

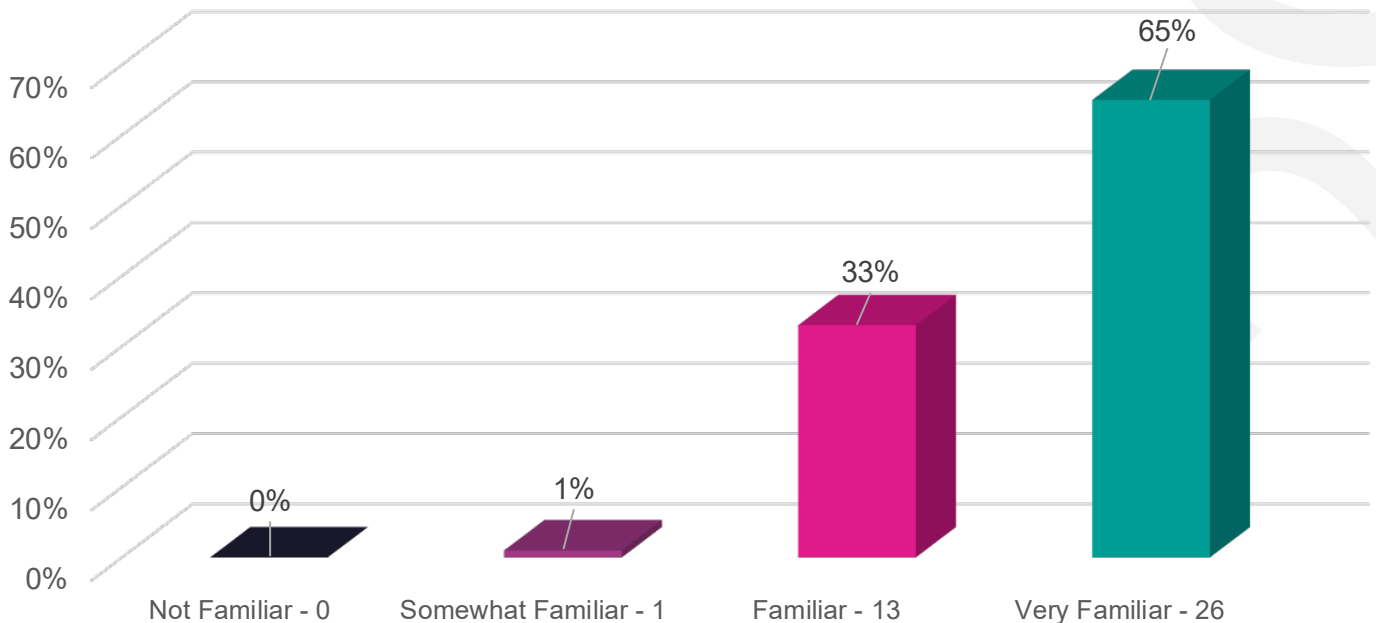
2025 Reef Forum – Pre and Post Survey Report

The pre-Forum survey (37 responses) and post-Forum survey (40 responses) assessed changes in participants' familiarity, understanding, and confidence regarding the Reef Authority and our management actions.

Familiarity with the Reef Authority

Before the Forum, 62% of respondents were very familiar with the Reef Authority's role, and 32% were familiar. Following the event, very familiar responses increased to 65%, with familiar responses rising by a further one per cent. While participants were already a well-informed group, these shifts indicate the Forum helped to both strengthen and reinforce existing awareness. Post event feedback showed strong levels of confidence in the Reef Authority and a sense that participants could practically apply the knowledge gained during the Reef Forum.

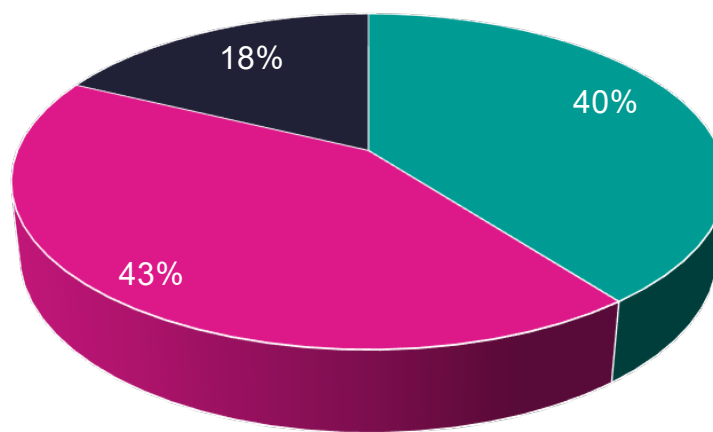
Figure 1: Following the Forum, how familiar are you with the Reef Authority's role in managing and protecting the Great Barrier Reef?



Understanding of resilience-based management

Pre-event, 51% of participants had a moderate understanding of 'resilience-based management' and 35% understood it very well. After the Forum, ~60% of attendees rated the event as effective / very effective in identifying and prioritising resilience-based management actions.

Figure 2: How effective was the Forum in identifying and prioritizing resilience-based management actions?

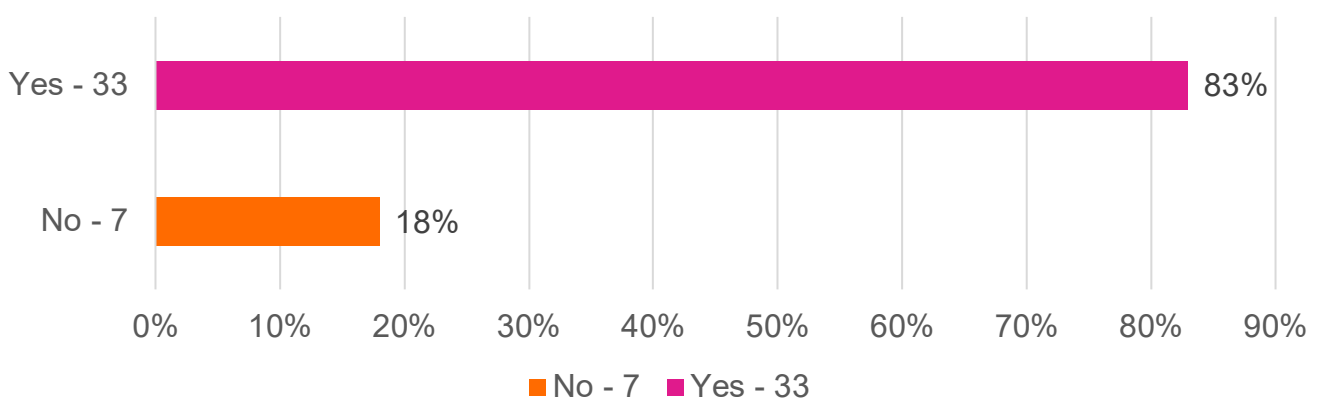


■ Not effective - 0 ■ Somewhat effective - 16 ■ Effective - 17 ■ Very effective - 7

Confidence in Reef management

Pre-Forum, 51% viewed the Reef Authority's management as somewhat effective and 43% as effective. Post-Forum, 83% said their confidence in these approaches had increased.

Figure 3: Has your confidence in the Reef Authority's management approaches increased as a result of this Forum?

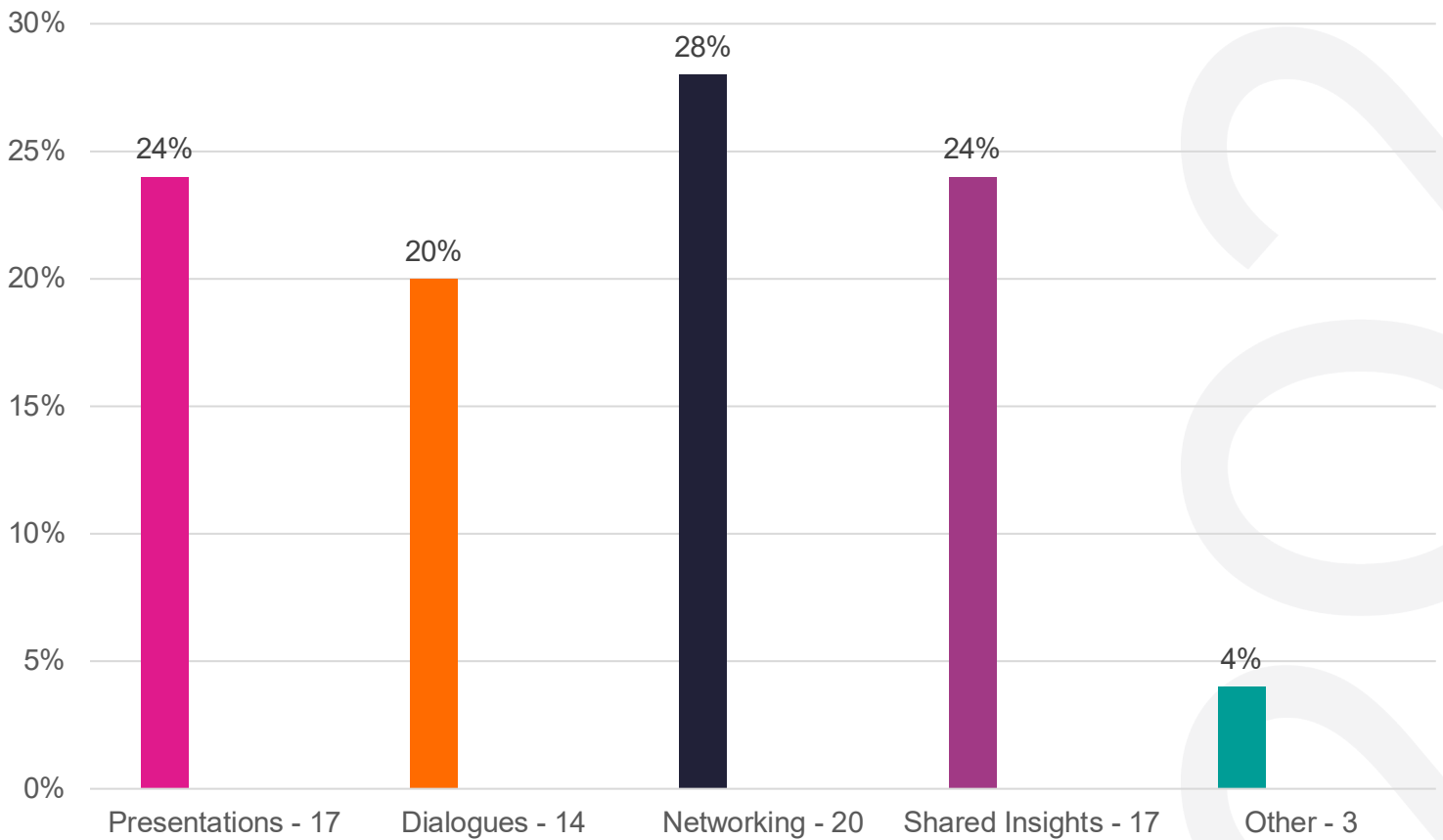


■ No - 7 ■ Yes - 33

Event feedback

When asked which aspect of the Forum was most valuable, 28% of respondents highlighted networking, followed by presentations (24%) and shared insights (24%), and dialogues (20%).

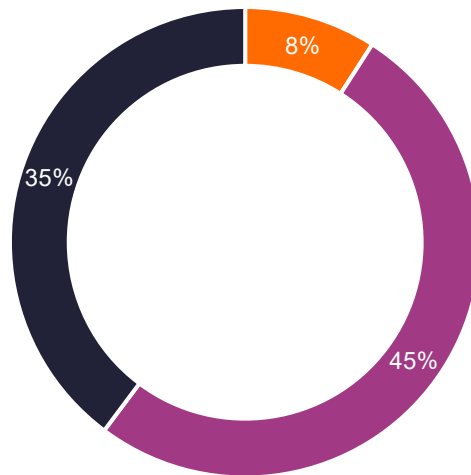
Figure 4: Which aspect of the Forum was most valuable to you?



Open-text feedback on the Forum was positive, with many participants describing it as “well organised,” “effective,” “informative,” and “well worth attending.”

Several respondents praised the event’s structure and facilitation, noting that it ran smoothly and offered valuable opportunities to connect with colleagues and stakeholders.

Figure 1: How likely are you to share or apply knowledge gained from the Forum in your work or community?



■ Unlikely - 0 ■ Somewhat likely - 8 ■ Likely - 45 ■ Very Likely - 47

Finally, the vast majority of participants (80%) indicated strong intent to share or apply what they learned.

Summary

The pre and post Forum responses showed that participants were already highly informed, with most participants indicating they were familiar or very familiar with the Reef Authority's role. The Forum highlighted an improved understanding of resilience-based management, and increased confidence in the Reef Authority's direction, with 80% of participants leaving the event likely to share or apply the knowledge gained; furthermore, 83% said their confidence in the Reef Authority's management approaches had increased. Written feedback is included below in full.

Voices from the Forum - Post-event feedback

- "A very good event and well worth attending."
- "Was very well organised."
- "Thank you for organising and the invitation."
- "Have another one."
- "Good start to a longer journey."
- "Thank you for the invite and opportunity to lean and network."
- "Stakeholders stories of demonstrated actions in line with Reef 2050 Plan, delivered in person by stakeholders."

- *“Effective, well run and congratulations to all involved.”*
- *“Thanks for the excellent organisation of the forum. It ran incredibly smoothly and facilitation was excellent.”*
- *“Great presentations and excellent opportunity to meet with other Reef colleagues*
- *Interactive and informative.”*
- *“Would have been good to move groups - at least at dinner - to get to know others in other groups.”*
- *“Not sure re the outcomes of the forum - be good for follow up - what difference has it or will it make.”*
- *“Keep for simple urgent and immediate actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by all reef stakeholders and annual forums to report and plan ahead.”*
- *“We need to work with GBRMPA and people of cities, regions and visitors to build an integrated system storytelling across cultures and perspectives to build a resilient narrative for going forward... 👍.”*
- *“Would have liked more panel presentations and opportunities for questions from the floor.*
- *“Thanks for trying a few different ways to organise the discussions e.g. scenarios discussions.”*
- *“I learnt a lot about gbrmpa management tools. The resilience network tool is excellent.”*
- *“My confidence in the Reef Authority remains very high, it has not changed as a result of this forum. My expectation is the RA holds events like this regularly to connect with stakeholders, sense-check actions, and co-develop priorities with diverse thinkers.”*
- *“There was a diverse range of participants who brought valuable insights, expertise. I thought this was great.”*
- *“Would love to see presentations on how the actions from the reef 2050 plan is being implemented on the ground - success stories. Enjoyed the Raine Island project update. Well done.”*
- *“The event ran smoothly. I did expect a bit more out the box planning. But overall, a very useful event.”*