

The Gundaroo Common

Community Survey 2025

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Executive Summary

To inform its future management, a community survey regarding the Gundaroo Common was conducted in June 2025. The survey achieved a strong and representative response from an estimated 40% of the village population. The community values the Common extremely highly, with 69% of respondents giving it the maximum possible 5/5 rating for its value to their household. Overall, the survey reveals a community deeply invested in the Common not just as a place for recreation, but as a critical social asset essential to the village's identity.

Introduction

The Gundaroo Common has been a community resource and asset since being gazetted in 1870. The Gundaroo Common Trust is tasked with managing the Common in perpetuity, which requires adapting to the community's evolving values and needs. It is therefore important to understand how the community uses and values this shared asset.

To address this, a survey of the Gundaroo community was conducted in June 2025.

The key objectives of the survey were to:

- Gather information to inform the development of an updated management plan.
- Gather information for the ongoing sustainable management of the Common.
- Generate ideas and suggestions for the Common from the community.
- Act as a vehicle for community engagement by raising the profile of the Common and actively soliciting feedback.
- Create a formal record of community attitudes that can be used as evidence in future activities (e.g., grant applications).

Survey Methodology

The survey was distributed to the Gundaroo community online and in paper format. Paper surveys were printed and delivered to every home mailbox at the Gundaroo Post Office (approximately 350). An additional 150 paper surveys were made available at the Post Office for collection. A drop-box for completed surveys was also located at the Post Office. The online version of the survey was hosted on Google Forms, and the link was shared widely. All responses were collected anonymously.

The questions were developed collaboratively with the Trust. Questions were chosen to provide general insight into use and value as well as some specific to current management issues. The

survey was open from 3rd June to 1st July 2025. To encourage participation, an article was published in the June edition of the Gundaroo Gazette, and three promotional posts were made to the 'Gundaroo Community Connect' and 'Gundaroo Noticeboard' Facebook groups.

Results and Discussion

Survey Participation and Reach

The survey achieved a strong level of community engagement, receiving a total of **163 responses** (112 submitted online and 51 as paper copies). Each response represents a unique household.

The total reported population within these surveyed households was **499 individuals**. This represents an estimated **40% of the Gundaroo population** as measured by the 2021 ABS census¹, indicating a significant and representative sample of the community. Of the respondents, 98 households (60%) reside within the currently gazetted village boundary, with the remainder in the surrounding district.

Key Findings

The survey data reveals a community that is highly aware of and deeply connected to the Gundaroo Common, valuing it for a wide range of reasons.

Awareness and engagement

All respondents (100%) reported being aware of the Gundaroo Common prior to the survey, underscoring its prominence within the community. 30 households (18%) reported being on the roll of Commoners, while 24 (15%) did not know. This suggests an opportunity for the Trust to increase communication regarding the role and benefits of being a Commoner

Frequency and Nature of Use

The Common is a regular part of life for the majority of respondents. The most common visitation pattern was "Occasionally (2-3 times a month)" with 49 households (30%). However, a combined 62 households (38%) visit more frequently, at least once a week (Figure 1). Significantly, only 11 respondents (7%) reported never visiting in an average month, demonstrating the Common's broad use by the community.

When asked about all the activities their household engages in, respondents indicated a wide variety of uses (Figure 2). The top three activities were **Walking (124 responses)**, **Nature Appreciation (99 responses)**, and **Dog Walking (88 responses)**. Free-text responses also indicated a wide range of alternative activities at low frequency, including art and painting, kids playing, and collecting cow manure.

¹ <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL11811>

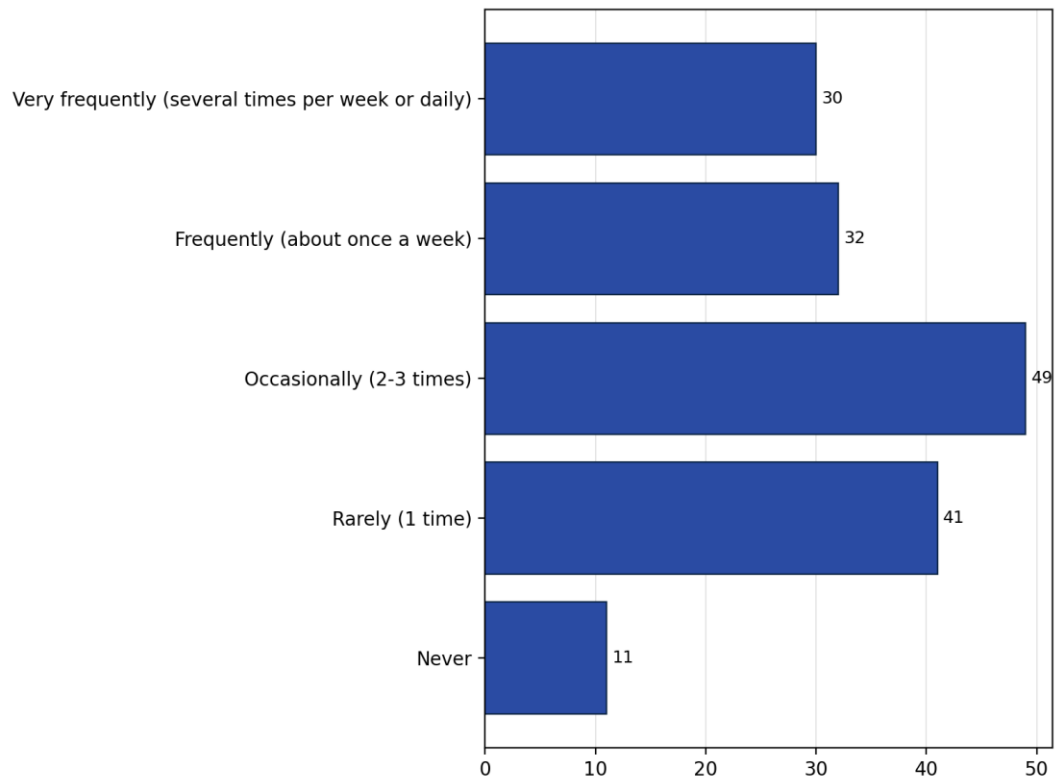


Figure 1: Frequency of household visitation per month

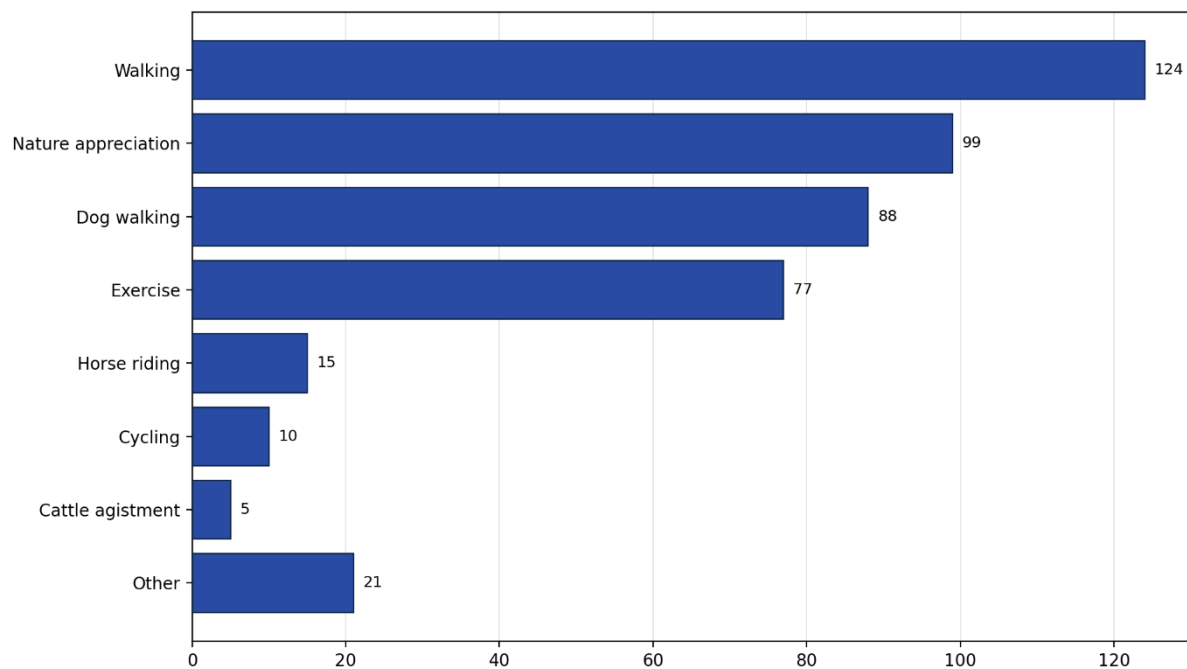


Figure 2: Activities engaged in on the Common.

Note: "Other" includes open text response and are reported in Appendix 2

When asked to identify their single primary use of the Common, Walking was the clear dominant activity, selected by 64 households (see Figure 3)². This highlights that while the Common serves many functions, its core value for most users is as a public greenspace for recreation.

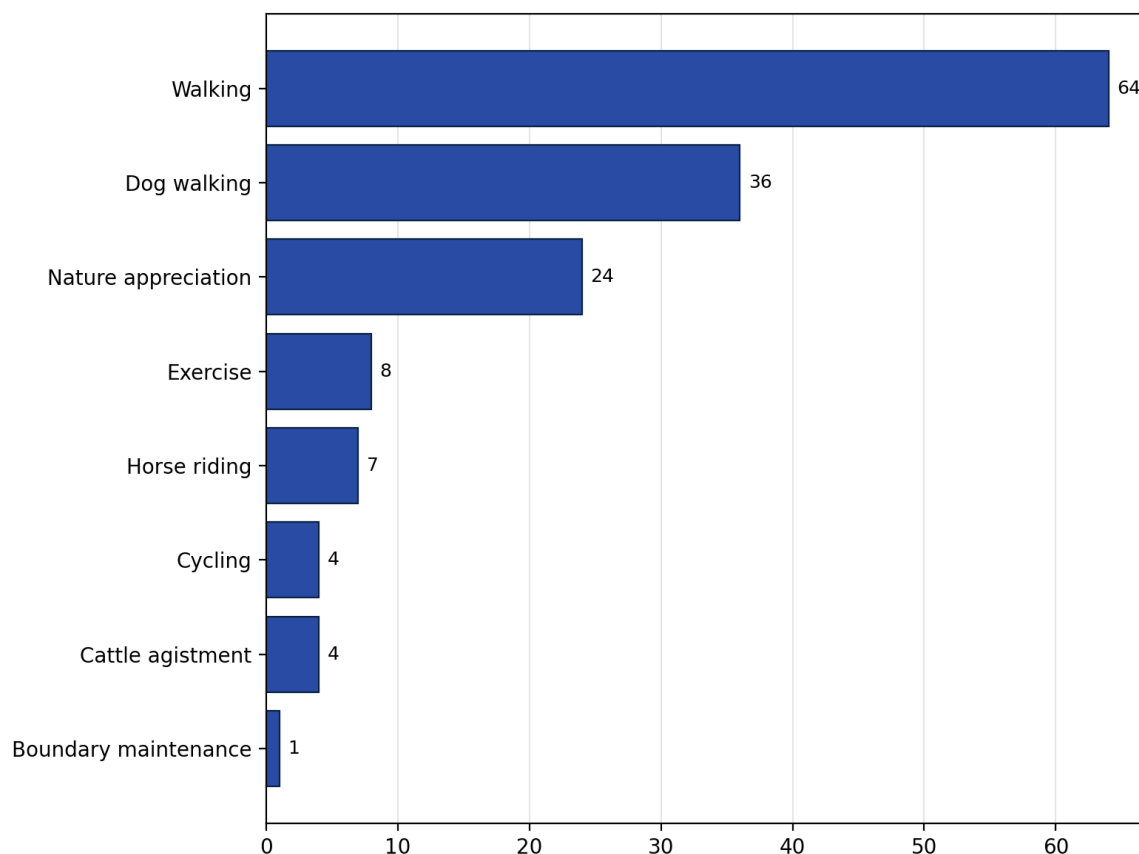


Figure 3: Reported single primary use of the Common.

Importance and value

The survey results show that the community values the Common extremely highly. When asked to rate its overall value on a scale of 1 to 5, **112 of 163 respondents (69%) gave the highest possible rating of 5/5**. The average rating was 4.4 out of 5 (Figure 4). When comparing populations inside and outside the currently gazetted Gundaroo village boundary, those outside valued the Common similarly strongly (average rating 4.3 versus 4.6). This confirms the Common's importance to the broader district, not only to those living closest to it.

The reasons for this high valuation are multi-faceted (Figure 5). While **Recreation/Exercise** was the most cited reason (81%), it was closely followed by **Biodiversity (72%)** and **Historical aspects (56%)**. This shows that residents value the Common not just as a place for recreation, but as an area of significant natural and cultural heritage that should be preserved.

² A high number of incorrectly filled paper surveys for this question means the totals do not add to 163 respondents.

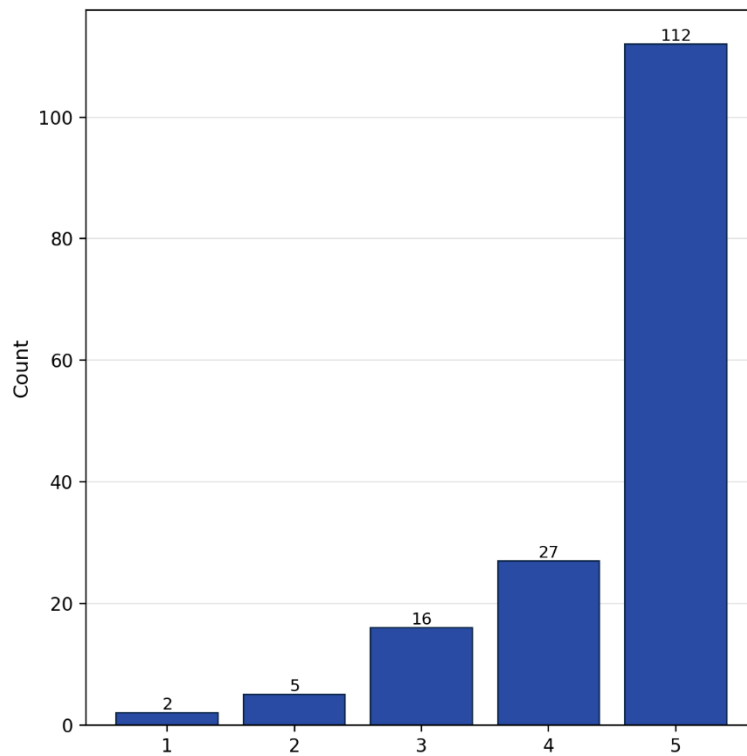


Figure 4: Quantifying the value of the Common to households, on a scale 1-5

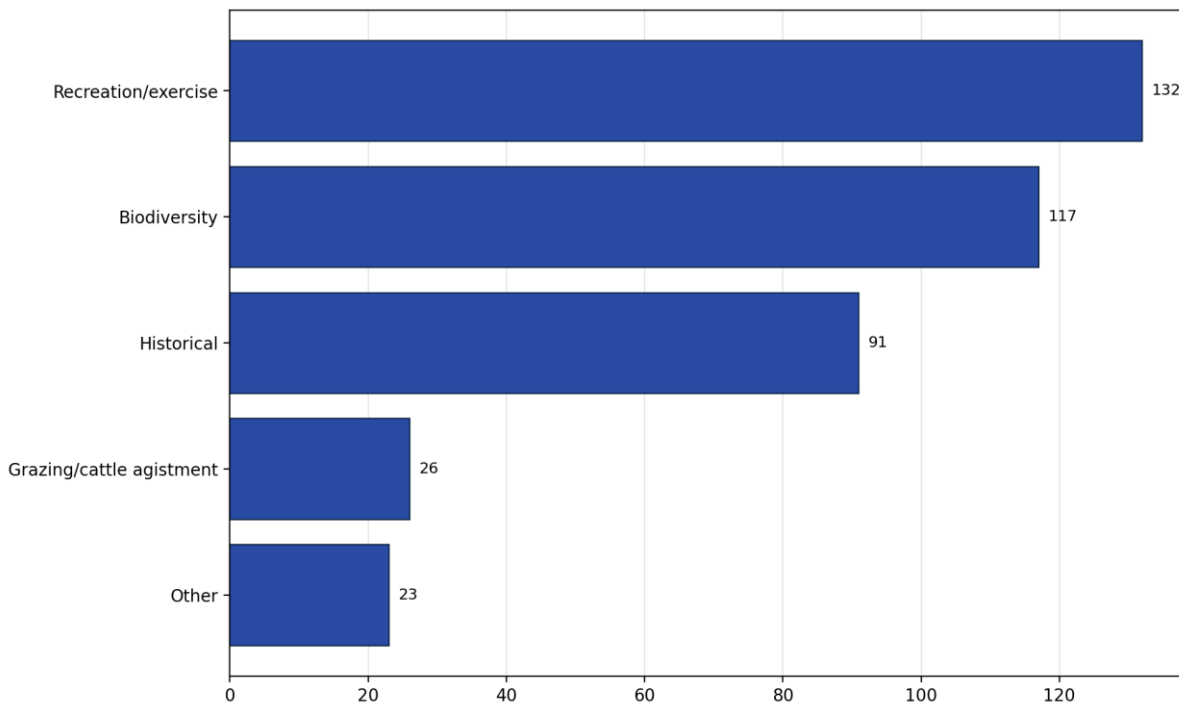


Figure 5: Reported reasons for valuing the Common

Note: "Other" includes open-text response and are reported in Appendix 3

The Common is clearly important to the Gundaroo population's sense of community. When rated on its importance to their "overall sense of community," the average score was 4.4 out of 5, with **100 respondents (61%) giving the maximum 5/5 rating** (Figure 6). The Common is therefore more than just public green space; it is a meaningful piece of Gundaroo's social fabric.

Finally, this high valuation translates into strong tangible support. A significant majority of **133 households (82%)** indicated they would consider donating money to support the management of the Common.

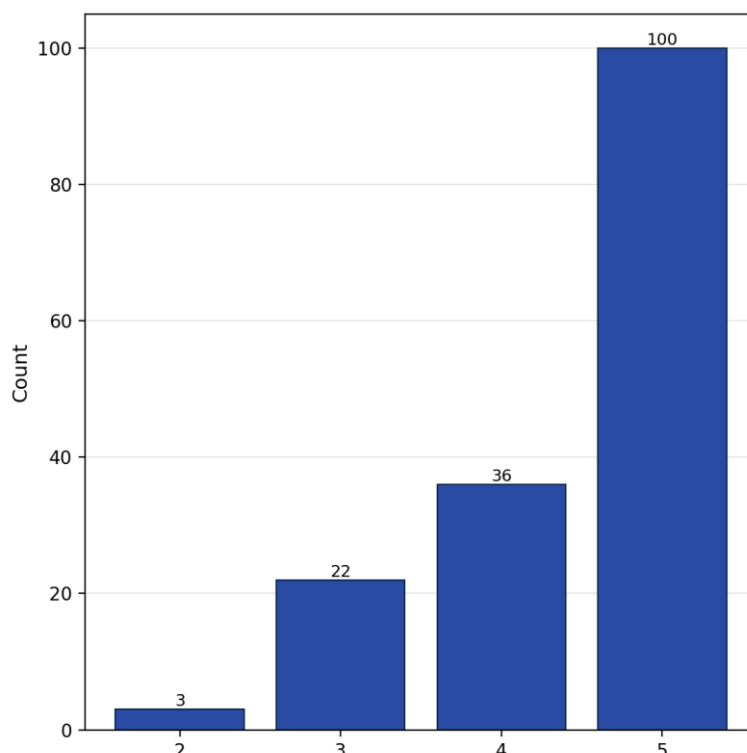


Figure 6: On a scale of 1-5, how important is the Common to your overall sense of community?

Comments and suggestions from the Community

The final question of the survey invited open-text comments, soliciting suggestions and feedback from respondents. A total of **67 households** provided comments. A thematic analysis was performed, identifying 8 broad themes across the range of comments.

A full, unedited list of comments is available in Appendix 1.

Table 1: Thematic classification of comments and suggestions from Gundaroo community.

(Note: Some comments were assigned two themes, meaning percentages exceed 100%).

Theme	Count	Percentage
General appreciation & identity	25	37%
Funding & governance	12	18%
Education and community engagement	12	18%
Access, signage, & infrastructure	12	18%
Biodiversity & restoration	11	16%
Dogs policy	9	13%
Grazing and land management	9	13%
Complaints	3	4%

General appreciation & identity: The most prominent theme was an expression of general appreciation for the Common. Over a third of commenters took the opportunity to state the value of the Common to their household and to the village's identity. This feedback affirms that the Common is a highly cherished community asset.

"The common is an essential part of our town's ecosystem and we absolutely support its preservation and conservation."

"Integral part of Gundaroo community which should continue for future generations."

"The Common is a sanctuary for us when we need time in nature."

Funding and Governance was a relatively frequent topic and comments were likely prompted by the question about donations. Some comments explained a willingness or otherwise to donate, and two comments requested access to the Trust's official financial reporting.

Education and community engagement: Several comments made suggestions or offers to mobilize community engagement, including offers to help plant/mow/weed, as well as ideas for events and outreach such as educational walks.

"Seeking community help for conservation and planting would be worth a try. ...Hold walks/talks on site to show the protected areas and educate the community."

"Regular working bees could have the advantage of seeing greater improvement and community engagement with the Common environment."

Access, Signage & Infrastructure: Comments in this area focused on improvements to the user experience. The most frequent suggestions included making signage and boundaries clearer and maintenance or mowing of walking tracks.

"It would be good to have some walking tracks mowed as a result when the grass is long..."

"Better signage between paddocks. Sometimes I'm unsure if the next paddock is still part of the common or not."

Biodiversity and restoration: Respondents showed a strong interest in managing for biodiversity, often by proposing tree-planting, or showing concern for weed management. This indicates a strong community mandate for focusing on the ecological health of the Common.

"We would like to see more invasive weed management and support of biodiversity and would be happy to financially support this."

"The Common is very special & I despair when it gets overrun with weeds because of a lack of resources."

"I would love to be involved in a working bee to plant more trees."

Grazing and Land Management: Several comments referenced management of the herd and the effects of grazing on the Common. The feedback suggests this could be a focus for future communication from the Trust.

“To what extent are the cattle having an effect on the endangered ecological community?”

“Have been previously concerned about some of the cattle (condition) when with calves and when grazing poor”

Specific Policy Feedback: Dogs on lead

The dogs-on-leash policy was a recurring topic. Of the 9 comments that mentioned it, the majority expressed a desire for the policy to be reviewed or for an off-leash area to be considered. This feedback highlights ongoing demand in the village for off-lead dog areas.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Responses to open-text prompt for comments and suggestions regarding the Common

Primary Theme	Secondary Theme	Please share any additional comments or suggestions regarding the Common
Access, signage, infrastructure	Education & community engagement	Better signage on gates so you know the boundary of the Common and not go into private property (still not 100% sure of the boundary). More information on the biodiversity/nature reserve and what projects are in progress or where projects were completed and lastly how villagers may get involved in these projects.
Access, signage, infrastructure	Funding & governance	The access way for the Common off Dairy Creek Rd has been welded shut. Why? If the management committee allow all Gundaroo residents to become Commoners and increase the fees for becoming a Commoner they could expect to receive more income.
Access, signage, infrastructure	General appreciation & identity	Better signage between paddocks. Sometimes I'm unsure if the next paddock is still part of the common or not. The bench seats are fantastic and provide a beautiful and peaceful view!
Access, signage, infrastructure		Everyone that is part of Gundaroo should be able to access it both A and B
Access, signage, infrastructure		I used to take my dog for walks there often and she absolutely loved it. Then a neighbour's dog was killed by a snake there and we have not used it since then. Perhaps if the grass and trails were kept clear, we might be more keen to go there.
Access, signage, infrastructure		Create a few stiles near the tip road. One nearby the tip would be especially helpful. Easier access to the back paddock as the gate near the south west corner of the tip is always locked. Thanks
Access, signage, infrastructure		Add MTB and running tracks and we would donate happily
Access, signage, infrastructure		I feel that the possible uses and guidelines for the Common are not very well advertised. When moving to Gundaroo it was also unclear where the boundaries are.
Access, signage, infrastructure		Boundary lines need to be updated to reflect the new village boundaries
Biodiversity & restoration	Education & community engagement	I'd love to know more information about the Common from an environmental conservation perspective including the species of threatened fauna and flora. I'm also interested in how extensively the Common was cleared as grazing land in the past - would there be an opportunity for the planting of endemic native trees to return parts of the Common to more of a woodland, allowing increased habitat for native birds and insects?
Biodiversity & restoration	Education & community engagement	It would be good to see a 5-10 year plan to increase the biodiversity on the Common. Regular working bees could have the advantage of seeing greater improvement and community engagement with the Common environment.
Biodiversity & restoration	Grazing & land management	I understand the importance of the agistment fees in terms of management of the Common but to what extent are the cattle having an effect on the endangered ecological community and threatened flora and fauna species? You can't have both coexisting without effect. This has been noted in the High Country where cattle grazing is excluded because of the effects on the ecological communities that exist in the High Country. The same can be said for people walking in the common or riding their horses disturbing those high value ecological communities. It's the age old question of 'tragedy of the commons'. Can the thistles, which are starting to get out of control, please be managed? Have the committee members for the Common thought about linking with philanthropic organisations such as Trust for Nature to help with the management of the Common?
Biodiversity & restoration		There's critically endangered vegetation and threatened species on the common
Biodiversity & restoration		We live near the Common & plan our tree planting & revegetation in relation to the Common & McLeod's NR ie species selection & sites to enhance connectivity. The Common is very special & I despair when it gets overrun with weeds because of a lack of resources.

Complaints	Access, signage, infrastructure	The recent move to install gates that are not accessible to horses is a major retrograde step. Padlocking gates is not community spirit. No consultation.
Complaints		I do not understand the relevance of the zone question and the intention of the distinction. The question appears as an attempt to specifically value residents differently based on their address and it is quite an obvious attempt to discriminate against resident across the village. This is the second "survey" that appears designed to foster dissent within residents and build a campaign against any form of progress in the village The Common is a valuable asset to the whole community of Gundaroo, and people would be happy to contribute, however, the approach taken in this survey with the splitting of residents probably will not foster this
Complaints		Please move the Gundaroo Bridge wood- clutter is a magnet for more clutter. While I'm on the soap box, action should be taken to make the river walk safely accessible and push the zucchini farm to clean up their mess! Gundaroo is a proud and strong village and community. We need to protect our treasures- common, horse paddock, park, soldiers memorial hall, and so much more.
Dogs policy	Biodiversity & restoration	The ability to exercise dogs off leash (away from cattle, animals and other walkers/users of the common) should be returned as was customary prior to the change in signage. It would be great to add some nesting boxes to the quieter areas (off the main walking path) off the common for suburb parrots, and other native birds.
Dogs policy		We would go to the Common much more often if dogs were required to be on lead there.
Dogs policy		Dogs off lead is a must.
Dogs policy		I walk my dog there, after I check that there is no stock on the common. I'd prefer to be able to allow him to walk off lead.
Dogs policy		Rather frustrated at not being able to have my dog off leash any more. I appreciate there have been some issues with some individuals but hard to have restrictions placed on everyone. I always keep well away from the cattle and my dog is very well behaved.
Dogs policy		I miss being able to have the dog off lead in the common. And I also understand why it's no longer allowed, just miss it.
Dogs policy		fenced off area for off leash doggos where they can let loose in a controlled space. doesn't need to be a massive area!!!
Dogs policy		I used to be able to walk my dogs offload in the common (my tracking training is always done on lead). It would be great if the recent decision that off lead is not allowed could be reviewed. My dogs don't chase stock but it this is the concern, then an option would be for dogs to be allowed off lead in paddocks without the cows. Off lead exercise/mental stimulation is critical for dogs overall wellbeing.
Education & community engagement	Access, signage, infrastructure	Consideration should be given to expanding the use of the common for the benefit of all. For example, I believe the common could support a viable community garden to produce food, fibre and even fuel over time for the village, provide an educational resource and even employment. With judicious earthworks, water could be slowed and diverted for the benefit of the garden and stock, as well as provide flood mitigation. A well designed garden would take relatively little space, could be integrated with grazing animals over time and promote greater use of the common as a whole.
Education & community engagement	Biodiversity & restoration	It would be great to have flora experts like Rainer Rehwhinkle do a community walk on the common to educate about the unique species in the common and cemetery
Education & community engagement	Grazing & land management	Seeking community help for conservation and planting would be worth a try. It could benefit form some serious love and care. The cattle need more food than the Common can offer sadly. Feed them additional food? Hold walks/talks on site to show the protected areas and educate the community.
Education & community engagement		Instead of money would consider offering time eg. Mowing, weed eradication etc
Education & community engagement		It would be great to see community events on the common.

Funding & governance	Access, signage, infrastructure	I would be happy to donate money for upkeep of the common. It would be good to have some walking tracks mowed as a result when the grass is long, e.g along the fence line on the Western side. I don't expect this at the moment but I would be happy to contribute funds for this.
Funding & governance	Education & community engagement	I believe the council should assist more with care and improvement, they should contribution a small percentage of our current land taxes to the committee because we don't get much else from them. I also feel it appropriate that those who profit from the common by having their cattle reside on it should assist or help maintain fencing. Police paddock group have to do this at their site. I would be happy to do tree planting and help improve the environmental worth of the common, and think the scouts and school could be invited to also participate in such activities. I would have been more than happy to contribute towards horse infrastructure/improvements as that was my primary use of the common. As a rural landholder I am pretty upset about the lack of weed management.
Funding & governance	General appreciation & identity	Our stance on donation may change. We appreciate the sustained work of the committee managing the common, including garnering funds for (and managing) maintenance of and improvements to the Common. It is a valuable asset, and this survey has reminded me about this resource. Very helpful to have the background info below, including on the size of the Common - bigger than I had realised.
Funding & governance	Grazing & land management	We would consider donating towards specific biodiversity / environmental / historical / community outcomes, but not towards management of cattle and related expenses - the fees to agist cattle should be enough to cover their costs plus some additional for overall management and conservation/historical/community outcomes, fencing / repair and upkeep
Funding & governance		The only reason that I wouldn't donate to support the management of the Common is that I think this is a Council responsibility and they should be paying for this service. Better spending the money on green areas in our towns than on a new Council Chambers.
Funding & governance		Make the financial status and minutes of the Trust available to the community
Funding & governance		I would be happy to contribute time/resources or money to the common if it was worth while and a really nice place to visit etc. and it was spend on something actually worth the cost
Funding & governance		Raffles at cuppa mornings to raise money for the Common
Funding & governance		Would like to know funding details for Common
General appreciation & identity	Biodiversity & restoration	A great community asset with an important biodiversity/conservation component
General appreciation & identity	Biodiversity & restoration	We think it is critical to maintain the Common as a community asset. We would like to see more invasive weed management and support of biodiversity and would be happy to financially support this. We have walked the Common for years, it's an important part of living in Gundaroo.
General appreciation & identity	Education & community engagement	It's a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about nature in such close proximity to where we live. We know of many families that use the common often for nature exploring. We support this initiative and local treasure. Suggestion would be to host workshops to educate locals about the biodiversity the ground provides.
General appreciation & identity	Education & community engagement	The Common is a unique community asset, representing both cultural and natural heritage. I'd also be happy about contributing to working bees (weeds, waste removal). I'm very worried about the plans for a retention basin that will cause a lot of destruction during construction and potentially after. I believe there are better options to slow water flow including upstream.
General appreciation & identity	Funding & governance	I'm fairly new to the village. I walk on the common at least once a week with my dog. I absolutely love it and would be happy to help out through labour or donations or become a commoner (I've only just learnt this is a thing).
General appreciation & identity	Grazing & land management	A wonderful and important part of our community. I'm not particularly fond of the cattle in there but provided it's a steadily decreasing population I'm ok with cattle grazing.
General appreciation & identity		We have only been in the village for 5 weeks and that is why we haven't visited the common very much, however it is my intention to walk on it regularly once we have settled in.

General appreciation & identity		It is a valuable community resource.
General appreciation & identity		The common is an essential part of our town's ecosystem and we absolutely support its preservation and conservation.
General appreciation & identity		Haven't been there for a while but we love having the green spaces available.
General appreciation & identity		Access to natural open space is very important. And will become increasingly rare as land subdivision n development occurs
General appreciation & identity		Not sure my answers should count - owner of the cork st cafe rather than a resident in Gundaroo, but it's such a unique feature of the village and surely acts as model for other small communities for shared outdoor space with a livestock aspect.
General appreciation & identity		The common was a large part of our decision to buy in Gundaroo. We use it multiple times a week both for ourselves, and our dogs. This is a very special asset to have access too.
General appreciation & identity		the Common is a crucial part of land that is used for all above-listed recreation purposes. if maintained as recognised Common property it saves the land from development and possible ruin. it is an important part of the biodiversity for Gundaroo and overall surrounding wildlife. without the Common all gundaroo-ians including animals, children and adults would be at a loss. thank you :)
General appreciation & identity		The Common is a the unique features of Gundaroo and one of the things that make Gundaroo Village so special. It's an important habitat for flora and fauna and a wonderful place to walk while enjoying the natural environment. We are very lucky to have the Common. Thanks to All the volunteers who care for it.
General appreciation & identity		Integral part of Gundaroo community which should continue for future generations.
General appreciation & identity		The Common is a fundamental part of Gundaroo. It's a community asset that enhances Gundaroo in it's availability of open public space that many other localities nearby do not have. It's cultural and biodiversity attributes are very significant.
General appreciation & identity		I am proud that Gundaroo has a Common and impressed with the skillful way the committee manage all the different needs. Well done and thanks.
General appreciation & identity		I usually walk with my granddaughter and her dog. The Common is a great asset and she loves the freedom of the Common.
General appreciation & identity		Our village Common is an integral "community" element contributing to Gundaroo's "rural" village. As an open grassland adjacent and accessible to our homes, it is used for a multitude of recreational activities, and especially for the original purpose of a "Common" - livestock grazing for villagers. It's mere physical presence is a persistent reminder that Gundaroo is a village in a rural environment. Being managed the villagers, it must never be surrendered to control by others or for other land uses. The same principles apply to the horse paddock.
General appreciation & identity		The Common is a very valued open space. The biodiversity is very important. It is also an important historic part of Gundaroo's history, one of the few remaining working Commons in Australia. Used to be Commoners when lived in village.
General appreciation & identity		The Common is a sanctuary for us when we need time in nature.
General appreciation & identity		An immensely valuable job done by the Gundaroo Common Trust, very much underrated. One of a (probably) dwindling number of such areas in all of Australia. An important part of Gundaroo history :)
Grazing & land management	Biodiversity & restoration	The long term mismanagement: overgrazing, lack of biodiversity, lack of weed control, cattle in poor condition etc. makes the common a bit of an embarrassment.The Common needs at least a couple of years break from cattle grazing.

Grazing & land management	Biodiversity & restoration	I acknowledge the vast improvement in managing the Common - there is less erosion, dams not flogged and the fencing division seem good for cattle. Tree belts seem to be thriving with the rain.
Grazing & land management	Dogs policy	Please don't over-agist with cattle. The state of the dams are awful, and if we continue to get no rain, it will turn into a dust bowl. Please allow sensible off-lead dog walking. And, the kangaroos. So many at the moment! Are there going to be any control measures in place?
Grazing & land management	Education & community engagement	Have been previously concerned about some of the cattle (condition) when with calves and when grazing poor, needs to be a mechanism where they can be contained and supplemented or removed from common from welfare grounds. Would like to see some more riding use of common as a social destination - maybe for a fee to ride (see the QR code boards at equestrian park in canberra) maybe with a few schooling jumps as a token play area if the commoners would allow 1-2 hectare area to have a small group of fences to bring a young horse out to train (would fundraise to support the jumps)
Grazing & land management	Funding & governance	It would be good to see a more communal approach to keeping cattle - people could buy a "share" in a cow for milking (done on a roster); and/or steers for meat.

Appendix 2: Additional open-text responses to “Which of the following activities have you/members of your household engaged in at the Common?”

Painting (x2)
Art (x2)
Running (x2)
Contemplation
Flora and fauna interests
Visual enjoyment
Collecting cow manure (x2)
Scouting activities (star gazing plus non-camp non-fire activities)
Picnics
Boundary maintenance
Bush races - fantastic
Kids play (x2)
Dog training
Bird watching

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Appendix 3: Additional open-text responses to “If you value the Common, what are the main reasons for your answer?”

It's a place I can ride my horse safely
Space for kids to explore and play
View from town
Natural environment
Preserves bushland close to home
Even though we don't use it (though we attended an event there in about 2007, with our daughter on her pony), the Common is an important part of Gundaroo, historically and for its current residents. It should be preserved for Gundaroo and 'Gundarooovians'.
It's lovely to be able to walk
Political
Community engagement
Shared community resource
Open space and visual amenity
A place that's protected from development and is for all, both animals and humans
Good for your wellbeing good for the soul!
Shared community activity and landholding
Lifestyle
Sense of space
School sport - cross country
Visit a beautiful public space and interact with other members of our community
Community space

Gundaroo Common Community Survey

This anonymous survey will provide valuable information for understanding how the Gundaroo community uses and values the Gundaroo Common. The results will be used to inform management and protection of the values of the Common into the future.

This survey form can be returned to Gundaroo PO or completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/4e6rdhr6>

We kindly request one response per household, either paper or online.

1) How many people live in your household? *(please circle)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 or more

2) Referencing the map, in which zone does your household reside? *(please circle)*

- A. (inside the black boundary)
- B. (outside the black boundary)

3) Before today, were you or your household aware of our village Common?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

4) Is anyone in your household a Commoner?

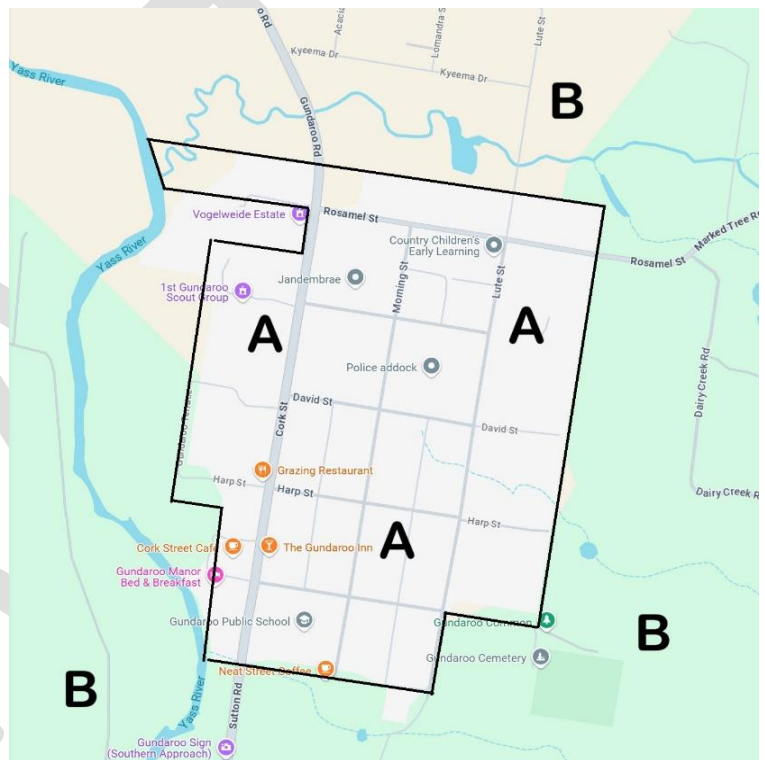
- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

5) In an average month, how often would you or someone from your household visit the Common?

- ☐ Never
☐ Rarely (1 time)
☐ Occasionally (2-3 times)
☐ Frequently (about once a week)
☐ Very frequently (several times per week or daily)

6) Which of the following activities have you/members of your household engaged in at the Common?
(Tick all that apply)

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle agistment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |



7) Select one of the above activities as you/your household's primary or most frequent use of the Common.
(Please tick only one)

☐ Horse riding

☐ Walking

☐ Cycling

☐ Dog walking

☐ Nature appreciation

☐ Exercise

☐ Cattle agistment

☐ Other: _____

8) On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate the overall value of the Common to you/your household?
(Circle one number)

1 2 3 4 5
Not at all valuable —————> Extremely valuable

9) If you value the Common, what are the main reasons for your answer? (Select all that apply)

☐ Biodiversity

☐ Grazing/cattle agistment

☐ Recreation/exercise

☐ Historical

☐ Other:

10) On a scale of 1-5, how important is the Common to your overall sense of community? (Circle one number)

1 2 3 4 5
Not important —————> Essential

11) Would you consider donating money to support the management of the Common?

☐ Yes

☐ No

12) Please share any additional comments or suggestions regarding the Common

Background and more info

Gundaroo Common was gazetted in 1870 and is managed for the purposes of grazing, recreation, and environmental conservation. The Common is managed on behalf of the Commoners and community by the Gundaroo Common Trust. It supports a small herd of cattle managed by the Trust, as well as several species of threatened flora/fauna and an endangered ecological community. Management of the Common is funded through grants and agistment fees.

Results of this survey will be published in the Gundaroo Gazette and be available online.

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