

Melton Weir Parkland Strategy Community Feedback

Between the 24 April – 2 June 2023, Melton City Council conducted community engagement for the Melton Weir Parkland Strategy.

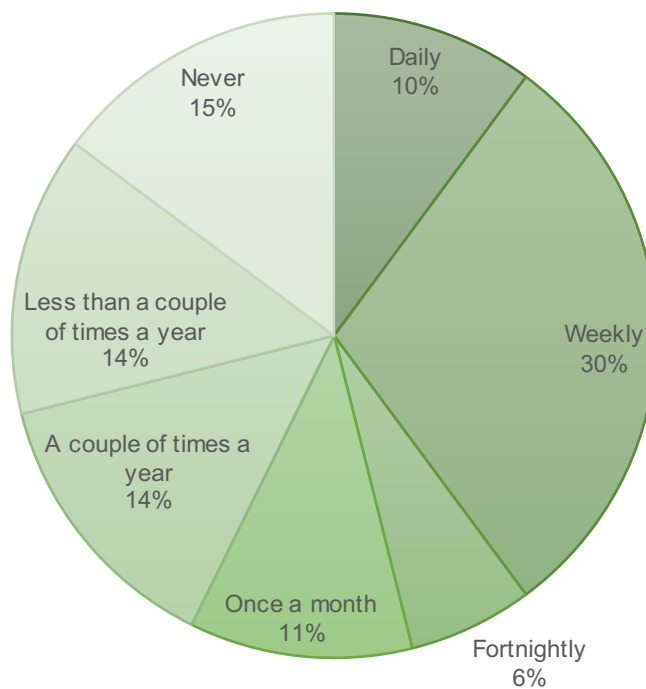
Feedback was collected via an online survey, accompanied by a hard copy flyer which was dropped off to residents within a 400m radius of the reservoir. In-person consultation was held at the lookout shelter at the end of Rees Road, Weir Views on the 13 May 2023 with approximately 40 people attending. There was a total of 1031 online views and 387 responses were received. 172 respondents registered for future updates via email. Below is a summary of the feedback received. This feedback helps Council to understand what is important to the community.

Project scope

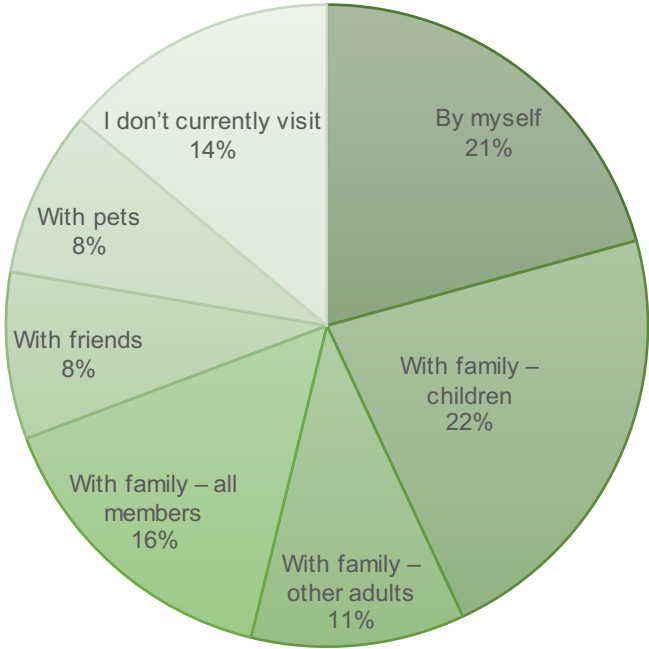
The project scope is to introduce new recreational spaces, link hectares of open space, connect more people to the water and parklands, and support local community and cultural values

Project feedback

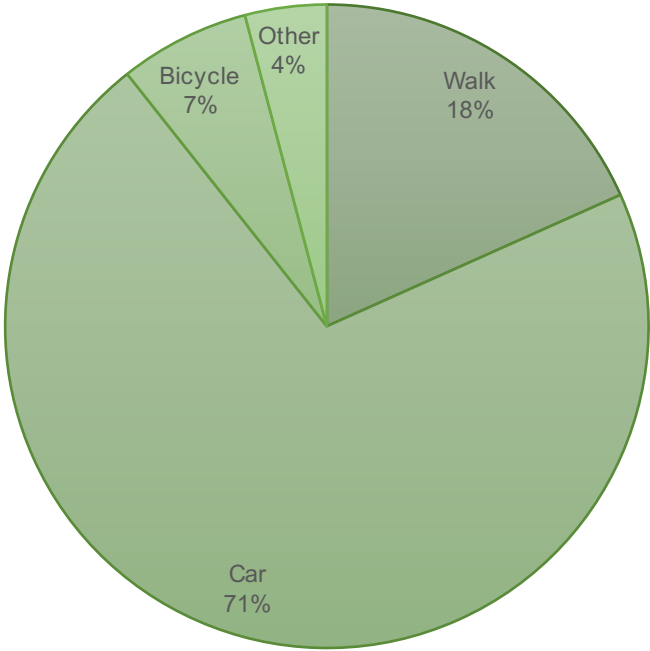
How often do you currently visit the open spaces with the Melton Weir Parklands?



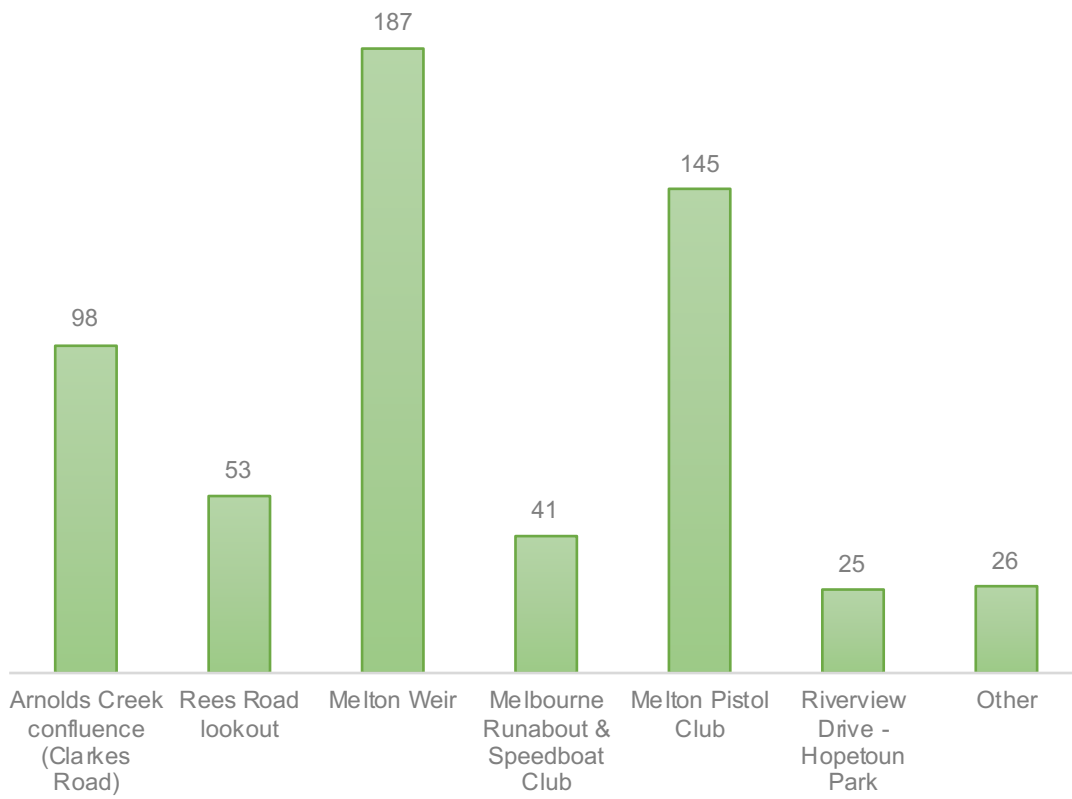
Who do you currently visit The Melton Weir with on most of your visits?



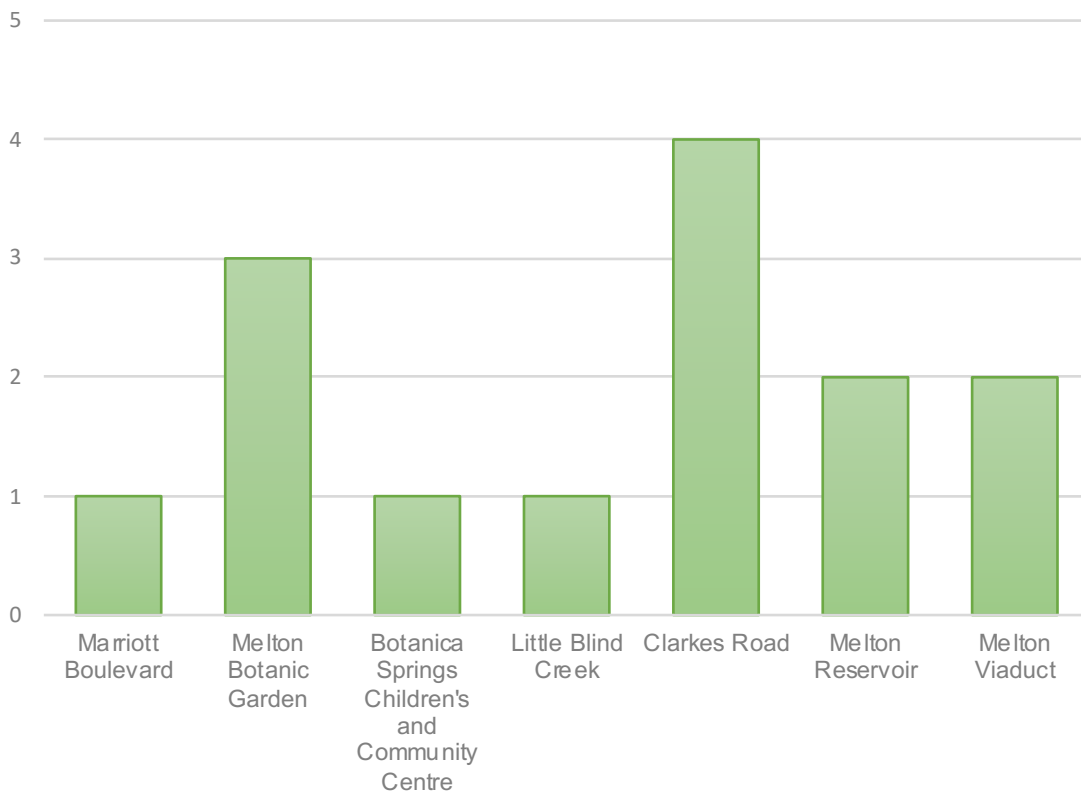
How do you travel there?



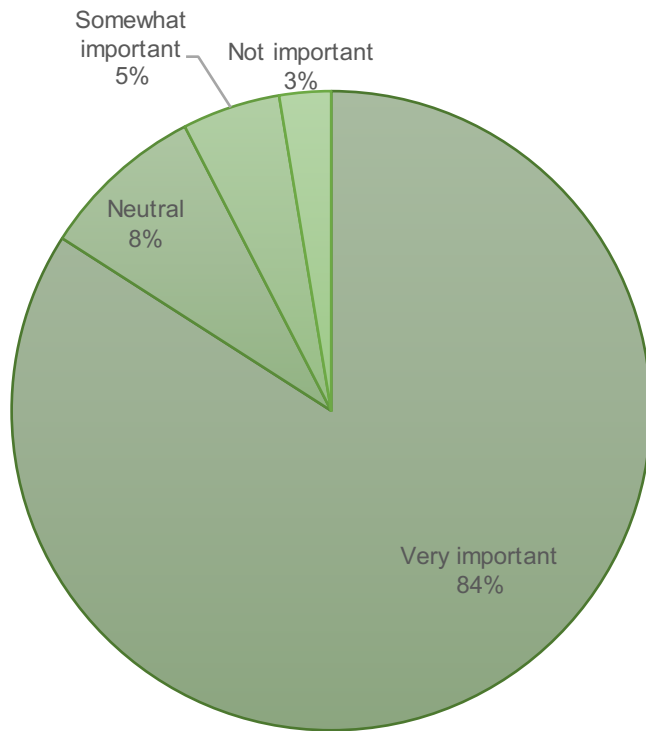
Which areas do you visit? (You can choose more than one)



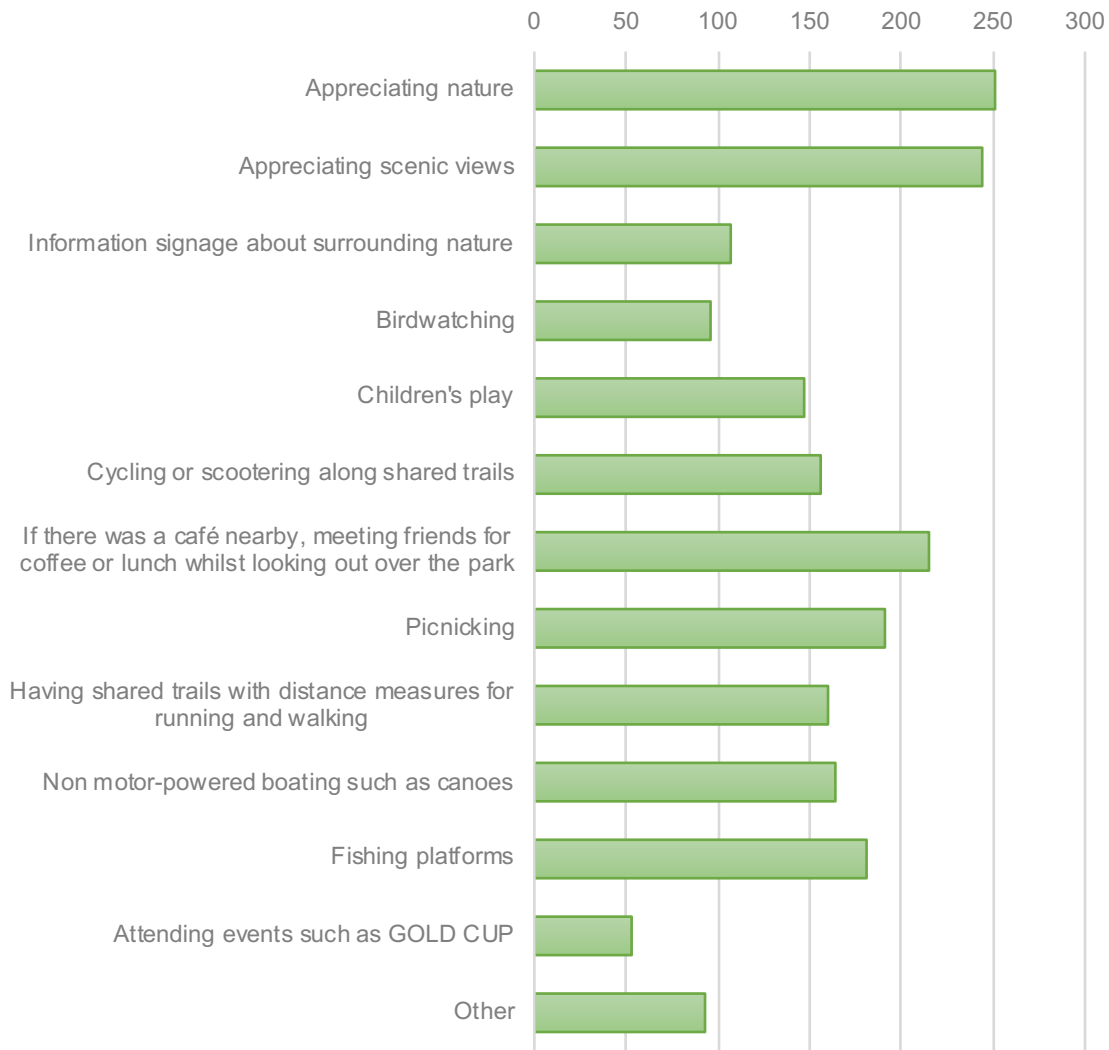
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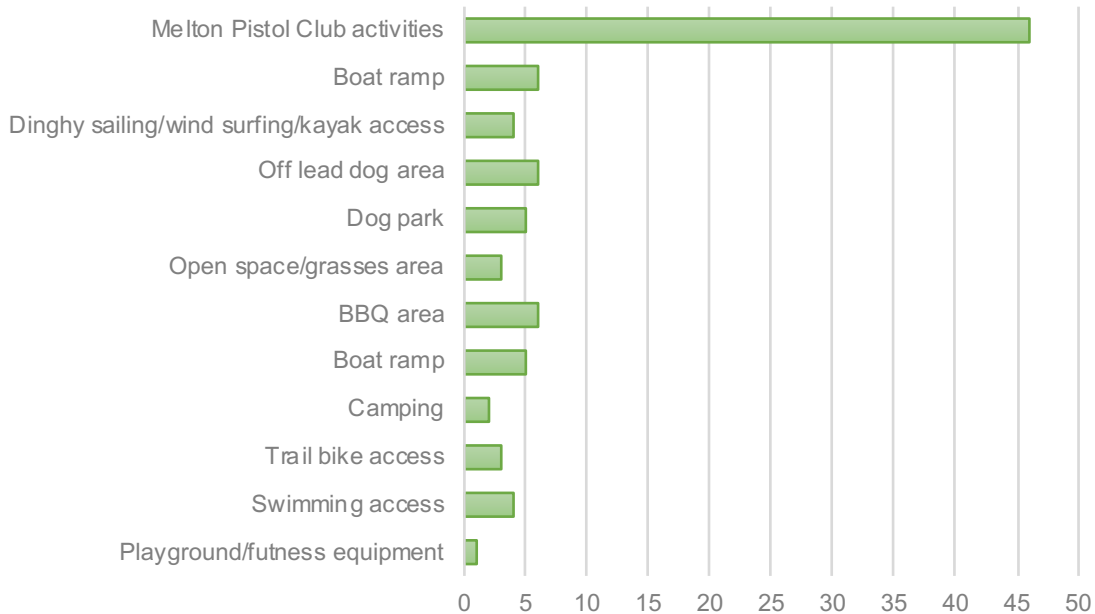
How important are large parks and open spaces along natural waterways to you?



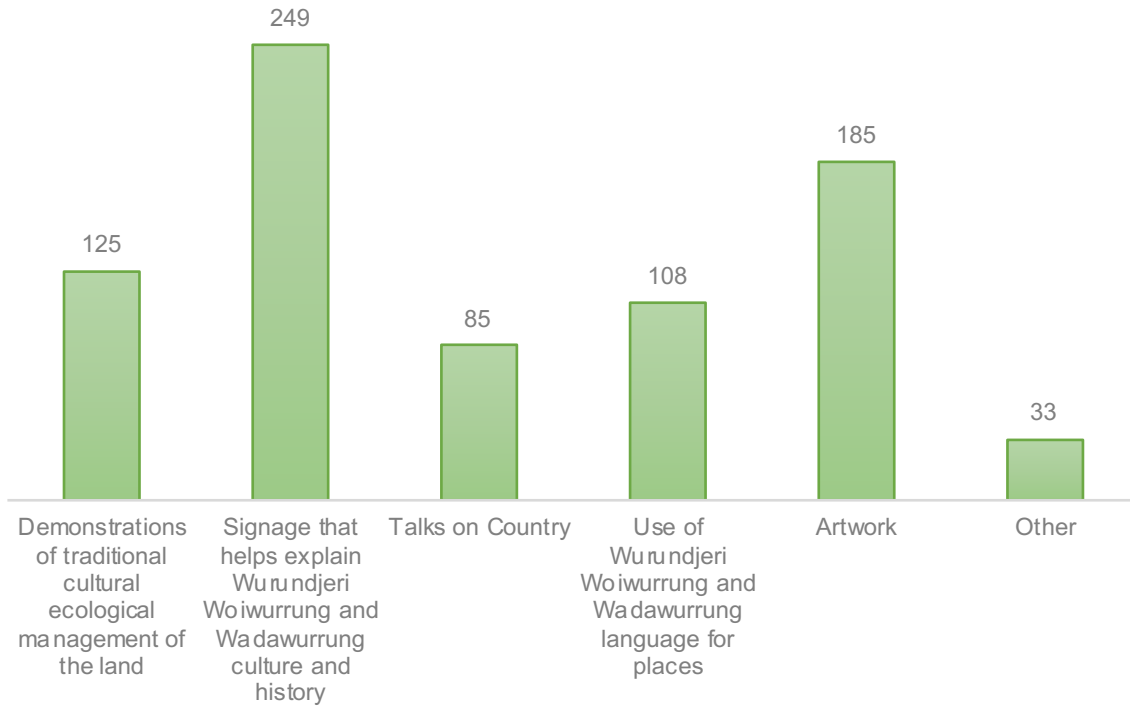
What activities would you enjoy doing in Melton Weir Parklands?
(You can choose more than one)



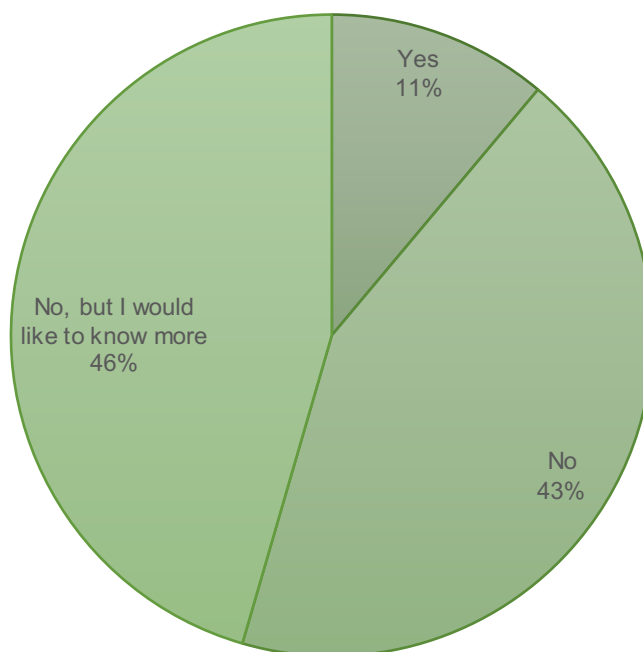
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The Melton Reservoir is a boundary between the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people to the east, and the Wadawurrung people to the west. How would you like to learn more about Wurundjeri Woiwurrung and Wadawurrung cultural values in the parklands?
(You can choose more than one)



Do you know much about the cultural heritage and history of Melton Weir Parklands area?

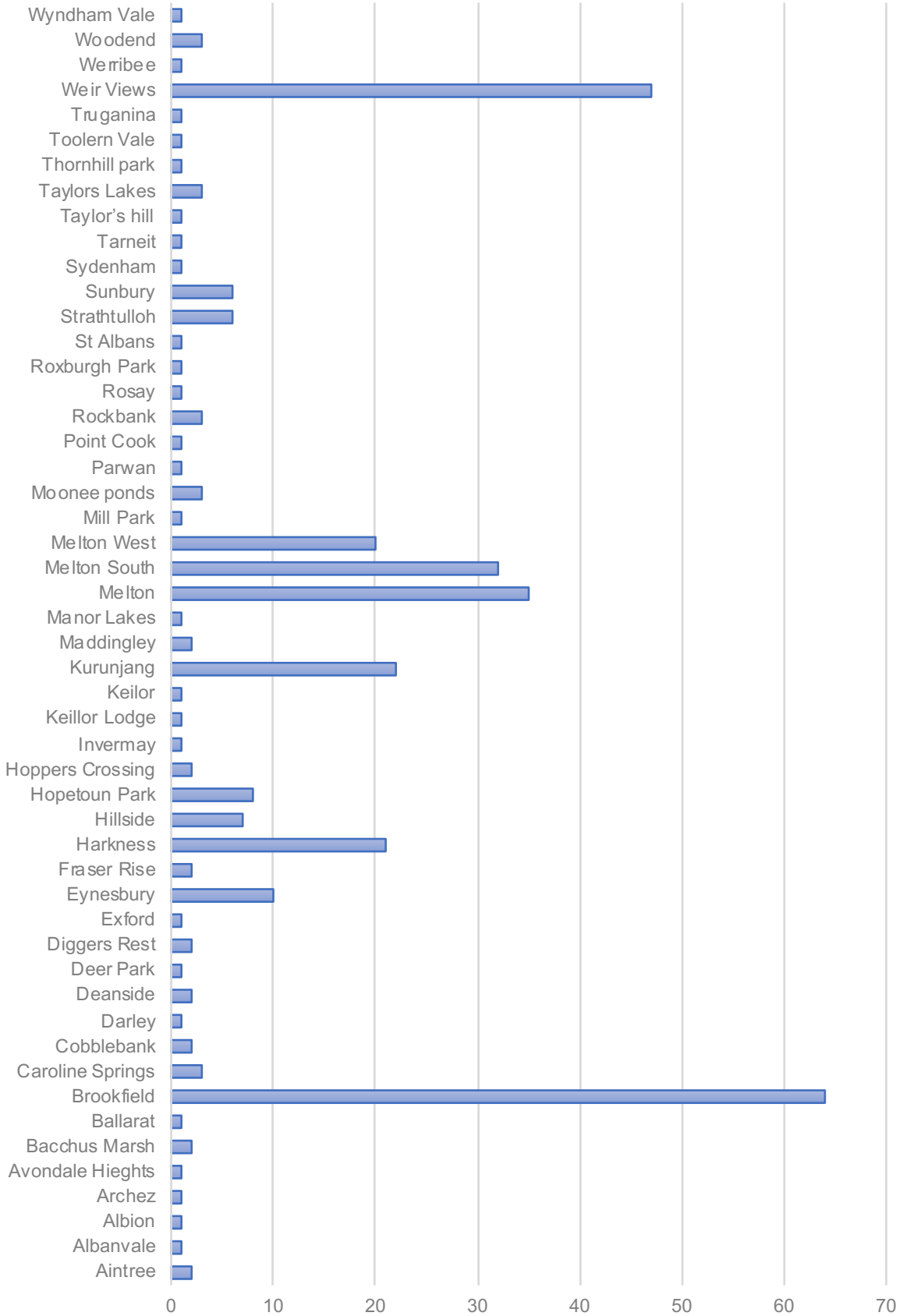


The following is a summary of the queries made during the online and on-site engagement

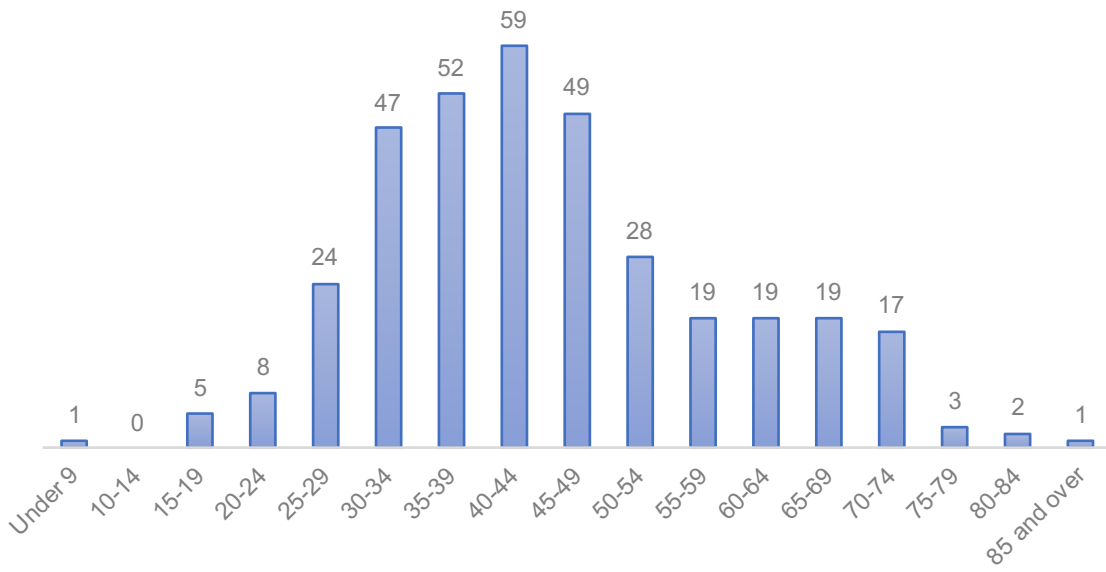
- There are requests for additional lookouts at key scenic locations along the reservoir.
- Respondents have requested an accessible shared path along the eastern edge of the reservoir, with connections to Toolern Creek, viaduct bridge and Clarkes Road.
- There is a desire to have the Arnolds Creek Confluence become spot for picnicking with requests for shelters, picnic facilities, BBQ facilities and playgrounds
- Respondents have concerns about the low levels of tree canopy cover and native vegetation, there is an interest in increasing canopy cover and the revegetation of native bushland throughout the parkland
- Limited access to the water is a concern with respondents as the only existing boat ramp is the south. Respondents are requesting access to the water to be in the north with new facilities for launching canoes and small boats including a disabled launching pad. There is also a request for access to the water at the end of Rees Road.
- Respondents are interested in commercial and retail businesses such as cafes or restaurants
- There are requests that the Melton Pistol Club remains where it is, and continues to operate as part of the development of Arnolds Creek confluence
- Respondents are requesting additional open space uses such as an off lead dog park, special events and festivals.
- There is interest towards working with members of the Wadawurrung and Wurundjeri communities in the development of trails and interpretive signage
- Respondents are requesting formal public access to the weir and spillway
- Additional public toilets have been requested throughout the parklands
- Respondents have advised their displeasure of jet skis and motor boats with requests to restrict the use of both outside the speedboat club
- There is a request to involve local groups in managing the parklands around the reservoir.
- As there is limited access crossing the reservoir by foot, respondents have requested a footbridge connecting Exford and Weir Views
- There are requests for fishing jetty's to be constructed along the reservoir in different spots along the eastern interface.
- Public artwork has been identified as an opportunity to create community pride.
- Respondents have requested a free camping area within the parklands
- There are requests for additional exercise equipment
- Increase lighting along pathways has been suggested to remove safety concerns
- There are respondents asking for additional car parking along the reservoir interface
- There are concerns of anti-social behaviour if motorised crafts are opened up to the general public
- There is concern for the lack of rubbish bins along the existing shared path
- Respondents would like additional maintenance to help with the removal of rubbish / cars

Demographics

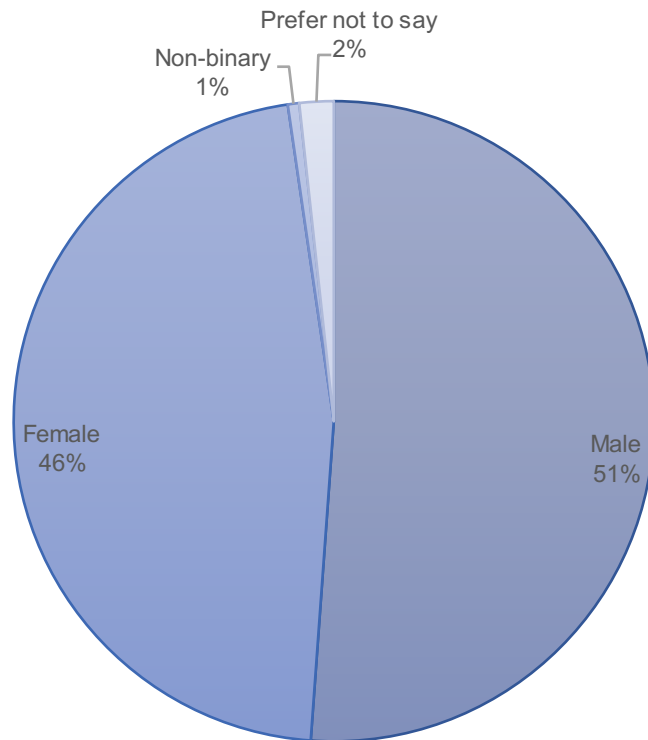
Suburb



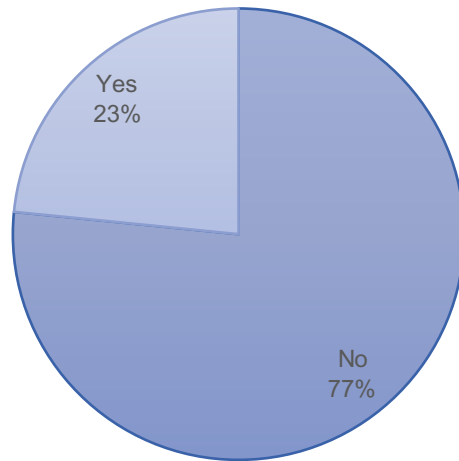
Age Group



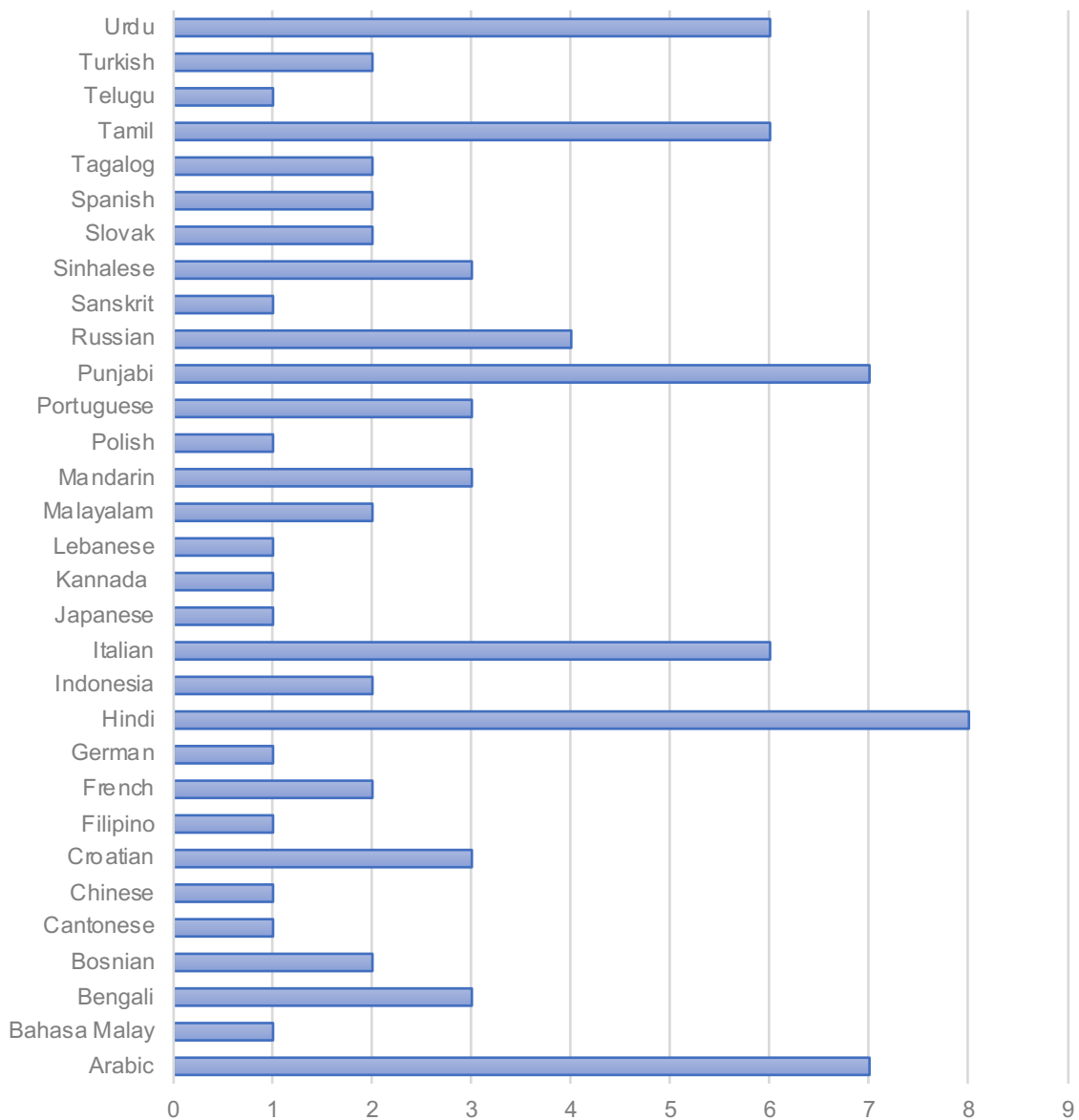
Gender



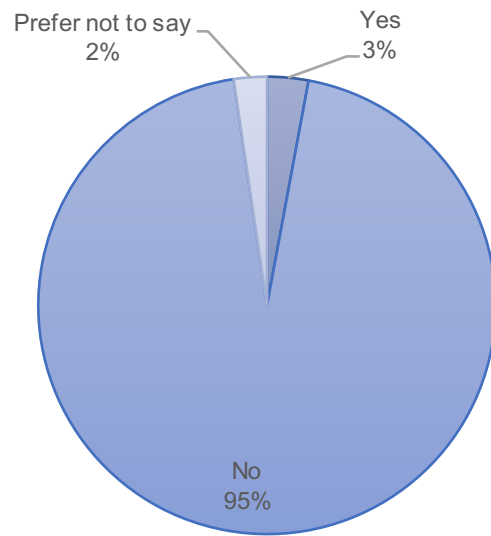
Do you speak a language other than English at home?



If yes, please specify



Do you identify as Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander



What is your ethnicity / cultural background

