



# 2012 Turquoise Coast Bus Tour Feedback report



**Photograph 1: Rachel Walmsley (centre with microphone) from the Moore Catchment Council discussing coastal rehabilitation with the audience on 18 May 2012 (photograph: NACC)**

Geraldton, May 2012

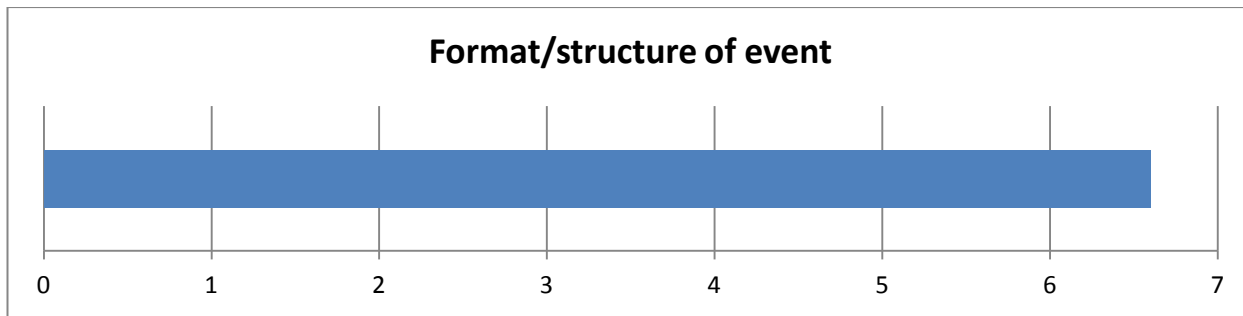
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34 respondents filled in a survey, but not all respondents filled in all questions.

### Question 1: How do you rate the format/structure of this event?



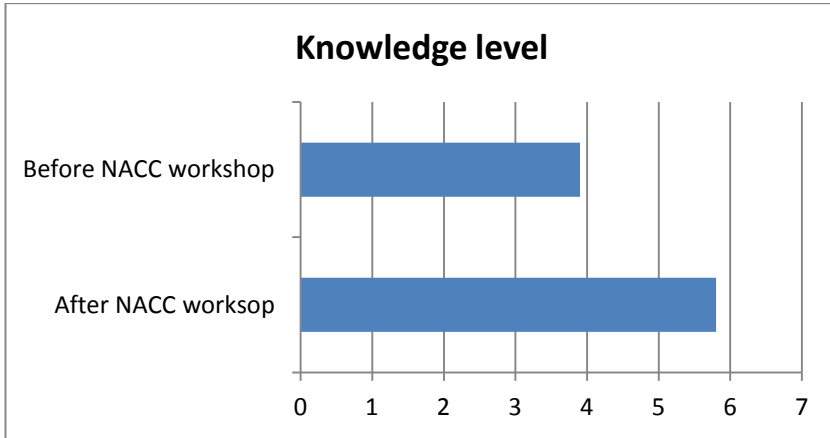
34 respondents answered this question. Most respondents rated the format/structure of the workshop as extremely good. Comments were:

- Very well organised and run (3)
- Very interesting. (3)
- Well planned to cover so much.
- Good transport, venues and food were fantastic.
- A bit rushed.
- I am more aware of what is happening. Good and needing help.
- Excellent day of information and camaraderie.
- Well paced, maintained interest.
- Enjoyed it all.





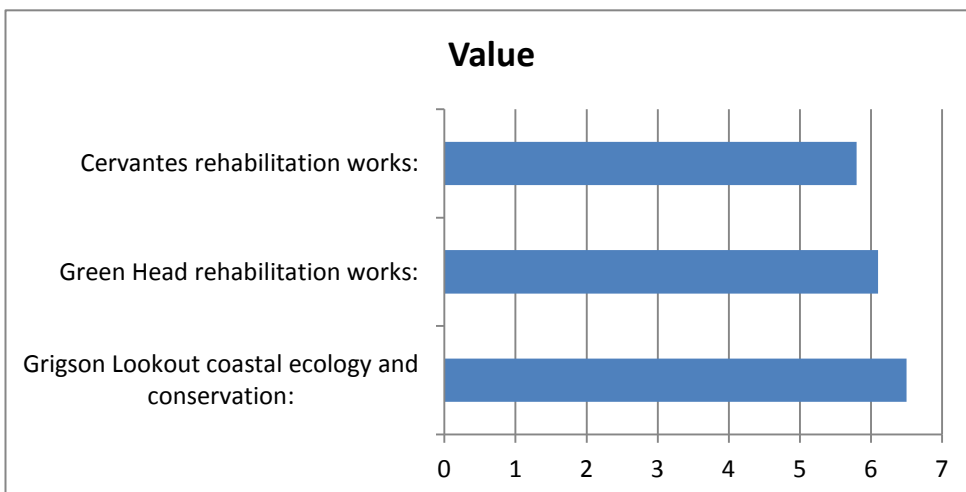
**Question 2: Please indicate your knowledge level on coastal rehabilitation projects and erosion issues along the Turquoise coast:**



34 respondents answered this question. They indicated a  $(5.4 - 3.1) / 3.1 * 100\% \approx 74\%$  increase in knowledge. Comments were:

- Great to finally get to Green Head and see their project.
- Always pick up ideas from other groups.
- I'm very impressed with them all - and encouraged.
- Great opportunity to learn of similar challenges/successes.

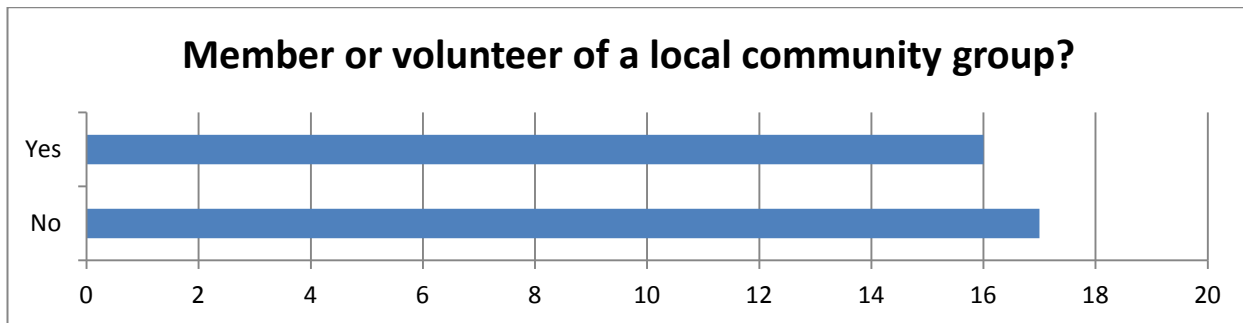
**Question 3: Please indicate the value of each site visit for you:**





34 respondents answered this question. All visits were rated as very high value. Most respondents rated the visit to Grigson Lookout highest (6.5), followed by Green Head (6.1) and Cervantes (5.8).

**Question 4: Are you a member or volunteer of a local community group who is involved in coastal projects within the Northern Agricultural Region (Guilderton to Kalbarri)?**



**If yes, which group?**

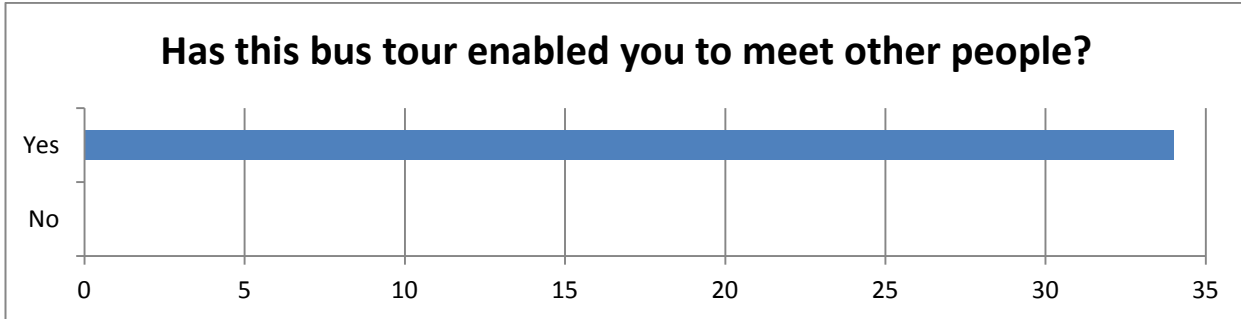
33 respondents answered this question and gave the following answers:

- Jurien Bay Herbarium (3)
- Ledge Point Coastcare Group (3)
- Friends of Lancelin Coast (3)
- Guilderton Community Association. (2)
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- Lower Moore River working group.
- Friends of Moore River Estuary.
- Cambridge Coastcare
- West Midlands Group





## Question 5: Has this bus tour enabled you to meet other people interested in coastal management?



34 respondents answered this question. Comments were:

- Highly beneficial for networking. (5)
- Given an idea of differing issues in their community.
- Also helps for work (training aspects)
- Particularly from Green Head, but also potential new members from our area.
- New to area - so need contacts.
- High representation of environmental groups.
- One of my best experiences.
- Made me interested to volunteer.
- The expert opinion was most interesting and useful.
- I am now in contact with 'friends of Lancelin coast'.
- Last minute chance to join trip - fascinating.



**Photograph 2: Ashley Robb (pointing) from NACC explaining coastal rehabilitation at a revegetated dune blowout in Cervantes (photograph: NACC).**





## Question 6: What was the one thing you enjoyed most about this event?

34 people answered this question and their answers are summarized below:

- The presentations given by experts in their field. (mentioned 7 times)
  - Kingsley Dixon's 's (3)
  - Grigson lookout (2)
  - Nic Dunlop (1)
- Learning about the coastal environment. (5)
- Meeting like minded people. (3)
- Seeing how other groups conserve the coastline. (2)
- Caring about our environment and leaving it as best we can for our future generations. (2)
- Great lunch. (2)
- Understanding the diversity of approaches in restoration. (2)
- Seeing the Green Head Coastcare Group showcase the work they have done. (2)
- Seeing examples of what can be achieved. (2)
- Having my eyes open.
- The variety of landscapes along the coast - sand to sandstone.
- Enjoyed all, but catering was exceptional!
- The opportunity to see what is happening.
- The chance to talk to such knowledgeable people. It was great to have so many together for a day.
- The importance of rehabilitation of coast dunes.
- The information was very informative about coastal community groups and the ecology of the area in which we live.
- Toilet in Cervantes after long bus ride.
- Hard to choose - but enjoyed it, much more than expected.

## Question 7: Other Comments:

21 respondents answered this question and their answers are summarized below:

- Thoroughly enjoyed the whole day. Many thanks to all concerned. (mentioned 5 times)
- Hard to write on a moving coach. (2)
- Good to make contact with old friend and to make new contacts. (2)





- Thank you, very enjoyable and enlightening.
- Liked the numerous stops. Great diversity to experience.
- Are school groups involved in these types of tours?
- Great time saving for my group - seeing Cervantes and Green Head doing what we want to do. Their tips and trick will save me/us time and money.
- Would like to have heard more from Charlie Shaw.
- To have coordinated the special guests who did present actions, i.e. Kingsley Dixon, Nick and Charlie.
- Special thanks to NACC, Rachel and Penny.
- Stimulation to participate even more in volunteer work of this matter.
- Surprised at amount of people as interested and who put in so much of their time.
- A wonderful day, thank you. Catering was excellent! A good bus! Beautiful weather and great group of people.
- If I had been on this tour 10 years ago I would have made a lot less mistakes on my 2,5 acre coastal block.
- Great event, well done Rachel.



**Photograph 3: Participants of the Turquoise Coast Bus Tour at Grigson Lookout on 18 May 2012 (photograph: NACC).**

