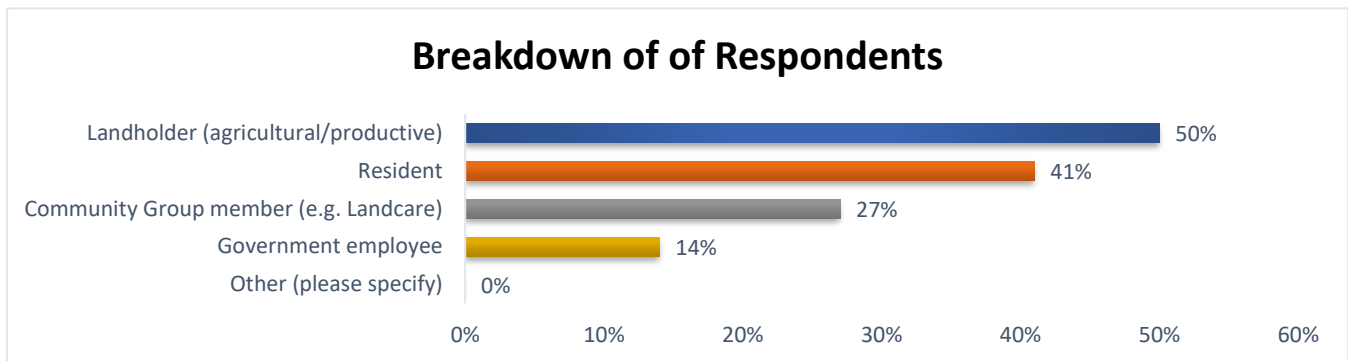


Upper Billabong community waterways survey – thanks for responding!

Holbrook Landcare Network and Murray Local Land Services (LLS) are working together to refresh the Upper Billabong Land and Water Management Plan (LWMP). Developed in 2001, the community-led plan outlined values, issues and actions in the catchment. The refreshed plan will confirm whether values and threats are still relevant and include new information. It will be developed with the community and other stakeholders. This new waterway management plan (WMP) will guide the management of waterways in the catchment over the next ten years.

The first step in the project was to confirm the values (what we love, or value), and threats (what we should be worried about) of the waterways in our catchment. Twenty two people responded to the survey.



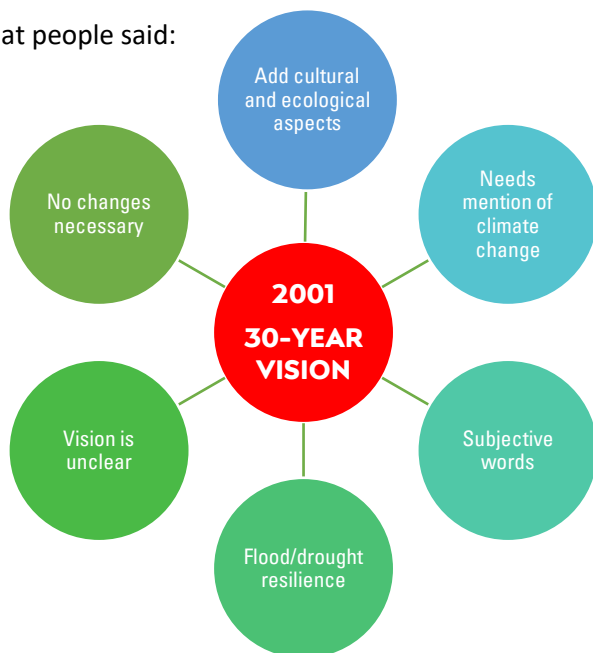
In 2001, the 30 year vision developed by the community for the Upper Billabong catchment, was:

“To improve the economic, social and physical environment of the Upper Billabong Catchment by the implementation of a viable Land and Water Management Plan through education, participation and community ownership” (Upper Billabong Land and Water Management Plan, 2001).

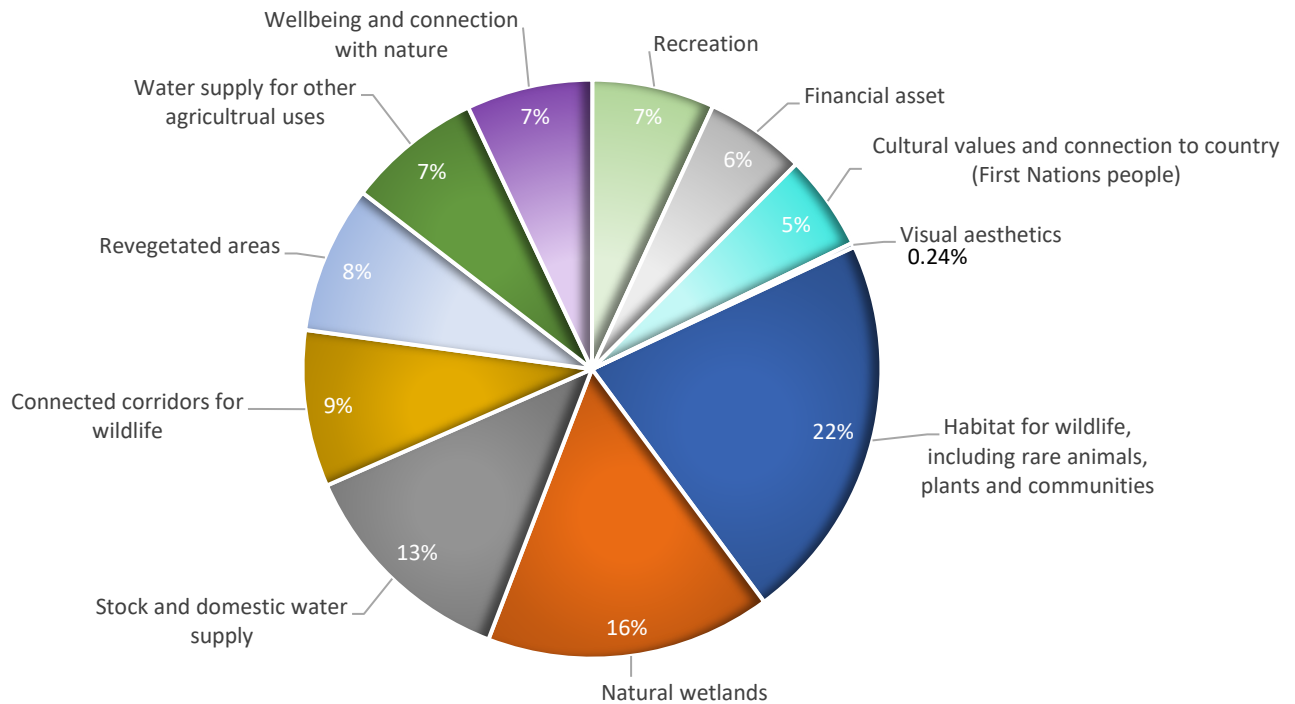
We asked “is it still relevant and what needs to change?”

Words used to by respondents. The larger the word, the more times it was mentioned

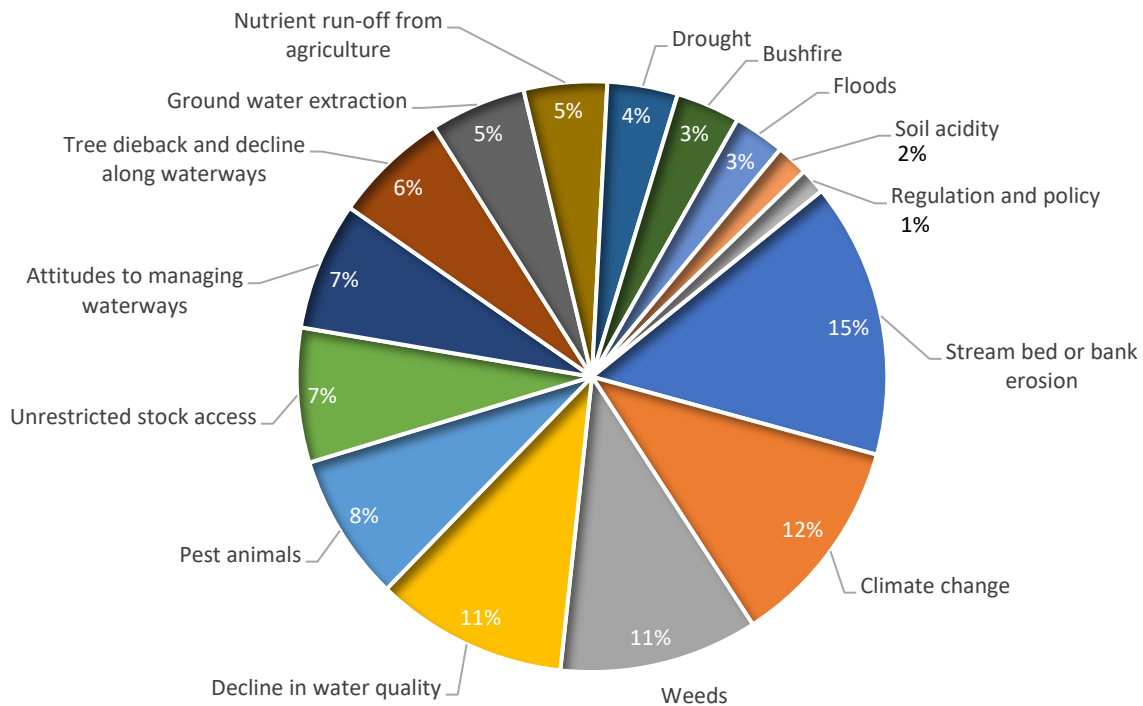
What people said:



KEY VALUES OF OUR WATERWAYS



MAIN THREATS TO THE VALUE OF OUR WATERWAYS



What next? The community survey set the values and threats, and further input on the detail of these is compiled from other stakeholders and a review of the data and science to develop priority actions to address them. The draft plan is due for release in late October.

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