

What You Told Us – Walumeda Catchment Community Survey

Survey undertaken March/April 2025

We Care – But There's a Gap Between Caring and Doing

- 88% of you feel personally responsible for protecting the local creek — a powerful sign of community care.
- But only 1 in 4 are ready to take action. Imagine the impact if everyone did just one creek-friendly thing!

Many Don't Know We Live at the Source

- Nearly 75% of respondents didn't know our local waterway is called Berowra Creek.
- Our Walumeda Catchment, stretching from Thompsons Corner to Boundary Road, forms the headwaters of the Berowra Creek Catchment — what happens here flows downstream to the Hawkesbury River estuary.

Pollution is Visible — But Not Always Understood

- Almost 50% of locals have seen pollution such as litter, garden waste, or building site runoff impacting the creek.
- 12% of people weren't sure what stormwater pollution is — a clear sign we need to raise awareness about how everyday activities affect our creeks.

We Visit — But Barriers Remain

- 60% of you visit the creek at least monthly — enjoying bush tracks, the duck pond, and New Farm Rd bushland.
- But access, safety, pests, and water quality are common reasons people don't visit more often.

What's Stopping Action?

The top barriers to protecting the creek:

- Lack of time
- Unclear guidance on what to do
- Issues with accessing the creek including health or mobility limitations

😊 - Despite these, many residents already:

- Sweep kerbs
- Use garden-friendly products
- Report issues to Council
- Do Bushcare