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Landcare Priorities Survey

Results Report

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Introduction

This survey was conducted between August and November 2023 to inform the review of the Yarrilinks Strategic plan. The survey was advertised online on the Yarrilinks social media and newsletter, as well as in person at a variety of engagement events in the Yarrilinks area. A total of 33 submissions were received.

The survey comprised a range of demographic questions, questions around Landcare involvement, and questions on Landcare issues. A sample survey is provided in Appendix I.

A separate survey was conducted with 21 students at Warracknabeal Secondary College. This survey was a scaled down version of the general survey but featured some of the same questions. A sample student survey is provided in Appendix II.



Demographics

Age, Gender and Cultural Identity

These questions were included so that results could be interpreted within demographic categories, and to identify gaps in the reach of the survey.

- 3 respondents left the gender question unanswered, and the remainder were evenly divided between male and female (Figure 1).
- The largest age bracket was 55-65, with almost 80% of respondents over the age of 55 (Figure 2).
- 1 respondent identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, 2 did not answer, and of the remainder, 2 included a comment on our collective identity as Australians

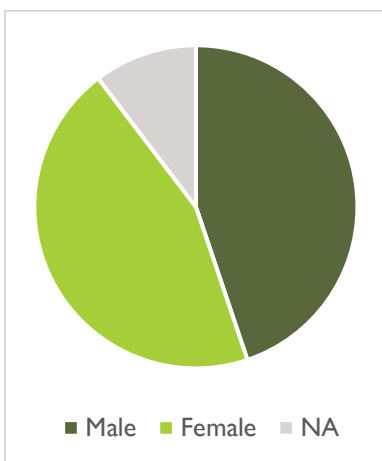


Figure 1. Gender breakdown of survey respondents. NA = not answered.

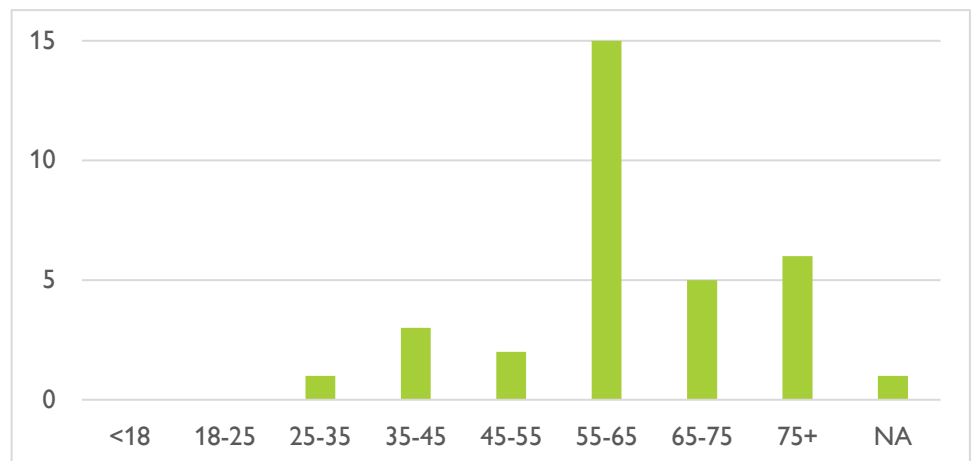


Figure 2. Breakdown of ages of respondents. NA = not answered.

While the survey results were well balanced by gender, it is clear the age demographics were skewed. Several of the engagement events where the survey was promoted were held during weekdays so this may have resulted in overrepresentation of retirees.

Residence, Land Ownership and Industry

Respondents were asked what Shire they reside in, whether they own/manage land in the Yarrilinks area (Figure 3), and their employment industry. These questions gauged personal connection to the Yarrilinks area and professional connection to Landcare.



- 26 respondents (76%) reside in Yarriambiack Shire, 3 in Horsham Rural City, 2 each in Hindmarsh/Northern Grampians, 1 in Buloke (Figure 4).
- All engagement events were held in the Yarrilinks area so the concentration in this area is expected.
- 29 respondents (88%) own/manage land in the Yarrilinks area (Figure 5)
 - 42% on a residential block, 27% under 500 ha, and 15% over 500 ha
- Average farm size in the region is estimated from a recent survey at around 1150 ha (Luke, Cook, Allan, McDonald, & Alexanderson, 2023), indicating that these results are skewed towards smaller properties.



Figure 3. A map showing the approximate boundaries of the Yarrilinks area was provided to respondents.

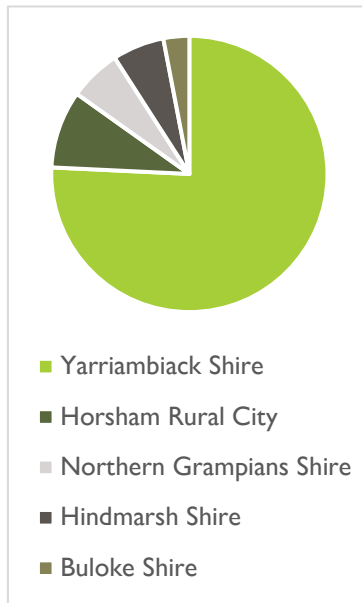


Figure 4. Shire of residence.

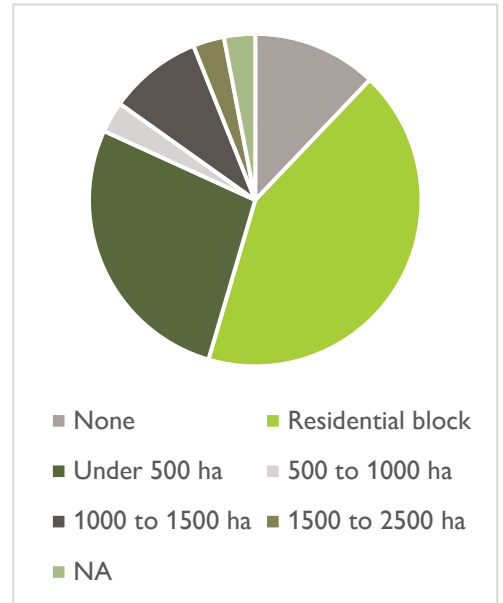


Figure 5. Property size in the Yarrilinks area.

The employment industry question was set as a free-text answer, but responses were then grouped into broader categories (Figure 6).

- The main industry was Agriculture (45% of respondents). Of these, one third were retired farmers.
- Agriculture is the main industry of employment in Yarriambiack Shire (approximately 20%), followed by Health services (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021).
- The overrepresentation of agriculture could be due to a higher level of awareness of Landcare in farmers, thus compelling them to attend engagement events and complete the survey.

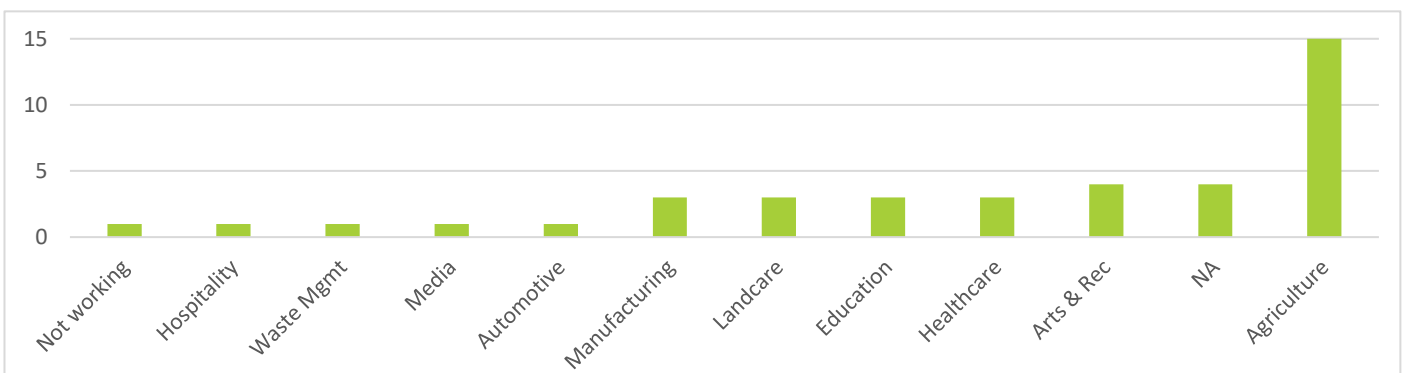


Figure 6. Industry of employment of survey respondents. Please note in some cases individual responses have been consolidated into broad industry categories. NA = not answered.

Landcare Participation

This section asked respondents if they were involved in Landcare and the nature of that involvement.

- About half of respondents were or had been involved in Landcare. 2 respondents left this question blank (Figure 7).
- Of those answering yes, two thirds were involved in agriculture
- No obvious age or gender trends in responses to this question
- Only one respondent from outside of Yarriambiack Shire answered no to this question, compared to 14 from Yarriambiack Shire.



Those who answered yes were asked to describe their involvement and those who answered no were asked to indicate what involvement they might be open to in the future (Figure 8).

- One third of respondents left this question blank, almost all of whom had never been involved in Landcare
- Trend of fewer responses moving toward more involved participation
- Most popular: “Attending Landcare events relevant to my interests”.
- One-off volunteering slightly more popular than volunteering regularly

There was an option to add additional notes under this question.

- Responses included other Landcare activities currently being undertaken (ie caring for a Land for Wildlife block) and other ideas for future involvement (providing admin support).

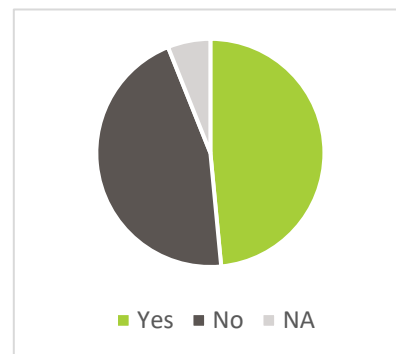


Figure 7. Current or previous Landcare involvement. NA = not answered.

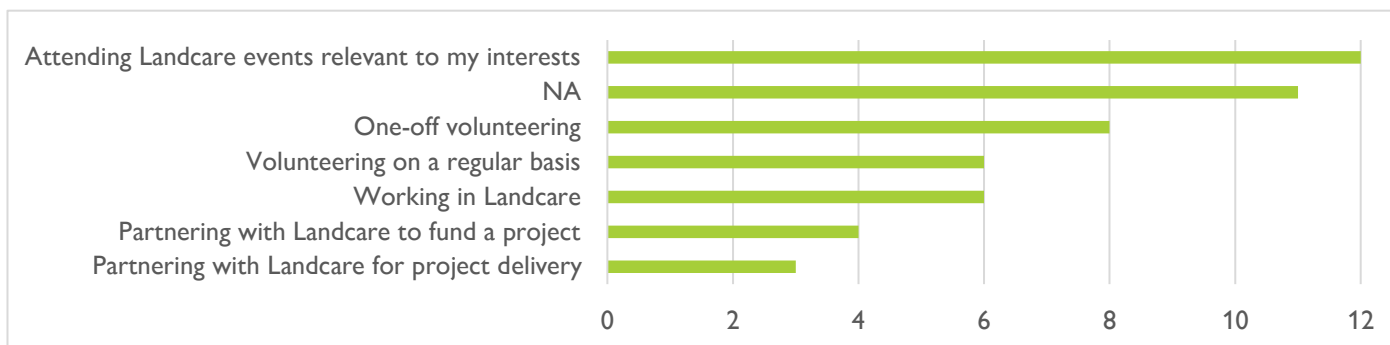


Figure 8. Current or desired future involvement in Landcare. NA = not answered.

Respondents were asked to describe any involvement in natural resource management outside of Landcare, and responses were consolidated into a word cloud (Figure 9).

- Planting trees, either on their own property or as part of a volunteering effort, was a common theme.
- Many were also involved in various gardening activities or sustainable farming.
- Involvement with other agencies also came up:
 - Land for Wildlife
 - River Detectives
 - Grampians National Park Advisory Board
 - Healthy Soils Australia



Figure 9. Word cloud of non-Landcare Natural Resource Management involvement. Ideas mentioned more frequently are in larger font.

Natural Assets

This question asked respondents to list their most valued natural assets in the region (Figure 12).

- Waterways and native vegetation were the main themes
 - Specific mentions of the Yarriambiack Creek, Wimmera River and Lake Marma
 - Recognition of trees/woodland, swamp/riparian, and grassland/grassy woodland vegetation
- Both private and public land (Parks Vic reserves, crown land) were noted
- Vegetation and waterways were recognised also for the habitat value provided for birds, fish, insects, reptiles and other wildlife

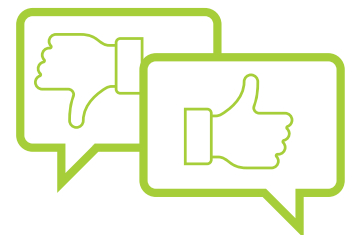


Figure 12. The most important natural assets in the Yarrilinks area. Ideas mentioned more frequently are in larger font.

Yarrilinks Strengths and Improvements

This question asked those familiar with Yarrilinks to identify some strengths and areas of improvement for the organisation. This was also a free text question.

- Lots of positive comments about the Yarrilinks plantout weekends, community engagement, education
- There was a call for more on-ground works/plantings, particularly along the Yarriambiack Creek, around towns, and along roadsides.
- Species selection for plantings was noted as an improvement, but it is not known whether this referred to ecological appropriateness, visual amenity, or other reasons.
- A low level of current community awareness of Yarrilinks was noted.
- One response included a note of caution around ensuring that motivations to volunteer were not subject to pressure for cultural reasons or due to visa or job service provider requirements.
- There was a suggestion to revisit Gardens for Wildlife program.



Yarrilinks Priorities

This question asked where Yarrilinks efforts should be focused over the next 5 years. Respondents were asked to select three top priorities from the list below (Figure 13).

- Revegetation and protecting remnant vegetation was the top response by a wide margin.
- Pest and weed control and sustainable food production followed
- The items selected the least frequently were soil health, and community education and capacity building



There was also space to add free text for any missing priorities, and comments were received around:

- Roadside management (restriction of mowing, roadside weeds)
- Pest and weed control without spraying

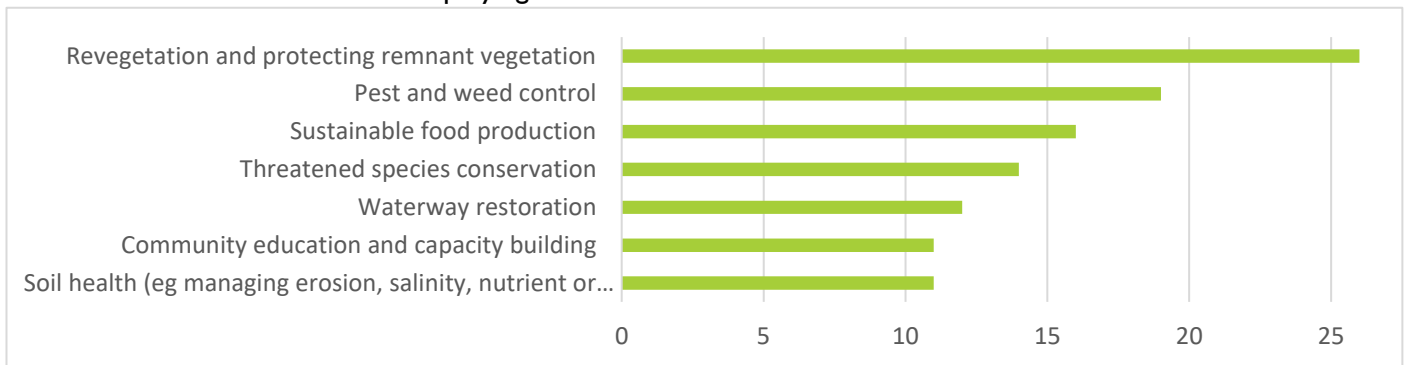


Figure 13. Respondents' selections on where Yarrilinks should focus its efforts over the next 5 years. Participants were instructed to select their top 3 choices.

Environmental Issues

Respondents were asked to rate the following Environmental issues from highest to lowest priority in their region (Figure 14):

- Pest plants and animals
- Threatened species
- Waterway health
- Climate Change
- Meaningful incorporation of Traditional Knowledge (TIK) in land management
- Biodiversity loss
- Soil health



All respondents entered a rating for climate change, biodiversity loss and soil health (n=33). Threatened species was rated by the fewest respondents (n=29).

- Highly rated: Soil health, biodiversity loss, pest plants and animals, and waterway health
- Lower rated: incorporating TIK in land management, climate change.

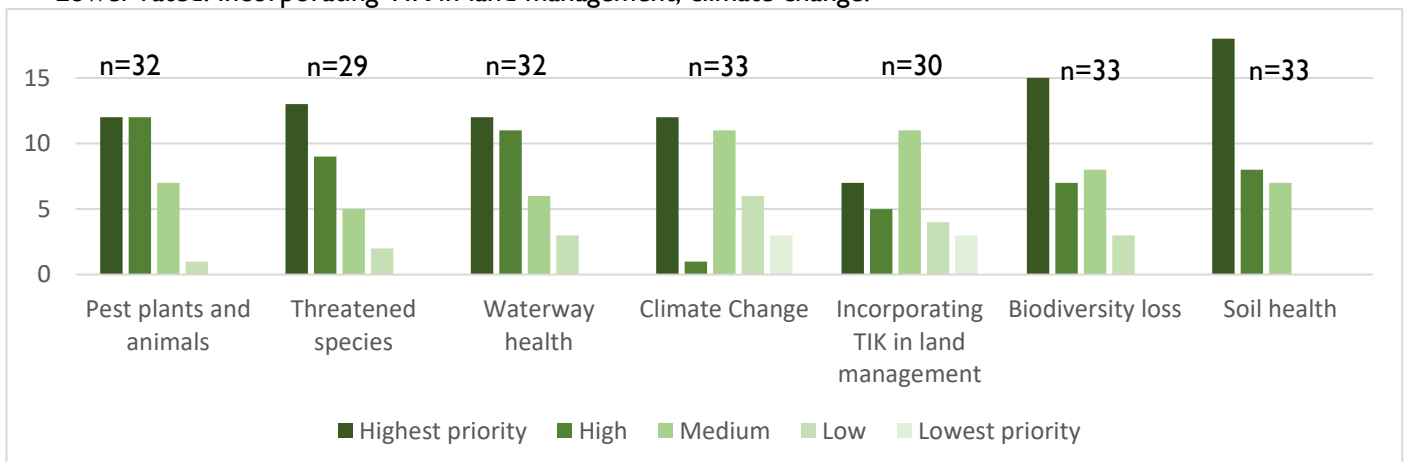


Figure 14. Respondent ranging of each environmental issue from lowest to highest priority.

- For most issues, the number of respondents in a given priority level increased with the priority level.
 - Exceptions were climate change and incorporation of TIK. These issues were the only to be rated as lowest priority, and showed the greatest range of responses.

Respondents were also given the option to enter any additional issues that they felt were overlooked.

- The importance of habitat and connectivity in protecting threatened species and communities were noted, along with revegetation and preservation of roadside vegetation to achieve these aims
- One respondent commented that incorporation of TIK should be part of the solution to each issue listed
- Education on all these issues was highlighted as a need.

Agricultural issues

Respondents were asked to rate the following agricultural issues from highest to lowest priority in their region (Figure 15).



- Herbicide, fungicide or insecticide resistance
- Public opposition to practices (pesticide use, animal welfare etc)
- Water security
- Declining soil health
- Rising input costs
- Weed and insect pests
- Shortage of skilled labour
- Changes in weather patterns
- Knowledge around best practices

None of the issues were rated by all respondents. Declining soil health had the most ratings (n=30), and changes in weather patterns had the least (n=28).

- The most highly rated issues were declining soil health, weed and insect pests, knowledge around best practices and agrichemical resistance.
- Lower rated issues were changes in weather patterns, shortage of skilled labour and rising input costs.
- Generally, higher priority levels were selected more often, with a declining trend toward lower priority levels
 - Exceptions were public opposition to practices changes in weather patterns
- Weed and insect pests had the lowest range of responses (medium to highest priority), while rising input costs, shortage of skilled labour, changes in weather patterns and knowledge around best practices had the widest range (lowest to highest priority)

Respondents were also given the option to enter any additional issues that they felt were overlooked.

- Education was highlighted, particularly around the agricultural benefits of prioritising ecology
- Concerns around agrichemical use – spray drift, increase of inputs over time
- Comments on soil carbon decline and knock-on effects on soil structure, regenerative farming
- Biosecurity – i.e. Foot rot disease
- Grain transport – i.e. by rail

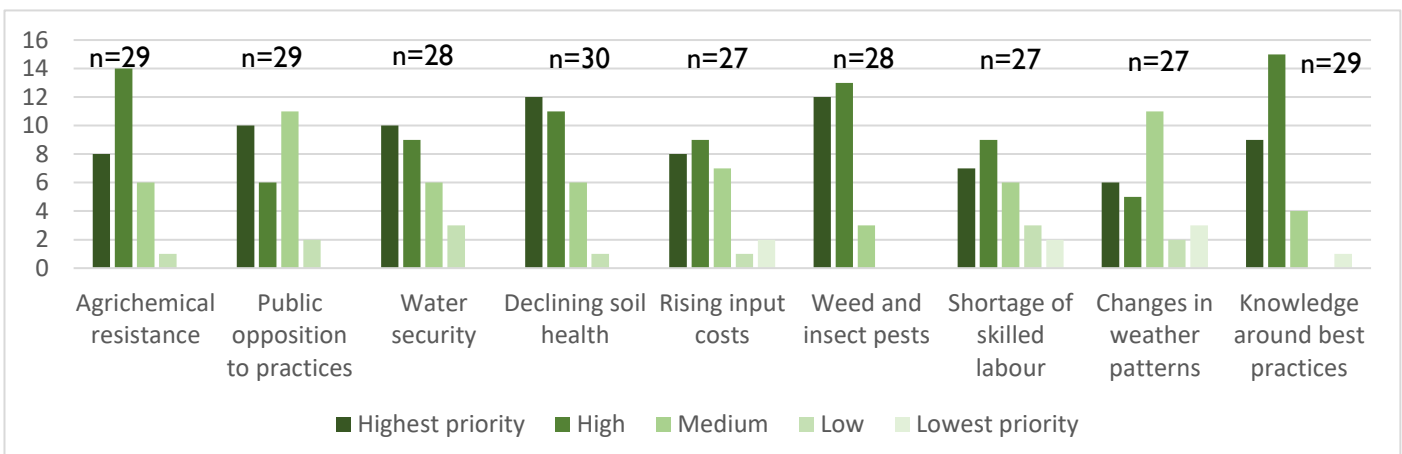


Figure 15. Respondent ranging of each agricultural issue from lowest to highest priority.

Social Issues

Respondents were asked to rate the following social issues from highest to lowest priority in their region (Figure 16):

- Public recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor)
- Availability of skilled labour
- Meaningful engagement with Traditional Owners
- Opportunities for social interaction
- Local enrichment opportunities for students
- Inclusivity for minority groups
- Availability of important services/infrastructure



None of the issues were rated by all respondents. Retaining young people and availability of services and infrastructure had the most ratings (n=31) and engagement with TOs and local enrichment opportunities for students had the least ratings (n=28).

- Highly rated: Attracting and retaining young people in the region, and availability of important services/infrastructure
- Lower rated: Engagement with TOs, inclusivity for minority groups, and public recreation facilities

Respondents were also given the option to enter any additional issues that they felt were overlooked.

- General apathy
- More community events and sharing
- A note that inclusivity for minority groups should not involve any pressure to work for free, or perception of pressure that may be influenced by cultural perspectives
 - Covid safe events: outdoors, masks, accessibility info provided

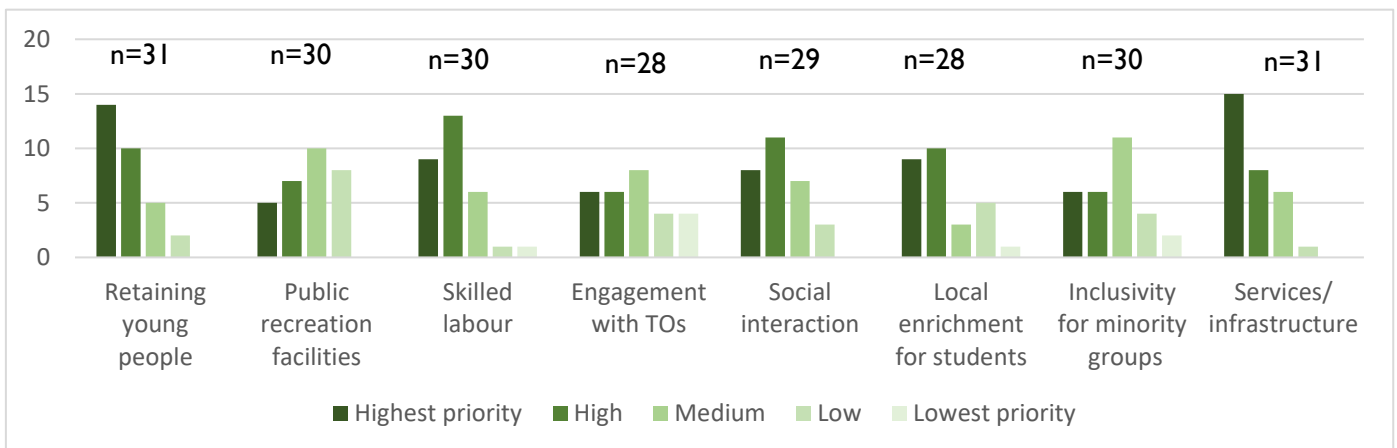


Figure 16. Respondent ranging of each social issue from lowest to highest priority.

Student Survey

A separate survey was conducted with a total of 21 students in two classes of students from Warracknabeal Secondary College: Year 9/10 Outdoor Education, and Year 11 VCE Outdoor Environmental Studies. A sample of the student survey can be found in Appendix II.

Environmental Issues

Using the same wording as the general survey, students were asked to rate the environmental issues according to highest and lowest priority (Figure 17). All the issues were rated by all students (n=21).

- Highest rated: Threatened species
- Lowest rated: Incorporation of Traditional Knowledge, biodiversity loss and climate change
- Climate change had the highest “medium” score, and quite a few “highest” and “lowest” ratings
- Contrary to the general survey, the most common ratings were often “High” rather than “Highest”.

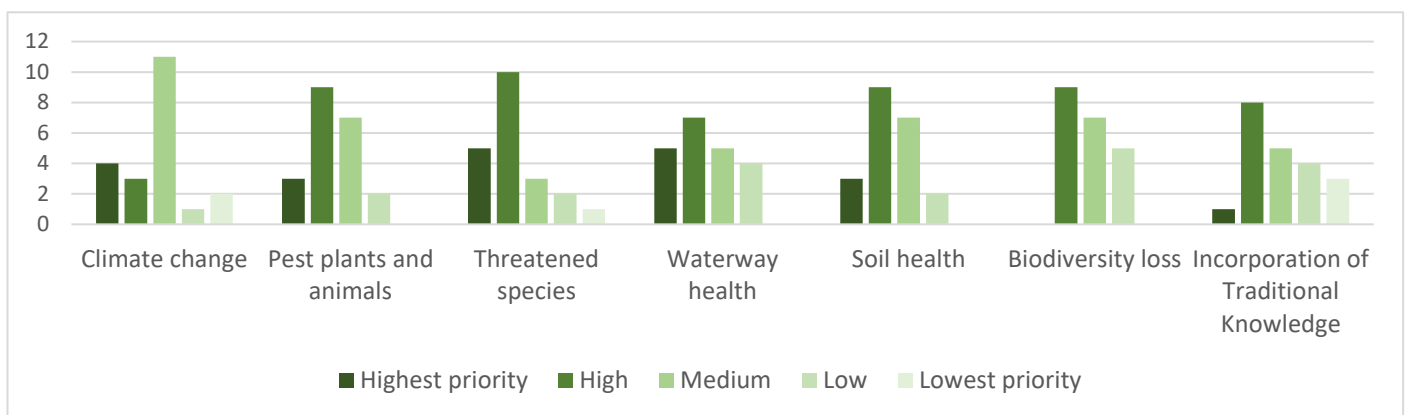


Figure 17. Student respondent ranking of each environmental issue from highest to lowest priority.

Agricultural issues

Using the same wording as the general survey, students were asked to rank the agricultural issues according to highest and lowest priority (Figure 18). All the issues were ranked by all students (n=21).

- Highest rated were rising input costs, declining soil health and agricultural resistance
- Lowest rated were water security, and changes in weather patterns

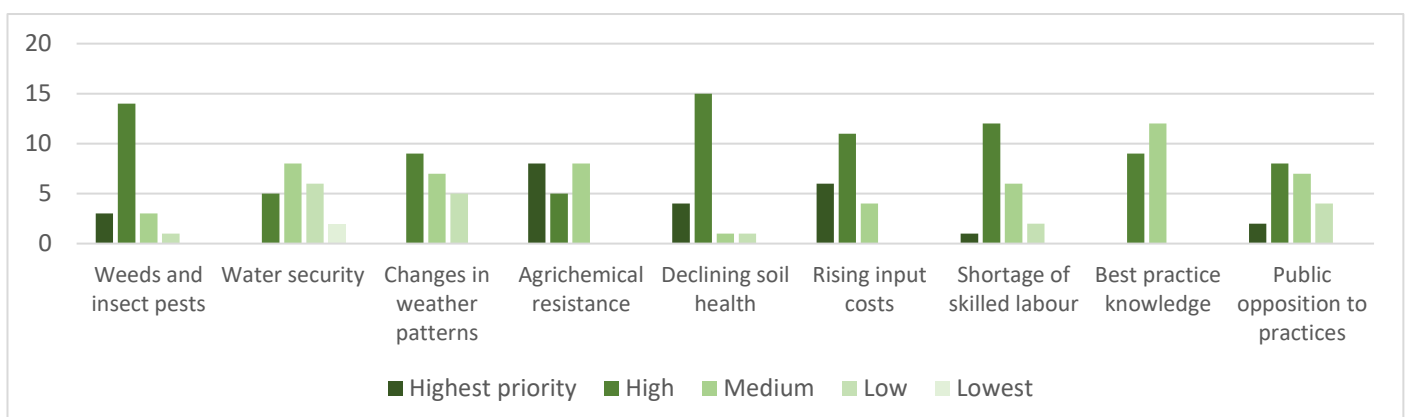


Figure 18. Student respondent ranking of each environmental issue from highest to lowest priority.

Environmental Threats

Student respondents were asked to share what they perceived as the biggest threats to the natural environment in their region (Figure 19).

- Impact of farming (land clearing, chemical usage) was the most common theme.
- Weeds & pests and climate change were also frequently mentioned
- One response perceived the Yarriambiack Creek as unhealthy and in need of maintenance.
- These results were very similar to those found in the general survey



Figure 19. Word cloud of student responses about the greatest environmental threats in their region. Ideas mentioned more frequently are in larger font.

Natural Assets

This question asked respondents to list their most valued natural assets in their region (Figure 20).

- All responses listed the Yarriambiack Creek, often with reference to recreational activities.
- Trees were next most common, often with reference to creating oxygen.

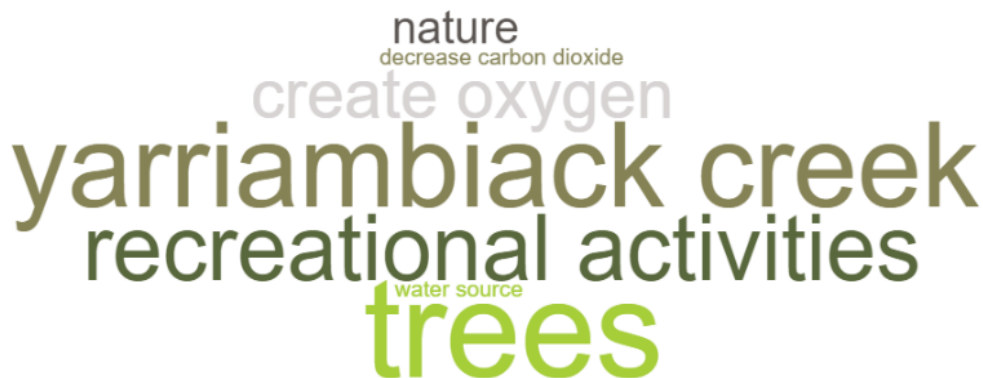


Figure 20. Word cloud of student responses about the most important natural assets in their region. Ideas mentioned more frequently are in larger font.

Landcare participation

Students were asked how they thought they could participate in Landcare in a meaningful way (Figure 21).

- The most common response was planting trees (the survey was done just prior to a planned tree planting activity with the students)
- Volunteering in general and cleaning up rubbish were also common responses.



Figure 21. Word cloud of student responses about how they could meaningfully participate in Landcare. Ideas mentioned more frequently are in larger font.

Students were asked what benefits they thought they might gain from participating in Landcare (Figure 22).

- The most common thread was around gaining knowledge and understanding about the environment
- Many students also reflected on the opportunity to improve the environment for current and future generations



Figure 22. Word cloud of student responses about how participating in Landcare could benefit them. Ideas mentioned more frequently are in larger font.

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Appendix I: Sample Survey

Landcare Priorities Survey

Yarrilinks Landcare Network is an independent, not-for-profit community-based organisation. We operate in the southern Yarriambiack Shire in the Victorian Wimmera.

We are currently reviewing our strategic plan and identifying opportunities to better serve the Landcare needs of our environment and community. We are seeking to consult broadly with the community to better inform our planning process.

All questions are optional, but the more information you provide, the better we can consider the broader community to make our strategic plan inclusive and accessible. Results of the survey will be used to inform the review of our strategic plan. No individual results will be publicly disclosed. The survey is anonymous unless you wish to provide your contact details at the end.

There are 3 sections:

- Landcare issues
- Demographics and Landcare experience
- Contact information and newsletter sign up



Landcare Issues

This section will help us learn about the opinions and priorities of our community and stakeholders as they relate to common Landcare issues.

1. What do you consider the biggest threats to the natural environment where you live? *(Please briefly clarify your geographic context)*

2. What do you consider the most important natural assets of the environment in which you live? *(Please briefly clarify your geographic context)*

3. How do you think addressing the following **environmental issues** should be prioritised in your region? *Mark only one circle per row.*

	Highest Priority	High	Medium	Low	Lowest Priority
Climate Change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pest plants and animals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Threatened species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waterway health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biodiversity loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meaningful incorporation of Traditional Knowledge in land management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. OPTIONAL: If you feel an **environmental issue** of high priority was overlooked in the list above, enter it here: _____

5. How do you think addressing the following agricultural issues should be prioritised in your region? Mark only one circle per row.

	Highest Priority	High	Medium	Low	Lowest Priority
Weed and insect pests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Changes in weather patterns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Herbicide, fungicide or insecticide resistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Declining soil health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rising input costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shortage of skilled labour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge around best practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public opposition to practices (ie pesticide use, animal welfare etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. OPTIONAL: If you feel an **agricultural issue** of high priority was overlooked in the list above, enter it here: _____

7. How do you prioritise the following **social issues**? Mark only one circle per row. There are a variety of social issues that could be studied - here we focus on those that could overlap in some way with the activities of Landcare.

	Highest Priority	High	Medium	Low	Lowest Priority
Availability of important services or infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of skilled labour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities for social interaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retaining and attracting young people in the region	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusivity for minority groups	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local enrichment opportunities for students	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meaningful engagement with Traditional Owners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. OPTIONAL: If you feel a **social issue** of high priority and **relevance to Landcare** was overlooked in the list above, enter it here: _____

9. Where would you like to see the efforts of **Yarrilinks Landcare Network** focused in the next 5 years? (Please tick your top 3 choices)

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| <input type="radio"/> Revegetation and protecting remnant vegetation | <input type="radio"/> Soil health (eg managing erosion, salinity, nutrient or carbon content) |
| <input type="radio"/> Community education and capacity building | <input type="radio"/> Pest and weed control |
| <input type="radio"/> Threatened species conservation | <input type="radio"/> Waterway restoration |
| <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ | <input type="radio"/> Sustainable food production |

10. If you are familiar with Yarrilinks, what do you think the organisation has done well, and where can it improve?

Demographics and Landcare Experience

This information will be used to interpret results only and is not intended to identify participants. Please feel free to skip questions you don't feel comfortable answering.

11. What is your age group?

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 35-45 | <input type="radio"/> 65-75 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-25 | <input type="radio"/> 45-55 | <input type="radio"/> 75 + |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-35 | <input type="radio"/> 55-65 | |

12. What is your gender? _____

13. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? _____

14. In which Local Government Area do you reside?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Yarriambiack Shire | <input type="radio"/> Buloke Shire |
| <input type="radio"/> Hindmarsh Shire | <input type="radio"/> Mildura Rural City |
| <input type="radio"/> Horsham Rural City | <input type="radio"/> Northern Grampians Shire |
| <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ | |

15. In what industry do you work? _____

16. Do you own and/or manage land in or adjoining the Yarrilinks Landcare Network Area? (see map on first page)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Yes – 1000 to 1500 ha |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes – a residential block | <input type="radio"/> Yes – 1500 to 2500 ha |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes – under 500 ha | <input type="radio"/> Yes – 2500 ha + |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes – 500 to 1000 ha | <input type="radio"/> |

17. Are you involved in Landcare? (currently or previously)

- Yes No

18. If you answered yes above, please describe your involvement. If you answered no, please indicate any involvement you would be interested in having. *Tick all that apply.*

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|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> One-off volunteering | <input type="radio"/> Partnering with Landcare for project delivery |
| <input type="radio"/> Volunteering on a regular basis | <input type="radio"/> Partnering with Landcare to fund a project |
| <input type="radio"/> Working in Landcare | <input type="radio"/> Attending Landcare events relevant to my interests |
| <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ | |

19. If you are involved in natural resource management or agriculture outside of a Landcare context, please describe.

20. Please describe your prior knowledge of/involvement with Yarrilinks (if any). *If you wish to remain anonymous, keep your response appropriately general.*

Optional: Contact information and newsletter sign up

This section is optional. Please complete it ONLY if you wish to provide your contact information along with your responses (for example, if you wish to further discuss your responses with us).

If you wish to sign up for the newsletter but want your survey responses to remain anonymous, do not enter your details here. Please use the QR code below or email landcare@yarrilinks.org.au.

21. Name and contact info (email or phone).

22. Would you like to sign up for our email newsletter? Yes No

Contact us

If you would like to contact us to discuss this survey or any other Landcare matter, find our details below:

Landcare Facilitator:

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landcare@yarrilinks.org.au
0455 166 445

Social media:

Facebook: [@yarrilinks](#)
Instagram: [@yarrilinks_landcare](#)

Sign up for the newsletter:



Submitting your survey

Please return your completed survey to:

Email

landcare@yarrilinks.org.au

Mail

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Appendix II: Sample Student Survey

1. How do you think addressing the following **environmental issues** should be prioritised in your region? *Mark only one circle per row.*

	Highest Priority	High	Medium	Low	Lowest Priority
Climate Change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Threatened species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waterway health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biodiversity loss	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meaningful incorporation of Traditional Knowledge in land management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. How do you think addressing the following agricultural issues should be prioritised in your region? *Mark only one circle per row.*

	Highest Priority	High	Medium	Low	Lowest Priority
Weed and insect pests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Changes in weather patterns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Herbicide, fungicide or insecticide resistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Declining soil health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rising input costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shortage of skilled labour	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge around best practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public opposition to practices (ie pesticide use, animal welfare etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. What do you consider the biggest threats to the natural environment where you live?

4. What do you consider the most important natural features of the environment in which you live?

5. How do you think students such as yourself can meaningfully participate in Landcare?

6. What benefits do you think a student such as yourself could gain from participating in Landcare?

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