

2011 Fitzroy River Catchment Erosion Workshop Evaluation Results

Feedback received from Workshops held in 2011

Erosion Control workshops were conducted in the Fitzroy River Catchment and facilitated by the Northern Landcare Facilitator in August 2011. An evaluation form was provided in an effort to obtain an understanding of the effectiveness of the workshop in meeting the needs of those attending. 17 responses were received.

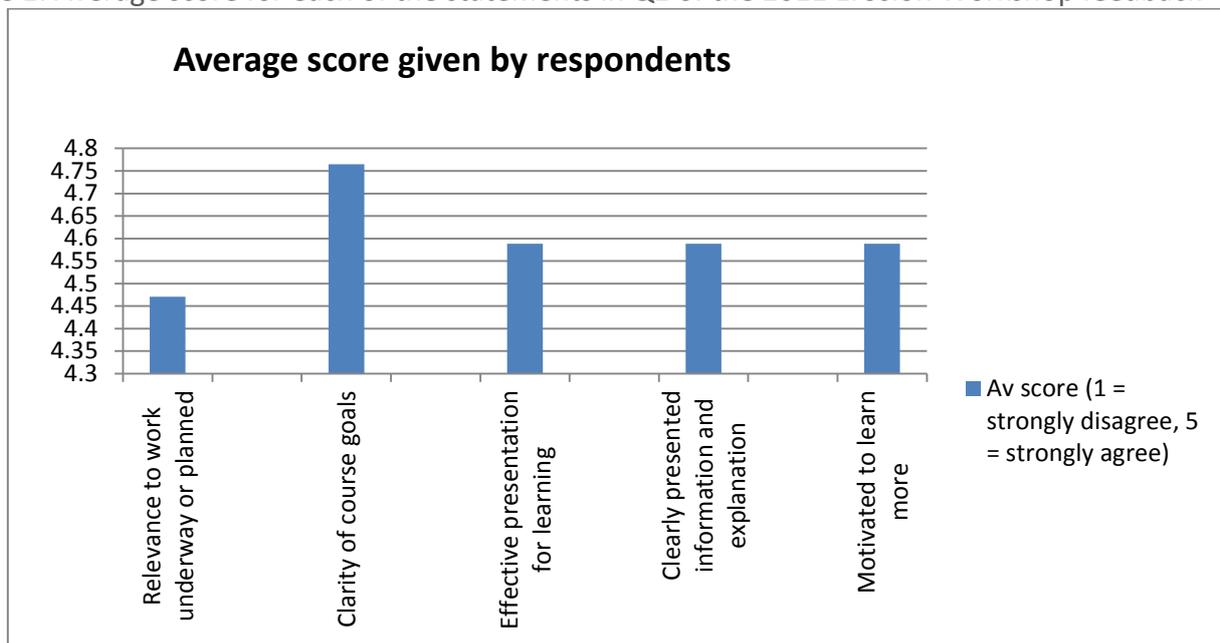
Results

Question 1 consisted of 5 statements that respondents scored individually on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 represented strong disagreement and 5 represented strong agreement with the statement.

- The practices demonstrated today were relevant to the work I've been doing, or expect to do in my job
- The goals of the course were clearly explained
- The way the information was presented was effective in helping me to learn
- The information was clearly presented and well explained
- Throughout this course I felt motivated to learn more

Average scores for each of the statements have been determined and plotted.

Figure 1: Average score for each of the statements in Q1 of the 2011 Erosion Workshop feedback



This highlights that respondents agreed with all statements, particularly in relation to the clarity of course goals. The average response for 4 of the statements was just above or below a score of 4.5 whilst the average score for the perceived clarity of the workshop goals was almost 4.8 out of a possible score of 5.

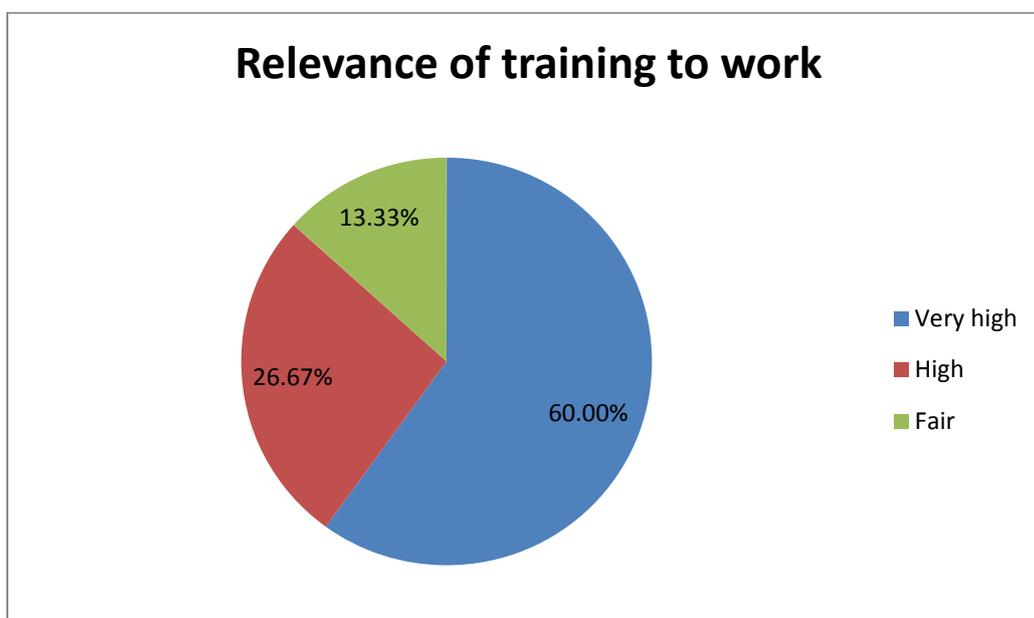
Question 2 asked whether the course met the needs of the attendees in an open ended question. 16 respondents provided feedback. Of these all (100%) indicated that their needs had been met. Many responses were simple 'Yes' responses. Where more information has been provided a subjective

decision was made as to whether the response constituted an affirmation. Additional information provided included:

- Very relevant. We have a big erosion problem at Myroodah
- Yes, refresher and content in a rangeland perspective (previous soil can experience in areas)

Question 3 queried the relevance of the training to the attendees work on their station in an open ended question. 15 respondents provided responses that related to the question asked. Of these 60% (n=9) indicated a high level of relevance to their work, 27% (n=4) noted a high level of relevance, and 13% (n=2) provided a response of fairly relevant.

Figure 2: Responses relating to level of relevance to work (Q3 of the 2011 Erosion Workshop feedback)



Many of the respondents who provided did so without additional information, that is using responses such as 'very' or 'fairly'. The additional information provided by the few remaining respondents included ways in which they saw the workshop material could assist them in their erosion control activities:

- "To maintain better management"
- "Good. Fix the water erosion and save loose fenceline"
- "Full time grader driver, very relevant"

Question 4 asked respondents to comment on their overall feelings about the course. This elicited 13 responses ranging from simple answers such as "Excellent", "Worth learning", "Useful, Practical", and "Will save future problems" (n=10, 77%) to somewhat more in-depth responses that provided an indication of the usefulness or concerns – "Very informative on station grading" and "1 million acres. A lot of work to do to achieve goals discussed". One response (8%) was negative.

Question 5 asked respondents if there was anything not covered in the course that they would have liked to have seen included. Eight responses were received, 75% of which indicated that there had been

no key concepts omitted from the workshop. The remaining 2 (25%) respondents indicated that they would have liked the following included:

- “Possibly to form up or not to form”
- “More info on alternative methods of maintaining fence and fire breaks”.

Question 6 asked respondents if they felt that anything within the workshop could have been done better. Seven responses were received. Of those 57% (n=4) indicated that nothing else was required. One respondent suggested a refresher course. A further 2 responses (29%) provided an indication of their specific information gaps that were not met:

- “Would liked to know how to control trees on fenceline without grading - Poison info?”; and
- “More info on installation of new infrastructure to minimise erosion preventing the need for patch ups”.

Analysis

Analysis of the results indicates that the workshop was successful and generally respondents felt that their attendance had been worthwhile and their information needs had been appropriately met. Feedback points to a well conducted workshop that covered important concepts required and that landholders are keen to learn more and maintain or increase their knowledge.