



BGANZ Member Survey 2020

Feedback to BGANZ Council

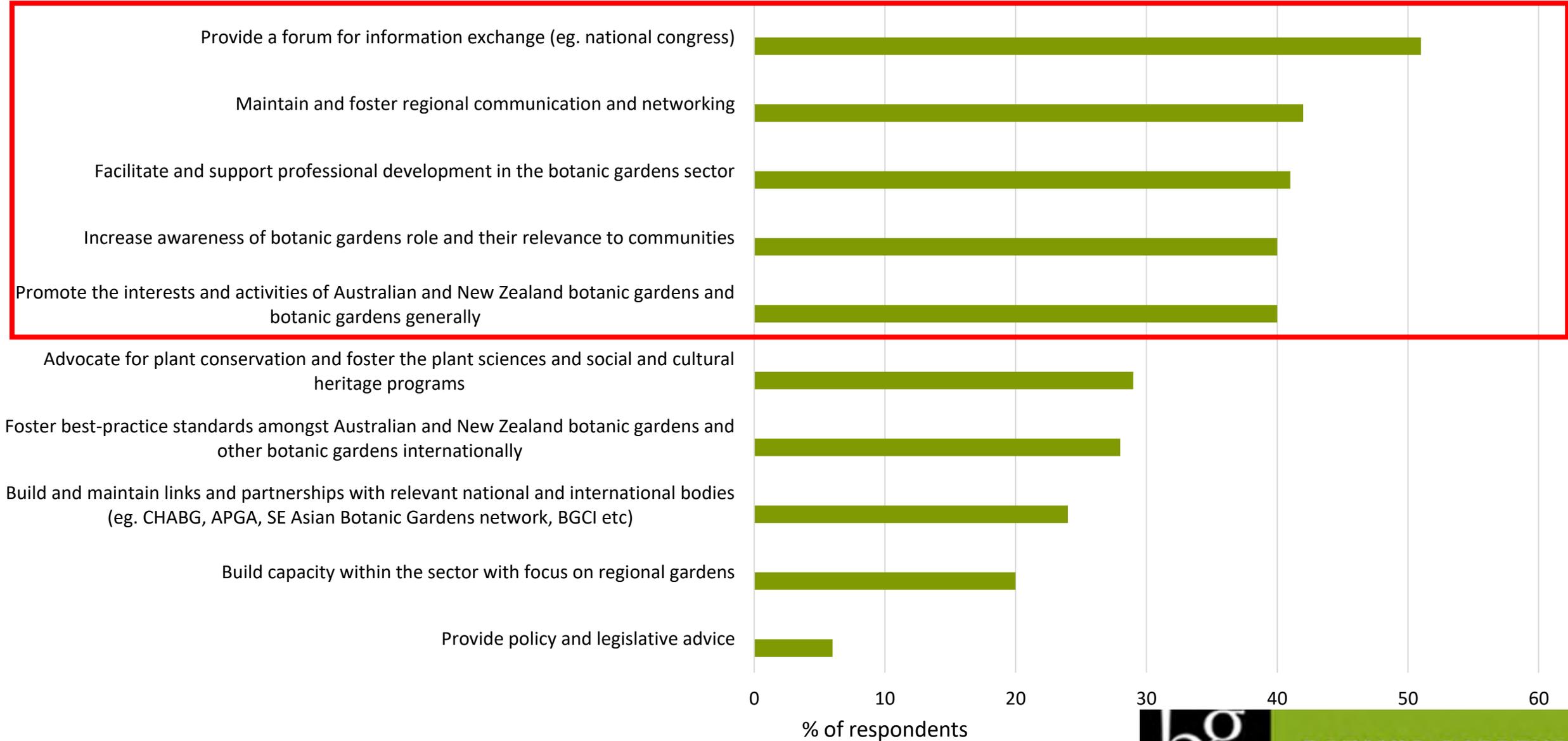
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BOTANIC GARDENS
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“Provides leadership to the broader botanic network and fosters collaboration and information sharing which is especially important for regional or less resourced gardens.”

“I see BGANZ's strength in being able to increase the professionalism of staff of botanic gardens”

“Provides a national 'brand' to promote the endeavours of botanic gardens across Aust/NZ”

Text Responses included:

- Strong indication that all functions below were important
- Consider further support for all gardens
- Increase National Brand awareness and lead and advocate for regional gardens – continuing to use Botanic Gardens Day to assist these wants.

3. What is the value of BGANZ to you? To help you in answering the question, you could also include what BGANZ programs and benefits you have used and found most valuable. - Responses

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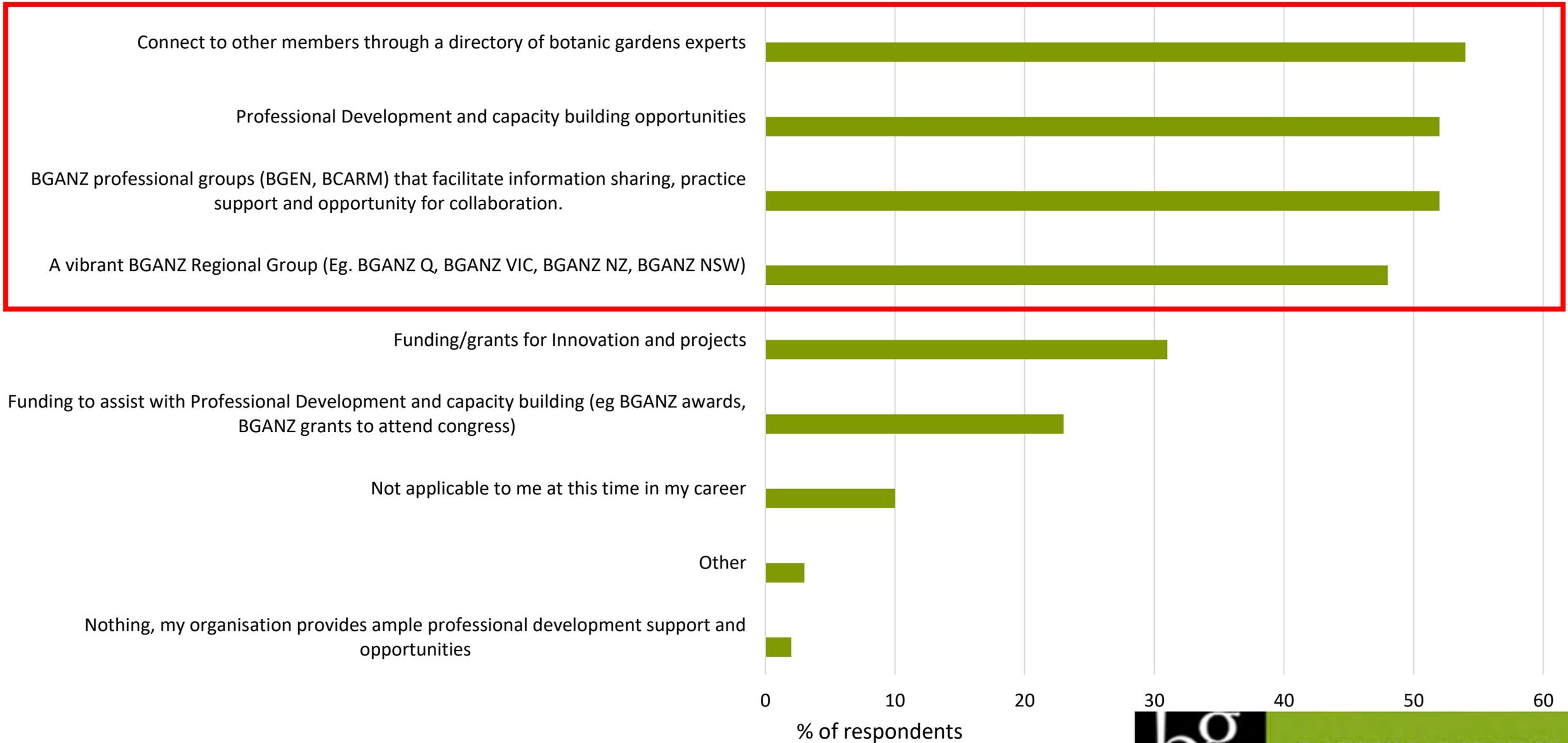
- Networking in its broadest sense – Congresses, connecting through Digital Workshops, Regional Groups and newsletters was way ahead of any other item
- Regional Group Membership is very important – a desire for NSW to be more active
- Botanic Gardens Day and Resources provided had a positive response
- Desire for stronger and formalised conservation and science collaboration

“Being a member allows one to be able to communicate with similar organizations and be able to reach collective outcomes and resolve for those shared challenges and mutual visions.”

“Opportunities to network with the sector. Establishing strong relationships both professional and even personally with industry leaders”

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“I am somewhat isolated and would welcome some kind of interchange with horticulturalists specifically propagators. Is there a propagator’s network?”

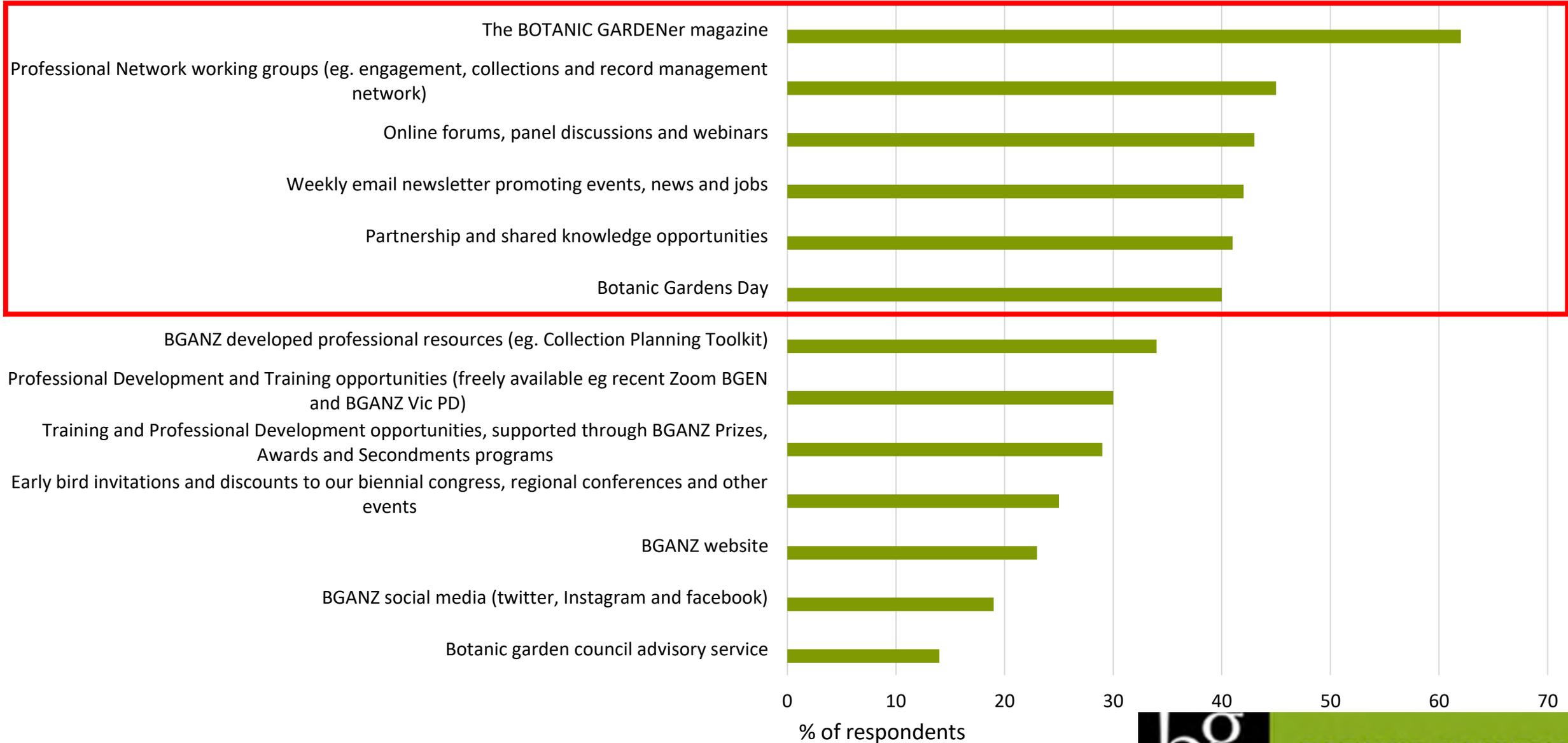
“An arboriculturist network within BGANZ would be wonderful. I'd love to help establish it”

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"I think this period has really opened the door to online forums etc. This is a great opportunity in the future to open up things like network meetings/workshops to the national network rather than local and state. I have found the resources such as Collection Planning Toolkit really useful for leading workshops with my team and volunteers"

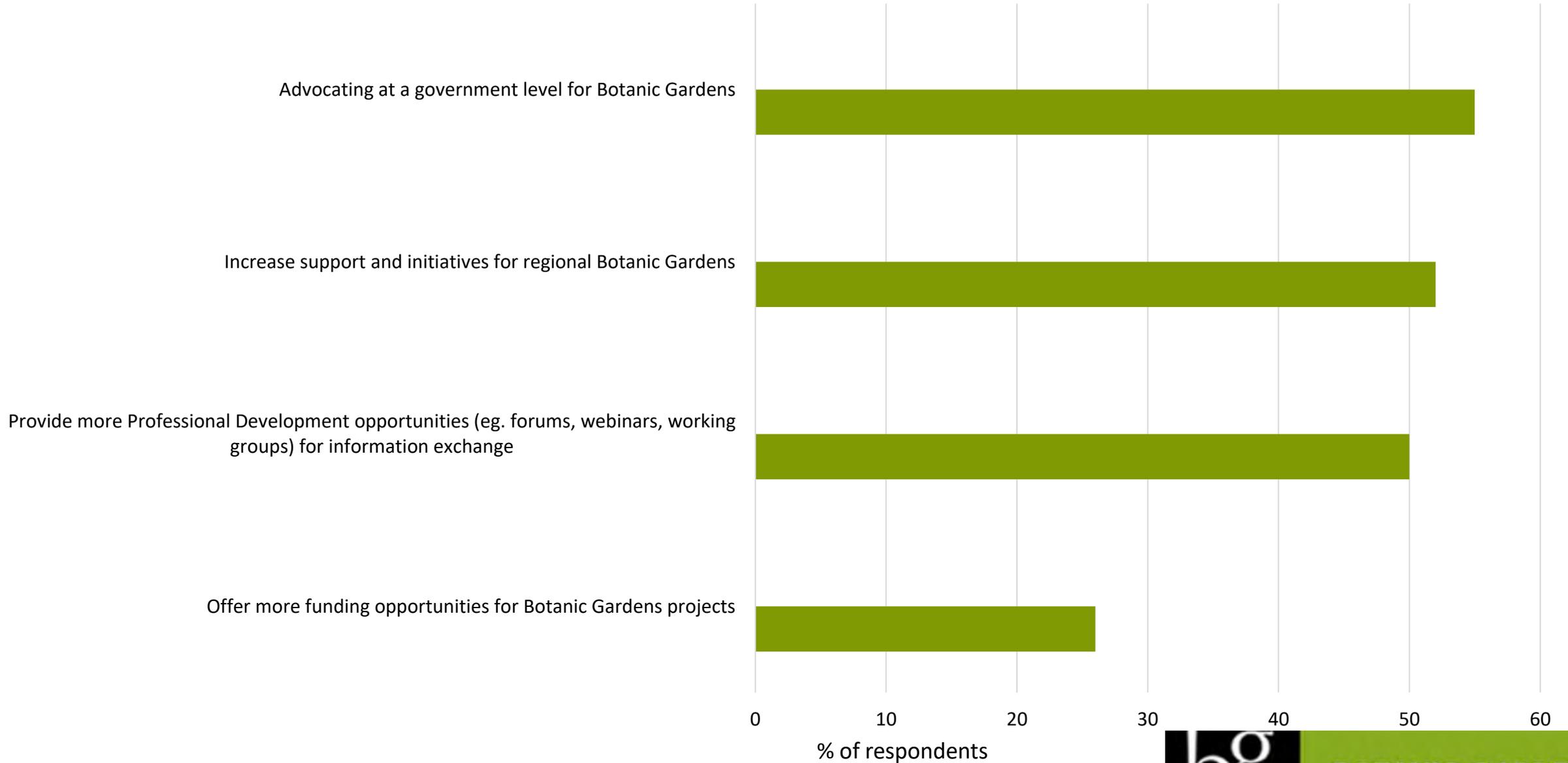
"I find the network meetings and biennial congresses most valuable"

Text Responses included:

- BGANZ Database wanted
- Improved resources for members
- Increase Network opportunities and Forums
- Some members not aware of BGANZ programs or website.
- Volunteers at botanic gardens are omitted.

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"I am hoping that this would lead to increased support of regional botanic gardens by BGANZ. ie. BGANZ being an active advocate to improve awareness and financial support of regional botanic gardens, including the start-up of new botanic gardens"

"Professional development, networking opportunities for the teams that manage community engagement, activation, events etc. for Botanic Gardens"

Text Responses included:

- Further assistance for regional botanic gardens
- More Professional Development and National training approach
- Ability to continue to represent members
- Increase advocacy to Government
- Improve Not-for-profit fundraising support

Q7. Where would you like to see BGANZ in the next five years? If you are unsure, to get you thinking, reflect on: how BGANZ can support you or your organisation plans/needs into the near future; What are your hopes for BGANZ as a network; What could BGANZ be

“Continuing to build connections between Botanic Gardens and like organisations across Australia and New Zealand. Focusing attention on frontier areas with lower amounts of BGANZ membership. Moving beyond this, to engage with global organisations in supporting plant conservation and education.”

“Strong and relevant governance model and operational structure with additional paid staff delivering a range of services to members.”

Text Responses included:

- Recognition as Authority – New Board agile with business savvy leadership – increase paid staff, improve funding, and aim high – think big
- Increase PD, use of online workshops provide plant database, increase Professional Development Groups, become an Industry expert group
- Build outreach with Regional Botanic Gardens, and World bodies., Oceania and be Southern Hemisphere leader
- Champion Traditional Owner knowledge, Women, Junior members.
- Provide Leaders and Volunteers network

Q8. Please indicate any additional thoughts on programs, information, or services you would find valuable from BGANZ

“A forum that allows any botanic garden staff member to log on and discuss horticultural issues such as but not limited to pests and diseases, would be greatly appreciated”

“As a founding member I am proud to see what BGANZ has become and very much looking forward to the next iteration of the group”

Text Responses included:

- Continue and improve networking opportunities
- Surprisingly, many said – Nothing – just keep going
- Increase Forum opportunities
- Professional Development for Science and Conservation
- Identify need for more revenue

Regional Botanic Gardens:
What do members need?
How do we improve services?

Networking:
What opportunities
would you like to see?

Professional Development:
What disciplines should
BGANZ support?

Conservation:
What kind of leadership
can BGANZ provide?