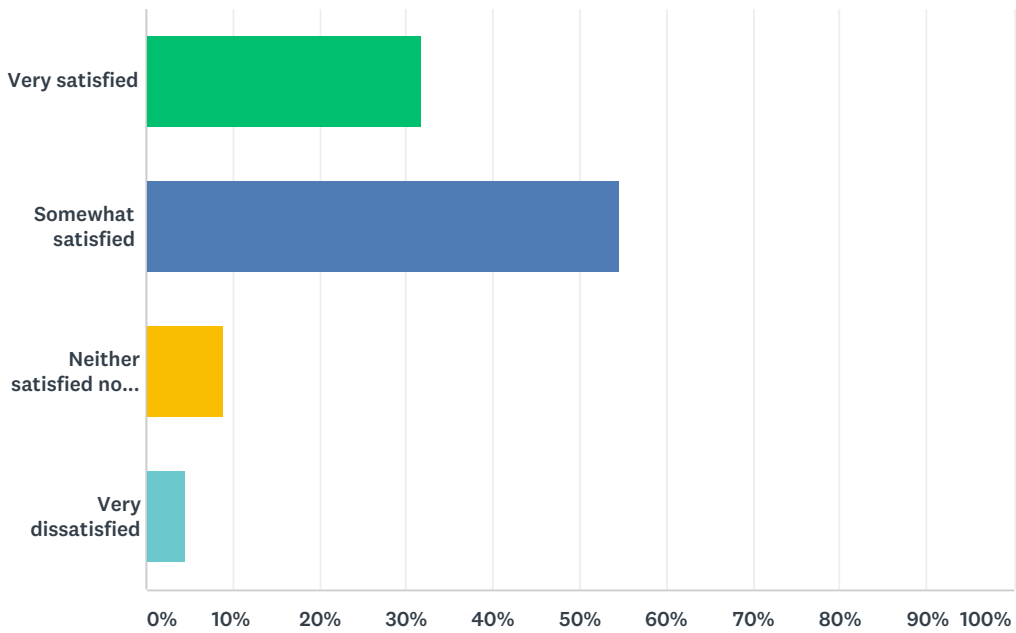


## Q1 Overall, how satisfied are you with Council's current rabbit management?

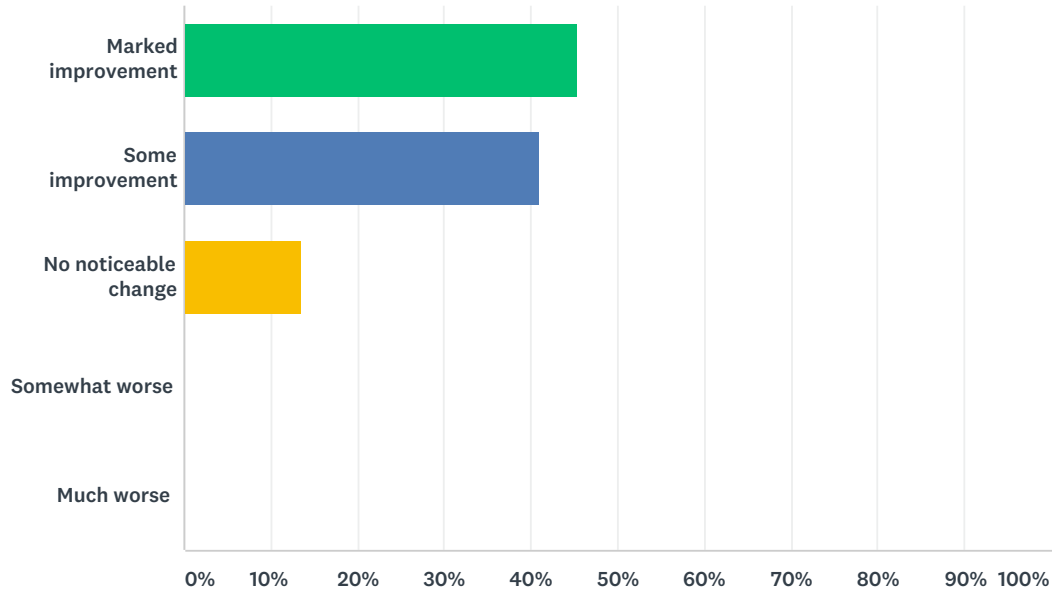
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	31.82%	7
Somewhat satisfied	54.55%	12
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	9.09%	2
Very dissatisfied	4.55%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>

## Q2 Thinking about Council's performance on rabbit management in previous years, have you observed any improvement in Council's rabbit management since the Rabbit Management Policy was adopted?

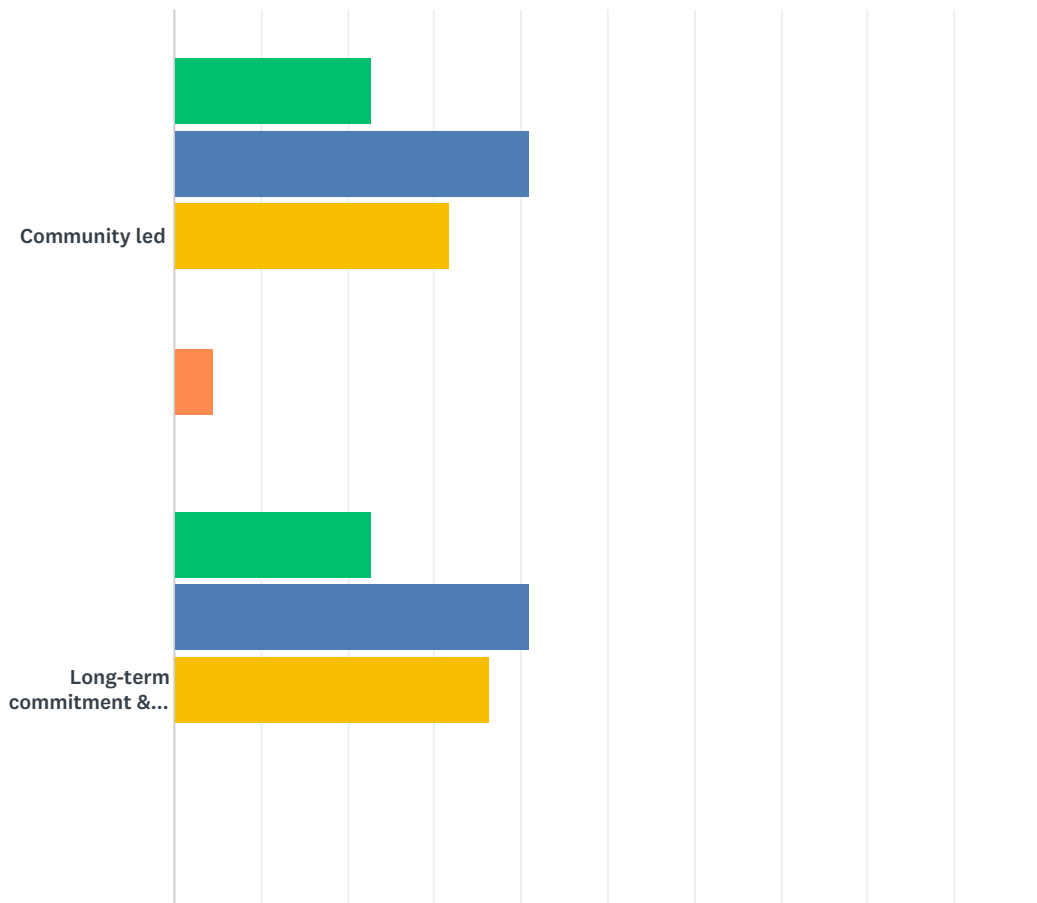
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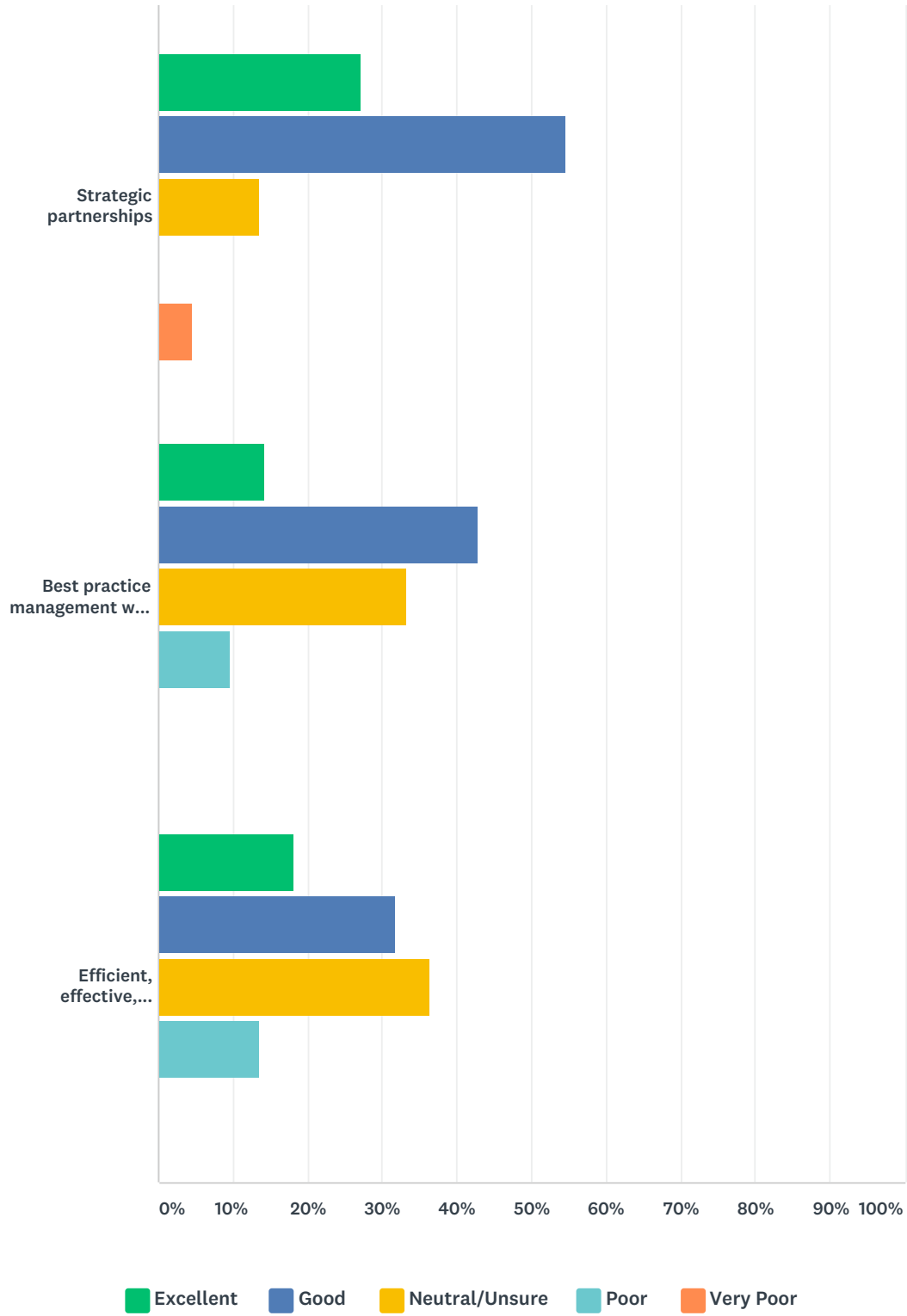
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Marked improvement	45.45%	10
Some improvement	40.91%	9
No noticeable change	13.64%	3
Somewhat worse	0.00%	0
Much worse	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>

Q3 Under the Rabbit Management Policy, Council has adopted the following guiding principles: Community led – recognise the inherent strength of the community. Sometimes this involves Council leading, other times standing alongside or removing unnecessary barriers; Long-term commitment and continuous improvement – successful rabbit management requires an ongoing commitment and regular monitoring and evaluation of program effectiveness; Strategic partnerships – coordination of control works with the community, community groups, land management agencies and land holders is essential to effective ‘no boundaries’ rabbit management; Best practice management with a focus on harm minimisation – use a variety of recognised techniques, in a coordinated manner, implemented at the landscape scale which reflect humane treatment and limit impact on non-target species; and Efficient, effective, results oriented asset protection – target efforts where the best results can be achieved and defended to protect key environmental, economic and social assets. Please rate Council's performance on complying with these principles

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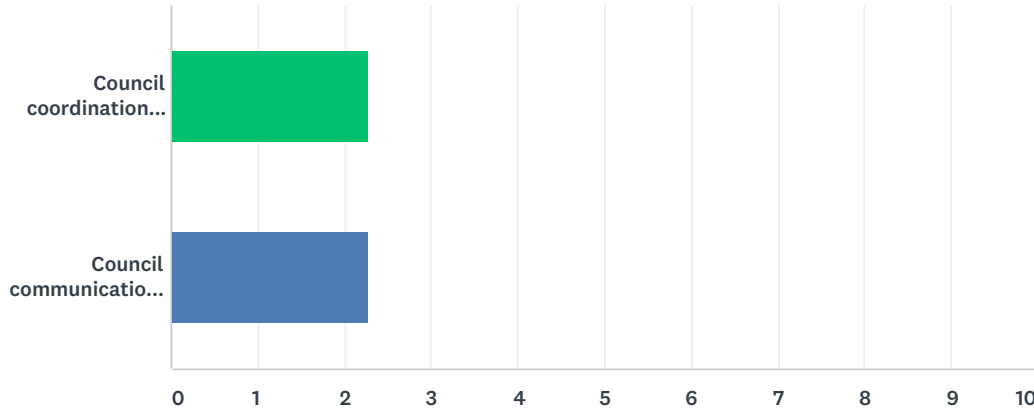
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEUTRAL/UNSURE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL
Community led	22.73% 5	40.91% 9	31.82% 7	0.00% 0	4.55% 1	22
Long-term commitment & continuous improvement	22.73% 5	40.91% 9	36.36% 8	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	22
Strategic partnerships	27.27% 6	54.55% 12	13.64% 3	0.00% 0	4.55% 1	22

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Best practice management with a focus on harm minimisation	14.29% 3	42.86% 9	33.33% 7	9.52% 2	0.00% 0	21
Efficient, effective, results oriented asset protection	18.18% 4	31.82% 7	36.36% 8	13.64% 3	0.00% 0	22

**Q4 Good communication and effective works coordination with stakeholders are essential for successful rabbit management. Please rate our performance on each of these aspects**

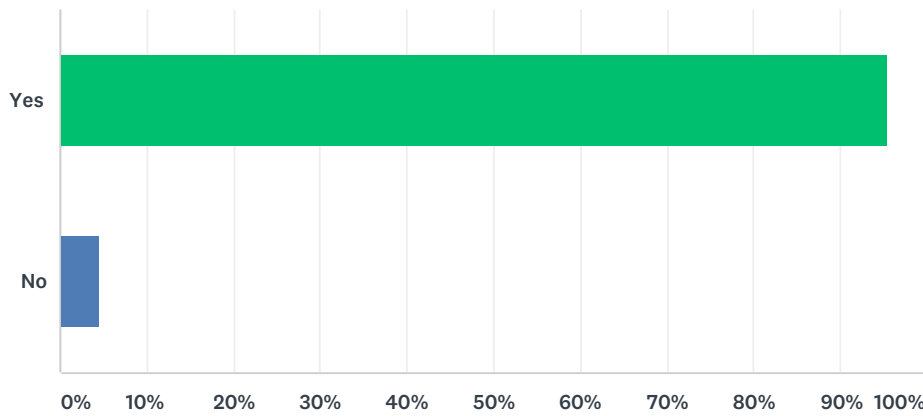
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	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEUTRAL/UNSURE	POOR	VERY POOR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Council coordination of rabbit control works with community groups and neighbouring land holders	27.27% 6	31.82% 7	31.82% 7	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	22	2.27
Council communication with key stakeholders	27.27% 6	31.82% 7	31.82% 7	4.55% 1	4.55% 1	22	2.27

Q5 4. Under the Policy, a prioritised list of rabbit ‘hotspots’ has been developed in partnership with stakeholders. For rabbit hotspots on Council owned or managed land, the Policy requires that a management plan be developed for each prioritised site by Council in partnership with relevant community groups and land management agencies. Six management plans have been developed in 2017 with key stakeholders and independent expert advice (Mt Moriac Recreation Reserve, Freshwater Creek Recreation Reserve, Loutitt Bay Road south/Woodland Road, Pettavel Road Reserve, Dickins Road, Modewarre Recreation Reserve). All hotspot sites are on Council owned or managed land. Do you support the development of management plans for rabbit hotspot sites?

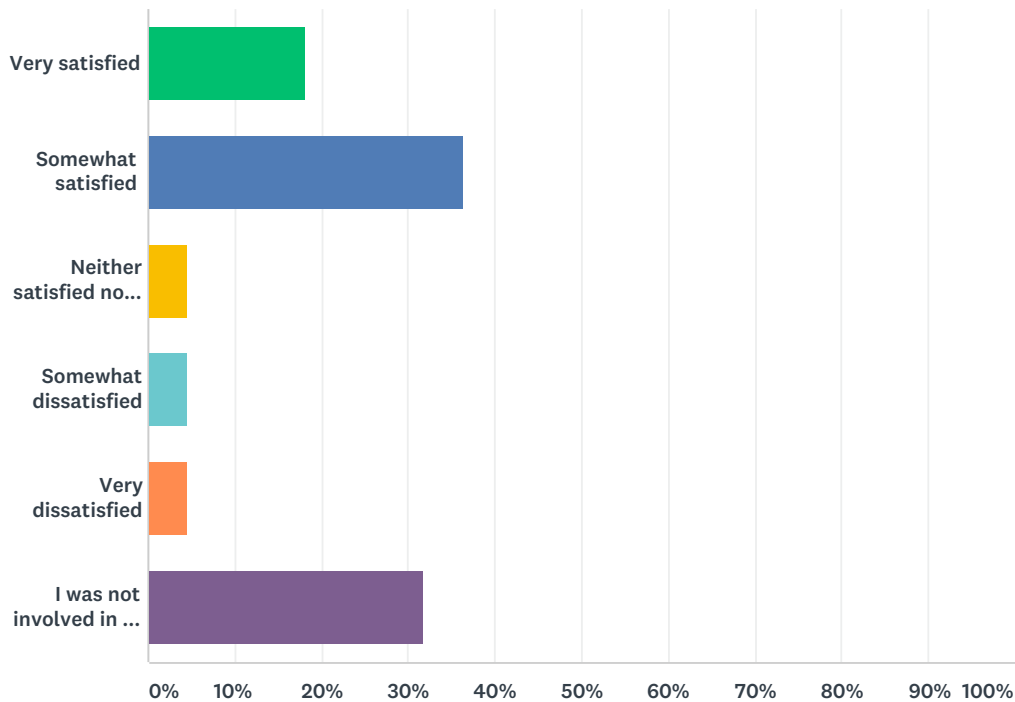
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.45%	21
No	4.55%	1
TOTAL		22

## Q6 If you were involved in the development of a rabbit management plan with Council in 2017, how satisfied were you with the outcome?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	18.18%	4
Somewhat satisfied	36.36%	8
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	4.55%	1
Somewhat dissatisfied	4.55%	1
Very dissatisfied	4.55%	1
I was not involved in the development of a management plan	31.82%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>



## Q7 What is currently working well with rabbit management in the Shire?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Shire is showing enthusiasm in rabbit control	9/8/2017 9:04 AM
2	Communication and community involvement. Building capacity of community to encourage ownership and resolution for rabbit management	9/4/2017 9:01 AM
3	partnerships	9/4/2017 7:32 AM
4	Efforts to create and maintain community involvement in decision making and goal setting has been well done by council.	9/1/2017 10:55 PM
5	Increased awareness of the problem. High level of community involvement, increased investment from Both the private and public sector,	9/1/2017 6:45 PM
6	Focus on adaptive management and using a suite of control techniques	9/1/2017 3:42 PM
7	Consultation with community groups	9/1/2017 3:37 PM
8	The council has done well to engage with landholders, identify hot spots and target work to the impact that rabbits are having on native vegetation.	9/1/2017 3:12 PM
9	Ripping/fumigating at hotspots. Community advice.	8/28/2017 3:01 PM
10	Acceptance of a shared responsibility. Preparedness to discuss issues with residents	8/28/2017 2:07 PM
11	Continuous baiting, clearing of harbor for rabbits essential	8/25/2017 12:32 PM
12	The support of the shire in disseminating information re baiting and management options	8/24/2017 2:04 PM
13	SCS Officers are committed to community engagement and the management plan	8/24/2017 12:56 PM
14	Further engaging with landholders is reducing some angst	8/24/2017 9:02 AM
15	Warren destruction, installing rabbit-proof fencing. No baiting.	8/23/2017 6:42 PM
16	Community led focus groups, using all techniques and in particular baiting and exclusion fencing to contain numbers at low levels.	8/23/2017 5:35 PM
17	open communication and information sharing, including consultant's advice and contacts	8/23/2017 3:38 PM
18	Nothing has yet been done	8/23/2017 3:02 PM

## Q8 What is not working well with rabbit management in the Shire and what could be improved?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The involvement with the K5 virus was a great waste of enthusiasm, money, and time. When experts told us that only about half the population would be killed, the Shire should have refused to be involved in such an obvious farce. It is also a waste to try to reduce rabbit numbers when warrens can't be destroyed because of Indigenous or other policy restrictions. Nearly all current ways of killing rabbits are inhumane, and have been nearly useless. Resources should be re-directed to finding humane control methods, such as humane fumigants. The current control strategy should be officially declared a farce, as rabbit numbers have never been significantly reduced by it at all, and any unbiased ecologist, or person with common sense, could have predicted that!	9/8/2017 9:04 AM
2	I am not aware of any rabbit management plans in the Winchelsea area. Significant rabbit populations on public land are in the Wurdee Boluc reservoir reserve and along the Barwon River in Winchelsea.	9/7/2017 7:43 PM
3	Over reliance on baiting as the key tool rather than a pre cursor to other management activities	9/4/2017 9:01 AM
4	not sure	9/4/2017 7:32 AM
5	Overt management by fear created and sustained by government agencies especially in the advice they provide to private and public land managers on the application of best practice rabbit management.	9/1/2017 10:55 PM
6	Co-ordination and communication still needs work. Investigating solutions to perceived or real problems could be pursued more vigorously. There is always a solution to a challenge starting the search for it is sometimes the biggest hurdle.	9/1/2017 6:45 PM
7	monitoring and continuous improvement	9/1/2017 3:42 PM
8	The advice of "experts" is being followed but not always advice and ideas from the community directly effected by rabbits. i.e. eradication methods and number of rabbits reported.	9/1/2017 3:37 PM
9	Some landholders perceive the impact of rabbits to be greater than what they may be in reality. Council needs to make sure that there are good objective measure to justify works and not get caught out being guided by the loudest voice.	9/1/2017 3:12 PM
10	Baiting could be improved	8/28/2017 3:01 PM
11	Continue baiting and clearing of warrens?	8/25/2017 12:32 PM
12	Smaller cluster groups need to be formed and managed	8/24/2017 2:04 PM
13	not sure	8/24/2017 12:56 PM
14	Hard to move away from communities desire Vs best practice, still having to things such as baiting to meet expectations of community when there are other longer term measures available	8/24/2017 9:02 AM
15	Overly dominated by small subsections of the community (squeaky wheels) instead of long-term equitable strategic planning. Suspect vested interests pushing baiting without regard for off-target impacts.	8/23/2017 6:42 PM
16	The communication and willing cooperation from the Shire is poor. There is still major resistance from the shire to cooperation with community led programs. Reliance on just one contractor to perform rabbit control works has led to significant delays in control works, Rabbits don't stop breeding just because a contractor is unavailable.	8/23/2017 5:35 PM
17	conflicting advice at times with differing stakeholders	8/23/2017 3:38 PM
18	Time frames to implement things are far to long	8/23/2017 3:02 PM

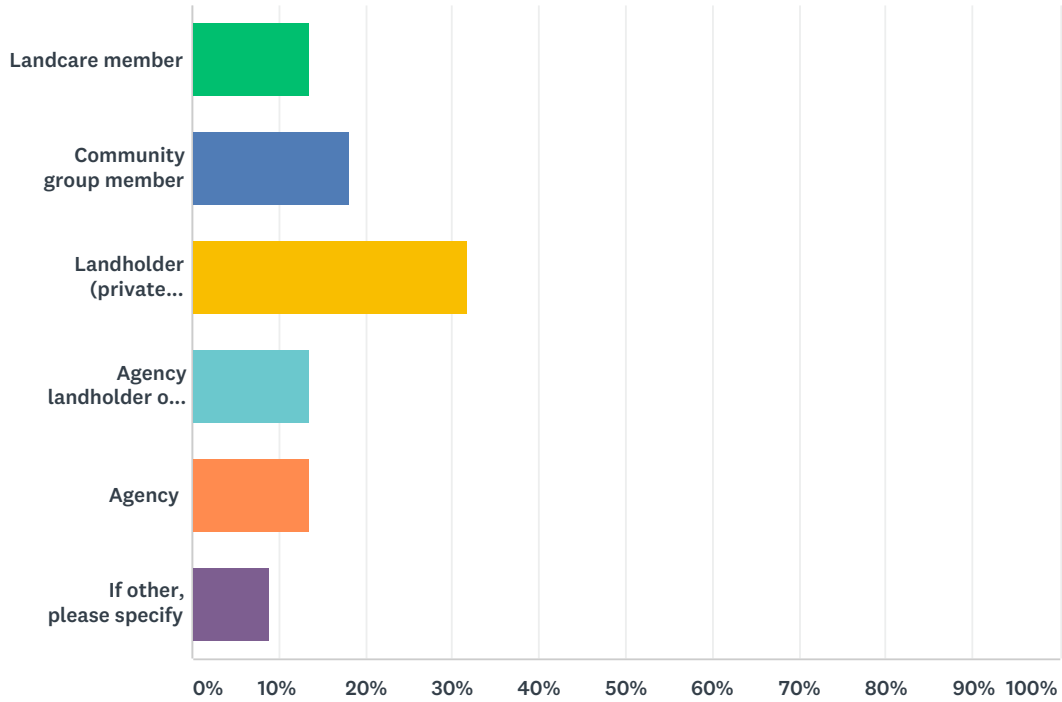
## Q9 Do you have any additional comments you'd like to make?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	9/8/2017 9:04 AM
2	no	9/4/2017 7:32 AM
3	A significant improvement in the understanding of the principles of best practice rabbit management and a demonstrated determination to achieve effective on ground rabbit management to benefit native species and agriculture while dealing with numerous and varied competing interests.	9/1/2017 10:55 PM
4	I congratulate the shire on the progress it has made and encourage a consolidation of the good work that has been started	9/1/2017 6:45 PM
5	no	9/1/2017 3:42 PM
6	I think we have come a long way from where we started and with ongoing support from both council and community the problem with rabbits will be reduced drastically.	9/1/2017 3:37 PM
7	no	9/1/2017 3:12 PM
8	It is great to see a Council so forthcoming with rabbit control	8/28/2017 3:01 PM
9	Appreciate personal contact from Leanne , for my thoughts etc. Also discussion re Echidnas and kangaroos in my property.	8/25/2017 12:32 PM
10	no	8/24/2017 12:56 PM
11	Continue to use best practice to drive outcomes rather than community opinion	8/24/2017 9:02 AM
12	Information in hotspot management plans has been deliberately manipulated and misused to cover short comings in council approaches, such as stating the decision not to bait was relayed to the community. That information was given well after the community baiting program had been completed, so the local community had no input into that decision and no opportunity to adjust there own programs accordingly. Council reliance on independent advice only is just another example of the unwillingness to genuinely engage with the community.	8/23/2017 5:35 PM
13	I have appreciate the open and transparent communication of Kate and Leanne. Their knowledge and ability to share information assists with our rabbit baiting program immensely.	8/23/2017 3:38 PM
14	no	8/23/2017 3:02 PM

## Q10 Please select which category best describes you

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Landcare member	13.64% 3
Community group member	18.18% 4
Landholder (private property)	31.82% 7
Agency landholder or land manager	13.64% 3
Agency	13.64% 3
If other, please specify	9.09% 2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

#	IF OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY	DATE
1	Pest & Landscape rehabilitation consultant	9/1/2017 10:55 PM
2	Cemetery manager	8/23/2017 3:38 PM