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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1 INTRODUCTION

This report sets out the process and outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement undertaken during the preparation of the draft Drummoyne Oval Precinct Plan of Management and Masterplan.

Community and stakeholder engagement for this project was undertaken in July-August 2022. Further opportunity for input will be available during public exhibition of the draft plans anticipated in late 2022/early 2023.

This report sets out the results of Stage 1 - Information gathering.

2 PROCESS OF COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Council undertook an extensive community and stakeholder notification program in July-August 2022 to inform the community about the preparation of the draft Drummoyne Oval Precinct Plan of Management and Masterplan and to invite them to comment.

User groups and stakeholders were emailed general and tailored questions, and asked to provide their feedback.

The general community were notified as set out below:

- ☐ City of Canada Bay newsletter on 4 July 2022
- ☐ Facebook posts on 5 and 9 August 2022
- ☐ Instagram post on 11 August 2022
- ☐ Collaborate email campaign
- ☐ Notification on Council's website
- ☐ Signs in the park at entrances and the Greg Davis Stand
- ☐ posters at Drummoyne Community Centre and Drummoyne Occasional Care Centre
- ☐ on-site drop-in sessions on Thursday 4 August and Sunday 7 August 2022.

The community could obtain information about the project and provide their feedback in several ways, including:

- ☐ attending one of the two drop-in sessions in the park
- ☐ completing the online survey on Collaborate Canada Bay
- ☐ pinning a comment on Social Map on Collaborate Canada Bay
- ☐ emailing council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au
- ☐ posting to Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470
- ☐ calling Council's Customer Service on 9911 6555.

3 STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

3.1 Summary of feedback received

Submissions from user groups and the community were received as follows.

Submission method	No. submissions
Surveys on Collaborate	135
Social Map submissions	111 from 30 respondents
Submissions from stakeholders and user groups	Key stakeholder responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada Bay Cannons Junior AFL (email submission) - Drummoyne Junior Rugby Club (onsite meeting) - Drummoyne Power Junior AFL (phone meeting) - Drummoyne Rugby Club (phone meeting) - Cricket NSW (letter) - Sydney Cricket Club (letter) - Communities4Communities (phone meeting) - Drummoyne Community Centre (onsite meeting) - Drummoyne Occasional Care Centre (onsite meeting) - Drummoyne Public School (phone)
Other feedback through Council	Emails from 4 local residents
Drop in attendees	approx. 130 people

3.2 Submissions from the community

The submissions presented below are from the online survey, Social Map, and emails received from community members.

3.2.1 Characteristics of respondents

The characteristics of online survey respondents are:

- ☐ 47% are male and 47% female.
- ☐ Nearly 40% are aged 35 to 49 years.
- ☐ More than 48% live in a household comprising couples with children.
- ☐ 3% identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- ☐ 6% identify as having a disability.
- ☐ mainly local, with 80% living in City of Canada Bay.

3.2.2 Use of Drummoyne Oval Precinct

98% of online survey respondents use Drummoyne Oval Precinct. Most online survey respondents who use Drummoyne Oval Precinct:

- ☐ walked to the Precinct (73%), followed by driving (38% of respondents), and riding a bicycle (18%).
- ☐ use Drummoyne Oval Precinct at least once a week (82%).
- ☐ visit on weekends during the day (56% of respondents) followed by weekend mornings (50%), weekday afternoons (47%) and weekend afternoons (45%). Weekdays during the day (26%) and weekend evenings (24%) are the least popular times to visit.
- ☐ use Taplin Park (81% of online survey respondents), followed by the Foreshore Walkway (66%) and Taplin Oval (54%).

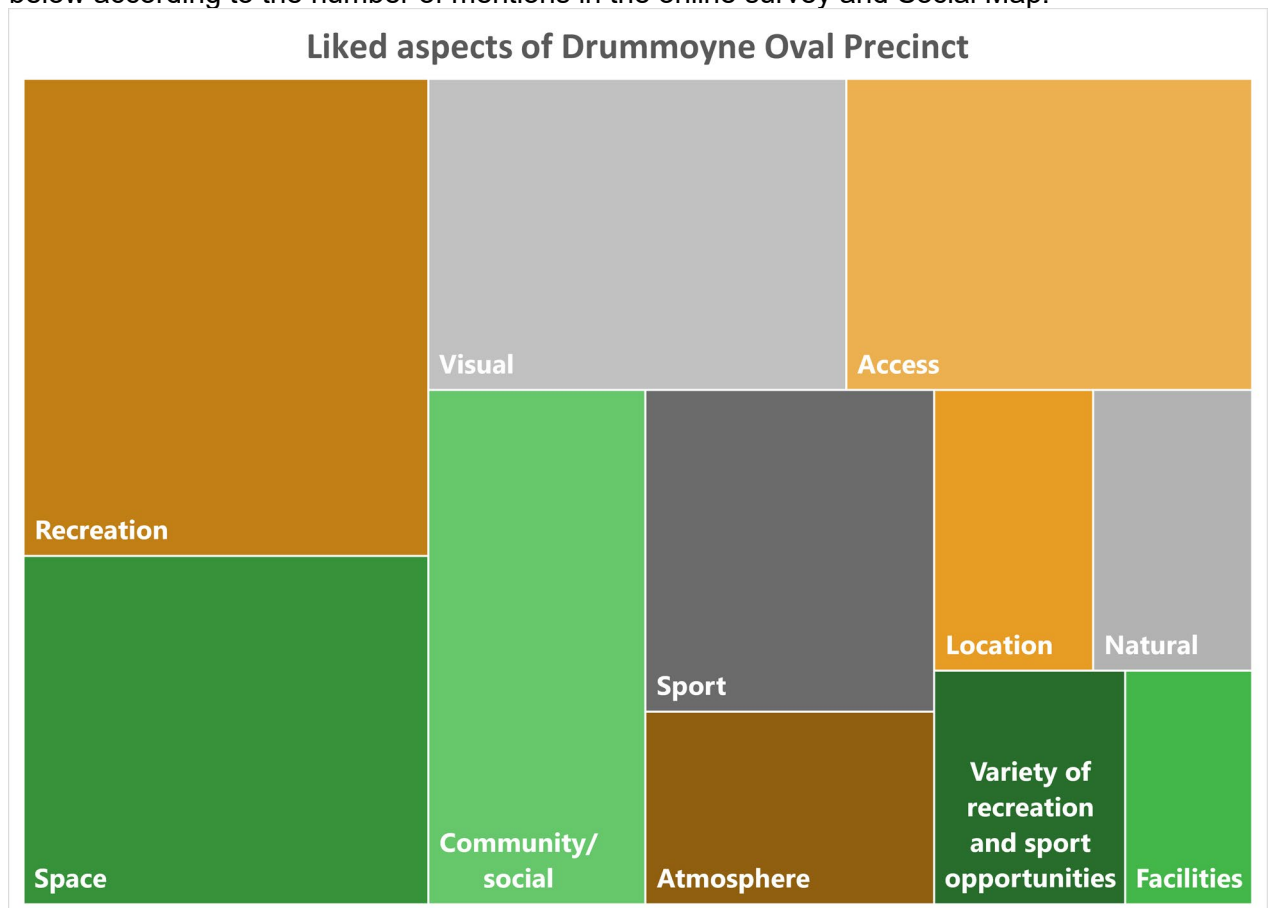
- ❑ participate in a wide range of activities in the precinct. The most popular activities are walking (55% of respondents), walking/exercising the dog (36%), informal exercise (35%) and relaxing (33%).

Nearly 10% of respondents are members of Drummoyne Rugby Union Club, followed by Canada Bay Cannons Junior AFL (7%), Drummoyne Junior Rugby Club (7%) and Drummoyne Power Junior AFL (7%).

3.2.3 Liked aspects of Drummoyne Oval Precinct

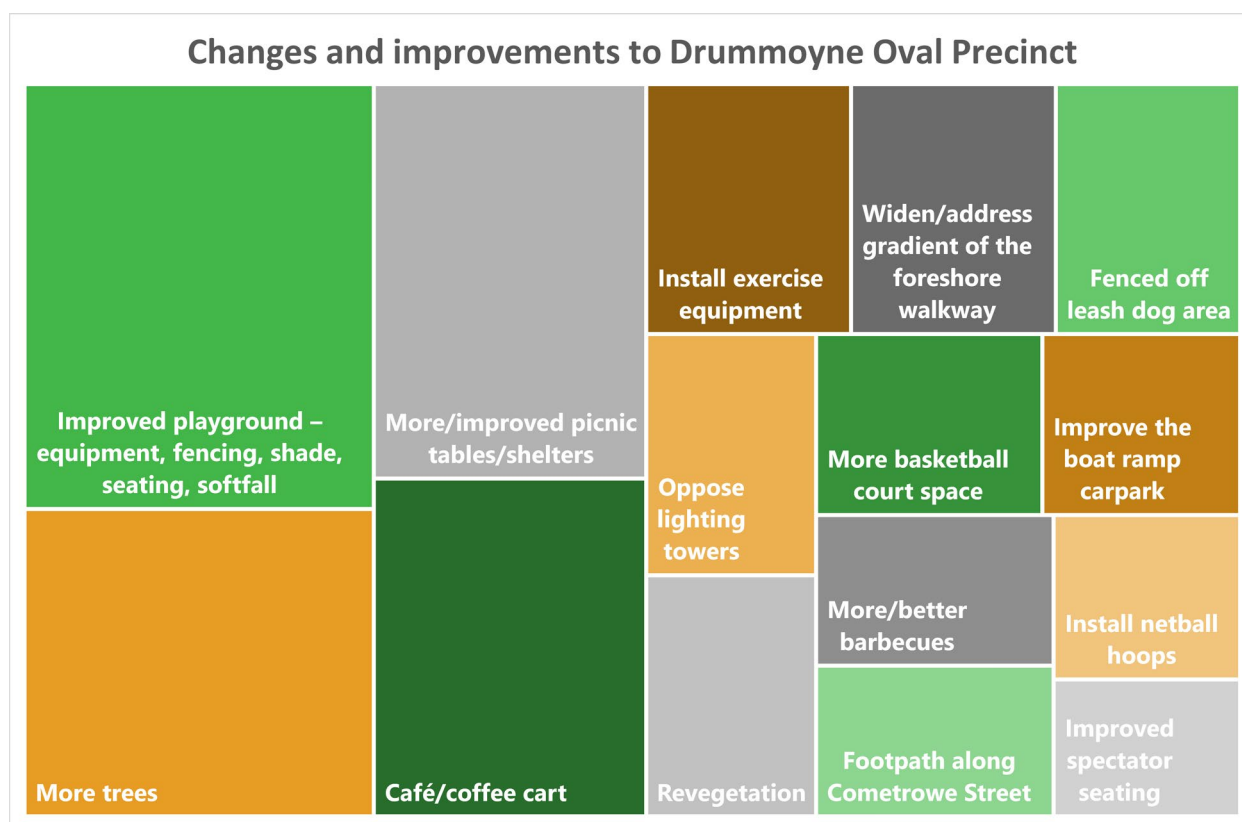


The liked aspects of Drummoyne Oval Precinct and their relative weighting are summarised below according to the number of mentions in the online survey and Social Map.



3.2.4 Suggested changes and improvements to Drummoyne Oval Precinct

83% of online survey respondents suggested at least one change or improvement to Drummoyne Oval Precinct. The 'Top 15' changes and improvements, together with those made on the Social Map, are shown below in approximate descending order of number of mentions. More detail is in the report and in Appendix C.



Referring to the desired use of Drummoyne Oval (inside the black fence), the average of 61 respondents would allocate 47% of time to sport, 24% of time to informal recreation, 22% of time to community events, and 8% of time to other activities.

3.3 Submissions from user groups

Submissions from user groups and other stakeholders are summarised below.

Stakeholder	Requests
Sporting groups	<p>Access to Drummoyne Oval and Taplin Park</p> <p>Playing surface for rugby and AFL in winter and cricket in summer</p> <p>Improved field turf and drainage</p> <p>Extension of the cricket square</p> <p>Increased capacity and use of the oval – mid-week, evenings</p> <p>Improved player facilities – coaches/player boxes, interchange benches, womens' toilets and change rooms, shade, water refill stations</p> <p>Improved spectator facilities – seating, viewing areas, shade, food and beverage outlets, video screen/scoreboard, toilets</p> <p>Improved club facilities – canteen, club room, secure equipment storage</p> <p>Indoor multi-use training centre at Drummoyne Oval</p>

Stakeholder	Requests
	<p>Inner West Sports House sports administration hub (office, meeting rooms)</p> <p>Update use agreements</p>
Community user groups	<p>Expand floorspace of Drummoyne Community Centre, including internal redesign of the foyer, a café, and more toilets for staff and hirers</p> <p>Increase the number of parking spaces for cars and the centre bus onsite and on Cometrowe Street</p> <p>Landscaped and sheltered outdoor area for indoor/outdoor activities</p> <p>Accessible path from Drummoyne Community Centre and Occasional Care Centre to an upgraded playground, a children's garden and picnic facilities in Drummoyne Park</p> <p>Path lighting in Drummoyne Park</p> <p>Bike parking at Drummoyne Community Centre</p> <p>Improve visibility and wayfinding of Drummoyne Community Centre and Occasional Care Centre from Lyons Road and the waterfront</p> <p>Improved access for people with disabilities and prams – path around the oval</p> <p>Improved public toilets, and public toilets outside Drummoyne Community Centre</p> <p>Community activities at the oval such as movie nights</p>

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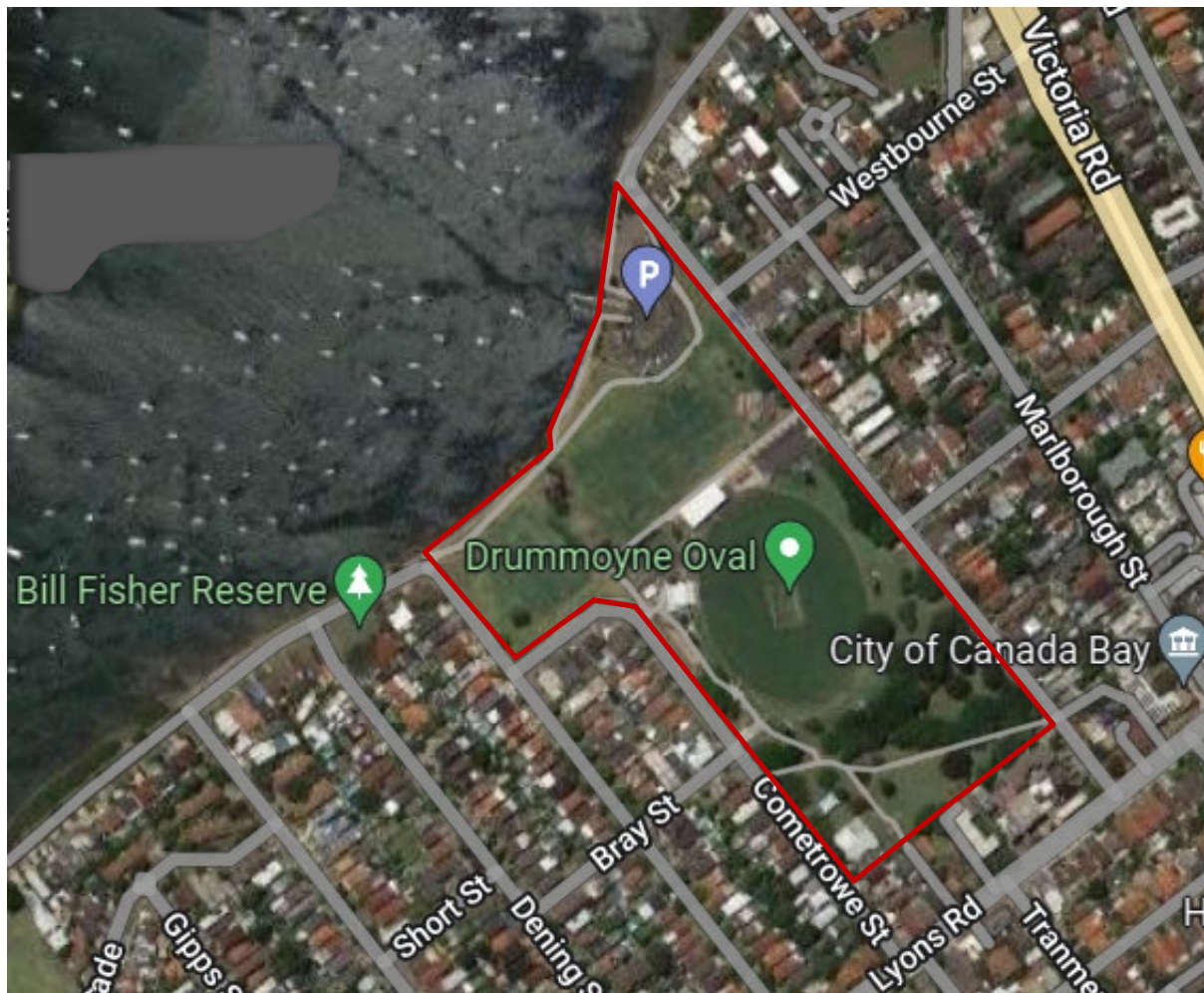
1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this report

This report sets out the process and outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement undertaken during the preparation of the Drummoyne Oval Precinct Plan of Management and Masterplan.

Drummoyne Oval Precinct is shown below for reference.

Figure 1 Drummoyne Oval Precinct



1.2 Stages of community engagement

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2 PROCESS OF COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

2.1 Notifications

Council undertook an extensive community and stakeholder notification program in July-August 2022 to inform the community about the preparation of the Drummoyne Oval Precinct Plan of Management and Masterplan and to invite them to comment.

User groups and known stakeholders were emailed tailored questions, and asked to provide their feedback.

The general community were notified by various ways as set out in Table 1.

Table 1 Summary of community notifications and engagement results

Channel	Details	Live date	Reach	Engage-ments	Link clicks	Results
CCB newsletter	General	4/07/2022	36,400			
Social						
Facebook	General, on exhibition + drop-in session	5/08/2022	293	96	77	13 reactions 3 comments 2 shares 77 clicks
Facebook	General, on exhibition	9/08/2022	250	66	56	6 reactions 2 comments 1 shares 56 clicks
Instagram	General, on exhibition	11/08/2022	896	28	7	21 likes 7 link clicks
Collaborate						
Collaborate email campaign			2,181	1062	124	5.69% CTR
Visits				857		
Website						
Homepage tile feature	General, on exhibition	20/07/2022	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Onsite						
Signs at the park	5 signs at entrances, posters at Drummoyne Community Centre and Drummoyne Occasional Care	July-Aug 2022				

Channel	Details	Live date	Reach	Engage-ments	Link clicks	Results
Onsite drop-in sessions	3.30pm - 6.30pm	Thursday 4 Aug 2022	80			
	9.00am – 12noon	Sunday 7 Aug 2022	50			
TOTAL						
including print			40,150			
excluding print			3,750	2,109	264	

The project page, online survey and Social Map on 'Collaborate Canada Bay' are in Appendix A.

Social media posts from Council are in Appendix B.

Posters and signs placed throughout the park are shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2 On-site notification signs



2.2 Ways to respond

The community could obtain information about the project and provide their feedback in several ways, including:

- ☐ attending one of the two drop-in sessions in the park on Thursday 4 and Sunday 7 August 2022
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Drop in attendees	approx. 130 people

The issues and suggestions mentioned by all respondents are outlined in the relevant sections of this report below.

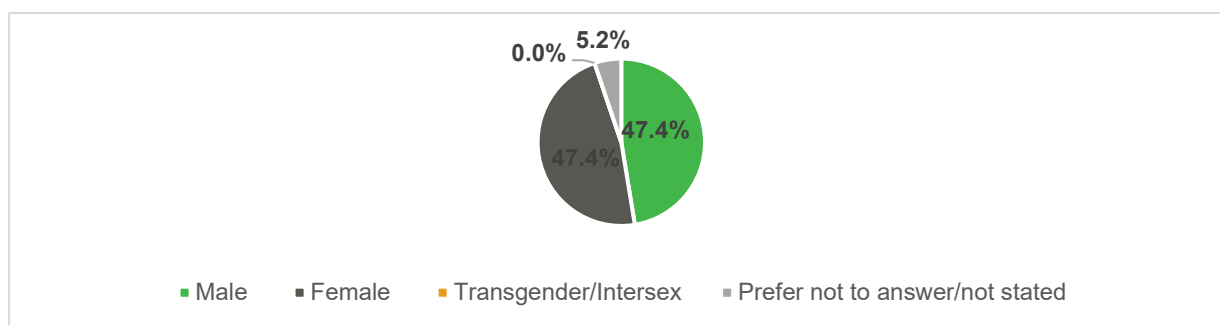
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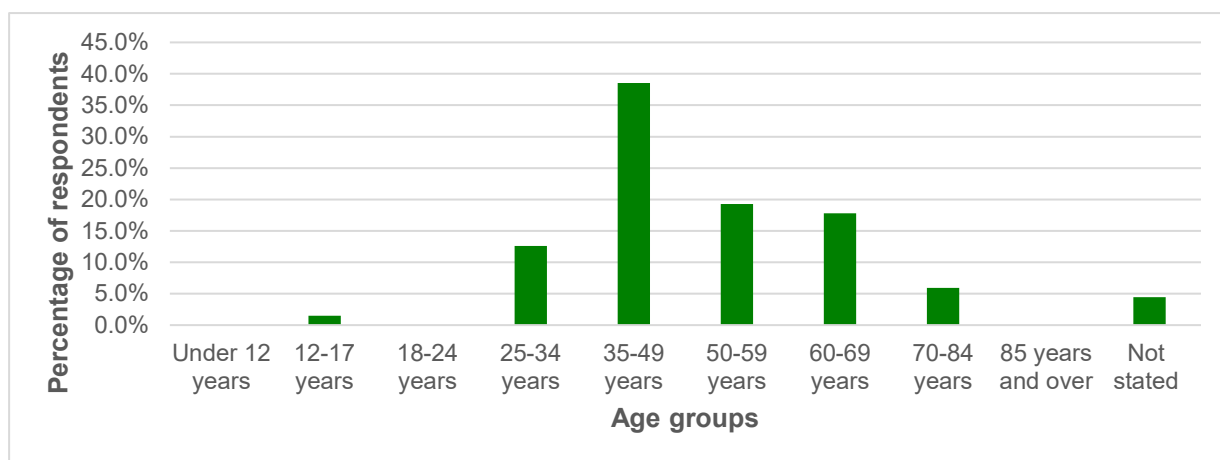
There was an even split of male and female respondents. 5% preferred not to state their gender.

Figure 3 What is your gender?



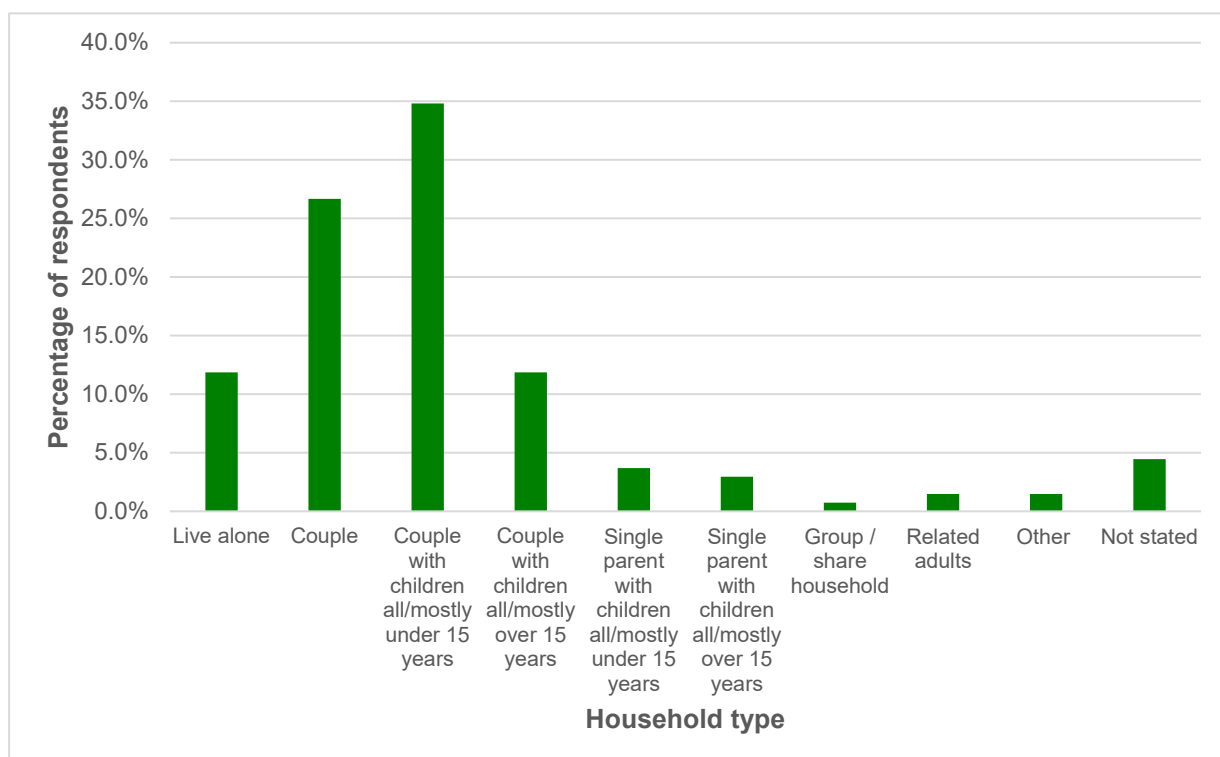
Nearly 40% of the online survey respondents are aged 35 to 49 years, with the majority of respondents aged between 25 and 69 years.

Figure 4 How old are you?



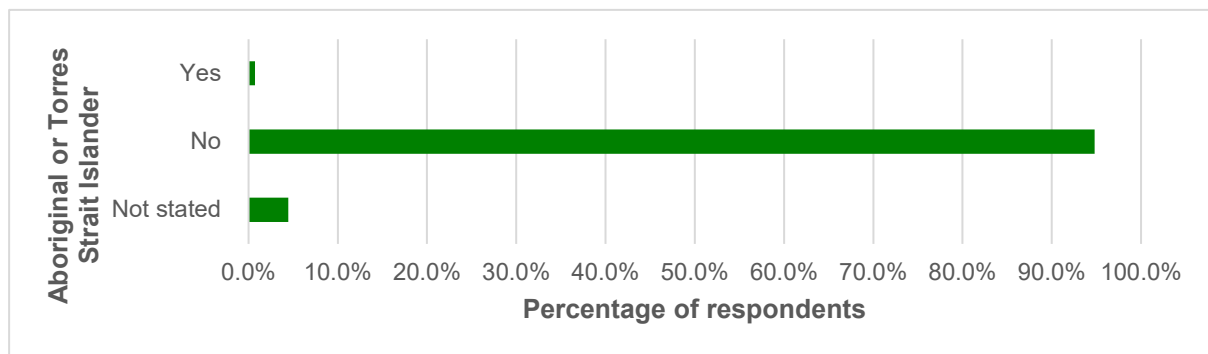
48% of respondents live in a household comprising couples with children.

Figure 5 What type of household do you live in?



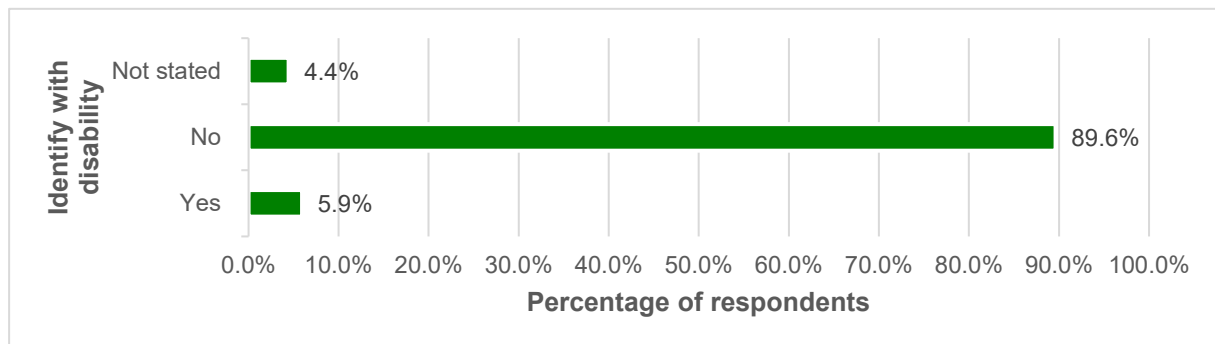
3% of online survey respondents identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Figure 6 Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?



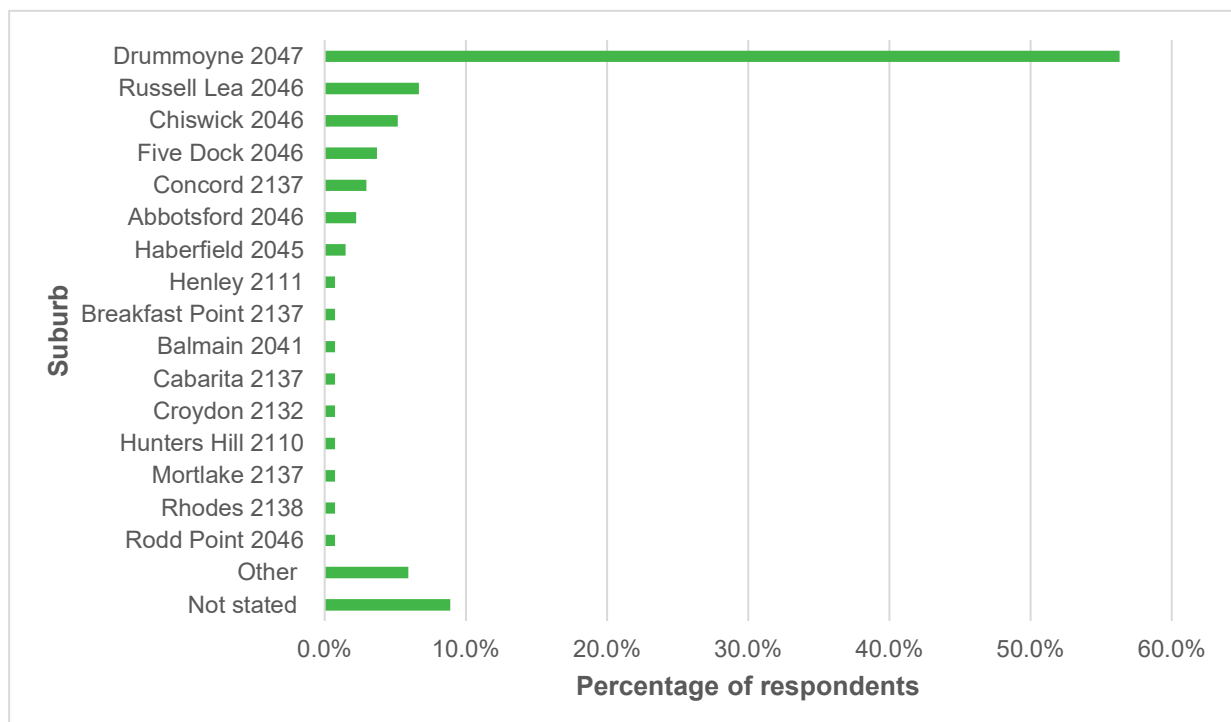
6% of online survey respondents identify as having a disability.

Figure 7 Do you identify as someone with a disability?



Most online survey respondents are local. 56% of online survey respondents live in the suburb of Drummoyne, and a further 24% live elsewhere in City of Canada Bay.

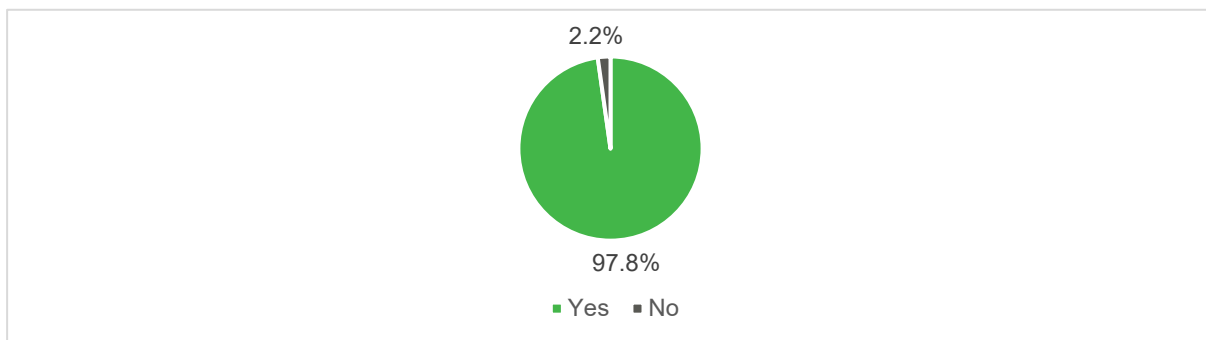
Figure 8 Where do you live?



3.2.2 Use of Drummoyne Oval Precinct

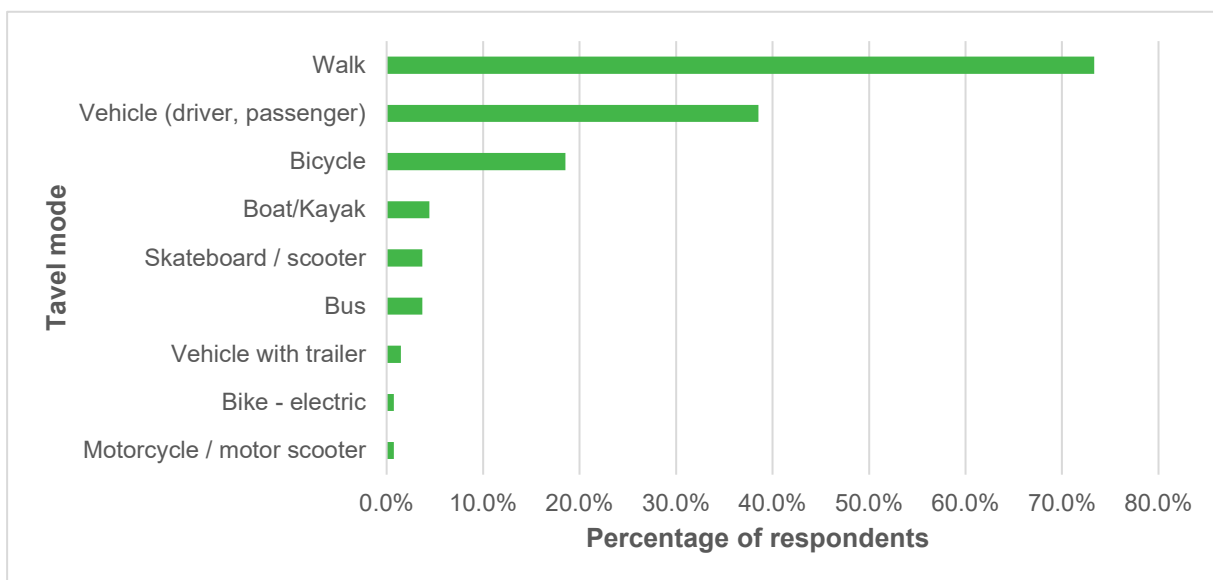
98% of respondents use Drummoyne Oval Precinct.

Figure 9 Do you use Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



The most popular ways of travelling to Drummoyne Oval Precinct are walking (73% of respondents), in a vehicle as a driver or passenger (38%), and riding a bicycle (18%).

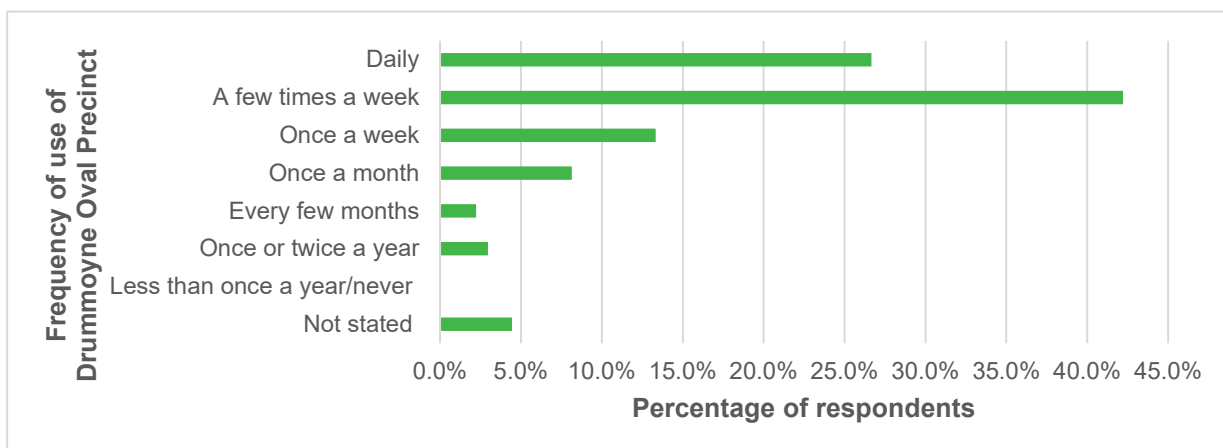
Figure 10 How do you travel to Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



Note: % add to more than 100 because more than one answer to the question could be provided.

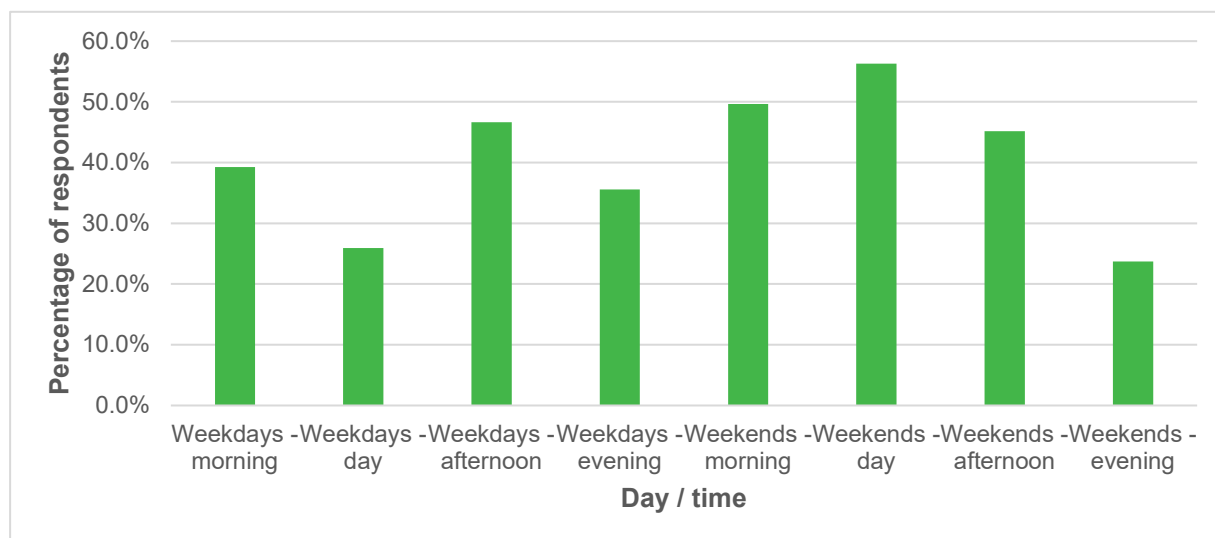
Most respondents to the online survey (82%) use Drummoyne Oval Precinct at least once a week.

Figure 11 How often do you use Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



Weekend daytime is the most popular time to visit Drummoyne Oval Precinct (56% of respondents) followed by weekend mornings (50%), weekday afternoons (47%) and weekend afternoons (45%). Weekdays during the day (26%) and weekend evenings (24%) are the least popular times to visit.

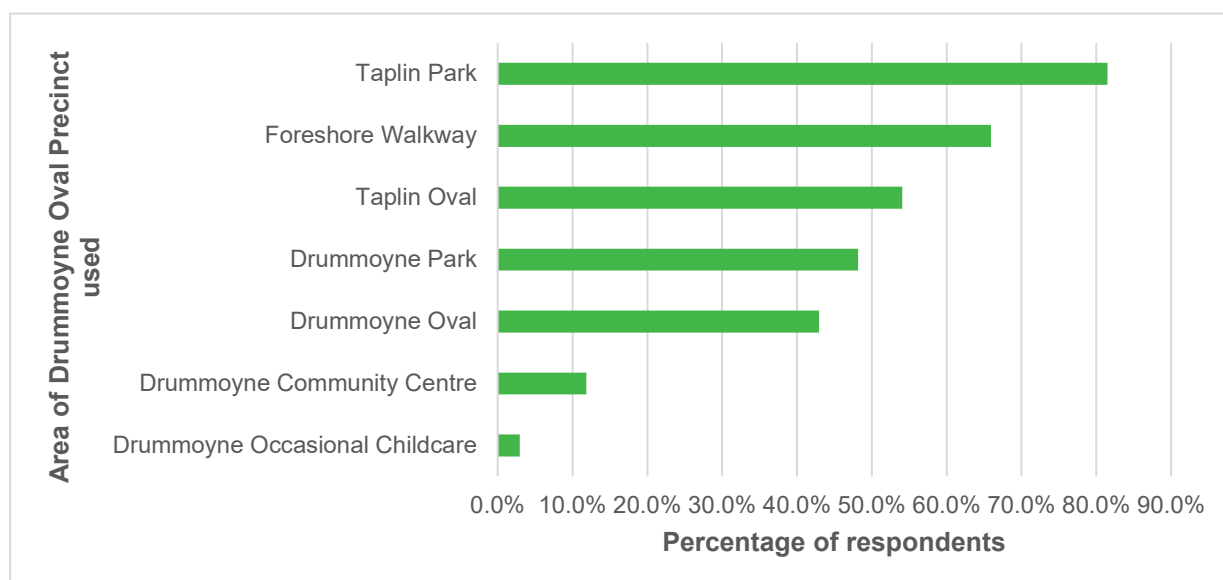
Figure 12 When do you use Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



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Taplin Park is the most used area of the Drummoyne Oval Precinct by 81% of online survey respondents, followed by the Foreshore Walkway (66%) and Taplin Oval (54%).

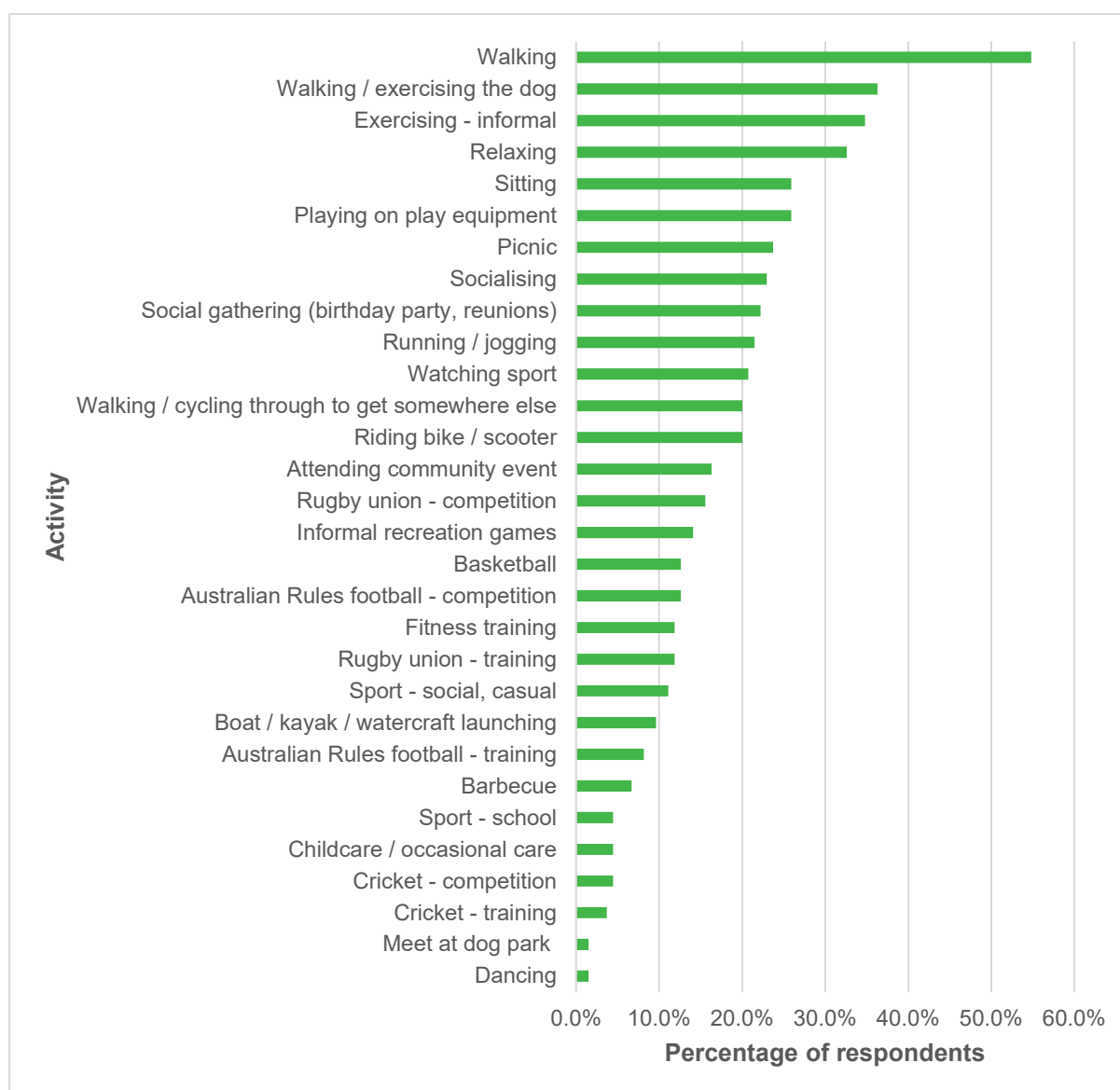
Figure 13 Which area(s) of Drummoyne Oval Precinct do you use?



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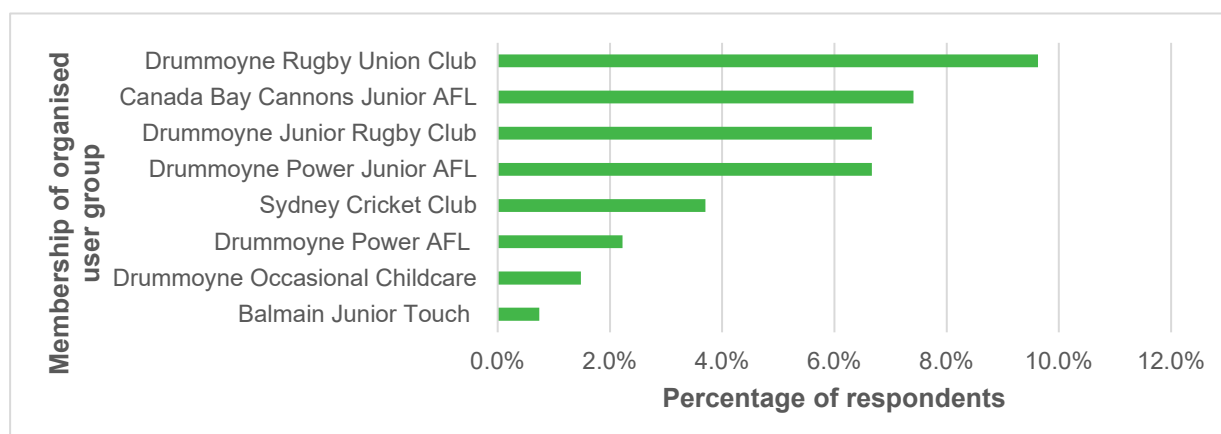
Drummoyne Oval Precinct users participate in a wide range of activities. The most popular activities are walking (55% of respondents), walking/exercising the dog (36%), informal exercise (35%) and relaxing (33%).

Figure 14 What activities do you do in Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



Nearly 10% of respondents are members of Drummoyne Rugby Union Club, followed by Canada Bay Cannons Junior AFL (7%), Drummoyne Junior Rugby Club (7%) and Drummoyne Power Junior AFL (7%).

Figure 15 Are you a member of any of the following organised groups that use Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



Note: More than one answer to the question could be provided.

Community	Sporting groups	Community users
Location (12)	Location	
Access (34) Water/bay/foreshore access/ proximity (23) Close to home (7) Accessible (4)		
Space (38) Open space (17) Large open space (8) Green space/grass (7) Public space (4) Flat topography (2)		The public enjoy the setting of a community centre in a park.
Visual (35) Views – general (6) Beautiful environment (15) Well maintained/clean, tidy (10) Water views (4)	Beautiful Water views of Five Dock Bay	The outlook is pleasing with views through the park and to the water.
Variety of recreation and sport opportunities (12) Variety of sporting and recreation activities (12)		
Facilities (8) Amenities (2) Modern facilities (3) Toilets (3)		Parquetry flooring is warm and enjoyed by groups who operate off the floor e.g yoga.
Recreation (52) Place to walk/cycle and the Bay Walk (23) Dog friendly/dog park (17) Boat ramp (4) Place to exercise (3) Place to kick a ball (2) Playground (2) Basketball courts (1)		
Sport (25) Quality sports oval (10) Place to watch sport (7) Sporting venue/facilities (6) Home ground for Drummoyne Rugby Club (2)	One of Sydney's better sportsgrounds Two full-sized ovals Grandstand facilities Scoreboard Multiple dressing/change rooms Ability to close the oval off and monitor crowds when required Condition and position of the oval Overall functions of the oval Great lighting Space to watch sport Multiple canteens	
Community/social (30) Community – general (10) Gathering place (7) Family friendly (6) Dog owner community (4) History/heritage significance (3)	Sporting history	We enjoy, and benefit from, the co-location with Drummoyne Occasional Care Centre, and our joint relationship with Council
Atmosphere (15) Peace and quiet (7) Safe (4) Away from traffic (4)		

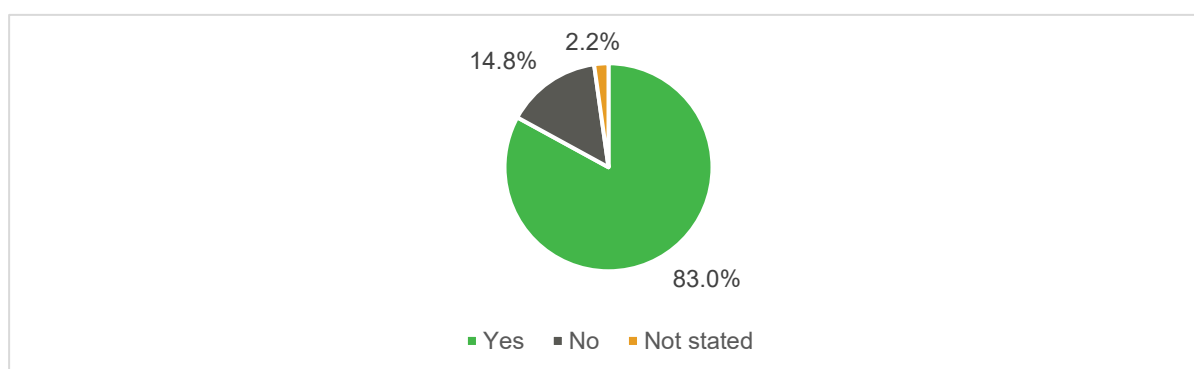
Community	Sporting groups	Community users
Natural (12) Trees / shade (10) Nature (2)		

3.2.4 Suggested changes and improvements to Drummoyne Oval Precinct

Suggested changes and improvements

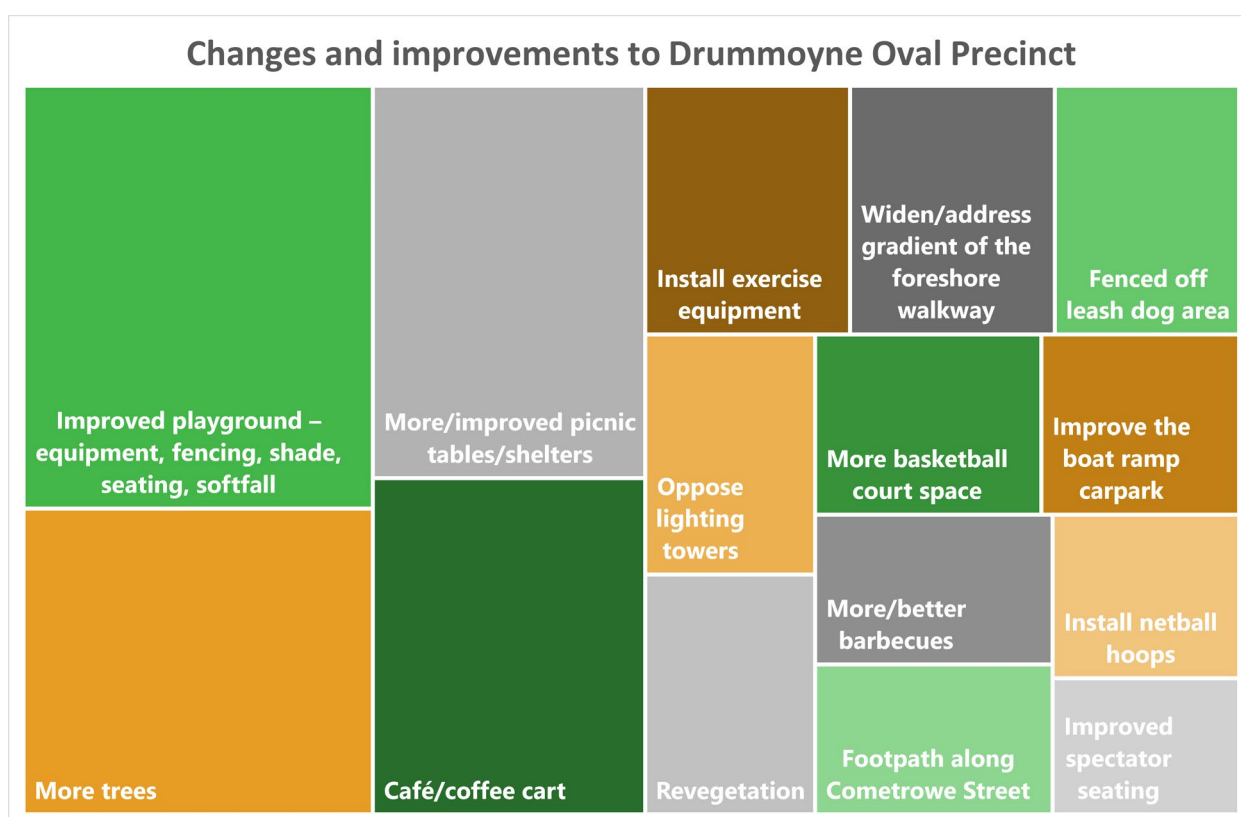
83% of online survey respondents suggested at least one change or improvement to Drummoyne Oval Precinct.

Figure 18 Are any changes or improvements needed to Drummoyne Oval Precinct?



The 'Top 15' changes and improvements, together with those made on the Social Map, are shown below in Figure 19 in approximate descending order of number of mentions. More detail is in in Appendix C.

Figure 19 Desired changes and improvements to Drummoyne Oval Precinct



Key suggested changes and improvements are listed in Table 3.

Table 3 Suggested changes and improvements to Drummoyne Oval Precinct

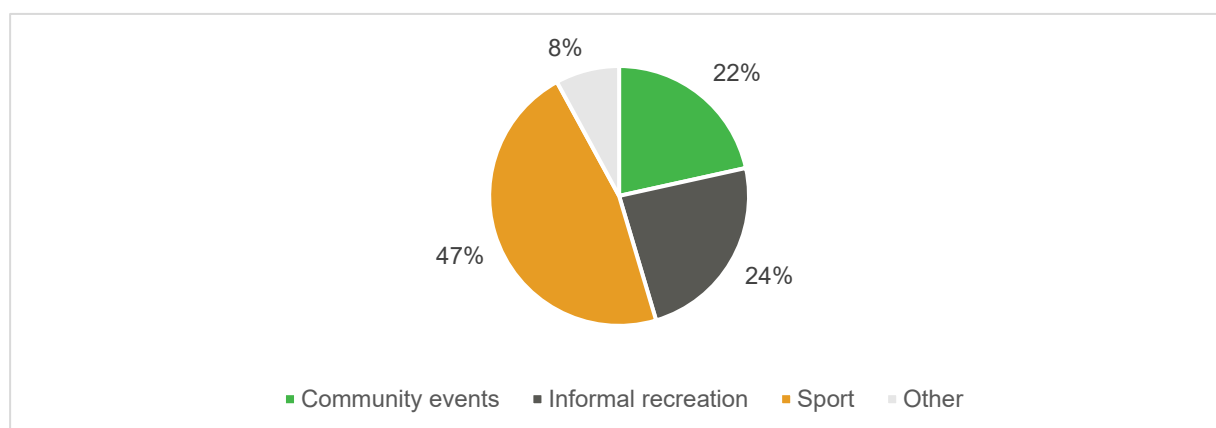
Suggested changes / improvements	Approx. no.
Increased access to Drummoyne Oval for sporting groups and the community	29
Improved playground – equipment, fencing, shade, seating, softfall	29
More trees	21
More/improved picnic tables/shelters	21
Café/coffee cart	18
Install exercise equipment	10
Widen/address gradient of the foreshore walkway	10
Fenced off leash dog area	9
Oppose lighting towers	8
Revegetation	8
More basketball court space	8
Improve the boat ramp carpark	7
More/better barbecues	7
Footpath along Cometrowe Street	7
Install netball hoops	6
Improved spectator seating	5

Desired use of Drummoyne Oval

Referring to the desired use of Drummoyne Oval (inside the black fence), what percentage of time would you allocate to the following uses of the oval to add up to 100%?

The average of 61 respondents would allocate 47% of time to sport, 24% of time to informal recreation, 22% of time to community events, and 8% of time to other activities as shown in Figure 20.

Figure 20 Desired use of Drummoyne Oval



“Other” suggested uses of Drummoyne Oval are:

- ☐ events
- ☐ fundraisers
- ☐ fair day
- ☐ concerts
- ☐ walkathon
- ☐ food festival
- ☐ school athletics
- ☐ personal leisure (excluding the actual playing oval) for eg sitting, chatting, eating lunch, reading, etc. as there is seating.

3.3 Submissions from user groups

Submissions from user groups are summarised below.

Table 4 User group submissions

Stakeholder	Issues	Requests
Sport		
Canada Bay Cannons Junior Australian Rules Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure of the grounds, however this season was extremely unusual with the weather - The canteen under the Greg Davis Stand is not conducive to having volunteers manning it during games as they are unable to see the game 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coaches / players boxes in front of the middle EPAB building stand - Provide a water station to refill bottles inside the ground to reduce the number of single use plastic bottles that are sold - Close in the roof on the middle stand as it is useless during winter and rain - Use of the change rooms under the Greg Davis Stand on game days in addition to those under the EPAB stand - Clean public toilets 2 - 3 times per day on weekends - Fix the wooden seats on the western side - More seats on the eastern (Bayswater Road) side - Replace the score board with a new electronic board
Drummoyne Junior Rugby Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking - Small brick building at Taplin Park is not functional for equipment and merchandise storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrated facility for equipment storage with power connection - Use ticket office in Greg Davis Stand for merchandise sales - Extend the cover of Greg Davis Stand - Water fountains at Taplin Oval - Storage area for barbecue - Separate unleashed dogs from junior rugby players on Taplin 2 - Access to a clubhouse for functions - Access to turn lights on and off

Stakeholder	Issues	Requests
Drummoyne Power Junior Australian Rules Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to Drummoyne Oval - Decrease in number of female players - Retention of volunteers - Access to facilities among user groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinstate access to Drummoyne Oval when West Harbour return to Concord Oval - Install water refill stations - Repair the scoreboard - Improve womens' toilets and change rooms - Secure storage space - Renew five-year lease
Drummoyne Rugby Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to Drummoyne Oval, and Taplin Park if Drummoyne Oval is closed - Increase in number of female players - Community users respecting sporting facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued access to Drummoyne Oval to play rugby - Improve EPAB building for players and spectators - Upgrade womens' toilets - Rugby clubroom - Noted that Drummoyne Oval is the best ground surface for rugby in winter and cricket in summer
Cricket NSW/ Sydney Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved facilities to provide a suitable venue for first-class sporting and community events - Appropriate multi-purpose use of Drummoyne Oval - Broader use of the oval for community use, particularly with children - Limited shade for players and ground staff - Limited building space - Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor multi-use training centre at Drummoyne Oval, at either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cometrowe Street at light tower 2. Extension from Greg Davis Stand north into carpark 3. Cricket nets location. - Inner West Sports House sports administration hub (meeting rooms and office for smaller sports in the inner west) - Redevelop and enlarge the Pavilion including offices, classroom, undercover spectator seating and viewing area, food and beverage outlet, equipment storage facilities. - Provide amenities for female players - Coach boxes and interchange benches - Digital video screen - Additional spectator seating - Repair/upgrade canteen at Drummoyne Oval - Improve field drainage - Extend the cricket square by 2 pitches - Install couch grass on the playing surface - Community activities such as movie nights - Increase capacity and use of the oval mid-week and in the evenings - Regular use of the oval for school sport
Community	-	-
Communities 4 Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities for use of Drummoyne Oval and Taplin Park for community events - Better access for people with disabilities, prams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footpath around the oval - Toilets – update, better access and availability - Remove rubbish from southern side of the oval

Stakeholder	Issues	Requests
Drummoyne Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited building space to cater for demand for activities - Access for people with disabilities - Poor connection between the centre and outdoor space in the park - Use agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand the building either up or into the park - New entry foyer extension - Expand the parking area into a one-way loop through the park and into cul-de-sac - Carport for the bus - Underground parking under the current carpark - Angled parking on Cometrowe Street - One additional 5 minute 'drop and ride' bay on Cometrowe Street - Solar panels - Public toilets outside the DCC - Landscaped outdoor area - More internal toilets for staff and hirers - Accessible path from the bottom of the ramp to the playground and park - Sheltered and paved outdoor space for indoor/outdoor activities - Outdoor table at the park playground - Improve visibility and wayfinding to the centre from Lyons Road and the waterfront - Lighting of the path in Drummoyne Park - Bike rack outside the centre - Café - Repair leaking roof
Drummoyne Occasional Care Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small building space - Limited space for staff - Shared staff toilet facilities and common space with the community centre - Limited parking - No access to the playground in Drummoyne Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garden for the children - Up to 15 minute parking on Cometrowe Street permitted for dropoff-pickup during all DOCC operating hours ie 8.30am to 3.30pm - Directional signage in surrounding streets - Better physical access to the playground in Drummoyne Park
Drummoyne Public School	None. Happy with use of the oval once a year for school athletics carnival.	-
Other		
Australian Sports Climate (Cricket for Climate Program)	None. Working with Council to install solar systems, inverters and batteries on Greg Davis Stand and on EPAB building	-

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APPENDIX A

COLLABORATE CANADA BAY

A.1 Project page and online survey

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Drummoyne Oval Plan of Management and Masterplan

We are renewing our 10 year plan for the Drummoyne Oval precinct - including Taplin Park and Drummoyne Park.

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We are developing a Plan of Management and Masterplan for the Drummoyne Oval, Taplin Park, and Drummoyne Park precinct. This beautiful foreshore park is visited by many different people, and we want your input.

We want to know:


- What is important or special about the park to you?
- How do you use the park?
- How do you get there?
- What activities would you like to do that aren't currently provided for?
- Are there any improvements or changes to the park that you would like to see?

Your feedback will help us renew the Plan of Management and Masterplan for this precinct for the next 10 years.


2009 Drummoyne Oval Precinct PoM and Masterplan

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Have your say



Take the survey below




Tag your feedback on the interactive map below



Attend a drop-in session


Meet the project team at the Greg Davis Stand on:

- Thursday, 4 August 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Sunday, 7 August 9am - 12pm




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Drummoyne Oval Plan of Management Survey

Drummoyne Oval Precinct includes Drummoyne Oval, Drummoyne Park, Taplin Oval, Taplin Park and Drummoyne Community Centre/Occasional Care Centre

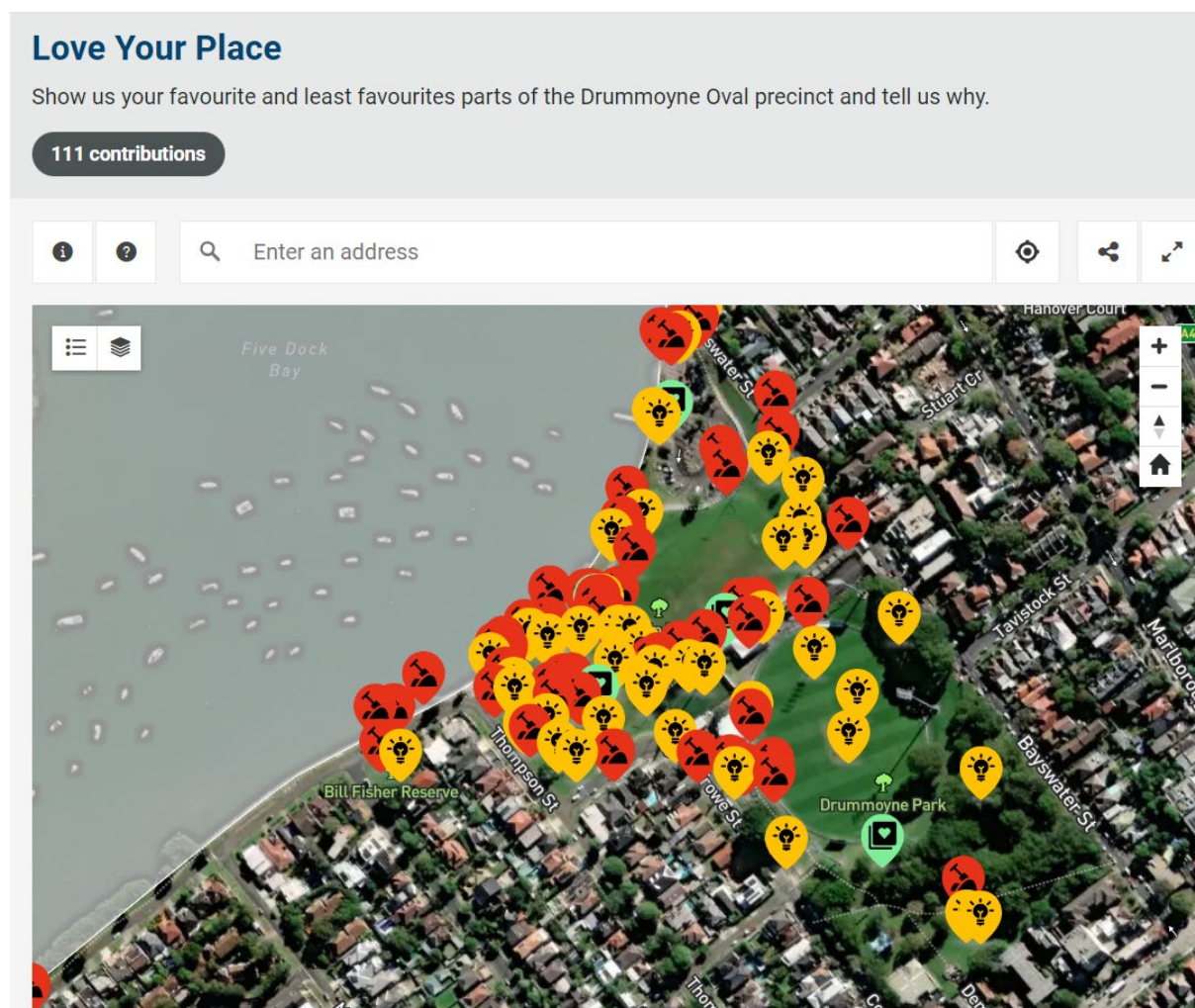
1. Do you use Drummoyne Oval Precinct? Required

☐ Yes

☐ No

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A.2 Social Map



APPENDIX B

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Facebook



APPENDIX C

DETAILED ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

C.1 What do you like about Drummoyne Oval Precinct?

Liked aspects of Drummoyne Oval Precinct were mentioned in the online survey, Social Map comments, at the drop-in sessions, and in emails to Council.

It is nearly perfect

Just a great place to be

Just the way it is

Accessible (4)

Accessible
Accessible
Accessibility
it's easily accessed

Amenities (2)

Amenities
Amenities (playground, toilets, bubblers)

Boat ramp (4)

Boat ramp
Boat ramp + slipway
The boat ramp – a great quality facility that allows many boats to be launched/retrieved at the same time
Great boat ramp facilities – allow multiple boats to come and go at the same time.

Close to home (7)

proximity
close to home
Proximity to home
proximity to where we live
So convenient walking distance from where I live
Convenient walk from home
General easy access to the whole area from our home.

Community/social

Community – general (10)

Community
Community
community
Sense of community
Sense of community
lots of people
the community in general
It's such a community feel when you go there
Friendly
great vibe

Gathering place (7)

Gathering place
community gathering
An area where the community can come together

Community fun day was great
It's a great place to meet with friends
It is a great place for catching up together with friends and exercise
Sunday afternoon barbecues and parties

Dog owner community (4)

people walking dogs
Really great for the community where so many people walking dogs and seeing everyone every day.
Mingle with other dogs and dog owners
Socialising with people with their dogs is a wonderful group so good for lonely people to meet up and have a chat at the end of the day.

Dog friendly/dog park (17)

dog friendly
Dog park
Dog park
The dog park
dog park
the dog park
dog park area
off leash dog area
offleash dog park
Good for dog exercise
place for dog to exercise
Excellent place to exercise the Dog
dog walking accessibility
off leash responsible dog owners
Friendly dog owners and well behaved dogs.
Ability to have dogs off lead for some much needed play and exercise with other dogs
Availability of water for dogs

Place to exercise (3)

Exercise
Great for exercising
It is great to have so much space in such a pleasant setting for exercising

Modern facilities (3)

Facilities
Modern
Modern facilities

Family friendly (6)

family vibe
Great for families
great for young families
Family-friendly atmosphere
Great place for families with children to use
A space built for families in nature

Flat topography (2)

Quite flat
Flat footpath for kids

Green space/grass (7)

Green space
green space
Greenery
grass

Grassy expanses
Large green space
A great piece of green parkland available to locals

History/heritage significance (3)

Heritage
Historical significance
It is a pleasure to play across at Taplin against Drummoyne, who like us, have been around for over 125 years each. Both clubs have been providing a focus for community sport for the greater part of Australia's existence.

Home ground for Drummoyne Rugby Club (2)

Home of Drummoyne rugby
Home of the dirty reds

Place to kick a ball (2)

good place to kick a ball
kicking the ball with my kids.

Location (12)

Location
location
Location
Location
Location
Location
The location
Great location
great location
Lovely location
It's a wonderful location
The location is amazing

Large open space (25)

Open space (17)

Open
Open
Space
open space
open space
open space
Open space
Open space
open space
Open space
open space
Open and spacious
good open spaces
the lovely open spaces
sense of space
Love the open space
Open space to walk or sit near the water

Large open space (8)

Large open space
Large open space
It's large and open
lots of space at the oval
the sheer amount of room in the park
We love the big open space

Being so large it feels like you are in nature
Loads of space that was accessible every day

Nature (2)

Simply quite enjoy nature as it used to be when first into the area
Vibrant natural area in the middle of the city

Peace and quiet (7)

the quiet
Quiet open spaces
It is peaceful and quiet
The quietness
A wonderful peaceful open space
The peaceful atmosphere at Drummoyne Park
The tranquility by the water

Playground (2)

good playground for kids
challenging playground

Public space (4)

Public recreation space
Public waterfront land
Was very important during Covid to have a space outside of home
Used heavily by the community for picnics during COVID

Safe (4)

Safe
Safe
it feels safe
Safe space to enjoy the outdoors

Quality sports oval (10)

sports oval
Great ground
High quality facilities
The oval is an excellent cricket oval
The Oval – providing kids with the opportunity to play AFL on such a high quality ground
Playing surface is outstanding
Picket fence oval makes it feel special.
Drummoyne Oval is an excellent quality sports field. We attend cricket and rugby matches as they provide a great spectator experience – close to players, picnic on the hill
I best oval in the league. There isn't many fields in NSW that get close to the facilities and views that Drummoyne provides
My four boys are all involved in AFL and by far the best oval to watch from
High quality venue capable of hosting elite sport.

Sporting venue/facilities (6)

sporting facilities
good sporting facilities
It's a wonderful sporting facility
The facilities for cricket
Multi-purpose/sport venue
Good sporting facilities (when we get access)

Toilets (3)

Toilets

Beautiful toilet facilities

good amenities at the oval

Away from traffic (4)

freedom from traffic

Away from traffic and road noises

not too much traffic with young children

mingling amongst the dogs

safe (minimal or no cars)

Trees / shade (10)

Trees

The trees

Established trees

turpentine trees

Mature trees at Drummoyne Park

I love the big trees

plenty of trees for shade

Shade in Drummoyne Park

Beautiful trees and grass

Shady

Variety of sporting and recreation activities (12)

Lots of things happening

function variety

Great multi-use options

much going on

We do several different things

the community enjoying lots of different

activities at Taplin Park

Dog walking, boating, sports

There is much on offer – diverse activities

I have 2 boys aged 7 & 10. We live in

Drummoyne walking/riding along foreshore to

get to Taplin Park to watch rugby games, play

on playground equipment, kick football

together.

Nice place to relax, go for a walk, walk the dog or have a picnic.

We have birthdays there, we train informally

there, exercise there, picnic, use basketball

hoop, kids ride bikes there

Local teams playing sport, children playing in

park and even people picnicking.

Visual

Views – general (6)

Views

Views

View

Views

Views

the incredible view

Beautiful environment (15)

It's pretty

Beautiful

Beautiful oval

Location and surrounds are picturesque

It is a very picturesque area

lovely outlook

beautiful outlook

beautiful parklands

Beautiful waterside park for community activities

The oval is a beautiful place to play rugby

It is a pretty area to take dogs or watch sport

Beautiful outlook to walk/exercise

aesthetically pleasing

Enjoy the beautiful environment in which it is located.

Drummoyne oval is beautiful. I love it.

Water views (4)

Water views

water views

Water views

Beautiful area with the water there and facilities

Place to walk/cycle and Bay Walk (23)

Walks

Walks

the walks

bay walk

walkway

Walkways

ability to walk

The foreshore walk

waterside walkway

Fantastic walking by the water

The walkway around the water

The waterside pathway is a great feature

the longish walks that meet the area

A delightful walk to the waters of the bay

Pathway for exercise and recreation.

A great walk around the foreshore to Chiswick

and back. Nice flat surface for walking around

to achieve my exercise goals as a senior. My

husband also enjoys the same walk

Great walk around the bay, access to Chiswick

from Drummoyne

The shared path / cycle path through as it provides easy access to cycle paths on the eastern side

Footpath allows for space to walk or ride

I like to come to ride my bike

Good for kids to ride bikes

good cycle path to access the Gladesville

bridge

Place to watch sport (7)

It is a joy to watch sport there on a sunny winter weekend.

Sporting entertainment

Ability to watch sport free of charge most

weekends – Rugby, Cricket and others

It's a great place to watch sport.

Ideal location to watch the Dirty Reds

Playing rugby at Taplin Park is a beautiful

occasion. Spending the entire afternoon there

with a couple of hundred players and their

families look out across the harbour while

watching the beautiful rugby contest is

immensely special and something to look

forward to each season.

Absolutely the best location to watch sport on

the oval ... and it's outside the grounds

Water/bay/foreshore access and proximity**(23)**

Bay

Water

water

access to water

Water side

bayside

proximity to water

proximity to water

Waterway

The water front

Waterfront park full of sunlight

The waterfront location

lovely water front precinct

foreshore

foreshore access

access to the bay

opens to the water

I love it being near the water

It's a great place to simply enjoy the water

Proximity to water for breeze

Foreshore location

A great place to relax close to the water

Relax waterside parks for community use such
as picnics and gatherings with friends.**Well maintained/clean and tidy (10)**

Clean

clean

Well kept

Clean, tidy

well maintained

well maintained

well maintained

well maintained

well looked after

It is a very well maintained area.

Other

Comparatively good to others'

Facilities

Lighting

Events only – need a reason to come

35 classes & weekend training

Scooters

sunshine/area relaxing

quality outdoor precinct

Run

Football

One of the best in Sydney

The setting

nice area

It used to be special. We used to be able to
use it.

C.2 What changes or improvements would you like to see at Drummoyne Oval Precinct?

No change

I like the way it is

I think the facilities are quite sufficient

Improvements needed

It's a really important area but does need some improvements.

I live in front of the Oval and have seen lots of changes some not for better.

Improvements to facilities can make a huge difference

Better facilities will encourage community exercise, sports and meetings. All good for our wellbeing

Table 5 Suggested changes and improvements to Drummoyne Oval Precinct

Issue/ suggestion	No.	Explanation	Suggested changes / improvements
Access for people with disabilities, strollers	4	It is currently only stairs More stroller friendly Pedestrian and pram access.	accessibility ramps Install a ramp for disabled access at Bayswater Street entrance
Access to the water	1		Access points to the water
Acknowledge- ment of country	1		Acknowledgement of country
AFL availability	5	Access to the Oval for AFL playing/training seems to have dropped off this year. Whether that is through wet weather (drainage improvement) or other sports being played on the oval (can't rugby be played on the Taplin Rugby field instead), it seems AFL was hardly played on the oval this season. It is recognised as the best AFL ground in Sydney by visiting clubs. AFL get back to the access that was available pre-Covid Access for Drummoyne Power kids who have been kicked off while Concord Oval is being rebuilt.	Availability/more AFL games on the oval
Aquatic/ leisure centre	2	Canada Bay has no year round aquatic facilities	Aquatic centre Develop a Leisure Centre with a gym and a swimming pool somewhere near the Oval.
Artwork – indigenous	2		Indigenous artwork/ signage Install an artwork based on local history of Drummoyne Oval and its connection to the Parramatta River. Artwork to reflect the indigenous history of Canada Bay and its links to art, sport and culture.

Issue/ suggestion	No.	Explanation	Suggested changes / improvements
Art – public	1		Public artwork on fence
Art – Taplin Park	1		The ugly concrete blocks at the base of the light poles (Taplin Oval) should be painted artistically
Baby change facilities	1		Baby changing facilities
Barbecues – general	3		Better BBQ facilities Proper maintenance of the new facilities as well as existing run down items
Barbecues – Drummoyne Park	1		BBQ in Drummoyne Park
Barbecues – foreshore	2	Specific BBQ areas close to the water, not just picnic benches. These need to be under cover so they can be used more than just summer	BBQs near the water BBQ areas close to the water Relocate the disused BBQ near central grand stand and place in the public area near waterside at Taplin Park.
Barbecues – Drummoyne Oval	1	Attract families to weekend sporting events.	Set up a barbecue on the hill to
Basketball court	8	A full court would be better than the current half court.	More than one basketball hoop Full basketball court More basketball courts More/bigger basketball courts
Bike track	3		a bike track should be put in place cycling track
Bill Fisher Reserve	2	This space is not well used, provide more natural features with more trees for shade.	Regenerate bushland in Bill Fisher Reserve Tennis courts in Bill Fisher Reserve
Boat ramp area	1	boatramp deterioration of the area	
Boat ramp carpark – barriers	1	Sandstone blocks limit parking	
Boat ramp carpark - entrance	3	Safer access is required for the public crossing across the entrance threshold from the shared pathways. This area lacks visibility and is busy with vehicles including boat trailers entering and exiting. A properly designed dish ramp is required for the driveway gutter to allow access for bicycles.(at entrance to the boat ramp carpark) Ag pipe irrigation is required to prevent seepage across the shared pathway (at entrance to the boat ramp carpark)	

Issue/ suggestion	No.	Explanation	Suggested changes / improvements
Boat ramp carpark – parking spaces	3	Boat ramp parking On busy days at the precinct, parking of boat trailers can be difficult with non-trailers taking up spaces in the car park. There is regularly overflow parking into local streets, which could be a concern for locals	Don't expand carpark
Boat ramp carpark – times	1	A lady was fined for parking her car in the boat ramp carpark	
Boat ramp carpark – surface	2	Loose paving in the boat ramp carpark	Repair the pavers
Boat ramp carpark – traffic bollards	1	Remove the CBC traffic bollards and metal plate, which has been here (south-east boat ramp carpark) for the last three years.	Remove the CBC traffic bollards and metal plate in the south-east boat ramp carpark. This excavation requires immediate attention.
Boat ramp carpark – drainage	1		Improve water drainage around the parking area for boating
Boat ramp – cleaning facilities	3	Stop people leaving so much rubbish and fish guts at the shelter along the foreshore.	More bins Regular cleaning Fish cleaning facilities at the boat ramp Boat cleaning facilities at the boat ramp
Café	14		a café Permanent I. Coffee opportunity coffee shop A café/coffee shop would be ideal. Put a restaurant/I in there A I at the Greg Davis Stand would be AMAZING I where you could sit in sun or shade would transform this space at the Greg Davis Stand
Canteen	3	The canteen faces the wrong way	Upgrade/replace the canteen Better canteen facilities
Coffee cart	4	There are lots of people down there in the mornings walking their dogs, doing their morning walks etc.	A small coffee cart would be very appreciated by the community if it operated near Drummoyne Oval. Coffee or ice cream truck Coffee carts in the precinct would help activate it. Coffee trucks at a semi permanent basis.
Club facilities	2		A clubhouse that allows the heritage of the venue to be displayed Possibly permanent meeting rooms

Issue/ suggestion	No.	Explanation	Suggested changes / improvements
Cometrowe Street – pedestrian crossing	3	For the safety of the public. This is a hazardous and dangerous section of roadway and access is required to the park.	Pedestrian crossing at Cometrowe Street bend Traffic calming device at Cometrowe Street bend
Community centre	2	Make the community centre about more than day care, and a few limited programs. There's nothing of any interest at all for me there. Ever. Again there is a decent indoor space for functions/events	Use the community centre for functions/events Extend the function of the community centre. Use the Greg Davis community room as a 'Plan B'.
Community activities/ events	3	Use for purposes other than sport which are very costly and so few community members can take part in, even if they had any interest. Open air events (film, food, concerts, exhibitions) etc etc. Much of the tech & infrastructure is here. Anything to get my kids out of the house!	Open up this oval area for the general public including community events, night movies, market stalls and other activities More community activities down there, maybe an open air cinema on the Drummoyne side, live music in summer, noodle market, ice dusting in winter. Use for cultural events: film, fairs, concerts, exhibitions (open air) though there are also indoor facilities I believe
Community room in Greg Davis Stand	1	The community room is booked in a separate process to the sporting facilities. This is inconvenient, makes it difficult to book the room and puts people off using the room	
Community garden	4	This corner area of Taplin Park (Thompson/Cometrowe) is a dead area of the park and is underutilized Community garden e.g. Henley Reserve in Gladesville next to the community centre get kids involved	Community garden Community garden in Drummoyne Park near the community centre Community garden in the corner area of Taplin Park
Cricket nets	3	It is not good enough to stick a sign on a fence telling the public to use the nets in Campbell Park. Continue great work with girls cricket	Public access to existing cricket practice nets. More cricket nets. Some nets indoors would be great if not outdoors
Cricket wicket	1	Avoid playing rugby on a rock hard wicket	Drop in drop out wicket
No cricket pitch at Taplin Park	1	Taplin Park is one of the only inner city rugby grounds without the blight of a cricket pitch in the middle. Cricket pitches are dangerous to play rugby on and they seriously increase the incidents of ground closure due to wet weather. As a Petersham Rugby Club member we are subject to ground closures due to the cricket pitch destroying Camperdown Oval.	Do not add any cricket pitches to Taplin Park.
Cycle path	2		Create a path through area for cycling and link up properly for cycling and running to Abbotsford.

Issue/ suggestion	No.	Explanation	Suggested changes / improvements
Dog bags/ bins	4		more bins with dog bags Bin/dog bags at Bayswater Street entrance Dog bags in Taplin Park
Dog off-leash areas	3		Please leave Taplin Park as an off- leash area Clearer dogs off leash areas Dog access
Dog off-leash times	3		More offleash times Better control of the time when dogs are allowed off leash More dog facilities – 24 hours off leash
Dog park – fenced	9	<p>Offleash dog area should change. Its too close to the childrens playground with many dogs on many occasions have come into playground leaving children scared.</p> <p>This could really be a big issue if a dog attacks a child for the council.</p> <p>My children have said they do not want to play in the playground when dogs are around.</p> <p>“Safety for children and dogs.”</p>	<p>A fenced dog area/park Fencing around Taplin Park dog area Create a fenced off dog area up near child care centre away from Taplin Park.</p> <p>Fenced small dog and puppy recreation area in Taplin Park Fenced in dog park across from Bayswater/Westbourne Street or somewhere else where there is not an oval/field.</p> <p>A designated fenced dog area, where owners can face the enclosure and watch the dogs and also get some exercise at the stations at the same time.</p> <p>One area to have a fence to keep dogs safe and I from picnic goers.</p> <p>A similar fence again at Drummoyne park on Bayswater Road safety when you children around the BBQ area.</p>
Drinking water	1		Another drinking bubbler in Taplin Park near toilet building.
Drummoyne Oval – access	24	<p>Drummoyne Oval is locked. It seems the oval is becoming less accessible for the residents. It was open to be used by everyone and had a lovely community feel.</p> <p>I would like to see Drummoyne oval available to the public more, whether that is to use the field at certain times or ?. It's prime position and always locked up.</p> <p>Stop thinking Drummoyne Oval is the SCG, it's not. It's a local suburban ground that needs to be used. Grass is a marvellous thing, it regrows with the sun. You constantly close the ground with just a forecast of rain and with no understanding of why its closed. Why have green space if you never use it? It's not the SCG, the ground needs to be used!</p>	<p>Public access to Drummoyne Oval for exercise Removal of the 2.2 metre high fence Public accessibility 7 days per week Use of oval and expenditure for infrastructure on the whole community, not the few amateur sportspeople, and irregular B-grade sporting events.</p> <p>Allow access to Drummoyne Oval for the use of all residents and the community. Example Camperdown Oval under Petersham Council.</p> <p>Provide access to Drummoyne Oval from the eastern side. Make the oval fence permeable Unfenced access for public Remove the 2.2 metre high fence</p>

Issue/ suggestion	No.	Explanation	Suggested changes / improvements
		<p>Losing access to the oval because of sport</p> <p>Council's management of access to the oval</p> <p>We believe the locked up Drummoyne Oval is a good thing as it keeps the dogs etc of the oval and (no surprises!!!) on the field, also assists to keep the oval in great condition</p> <p>We are not allowed access which is frustrating</p> <p>The oval is a sports facility which can be used for many different purposes, but as the premium sports facility it must be available for sport and recreation.</p>	<p>and allow public access</p> <p>Open the oval every day for public use (specified hours) instead of locking everyone out.</p> <p>No formal sporting fixtures this is our Oval not NSW Cricket. If not then what about having say the Wallabies or visiting International side train there as an example</p> <p>a lot more access</p> <p>Unchanged access</p>
Drummoyne Oval – field closures	3	<p>Drainage of the oval is poor</p> <p>Water closures – amount of times the field due to weather – asset is huge investment.</p> <p>Council closes the oval on Friday but it could be played on Sunday</p> <p>AFL pays Council to use the oval but they don't get to use it due to ground closures</p> <p>Be transparent regarding the reasons for ground closures because the club loses revenue</p>	Fewer field closures for younger players
Drummoyne Oval – grass banks	1	Grass slope can be dry, steep and slippery	<p>Terrace the grass banks around the oval</p> <p>Install a hand rail at the bottom of the slope of the grass bank</p>
Drummoyne Oval – shelter	1	Limited shelter particularly for players in wet weather at Drummoyne Oval	Replace the slatted roof on the cricket building with a solid roof
Drummoyne Oval – toilets/change facilities	3		<p>Ladies toilets and change rooms inside the oval area</p> <p>More facilities for women – improved secondary change rooms</p> <p>Upgraded grandstand with changing rooms, toilets etc.</p>
EPAB building – shelter	1		The middle grandstand needs a roof, or have the ability to turn the roof into under cover shelter
Events	2		<p>We should make more use of it for greater Sydney events.</p> <p>More events to do at convenient times (movies, womens cricket)</p>
Event bookings	1	From an IT perspective an interactive Council website for Drummoyne Oval so you can see the events coming up and book seating.	Interactive Council website for Drummoyne Oval
Event parking	1		<p>Deny access for vehicle parking on Taplin Oval during major cricket matches.</p> <p>Prepare a traffic management plan for major sporting events.</p>

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Exercise equipment	10	Parents and grandparents taking children to the playground have some exercise equipment to use while they watch the kids	Exercise equipment for locals. It would also be great to have some common fitness equipment in the park, as you see in other parks around Sydney. At least a chin-up bar. Install a range of outdoor adult exercise equipment for public use Exercise machine area established like around on the Bay run. Shared fitness equipment, like a chin-up bar (near basketball court) Community exercise area with equipment around basketball court/playground or nearby, to be able to do bodyweight and cardio exercises. There should be at least 2-3 of these in the park to ensure social distancing and more than a few people can use them at once Outdoor exercise facilities added to Taplin Park, next to the kids playground
Fencing – Thompson/Cometrowe Streets	5	Discourage dogs running across Thompson Street. I know of one dog who has been hit in this very spot by a car. To help prevent children and dogs from running on to the roadway. Separate the park from the road for a whole host of reasons – kids chasing a ball onto the road, aesthetics	Fencing parallel to Thompson Street Low fence along Thompson and Cometrowe Streets Erect a fence at Taplin Park on the Thompson Street side similar to Neil Park so there are access gaps to walk in and out. Native landscaping trees, scrub to separate Taplin Park from the road
Fencing – playground and bike path	1	Potential conflicts between the bike path and playground users	Fence between the path and playground Yellow humps/threshold on the bike path as a warning about the playground e.g. Steel Park, Marrickville
Ferry wharf/terminal	5	Very much required. The buses and transport are terrible in Drummoyne. This would make commuting more reliable, pleasurable, or sometimes faster. Given the repeated cancellations of tram/trains in Drummoyne planning, we deserve a good substitute. Promises keep being made and never delivered.	Ferry terminal, with bike racks nearby
Flower garden	1		Some low-maintenance but brightening flowers
Food trucks	3		A food truck Food trucks in the precinct would help activate it. Food trucks at a semi permanent basis.

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Footpath – Bayswater Street	1	Slip on footpath and trip over tree roots along Bayswater Street side.	Boardwalk over tree roots on the park side of Bayswater Street
Footpath – Cometrowe Street	7	This area (at Cometrowe bend) needs a proper footpath A real footpath not a dirt track along the oval section of Cometrowe Street There is no pathway up Cometrowe Street on the oval side to the Occasional Care. Very dangerous to have to walk on the road with a baby in the pram.	Footpath along Cometrowe Street Sealed path either from (1) the walkway along the water to Cometrowe Street (2) behind the car park for trailers to the walkway behind the oval.
Footpath – Thompson Street	3	There is no pathway that runs down Thompson Street or Denning Street with pram or pedestrian access to Taplin Park. No safe access for prams 1988 foreshore path	Continue the footpath along the Thompson Street end of Taplin oval. Provide a pathway along Thompson Street that connects to foreshore pathway
Foreshore walkway – gradient/width	10	A section of the foreshore walkway right next to the water is not flat but slopes toward the water. Very dangerous for prams (impossible to safely push a double pram here), wheelchairs, kids on bikes. I can't let my kids ride their bikes on this section because the path slopes right into the water. Currently unsafe for kid to ride bike without falling into water The path can be dangerous at times especially for children, it leans towards the water and it very close to the water. Safer walking path near water, particularly for prams, dogs etc A balustrade is required to prevent persons including the disabled and elderly from falling off the sloping footpath into the river. We do not need the re occurrence of a pram and toddler toppling into the river as was the event on December 2021.	Path needs to be levelled or at least a barrier/fence erected asap Safety rails by footpath next to water Widen the foreshore walkway where it can be towards water near Thompson Street Widen the footpath for dual lane purpose all the way along the Esplanade Widen footpath to allow better two direction walking traffic. Move the car parks here to the other side of the road to allow room. Path along the water
Foreshore walkway – shade	1		Plant more trees all along the foreshore
Garden maintenance	1		Garden tidiness
Goalposts	2		Leave one set of goalposts up Leave goal posts up year round, at least the ones in the dog use area.
Greg Davis Stand – community use	1		Extend use of Greg Davis Stand for community, ie community centre building 2, or rent for functions to generate revenue for community projects

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Greg Davis Stand – extension	1		Extra coverage over stand for exercise
Habitat planting – Taplin Park	2	Some of this space in Taplin Park should be planted with native bushes for the small birds that live and fly around here. Promote habit for small native birds. Currently trees only provide for larger birds.	Plant some more patches of smaller understory shrubs in Taplin Park Plant native bushes in Taplin Park
Indigenous stories	1		Make reference to indigenous stories
Indoor training facility	2	To make it world-class	Indoor training facility Wet weather training facility
Junior rugby change and storage	3		Improve or create changing and storage facility for the junior rugby club. Build new change and storage shed for the junior rugby club The shed on Taplin needs a complete makeover with change rooms, toilets etc
Landscaping	2		just lovely landscaping Better landscaping between the carpark and path to beautify the walk
Lights – evening	2	Brings community together	Lights on of evening (2)
Lights – less	3	Too many lights now	less night lighting
Lights – more	2		more lights Lights - happy to have more use
Lights – more for sport	1		10% more light on the fields during training
Lights – Taplin Park sport	1	Drummoyne Oval provides light only on a couple of week-nights (run/paid by Dirty Reds).	Install Council-run lights in Taplin Park
Lights – Taplin Park dog park	2		Lights on in the evening for the dog park in Taplin Park
Lights – foreshore walkway	1		Whole path needs lighting for night
Light towers	8	Nuisance with the lights. The lights are ghastly in such a beautiful foreshore area. Lighting is too bright for wildlife. You ruined it with those stupidly over egged lights Stop the playing of night games at Drummoyne Oval as it negatively impacts on residents as the proximity to	Remove the light towers. Stop playing night games at Drummoyne Oval

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		<p>residents is too close. Noise, traffic and extreme bright lights for television coverage is inappropriate for residents past 6pm.</p> <p>Surely the lights close proximity to cannot be legal.</p> <p>The light towers should never have been installed. They are an eyesore, a terrible waste of tax money, and an unsuitable choice of venue. The way it was sneakily passed through Council, by a few cricket-associated council members, was not transparent at the time.</p> <p>Nobody wanted the lights, no one was consulted and a non transparent council just pushed through</p>	
Maintenance	2	We have to put up with a lot of mess in the front of our homes in Cometrowe Street where the fence is. There is always mess put there by the men working on maintenance of the Oval. Something should be done for that	Improve maintenance in the top north-east corner
Mangrove regeneration	3	Regeneration of mangroves won't block views here and is much needed for the health of the bay and fish breeding location.	Regenerate some of the mangroves
Netball hoops/court	6	Netball hoops for training so we don't need to go all the way to Cintra which is a long way for 12 year olds to travel. Not sure there are any in Drummoyne?	Install a netball hoop/goal or two Netball court Netball courts
Occasional care	1	Occasional care is busy	Extend the occasional care centre
Parking	3	Chaos when games are on regarding parking Night games impact on parking for locals	better parking - not just for boats
Parking – boat ramp	2	It is not good enough to allow council rangers free reign booking vehicles on weekends. Why did CBC book vehicles on the Drummoyne Oval Fun Day? And not provide adequate parking?	Provide parking for vehicles without boat trailers on weekends. Prepare a proper traffic management plan, which includes public parking Improvements to paid parking areas – urgent
Parking – Cometrowe Street	3		<p>Angle parking at Cometrowe Street 45 degree parking (east of Cometrowe bend)</p> <p>45 degree parking near worker's entrance to Drummoyne Oval where there is no sealed footpath on the wide space</p>
Paths – general	2		<p>upgrade paths Wider, smoother paths.</p>

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Path between foreshore and playground	1		A path extension from foreshore pathway to the playground would also be super helpful.
Path between community centre and playground	1		There should be a safe pathway from the Drummoyne Community Centre to the playground.
Pedestrian crossing – Bayswater Road	3	Make parks in Canada Bay more accessible to walk to	Pedestrian crossing of Bayswater Road Wombat crossing across Bayswater Road
Picnic tables/shelters – general	11		More picnic tables and seating for picnics and gatherings Undercover picnic area/ bbq Upgrade existing picnic facilities like Russell Lea Larger undercover shelters with tables and chairs Some larger undercover areas More shelter for picnics with garbage and maybe a BBQ Picnic benches Replacement picnic tables
Picnic shelters – Taplin Park	8	The table/bench area on the foreshore is really unsturdy, small and uncomfortable. It is one of only two tiny shades areas to sit in the area In the Taplin Park area there are two tiny picnic benches with shade. If you get stuck in the sun or the rain you have no choice but to get wet/sunburnt. This table/bench combination is one of only two shaded spots to sit in the whole of Taplin Park. If it rains or is sunny, there are no other options if someone is sitting there. In the hot summer of 2019/20 the space was unusable.	More picnic shelters in Taplin Park More picnic shelters on the water side of the path Properly designed picnic shelters More seats and tables that actually have shade Extra spots around the place for relaxing and picnics.
Picnic shelters – Drummoyne Park	2	not the rag tag rotting wood type inside the oval on the scoreboard side hill.	Install a table near the playground in Drummoyne Park
Planting at foreshore	1		More native groundcovers along the waters edge
Planting near playground	3	People don't use this space much , birds need habitat plus my 3 small boys always prefer to play in trees and bushes than on plastic and metal play equipment. Replace the tree that CBC secretly removed in 2020 (south of playground), destumped and returfed in a 24 hour period to make it look like it never existed. SHADE is required.	Add regenerated bush north of playground More native landscaping near the playground Replace the tree which was removed in 2020

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		My boys are OK on play equipment but always prefer exploring native bush areas to steel and plastic.	
Playground – accessible	1		More accessible play + inclusive
Playground – equipment	7	The play equipment is dirty and needs swings. Toddlers and kids love to swing on swing sets. Swing sets are a favourite amongst kids and parents. The playground should cater for all ages	Bigger equipment Upgrade the childrens playground to include swings. Provide individual swings (swing seats, not just a swing nest) Upgrades to play equipment to cater for large groups Baby playground
Playground – fencing	11	An unfenced playground next to an off leash dog park is crazy. It primarily serves young children and toddlers yet is located next to a leash free dog park and the waterfront. Every week there are dogs inside the playground and some of the kids are terrified. There is also the water risk so close and unfenced. Stop kids straying especially close to waters edge.	Fence/gate the children's play area in Taplin Park
Playground – seating	3	The current seating faces directly into a set of bushes, weird. There are very few seats at the playground.	More seating around the playground Seat/shade southeast of playground The benches near the play equipment need shade.
Playground – softfall	3	We often find cigarette butts, bottle tops, dog poo and broken glass nestled within the bark. Toddlers play with the bark and will either try to put these items in their mouths or bring the bark home in their shoes and clothes making them filthy. Edwards Park Playground in Concord is a perfect example of what is needed at Taplin Park. Bark is great – please no synthetic grass or plastic softfall. Natural materials needed in the era of climate change.	Replace the bark with rubber matting or synthetic grass conflicts with Keep the bark softfall.
More playgrounds	1		more play areas
Restaurant	1	Restaurant like UTS Haberfield Rowing Club	Restaurant in the Greg Davis Stand
Rubbish – boat ramp	2	Prevent all those who frequent here (boat ramp carpark) and dump their McDonalds refuse in the carpark	Security Cameras are required at the boat ramp carpark Parking fee at boat ramp for those outside the city as constantly picking up rubbish, especially after a weekend. A few would cover cleaning costs that typically locals cover or do themselves.

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Rubbish – general	8	It's a mess with overflowing bins cater for excess picnic rubbish Council took away bins and now rubbish is scattered after weekends	More garbage bins More bins on weekends Extra garbage bins during spring/summer/autumn Bins at all areas people enter or exit the precinct.
Rubbish – Drummoyne Park	2	Rubbish is often 'floating' around at the playground outside the community centre People regularly leave their rubbish.	The playground located outside the Occasional Care should have a bin close by Install a bin at the playground outside the community centre
Rubbish – Taplin Park playground	1		Provide adequate bins at the playground.
Rubbish – Taplin Park	2	An extra set of bins was placed throughout Taplin Park during the lockdown periods, but now they have been removed. Consequently, garbage does not fit in the bins and the park is a mess.	Permanently install extra bins in Taplin Park Install an extra bin near the basketball court
Rain garden	1	rock garden neglected	
Ranger patrols / enforcement	2	Off-leash dogs. There are way too many people breaking the laws and some dogs are frightening Trailer and car parking at the boat ramp Covid is still too widespread so more signs on mask wearing is good for us and everyone.	Patrolling to enforce laws More policing, fines for rubbish dumping by the boat ramp
Revegetation	8	Many parts of the space especially the sloping parts are not used. Children like to play in bush. It's important for small bird habitat. Too much open grass land everywhere. It doesn't all need to be mown grass. There needs to be a bit of a separation / privacy created by strategically positioned native tree/bush planting. To separate an area where people might be letting the dogs run off leash vs. where some people might be picnicking vs. where some kids might be playing soccer. This whole slope (across from Bayswater/Westbourne) isn't used by people and should all be regenerated native habitat for birds and other wildlife. Separate the park from the road. More thinking around some native landscaping that might serve to almost delineate areas of the park some shade for people picnicking, a natural tree, scrub break which provides an area for dogs to play around, another third for kicking a ball around etc.. Birds and possums need a continuous section.	Nature/ planting Restore the less used parts of the space to bushland. Plant smaller understory shrubs for smaller native bird habit. Plant patches of native shrubbery. Regenerate the slope across from Bayswater/Westbourne Street corner Plant small shrubs, reedy Lomandra, Hakea one metre high near the water tanks More distribution of native planted areas. Hedge rows around pathways – biodiversity Native planted areas around the edge of the park. Native landscaping that delineates areas of the park Extend native bush (including eucalypt trees) from Drummoyne Oval to the boat ramp car park. Extend the native bush of at least eucalyptus with more regular trees between the oval and Bayswater Street.

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Currently the grass is an enviro desert.			
Scoreboard – Taplin Park	1		Scoreboard for Taplin Park
Sea wall	1	Seawall collapsing	
Seating – general	9		More undercover seating More seats Sitting space/ benches some more seating where you can enjoy the waters edge.
Seating – Drummoyne Park	2		Replace benches in Drummoyne Park under shade. A couple of extra benches in Drummoyne Park – one in the sun for winter and one in the shade for summer.
Seating – Greg Davis stand	3	Greg Davis grandstand could be improved. The Western grandstand could have seating installed to make it more comfortable rather than having to sit on concrete. Bench seating at Greg Davis Stand needs improvement Very uncomfortable to sit on concrete and there are not many places to watch from when it is raining	Install seats at Greg Davis Stand
Seating – Taplin Oval	1	The sun is in spectators eyes if they watch from the eastern side of Taplin Oval	Install seating on the western side of Taplin Oval
Seating – Taplin Park	2	The area (near basketball court) needs seating as one of the few areas to rest that are under trees	Install bench seats (bolted off the block) on each of the four sides of the light poles. The area near basketball court needs seating
Shade – general	5		More shade More shade structures
Shade – playground	3	It's way too hot in summer. The shade sails need to be renewed, they are too close to the equipment as is.	More shade around the playground Plant some trees to shade the playground. Renew the shade sails Upgrade the childrens playground to include a new shade Structure.
Shade – Taplin Oval	1		More shade on the Taplin Oval side
Shade – Taplin Park	5	At present this area The Melanoma Capital of The Inner West Provide shade to the hundreds of people that visit the park each weekend. Provide more shade for picnics. Lack of shade in summer on western side of Taplin Park	A cantilevered shade structure around the light pole

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		Prevent sun damage to the public and community who choose to sit near the light pole	
Shared path at boat ramp	2		Improved visibility and safety on the shared pathway where the vehicles enter the boat ramp area. Improved maintenance (ie pathway near boat ramp etc)
Shared path - separate	3	The foreshore path is part of the government announced path between Circular Quay and Parramatta. It connects Taplin Park with the Gladesville Bridge. Conflicts between walkers and cyclists Bikes - hate them	Separate lane Separate walking paths and cycling paths
Shelter at oval	1	Very little shelter for coaches/ managers/team officials/reserves eg https://hitechsports.com.au/player-shelters/	
Signage	3	Signage has faded	Replace signage Enough signage already- no more Esplanade needs signage
Skate park/ bike track	1		This part of the park (Drummoyne Park) is unused and would be the perfect area to put in a skate bowl and mountain bike track or jump through the trees.
Solar panels	1	Obvious spot for solar panels (on Greg Davis Stand roof).	
Spectator seating at oval	5	The north-east light tower corner on the Bayswater Road side of the oval offers the best vantage point for watching sport but there is no seating and/or shelter for spectators there	Seating and/or shelter for spectators on Bayswater Rd side of the oval Improved spectator & player facilities, particularly seating, under cover areas Placement of several undercover tables & chairs for spectator use during sporting events
Sport – more	2		More cricket events More professional sports played here
Stormwater management	2	Rubbish washes into the bay Rubbish in the bay needs to be fixed	Install proper management of wastewater
Taplin Park – limit sport use	1	Sport use impedes the use by apartment dwelling local residents who use Taplin Park as their back yard.	Limit the increase of sports usage of Taplin Park
Toilets – more	6	Too often human faeces is on rugby shed or in trees. Boat people come early or late, generally not locals and then defecate or urinate all over the place.	More toilets Install pay toilets Public toilet facility located also on the hill Toilet and bathroom facilities required near boat ramp.

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Toilets – cleaning	2		Well kept toilets Regular cleaning of council toilets
Toilets – opening hours	4	Toilet Facilities need to be open later. Toilets facilities close at 4pm, yet the community utilises the park and oval until night fall	accessible toilets that are open all the time Toilets available at all hours Toilets should be accessible for longer hours and the Drummoyne Oval can't be used
Toilets – signage	3		Provide signage/ wayfinding from the boat ramp carpark to toilets
Toilets - sink	1	women's toilet sink is broken	
Traffic safety on Bayswater Road	2	It is dangerous driving down Westbourne Street to turn right into Bayswater Road as it is impossible to see the coming traffic which are generally travelling very fast.	Stop sign at Bayswater Road before/at the intersection of Westbourne Street. Lower traffic speed limit around the park
Trees – general	10	Trees are need for shade and carbon capture	More trees Trees and shade N & E right species Trees/ shade Shade trees + vegetation Tree corridors, objections to trees in parks by locals More trees or low level shrubs area the area edge as well as native ground cover.
Trees – Taplin Park	11	Currently, the flat area of the park, near the water, isn't suitable for gatherings as it is too hot and no relief from the sun. I'd like to be able to have my child's birthdays or picnics there under a tree. The current shade options are too few and always occupied. To make it more welcoming, like Drummoyne Park is. Campbell Park and Lysaght Parks have had trees planted 2 years ago. I was told by CBC Stage 2 tree planting would involve Taplin Park. Not one tree has been planted. Taplin Park has more light poles than trees. Need tree shade cover for picnics or kid's parties (along foreshore). Current shade is very minimal Trees needed all along this pathway Trees are required along the entire length and both sides of the shared pathway to provide a shade corridor.	Planting of trees/shrubs in Taplin Park, especially: along walkway south of the boat ramp carpark along the water on western side on the outer areas near the basketball courts near the oval west entrances
Walking track around the oval	1		A power walking track with some active exercise stations around the oval would be great because it would give us a known distance covered and help motivate us to build up to a higher level of attainment.

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Walkway – Bayswater Road	1	The timber path could rest above the roots of the Moreton Bay Fig tree.	Install a timber walkway in Bayswater Street between the end of the concrete path beside Drummoyne Park and the main entrance to the park complex.
Watercraft hire	1		Water sports (paddle boat or kayak hire) in summer
Watercraft storage	2		Kayak storage
Water fountain in Drummoyne Oval	1		Drink refill station inside Drummoyne Oval
Water fountain in Taplin Park	2	Water fountain (in south-west corner on foreshore) needs to be cold water in summer too Water fountain pressure needs to be improved	Improve pressure of the water fountain

Other comments

boats parking
 Breakfast Pt
 Bus changes
 council doesn't do much here
 Dogs and prams
 Dogs way in + out
 Fencing
 Ledgy
 Less impact from weather
 Less participation after Covid
 Picnic
 player safety
 Pram use
 retaining walls
 revenue loss
 Run out of space
 Russell Park is good
 Shed facilities (old change rooms) at Taplin Park.
 small fence not to keep people out
 St Luke's closed
 took the path to make the stands
 Too narrow
 Trees trimmed to new
 Upgrading park