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5 ADOPTION OF GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN

Attachment 5 Green Links Stage 1 Consultation Report - June 2021



GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN

County Green Link - Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Terrys Creek Green Link

Stage 1 | Community Stakeholder Engagement Report

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Executive summary

Council engaged Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, to prepare a report on the community engagement processes and results for Stage 1 community consultation for the Green Links Masterplan project.

From 27 May to 20 June 2021, the Stage 1 community consultation period was open for stakeholders to provide feedback on what their thoughts were for the current and future uses of the County, Shrimptons Creek and Terrys Creek Green Link corridors.

The engagement period was promoted through Council's dedicated Have Your Say page, email, eNewsletters, social media, flyers to targeted stakeholders and residents and park signage across the three corridors.

The community and stakeholders were given opportunities to provide feedback including an online survey and drop in sessions. Council's email and postal address were also promoted as methods for stakeholders to provide input to the project.

Council received valued feedback from over 596 stakeholders including local residents, park users, adjacent land owners, community groups and other government agencies.

Engagement interaction included 130 participants at the drop-in sessions; 417 online surveys completed and; 69 written submissions.

The Masterplan sites are both complex and diverse in both the physical attributes and the current and potential usage and this was reflected in the feedback received throughout the engagement process. However for each corridor similar themes were identified.

The feedback was collated into three key Green Link corridors. These included:

- County Green Link
- Shrimptons Creek Green Link
- Terrys Creek Green Link

Comments which addressed all corridors were collated into a separate general category.

This report details the feedback from the engagement process based on these categories and will be reviewed and considered to inform the preparation of the draft Green Links Masterplan designs.



Stage 1 community consultation park signage

Background

Council is seeking to increase the availability of open space in the City of Ryde to better meet the growing community needs. An engagement period was opened to seek stakeholder input to create a Masterplan for three open space corridors, known as 'Green Links'.

The draft Green Links Masterplan includes three separate open space corridors:

- Shrimptons Creek Green Link
- Terrys Creek Green Link
- County Green Link

In response to the Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan, Council is seeking to open and extend these corridors to significantly improve green transport connections and provide regional active transport connections between Macquarie Park to Eastwood; and Macquarie Park to West Ryde/ Meadowbank and onwards to Parramatta and Rhodes/Sydney Olympic Park.

The draft Masterplan will also seek to include a range of other park, environmental and biodiversity improvements.

Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, has been engaged to record the community consultation processes and results to inform the development of the draft Masterplan.

Consultation objectives

The objectives of the engagement process is to:




- create stakeholder awareness of the Masterplan and the associated consultation process
- encourage stakeholder participation in the consultation process
- establish and maintain effective two-way communication between the City of Ryde (Council) and stakeholders
- ensure stakeholder comments, ideas, suggestions and feedback are identified and recorded
- ensure appropriate consultation tools and activities are used, taking into account demographic elements such as language, literacy, disability and access to the internet
- provide timely feedback which will be reviewed and considered to inform the Green Links Masterplan designs
- ensure consultation is conducted in accordance with COVID safe practices.



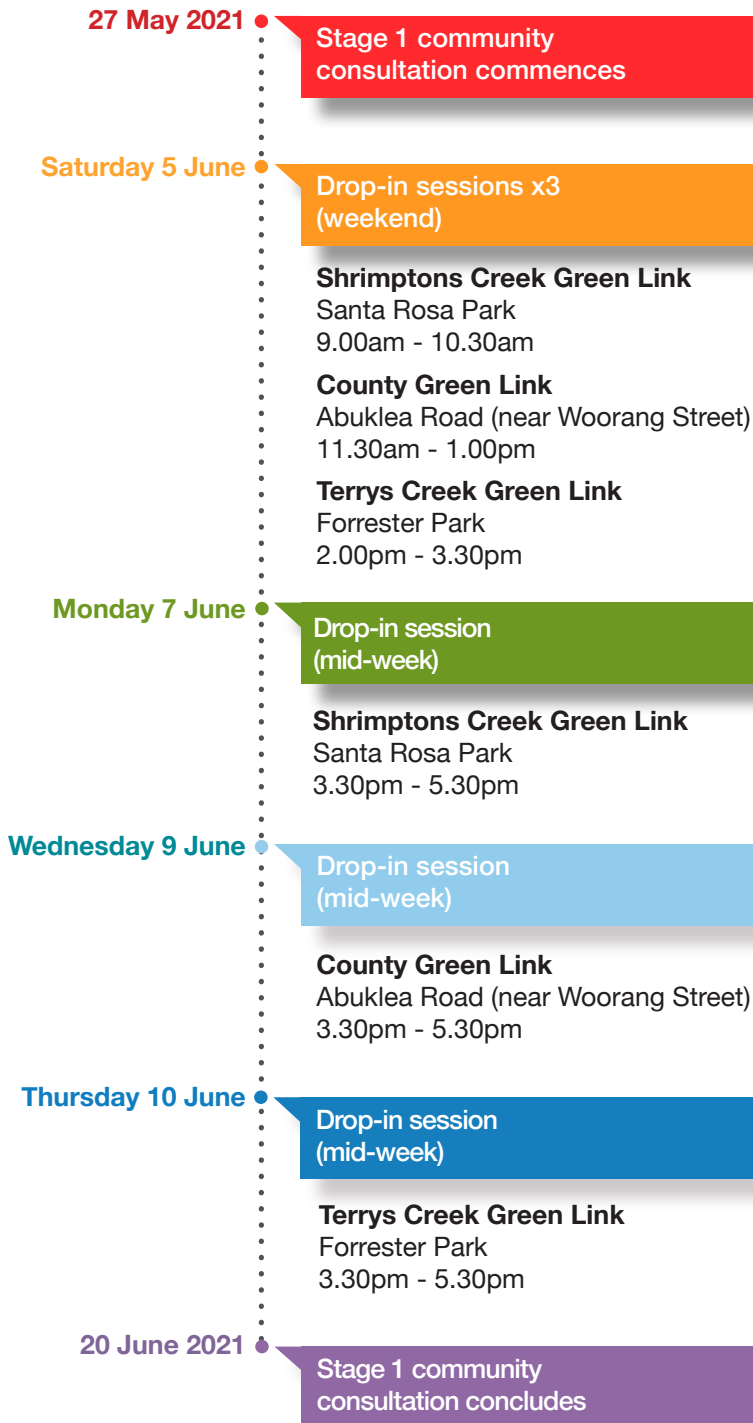
Stage 1 community consultation park signage - Terrys Creek

Overview of the Green Link corridors/project area



-  Shrimptons Creek Green Link
-  County Green Link
-  Terrys Creek Green Link

Engagement timeline



Engagement methods

Stakeholder identification by group and engagement level

The following engagement techniques and tools were used in Stage 1 community consultation for the Green Links Masterplan project.

Engagement tool	Stakeholder	Overview
Stakeholder Engagement Report	Project team Elected Council Council staff	Report containing information on the methodology and result of the engagement processes.
Promotional materials	All	A flyer, park signage, newspaper advertisement, eNewsletters, email and social media posts provided opportunities to promote the project and engagement opportunities.
Have Your Say website	All	Dedicated website for engagement with a wide range of stakeholders. The site included context for the project with background information, images of the existing site, survey, details of engagement events and reference to Council's email and mailing address for enquiries or feedback.
Stakeholder drop-in sessions	All	Drop-in sessions provided opportunities for stakeholders to raise questions or make comments direct with the project team and Council representatives. Note: due to COVID safe protocols and social distancing, drop in sessions were primarily questions and answers with stakeholders. Feedback was primarily directed to survey and/or written submissions.
Email and mail	All	Council's main email and mailing addresses were used for the purpose of receiving enquiries or feedback for this project.
Social media	All	Project promotion and key messaging through Council's social media pages.
Survey	All	A survey enabled the Council to obtain standardised information from residents, community, park users and other stakeholder groups. The survey was promoted on Council's Have your Say page, all forms of promotional material, social media and at six drop-in sessions.

Engagement results

Project promotion

A range of methods were used to promote the engagement period and the opportunities for engagement available to stakeholders (detailed within the appendix). This included:

Method	Stakeholders	Distribution
Promotional flyer	Delivered to properties within a 500m radius of the three Green Link corridors	Flyers delivered to properties within a 500m radius of the three Green Link corridors.
Park signage	Signage was displayed across the three Green Link corridors.	37 A2 signs were displayed within the project site at various locations
Facebook	A Facebook message was posted on Council's Facebook page.	Reach of 10,141 Facebook users 1,425 reactions, comments or shares
Have Your Say	Dedicated web page with information about the project and online survey.	249 page views 221 unique visits
Email	An email with information about the project was distributed through Council's existing notification groups.	435 emails sent 213 emails opened
eNewsletters	Subscribers to Council's Smarter Cleaner Greener eNewsletter	3,300 emails distributed 1,223 emails opened

Project engagement

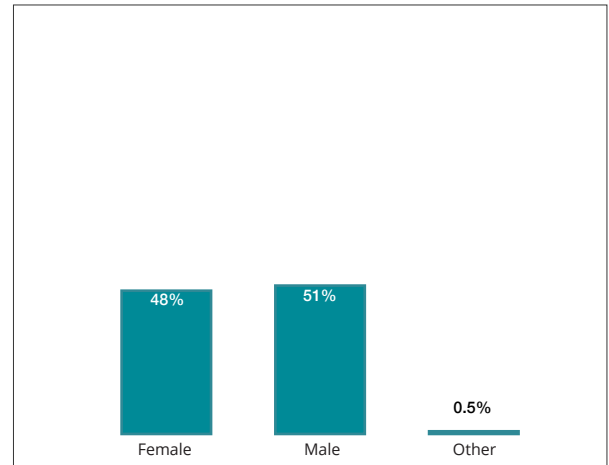
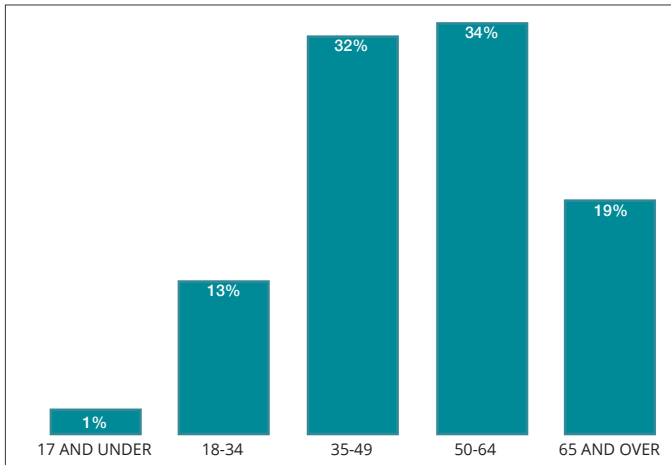
A range of methods were used to engage with stakeholders during the engagement period. These included:

Method	Stakeholders	Engagement
Online survey	Online survey was open to all stakeholders throughout the entire engagement period.	417 surveys completed 85% completion rate of surveys
Mail and email responses	Responses were received via Council's email and mailing addresses.	69 written received
Drop-in sessions	A number of stakeholders engaged through the drop-in sessions offered at each corridor over the engagement period. One mid-week and one weekend drop-in session were held for each of the three Green Link corridors, with a total of six drop-in sessions held. Note: drop-in sessions were conducted in accordance with COVID safe protocols.	A total of 130 participants attended the six drop-in sessions

Online Survey Responses

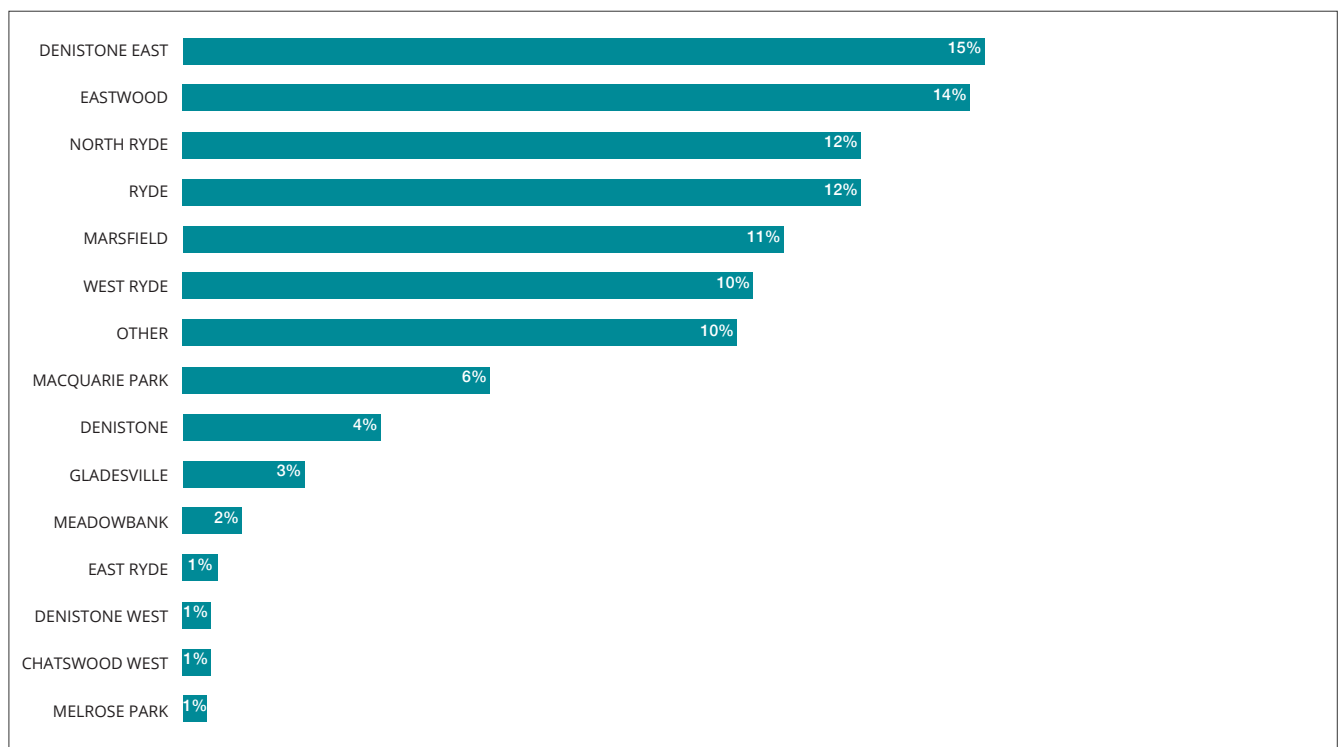
Age and Gender demographics (n=353)

The respondents' age demographics predominantly ranged from 18-34 to 50-65 brackets with an even distribution of female and male participants.



Respondent locations (n=356)

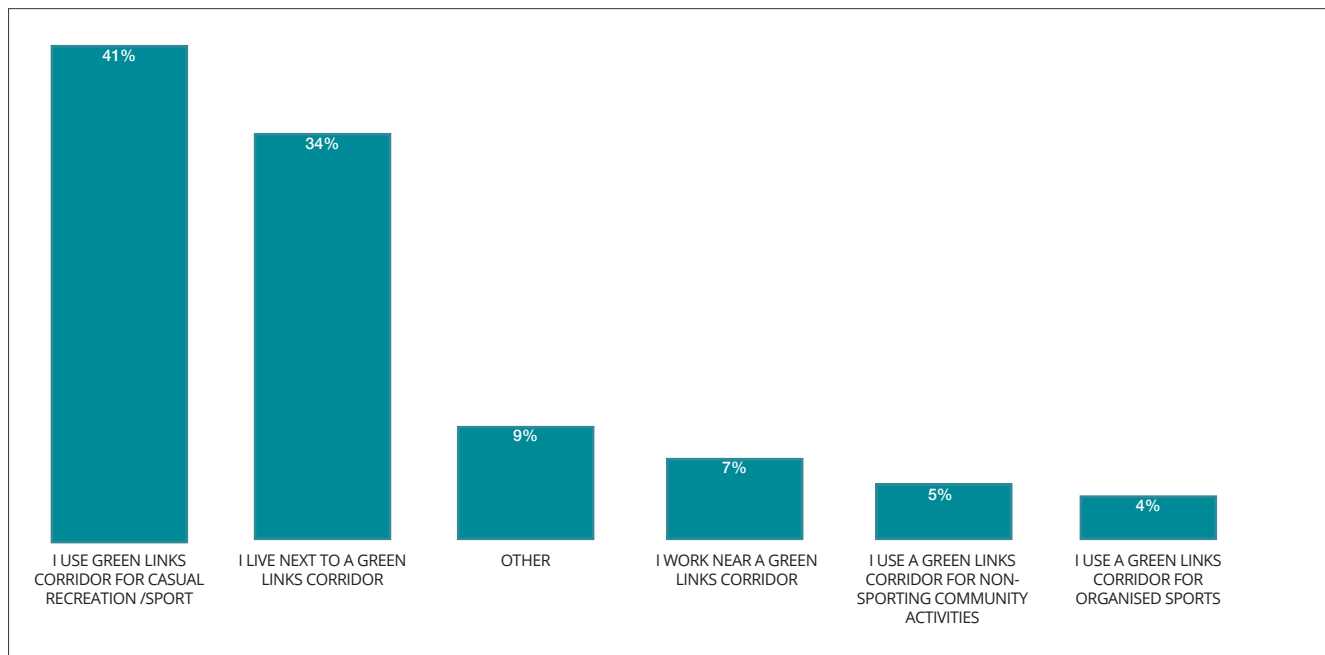
The vast majority of respondents (89.9%) were residents from the City of Ryde local government area. A smaller minority of respondent (10.1%) were from neighbouring local government areas (such as City of Parramatta, Hornsby and Ku-Ring-gai Council area) or other suburbs in the greater Sydney metropolitan area. It is possible these respondents may work, study or travel through the City of Ryde.



Online survey responses continued

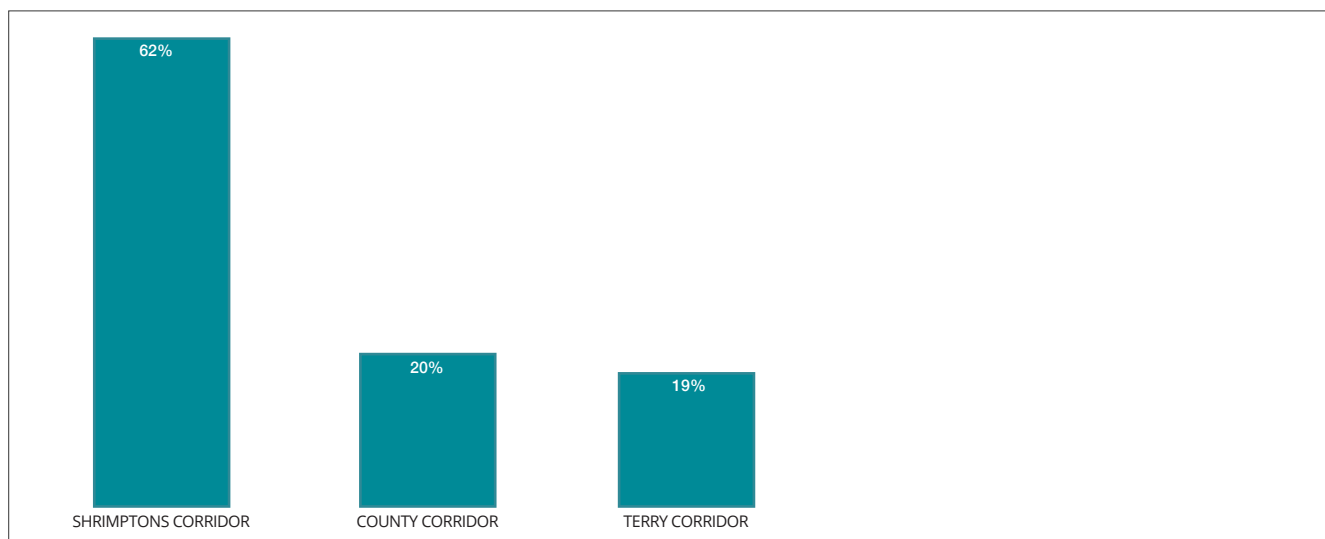
“Which of the following best describes you?” (n=417)

The respondents predominantly visited the Green Links for casual recreation or sport (41%), closely followed by respondents who lived close to a corridor (34%).



“Please specify which corridor” (n=179)

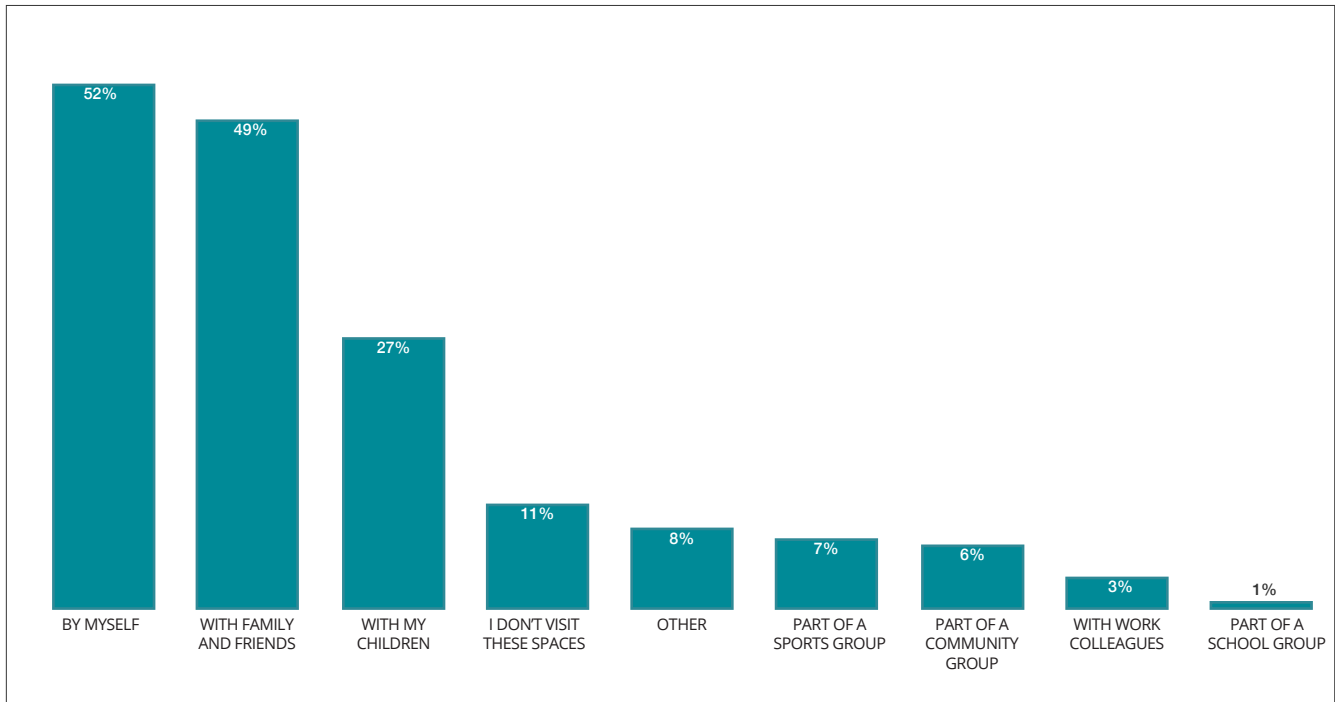
Of the respondents who provided additional detail, the majority either visited or lived near the Shrimptons Creek corridor.



Online survey responses continued

“Who do you typically use the Green Links corridor with?” (n=417)

The majority of respondents visited the Green Links corridors either by themselves (52%), with family and friends (49%) and/or with their children (27%).



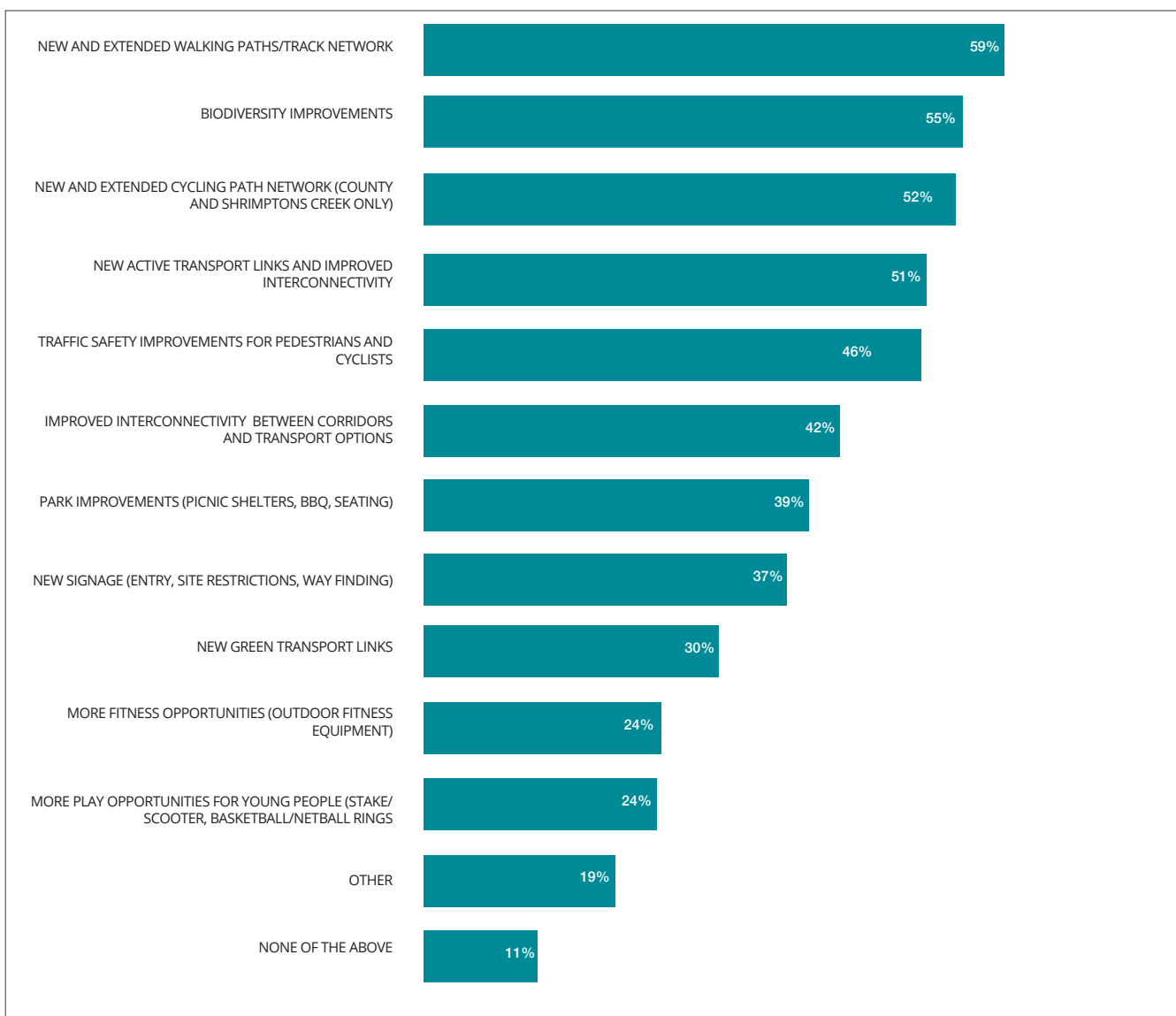
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Online survey responses continued

“Which of the following elements would you like to see included in the draft Green Links Masterplan?” (n=370)

The engagement process provided an opportunity for participants to provide their feedback on each individual Green Link or provide general comments covering all corridors. This section addresses the general comments provided through the online survey.

The most popular element participants wished to see included in the Masterplan was new and extended walking paths and tracks, closely followed by biodiversity improvements. The next most popular selections were based around walking and cycling paths/tracks showing a strong interest in using the corridors for walking or cycling.

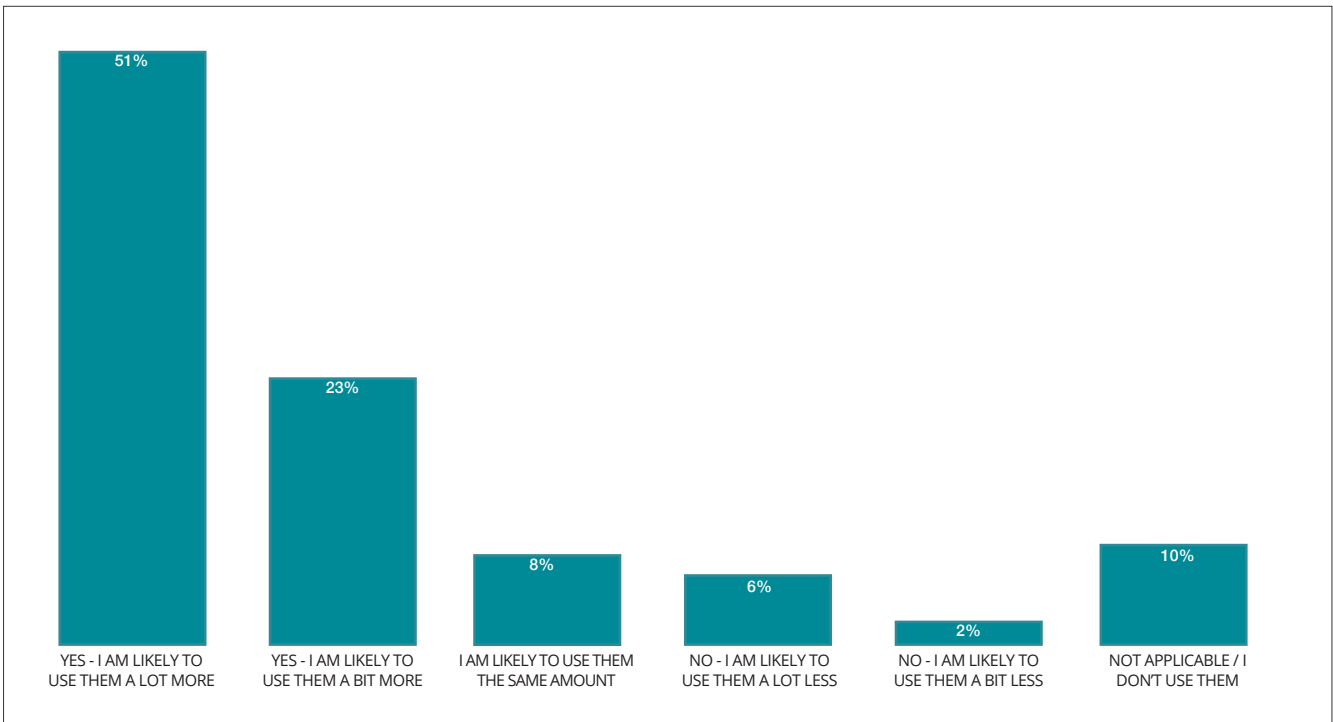


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Online survey responses continued

“Will improvements to the Green Links corridors encourage you to use the parks and paths/tracks more?” (n=370)

The vast majority of respondents (74.8%) indicated improvements in the Masterplan would encourage them to use the parks and paths/tracks more. Almost half of respondents (51.6%) indicated their usage would increase a lot more and almost a quarter of respondent (23.2%) would increase their usage a bit more. 8.3% of respondents indicated they would use the parks and paths/tracks less. 8.3% of respondents indicated they would use the parks and paths/tracks less.



Online survey responses continued - General comments

Overall support

The majority of respondents were in support of improving the Green Links corridors.

Many respondents requested fast action in improving the corridors and wished to know when improvements would commence.

Cycling and walking

Respondents recognised that improving cycling and pedestrian routes through the corridors would improve safety and encourage more to cycle and walk rather than use private vehicles to move around the area.

There was recognition that the area currently has disconnected cycle paths - including locked and fenced areas - and that this Masterplan has an opportunity to address this.

There was recognition that there can be some conflicts sharing paths between cyclists and pedestrians. There were requests to provide wide paths and/or separation between cyclists and pedestrians to improve safety between the two different user groups.

Safety considerations

There were requests to ensure that opportunities for anti-social behaviour, such as vandalism, are reduced. This included suggestions of installing lighting or CCTV, however, it was recognised that additional lighting could adversely impact fauna in some environmentally sensitive areas.

There were requests to consider and manage the privacy and security of adjacent landowners along the corridors.

There was recognition of the safety issues created from the road crossings throughout the corridors. There were requests for these to be managed to ensure safer passage across the various road crossings.

Biodiversity

There were many requests for biodiversity to be considered as part of the Masterplan project. Many saw this as an opportunity to strengthen and expand on the existing fragmented biodiversity corridors and habitats to improve both fauna and flora throughout the Green Links corridors. There were specific requests to consider Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), removal of invasive species and encouraging an expansion to existing bush regeneration sites.

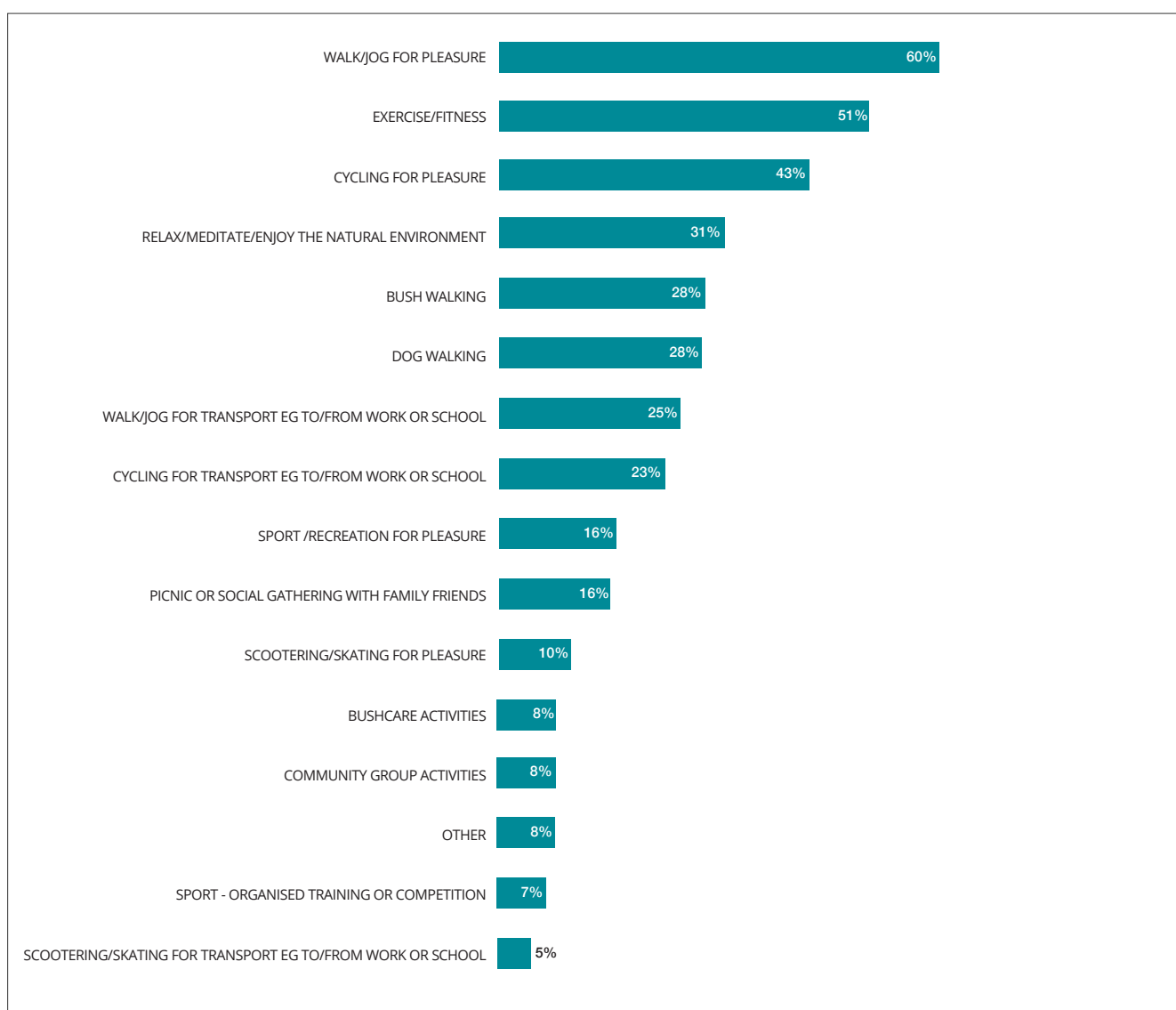
Park improvements

There were requests for a range of amenities and facilities along the corridors including bins, drinking fountains, picnic shelters and seating. Dog recreation and off leash areas were also requested.

Online survey responses continued - County Green Link

“What do you do while visiting County Corridor?” (n=148)

Respondents who use the County Green Link predominantly use it for more active forms of recreation. Walking/jogging was the most popular activity being done for pleasure (60%), bushwalking (28%), dog walking (28%) and for transport eg. to/from work or school (25%). Cycling was also a popular activity for pleasure (43%) and for transport eg. to/from work (23%). Other common activities were exercise/fitness (51%) and relax/meditate/enjoy the natural environment (31%).

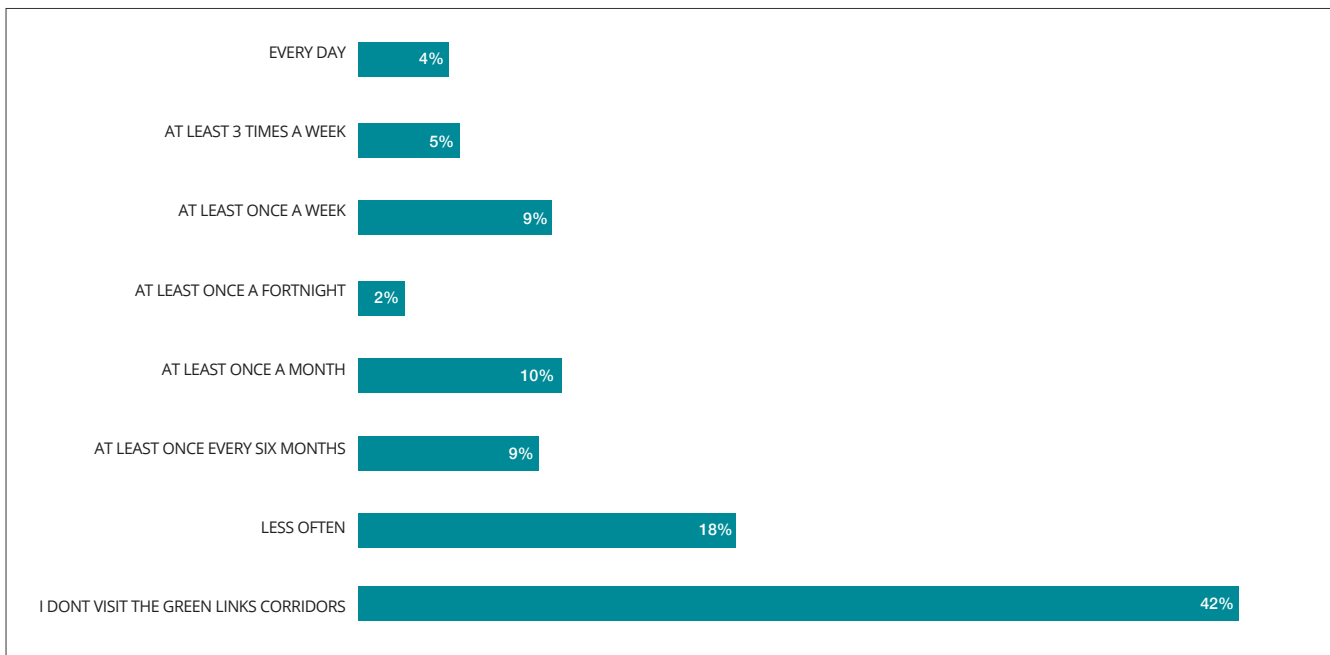


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Online survey responses continued - County Green Link

“How often do you typically visit the County Corridor?” (n=87)

Most respondents rarely (37%) or never (42%) used the County Green Link. Again, these responses could potentially be attributed to the fact that this corridor is largely not currently activated and/or sections are fenced off.



What do you most like about the current County corridor?

There were no strong opinions on what respondents liked most about the County Green Link. Respondents recognised the disconnected nature of the corridor, with many sections closed to access, however appreciated the open space (more in reference to the open grass areas), and they saw value in it's potential as a future connected corridor.

Do you have any comments on how to improve the proposed County Green Link?

Many of the respondents wished to see access opened along the whole corridor to improve the current disconnections. They would like to see paths for both cyclists and pedestrians along the route and see the potential for it to become a recreational and commuter path between Eastwood and Macquarie Park.

There were a few requests to provide access for electric buses or a tram for families (who may not be able to walk or cycle) to get to Macquarie Park.

Some respondents expressed concerns that the County Road would be turned into a road for private vehicle use. Very few respondents were supportive of the corridor being for private vehicle use.

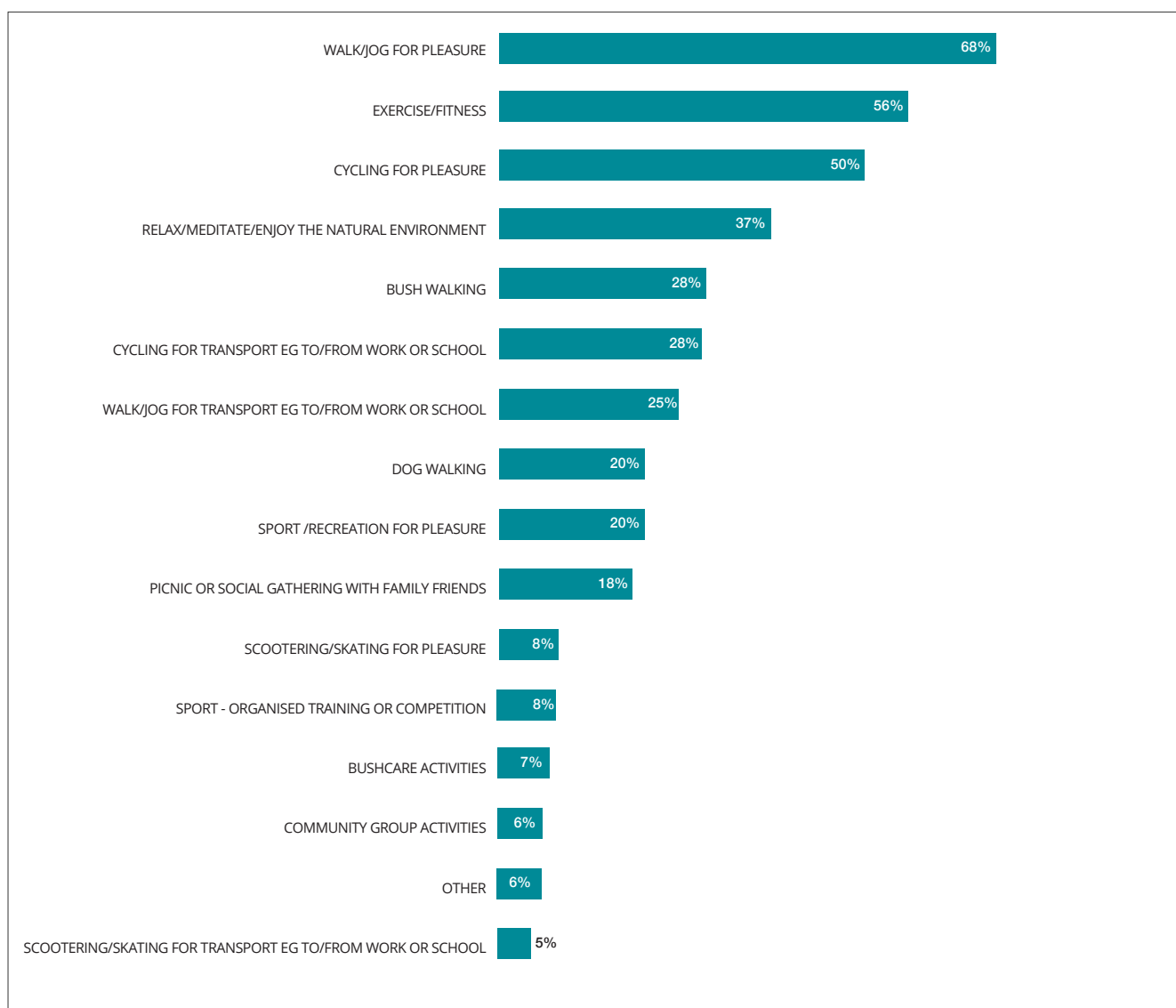
There were many requests for the upgrade to include native plantings, including understorey and canopy trees, to improve food and habitat for fauna. The removal of invasive species was also suggested.

A range of facilities were requested including sign posting for wayfinding, water refilling stations, BBQs, picnic places, outdoor gym equipment and community gardens.

Online survey responses continued - Shrimptons Creek Green Link

“What do you do while visiting Shrimptons Creek Corridor?” (n=303)

Shrimptons Creek is the most well used Green Link corridor with diverse community use. Respondents who use the Shrimptons Green Link predominantly use it for more active forms of recreation. Walking/jogging was the most popular activity being done for pleasure (68%), bushwalking (28%), transport eg. to/from work or school (25%) and dog walking (20%). Cycling was also a popular activity for pleasure (50%) and for transport eg. to/from work (28%). Other common activities were exercise/fitness (56%), relax/meditate/enjoy the natural environment (37%), picnics/social gatherings (18%) and sport/recreation for pleasure (20%) or organised training/competition (8%).

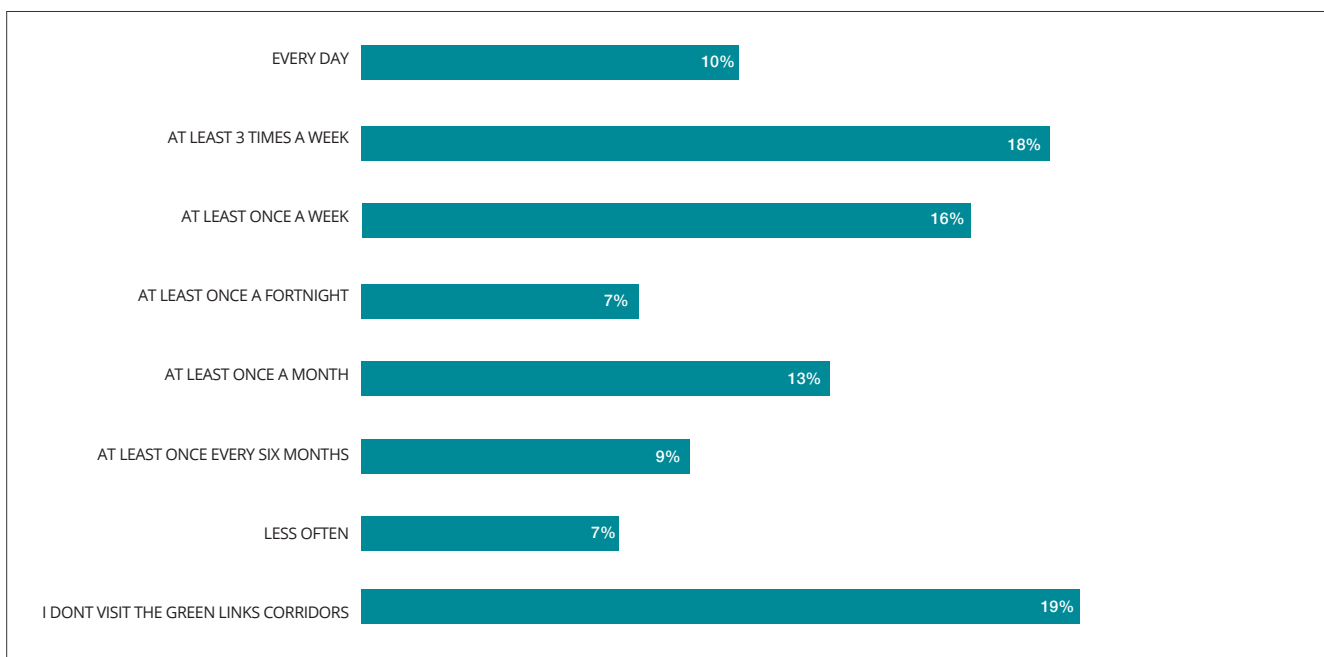


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Online survey responses continued - Shrimptons Creek Green Link

“How often do you typically visit the Shrimptons Creek Corridor?” (n=225)

A significant number of respondents used the Shrimptons Creek Corridor regularly (44%) with this corridor being the most visited out of the three Green Links corridors. 225 participants provided feedback on the Shrimptons Creek corridor.



What do you most like about the current Shrimptons Creek corridor?

Shrimptons Creek Corridor is the most used and discussed corridor of the three within the Green Links project. The corridor is used by a lot more pedestrians and cyclists as a means to travel to a particular hub - particularly the employment and retail areas of Macquarie Park.

The Green Link is described as a calm and quiet place to walk through with remnant forest and a creekline providing habitat for a range of fauna. Being gently sloping, the corridor is seen as an easy walk for pedestrians, is dog friendly and avoids traffic. The corridor provides an atmosphere of a quiet park and respondents value having access to the community nursery, ELS Hall Park and Santa Rosa Park within the corridor.

Respondents value its connectivity to various hubs including the employment, retail and educational precincts in Macquarie Park. The continuous pathways allow respondents to move from place-to-place freely.

It is noted, the existing shared user path terminates on the southern side of Santa Rosa Park.

The Sydney Water land reservation from Quarry Road to Goodwin Street is currently fenced off which therefore prevents public access and freedom of movement through this section of the corridor.

Online survey responses continued - Shrimptons Creek Green Link

Do you have any comments on how to improve the proposed Shrimptons Creek Green Link?

There is strong support from the broader City of Ryde community to continue safe off-road access for cyclists and pedestrians uninterrupted between Macquarie and the Meadowbank foreshore. Extending the path network would provide an opportunity for recreational use ("this will give us our own 10km bay run") and commuting ("I will be able to safely ride my bike from my home in Parramatta to my office in Macquarie").

Many of the resident who live adjacent to the Sydney Water lands in the section between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road (predominantly from Beattie Avenue Rickard Street and Stephen Avenue) strongly oppose the use of the Sydney Water lands and wish to keep this section of the fenced off to prevent public access through the corridor. Cited concerns include security and privacy risks to their properties, which occurred prior to the fencing off of the corridor in 2009. Other cited concerns include anti-social behavior and potential damage to Sydney Water infrastructure.

Respondents also raised the need to improve the road crossings along the corridor, including Blaxland Road, Anzac Avenue, Victoria Road and North Road which some consider unsafe in their present configurations.

There were many requests to ensure any cycleway/path was wide enough to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists safely - particularly to the north of Epping Road which generally had more foot/bike traffic.

Some areas were described as steep for cyclists (around the Carara Reserve playground) and it was suggested that some methods of slowing downhill cyclists could help improve safety for children in the playground and the safety of the cyclists.

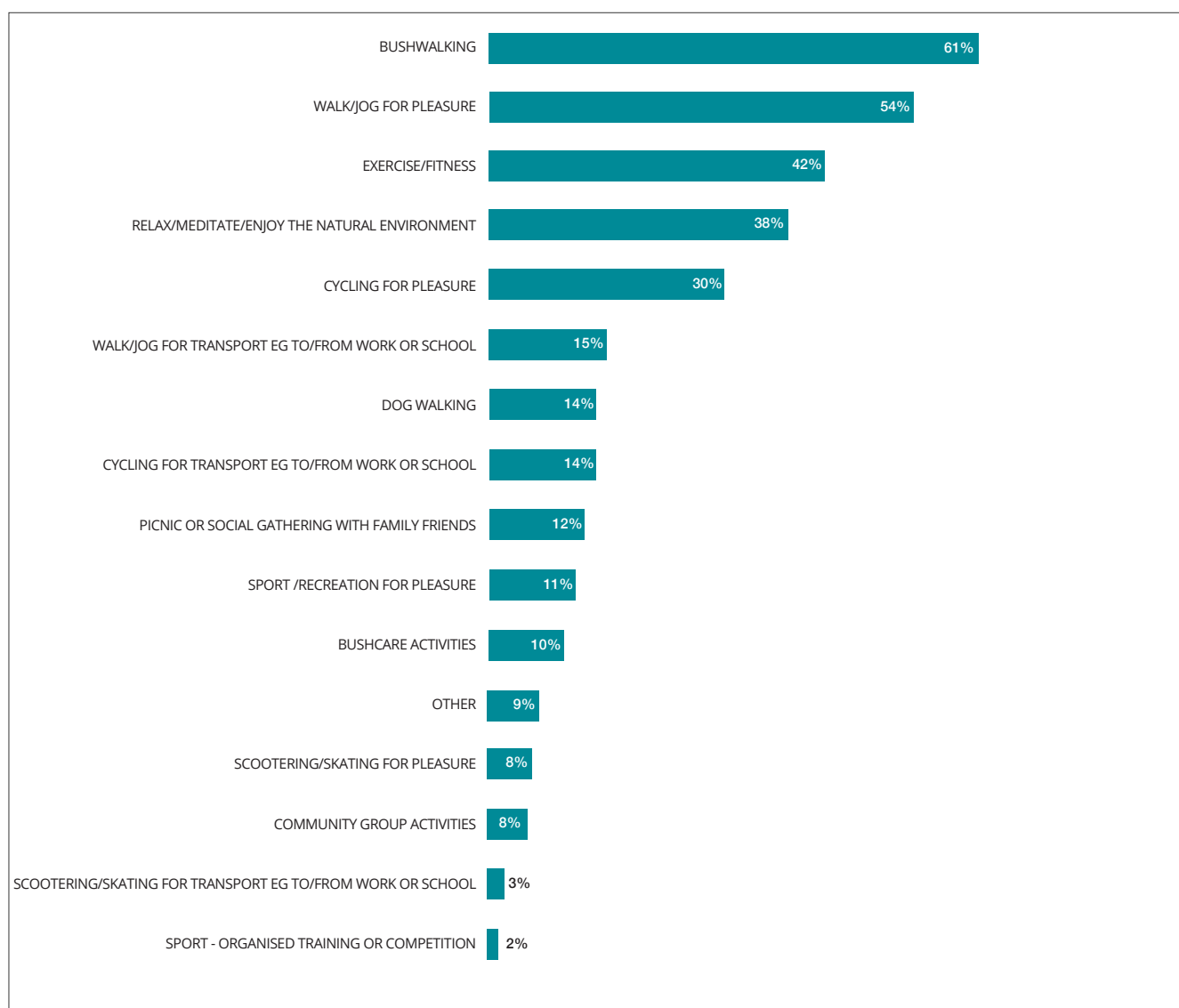
Some respondents would like to see a range of planting to improve the biodiversity along the corridor and suggested an expansion to existing bush regeneration activities to reduce invasive species and improve the riparian zones.

There were some requests for a range of facilities along the corridor including outdoor exercise equipment, lighting and secure bike parking facilities.

Online survey responses continued - Terrys Creek Green Link

“What do you do while visiting Terrys Creek Corridor?” (n=193)

Respondents who use the Terrys Green Link like to use it for more nature based activities as well as active forms of recreation. Bush walking (62%) was the most popular activity, some like to relax/meditate/enjoy the natural environment (38%) and some for bushcare activities (10%). Other forms of walking/jogging were being done for pleasure (54%), or transport eg. to/from work or school (15%) and dog walking (14%). Many cycled for pleasure (30%) and for transport eg. to/from work (14%). Other common activities were exercise/fitness (42%) and picnic/social gatherings (12%).

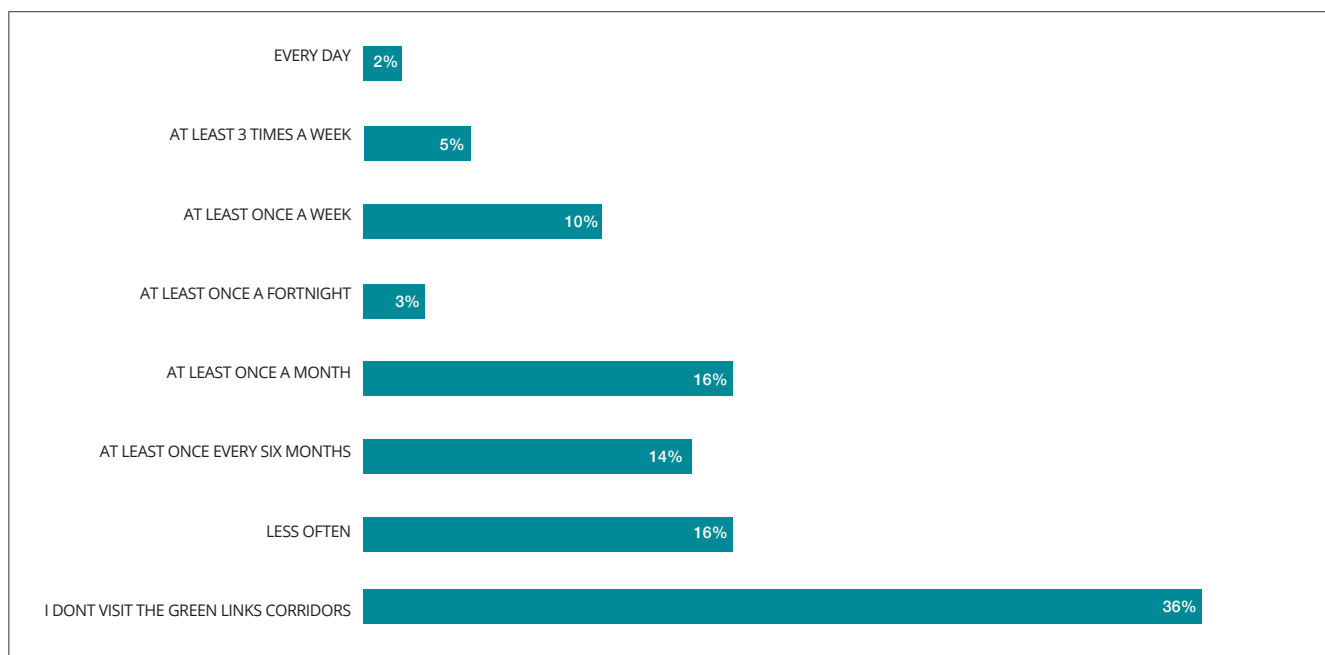


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Online survey responses continued - Terrys Creek Green Link

“How often do you typically visit the Terrys Creek Corridor?” (n=84)

Most respondents rarely (45%) or never (36%) used the Terrys Creek Green Link. 84 participants provided feedback on the Terrys Creek Green Link.



What do you most like about the current Terrys Creek corridor?

Almost all respondents described how they enjoyed the natural environment within this corridor, describing it as peaceful and natural. The site was seen as a great example of a bush walking track, with good improvements through active bush regeneration and path upgrades. The corridor gave good access to Lane Cove National Park and seemed to be used more by recreational walkers rather than for commuting or cycling which was more common throughout the other corridors under the Green Links Masterplan.

The number of fauna, particularly birds, seen in the area was seen as a positive attribute, with respondents wishing to keep or improve this element further.

Do you have any comments on how to improve the proposed Terrys Creek Green Link?

There is a common theme that any changes to this corridor must not be at the expense of the existing ecological values and a balance needs to be found between recreation and environmental protection.

There seems to be competing needs between mountain bike riders and bush walkers in this corridor with several descriptions of confrontations between the two user groups. There is a strong call for cyclists to be removed from this corridor - conversely there are requests from mountain bikers to improve the corridor for their use. There is certainly friction between these two user groups which, where possible, needs to be considered.

There are requests for directional signage throughout the site to help with wayfinding, educational signage for the ecological elements and also regulatory signage to discourage cyclists (there are already old signs prohibiting cyclists which have been vandalised over time).

Respondents would like to see the natural areas are to be preserved and where possible enhanced through greater understorey planting, bush regeneration and stronger management of feral animals in the area.

Written Responses

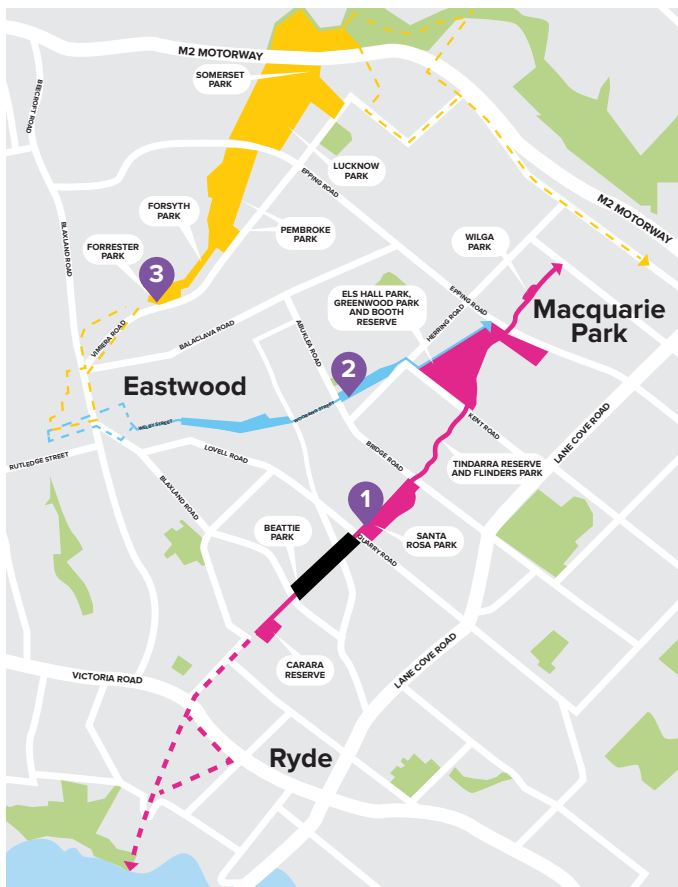
Written submission respondents

A total of 69 written responses were received during the Stage 1 community consultation period. These were received from a combination of local residents, government, business and community organisations.

Written responses (9) were received from NSW government departments, large community and business organisations on behalf of their member groups, smaller local community organisations on behalf of their member groups and an adjoining local council. These included:

- NSW Police
- NSW Health
- Bicycle NSW
- Bike North
- Connect Macquarie Park & North Ryde
- The Habitat/International Environmental Weed Foundation
- Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group
- City of Parramatta

Of the individuals who submitted written submissions (60), a large majority were from a very distinct geographical area of the project site. These submissions were predominantly focused on the short section of the Shrimptons Creek Green Link in the area immediately surrounding the Sydney Water land reservation which is currently fenced off from general public access. The map below shows the general location of the majority of the written submissions from local residents.



■ Indicative origins of the majority of written submissions

Written responses

The following themes were raised through the written response that Council received through Stage 1 of the consultation period.

General overall comments

Responses received from government agencies, business organisations and community groups were in strong support of the Green Links Masterplan project and commended Council on the intent and vision for these plans. Particularly, feedback relating to infrastructure supporting walking and cycling is seen as a benefit to the community, reducing congestion and pollution while improving public health and providing more equitable access to employment, education and health facilities, public transport, community and culture (NSW Health, Bicycle NSW, Bike North, Connect Macquarie Park & North Ryde and City of Parramatta).

The Green Links Masterplan is seen as providing important connections to and between key destinations including green spaces, local centres, public transport, and regional routes via walking and cycling (NSW Health, Connect Macquarie Park & North Ryde, City of Parramatta).

The Green Links Masterplan provides strategic alignment with a range of NSW Government and local council strategic plans (NSW Health, Bicycle NSW, City of Parramatta).

The Green Links are seen as providing a safer continuous off-road corridors for pedestrians and cyclists (NSW Health, Bike North, Bicycle NSW), which is likely to reduce the number of road related incidents involving pedestrians and cyclists (NSW Police). The provision of safe active transport infrastructure will encourage people to ride a bike more often and/or further (NSW Health and City of Parramatta), which is increasingly more important with future population growth and increased walking/cycling participation, especially as people return to workplaces once COVID-19 restrictions ease (Connect Macquarie Park & North Ryde)

There was support for Council to incorporate safe road crossing points and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles into the designs (NSW Police, NSW Health).

There is also support for preserving and enhancing the environmental characteristics of the Green Links for flora, fauna, provision of native habitat and for community enjoyment. (The Habitat/International Environmental Weed Foundation, Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group). Understorey plantings will Some suggested lighting should be sympathetic to nocturnal fauna in ecologically sensitive areas along the Green Links.

The increased tree canopy, urban cooling and the reduction on the reliance on motor vehicles is seen as important factors to reduce the impacts of climate change (Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group, Bike North).

There is a request for supporting facilities along the Green Links such as water stations, bike racks and rest stops (NSW Health).

County Green Link

There were 4 written submissions relating to the County Green Link.

Individual submissions would like to see the open areas be maintained for recreation such as walking/cycle paths and improved biodiversity value of the current sections which are just fields of grass. There is opportunity to add native plantings to provide food and habitat for wildlife and improve wildlife corridors in the City and increase tree canopy.

Bike North were supportive of the use of the County corridor to provide a safe largely off road cycling route, which reduces uphill climbs on the local road network. The resolution of issues for the construction of the remaining sections of the shared user path is recommended.

There was one written response who suggested opening up the County Road corridor for traffic and vehicle use.

Shrimptons Creek Green Link

There were 55 written submissions relating to the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.

Most of these (52 submissions) were from individual who live in the residential properties adjoining the Sydney Water land reservation. Their opposition to the opening of the Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road centred around the

Written responses continued

perceived security risk to their properties directly adjacent to the Sydney Water corridor. This section of the Sydney Water corridor was closed to the public some years ago following active campaigning by these residents. Their concern is that re-opening the Sydney Water land reservation will result in anti-social behaviour, increased crime (eg. break-ins and graffiti) and damage to Sydney Water assets.

However, NSW Police and NSW Health both recommended utilising Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, to provide a positive impact for the community and reduce any changes to crime. Vegetation plantings near adjoining properties were also recommended to be used as screens to deter graffiti particularly along fences. If adjoining residents are concerned about safety, the Habitat/International Environmental Weed Foundation suggests thick spiky plantings could prevent access to fences, whilst also providing native small bird habitat.

Some written responses expressed concerns about the existing traffic conditions and unsafe road crossing points for pedestrian/cyclists Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue, North Road and Victoria Road/Hermitage Road. These need to be considered accordingly when preparing the draft designs.

The Shrimptons Creek Green Link was recognised as providing a major active transport link between Macquarie Park, West Ryde/Meadowbank and Parramatta (Connect Macquarie Park & North Ryde, City of Parramatta, Bicycle NSW and Bike North).

Some business/community organisations recommended the Shrimptons Creek Green Link via Sydney Water lands be prioritised for delivery ahead of the other routes and with a clear timeline for delivery (Connect Macquarie Park & North Ryde and Bike North).

From an environmental perspective, Shrimptons Creek is the green spine to Ryde. Connecting the Shrimptons Creek corridor to the Parramatta River through the Sydney Water lands is an excellent idea which will help with the resilience of the corridor (Habitat/International Environmental Weed Foundation).

Terrys Creek Green Link

Terrys Creek Green Link received one written submission. The submission requested better wayfinding signage - particularly in conjunction with the Macquarie University campus, ensuring any bridge across Terrys Creek is wide enough to accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists, and the use of multi-lingual signage to cater for the multi-cultural community in the area.

Drop-in Sessions

Council conducted six separate drop-in sessions for the community to discuss the Green Links Masterplan with Council's project team and ask any questions they may have. Each Green Link corridor had one mid-week drop-in session and one weekend drop-in session held on-site. A total of 130 participants attended these sessions.

The Shrimptons Creek Green Link drop-in sessions were held at Santa Rosa Park with 34 people attending the weekend session and 40 people attending the mid-week session.

The County Green Link drop-in sessions were held at the reserve on Abuklea Rd (near Woorang St) with 25 people attending the weekend session and 13 people attending the mid-week session.

The Terrys Green Link drop-in sessions were held at Forrester Park with 11 people attending the weekend session and 7 people attending the mid-week session.

Note: due to COVID safe protocols, drop in sessions were primarily questions and answers with stakeholders with social distancing. Due to COVID safe protocols the sharing of writing equipment and documentation was restricted. Provision of feedback was primarily directed to survey and/or written submissions. Some feedback was manually recorded for some participants (142 comments) who did not have internet access or indicated a preference for providing verbal feedback.

Shrimptons Creek Green Link

Feedback from the drop-in sessions were generally supportive with some concerns regarding the opening of the Sydney Water land reservation.

Many participants were concerned at the safety with crossing Blaxland Road, Anzac Avenue, Beattie Street and Quarry Road intersections.

There were requests to provide wider paths to allow for the safe, concurrent usage of both pedestrians and cyclists.

Some participants were concerned about the incidences of anti-social behaviour including drug use and littering, with requests to increase the height of fences backing onto the Sydney Water land reservation should this corridor be reopened to the public to provide greater privacy and security.

Some participants wished to see the Sydney Water

land reservation opened for public use and the shared user path extended as it would reduce the need for cyclists to "rat run" through the streets in the traffic - improving cyclist safety.

Thoughts on including lighting along the path were mixed, with some wanting lighting to reduce anti-social behaviour and others wishing not to have lighting in case it impacted fauna or shined into the adjacent residential properties.

There was one request to include sculptures and artwork by local artists. Another respondent wished to see native plantings to improve habitat.

County Creek Green Link

A lot of participants thought creating a Green Link was a good use of the land, particularly with good paths for both cyclists and pedestrians. They would like to see more play opportunities for children, and cycle facilities are suitable for children and elderly. There were concerns about the competing uses and safety of having both pedestrians and fast cyclists together on the same path, with requests to have any shared path wide enough for safe use of both groups. Participants did not want to see this Green Link used by private vehicles.

Terrys Creek Green Link

There was support to protect and improve the natural environment in along the Terrys Creek Green Link. Suggestions included vegetation planting, local fauna awareness, feral/pest control (eg. cats and mosquitoes), maintenance/cleaning improvements, minimising impacts on vegetation and by sewage.

There was support for the Terrys Creek walking track for pedestrians. Some sections of the existing track could be improved as they are currently difficult to navigate and walk. Flatter track surfaces would make it more accessible.

There were a few comments in support of connections to Eastwood and Epping Stations, as well as suggestion to build a bridge across to Dence Park. Other suggestions included multi-lingual signage/QR codes and safety/security measures to address anti-social behaviour eg. lighting and CCTV.

The cycle route along the Terrys Creek Green Links needs to be considered in the draft designs.

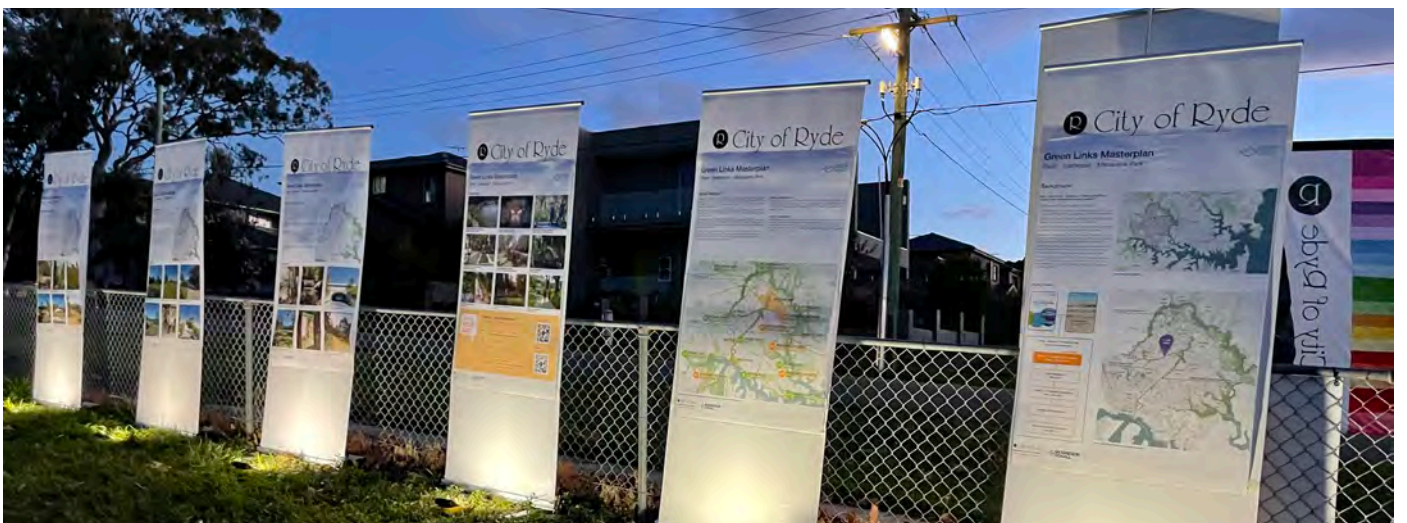
Drop-in sessions continued



Shrimptons Creek Green Link - Drop-in session



Terrys Creek Green Link - Drop-in session



County Green Link - Drop-in session

Themes and Recommendations

Overall there is broad general community support for improving the Green Link corridors. The future improvements within the Green Links Masterplan would result in greater activation and community use of the Green Link corridors, with 75% of survey respondents indicating the future Masterplan improvements would result in them using the Green Links more.

The community indicated that walking, jogging and cycling are the most popular activities on the three Green Link corridors. The key motivators for these activities are for pleasure, exercise/fitness, transport or dog walking. Relaxation, nature appreciation and bush walking were also widely acknowledged as reasons for using the Green Links.

The written submissions from NSW government departments, large community and business organisations, smaller local community organisations and an adjoining local council highlighted the strategic and regional importance of realising these Green Links. They also indicated the Green Links will provide a significant range of active transport, environmental, recreation, economic and health benefits for the community across the whole of the City of Ryde local government area.

Based on this feedback and the detailed responses received through the Stage 1 community consultation, the following themes and recommendations are provided for consideration and to help inform the development of the draft designs for the Green Links Masterplan.

Overall

Walking/Jogging

Walking/jogging/bushwalking for pleasure and fitness were the most popular activities in the corridors. The community indicated they would like to see the Masterplan include new and extended walking paths/track networks (59% of survey respondents) with traffic safety improvements for pedestrians/cyclist (46% of survey respondents).

Respondents recognised that improving pedestrian routes through the Green Links would improve safety and encourage them to walk more rather than use private vehicles.

Pedestrian safety is a consideration for some path users with suggestions to ensure path widths are wide enough to accommodate pedestrians and cyclist, as well as installation of lighting for evening use.

Recommendations:

- Improve and extend on the existing walking paths and track network in the Green Links.
- Ensure road crossings and traffic safety improvements in the Green Links are designed to improve pedestrian safety.
- Where possible, widen shared user paths to ensure safe, concurrent use by both pedestrians and cyclists
- Include path lighting on walking paths/shared paths (Shrimptons Creek and County Green Links) to permit safe evening use.
- Include new signage and wayfinding to highlight routes, destinations and interconnections.

Cycling

Cycling for pleasure and transport is a common activity along the corridors. The community indicated they would like to see the Masterplan include new and extended cycling paths network on County and Shrimptons Creek Green Link (52% of survey respondents), new active transport links and improved interconnection (51% of survey respondents) and with traffic safety improvements for pedestrians/cyclist (46% of survey respondents).

Safety is a very important consideration for cyclists (recreational and commuters). The provision of off-road cycling paths is seen as significantly safer than riding on busy roads with traffic, especially for families and children. Respondents recognised that improving cycling routes through the Green Links would improve safety and encourage them to cycle more rather than use private vehicles. Other suggestions included to ensure path widths are wide enough to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians, as well as installation of lighting for evening use.

There was recognition there is currently disconnection in the cycling network due to sections of the corridors being fenced off/locked and the Green Links Masterplan is seen as having the opportunity to address these missing links.

Themes and Recommendations continued

Recommendations:

- Improve and extend on the existing cycling network/paths.
- Provide off-road cycle paths to maximise cyclist safety.
- Ensure road crossings and traffic safety improvements in the Green Links are designed to improve cyclist safety.
- Include new active transport links, improve connectivity with local/regional destinations and improve interconnectivity between the each Green Link and other cycle routes.
- Install lighting on cycle/shared paths to permit safe evening use.
- Where possible, widen paths to ensure safe, concurrent use by both cyclists and pedestrians.
- Include new signage and wayfinding to highlight routes, destinations and interconnections.

Park Improvements

The community indicated they would like to see the Masterplan include park improvements such as picnic shelters, BBQs and seating (39% of survey respondents), new signage (37% of survey respondents), more fitness opportunities such as outdoor fitness equipment (24% of survey respondents) and more play opportunities for young people such as skate/scooter and basketball/netball rings (24% of survey respondents). Other suggestions included dog recreation and off-leash areas along the corridors.

Recommendations:

- Include park improvements (bins, picnic shelters BBQs, seating and fitness opportunities) in the Green Link corridors.
- Consider dog recreation and off-leash areas along the Green Links.
- Include new signage (entry, site restrictions and wayfinding) in the parks and along the Green Link corridors.

Environment

The community consider the environment and biodiversity values of the Green Links to be important. Some indicated they like to use the corridors to relax, meditate and enjoy the natural environment. The community indicated they would like to see the Masterplan include biodiversity improvements (55% of survey respondents).

There were many requests for the environment and biodiversity to be considered in the draft designs.

Many see the Green Links as an opportunity to strengthen and expand on the existing fragmented biodiversity corridors; remove invasive species and expand the existing bush regeneration sites; increase native vegetation throughout and improve local native fauna, flora and provide more wildlife habitat along the Green Links corridors. There were specific requests to consider Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) to improve water quality of the creeks and rivers. There were some suggestions to consider lighting impacts on the nocturnal fauna in ecologically sensitive areas.

Recommendations:

- Strengthen and expand on existing biodiversity across the Green Links with more bush regeneration, removal of invasive species, more native vegetation and provision of wildlife habitat.
- Incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design principles into the designs to improve water quality in the local creeks and catchments.
- Where appropriate, consider path lighting to minimise impacts to nocturnal fauna in ecologically sensitive areas.

Safety Considerations

The community indicated safety should be a consideration in the draft Green Links Masterplan design.

Some respondents cited concerns about anti-social behaviour, safety using paths after dark and privacy/security of the adjoining residential properties. Some suggested the inclusion of path lighting and CCTV (where required).

Existing traffic conditions and road crossings along the corridors were a concern for some. They would like to see safe road crossings for pedestrians/cyclist incorporated into the Masterplan design.

Recommendations:

- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals into the Green Links Masterplan design to improve user safety.
- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals into the Green Links Masterplan design to address safety and privacy concerns of residents adjoining the Green Link corridors.
- Incorporate path lighting into the Green Links Masterplan.

Themes and Recommendations continued

- Activate parks, paths and movement corridors to increase passive surveillance.
- Ensure road crossings and traffic safety improvements in the Green Links are designed to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

County Green Link

The existing County Road corridor is a grassed open space corridor which is currently not activated. There is an existing short section of shared user path between Grove Street to Orange Street. The shared user path to Macquarie Park does not recommence until Kent Road and ELS Hall Park. Some sections of the County Road corridor are currently fully or partially fenced off which prevents and/or discourages general public access.

These lands have been unutilised with a basic level of maintenance for many years so the current level of community use is poor with 60% of survey respondents using the corridor less than once every six months or not at all. Only 21% of survey respondents indicated they use the corridor either everyday, at least three times a week or weekly. There is a strong level of community support to see access opened along the County Green Link, activation of the open space for greater community use and provision of active transport links between Eastwood and Macquarie Park.

Walking/Jogging

In its current form, the County Green Link has some limited existing community use for walking and jogging for pleasure, fitness, transport and dog walking. However, the community acknowledges the corridor is inactivated and the existing walking path network is largely unformed. There is broad general community support to join the existing short sections of shared user path and provide continuous connection between Eastwood to Macquarie Park.

Recommendations:

- Provide new and extend the existing shared user paths for walking along the County Green Link between Eastwood and Macquarie Park.
- Open access along the County Road land reservation between Agincourt/Herring Roads and Graham/Pickford Avenues for walking/jogging.
- Install paths that will accommodate both pedestrians and cyclist safely.

Cycling

In its current form, the County Green Link has some limited existing community use for cycling for pleasure, fitness and transport. However, the community acknowledges the corridor is inactivated and the existing path network is not continuous and requires on-road cycle routes. There is broad general community support to join the existing short sections of shared user path and provide continuous off-road cycle connection between Eastwood to Macquarie Park.

Recommendations:

- Provide new and extend the existing shared user paths for off-road cycle route along the County Green Link between Eastwood and Macquarie Park.
- Open access along the County Road land reservation between Agincourt/Herring Roads and Graham/Pickford Avenues for cycling.
- Install paths that will accommodate both cyclist and pedestrians safely.

Park Improvements

There were some requests for general park improvements and facilities along the County Green Link including wayfinding signage, lighting, seating, picnic places, outdoor gym equipment, water stations, and community garden.

Recommendations:

- Include general park improvements and facilities such as wayfinding signage, seating/picnic facilities, outdoor gym equipment and water stations along the County Green Link.
- Give consideration to whether a future potential community garden could be incorporated in the County Green Link.

Environment

Currently the County Green Link has minimal vegetation. There were some requests for more native plantings to improve the biodiversity along the County Green Link.

Recommendations:

- Provide more native plantings, including understory and canopy to improve food and habitat for native fauna along the County Green Link.
- Improve the disconnected nature of the Green Link through improved continuous corridor plantings.

Themes and Recommendations continued

Shrimptons Creek Green Link

The existing section of the Shrimptons Creek Green Link (between Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park and Quarry Road, Ryde) is well regarded by the community. It is popular corridor with a strong level of regular community use - 44% of survey respondents indicated they use the corridor either everyday, at least 3 times a week or weekly. The recreation, active transport and environmental values of the existing section is valued by the community.

The existing shared user path (cycle and walking) currently terminates on the southern side of Santa Rosa Park. The Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road to Blaxland Road and Benson Lane to Goodwin St is currently fenced off which prevents public access and freedom of movement through these sections of the corridor.

Walking/Jogging

The existing Shrimptons Creek shared user path between Macquarie Park (Waterloo Road) to Santa Rosa Park (Quarry Road, Ryde) is popular with the community for walking and jogging for pleasure, fitness, transport and dog walking. There is broad general community support for the improvements to the existing shared user path and extension of the shared user path beyond Santa Rosa Park towards the West Ryde, Meadowbank and the Parramatta River.

Recommendations:

- Extend the Shrimptons Creek Green Link beyond Santa Rosa Park and link to West Ryde, Meadowbank and Parramatta River.
- Provide new and extend the existing shared user paths for walking along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link between Macquarie Park, West Ryde and Meadowbank.
- Open access along the Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road and between Benson Street and Goodwin Street.
- Ensure the pathway is wide enough to safely accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians.

Cycling

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and transport. There is broad general community support for the improvements to the existing shared user path and extension of the shared user path beyond Santa Rosa Park towards the West Ryde, Meadowbank and the Parramatta River.

Recommendations:

- Extend the Shrimptons Creek Green Link beyond Santa Rosa Park and link to West Ryde, Meadowbank and Parramatta River.
- Provide new and extend the existing shared user paths for safer off-road cycle routes along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link between Macquarie Park, West Ryde, Meadowbank and the Parramatta River.
- Open access along the Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road and between Benson Street and Goodwin Street.
- Ensure the pathway is wide enough to safely accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians
- Investigate methods to slow cyclists on the downhill section near Carara Reserve.

Sydney Water land reservation

Within the Shrimptons Creek corridor there is a section which is a land reservation owned by Sydney Water. Council has in principle support from Sydney Water to develop the Green Links Masterplan.

The existing Shrimptons Creek shared user path terminates at Santa Rosa Park (Quarry Road, Ryde). Beyond this point the Sydney Water land reservation is a grassed open space area which is currently fenced off from general public access. The Sydney Water land reservations are relatively short sections land that extend between Quarry Road to Blaxland Road and Benson Street to Goodwin Street.

Many of the residents from the adjoining residential properties in the section between Quarry Road and Blaxland Road have expressed concerns relating to the potential for anti-social behaviour, crime, safety and potential damage to Sydney Water assets if the corridor is opened for general public use. Some residents indicated a preference for the on-road cycle route along Heath Street, Heath Lane and Rickard Street to continue in its current configuration.

Whilst it is acknowledged there is some very localised opposition to this short section of the Shrimptons

Themes and Recommendations continued

Creek Green Link, the broader community perspective (both individuals and organisations) is supportive of the Green Links Masterplan project and would like to see this missing link addressed.

Recommendations:

- Extend the Shrimptons Creek Green Link beyond Santa Rosa Park to provide direct link to West Ryde, Meadowbank and Parramatta River.
- Open access along the Sydney Water land reservation between Quarry Road to Blaxland Road and Benson Road to Goodwin Street as a movement corridor to provide a safer off-road shared user path for cycling and walking.
- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to integrate the Sydney Water corridor into the Masterplan designs and mitigate concerns of residents from adjoining properties.

Park Improvements

There were some requests for general park improvements and facilities along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link including outdoor exercise equipment, lighting, water stations and secure bike parking.

Recommendations:

- Include facilities such as outdoor exercise equipment, lighting, water stations and secure bike parking facilities in the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.

Environmental

There were some requests to see a range of native plantings to improve the biodiversity along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link and expansion of the existing bush regeneration activities to reduce invasive species and improve the riparian zones. Some comments were received in relation to improvement of the riparian zones, creek stabilisation and high rain events.

Recommendations:

- Improve the biodiversity through more native plantings and expansion to existing bush regeneration to reduce invasive species.
- Improve the disconnected nature of the Shrimptons Creek Green Link through improved continuous corridor plantings.
- Improve the riparian zones and creek

stabilisation within the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.

- Where appropriate, consider path lighting to minimise impacts to nocturnal fauna in ecologically sensitive areas.

Safety Considerations

There is broad community support to include off-road shared user paths, path lighting for evening use and safe road crossing points for pedestrians/cyclists along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link. Some express concerns about existing traffic conditions and road crossings at the intersections of Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue, Victoria Road/Hermitage and North Road.

Recommendations:

- Incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals into the Green Links Masterplan design to improve user safety and the surrounding context.
- Incorporate shared user path lighting along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link.
- Incorporate safe road crossing points for pedestrian and cyclist along the Shrimptons Creek Green Link, traffic management and traffic calming devices as required, with particular consideration to Blaxland Road/Anzac Avenue, Victoria Road/Hermitage and North Road intersections.

Terrys Creek Green Link

The existing Terrys Creek Green Link is predominately a natural area corridor with a bush walking track which travels along the Terry Creek line between Forrester Park to Lane Cove National Park/Browns Waterhole. The section between Eastwood Station to Forrester Park is an urban area. The cycle route between Eastwood and Browns Waterhole/Macquarie Park is on-road via Vimiera Road.

The current level of community use is low with 66% of survey respondents using the corridor less than once every 6 months or not at all. Only 17% of survey respondents indicated they use the corridor regularly either everyday, at least 3 times a week or weekly.

Walking/Jogging

The existing Terrys Creek walking track between Forrester Park to Lane Cove National Park and Browns Waterhole is popular with the community

Themes and Recommendations continued

for bushwalking, walking/jogging for pleasure and exercise/fitness. There is broad general community support for the improvements to the existing walking track. Some instances of user conflicts were reported between bushwalkers and mountain bike riders.

Recommendations:

- Retain the existing Terrys Creek track for walking and provide track improvements where necessary.
- Review existing Terrys Creek tracks to consolidate any informal tracks and formalise sections to provide continuous connection along the Terry Creek Green Link.

Cycling

The existing Terrys Creek Green Link cycle route is predominantly an on-road cycle route on Vimiera Road between Eastwood to Lane Cove National Park/ Macquarie Park. Cycling for pleasure and transport were a less popular in this Green Link. Whilst the Terrys Creek track is intended to be for pedestrians/ bushwalking, there is some use by mountain bike riders. Some instances of user conflicts were reported between mountain bike riders and bushwalkers.

Recommendations:

- Retain the existing Terrys Creek Green Link cycle route via Vimiera Road and provide improvement where necessary.
- Review use of Terrys Creek by mountain bike riders and investigate methods of managing track use to ensure pedestrian safety and the protection of the natural environment.

Park Improvements

There were a few requests for general park improvements for the Terrys Creek Green Link. Suggestions included wayfinding and regulatory signage.

Recommendations:

- Include regulatory and way finding signage along the Terrys Creek Green Link.

Environment

The natural environment, flora, fauna, and especially the birdlife, of the Terrys Creek Green Link is highly valued by the community. They would like to see the natural areas preserved and further improved. There were requests for greater native plantings, more bush regeneration activities and improved feral animal management in the area. There is a

strong level of community support to protect the natural values of the Terrys Creek Green Link with usage and improvements to balance the need for environmental protection.

Recommendations:

- Preserve and enhance the natural areas along the Terrys Creek Green Link with a focus on greater native plantings including understorey planting and provision of habitat.
- Undertake further bush regeneration along the Terrys Creek Green Link.
- Undertake further and improved feral animal control along the Terrys Creek Green Link.
- Install educational and informative signage about the ecological elements of the Terrys Creek Green Link.

Appendix

Promotional material


City of Ryde

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN



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LET'S TALK

Drop in Sessions

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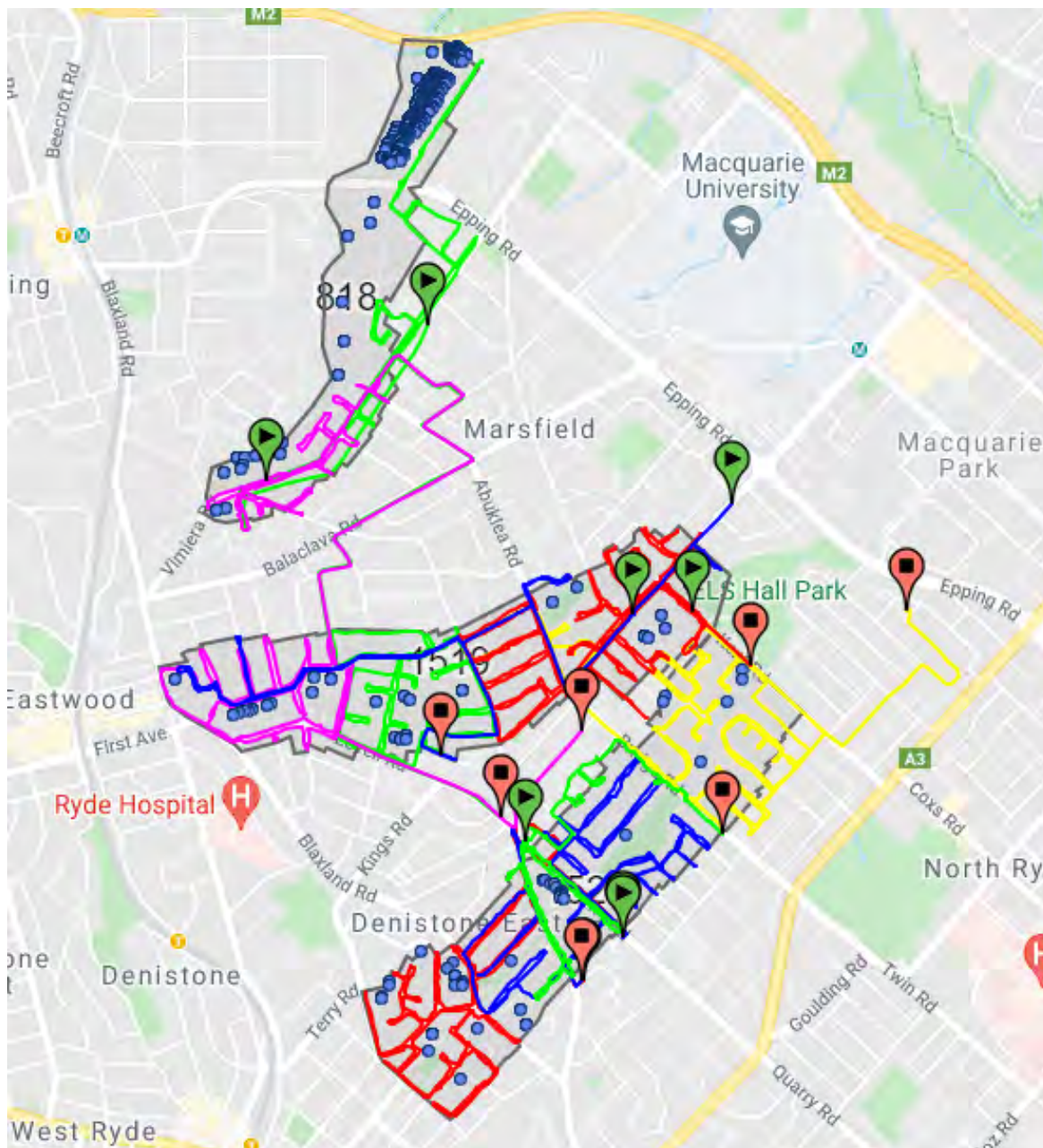
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Stage 1 community consultation - Have Your Say stakeholder email



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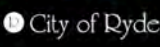
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OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Epping Scouts Reimbursement for Works Completed Resolution (Closing 13 June 2021)
- Green Links Masterplan (Closing 20 June 2021)
- Devlin Street Pedestrian Bridges
- Graffiti Vandalism in the City of Ryde
- Immunisation Clinic Customer Experience Survey
- Traffic & Parking Around Schools

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Stage 1 community consultation - newspaper advertisement

City of Ryde
May 29 at 11:00 AM

GREEN LINKS MASTERPLAN
HAVE YOUR SAY > <https://bit.ly/2QZeHYO>

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Complete our online survey to tell us what you currently like about these open space corridors and how you would like to see the corridors used, improved and managed now and into the future.

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Stage 1 community consultation - Facebook Post

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Green Links Masterplan

Consultation closed on 20 June 2021



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Note: preliminary route alignment is indicative only. Detailed analysis is yet to be undertaken and may be subject to change.
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You can view the locations of each Green Link Corridor via our [online interactive map](#).

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Have Your Say is now open

Reopened on 27 May 2021

Have Your Say on the Green Links Masterplan is open until Sunday 20 June 2021

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Complete the Online Tools

- [Green Links Masterplan Online Survey](#)
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Related Information

- [Green Links - Context Analysis](#)
- [Green Links - Stage 1 Consultation Storyboards](#)
- [Greater Sydney Commission - Greater Sydney Region Plan, A Metropolis of Three Cities](#)
- [Greater Sydney Commission - North District Plan](#)
- [City of Ryde - Planning Ryde Local Strategic Planning Document](#)

Contact Us

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If you require translating assistance, you may call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter to contact Council for you.

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