend any recent activities, I am mostly aware of them.
- I have been unwell and now recovered somewhat and I'm more likely to be with you in spirit than otherwise.
- If I had more spare time I would participate a lot more.
- I'd like to participate with the working group, but I'm always otherwise occupied on Sunday mornings.

**Figure 6: How likely would you be to involve yourself in the project in the next 12 months?**



## **‘Other’ Comments**

A single open-ended comment field allowed respondents to provide written feedback on any part of the project.

**Question 5: Do you have any comments you would like to share on the project (for example: ideas, concerns, suggestions, what you value most or other feedback)?**

Comments were given by 46% of respondents. Some comments have been used in the previous sections, and some more illustrative comments are provided here. All ‘other’ comments are broadly categorised in Appendix 3.

Respondent’s suggestions regarding site management included control of domestic animals, timing of weeding and use of herbicides, with some respondents showing detailed knowledge of the site.

- I would like to see the complete eradication of more invasive weed species and the control/removal of domestic cats in the area.
- Dieback station locations - maybe some additional ones, and some additional maintenance of the ones we have, the sprayers were empty when I was there in the weekend.
- I'd say less planting, more watering, for the upcoming season.
- Location of orchid bulbs. Construction of paths may destroy orchid ecology.

Suggestions were also made regarding the social and community elements of the project.

- Would love a Roe8 protest reunion in the corridor
- If it doesn't do so already, it'd be great for Roe8 procurement to value social enterprise to reinvest in the community/environment.
- Let's activate the space with more art and cultural activities

Many comments contained thanks for individuals and the achievements of the project. Respondents also noted the interplay of the RR8 project with the broader conservation and environment movement.

- Outstanding communication & community involvement. Special thanks to the few who do so much.
- I represent another community volunteer group, {name of group}, and we appreciate the high profile that your project has brought to the conservation of natural areas.
- While I haven't engaged with the project as much as I would have liked, I value the work done to rehabilitate the enormous scar left by the unnecessary clearing of the corridor in 2017. I also value the way in which the project appears to rely on current research as it proceeds with the work it's doing

Respondents again expressed concern about future development affecting both the Roe 8 corridor and the more extensive Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor (CCWC), with some showing confusion over the goals of the two. The lack of reserve status for parts of the Roe 8 corridor continues to be mentioned.

- My only concerns are that there is nothing to stop a future Government putting a road through - and that the Stock/Forrest interchange is still under threat.
- Is there anyway we can secure more land, particularly around the stock road interchange?
- I understand that there are a number of community groups involved in the rehabilitation works. I have found it very difficult to understand the responsibilities of each group and where they sit within the whole framework of the RR8 project.
- Where is the plan? There needs to be more publicity. I am totally in favour of the waves to wetland project but don't know what stage it's at.

## Individual Interview Results

### Understanding Rehabilitation Management Plan Objectives

In the *Community Questionnaire 2023* a majority (73%) of respondents selected that they were aware of at least one of the RR8 Engagement and Involvement objectives with 47% claiming to be aware of all objectives. However, the method of displaying all objectives upfront in a check box question was not an effective method of measuring awareness. That item was dropped from the *Community Questionnaire 2024* in favour of interview questions. Awareness of the objectives is important because motivation to participate in community surveys over the extended period of the project may decline if community members do not understand that their feedback is essential to fulfil the adaptive RMP. Following community group interviews in 2024, the individual interviews in 2025 were an opportunity to ask about the objectives, unprompted at first. Quotes from the interview transcripts are used in this section.

#### **Engagement and Involvement goal 4:**

Develop trust, alignment and a shared understanding of the RMP.

4.1 At least 60% of respondents to the ‘community questionnaire’ indicate that they understand the objectives of the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project.

#### *Are you aware of any of the objectives of the RMP?*

All six participants had a general understanding of the intent of the environmental rehabilitation goals, with responses such as:

- ...rectify the damage that was done in preparation for Roe 8 and hopefully establish or maintain the wildlife corridor
- ...monitor what has happened since starting the rehabilitation and further promote rehabilitation of the flora and fauna.
- ...the basics of trying to rehabilitate the area, making a green corridor, repair and improvement, probably things about weeding and quality.

However, none was able to provide detail about the Engagement and Involvement objectives for social rehabilitation. When prompted that there were social goals in addition to the environmental goals four participants expressed their approval, indicating alignment with goals if not clear understanding.

- I didn't know about those, obviously I've seen those processes {community involvement in decision making}, but didn't know they were specific objectives.
- Great stuff...needs to have ownership of community so things get done.
- Although I didn't know, I expect no less from the project, I'm not surprised from a good project, that's excellent

In discussing the goals of the project two participants mentioned restoration over a larger area than the RR8 project, querying where RR8 fits with the CCWC, “or are they even the same thing?” Another thought the RR8 project goal was the creation of “the corridor: wetlands to the ocean.”

In a similar finding to the interviews with community groups in 2024, individual participants this year thought that reminders about the Engagement and Involvement objectives would be useful; “I think I did read it {RMP} at the time but would probably need a reminder if I was to comment on them.”

Taken together the responses suggest that the detail of the RMP is well in the past for these participants but that they have retained a general sense of the aims of the project and that their preferences are aligned with those aims. The Engagement and Involvement Goal 4 is to “Develop trust, alignment and a shared understanding of the RMP.” When asked later in the interview about their satisfaction with elements of the project one participant said:

- I don't think I'm interested in inputting more {about satisfaction} because I don't know enough about it, I trust the people managing the project alot.

While they were not be able to articulate the individual objectives of the RMP, they have trust in the process.

## Community and Sense of Place

The RR8 project commenced after a conflict that created community divisions. The RMP addressed this directly by including goals around community and sense of place. In 2023 examples were obtained if given spontaneously in open-ended comments. In 2024, community group representatives were asked about this directly. The interviews this year were an opportunity to obtain individual perspectives.

### **Engagement and Involvement goal 8:**

Strengthen the unique community and sense of place associated with the site.

8.1 Respondents to the 'community questionnaire' give examples of strengthened community and sense of place in open-ended responses.

### *Do you think the RR8 project is strengthening the community and sense of place associated with the site? If so, can you give examples?*

All six participants confidently asserted that RR8 is both strengthening the community and contributing to sense of place of the site. A diversity of views on community were expressed from being visible to working together and making connections.

- Instead of it just being sort of vacant land and you just glide your eyes across it and don't even comprehend it, all of a sudden you see work happening. Then you become more interested and possibly become involved. It is full-on community involvement that gives people a sense of place I think. Seeing it and then something clicks with people, that there's actually something happening here and I feel as though there is a little bit more ownership.
- Yes I do. I've been volunteering with CCWC, but because they are working so closely together {with RR8}, Yes I do think the community planting and information days, the community groups set up to look after different sections have been great and at the things I've been along to I've seen people I haven't seen for ages, so there's definitely a sense of connection and reconnection.
- Yes, I drive past it most days, the signage etc seeing small groups of cars for people doing work on it continually raises its profile. When I see it being promoted through City of Cockburn and social media it really provides visibility and so people can see what has been done. Hopefully it will trigger both emotional support and possibly physical support, helping out.
- Yes, absolutely and not just the community at the site, but probably the wider community as well. At the recent {community} conference there was a huge amount of friends groups that were kind of wider community. People who were involved in Roe 8 but also Friends of Manning Park, Samson Park etc that are near the area. There is a greater cohort of people that have similar values and goals. It's kind of got a flow on or ripple effect, located in Roe 8.

When asked about sense of place, participants provided explanations that included community, not only how they related to the natural environment:

- I think for me I wanted to be involved in something positive, having been part of the Roe 8 business and protests and stuff. I wanted to be involved in something a bit healing. Not just for me but for the land as well I suppose, and to be part of something bigger that works for or towards something, rather than against if that makes sense. Oh and I've met some great people, like minded people.
- I love the fact that in the beginning the community came together and then they came back to do the replanting and nurturing and then the monitoring. We live in North Lake and I walk my dogs every day in the area. I'm often bumping into joggers and dog walkers and it is so well utilised and appreciated. I often see the black cockatoos, to me that is something really special about the site. This is a habitat for these beautiful creatures... We over develop and how lucky are we are to live where we do, to be in the bush. I love walking in the area and looking to see what's the next flower coming out.

Two participants explained that their sense of place was still affected by the protests. The first had only visited the site occasionally since the clearing. The second had come back to the site after retiring. Their experiences suggest there may be opportunities to re-engage others.

- I have strong mixed feelings at the site, I've walked along many places where I fought and further. I still have anger about what happened, {name of politician} spoke on the radio and this anger still is there... It was huge in my life, it engulfed me, and I still often think about it.
- I was still working at the time {of protest actions} and I have to confess it took a lot out of me.... I've always been very law abiding, never been to a protest in my life. It took a lot out of me. I was quite shocked and felt a bit damaged, I didn't sleep very well for a long time trying to think what would happen if I was arrested, I was a bit traumatised and it took a little while to come back to it I suppose....I guess at that time I was still working, so then when I retired, I really wanted to do some volunteering and then I discovered this {bushcare group}, which was perfect.

## **Support for and Involvement in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project**

Three questions were asked in interviews that reflected those in the questionnaire, to give participants the opportunity to contextualise their individual experiences.

### ***Do you feel involved in the project?***

When asked about their feelings of involvement, participants articulated that it was not dependent on regular hands-on involvement. Communication from the project played an important role in keeping people included.

- Not so much, more on the periphery, but I know what's happening through meetings.
- I don't feel as involved as I would like to be and am wanting to get more involved. But I still feel part of the community.
- Yes, I think I do through the CCWC I guess and the way that connects to RR8. Through activities I get involved in.
- Yes, I do. I've done a walk and help out with planting. But I don't go to all of them or the meetings. In terms of updates and invitations to things, even if you can't make it, that makes you feel included.
- Yes, through emails from different people and invitations to participate... Since the event, I have taken four people for a walk around the lake... and to the Wetlands Centre that they allowed us to use, I always explain about it to visitors.
- It has been three years since I volunteered weeding, but I still feel connected to the place. If anyone threatened it again, I'd be there.

### *Are you able to be involved in any activities? If so, which ones?*

The streamlined questionnaire does not allow respondents to give reasons for their involvement or lack of involvement. This question put to individuals during interviews was an opportunity to understand their motivations and any limitations to their involvement. Two participants had limited ability to be involved in physical activities, due to both distance from the site and health/caring issues. Others explained the difficulty of fitting in activities with their other commitments. Three participants had clearly been involved in activities but were apologetic for not being able to do more.

- I'd love to be, but no. I volunteer with {two other groups} and have caring duties. I did one planting last year and went to Heads Healing the Land.
- {In addition to her hands-on bushcare} I think I've had the opportunity to go to others but there have been some where I've been too busy or they didn't tick the right boxes.
- I would like to be involved in the plantings, for regeneration and food for cockatoos. I see things I want to join but then something comes up.
- As a working pensioner with a partner with health issues, limited bandwidth.
- A walk on Roe 8, a planting, I participate as I can. I can't go to all of them. I'm involved with other revegetation and June is really busy.

In 2024 an additional activity category was added to the questionnaire, "sharing information" to acknowledge that those who could not do hands-on activities could still be part of the project.

- With my circle of friends, the subject of the Beelir Wetlands comes up and they get quite a bit of input from me about it, I'm still spreading it around.
- Facebook is useful. Anything that comes up should motivate people with shared feeling, a good way to market to our demographic {retiree}

### *Would you like to elaborate on your satisfaction with elements of the project?*

The list of project elements was read out to each interview participant to spark any of their concerns. They were reminded that this was a good opportunity to express any criticisms and that their responses were anonymous. Despite this, suggestions for improvements were generally framed within positive comments about the project and its management.

- I didn't know there was an Advisory Committee or how CCWC and City of Cockburn intersected. I found that difficult to navigate as a hands-on worker, hard to know who to talk to and get conflicting information sometimes. Group workers do not necessarily know what is going on...People forget that those coming new don't know everything.
- Look wouldn't it be great to have more art through the corridor...It would be great to have more interpretation signs in the corridor to assist people's appreciation of nature. These should be linked with local indigenous culture.
- Communication is very good, I would like to see more on social media that I can share more easily. As people get older their circle of physical contacts diminishes
- Some of the events have been very diverse and educative, eg. I went to one on trapdoor spiders - took the kids along, quite educative for the community, there was one about propagation. These kinds of events are connecting people to place, not necessarily just the Roe 8 area, it's connecting people to the environment full stop. All the events do good Acknowledgements {of country} and artwork is based in indigenous history.
- Making native bee hotels was good and interesting to see the macadamia nut trees, that is thinking outside the box.
- Active support from the City of Cockburn is very good. I'm very pleased with how things are going, matching the challenge of environmental rehab and land for housing will be an ongoing challenge. But it's an honourable thing and I'm pleased to see the professional way it's being conducted and presented. If we want to get more people involved, we have to present in ways that people can grasp and understand. {The project} has not gone away, it's active and vibrant.

## Conclusion

A questionnaire like this one tends to select for people who are involved, or at least invested, in the project being evaluated. However, a potential selection bias does not guarantee a positive evaluation because involved and invested people can still be dissatisfied. With respect to the Engagement and Involvement goals of the RMP, the *Community Questionnaire 2025* provided evidence that the goals set are largely being met. The subsequent interviews with individuals, randomly selected from willing questionnaire respondents, supported and illustrated the questionnaire findings. Having sampled from the same population two years in a row, it was possible to compare results. Satisfaction with elements of the project across the two years remained high, with evidence of an improvement for *Presence of art and cultural experiences*.

While there appear to be benefits flowing from the RR8 project to the broader conservation and environment movement through cross-linkages to other community groups, the impact of development around the RR8 corridor continues to concern community members.

While understanding of the overall intent of the RMP is present in the community, the Involvement and Engagement goals are less well understood. The 2024 recommendation to re-advertise these or link to achievements in newsletter items to improve shared understanding is still relevant.

While satisfaction with communication was similar over the last two years, comments and interviews provided additional insights. Being able to feel involved through good communication came through in both questionnaire comments and interviews. The issue of linking new people to the project was made in the *Community Questionnaire 2024*. Providing information to people who have had a break in involvement and are not up to date with the current project planning was an issue reported in 2025.

Both questionnaire respondents and interview participants described a network of community involvement and an increased sense of place through the RR8 project. Many expressed gratitude for the work being done.

Continuing to keep people engaged in the process of feedback for the next three years is going to be a challenge. The response rate to the *Community Questionnaire* is adequate, but low. Involvement in activities and willingness to participate remains high, so tying the *Community Questionnaire* to future events may be a way to capture feedback.

## Appendix 1: Community Questionnaire 2025

### 1. Are you familiar with the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project?

- Yes (continue to Q2)
- No (exit to RR8 website)
- Unsure (exit to RR8 website)

### 2. Have you been involved in any of the following opportunities & activities in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project in the last 12 months (*please select all that apply*)

- Educational event or program
- Planting/weeding event
- Community Open Day/Conference
- Sharing information
- Citizen Science
- Community representative on a committee
- Walked in the RR8 corridor
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above (selecting this turns off other checkboxes)

### 3. Thinking of how you recognise and relate to the Rehabilitating Roe 8 project area, how satisfied are you with (*please rate all items*):

(Very satisfied, satisfied, neutral, dissatisfied, very dissatisfied, don't know/unsure)

- Quality of the revegetation and land management
- Cultural recognition of the Nyungar people in the project
- Provision of paths & trails in the area
- Signage in the area
- Sense of community ownership of the area
- Presence of art or cultural experiences
- Communications about the project being consistent, accessible and transparent
- The overall project

### 4. How likely would you be to involve yourself in the project in the next 12 months?

- Very Likely
- Likely
- Unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Don't know/Unsure

### 5. Do you have any other comments you would like to share on the project (for example: ideas, concerns, suggestions, what you value most or other feedback)?

### 6. What is your postcode?

### 7. To go in the draw for a \$100 seedling voucher please provide your email address here:

### 8. We are seeking individuals willing to be interviewed about their views on the RR8 project. All responses will be kept anonymous. If you would like to participate, please provide your name and email or phone contact

## Appendix 2: Individual Interview Question Guide 2025

1. Are you aware of any of the objectives of the RMP? (*Prompt with engagement and involvement objectives list*)
2. Do you think the RR8 project is strengthening the community and sense of place associated with the site? If so can you give examples?
3. Do you feel involved in the project?
4. Are you able to be involved in any RMP activities? If so which ones?
5. Would you like to elaborate on your satisfaction with elements of the project? (*Prompt with elements list*)

Additional questions if not addressed already:

- Do you have any general comments you would like to make about the project?
- Do you know where to find information about RR8, eg. annual reports, news {provide information if required}
- Do you know about Beelias Woodland Walks? (provide information if required)

## Appendix 3: Community Questionnaire ‘Other’ Comments

**Question 5: Do you have any comments you would like to share on the project (for example: ideas, concerns, suggestions, what you value most or other feedback)?**

Comments like “nothing to add” are not shown. Components of some individual responses have been split across categories.

### Suggestions & Site Concerns

- Can you leave some of the smaller tracks to emerge and dissolve organically? It's nice to get off the limestone highway when you want to avoid big dogs or short cut home. And it's a little reminder of how the bush used to be. I still miss it.
- Location of Orchid bulbs. Construction of paths may destroy orchid ecology.
- As a new bike owner I've had the heretical idea of how a cycle network could interface with the corridor. I would probably be unlikely to walk it on my own but would happily ride a bike anywhere as it feels safer as a woman.
- Paths do not connect very well difficult to access one area to the adjacent area.
- I believe the corridor as well as being rehabilitated as a bush corridor, would be great to have a bike path away from the roads to connect people's accessibility of the adjoining areas all the way to south beach bike path.
- Dieback station locations - maybe some additional ones, and some additional maintenance of the ones we have, the sprayers were empty when I was there in the weekend.
- I would like to see the complete eradication of more invasive weed species and the control/removal of domestic cats in the area.
- I think timing for weeding should be before weeds are dry and/ or shedding seeds.
- I would like to see more non-chemical weed control along the paths. Maybe a special community weeding event could get more locals involved in the care of our very precious corridor.
- Ongoing monitoring of native pollinators A “totem” native bee.
- Please promote the bush corridor linking Bibra Lake with Hollis Park.
- I'd say less planting, more watering, for the upcoming season.
- It is sad to see so many plants perish during summer.
- Main concerns are about the prevalence of invasive weeds (but that seems normal for most bushland, parks & wetlands).
- Dogs running off lead in the wildlife corridor.
- Grateful for the project and work done to date. I have noticed cats roaming in the area - particularly east end of Malvolio and dogs off leash along the trails. I wonder if there could be some education for pet owners and monitoring/trapping of cats.
- Have noticed that some of the plants are not endemic. have lived in area for over 70 years and roamed through the bush as a child when it extended east from Redmond/Collick streets. and south through to Rockingham road
- Would be great to have a cocky water feeder in the area as the black cockatoo's go their for food.
- My suggestion is always the same: When Studying CALM at Murdoch TAFE we frequently worked on very small swamps teaming with life and activity within the TAFE grounds - now, heartbreakingly lost beneath a FSH Carpark with never enough cars parked on it to justify the loss of habitat. The creation and establishment of new small swamps rich in biodiversity dotted throughout the Roe 8 Rehabilitation parameters would thrill me to bits and is a project I would be happy to donate my efforts and knowledge towards working with a dedicated Swamp Re-establishment Team.
- Need to tunnel underneath to sustain the Roe 8 route.
- Would love a roe8 protest reunion in the corridor.
- If it doesn't do so already, It'd be great for Roe8 procurement to value social enterprise to reinvest in the community/environment. See: <https://www.wasec.org.au/> / <https://impactseed.org/>
- Let's activate the space with more art and cultural activities.

## Appreciation and valued aspects of the project

- It has been wonderful to see the project grow over the years.
- I value involving the community in educational events in the Roe 8 corridor.
- It seems to be going well. It is important to show the leaders that we still care about the wetlands and want to see them rehabilitated.
- Keep up the good work. Great to see. Really looking forward to seeing how it looks in another 10 years 😊.
- Keep up the great work. If i had more spare time i would participate a lot more. Thanks again.
- Love everyone's work; {project manager} is a gem.
- Outstanding communication & community involvement. Special thanks to the few who do so much.
- So love Karak Cooby Bushcare - it's a wonderful addition to Coolbellup.
- Keep up the great work.
- keep up the great work that is being done.
- Great project!
- Great work - keep it up
- Rehabilitating Roe 8 is a shining example of local community action against the senseless destruction of our natural environment. The ongoing input of the group is critical to the protection of our wetlands, woodlands, birds and marsupials. We are seeing the benefits all the time with flowering gums, baby quendas and more birds! Thank you : )
- Reveg is excellent, has made such positive impact.
- Thank you {project manager} & all for your hard work & commitment to RR8. It is such a wonderful community project & helps us connect to country & nurture our local flora & fauna.
- Thank you for your work.
- The guy running the Roe 8 rehab has been amazing at running workshops and events with his knowledge and sharing and caring.
- The project has made good progress this year on trails and signage and the delightful bench on Turtle Corner. CCWC values the support and consultation of Program Manager {name} for our work in S7 (Tuart area). Also his advocacy in starting the Karak Cooby Bushcare group.
- The wanton destruction of bushland before the 2017 election was devastating for me. It has been very healing to see the revegetation works and to be able to walk in the corridor on a regular basis.
- I greatly value the work being done and the people who do it. They are very special.
- I love {project manager's} enthusiasm and love for the project. It was great to see so many helpers at cleanup Australia Day which {name} had organised on behalf of Karak Cooby Bushcare. Special thanks to {name} who is most inspirational and a fountain of knowledge. What a privilege to have her support so many different Landcare events in the corridor. Thanks also to {name} for her tireless engagement in CCWC. What would we do without her. And last but not least, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to ever single person who has fought for this project and who is passionate about the Beeliar Wetlands and the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor. You are my heroes.
- I love that we have {project manager} involved to guide us with our group and with the overall project.
- I love the corridor and the wonderful sense of peace it brings walking through there.
- I love this bush and really appreciate everyone's hard work protecting and regenerating it.
- I particularly like the re-surfacing of the sandy paths and have been walking and running there more often recently than I had been.
- I represent another community volunteer group, {name of group}, and we appreciate the high profile that your project has brought to the conservation of natural areas.
- This year has consolidated much of the RR8 project. It's wonderful.
- Wonderful reclamation of bushland and great care in doing so by Cockburn City's {project manager} and assistants and by community groups like community wildlife corridor group and Karak Cooby Bushcare.
- Very glad you're maintaining it!
- While I haven't engaged with the project as much as I would have liked, I value the work done to rehabilitate the enormous scar left by the unnecessary clearing of the corridor in 2017. I also value the way in which the project appears to rely on current research as it proceeds with the work it's doing and the community engagement.
- Very much appreciate everyone's efforts - thank you.

## Comments about involvement

- I would really like to be involved more, even just by sharing info. Getting around and physical work is difficult for me unfortunately.
- We hope to join in on the planting sessions again this year and next.
- I have only once had a very brief walk into a small section of the Reveg area as part of a Conference experience; so am sorry that I can't provide very useful feedback about the overall project.
- I have been following this project for a long time, and while I have not been able to attend any recent activities, I am mostly aware of them.
- I have been unwell and now recovered somewhat and I'm more likely to be with you in spirit than otherwise.
- I'm fairly new to the area and don't have sufficient background knowledge to comment.
- If you want me to be involved I will be there.
- I attended the 19th October event last year on corner of Hope Rd and Progress Drive. It was great to see so many familiar faces. Also caught up with {project manager} who had a stall at Murdoch Uni event for Black Cockatoo Crisis screening and good to see outreach at last year's CCWA conference. This has been a really successful endeavour. Thanks for all your hard work!
- I'd like to participate with the working group, but I'm always otherwise occupied on Sunday mornings.
- In thinking about this from an organisational perspective, we have members who will be very engaged with the project and others not so given where their patch is and the type of habitat. And personally, the more I attend events at the wetlands centre or in the corridor the more I understand the scale and value of the project and the remaining challenges.
- No concerns regarding events.

## First Nations concerns

- Would love to see more indigenous cultural knowledge signage and events in area.
- Also good to have more signage about what the Nyoongar people used the native plants for and the area generally.
- I'd love to learn more about Nyoongar culture.
- Less about indigenous themes etc... sometimes it can just be about the community as a collective which should already and does involve indigenous aspects.

- Would love to have my aboriginal input if possible. Areas of cultural significance, events where we can learn more about the heritage.
- Wonderful to see education projects for the broader community included in the project. More of those please! I am not aware of the inclusion of local Noongar cultural experts in the project. There may have been but I am not aware. Any further work to include Noongar people and knowledges in signage, design and delivery of educational content (eg Two-way Science) and all areas of the project is highly encouraged.

## Future development and the corridor

- Continue pushing to restore a waves to wetlands wildlife corridor, including through the area marked for urban development so native birds, reptiles and mammal populations are not genetically isolated and can access different habitats as needed across seasons and lifecycle stages.
- I have serious concerns about a significant portion of the land in the Rehabilitating Roe 8 area still being controlled by the Main Roads Department.
- The Plan for infill as put forward by Architecture Dept at Uni of WA needs to be considered. We cannot keep on building similar developments/redevelopments as in the past. The building of large houses without room for trees, use of air conditioning, increasing heat will encourage people to remain indoors. Public Open Spaces will be fewer and further away. The POS will be seen as unused, and 'useful' for development, because no-one uses them..... toooooo hot. Ignoring the facts will not make the situation go away. Action is required to push hard for something different. Eco friendly areas, and bushland for peace and quiet.
- Please involve us in the next phase of saving the area from housing and clearing!
- Noting that more housing is coming to the Roe corridor. It would be good if the Roe 8 group could work with {name of politician}, the community, and thoughtful transport planners, to co-develop sensitive medium density housing for current and future housing needs, whilst maximising green spaces and well-connected active transport. Better to be part of a community-led program of thoughtful housing that is integrated into the natural landscape, than protesting on the sidelines when poorly designed urban sprawl erodes our green spaces.
- I feel very concerned about changing legislation and plans for development in some areas.

- Where I am we are so lucky to have it as green space and would like to support our Roe 9 neighbours could enjoy the same. Stock Road intersection remains under Main Roads and is of concern to us.
- Where is the plan? There needs to be more publicity. I am totally in favour of the waves to wet land project but don't know what stage it's at.
- My only concerns are that there is nothing to stop a future Government putting a road through - and that the Stock/Forrest interchange is still under threat.
- Is there anyway we can secure more land, particularly around the stock road interchange?
- I am very disappointed at Woolworths in Coolbellup planting plane trees in their car park, ignoring the attempts the Rehabilitating Roe 8 Committee are working so hard on. I have written to them about this. Thank you to all involved.

## Communications

- I did not know about this project until a friend told me about it. I live 350m from a pathway into this area and am surprised that I did not hear more information. Could a community letterbox campaign be done? Do the Cockburn City Council include it in their very extensive promotion of events and activities?
- The weeding events e.g. could be advertised better- I often am only aware when I drive past and there are volunteers working. Maybe consider having laminated sheets at the corridor entrances with upcoming dates for people who walk in the corridors.
- I don't hear much about events, just a few over the year. I'm not sure if I'm on the correct

mailing list/s to hear about everything that is happening.

- Effective targeted communications with the community is crucial.
- If I knew when and where plantings etc were happening, I would attend.
- News updates would be good. Although I am out of the area, we held a demonstration along Stirling Highway years ago when the proposal was going to have dire effects all along there. My friends were very active on Roe 8 site, and courageous, too.
- Offered my services for free (Marketing & Film) to help promote and didn't even get an answer. No proactivity or the decency to get back to people will not motivate them to team up.
- I understand that there are a number of community groups involved in the rehabilitation works. I have found it very difficult to understand the responsibilities of each group and where they sit within the whole framework of the RR8 project. As a new volunteer, the relationships between the various groups, the CCWC, the RR8 project and the funding from the Council and the WA government are very confusing. This makes it very difficult to know who to talk to if I have a query. Some formal introductory information for new volunteers would be very helpful, either in the form of a handout or a discussion with someone who knows how the overall RR8/Wildlife Corridor projects work.
- It would be great if i could be emailed when there is weeding, planting or rubbish removal happening because a lot of the time I see people doing it and I would of liked to participate but did not know it was organised. Not sure if it's a Facebook thing or not.