



Community Engagement Feedback Report

**Friends of the Oscar W Inc. - Lease and
Licence Variation Proposal**

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1.0 Background

Council sought feedback on a proposal to provide a renewal option to the current 5-year lease for the **Goolwa Riverboat Centre** and the current 5-year **Mooring Licence** for the Friends of the Oscar W Inc (FOW) at the Goolwa Wharf Precinct.

The FOW hold three (3) leases and one (1) licence with Council for the operation of the PS Oscar W Vessel as below:

- Licence for the mooring of the PS Oscar W Vessel at the Goolwa Wharf
 - Proposal to provide a 5-year renewal option in the current licence.
- Lease for the Goolwa Riverboat Centre for the operation of a visitor and passenger collection point, museum, workshop and retail sales outlet.
 - Proposal to provide a 5-year renewal option in the current lease.
- Lease for the 'Operation and Maintenance of the PS Oscar W Vessel (how it is operated) for a term of 10 years
 - Endorsed by Council 20 May 2024
- Lease for 'Plot 3' in the Goolwa Community Precinct on Kessell Road Goolwa for wood storage purposes for a term of 10 years.
 - Endorsed by Council 20 May 2024

The Goolwa Riverboat Centre Lease and the mooring licence for the vessel at the Wharf are located on community land. As such, the initial agreements could only be granted for a term not exceeding five (5) years unless public consultation was undertaken in accordance with Section 202 of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

It was clearly identified in previous Council Reports that the duration of these two (2) agreements would be reviewed once the FOW had been operating for a period of time.

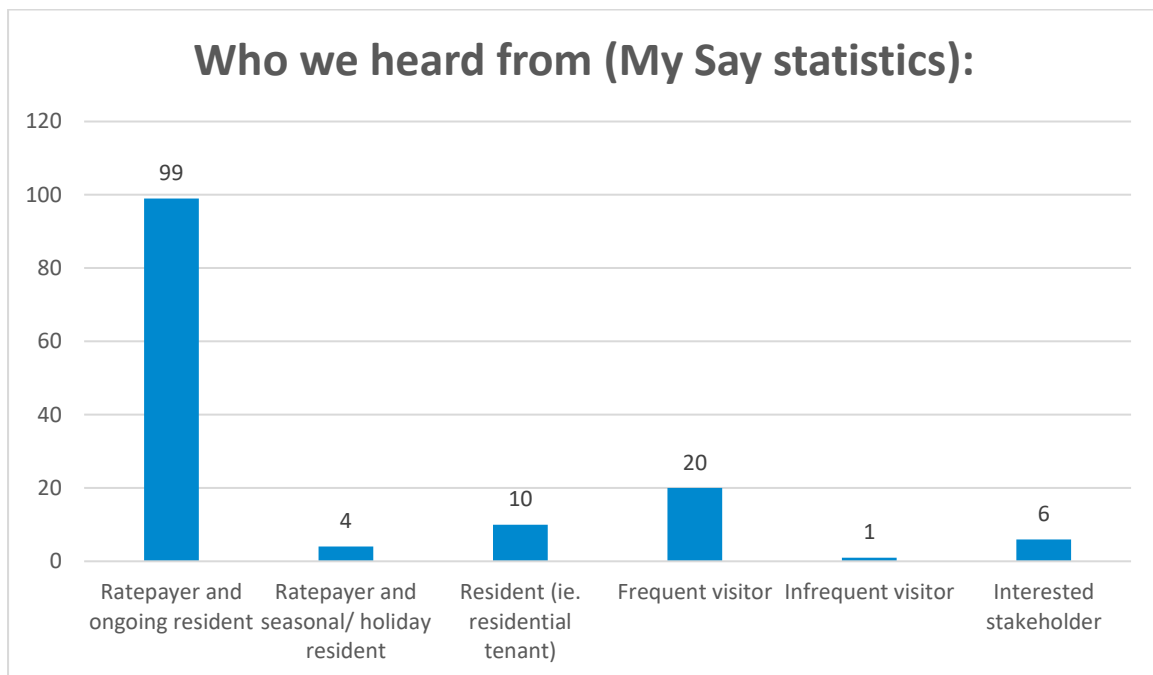
The purpose of this community engagement is to seek community feedback on a proposal to vary the conditions of the Goolwa Riverboat Centre lease and the Mooring Licence to:

- Include the provision of consideration to renew each Agreement for a further term of five (5) years on expiry of their initial term; and
- establish a common expiry date for all four (4) agreements a t10 years.

2.0 Engagement Snapshot

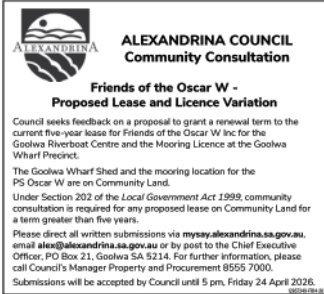
During the consultation period from 9 am, Thursday 2 April until 5 pm, Friday 24 April a total of **140 responses** were received across both the My Say platform and via email/hard copy.





2.1 Engagement communications

Audience	Channel	Results
Residents/ Ratepayers	Council website - Latest news article on home page of corporate website	Duration of consultation
	Social media (Instagram and Facebook) 2 April 22 April	Facebook - Views: over 8.3k - Link clicks: 33 - Interactions: 151 Instagram - Views: over 600 - Reach: almost 400 - Interactions: 21
	Council office displays - entryways	Duration of consultation
	Community noticeboards	N/A
	My Say e-newsletter subscribers	Sent to over 2k subscribers on 10 April, 23 April (NUMBER% open rate)

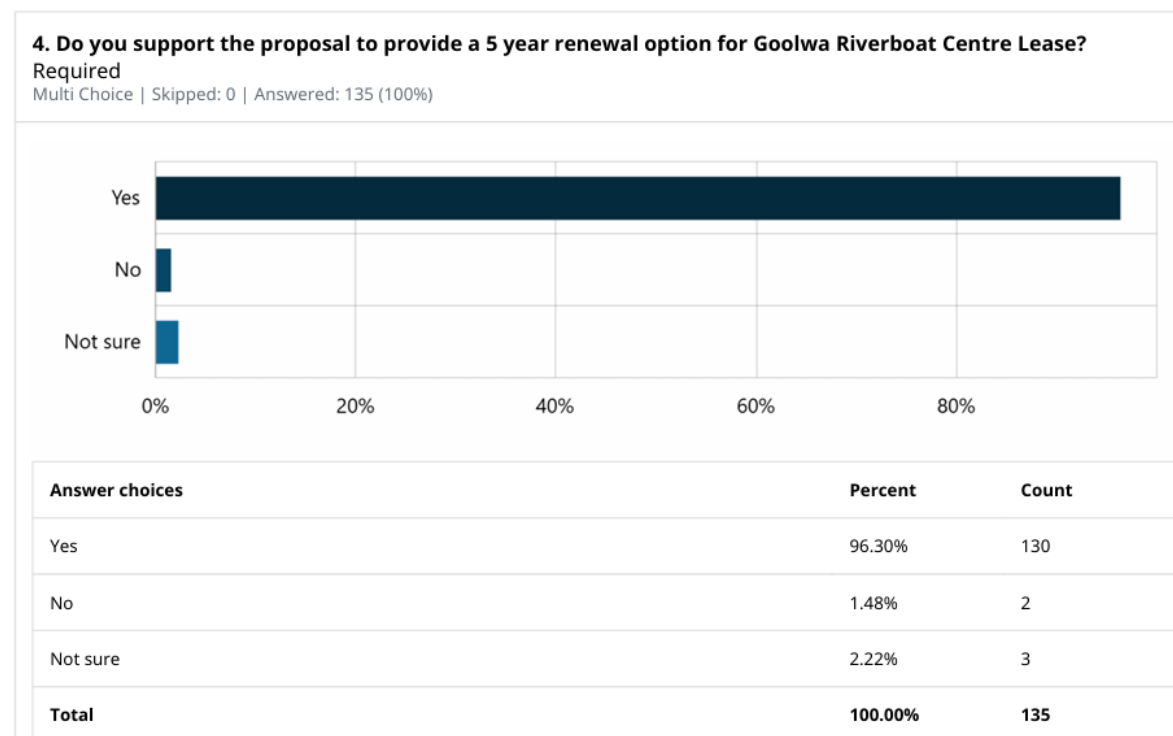
	Corflutes (large waterproof signage on site)	N/A
Adjoining Property Owners / Business Owners	Direct email or posted letter	Distributed to the Goolwa Wharf Operators Group by the Economic Development Team
Government and key agencies	Direct email or posted letter	Formal response received from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) advising that the changes to the tenancies proposed in the consultation are in line with the recreation and tourism purposes of the dedicated parcel and the department has no objections.
Section 41 Committees / Advisory Committees/ Audit and Risk Committee	Committee/s	N/A
Community groups, resident and ratepayer associations	Direct email or posted letter	N/A
Media	Fleurieu Sun, The Southern Argus	
Internal staff	Connect Intranet Announcement	
Council Members	Briefing to Council Members via Council Report, CM Portal, email, Council Information Session	

3.0 Consultation Response Overview

3.1 Evaluation

On close of community engagement 140 submissions were received.

Of the 135 My say submissions, 130 supported the proposed extension options, 2 did not support the proposed extension options and 3 were unsure, an overview of which is provided below:



Of the 5 written submissions, all 5 (100%) supported the proposed extension options.

Feedback summary:

The majority of submissions support the lease and licence being amended to provide an option for a 5-year renewal term for each Agreement, on expiry of the current lease and licence in 2029.

Supporters believe:

- Retaining FOW and the vessel contributes to understanding Goolwa's Heritage
- Has a significant tourism benefit
- Provides a positive social and community advantage
- Provides a tenancy term that reflects current and future investment

Objectors expressed concern that:

- FOW is not self-funding.
- The lease and licence areas could be activated more
- Consideration could be given to an alternative location for the mooring

4.0 Self-nomination to participate

It is important to acknowledge that involvement in the public consultation process is voluntary, with participants self-nominating to contribute. As a result, the feedback gathered should not be regarded as statistically representative of all perspectives.

5.0 Consultation images

N/A