

Majors Bay Reserve Masterplan and Passive Recreation Precinct

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT (ROUND 1: 6-29 MAY 2022)

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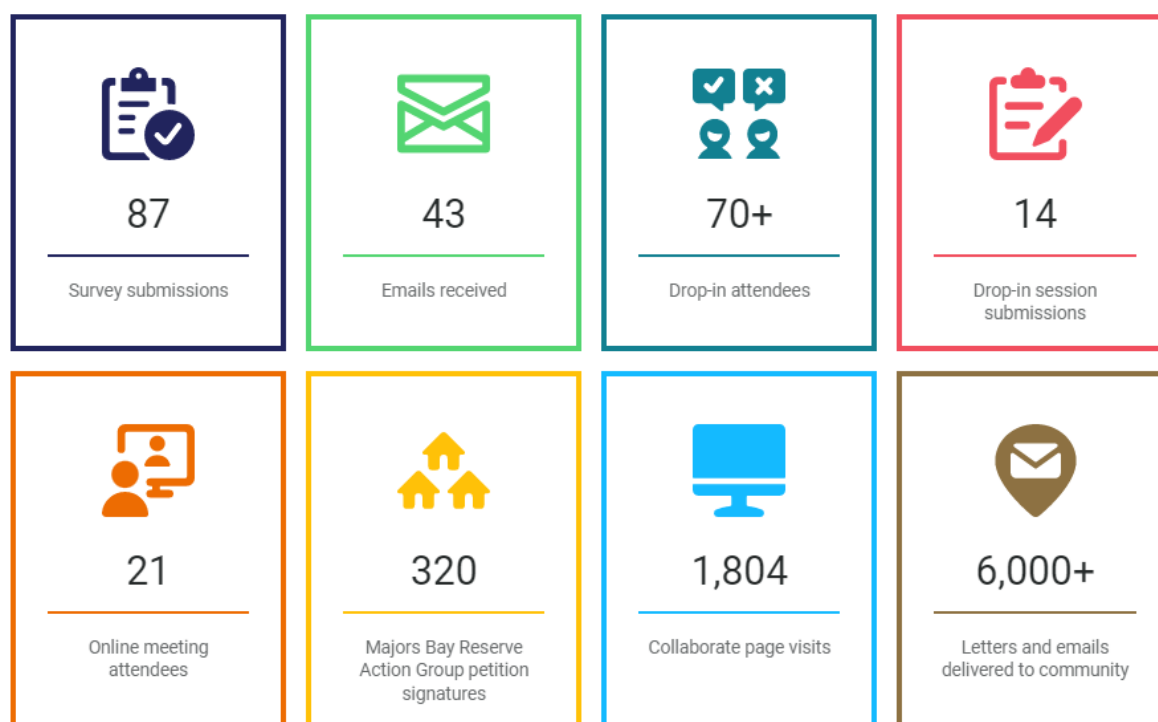
Introduction

Majors Bay Reserve is one of the most important parcels of public open space within the City of Canada Bay. Its connection with the water, open parklands and sporting grounds makes it unique within the Western Sydney Harbour foreshore.

The City of Canada Bay received \$4.75m funding from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to upgrade the passive recreation opportunities in the reserve. Concurrently, the existing Masterplan for the reserve was adopted in 2000 and requires updating. As part of this project, Council decided to redraft the Masterplan to identify what is possible within the reserve and consult the community, with a view to editing the plan to suit the community's needs and wants for the space. Council will then identify which elements will be constructed with the DPE funding grant, and which elements will be ear marked for future consultation and construction as part of the reserve's long-term Masterplan.

This report outlines the feedback received during the first round of consultation with the community. A second round of consultation will take place in June 2022, when a new draft Masterplan will be shared along with an initial indication of which elements are likely to be constructed using the DPE funding grant.

Engagement snapshot



Communication methods and reach

A suite of communication methods was used to inform the community about this consultation and encourage submissions.

Methods used included:

- Project page on Collaborate Canada Bay: collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/mbr_precinct
- Letterbox drop by Council officers to 4,000+ residents in surrounding streets
- Direct email to 83 residents bordering the reserve who have provided email addresses to Council's database
- Direct email to schools using the reserve regularly
- Outreach to sporting clubs
- Collaborate email to 1,886 database – those following Concord and Parks & Recreation topics
- Social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Council newsletter
- 8 x on site signs (please note: a printing error resulted in these signs being delayed and were erected late on Wednesday 18 May 2022)

See appendix A for more detail, including communications reach.

Engagement methods

Online survey

A Collaborate survey was developed to capture the community's reaction to the draft Masterplan, asking for what they liked, what they did not like, and any additional feedback they had for Council.

Survey questions and full results can be found in the body of this report and in Appendix B.

Quick poll

Council often only hears from concerned residents when consulting. A Quick poll was trialled during this consultation to capture those who support the project but did not feel the need to provide written feedback via the survey. The intention was that anyone who wanted to provide detailed feedback (positive or negative) could do so via the survey.

Council will not be using this data, as some community members felt the poll was misleading as the poll was only focused on support. Council officers will consider how to communicate this better in future consultations.

Emails

All emails sent to Council, the Mayor and Councillors, and to individual Council officers are gathered and reviewed during the consultation reporting process.

A summary of email submission feedback can be found in Appendix C.

Drop-in sessions

Council (along with Council's design consultants) hosted two drop-in sessions at Majors Bay Reserve between the old Concord RSL car park and the entrance path to the synthetic soccer field on Saturday 14 May 2022 10am-12pm and Wednesday 18 May 4-6pm.

These drop-ins garnered a lot of interest from the community, with over 70 residents attending over 4 hours. These drop-ins were attended by the project lead, project assist, community consultation coordinator, Acting Director of City Services and Assets, and Council's design consultants.

A summary of feedback received can be found in the body of this report.

Online meeting

Council conducted an hour-long online session to provide an additional opportunity for community to ask questions and receive detailed answers, and for those who are unable to attend face to face events for any reason. This meeting was attended by the project lead, project assist, Acting Director of City Services and Assets, and Council's design consultants. Attendees felt the session was too short, and Council will hold a two-hour meeting next round.

A report from this meeting can be found in Appendix D.

Sporting clubs

Council met with Interlions Football Club, Briars, and Concord Baseball Club to share the draft Masterplan and discuss ideas and concerns. Inner West Cricket Association was unable to attend,

however officers provided information to the club separately. Following the meeting, Council sought feedback from all sporting clubs.

A report on feedback received from sporting clubs can be found in Appendix E.

Resident group – Majors Bay Reserve Action Committee

Residents have created an action group to represent their concerns to Council. Council officers have met with this group to discuss their concerns and will continue to liaise with them. A petition with 320 signatures was submitted to Council on 29 May 2022. The signees stated “I am against the current Masterplan for Majors Bay. I am against overdevelopment of the reserve. Sydney has very few open spaces left, and we should strive to preserve such valuable spaces for future generations”.

Results



Overall Results

Council received 144 submissions from the community: 87 surveys, 43 emails and 14 drop-in forms.

Feedback shows the community:

- values the reserve and all it has to offer currently
- believes the need to maintain the natural state of the reserve should be prioritised over developing all pockets of the reserve
- believes some aspects of the draft need to be redesigned with more consideration of adjoining residents
- supports the foreshore walk, improved walking paths and access improvements, additional trees, and a children’s playground in the reserve
- would have preferred to be consulted prior to the development of a draft to provide their input on uses, wants, and needs for the park, as opposed to being shown a draft of the Masterplan
- sees traffic congestion and parking as a key issue to be addressed now and into the future
- believes maintaining the existing reserve should be more of a priority for Council – such as drainage and existing greenery.



Areas of opposition

Feedback shows the community:

- feels the plan is overdeveloped and will reduce the current tranquillity of the space and existing flora and fauna
- strongly opposes the proposed Deakin Street carpark due to its location, resulting loss of green space and potential negative impact on the surrounding residents
- believes the fenced dog park location is too close to residences and should be maintained in its current location
- believes there are too many custom picnic shelters that are too close to residences
- wants detailed information on the staging of the project and costings

- is concerned about the impact the upgrades may have to their properties and day to day lives – including traffic and parking pressure, potential light spillage, noise, and safety concerns (for residents bordering the reserve).



Suggestions, alternatives, and requests

- Divide the reserve into two areas with interconnecting pathways:
 - Active – Western side of the reserve (along the back of the baseball, soccer fields, Cricket oval and Concord club)
 - Passive Green Open Space– Eastern side of the reserve from Deakin Street to the soccer fields and cricket oval
- Combine the Adventure and Family playgrounds
- Add additional angled parking along Norman Street between Majors Bay Rd and Nullawarra Ave
- Upgrade existing amenities blocks, do not add an additional
- A traffic and parking study should be conducted to better understand and plan for existing and future pressure in the reserve and surrounding streets
- Is there an Environmental Impact Study Council can share regarding contamination, remediation, damage to existing habitat and vegetation?
- Lighting plan
- The community would like an update on the Concord Club redevelopment and potential impact on the reserve and this project.

Emails

43 emails

- 3 sporting club email submissions
- 1 resident petition with 320 signatures
- 39 resident email submissions

Council received 39 email submissions from residents. Many of these emails were substantial and detailed submissions that outlined their concerns and ideas regarding the draft Masterplan. Given the quantity and length of these submissions, Council staff have attempted to summarise their key points. The summary highlights issues and suggestions that were raised several times within the email submissions.

Council notes that each submission's full detail cannot be comprehensively summarised, and the project team have reviewed the detailed responses provided by the community and will consider all suggestions individually.

A more detailed summary can be found in Appendix B.

Top 5 opposition points
1. Maintain nature / do not overdevelop
2. No Deakin St car park
3. Picnic shelters – do not need them all / in this location
4. Traffic and parking concerns - study needed
5. Fenced dog park – do not need

Top 5 support points
1. Community benefit of upgrading some elements of the park
2. Upgrading existing amenities
3. Pathway access improvements
4. Funding maintenance of existing amenities
5. Foreshore walk

Top 5 requests
1. Fencing plan for various elements within the park
2. Lighting plan
3. Staging plan
4. Costings
5. Future maintenance requirements and costings

Online survey

Top line results – 87 submissions

- 80% of participants live in Concord, 39% live next to the park
- The average satisfaction rating received on the draft masterplan is 3 out of a possible 5
- The community is most excited about new trees and foreshore path connectivity

- Individual comments found the community like:
 - That the draft makes good use of space in the reserve
 - The boardwalk and foreshore path connectivity
 - More trees
 - Access
 - Youth zone
- The community are most concerned about the Deakin St carpark, fenced dog park and custom picnic shelters
- Individual comments found that the community:
 - Wants to maintain as much nature as possible
 - Do not want the Deakin St car park
 - Wants the dog park maintained at its current location i.e. where the Adventure Playground is proposed
 - Is concerned about traffic and parking

The full survey report can be found in Appendix B.

Drop-in sessions

During the drop-in sessions, many participants discussed their concerns with Council. Council officers attempted to write down the concerns of the participants individually and attribute feedback to specific people, however the amount of feedback and number of participants meant that some feedback was written down without a contact name. Despite this, Council will consider all feedback written down.

Likewise, while discussing issues with residents, many opted to provide written feedback outside of the drop-in, which is reflected in the small number of submissions noted in this report.

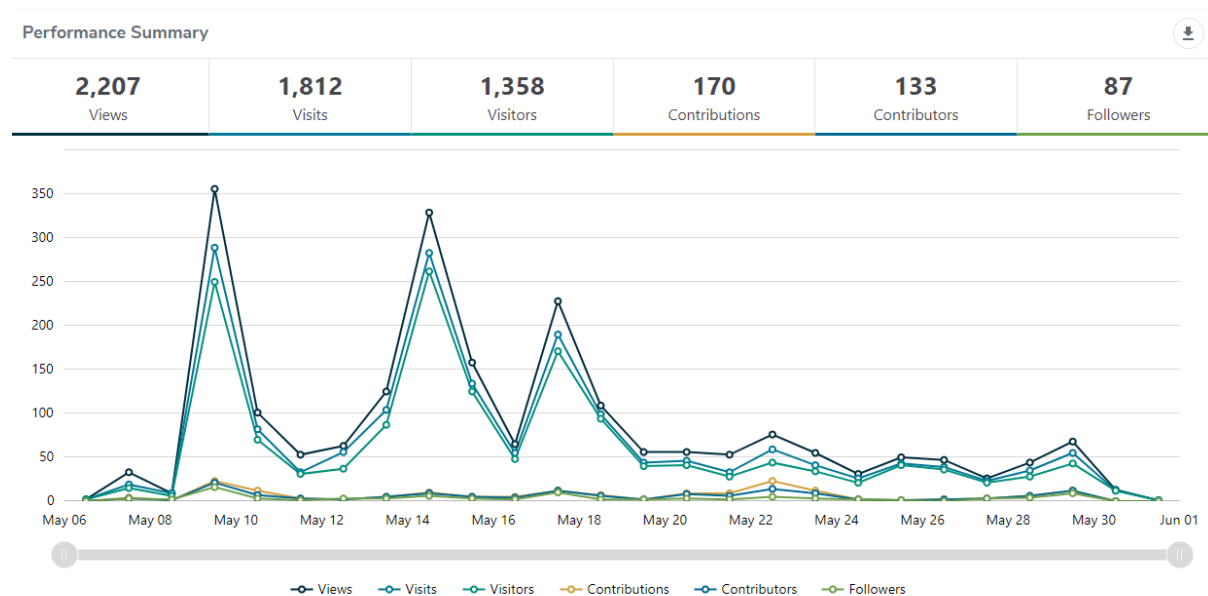
Feedback summary – 14 submissions collected during drop-in sessions

Suggestion	# of times suggested in writing
Access issues – into RSL car park	9
Additional maintenance budget needed	7
Safety and vandalism	7
Do not want fenced dog to park - move it to Adventure Playground area	6
No Deakin St car park	5
Upgrade and maintain existing amenities, do not add more	3
Lighting plan	2
Need more parking	2

Appendices

A. Communications reach

Project page on Collaborate Canada Bay: https://collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/mbr_precinct



Social media (Facebook and Instagram)

	No. of posts	Reach	Engagements	Link clicks
Facebook	2	3508	179	78
Instagram	1	760	12	12

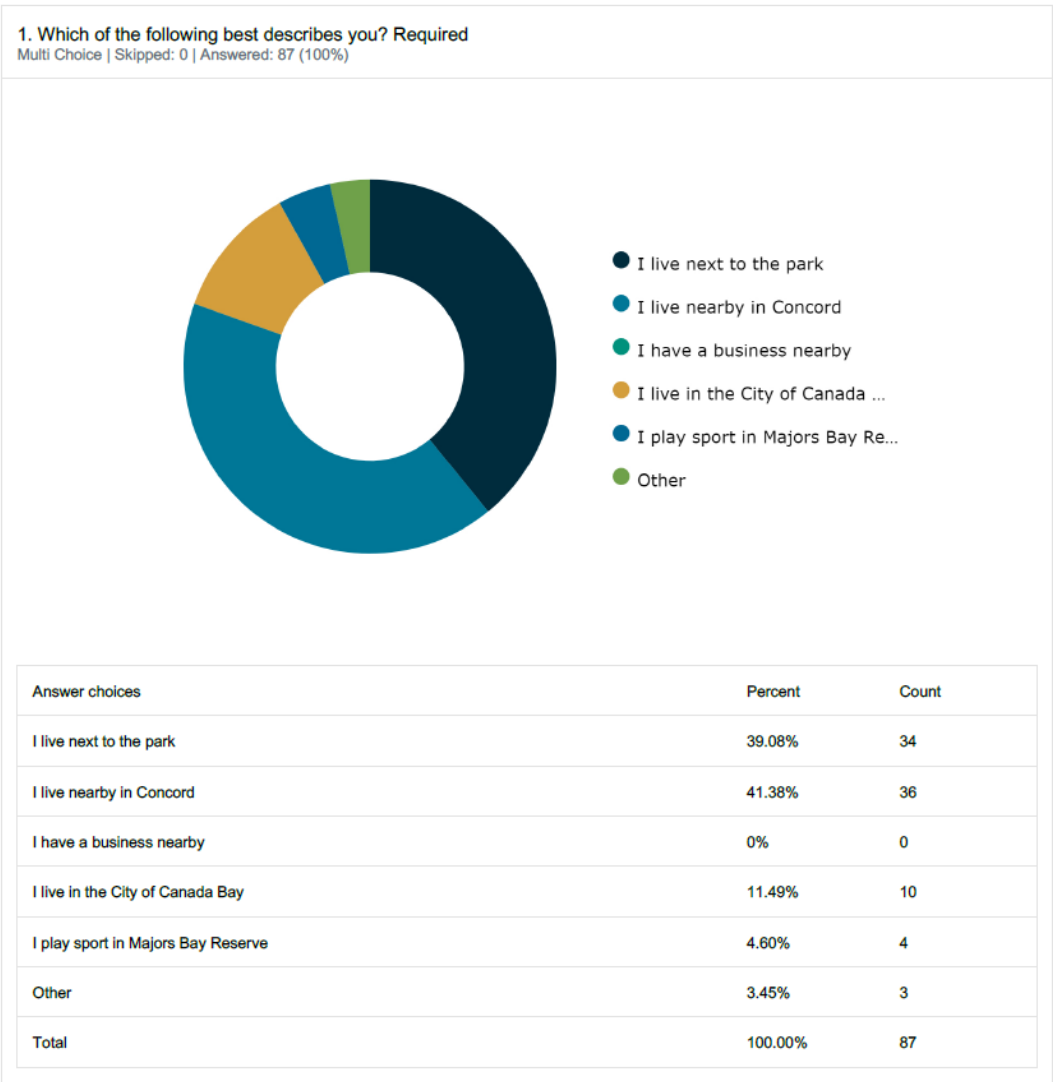
Council newsletters and newsletters

Council newsletter	Reach	Opens	Link clicks
City of Canada Bay News Online	2338	NA	74

B. Online Survey

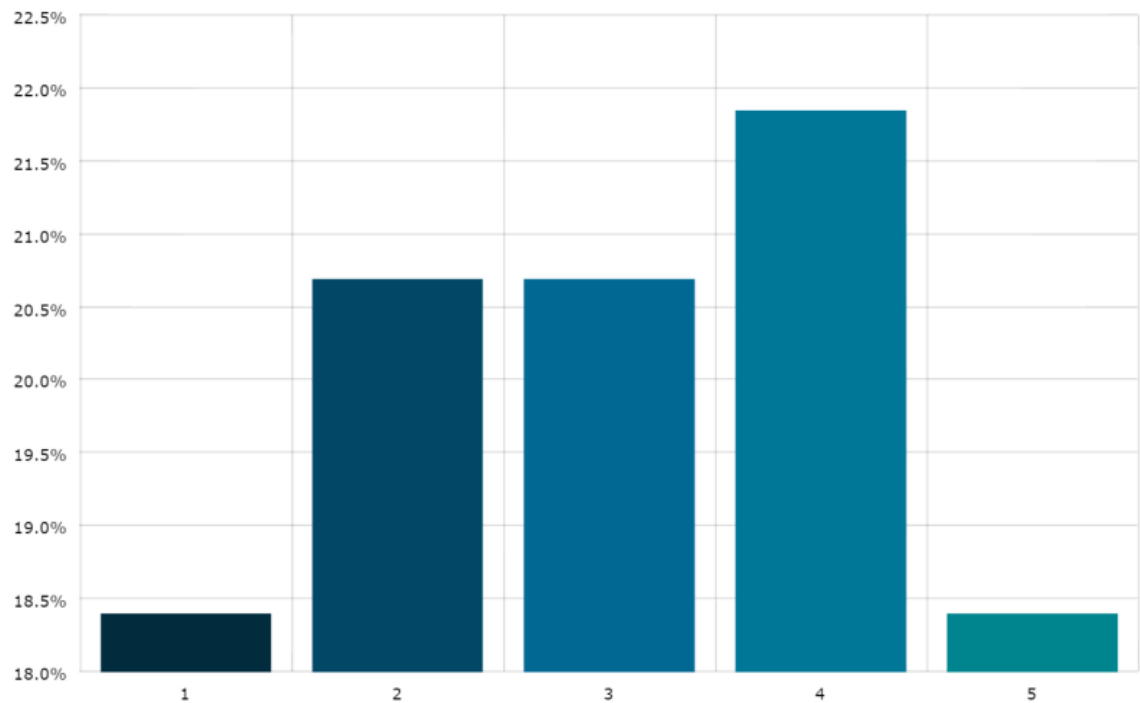
1. Which of the following best describes you?

Contribution summary



2. What rating would you give the draft masterplan overall?

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Rating | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 87 (100%)

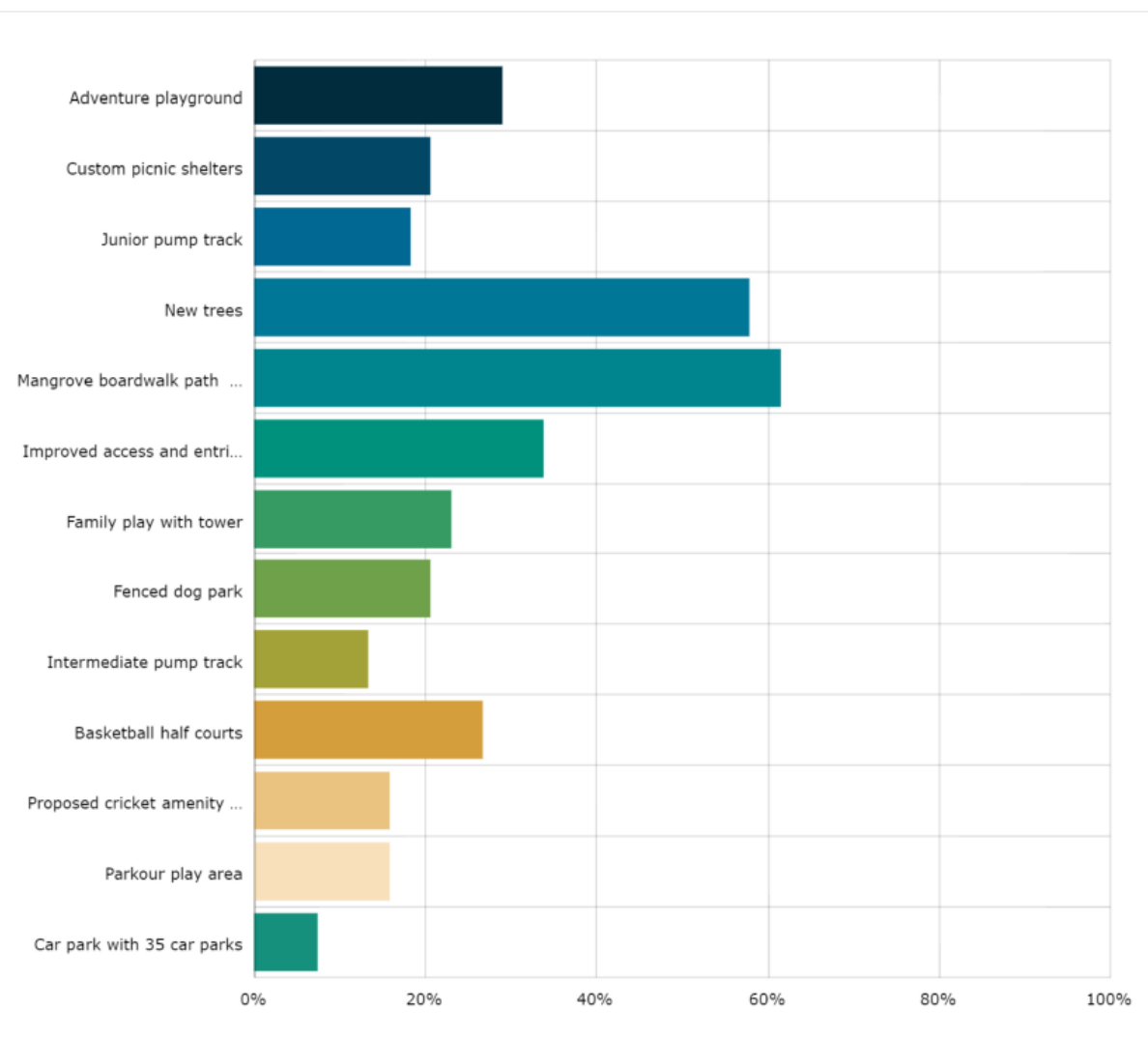


1	2	3	4	5	Count	Weighted average
18.39% 16	20.69% 18	20.69% 18	21.84% 19	18.39% 16	87	3.01

3. Which proposed elements are you excited to see created in Majors Bay Reserve?

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Multi Choice | Skipped: 4 | Answered: 83 (95.4%)



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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Adventure playground	28.92%	24
Custom picnic shelters	20.48%	17
Junior pump track	18.07%	15
New trees	57.83%	48
Mangrove boardwalk path kayak launch	61.45%	51
Improved access and entries	33.73%	28
Family play with tower	22.89%	19

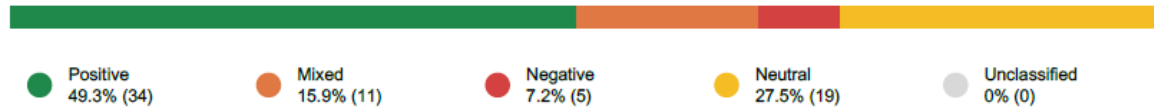
Fenced dog park	20.48%	17
Intermediate pump track	13.25%	11
Basketball half courts	26.51%	22
Proposed cricket amenity block	15.66%	13
Parkour play area	15.66%	13
Car park with 35 car parks	7.23%	6

4. What do you like about the draft Masterplan?

4. What do you like about the masterplan? Required

Long Text | Skipped: 18 | Answered: 69 (79.3%)

Sentiment



Tags

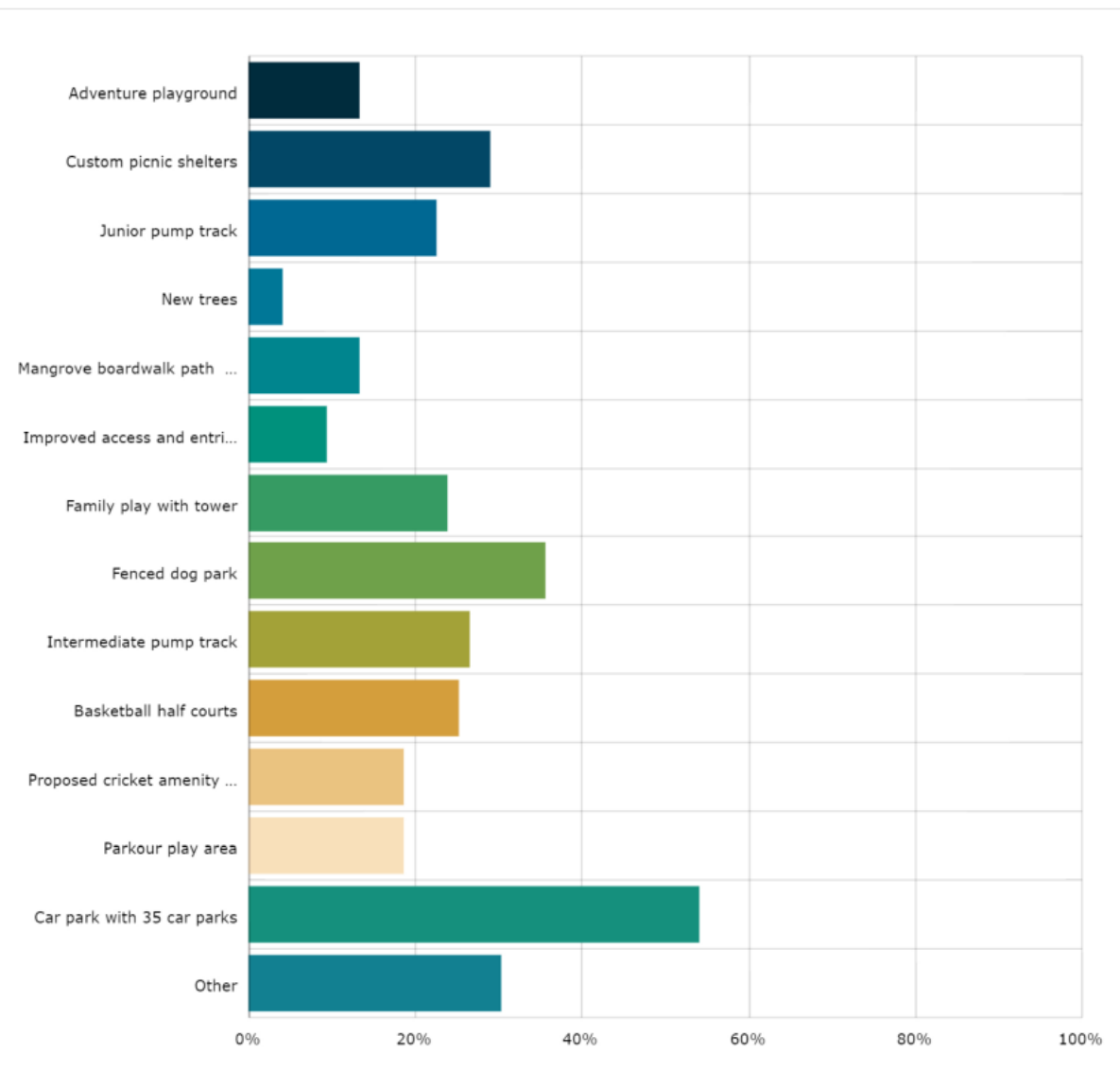


Tag	Percent	Count
Good use of space	23.2%	16
Boardwalk connectivity	23.2%	16
More trees	18.8%	13
Access	15.9%	11
Youth zone	14.5%	10
Kayak launch	10.1%	7
playground	10.1%	7

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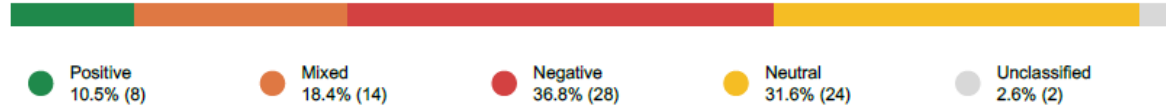
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Adventure playground	13.16%	10
Custom picnic shelters	28.95%	22
Junior pump track	22.37%	17
New trees	3.95%	3
Mangrove boardwalk path kayak launch	13.16%	10
Improved access and entries	9.21%	7
Family play with tower	23.68%	18
Fenced dog park	35.53%	27
Intermediate pump track	26.32%	20
Basketball half courts	25.00%	19
Proposed cricket amenity block	18.42%	14
Parkour play area	18.42%	14
Car park with 35 car parks	53.95%	41
Other	30.26%	23

6. How would you improve these designs?

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Long Text | Skipped: 11 | Answered: 76 (87.4%)

Sentiment

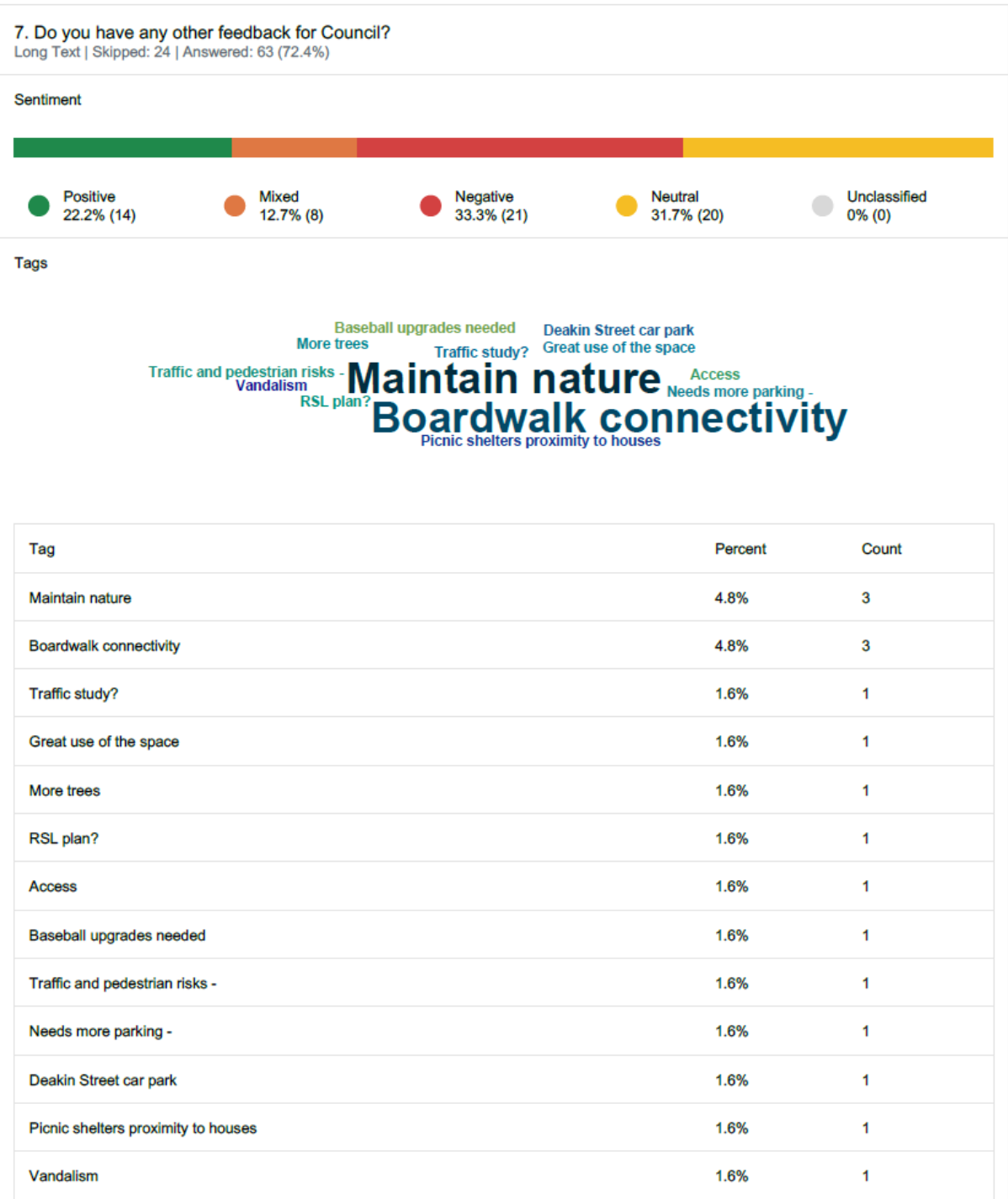


Tags



Tag	Percent	Count
Maintain nature	32.9%	25
No Deakin St car park	15.8%	12
Move dog park to adventure play	14.5%	11
Traffic and pedestrian risks -	13.2%	10
Picnic shelters proximity to houses	10.5%	8
Traffic study?	10.5%	8
Maintenance needs	10.5%	8
Changing Places close to houses	10.5%	8

7. Do you have any other feedback for Council?



C. Email feedback summary

Oppose	
1. Maintain nature / do not overdevelop	30
2. No Deakin St car park	23
3. Picnic shelters – do not need them all / in this location	22
4. Traffic and parking concerns - study needed	20
5. Fenced dog park – do not need	15
6. Parking pressure on surrounding streets	15
7. Family play with tower	12
8. Adventure playground – do not need them both/ in this location	12
9. Cycle service and storage area	12
10. Environmental impact study needed	11
11. Junior and Intermediate Pump Track	11
12. Contamination concerns	9
13. Move dog park to adventure play area	8
14. Kayak launch - location	8
15. Vandalism / delinquent behaviour	6
16. Changing Places amenities block - location	6
17. Boardwalk connectivity – environmental impact and privacy	4
18. Access into park dangerous	4
19. Youth zone	3
20. Parkour	3
21. Basketball courts	2

Support	
1. Community benefit of upgrading some elements of the park	30
2. Upgrading existing amenities	25
3. Pathway access improvements	15
4. Funding maintenance of existing amenity	13
5. Foreshore walk	5
6. Future pathway connectivity (citing potential connectivity to Wangal Reserve)	4
7. All abilities family playground	4
8. Access ramp to Arthur Walker Reserve	4
9. Key pedestrian / cycle entry	4
10. Junior Pump Track	4
11. Intermediate Pump track	4
12. Adventure playground	3
13. Widened entry road	3
14. Cycle service storage area	3
15. Formalised path around cricket oval	3
16. Entry statement	3
17. Better drainage in the park	3
18. Carpark tree planting in meridian	2
19. Secondary entry	2
20. Relocated cricket change rooms with amenities	2

21. Deakin Street Foreshore Boardwalk	2
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Queries
1. Fencing plan for various elements within the park
2. Lighting plan
3. Staging plan
4. Costings
5. Future maintenance requirements and costings
6. When did Majors Bay Reserve become a regional park?
7. Impact of RSL redevelopment
8. Screening plan for Nullawarra Avenue from Youth Zone

D. Online meeting report

Date: Monday 23 May, 6-7PM

Attendees: 26

- 21 community members
- 4 Council staff
- 2 members of Council's design consultant team

The following table outlines the chat questions received and council's response to each.

Question/Comment	Council response
<p>Have you seen the requests to extend the consultation given the number of non-digital residents who are not yet across this development proposal?</p> <p>Our own letter box drop in adjacent streets over 30% of door knocks are not aware of all of the elements of this proposal. I note that on the proposal, however understanding the process - this is almost a tick in the box vs given serious consideration to the challenges</p> <p>Could this current community consultation period be extended? Many residents have only found out about this in the last week and have missed the F2F sessions. Another Saturday session would work well.</p>	<p>We will not be extending the current consultation period however we will be consulting the community again in June once we have developed a new draft for review.</p> <p>Additionally, we will alert the community once a final draft is sent to a Council Meeting for consideration and adoption. We will provide information on how to register interest in speaking at the Council Meeting.</p>
<p>Is Council going to undertake an EIS?</p>	<p>An Environmental Investigation of the site will be part of the construction methodology before work commences. This information will allow for a) safe work within the park b) ongoing confirmation of safety for the public into the future</p>
<p>What was the date of the Council meeting that adopted a proposal to convert this local park into a regional park? ie. When did the elected Council resolve to spend the \$4.75m grant on this project?</p>	<p>The size of Majors Bay Reserve identifies itself as a significant park within the council LGA. Council applied for a grant for funds to be used within the park from Department of Planning and Environment. CCB was successful with \$4.750m in funding.</p> <p>Only some of the developed Masterplan will fit into the grant funding and the remainder of work will be conducted when funds become</p>

	available through allocation or alternate funding opportunities.
<p>Properties 16 and 18 Deakin Street have storm water easements that discharge into a common drain straight into the bay.</p> <p>Over the past 13 years since I have lived at 16 Deakin Street, even during major storms and the recent floods, there has been no storm water flooding problems at 16 or 18 Deakin Street, this needs to continue.</p> <p>It is essential that any development of Deakin Street Foreshore Boardwalk takes into account the current fall, levels and storm water pipe that allows storm water from 16 and 18 Deakin Street to directly discharge without flow restriction into Majors Bay.</p>	Noted
I do like aspects of the plan but overall it feels like over development, there is already a lot happening at the venue.	Noted
Do you expect there to be a phasing of this plan? How much are we going to get of this with just \$5M grant?	<p>Yes, this masterplan will be staged. This is an overall Masterplan for the next decade. Not all aspects will be constructed.</p> <p>Our next draft will include only elements that will be constructed using the \$4.75 million grant.</p>
The current map does not appear to be correct, '15' is an entrance and it is located in the middle of the park.	Noted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 25 of the Masterplan shows that CCB is planning to use availability of 59% West Catchment, street parking and 38% East Parking catchment . Is this correct? • How does Council justify using google maps to determine carparking capacity in the surrounding streets? If this was a private development, Council would not allow the use of google maps. • Also, most likely street google maps took the photos Mon-Fri, available parking on the weekend is reduced even further that what's shown page 25 of the Masterplan • Russell Wolfe - can you please provide clarity on this point please? I am not 	<p>Council acknowledges that Majors Bay Reserve has limited parking within its grounds. There are times where parking capacity is unable to cope with peak periods of demand.</p> <p>The addition of the Concord Club proposed redevelopment will increase the demand for parking within the reserve. They are obligated to provide a traffic study to support their development application in which Council will review.</p> <p>Council is currently investigating the traffic and parking demands for the park. The preliminary Masterplan shows google snap shots as a first level indication of available parking spaces with an urban environment. Council will as part of its</p>

<p>sure we have an accurate reflection of existing parking scenario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we go ahead with this plan WITHOUT a traffic study? • What parking capacity exists for all the new proposed recreation nodes beyond the parking demand from the Club? • We absolutely should extend/reuse existing car parks and amenities in consultation with the new RSL owners 	<p>process instruct a traffic study as part of the Masterplan and Plan of Management this year.</p>
<p>Recommend the existing dog mound should be fenced and used as a dog park.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>I really have to question - why do we need two jump tracks in the middle of Concord? Normally these types of facilities are located not in the middle of quiet residential areas</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>How has the prospective cost of remediation been factored into the current masterplan design? What is the \$ allowance for same?</p>	<p>Council has had several environmental investigation reports completed on Majors Bay Reserve. None of the prior reports have identified any immediate risks to human health to users of the park. The EPA has accepted that a 0.5m clay cap over contaminated site landfill as the most appropriate action to ensure safety for the public.</p> <p>Council is seeking environmental consultants for this project to further assess the risks in the landfill within the park. The purpose of this additional report is to enable short and medium term (10 Years) safe work methods for development within the park. Part of this investigation will be an assessment of the existing protection cap of the landfill to ensure performance.</p>
<p>Colin, are you aware that the EPA is reviewing the practice of the "reworking" of Asbestos on sites and are moving towards that all asbestos contamination must be removed from site?</p> <p>They claim the surrounding vegetation is an endangered species. Also claim building a second level carpark is too costly.</p>	<p>Council is bound by the legislation of State and Federal governments. All work within this space will always be under the guidance of the EPA.</p> <p>Council is responsible for all vegetation within the park. Our Natural Resources Team and urban Forrest Manager will be ensuring high value (endangered) flora and fauna will be protected.</p> <p>Council is currently not proposing a multi-level car park.</p>

Could you elaborate on the "Multipurpose Courts"?	Multipurpose are hard courts that can be used for basketball, netball, handball etc. They are approximately half sized courts.
Recommend the existing dog mound should be fenced and used as a dog park Agree - why move dog park?	Noted
Don't we have kayak launch points in Cabarita Park, Harmony Point, Burwood Park - how many kayaks do we have to be launched?	Kayak Paddling is a fast-growing pastime in Sydney's Western Harbour. There are several locations where people can float their kayaks off to paddle. Majors Bay is a beautiful natural looking bay. Kayak paddling is an excellent way to enjoy the bay.
When Canada Bay Council was formed a few years back, Council did a moratorium over all parks in new combined area and decided where they would agree to maintain parks and where they wouldn't. This is a massive new park for Council and Rate Payers to maintain moving forward. What consideration has been given to this?	Council is guided by its elected councillors to provide guidance to the functions that councils undertake. Maintenance of Council owned/managed parks is an obligation that council has. The management of those parks falls under Council's Parks Manager and the General Manager responsible to the elected councillors.
We have Olympic park and Bicentennial Park and Cabarita Park as 'regional' parks. Majors Bay Reserve is a special place for peaceful walking.	Noted
Why is there a need for a new amenity block in what is the only true open space woodland park when there are already two borderline derelict amenities blocks within the park (not to mention that amenities blocks in local parks throughout the Council area that are poorly maintained).	<p>The idea behind the new amenity block was specifically for those using the playground and picnic shelters, with a Changing Places amenity specifically for children and adults with disabilities.</p> <p>We have noted the suggestion that this amenity be combined with an existing one.</p>
Russell, I am very sceptical that Council will maintain the facilities. Council does not currently maintain the baseball and cricket toilets - they are disgusting I live on Noman Street and we mow the back of the Council Land as Council do not maintain it.	Noted
Could you also please elaborate what are the plans at Concord Club and how that will impact Majors Bay Reserve and residents in immediate periphery?	The Concord Club DA is being prepared now, so we will have more information on that once it has been submitted to Council for independent review. Residents will also receive notification when the DA is out for public exhibition/comment
When we had floods a year ago there was sewerage flowing into the mangroves from the	Noted

pump station in the car park - I guess that will have to be fixed.	
We absolutely should extend/reuse existing car parks and amenities in consultation with the new RSL owners.	Noted
I do find the park is trying to please too many groups.	Noted
Agreed. The proposal to rip up green space for a car park just seems counterintuitive.	Noted
<p>So the Council meeting is NOT a vote - can we please get this confirmed? Our understanding is that Council meeting is a VOTE</p> <p>OK so just to be clear - the Council meeting is NOT an opportunity to provide feedback that will be taken into consideration with potential adjustment - so we only have until the Council Meeting to get the any adjustments.</p>	<p>Response: The Council meeting will present the outcomes of these 2 rounds of consultation and a plan that will seek endorsement, yes. But as discussed, this current map isn't what will be voted on by Council.</p> <p>Response: We can absolutely run the next round of consultation the way the community would prefer. The next round of community consultation will be in June, then you will ALSO be able to provide feedback directly at the Council Meeting when the project is with Council for consideration.</p>
<p>Prior to the COVID testing centre in RSL carpark, I was calling police weekly on youth doing rounds and rounds of burnouts in that car park late at night. I am sure police have records of the times they were called to this issue. Hence our concern about putting public carpark in Deakin St - who are we attracting at night-time.</p> <p>This will happen in Deakin St car park if it goes ahead, Council is putting the burden of parking and directly associated issues such as burnouts, litter , security etc onto the residents.</p>	Noted
We really need a stack rank [skate park] please or your intention on the stack rank please.	Skate Parks are popular within our community. CCB already has a number, but we can consider a further one. Although skaters find pump tracks fun to skate.
Is there even a need for a fenced dog park? There are so many already across the LGA.	Noted – the intention of the dog park is for off-leash dog activity between 10am-4pm.
The car park sketch is nowhere near to scale, once you put 35 spaces in, there is no green space left. I implore you not to do this.	Noted

<p>Again, going back to Alex's point. Your only community engagement prior to building this plan was to the local sporting clubs.</p> <p>Have we established the demand for jump track vs basketball court vs parkour in this area?</p>	<p>The youth zone Council is proposing is designed to meet a generally accepted demand within our community to engage young people in parks.</p> <p>Our youth zone will include a number of activities. The second consultation will show a more detail design of or proposal.</p>
<p>Is the parking surrounding the former Concord RSL on the Club's land title OR is the parking part of Council land?</p>	<p>Southern side of RSL is theirs, northern side carpark is councils</p>

E. Sporting clubs feedback report

Sporting Clubs briefing meeting

Monday 2 May 2022, 4pm at Council's Depot Conference Room

Information session with sporting clubs to brief on proposed upgrades and provide information on how to submit feedback.

Council attendees:

- Colin Dagger, Project Lead
- Peter Montague, Recreation Coordinator
- Sarah Corry, Engagement Coordinator

Sporting club attendees:

- Brett Howle – Briars Cricket
- Tony Solano – Concord Baseball Club
- Santino Grieco – Inter Lions FC
- Danny Coral – Concord Junior FC
- Michael Stavrou - Concord Junior FC

Outcomes:

- Clubs were concerned about overload of parking once upgrades are complete
- The Concord Club development is also an area of concern for how the existing carparks will be taken up by patrons
- The clubs agreed that upgrades are needed to some of the reserve

Submissions

Council received submissions from Concord Comets Baseball Club and Briars Senior Cricket.

Concord Baseball provided 2 written submissions to Council during the consultation period:

1. "Facilities Development and Upgrade Project Planning - Majors Bay Reserve" provided a detailed list of 10 projects and priorities the club has for Sid Richards 1,2 & 3 and associated amenities that the club would like to progress with Council
2. "MAJORS BAY RESERVE MASTER PLAN 2022 – CONCORD BASEBALL CLUB COMMENTS" – outlining the support the club has for using the open space surrounding the sporting fields, but the concerns regarding some elements including:
 - The proximity of some elements in the draft masterplan to the boundaries of Sid Richards 1 and 2 and therefore the safety risks posed – including the connecting paths and Youth Zone
 - Lack of planning for car park overload
 - Why there is a proposed cricket amenities block shown on Sid Richards 1.

Briars Senior Cricket provided 1 submission to Council during the consultation period. The submission included some specific upgrades for Ron Routley Oval (white picket fence, permanent

storage facility, groundsman storeroom, sightcreens), additional storage requirements, and requesting more information on the cricket amenities block upgrade.