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Consultation report Waverley Park Plan of Management

2022
Waverley Park

Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast and we acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders both past and present.

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Executive summary

To ensure future generations enjoy Waverley's open spaces, it is important to have a sustainable approach in the management of our Parks. Plans of Management (PoMs) guide how community land is used, managed and improved.

This consultation took place from 25 October to 22 November 2021. The objectives were to:

- Provide varied opportunities for internal and external stakeholders to provide input into the PoM over the four-week period.
- Communicate with the community members who have contacted Council previously about the park, including the playground or fitness station.
- Use our internal channels to communicate and gather feedback from a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

Waverley Council's (Council) Have Your Say (HYS) website had a dedicated page for the Plan of Management (PoM) and separated each of the capital works projects, playground upgrade, fitness station and Indoor Cricket Training Facility. Over 4300 people engaged with or interacted with the communications activities promoting the consultation period.

The Indoor Cricket Training Facility was the most debated part of the consultation. It was supported by Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, however was not broadly supported by the rest of the community.

The playground and fitness station were supported and the community provided feedback into what they would like to see in these spaces.

The community also highlighted there was a need to improve: lighting, accessibility, parking, seating and hard court bookings

Participants suggested ideas they would like to see including: skateboarding, tennis and bike riding opportunities and said they would like larger play equipment for teens.

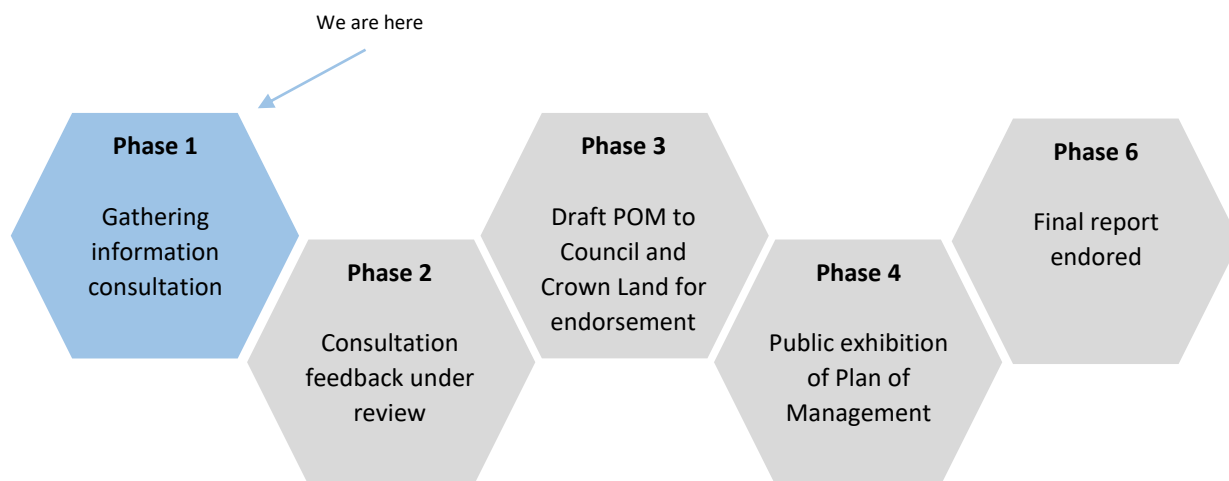
The key features of the design were used as a guideline to summarise the consultation support. More commentary is provided in the [overview of consultation feedback](#).

Background

To ensure future generations enjoy Waverley's open spaces, it is important to have a sustainable approach in the management of our Parks. PoMs guide how community land is used, managed and improved. The last Waverley Park POM and Master Plan was created 10 years ago and since then, the Park has undergone significant capital works projects. With more upgrades planned over the next few years, a new POM was needed to guide the Park's development.

Before the POM is finalised, there will be three rounds of community consultation. This report outlines the actions and results of phase 1. In this phase the project team gathered information to identify how people travel to and use the park and their likes and dislikes. The participants were also asked about three potential capital works projects; the playground, fitness station and indoor cricket training facility.

Council officers presented ideas for the Park based on previous community feedback and suggested improvements from the Place Space Strategy, Open Space and Recreation Strategy and Inclusive Play Space Study.



Approach and objectives

The process for this consultation was different to other PoMs with the addition of the capital works projects.

The original approach was to consult on the POM ideas and capital works projects from 1 September to 3 October 2021. Issues arose around some of the suggested ideas and the consultation was suspended until approved internally and with Councillors.

After briefing Councillors and confirming support for the ideas it was re-opened from 25 October to 22 November 2021.

To enable participants the opportunity to consider each topic individually the POM and projects were separated into different surveys and information sessions.

For the entire consultation period, including the weeks preceding and following consultation, non-essential movement and face-to-face contact was restricted to contain the spread of COVID-19. To ensure the community still had opportunity to engage, all activities were moved online.

The overall objectives of community consultation were to:

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Key stakeholders were contacted to participate in the consultation.

Engagement methodology and data overview

The engagement methodology for the PoM consultation aligns with IAP2 spectrum for public participation. On the spectrum, this phase of consultation 'involved' the public. Their feedback will directly affect the development of each of the projects and PoM.

A range of methods were used to maximise opportunities for community participation. There were around 4300 interactions with the public. These are detailed in the table below alongside key data.

Method	Overview	Date	Response
Have Your Say website	Council's Have Your Say Waverley website had a dedicated page for this project: haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/waverley-park-plan-of-management	1 Sep – 22 Nov	2.3k visits to the page 172 new registrations
Flyer	Dropped to 5,680 residents		70 scans of QR code
Media release	Distributed at the beginning of the project		1 article in The Beast
Social media posts (Facebook)	Four posts	30 Oct 3 Nov	7291 impressions 391 engagements 248 post clicks
Social media posts (Instagram)	Two posts	30 Oct	2416 reach 65 interactions with post
Stakeholders emailed	Council Officers emailed stakeholders and invited them to contribute to the consultation.		156 emailed
Have Your Say information sessions	There were three online community meetings. Registration was through Eventbrite	3 Nov 4 Nov 16 Nov	29 attendees
POM survey	POM survey hosted on HYS		198 submissions
Playground survey	Playground survey hosted on HYS		98 submissions
Indoor cricket survey	Indoor cricket training facility survey hosted on HYS		187 submissions
Fitness survey	Outdoor fitness station survey hosted on HYS		59 submissions
Waverley Weekly newsletter	Explained the project and directed people to the HYS page	28 Oct 21	99 clicks
		4 Nov 21	59 clicks
Engagement newsletter	Enews sent to 7244 people	27 Oct 21	47% opened the enews 301 clicks
Posters	Posters were installed around the Park with QR codes to the HYS site.	WC 4 Nov 21	131 QR code scans
Advertising	Quarter page advertisement placed in the Wentworth Courier. Design featured QR code to link to Have Your Say.	10 Nov 21	

Detailed results: Surveys

The surveys were separated into topics; Plan of Management, Playground, Indoor Cricket Training Facility and Fitness Station. Altogether, there were 542 people who participated online.

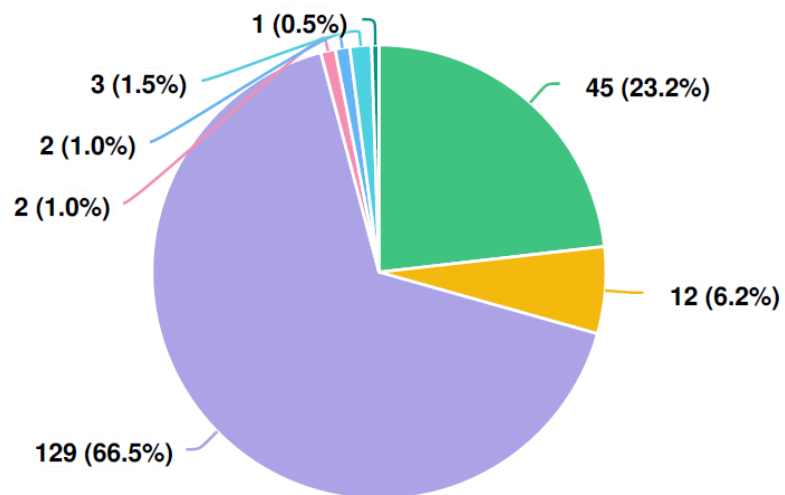
Plan of Management survey results

There were 198 submissions to the POM survey. It had 13 PoM specific questions and four on demographics. 51% of respondents identified as female, 42.2% as male and 5.8% preferred not to say. 83% identified as living near Waverley Park, 35% were from postcode 2026 which covers Bondi, Bondi Beach, North Bondi and Tamarama. Six people identified as someone with a disability.

In this report, each question has been separated and the top answers have been listed.

Question 1: How do you usually get to Waverley Park?

- 66.5% said they walk
- 23.2% drive there
- 6.2% ride their bikes

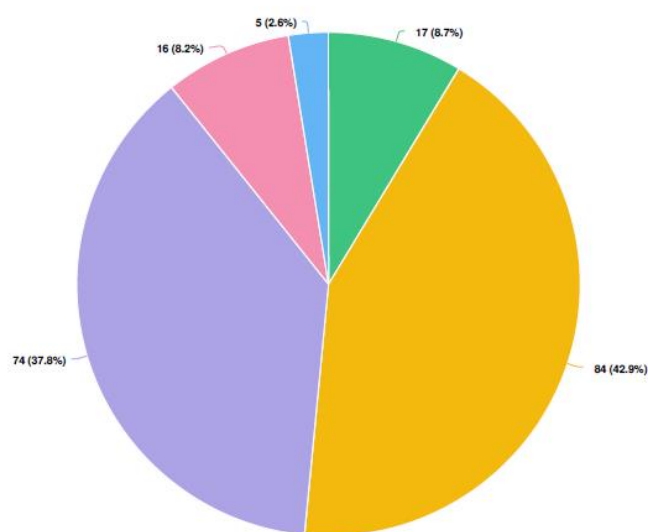


Question options

Car Bike Walk Run Bus Train Other

Question 2: How long do you usually stay?

- 43% stay 30min to 1hr
- 38% stay 1-2hrs

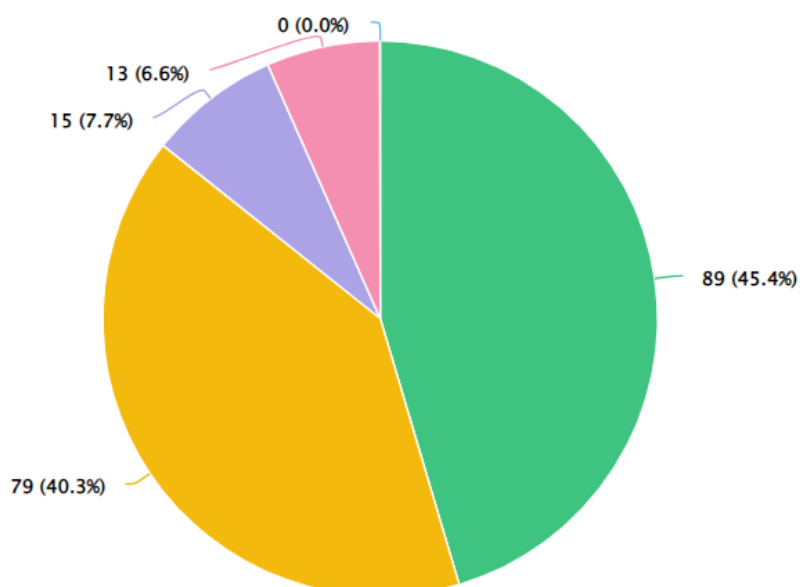


Question options

Less than 30 minutes 30 minutes - 1 hour 1 - 2 hours 2 - 4 hours More than 4 hours

Question 3: How often do you visit?

- 45% visit the park daily or most days of the week
- 40% visit weekly



Question options

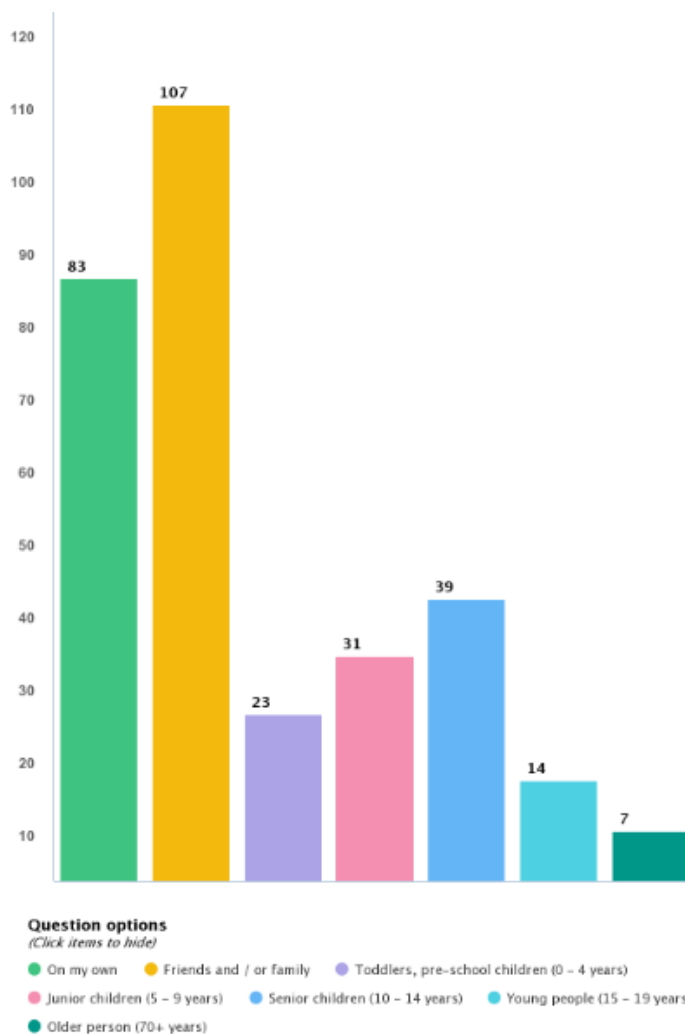
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Daily or most days of the week
Weekly
Monthly
Every few months
Once a year

Question 4: Who do you go with?

Participants could choose multiple answers.

- 54% - went with friends and family
- 41.9% - on their own
- 19.7% - with senior children 10-14 years
- 15% - junior children 5-9 years
- 11% - toddlers, preschool children (0-4 years)



Question 5: What are all the activities that you are regularly involved in while in Waverley Park?

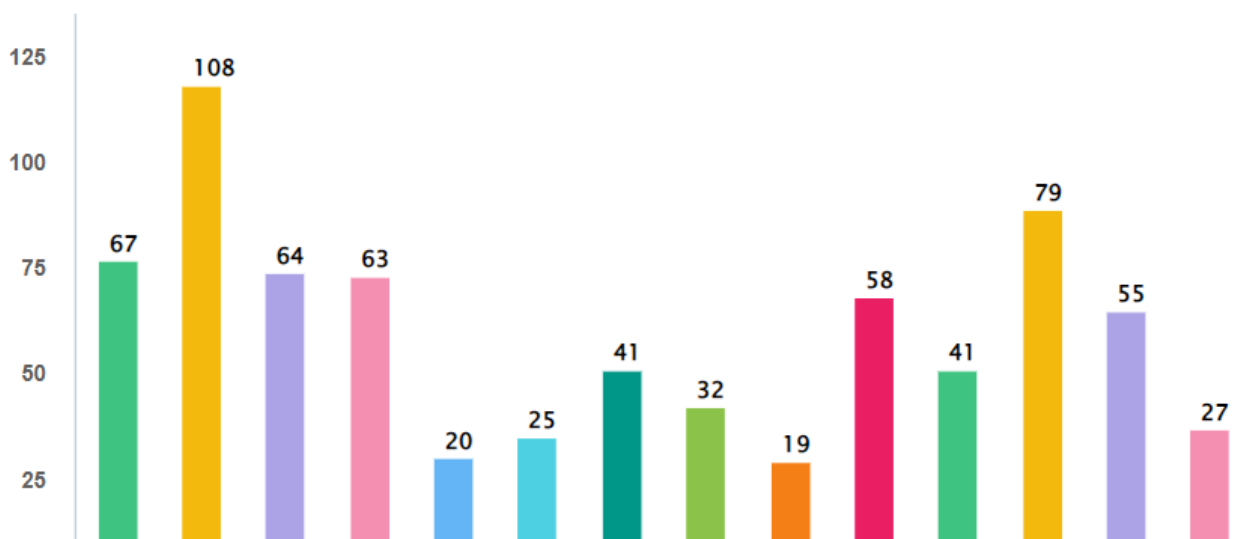
Respondents could choose as many activities as they wanted.

The three **most popular activities** in the Park were:

- Walking (55%)
- Playing sport or taking children to sport (40%)
- Dog walking (34%)

The **least popular activities** were:

- Jogging (9.6%)
- Fitness i.e. one on one or in a group (10%)
- Picnicking (13%)



Question options

- Dog walking
- Walking for pleasure or exercise
- Just walking through the park to get to my destination
- Exercising by myself
- Fitness i.e. one-on-one or as a group
- Picnicking
- Playing with kids at the playground
- Bike riding
- Jogging
- Relaxing in the park
- Appreciation of the park and nature i.e. bird watching
- Play sports or take children to sports organised by a club
- Play sports or take children to play with friends
- Other

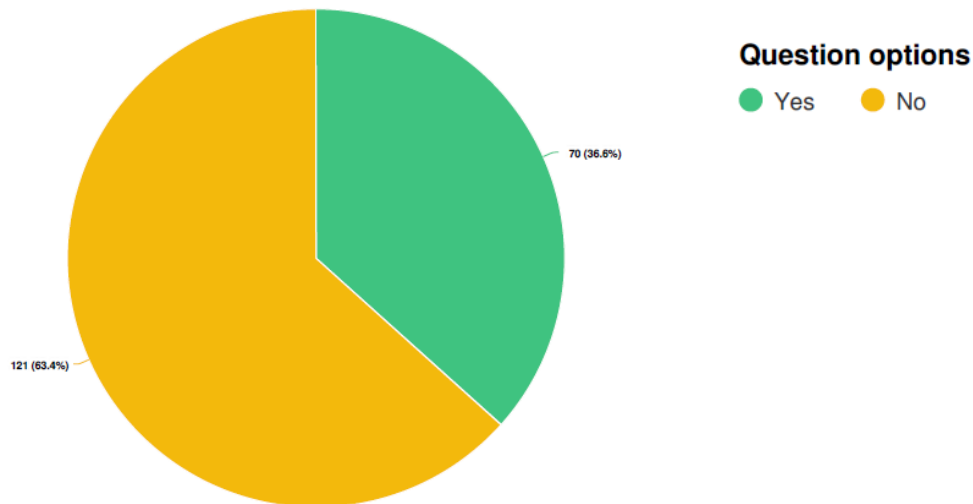
Question 6: Is there anything that has stopped you or made it difficult to get around the park?

- 63% said no
- 37% said yes

Of those who said yes there main themes were:

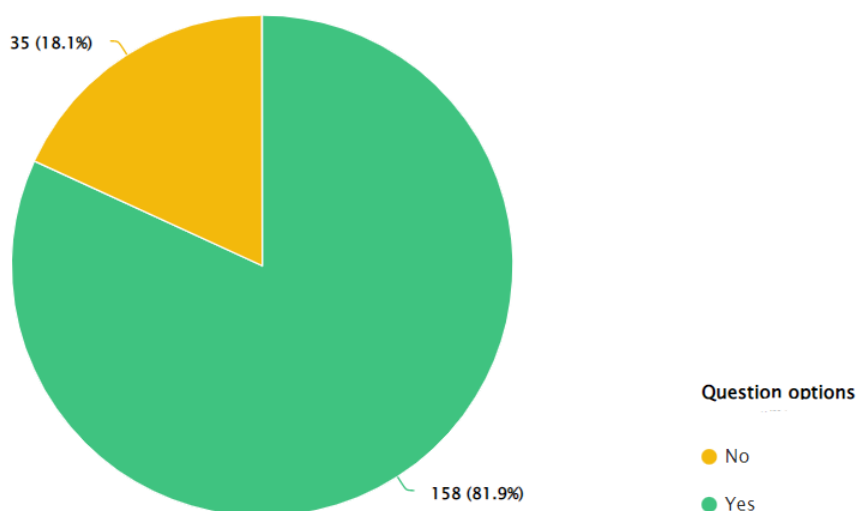
- There is not enough parking
- Lighting needs to be improved generally around the park and in the dogs off leash area
- Improved accessibility

- Links in pathway, the network needs to connect
- Access into park for prams
- Crowded pathways – conflict between pedestrians, bikes and council vehicles using the shared path



Question 7: Do you feel safe and comfortable to move around and enjoy all areas of Waverley Park?

- 82% said yes
- 18% said no



Participants who selected no mostly said it was because there is a need for improved lighting.

Question 8: What do you value most about Waverley Park?

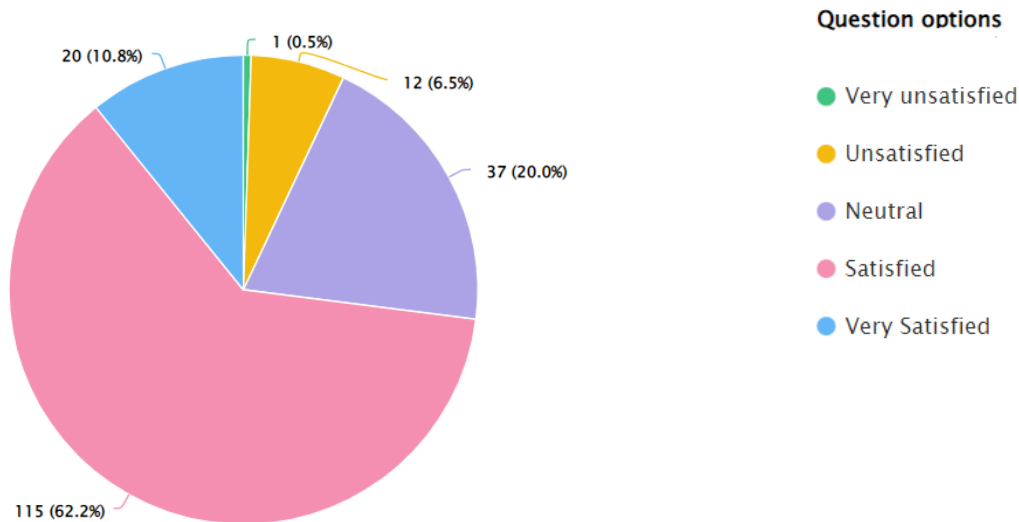
This was an open ended question with a comment box. The most commonly valued aspect of the Park was the green space (35%) particularly in regards to the low-rise historic neighbourhoods and the limited recreational spaces.

The top three things people valued about Waverley Park were:

- Green space 35%
 - Valued open space among neighbourhoods
 - Nature and the natural environment
- Multipurpose courts 16%
- The balance of green space and sporting activities 14%

Question 9: Overall, how satisfied are you with the park?

62% of participants are satisfied with the current park.



Question 10: Are there any changes you would like to see in the future to make you want to use the park more?

170 people answered this open ended question.

- 19% asked for more tennis opportunities
- 12% wanted fences around the off-leash dog park
- 9% wanted to see more opportunities for netball in the Park

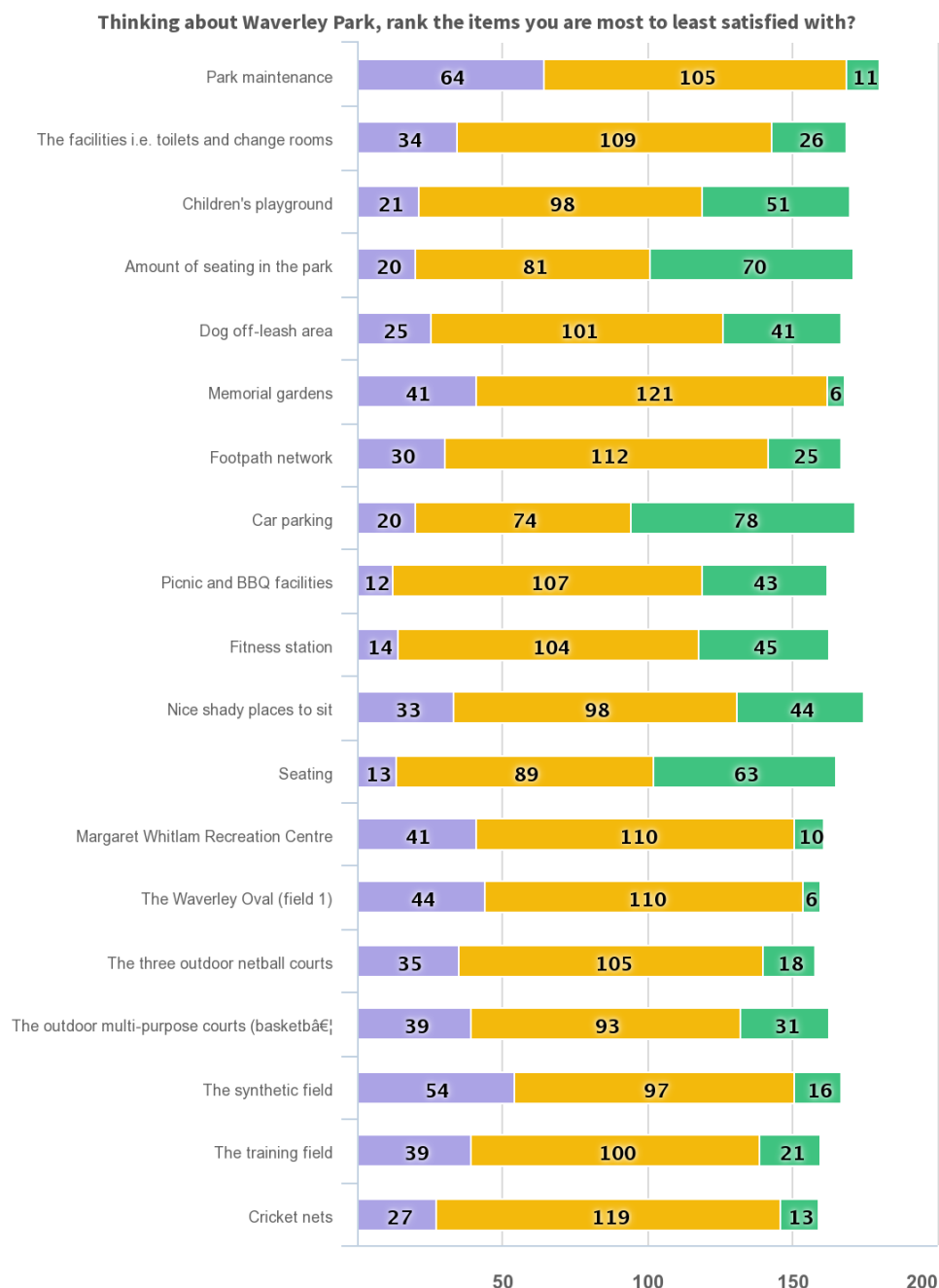
Question 11: Thinking about Waverley Park, rank the items you are most to least satisfied with?

Most satisfied

1. maintenance
2. synthetic field
3. Field #1

Least satisfied

1. car parking
2. amount of seating in the park
3. seating



Question options

(Click items to hide)

Very satisfied Satisfied Not satisfied

Question 12: We have some ideas for park improvements, which ideas do you support? Tick as many boxes as you like.

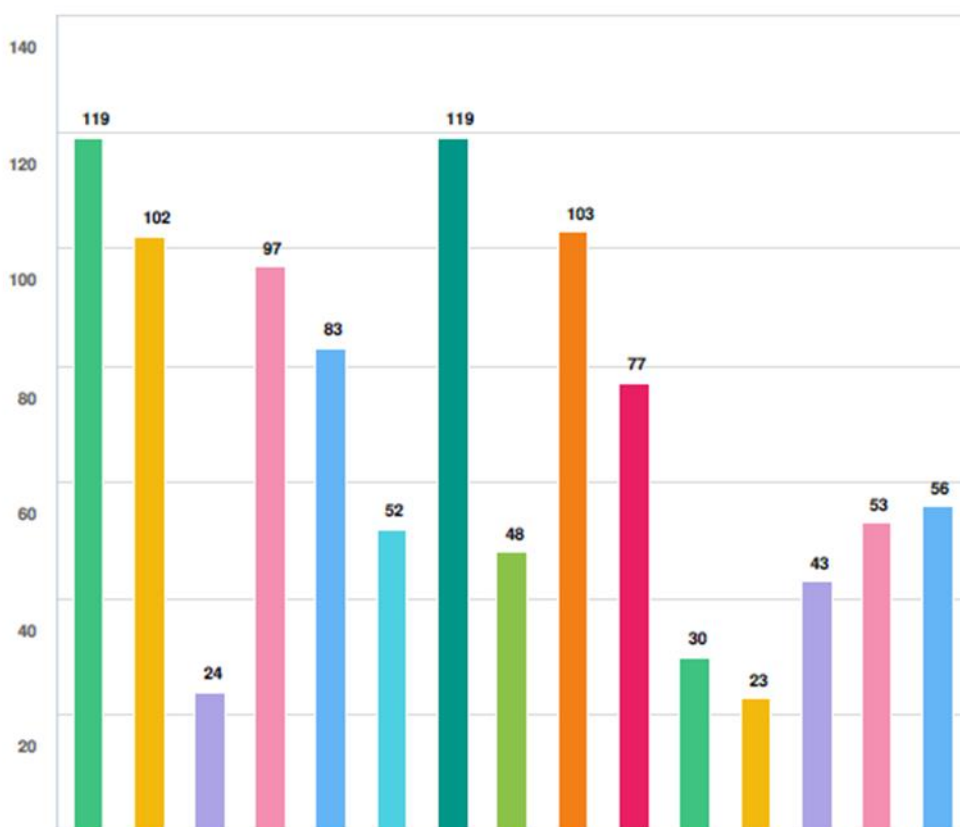
Most supported

1. renew the playground/improve nature trails
2. Review street parking and PUDO
3. Renew exercise equipment

Least supported

1. New turf cricket practice wickets in the location of current fitness station
2. New indoor cricket training facility
3. Additional storage for sport equipment

Q16 We have some ideas for park improvements, which ideas do you support? Tick as many boxes as you like.



Question options

- Other
- Fence the training field to allow dogs off-leash in park area adjoining Birrell Street and Park Parade.
- Improve the training field surface
- New turf cricket practice wickets in the location of the current fitness station
- Provide additional storage for sporting equipment
- Reduce asphalt footpath and provide planting buffer between Bondi Road and the park.
- Review street parking to create drop-off and pick-up areas on Birrell Street for Saturday sport
- Improve drainage and levels of bocce court
- Improve nature trails through trees around reservoir
- Improve entry design including signage
- Improve path network
- New half court basketball and hit-up-wall at back of multipurpose court
- New indoor cricket training facility building on top of the Margaret Whittam Centre's green roof
- Renew the exercise equipment
- Renew the playground to make it larger and refurbish the rocket

Optional question (189 response(s), 9 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

What other park improvements would you like to see?

There were only 17 people who filled in this opened ended question. The top four extra improvements are highlighted below:

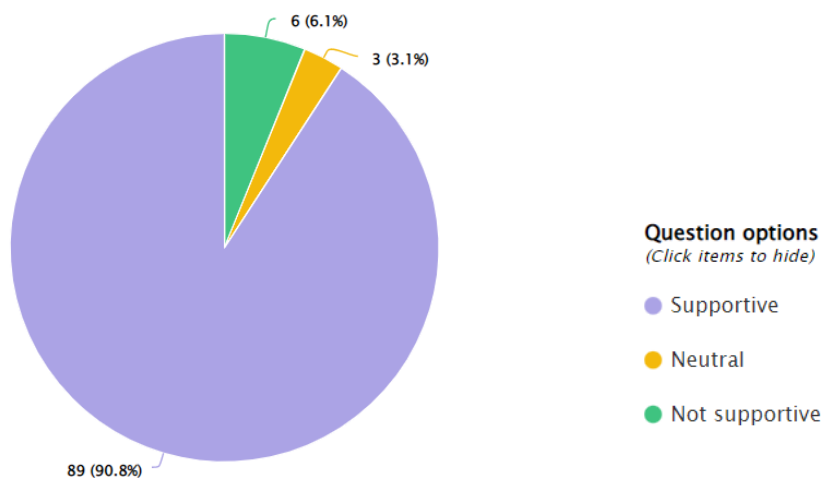
1. More tennis courts or opportunities for tennis 19.4%
2. Improvements to the dog park, including fencing and seating 11.8%
3. More netball opportunities 9.4%
4. Leaving the park as it is or increasing the untouched nature aspects throughout the park 8.2%

Playground survey results

There were 98 people who completed the playground survey.

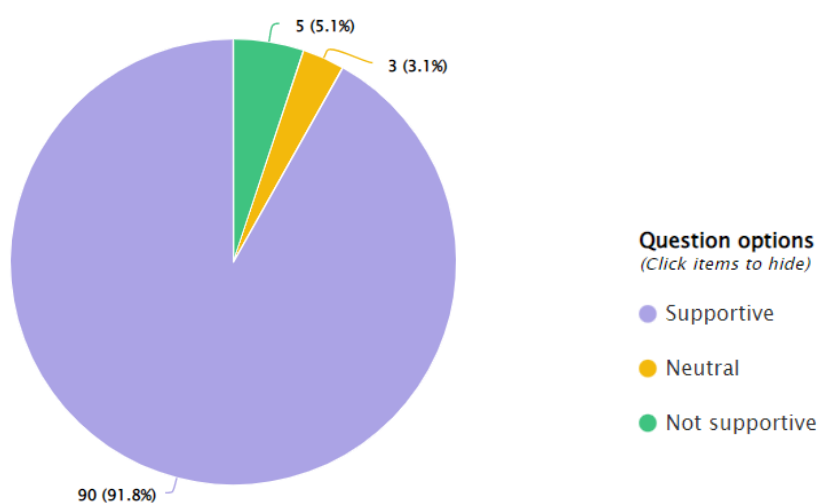
Question 1: With the playground upgrade we intend to increase the size of the play space. How supportive are you of expanding the footprint to accommodate more play experience?

90% were supportive of increasing the size of playground.



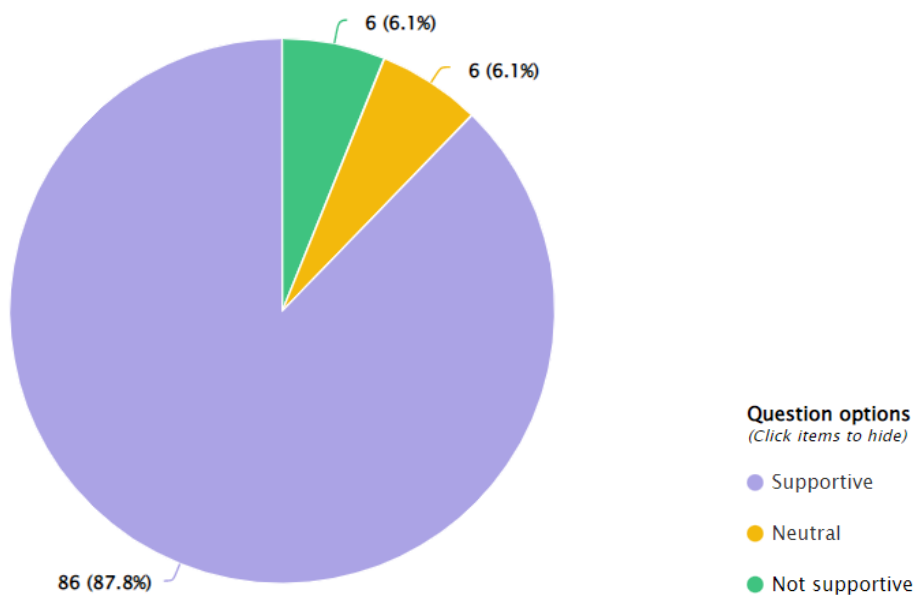
Question 2: How supportive are you of expanding the play space under the trees for nature play and wild play?

92% supported expanding under the trees for nature and wild play.



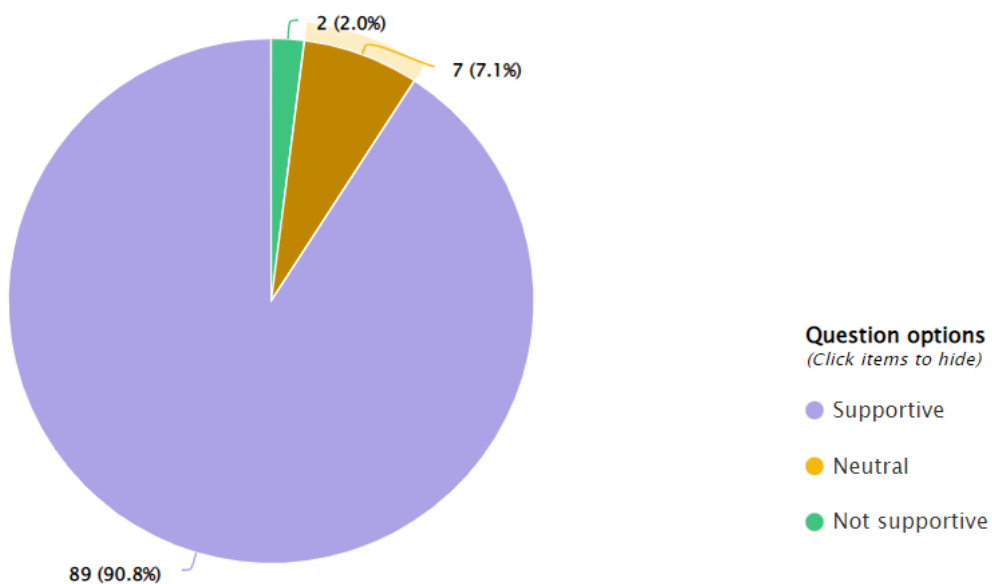
Question 3: How supportive are you for the restoration of the rocket with a parallel tower representing the launch tower?

88% of participants supported restoring the rocket.



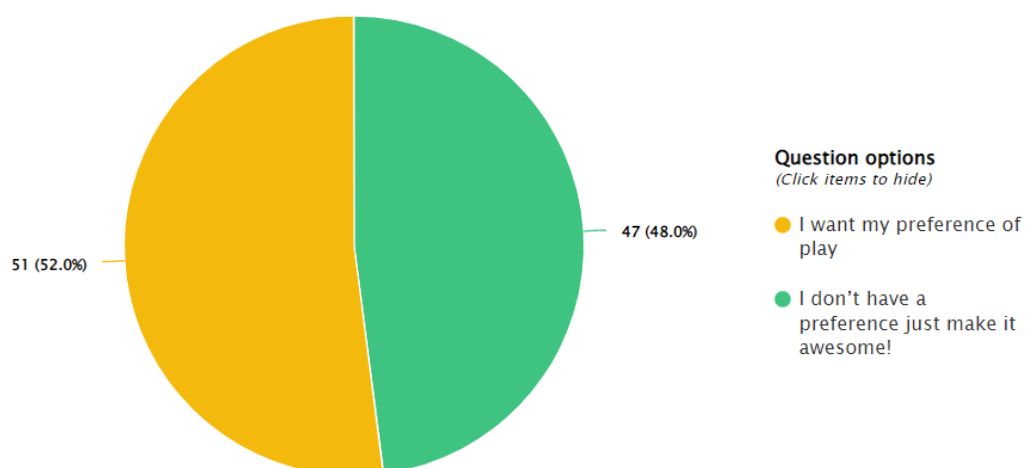
Question 4: How supportive are you for the replacement of the embankment slide with a new slide?

90.8% supported the replacement of the embankment slide.



Question 5: Do you have a preference for the types of play or equipment?

There was almost a 50/50 split whether people preferred to choose the equipment or leave it up to Council Officers. As 52% wanted their preference (outlined in Q6), it is recommended to use Officer's technical expertise to choose from the preferred types of play.



Question 6: What kind of play experiences would you like more of in Waverley Park?

Most supported

1. Physical play (swings, slide, flying fox)
2. Nature play (using plants, rocks, sand)
3. Social play/imaginative (see-saw, pulley and sand)

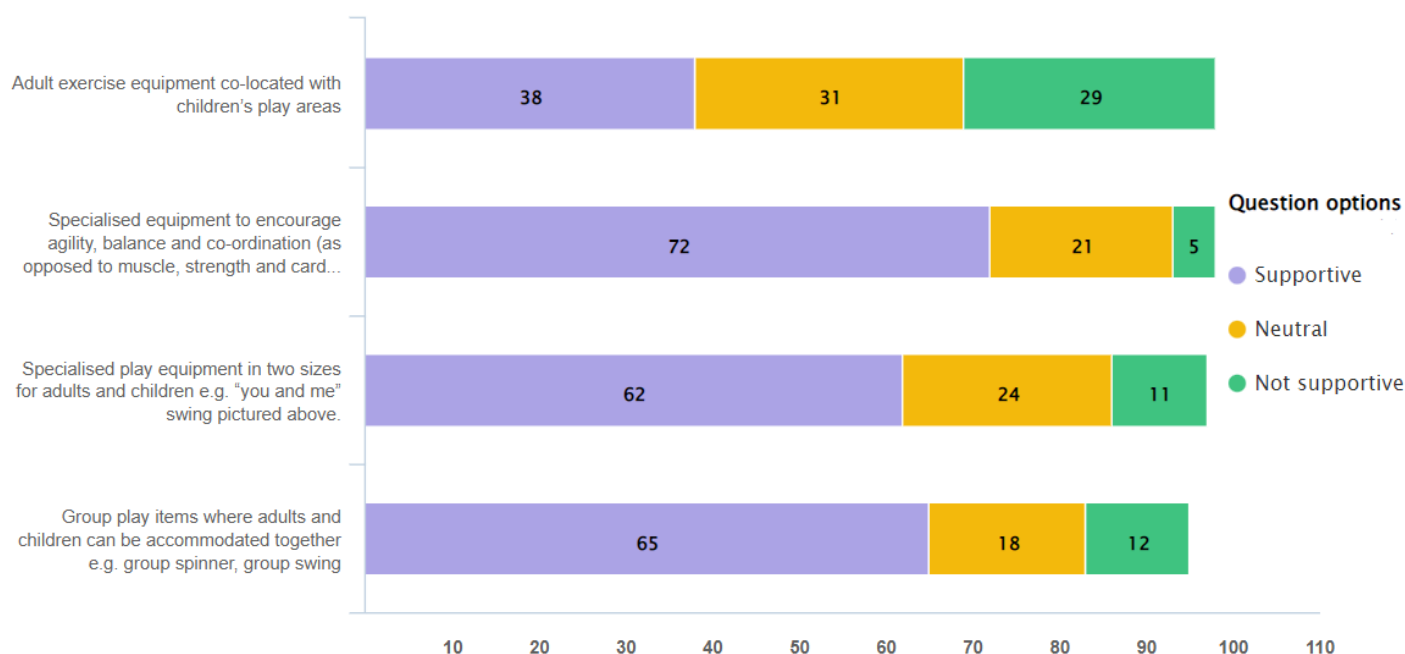
Least supported

1. Quiet and solo play (watching other, individual play)



Question 7: When considering the experience and needs of youth, adults and older people in a play space, how supportive are you of the following?

The participants were most supportive of equipment that encouraged agility, balance and coordination. They were also supportive of group play items and specialised equipment for adults and children. However, they were less supportive for adult exercise equipment to be in the same area as the playground.



Question 8: do you have any other feedback to add?

59 people responded to this open ended question.

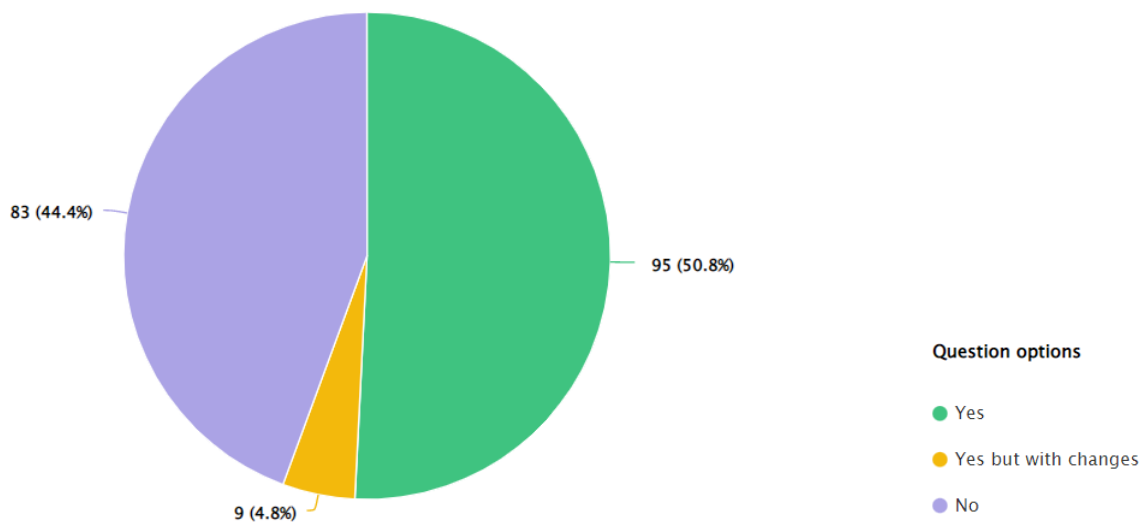
- 13.6% said they wanted equipment for older kids.
- 8.5% said they loved the idea to restore the rocket and the same amount of participants said they did not want to have adults exercising in the same area as kids.

Indoor Cricket Training Facility survey results

There were 187 responses to the Indoor Cricket Training Facility survey.

Question 1: Do you support the proposed indoor cricket training facility next to the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre?

- Supportive – 50.8%
- Not supportive – 44.4%



Main comments for not supportive:

- The location suggested is a well-used open, green space
- It would heavily impact on the view as people walk through the park or play in the playground
- The building would be an over development in the park and for private interests only
- Supportive but with changes – 4.8%
 - Don't impact on views
 - Make them multipurpose courts for the wider community

Question 2: Are you connected with the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club?

Not members – 50.9%

Affiliated – 44.5%

Different cricket club – 4.6%

Question 3: Is there anything else you would like to add?

128 people responded to this open ended question. 40% identified as associated with the club.

The main comments made were:

- There is a large need for nets of this type in the Eastern suburbs
 - Both male and female juniors need somewhere to play all year round
 - The current facilities don't provide enough opportunity for everyone to practise
 - The new facility will be beneficial to the LGA
- Not to take away green space from the rest of the community
- Should not be impacting on views

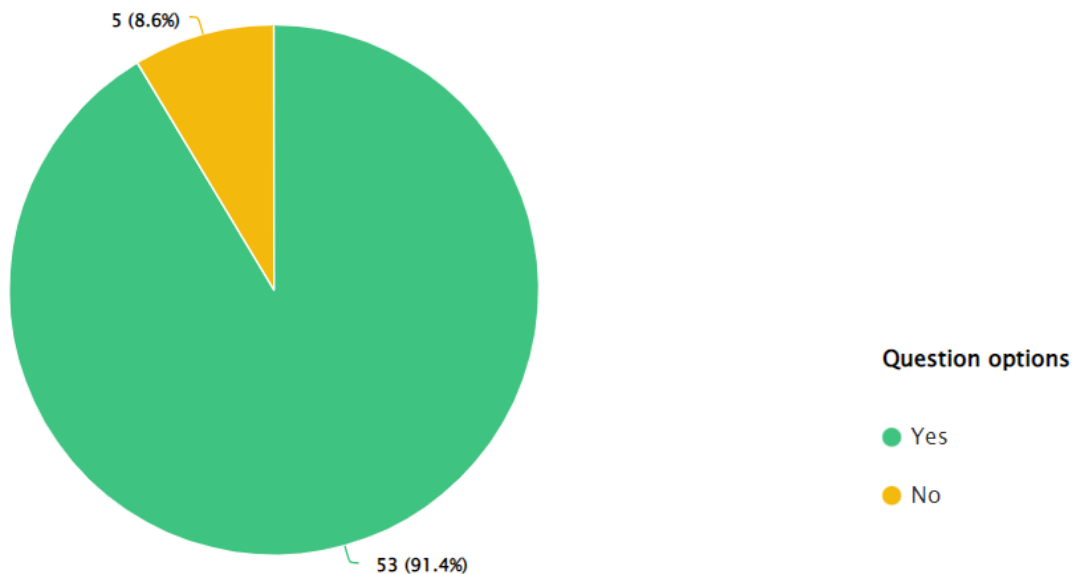
- It should be left a community space not for private interests

The fitness station

There were 59 responses to the fitness station survey.

Question 1: Do you support the addition of a specially designed intergenerational fitness area alongside the new play space?

- 91% of participants were supportive of the intergenerational fitness alongside the new play space.
- 9% were not supportive.



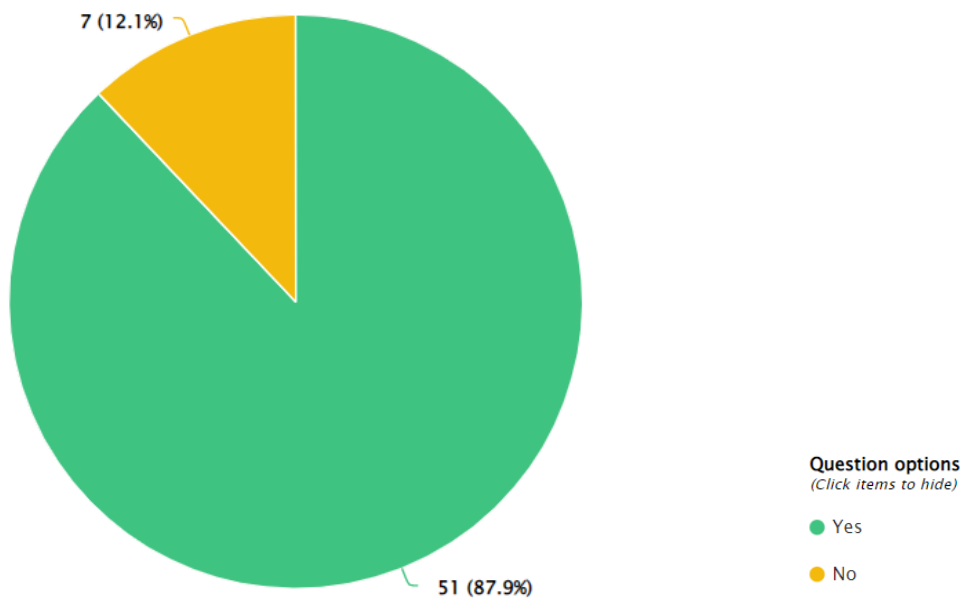
Why don't you support the intergenerational fitness in the suggested location?

The main reasons for not being supportive were:

- Taking away from green space
- Didn't want adults area next to kids
- Safety concerns
- Concern that children will "take over" the equipment

Question 2: Do you support the installation of a cardio/calisthenics fitness area at the north eastern corner (indicated on the map) of Waverley Park?

- 88% were supportive of the location suggested for the fitness station
- 12% said no



Why don't you support the cardio/calisthenics fitness area at the north eastern corner?

The main reason was the loss of green, open space.

Question 2: Rate your preference (1 being most desirable) for intergeneration fitness equipment that would suit your needs or should be provided in Waverley Park?

Balance beams and equipment for isolated muscle movement tied.

Most supported equipment

1. Balance beams / equipment for isolated muscle movement
2. Dexterity

Question 3: Rate your preference (1 being most desirable) for cardio/ calisthenics equipment that would suit your needs or should be provided in Waverley Park?

Most supported equipment

1. Traditional calisthenics
2. Cross training
3. Cardio

Question 4: Are there any other fitness equipment or facilities you would like to see in Waverley Park?

27 people responded to this question and the majority asked for shade.

Written submissions

There were 13 written submissions received by email. The top three things mentioned were:

1. Support in retaining green space
2. Rejection to the Indoor Cricket Training Facility
3. Encouraging Council Officers to include skateboarding opportunities

Compiled feedback from the long form submissions:

- There two submissions asking Council not to use synthetic turf on field 3. However, there was one request in support of the synthetic materials and asked to book it for futsal teams.
- Not to impact views with the Indoor Cricket Training Facility.
- There was support for the overall suggested Masterplan items.
- Safety and parking were mentioned a number of times. A few people suggested the need for pick up drop off zones or a carpark.
- There was a request to cater for activities like bike riding, scootering and skateboarding. One email from a youth representative suggested a full skate park.
- A few submissions noted the bocce field was underutilised and would like to see this space used for other activities, specifically tennis.
- One participant suggested using the hill to host a Sculpture by the Sea artwork.
- A group submission highlighted the need for older kid's activities including bigger swings, improved lighting and the installation of a 'Centennial Park' style pond with ducks and geese.
- One resident asked the Waverley include a Pedal Park "Heffron Pedal Park in Randwick City Council offers a suitable blueprint for something that could be achieved in Waverley Park, and there are some spaces that would allow for this - such as the area directly north of the multipurpose courts, or the grass area directly south of the existing synthetic football field."

Stakeholder meeting - Sports clubs

There were nine participants from the sports clubs who attended a meeting with Council officers. Below is a summary of their feedback.

Lighting:

- 250 lux lighting for #1 & #2 and 150lux on #3 to meet AUS standards.
- More security lighting needed between MWRC and netball courts.
- Lights for the stairs heading up to the amenity building.

Licenses:

- All long term licences end in 2024. New expression of interest process will need to be completed. Assess success of licences.
- Suggestion to add Eastern Suburbs Combined Primary Schools Netball Association (ESCPSNA) and Tennis.

Construction/Renovation:

- Shade/weather shelters for outdoor courts. No shade structure to the east of indoor sports court. Shade structure to the east of courts.
- Restoration of Old 1940s School Board at Waverley Oval
- Re-levelling of the oval and relocate practice wickets
- Removal of Bocce court
- Improve grassed area on top of the water tower e.g. passive recreation area

Advertising/Signage:

- Sports club advertising e.g. banners on sport field fences
- Wayfinding, entrance etc. signage

Filming:

- Sports club filming match days / promos
- Live broadcasting of matches

Food & Drink:

- Café lease
- Coffee Carts / club BBQs etc. (commercial sale on public property)
- More public BBQs

Storage:

- Lack of sports club storage space
- Lack of Council storage space

Parking:

- Lack of parking in/around Waverley Park
- No disability parking for users of MWRC – Closest is at Chambers.

Dogs:

- Dog zoning areas
- Dedicated dog off leash area

Liquor Licencing:

- Does this need to be covered off in the Plan of Management?
- Sport Clubs / Café / Council - noting only sports clubs have them currently.

Online community workshops

All the information sessions were held in the same format – a panel of Council officers each spoke about their specific project.

There were three sessions on two topics:

- Waverley Park Plan of Management (two sessions).
 1. 7pm Wednesday 3 November
 2. 1pm Tuesday 16 November
- Waverley Park Plan of Management and Indoor Cricket Training Facility.

Session 1: Waverley POM

There were 14 attendees for Waverley PoM session 1. This workshop had four subject areas including PoM, playground, fitness station and Indoor Cricket Training Facility.

Below is a summary of the feedback provided in Session 1:

Playground feedback:

They were asked ‘What experience would you want to see in Waverley Park?’ The top three responses were:

- Climbing
- Nature play
- Sensory play

General feedback about the playground:

- Teen focused equipment
- Don't block the view with the cricket facility
- Ninja warrior style equipment

Fitness station feedback:

- Moving the cricket nets to the fitness station feels like doing it for the cricket club, no other reason.
- Concern about moving the fitness station it means less shaded tree area for public users.
- “I like the intergenerational area near the playground but feel it will become a kid's playground.”
- Moving the nets is overdevelopment of the public park.
- Don't oppose moving the fitness station.
- Intergenerational people may be nervous around kids who might bowl them over – ask older people.

Indoor Cricket Training Facility:

- Details of the HOA document should be available for the public.
- Public land for a private club the commercial aspects is really important for us to see. It should be public information.
- Community uses that land all the time.

Questions and responses:

Topic	Question	Answer
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Playground	How will the plan of management affect the development of the park?	After this round of consultation, the PoM and capital works projects (playground, fitness station) will be separated. The playground will carry on as its own project including a second round of consultation to make sure the design is on the right track.
Playground / Teens	The playground idea is great – What will there be for teens in the playground?	The district playground won't cater for teens, however the park as a whole will have more features for teens like a half court.
Playground	What age is the playground aimed at?	14 – There will be adventure play elements. If we get a response from the community they want us to focus on teens we can do that.
Fitness station location	Why would you want to move the fitness station near a busy road (Bondi Road)?	There is no shade coverage over the current fitness station, we wanted to use the natural shade of the current trees. We also wanted to use the space for to move the outdoor cricket nets. We need to upgrade it and it's a better location for experience.
Fitness station / tree removal	Will trees have to be removed for the fitness station to be moved?	No, it will be built around the environment so we don't impact trees.
Plan of Management community consultation	If you had to summarise what the key decisions for the community are, what are the big aspects you want the community to provide you feedback on?	How people use the space, what people do in the Park and what they like about the space. We will then look at what facilities need to support that. Part of the PoM will include a visioning exercise. All of the actions and projects that come from this plan come from the vision developed in the community consultations. Then we come back with the Plan and will ask the community if we have the ideas and projects correct?
Planning for future – population	Are you looking at population levels?	Yes – a big part of this is looking at the community, what they do for recreation and wellbeing.
Plan of Management	Is the Council Chambers part of the Park?	No it isn't and is not included in the Plan of Management
Indoor Cricket Training Facility / Heads of Agreement	Will the Heads of Agreement be available for tomorrow's meeting? What is it that means it has to remain confidential?	Not the document but we have the public information in the presentation including funding, timing and the rest is confidential.

Session 2: Plan of Management

There were five attendees.

The Plan of Management

- The Park is surrounded by hostile roads, this Plan should align with the People Movement Places Strategy.
- Put a path around the edge of the park for cyclists.

- Skateboarding should be considered as part of this project – only need 200sqm to make a multipurpose space
- Skateboarding is a legitimate sport and should be catered for and considered in any further planning for Waverley.
- Danger of cramming too much into the park, any concrete should be on the boundary e.g. would support a wider footpath on Park Parade.
- An idea - Park Parade could be one way north with street parking, Paul Street could be incorporated into this.
- Off leash dog area is not well lit so is hard to use in winter and evenings.
- Fence the off leash dog area, plant trees and install seats and dog play equipment. If the current area isn't possible due to Sydney Water restrictions, should it be moved so it can be lit when dark?

Topic	Question	Answer
Lighting	Is there a plan to upgrade the lighting?	Yes there is a recommendation to improve the sports lighting. Change from training level lighting to 250 LUX. Modern lighting systems are like a curtain so won't affect Park Pde residents. It gives us more flexibility when people can play.
Skating	Will there be an area for skateboarding?	It is difficult to add more hard surfaces to the Park but we are looking into options.
Grass	Should we improve grass maintenance to meet the challenge of wear?	Looking at hybrid (different not synthetic) grass. The climate is going to dry out the natural ecosystems for the park so we have to think smarter on how we manage grass.
Off leash dog area	Will you improve the grass quality, bindi management, seating and stairs and access to the dog areas?	Yes these are all being looked at. Council doesn't own the land at the top of the hill. We can maintain but can't make big changes. We can't spray for bindies because there is a reservoir under there. Can't put lights because it is a lid. It is heritage listed.
Usage of areas	Are there any areas that are underutilised that could have their functionality looked to improve the usage of the area? Suggestion – grass near the bocce or levelling the sloped land between cricket oval and Park Parade?	It is a reasonable slope, earthworks and massive project. Light the hilltop, natural surface trails, we agree it is an under activated area.
Skateboarding	Waverley Park hosts many structured sports. Is there an opportunity to include dedicated skate infrastructure incorporated in the multipurpose courts design?	Looking at Bondi skate park to broaden the age group and ability. The investigation of an upcoming project (around 2025) will be to develop this. Skating moments could be considered in the multicourt. Will look at that
Bike track	Demand for a cycle pump track and has this been considered?	A couple of responses back from the community. We will consider it, however it is a very compact space and it will be hard to find land for it within the Park, it might end in a different location.
Turf	Can we returf if we can't spray?	We need to look at the management of the surface and we are in negotiation with Sydney Water.
Fitness trainer	What has been the impact of fitness	We have been lenient through Covid, we are now

	trainers in the Park, especially through COVID?	giving them information on how to apply for permits. We will try to bring all the fitness trainers into the permit system or they may go back to training in a gym.
Fitness station	Should there be more than one of any particular style of equipment?	We are looking at different styles to give a different exercise experience. We want to know what the community want
Fitness station / Shade	Can you incorporate a rain or shade shelter?	We are looking to provide more shade by moving the fitness station to a less exposed location under trees.

POM and Indoor Cricket Training Facility.

There were 10 attendees. This session focused particularly on the training facility and had the same PoM information provided in the previous sessions.

Indoor Cricket Training Facility - Feedback:

- If it had to go in, would be better in the kiosk location
- The building is not invisible – it will impact on the views.
- Glass reflects, as a building structure with environmental considerations it is a strange choice.
- The land being built on is a very useful location for the community, especially during the pandemic. There is very little flat grass for unstructured enjoyment.
- Older kids play on the flat grassed area when kids play on the equipment.
- Families use the space
- It is a terrible idea
- Astonished this proposal was put forward – this facility could be built anywhere, the grassed area and views can't be replaced
- Easts should build their building somewhere else.
- Maintaining the views and space is essential for all people
- Build the facilities on top of Council Chambers building

Questions and responses:

Topic	Question	Answer
Heads of Agreement	Can you explain why the heads of agreement is a confidential document?	All Heads of Agreement are considered confidential as they contain commercial information that if disclosed would prejudice the person who supplied it. There can be information in a HOA that can be sensitive.
Grants	Why the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club were given \$20,000 before any community consultation?	There was a 70,000 grant received to East Cricket. They used the majority to buy new equipment and agreed to use 20,000 to investigate the club. Easts came to Council with an architectural concept but had done no structural work to see if it was possible.
Locations for Indoor Cricket Training Facility	Were options investigated to locate the facility at Sydney Cricket Ground or Moore Park where there is less density?	We haven't heard anything from the club on their investigation. This site was chosen as it is the home ground for East Sydney Cricket Club.
Impact on views	Will there be nets put up inside the glass facility. If so won't the nets impact on the view despite the building being glass?	Yes there are four indoor cricket pitches with retractable nets so when not in use the nets can be retracted like a curtain.

Locations for Indoor Cricket Training Facility	I don't accept this is the best location in the East, Heffron Park is undergoing a redevelopment has it been considered to be put there?	We wish we had that sort of space in our LGA, whether Easts Sydney Cricket Club decide to look for other venues that is up the
Locations for Indoor Cricket Training Facility	Is this the only location for the centre in the Park? It might be better to remove the café and rebuild the indoor cricket area facing Bondi Road.	Much of a muchness whether we build on the southern or northern end. However, it is Council's intention to keep the kiosk in its current location and reconfigure it to work better. To reduce the visual impact of this structure it would be better off away from Bondi Road.
Design	Does the design include another kiosk or kitchen? Would it just be used for the cricket club?	The HOA mentions a servery which is not a public kiosk. It would be used by whoever was renting the facility
Outdoor cricket nets	How much of the green grass space would be used by the pitches?	It is a direct footprint of the basketball court beneath.
Budget risk	Who bears the risk of the project if it goes over budget? Would it fall on the ratepayer?	Normal construction risks, it would be a shared cost. If it was a change on Easts request, they would fund that. It would be mostly funded by State and Federal Government grants who have conditions around variations, we would apply to have any variation funded. It is still taxpayer's money but not directly ratepayers.
Design	Will the facility allow for the playing of indoor cricket games as well as training?	It is a training facility, it is not large enough to facilitate a game
Design	What is the intended use of the newly suggested roof?	Keep it all indoors. Lightweight structure.
Community use	Can the proposed facility be used for community functions as well as sports hire? E.g. loss of the bowlo and the underutilisation of the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre (MWRC) in the evenings	Council's resolution was that it be a recreation facility, there was concern if it was a community facility that it could be hired out for evenings etc. That was not the first priority.
Locations for Indoor Cricket Training Facility	Why don't Easts buy their own property so the public doesn't lose on space?	
Design / sustainability	Will the building be carbon neutral?	We haven't reached that level of detail. Yes that would be our aim for new buildings in Waverley
Decision makers / consultation	Who will be the decision maker and how will you decide if it goes ahead in the POM? What threshold or level will you use to decide	We have a public participation period which is presented in a summary report to Councillors with our recommendations. The capital works projects will be removed from the POM and carry on as their own projects (cricket, playground and fitness station). There isn't a threshold around how many people vote for it, we get a lot of feedback from a lot of different ways. Councillors are the decision maker from the information we provide them.
Next steps	What would the next steps be if there	Up to Council, they may look at a number of

	was a lack of public support?	different locations or explore other options. It is hard to predict until we go through all the feedback.
Park uses	Do you have any quotas for how much of the park is provided to particular clubs?	There are numbers in the recreations strategy but not since Covid, the numbers would have increased dramatically of passive users.
Cricket club membership	So we know where the users of the current cricket come from?	We know there is 800 users under 16 and 100 grade cricketers (over 16) but not how many of them live in the Waverley LGA.

Overview of consultation feedback:

Over the 4000 interactions the community had with this consultation process, it was clear Waverley Park is most valued for its green, open and recreational spaces. It used by a wide range of groups for different activities which has meant the feedback varied from each stakeholder.

The main issues raised were on the following topics:

- Lighting needs to be improved around the park and in the dogs off leash area
- Accessibility
 - Missing links in footpath network
 - Access into park for prams
 - Crowded pathways – conflict between pedestrians, bikes and council vehicles using the shared path
- Car parking at all the entrance points to the Park.
- Lack of seating throughout the Park.
- Members of the East Cricket Club, and members of other eastern suburbs cricket clubs generally support the provision of a new indoor cricket training facility.
- The exercise equipment needs renewal.
- The playground needs renewing.
- The community would like more equitable access to the hardcourts, including how the multi-purpose courts are managed/booked.
- There is a need to improve level of the sports lighting.
- There is support for a multi-use half-court tennis hit-up wall facility constructed in the vicinity of the multi-purpose courts.
- Improve the offleash dog areas (access, lighting, seating, fencing)

Council officers suggested a number of ideas for future projects that could be included in the PoM. These have been highlighted in the table below with recommendation based on the community consultation*.

*This does not mean this is the final decision of Waverley Council.

Ideas for future projects in PoM	Community feedback	Comment
Renew the playground to make it larger and refurbish the rocket	Supported	This was the most supported idea
Renew the exercise equipment	Supported	

New indoor cricket training facility building on top of the MWRC's green roof	Investigate	This project was supported by 50% of participants in the Cricket training facility survey however it was the second least supported in the PoM survey and was not supported in the community workshops. Easts Cricket have identified a need for this facility and investigations should occur to find a different location.
New half-court basketball and hit-up-wall at back of multipurpose court	Supported	This was supported throughout. Tennis and skateboarding were two sports that felt they were not represented
Improve path network	Supported	Accessibility and path connection was brought up as an issue throughout the consultation
Improve entry design including signage	Neutral	The community did not mention an issue with the entrances except in terms of lack of parking and accessibility including with prams
Improve nature trails through trees around reservoir	Supported	This tied for the most supported in the PoM survey and was reiterated throughout the other tactics.
Review street parking to create drop-off and pick-up areas on Birrell Street for Saturday sport	Supported	This was the second most supported idea. All the access points of the park should be investigated for parking/traffic solutions. PUDOs were heavily supported throughout. Need to look at accessible parking.
Reduce asphalt footpath and provide planting buffer between Bondi Road and the park.	Supported	There was mild support for this in the PoM survey, however there were requests to include more greenery and improved pathways throughout the whole project
Provide additional storage for sporting equipment	Investigate	This needs to be investigated further as there was a lack of support in the PoM survey but separately there were lots of comments throughout asking for storage for all sports including in the stakeholder meetings.
New turf cricket practice wickets in the location of the current fitness station	Investigate	Not broadly supported by the community but necessary.
Improve the training field surface	Supported	Grass improvements were supported throughout.
Fence the training field to allow dogs off-leash in park area adjoining Birrell Street and Park Parade.	Removed	This was removed as it did not make sense. We were not asking if an off-leash dog area was supported.

Other ideas suggested:

Plan of Management:

- This Plan should align with the People Movement Places Strategy.
- The Park is surrounded by hostile roads, put a path around the edge of the park for cyclists (and skateboards?).
- Accommodation for skateboarding elements throughout the park.
- Install a simple orienteering course, like in Centennial Park.
- Fencing the off-leash dog area.

Playground:

- In the next consultation stage, outline the ages the playground has been created for.
- Look at removing the exercise equipment from the playground and include larger play items for teenagers.

Indoor Cricket Training Facility:

- If cricket goes ahead need more explanation and visibility around agreements of how the building will be used and how it would be run by Council.
- Put on side closest to Bondi Road instead of café.
- Retractable nets in MWRC.

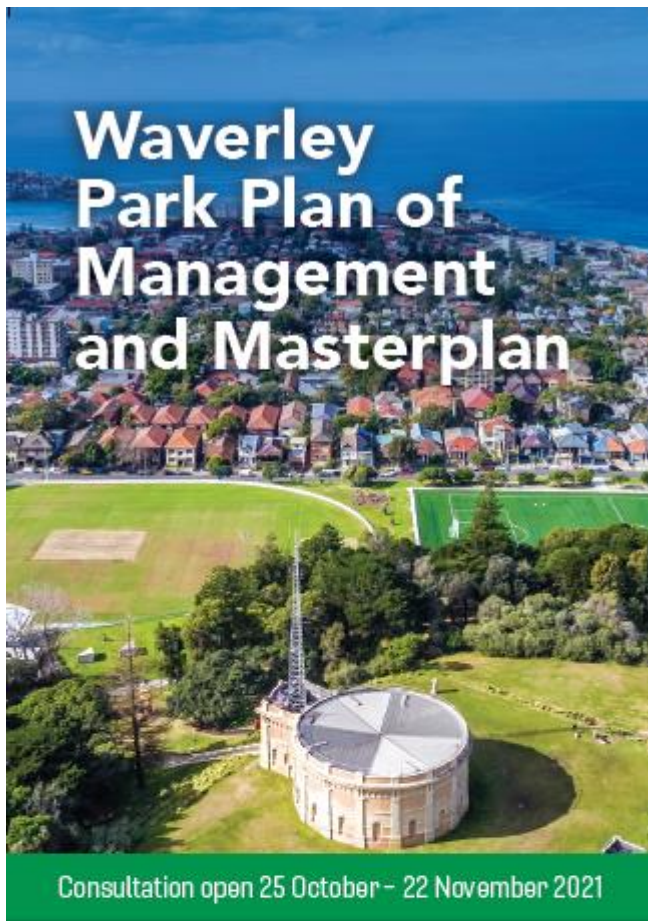
Fitness station:

- Shade is important.

Next steps:

All feedback received will be considered by the project teams and Council officers. This report will be attached to a Council report presented to Councillors early 2022. A decision will be made on the capital work projects which will then be separated from the PoM.

The PoM will be finalised and sent to be approved by Council and Crown Lands. Once approved, Council officers will present this back to the Waverley Community for a public exhibition phase of consultation. The final Plan of Management will then be adopted by Crown Lands and Waverley Council.

An aerial photograph of Waverley Park in Sydney, Australia. The image shows a large green football stadium with a brown pitch, a circular building with a grey roof, and a tall telecommunications tower. The park is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses, and the ocean is visible in the background under a clear blue sky.

Waverley Park Plan of Management and Masterplan

Consultation open 25 October - 22 November 2021



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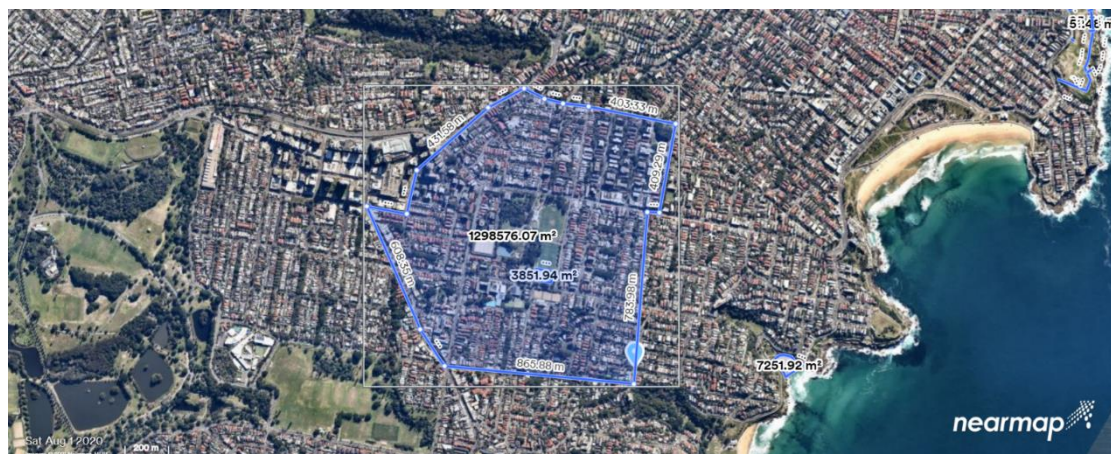


Over the last 10 years, several significant capital works have occurred within Waverley Park, with more upgrades planned over the next few years, it is time to review the Plan of Management to guide this development.

We want community feedback to help draft the Plan of Management including specific upcoming projects: proposed indoor cricket training facility, play space, fitness station, improvements to paths, signage and entries to the park.



The first goal is to have the new fitness station and play space built in 2022.



Appendix B – Print advertising in the Wentworth Courier and The Beast




Before we create the *Plan of Management and Masterplan* we want to hear from you on the design of an upgraded playspace and fitness facility. We also want to gauge community feedback on a proposed indoor cricket training facility. Please fill in our online surveys at: haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au

This is your chance to have your say on the future of Waverley Park.




Appendix C – Facebook posts



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Do you visit Waverley Park?
Have Your Say on how the Park's community land is used, managed and improved by providing feedback for the Waverley Park Plan of Management.
<https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/waverley-park...>





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Have you seen the suggested plans for an indoor cricket facility connected to Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre at Waverley Park?
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Appendix D – Instagram posts





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
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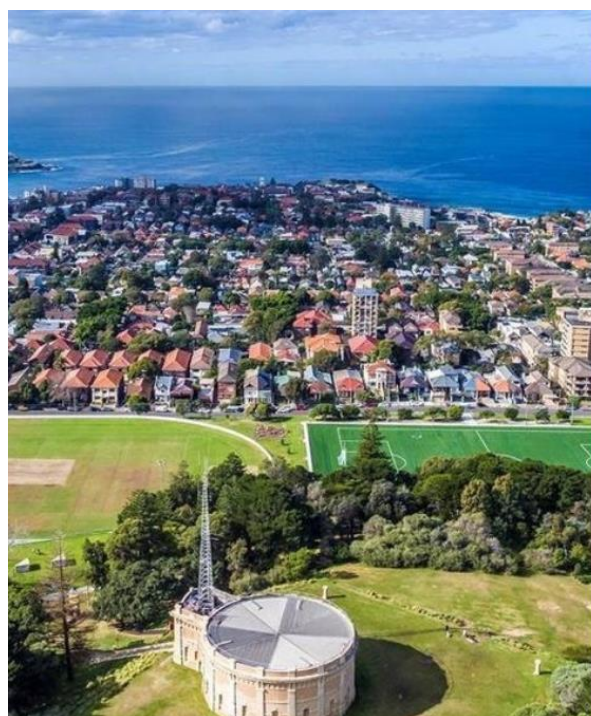
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my.life.4now I, like a lot of dog owners, would like to see the water tower with fencing to keep our dogs in a safe environment to socialise. Not everyone drives so we can't get to the designated dog parks. 🍌

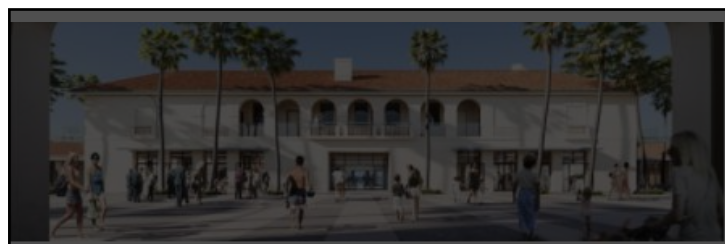



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Appendix E- Enewsletter



Bondi Pavilion dining and retail tenants announced

New commercial tenants will be taking up residence in the iconic Bondi Pavilion when the heritage beachside venue reopens next year. Bondi Promenade by House Made Hospitality will be an all-day dining venue offering casual bistro fare. Beach café Glory Days Bondi by Good Atelier will feature eat-in dining and take away. Previous tenants, retail clothing brand Between the Flags and Surfish Café are also returning.

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Waverley businesses unlock sustainability savings

We're helping local businesses become more sustainable through our partnership with Better Building Finance. Businesses who want to make environmental upgrades can now access long-term loans that can be repaid quarterly through their Council rates.

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Garage Sale Trail

We're just around the corner from Garage Sale Trail! With restrictions easing, this year's events will be taking place both online and in person across two weekends: 13-14 November and 20-21 November. Head online to plan your sale or trail depending on whether you're selling or buying!

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Waverley Park Plan of Management (PoM) - Consultation reopened

We've updated information on the Waverley Park PoM webpage and have updated the fitness station survey. If you have already contributed to the fitness station survey, please resubmit as there are additional questions. We'd also love for you to join us at our online information session.

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Draft Electric Vehicle Transportation Policy

We want your feedback on the Draft Electric Vehicle Transportation Policy.

This Policy will help support the uptake of electric vehicles in the Waverley Local Government Area and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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The future of Waverley Park

We're inviting the community to provide feedback on our draft Plan of Management for Waverley Park. As one of the most popular open spaces in our community, we want to know how you enjoy the park and what can be improved. Your feedback will help inform our maintenance and upgrade plans over the next ten years.

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Community workshops

Throughout November, we're hosting a series of community forums to help plan for future Council facilities and services. We're inviting residents to register their interest in participating in four online meetings to help inform these plans. Those who join all four sessions will be offered a \$400 gift card to thank them for their time and feedback.

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PROJECTS OPEN FOR COMMUNITY INPUT

- What are your priorities for Waverley over the next 10 years? [Fill in the Community Strategic Plan survey today!](#)
 - Are you interested in learning how to make a submission on a planning application? [Sign up for a free two hour workshop on 4 November 6pm to 8pm and make your submission count.](#)
 - We are beautifying village centres by installing planter boxes at various locations across the Local Government Area. [Check out the Have Your Say Page](#) to see the full list of locations. **Open until 8 November**
 - We received a [draft Planning Agreement](#), relating to the Development Application at 16A and 16B Llandaff Street, Bondi Junction. **Exhibition open until 19 November.**
 - Council is seeking feedback on the [Draft Electric Vehicle Transportation Policy](#). The purpose of the Policy is to support the uptake of electric vehicles in the Waverley Local Government Area. **Exhibition open until 19 November.**
- The Waverley Park Plan of Management consultation has reopened. If you contributed before we thank you for your input. The fitness station was the only survey changed. [Please read through the updated information and resubmit your feedback.](#) There are three community info sessions available registration essential. **Community consultation open until 22 November.**



Waverley Park Plan of Management and Masterplan

We have relaunched the Waverley Park Plan of Management consultation with a few updates.

We have provided more information on [the proposed cricket training facility](#) and from the feedback received in September, there were clear preferences for fitness station location and type of equipment. From this, we have refined the proposal.

If you haven't already participated in the consultation [please do so online](#), if you had completed a survey on the fitness station we ask you to [complete the new survey](#) and help make sure we are on the right track. All of the other surveys and information stayed the same.

We will be taking feedback until 22 November.

If you would like more information or have questions we are also hosting online briefing sessions, registrations are essential. The details are:

- 7pm to 8pm, [Wednesday 3 November](#) - focuses on the Plan of Management with a deep dive on the fitness station and playground
- 7pm to 8pm, [Thursday 4 November](#) – Plan of Management and the indoor cricket training facility.
- 1pm to 2pm, [Tuesday 16 November](#) – Plan of Management and ideas for improvement.

Background:

To ensure future generations can enjoy Waverley's open spaces, it is important we have a sustainable approach to the management of our parks.

Before we create the Waverley Park Plan of Management and Masterplan (PoM) and develop ideas on a new playspace, fitness station and proposed new indoor cricket training facility, [we want to hear from you](#).

Don't miss your opportunity to provide feedback and help decide the future of Waverley Park.



Appendix F - posters

Panels installed around Waverley Park



Legend

- Area of the park plan of management
- Identified opportunity
- Identified opportunity (development)
- Proposed facility
- Proposed facilities and/or information sign location
- Proposed lighting
- Water

1 To ensure future generations enjoy Waverley Park, it is important we have a sustainable approach to the management of our park. We are creating a Plan of Management to define the long-term vision and set out the way we will manage the park.

The ideas highlighted in this map are based on previous research, feedback and suggested park improvements that have been identified in the Plan of Management.

The potential projects support a wide range of activities such as walking, swimming, cycling, sports or enjoying the park.

We want public feedback to help shape the final design of the park, from the location and design of the park to the way we manage it. We want to hear the Plan of Management and suggest ideas for the park in the future.

2 Council is partnering with Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club (ESCC) to investigate building an indoor cricket facility as part of the Waverley Park Plan of Management.

The proposed facility will be used by community clubs, schools and residents for training and leisure. The indoor facility will be a multi-use facility for the future of the park.

3 Have your say

The concept design has been developed as a guide for community consultation. Council will continue to engage community feedback on the proposal for further consultation.

Current use	Proposed use	Proposed features
1. Public open space	1. Indoor cricket facility	1. The proposed facility will be used by community clubs, schools and residents for training and leisure.
2. Public open space	2. Public open space	2. The proposed facility will be used by community clubs, schools and residents for training and leisure.
3. Public open space	3. Public open space	3. The proposed facility will be used by community clubs, schools and residents for training and leisure.

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1 The existing fitness station will be replaced with a new fitness station to provide a range of activities for all ages and abilities.

2 Have your say

The existing fitness station is not accessible to the park users and is exposed to the elements. We are suggesting the fitness station to be replaced with a new fitness station to provide a range of activities for all ages and abilities.

3 The equipment

We have suggested some equipment to provide a range of activities for all ages and abilities.

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