



2011 Coastal Conversations Series - Session 1

KASAP survey report



Picture 1: Charlie Bicknell – Senior Coastal Engineer (WA Department of Transport) presenting to an interested audience at Batavia Coast Maritime Institute on March 2 (2011) in Geraldton.

Geraldton, April 2011

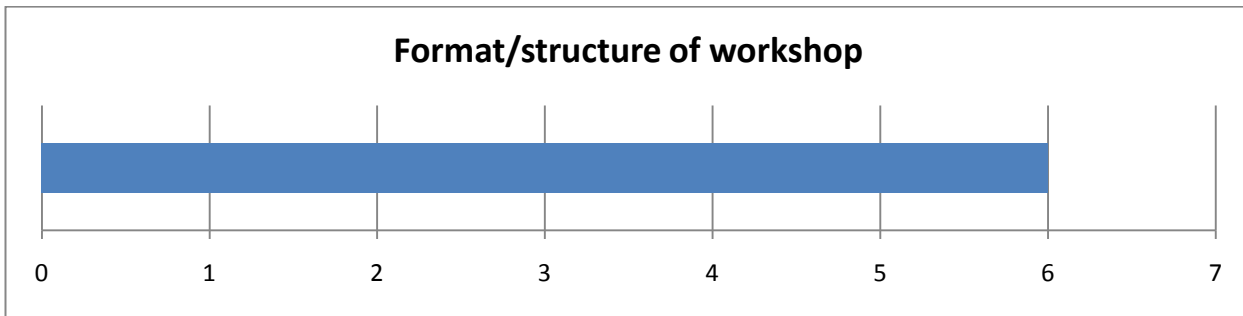
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47 participants filled in a survey, but not all participants filled in all questions.

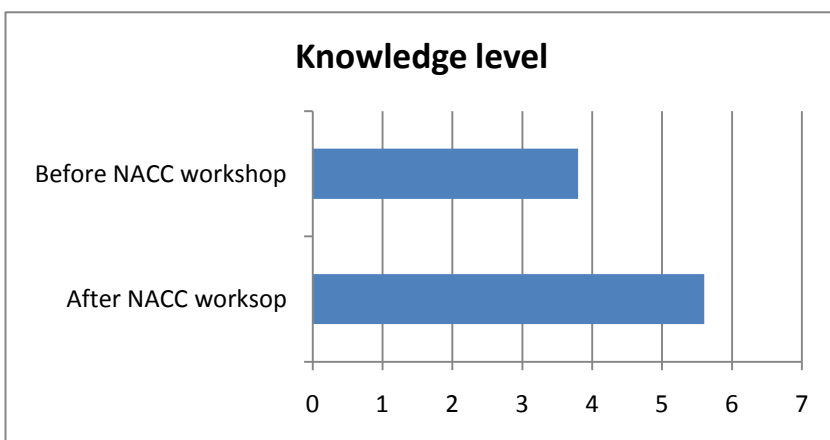
Question 1: How do you rate the format/structure of this workshop?



Most participants rated the format/structure of the workshop as very good. Comments were:

- Speakers were very interesting - venue very nice (2).
- I'd prefer either before or after lunch.
- The presentations were put across in an easy manner to understand.
- Well disciplined!

Question 2: Please indicate your knowledge level on coastal impacts of climate change and sea level rise:

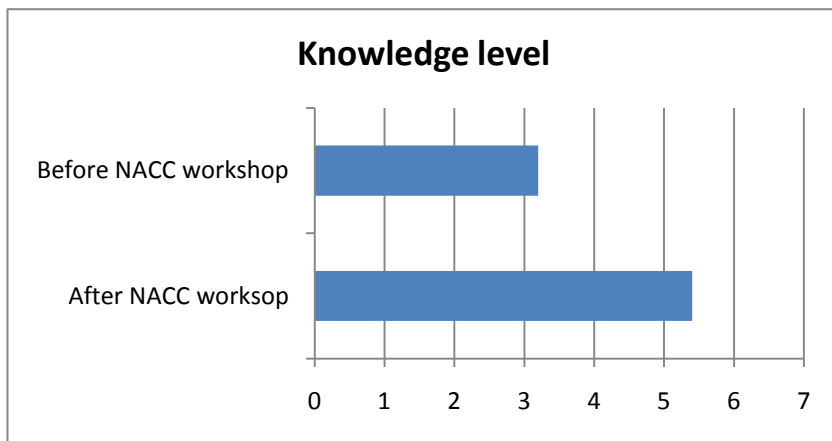




Respondents indicated a $(5.6 - 3.8) / 5.6 * 100\% \approx 32\%$ increase in knowledge of climate change and sea level rise. Comments were:

- Wasn't aware of long-term view of sea level rise.
- Enzo was very helpful.
- Perspective in time of lots of media hype is good.
- Very informative.

Question 3: Please indicate your knowledge level on shoreline protection methods:



Respondents indicated a $(5.4 - 3.2) / 5.4 * 100\% \approx 41\%$ increase in knowledge on shoreline protection methods. One comment was:

- Very interesting - didn't know some of these structures were to protect the shore.

Question 4: What was the one thing you enjoyed most about this event?

46 respondents answered this question and their answers are summarized below:

- Speakers were both very knowledgeable and slideshows informative and relevant (14).
- The variety and explanation of different coastal protection methods (10).
- Enzo's knowledge of coastal solutions, pictures and stories (8).
- Seeing the high level of local government interest on the subject. Decision makers informing themselves.
- Expert inputs for common problems.



- Talking with Prof. Enzo about sediment transport and wave energy.
- The importance and understanding that people are starting to adapt towards the changes of climate change and putting actions in place.
- Info on sea level rise.
- Charlie's relaxed and realistic attitude.
- General awareness raising of coastal erosion.
- New knowledge and facts.
- The groynes that stop or deter erosion.
- Explanation of the melting ice caps.
- A positive outlook for the future!
- Climate changes but slowly. We have time to organise some protection.
- International experience supports weather presentation.
- Different style groins and breakwaters in Italy. As they work differently as we have seen in Geraldton and other regions in WA.

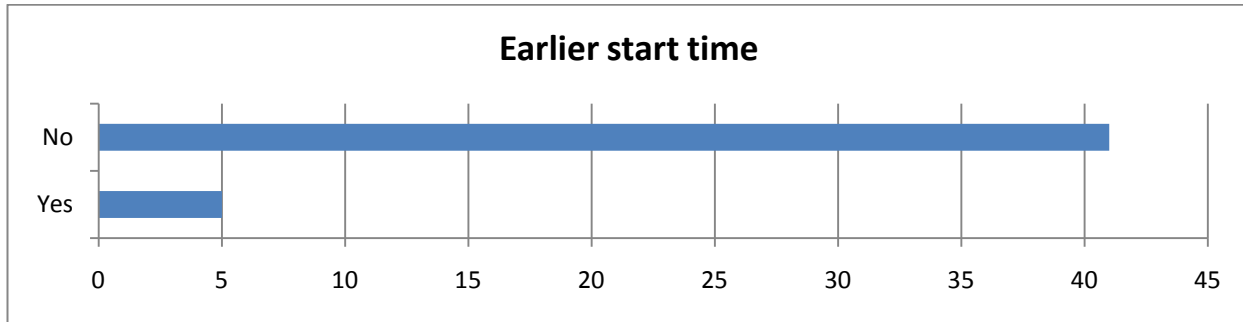


Picture 2: Prof. Enzo Pranzini – University of Florence (Italy) captivating the audience with an elaborate presentation at Batavia Coast Maritime Institute on 2 March 2011 in Geraldton.



Question 5: Would you have preferred an earlier start time and/or later finish time?

46 respondents answered this question.



Summarised comments were:

- Tight timetable but everything well covered (3)
- Good time. Great to have a choice. (3)
- Earlier start time. (2)
- Maybe not through the lunch period, getting hungry towards end. (2)
- Interactive work, getting people more involved.
- Too much information for a short presentation.
- We drove up from Perth, I wouldn't like a start any earlier.

Question 6: Other comments:

- Well done. Thanks for the organisation. (5)
- Was very interesting and informative. (2)
- Enjoyed it.
- Very much grounded insight into topics covered - well worth attending.
- More people need to understand this topic. This info needs to be delivered to schools to educate younger people.
- Fantastic presentations and speakers.
- Create wider coastal reserves.



- I would like to hear from someone with experience using vegetation to protect dunes etc. for coastal protection.
- If there is a website where to view the different break walls it will be good to compare effects in planning break walls for our city.