

NATURAL AREAS

DRAFT GENERIC PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
APPENDIX C: NATURAL AREAS ONLINE SURVEY
RESULTS REPORT

Enhancing natural areas to increase biodiversity connections, providing social, economic, environmental and health benefits to the community

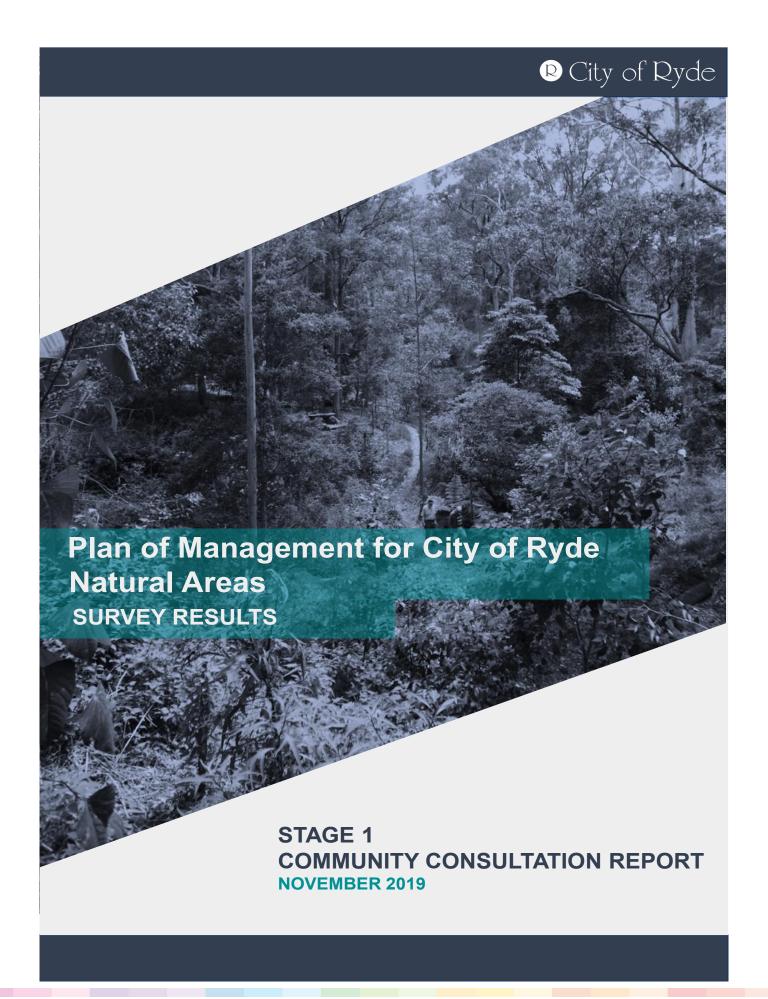
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Community Consultation Results

Overall, 46% of respondents indicated they were satisfied (very satisfied and satisfied) with the management of City of Ryde natural areas with the highest rated aspect being access. While 42% were somewhat satisfied.

The following groups tended to have higher levels of satisfaction with the overall management of natural areas than other respondents:

- Those who visit for longer periods of time (e.g. more than 60 minutes)
- · Those under 50 years of age
- Those who have volunteered for City of Ryde activities based in natural areas (e.g. Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Day, Bushcare)

Majority of respondents were City of Ryde residents, who visited natural areas at least once week. Typically, respondents travelled to natural areas via foot, by themselves or with family and friends, mostly to walk/jog.

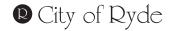
Respondents indicated the following as priorities for the future management and maintenance of natural areas:

- Regeneration of bushland
- Protection of bushland areas/corridors (no net loss) as priorities
- · Control of weeds and pest species
- Protection of native wildlife and their habitats
- Communication of flora and fauna information

The habitat value (home to native wildlife) was the most valued aspect about natural areas, while development encroachment was identified as the biggest threat.

Finally, additional comments focused on the:

- Importance and need to protect natural areas,
- Need for programs and education (such as bush care, raising awareness and educational signage and events)
- Threat of development and need to implement controls
- Need of additional maintenance and funding (for weeds, trails, regeneration)



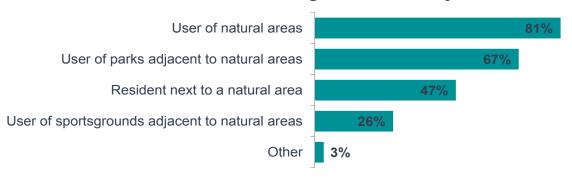
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USAGE OF NATURAL AREAS (n=58)

Which of the following best describes you:



Note: Respondents could select multiple options, hence total does not add to 100%

What natural areas do you most commonly visit or live next to?



Note: Size is representative of theme frequency, reflecting themes ranging between n=2 and n=18.

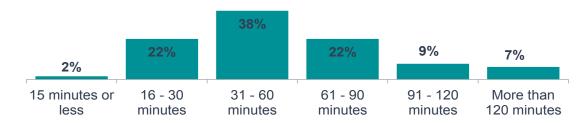
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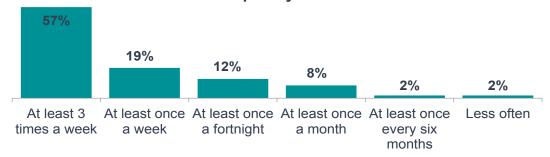
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USAGE OF NATURAL AREAS (n=58) continued

Length of visit:

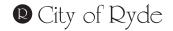


Frequency of visit:



Time of visit:

	Before 9am	9am to midday	After midday to 5pm	After 5pm	Total
Weekdays	40%	38%	41%	31%	88%
Weekends	28%	55%	50%	24%	84%
School Holidays	21%	29%	33%	19%	48%
Total	43%	69%	62%	36%	100%





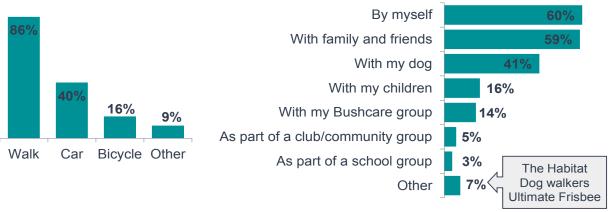
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USAGE OF NATURAL AREAS Continued (n=58)

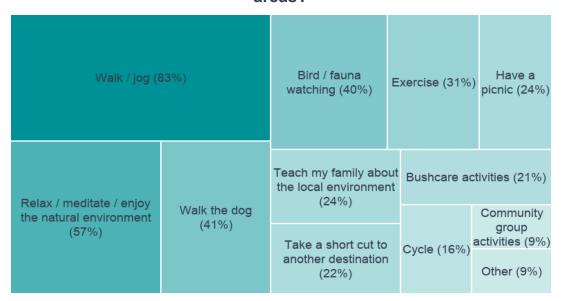
Method of Travel:

Visit the park:



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What do you and/or those you are with do whilst in the natural areas?



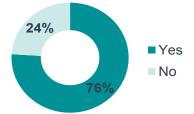
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VOLUNTEERING (n=54)

Have you heard of the City of Ryde's Bushcare Volunteer Program?



Have you previously volunteered for any of the following City of Ryde activities?

S4% of all respondents indicated they have volunteered at one or more of the following:

30%

22%

20%

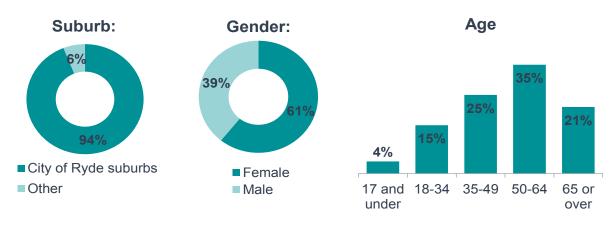
7%

No Bushcare Clean Up National Tree Other Australia Day

Day

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SAMPLE (n=52-54)



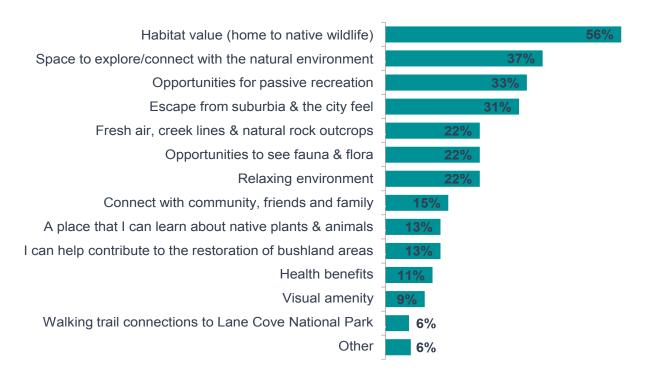


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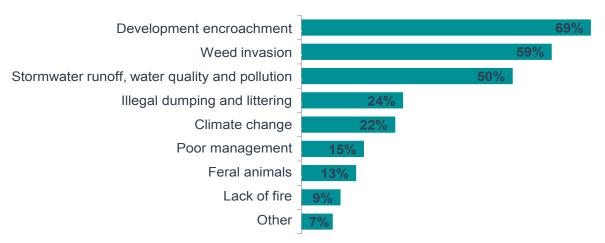
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VALUE MOST ABOUT CITY OF RYDE NATURAL AREAS: (n=55)



BIGGEST THREATS TO CITY OF RYDE NATURAL AREAS: (n=55)

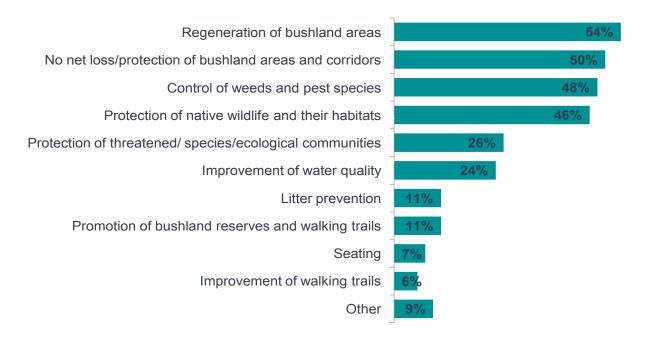


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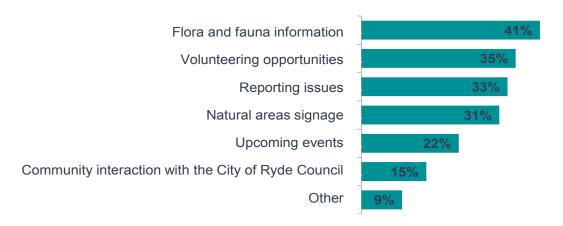
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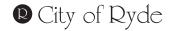
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MOST IMPORTANT AREAS FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY OF RYDE NATURAL AREAS: (n=55)



MOST IMPORTANT AREAS OF COMMUNICATION REGARDING CITY OF RYDE NATURAL AREAS: (n=55)





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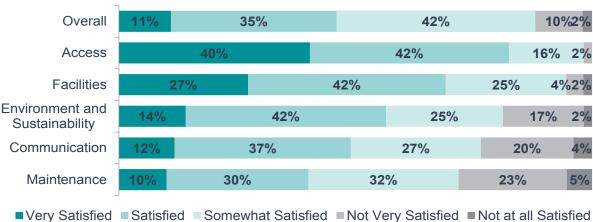
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SATISFACTION WITH NATURAL AREAS: (n=51-57)



Note: Satisfaction is based on 'Very satisfied' + 'Satisfied'

How satisfied are you with the following areas:



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (n=28)



Note: Size is representative of theme frequency, reflecting themes ranging between n=3 and n=10.