

Meeting Date: Tuesday 20 June 2017
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 5.00pm

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Meeting held on 16 May 2017

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Governance

File No.: CLM/17/1/2/2 - BP17/515

REPORT SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee 3/17, held on 16 May 2017, be confirmed.

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1 MINUTES - Works and Community Committee Meeting - 16 May 2017

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**Works and Community Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3/17**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 16 May 2017
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 5.00pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Maggio (Chairperson), Laxale, Li and Stott.

Apologies: Councillors Pendleton and Yedelian OAM.

Leave of Absence: Councillor Perram.

Absent: Councillor Simon.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager, Acting Director – Customer and Community Services, Acting Director – Corporate and Organisational Support Services, Acting Director – City Planning and Development, Director – City Works and Infrastructure, Manager – Community Services, Manager – Operations, Manager – Business Infrastructure, Manager – Project Development, Senior Coordinator – Sportsgrounds and Recreation, Senior Coordinator – Traffic, Transport and Development, Senior Coordinator – Project Planning, Senior Coordinator – Operations Support, Project Manager, Open Space Planning and Project Coordinator, Team Leader – Traffic Services, Road Safety Officer and Senior Coordinator – Governance.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Stott disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2 – Community Halls and Meeting Rooms for Hire Historical Arrangements, for the reason that she is the Secretary of the Ryde Eisteddfod Committee.

Council's Acting Director – Customer and Community Services, Angela Jones-Blayney disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 2 – Community Halls and Meeting Rooms for Hire Historical Arrangements, for the reason that she is the City of Ryde designated representative who attends the Ryde Eisteddfod Committee Meetings.

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1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Meeting held on 18 April 2017

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Stott and Laxale)

That the Minutes of the Works and Community Committee 2/17, held on 18 April 2017, be confirmed.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

2 COMMUNITY HALLS AND MEETING ROOMS FOR HIRE HISTORICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Note: Edna Wilde (representing Ryde Eisteddfod) addressed the Meeting in relation to this Item.

Note: Councillor Stott disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is the Secretary of the Ryde Eisteddfod Committee.

Note: Council's Acting Director – Customer and Community Services, Angela Jones-Blayney disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item for the reason that she is the City of Ryde designated representative who attends the Ryde Eisteddfod Committee Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Stott)

(a) That Council maintains the status quo with historical arrangements for the following groups:

1. Armenian Senior Citizens
2. Ryde Eisteddfod
3. Easy Care Gardening
4. Indonesian Welfare Society
5. Italian Leisure
6. Italo-Australian Senior Citizens Association
7. Ryde Art Society
8. Ryde Schools Spectacular
9. Lantern Club

and that the in-kind and financial support provided to all these groups be reported in Council's Annual Financial Report.

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- (b) That effective 1 July 2017, that the Community Migrant Resource Centre bookings at the Eastwood Meeting Rooms be amended from four days a week down to three days a week and that the group pay \$9,385.23 per annum plus any CPI increases for such use. In addition, that Council's subsidy to this group be reported in Council's Annual Financial Report and that Council explores the potential of an alternative venue option to be managed under a licence arrangement.
- (c) That should Rock N Soul Choir apply for future use of Council's venues, that they be charged the current "Standard" rate under Council's Fees and Charges Schedule, until such a time that they can provide evidence that they are registered as a not for profit community organisation.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **23 MAY 2017** as it is outside the Committee's delegations and Councillor **PENDLETON** requested that the matter be referred to the next Council Meeting.

3 SHRIMPTONS CREEK PRECINCT ACTIVATION - Project Update

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Stott and Laxale)

That Council receives and notes this report.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

4 RESTORATION OF WORLD WAR I HONOUR BOARDS AND PROPOSED LOCATIONS FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY

RECOMMENDATION: (Moved by Councillors Stott and Laxale)

- (a) That Council endorses the restoration of both the North Ryde School of Arts Roll of Honour and the Eastwood School of Arts Roll of Honour boards.
- (b) That Council endorses the Centenary of ANZAC and WWI Committee's preferred location to house both boards in the foyer on Level 1 leading into the Council Chambers due to the availability of space and widest range of hours for public access and viewing.

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- (c) That Council endorses the promotion of this project and the available viewing times to the public through all its regular media channels.

Record for the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This matter will be dealt with at the Council Meeting to be held on **23 MAY 2017** as it is outside the Committee's delegations.

5 TRAFFIC AND PARKING MATTERS TABLED AT THE RYDE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2017

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Stott and Laxale)

- (a) That Council converts three of the existing unrestricted parking spaces on the western side of Bellevue Avenue, West Ryde to '1P 9.30AM-6PM MON-FRI 8.30AM-12.30PM SAT'.
- (b) That Council:
- (i) converts 36 m of the existing unrestricted parking at 14 to 18 Oxford Street, Gladesville to 'NO PARKING 8-9.30AM 2.30-4PM SCHOOL DAYS'.
 - (ii) converts the existing 36 m of 'NO PARKING 8-9.30AM 2.30-4.30PM SCHOOL DAYS' in Oxford Street, Gladesville, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School to 'NO PARKING 8-9.30AM 2.30-4PM SCHOOL DAYS'.
- (c) That Council converts 6.8 m of the existing unrestricted parking in Phillip Road, outside 32 Phillip Road, Putney to 'P DISABILITY ONLY', to be reviewed annually and to revert to the current control (unrestricted parking) if the resident leaves the premises.

Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

6 PROJECT STATUS REPORT - APRIL 2017

RESOLUTION: (Moved by Councillors Stott and Laxale)

That Council receive and note the Supplementary Report.

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Record of the Voting:

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: This is now a resolution of Council in accordance with the Committee's delegated powers.

The meeting closed at 5.07pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE 2017.

Chairperson

2 DENISTONE EAST BOWLING CLUB - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES AND FUTURE USE

Report prepared by: Acting Manager - City Planning
File No.: GRP/09/6/10 - BP17/117

REPORT SUMMARY

The Denistone East Bowling Club (DEBC) site became vacant in November 2012, after the club, which had been operational since 1958, entered liquidation and closed. In December 2012, Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the site were invited. In August 2013, Minimbah – a disability services organisation based in Marsfield, was unanimously endorsed by Council as the preferred tenant.

The community expressed concerns in regards to the traffic and parking impacts of the Minimbah proposal and the loss of access to open space. As a result the proposal was referred to the Minister for Local Government for approval. In August 2014, Ministerial approval was granted and the process was initiated to a grant license to Minimbah to use the site. Minimbah withdrew their EOI in July 2015 as the site did not suit their business model any longer.

At its meeting on, 25 August 2015, Council resolved that:

the community be consulted before calling any further Expressions of Interest for this site in a similar process to that followed for the Ryde Bowling Club site.





Council undertook an extensive two stage community consultation process from August 2016 to February 2017 to develop community preferences for the future use of the site, with nearly 600 responses. Stage 1 community consultation identified 4 options (see Table 1) for the future of the site. These options were presented to the community in Stage 2 for feedback, with Option 2 (passive and active recreation) emerging as the most preferred option, with strong support also for Option 3 (community spaces with passive and active recreation).

Council staff have reviewed the community feedback and site constraints and recommend that the building be demolished and the site be upgraded for the purpose of passive and active recreation (Option 2). This delivers the greatest benefit in accordance with the local neighbourhood needs. In particular:

1. Denistone is a low-density residential area and is not identified for significant future population growth. The site is thus most suited for a neighbourhood level park, which is provided as part of Option 2 (passive and active recreation). This will provide flexible open space for the use of the local community and school as a kick about space, a minor active recreation space and for small community gatherings.

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2. Option 2 (active and passive recreation) is the preferred community outcome for the site. The needs addressed by this Option are in line with the highest ranked needs of the community as identified in the Stage 1 community consultation.
3. Options 3 and 4 with indoor community spaces would need to service a broader catchment to be viable. Subsequently, Options 3 and 4 would have traffic, noise and parking impacts and Stage 1 consultation indicated that the local community is not in favor of intensifying the existing levels of traffic, noise and parking. Indoor community spaces are also less likely to be used to capacity due to the site's distance from the nearest sufficient public transport hub. Additionally, there is a local shopping Centre nearby (Midway), which has a café and restaurant currently serving the local community.

Table 1: Summary Stage 1 and Stage 2 Community Consultation Outcomes										
Site options identified through stage 1 Community Consultation	Passive open space / Kick about space	Seating and shelter	Children's play space	Minor active sports spaces (eg. multicourt)	Community spaces / meeting rooms	Community Hall	Restaurant / Cafe	Onsite car parking	Minimum estimated cost	Community preference - Stage2 Community Consultation
Option 1- passive open space 	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$1.0M	3 rd
Option 2- Passive and active open space 	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	\$2.2M	1 st
Option 3- Community spaces with passive & active open space 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	\$3.4M	2 nd
Option 4 - Community hall & restaurant with passive open space 	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$3.6M	4 th

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The Community Consultation report (**ATTACHED**) includes community comments from Stage 1 and Stage 2 surveys, including other alternate uses and options proposed by community members. It also includes comments from stakeholder meetings from both Stage 1 and 2.

Should Council decide to progress with Option 1 (passive recreation), it will need to allocate \$1 million (from a combination of Developer Contributions and Asset Replacement Reserve) in the 2018 -19 operational plan for this purpose.

Based on Council's decision and approved budget, the community will be further consulted as part of the design development phase of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the implementation of passive and active recreation open space (Community Consultation Option 2) on the land known as Denistone Bowling Club and allocate a total of \$2.2 million to be funded by Developer Contributions and be adjusted in the Four Year Delivery Plan accordingly (\$400,000 in 2018/19 and \$1.8M in 2019/20) for this purpose.
- (b) That Council write to all who took part in the community consultation for the Denistone Bowling Club advising of the Council's resolution and thanking them for their time and input.

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- 1 Denistone East Bowling Club Community Consultation Report

Report Prepared By:

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Acting Manager - City Planning

Report Approved By:

Liz Coad
Acting Director - City Planning and Development

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The site

The Denistone East Bowling Club (DEBC) site located at 22 Salter Crescent Denistone contains two bowling greens and a double story brick building with a total area of 4,668m².

- The two bowling greens are approximately 1,888m² and 1,984m².
- The total building lettable area is approximately 1,000m² comprising 750m² on ground floor featuring a hall, office, storage, kitchen and toilets, and 250m² basement spaces.



The current uses of the site developed over a number of years.

- The site was originally a gully running through the Eastwood Golf Course.
- Council resumed the Golf Course in 1946 for a housing project delivering 134 homes in Denistone East.
- The gully became Kings Park – an area of “public garden and recreation space”.
- A group of residents arranged for two tennis courts and shed be built as part of the park.
- The Bowling Club was established in 1958 with the major greens and clubhouse constructed in 1962.
- The club hosted regular social functions and was available for hire for private functions.

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History



The facility known as Denistone East Bowling Club is located in Kings Park, Denistone East and has been used as a Bowling Club since 1958. The facility was managed by the Denistone East Bowling & Recreation Club Limited. The Club entered liquidation and ceased trading on 23 September 2012 and the facility was returned to Council by the end of November 2012.

In December 2012, Council sought Expressions of Interest (EOI) from any interested party wishing to use the site/facility at 22 Salter Crescent, Denistone East under Licence Agreement. The proposed licensing term was for five (5) years, subject to negotiations with Council.

The EOI process resulted in Council receiving 5 eligible submissions. Minimbah Challenge Inc. – a disability services organisation based in Marsfield, was subsequently unanimously endorsed by Council in August 2013 as preferred due to the following:

- It met the selection criteria better than any other applicant and committed to invest capital funding necessary to upgrade the building to meet their needs.
- There was a high community need for the service provided by Minimbah. According to the 2011 Census, over 4,500 residents in City of Ryde need help in their day to day lives due to disability
- By providing the building, Minimbah would be able to realise its plan of providing an additional 135 disability support places over two facilities over 10 years.

Whilst the initial EOI stated that the licence for the site will be for up to 5 years, subject to negotiations with Council, Minimbah was offered a 10 year license, in order to allow the building and site to be upgraded and made fit for purpose. The estimated cost of construction works was \$1million.

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Subsequently, Council informed the community of the outcome of the EOI and organised an information session in November 2013. Following the information session and, at the request of residents, the public exhibition period was extended until 24 January 2014.

In response, considerable community feedback was received, both supporting and objecting to the proposed use. The key community concerns were in regards to the traffic and parking impacts of the proposal and the loss of community access to open space.

At its meeting of 25 February 2014, Council resolved that:-

- (a) *That Council note the objections and support letters received and provided in **ATTACHMENT 1 – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER – CONFIDENTIAL**, regarding the proposed Minimbah licence.*
- (b) *That Council refer the matter to the Minister for Local Government for consideration, as required under the Section 47 of the Local Government Act (1993).*
- (c) *That Council recommend to the Minister that the licence of 22 Salter Crescent, Denistone East, be approved to Minimbah as it is in the public interest.*
- (d) *That any future Development Application for this purpose address the following;*
 - *provision of public access to the proposed gardens;*
 - *access to the facility for casual public hire after hours and on weekends;*
 - *traffic management arrangements which ensure a minimum of conflict with existing peak hour and school traffic volumes, with onsite pick up and drop off.*
- (e) *That a public meeting be conducted as part of the Development Application exhibition process.*

In August 2014, Ministerial approval was granted and the process to grant license to Minimbah to use the site was initiated. However, Minimbah withdrew their EOI in July 2015, as the site no longer suited their business model any longer.

At its meeting on, 25 August 2015, Council resolved that:

the community be consulted before calling any further Expressions of Interest for this site in a similar process to that followed for the Ryde Bowling Club site.

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Legislative context and permissible uses

The site is owned by Council and is zoned RE1 (Public Recreation) under Ryde LEP 2014 and classified as Community Land. Both the zoning and classification allow only for certain permissible uses on the site.

These are discussed below:

Land Zoning - RE1 (Public Recreation)

The core objectives of this land zoning are:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

Permissible land uses in RE1 zone are: Business identification signs, Community facilities, Environmental facilities, Kiosks, Recreation areas, Recreation facilities (indoor), Recreation facilities (outdoor), Restaurants or cafes; and Roads

According to the Ryde LEP definitions

- A community facility in a RE1 zone needs to be owned or controlled by a public authority or non-profit community organisation.
- A recreation facility (indoor or outdoor) can be run both “for profit” and “not for profit” purposes.
- Provision of “for profit” community facilities leased as revenue generating commercial tenancies would require land rezoning.

Land Classification - Community Land, categorised as General Community Use

Core objectives of Community Land, categorized as General Community Use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public in relation to:

- a) public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- b) purposes for which a lease, license or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and associated works).

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Crucially, land classified as community land cannot be sold. Any lease, license or other estate granted over community land for a period more than 21 years requires Ministerial consent.

Community Consultation

Council engaged Cred Consulting in September 2015 to undertake a two stage community consultation process to determine the community preferences for the future use of the site. Stage 1 Community Consultation (August to September 2016) sought ideas on preferred future uses. Based on community feedback in Stage 1, Council staff developed 4 concept options for the site, and asked community for feedback in Stage 2 on these 4 options (November 2016 to February 2017).

Stage 1 and 2 community consultation activities are summarised in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Stage 1 and 2 Community Consultation Events And Responses		
Activity	Stage 1	Stage 2
Online survey	169 surveys	182 surveys
Community workshop	40 attendees	15 attendees
Community drop-in session/BBQ	120 people	45 people
Written submissions	17 submissions	5 submissions
Meetings with stakeholder groups	Friends of Denistone East Bowling Club Denistone East Public School P and C	Denistone East Tennis Club Committee Denistone East Public School P and C

Consultation opportunities were promoted widely including Council's website, letterbox drop to all households within 1km of the site, doorknocking houses neighbouring the site, letter and email to interested stakeholders, advertisement in the local paper and City News column, promotion in Denistone East Public School, and site posters.

Community preferences

Stage 1

Stage 1 community consultation had nearly 350 responses and indicated the following community preference order for future site use:

- Open space (passive recreation)
- Open space (active recreation)
- Publicly accessible community facilities (including for small community organisations and volunteer run groups)
- Kiosk or restaurant/café.

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The least preferred options were:

- Leased to Community Service organisations (this referred to a long-term use of the site)
- Additional Parking Space

The community also presented other considerations for the sites future. These are summarised below:

- Open space that is accessible to local residents, schools, and families
- Any future community facilities should be accessible to the general community and should not involve an exclusive lease or use of the site
- The future use of the site should not cause traffic impacts particularly at school pick up times and in Salter Crescent
- The future use of the site should not impact on parking in Salter Crescent
- The site should be a meeting place for the local community, and
- The site should provide for different users and community needs.

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Table 3: Future Options identified in Stage 1 Consultation									
Site options identified through stage 1 Community Consultation	Passive open space / Kick about space	Seating and shelter	Children's play space	Minor active sports spaces (eg. multicourt)	Community spaces / meeting rooms	Community Hall	Restaurant / Cafe	Onsite car parking	Minimum estimated cost
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Option 2- Passive and active open space 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	\$2.2M
Option 3- Community spaces with passive & active open space 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	\$3.4M
Option 4 - Community hall & restaurant with passive open space 	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	\$3.6M

Stage 2 Community consultation

Stage 2 community consultation was based on the 4 Options identified in Stage 1. Stage 2 consultation had 239 responses across the survey, workshop and community drop-in event. These responses are outlined in Table 4

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Table 4: Stage 2 Community Survey Outcomes					
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Total Responses
Community Survey – 1 st Preference	36	50	55	41	182
Community Survey – 2 nd Preference	42	66	47	27	182
Community Survey – 3 rd Preference	32	61	67	22	182
Community Survey – 4 th Preference	72	5	13	92	182
Community survey – Overall score	406*	525*	508*	381*	

* The overall survey score is calculated by adding scores from multiplying 1st Preference x 4, 2nd preference x 3, 3rd preference x 2 and 4th preference x 1.

Approximately 50 surveys were also completed at a community workshop and drop-in session. These reflected the same preference trends as shown in Table 3.

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Responses from the community stakeholder meetings are summarised below:

Table 5: Stakeholder Feedback	
Denistone East Public School P & C – Stage 2 stakeholder meeting (3 attendees)	<p>Option 2 is the P&C's preferred option as it provides open space for the community and for the older children, which would be extremely beneficial to the school, as it has no kick-about grassed areas for sports.</p> <p>The P&C also supported Option 3 as it provides sports courts/fields and it would be beneficial to the school to rent spaces for activities and refer children to community services. However, it was noted that additional rental space is not currently a crucial need for the school at this time.</p>
Denistone East Tennis Committee (5 attendees) – Stage 2 stakeholder meeting	<p>The current lease for the tennis courts expires in two years in 2019. The Committee hopes to continue as a tennis club and are happy to take on an extended lease. The committee was split between Option 2 and 3 as both compliment the community use of the tennis courts.</p>
Friends of Denistone East Bowling Club group – Stage 1 stakeholder meeting (6 attendees)	<p>The group chose not to hold a separate meeting in Stage 2 and participate through the range of consultation options.</p> <p>During Stage 1 consultation, the group supported green spaces for the kids to run, a restaurant with outdoor seating that is family friendly and community meeting spaces.</p> <p>The group did not support a single organisation taking over the site, organised sports with high traffic and parking impact, nor a late night function hall.</p>

As per the Stage 2 community feedback, Option 2 (Passive and active open space) was most preferred by the community, with Option 3 (Community spaces with passive and active open space) also strongly supported.

It is noted that Option 3 was the first preference of more individuals during Stage 2, however, Option 2 was generally preferred when considering each individual's full range of preferences.

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The Community Consultation report (ATTACHED) includes comments from stakeholder meetings from both Stage 1 and 2. The report also includes community comments from Stage 1 and Stage 2 surveys, including other alternate uses and options proposed by community members.

A summary of community's reasons in support of or against each of the options is included below:

Table 6: Community Consultation Summary of Comments For and Against		
Option	Comments in support	Comments against
Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides open space • Low cost • Minimal traffic & parking impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of the building is a negative • Other passive recreation spaces nearby are underutilised • Does not cater to community needs for active recreation and community meeting spaces.
Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides recreation space to the whole community • Minimal traffic & parking impacts • Provides a benefit to Denistone East Public School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other playgrounds nearby so play equipment not needed • Loss of the building is a negative • Noise and privacy impact to local residents.
Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows for flexible uses by different groups of people • There is need for community meeting spaces • Allows building to be retained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High traffic and parking impact • Maintenance cost to Council • Community spaces may not be used.
Option 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination of a restaurant and play space is good • Income stream for Council • Provides a community meeting place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High traffic and parking impact • Noise and possible pest issues for neighbouring residents • High cost • Restaurant may not be commercially viable or utilised.

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Discussion

a) Site constraints

Council staff have reviewed the site constraints in relation to the community feedback and site use preferences. The relevant issues are summarised below:

Table 6: Site constraints	
Site's close proximity to adjoining residences	The site is located in a residential area with many houses adjoining the property. Any proposed use will need to minimise impact of noise, parking/traffic and lighting on adjoining properties, which will be difficult to achieve for uses such as community hall, meeting spaces or café/restaurant and also for some types of active open space.
Site located away from transport options	The site is not located in close proximity to a train station or frequent bus services and as such a community hall is likely to be used less by the community as compared to similar facilities in neighbouring centres such as West Ryde, North Ryde or Eastwood.
Lack of current onsite parking	There are no current parking provisions on the site. Community spaces or a restaurant /cafe will require at least 20-50 car parking spaces to comply with DA requirements. Some types of active recreation will also require parking. Parking provisions will reduce open space, which is against the community preference.
Inability of current access roads to cope with high increase in traffic	The main access road for the site (Kings Road) has heavy traffic during school pick-up and drop off times and a community facility bringing additional traffic will further exacerbate the situation. The site access is through a narrow local road (Salter Crescent).
Site layout not ideal for a community facility	The building is in the wrong location and does not allow for a continuous large open space or a well-positioned community facility. If a new community facility building were to be located on the site it would be located on one of the ends of the park so as to maximise open space
Site condition and high refurbishment costs	The building structure is in reasonable condition. However, the interiors have deteriorated and would need almost complete refurbishment to make them fit-for use. It is anticipated that there will be high costs associated with asbestos removal, refurbishment and new plant to make the building fit-for-purpose and compliant with current building controls.
Kiosk / Café / restaurant feasibility	Initial discussion with the Property Section has highlighted that the physical location of the bowling club may adversely impact on the ability to attract a commercial viable operator to the site.

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b) Demand for open space/community facilities

Denistone is a low-density area. The population of Denistone East in 2015 was 2,279 which is significantly lower than the population of Eastwood (13,659), West Ryde (13,372), North Ryde (12,439) and Gladesville (11,020). Denistone is not identified for significant future population growth. The population of Denistone East –West combined is projected to grow from 7,114 to 7,749 in the next 20 years. As a result, Council's Social and Cultural Infrastructure Plan 2014 does not identify Denistone as an area needing the sort of community facilities proposed in Options 3 or 4.

Council's Integrated Open Space Plan 2012 (IOSP) identifies Denistone as having a high number of small open spaces with limited ability to support recreation activity. Specifically, there are 14 parks of 2000m² or less and only two large open spaces being Darvall Park and Denistone Park. The IOSP recommended the following in regards to Denistone:

Need for greater diversity in setting and a few larger size Level 4 open spaces rather than many small ones. Population growth is low, so not highest urgency in the City. Longer term consolidation of the many small open spaces would be beneficial; short term focus may be best targeted on embellishment of larger parks for passive needs and greater diversity for existing population.

Based on the above considerations, any indoor community spaces located on the site are less likely to be used due to the size and density of the local catchment and the poor access to public transport. It would be more advantageous for Council to develop or improve indoor community facilities in the nearby town centres that can be readily accessed by Denistone residents.

Options 3 and 4, which include community facilities on the site, will be accompanied by parking, noise and traffic impacts to which the community indicated strong opposition.

The Denistone East Bowling Club site is currently most suited for a neighbourhood-type open space as Denistone is a low-density area and is not identified for significant future population growth. Both Option 1 and Option 2 achieve this and provide the highest needed community priorities of active and/or passive recreation for the local community and schools. Of these two options, Option 2 is the option most preferred by the community. Both Options 1 and 2 allow for a staged site development, including addition of flexible community meeting space or café/kiosk facilities, should the needs of the community grow beyond the currently anticipated levels. It is also noted that the site could be serviced by food trucks or coffee vans and could be considered for inclusion in Council's Food Truck Policy should the need arise.

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Conclusions

Council options for the site are summarised below along with the minimum estimated costs for each option.

Table 7: Estimated cost breakdown				
Works	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Asbestos remediation / removal	\$202,500	\$202,500	\$202,500	\$202,500
Building demolition (option 1 & 2)	\$337,500	\$337,500	0	0
Landscape demolition (option 3 & 4)	0	0	\$202,500	\$202,500
Building additions and refit	0	0	\$1,215,000	\$2,025,000
Hardscape (retaining walls, stairs, pathways, entry point)	0	\$337,500	\$370,440	\$332,100
Excavation and regrading	\$270,000	\$399,600	\$194,400	\$194,400
Open space furniture (shelters, seating, bins, bubblers etc)	\$60,750	\$70,200	\$101,250	\$101,250
Active recreation (multi-court, neighbourhood level playground)	0	\$634,500	\$634,500	0
Turf and planting soft works	\$172,800	\$218,700	\$162,000	\$162,000
Car park (20-30 for option 3 and 30-50 for option 4)	0	0	\$337,500	\$418,500
SUBTOTAL Works	\$1,043,550	\$2,200,500	\$3,420,090	\$3,638,250
TOTAL minimum estimated cost	\$1,043,550	\$2,200,500	\$3,420,090	3,638,250

Council staff have reviewed the community feedback and site constraints and recommend that the building be demolished and the site be upgraded for the purpose of passive and active recreation (Option 2) because it delivers the greatest cost benefit tailored to the local neighbourhood needs.

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Financial implications

Should Council decide to progress with Option 2 (passive and active recreation), \$2.2 million will be required to complete the project, which will be a two year project. The funding will be provided through Developer Contributions and be included in the delivery plan as follows.

- 2018/2019 - \$400,000 (design and preliminaries)
- 2019/2020 - \$1,800,000 (construction)

Ongoing maintenance at the site and associated cost will be quantified following final design.

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Executive summary

City of Ryde engaged Cred Consulting to undertake a two-stage community consultation process to seek input from the community on how they would like to see the currently vacant Denistone East Bowling Club site used in the future. The Denistone East Bowling Club site, which is owned by the City of Ryde, is situated on the corner of Kings Road and Salter Crescent in Denistone East in the City of Ryde LGA. The building and its two lawns are currently vacant; but they pose opportunities for a range of recreation and community uses. The site has been vacant since 2012 but prior to this was used for recreation, social and community activities including lawn bowls, functions and meals.

Stage 1 consultation sought ideas on preferred future uses to inform the development of site use options. Stage 2 consultation was an opportunity to provide feedback on four possible site use options to determine the preferred future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site. This report provides a summary of the community engagement outcomes.

Consultation completed

A broad range of consultation activities were completed as part of Stage 1 and 2 including:

Activity	Stage 1	Stage 2
Have your Say Page	Yes	Yes
Written Submissions	17 submissions	5 submissions
Online survey	169 surveys	182 surveys
Community workshop	40 attendees	15 attendees
Community drop-in session/bbq	120 people	45 people
Meetings with stakeholder groups	Denistone East Public School P and C "Friends of Denistone East" Bowling Club	Denistone East Public School P and C Denistone East Tennis Club Committee

Consultation opportunities were promoted widely including Council's website, letterbox drop to all households within 1km of the site, doorknocking houses neighbouring the site, letter and email to interested parties, advertisement in the local paper and City News column, promotion in Denistone East Public School (via weekly newsletter and onsite poster), and A0 sized posters at the site.

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Key findings

Considerations

The following key considerations emerged through community consultation:

- Community accessible open space should be a priority for the site.
- Any future community facilities should be accessible to the general community.
- The future use of the site should not cause traffic impacts particularly at school pick up times and in Selter Crescent.
- The site should be a meeting place for the local community.
- The site should provide a mix of uses for different users and community needs.

Overall preferred future use for the site

Four options were presented as part of Stage 2 consultation (see page 5) resulting in the following:

- 1st preference - Option 2, *passive and active open spaces*. The key reasons for participants supporting Option 2 for the site to be used for passive and active open spaces were that it provided recreation space to the whole community including children, families and young people as well as older people; has minimal traffic and parking impacts, is in keeping with the area, provides a benefit to Denistone East Public School, and will be a meeting place for the community.
- 2nd preference, Option 3, *community spaces with active and passive recreation* which was also strongly supported. Across all engagement types, comments in support of Option 3 to include *community space in combination with passive and active open space* were that it would create community connections, it would allow for flexible uses by different groups of people, there is a need for community meeting and program spaces, and that it allows the building to be retained.
- Options which included: *passive open space only* (Option 1); and *passive open space with a community hall and restaurant* (Option 4), were less supported by the community because they do not meet community needs or would cause traffic impacts (restaurant).

In addition to feedback on the four options, five written submissions were received offering alternative options including: 1. Support for Option 4 with the addition of a children's playground; 2. A proposal from a Ryde based sporting club to renovate the existing building as an indoor sports facility with underground parking; 3. A proposal from a local resident to convert the building to a "home style" community centre, licensed restaurant, and open park; 4. Support for a nursing home or day care centre for older people/multipurpose and cultural centre; 5. Support for a hybrid between options 2 and 3. See page 6 and 7 for a summary of Stage 2 consultation outcomes.

Stage 1 consultation indicated that overall the preferred future uses for the site included passive open space, active recreation (field), community accessible hall, and a kiosk or restaurant/café. It should be

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noted, for the purposes of this study *open space (passive recreation)* is defined as open space and parkland for sitting, having a picnic, playing with kids, or kicking a ball and *open space (active recreation)* is defined as formal sports courts or playing fields. See page 8 for a summary of Stage 1 consultation outcomes.

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Four options for future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site

Option 1:
**PASSIVE OPEN SPACE
ONLY**

INCLUDING

- Passive open space (sit, meet, play, kickaround)
- Greenery and trees
- Some seating
- Removal of the Bowling Club building
- No on-site car parking



Option 2:
**PASSIVE AND ACTIVE
OPEN SPACE**

INCLUDING

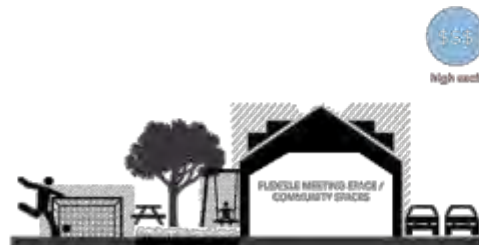
- Passive open space (sit, meet, play, kickaround)
- Minor active recreation space (sporting facilities)
- Greenery and trees
- Some seating
- Play space
- Removal of the Bowling Club building
- No on-site car parking



Option 3:
**COMMUNITY SPACES WITH
PASSIVE AND ACTIVE OPEN SPACE**

INCLUDING

- Refurbishment of the existing Bowling Club building
- Multipurpose spaces (flexible meeting spaces and community group spaces)
- Passive open space (sit, meet, play, kickaround)
- Minor active recreation space (sporting facilities)
- Greenery and trees
- Play space
- Seating and shelter
- On-site car parking



Option 4:
**COMMUNITY HALL
AND RESTAURANT
WITH PASSIVE OPEN SPACE**

INCLUDING

- Refurbishment of the existing Bowling Club building
- Multipurpose hall (restaurant space and community group spaces)
- Passive open space (sit, meet, play, kickaround)
- Greenery and trees
- Some seating
- On-site car parking



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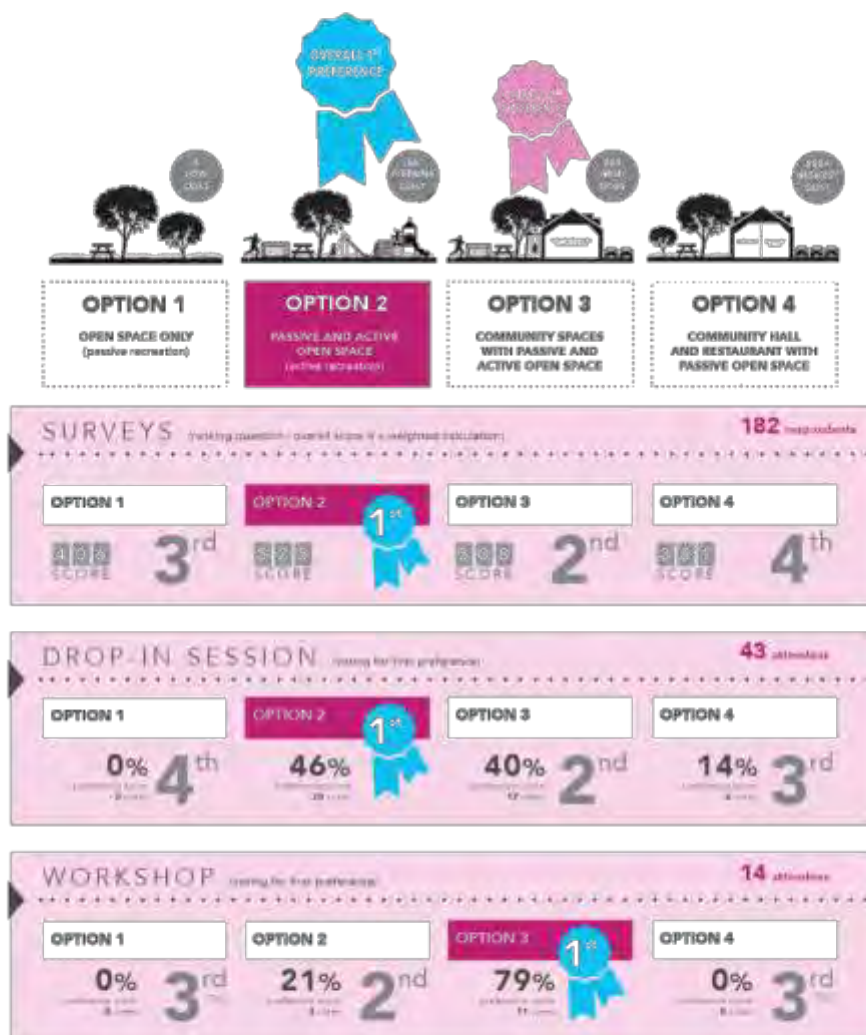
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Summary of Stage 2 consultation outcomes

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WHAT THE COMMUNITY WANT...**

Preferred future options for Denistone East Bowling Club site by consultation type



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Summary of comments on Stage 2 options

Option	Ranking	Comments in support	Comments against
Option 2	#1	Option 2 was the most preferred option as it: Provides recreation space to the whole community including children, families and young people as well as older people; Has minimal traffic and parking impacts, is in keeping with the area, provides a benefit to Denistone East Public School, and will be a community meeting space.	Across engagement types there were few comments in opposition to Option 2, however some people noted that there are playgrounds nearby so play equipment may not be needed, the loss of the building is a negative, and there may be a noise and privacy impact to local residents.
Option 3	#2	Across all engagement types, comments in support of Option 3 said that it would create community connections, it would allow for flexible uses by different groups of people, there is a need for community meeting spaces, and that it allows the building to be retained.	However, engagement participants noted that there would be a traffic and parking impact, a maintenance cost to Council, and that community spaces may not be used.
Option 1	#3	Comments in support of Option 1 said that it provides open space, is low cost, provides an opportunity for natural and green space, and has minimal traffic and parking impact.	Comments in opposition to Option 1 said that it meant the loss of a community asset of the building, there are other passive recreation spaces nearby that are underutilised, and it doesn't cater to community needs for active recreation and community meeting spaces.
Option 4	#4	Comments in support of Option 4 liked the combination of a restaurant and play space for children and families, that it could provide an income stream for Council, and that it would be a place for the community to meet.	However, comments in opposition to Option 4 said that it would have a large traffic and parking impact, cause noise and possible pest issues for neighbouring residents, cost a lot, and the restaurant may not be viable or utilised.

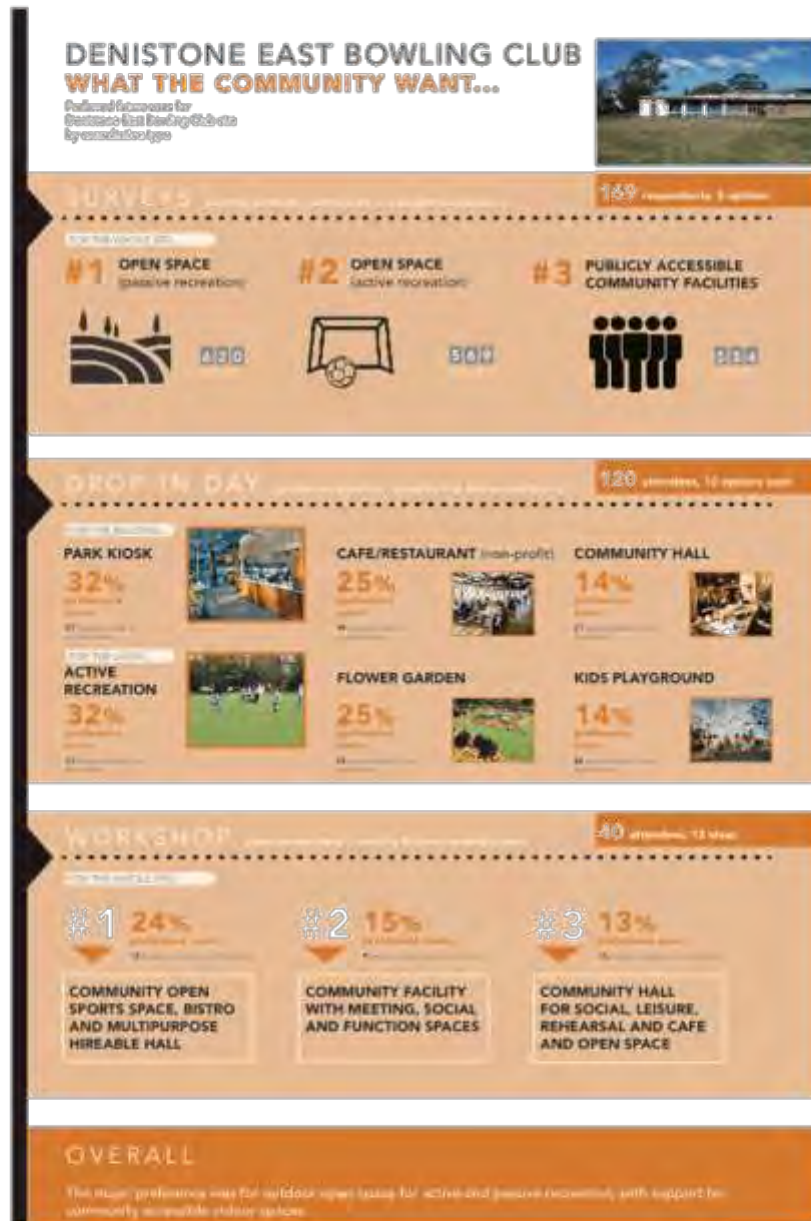
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1. Introduction

1.1. Project background

City of Ryde engaged Cred Consulting to undertake a two-stage community consultation process to seek input from the community on how they would like to see the currently vacant Denistone East Bowling Club site used in the future.

In 2015, City of Ryde Council resolved that the community would be consulted before calling for any further Expressions of Interest for this Denistone East Bowling Club site following the withdrawal of interest in the property from Minimbah Challenge Inc. As resolved, and as shown in Figure 1 below, the City commenced consultation with the community in September 2016. This report provides the outcomes of Stage 1 of this consultation process in September 2016, and Stage 2 from November 2016 to February 2017.

Figure 1 Denistone East Bowling Club timeline



1.2. About the Denistone East Bowling Club site

The Denistone East Bowling Club site, which is owned by the City of Ryde, is situated on the corner of Kings Road and Salter Crescent in Denistone East in the City of Ryde LGA. The building and its two lawns are currently vacant; but they pose opportunities for a range of recreation and community uses. The site has been vacant since 2012 but prior to this was used for recreation, social and community activities including lawn bowls, functions and meals.

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Figure 2 Denistone East Bowling Club site map



City of Ryde is seeking to develop future uses as permissible under the current land zoning and classification. There are no current plans to rezone and redevelop the site. The land is zoned RE1 – Public Recreation under Ryde LEP 2014.

The objective of the RE1 zone are:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

The site is classified as Community Land. According to the Local Government Act:

- "Community Land" cannot be leased, licensed or any other estate granted over the land for more than 21 years without Minister's consent.
- A site classified as community land cannot be sold

1.3. Consultation activities

As shown in Table 1, the community was provided with a broad range of consultation opportunities to provide their feedback on the future uses for the Denistone East Bowling Club site.

During both Stage 1 and 2 consultation, engagement activities were widely promoted including:

- Denistone East Bowling Club Site - Future Uses Have Your Say Page on Council's website including Information on Consultation Opportunities, Frequently Asked Questions, links to relevant reports, link to the online survey, and form to submit written submissions. See *Appendix 1 for Stage 1 FAQs*, and *Appendix 2 for Stage 2 FAQs*.
- Letter to stakeholders who had shown an interest previously in the future use of the site.

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- Door knocking 55 houses neighbouring the bowling club site.
- Letter box drop of flyer to all households within 1km of the site (3,660 houses). See Appendix 3 for Stage 1 and Stage 2 flyers.
- Advertisement in the City News column of the local paper. See Appendix 4 for Stage 1 and Stage 2 Advertisements, and
- A0 sized posters onsite promoting consultation opportunities. See Appendix 5 for Stage 1 and Stage 2 posters onsite.

Table 1 Consultation activities, Stages 1 and 2

Activity	Stage 1: 31 August to 30 September 2016	Stage 2: 28 November 2016 to 28 February 2017
Have your Say Page	Yes	Yes
Written Submissions	17 submissions	5 submissions
Online survey	169 surveys	182 surveys
Community workshop	40 attendees	15 attendees
Community drop-in session/bbq	120 people	45 people
Meetings with stakeholder groups	Denistone East Public School P and C "Friends of Denistone East" Bowling Club	Denistone East Public School P and C Denistone East Tennis Club Committee



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2. Consultation outcomes

2.1. Stage 1 outcomes

The main overall community preferences priority for the Denistone East Bowling Club site were improved open space for active and passive recreational activities including play for children in a multi-use site accessible to the community. It should be noted, for the purposes of this study *open space (passive recreation)* is defined as open space and parkland for sitting, having a picnic, playing with kids, or kicking a ball and *open space (active recreation)* is defined as formal sports courts or playing fields.

Specifically, the preferred future uses for the site were:

- Parkland/passive open space,
- Active open space (field),
- Community accessible hall, and
- A kiosk or café.

A summary of Stage 1 consultation outcomes is provided at Appendix 6.

2.2. Overall findings Stage 2 consultation

Based on the outcomes of Stage 1 consultation, four options were developed for further community consultation (see *Figure 3 overpage*). Stage 2 consultation outcomes resulted in:

- 1st preference, Option 2, *passive and active open spaces*. The key reasons for participants supporting Option 2 for the site to be used for passive and active open spaces were that it provided recreation space to the whole community including children, families and young people as well as older people; has minimal traffic and parking impacts, is in keeping with the area, provides a benefit to Denistone East Public School, and will be a meeting place for the community.
- 2nd preference, Option 3, *community spaces with active and passive recreation* which was also strongly supported. Across all engagement types, comments in support of Option 3 to include *community space in combination with passive and active open space* were that it would create community connections, it would allow for flexible uses by different groups of people, there is a need for community meeting and program spaces, and that it allows the building to be retained.
- Options which included: *passive open space only* (Option 1); and *passive open space with a community hall and restaurant* (Option 4), were less supported by the community because they do not meet community needs or would cause traffic impacts (restaurant).

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Figure 3 Stage 2 options

Option 1:
PASSIVE OPEN SPACE ONLY

INCLUDING

- Passive open space (pit, street, play, bike/skate)
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- Some seating
- Removal of the Bowling Club building
- No on-site car parking



Option 2:
PASSIVE AND ACTIVE OPEN SPACE

INCLUDING

- Passive open space (pit, street, play, bike/skate)
- Minor active recreation space (parking table/basket)
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- Play space
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Option 3:
COMMUNITY SPACES WITH PASSIVE AND ACTIVE OPEN SPACE

INCLUDING

- Retention of the existing Bowling Club building
- Multipurpose spaces (flexible meeting space and community group spaces)
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COMMUNITY HALL AND RESTAURANT WITH PASSIVE OPEN SPACE

INCLUDING

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2.3. Stage 2 Consultation findings by type

2.3.1. Community survey

The survey was available online through the City of Ryde Have Your Say page from Wednesday 31 November 2016 to 28 February 2017. Intercept surveys were also conducted at the Drop-In Day and community workshop. 182 surveys were completed¹.

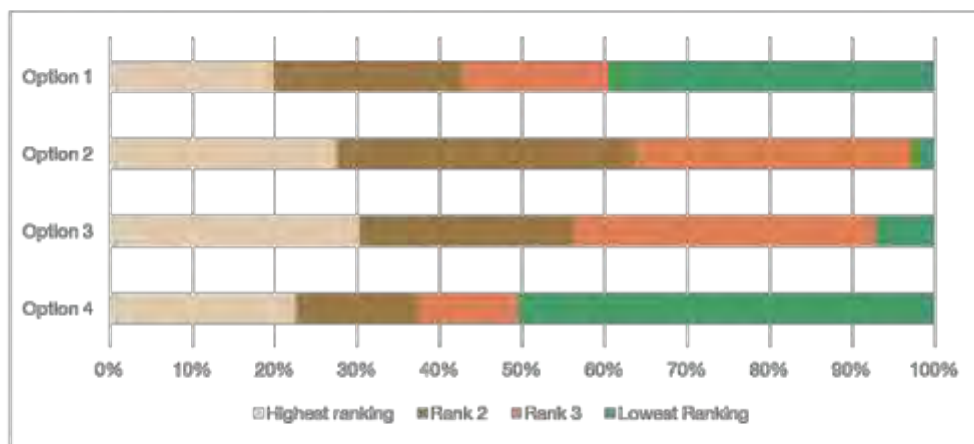
Preferred option

Participants ranked the four options in order of their preference. Because we asked the community to rank their preferences, responses were given a "score" which is a weighted calculation where items ranked first by the community are given a higher value or weight².

- First preference, Option 2: *Passive and active open space* was the highest ranked option (Score: 525)
- Second preference, Option 3: *Community spaces with passive and active open space* (Score: 508).
- Third preference, Option 4: *Community hall and restaurant* ranked as the least preferred option by the highest number of people, over half of respondents (92 people, 51%).
- Fourth preference, Option 1: *Passive open space only*, was also ranked as the least preferred option by a high number of people (72 people, 40%).

Figure 4 shows the proportion of people that ranked each option first, second, third and fourth.

Figure 4 Option ranking distribution



² First preference = 4, Second preference = 3, Third preference = 2, Fourth preference = 1.

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Reasons in support of, and against, options

Option	Ranking	Comments in support	Comments against
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Respondent profile

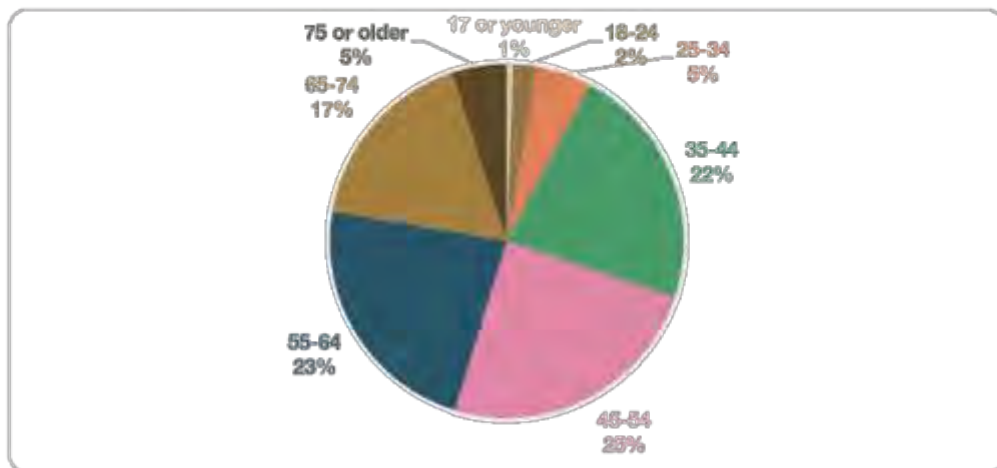
Previous participation in Stage 1 consultation

- 51% of respondents (91 people) completed the online survey
- 21% of respondents (38 people) attended the drop-in session
- 13% of respondents (23 people) attended the community workshop
- 10% of respondents (17 people) sent a written submission, and
- 31% of respondents (56) did not participate in Stage 1 consultation.

Age profile

The age profile of respondents was fairly evenly distributed, with a majority of respondents aged between 35 to 64 (70%, 125 respondents). There was a good representation of people aged 65 and older (22%, 40 people). The proportion of respondents aged under 25 was low compared to the Denistone East population (8%, 14 people).

Figure 5 Age profile



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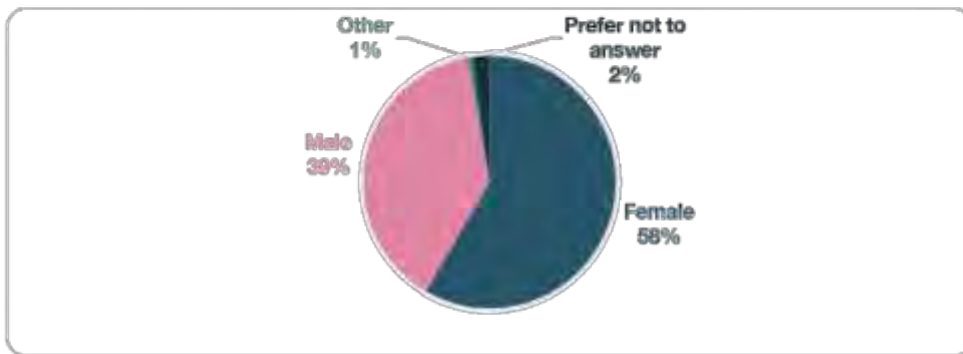
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Gender profile

58% of respondents identified as female (104 people). 39% of respondents identified as male (69).

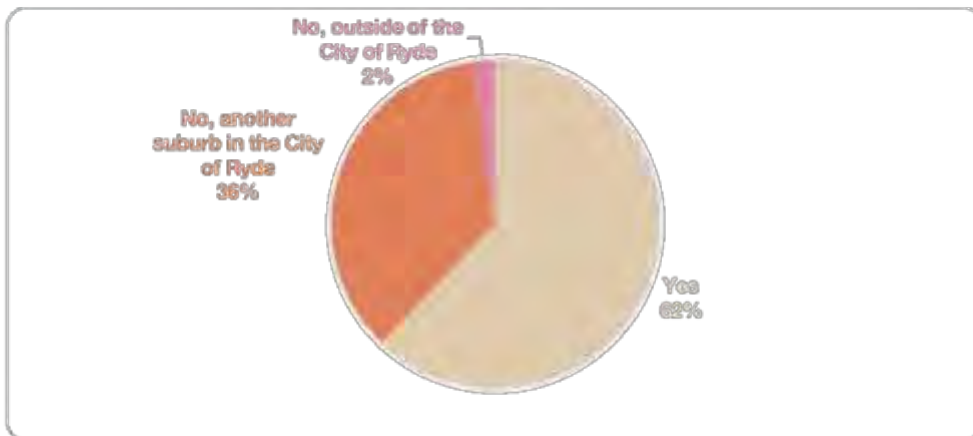
Figure 6 Gender profile



Suburb

The majority of respondents live in Denistone East (62%, 113 people). In total, 98% of respondents (178 people) live in the City of Ryde.

Figure 7 Suburb where respondent lives



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2.3.2. Community workshop

A community workshop was held at the Denistone East Public School on Thursday 9 February 2017 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Fifteen participated in the collaborative workshop. The workshop included a presentation from Council and Cred Consulting relating to the history of the site, permissible uses on the study, outcomes from Stage 1 community consultation, and the four possible site use options.

The aim of the workshop was to inform the community about findings from Stage 1 consultation, 4 possible options for the site and to workshop the 4 identified site use options for the future uses at the Denistone East Bowling Club site.

Each table had differing opinions about 'what's good' and 'what's not' for each option, however the voting exercise at the end of the workshop session revealed Option 3 was the most popular.



Preferred option

At the end of the workshop session, each participant was given a sticker to place on their preferred option. Option 3 was the clear preferred option by the group as a whole, with 11 of 14 votes (79%). One person chose not vote.

Table 2 Community workshop preferred option

Option	Number of votes
Option 1: Passive Open Space Only	0
Option 2: Passive and active open space	3
Option 3: Community spaces with passive and active open space	11
Option 4: Community hall and restaurant with passive open space	0

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Table 3 Option 1 workshop comments

Table #	What's Good?	What's not?	Other ideas or comments?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheap and low cost = likely to happen Like that the building is gone – waste of space, cost, ongoing maintenance, was underutilised as a bowling club Bowling greens are already flat and level - not a lot of landscaping to do Trees, green, bring the birds in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing maintenance Removal of community asset "lost forever" There are other areas like this close by that are not very well used Can become a dumping ground for rubbish Losing an asset in community building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good to add a toilet, for kids playing Picnic tables Bin for dog poo Can potentially have low numbers of people using it Dogs No kids without playground If want no games, could have sign or landscaping
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground could always be accommodated later if demand rises Less traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of removing the building - then potentially rebuilding Area has houses with backyards - active space more valuable than passive 	

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Table #	What's Good?	What's not?	Other ideas or comments?
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No parking If the bowling club goes there will be more space for park Open space will enhance the area Budget friendly Safe option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of too many trees limiting the use of space (e.g. kick around) Landscape has to be sensitive to preserve the flexibility of the park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Self serve kiosk Undulating-landscape Need to have a specific space for kick around

Table 4 Option 2 workshop comments

Table #	What's Good?	What's not?	Other ideas or comments?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not having parking - more space for activity, people don't drive there just for parking, parks don't have to have parking Encourage families Negligible parking impact Building removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not having parking = not useful for parents, created traffic congestion Losing asset of building More traffic impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some off street parking - it is the only option to increase parking Salter Cres gets very busy Tennis community will use parking Trees, green, bring the birds in, make it attractive Add water and a toilet Have to advertise it well or it will just get people from surrounding 500m
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground - would assist mix of locals surrounding residents Benefit to school - sport or multi use space Less traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> However the demand is limited for playgrounds and there is one nearby 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No building No night time activation Enhances the area No parking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing (Unanimously favourite option) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could be like a mini Yamble Reserve Birthday parties Putney Park (with its bushy creek) Mobile food/coffee vans

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Table 5 Option 3 workshop comments

Group	What's Good?	What's not?	Other ideas or comments?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There aren't any facilities like this here, growing # of seniors that go elsewhere for activities - it's a community need, other groups used it before e.g. probus Keeping community asset Parking is essential to function Evacuation site for school Any parking/traffic impact would only be irregular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Struggle to fit it all on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need simple food prep area Sink, urn, but not full catering NB; parking wouldn't fit everyone Previous underutilisation due to club management, not lack of need Probus, exercise, craft Possibly losing Epping Creative Club (fully booked, 40+ groups) Parking would get used by tennis club - for get a sticker for parking, e.g. golfers
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for youth facilities could be accommodated - meeting spaces As schools address safety concerns and fencing - need for community play / active recreation spaces Buildings can be renewed later in no sustainable Mens' shed could be accommodated - fits in with demographics of the area - significant health benefits and a well-established movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWA
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookable community hall Playground - e.g. rockwalls Parking - part of the top green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent tenant Parking Loss of open space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't want a 'pumping pub', it is a quiet residential area

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Table 6 Option 4 workshop comments

Table #	What's Good?	What's not?	Other ideas or comments?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community space that is needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restaurant wouldn't work - go broke (some failed attempts, Midway, Fiveways) Successful restaurant would make a regular traffic problem Rubbish from restaurant or kiosk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiosk - have a coffee van appear on weekends instead
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could accommodate youth spaces - need for meeting spaces for youth groups and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School already has a hall - another hall may not be the best use of the space Enough restaurants nearby Traffic generation 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent tenant Car parking Loss of open space 	

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2.3.3. Drop-In session/community BBQ

A community drop-in session/community bbq was held from 11am to 1.30pm on Saturday 11 February 2017. Around 45 people attended the drop-in session to provide their views on the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site.

Residents who attended the event:

- Completed intercept surveys (the online survey) with the Cred team
- Talked to Council staff about their ideas and concerns for the site, and
- Voted on their preferred option on the dotmocracy boards.

The preferred option from the drop-in session was Option 2: Passive and active open space (20 people 47%), followed by Option 3: Community spaces with passive and active open space (17 people, 40%).

Table 7 Drop-in session preferred options

Option	Number of Votes
Option 1: Passive Open Space Only	0
Option 2: Passive and active open space	20
Option 3: Community spaces with passive and active open space	17
Option 4: Community hall and restaurant with passive open space	6



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2.3.4. Written submissions

A total of five written submissions were received through the City of Ryde Have Your Say Page or directly.

Written submissions provided alternate options for site uses, including:

1. A proposal from a local resident in support of Option 4, with the addition of children's playground on the lower green and 47 car parking spaces on the upper green.
2. A proposal from a Ryde based sporting club to renovate the existing Denistone East Bowling Club, adding new meeting rooms, a board room, as well as a café/kiosk. The proposal includes an underground carpark with a multipurpose sports facility above. The sports facility would house two basketball courts, with provision to also play indoor soccer, netball, volleyball, badminton and table tennis. The other Southern section of the property, will be rebuilt as a passive and active open space.
3. A proposal from a local resident for home-style community centre on lawn 1, licensed restaurant (building), open park on lawn 2. The home-style community centre building on the basis it will be occupied by NSW Police as the anchor tenant or possible sole lessee. This may require a Public Private Partnership/Joint Venture arrangement.
4. A proposal from a local resident for the building to be used for a nursing home or day care centre for older people/multipurpose and cultural centre
5. A proposal from a local resident for a hybrid between options 2 and 3.

2.3.5. Meetings with key stakeholders

Two meetings were held with key stakeholder groups including:

- Denistone East Public School P and C, and
- Denistone East Tennis Club Committee

The main outcomes of each of these meetings is detailed below.

Denistone East Public School P and C

- Three P&C members attended, who have been involved for 4 to 12 years.
- The school expects to stay at 800 students. There has been a demographic change, with demand for kindergarten reducing.
- There is no oval and no open space on the school grounds. There is one quadrangle, that students are able to use on a roster basis. The school grounds are well used by the community, including young people who use the new basketball hoops. However, the basketball hoops were damaged through this use. There is a need for an all weather sports court. More than half of the students don't get to do sport, unless they are in the PSSA teams. The school uses the tennis courts for sport, and goes to other sports fields and schools for PSSA events.
- The school's other concern is traffic. The school would not want to see anything on the site that would add traffic particularly at pick up and drop off times.
- Option 2 is the P&C's preferred option as it provides open space for the community and for the older children. Sports fields and courts would not generate a lot of traffic. The P&C suggested that there

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would be a need for more than one court. Multipurpose courts e.g. for soccer, basketball, with a multipurpose surface, not concrete, would be ideal. There isn't a need for a playground, with close parks and Livvi's Place nearby. The playground could be removed or made a smaller area.

- Regarding a café within Option 2, the P&C thought that there isn't a need for a café, just have the coffee cart visit. A café would not be viable, and Midway is very close. The school wouldn't use the café. Blenheim Park has lots of facilities to bring people in even though there is no parking, toilet or café.
- Option 1 does not provide recreation spaces and therefore no advantage to the school. There are no facilities for the school to use, and no facilities for young people.
- Option 3 is supported by the P&C as it provides sports courts/fields. It would be beneficial to the school to rent spaces to community groups, such as the Family Services at West Ryde Community Centre. The school could refer children to services. The P&C however was concerned about the traffic impact, and commented that they would not use the hall, and the hall may not be used as the bowling club wasn't used.
- Option 4 was not supported as there is no recreation space, it doesn't address the need to be more active and have activities for young people, the traffic and safety impact would be larger, the school wouldn't use the facility, and a restaurant would not be viable.

Denistone East Tennis Club Committee

- Five members of the tennis club committee attended. Members had been involved for between 10 and 50 years.
- The lease for the tennis courts is up in three years. The Committee hopes to continue as a tennis club and courts, and are happy to take on the extended lease. The courts are in a very good condition thanks to good management, with new surfaces, new wiring, refitted club house.
- Two courts are sufficient. More courts would mean there is a need to pay for an administration person.
- Weekend use is very busy with recreational players. Demand is moving from regular three-hour bookings to casual bookings, shorter time frames and more lessons. The catchment for the tennis club is locals, as well as people from the North Shore.
- Tennis is a good sport for seniors' wellbeing. There are many retirees coming back to tennis after working.
- The committee was split between Option 2 and 3.
- Option 1 was not a preferred option. However, the committee felt that it fit the vibe of the area. Being private and secluded, it may encourage drug users. There were some problems with vandalism at the tennis clubhouse, however with lighting and keeping the area clean the problem disappeared.
- Option 2 was supported as the playground is a drawcard for mother's to then play tennis. It fits the area, and draws people in. The space is open not divided, it brings people together. However, there are other playgrounds around. How will this relate to other parks in the area? Is it just replicating the same thing? Parking is limited, and some parking on the street might be needed. There were parking

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issues at limited times when the bowling club operated. Comments included that they would need shade, a coffee shop, and that it would be good to have a water park.

- Option 3 was supported as more people would be using the space; there is no playground at Midway, so it will be popular; the building would be useful for wet weather training use; and there aren't a lot of community halls in the area. The committee thought that the parking on the site was reasonable, however some people disagreed and didn't like the parking. Comments included that a coffee shop could be added, however others thought that a coffee van would be good instead. Another comment was to just keep half of the building, not the whole space.
- Option 4 was not a preferred option. However, the committee thought that a community space would be good as there are not a lot of community halls in the area. The committee thought that the restaurant wouldn't get used. The community prefers daytime activities, for example not having lights at the tennis courts. The tennis courts are only daytime use. A coffee shop might work instead, as this would get used during the daytime.

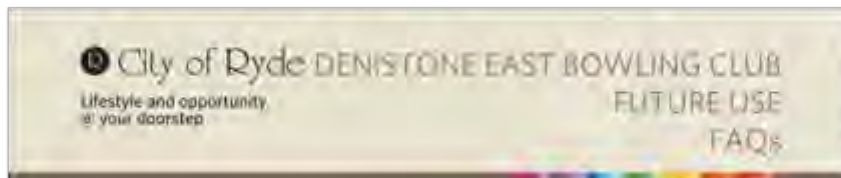
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Appendix 1 Frequently Asked Questions Stage 1



What can the site be used for?

Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 (available under 'Relevant Documents' on this page) zones the land RE1 Public Recreation. The zone objectives are:

- To enable the land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes

The zone permits the following uses for the site with consent:

- Business identification signs
- Community facilities
- Environmental facilities
- Kiosks
- Recreation areas
- Recreation facilities (indoor and outdoor)
- Restaurants or cafes
- Roads

This site is located on Community Land, categorised as General Community Use under the Local Government Act 1993. The core objectives for management of this land are to: Promote, encourage and provide for the use of land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural & intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and
- in relation to purposes for which a lease, license or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and associated works)

Land classified as "Community Land" cannot be leased, licenced or any other estate granted over the land for more than 21 years without Minister's consent.

Does the facility need to be not-for-profit?

According to the Ryde LEP definitions, a community facility in an RE1 zone (as with the land where the site is located) needs to be owned or controlled by a public authority or non-profit community organisation. However, a recreational facility (indoor or outdoor) can be run both 'for profit' and 'not for profit' purposes.

Will a community facility on the site affect traffic?

Council have undertaken a traffic review (available under 'Relevant Documents' on this page) of the existing traffic situation to determine a baseline to assess future proposals against.

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What is the history of the project?

November 2012	Denistone East Bowling Club ceased operations and went into liquidation
December 2012	Expressions of interest (EOI) for the site invited
August 2013	Minimbah Challenge Inc. endorsed by Council as preferred tenant
2013 onwards	Community consultation process undertaken with considerable feedback relating to traffic and safety concerns
August 2014	Licensing process initiated with Minimbah
July 2015	Minimbah withdrew EOI due to timeframe not meeting their business needs
August 2015	Resolution to consult with community before calling any further EOI for the site

What are the open space and recreation needs in Denistone East?

The suburb of Denistone East/West is identified as having a high proportion of very small open spaces and only two parks of considerable size. There is an importance for larger open spaces that can more adequately meet the recreational and leisure needs of the community. Refer to Integrated Open Space Plan (available under 'Relevant Documents' on this page), the Council's guiding document for the management and enhancement of open space in the City.

What are the issues raised by the community so far?

The following issues were of primary concern:

- Parking
- Safety of school children
- Increasing traffic congestion on the local roads
- Current road width and poor sight lines
- Collisions and near misses are occurring within the area

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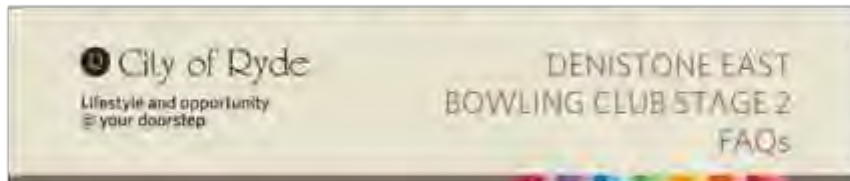
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Appendix 2 Frequently Asked Questions Stage 2



Q: What was the outcome of Stage 1 community consultation?

A: Council received more than 200 responses through the online survey and feedback, and the community consultation events.

The preferred future uses included:

- Passive open space
- Active recreation space
- community accessible hall
- Kiosk or restaurant/café

Key considerations included:

- Maintaining accessibility for local residents
- Negating traffic and parking impacts particularly at school pick up and drop off times
- Providing a meeting place for the community
- Providing a mix of uses

Q: What site use options are presented in stage 2?

A: Stage 2 presents four options for the site for you to consider:

1. Passive open space only
2. Passive and active open space
3. Community hall with passive and active open space
4. Restaurant and community hall with passive open space

Q: What is the main difference between the 4 options in Stage 2?

A:

- Options 1 and 2 include removal of building to provide passive and/or active recreation spaces but do not include any indoor community spaces. There are also no on-site parking provisions.

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- Options 3 and 4 include refurbishment of the bowling club building to provide indoor community spaces in addition to passive and active recreation space, but will require between 20-50 on-site parking spaces.
- Details of inclusions under each option are available on the Council website at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DERC. [Alternatively we can include the option info [graphics here](#)]

Q: How were these 4 options developed? Why have some things not been included?

A: In developing these 4 site options Council has considered the community feedback from Stage 1, and other factors such as site and location constraints, and traffic and parking implications. Not everything was possible under each option.

Please also note that the final uses and inclusions under each option will depend on the budget approved by Council and more detailed consideration of the site and location constraints, and the relevant development and building compliance requirements.

Q: What will occur after Stage 2 Community Consultation? When?

A: March 2017 - June 2017

The outcomes of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 community consultation, along with the site and location constraints, implications (cost, development, traffic and parking), commercial feasibility, design considerations and community needs will be presented to Council in a report for their consideration.

Community members may be able to register to speak when this council report is presented. However, currently no date has been selected and so no registrations can be taken.

June 2017 onwards

Based on Council's decision and approved budget, designs for the selected option will be developed and presented to the community for further feedback and finalisation.

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Appendix 3 Stage 1 and Stage 2 Project Flyers

Stage 1 project flyers

Map - Community Workshop & Drop-In 15 locations

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Stage 2 Project flyers

Have Your Say

Have your say on the proposed future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site by the end of August 2017. You can do this by attending a community meeting, or by submitting your views online via the City of Ryde's online survey.

Online Survey

Submit your views online via the City of Ryde's online survey. The survey will open on Monday 28 February 2017 and close on Friday 4 August 2017. You can access the survey at www.cityofryde.nsw.gov.au/works. For more information, contact the City of Ryde's Community Engagement team on 9150 4100.

Community Meetings

Attend one of the community meetings to provide your views on the proposed future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site. The meetings will be held on:

- Monday 28 February 2017**
6:00 - 8:00pm
Denistone East Bowling Club, 41-43 Wood Rd, Denistone East (on opposite side of road)
- Monday 13 March 2017**
6:00 - 8:00pm
The Denistone East Bowling Club, 41-43 Wood Rd, Denistone East (on opposite side of road)

Drop-in 2017

Drop-in to discuss any questions you may have about the proposed future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site. The drop-in will be held on:

- Monday 28 February 2017**
8:00 - 10:00pm
Denistone East Bowling Club, 41-43 Wood Rd, Denistone East (on opposite side of road)
- Monday 13 March 2017**
8:00 - 10:00pm
The Denistone East Bowling Club, 41-43 Wood Rd, Denistone East (on opposite side of road)



For more information

To obtain more information about the proposed future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site, contact the City of Ryde's Community Engagement team on 9150 4100. You can also visit the City of Ryde's website at www.cityofryde.nsw.gov.au/works.

Denistone East Bowling Club site Stage 2 Community Consultation



In September 2016, the City of Ryde conducted Stage 1 of the Denistone East Bowling Club site community consultation process for the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site. The community consultation process was successful in gathering feedback from the community and providing good quality information for the development of the proposed future use of the site.

Stage 2 of the community consultation process will involve the development of a proposed future use of the site and a public exhibition of the proposed future use of the site. The proposed future use of the site will be developed in consultation with the community and the City of Ryde's Community Engagement team.

For Stage 2, the City of Ryde will be holding a series of community meetings and drop-in sessions to provide you with an opportunity to provide your views on the proposed future use of the site. The City of Ryde will also be holding a public exhibition of the proposed future use of the site to provide you with an opportunity to provide your views on the proposed future use of the site.

Timeline

The timeline shows the key milestones of the community consultation process, from the initial consultation in September 2016 to the final decision in August 2017.

Stage 1 Outcomes

The key outcomes of Stage 1 of the community consultation process are:

- Public opinion survey
- Public exhibition
- Community meeting
- Drop-in sessions

Engage with the community

Stage 2
28 February 2017 - 28 February 2017

Stage 2 of the community consultation process will involve the development of a proposed future use of the site and a public exhibition of the proposed future use of the site. The proposed future use of the site will be developed in consultation with the community and the City of Ryde's Community Engagement team.

Next steps

The next steps of the community consultation process are:

- Public exhibition
- Community meeting
- Drop-in sessions

Options for the future use of the site

Option 1: OPEN SPACE ONLY

- Public open space (e.g. park)
- Community meeting
- Public exhibition
- Drop-in sessions

Option 2: RESIDENTIAL AND ACTIVE OPEN SPACE

- Residential development
- Community meeting
- Public exhibition
- Drop-in sessions

Option 3: COMMUNITY GROUND WITH PROPOSED AND ACTIVE OPEN SPACE

- Retention of the existing Bowling Club building
- Multi-use space (e.g. meeting space, community centre, etc.)
- Community meeting
- Public exhibition
- Drop-in sessions

Option 4: COMMUNITY HALL AND RESIDENTIAL WITH A ZONE OPEN SPACE

- Community meeting
- Public exhibition
- Drop-in sessions

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Appendix 4 Stage 1 and 2 City News column advertisement, Northern District Times

Wednesday 31 August 2016

Wednesday 30 November 2016

Wednesday 1 February 2017

HAVE YOUR SAY



**Denistone East Bowling Club Site
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City of Ryde Council is seeking your ideas for the future use of the former Denistone East Bowling Club. The building and lawn are currently vacant, but pose a great opportunity for recreation and community use.

Want to find out more?
Two events have been organised to seek community input.

Community Workshop
When Thursday 15 September
Time 6:00 - 8:00pm
Where Denistone East Public School Hall
47-63 Lovell Rd, Denistone East

Booking essential. To register your interest in attending, contact Customer Service on 9552 6222.

Drop-in BBQ
When Saturday 17 September
Time Any time between 11:00am - 1:30pm
Where Denistone East Bowling Club
Kings Rd & Salfers Cres, Denistone East

How do I make a submission?
Submissions can be made as follows:
In person At one of the events listed above
Online Complete the online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DEBC
Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
Post General Manager, City of Ryde
Locked Bag 2059,
North Ryde NSW 1570

Written submissions must be marked as "Denistone East Bowling Club Site UoP".
Closing date for submissions is **Friday 30 September 2016**.

For more information
For more information, please contact our Customer Service team on 9552 6222.
To learn more about the Denistone East Bowling Club site, frequently asked questions about the project, and related documentation, please visit our Have Your Say page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DEBC

HAVE YOUR SAY



**Denistone East Bowling Club Site
Stage 2 Community Consultation**
In September, the City of Ryde completed Stage 1 consultation for the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site. Based on your feedback, Council has now developed four potential options for the site. The City of Ryde would like to hear from you again, this time on the suitability of the four proposed options.

Want to find out more?
You can Have Your Say regarding the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site in a number of ways including online or at one of the community events. The face-to-face events will be a great chance to have some of your questions answered and gather a better understanding of the project context and process.

Community Workshop
When Thursday 9 February 2017
Time 6:50 - 8:00pm
Where Denistone East Public School Hall
47-63 Lovell Rd, Denistone East

Bookings Bookings essential. Call 9552 6222.

Drop-in BBQ
When Saturday 11 February 2017
Time Any time between 11:00am - 1:30pm
Where Top Lawn, Denistone East Bowling Club,
Kings Rd & Salfers Cres, Denistone East

How do I make a submission?
In person At one of the events listed above
Online Complete the online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DEBC
Closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 28 February 2017**.

For more information
For more information, or for assistance completing the online survey, please contact Customer Service on 9552 6222.
To learn more about the Denistone East Bowling Club site, frequently asked questions about the project, and related documentation including the Stage 1 Community Consultation Customer Report, please visit the Have Your Say page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/DEBC

HAVE YOUR SAY



**Community Events Next Week and
Consultation Closing Soon!**
This is a reminder that the Stage 2 community consultation events for the Denistone East Bowling Club site are next week and that the Stage 2 consultation closes at the end of the month (4:30pm, Tuesday 28 February 2017).

Want to find out more?
You can Have Your Say regarding the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site in a number of ways.

Community Workshop
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Closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 28 February 2017**.
Please note that if you have already filled in the survey you do not need to do it again.

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Appendix 5 Stage 1 and 2 onsite posters

Stage 1 posters



Stage 2 posters



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Appendix 6 Detailed stage 1 consultation findings

The main overall community preferences priority for the Denistone East Bowling Club site were improved open space for active and passive recreational activities including play for children in a multi-use site accessible to the community. It should be noted, for the purposes of this study open space (passive recreation) is defined as open space and parkland for sitting, having a picnic, playing with kids, or kicking a ball and open space (active recreation) is defined as formal sports courts or playing fields.

Specifically, the preferred future uses for the site were:

- Parkland/passive open space,
- Active open space (field),
- Community accessible hall, and
- A kiosk or café.

Overall priorities for the site

Online survey

Through the online survey community members were asked to rank their preferred future use for the entire site from a total of five options. Because we asked the community to rank their preferences, responses were given a "score" which is a weighted calculation where items ranked first by the community are given a higher value or weight³. Overall the preferred future uses for the entire site as identified through the survey were:

1. Open space (passive recreation) with a score of 620 points
2. Open space (active recreation) with a score of 569 points
3. Publicly accessible community facilities with a score of 554 points.

The least preferred options were:

- Leased to Community Service Organisations (score of 348), and
- Parking Space (score of 239).

Community workshop

At the workshop, participants were asked to workshop ideas for the future use of the overall Denistone East Bowling Club site. Overall, 13 ideas were suggested. Of these 13 ideas, the following three ideas were preferred by the community who participated in the workshop:

1. Community open sports space & bistro & multipurpose hall (24% preference score, 12 people voted this as their 1st of 2nd preference)

³ In the survey, respondents were asked to rank their preferred overall uses of the site. The first preference was given a weight of 5, second preference a weight of 4, and so on. The score is the sum of these weighted values.

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2. Community facility with meeting, social and function spaces (15% preference score, 9 people voted this as their 1st or 2nd preference)
3. Community hall for social and leisure groups and rehearsal space with café and open space (score of 12 points, 10 people voted for this as their 1st or 2nd choice).

Priorities for future use of the building and lawns

Community bbq/drop-in event

120 people attended the community bbq/drop-in event on site at the Denistone East bowling club site. Participants were asked to vote on their preferred ideas for the future uses of the building and the lawns. Twelve options were given for possible future uses of the building. Overall, the preferred future uses for the Denistone East bowling club building were:

1. Park kiosk (32% preference score, 47 people voted this as their first or second preference)
2. Non-profit café/restaurant (25% preference score, 38 people voted for this as their first or second preference), and
3. Community hall (14% preference score, 21 people voted for this as their 1st or 2nd choice).

Twelve options were given for possible future uses of the lawns. Overall, the preferred uses for the Denistone East Bowling Club site lawns were:

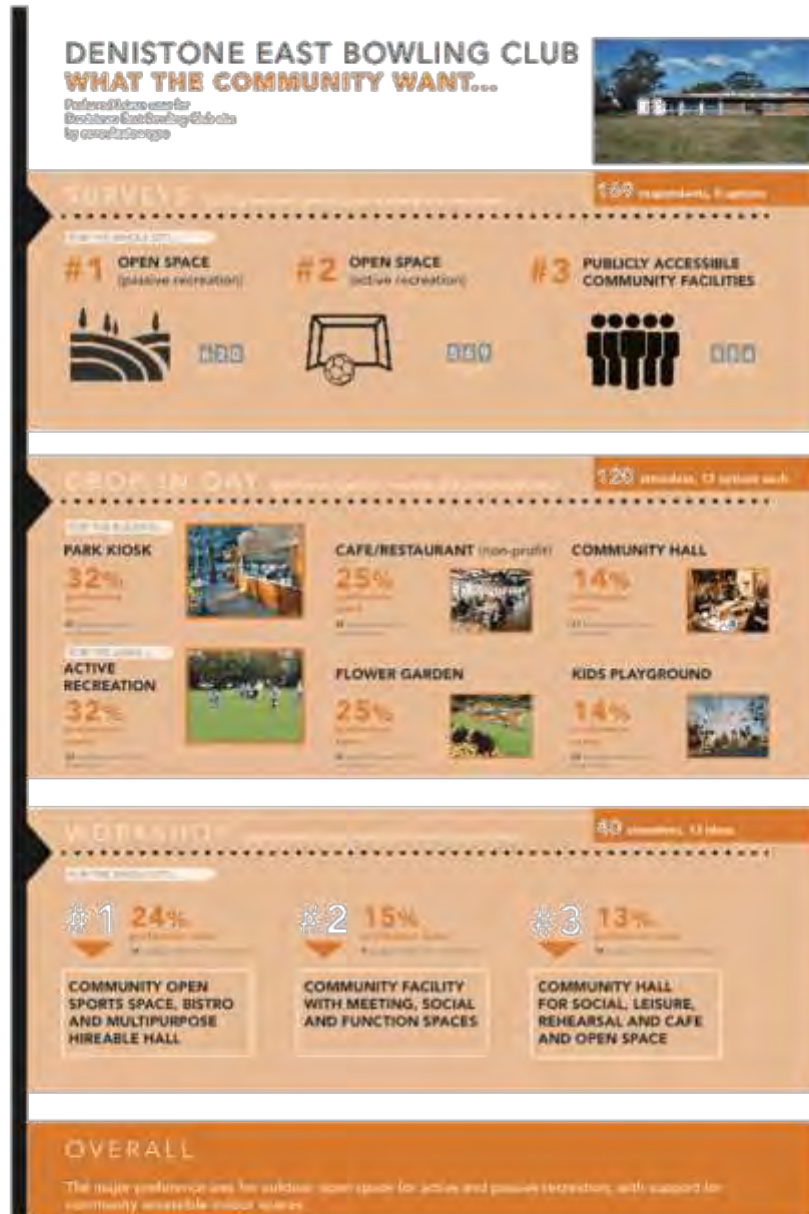
1. Active recreation (field) (32% preference score, 53 people voted for this as their 1st or 2nd preference)
2. Flower garden (25% preference score, 22 people voted for this as their 1st or 2nd preference), and
3. Kids playground (14% preference score, 26 people voted for this as their 1st or 2nd preference).

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Detailed outcomes by consultation type

Community workshop

A community workshop was held at the Denistone East Public School on Thursday 15 September from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Twenty-eight people participated in the collaborative workshop. The workshop included a presentation from Council and Cred Consulting relating to the history of the site, permissible uses on the study, traffic study outcomes, and identified community and recreational needs and gaps.

The purpose of the workshop was to:

1. Identify priority community and recreational needs and gaps in Denistone East, and
2. Identify and prioritise future uses of the Denistone East Bowling Club site to address identified needs.



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Most popular future use

The end result of the workshop was participants voting for their favourite idea, using an orange sticker for their first preference and a blue sticker for their second preference. A score was calculated for each idea. A score is a weighted calculation where items ranked first are given a higher value or "weight". The first preference (orange sticker) was given a weight of 2, and the second preference (blue sticker) was given a weight of one. The score is the sum of these weighted values.

The scoring method is shown below:

Figure 8 Scoring method



These three ideas were the most popular.

Ranking	Idea	Total score ⁴
1.	Open community sports space that schools can also use + restaurant/bistro, fenced playground, and multipurpose, hireable community hall	22 points or 32% preference score. 12 people voted for this as their first or second preference
2.	Community facility including meeting spaces, community social spaces, function spaces Community Facility that is multi-use and includes library service, art studios and toilets external/internal) Flexible meeting space hall/smaller rooms for community groups	14 points or 15% preference score. 9 people voted for this as their first or second preference
3.	Community hall including café, open space and rehearsal space. Uses for community hall including for kids care programs, women's groups, men's groups, music groups, parties, playgroup, yoga group	12 points or 13% preference score. 10 people voted for this as their first or second preference.

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Workshop outcomes

Activity 1 – Identified community needs

Each group was asked to identify the gaps or community/recreational needs for the suburb of Denistone East. Common responses included:

- More open space for health and fitness activities
- More places for children to play
- Places for community functions and events
- Places for people to get together, socialise and participate in leisure activities
- Places to support the needs of seniors

Activity 2 – What ideas for the Denistone East Bowling Club might fulfil the community's needs and what are the pros and cons of each of these ideas?

Each group was asked to come up with up to three ideas for the Denistone East Bowling Club site, and to discuss the positives and negatives of each idea. The outcomes of these discussions is shown in Table 6 below.

Table 8 Activity 2 ideas and comments

Group	Idea	Positives	Negatives
1	Open space: Tables, seating, shade trees	Place for exercise, well-being, areas for families, BBQ to bring community together. Keeping down stress levels.	
	Community Facility (Hall, meeting space)	Provides meeting spaces for small community groups, indoor activities such as... indoor exercise, space for small functions, community social clubs and organisations.	Parking, access, noise, neighbours complaining
	Sports and Recreation	Multipurpose facility, futsal, grassed area, meet the neighbours, vibrancy, aqua aerobics, older people with back injury.	Cost
2	Cafe in the evenings, Toilets, fenced playground for kids e.g. Newington Armoury	Sense of community, connections. Good for parent drop offs	Is it a permissible use? Who does it cost?
	Licensed restaurant/bistro	Sense of community. Gap for diversity of activities.	Cost who? Noise, mess, Permissible use?

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Group	Idea	Positives	Negatives
		Viable, nothing else around.	remediation
	Community field for schools e.g. St Leonards Park	Kids playing on street, more active, fulfils a needs, it wouldn't take the whole site. safe.	Any other sports? Needs to be open for everyone outside of schools hours
	Community facility/Police station - Under a new concept. Architecturally. E.g. residential home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety, school across the road, strange danger - Stuffed animals and bears 	
	Men's shed		
	Multipurpose community hall	Hireable Address need for space for classes including after school. E.g. Pilates For everyone.	Who leases it? Mediation cost Hours of operation? Parking? Depends on size of hall, Only @ school.
3	Car parking on site - not primary just servicing site	Would facilitate uses and reduce impact on surrounding streets. Ensure accessibility	Needs to be part of site only Less local Expensive Attracts traffic
	Bistro/restaurant/café	Well patronised historically Add to otherwise limited options in walking distance - important as limited buses after dark Services other uses on site, esp. green space.	Traffic generation (possibly)
	Green space - Park seats, pergola with playground, space to sit, shade, exercise equipment	Active Multi use Small catchment = less traffic Adults and children Use for local families	Some exist but are used only slightly Must be high spec not generic
	Active recreation -> smaller	Active	Don't want it to dominate site

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Group	Idea	Positives	Negatives
	size not a full field	Adults and kids	Heavier traffic/parking
	Meeting rooms - multipurpose hall - could be divided/flexible space	Small groups in community underserved Different times Multi uses serviced	Managing availability + prioritising uses Ensuring accessibility for everyone's use
4	Community Centre		
	Multi-sports facility; Beach volleyball, futsal, squash courts, table tennis	Attracts people Utilised by seniors Targeted Range of demographics Revenue	Traffic/parking Noise Good sporting facilities locally
	Open space	Serene/quiet Property values No parking issues	Could be underutilised
	Café/restaurant/kiosk	Appealing to younger families Revenue/cost recovery Bring people to area Evening activity	Local restaurants already struggling
	Health centre/yoga studio	Nearest health centre is in Eastwood	
	Urban Farm with community involvement + educational facilities	Education	Mozzies
5	Men's shed	Recycle Community grants Create community No existing facilities Mental health Greater possible impacts	Only targets men Expensive Have to have permanent space
	Basketball Court	Physical well being Used by all	Maintenance Noise

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Group	Idea	Positives	Negatives
		Greater community impacts Vulnerable population	Cost
	Women's space	Can operate in community hall	Same as men's shed
	Skate ramp/park	Physical well-being Need for youth space	Costly Insurance Targets smaller population
	Rehearsal space	Lots of people do music Targets everyone	Noise Cost of soundproofing Parking
	Eating facility/café	Existing infrastructure Targets everyone Proximity to school	Challenges with zoning
	Community Hall	Multi-functional Flexible Good reach	Cost
	Open space	Meeting needs of young population	
	Facilities for younger children/outdoor space for children	Need	A lot in the area Lack of space for older children.
	Priorities: 1 = men's shed. 2 = Basketball court 3 = community hall		
	6	Community facility - multi use	Well being Culture
	Open space: Playgrounds, active, passive	Health Well being	Noise (Hard surfaces)
	Community garden	Health	Maintenance
	Library services		

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Activity 3 – Voting on favourite ideas for future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site

At the end of the workshop, each group had to choose their top two ideas and place them on the wall in the hall. Ideas that were very similar were grouped together. Each workshop participant was given two stickers to place on their favourite idea for the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site: orange for the first preference and blue for their second preference. The most popular idea as shown in Table 7 below, voted for by nearly 50% of participants as their first or second preference was:

Open community sports space that schools can also use and restaurant/bistro, fenced playground, and multipurpose hireable community hall.

Table 9 Community Workshop ideas

Idea	Score (first preference is worth 2 points and second preference is worth 1 point)	Total Score ⁵	
Open community sports space that schools can also use + restaurant/bistro, fenced playground, and multipurpose, hireable community hall.	First preference (# orange stickers) = 10 Second preference (# blue stickers) = 2 Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 22	22	
Community facility including meeting spaces, community social spaces, function spaces Community Facility that is multi-use and includes library service, art studios and toilets external/internal Flexible meeting space hall/smaller rooms for community groups	First preference (# orange stickers) = 5 Second preference (# blue stickers) = 4 Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 14	14	 






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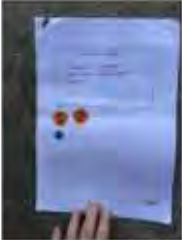

Idea	Score (first preference is worth 2 points and second preference is worth 1 point)	Total Score ⁶	
			
<p>Community Hall including café, open space and rehearsal space</p> <p>Uses for community hall including for kids care programs, women's groups, men's groups, music groups, parties, playgroup, yoga group.</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 2</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 8</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 12</p>	12	
<p>Open space (active) including playground, basketball, and fitness equipment (outdoor)</p> <p>Open space including place for exercise/wellbeing, BBQ/tea and coffee, sport and recreation, grassland and futsal</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 4</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 3</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 11</p>	11	 
<p>Men's shed with open space/café</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 3</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 2</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 8</p>	8	

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Idea	Score (first preference is worth 2 points and second preference is worth 1 point)	Total Score ⁶	
Open community sports space that schools can use also + café, fenced playground, and multipurpose, hireable community hall.	First preference (# orange stickers) = 0 Second preference (# blue stickers) = 7 Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 7	7	
Parkland/Green space - multi-use - playground, shade/sit, exercise	First preference (# orange stickers) = 3 Second preference (# blue stickers) = 0 Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 6	6	
Community centre with café and urban farm.	First preference (# orange stickers) = 2 Second preference (# blue stickers) = 1 Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 5	5	
Police community centre/station under new concept. With licensed bistro and open space/recreation	First preference (# orange stickers) = 1 Second preference (# blue stickers) = 1 Score (1 x orange + 1 x blue) = 3	3	

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Idea	Score (first preference is worth 2 points and second preference is worth 1 point)	Total Score ⁶	
<p>Day dementia centre plus multi-sports facility</p> <p>Back lawns: Children mini soccer field</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 1</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 0</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 2</p>	2	
<p>Basketball court/café/kiosk - with outdoor toilet</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 0</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 2</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 2</p>	2	
<p>Community garden (passive) for sitting and that is landscaped</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 0</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 1</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 1</p>	1	
<p>Bistro/food/café</p>	<p>First preference (# orange stickers) = 0</p> <p>Second preference (# blue stickers) = 0</p> <p>Score (2 x orange + 1 x blue) = 0</p>	0	

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Individual worksheets

Participants were offered the opportunity to provide their personal views on individual worksheets. Twelve participants completed the worksheets. 100% of respondents live in Denistone East. The main feedback given by participants for their overall priorities for the site included:

- Nine out of 12 respondents wanted to ensure there was open space on the site and to keep it green
- Five respondents thought that a community facility with a range of rooms/spaces for community activities were important
- Three respondents specifically requested that there be no parking in Salter Crescent resulting from any future uses of the Denistone East Bowling Club site
- Three respondents said that the site needs a kiosk/café onsite
- Two questioned whether the land near the tennis courts would be included in the options.

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Drop-In session/community BBQ

A community drop-in session/community bbq was held from 11am to 1.30pm on Saturday 17 September 2016. Around 100 people attended the drop-in session to provide their views on the future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site.



Residents who attended the event:

- Completed intercept surveys (the online survey) with the Cred team
- Talked to Council staff about their ideas and concerns for the site
- Voted on their favourite ideas on the dotmocracy boards.

Most popular ideas for future use of the site

A score was calculated for each idea. A score is a weighted calculation where items ranked first are given a higher value or "weight". The first preference (orange sticker) was given a weight of 2, and the second preference (blue sticker) was given a weight of 1. The score is the sum of these weighted values.

Figure 9 Scoring method



Table 10 shows the most popular future building/community uses for the Denistone East Bowling Club site, that were included for voting on the dotmocracy boards.

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Table 10 Most popular future building/community uses

Ranking	Idea	Total Score ⁶
1.	Park kiosk	75 points, or 32% preference score. 47 people voted for this as their first or second preference
2.	Non-profit café/restaurant	59 points, or 25% preference score. 38 people voted for this as their first or second preference
3.	Community hall for local events	32 points, or 14% preference score. 21 people voted for this as their first or second preference.

Other ideas suggested by residents included:

- Swimming pool (10 points)
- Mahjong Club (10 points)
- Home style police station (2 points)

Table 11 shows the most popular future open space/recreational uses for the Denistone East Bowling Club site.

Table 11 Most popular future open space/recreational uses

Ranking	Idea	Total Score ⁷
1.	Active recreation (field)	53 points, or 32% preference score. 53 people voted for this as their 1 st or 2 nd preference score
2.	Flower garden	38 points, or 25% preference score. 22 people voted for this as their 1 st or 2 nd preference
3.	Kids playground	37 points, or 14% preference score. 26 people voted for this as their first or second preference.

While active recreation (field) was highly voted for, the survey team's discussion with participants suggests that they were interested in informal spaces to kick a ball rather than formal sporting fields.

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Community survey

The survey was available online through the City of Ryde Have Your Say page from Wednesday 31 August to Friday 30 September 2016. Intercept surveys were also conducted at the Drop-In Day. 169 surveys were completed⁸.

Previous use of the site

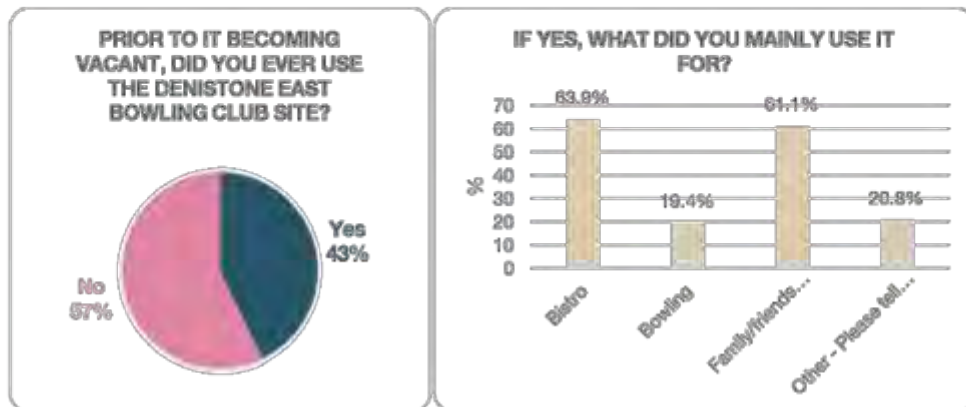
Prior to it becoming vacant, 42.9% of respondents (72 people) used the Denistone East Bowling club site, for:

- The Bistro (63.9%, 46 people)
- Family/friends functions (61.1%, 44 people)
- Bowling (19.4%, 14 people).

Other uses included:

- Craft fairs (5.5%, 4 people)
- School functions (5.5%, 4 people)
- Social dances (4.2%, 3 people)

Figure 10 Previous use of the site



⁸ 3 surveys from 2 respondents who had completed more than 1 survey each were disqualified

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Current use of the site

The majority of respondents do not use the site currently (79.4%, 131 people). Those that do use the site currently use it for:

- Bringing children to play (61.8%, 21 people)
- Walking through to somewhere else (41.2%, 14 people)
- Playing sports (41.2%, 14 people)

Future use of the site

Respondents were asked to rank their overall preferred use of the site. A score was calculated for each use. The "score" is a weighted calculation where items ranked first are given a higher value or "weight". First preference is given a weight of 5, second preference a weight of 4, third preference a weight of 3, fourth preference a weight of 2 and last preference a weight of 1⁹.

Overall, the preferred use is open space and parkland, passive recreation (e.g. children's playground, picnic areas, nature reserve (score = 620).

"Parkland with native vegetation"

"Open space is decreasing across Sydney; it will become prized in the future as we now prize the parks so wisely left by our predecessors"

This was followed by:

- Active recreation facilities (e.g. sports courts) (score = 569)

"We need more sport spots for children"

"Given the growing population in the area I think it would be great to create some sports courts that could be used all year round and also utilised by the local schools who don't have large playgrounds"

- Publicly accessible community facilities (e.g. community hall, meeting rooms, cafe, space for volunteer groups) (score = 554)

"...A community hub allowing people to meet socially for drinks, food, functions, meetings, etc."

"There is not enough community meeting rooms in the area for e.g. Lions, Rotary, Probus etc."

The least supported overall uses were:

- Leased to community service organisation (e.g. child care, aged care, disability care, cultural organisations) (score = 348)
- Parking space (score = 239)

Other ideas contributed in response to this question were:

- Available for Denistone East Public School and St Therese Catholic Primary School to use (7 people)
- Community Garden (5 people)

⁹ For more information, see <https://help.surveymonkey.com/help/rank-score>

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- Bistro/café/restaurant (5 people)
- Native vegetation (4 people)
- Child care (4 people)
- No housing/high rise (4 people)
- A school (3 people)
- Men's shed (3 people)
- Lease to Putt Putt golf (2 people)
- Dog park (2 people)
- Gym (1 person)
- Flower gardens (1 person)
- Pool for aquarobics (1 person)
- Playground for older children aged 10+ (1 person)

Community programs and services

The preferred programs and services to be conducted at the site, if it were to be leased to a community service operator or become a publicly accessible community facility, were:

- Leisure programs (56.3%, 90 people)

"Huge community demand - yoga, tai chi are nowhere else"

- Sports programs (56.9%, 91 people)

"It was a sporting site, so this keeps in with the previous use of the site"

- Arts and cultural programs (44.4%, 71 people)

"Passionate about the arts e.g. a place for a community choir to practice"

- Learning classes (39.4%, 63 people)

"Perhaps English language classes; adult education courses such as calligraphy etc."

- Child and family services (38.8%, 62 people)

"We need more community based, affordable child care in the area"

- Seniors services (35%, 56 people)

"We are an ageing population"

Other ideas were:

- Health/mental health services (3 people)
- Happy police station in the style of a home geared to children and families (1 person)
- Garden services (1 person)
- Disability services (1 person)

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Bowling Club Building

For the Bowling Club, the most appealing uses¹⁰ (appealing to at least 40% of respondents) are:

- Demolish and create open space/parkland/passive recreation (Very appealing = 39.2%, Appealing = 23%, Total = 62.2%)
- Café/bistro (Very appealing = 33.1%, Appealing = 29.1%, Total = 62.2%)
- Maker space (Very appealing = 14.9%, appealing = 29.1%, Total = 44%)
- Artist studios (Very appealing = 11.4%, Appealing = 32.9%, Total = 44.3%)

The least appealing uses (unappealing to at least 40% of respondents) are:

- Demolish and create car parking (Very unappealing = 68.9%, Unappealing = 15.5%, Total = 84.4%)
- Public toilets (Very unappealing = 40.5%, Unappealing = 12.1%, Total = 52.6%)
- Create office space for different community service organisations (Very unappealing = 24.3%, Unappealing = 24.3%, Total = 48.6%)
- Lease building to a community service provider (Very unappealing = 27.5%, Unappealing = 15.4%, Total = 42.9%)
- Maker space (Very unappealing = 23.6%, Unappealing = 16.2%, Total = 39.8%)

Comments included:

"As the number of retired people grow, we need venues that will encourage participation and social activity"

"A cafe would be perfect as there is none within walking distance and would bring people to the area throughout the day"

"The hall could be used for leisure activities like yoga, music recitals, playgroups, folk dancing. A special area could be set up for a Men's shed which could produce equipment for the playgroups or other charitable organisations. A room could be used for "band practice" which could be hired out to young musicians"

"We've survived for decades without public toilets there. They could bring other sorts of trouble to the area"

¹⁰ Where the total proportion of people selecting very appealing or appealing is similar for two ideas (within 5 percentage points), the idea with the higher proportion of very appealing votes is listed first

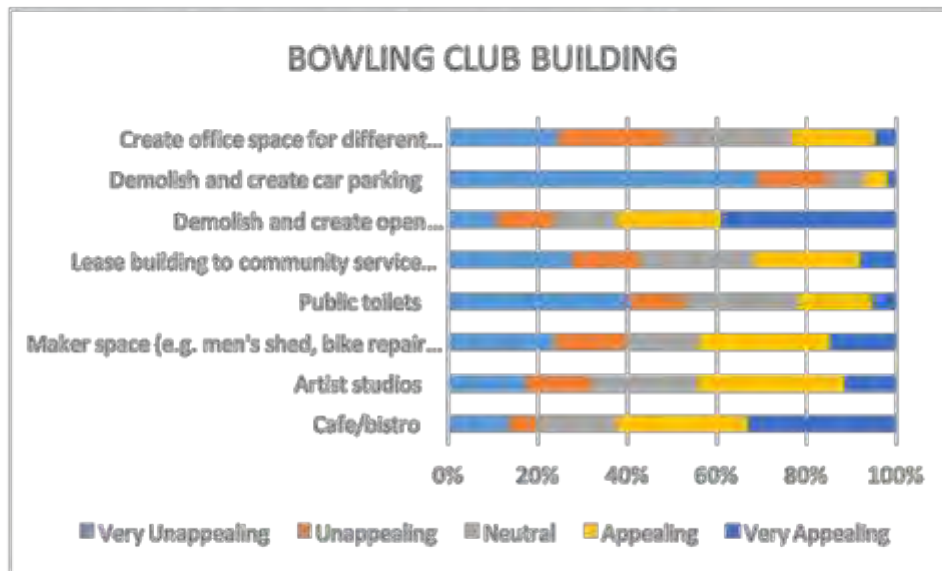
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Figure 11 Bowling club building uses rank distribution



Lawn 1

For Lawn 1, the most appealing uses¹¹ (appealing to at least 60% of respondents) were:

- Open space/parkland/passive recreation (Very appealing = 43.9%, Appealing = 30.4%, Total = 74.3%)
- Kids playground (Very appealing = 38.5%, Appealing = 27%, Total = 65.5%)
- Outdoor furniture (seating, umbrellas, BBQs etc.) (Very appealing = 30.4%, Appealing = 39.2%, Total = 69.6%)
- Active recreation (sports courts, playing fields) (Very appealing = 35.1%, Appealing = 29.1%, Total = 64.2%)
- Outdoor gym equipment (Very appealing = 25.7%, appealing = 39.9%, Total = 65.6%)

The least appealing uses (unappealing to at least 20% of respondents) were:

- Car parking (Very unappealing = 56.4%, Unappealing = 16.8%, Total = 73.2%)
- Active recreation (sports courts, playing fields) (Very unappealing = 12.2%, Unappealing = 10.8%, Total = 23%)
- Community garden (Very unappealing = 12.2%, Unappealing = 8.1%, Total = 20.3%)

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Comments included:

"Sports courts are lacking in the area. Once you could use the schools for this but they are now fenced in"

"Appealing and attractive areas to bring locals together is what appeals to me"

"Outdoor furniture is needed for people watching children or just resting from activity"

Lawn 2

For Lawn 2, the most appealing uses¹² (appealing to at least 60% of respondents) were:

- Open space/parkland/passive recreation (Very appealing = 48%, Appealing = 30.4%, Total = 78.4%)
- Kids playground (Very appealing = 37.6%, Appealing = 33.6%, Total = 71.2%)
- Outdoor furniture (seating, umbrellas, BBQs etc.) (Very appealing = 37.2%, Appealing = 33.8%, Total = 71%)
- Active recreation (sports courts, playing fields) (Very appealing = 35.8%, Appealing = 25.7%, Total = 61.5%)
- Outdoor gym equipment (Very appealing = 23.6%, appealing = 39.2%, Total = 62.8%)

The least appealing uses (unappealing to at least 20% of respondents) were:

- Car parking (Very unappealing = 56.1%, Unappealing = 10.10%, Total = 66.2%)
- Community garden (Very unappealing = 12.8%, Unappealing = 10.10%, Total = 23.6%)
- Active recreation (sports courts, playing fields) (Very unappealing = 12.2%, Unappealing = 12.8%, Total = 25%)

Comments included:

"It would be a nice area to extend on the current tennis courts and make into a bigger sporting area"

"It would be good to have some space here for outdoor cafe use, some kids play equipment and outdoor gym use"

"Outdoor seating and BBQ areas would be great for locals to come during the warmer months, as it's hard to get a spot at the local Yamble reserve or Jim Walsh park"

¹² Where the total proportion of people selecting very appealing or appealing is similar for two ideas (within 5 percentage points), the idea with the higher proportion of very appealing votes is listed first

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Compared to the responses for Lawn 1, for Lawn 2:

- Open space parkland - More people selected very appealing for open space/parkland on Lawn 2, a similar number selected appealing (48% very appealing (Lawn 2) vs. 43.9% very appealing (Lawn 1), 30.4% appealing for both)
- Kids playground - Less people selected very appealing and neutral, but more people selected appealing for kid's playground on Lawn 2 (37.6% very appealing (Lawn 2) vs 38.5% very appealing (Lawn 1), 33.6% appealing (Lawn 2) vs 27% appealing (Lawn 1), 16.1% neutral (Lawn2) vs 20.3% neutral (Lawn 1).
- Outdoor furniture - outdoor furniture was more appealing on Lawn 2 (very appealing = 37.2% (Lawn 2) vs 30.4% very appealing (Lawn 1), 33.8% appealing (Lawn 2) vs 39.2% appealing (Lawn 1), neutral/unappealing/very unappealing remained similar)

Comments justifying respondents' locational choices included:

Lawn 1:

I think this should be an active recreation area as it is on quite a busy street

Keep playground/open area nearer to school

Lawn 1 is best for parking as it faces Kings Rd

Lawn 2:

Lawn 2 is situated away from Kings Rd and would be more suitable for "passive" recreation

There are more residential houses near Lawn 2, keep the parking on the busier street

With the tennis courts close by this area could be used for BBQ facilities etc.

Lawn 2 is not suitable for parking as its only access is through Salter Crescent which is a small and narrow road

Additional comments

Some respondents gave additional comments on what they would like to see on the site. There were three key themes to these comments and ideas:

- That the site be something that is accessible to the general community/doesn't restrict use by the general community
- That the site cater to a variety of needs and users, is inclusive and builds community
- That the site could include a mix of uses

Comments are provided at Appendix 4.

Some respondents gave additional comments on what they would not like to see on the site. Responses included:

- Car parking (46.6%, 34 people)
- Restriction of community use (23.3%, 17 people)
- Commercial uses (16.4%, 12 people)
- Housing or high rise (13.7%, 10 people)

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- Impact on local traffic (12.3%, 9 people)
- Sports fields/courts (9.6%, 7 people)
- Café/bistro (5.5%, 4 people)
- Public toilets (5.5%, 4 people)
- Antisocial behaviour (4.15, 3 people)
- Child care (2.7%, 2 people)
- Noise to residents (2.7%, 2 people)
- Perkland (2.7%, 2 people)

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Written submissions

A total of 17 written submissions were received through the City of Ryde Have Your Say Page online forum. The majority 11 out of the 17 submissions focussed on utilising the site for open space and recreation uses including:

- Convert the site to a park similar to Yamble Park on Quarry Road - this would support all the residential development in the area
- Sports courts including soccer/basketball, netball - also to support the needs of the local public school
- Kids playground
- Bike tracks
- Outdoor gym
- Bowling greens, boules, or bocce
- Connecting the site to the existing tennis courts and parkland

The other seven submissions focussed on possible building uses on the site including:

- Preschool (1)
- Indoor sports courts (2)
- Library
- Community hall (2)
- Neighbourhood police station (1)
- Small car park
- Men's Shed (1)
- Community garden (2). One submission thought a community garden not necessary due to proximity to "The Habitat" on Quarry Road.

Meetings with key stakeholders

Two meetings were held with key stakeholder groups including:

1. Denistone East Public School P and C
2. Friends of Denistone East Community Group

The main outcomes of each of these meetings is detailed below:

Denistone East Public School P and C

The group discussed the following potential future uses of the currently vacant site:

- Must consider child safety and traffic impacts on Kings Road (traffic is only an issues at school pick up and drop off times). Whatever is there in the future should not increase traffic at these times

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- A community centre that supports multiple uses. For example, Marion Street Theatre is looking for a new venue, there are local dance groups and exercise groups looking for spaces
- Potentially used for delivery of Denistone East Before and After School Care Association before and after school care and school holiday programs
- All weather court – synthetic turf set up for small games of soccer/basketball would be beneficial. Currently local kids use the school facilities after hours indicating that there is demand.
- Bike riding path/track particularly for children learning to cycle
- There is no need for more tennis courts, however, the school does use the courts for lessons so important to keep them
- Venue for community functions (e.g. kid's parties, 18ths, 21sts, 40ths). The Bowling Club was regularly hired for these uses and it would be good if the venue could be used for this again. There are not many venues with indoor and outdoor spaces. It was noted that City of Ryde Council's venue hire fees are much higher than nearby Hunters Hill Council, so the higher fees may impact on people's decision to hire the venue. The facility doesn't need to be high end, just clean with good facilities
- Use of the space to deliver programs for older people, there are many seniors living in the area
- Santa Rosa Community Garden is just around the corner from the site (in Quarry Road) so there may not be a need for a community garden
- Evacuation area for the school
- Lease of community building to community groups
- The school has a lot of after school programs (e.g. chess classes, language classes, music lessons) and there is a lot of interest from organisations to deliver more classes at the school, but no space. The facility could be used for delivery of additional after school programs, which could be accessed by kids from other schools also.

Friends of Denistone East Bowling Club Community Group

Values of the Denistone East Bowling Club to the community

- Access to everyone, no monopoly
- Green spaces
- A meeting place
- Lots of parents near the school, proximity to the school
- Important that it is well maintained/presentable
- Maintaining and increasing our property values
- Families

Future uses of the Denistone East Bowling Club

- Coffee: especially for parents after school drop off
- Hall that can be used by many other groups
- There is nowhere for kids around here: a restaurant with outdoor seating that is family friendly, green spaces for the kids to run

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- Demolition of the hall and making the whole space green would be good, we want green space. There isn't an attachment to the building.
- Do not want:
 - Concerns about one organisation taking over the hall and having a monopoly over use e.g. Cerebral Palsy Alliance
 - Organised sports - traffic concerns, loss of general public use
 - Lighting on late at night
 - Drinking is a concern, don't want late night noise, drunk people in the street sitting in the gutter, trash. Do not want a late night function hall with people drinking. A restaurant would be ok with outdoor dining.
 - The least impact on residents - e.g. traffic, renovations/construction the better

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Appendix 7 Additional Comments from Stage 1 Survey and Written Submissions

These are additional comments from survey (from question: Do you have any other comments about the Denistone East Bowling Club site and its future uses?)

A bushland water feature - there is an example in Putney Park (?), which is hugely popular, the children just love it.
A facility that is available to and inclusive of the widest possible demographic of the local area.
A place for all members of the community to enjoy as open space recreation and as a meeting place to engage with peers with similar interests.
Active recreation or community groups such as the previous applicant.
Additional car space at that area will greatly benefit the school & the surrounding area at peak traffic times in morning & afternoon.
Adult social meeting place, i.e. men's shed or ladies craft venue.
All ages active use - basketball, handball, skateboarding. I think the site is big enough to provide for mixed use - with 3 or 4 zones plus the building use. Consider some all-weather courts if cost and visual impact are not prohibitive.
An open space or community garden. Something that all aged and all residents can use
An oval at the top bushland and play equipment on the bottom
As per my previous comment
Badminton playground
Before and after school care
Bike path, BBQ area
Cafe with outdoor furniture as in Enmore Park & public toilets attached. Public Use Hall for leisure & cultural pursuits. Some outdoor gym equipment as I have seen on the Gold Coast in parks, 2 outdoor basketball courts on lawn 1 nearest Kings Rd - good for males & females, some children's play equipment (could also be used by a playgroup), and a little open space for just sitting and watching activities & getting together with neighbours to generate community spirit and good mental health.
Childcare Centre and/or Kindergarten. Coffee shop (not Bistro)
Community hall and open garden with somewhere to sit. A little kiosk would be fabulous. Something that the community can use.
Complementary use to tennis courts

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Council maintained garden for sitting and relaxing
Create native habitat and bush tucker gardens. Use the building as an information centre and provide discounted plants to purchase and sample garden plans so people can get a garden design and the pants they need to do the same thing in their own gardens
Doesn't put pressure on traffic Compliments school
Dog park and dog cafe
Facility that can cater to all ages and ethnicities.
Given the scale of the available land and the demographic around this site, it would be useful to have a venue that offers an active lifestyle to residents - perhaps a gym for adults, health food cafe and a children's play gym. Alternatively, a day care facility for children (0-5 years) would also be welcome since there are no day care centres around this area. Movie theatre? - might be good to unwind with a dinner and a movie
Home-style police station on Lawn 1 with happy, soft and warm stuffed animals and bears. Club building - to be a bistro/café - hope a NFP enterprise can run it well - maybe Scandinavian or French cuisine. Everyone would love it - something different, vibrant and elegant yet affordable for patrons. Lawn 2 - happy fluffy green grass joining up to the tennis court gardens. Landscape with plants for the lorikeets!! Lorikeets are therapeutic :)
I agree that some car parking space will be required, but it would be better to encourage people to walk to use these facilities. I would like to see cultivated flower gardens that add colour and a sense of care for mental wellbeing. Rose beds; flower pots;
I believe that combining a large dog park and small outdoor gym area would be an ideal combination on one lawn as the Dogs and their owners can exercise at the same time. Kids already have other parks such as Community Park and Yamble Reserve close by. 2nd lawn would be perfect for a small parking area, more open space and outdoor BBQ and seating. A cafe would be perfect in the building as we do not have any good cafes within walking distance (bistro at night).
I have been voting for kiosk but now believe that space would be better utilised as a cafe/restaurant if it was to be used for catering purposes. Especially outdoor dining.
I think both lawns should be use for differing recreation facilities.
I think we need activities for teenagers as there are plenty of kids parks, dog parks, BBQ areas already in the area
I think we need to offer something to the group that is no longer there - older people. I think sport is also important. I would like to see facilities that could be used by local schools.
I would like to see a memorial garden to the ANZACs to remind younger people and new Australians of their sacrifice. This is an important part of Australia's history and should be reflected in new designs for gardens and parkland esp. as there is nothing close by.

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I would like to see facilities constructed that support social cohesion, either through sporting activity or community participation such as a men's shed.
I would like to see open space/parkland possibly encompassing a community garden and kids play equipment.
I would like to see the Putt Putt site moved here, as it appeals for a wide range of ages and people.
I would like to see the buildings used for a community centre, children's day care and/or play groups. I think that the open space needs to be retained.
If the building is demolished an overall embellishment something along the lines of Jim Walsh Park is needed for the area.
In my previous submission I suggested that a community garden for some of the outdoor space would be a good fit. I still believe this to be so and I think that the local schools (Denistone East PS, St Therese) and pre-schools could become involved as well as some active senior citizens - even Minimbah - a great community project.
Indoor and outdoor sport court with BBQ or cafe, playground and parking
It is very difficult to find places to have dinners meetings that are reasonably priced with meals enough room for guest speakers and fund raising events. Lions, Rotary are continually looking for these.
Keep the area tasteful and respectful of many long term residents in the area surrounding it.
Kids area and cafe
Large open space for people to enjoy
Lawn 1 to be used for public park/recreational use. The building itself for bistro or café and the lawn two be used for car parking.
Lease Lawn 2 to Putt Putt
Lots of natural trees, park cafe
Mainly I would like to see this wonderful site used as a community area.
Make it useful for both the young families in the area as well as the older ones
Meeting rooms for various groups to use and have a visitors park in designated areas
Mixed use facility maybe playground at the front with a basketball court and garden at the back with some if the produce going to a cafe that is non-profit that helps fund some learning/arts bases programs run in the building
Museum to Australian bowling clubs and other forgotten Australian culture.

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No
Open space Open space/parkland for passive and community garden are the best choices.
Open space parkland is the best choice.
Open space parkland is the best option
Outdoor activities for kids skate park basketball court space for youth
Parks, neighbourhood garden
Please, City of Ryde, use this land creatively. This is a great chance to make a fantastic community centre for all of Ryde to use!
Preference: 1. open space parkland 2. community garden
Recreational area, sports fields and play area that local schools can use as well as all members of local community.
Remember this land was deeded for public use.
Skater park, running track, community building events, community farm and open markets
Something that engages the whole of the community
Sports field / all-purpose sports facilities that will be used effectively during school hours. This will reduce the impact on the roads and the local community. Consider facilities already nearby e.g. West Ryde community centre, Ryde Park and Livvi's Park. These facilities do not need to be replicated.
The combined site would make a good place for a secondary school as Ryde needs schools urgently.
The site is within a small community and next to the school. I would like to see the site become a beautiful garden or a park for kids play and family gathering.
The space should be given back to the community to use.
The whole site should be made into a secondary school
There's already Midway shopping area close by; therefore, it would not make much sense to create another one for similar use. instead, on this side of the suburb, there aren't many recreation space for the residents. Also, the traffic on Lovell road need to be considered. I do not wish the Lovell Road traffic be increased due to this change.

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Trees or shade for whatever gets built there.
Use the opportunity to plant trees and create natural bushland setting as has been done so well in other areas of Council
Versatile playing courts that would have sun/rain protection to make them all weather
Would like to see park or gardens to be built.
better to utilise it morning afternoon evening and night
café/bistro properly lit park and gardens
markets, craft fairs etc. also very good

Written submissions

I think it would be great if the bowling club could be converted into a park similar to Yamble Park on Quarry Rd. With the population increasing, medium density development all around, there is a lack of public open space for kids to run around and play sport. I think it would be wonderful for the community.
Would like to see area set aside as a park and definitely NOT any development or apartments. Need more open space in Ryde
I don't believe there is a need for another Community Garden so close to the wonderful existing 'The Habitat' on Quarry Rd. An extension of the existing park land around the tennis courts and just some nice open space would be of great value as the population density of the area increases. There is also a need for additional parking space close to the school. If the Kings Rd side could be converted into a small car park this would also be well used and may help to alleviate traffic congestion.
I would like to see the Denistone Bowling Club indoor facility turned into a community hall. For the external portion I would like to see this turned into an all weather playcourt for basketball/netball/recreation. This would be a great facility for the Denistone East school during school hours and a great facility for local sporting teams and the youth.
Thank you for the opportunity to lodge this submission re possible future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club site. Please consider future use of the Denistone East Bowling Club to include community groups, similar to format of the Epping Creative Centre at Dence Park. A Community Centre at this site (modeled on the Epping Creative Centre) would prove to be a greatly valued and utilised asset for the local and greater Sydney community.
I would like it will become a active recreation or a playground for both adults and kids, where the local people can do exercise.

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<p>The thought that occurs to me, is that with the growth in population in the general area due to continuing developments, the increased demand for schools necessitating the eventual reopening of the one in Smalls Road Ryde for example, surely there is a growth in pre-school day care as well. This sight could possibly be converted using one bowling green as a play area and the other one as a parking area. The building may need improvements too.</p>
<p>I recommend to build a library since there is no library in the area.</p>
<p>I feel that turning the denistone east bowling club site into a free, public gym would be great, much like that of muscle beach gym at Venice beach. This would be an inviting opportunity for all to engage in physical activity and the result could be an overall improvement in the communities fitness and well-being</p>
<p>I would love to see this retained as an open space in the form of a multi-purpose park which contains a range of equipment to suit a wide age group. Similar to Ryde park which has a half basketball court, playground and bike track. A car park to enable visitors to park safely and unload away from the road would be ideal too.</p>
<p>It would be great to see this area used for a community police station.</p>
<p>We live very close to the Bowling Club on Henderson St, and we hope there can be some sport courts, preferably soccer/basket ball, plus kids playground, bike track etc. Thanks.</p>
<p>Looking at what we have around us, I think it would be a good addition to have this site as an indoor sports courts and active recreation which can double up as a community hall. A neighbourhood garden or a library would not be my recommendation as there are so many around denistone east.</p>
<p>I vote for an open park or a sport court.</p>
<p>My suggested uses for this site are:</p> <p>1. A Men's Shed with a difference. The Mens Shed should not (like every other Men's Shed) be a woodworking shed (at least not initially. If you want cheap looking furniture go to Ikea) It should have 3 bays:</p> <p>i) Sheet metal working. This bay should have a guillotine, pan brake bender, turret punch, pedestal drill, bench grinder and a notcher. A spot welder and a set of rollers would be a bonus. A number of benches with a vice are also required.</p> <p>ii) Welding. This bay should have an arc welder, a MIG welder, a TIG welder, oxy-acetylene welding, a plasma cutter and pedestal grinder</p> <p>iii) Fitting and turning. This bay should have a few metalworking lathes and a milling machine.</p>

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2) A coffee shop

Initially only coffee, tea and a biscuit, but could expand to morning teas, light lunches etc. Ultimately it may be able to be leased out as a cafe, bar and even a restaurant. If it offered 'pensioner sized' servings it may find a niche market

3) A community garden (on the lower green)

Perhaps specialising in herbs? Whatever it does it needs to be different to the Santa Rosa community garden

4) Some sort of woman's activities such as craft and interior decorating activities, art, floral design etc.

To make these work we would presumably need to tie in with a TAFE College or a Community College (at least initially) for the provision of trained supervisors

5) A Senior Citizens social activities co-ordination area (road trips, playing card days, dancing, whatever)

6) Parking on the upper green

7) Perhaps lease out some of the area for a geriatrics health centre (spa, massage etc)

I feel this concept could be developed over time but if the master plan is well defined extra modules could be added as time goes on

I like the idea of the Bowling club becoming a community, hall sports court and active recreation ground. Maybe a Indoor Soccer/Netball /Basketball Court. With a cafe and kids playground attached to it. Our area is overdeveloped with duplex's, town houses and apartments etc. We need some open space for the future of the children living in the area. Oversupply of people undersupply of recreation space.

I think the site/land/facilities/buildings should be adapted for more open public use. Having said this I think we should observe and preserve the lost cultural heritage of the site and it should remain and resemble and retain as much of the bowling club look and feel. It would be nice, if in future the popularity returns, for it to become a bowling club once again. Maybe the bowling greens can be opened up for other similar ball games. Bocce, Boules, petanque, etc. They should certainly be preserved in their current state. Or, if altered, be able to be returned to their proper state with little fuss. The bowling club building could be modified and opened up as covered bbq space and toilet block. Possible with some form of acknowledgement of its history and what bowling clubs once meant to many generations of Australians. Once something is broken it's often very hard to fix.

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Appendix 8 Additional Comments from Stage 2 Survey and Written Submissions

Additional comments from survey (from question: Do you have any other comments on your preferred options?)

Preferred Option 1	We need open spaces.
	While many of the people around the site are elderly they are slowly being replaced by young families so a park and play ground would be well used. Just look at Yamble Reserve, the council changed that area from a barren piece of grass into a wonderful park that is very heavily used all the time. You could consider adding BBQs or a community garden to the site too, if funds stretched to them.
	Please remember that life is not all about venues, devices and incessant activity and development. Why not take the opportunity to demonstrate a commonsense approach to some space that has suddenly become available. Less will be best in this case.
	I think everything must be done to retain what can be preserved in regards to the history of the bowling club.
	More open spaces should be in this area as there is a lot of building work going on. The population would be increasing very quickly.
	More trees and seats to make like a park
	It would have made a great school!!
	Once the area is closed for open space, there will be no chance of ever retrieving it. Trees clean the air and they are being cut down everywhere.
	If the final decision is Option 1, could you please put seating area away from local house next to the street? So when people chatting in the park especially during the late night will not impact local residents?
	When make final decision, please consider to minimise the impact to local families daily life. To live next to a restaurant is totally different from live next to a green park which is what we have now. No restaurant/cafe please. Thank you.
	No restaurant please. Future seating area away from local families to avoid noise during rest hours.
	As a local senior, I want to keep the bowling club green a nice and quiet area for everyone to use. No restaurant please. For future seating area, please install the seats away from the local houses. Thank you!
	Do we really need another restaurant with parking problems
Make the area known as enjoyable and nice relaxing place to be. If we want action or	

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	<p>sporting areas there are already plenty of options elsewhere</p> <p>What would be most useful would also be least expensive.</p> <p>Be very careful about committing open space to other than open space activity.</p> <p>Considering other approved developments in the area, this option will provide much needed passive open space while keeping cost reasonable.</p>
Preferred Option 2	<p>As children/adults are not able to play ball games at any of the small parks around here it would be a good option to be able to have some active space designated to do this.</p> <p>Choose flower trees.</p> <p>Having a clean and passive area is much preferred to high rise that is occurring all around Ryde.</p> <p>Please make the right decision.</p> <p>In built up suburbs like Ryde we need to take every opportunity to create natural places for quietness and wildlife.</p> <p>For both Option 1 & 2 I should suggest the inclusion of a toilet block. The site already has power and water, and nearby parks do not have toilet facilities.</p> <p>Some off street car parking would be good for the open area so cars would not impact street parking.</p> <p>I would retain some parking in Option 2.</p> <p>We need somewhere to be active in our area. An outdoor gym would be great.</p> <p>Having the maximum amount of open space enables the local community to enjoy the environment to the full. If a BBQ, picnic and toilet facilities were also provided it would encourage local families to enjoy this valuable asset.</p> <p>In terms of funding to make this happen I have a suggestion which I accept is likely to have some opposition. There are 2 nearby parks (Salter Park and Cecil Park) which are effectively just oversized walkways. They are a maintenance liability for little real public benefit. An investigation could be undertaken to see if at least one of them (Salter Park is opposite, Cecil Park is a better size) could in part be closed as a park and sold. A small path can still be retained with the majority of the land converted into residential lots. There may be an issue with existing underground services that prevents any action. But it may be worth going through the investigation and if appropriate then the public consultation process with a view to reclassifying and rezoning the land for disposal. It will generate the needed funds to build a much better useful park on the DEBC site for the whole community and get rid of a fairly unnecessary piece of park (whilst retaining a reduced-sized walkway). I raise this option only if funding is seen to be a problem.</p>

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	Would be good create shades over the play space.
	I would like to see incorporated a gated play area for little children and if possible a small kiosk.
	Please preserve the open spaces for kids to play. We do not want to see green lands turn into concrete.
	Must have pathways (if proposed) for disabled access, especially wheelchairs. All perimeter pathways must have wheelchair cut aways from roadway at a number off points, not just at street corners
	Option 3 sounds ideal to me as there is an opportunity for the site to generate money for its upkeep. However, I accept that it may be too expensive set up. It's also hard to ensure that the restaurant will be of reasonable and consistent standard to maintain clientele.
	There are a lot of young families in the area - and a large primary school across the road - this site will be fantastic as an open space/playground and open field for casual sports.
	Active space, active space, active space. Particularly a basketball court. Car parking is unnecessary. Get people outside, get them mobile, healthy... and spend less money.
	The option would ideally include all weather purpose courts that could be used for basketball/volleyball/soccer games by people in local area especially for ages 9-early 20's where in Ryde council area there is a distinct lack of informal facilities.
	Would be good if play areas cater for school age children e.g. bike tracks and older kids type of play equipment. A lot of play areas cater for younger children and do not appeal to older age groups. Would be ideal if the play equipment would suit the ages of kids attending school in the area. Sufficient shade is important and active recreational space is a must.
	Option would be great for everyone to get outside, stay fit, be healthier and keep cost of healthcare down.
	Need to encourage healthy use of open spaces and bring the community together. More people will be out and about, creating a healthy, caring community.
	A space where the community can come together and enjoy the amazing surroundings of the area. Also has there been consideration for off street parking?
	Encouraging outdoor active play and interaction is excellent for a community transitioning from an older demographic to a new family oriented group.
OPTION 3	I would like to see some of the community group space allocated to a 'mens' shed".
	Option 2 with the large playground does not address the noise that could affect surrounding residents, or support the whole diversity of people in the local area. I only prefer Option 3. The community centre would engage so many more parts of the

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community making the area a hub of connection and friendships, learning and creativity, support, community value and spirit. It would help to keep our area a safe and connected local community.
Keep hall hire costs low to bring in more community classes and groups and small functions.
Would definitely like to see passive/active spaces and hubs for volunteer and community groups in this area.
I would have preferred a combination of community spaces and just passive open space.
Feel that passive open space is not doing the site justice or with the intent on what it was first developed for
I would have preferred Option no. 3 to be without the active open space
Option three seems to be a good option. A small cafe would be great as long as it adds to our wonderful tennis club.
Would love more community space.
Preferred to have somewhere for body exercises.
Personally I want a gym.
I want a place for the kids. Many DE public school students live around here. The parents and the kids need places for the kids' activities, parties. We are expecting a wonderful place.
Want a place can let the older people to go often.
While I understand there may be a need for some off-street parking, I am disappointed to learn that a minimum of 20 car spaces must form part of Option 3. Hopefully this will be explained at the Community Workshop.
I would love to see a leash free element for dogs too in this plan as many households have dogs around this area. I would also like to see the place well lit at night time too.
A plea to keep the suburb low key and green. This is an attraction for many people, even new comers who then build large houses.
There are lots of parks in the area for young children but not a lot of spaces for older kids. We need more heated pools and community centres to cater for the ageing population. There are lots of sport fields too. I would prefer the minor active recreation space to be a garden or passive open space because we don't find many around these days.
I feel a restaurant or cafe would drive more unnecessary traffic to that location. Specific needs like sporting events, and community projects only require parking when needed for that event.

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	<p>I am not sure if you had considered giving this land to the nearby public school Denistone East for utilisation for more classrooms. I understand the school has, as it is over 800 enrolments and is likely to exceed 1,000 in time. We need more space in a school.</p>
	<p>Invest in your residents needs.</p>
	<p>Option 3 provides for the best use of the land for the largest number of people. Well-managed, it will serve the community for many years to come as the population grows. There is plenty of open space around but none with such a building.</p>
	<p>How about building a Denistone East High School to ease the schooling pressure from hundreds of local families?</p>
	<p>We need basketball courts or outdoor exercise equipment and some small playground perhaps like McDonalds have for young children. The area is redeveloping with young families and higher density living will continue. Therefore, we need meeting places for people with a focus.</p>
	<p>That'll be great if give us a library</p>
	<p>The community space could have internal sports courts for soccer/basketball and table tennis.</p>
	<p>Option 4 would allow for meeting space in addition to a place for a coffee or lunch for Mums and bubs and retirees.</p>
	<p>The close proximity of 2 schools which can make use of the facilities makes Option 3 the most efficient use of the land.</p>
	<p>Best for our neighborhood since the rising number of younger families with school kids attending the local schools across the road.</p>
	<p>What spaces are available locally for retired people to gather and be active.</p>
	<p>May need more parking.</p>
	<p>Please consider the example of Epping Creative Centre at Dence Park for potential use of the former Denistone East Bowling Club.</p>
OPTION 4	<p>For the option 4, is there only one restaurant? Probably there should be several restaurants, sounds better, and several cafes.</p>
	<p>Al fresco dining!! :)</p>
	<p>I still think it has potential for "child care" with play area on one bowling green and parking on another. This is bearing in mind the population growth in the area that puts pressure on schooling facilities - Smalls Road as example.</p>

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<p>Co-working spaces are increasingly popular. Sharing the space between commercial (coffee and food) and community has to be a win/win. The grounds keeper cafe is an example of success in a recreational area - Add a community building to the space and how much better would that be!</p>
<p>Thank you for asking for my opinion. Please think of the future it may be a bit painful now but we need to make sure that Ryde- Denistone does not become a low quality living area.</p>
<p>I really believe it is important to create a decent facility here. It is almost certain that Denistone East will be developed over the coming years, much the same as the surrounding suburbs have been, and if we can have an established community facility in place, when this inevitability happens, it will be a fabulous way for new and old residents to engage, play and socialise.</p>
<p>Not really except we've had a mixed use site for many years so I think it should continue that way. Why demolish a perfectly good building & also it keeps it closest to what has been there as long as I can remember</p>
<p>Parking is to be underground.</p>
<p>Coffee shop and play area please!!</p>
<p>These are all great options, in comparison to the current status of keeping this building locked up. I would just suggest that a more preferable option would be a use part of the area as restaurant/cafe/hall and use the other as active play area instead of passive.</p>
<p>I think the idea of a new park type area with community hall and cafe is very exciting for our locale. It represents a golden opportunity to encourage outdoor activity for children for fitness and fresh air and somewhere that parents can also meet to chat and maybe have a coffee while also supervising their children.</p>
<p>We would love to have a local good restaurant.</p>
<p>The success of my preferred option would very much depend on the style of restaurant ...something with a bit of difference, very relaxed and stylish.</p>
<p>Car parking is critical to any use of the site even open space as there is no or very little parking on street.</p>
<p>It is better that the money is used to provide few sport activities, so families can come together doing different sports. Basketball hoop, 2 cricket nets, outdoor gym facilities, running track for those who want to do jogging or biking.</p>
<p>Maximise the opportunities on the site for income generating uses.</p>
<p>Option 1 should not even be an option, the area is too large, what's the point.</p>
<p>As there is a systemic mind set of removing mature trees in the area where our native animals seek refuge, there needs to be more open space with native vegetation to give</p>

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	them space.
	The costs being high or low is not indicative of what the community would be 'putting in' but what the business holder or NFP or proprietor or Council, so this is misleading as it gives the impression the public will pay for the implementation which would not be the case - it would be, logically done through a collaboration of private, NFP, Council and possibly another level of government.

3 RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH AND FAMILY RECREATION SPACE

Report prepared by: Open Space Planner - City Planning and Development
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REPORT SUMMARY

Council Staff and Alaric Hellowell from Convic Pty Ltd will do a short presentation to the Committee.

In 2015, recognising the need to provide a dedicated youth and family recreation space with skate facilities in the City of Ryde, Council resolved to establish a Skate Park Working Group (SPWG) to *explore options for the establishment of a new (regional) skate facility...in the City of Ryde*. The SPWG, consisting of Councillors, officers from the City of Ryde and Hunters Hill Council, Youth Council representatives, local skaters and interested members of the community have been instrumental in investigating and shortlisting potential sites. After finalising their analysis, in September 2016 the SPWG recommended Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park as the most suitable locations for a skate and family recreation space in the City of Ryde. Resulting from this recommendation at its meeting on, 27 September 2016, Council resolved:

- (a) That Council endorse the recommendation of the Skate Park Working Group with the selection of Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park for further investigation.*
- (b) That Council endorse undertaking consultation with the community and stakeholders regarding the location and design of an outdoor youth and family recreation facility within Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park.*
- (c) That after the community consultation, an implementation plan be prepared for the most appropriate site so that the facility can be delivered as soon as practical and the plan be reported to Council.*
- (d) That Council write to NSW Health NSW Police inviting them to continue to participate in the development of these projects and thank them for their submissions.*

In December 2016 Council engaged the services of Convic Pty Ltd, a world leader in the design and construction of skate parks and youth and family recreation spaces, to assist Council with consultation and concept development of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space. Convic undertook detailed site analysis of both Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park and this site analysis is tabled in the Site Selection Report (**ATTACHMENT 1**). Meadowbank Park was recommended as the most suitable location.

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From 22 February to 26 March 2017 Convic with the support of City of Ryde staff undertook in-depth consultation with the community and key stakeholders regarding the location and design of an outdoor youth and family recreation facility within Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park. The consultation process included an online survey, two community information sessions and two community design workshops, one for each site. In addition, 21 written submissions were received by Council. The outcomes of the consultation are tabled in the Pre-Design Community Engagement Summary (**ATTACHMENT 2**) and a summary of the written submissions is tabled in the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space Summary of Submissions (**ATTACHMENT 3**). Based on community consultation Meadowbank Park is the recommended location.

As Meadowbank Park was recommended for the development and construction of the Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space, Convic has developed a concept design for the park. The concept design addresses the concerns and aspirations that have been raised through the project to date and is tabled in the Meadowbank Park Preliminary Concept Design (**ATTACHMENT 4**).

As identified key stakeholders for early engagement, NSW Police and NSW Health have reviewed the concept design. NSW Police, Ryde Local Area Command have advised that based on material so far it appears Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles have been applied. NSW Health have indicated their in principle support for the design and their continued support for the project (**ATTACHMENT 5**). Similarly, Council's Skate Park Working Group have reviewed the preliminary concept design and provided their support for the design, ongoing community consultation on the concept and the project moving forward to construction at Meadowbank Park.

As per Council's resolution an implementation plan has been developed for Meadowbank Park, including further community consultation to finalise the concept for construction. Council has allocated \$1.5M for the Construction of Skate Facilities within the City of Ryde in the 2017/2018-2018/2019 budget. In order to effectively deliver the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space at Meadowbank Park and include the community's needs as well as future design work, consultation, preliminaries and authority approvals additional funding of \$1.3M will be required making a total of \$2.8M for the delivery of the project. The additionally funding will be provided through Developer Contributions.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) In accordance with the results of the community consultation, that Council endorse Meadowbank Park as the location for construction of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space, including skate facilities.

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- (b) That Council endorse the allocation of an additional \$1.3M for the construction of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space at Meadowbank Park. To be funded by Developer Contributions, and to be adjusted in the Four Year Delivery Plan accordingly (adjusting the funding to \$500,000 in 2017/2018 and \$2.3m in 2018/19).
- (c) That Council write to all who took part in the community consultation, including NSW Police, NSW Health and the Skate Park Working Group thanking them for their contributions to the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space and advising them of the Council's resolution.
- (d) That all residents who addressed Council in relation to this item be invited to future community consultations to progress the concept to construction stage.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - Site Selection Report - Convic
- 2 Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - Pre Design Community Engagement Summary - Convic
- 3 Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - Summary of Written Submissions 2017
- 4 Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - Meadowbank Park Concept Design - Convic
- 5 Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - Letter of Support (NSW Health)
- 6 Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - History of Skate Facilities in the City of Ryde

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History

Community interest in the development of a skate recreational facility within the City of Ryde has been a subject of discussion, investigation and contention for over 30 years. Throughout this time, Council, CoR staff and stakeholders have invested considerable time and financial resources in an effort to find a suitable and balanced solution for this planned community asset.

History of Skate Facilities in the City of Ryde (**ATTACHMENT 6**) summarises the 32 year history of reports, Council resolutions, studies, groups formed and community engagement in relation to the establishment of skate recreational facilities within the City of Ryde LGA.

Current Council Resolution

2016 - Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space – Creation of Youth Precincts

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- (d) *That Council write to NSW Health NSW Police inviting them to continue to participate in the development of these project and thank them for their submissions.*

Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space 2017

In December 2016 Council engaged the services of Convic Pty Ltd to assist with consultation and concept development on the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space at Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park. Convic have successfully delivered over 700 skate and youth spaces across Australia and internationally. Convic have designed and constructed local, district and regional facilities and are well placed to offer expert advice and community engagement on skate based recreational facilities and projects.

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The Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space initial consultation has been delivered in the following three stages.

1. Analysis and Investigation Phase
2. Engagement and Consultation Phase
3. Preliminary Design Phase

1. Analysis and Investigation Phase

The Analysis and Investigation Phase was undertaken to assess a range of attributes to determine if Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park were suitable and appropriate locations for the development of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space. Each park was assessed to determine if it was able to host a local, district or regional facility and to outline the opportunities and constraints of each site to further inform the site selection process. The analysis examined the wider skate and youth space context of the Ryde area and identified gaps within current provision, distribution models, demographics, catchment mapping and highlighted existing skate and youth spaces.

Utilising a specific site selection criteria matrix and weighted scoring system, each of the sites was assessed against the following criteria. Physical site conditions and technical considerations; Access and transport; Natural and passive surveillance, security and safety; Proximity to amenities; Impact on existing facilities, adjoining uses and users; Distance from housing and incompatible land use; Event space opportunities; Maintenance, Context and amenity; and Consistency with strategic objectives. A site with a collective score above 70% is deemed a suitable site for the development of a skate based recreation facility. The site suitability for Meadowbank Park is 90% and Eastwood Park is 78%

Based on the desktop study and comprehensive site analysis, Convic identified Meadowbank Park as the recommended location for the construction of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space. The site allows for a regional or district facility in Ryde and its introduction into the park would build upon its current recreational opportunities and addresses the needs of the evolving community particularly around youth activation and non-organised sports.

Eastwood Park has been deemed suitable, however only for a 'local' facility with skate being only a small part of a wider range of family recreation opportunities. The site offers limited opportunity for wheeled sports due to the complexities and constraints at the site, particularly around flooding and limited available open space. Eastwood Park lends itself to a supporting facility and would not meet the current demand and needs of the community.

A full account of the analysis and investigation phase is provided in the Site Selection Report (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

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2. Engagement and Consultation Phase

The community engagement phase for the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space was conducted between 22 February and 26 March 2017. The community engagement process consisted of two Information Sessions and two Design Workshops, and an online survey. Written responses were also received by Council. These activities and the number of responders are listed in Table 1.

Consultation opportunities were promoted widely including Council's website, Councils Have Your Say Page, letterbox drops to all households within a 1km radius of Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park, door knocks, e-newsletters to those registered on the CoR mailing list, sporting groups and Ryde youth contacts, posted on Facebook, email and poster to all primary and high schools in the Ryde Catchment Area, large format posters installed at both sites, ad in the Northern District Times' City News section, posted on skateboard.com.au, Sydney Skateboarding Association media platforms and posted on Convic's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Community Consultation sessions occurred as follows:

- Eastwood Information Session
When: Wednesday 8th March 6-8pm
Where: Ryde - Eastwood Leagues Club - 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde
- Meadowbank Information session
When: Thursday 9th March 6-8pm
Where: Ryde - Eastwood Leagues Club - 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde
- Meadowbank Design Workshop
When: Saturday 11th March 9-11am
Where: Civic Hall - 1 Devlin Street, Ryde
- Eastwood Design Workshop
When: Saturday 11th March 1-3pm
Where: Civic Hall - 1 Devlin Street, Ryde

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Table 1: Community Consultation Events And Responders	
Activity	Responders
Survey - Online	366 surveys completed
Survey – Consultation Sessions	28 surveys completed
Meadowbank Park Information Session	11 attendees
Eastwood Park Information Session	18 attendees
Meadowbank Park Design Workshop	13
Eastwood Park Design Workshop	7
Written submissions*	21 representations 18 Individuals
Meetings with stakeholders	- Skate Park Working Group - Meeting with Mayor and residents of Ross Smith Avenue - NSW Police: Attended Meadowbank Park Information Session

*Whilst the consultation exhibition period was open 22 February to 26 March 2017, Council received written submissions up to 4 May and these have been included. Multiple representations were received from the some individuals.

The community engagement opportunities achieved a total of 394 community members providing feedback through the formal exhibition period. 366 surveys were completed online and 28 surveys were completed at the consultations sessions. Of the 394 participants, 320 expressed support for the development of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space within the Ryde LGA and believed that a family and skate space would benefit their community. Based on the community's feedback Meadowbank Park is the recommended location for the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space.

A full synopsis of the engagement and consultation phase is provided in the Pre-Design Community Engagement Summary (**ATTACHMENT 2**). Key findings are noted below.

Survey

- 366 responses were received.
- Participants ranged in age from under 10 to over 50.
- The majority of survey's completed by those aged 11-20 or 31-40.
- 150 females and 211 males completed the survey.
- 299 participants live within a 5km radius of the nominated sites.
- 281 participants have been residents of Ryde for over 10 years.
- 234 of the 366 participants favoured the Meadowbank Park site over the Eastwood Park.
- 278 participants indicated that a skate and family recreation space should be provided for the community to utilise.

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Meadowbank Park Consultation

The positive attributes raised in relation to the Meadowbank Park site included, plenty of open space, more opportunities for integrating landscaping and other activities into the design, good natural surveillance, that the space is currently not utilised to its full extent, good parking, good public transport, ideal accessibility, and existing amenities already present. The site also offers integration with existing traditional sports facilities and offers more contemporary sport opportunities, is a good place for young people to congregate in a safe environment, offers good interaction between different user groups, existing and proposed.

The main concerns raised around the Meadowbank Park site included, resident concern around acoustic disturbance, additional pressure on parking resources, policing of the site, increased traffic and lack of safe crossing points on Constitution Road, closed aspect of north west corner of site, ongoing maintenance and general antisocial behaviour.

Eastwood Park Consultation

The positive attributes raised in relation to the Eastwood Park site included, close to shops and other civic amenities, good transport connections, no “immediate” local residents, good natural surveillance, integration with varying public spaces, safe pedestrian connections, and the site is well serviced by the adjacent library and toilets.

The main concerns raised around the Eastwood Park site included, site not large enough to host a facility of this type, additional pressure on parking resources, policing of the site, close proximity to existing uses, effect on the play area, library access and pedestrian routes, possible removal of heritage trees, ongoing maintenance and general antisocial behaviour.

Additional Consultation Information

Council received written submissions up to 4 May 2017 and these have been included as representations. 21 representations were received by Council from 18 individuals. A summary of the written submissions are tabled in the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space Summary of Submissions (**ATTACHMENT 3**).

In accordance with the Council resolution, NSW Police and NSW Health were invited to participate with both organisations expressing their continued support for the project.

Presentations from both Information Sessions and the Design Workshops were made available on Council’s Have Your Say Page for review by those who were not able to attend the consultation sessions.

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3. Preliminary Design Phase

The preliminary concept design has been developed for review by NSW Police, NSW Health and the Skate Park Working Group as identified key stakeholders for early engagement. The preliminary concept design was informed by the site assessment findings outlined in the Site Selection Report and the community's concerns and aspirations as outlined in the Pre-Design Community Engagement Summary Report. The preliminary concept design is provided in the Meadowbank Park Concept Design (**ATTACHMENT 4**).

The concept design for Meadowbank Park integrates into its park context and incorporates the following key attributes and benefits to the community:

- Gateways and Connectivity - Improvements to circulation, connections and entry nodes and tying these into the existing perimeter path/loop.
- Accessibility - Entry points, surface treatments and clear paths of travel will ensure the space is as inclusive as possible. The proposed pump track and the upper and lower skate plazas allow for wheelchair participation.
- Acoustics – Placing the louder activities more central to the park area, with more passive recreation around the perimeter. Utilising landscape treatments to reduce noise dispersion and importantly ensuring the 50m residential offset is achieved for skate activities.
- Safety and Surveillance – Incorporating lighting and CCTV into the space to provide for safer activities. Increasing passive surveillance by lifting the tree canopies along Constitution Road. Removing or thinning shrubs to increase visibility.
- Theming – following community suggestions, the design responds to the Parramatta River, particularly the significant stands of mangroves, and the indigenous, natural and cultural heritage of the location.
- Passive recreation – the facility is designed to offer a number of social opportunities for all ages. Amenities include picnic and BBQ area, drinking water, seating, litter bins, bike racks, pathway, shade and shelter.
- Active recreation – the design allows for more informal recreation opportunities including, parkour, climbing play, table tennis, hit up and ball areas and a new playground. All of these attributes were requested by the community through the consultation process.

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- Skate typology – whilst skate will be a predominated component, the design also includes BMX opportunities. As well as places for young children to ride scooters and other wheeled sports.
- Skate skill level – the design predominantly caters for beginners and intermediate level of skill so that all members of the community have the ability to use the space. The design also allows for and encourages the natural progression of skills from beginner to advanced sections.
- Skate obstacles – The predominate skate style incorporates a street and transitional style. This was the favoured outcome as part of community consultation. The obstacles cater for all skill levels and all wheeled sports.
- Landscaping – Planting integrates within and around the proposed design and will be integrated into the greater parkland setting. Native low grasses are proposed with clear stem trees to ensure views are not interrupted and passive surveillance is maintained.
- Art – the design will incorporate art components and these will be incorporated into skate features, the play area and gateways. This was a key request from the community.

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Meadowbank Park Concept – Plan

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Meadowbank Park Concept - Perspective 1

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Meadowbank Park Concept - Perspective 2

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Meadowbank Park Concept - Perspective 3

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Meadowbank Park Concept - Perspective 4

NSW Police, Ryde Local Area Command have been provided with the concept plan and advised that based on material so far it appears Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles have been applied. NSW Police will be further consulted as the concept is developed and finalised for construction. NSW Health has reviewed the concept design and has indicated their in-principle support for the design and their continued support for the project (**ATTACHMENT 5**). Similarly, Council's Skate Park Working Group have reviewed the preliminary concept design and provided their support for the design, ongoing design development on the concept and the project moving forward to construction at Meadowbank Park.

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Implementation Plan

To ensure the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space is delivered in accordance with Council's Four Year Delivery Plan and is constructed as soon as feasibly possible, the following implementation plan has been prepared as required by Council resolution. The plan includes further community consultation on the design, tendering for specialist skate park design and construction services, through to opening the facility. City Planning and Development will continue to manage the project and executed contract with Convic, who are engaged to finalise the Meadowbank Park Concept Design should Council support the recommendations of this report.

An internal Project Control Group (PCG) will be established to provide input into the final stages of the project and to be included, where appropriate, in the tender evaluation panel for the design and construction services. The PCG is to comprise a representative of City Planning, Operations, Procurement and the Project Development Department. The Project Development Department will project manage the construction of the facility including management of the Design and Construct Tender with input from City Planning. The Acting Manager City Planning will oversee the project to completion.

	Indicative Dates ONLY	Program	Objective
Concept Design Development	July 2017	Concept Design Development	To be used in consultation
	August 2017	Preparation of Consultation material	To be used in consultation
Concept Design Consultation Stage	Mid-August to Mid-September (35 Days)	Have Your Say Design Consultation	MEADOWBANK PARK DESIGN – to ensure design meets community needs
	Mid-August	Distribution / Notification of consultation	To notify stakeholders of the project details and consultation process
	Early-September (Wednesday or Thursday night)	Meadowbank Community and Stakeholder presentation and workshop 6:00pm-8:00pm	To allow the community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the direction of the design to ensure that it meets user and community needs

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	Indicative Dates ONLY	Program	Objective
	Mid-September	Have Your Say – Closes Design Consultation	
Finalise Concept Design	September 2017 to October 2017	Final Concept Design	Final schematic design to take into account final consultation
		Final Design Cost Estimate	To ensure concept design can be delivered within budget
		Skate Park Working Group meeting	For final review
		CoR stakeholder meeting	For internal review
		Project update to stakeholders	To inform stakeholders of outcomes next stages of the project
Tender Documentation and Exhibiting	September 2017 to January 2018	Draft Design and Construct Tender Documentation	To satisfy procurement requirements
		Tender Documentation Review	To satisfy procurement requirements
		Tender Advertised – Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space Design and Construct	For exhibition
		Tender Evaluation	To selected preferred tenderer
		Tender Reporting	
		Notify successful tenderer	
Detailed Design / Construction	February 2018 To November 2018 (Dates TBC Pending tender)	Development of Detailed Design	To ensure for-construction plans realise the concept
		Notification of construction works	To notify community on commencement of works
		Construction (program to be confirmed following tender)	
		Project / Contract Management	
		Opening and Community Event	Official Opening

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Discussion

1) The Rise of Lifestyle Sports

As indicated in City of Ryde draft Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016-2026 mainstream and organised sports have either remained constant or declined over the past decade. Recent Census data on Organised Sports Participation also point to a decline in the number of participants. Collectively from 2001 to 2016 there has been a 7% decline of annual organised sport participants, to 3,937,000. As individuals and families grapple with increasing time demands, value for money and seek recreation opportunities that focus on fun and enjoyment rather than competition, lifestyle, adventure and alternative sports, including BMX, rock climbing and skateboarding have risen in popularity, particularly among young people.

The Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space responds to the changing nature of sports and affords active recreational opportunities in a more flexible social context.

2) Olympic Importance

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) at its 129th IOC session in Rio de Janeiro on the 1st August 2016 voted in the most comprehensive evolution of the Olympic programme in modern history. Lifestyle sports such as skateboarding and sports climbing have been included in the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic Games, marking a historic step in bringing the Games to young people and reflecting the trend of urbanisation of sport. Such is the importance of skateboarding, IOC President Thomas Bach stated:

“We want to take sport to the youth. With the many options that young people have, we cannot expect any more that they will come automatically to us. We have to go to them. Tokyo 2020’s balanced proposal fulfills all of the goals of the Olympic Agenda 2020 recommendation that allowed it. Taken together, the five sports [skateboarding, sports climbing, surfing, karate and baseball/softball] are an innovative combination of established and emerging, youth-focused events that are popular in Japan and will add to the legacy of the Tokyo Games.”

The Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space stands to be an exemplar in Metropolitan Sydney and potentially the breeding grounds for our next skateboarding Olympians.

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3) Youth Importance

In 2011 Dr. Lisa Wood, Associate Professor, Population and Public Health, University of Western published a paper on *Why Consider Skating and Skateparks as a Public Health Issue*. The paper examined youth physical activity, social and mental wellbeing, the evidence on problems associated with skateparks and designing to minimise problems. Her research concludes that:

“Skateboarding is a popular recreational activity for young people in Australia. It provides important opportunities not only for physical activity, but also for social interaction with peers, and for the development of the types of important life skills that come about informally as they learn to cooperatively take turns, interact with others, work on new skills, and face new challenges. Yet children and adolescents are often overlooked or designed out of public places, or discouraged from activities (such as skating or ‘hanging out’), and this conveys mixed messages to young people about the way in which they are viewed, valued and catered for in the community.

Concerns about undesirable social behaviour often underlie opposition to skateparks or provision for skaters in cities and suburbs. However actual evidence supporting these assertions is scant, and in fact, ‘the lack of things for young people to do’ is a greater risk for undesirable behaviour. Good placement and planning of skateparks can minimise many of the perceived problems.

Young people need things to do and places where they are free to be themselves within our cities and suburbs – this needs to include not only facilities and public areas that cater to more traditional and formal sport, but also those that provide for skateboarding as a popular and healthy form of recreational and social activity.”¹

The Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space will provide opportunities for young people to be engaged in physically activity and social interaction and in turn deliver improved public health outcomes.

¹ Wood, Lisa (2011) *Why consider skating and skate parks as a public health issue; a review of evidence*. Centre for the Built Environment and Health, School of Population Health, The University of Western Australia

4) The Evolution of Skate Facilities

Over the decades since Council first considered a skate park the nature of skate facilities have evolved considerably. From concrete bowls and skate specific parks in the 80’s to concrete plazas in the 90’s and mid 2000’s. Following a shift in community needs modern day skate facilities offer much wider recreational opportunities and are inclusive of social spaces, landscaping, play areas and are designed for all ages and seamless integration into park settings.

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The Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space incorporates the community desires and needs and will provide an integrated recreational space in line with modern day skate facilities.

5) Play Plan Relationship

As indicated in City of Ryde Children's Play Implementation Plan 2013 there are four play grounds in need of upgrade in Meadowbank Park, with the Constitution Road site scheduled for a major upgrade. The plan makes note that all new playgrounds to be built in Meadowbank Park are to include landscape and nature play and provide play for all ages throughout the park. This approach to 'play' was strongly supported in the consultation period and these components have been incorporated into the concept design.

The Meadowbank Park Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space and in particular the play components within the project are in accordance with the play provision, priorities and actions as outlined in the Play Plan.

Financial Implications

Funding has been made available in Council's 4 year delivery plan for the construction of Skate Facilities within the City of Ryde. The project has \$100,000 allocated in the 2016/2017 financial year for design and consultation and \$1,500,000 allocated in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial year for construction.

Additional funding of \$1,300,000 is being sought to effectively deliver the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space and include the associated passive recreation opportunities and the associated amenity that the community called for through the consultation processes. The additional funding will be provided through Developer Contributions. If endorsed by Council, this can be adjusted in the 2017/2018 Delivery Plan budget as follows.

- 2017/2018 - \$500,000
- 2018/2019 - \$2,300,000

Should Council resolve to undertake this project it will result in a financial impact of \$2.8M and this requires additional funding of \$1.3M.

	Current approved budget	Estimated cost	Deficit)
Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space	\$1,500,000	\$2,800,000	(\$1,300,000)

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It is recommended that Council allocates the amount of \$1.3M, from Developer Contributions for the purpose of executing the full extent of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space and that the amount be consolidated into the next Quarterly Review.

As Meadowbank Park is a regional, level one park within the City it has the highest level of service. Ongoing maintenance will be quantified following final design and its level of service will reflect its regional status.

Options

- 1) That Council endorse Meadowbank Park as the location for construction of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space and allocate an additional \$1.3M for its construction.

This is the recommended option as it reflects the outcomes of community consultation and would allow the delivery of a recreation space in-line with the community's needs and expectations.

- 2) That Council endorse Meadowbank Park as the location for construction of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space but with no additional funding.

This is not recommended as the current budget of \$1.5M will deliver a compromised space, for skate facilities only, which does not fully meet community needs and expectations.

- 3) That Council resolves not to pursue the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space at this time

This is not recommended as there is demonstrated need and clear community support for the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space to be constructed.

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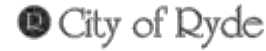
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01 PROJECT BACKGROUND

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Ryde (CoR) has been investigating the implementation of public outdoor youth provision since 1985. Following recent investigation, CoR have been considering two key sites within the City, Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park.

Existing outdoor youth and skate provision (not including organised sports) within the Ryde LGA is currently limited. In surrounding LGA's youth and skate facilities are outdated and not in line with current user trends or community needs for modern day inclusive recreation spaces.

The newest facility is the Gladesville Skate Park built over 7 years ago and this facility only caters to a small user group and type. Notably each Council bordering the City of Ryde has at least one skate facility. There is a need to provide new contemporary youth and inclusive facilities in line with current trends.

Due to the lack of outdoor youth and skate facilities, it is recommended the first step of youth provision implementation be to establish a regional hub. This will enable a variety of different users, ages and skill level types, a place to be active, social and learn from each other.

Utilising a specific site selection criteria matrix and weighted scoring system, each of the sites was assessed against the following criteria. Physical site conditions and technical considerations; Access and transport; Natural and passive surveillance, security and safety; Proximity to amenities; Impact on existing facilities, adjoining uses and users; Distance from housing and incompatible land use; Event space opportunities; Maintenance, Context and amenity; and Consistency with strategic objectives. A site with a collective score above 70 (expressed as a percentage) is deemed a suitable site for the development of a skate based recreation facility.

MEADOWBANK PARK

Meadowbank Park, unlike other parks within the City of Ryde offers opportunity for a regional facility in Ryde. It is considered the prime locations for a skate and recreation facility as it is collocated with other youth and family facilities, such as soccer, netball, cricket, passive recreation and connection to the Ryde River Walk. The site allows for social interaction, recreational interaction and also has the capacity for local competitions, community workshops and events.

The Meadowbank area has a larger number of 5-24 year old residents at 20.4% of the population. Meadowbank Park has good public transport connections provided by the Meadowbank Train Station 550m (8min walk) away, local 524 bus services 280m (4min walk) west along Constitution Road and Meadowbank Ferry Wharf. The site is open and visually prominent with good passive surveillance provided from Constitution Road and day to day park users. Importantly the space allows for a minimum 50m offset to residential for the skate specific activities.

Meadowbank Park would build upon its current recreational opportunities and addresses the needs of the evolving community particularly around youth activation and non-organised sports.

The site suitability for Meadowbank Park was 90%.

EASTWOOD PARK

Whilst the Eastwood / Denistone area has a larger number of 5-24 year old residents at 20.4% of the population, Eastwood Park has been deemed suitable only for a 'local' facility with skate being only a small part of a wider range of family recreation opportunities. The site offers only limited opportunity for wheeled sports due to the complexities and constraints at the site, particularly around flooding and limited available open space. Eastwood Park only lends itself as a supporting facility and does not meet the current demand and needs of the community.

The site suitability for Eastwood Park was 78%

SITE RECOMMENDATION

Based on the desktop study and comprehensive site analysis undertaken, Meadowbank Park is the recommended location for the construction of the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space as it meets both current and future demand.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

In December of 2016, CONVIC were commissioned to deliver an outdoor youth space at either Eastwood Park or Meadowbank Park. The development of this skate and family space represents the City of Ryde's (CoR) commitment to delivering active and social spaces for their communities and young people.

The following report outlines the wider youth context of the Ryde area and identifies the gaps within current provision. This ensures the new facilities compliment each other and the existing recreation of the wider Ryde area.

Both sites will be assessed for their suitability to accommodate a successful outdoor youth space using a specialised site selection criteria. This will conclude in a recommendation of the preferred site.

Varying park typologies will be explained and tested on the sites to establish if they have the spacial capacity and host the relevant elements required for either a local, district or regional facility.

The report will conclude with a spatial mapping exercise of the opportunities and constraints of each site, to further inform the site selection process.

Moving forward, the findings of this report will be coupled with the information collected from the pre-design community consultation to inform the preferred site and ultimately define a well informed and endorsed concept design.



To create a multi-use skate and family space for all ages to enjoy. A space to play, teach and learn, through active recreation and social inclusion. A vibrant district hub designed with the community, for the community.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2010 City of Ryde partnered with Hunters Hill Council to deliver a local facility, Gladesville Skate Park.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT - VOLUME 1 + 2

In June 2010 a Community Consultation Report was undertaken to obtain community input on the provision of skate across City of Ryde.

The City of Ryde collected views from residents and potential users through an online survey, the City of Ryde web site, face to face surveys, flyer and letter distribution at parks, shopping centres and railway stations and advertising in local newspapers. 517 survey responses were received. The order of support for skate locations was as follows:

- Meadowbank park - 76%
- Blenheim park - 73%
- Macquarie university - 72%
- Ryde river walk - 63%
- Shrimptons creek - 62%

76% of participants felt that a youth / recreation precinct should be located at Meadowbank Park. However, 24 of the 47 participants from the Meadowbank area strongly disagreed with this suggestion. It should be noted 80% of the 517 respondents thought there should be more skate facilities within the City of Ryde. It should be noted that 28 of the 47 participants from the Meadowbank area did not feel there was a need for more skate facilities in the City of Ryde.

Reference; Community Consultation Report, Volume 1: Report & Volume 2: Data (June 2010)

WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2015 a skate park working group (SPWG) was established to explore options for a new regional skate park facility in the City of Ryde. The group consisted of Councillors, Officers from City of Ryde, Youth Council representatives, local skaters and interested members of the community.

The SPWG reviewed previous recommendations on the planning of skate parks within CoR. Using this knowledge base, the SPWG reviewed all previously identified and new potential sites. The list of sites was revised through a series of progressively stricter criteria. A final list for five sites was identified and reported back to Council and endorsed to proceed to community consultation, these included:

- Olympic Park
- Meadowbank Park x 2
- Ryde Park
- Eastwood Park

Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park were identified for further investigation and consultation, with continual support from NSW Health and NSW Police.

It was recommended that a new facility needs to provide for a broader audience than just skaters, including multiuse outdoor court/s, events stage, spaces for families to relax, passive recreation and wifi provision.

Reference; Works and Community Committee Report (January 2017)



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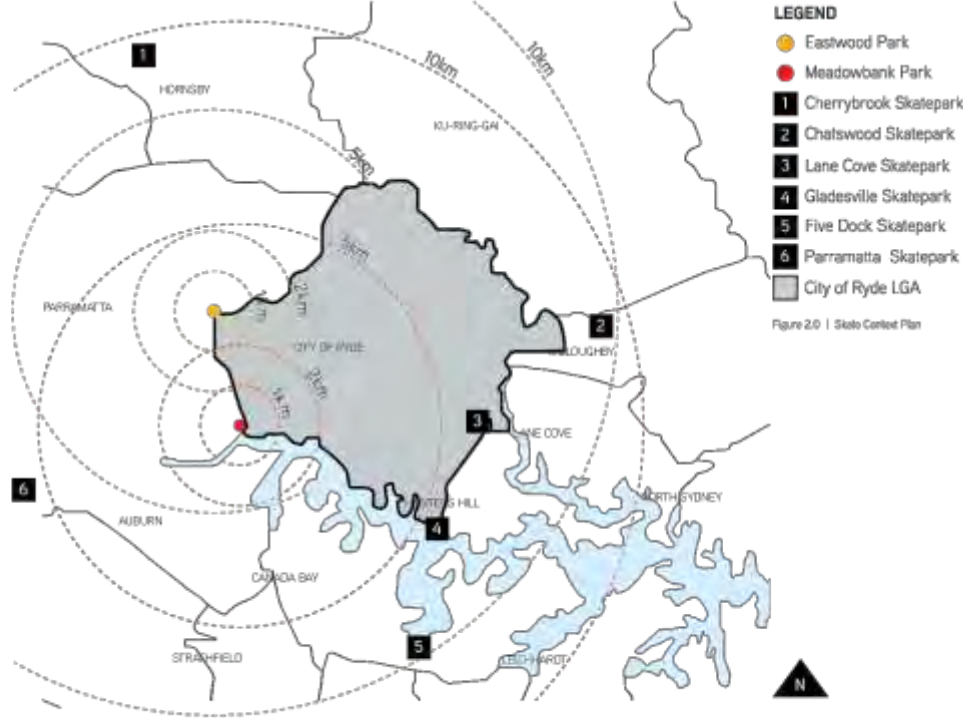
EXISTING YOUTH FACILITIES

To provide a well distributed and varied youth experience within the new Ryde Outdoor Youth Space, an assessment of the surrounding current youth provision has been carried out.

The CoR's surrounding local government areas (LGA) include, City of Parramatta, Hornsby Shire Council, Ku-ring-gai Council, Willoughby Council, Lane Cove Council and Hunter's Hill Council, together have 6 existing youth facilities of note.

The map opposite illustrates the distance of other youth facilities in the region with respect to the Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park sites.

Note: refer to details of each youth facilities on the following pages.



LEGEND
 ● Eastwood Park
 ● Meadowbank Park
 1 Cherrybrook Skatepark
 2 Chatswood Skatepark
 3 Lane Cove Skatepark
 4 Gladesville Skatepark
 5 Five Dock Skatepark
 6 Parramatta Skatepark
 City of Ryde LGA
 Figure 2.0 | Skate Context Plan

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YOUTH CONTEXT



1. CHERRYBROOK SKATE PARK, CHERRYBROOK.

LGA: Hornsby Shire

Distance from Meadowbank Park: 13.9km
Distance from Eastwood Park: 11.1km

Style: 680m² street park and transition park including ledges, a grind rails, kicker to kicker, roll overs and mini bowl.

A recently refurbished and upgraded park, the Cherrybrook Skate Park now provides for beginner to advanced level riders and provides an equal amount of street and transitional styles elements. The park has great flow and can hold a large capacity of riders at once.



2. CHATSWOOD SKATE PARK, CHATSWOOD OVAL.

LGA: City of Willoughby

Distance from Meadowbank Park: 13.5km
Distance from Eastwood Park: 14.4km

Style: 450m² street and transition park consisting of ledges, banks, hubbas and an open bowl.

Located within close proximity to shops and park green space, Chatswood Skate Park is in a good location, however, the layout of the park is too tight and does not provide much run up/run out space and many obstacles, such as the large central fun box is too crowded with features, making them in some cases unskateable. The concrete in areas is too rough and worn, however, there are some great lines for advanced transition skaters within the bowl.



3. LANE COVE SKATE PARK, BLACKMANS PARK.

LGA: Municipality of Lane Cove

Distance from Meadowbank Park: 10.1km
Distance from Eastwood Park: 13.2km

Style: 237m² small prefabricated park.

Located next to Lane Cove West Tennis Club this small style street park has limited elements. Two quarter pipes create a singular back and forth run with a central bank with a down rail and hubbas on either side. A small ledge sits to the side of the park but is positioned poorly with limited run up and run off space provided.

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4. GLADESVILLE SKATE PARK, GLADESVILLE RESERVE.

LGA: Municipality of Hunters Hill

Distance from Meadowbank Park: 7km
Distance from Eastwood Park: 8.7km

Style: 260m² back and forth street style park.

A small simple park consisting two street runs meeting a rest area. Containing a real jersey barrier, ledges, rails and a sculptural metal flat bank, this park provides a challenge for all skill levels and users.



5. FIVE DOCK SKATE PARK, FIVE DOCK PARK.

LGA: City of Canada Bay

Distance from Meadowbank Park: 11.4km
Distance from Eastwood Park: 13.9km

Style: A large 1750m² transition style skate park, consisting of varying depth bowls, a spine, love seat, pool coping and a snake run.

Five dock is a prestigious skate park in the Sydney area and well known across Australia. Its "gnarly" layout has seen it featured in a number of skate films establishing it as a popular advanced level facility.



6. PARRAMATTA SKATE PARK, JAMES RUSE RESERVE.

LGA: City of Parramatta

Distance from Meadowbank Park: 8.8km
Distance from Eastwood Park: 8.5km

Style: 820m² street/transition style park

Consisting of multiple hips, quarter pipes, ramps, ledges and a fun box and rails. A new bowl has been recently installed which is well loved by the community. This park provides for all skill levels and keeps users challenged. Within close proximity to the children playground and set within James Ruse Reserve close to the Parramatta River.

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YOUTH CONTEXT

GAPS IN CURRENT PROVISION

Based on the assessment of both the existing and proposed skate provision in and around the local government area, the following gaps in user provision have been identified. These have been listed in order of recommended priority for provision:

1. A regional hub for all styles, skill levels and user types.
2. An all skill level and user type street style facility.
3. A large scale transition style facility catering to the provision of all skill levels and user types. The facility is to respond to current contemporary user trends to distinguish itself from the Five Dock facility.
4. A beginner level transition style facility prioritising a bowl, as the local area currently has several half pipes within the area. The bowl is to cater to all user types.
5. An intermediate level street style facility, catering to all user types. A street drain style could be considered to ensure a different ride experience to Gladesville and Lane Cove.
6. A beginner level mixed style facility, that is ideal for first time users to attempt varying styles in a safe environment. Potentially including a beginners pump track, open flat space and beginners street obstacles.
7. An advanced level street facility with the potential to cater to international competitions.

These gaps in provision can either be developed as individual facilities or combined.

LEGEND

- Existing street/plaza style
- Existing transition/bowl style
- Existing mixed style
- Gap in street/plaza style provision
- Gap in transition/bowl style provision
- Gap in mixed style provision

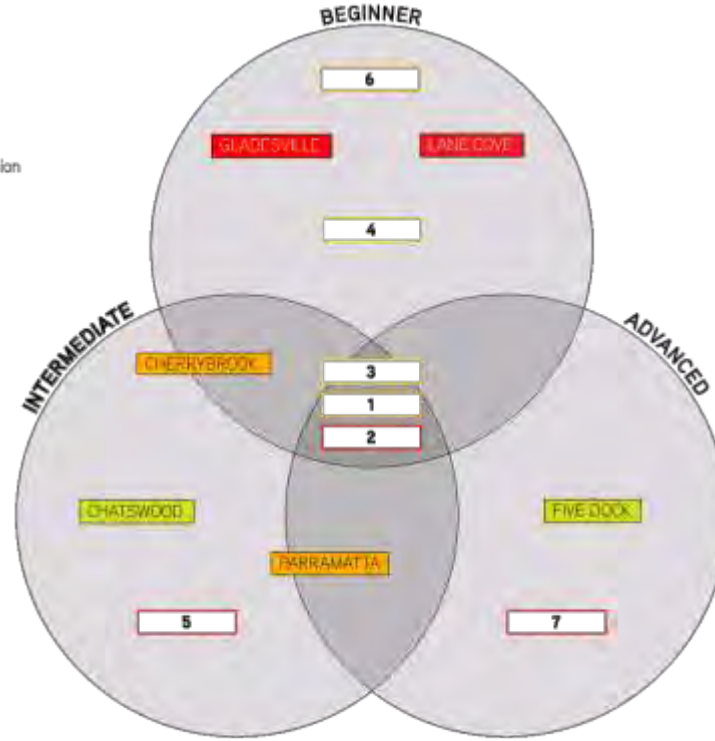


Figure 21 | Gaps in Provision Bubble Diagram

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03 STUDY AREAS

PROPOSED SITES

Both Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park are important recreation resources for their local communities and the wider CoR local government area (LGA). A significant high urban density in the CoR LGA creates huge demand and importance on its current public open spaces.

Both parks are well established and loved green spaces within Ryde, servicing the growing communities of the area.

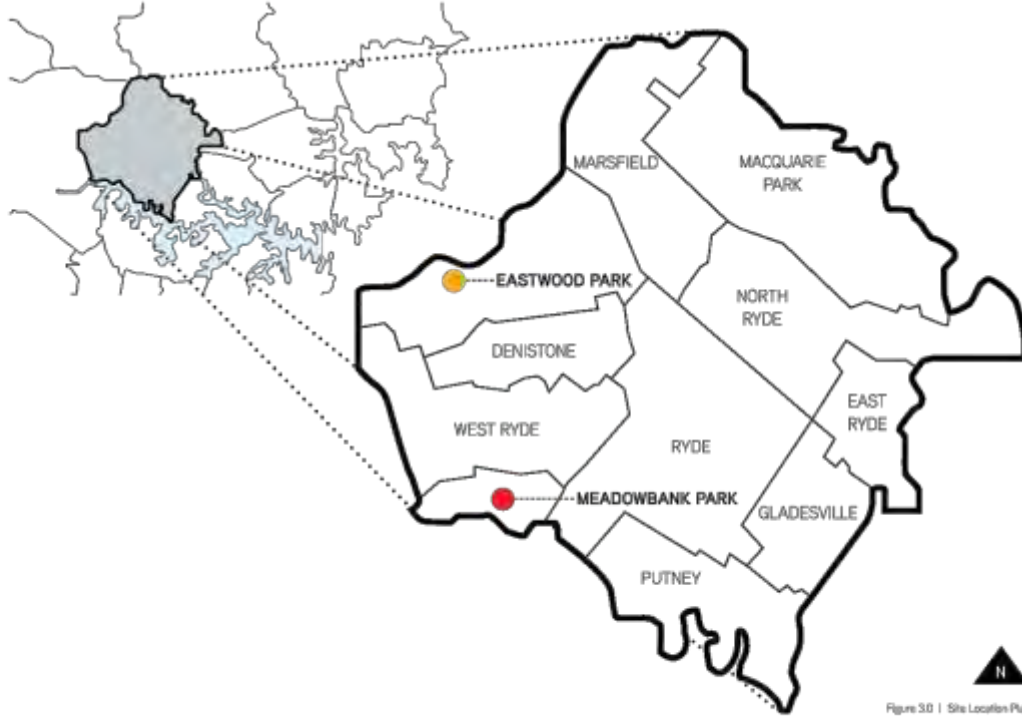


Figure 3.0 | Site Location Plan

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STUDY AREAS

MEADOWBANK PARK

Meadowbank Park is located in the south-west of the CoR, in the suburb of Meadowbank. Bordered by Constitution Road to the north, Parramatta River to the south and Archer and Charity Creeks to the west and east, Meadowbank Park is one of the largest parks in the LGA.

Meadowbank Park consists of a number of recreational programs including a major sports field complex for football, soccer, cricket, hockey, tennis and netball. Public amenity is provided in the form of four play areas, barbecue facilities, public toilets and walking and recreational paths. Bike and jogging tracks along the Parramatta River foreshore form part of the Ryde River Walk.

The area proposed for the youth and family space is in the northern area of the park. This is due to the close proximity to public transport, and passive surveillance from Constitution Road. This area is also located adjacent to existing recreation facilities in the precinct including a small children's play area, BBQ facilities and existing natural and structured shade.



1. Pedestrian access
 2. Existing play area
 3. Open green space



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EASTWOOD PARK

Eastwood Park is located in the west of the CoR LGA, in the suburb of Eastwood at the interface of Hilview Road and West Parade.

Eastwood Park consists of a number of recreational programs including two sports fields, two playgrounds, outdoor table tennis, and passive recreation space. Amenities include picnic shelters and barbecue facilities and public toilets, all amongst a split level park setting.

Eastwood Park Grandstand and Pavilion date from 1933 and 1935 respectively. The croquet pavilion is still in use for its original purpose, associated with the Eastwood Croquet Club. Both are Heritage listed. The park is home to the annual Gerry Smith Festival each October.

The area proposed for the outdoor youth facility is in the southern area of the park, in a thin apron around the existing football pitch and library. Similar to Meadowbank this is due to the close proximity to the Eastwood train station, good passive surveillance and existing recreation facilities in the precinct including the children's play area and outdoor table tennis. Evidence of skating is present in the space.



1. Site access from shopping area
 2. Access from train station and library foyer
 3. Main open space, i.e. table tennis and terrace walls

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STUDY AREAS

POPULATION

It has been identified that there is a demand for youth infrastructure within the CoR. [1] To help inform current demand and future needs it is important to analyse the demographic trends of the community. This will aid to appropriately select the site in areas with demand. Although this will be an all ages facility it is imagined that the age group 5-24 will most frequently utilise the facility.

This age range is considered appropriate in light of ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) age ranges for youth participation and on previous experience with youth facility user groups. This age spread ensures the majority of facility users are covered in the analysis.

Based on data collected from the 2014 ABS Census, CoR has an overall population of 179,752. The districts of Meadowbank and Eastwood account for 43,842 (24.4%) of this and is broken down as follows:

- Meadowbank / West Ryde - 18,732 total persons, of which 3,816 (20.4%) are aged 5-24.
- Eastwood / Denistone - 25,110 total persons, of which 6,609 (26.3%) are aged 5-24.

[1] The Community Consultation Report (June 2012) was undertaken to obtain community input on the provision of state across CoR.

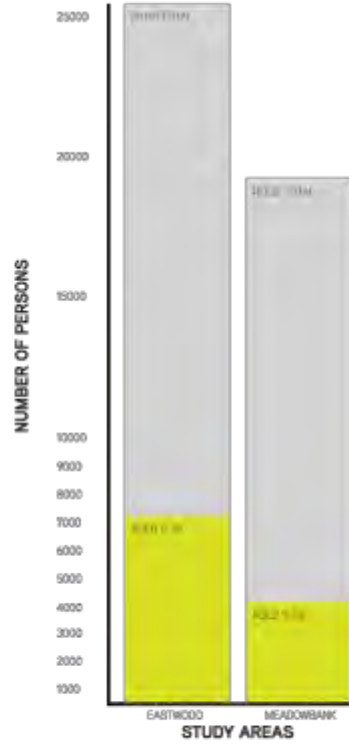


Figure 21 | Population Bar Chart

The main themes to be noted from the analysis of the ABS is that:

45,416 persons fall into the 5-24 age group, making up 25.3% of CoR total population.

From 2011 to 2014 the proportion of youth within the CoR has slightly increased, but remains reasonably stable.

Eastwood / Denistone have the highest population density of youth.

Eastwood / Denistone have the highest percentage of youth.

The current demographic profile demonstrates a strong percentage of 5-24 year old living within the CoR boundaries.

Based on the demographic information only, Eastwood would be the most ideal of the two sites, ensuring a well populated local user community.

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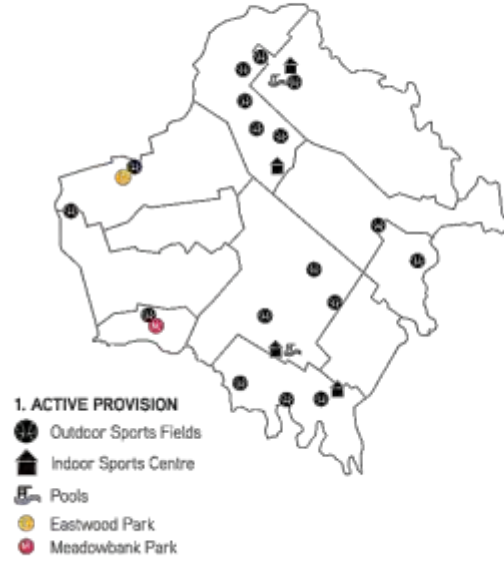
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YOUTH PROVISION

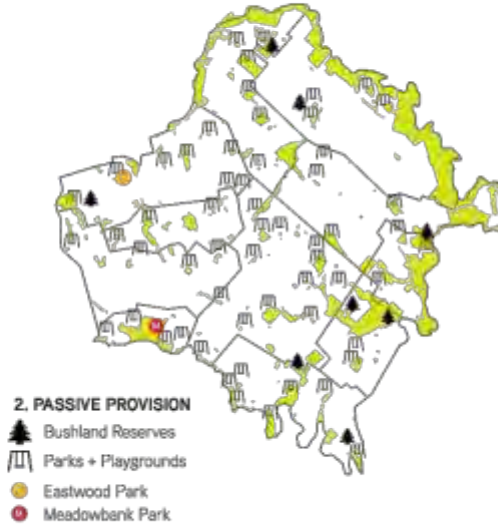
The CoR currently has a range of community and recreational facilities, indicating Council's commitment to providing safe and enjoyable recreational infrastructure for a variety of groups and ages.

The current active youth provision within the CoR is made up of formalised sports, including 17 outdoor playing fields (located at both Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park), a total of four supported indoor sporting facilities and two public pool facilities (refer graphic 1).



Passive green space provision in the CoR includes over 30 bush land reserves, 63 local sized playgrounds, 32 neighbourhood sized playgrounds, 12 district sized playgrounds and 3 regional sized playgrounds, distributed evenly across the CoR (refer graphic 2).

The CoR has 2 supported indoor youth centres, which provide support and activities for youth within the region. A total of 15 schools and colleges (refer graphic 3)



These studies identify that public outdoor designated spaces that cater for youth are limited. Informal recreation is nonexistent. Young children are well catered for with multiple playgrounds, whereas older adolescent youth have a lack of suitable spaces where they can socialise, learn and develop, identifying a need for these youth specific spaces within the CoR.

Data source: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

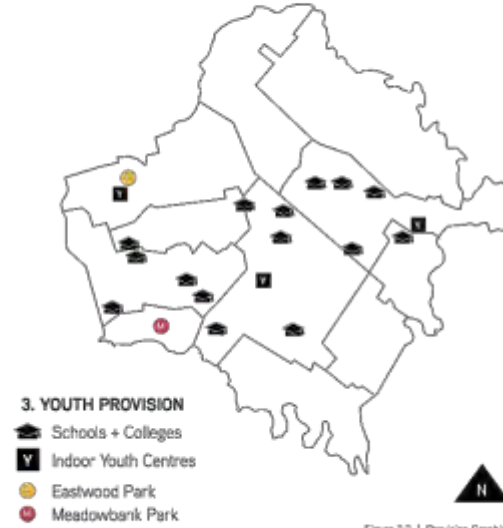


Figure 3.2 | Provision Graphics

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04 DISTRIBUTION MODEL

APPROACH

To appropriately assess the individual sites for the potential provision of a new youth space, it is important to determine the types of facilities that could be considered. This section will:

- Describe the approach for the facility typology.
- Discuss each typology in detail.
- Outline a distribution model.

The youth activation infrastructure should be an interconnected network of facilities, offering different and varied user experiences, creating a diverse range of choices across the broader LGA. These facilities are divided into three typologies, regional, district and local.

CATCHMENT MAPPING

Currently CoR has no informal outdoor youth space provision. The opposite mapping exercise illustrates the current distribution across neighbouring LGA's.

REGIONAL: THE ENTIRETY OF THE LGA

The central focus for users for the LGA and broader region.

DISTRICT: 2KM

Supports and complements the regional facility and provide users different rider experience

LOCAL: 500M

Fills gap of provision and provides for local residents and users.

The distribution and catchment principles for each typology are explained in further detail in the following pages.

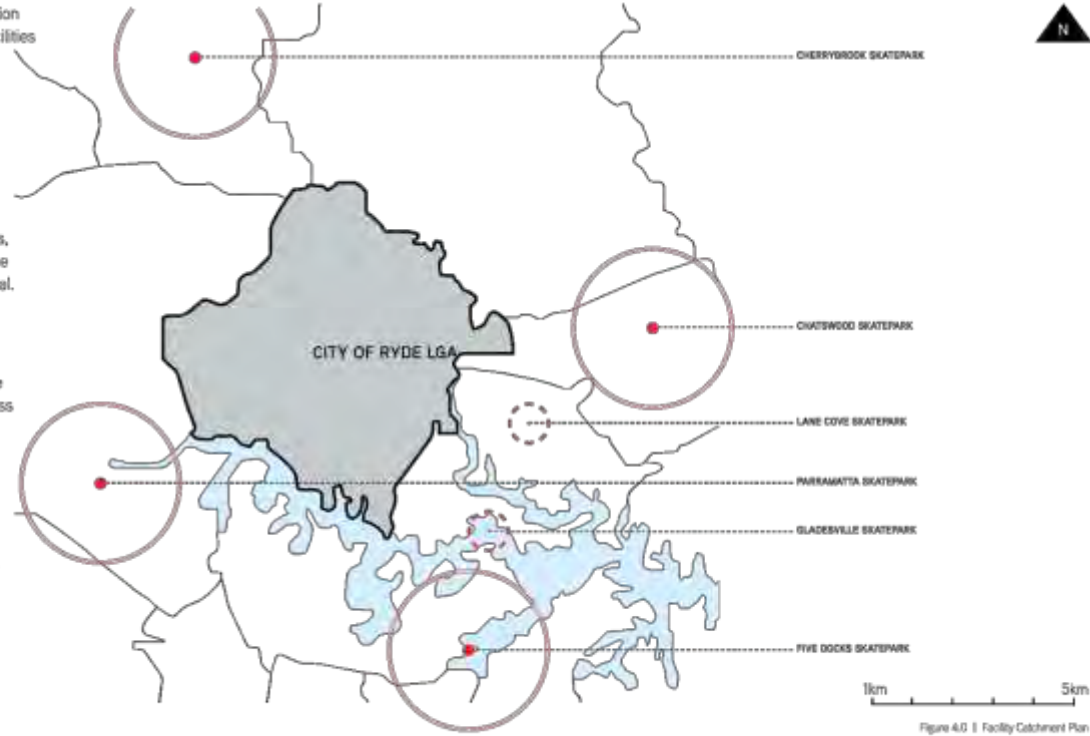


Figure 4.0 | Facility Catchment Plan

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DISTRIBUTION MODEL

LOCAL

Local youth 'spots' are not aimed at any specific level of user per se, rather elements located at appropriate scales depending on their broader context for informal appropriation. Access, public transport and ancillary requirements will already be available in most instances given the potential centralised location of these spaces.

Any pathway that is used by skateboarders/cyclists as a thoroughfare has the possibility to have sections of it widened to accommodate skateable or climbable items or undulating terrain to create a local BMX spot. Many urban spaces contain infrastructure or sculptural components that can be designed to accommodate active youth function and be a cost effective option to provide greater youth diversity in the LGA. While the focus may be on other activities or recreational needs, a local youth spot can add value and increase overall function or recreational opportunity to an existing space (such as a basketball court or existing urban square). A local youth spot also presents the opportunity to develop educational type elements for users to develop skills but also learn rules, for example scooter/bike paths that help teach road rules.

As local youth spots are not facility based, there is no designed size constraint. So whilst managing activity is still important, there are opportunities to create these local elements in areas previously considered either inappropriate or too small for a facility. A local youth spot mostly caters to the local catchment. Therefore there is no limit to the number of local spots and should be considered in the typical planning process of community infrastructure, much the same as park amenity and playgrounds. For example designing benches and walls to accommodate and withstand skate use.

APPROXIMATE AREA: > 750SQM

APPROXIMATE COST: MIN \$50,000 - \$400,000



1. Cedric Archer, WA
2. Coastwatchers Youth Park, QLD
3. South Tweed Skate Trail, QLD

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DISTRIBUTION MODEL

DISTRICT

A district facility is defined as a facility that focuses on the purpose and function of the site, for example this could be a bowl/transition facility catering for bowl skaters and a scaffolding gym for parkour users, or an urban plaza configuration that caters for street skaters and in-line users and half basketball court for informal basketball games. District facilities should also have a range of different elements to encourage skill progression and development.

This approach does not preclude the use of the space by other styles, it does however create the opportunity to develop a spread of unique district facilities to increase diversity of choice across the LGA, rather than the same distribution of facilities trying to cater for all users. Such an approach will assist in minimising over crowding, as users will travel between specific facilities for a different youth experience. Thus it is important to be accessible by public transport and provision of adequate car parking.

The district facility may have the capacity to host small events, competitions or demonstrations, and should consider providing seating options and viewing areas. Power and lighting are preferable, but not necessary for the facility to function properly. Other elements to be included are, entry/safety signage, refuge areas with seating and shade, bins and drinking fountains.

The facility should consider its context and have the necessary landscape design to be integrated into and compliment its surrounding context. Toilets nearby or at the site are preferable.

APPROXIMATE AREA: 750 - 2000SQM

APPROXIMATE COST: \$400,000 - \$1,000,000



1. Wallungong Skate Park, NSW
 2. Leferer Skatepark, SA
 3. Broken Ridge Skate Plaza, QLD

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REGIONAL

Regional facilities are defined as a purpose built facility providing ample space and components to enable a variety of different users and skill level types to frequent the space on a daily basis. Generally within a LGA there is one regional facility, and this facility becomes the main focus facility that district facilities will compliment. It needs to be easily accessible by public transport and cars including the provision of parking for visitors, parents and older users. The development of a regional facility should explore the opportunity of other recreational and social functions to engage the broader community, creating more of a outdoor youth space. Examples include performance spaces, multimedia capabilities, basketball courts and refuge and events areas.

While not area dependent, the regional facility needs to be large enough to accommodate a significant amount of terrain for a range of active users from beginner to advanced level. Within this may be specific zones for different user types (e.g. plaza area, transition zone). The facility should contain adequate event space and infrastructure including seating options, power and lighting for events, programming for competitions and demonstrations. There also needs to be provision for appropriate entry and safety signage, refuge areas, including seating and shade, bins, drinking fountains and bike racks. The facility should consider its context and have the necessary landscaping to integrate / compliment its surroundings. Toilets and other social amenities nearby or at the site are essential for a youth space.

APPROXIMATE AREA: 2000SQM <

APPROXIMATE COST: \$1,000,000 <



1. Geelong WA, VIC
 2. Cairns Esplanade State Park, QLD
 3. Fremantle Esplanade Youth Plaza, WA



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FACILITY GUIDE

The following table ranks how essential, preferable, or unnecessary the various requirements are for each facility type. For example, where event space is critical for a regional facility it is not necessary for an local facility.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Appropriate size to cater for specific functional requirements of each type
- Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events
- Public transport access available
- Emergency vehicle access available
- Adequate car parking /drop off available
- Shelter/shade
- Designated seating and viewing areas
- Toilets (or in close proximity)
- Rubbish bin/s
- Drinking fountain/s
- Appropriate entry and safety signage
- Good natural surveillance
- At least 50m from housing/residential areas
- Close proximity of food/drink outlets
- Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)
- Proximity to major community centre or centralized location?

	REGIONAL	DISTRICT	LOCAL
Appropriate size to cater for specific functional requirements of each type	Essential	Essential	Essential
Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events	Essential	Essential	Essential
Public transport access available	Essential	Essential	Essential
Emergency vehicle access available	Essential	Essential	Essential
Adequate car parking /drop off available	Essential	Essential	Essential
Shelter/shade	Essential	Essential	Essential
Designated seating and viewing areas	Essential	Essential	Essential
Toilets (or in close proximity)	Essential	Essential	Essential
Rubbish bin/s	Essential	Essential	Essential
Drinking fountain/s	Essential	Essential	Essential
Appropriate entry and safety signage	Essential	Essential	Essential
Good natural surveillance	Essential	Essential	Essential
At least 50m from housing/residential areas	Essential	Essential	Essential
Close proximity of food/drink outlets	Essential	Essential	Essential
Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)	Essential	Essential	Essential
Proximity to major community centre or centralized location?	Essential	Essential	Essential

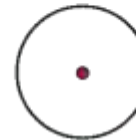
■ Essential for facility to function properly
■ Preferable for facility to function properly
■ Unnecessary for facility to function properly

DISTRIBUTION PRINCIPLES

Following the definition of facility types, it is important to define principles for their distribution to adequately cater for the established needs of the LGA.

In order to determine the level of distribution required, catchment areas have also been developed based on benchmarking of other LGA's and what is fair and reasonable for individuals to travel to a facility.

Based on the classification previously outlined, there should ideally be within the LGA:



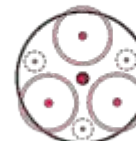
REGIONAL

One Regional facility. This will service the entire community from beginners through to advanced users, cater for events, and will attract interest from outside the LGA.



DISTRICT

A distribution of district facilities. These facilities should be located throughout the LGA to provide a range of varied riding experiences.



LOCAL

A distribution of local facilities. These are located throughout the LGA to provide localised recreation in both residential and urban areas.

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TPOLOGY ASSESSMENT

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Appropriate size to cater for specific functional requirements of each type
- Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events
- Public transport access available
- Emergency vehicle access available
- Adequate car parking /drop off available
- Shelter/shade
- Designated seating and viewing areas
- Toilets (or in close proximity)
- Rubbish bins
- Drinking fountains
- Appropriate entry and safety signage
- Good natural surveillance
- At least 50m from housing/residential areas
- Close proximity of food/drink outlets
- Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)
- Proximity to major community centre or centralized location

CONSIDERATIONS

Additional parking and toilet provision should be considered for regional or district facilities.

	MEADOWBANK PARK		
	REGIONAL	DISTRICT	LOCAL
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✗
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✗
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✗
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓
✗	✗	✗	✗
✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✗

Essential for facility to function properly
 Preferable for facility to function properly
 Unnecessary for facility to function properly
 Ability to provides for typology criteria
 Inability to provides for typology criteria

MEADOWBANK AREA OVERLAY

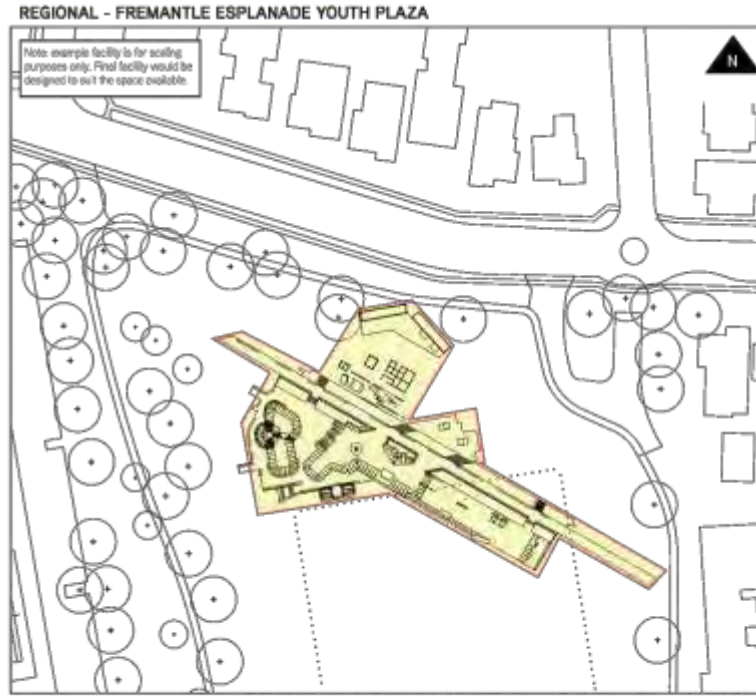


Figure 41 | Indicative overlay of regional facility - Fremantle Esplanade Youth Plaza, WA (size 1755sqm)

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DISTRICT - BRACKEN RIDGE SKATE PLAZA



Figure 4.2 | Indicative overlay of regional facility - Bracken Ridge Skate Plaza, WA (size 1096sqm)

LOCAL - CEDRIC ARCHER YOUTH SPACE

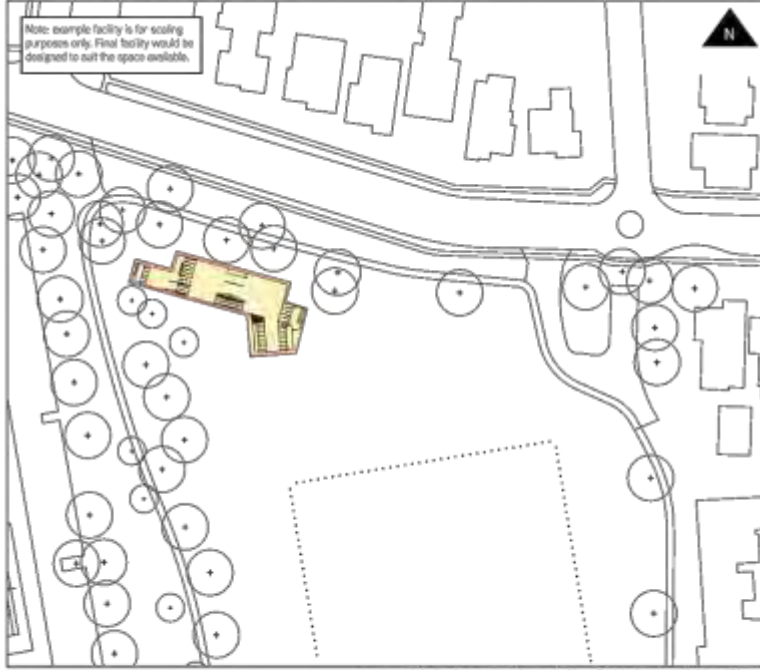


Figure 4.3 | Indicative overlay of local facility - Cedric Archer, WA (size 431sqm)

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TYOLOGY ASSESSMENT

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Appropriate size to cater for specific functional requirements of each type
- Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events
- Public transport access available
- Emergency vehicle access available
- Adequate car parking /drop off available
- Shelter/shade
- Designated seating and viewing areas
- Toilets (or in close proximity)
- Rubbish bins
- Drinking fountains
- Appropriate entry and safety signage
- Good natural surveillance
- At least 50m from housing/residential areas
- Close proximity of food/drink outlets
- Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)
- Proximity to major community centre or centralized location

CONSIDERATIONS

Additional parking should be considered to provide a regional or district facility, however space is the biggest limitation.

	EASTWOOD PARK		
	REGIONAL	DISTRICT	LOCAL
Appropriate size to cater for specific functional requirements of each type	X	X	✓
Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events	✓	✓	✓
Public transport access available	✓	✓	✓
Emergency vehicle access available	✓	✓	✓
Adequate car parking /drop off available	X	X	✓
Shelter/shade	✓	✓	✓
Designated seating and viewing areas	✓	✓	✓
Toilets (or in close proximity)	✓	✓	✓
Rubbish bins	✓	✓	✓
Drinking fountains	✓	✓	✓
Appropriate entry and safety signage	✓	✓	✓
Good natural surveillance	✓	✓	✓
At least 50m from housing/residential areas	✓	✓	✓
Close proximity of food/drink outlets	✓	✓	✓
Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)	✓	✓	✓
Proximity to major community centre or centralized location	✓	✓	✓

■ Essential for facility to function properly
■ Preferable for facility to function properly
■ Unnecessary for facility to function properly
X Ability to provides for typology criteria
X Inability to provides for typology criteria

EASTWOOD AREA OVERLAY

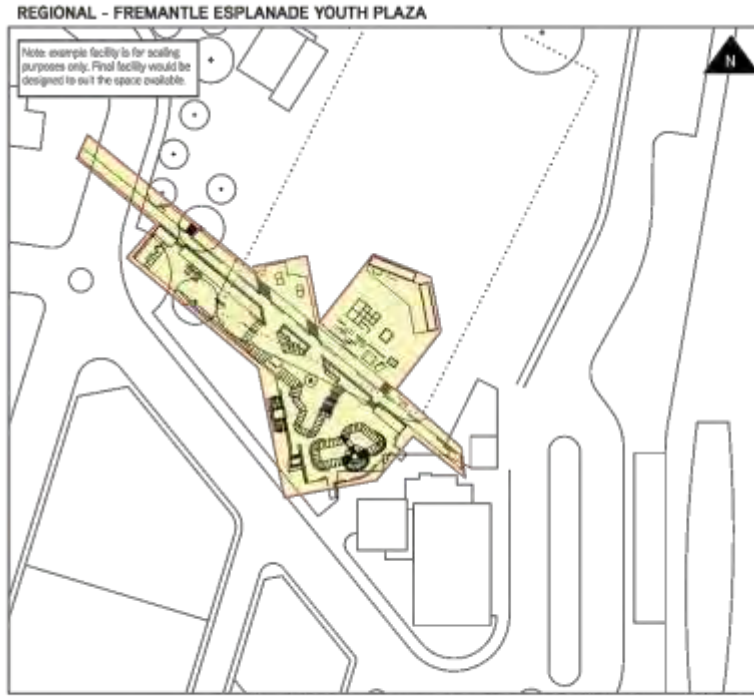


Figure 4.4 | Indicative overlay of regional facility - Fremantle Esplanade Youth Plaza, WA (size 1755sqm)

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DISTRICT - BRACKEN RIDGE SKATE PLAZA

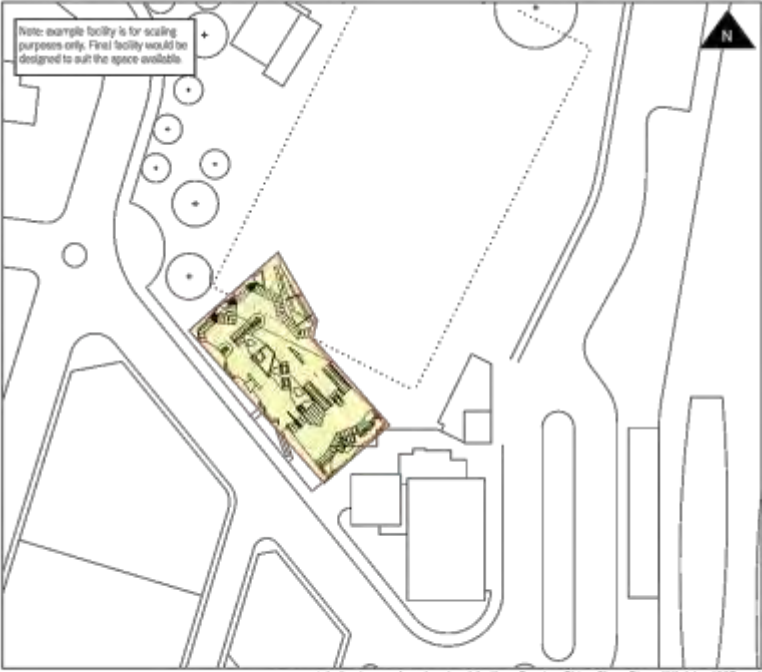


Figure 4.5 | Indicative overlay of regional facility - Bracken Ridge Skate Plaza, WA (size 1096sqm)

LOCAL - CEDRIC ARCHER YOUTH SPACE

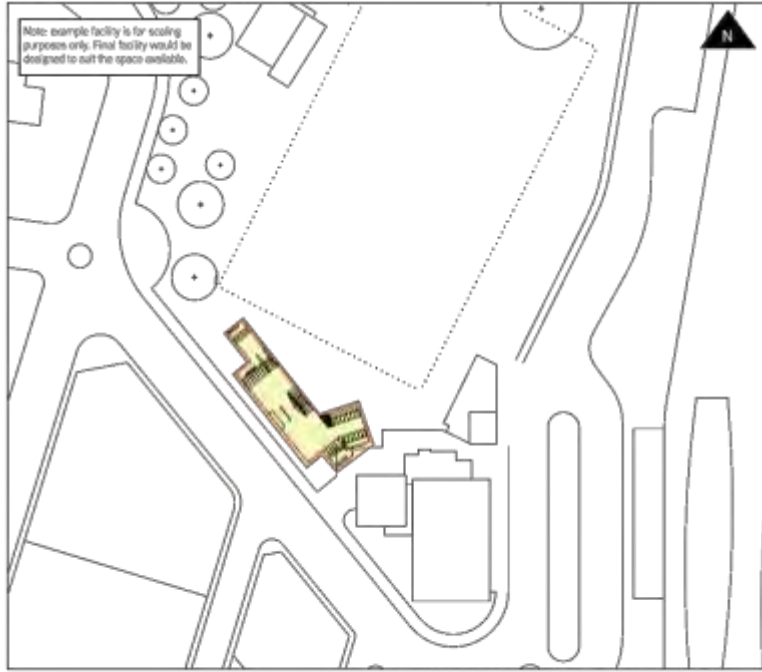


Figure 4.6 | Indicative overlay of local facility - Cedric Archer, WA (size 431sqm)

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CONCLUSION

It is key to ensure a range of facilities to properly cater for the various user requirements that meet the required demand. Based on the previous distribution study of the existing and proposed facilities only, it is recommended that the proposed Meadowbank Park be explored as a regional facility and the Eastwood Park a supporting local facility.

MEADOWBANK PARK - REGIONAL YOUTH SPACE

- Currently the CoR has no regional level youth facility.
- Meadowbank Park is a prominent open space within the CoR and is one of the only ideal locations within the City that can accommodate a facility of this type and scale.

EASTWOOD PARK - LOCAL YOUTH SPACE

- Limited by space Eastwood Park only has sufficient area to provide a local youth space.
- Eastwood Park would offer a locally equipped youth space and an overflow to the Meadowbank Park facility during peak times, an ideal spot for warm up sessions, and most importantly service the surrounding local community.

--- Local Facility catchment
— Regional Facility catchment - LGA Wide

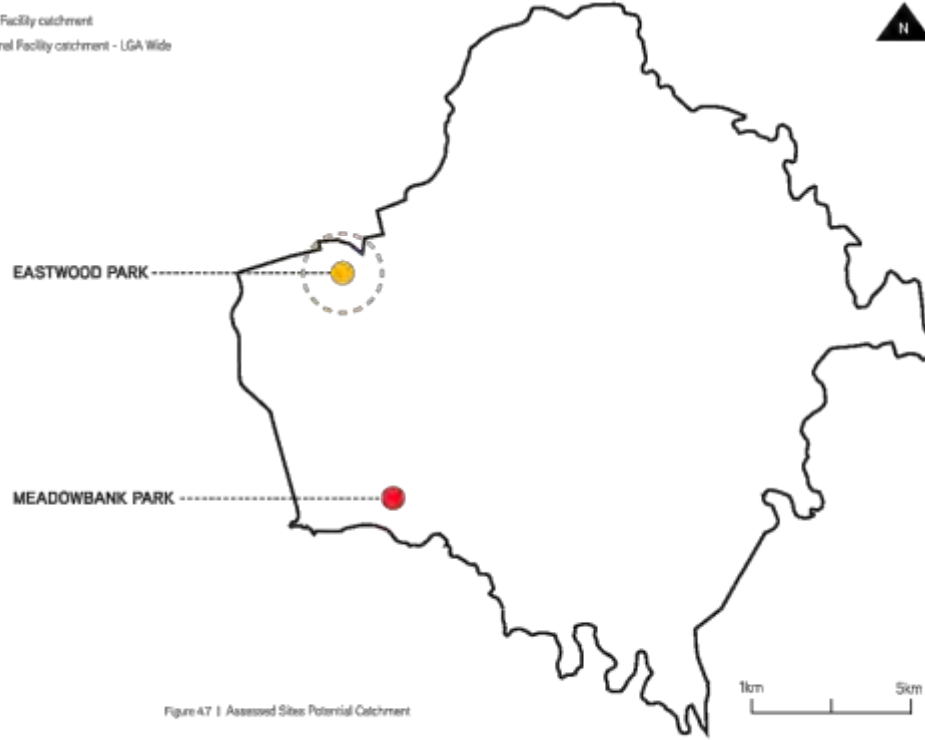


Figure 47 | Assessed Sites Potential Catchment

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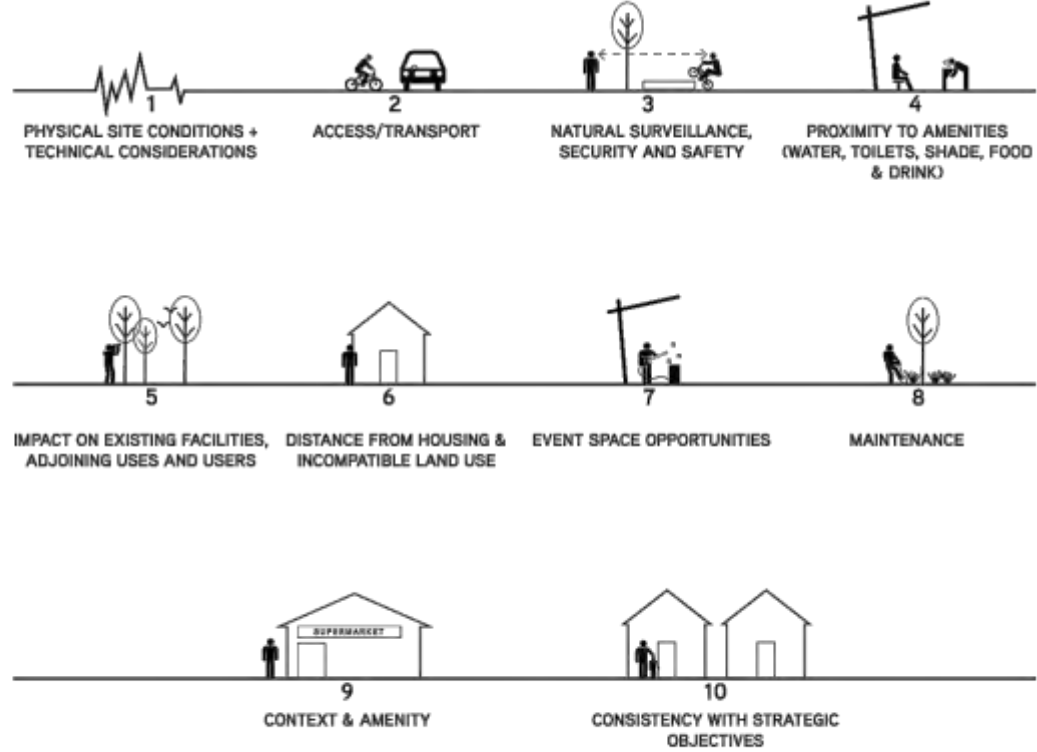
SELECTING THE APPROPRIATE SITE

The location of the skate and family space is critical in ensuring the future success of this important community asset. In particular the site should have the capability to:

- Create a centralised social hub for young people.
- Allow users of different ages to interact with each other.
- Allow users of different abilities to learn from each other.
- Create strong links with other existing community facilities and amenities.

The following section outlines the key criteria used to assess suggested sites. This allows for a comprehensive assessment and commentary to recommend a preferred site within the CoR LGA.

The criteria will also test each site for its suitability to integrate a facility of the typology and scale as described previously.



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1. PHYSICAL SITE CONDITIONS + TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This first broad criterion is based on the physicality of the various sites and whether they can accommodate a facility of the required scale and type required by the LGA. It also considers technical implications such as drainage and soil conditions. Questions asked at each site include;

- Is the proposed site capable to cater for the various different applicable facility types defined previously? (i.e. large enough to cater for events if we are looking for a regional scale park)
- Is the proposed site free of existing land use implications, covenants, easements, service access requirements and/or underground/overhead power lines, water and gas?
- What are the implications on the physical terrain, ground water, drainage?



1. Meadowbank Park - Underground services
 2. Meadowbank Park - Adjacent sports pitch
 3. Eastwood Park - Terraced slope
 4. Eastwood Park - Club house



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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE | SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT

MEADOWBANK

- The site is of a good scale for a regional facility. The adjoining pitch could possibly be utilised on a temporary basis for events overspill.
- Currently an open turfed area the space offers no formalised recreational activity.
- An overhead power line runs along Constitution Road, but is of a significant offset from the site and should not impact the potential facility.
- The main site area is free of services. Major services run along the west boundary of the site, including a drainage channel, telstra, gas, electrical + water (refer Appendix 1: dial before you dig). These will not hinder a potential facility, but improve connection for electricity, water, and drainage.
- The site is open with a slight gradient towards the South and West of the site, but would be considered flat. This is ideal topography for a potential facility.

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Overland flow
- Existing drainage channel
- Overhead power line
- Underground services



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EASTWOOD

- The site is restricted in scale limiting facility types and would only suit a local facility.
- The site is free of the majority of services, however a major Sydney water asset runs below the site. This reduces the potential for excavation in this area (refer Appendix 1: dial before you dig).
- Eastwood park used to contain a lake, this was filled to provide more open green space for the surrounding area. During heavy rainfall, ground water does not absorb fast enough, causing some low level surface flooding. Significant ground and drainage works would need to be undertaken in order to provide some specific elements of a potential youth facility, e.g skate bowl.
- The physical terrain slopes down into the site from the south and west. The slope offers potential for a terraced space with split areas.

LEGEND

-  Study Area
-  Major underground culvert - Sydney Water asset
-  Overland flow and topography
-  Area prone to flooding
-  Underground services



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2. ACCESS + TRANSPORT

This second criterion looks at how easily accessible the site is for users, parents, spectators and for events. Questions asked of each site on this criterion include;

- Is there access to public transport at the proposed site?
- Are there pedestrian/footpath connections from transport nodes to the proposed site?
- Is there a safe drop off area or adequate car parking if applicable?

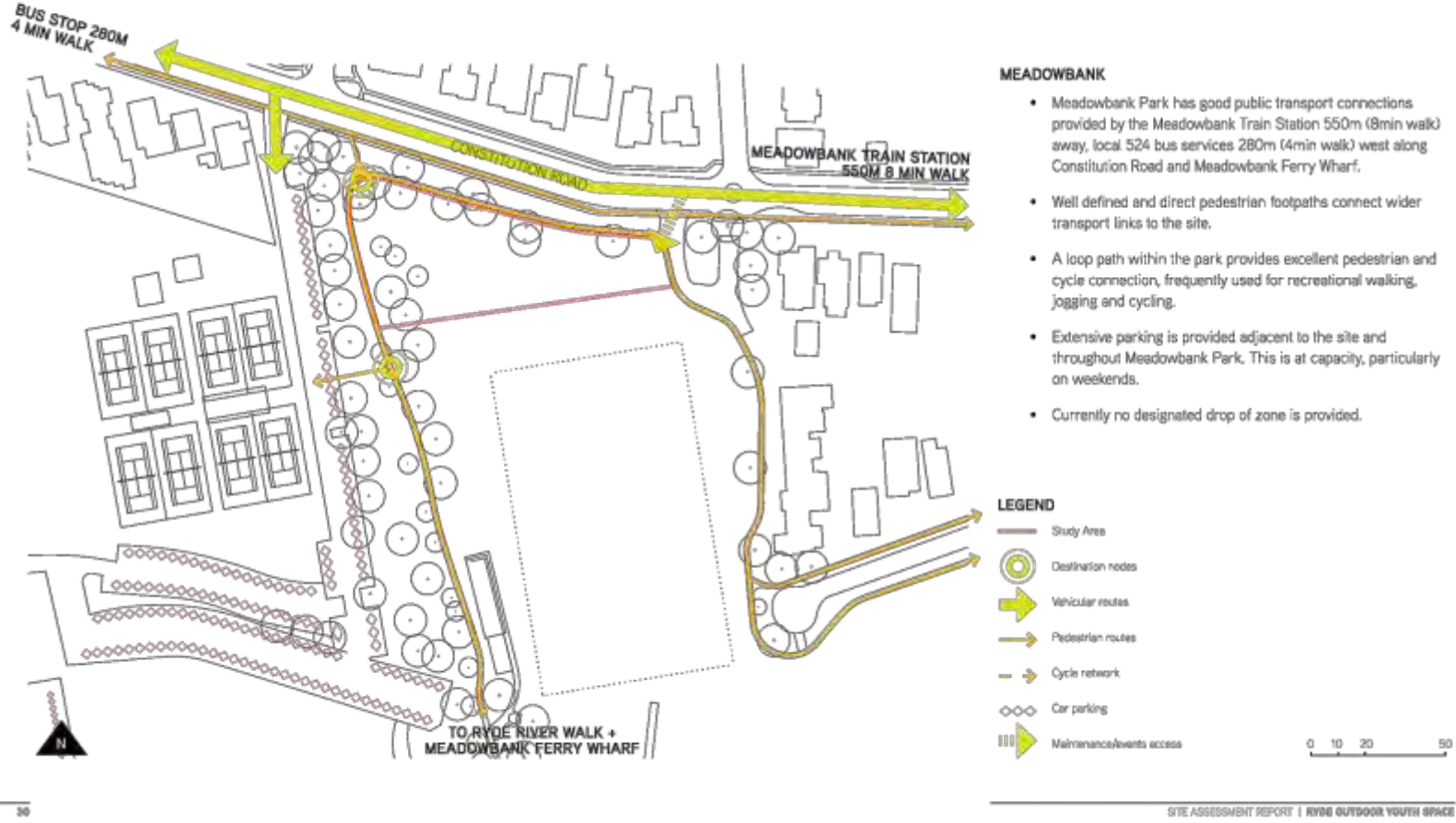


1. Meadowbank Park - Car parking
 2. Meadowbank Park - Bridge connection, pedestrian and cycle path
 3. Eastwood Park - Train station
 4. Eastwood Park - pedestrian crossings

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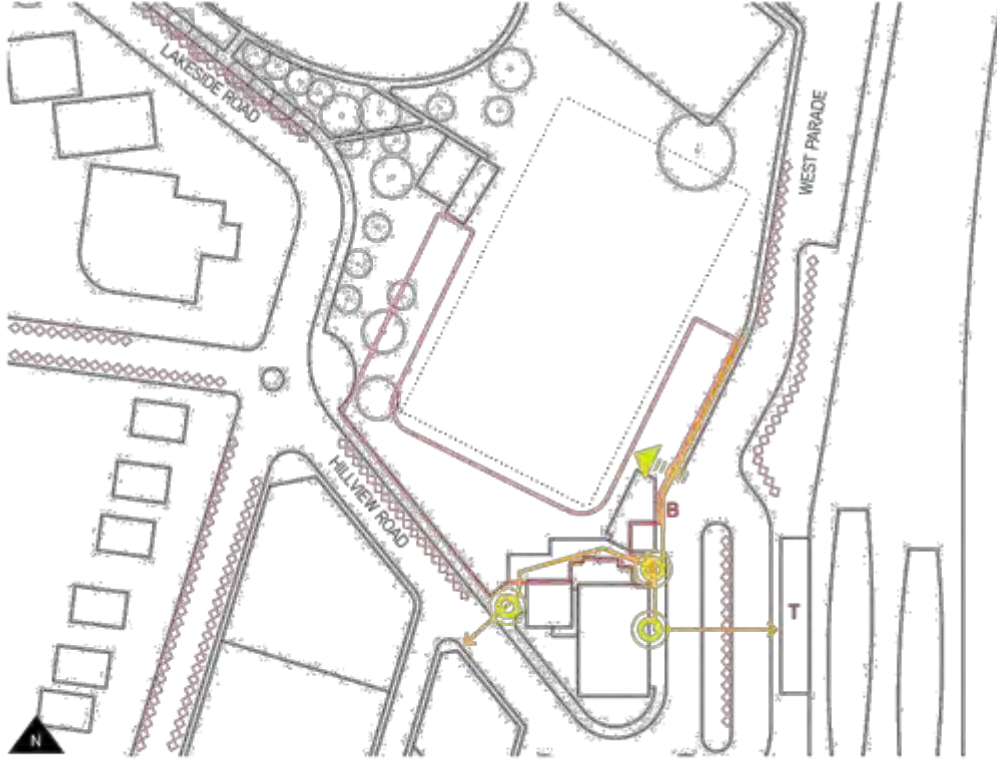
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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE | SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT

EASTWOOD

- Public transport connections are excellent with the Eastwood Train Station directly opposite the site and several local bus connections.
- Clearly defined pedestrian crossing connects the site to nearby transport nodes and to wider shops and amenities.
- Parking exists around the perimeter of Eastwood Park and adjacent the train station. This is however at full capacity and free parking is difficult to find.
- No designated drop off zone currently exists.

LEGEND

-  Study Area
-  Destination nodes
-  Vehicular routes
-  Maintenance/events access point
-  Pedestrian routes
-  Car parking
-  Eastwood Station Bus Stop - Stand B
-  Eastwood Train Station



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3. NATURAL + PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE, SECURITY AND SAFETY

Given we are looking at creating a public sporting facility with the main users being below the age of 18 it is critical to ensure the facility is visually open, safe and easily accessed in the case of an emergency. Questions asked for this criterion include:

- Is the site visually prominent with good public and passive surveillance for safety and for the promotion of the facility and youth activity?
- Is the site a short distance from police response calls and does it provide ease of police access on scheduled routes?
- Can the site provide adequate emergency vehicle access (fire and ambulance)?
- Can vehicular access be restricted at the proposed site to prevent skating at night by car light if applicable?
- Can the proposed site provide safe entry to and from the site and safe setbacks from busy roads and intersections?



1. Meadowbank Park - Road setback
2. Meadowbank Park - Open aspect
3. Eastwood Park - Road setback
4. Eastwood Park - Open aspect



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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE | SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT

MEADOWBANK

- The site is open and visually prominent, more than any other area within Meadowbank Park. Passive surveillance is provided from Constitution Road and day to day park users.
- Tree and low level planting along the drainage channel to the west of the site do limit clear views into the site from this aspect.
- The local Ryde Police Station is within a 7min drive and the site is part of existing police scheduled routes.
- Emergency vehicle access can be easily provided from the north-east corner of the site.
- The site is set back from busy roads with a grass bank and post and rail fence creating a defined edge to the site.
- Constitution Road is a busy route particularly during rush hours, making pedestrian crossing difficult at these times.
- The adjacent parking and road is sufficient distance away from the site to prohibit car headlights from lighting the space at night.

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Passive surveillance - Views In
- - - - -> Passive surveillance - Views Out
- Visual obstruction - Vegetation
- ➔ Emergency Access
- • • Police scheduled routes



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EASTWOOD

- Good passive surveillance is provided within the park from wider park users and passing vehicles along Hillview Road and West Parade.
- The Library offers further passive surveillance, however also restricts views into the site from this corner.
- Planting areas limit clear ground level views into the site from both street frontages.
- Eastwood Police Station is within 5min drive of the site and the site is on scheduled police routes.
- Clear emergency access is already provided on site from West Parade.
- The adjacent roads are sufficient distance away from the site to prohibit car headlights from lighting the space at night.
- The area is a safe set back from surrounding busy rounds, at a lower aspect.

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Passive surveillance - Views In
- - - - - Passive surveillance - Views Out
- Visual obstruction - Vegetation
- Visual obstruction - Wall
- ➔ Emergency Access
- Police scheduled routes



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4. PROXIMITY TO AMENITIES

An active public sporting facility such as an outdoor youth space should have appropriate ancillary amenities as outlined in the previous sections. This includes shade for viewing and resting, drink fountains and nearby toilets given users can spend many hours using a youth space in a single session.

Questions asked for this criterion are;

- Are associated amenities such as public telephone, toilets, water, shelter and shade existing and available or effective to install at the site?
- Is the site close to shops selling food and drink and is there potential for seasonal, peak time and/or event day food and drink outlets?

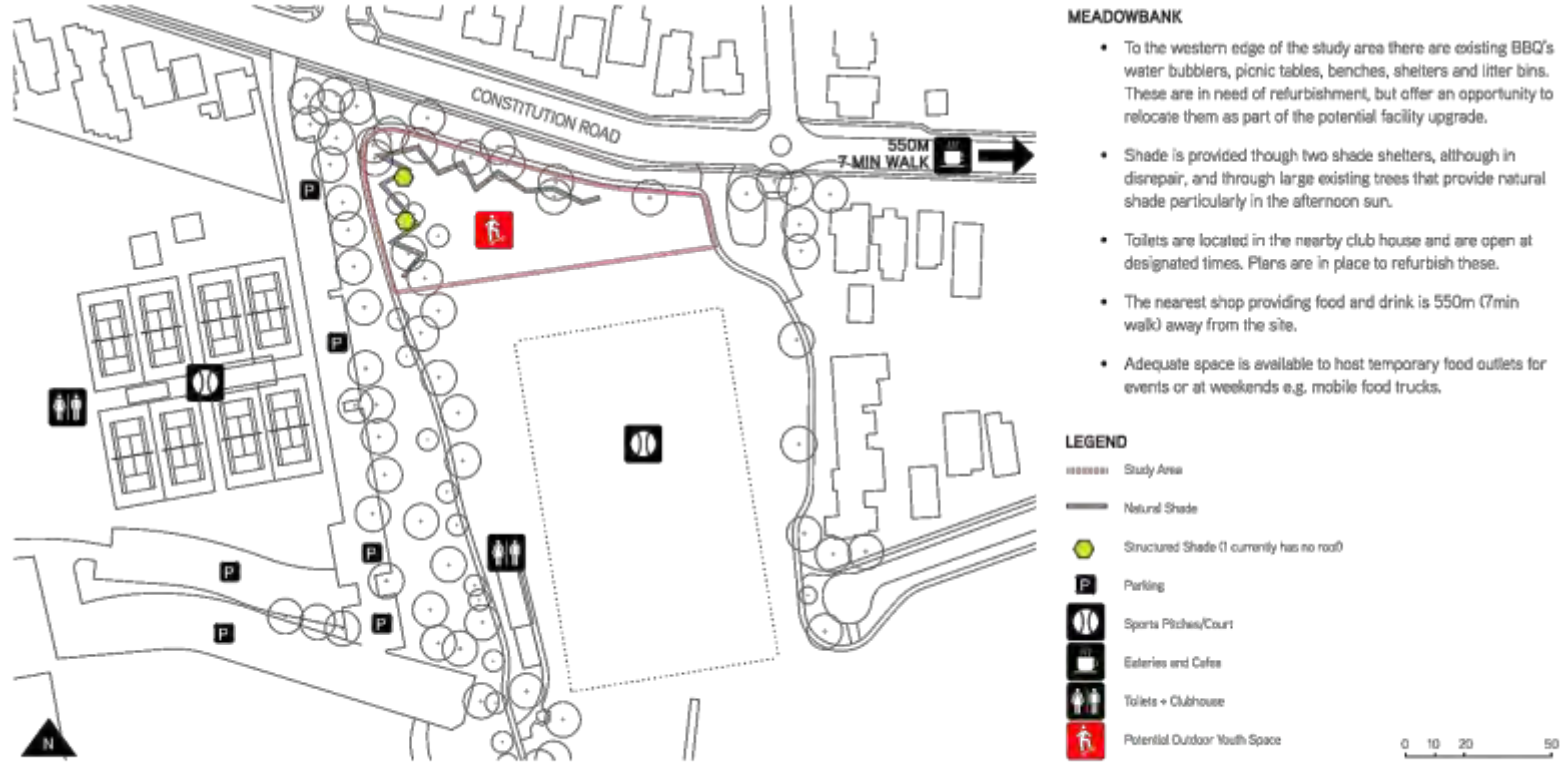


1. Meadowbank Park - BBQ and water
 2. Meadowbank Park - Toilets
 3. Eastwood Park - Toilets
 4. Eastwood Park - Picnic area

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MEADOWBANK

- To the western edge of the study area there are existing BBQ's water bubblers, picnic tables, benches, shelters and litter bins. These are in need of refurbishment, but offer an opportunity to relocate them as part of the potential facility upgrade.
- Shade is provided though two shade shelters, although in disrepair, and through large existing trees that provide natural shade particularly in the afternoon sun.
- Toilets are located in the nearby club house and are open at designated times. Plans are in place to refurbish these.
- The nearest shop providing food and drink is 550m (7min walk) away from the site.
- Adequate space is available to host temporary food outlets for events or at weekends e.g. mobile food trucks.

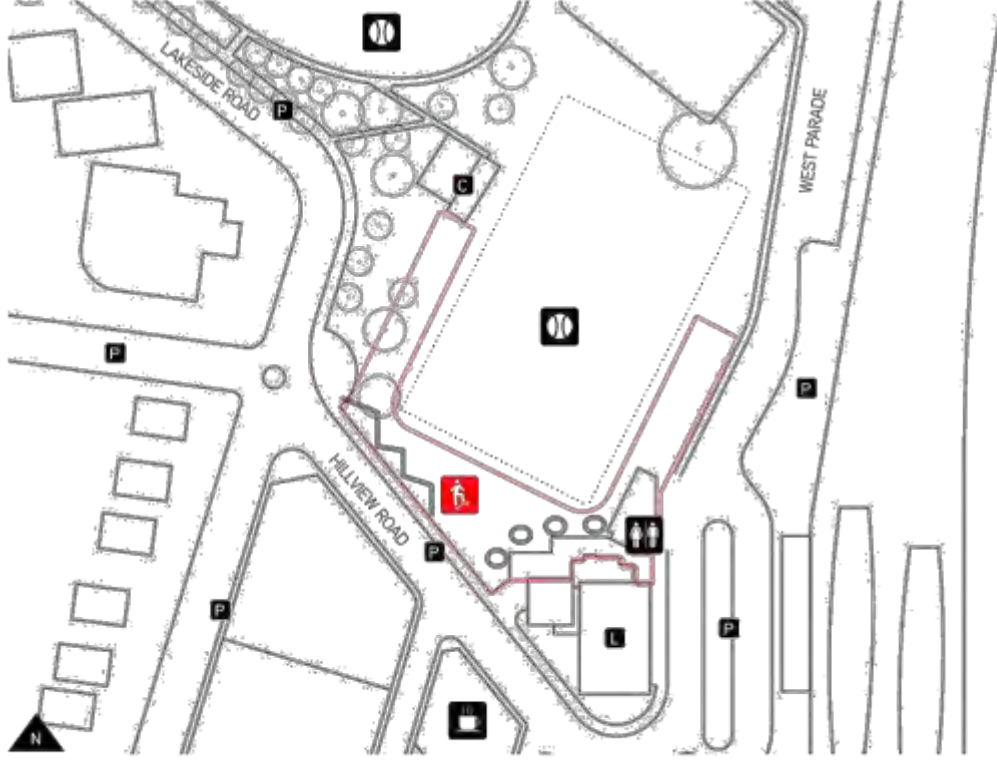
LEGEND

- Study Area
 - Natural Shade
 - Structured Shade (1 currently has no roof)
 - Parking
 - Sports Pitches/Court
 - Eateries and Cafes
 - Toilets + Clubhouse
 - Potential Outdoor Youth Space
- 0 10 20 50

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EASTWOOD

- Picnic tables, outdoor table tennis, bench seating, drinking water and litter bins are currently provided on site.
- Public toilets are located on site.
- No formalised shade is provided within the site, however some natural shade is provided by the existing trees south of the site.
- The site is positioned opposite the main shopping area of Eastwood, with food and drink stores immediately across the road.
- Adequate space is available to host temporary food outlets for special events and currently occurs during the Granny Smith Festival.

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Natural Shade
- Club House / Pavilion
- Library
- Parking
- Sports Pitches
- Eateries and Cafes
- Toilets
- Potential Outdoor Youth Space



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5. IMPACT ON EXISTING FACILITIES, ADJOINING USES + USERS

To assess the suitability of a site, one of the main considerations is how much impact will a new facility have on the existing users and use of the space. This can be a contentious community issue and so the following questions have been asked for this criterion;

- Can the site facilitate minimal loss of green space?
- Can the site facilitate minimal impact on ecological systems e.g. wetlands, foreshore and bushland?
- Can the site facilitate minimal loss of mature or significant trees?
- Can the site facilitate minimal impact on pedestrian or road network and access including existing desire lines?
- Will the location of a youth facility on the site not substantially displace existing recreational or other site users?
- Are there any existing heritage items or indigenous people's claims for land title or cultural significance at the site?
- Is there a history of 'anti-social' activity of behavior at the site?



1. Meadowbank Park - Amenity provision
2. Meadowbank Park - Pedestrian and cycle paths
3. Eastwood Park - Heritage palms
4. Eastwood Park - Pedestrian connection across site



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MEADOWBANK

- The site is currently made up of informal lawned area, with scattered tree planting, with little ecological importance.
- Existing mature trees border the western and northern boundaries of the site, but the space allows for these to remain as is.
- Minimal alterations to pedestrian networks or desire lines would be required as part of the potential facility. Additional pedestrian connections may be required.
- Existing recreational uses include a BBQ area and play ground. These are in need of refurbishment and offer an opportunity to reestablish them as part of the potential facility or relocate elsewhere.
- The adjacent sports pitch may result in some minor conflict of use, but through spatial design can be easily remodelled to provide for coherent buffer space for both areas.
- The BBQ area and nearby club house have had reports of some anti-social behaviour, particularly at night, due to its tucked away aspect and poor passive surveillance.

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Green Space
- Amenity Area
- Existing Trees
- Connection with other recreation facilities



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EASTWOOD PARK

- The site is currently made up of informal lawned area, but this is of no ecological importance.
- Existing mature trees exist along the south and western borders of the site, but the potential facility would have minimal impact on these.
- Existing heritage palms border the library forecourt, limiting the flexibility of the site.
- A busy pedestrian route runs along the south east edge of the site, linking the train station, library and shops. This is to be retained as an important pedestrian link. A potential facility may cause conflict between new active users and current pedestrian flow.
- The close proximity of the existing sports pitch limits the sites scale. It is envisaged that the apron layout of the potential site will result in conflict of uses, between balls and boards.

LEGEND

-  Study Area
-  Green Space
-  Pedestrian Route
-  Existing Trees
-  Connection with other recreation facilities

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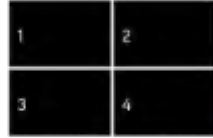
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6. DISTANCE FROM HOUSING + INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE

Another major consideration for any new public sporting facility is the potential impact of noise and light to nearby housing. It is important that the new outdoor youth facility is placed to minimise impact to surrounding residential areas. We have undertaken acoustic assessments of a number of existing skate parks and youth spaces to ascertain an appropriate distance from residential areas and as a guide 50m is considered an acceptable distance for a purpose built skate park or youth space. Please note that this is subject to a more detailed acoustic analysis and investigation.

Acoustic report to be undertaken during the formalisation of the design.



1. Meadowbank Park - Residential housing along Constitution Road
 2. Meadowbank Park - Residential housing along Constitution Road
 3. Eastwood Park - Office + retail along Hillview Road
 4. Eastwood Park - Office + retail along Hillview Road



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MEADOWBANK PARK

- The study area boundary is within 50m of residential. A significant section of the site does however sit outside the 50m offset.
- Acoustic studies illustrate minimal noise, however further consideration should be explored to minimise noise impact on surrounding housing.

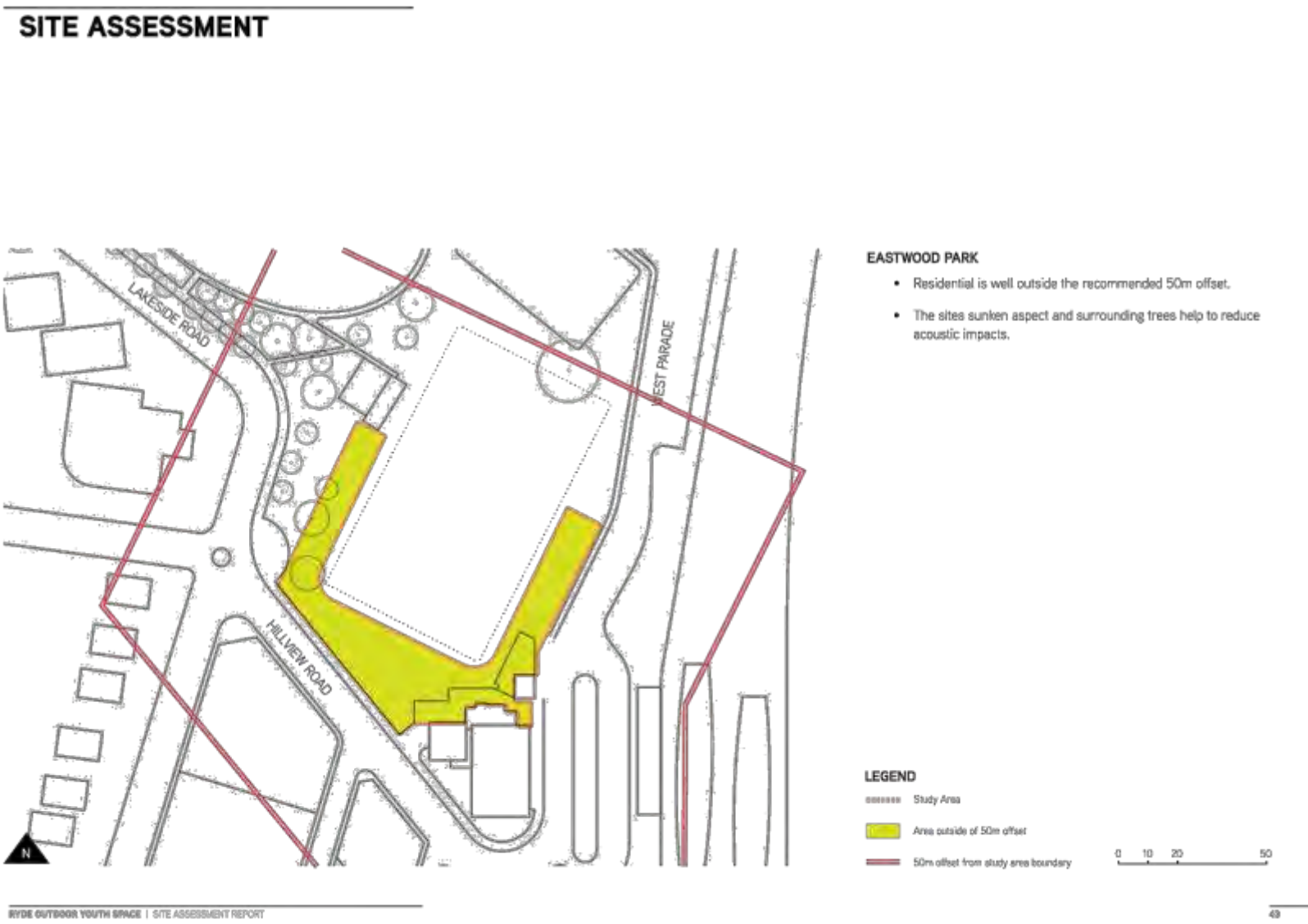
LEGEND

- Study Area
- Area outside of 50m offset
- 50m offset from residential
- 50m offset from study area boundary



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7. EVENT SPACE OPPORTUNITIES

With centrally located facilities presenting the opportunity to become a major community activity node, not just for skating/bmx and scooter users but also basketball, parkour, bouldering, community events, clinics and competitions, sites must be assessed for their suitability to play such a role. Questions therefore include;

- Is the proposed site adjacent to like/complimentary activities to create a greater recreational experience?
- Does the site have the ability to cater for larger crowds and temporary infrastructure during peak use and events?

MEADOWBANK

- Meadowbank Park is a designated regional sport and recreation area, with the addition of a skate and family space complementing the existing programs.
- The adjacent sports pitch offers opportunity for temporary events, of varying scales when not in use.
- The site provides good access for events vehicles, such as food trucks or events vehicles.

EASTWOOD

- Eastwood Park is a district park with a variety of existing programs. The addition of an outdoor youth space will complement the existing programs.
- The site is currently used for the annual Granny Smith Apple Festival.
- The adjacent sports pitch offers opportunity for temporary events.
- The site is only large enough to facilitate local based competitions.
- The site provides good access for events vehicles, such as food trucks or events vehicles.

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8. MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is important to ensure the park can be cleaned easily and regularly. Questions therefore asked for this criterion are;

- How readily accessible is the site to regular cleaning for existing council cleaning and maintenance team?

EASTWOOD + MEADOWBANK

Both sites have clear and controlled access points that are regularly used by council maintenance teams for the wider park.

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1. Plan indicating Meadowbank Park site access
 3. Photo of Meadowbank Park site access
 2. Plan indicating Eastwood Park site access
 4. Photo of Eastwood Park site access



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9. CONTEXT & AMENITY

The criteria is most applicable to the socialisation that occurs at outdoor youth spaces and the importance of providing facilities that are where young people want to be and provide important amenity (sun protection, wind etc.) The following questions will be asked for each of the sites regarding context and amenity;

- Is the site location where young people want to be or adjacent to where they currently congregate?
- Is the site in close proximity to existing shopping centres, sports or recreation facilities or interested schools?
- Is the site within or adjacent to a major community hub or central area?

LEGEND

-  Study Area
-  Young people congregation areas
-  Shopping Centres
-  Sports and recreation facilities
-  Schools/TAFE
-  Community hubs/centre



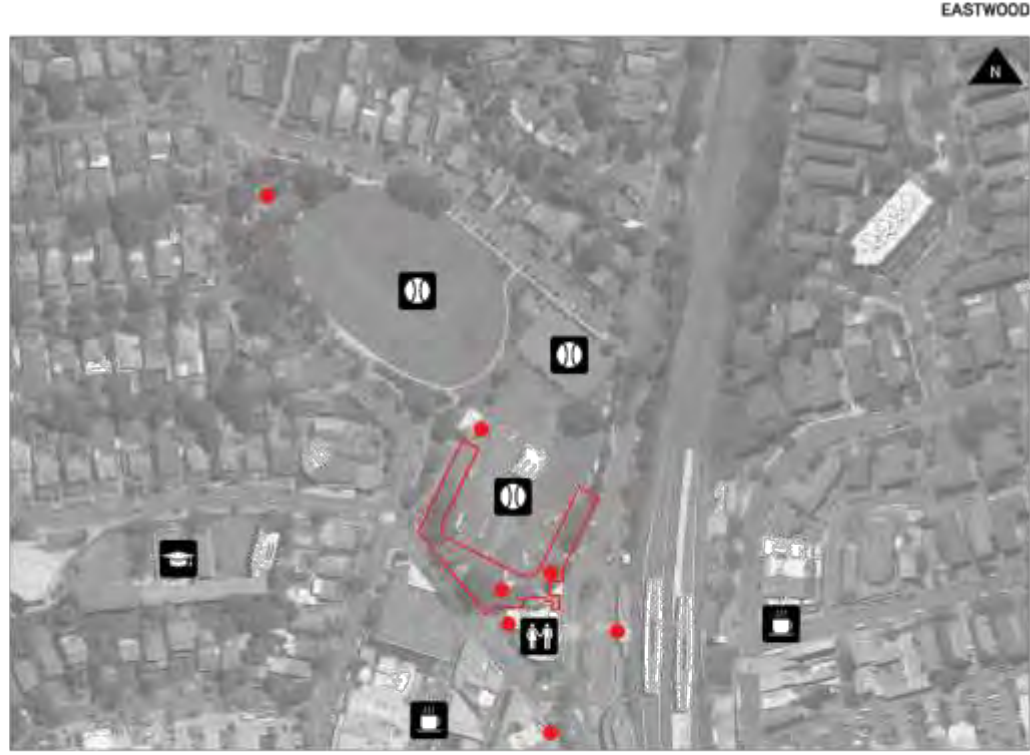
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LEGEND

-  Study Area
-  Young people congregation areas
-  Shopping Centres
-  Sports and recreation facilities
-  Schools
-  Community hub/centre



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10. CONSISTENCY WITH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sites for consideration need to conform to local planning schemes, embody strategic planning and reflect the current land use zones. Therefore for this criterion the following questions needs to be asked;

- Is the location consistent with the strategic land use, masterplanning, planning schemes and zoning?

DRAFT SPORT AND RECREATION PLAN 2016-2026

Through its role in sport and recreation planning and management, the CoR will contribute to the lifestyle, health, wellbeing and social cohesion of the community. The seven thematic priorities for the provision, management and planning of sport and recreation for the CoR are as follows:

1. Optimal use of sport and recreation facilities.
2. Access to sport and recreation facilities.
3. Diversity of facilities for participation and enjoyment.
4. Facilities that are fit for purpose.
5. Inclusive and accessible sport and recreation facilities.
6. Awareness of recreation facilities and programs.
7. Sustainable management of facilities and sports.

Key Recommendations include:

- There is a lack of opportunities for older youth (eg skate park, outdoor gym equipment, parkour, performance space).
- Provision of additional informal leisure and recreation facilities or settings (i.e. Open spaces, bike paths, walking paths and

tracks, dog exercise areas, youth facilities, skate parks)

- The requirements of organised sporting groups are balanced with the needs of informal/ independent participants
- A dedicated youth facility for unstructured activities is lacking. This should include provision for table tennis and badminton and a range of facilities to attract young people (eg outdoor water facilities, wi-fi, basketball courts with reversible hoops, outdoor gym equipment, creative spaces for performances and drama, skate park, parkour, spaces for dancing and playing music, beach volleyball courts)
- Need for youth-led and youth-driven activities

The rise of lifestyle sports;

"While mainstream and organised sports have remained constant or declined over the past decade, lifestyle, adventure and alternative sports have risen in popularity particularly among young people. These sports typically have some element of inherent danger or thrill seeking and participants often a sense of self-expression (eg BMX, skateboarding, kite surfing, white water rafting, scuba diving and rock climbing)."

INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE PLAN - JULY 2012

2010 Skate strategy consultation showed that "80% of those surveyed in preparation for a skate strategy indicated that there should be more skate facilities in the City."

There is a need to address specific "needs of youth (eg. skate, hang-out spaces in parks and neighbourhoods), seniors (better access to parks, more walkable places, informal sports spaces, shade and seating) and

significant working populations (passive and active recreation)"

National trends indicate a "increasing popularity of 'extreme sports' such as skateboarding, rollerblading and BMX riding has led to the development of large skate parks by local councils. Extreme sports continue to gain public acceptance, with skate parks being incorporated into prominent and highly used parks and reserves."

Characteristics of open space in the "Inner Northern Subregion have a shortage of facilities to meet demands of some age groups for more specific sports (eg. youth skate/bmx facilities)"

EASTWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT MARCH 2008

The report provides management objectives and vision master plan. The overriding vision statement is:

"The vision for Eastwood Park would be to enhance the character of a village green. The Park shall provide open space that is safe and allows for recreational and cultural activities. It shall provide opportunities for cultural expression and provide clear connections to the adjacent environment".

- Should be managed as a regional park.
- Provide active and passive recreational opportunities.
- Opportunities for cultural and historical interpretation .
- Improved linkages to adjacent areas but also within the park.
- An expanded meeting area in the surrounds of the library building;
- Terracing the slope between the upper and lower areas of the Park;

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CRITERIA MATRIX RESULTS

The following table lists the criteria used for assessment, gives each a rating with respect to importance to the future success of the proposed facility, and from the site assessment assigns a weighting (1 low importance weighting to 5 high importance weighting). The rating factor is multiplied by the weighting to give a total score. This is then used to calculate the percentage total outcome for each site, enabling direct comparison of different sites in an equal platform.

The total percentage outcomes are applied to the following rating system guide to rank each sites suitability. This ranking system is a comparative, rating one site against another. General percentages are used to clarify the following recommendations:

GOOD - 70% < 100%

If a site achieves a score 70% or above it is seen as a suitable site for any size or type facility.

FAIR - 50% < 69%

A score between 50% and 69% is considered a potential site for consideration, however should not be favoured over a higher scoring site. This score indicates there are key criteria that are not met at the site, and these will need to be addressed within the design to create a successful outdoor youth facility, which may reduce the scope of active youth provision.

POOR - 0% < 49%

Any site scoring below 40% should not be considered for a outdoor youth facility. As every site is distinct to its particular context and situation, the above rating system should be used as a guide only.

CRITERIA	IMPORTANCE 1 Low / 5 High	MEADOWBANK PARK	EASTWOOD PARK
1. Physical site conditions & technical considerations			
Is the proposed site capable of catering to the various different applicable youth facility types defined as local, district, regional? (ie large enough to cater for events if we are looking for a regional scale park)	5	5	2
Is the proposed site free of existing land use implications, covenants, easements, service access requirements and/or underground/overhead power lines, water and gas?	3	4	2
Is the site encumbered by the implications of geotechnical conditions, ground water, drainage?	3	3	2
2. Access/transport			
Is there access to public transport at the proposed site?	5	4	5
Are there pedestrian/footpath connections from transport nodes to the proposed site?	4	5	5
Is there a safe drop off area or adequate car parking if applicable?	4	4	2
3. Natural surveillance, security and safety			
Is the site visually prominent with good natural and passive surveillance for safety and for the promotion of the facility and activity?	5	5	4
Is the site a short distance from police response calls and does it provide ease of police access on scheduled routes?	3	5	5
Can the site provide adequate emergency vehicle access (fire and ambulance)?	4	5	5
Can vehicular access be restricted at the proposed site to prevent activity at night by car light if applicable?	1	5	5
Can the proposed site provide safe entry to and from the site and safe setbacks from busy roads and intersections.	3	5	3
4. Proximity to amenities (water, toilets, shade, food & drink)			
Are associated amenities such as public toilets, water, shelter and shade, existing and available or cost effective to install at the site?	5	5	4
Is the site close to shops selling food and drink and is there potential for seasonal, peak time and/or event day food and drink outlets?	3	3	5
5. Impact on existing facilities, adjoining uses and users			
Can the site facilitate minimal loss of green space?	2	3	2
Can the site facilitate minimal impact on existing ecological systems eg. wetlands, foreshore and bushland?	3	5	5

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CRITERIA	IMPORTANCE 1 low / 5 high	MEADOWBANK PARK	EASTWOOD PARK
Can the site facilitate minimal loss of significant trees?	3	4	2
Can the site facilitate minimal impact on pedestrian or road network and access including existing desire lines?	2	5	2
Will the location of a youth facility on the site mitigate displacement of existing recreational or other site users?	2	4	2
Is the site encumbered by existing heritage items, native title claims or items of cultural significance?	3	5	5
Is there a history of 'anti-social' activity of behaviour at the site?	4	4	4
6. Distance from housing & incompatible land use			
Is the site location an adequate distance (50m) from residential dwellings to mitigate potential noise and light intrusions?	5	4	5
Is the site sufficiently located away from adjacent or nearby incompatible land uses, other activities or services?	3	4	2
Has the site the capacity to place a youth facility in a location to maximise noise attenuation (eg. sunk into the ground, solid fencing etc.)	2	5	4
7. Event space opportunities (multiplicity of use)			
Is the proposed site adjacent to other (re)complementary activities to create a greater recreational experience?	4	5	3
Does the site have the ability to cater for larger crowds and temporary infrastructure during peak use and events?	4	5	3
8. Maintenance issues			
Is the site readily accessible for regular clearing by clearing and maintenance teams.	4	5	5
9. Context & Amenity			
Is the site location where young people want to be or adjacent to where they currently congregate?	5	4	5
Is the site in close proximity to existing shopping centres, sports or recreation facilities or interested schools?	4	5	5
Is the site within or adjacent to a major community hub or central activity area?	4	4	5
10. Consistency with Strategic Objectives			
Is the location consistent with the strategic land use, masterplanning, planning scheme and zoning.	4	5	5
TOTAL PERCENTAGE		90%	78%

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PREFERRED SITE RECOMMENDATION

Based solely on the outcomes of the site assessment process, it is recommended that Meadowbank Park is the most appropriate and preferred location for the new Ryde Outdoor Youth Space.

The site offers a unique design opportunity to tie into the existing recreational precinct, creating a linked network of active programs from the netball courts, play area, sports fields to the proposed outdoor youth and recreation space.

The site is large enough to accommodate a regional and/or district facility of a sufficient scale to meet community demand, whilst also providing space for local community events. It is a safe distance from major roads, ideally located near car parking, with the existing trees offering a natural buffer. This area does not require demolition of any existing park infrastructure and offers the opportunity to relocate and refurbish/replace the existing playground, shelters, BBQ and water bubblers as part of the new facility improving natural surveillance and safety to this area.



06 CONCLUSION

PREFERRED SITE RECOMMENDATION

Based on the outcomes of the desktop study and comprehensive site analysis process which highlights the many constraints and opportunities of the proposed sites, Corvic have considered the two options for the location of the new outdoor youth space.

Both sites have site constraints, however Eastwood Park has constraints that affects its potential as an optimum site for the outdoor youth space, however both show great opportunity.

It has been identified through the site criteria assessment that both sites are appropriate for a site of this nature, Meadowbank, however, is deemed the most appropriate. In some areas it is comparable to Eastwood, with the main differential being its ability to host a facility which is large enough to cater to user demand.

The scale of the skate and family space has been identified within the wider youth context assessment, with an all ages, all skill level, and typology facility desperately needed within the area. This is further reinforced through the identified demand for outdoor youth provision, as part of the demographic desktop study.

Although Meadowbank Park has been identified as the preferred site, Eastwood Park shows potential. Constrained by scale, it offers opportunity for a local facility. This would not solely meet the identified current demand, but could support a wider network of facilities.

This site recommendation should also be read in alignment with the pre-design community engagement summary report, which together build a clear set of design objectives and design principles to inform the selection of the appropriate site and concept design of the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space.

DESIGN VISION

Using the key outcomes from the site assessment, a design vision has been created to drive the future direction of the two sites within CoR.

Both sites will be a place that all ages can meet, be active and relax, with particular attention towards play and youth inclusive provisions. They will promote a range of activities by multi-use facilities such as half-court basketball, kick wall, climbing/bouldering wall, parkour, skate etc.

Each facility will both amplify and add further value to their existing parkland settings, creating central social and recreational community hubs for young people and the wider community. The facilities will embrace youth habits to activate the young people of CoR. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants.

MEADOWBANK PARK

This large site offers opportunity for a regional or district facility in Ryde. Meadowbank Park is one of the most significant green space within the CoR, addressing the needs for the evolving community.

The facility should be developed as an all purpose wheeled action sports park as well as wider youth activation, to ensure broad community benefit. To achieve this, the facility will require both social and recreational spaces to increase potential for further youth activation.

Acknowledging the prominent status of Meadowbank Park, it is important that the facility seamlessly integrates into the park context. The facility will become a visually sensitive space, reflecting the nature of its programming, whilst also creating a respectful juxtaposition with the parks open green aesthetic and history.

The facility should adopt both a transition style (quarter pipes, bowls, etc.) and street style (grind rails, ledges etc.) of skate for all skill levels and users disciplines, with the capacity for local competitions and events.

The landscape response will be integral to the design to ensure a well integrated facility. Utilising existing and proposed trees will soften the space as well as providing natural shade amenity.

EASTWOOD PARK

The smaller of the two sites, Eastwood Park should aim to meet local user requirements, focusing on active and local community activities, with skate being only a small part of a wider range of family recreation opportunities.

The facility should compliment and work harmoniously with the existing large open sports pitch, flexible library pizza space and the annual calendar of community events, whilst also allowing for new use such as, potential small scale markets, outdoor cinema, community classes and tai chi. This will promote a social setting further enhanced through amenities including picnic areas, shelters, BBQ's, furniture and bike parking.

Due to the flooding perimeters, transition obstacles for example a skate bowl, may not be appropriate at this site. However a street style facility or pump track would be ideal. Low level skate obstacles should be selected predominantly aimed towards beginners, but still ideal for intermediate and advanced users to warm up.

Eastwood Park will offer a locally equipped area for skate recreation complementing facilities within the wider context.

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MEADOWBANK OPPORTUNITIES

As the preferred site there are several opportunities and constraints that need to be addressed to create a successful skate and family space, including:

- Provide gateway nodes, key connections and path links through site and to the wider park.
- Lift the tree canopies to provide clear views into the north west corner of the site.
- Provide low level landscape buffer area to reduce acoustic impact, whilst also ensuring 50m offset from residential.
- Align a spectator/amenity area adjacent to the sports pitch to service both areas, whilst removing potential conflict of use. This will relocate the existing amenity areas to this space, in clear sight. Consideration will be given to the relationship between amenity and the existing soccer goals.

LEGEND

-  Youth Space
-  Gateway Nodes
-  Pedestrian Connections
-  Amenity/Spectator Area - for sports pitch and youth space
-  Landscape buffer area
-  Shade

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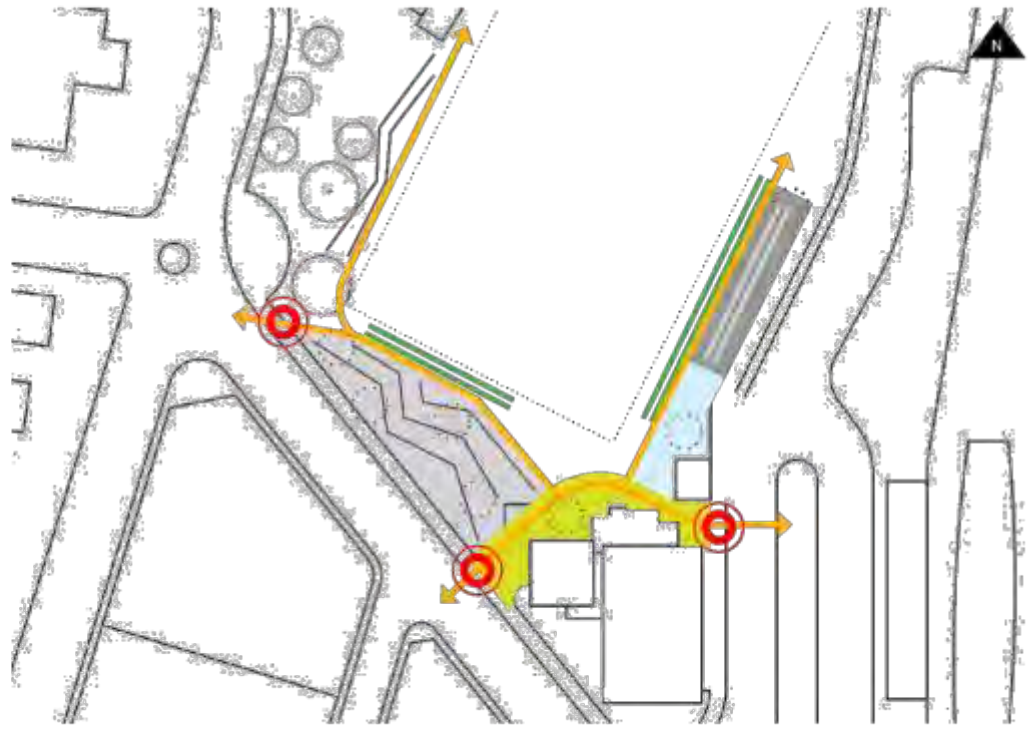
EASTWOOD OPPORTUNITIES

Although not the preferred site, Eastwood offers the ideal setting for a small district/local facility. Possible site opportunities to be explored, include:

- Provide gateway nodes, key connections and path links through site and to the wider park.
- Provide a low level landscape buffer or edge to reduce potential conflict of use with the adjacent soccer pitch.
- Refurbish the existing play area as an integrated play and skate space.
- Extend the library area, with additional seating areas and park amenity, whilst maintaining clear pedestrian flow.
- Utilise the sites slope to create a terraced active recreation space.

LEGEND

-  Terraced Active Recreation Space
-  Beginners Skate Space
-  Refurbished Play Area
-  Gateway Nodes
-  Pedestrian Connections
-  Expanded Library Foyer
-  Landscape buffer area
-  Shade



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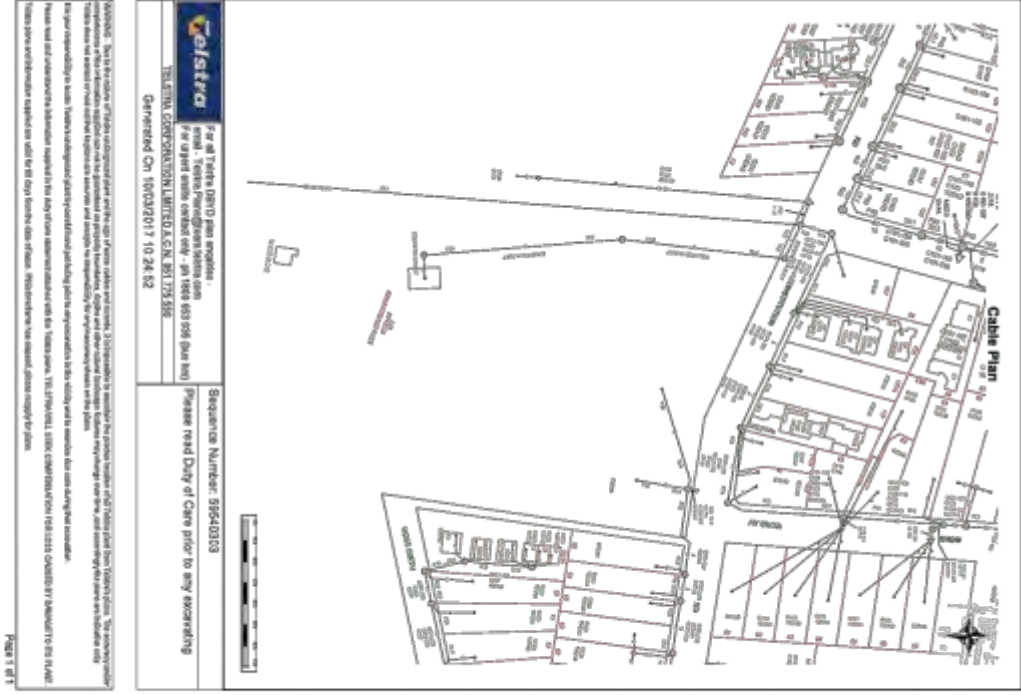
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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH + FAMILY RECREATION SPACE

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01 INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Ryde (CoR) has been investigating the implementation of public outdoor youth provision since 1985. Following recent investigation, CoR have been considering two key sites within the City, Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park.

In December of 2016, Convic were engaged to deliver a concept design for a skate and family space at either site. Prior to the design a preferred site was to be selected through detailed site assessment work (refer to the Site Selection Report) and a series of community engagement workshops. Collectively these will inform the decision making process of the facilities location and design.

The community engagement process consisted of two information sessions and two design workshops, one of each, focused around either site. An online survey provided further opportunity for input.

The engagement opportunities were well publicised and achieved a total of 394 community members providing feedback through the process to date.

The community expressed resounding support for the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space within the City, with 320 of the total 394 participants indicating a family and skate space would benefit their community.

MEADOWBANK PARK

Main benefits raised around the Meadowbank Park Site included, plenty of space, more opportunities for integrating landscaping and other activities, good natural surveillance, space currently not utilised, good parking, good public transport, ideal accessibility, existing amenities already present, integration with existing traditional sports facilities and offers more contemporary sport opportunities, a good place for young people to congregate in a safe environment, good interaction between

different user groups, existing and proposed and high youth population in the neighbourhood.

Main concerns raised around the Meadowbank Park Site included, residents showed concern around acoustic disturbance, additional pressure on parking resources, policing of the site, increased traffic and lack of safe crossing points on Constitution Road, closed aspect of north west corner of site, encouraging antisocial behaviour, ongoing maintenance and antisocial behaviour.

If chosen the community would like to see the Meadowbank Park design include, feature entry points, increased passive surveillance, use of existing topography, locate passive and beginner areas closer to the car park, skate area away from trees to avoid debris, exercise equipment, a flowing skate area, reconfigured play area, passive recreation area, pump/bike track, open bowl, flowing bank section, street skate area, art wall / hit-up wall, lighting, river/mangrove theming, central island feature, wooden carved totems.

EASTWOOD PARK

Main benefits raised around the Eastwood Park Site included, close to shops and other civic amenities, good transport connections, no immediate local residence, good natural surveillance, integrated with varying public spaces, safe pedestrian connections, well serviced by the adjacent library and toilets.

Main concerns raised around the Eastwood Park Site included, site not large enough to host a facility of this type, additional pressure on parking resources, policing of the site, close proximity to existing uses, including soccer, play area, library and pedestrian routes, possible removal of heritage trees, ongoing maintenance and antisocial behaviour.

If chosen the community would like to see the Eastwood Park design include, a 5m clearance area to prevent access from rear of the existing memorial, a seating edge between the skate and family space and existing sports pitch, clear pedestrian routes, utilise the existing bank, refurbishment of playground, beginners skate pump track, terraced seating, additional table tennis, quiet space around the library, small bowl, climbing walls, skateable furniture, gym equipment, public piano, slack line, car drop off, BBQ's, shade, lighting, signage, reflective of community to take inspiration from Asian design, Granny Smith apples or nearby war memorial.

PREFERRED SITE RECOMMENDATION

Meadowbank Park was indicated as the most suitable site, in three of the four workshops and online.

Collectively across the four workshops Meadowbank Park received a 69% suitability, over 47% for the Eastwood Park site.

Online, participants indicated a preference towards Meadowbank, receiving 69% suitability, over 30% for the Eastwood Park site.

71% of online participants indicated that they do not foresee any issues at Meadowbank Park, in comparison to only 55% at Eastwood Park.

Based on the community's feedback Meadowbank Park is the preferred location for the propose skate and family space, however the concerns raised will need to be addressed if a concept design is developed for this site.

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INTRODUCTION

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Prior to this report, CoR coordinated a number of community engagement opportunities around the development of a skate and family space. Starting in 2010, CoR consulted on a number of sites to establish which were endorsed by the community to warrant further investigation. Following this a skate park working group was established in 2015, to further investigate potential sites.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT - VOLUME 1 + 2

In June 2010 a Community Consultation Report was undertaken to obtain community input on the provision of skate across City of Ryde.

The City of Ryde collected views from residents and potential users through an online survey, the City of Ryde web site, face to face surveys, flyer and letter distribution at parks, shopping centres and railway stations and advertising in local newspapers. 517 survey responses were received. The order of support for skate locations was as follows:

- Meadowbank park - 76%
- Blenheim park - 73%
- Macquarie university - 72%
- Ryde river walk - 63%
- Shrimptons creek - 62%

76% of participants felt that a youth / recreation precinct should be located at Meadowbank Park. However, 24 of the 47 participants from the Meadowbank area strongly disagreed with this suggestion. It should be noted 80% of the 517 respondents thought there should be more skate facilities within the City of Ryde. It should be noted that 28 of the

47 participants from the Meadowbank area did not feel there was a need for more skate facilities in the City of Ryde.

Reference; Community Consultation Report, Volume 1: Report & Volume 2: Data (June 2010)

WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2015 a skate park working group (SPWG) was established to explore options for a new regional skate park facility in the City of Ryde. The group consisted of Councillors, Officers from City of Ryde, Youth Council representatives, local skaters and interested members of the community.

The SPWG reviewed previous recommendations on the planning of skate parks within CoR. Using this knowledge base, the SPWG reviewed all previously identified and new potential sites. The list of sites was revised through a series of progressively stricter criteria. A final list for five sites was identified and reported back to Council and endorsed to proceed to community consultation, these included:

- Olympic Park
- Meadowbank Park x 2
- Ryde Park
- Eastwood Park

Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park were identified for further investigation and consultation, with continual support from NSW Health and NSW Police.

It was recommended that a new facility needs to provide for a broader audience than just skaters, including multiuse outdoor court/s, events stage, spaces for families to relax, passive recreation and wifi provision.

Reference; Works and Community Committee Report (January 2017)

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02 CONSULTATION PROCESS

PROMOTIONAL SCOPE

The first stage of the consultation process aimed to develop the communities awareness of the project and to do so in a public, open and transparent way. Promotional tools to encourage involvement included, selected media avenues targeting families, youth and skaters, and targeting key stakeholders and members of the community, such as residents, park users and local business or associations.

The promotional tools used include:

1. CoR Have Your Say page - www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay/Have-your-Say/Ryde-Outdoor-Youth-and-Family-Recreation-Space
2. Sent out via a e-newsletter to those registered on CoR mailing list, all Ryde sporting groups and Ryde youth contacts.
3. Posted on CoR Facebook page
4. Email and poster (prepared by Convic) to all primary and high schools in the Ryde Catchment Area
5. Flyer to all residents within a 1km radius of both Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park
6. Door knocked and letter provided to immediate residents to seek their involvement in the project
7. Installed large format signs (poster prepared by Convic) at both Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park. Two at each site
8. Notified Councillors
9. Ad in the local paper, Northern District Times.
10. Posted on skateboard.com.au
11. Posted on Sydney Skateboarding Association media platforms
12. Posted on Convic facebook and instagram



Sydney Skateboarding Association facebook post



Northern District Times Article

Have Your Say
RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE DESIGN WORKSHOPS

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to social inclusion and the health and wellbeing of its community, Council is installing a skate and family activity space for all to enjoy.

Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park are the two sites Council is exploring as locations. Council have engaged Convic and would like you to help select the site and design the new space.

RYDE PROJECT TIMELINE

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Fill out the online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay
 Download a survey form from Ryde City Library or City Centre.

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<p>EASTWOOD PARK</p> <p>DESIGN INFORMATION SESSION When: Wednesday 8 March from 5-6PM Where: Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club - 117 Ryedale Road, Ryde</p> <p>DESIGN WORKSHOP When: Saturday 11 March from 1-5PM Where: Club Hall, 117 Ryedale Road, Ryde</p>	<p>MEADOWBANK PARK</p> <p>DESIGN INFORMATION SESSION When: Thursday 9 March from 6-7PM Where: Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club - 117 Ryedale Road, Ryde</p> <p>DESIGN WORKSHOP When: Saturday 11 March from 9-11AM Where: Club Hall, 117 Ryedale Road, Ryde</p>
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CONSULTATION PROCESS

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

The consultation process is an essential and integral component of the development of family, youth and skate spaces. In order to ensure the success and longevity of these key community assets it is crucial to engage with the future users of the space.

The consultation process was split into three key stages to ensure the client, community, users and stakeholders were engaged with.

1. Information Session | The suitability of Eastwood and Meadowbank Park.
2. Design Workshop | The design of the facility in context.
3. Online survey

This staged approach ensures the evolution of a highly resolved and informed strategy, with design outcomes that are inline with the community aspirations and unique to site.

Four workshops (2no. Information Session and 2no. Design Workshop) provided direct face to face community engagement, whilst the online survey engaged on a broader spectrum for community members unable to attend the workshop based activities. All stages aimed to understand the community demographic and establish demand in the community via the analysis of data. Each workshop aimed to achieve the following:

STAGE 1 | INFORMATION SESSIONS

Sharing project knowledge and insight in an open forum. Carrying out a detailed critique of the site options including open discussion around strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and constraints of the site specifics.

Unlike a survey, they enable the discussion of complex issues and any possible underlying concerns the community may have with regards to design, location and function of the outdoor youth space.

STAGE 2 | DESIGN WORKSHOPS

A gathering of ideas and identification of issues and requirements, that utilise the key outcomes of the information gathering stage and collaboratively work to further explore themes and develop spatially located design responses.

Both workshops aim to build a sense of community among users, stakeholders and residents. They are a useful tool to seek the opinions of groups, allowing varying contributions and ideas to come together.

Each workshop was loosely structured to allow the process to unfold freely and invite users to make commitments, suggestions and comments towards a common and collective vision.

The consultation process encourages the local community to take an active role upon completion of the built outcome to become guardians of the space and most importantly activate the facility.

Participants identified through the consultation process showed an interest in forming a custodian group for the space moving forward.

DATA HANDLING AND ANALYSIS

The data handling and analysis has been carried out by Corvic. The consultation process is designed to increase inclusiveness and generate data for analysis into themes. All participants were initially informed of workshop objectives and how the information provided will then be used.

All responses are treated in confidence, to ensure the anonymity of respondents. In line with our privacy policy no identifying information is included with any responses for this report.

REPRESENTATION

The views collected in this report are not statistically validated, however they represent the views of user groups and nearby residents. Themes presented in this report are derived from workshop contributions.

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03 INFORMATION SESSIONS

OBJECTIVE

Two information sessions were held at the Ryde - Eastwood Leagues Club (117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde). Each session was held at the following times:

Eastwood Park Information Session
Wednesday 8th March from 6-8pm

Meadowbank Park Information Session
Thursday 9th March 2017 from 6-8pm

These information sessions aimed to;

- Inform the community of the project intentions (skate and family space), to help avoid any preconceived stereotypes particularly around skate and youth.
- Explain several design considerations that will be taken into account through the process of creating a concept design and eventuate into a successful skate and family space.
- Gather the communities' insight into the site, their current park user experience including current active and passive use, concerns and attributes of each site.
- Provide an opportunity to vocalise community opinions in an open forum, sharing their opinions with others that may have similar or varying objectives.

The outcome of the information sessions is to understand the communities concerns and aspirations to assist the decision making process of which site is most suitable.



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INFORMATION SESSIONS

WORKSHOP APPROACH

To guide a coherent process and work towards a targeted outcome the information session was broken down into five key stages.

1. QUESTIONNAIRE (DEVELOPING USER PROFILES)

- Develop an understanding of the participants demographic.
- Understand active wheeled sport user skill level, facility type and frequency of usage.
- Understand local park usage and user location preferences to inform needs and requirements based on their current habits.

Collate feedback analysis into representative outcomes.

2. PRESENTATION (INFORM)

- Present an overview, including project brief, project background, scope of works, engagement and design process, to inform participants of what is included in the project and indicate key points of community engagement throughout the project.
- Present a selection of design considerations including, the evolution of youth space, elements that create successful youth space, examples of contemporary youth space, detailing the variety of usage options, such as social spaces, recreation, activation and iconic/sculptural elements. This informs on the potential options and capabilities that are possible within the youth and family space.
- Identify the proposed sites and their current makeup.
- Inform residents and stakeholders of the criteria used to

assess a sites suitability. This aims to develop communities understanding of the wider considerations in the successful location of a facility.

- Corvic's independent site assessment presented to inform the community's decision making process.

3. QUESTION BOARDS (DEFINE TOPICS)

- Provide participants with four post slick notes to write two concern and two attributes around either site, to help guide the discussion topics in the subsequent question and answer forum.

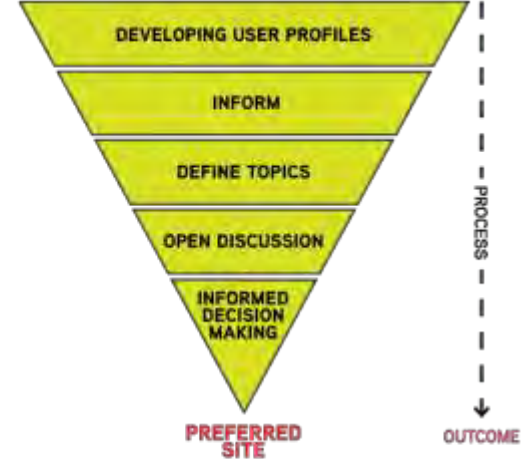
4. QUESTION + ANSWER FORUM (OPEN DISCUSSION)

- Collaboratively explore and resolve individual questions through group discussion, resulting in collective insight and understanding.

5. DOTMOCRACY VOTE (INFORMED DECISION MAKING)

- Participants given two stickers to vote on the suitability for the development of a skate and family space within both the Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park sites.

The results of each stage have been compiled and summarised in the following pages:-



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INFORMATION SESSIONS
MEADOWBANK PARK

QUESTIONNAIRE

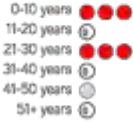
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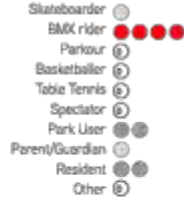
3. WHERE DO YOU LIVE? distance from site



4. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED IN RYDE?



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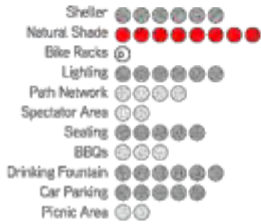
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INFORMATION SESSIONS
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16. WILL A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?



17. WHY WOULD THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- Youth people need their own space
- A space for the whole family to be able to use
- It will be good for the community's mental and physical health
- It will encourage kids that are not involved in team sports to stay active and have fun
- Skating is a great recreational activity and a good way to meet people that live in the area

FURTHER COMMENTS

- Create a facility that caters to all ages and skill levels
- Provide plenty of natural shade
- It needs to be a multi-purpose space that is close to shops and public transport
- We need a space that is capable of holding free community/youth events
- Do not locate the space near the quiet library, water logged oval and train station
- Hold an opening day event or competition to inspire the future users of the space

Note | Survey was optional on the night and therefore not representative of all participants

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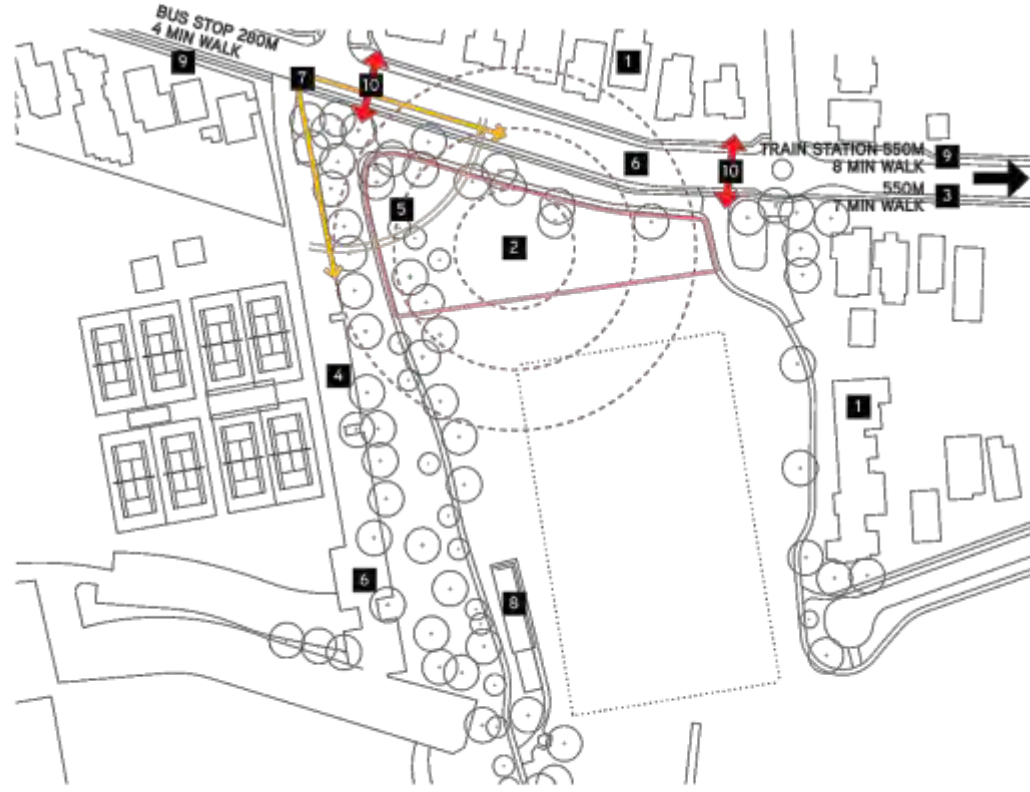
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**INFORMATION SESSIONS
MEADOWBANK PARK**

QUESTION BOARDS ON MEADOWBANK PARK

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

1. Its close proximity to residential property
2. That it will create noise at night disturbing residence
3. That it is not in close proximity to shops
4. There is a lack of 24/7 parking
5. Security and safety - There are current issues with antisocial behaviour, will the facility add to this?
6. Increased traffic along Constitution Road and in Meadowbank Park
7. There is a lack of natural surveillance into the site
8. There is no amenities block nearby
9. Too greater distance from public transport
10. Dangerous for pedestrian crossing on Constitution Road
11. It will rely on residents to police the facility
12. Will there be a maintenance budget for up keep



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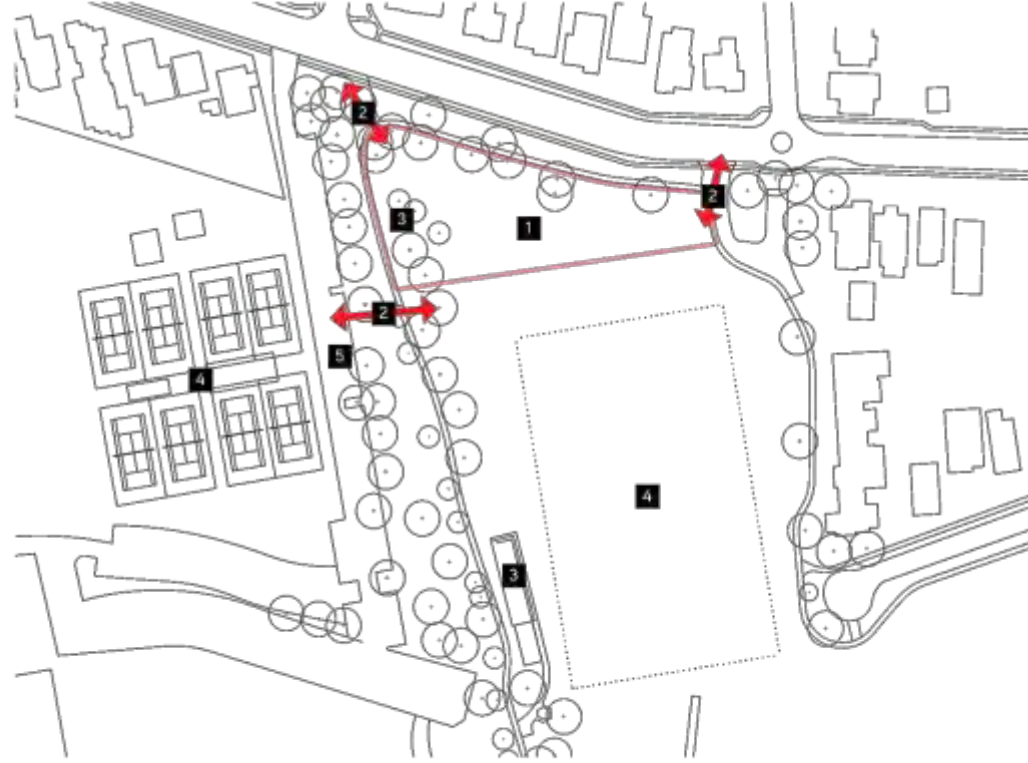
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**INFORMATION SESSIONS
MEADOWBANK PARK**

QUESTION BOARDS ON MEADOWBANK PARK

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

1. The site can accommodate a multi-purpose space, not just a skate park
2. Accessibility is ideal for all members of the community
3. Existing amenities are already present
4. Integration with existing traditional sports facilities and offers more contemporary sport opportunities
5. Best parking provision
6. The space is large enough to accommodate a facility
7. A good place for young people to congregate in a safe environment
8. Great opportunity for kids that want to learn to ride close to home
9. It will be a first - the only skate area in the whole of Ryde council area
10. Good interaction between different user groups, existing and proposed
11. Enables families to be safe, active and healthy in a community park setting
12. High youth population in the neighbourhood



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INFORMATION SESSIONS
MEADOWBANK PARK

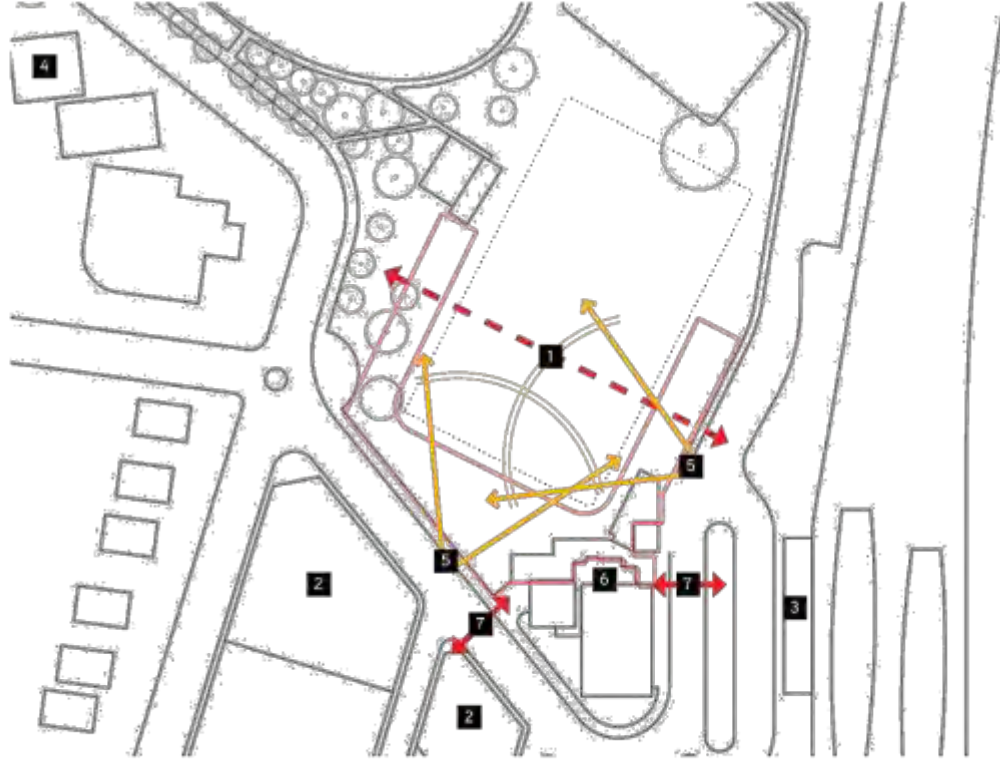
QUESTION BOARDS ON EASTWOOD PARK:

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

- 1. People taking short cuts through the sports pitch

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

- 2. Close to shops and other civic amenities
- 3. Close to railway station
- 4. Proximity to local residence
- 5. Has good natural surveillance
- 6. More integrated with varying public spaces
- 7. Safe pedestrian connections



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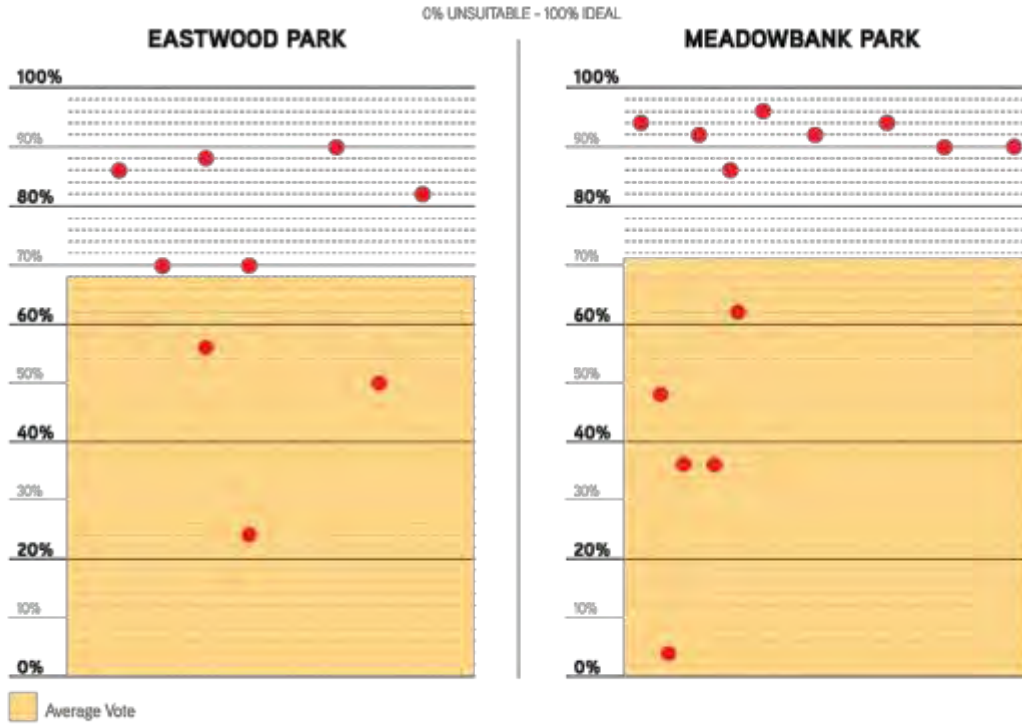
**INFORMATION SESSIONS
MEADOWBANK PARK**

SITE SUITABILITY VOTE 'DOT-MOCRACY' VOTE

**HOW SUITABLE DO YOU THINK THE SITES ARE FOR A NEW
SKATE + FAMILY SPACE?**

The majority of participants at the Meadowbank information session identified the skate and family space most suitable located at the Meadowbank Park site.

- Votes for the Eastwood Park site averaged at 68%.
- Votes for the Meadowbank Park site averaged at 71%.
- Both sites were very closely scored with only 3% difference.
- The Meadowbank Park site had much higher votes with a large proportion of the votes above the 80%.
- Meadowbank Park received four additional votes in total, over the Eastwood Park site.



INFORMATION SESSIONS MEADOWBANK PARK

SUMMARY

DEMOGRAPHICS

The key results from the questionnaire were as follows:

- 7 survey responses were received from participants.
- The majority of participants who completed a survey were below 30 and reside within the Meadowbank Area.
- A number of participants identified themselves as BMX riders, of a beginner skill level and ride for fun.
- Active wheeled sport users currently use facilities in Parramatta, Five Docks and Monster indoor facility, riding between 3 - 7pm, on a monthly to daily basis.
- When choosing to ride, participants liked both styles of skate including bowl/transition and street.
- All participants identified a skate and family space would be beneficial to the community.

It is noted that four participants did not fill in the questionnaire so these results are not representative of the entire group of participants.

SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Participants identified in the questionnaire that natural surveillance, accessibility and safety were the most important factors when locating the facility.
- Police provided confirmation that they will continue to patrol the area and provide support to the community when notified.
- Amenity was deemed important for the success of the facility including, natural and structured shade, lighting and drinking fountains.
- When activating the space the design should facilitate for community events, holiday programs and demonstrations.
- Participants identified that a skate bowl and skate plaza would equally benefit the community.

Please note NSW Police attended the Meadowbank Park Information Session to provide input as part of the Q&A section.

SITE OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

Participants identified positives and negatives around the site.

The key results of the site discussion included:

- Concerns around proximity to residential properties. The design should ensure a 50m offset from residential properties and look to mitigate acoustics in a way that does not hinder views into the site.
- It was identified by the police that youth/skate spaces experience a similar level of antisocial behaviour as any other public space.
- Antisocial behaviour around the existing BBQ's and shelters is a result of its closed aspect within this corner of the site. The new facility should look to reposition and refurbish these elements to remedy the current issues and create a safe visible amenity space. Consideration towards clear view
- Parking is currently at capacity, particularly at weekends and evenings. This already causes issues for local residents, with some members of the community being blocked into their driveways. This is seen as an ongoing issue and the facility may create additional pressure particularly at these times. It was also identified that the Meadowbank Park site has ample parking opportunities, the most suitable within the City.
- Maintenance and keeping the facility clean and tidy was considered a key priority. A maintenance budget and strategy should be identified to give the community the confidence that this will occur to the required level.

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MEADOWBANK PARK

- Natural surveillance is good from Constitution Road, however the North westerly corner of the park (area of current antisocial behaviour) has poor views in and out of the site. The design should look to raise tree canopies in this area and manage or remove shrub growth around the canal.
- Toilet facilities are currently on site, but are in need of refurbishment. Participants were informed that refurbishment of the toilet facilities and club house is part of councils ongoing park upgrades. It is advised that this becomes a priority item moving forward
- Participants identified that the site is one of the only of a scale that would address the needs of the facility and the current demand within community. It was commented that Meadowbank Park was a high quality site offering an opportunity to deliver a high quality skate and family space ("if we're going to do it, let's do it well!", resident).
- The facility should look to exploit its positioning adjacent to other sporting activities, creating both physical and social connections to create a stronger community hub, whilst addressing a wider community catchment for non-structured sporting recreation.
- The existing amenities, such as the BBQ's and play area were considered an opportunity to upgrade and be incorporated in a new skate and family space.

PREFERRED SITE

The majority of participants showed preference to see the facility developed at the Meadowbank Park site.

The site suitability vote showed an average 71 percent suitability for Meadowbank Park. Preference for development at the Eastwood park site was not shared with the average vote below 68 percent.

An even balance of positive and negative comments further illustrates that Meadowbank Park is the preferred site. This said a number of key constraints as previously indicated will need to be addressed to ensure further community endorsement of the project.

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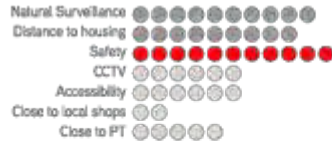


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**INFORMATION SESSIONS
EASTWOOD PARK**

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WHY WOULD THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- There is a lack of suitable spaces for youth and teenagers in Ryde
- A good way to get the youth outdoors and fit
- Opportunity for kids to be exposed to different types of sports
- Family space, yes. Skate park, no

FURTHER COMMENTS

- Provide a facility that is a world class skate park
- Include more exercise and climbing equipment
- Create a place for different groups of the community to mix and use the space together
- Provide shade for the hot summer months
- There will be supervision of the users at all times
- Great opportunity for the City of Ryde to build something great for beginner riders and the community to enjoy.

Note | Survey was optional on the night and therefore not representative of all participants

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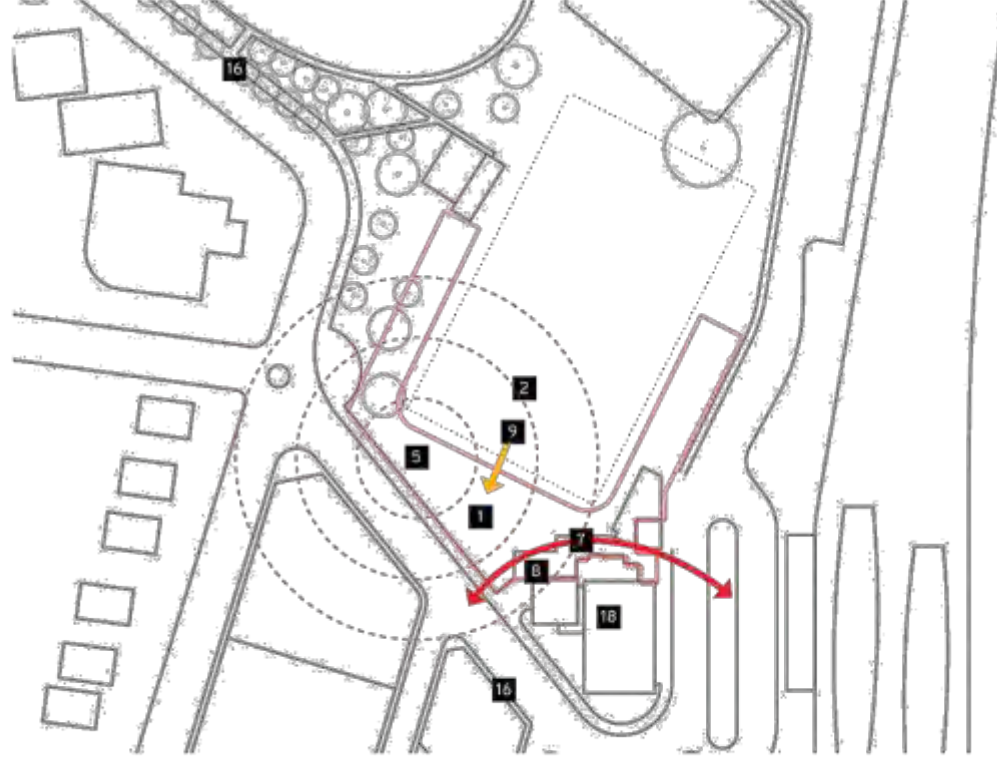
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**INFORMATION SESSIONS
EASTWOOD PARK**

QUESTION BOARDS ON EASTWOOD PARK

**MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN
EASTWOOD PARK IS?**

1. There is not enough space for an appropriate facility
2. Too close to other uses
3. Loss of currently well used passive recreation space
4. Dangerous for pedestrian using the space
5. Noise levels at night will be too high for local residents
6. Only suitable for smaller plaza style facility
7. Site is used as a pedestrian link to train station
8. Possible removal of heritage palms
9. Soccer balls may cause conflict on match days
10. Does not align with the Eastwood Park Masterplan
11. Eastwood Park should remain as a green, historic park
12. Loss of open green space
13. Eastwood Oval used to be a lake
14. Wrong demographic in the area
15. Its not a central location
16. No car parking provision is available
17. High levels of traffic could be dangerous for kids using the facility
18. Close proximity to the library, that needs quiet
19. Often vandalism at the train station that may roll out into the facility



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INFORMATION SESSIONS
EASTWOOD PARK

QUESTION BOARDS ON EASTWOOD PARK:

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

1. The site has good transport connections, through train and bus
2. Good surveillance, with better CCTV and lighting
3. Close to shops
4. More people around - I'd feel more comfortable
5. No residents would be effected by noise
6. Well serviced by the adjacent library and toilets
7. A built up area, with lots of apartments. The youth space will be a good place for people to be outside since there aren't as many back yards in the local area
8. Close to other facilities



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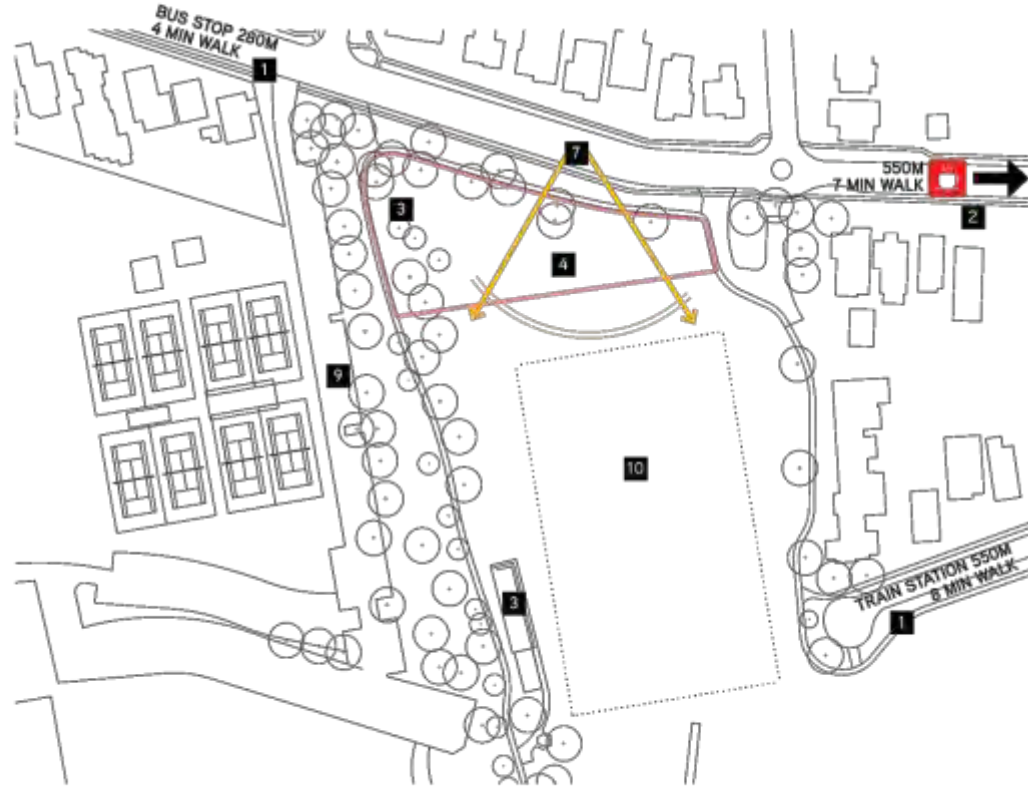
QUESTION BOARDS ON MEADOWBANK PARK

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

1. Little public transport nearby
2. Not in close proximity to local shops
3. Less existing amenities to the Eastwood Park site

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

4. Plenty of space for a comprehensive facility
5. All round a better site
6. More opportunities for integrating landscaping and other activities
7. Good natural surveillance
8. Space currently not utilised by the public
9. Good parking facilities
10. Plenty of space that does not interfere with traditional sports pitches
11. Good public transport connections



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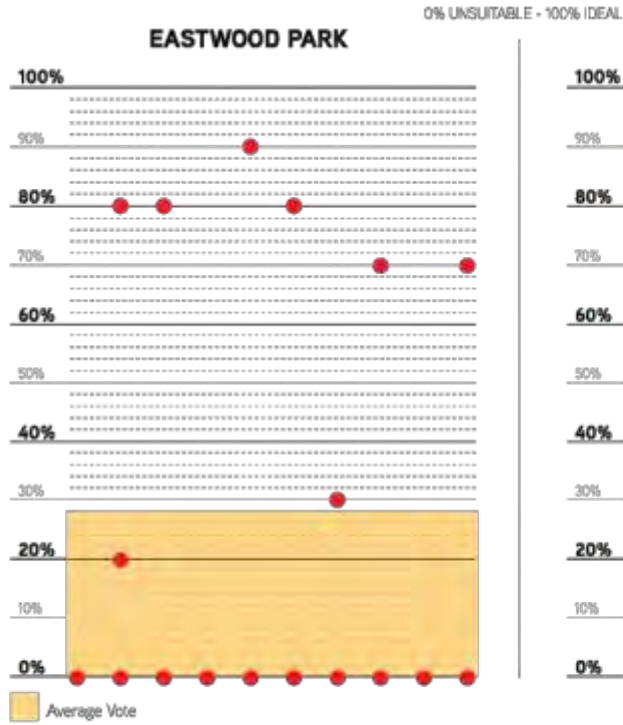
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EASTWOOD PARK**

SITE SUITABILITY VOTE 'DOT-MOCRACY' VOTE

HOW SUITABLE DO YOU THINK THE SITES ARE FOR A NEW SKATE + FAMILY SPACE?

The Eastwood Park workshop saw the majority of participants indicating that Meadowbank Park would be the most suitable location for a skate and family outdoor space.

- Votes for the Eastwood Park site averaged at 28%
- Votes for the Meadowbank Park site averaged at 66%
- A number of votes for the Eastwood Park site were very low with 10 participants voting 0%.
- The majority of votes for Meadowbank Park were marked between 80 to 90%.



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INFORMATION SESSIONS EASTWOOD PARK

SUMMARY

DEMOGRAPHICS

The key results from the questionnaire were as follows:

- 11 survey responses were received from participants
- The majority of participants were above 50 and reside within the Eastwood Area.
- The group was predominately made up of park user and residents.
- Four active wheeled sport users attending the session identified themselves as skateboarders, of a beginner skill level and ride for fun and the challenge.
- Active wheeled sport users currently use facilities in Gladesville and Five Docks, riding through the majority of the day, on a weekly or daily frequency.
- When choosing to ride, participants liked both styles of skate including bowl/transition and street.
- The majority of participants identified a skate and family space was beneficial to the community, with only two votes identifying it was not.

It should be noted that seven participants did not fill in the questionnaire so these results are not representative of the entire group of attendees.

SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Participants identified in the questionnaire that safety, natural surveillance, and distance to housing were the most important factors when locating the facility.
- Amenity was deemed important for the success of the facility including, natural and structural shade, lighting, seating and drinking fountains.
- When activating the space the design should facilitate for community events, skate competitions and workshops.
- Participants identified that a skate bowl would benefit the community.

SITE OPPORTUNITIES + CONSTRAINTS

Participants identified both positives and negatives around the sites potential to accommodate a skate and family space.

The key results of the site discussion included:

- It was identified by participants that there was a definite need for a regional facility, however Eastwood Park could not accommodate this without causing conflict with current park activities and users. If developed a small local scale facility should be explored.
- The site location was seen as ideal. Good public transport connections, close proximity to shops and amenities, a central positioning within a dense urban community and an existing active community space.
- With such a high user count, the park is reaching its maximum capacity, with little of the park being under utilised. Careful consideration is required to ensure the park does not become over populated causing conflict between user groups.
- Conflict with the adjacent soccer pitch was discussed. Options for barriers were identified, however this was deemed unfit to create an open accessible parkland setting.
- Car parking is currently at maximum capacity, with a lack of safe drop of zones and available spaces. This said nearby sustainable transport links provide ideal connections for potential users, particularly within the younger user bracket that can not yet drive.

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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE | PRE-DESIGN CONSULTATION REPORT

INFORMATION SESSIONS
EASTWOOD PARK

PREFERRED SITE

The majority of participants showed preference to see the facility developed at the Meadowbank Park site.

The site suitability vote showed a high average percentage of 66 percent suitability for Meadowbank Park. Preference for development at the Eastwood park site was not shared with a low average vote of 28 percent.

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04 DESIGN WORKSHOPS

OBJECTIVE

Two design workshops were held at the Ryde Civic Hall (1 Devlin Street, Ryde). Each session was held at the following times:

Meadowbank Park Design Workshop
Saturday 11th March 2017 from 9-11am

Eastwood Park Design Workshop
Saturday 11th March 2017 from 1-3pm

Each design workshop aims to build on the topics discussed in the information sessions, through a site responsive decision making process, culminating in comprehensive design outcomes.

The concept designs produced by the community will help inform the design vision and give a clear idea of the facilities spatial layout, amount and type of active and passive provision and conceptual theming.



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DESIGN WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP APPROACH

To aid participants towards a common goal and draw out their creativity in a comfortable manner the design workshops were broken down into five key stages.

1. QUESTIONNAIRE (DEVELOPING USER PROFILES)

- Develop an understanding of the participants demographic.
- Understand user skill level, facility type and frequency of usage.
- Understand local park usage and user location preferences to understand user needs and requirements based on their current habits.
- Collate feedback analysis into representative outcomes.

2. PRESENTATION (INFORM AND INSPIRE)

An engaging presentation was presented, to inform the community of:

- The project parameters, including project brief, budget, site opportunities and constraints and project overview. This informs residents and stakeholders of what is included in the project.
- A selection of skate obstacles and features in order to inspire and inform the potential options and capabilities that are possible within in the youth facility.
- The nature of contemporary skate parks with a variety of integrated, broader community usage options, not only skater-only facilities, including a variety of elements such as, social gathering spaces, additional recreational opportunities, potential for activation and iconic and sculptural elements.

3. PICTURE VOTING + SITE COMMENTS (GATHER IDEAS)

- Investigation of existing site to identify key opportunities and constraints through post stick comments boards.
- Participants given two stickers to vote on the suitability for the development of a skate and family orientated space within the Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park sites.
- Participants given three stickers each to vote on a number of different skate and family space precedent images from successful parks located around the world. Each person could put all three of their stickers onto their most favourite image or split the stickers over three images they preferred the most. This aims to start the process of decision making and illustrates individual preferences and "wants" of both active and passive elements.

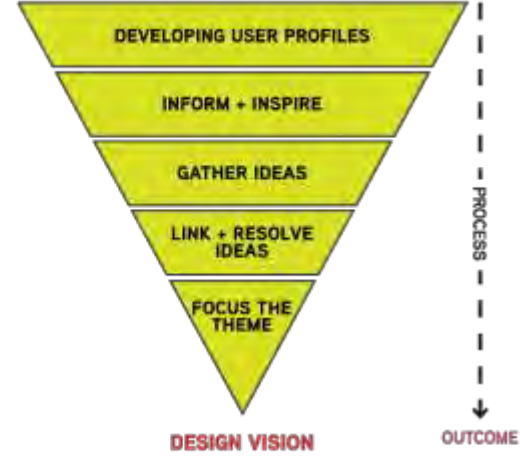
4. DESIGN WORKSHOP (LINK AND RESOLVE IDEAS)

- Collaboratively explore and resolve individual ideas through group discussion and creativity, resulting in collective group theme, by developing spatially located design responses.
- Workshop participation and presenting the results to an open forum and wider group discussion.

5. MAIN IDEAS (FOCUS THE THEME)

- Participants individually vote on the main or common themes, highlighted from the group work, in order to create a group and collective focused design vision shared by all.

The results of each stage are compiled and summarised in the following pages.



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DESIGN WORKSHOPS
MEADOWBANK PARK

QUESTIONNAIRE

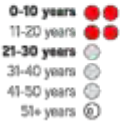
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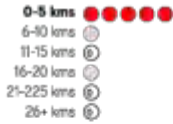
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16. WILL A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?



WHY WOULD THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- Allows different demographics within the community to interact.
- For an entire family to learn to ride together and skate safely.
- Teenagers are less destructive if they have an area to express themselves and let off some steam.
- Nice place to meet neighbours.
- Great Place to spend the afternoon and allows families to do a number of different activities.

FURTHER COMMENTS

- A space that is different from traditional sporting facilities.
- Create a skate park design that has good flow between features.
- Provide some park play equipment.
- A family inclusive park for all ages to enjoy.
- Some parks to consider during design are: Woden, Swansea, Port Macquarie, Nimbin and South Strathfield.

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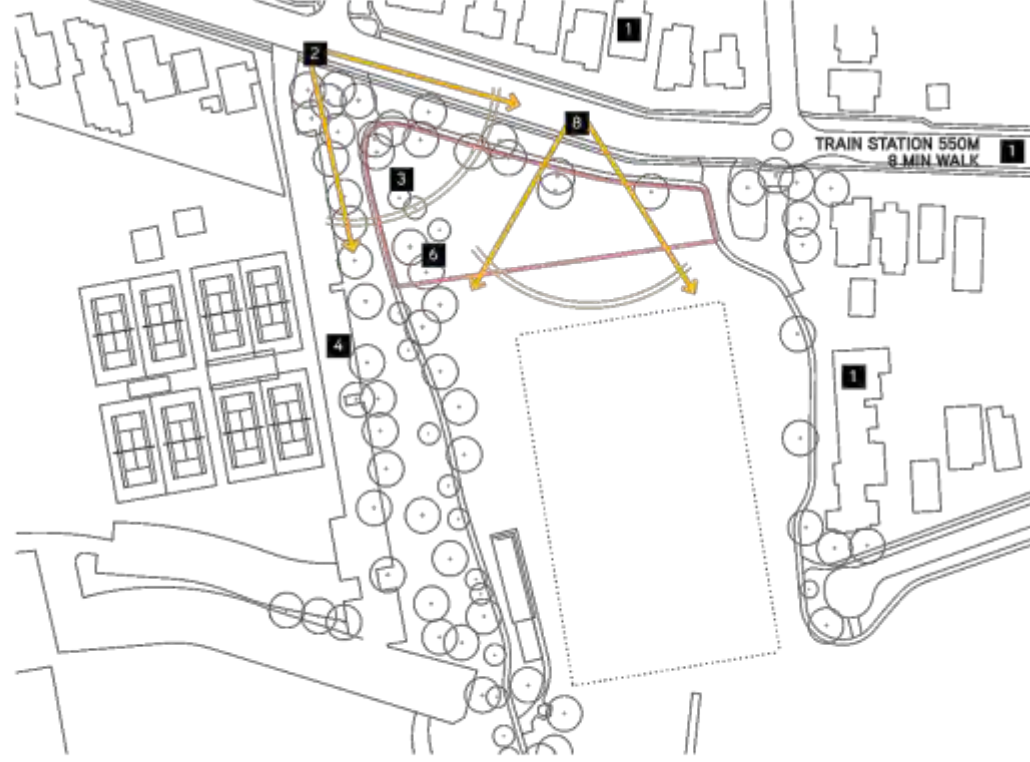
QUESTION BOARDS ON MEADOWBANK PARK

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

1. Close proximity to residential houses.
2. Hidden from road with poor natural surveillance.
3. Area is used by families as a picnic area.

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

4. Close to existing car park.
5. The site is large enough to accommodate a good size skate park.
6. Naturally shady.
7. A good site for community activities to take place as the local community is growing.
8. Good natural surveillance.
9. Accessible for all user groups.



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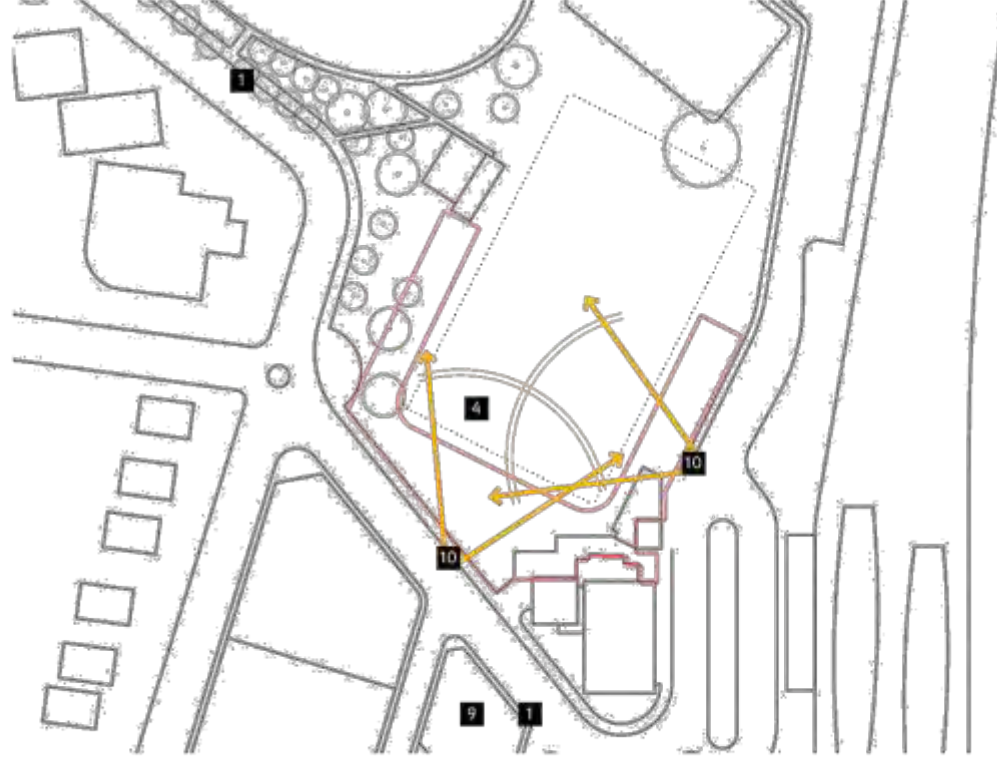
QUESTION BOARDS ON EASTWOOD PARK

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

1. Parking is problematic
2. Is the community support there?
3. The space does not support the desired outcome
4. Possible conflict with sports pitch
5. Less development in the area, resulting in less future youth population

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

6. The area is commercial with development not affecting local residents
7. Currently open space with no existing usage affected by the development
8. Eastwood is a busy area and the facility will provide a community hub for people to hangout
9. Good proximity to shops
10. Good natural surveillance



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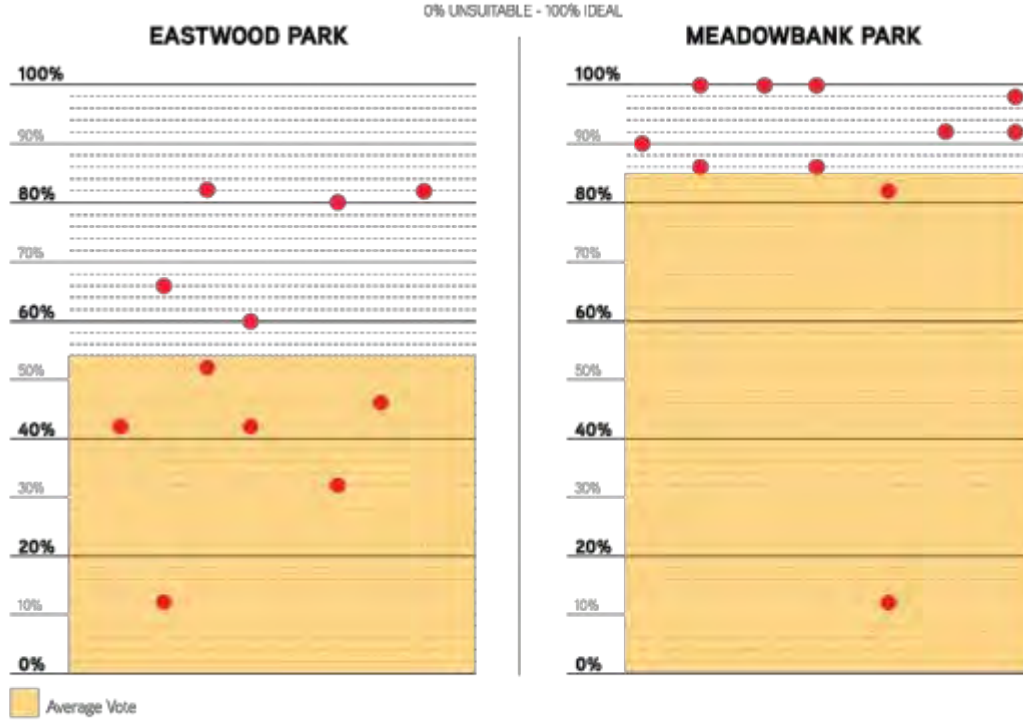
DESIGN WORKSHOPS
MEADOWBANK PARK

SITE SUITABILITY VOTE

HOW SUITABLE DO YOU THINK THE SITES ARE FOR A NEW SKATE + FAMILY SPACE?

Participants at the Meadowbank workshop showed a preference towards the Meadowbank Park for its suitability to skate and family space.

- Votes for the Eastwood Park site averaged at 54%
- Votes for the Meadowbank Park site averaged at 85%
- All except one of the votes for the Meadowbank Park site were above the 80% mark.
- Preference for development at the Eastwood park had a mixed response with votes ranging from 10% to 80%.
- Eastwood Park had an even spectrum of votes from 12% to 82%.



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**DESIGN WORKSHOPS
MEADOWBANK PARK**

PICTURE VOTING

The sticker vote results indicated the following:

- An even split between transition and street style skate features with both a combination style park and organic, flowy transition getting a high number of votes.
- Key transition skate features that received votes include; a combi bowl, blended roll overs, quarter pipe extensions, roll over into quarter pipe, flowy pump track, a spine and concrete coping.
- Key street skate features that received votes include sculptural ledges, a street handrail, garden gaps, kicker to rail and granite ledges.
- Participants wanted to see a number of other active recreation opportunities to be included within the design of the space including; lined court games, adventure play elements, a multi-purpose ball sports wall and table tennis table.
- Passive amenity provision featured highly including; street furniture and sports lighting for night time use.
- The facilities ongoing activation was considered with dot votes on skate competitions, demonstrations, youth events and the inclusion of art into the precinct.



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DESIGN WORKSHOPS
MEADOWBANK PARK

DESIGN WORKSHOP

SPATIAL LAYOUT

- Feature entry points (could be used for parkour)
- Remove trees to increase passive surveillance
- Use the topography of the site to incorporate bowl
- Locate passive areas closer to the car park
- Locate beginner areas closer to the passive areas become more advanced
- Skate away from treed area to avoid debris
- Balance between skate and family broader use

RECREATIONAL PROVISION

- Exercise equipment along road edge
- Flowing skate design
- Reconfigured play area
- Passive recreation area
- Pump/bike track around outside of the facility
- Open bowl
- Flowing bank section
- Street area with euro gap, kicker gaps, kerb setup

AMENITY PROVISION

- Art wall / hit-up wall
- Lighting with staged turn off to prevent all lights turning off before users are prepared

CONCEPTUAL THEMING AND IDEAS

- River theming - flowing lines
- Central island feature (reference Fremantle)
- Mosaic tile within seating
- Wooden carved totems
- Snapper fish
- Mangroves
- Natural colours
- Sculptures and public art



Above image | Concept designs developed by participants during the workshop

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QUESTIONNAIRE

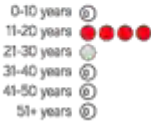
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- Response of note ○
- Low response ○
- No response ○

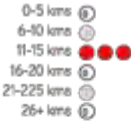
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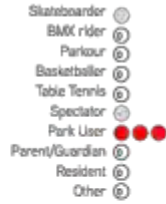
3. WHERE DO YOU LIVE? distance from site



4. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED IN RYDE?



5. WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOU?



6. WHAT'S YOUR SKILL LEVEL?



7. WHY DO YOU RIDE?



8. WHAT TIME DO YOU RIDE?



9. HOW OFTEN DO YOU RIDE?



10. WHAT STYLE DO YOU PREFER?



11. WHICH SKATE/FAMILY SPACE DO YOU FREQUENTLY VISIT?



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WHY WOULD THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- A great opportunity for Ryde
- Having a space that is more interesting for the kids to ride than the footpath
- It will be great for the kids and families
- I would love to teach my son to ride at the facility
- Caters to both sexes, great to meet up with friends and play groups.
- A place to relax and go to without having to spend \$\$\$.

FURTHER COMMENTS

- It will be a great social space for the younger generation of the community
- An energetic and fun space for the kids
- So fantastic to know that a skate park is going to happen in Ryde!

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EASTWOOD PARK

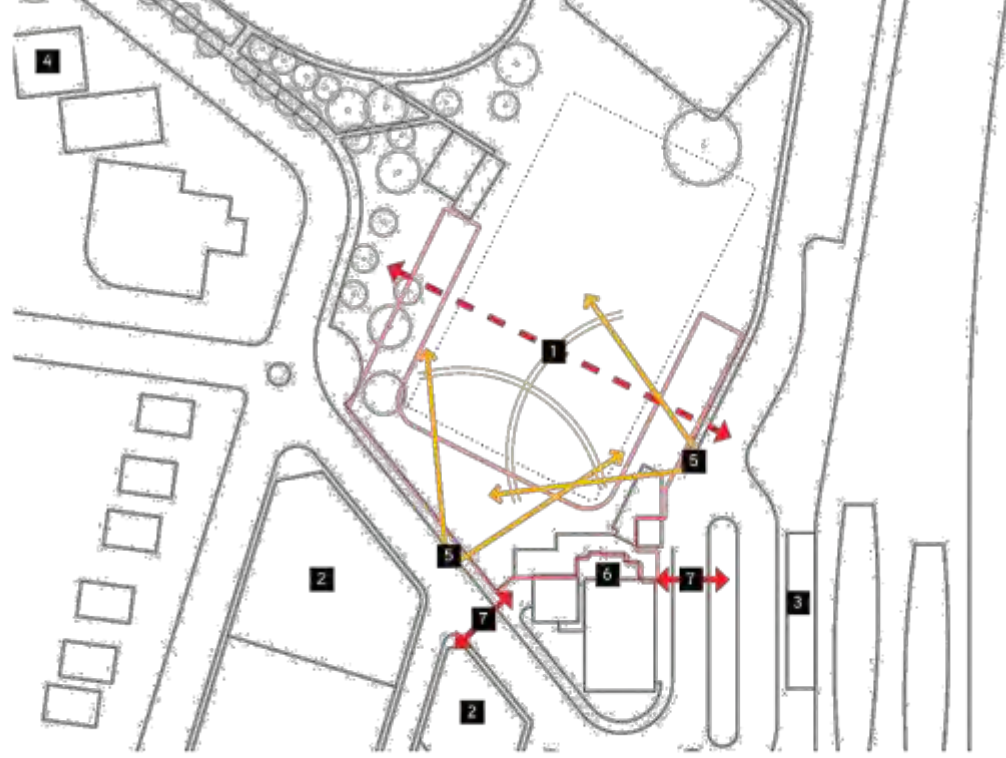
QUESTION BOARDS ON EASTWOOD PARK:

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

1. Site will essential be cut in half due to existing uses

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK IS?

2. Pedestrian connectivity through the site from the train station
3. Existing table tennis table that is well used can be integrated into the site.
4. Existing seating can be used within the designs
5. Existing playground is well used and can be integrated into the design
6. Young families use the space around the existing table tennis table



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EASTWOOD PARK

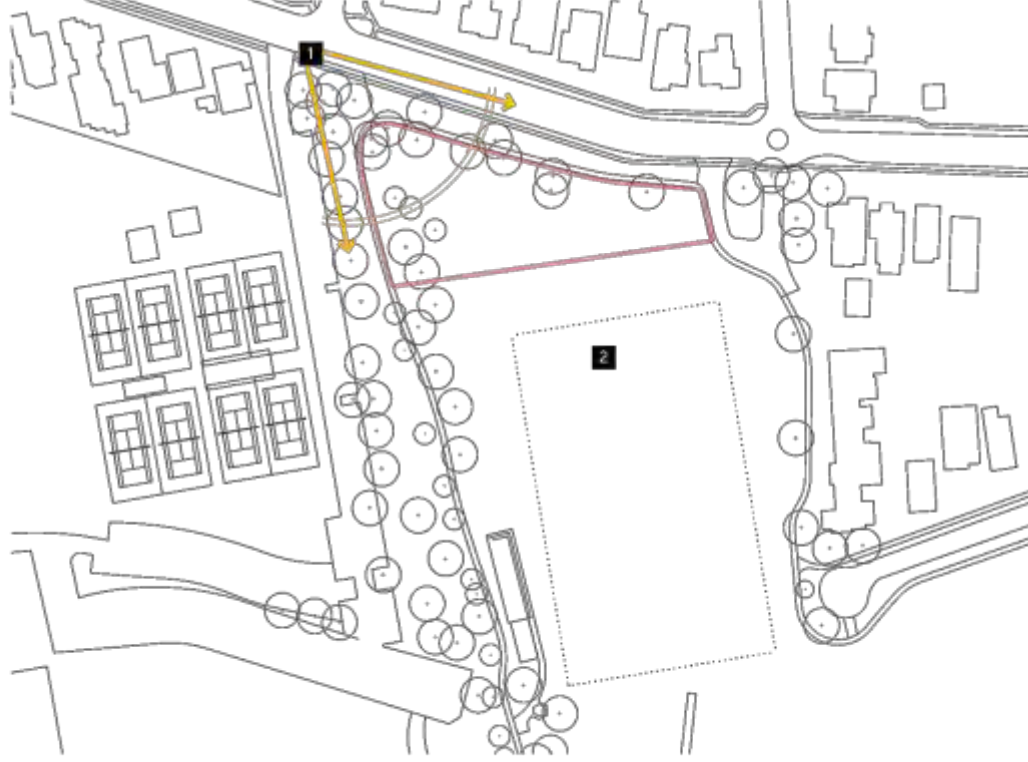
QUESTION BOARDS ON MEADOWBANK PARK

MY CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

1. Lack of natural surveillance from road

THE BEST THING ABOUT LOCATING A SKATE + FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK IS?

2. Possible integration with existing traditional sporting facilities
3. Connectivity to existing units



PRE-DESIGN CONSULTATION REPORT | RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE

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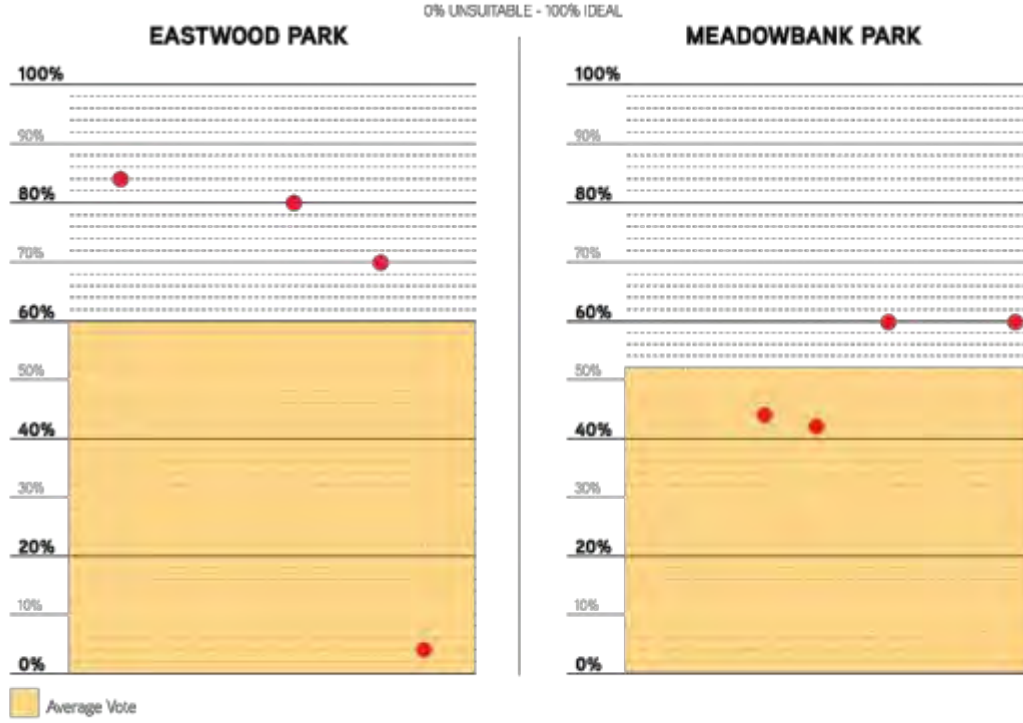
DESIGN WORKSHOPS
EASTWOOD PARK

SITE SUITABILITY VOTE

HOW SUITABLE DO YOU THINK THE SITES ARE FOR A NEW SKATE + FAMILY SPACE?

The Eastwood Park workshop saw the majority of participants illustrating that Eastwood Park would be the most suitable location for a skate and family outdoor space.

- Votes for the Eastwood Park site averaged at 60%
- Votes for the Meadowbank Park site averaged at 52%
- One vote for Eastwood Park was very low with others between 70-84%. This illustrates a split community opinion for the Eastwood site.
- Meadowbank Park votes were more consistent in opinion with all votes sitting between 40-60%



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**DESIGN WORKSHOPS
EASTWOOD PARK**

PICTURE VOTING

The sticker vote results indicated the following:

- The majority of sticker voting centred around the inclusion of other active and passive recreational activities within the precinct design.
- Recreational activities favoured include sculptural climbing elements and table tennis tables.
- Passive amenity provision include BBQ and family picnic areas and street furniture.
- Design features included coloured concrete and art programs.
- Skate features that were chosen were generally transition or bowl orientated style, including an organic bowl, snake run and split level style park.



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DESIGN WORKSHOPS EASTWOOD PARK

DESIGN WORKSHOP

SPATIAL LAYOUT

- Provide a 5m clearance area and prevent access from rear of the existing memorial
- Create a seating edge between the skate and family space and existing sports pitch to create separation and delineate each space to reduce conflict.
- Provide clear pedestrian routes
- Utilise the bank to create both active and passive terracing

RECREATIONAL PROVISION

- Refurbishment of playground
- Beginners skate pump track.
- Terraced seating areas
- Additional table tennis - half table tennis with rebound wall
- Quiet space around the library
- Small bowl
- Climbing walls/obstacles.
- Skateable furniture
- Gym equipment
- Public piano
- Slack line

AMENITY PROVISION

- Car drop off area on West Parade
- BBQ's in multiple locations
- Additional shade around the library
- Night lighting for safety
- Signage

CONCEPTUAL THEMING

- Reflective of the local Eastwood community. 30.5% of the community self-identify as having Chinese ancestry. Possibility to take inspiration from Asian design, art etc.
- Granny Smith apple - Apple shaped bowl, colour scheme.
- ANZAC - linking to the memorial through naming and respecting its significance.



Above image | Concept designs developed by participants during the workshop

05 ONLINE FORUM + SURVEY

ONLINE FORUM

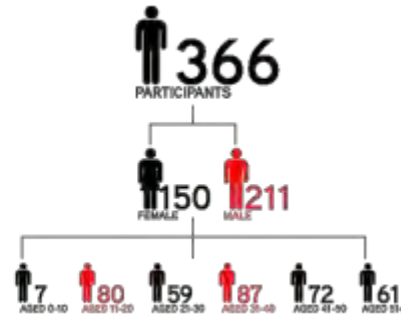
Online consultation ran for a five week period, from February 22nd to March 26th, the community engagement process was supported by an online forum, to ensure that members of the community who were unable to attend the workshops still had the opportunity to share their views and provide input into the project.

The online forum was presented in a similar format as the information session and design workshop handout surveys. Basic demographic information was obtained followed by a number of questions on the typology of the facility, detail on the types of amenity features preferred and then the suitability, concerns and attributes of the proposed sites. The online forum received 366 individual visits, including both active and passive users.

The following infographics represent the information collected, which will be fed into the overall consultation analysis outcomes as an integral part of the engagement process.

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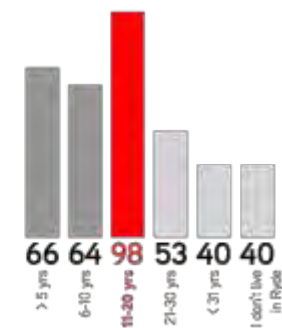
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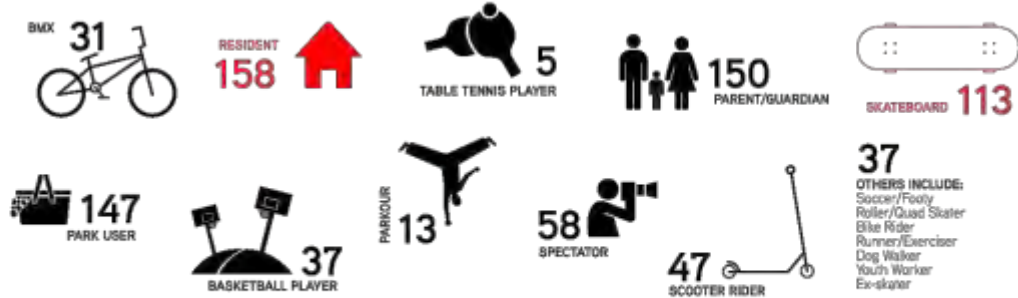
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?



HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED IN RYDE?



WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOU? (Participants were able to choose multiple options that apply to them)

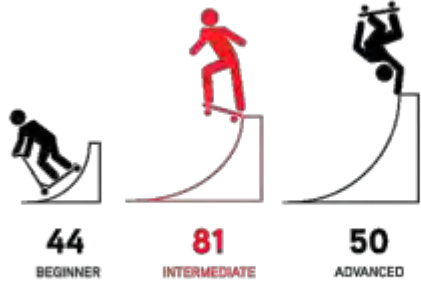


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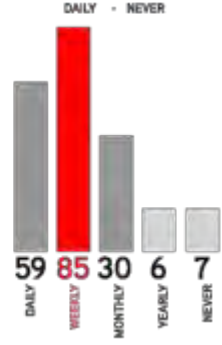
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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY YOUR SKILL LEVEL IS?



HOW OFTEN DO YOU RIDE?



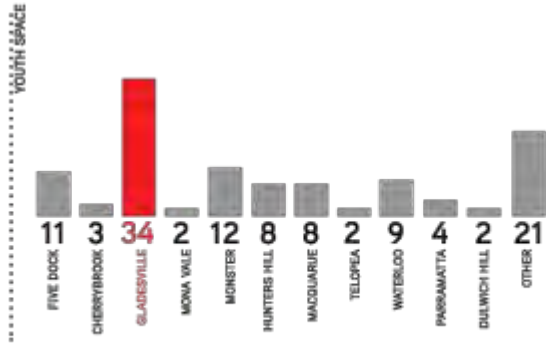
AND AT WHAT TIME?



WHAT STYLE OF SKATE PARK DO YOU PREFER?



WHICH SKATE/FAMILY SPACE OR PARK DO YOU USE MOST?



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SITE SUITABILITY

The forum included a number of questions focusing on establishing the community's need for a skate and family space and the suitability of the two proposed sites. Below is a summary of the survey results:

1. WOULD YOU USE A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE IN YOUR AREA?

An overwhelming number of survey participants responded positively, with 278 (76%) expressing that they would use a skate and family space.

2. DO YOU FEEL THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO PROVIDE A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE IN YOUR AREA?

A total of 278 (78%) out of the 354 responses (12 skipped the question) believe that a skate and family space should be provided for the community to utilise.

3. DO YOU THINK A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

Results demonstrated that the majority of participants 296 (81%) believe that a precinct tailored to families and the youth community will be of a benefit.

4. HOW SUITABLE DO YOU THINK EACH SITE IS FOR THE NEW SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

A total of 165 (45%) of the participants believe that the Meadowbank Park site is an "excellent" location for the new facility, with only 37 (10%) believing it would be "unsuitable". Eastwood park had a more even spread in votes with 92 (25%) of respondents believing that the site would be both "excellent" and "unsuitable" for the location of a new skate and family space.

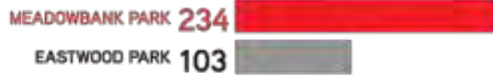
5. CAN YOU FORESEE ANY POTENTIAL CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE AND FAMILY FACILITY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK?

There was a total of 340 responses (26 skipped the question) to the above question, with 244 (67%) of participants believing there would not be an issue locating the facility within Meadowbank Park. 96 (28%) of participants thought that this location could cause some problems.

6. CAN YOU FORESEE ANY POTENTIAL CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE AND FAMILY FACILITY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK?

There was a total of 342 responses (24 skipped the question) to the above question, with 190 (55%) of participants believing there would not be an issue locating the facility within Eastwood Park. 152 (44%) of participants thought that this location could cause some problems.

7. PLEASE IDENTIFY WHICH LOCATION YOU WOULD PREFER A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



SITE REQUIREMENTS

8. WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS WHEN LOCATING A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

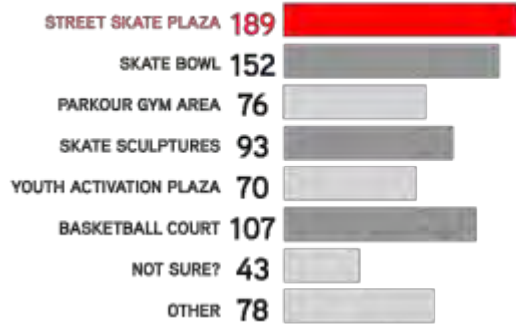


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9. WHAT TYPE OF SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE DO YOU THINK WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY?



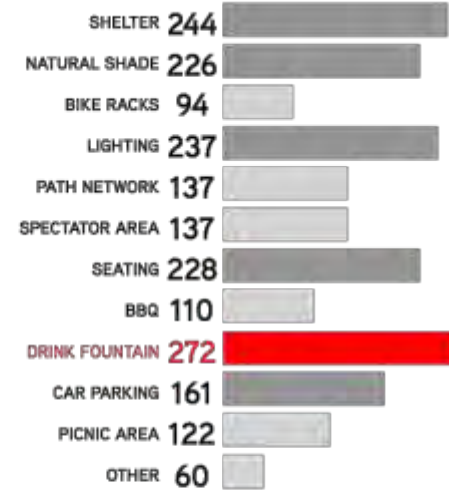
Common themes include:
Family BBQ'S
Sun protection
Open space
Table tennis
Scooter track
Vert ramp / Half pipe
Dog Park
Play area
Fenced soccer area
Water park
None

10. WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE TOP THREE POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD BE HELD AT THE SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?



Common themes include:
Urban art wall
Festivals/celebrations
Unsupervised play
Small group recreation

11. WHAT AMENITIES ARE IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE AT A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?



Common themes include:
Toilets
Space for young children
Kiosk/cafe
Conditions of use signage
Bike
CCTV

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ONLINE FORUM + SURVEY

SUMMARY

DEMOGRAPHICS

The key results from the questionnaire were as follows:

- 366 survey responses were received. Many of the participants have a long term invested interest in their community and have good local knowledge as 98 of them have lived in Ryde for as long as 11 - 20 years. Only 40 participants did not live within the CoR, indicating the local community are very enthusiastic about their local community space.
- The majority of participants were between the ages of 11 - 20 and 31-40 and reside within the Meadowbank and Eastwood area.
- A number of participants identified themselves as general park users, spectators or parents/guardians.
- The most active participants identified themselves as skateboarders, of an intermediate skill level, that ride for fun.
- Passive recreation users often use park facilities in Meadowbank and Eastwood while action wheeled sports participants utilise the Gladesville Skate Park. All users typically visit these parks between 3 - 7pm, on a daily to weekly frequency.
- When choosing to ride, participants liked both styles of skate including bowl and street.
- All participants identified a skate and family space was beneficial to the community and would utilise one on a regular basis.

SITE SUITABILITY

A high number of respondents preferred the Meadowbank Park site as their preferred location with an average of 69% favouring the location. This preference was backed up by 244 people, out of the 340 responses, expressing that they do not foresee any concerns about locating the skate and family space within the Meadowbank Park. This view was not expressed for the Eastwood Park site with only 30% of respondents favouring the site.

The responses for potential concerns with locating the facility at the Eastwood Park location were much closer than the Meadowbank Park location with 190 people expressing they had no concerns and 152 stating that they could foresee some issues.

When asked outright which site they preferred, 234 out of 366 respondents stated that they favoured the Meadowbank Park site.

SITE REQUIREMENTS

- Participants identified within the online survey that safety, accessibility and close proximity to public transport were the most important factors when locating the facility.
- Amenity deemed important for the success of the facility included, natural and structural shade, lighting, seating for users and spectators and drinking fountains.
- When activating the space the design should facilitate for community events, holiday programs and skate competitions.
- Participants identified that a skate bowl and skate plaza would equally benefit the community. The inclusion of a basketball court was also highly favoured by respondents.

06 CONCLUSION

COLLECTIVE SITE RECOMMENDATION

Using the information collected from the information sessions, design workshops and online survey, it is clear that there is community demand for a facility of this nature within Ryde, with 320 of the total 394 participants indicating a family and skate space would benefit their community.

When looking into an appropriate site however there is a divided community opinion for which is the most appropriate, Meadowbank or Eastwood Park.

When solely assessing the number of topics highlighted around concerns and attributes for each site, the community indicated fewer concerns around the Meadowbank Park site and identified a significant number of attributes the site has to offer. The number of topics were as follows;

Meadowbank Park

- Total points of site concerns - 19
- Total points of site attributes - 28

Eastwood Park

- Total points of site concerns - 26
- Total points of site attributes - 24

However, these figures do not take into consideration the significances of each. Although Meadowbank Park has a lower number of concerns these could be of a greater scale. Taking this into consideration the following major topics should be raised with each site;

Meadowbank Park Key Topics and Themes

- Some residents showed concern around acoustic disturbance
- Additional pressure on parking resources
- Policing of the site
- Increased traffic and lack of safe crossing points on Constitution Road.
- Closed aspect of North west corner of site, encouraging antisocial behaviour
- Ongoing maintenance
- Antisocial behaviour

Eastwood Park Key Topics and Themes

- Site not large enough to host a facility of this type
- Additional pressure on parking resources
- Policing of the site
- Close proximity to existing uses, including soccer, play area, library and pedestrian routes
- Possible removal of heritage trees
- Ongoing maintenance
- Antisocial behaviour

These points indicate issues with both sites however a number of these

can be removed or reduced as part of the design process.

When the community were asked about the sites suitability, it was identified that Meadowbank Park was the most suitable in three of the four workshops and online. Collectively across the four workshops the following results were found:

- Meadowbank Park - 69% Suitability
- Eastwood Park - 47% Suitability

Online, participants also indicated a preference towards Meadowbank:

- Meadowbank Park - 69% preferred
- Eastwood Park - 30% preferred

Further to this, 71% of online participants indicated that they do not foresee any issues at Meadowbank Park, in comparison to only 55% at Eastwood Park.

Based solely on the community's feedback, it is clear that Meadowbank Park is the preferred location for the propose skate and family space. This said, it is crucial that the design directly responds and addresses the community's concerns in a well considered design. These will be outlined within the following Meadowbank Park design vision.

CONCLUSION

MEADOWBANK PARK SITE ASSESSMENT DESIGN VISION

A design vision was developed for the Meadowbank Park site informed by the site assessment findings outlined in the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space Site Selection Report and is as follows;

This large site offers opportunity for a regional facility in Ryde, a space that both amplifies and adds further value to the existing parkland setting, creating a central social and recreational community hub for young people and the wider community. Meadowbank Park is the most significant green space within the CoR, addressing the needs for the evolving community. The facility will activate the young people of CoR and embrace youth within this key community space. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants.

The facility should be developed as an all purpose wheeled action sports park as well as wider youth activation, to ensure broad community benefit. To achieve this, the facility will require both social and recreational spaces to increase potential for further youth activation.

Acknowledging the prominent status of Meadowbank Park, it is important that the facility seamlessly integrates into the park context. The facility will become a visually sensitive space, reflecting the nature of its programming, whilst also creating a respectful juxtaposition with the parks open green aesthetic and history.

The park should adopt both a transition and street style of skate for all skill levels and users disciplines, with the capacity for local competitions and events.

The landscape response will be integral to the design to ensure a well integrated facility. Utilising existing and proposed trees will soften the space as well as providing natural shade amenity.

It is the general day to day usage that will ensure the development of a safe and well maintained space embraced by the broader community and empowering and igniting the youth and families of CoR.

MEADOWBANK PARK COMMUNITY INFORMED DESIGN VISION

With the new findings discovered as part of the community engagement process, the following builds upon the previous site assessment design vision to create a design vision that is reflective of not just the sites context, site conditions, but also the communities aspirations and local insight.

GATEWAYS + CONNECTIVITY

Entry nodes, circulation and connections to and from the facility will be defined through a logical hierarchy of spaces. Interactive sculpture will create gateway points at both northern corners of the site.

ACOUSTICS

Special attention will be given to the consideration of acoustics generated by the new park activity. Utilising landscape treatments, such as planting, earth mounding and screening to reduce acoustic impact of the facility on residents. The facility will also ensure that louder activities are focused into the more central areas of the park, with quieter activities and passive use focused around the parks perimeter with facilities positioned will ensure the standard 50m residential offset is achieved.

SAFETY + SURVEILLANCE

To increase surveillance into the site views will be maintained into the site and enhanced through the lifting of tree canopies along Constitution Road, providing 3m clear trunks.

Low level shrubs in the north west corner of the site will be lowered to a height of 1m and where necessary removed and replaced with a suitable species selection.

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CONCLUSION

CCTV will be included within the design to provide active ongoing surveillance. Pedestrian level lighting will provide safety at night.

A structured maintenance plan and budget will be established concurrently with the concept design to ensure the space is maintained as a safe and well manicured environment.

Conditions of use signage will be provided at entry points, outlining safety conditions, operational requirements and restrictions of use.

THEMING

Theming will respond to the existing sites landscape and landscape heritage, taking inspiration from the Parramatta River, with particular exploration into its significant stands of mangrove.

Natural materials and colours will be used to integrate the facility into its setting.

PASSIVE RECREATION

A significant number of users will be local residents, wider park users, parents/guardians and spectators. A focus will be given to integrating the facility holistically and providing wider park amenity, elevating the parks profile for all user types.

To ensure a central community space with comfort for all, the facility is to offer a number of social opportunities. The provision of areas of refuge and shade through the day is to be considered, including, picnic and BBQ areas, drinking water, seating, litter bins, and bike racks.

Trees and green space will create formal and informal seating or picnic opportunities, whilst softening the space.

To increase the length of activation throughout the day, the concept will provide structured and natural shade for shelter and respite from the sun, particularly for the hotter months of the year. It will also relocate the existing water bubbler for rehydration within these new refuge areas.

Passive recreation will be focused around the perimeter of the facility.

ACTIVE RECREATION

Recreation will be provided through a variety of informal active programs including; parkour, climbing, table tennis, gym, skate, hit up wall and relocated play area.

Sport level lighting will be provided until 9:30pm, with a sequenced fading system. Functional lighting assists in extending the daily use and activating the space during the summer allowing users to avoid the heat of the day as well as in the winter months when it gets dark within the most popular usage time of 3-7pm.

SKATE TYPOLOGY

Skateboarders are the largest identified user group, so obstacles will aim to address their specific needs. It will, however, include BMX, scooter and all other active wheeled sport, with the design reflecting this mix discipline of user groups.

SKATE SKILL LEVEL

The majority of users were of a beginner to intermediate level, with the skate design reflecting this user skill level. However, it is important to provide a facility that welcomes and caters for all level riders and encourages natural progression of skills, as well as continual user challenge.

SKATE OBSTACLES

Most participants favoured a combination skate style. The design will incorporate both street and transitional style elements. Features favoured by community members included; a flow open bowl, euro gap, kickers, rails, kerb banks and 'hammerhead' bank. A wide variety of creative features will be installed to ensure a unique experience.

FURTHER ASPIRATIONS

Exploration will be given into providing a safe drop of area within the existing car park area and traffic and pedestrian management along Constitution Road.

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EASTWOOD PARK SITE ASSESSMENT DESIGN VISION

Similarly to Meadowbank Park, a design vision was developed for the Eastwood Park site informed by the site assessment findings outlined in the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space Site Selection Report and is as follows:

This smaller site should aim to meet local user requirements. Eastwood Park should focus on active and local community activities, with skate being only a small part of a wider range of family recreation opportunities. A place that all ages can meet, be active and relax, with particular attention towards play and youth inclusive provisions. It should promote a range of activities by multi-use facilities such as half-court, kick wall, rock climbing wall, bouldering wall, parkour etc.

Provide a sequence of spaces to facilitate use, including large open sports pitch and flexible library plaza space, supporting community events, allowing for potentially small scale markets, outdoor cinema, community classes, Thai chi etc. This will promote a social setting, including picnic areas with amenities including shelters, BBQ, furniture and bike parking.

Due to the flooding perimeters, transition obstacles for example a skate bowl, may not be appropriate at this site. However a street style facility or pump track would be ideal. Low level skate obstacles should be selected predominantly aimed towards beginners, but still ideal for intermediate and advanced users to warm up.

Eastwood Park will offer a locally equipped area for skate recreation complementing facilities within the wider context.

EASTWOOD PARK COMMUNITY INFORMED DESIGN VISION

GATEWAYS + CONNECTIVITY

A focus will be given to existing pedestrian movement ensuring any additional active spaces do not hinder movement across the site.

To further strengthen this, entry nodes will be enhance at either side of the park adjacent to the library, with a new secondary connection from the south west corner of the site. Wider park connections will be considered up to the top oval.

SAFETY + SURVEILLANCE

Pedestrian level lighting will provide safety at night.

Conditions of use signage will be provided at entry points, outline safety conditions, operational requirements and restrictions of use.

THEMING

Theming will respond to the local community reflecting aspects of Asian culture. This will be explored through cultural references, structure or materiality.

Reference to the legendary Granny Smith apple will also be explored, through colour and form.

PASSIVE RECREATION

The site currently exists as a popular passive recreation space. The concept will build on and enhance the existing provision.

A quieter seating/study area will be provided outside the library, with a risen aspect, electrical charge points and shade. The historical palms will also be retained in this area.

Terrace seating will be provided adjacent to the soccer pitch for match days spectators and along Hillview Road for more active users.

BBQ's will be strategically located around the site, with supporting litter bins, drinking fountains and bike parking.

ACTIVE RECREATION

Skate will play a small part of the active recreation within the space. More focus will be given to climbing, parkour, tai chi, slack line, additional table tennis, refurbished play equipment and outdoor piano.

SKATE

All active wheeled sports will be catered for, but of a beginner level. A small pump track will be developed along with the refurbishment of the play area. A more advanced bowl (beginner to intermediate) developed on a level of the terraces proposed along Hillview Road.

An informal approach will be taken towards the provision of street style skate, by not creating a defined street area, but by designing a series of skate spots/opportunities. Skatesable edges on the terraces, skatesable furniture and integrated skate obstacles such as manual pads, rails and kerbs.

FURTHER ASPIRATIONS

Exploration will be given into providing a safe drop of area.

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MOVING FORWARD

The next steps for the project will involve Council staff preparing a report to go to Council in June. This report will seek Council's endorsement of the project.

The report will include:

- Project purpose and background.
- Site information and assessment.
- Consultation undertaken.
- Site recommendation.
- Time line for construction.
- Site Selection Report prepared by Convic.
- Pre-Design Community Engagement Summary, prepared by Convic.

Convic will develop a draft concept plan considering the feedback from the consultations to date to ensure that the community's views have been accommodated in the design of the facility. The outcome of the second round of consultation will then be used to further refine the concept design ahead of the final design and construction.



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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE INFORMATION SESSION

1. FAQs - MEADOWBANK
2. FAQs - EASTWOOD
3. GENERAL COMMUNITY COMMENTS - MEADOWBANK
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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE INFORMATION SESSIONS FAQs

Meadowbank Information Session with Police Officer Q&A Thursday, 9 March 2017 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Q&A with Crime Prevention Officer from Ryde Local Area Command located at the Gladesville Branch

1. Q: Do you have existing issues at the skate park in Macquarie Park (located at Ivanhoe Estate)?

A from Police: We do have issues at skate parks but these are no more or less than what we get at any other skate park or area such as Top Ryde Shopping Centre.

2. Q: There are current issues in the park at the moment like people lighting fires or driving cars on the grounds. How would the police address the additional issues that come with a skate park?

A from Police: We encourage people to report incidents, crimes and antisocial behaviour. We have limited resources and you may have to wait for us to respond but if there is an issue and it is occurring you should call us.

3. Q: Would a skate park increase these issues?

A from Police: It would not increase the problem, they are two different issues. A skate park won't become a policing hot spot. There is a skate park up the road from the Station (Gladesville Skate Park) that does not cause too much grief for us.

4. Q: Do you find with the skate park near you that it is used in the early hours?

A from Police: Not really, there is little lighting there which comes from Victoria Road. People have congregated there, but it is not a huge problem for us.

5. Q: Will Council provide more resources to the police if a skate park is built?

A from Police: No, not in relation to this project.

6. Q: There is a perception that skateboarders are drug takers and drug dealers and tattooed louts, from your experience what age groups are using the skate park in Gladesville?

A from Police: They vary from kids to adults.



RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE INFORMATION SESSIONS FAQs

Eastwood Park Information Session Q&A Wednesday, 8 March 2017 - 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Question (Q): Are you here to just explain away our concerns?

Answer (A) from Council: We don't have answers to all your concerns and we are not here to explain them away, we are here to hear them and ascertain if they can be addressed, mitigated or not. It is important to us that we understand them and that is what we are here for.

2. Q: Where in the park will the Youth Space be located?

A from Council: The yellow dots shown in the map of the park in the online survey indicates a general location where the new Youth Space could be located. The red lines on the park maps in the information session presentation show a bordered area where the design for the family space could fill. Based on feedback from the community, budget, and any constraints of the location the design for the multi-use space may or may not be located in these areas.

3. Q: Is the space in Eastwood Park too small to add anything?

A from Council: The design for the family space would be specifically designed for the space and to complement existing use. This might mean adding more seating and shade and very small facilities for scooter and skating use.

4. Q: A lot of people (400 to 500) an hour travel though the area near the library at Eastwood. This is currently used as a passive play area. Will we lose the passive use of the park?

A from Council: The Eastwood Park location is indicated for consideration only. Council is looking to the community to provide feedback about the current uses and what facilities could complement these uses as well as providing new opportunities for local families to play and learn.

5. Q: I wouldn't take my grandchildren anywhere near a skate park where they will get bumped into by older kids. Are skate parks actually used by all ages?

A from Council: Age group use changes throughout the day. Young kids will use a space in the mornings and lunch times. After school, older kids will use the space and after work adults will use it. This use will help younger kids progress their skills.

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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE INFORMATION SESSIONS General Community Comments

Meadowbank Information Session General Community Comments

Thursday, 9 March 2017 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Request not to put a skate park in Meadowbank Park, as there are too many drug users and it's close to private residents.
2. In 2010 when a skate park was brought up before there was a discussion with the local police and they were against a skate park in Meadowbank Park as a skate park was a typical place for drug dealing and should not be near houses but on main streets and in industrial areas.
3. Meadowbank Park already has an existing issue with rubbish and noise, which will increase with a skate park.
4. Police resources are already stretched and the addition of a skate park will stretch their resources further with no additional support.
5. The family space would be a positive addition for Meadowbank Park. As it's near the main road, it's good for kids, and it's a family area. Currently there is no skate park in the local area especially for such a large council area.
6. It wouldn't be youths hanging around smoking in the skate park. It is children from the age of three who are using these parks. There will always be people who do bad things in the community there is always one in every society. The perception that the skate park will attract drug dealers is unreal.
7. It is not kids though that hang around at night
8. There is a need for a skate park in the area but Meadowbank Park is not where it should be located. There are other parks in the area that would be better suited for this space.
9. Currently with Meadowbank Park there are current issues of visitors trashing the area, parking in private driveways and major issues like fires in the park.



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Eastwood Information Session General Community Comments

Wednesday, 8 March 2017 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1. Eastwood Park is used as a quiet passive space by the community that is well utilised by the widest demographic possible. A skate park would change the nature of the area and narrow its usage.
2. Older kids need a place to go to however there are concerns that younger kids brought to this family space might get bumped into at the skate park and therefore wouldn't be inclusive of all ages.
3. There would be a loss of green space for a cemented space.
4. The reason you don't see local skateboarders in Eastwood is because there is no place for locals to skate in Eastwood.
5. A lot of skate parks are located near swimming pools, which is an ideal area for a skate park.
6. There is a culture of drugs and theft in the world of skate. A skate park that is in close proximity to a station makes it easier to deliver drugs. Drugs can come from the local club, and alcohol will come from the local pub. This would not be ideal as it is too close to the library, the CWA (Country Women's Association) and school children which need peace, a quiet space and safety.
7. On an early morning on the weekend the police were called because of skaters near the grand stands making noise and using profanity. This happens weekly. These problems will get bigger with a skate park and will disadvantage families that live in the local area.
8. These spaces will be utilised by skaters because if the infrastructure is there they will use it. When kids see these facilities in a park they want to use it. Other parks located in areas with lots of young families have become a family space and service the local families in the area.
9. Teenagers will cause mischief no matter what. Wouldn't you rather them in public view where people can see them? As it makes it harder for teenagers to display this behaviour if they can be seen.

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Have Your Say
RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE
PROJECT OUTLINE

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to social inclusion and the health and wellbeing of its community, City of Ryde is installing a skate and family activity space for all to enjoy.

Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park are the two sites Council is exploring as locations. Council have engaged Convic and would like you to help select the site and design the new space.

To find out how to be involved please turn over or go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay



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RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE **PROJECT TIMELINE**



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Fill out the online survey at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay
The survey will be open from Wednesday 22 February to Sunday 26 March.

Come along to the...

MEADOWBANK INFORMATION SESSION

When: Thursday 9th March from 6-8PM

Where: Ryde-Eastwood Leages Club
117 Ryedale Road,
West Ryde



MEADOWBANK DESIGN WORKSHOP

When: Saturday 11th March from 9-11AM

Where: Civic Hall,
1 Devlin Street,
Ryde



For more information

To RSVP for any of these events, to discuss the information on this flyer or for more information, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222 or visit our Have Your Say Page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay

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WHAT DO YOU FEEL ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS WHEN LOCATING A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- ANIMAL SURVEILLANCE
- PROXIMITY TO PARKING
- SAFETY
- CITY
- ACCESSIBILITY
- CLOSE TO LOCAL SHOPS
- CLOSE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- OTHER _____

DO YOU THINK A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

YES NO
 IF/WHY: _____

WHAT AMENITIES ARE IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE AT A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- SHELTER
- LIGHTING
- SEATING
- GREENWING
- ANIMAL SHED
- PATH NETWORK
- INFO
- PICNIC AREA
- BENCHES
- SPECIAL USE AREA
- BIKING/JOGGING
- OTHER _____

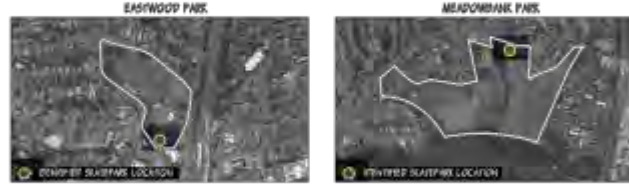
WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE TOP 3 POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD BE HELD AT A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?

- SKATE CONTESTION
- WORKSHOPS
- COACHING CLINICS
- TUTORING
- HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
- OTHER _____

WHAT TYPE OF SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE DO YOU THINK WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY?

- STREET SKATE PLAZA
- SKATE RAMP
- FREERIDE ZONE AREA
- INFORMAL SKATE SCULPTURES
- YOUTH ACTIVATION PLAZA
- BASKETBALL COURT
- BICYCLE RAMP
- OTHER _____

THE CITY OF RYDE HAVE IDENTIFIED TWO POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR THE NEW SKATE / FAMILY SPACE...



HOW SUITABLE DO YOU THINK THE EASTWOOD PARK SITE IS FOR A NEW SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE?
 (1 UNUSABLE - 9 IDEAL)

1 2 3 4 5

DO YOU FEEL THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO PROVIDE A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE IN YOUR AREA?

YES NO

REASON: _____

WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED SITE?

EASTWOOD PARK MEADOWBANK PARK

REASON: _____



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CAN YOU FORSEE ANY POTENTIAL CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE IN EASTWOOD PARK?

YES NO

IF/WHY: _____

CAN YOU FORSEE ANY POTENTIAL CONCERNS WITH LOCATING A SKATE AND FAMILY SPACE IN MEADOWBANK PARK?

YES NO

IF/WHY: _____

WHAT ONE THING WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEW RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE AND WHY?
 (PLEASE WRITE / DRAW BELOW)

ANY FURTHER COMMENTS / IDEAS?

(PLEASE WRITE / DRAW BELOW)

KEEN TO STAY INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN PROCESS? JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

*THIS INFORMATION IS NOT FOR MARKETING PURPOSES AND WILL ONLY BE USED TO KEEP YOU UP-TO-DATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RYDE OUTDOOR YOUTH SPACE.



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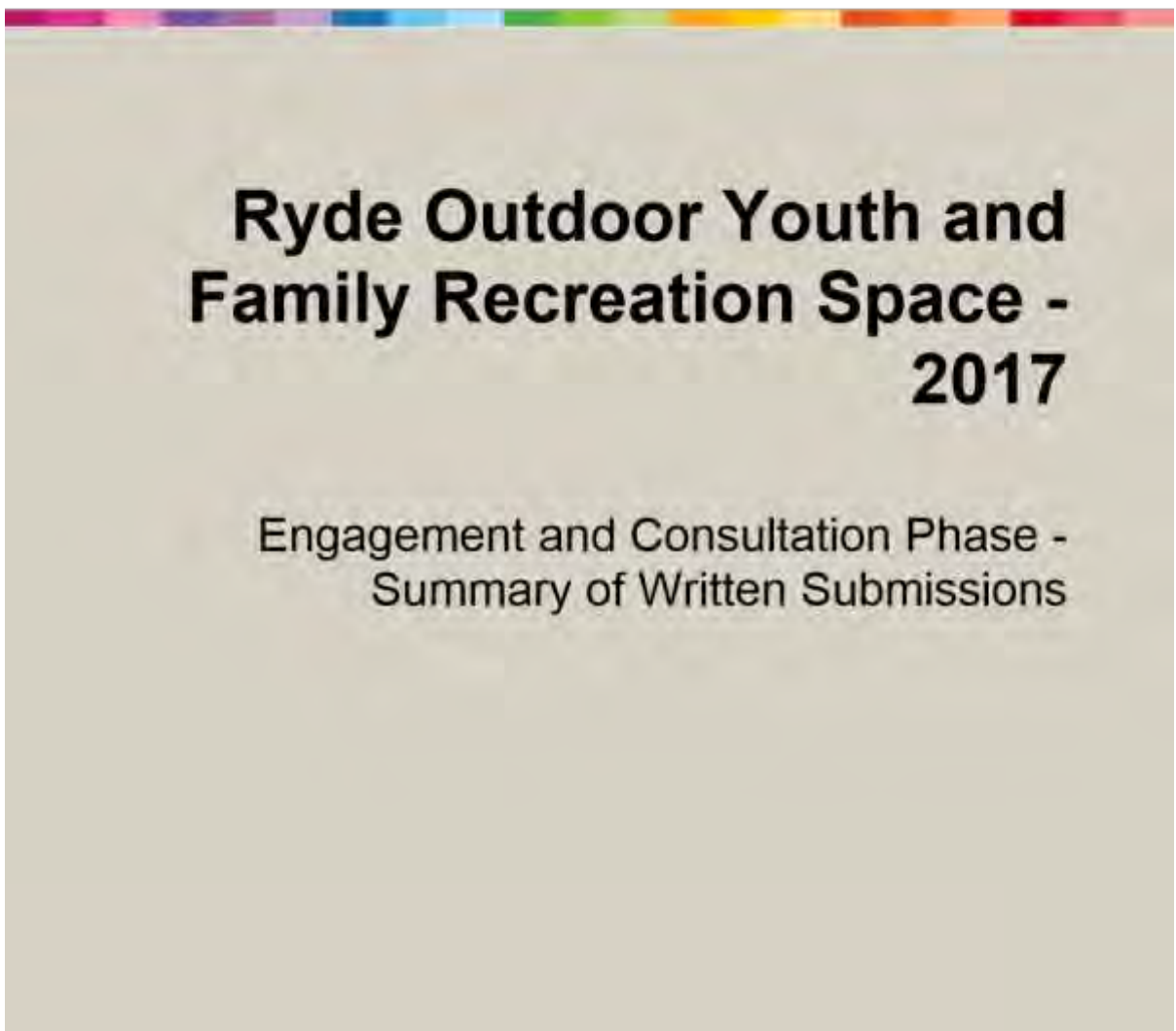
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Engagement and Consultation Phase

The community engagement phase for the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space was conducted between 22 February and 26 March 2017. The community engagement process consisted of two Information Sessions and two Design Workshops, and an online survey. Written responses were also received by Council.

Whilst the formal consultation period ended on 26 March, Council received written submissions up to 4 May 2017 and these have been included as representations. 21 representations were received by Council. Multiple representations were received from some individuals. A summary of the written submissions have been grouped into Support; Design Request; Alternative Use; and Concerns and as follows.

Topic		Number of responses	
Support	General	6	
		Skating caters for all ages	4
		Health/skills benefits	2
		Location at Meadowbank Park	2
		Location at Eastwood Park	4
		No residents nearby	4
		Passive surveillance	3
		Close to police station	2
		Close to train station/bus interchange	2
		Close to shops	2
		Close to Ryde Hospital	1
		Need for youth, playground & picnic facilities in Eastwood	1
	Design requests	Skate area	Bowl
Dual depth bowl			2
Pump track			2
Snake run			2
Waterfall			2
Hips			2
Flow of obstacles eg rails, fun-boxes, euro gaps, banks, quarters, pyramid, hammerhead, Jersey Barrier			1
Overflow/waiting spaces for skaters			1
Surrounding area		Seating/tables	3
		Shade sails/trees	2
		View of play area	2
		Parking	2
		Easy access	1
		Toddler's play equipment	1
		Toddler's scooter/cycle park	1
		BBQs	1
		Drinking water	1
		Links to cycle track network	1
	Toilets	1	
	Table tennis	1	
	Security cameras	1	

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		Security lighting	1
		Basketball courts	1
		Exercise equipment	1
		Cycle track	1
		Passive area	1
		Line games (hop scotch)	1
		Climbing equipment	1
		Wall for ball sports	1
Alternative use		Basketball courts	2
		Aquatic centre	1
Concerns	General		1
		Narrow demographic will use skatepark	1
	Location at Meadowbank Park		7
		Anti-social behaviour	7
		Lack of supervision	5
		Parking issues	5
		Noise	4
		Demographic of Meadowbank won't use skatepark	4
		Environmental	3
		Area at full capacity	3
		Too close to houses	3
		Loss of green space	2
		Lack of police presence	2
		Skaters using shared footpath	1
		Too close to cricket pitch	1
	Location at Eastwood Park		2
		Anti-social behaviour	2
		Site too small for adequate skate park	1
		Too close to licenced premises	1
		Too close to children's playground	1
	Demographic of Eastwood won't use skatepark	1	
	Traffic problems	1	
	Inaccessible location	1	
	Maintenance	1	

Submissions of support

I support the skate park proposal in principle. Skateboarding has close synergies with other board riding activities. Skateboarding is a key part of Surfing Australia's High Performance Training Program. <http://www.surfingaustralia.com/news-details.php?id=64>. Riding a skateboard in a bowl is more akin to the above board riding activities that street skating. I only subscribe to one skateboard magazine; "Concrete Wave Magazine". This name is testament to the synergy skateboarding has with the water.

Skate parks have been successful in providing good social and recreational outcomes in many Sydney and NSW LGA's including, Bondi, Fivedock, Mona Vale and the recent temporary facility on Manly beach for the Vans Park series in conjunction with the Australian Open of Surfing. Bar Beach in Newcastle holds the Australian Bowlridding Championships and the new facility at Bateau Bay is highly regarded. Skateboarding and surfing are included in the 2020 Olympic games and bowl/park terrain is definitely one of the disciplines.

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Ryde City has historical roots with Sydney's first concrete park being constructed in the early 1980's near Macquarie shopping centre. The park was world class at the time, unfortunately the land value could not sustain a private facility and the skate park was closed after several years in operation.

With regard to DSE's policy requiring infrastructure not to be for the exclusive use one particular group I make the following points. The "incidental skate space" (street terrain) can be multi use as non-skaters can use it as seats when skaters are not using it. A dual depth bowl would be more inclusive, as many user groups would be catered for.

Skate parks can provide good outcomes, but a well-designed skate park can bring the following benefits:

- Bring families together to participate in healthy activity together.
- Cater for mature skaters who will provide unofficial passive supervision and mentoring for younger user groups.
- Give energetic youth a positive outlet for their excess energy.
- Develop the skills of our youth with aspirations of competing in the 2020 Olympic Games.
- Provide a long term return on Council's sporting infrastructure investment (without kids getting bored with the design).

Examples of skateparks where similar great community outcomes have been achieved include Bondi, Maroubra, Bar Beach (Newcastle), St Kilda Victoria, Noble Park Victoria. These skateparks are popular with kids, mums and dads. Local clubs have been formed and regular active participant skaters even include a number police officers.

In making a decision on skatepark design the following Volume User Group Demographics observed at other skate parks should be considered:

Street Terrain

- Skateboarders 12-16 years

Bowl

- Skateboarders 12-16 years
- Scooter riders 8-16 years
- BMX riders 14-25 years
- Mature age skateboarders 35-50 years (Unofficial supervision & mentoring)
- Family groups of skaters / scooter riders (parents and young children participating together)
- Roller skaters & bladders

I love this idea and think it would be fantastic to have a mixed use space for skateboarders, scooter riders and bike riders. A space where the whole family feels welcome and where there is something for all ages, toddlers through to teenagers would be great.

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I live in Victoria Park Zetland where the outdoor spaces were designed by Landcom. They are working so well. You must have a look on a weekend. For teenagers I love the sunken basketball court- they play on it all night. As a mother of a skateboarder, I do beg you to look after them. The skatepark nearby in Waterloo is so busy it is incredible. I had my son and his friend speak at a Council meeting many years ago with Clover Moore present She got the message about teenage boys and responded really well.

I fully support the provision of a skate board facility and council is to be commended for encouraging young people to engage in sporting activities.

Submissions of support – location at Meadowbank Park

I just want to express my strong support for Ryde's proposed Skate Park at Meadowbank. I'm not a skater and none of my boys skate. I also live directly opposite the proposed site. With all the units going up in the area, any additional space for structured recreation is a great thing for the community, so I really hope this goes ahead.

My neighbour attended Council's consultation session last Thursday night. I've heard that there were two very outspoken opponents of the project who are residents of Ross Smith Avenue. To put it simply, NIMBYs are never more annoying than when they buy next to a park then don't want people to use it!

Unfortunately when there's an issue like this, often 90% are in favour or don't care, but don't speak up, and our Councillors only hear the ones that whinge. So, if there are to be any more public sessions, or even discussions at Council, I'm happy to stand up and support the project publicly to ensure the constructive voices in the community are heard.

Thanks for your consideration in this - you have a great record of being engaged and supportive with the community and are a stand out when it comes to any issues of sport & recreation in our area.

I write in general approval and support for the provision of an Outdoor Youth Space in our local Park. However I wish to encourage the use of a more general terminology in calling the proposed project and resultant space an "ACTIVITY SPACE". In doing this I seek to encourage the involvement of a wider community awareness and engagement in the project as well as long term use of the entire site by widely diverse community groupings.

I endorse the Meadowbank setting as opposed to an Eastwood location as many local residents have been actively advocating a facility in Meadowbank Park since about 2005 and we need more diverse activity spaces in the area to keep local children ,youths and the active elderly, more engaged. The previous false starts for a skate park have been very disappointing and frustrating especially when reasons for refusal by Council were not shared by the majority of local residents.

By introducing the term "ACTIVITY SPACE", I seek to propose that the space be not just a SKATE PARK, but a true multifunction community facility which does not lead to the

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destruction of the only passive recreation area remaining in the Meadowbank Park precinct which is not dedicated to particular sporting codes or pursuits.

At present this Constitution Rd niche as proposed for the new facility serves the local community by the provision of toddlers' play equipment area, gas barbecues, picnic tables, shady tree areas, drinking water, location for Council sponsored "Lift for Life" programmes, passive relaxation and recreation, part of the overall park Cycle track network, toilet facilities (adjacent change rooms), off street parking area (across stormwater canal). All of these facilities are continuously well utilised by the local community as well as visitors to the area. I believe that this range of facilities needs to be maintained

I commend the basic concept plan for a facility in Meadowbank Park to you, in the firm belief that **ACTIVITY = LONGEVITY**, and the more facilities we provide for all ages in our community, the healthier our community will stay.

Support – Location at Eastwood Park

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the proposed youth and family recreation space in Eastwood Park, which is an important recreational destination for our residents due to its size and location on the boundary of the City of Parramatta (CoP) Local Government Area.

In recognition of the significant development occurring throughout the CoP, we are currently undertaking an Open Space and Recreation Audit and Needs Analysis to strategically plan for and develop open spaces and recreation facilities in the future. Preliminary findings for the Epping and Eastwood catchment has identified that as there are only a few large parks, they therefore need to be of high quality. However many of these currently lack facilities / infrastructure and require upgrade to cater for the increased demand resulting from surrounding medium / high density residential development.

The audit has also highlighted a strong need to provide quality youth, playground and picnic facilities within larger parks, such as Eastwood Park. Council would therefore be supportive of the proposed youth and family recreation space in Eastwood Park.

Whilst stating the "Cons" for the case against for the proposed skate board facility at Meadowbank there are more "pros" for the Eastwood Proposal. It makes good sense for the following reasons.

- Skate board facility is to be located near mostly commercial businesses that would represent both positive and passive surveillance.
 - Virtually no residents close to the proposed area.
 - Train station & Bus interchange only 20 metres away. Easy access for travelling Skate Boarders.
 - The Eastwood Police Station barely 50 metres from proposed area.
 - Ryde Hospital Emergency only a kilometre away.
 - Regular maintenance would be simpler as the locality is already well maintained.
 - Next to no noise complaints would be registered by residents.
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Eastwood Park is more suitable for the skate board facilities as follows:

- Houses are further away.
- The proposed location is more visible as lots of person walk past this area, in and out of the library, to and from the train station. Also there many police officers walk past this area to buy their lunches and dinner.
- Large police station is nearby and easily able to monitor and provide supervision of the area.
- As the proposed site is across the road from the train station, residents who live in the vicinity will not have to put up with noises from skate board riders travelling to and from the proposed site.
- Noises from the skate board riding will have less impact to nearby residents as they are further away then the proposed site in Meadowbank Park. The same for noises from late night gathering at the site.
- As mentioned before in the above that the site is more visible, police station is nearby and visibility of police officers in the area etc. unsociable behaviour, possible drugs use, swearing etc will be minimal.
- Noises from the skate board riding will have less impact to nearby residents as they are further away then the proposed site in Meadowbank Park
- The site is right next to the shopping complex and is ideal to have refreshment, food, variety of shops etc closed by for users of the proposed outdoor youth and family recreation space. Kids can use the facilities while their parents do their daily shopping.

The Eastwood site, however is more isolated from houses and residents, is closer to a railway station which has an average of three staff members till 2am, compared to Meadowbank railway station which has one staff member till approx. 10pm. The Eastwood site is also close to shopping centre with medical centres and already existing security guards plus licenced restaurants that are very busy till late at night with a thriving population occupying the main street day and night.

The Eastwood facility does not appear to be close to residential housing but rather close to the shopping centre and railway station. Eastwood also has its own parking station and is far better equipped with facilities such as shops/emergency medical ctrs and natural security as the constant use of night time restaurants would provide some surveillance during the night. Noise issue would also not be as bad as again this appears to be near an already noise shopping centre and not houses and the park does not appear to be used by all different age groups like Meadowbank for family gatherings and social functions. The site is also appears to be along a train line site which would in itself not provide the constant noise problems that placing it in suburban Meadowbank would.

Design requests

I believe the following skate park elements need to be included.

A dual depth bowl with a minimum depth of 2.2 metres should be included in the skateable infrastructure area with a roll in.

A pump track that surrounds the precinct perimeter of the Outdoor Youth Space

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A world class snake run of significant length and depth.

Ryde City could build a world class competition facility by increasing the depth of a section of the bowl to 3.3 metres. Such a facility would not only serve a wide range of local user groups with a great place to skate, but it would engender a sense of community pride in knowing that Eastwood or Meadowbank and its skate park (and skaters) are among the best in the world. A dual depth bowl like this can cater for skill levels from young beginners on scooters through to advanced skaters and bmx riders. Other points for Council to consider, in favour of including a bowl in the design.

To maximize participation and longevity of the facility a dual depth bowl with a "waterfall" should be included in the "skateable infrastructure" area to complement the street terrain in the "incidental skate space" areas. Other skate bowls in Sydney are continuing to be well patronised many years after construction. These include Fivedock, Bondi, Maroubra, Parramatta

The deeper section of the dual depth bowl should be at least 2.2 metres deep and preferably 3.3 metres, to ensure as many user groups as possible are catered for. A dual depth "waterfall" bowl also caters for beginners. A bowl would give street skaters something to progress to. A pump track and or a snake run would be unique features, which no other park in Sydney or Australia has to date.

Council would not like to build a facility that skaters became bored with. This has been the case with some street style only skate parks in Sydney in recent years ie Cammeray and Fernside.

The skatepark terrain elements required are:

- A dual depth bowl with a roll-in.
- Depths should be 2.2 to 2.4 metres in the shallow end and 3.0 to 3.3 metres in the deep.
- A pump track that surrounds the precinct perimeter of the Outdoor Youth Space.
- A snake run of significant length and depth.
- Bowls with a waterfall and hips cater for beginner to advanced riders.

Things that are important for me would be lots of seating for parents, lots of shade in the forms of shade sails and trees and an easy view of all areas of the play area. I don't have a preference for either site as long as there is plenty of parking and easy access.

Having completed the online survey, and attended the design workshops for the proposed new Outdoor Youth Space, I'd like to provide further, more detailed input for the design. As a skateboarder who frequents many different parks around Sydney (and NSW), I've seen what makes (and doesn't make) a successful skate park, and how skateparks can be integrated into larger spaces for the community. I'd also like to propose elements I'd like to see incorporated into the park, as a local skater. Keeping in mind there are two proposed locations, I believe the majority of the input I have is relevant to both. Once a location is

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selected and concept drawings are made, I'll provide more focused feedback on park design.

Beginning with how the youth space should interact with the rest of the park, I think it's important for tables/seating and shelter to be the first thing people encounter when approaching the space, and so these should be located closest to the park entry or car park. My reasoning for this is that the project isn't specifically for a skatepark, but for a youth and family space, I don't believe people should be walking "into a skatepark", but rather to a central location (where they can put their stuff down) and then deviate to what ever element of the space they intend to use. I also believe by making shelter and seating the first item in the space you interact with, it will reduce any intimidation people may feel about approaching skateparks, as they wouldn't actually be walking the whole way up to the park, but be able to sit back and observe without crossing the threshold into a high energy environment. Finally, by making the shelter/seating the first element you encounter, it can be used to segregate the skatepark from the remainder of the recreation space.

As far as elements no-skatepark recreational elements go. I have less input on this as I likely won't be using them. I can suggest that everyone likes basketball courts, climbing elements are always popular with kids, and I believe both teenagers and adults would use permanently fixed exercise equipment (chin up bars etc). At one of the design meetings, a resident suggested a wall simply for kicking/hitting a ball against, which is an idea I would fully support.

Specifically relevant to Meadowbank Park (because I don't believe the space at Eastwood is big enough to accommodate it), I'd really like to see a cycling circuit. At Meadowbank, many parents already take their children down to ride their bikes/scooters in circles on the netball courts. With the introduction of a skatepark, there is no doubt that these same children will want to ride there also, but I guarantee children will still want to ride in a circle on flat ground. By incorporating a cycle track into the space, parents won't have to chose between taking their kids to the skatepark OR to the netball courts. They can take them to one space, which will cater for both of their desires. This cycle track should have small humps and cambered corners incorporated into it. That way, it provides an alternative for kids who want to ride ramp elements, but don't have the skills of navigating a skatepark. As a selfish side thought, if a cycle track is more attractive to younger children, that leaves more skatepark for the rest of us.

Moving onto what I'd like to see incorporated into a skatepark, I'd like to say that the two most important characteristics of a skatepark's design are flow and refuge.

I define "flow" as being able to move smoothly and easily from obstacle to another. Flow should not be misinterpreted as lots of transitional elements, all skaters will still describe the "flow" of street sections and plazas. Further to this, flow is not arranging all of the obstacles in a straight line. A park should have balance between obstacles which are approached and exited in a straight line (e.g. rails, fun-boxes, euro gaps), and those used to carve, bounce off and change direction (hips, banks, quarters).

With regards to refuge, I'm referring to where a skater starts their run from, and what to when you've completed that run. As an example, Belconnen (Belco) skatepark in the ACT is arguable the best known skatepark in Australia, but my criticism of it is that the street

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section is nearly 100m long, with nowhere to stop or start, except at either end. If someone only wants to skate an obstacle in the middle of the park, their options are to skate the entire distance for only one trick, or to stand in the middle of the park, to start and stop their run out in the open (and typically in other people's way). No matter how busy a park is, a portion of your time is going to be spent waiting for your turn/the line to be clear. These waiting spaces (or start and stop points) can be physical elements like banks and quarters to roll in an out of, or it can simply be the design of the park to have you start/stop into overflow spaces.

Belconnen (ACT) <http://www.skateboard.com.au/skateparks/australia/belconnen-new-skate-park/>

End of the day, a good skatepark has balance between these two characteristics. If a park is very 'stop-start' or 'back-and-forth', it limits the potential of how obstacles can be skated. In which case these parks have lots of opportunity for refuge, but poor flow. Conversely, like with the Belco example, a complete lack of refuge spaces produces congestion within the park.

Three parks which find this balance, though with different approaches are Strathfield South, Swansea and Waterloo.

Strathfield South is a small park, which sticks to the 'less is more' principle. Each of the three corners has banks for rolling in and out of, but from each bank you can also change direction and head to a different side of the skatepark.

Strathfield South <http://www.skateboard.com.au/skateparks/australia/strathfield-south-skate-park/>

I'd describe Swansea as a medium sized park, but due being sandwiched between the a sports field and the water it is very narrow. Rather than the easy option of long straight lines, the majority of the park is parallel banks facing each other, forcing you to zigzag back and forth between them to travel up and down the park. To keep things interesting, elements such as quarters, barriers and steps have been built into these opposing banks. A platform running the length of the park provides the refuge space to roll in and out of (if you want to skate an individual element only), but otherwise, each from each obstacle you change direction to face another obstacle.

Swansea <http://www.skateboard.com.au/skateparks/australia/swansea-skatepark/>

Though Waterloo is a street plaza, it uses it's layout, and the location and direction of each obstacle to balance flow and refuge spaces. All of the obstacles are designed to be skated in a straight line, but are placed in the centre of each section of the park, with lots of overflow space afterward. From this, after skating the obstacle in the centre of your line, you have the choice of rolling away into the refuge of the overflow space, or using that overflow space to turn, and suddenly you're now pointing towards a new obstacle. Each of the 4 sections on the outside can be skated individually, or in a circuit, all without the use of transition, because there's enough space provided to turn smoothly, without being running into someone else waiting their go. As an added bonus there's a mini ramp to the side if you do want to skate tranny.

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Waterloo <http://www.skateboard.com.au/skateparks/australia/waterloo-fernside-skate-park/>

While in each of these parks, there are elements I could criticise, or there's elements of other skate parks I prefer, I think these three best highlight how the balance between flow and refuge can be found. So I hope the designers can use them as inspiration when conceptualising the layout and lines of the new park in Ryde.

As far as individual skatepark elements go, the below list and attached photos are my favourite skatepark obstacles:

- Pyramid similar to Strathfield South
- "Hammerhead" similar to Strathfield South
- Small down rail similar to Cammeray
- Jersey Barrier similar to Hunters Hill/Gladesville
- Bowl similar to Galston (5' shallow, 8' deep)

Incorporate:

- Skate park (possibly with relocatable/demountable elements to allow diversity and future upgrading)
- Toddler's scooter and cycle path incorporating simulations of street/traffic signs and crossings
- Play equipment area
- Kick-a bout space
- Line games (hop scotch etc.)
- Shade structures
- Trees and landscaping
- Social gathering and amenity areas
- Observation seating for parents and spectators during planned activities
- Table Tennis (fixed concrete tables)

In order to alleviate the concerns of some objectors to these proposals we would certainly believe, that as a minimum, the following general facilities be installed:

- Time controlled lighting to switch off a predetermined times on usage days
- General area security and safety lighting
- 24 Hour security surveillance cameras, which if not actually monitored continuously, could be accessed by Police or Council Rangers/security staff, to follow up after any reported inappropriate or even criminal, activities.

If after engineering assessments of the proposed site adjacent to Constitution Road, this site is found unsuitable" I would like to recommend to the Council the consideration of a presently unused area of the park located between playing fields 3 and 6 in the more central areas of the Park. I have spoken with some of my neighbours and others whom I have met in the Park in recent days and we all agree that this location would be a better location for the proposed facility. This location has the advantages that:

- Currently unused

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- Has an existing earth bank formed on its western side beside Field 3 to provide natural observation/spectator areas for casual watchers such as parents etc., as well as audiences if an organised demonstration or competition event is being staged.
- Is located away from local housing for noise minimisation
- Provide easy access from both the Ross Smith Av. Park entrances as well as the Parramatta river walk/bicycle way
- More easily adaptive terrain to ensure a more varied skate park experience.
- Coupled with appropriate lighting and security camera monitoring, this location has many favourable aspects.
- As identified in a previous consultation process in about 2005

Alternative use

Another idea to offer people would be basketball courts. Could existing new basketball rings be built into the existing netball courts to give those people who enjoy this game an opportunity to exercise with existing infrastructure. At the moment there is one ring available near the river which is constantly well used.

I would prefer an open aquatic center at Meadowbanks [sic] park facing the river.

I would prefer see the money go into a full sized basketball court at the oval replacing this idea of skatepark and the unused Table Tennis table was previously there. Currently residents and visitors of Eastwood are using the grounds of Eastwood Public School to play basketball. On numerous occasions I have seen people jumping the 6ft fence, possibly injuring themselves due to the incredibly sharp metal spikes on the ends, to play basketball. If you introduce a more accessible basketball court area this will create a safer community and the money and time will not go to waste. Alternatively one end of the court could have a basketball hoop and the other a netball hoop. This is gender inclusive and age inclusive.

Concerns

Hi please consider that sort of sport is just for young people and not a whole family sport or recreation. Looks like Ryde council has a lot of money to waste.

Opposition – location at Meadowbank Park

I would like to oppose to a skate park in Meadowbank Park. I like many other families use the designated grassed area that has been proposed for the skate park for picnics, exercise, walking, sitting and relaxing. A skate park would upset this soft green landscape making it yet another hard scape in our local area. We need more green space and not more hard space.

Also I am concerned about the old heritage gates that are at the moment in disrepair near the position marked for the skate park. Should this not be looked at and preserved?
Please preserve our green scape in our growing city.

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I must oppose in the strongest possible terms any skate park in Meadowbank park adjacent to Constitution Road. This area already has a full capacity with tennis courts, playgrounds, football, cycling, walking and picnic facilities.

There is insufficient parking available for this area and all through the football season residents are unable to find parking near our residences. The addition of a skate park will make the problem much worse. The whole area has too much activity for that area.

For the third occasion in the last ten years we once again strongly object to the proposed skate board facility at Meadowbank Park. Any skate board facility will adversely affect the sport fields, tree lined green environment of Meadowbank Park. We objected in 2006 and again in 2010 and the matter was dropped. These issues listed below have not been addressed and remain the same since 2006 decision not to have a Skate Board Facility imposed.

Why weren't we consulted? We the residents have been denied a voice in the decision making process till implementation stage which is now. A choice of either Meadowbank Park or Eastwood Oval.

- The skate board facility located off Cobar Way at North Ryde is an example of poor planning and lack of positive supervision that has been left to gangs and graffiti vandals to take control
- No matter how much you "candy coat" this proposal it is not in the best interests of the wider community be located at the Meadowbank Park.
- The park does not need a concrete structure that will be unsupervised 365 days of the year from first light till 10 pm at night. Even "after lights" there is no guarantee that the participants will leave, or leave quietly.
- No other sports played at Meadowbank Park have the access or dominance that the proposed unsupervised skate board facility will have on all users and residents.
- Wherever the skate facilities are installed there is an increase in litter and vandalism.
- All other sports played at the park by their nature have organised supervision and with limited times of usage, be they Soccer, Cricket, Netball, Tennis or Hockey. The difference is that whilst skate boarding is a form of sport, it is not a team sport, has no "team" sport team attributes, no supervision nor educational value.
- Unfortunately, skate boarding generally attracts a delinquent (or even small petty criminal element) that has dogged its reputation since inception of the sport.

Perhaps level headed thinking will prevail; any proposal for noisy concrete skate board facility at or near Meadowbank Park with all stated associated problems will always be opposed. It is very disappointing to have to write once again after the assurances we were given by Council that this issue would never be proposed again.

Why spoil a great park with a concrete slab? Please find listed below the issues raised concerning the proposed site of Meadowbank Park for the establishment of a Skateboard Park.

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Security – Open Skate Park Facility: Any skate park should be fully enclosed so it can be totally closed up at night and fully monitored as are other facilities such as swimming pools, and not just by security cameras, as these can be ineffective and still require police to be called to the scene during the night keeping local residents again awake and placing the monitoring of this facility on the shoulders of local residents, who could themselves be elderly people needing assistance themselves, without having to be responsible for the abuse caused by others during the use of an open facility such as the skateboard parking being available 24hr/7days per week.

Bullying - Many young people who I have previously spoken to ranging from have all raised the issue of 'ownership' where others would be bullied away and not allowed to use the facility, particularly if they were not part of the group using the facility at the time and were there on their own.

Graffiti - I have also spoken to serious skate board riders who state they will only use fully enclosed skate board facilities as the potential for serious injury is escalated by many issues, one being the constant use of graffiti, which even though is easier to remove now with more effective technology, is still constantly used on open air skate ramps, which once the paint has been wet by rain, etc. becomes extremely slippery and dangerous causing serious sliding accidents, however inexperience young children would be unaware of this issue and therefore could potentially be seriously hurt.

SAFETY ISSUES FOR CHILDREN AND GENERAL PUBLIC- When this issue was previously raised several years ago we were told by the police at that time, and I also remember reading about the Police Report on Skateboard Parks – which raised the below mentioned issues.

Drug Dealing - "Any responsible person would take into account the safety of our kids and the public in general when setting up the perfect meeting place for drug distribution and sales". One of the points mentioned by the Police was that druggies would basically "thank the Council for setting up these places for them to operate out of."

Crime Scene - Another point raised by the Police was that most Skate Parks are set up in Industrial Areas and out of housing/residential areas with easy Police access. If there was not such a huge issue with potential crime why is Police access such an important issue?

PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE- The Meadowbank site only has the local residences in houses to report accidents, negative night time activities such as noise, crime etc, many of whom, as mentioned earlier, are elderly and could not possibly be expected to take this responsibility on. For the other residents who are working or school age, it would also mean they would be disturbed continually during the night to also report negative activities.

Environmental issues/legal guidelines - I would like to know what are the original Laws with regard to guidelines for environmental issues, such as safety/security/noise and effect on wildlife, in particular the changing of green space to concrete slabs for the purpose of unsupervised sporting activities, as this potentially is a legal matter.

Organised sporting groups - All the other sporting activities are organised groups which are well managed and monitored by responsible sporting leaders and managers which

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ensure that timetables of the sporting activities are adhered and finish by 9.30pm along with correct behaviour, providing a family friendly safe environment, unlike an open air skateboard facility which has no such management or supervision and is an open arena for anyone to abuse and misuse and is available to be used 24hrs/7 days per week.

Noise - The potential noise from Skate parks not only from the users themselves but hugely from the crashing noise that the skates create when crashing on the concrete would be very hard to monitor and control even with constant police interference as this could potentially occur all night throughout all the week, with no real effective way of stopping it, keeping local residents in houses and villas which are close by awake all night. Noise created from skate boards also can have a very negative effect on animals, especially dogs during the night which would then create a secondary noise issue with the dogs howling as they have been traumatised as was our dog many years ago when it was near a skate park. Also local wildlife especially all the beautiful birdlife which would be greatly disturbed as well during the night also creating secondary noise from being traumatised from their normal quiet night time environment.

Magnified noise in open spaces of the park during all night time activities - The noise created from skate parks, in particular crashing skate boards on concrete, as mentioned previously, particularly at night, is actually magnified when created in open space and has the potential to travel across open spaces such as the park at a far more intense and louder sound which can be heard in our homes, An example of this was people occasionally sitting under the big tree in the park, which has now been cut down, just sitting and talking. Their conversations could be heard in our bedroom, particularly on nights when there is a slight breeze blowing our way.

PARKING/POPULATION EXPLOSION/INFRASTRUCTURE - Meadowbank has experienced a huge population explosion in the past few years with the construction of thousands of units creating not only immense traffic congestion on the roads but the huge demand for extra parking spaces particularly around the park, which are now full to capacity during weekdays and particularly on weekends when all the organised sporting facilities are on. There has been no change/upgrade of parking facilities nor infrastructure needed to deal with this growing problem.

RUBBISH/OVER USE OF PARK FACILITIES - Along with the parking facility, there is also the over use of the park due to the population boom, and while it is nice to see the park being so enjoyed by people in general, there has been an increase in rubbish dumping in the park, and any increase in use caused by a facility such as skate board park, which can potentially be used 24hrs 7 days a week. This area is also fully used by families for picnics and by all different age groups (including seniors) for organised fitness classes and general use of the current open space and bbq seating facilities which would be negatively affected by an open air skateboard facility for the obvious previously mentioned reasons.

CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS/AGE GROUP- I have also read in the local paper, that the changing demographics, due to the population boom in high rise apartments will result in the average age of population by 2030 being greatly different to what it is today where Meadowbank and the surrounding areas were mainly single dwelling family houses with children, it will by then be mainly working adults with the close proximity to City and North Ryde I.T Ctr. This would then in 13 years time make the establishment of a skate park with a budget of \$150,000 a total waste of rate payers money, when this funding

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could be used to provide greatly needed improvement to infrastructure and parking facilities, as mentioned previously, or put towards upgrading of existing skateboard park facilities such as the one on Victoria Rd Gladesville.

Surveys/Accuracy of Statistic - Some of the negative issues which were undertaken was to establish a free jumping castle in the park to gain votes by allowing free access for children to the jumping castle where they were asked to sign the petition for the establishment of the skate park. This was done on a grand final sports day when naturally there were hundreds of children who could be coaxed into signing the petition as they are unaware of safety issues etc and are then naturally, going to vote for the skate park as they are not mature enough to fully understand the consequences of the negative aspects the skate park could have on not only them but the rest of the community and are only concerned about what they can get. As it happened the Grand Final Day was cancelled due to heavy rain and hardly anyone turned up. A young Skate Board Group, who were quite rude and disrespectful to anyone who did not want the Skate Board Park, were also invited to the park and given hundreds of forms to take back to their schools to give to other students to fill in (which I believe was illegal as the forms were only for those who were present in the park at the time of the event). Any follow up by the residents with the staff concerning this matter was treated with a very aggressive manner by the staff. These were supposed to be the responsible adults there for the kid's wellbeing and setting an example for our future leaders!! As a result of what happened several years ago, we would be very suspicious and indeed have no confidence in the statistics accumulated from an on-line survey as there is no guarantee that this survey would actually contain the information from the residents. The survey itself mainly contains contrived and direct questions towards establishing a skate board facility in Meadowbank Park and is misleading and limited, presented to residents with very little scope for residents who are opposing the skate board issue and has only given residents a very short limited 3 to 4 week time space to complete the survey/email etc which for today's busy working families is not enough time.

The original planned site years ago was to be the Shepherds Bay Park however the developer of the units at that time objected to this as it would have a negative impact on the sale and price valuation of his unit development. Why is the same consideration not given to the local surrounding residents of Meadowbank Park who also are mainly property owners and are also rate payers.

COUNCIL BUDGET - \$150,000 - We have been informed by Council the budget to try to establish the skate park is \$150,000 however no mention nor support, other than an on-line survey and a Council mtg, has ever been given to concerned local residents who oppose the construction and who will be negatively effected [sic] by the skate park, many of whom are full time workers and time poor. They have been left to try and form their own groups and opposition plans even though, as mentioned earlier they are the ones providing funding to Council in rate paying etc.? This seems a totally bias and unfair approach.

In Conclusions I do not understand why this issue has been again raised as it was found to be totally unsuitable and declined for Meadowbank Park by Council when it was raised and discussed several years ago.

The matter was also previously raised in 2006 when residents of Ross Smith Ave and surrounding streets of Meadowbank gave their view to the construction of a skate park

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facility which was a combined 'NO'. We were then informed by the Mayor and Councillors that there would NOT nor would there ever be a skate facility located in Meadowbank Park and that the matter would not be raised again.

Please find listed below why I don't believe a skateboard park should be established in Meadowbank Park. I don't consider family space the same as skate park (unless drug distribution point comes under that same heading) check out previous Police report. Meadowbank is already full to capacity with sporting activities due to population explosion in the past few years and there is no more parking or free space available for the general community to use. The current family space where the proposed skate park is to be provided is already fully used by families, fitness groups and seniors fitness activities. The added problems with crime/safety/noise/graffiti/rubbish dumping which a facility which is available to all the community 24hrs/7 days per week, cannot possibly be monitored and the impact on local residents in housing which is very close to the site would have an enormous effect on them as they would be the ones to suffer the ongoing monitoring and reporting to police etc of all the previously mentioned problems which is unfair, to not only the average aged resident but particularly to the more elderly who could not possibly undertake these events.

Currently all organised sporting events are finished by 9.30pm and there are no other sport or activities which would create loud crushing sounds which are created by skate boards crashing on concrete which, as you can well imagine would be extremely stressful during the night to the average person, let alone older people, as mentioned previously. Ryde Council has advised local residents several years ago when this issue was raised that they would not allow the skate park to be established in Meadowbank park due to the huge problems it would potentially create to local residents and the general community. They also advised that most Councils are putting skateboard facilities in industrial areas or within closed sporting facilities where they can be monitored and locked up at night, therefore creating a safe environment for not only residents but the skateboard riders and children which would be potentially using them. Why destroy a beautiful green space which can be used by all.

As mentioned previously a skate board space will only benefit the community if it is within a fully enclosed area that can be locked up at night and monitored at all times, especially if it is not safe to use, so that innocent children and the rest of the community are protected at all times, and help is able to be quickly made available should an accident occur or any other bullying/violent arguments or crime created by drug dealers which has, according to local police reports several years ago, is a very common event at skate parks and is a big attraction for this unlawful behaviour to which they themselves were very much against. This is not something anyone would want to bring to their community and especially to the family environment of Meadowbank Park which is currently a lovely green space environment where all age groups can enjoy and provides fitness activities to help keep a growing community in both well-being and socially thriving.

Imagine giving children full 24 hour access without adult supervision responsible parent wouldn't do this. Would you??? This is about a skate park not family area. Meadowbank is completely unsuitable as previously mentioned for reasons of crime/security and safety to both users and residents and huge noise levels created especially at night to local

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residents when an open air skate park cannot possibly be protected 24 hrs per day plus current over use of the park and no parking facilities due to population boom due to high rise apartment development. Such a lovely green space environment should be kept available for all to use and enjoy by all age groups and members of the community who are not impacting others by their use of the park. Even the organised sport activities are well monitored and finished at 9.30pm.

Again this is about a skate park and not a family space any one can use words to manipulate the real agenda. As mentioned previously the enormous negative effect to both local nearby residents, in both crime/noise/security and all night disturbances, could potentially cause huge problems to all age groups, particularly the elderly, as residents cannot be responsible to monitor the constant security and crime. Take the skate proposal off the list forever as promised by Council at the previous skate park proposal taken out several years ago.

Parking in Meadowbank has also now become a huge problem with a booming population which would only be increased by the establishment of a skate park, with either young children being brought by parents, or teenagers with cars placing huge problems on both park space usage and road and car space usage close to a lovely park environment that should be kept safe and available for families and all age groups to use safely.

As mentioned previously, this matter was raised several years ago when it was originally proposed to be located at Shepherds Bay however the Unit Developer at that time objected to it as it would affect the sale of all the units. We were however assured by Ryde Council that a skate park would never be established in Meadowbank Park and that the residents would never have to go through all the issues again and we cannot therefore understand why it has all been raised again. It seem that all integrity has gone out the window whenever a skate park is mentioned. The last time this came up every sneaky and dishonest thing occurred to get the park approved, like only giving the residents a few weeks to put in any objections, a jumping castle was arranged on a grand final day to get as many kids as possible to sign the for proposal (the day was cancelled due to heavy rain) but the organisers handed out all the forms to the kids to take to school for their friends to sign (I believe this was an illegal act) and naturally the kids are going to vote for a park because they don't see the long term consequences. They invited the skate board fraternity club, these kids were so disrespectful and abusive to anyone who objected to a skate park and showing no respect to any adults. The people who did arrange all these dishonest things are really setting a great example to our future leaders and should be ashamed of themselves and try to act like mature adults and not slime bags. And finally I would like to question what the laws are regarding environmental issues in the park regarding green space/noise/damage to wildlife etc. and whether these are being breached in the establishment of this open air 24hr/7day per week concrete slab.

We have lived here for 30 years and we strongly expressed our objection to having skate board facilities in Meadowbank Park. We had this issue some years ago and the Council had rejected having these facilities in Meadowbank Park and it is very upsetting for us now that this in on again.

Meadowbank Park is not suitable for the skate board facilities as follows:

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- Too close to houses
- Lack of supervision available in this location
- Too far from train station. They will ride on their skate boards to and from the station creating unacceptable noises to houses along the way as their wheel roll over the joints in the concrete footpath. My house in along Constitution Road we will be copping all the noises as they ride between train station and the park. I am a retired person and my wife will be retired soon so we need peace and quite [sic] at home to enjoy our retirement.
- Traffic along Constitution Road has increased dramatically in the last few years. We have difficulties now in reversing our cars out of the driveway and onto the roadway as gaps between car traffic are less and less frequent. If the skate board facilities are located here not only we need to wait for gaps between car traffic but also having to watch out for skate board riders coming down the slopping footpath at speed. This is a safety issue for us, skate board riders and all the residents who lived along Constitution Road. From time to time late at night some skate board riders ride on the slopping Constitution Road down towards Adelaide Street. If the facilities is located here then there will be more riders doing this exposing them is danger and this is really a safety issue.
- From time to time we have groups of noisy people gathering in the park late at night, having the skate board facilities here this will increase. As our main bedroom is facing the park we can hear clearly the conversations, laughing, yelling etc. keeping us awake.
- Unsociable behaviour, possible drugs use, swearing, excessive noises from the skate board activities to residents who lived in the vicinity.
- Again, the proposed site in Meadowbank Park is not suitable for the skate facilities and the site at Eastwood Park is more suitable.

I am a long time resident of Ross Smith Ave Meadowbank and have seen the park growth from a swampy rubbish tip to the beautiful park it is today. It would put an increased pressure on Meadowbank Park is a very used park all year round with cricket, football, netball, hockey, training every night and School sporting events and so much more. There are not enough parking spaces as it is for these people using the park.

With a Skate facility constructed so close to our properties, the closer to the facility the greater the impact to the value of our homes. It will be a disincentive deterrent that will compromise and taint any future sale.

It is of a concern that it will be constructed to a close proximity to a Cricket Pitches. It is bad enough that our residential houses, property, cars, innocent bystander cars parked in the street get hit and damaged by cricket balls. I don't understand why this doesn't seem to be a safety concern with having the skate facilities close by.

Residents of Ross Smith Ave already have major problems trying to drive in or out of our own drive ways and streets because of the narrow width, only one car can drive at a time when all the street parking is taken up, which now seems to be from early morning through to the end of night training. Some residents are left trying to find parking in surrounding streets because of the limited parking. There is always rubbish left after weekend sports

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and night training, where 99% of that rubbish ends up in my front yard, down the driveway and into the backyard.

A safety concern is a lack of safe crossings to the park. The only pedestrian crossing is at the train station, there are no other safe crossing spots all along Constitution Rd through to Adelaide St and Andrew St in Melrose Park. As a pedestrian and a person who can't drive due to disabilities, I walk to most places and trying to cross near the corner of Constitution Rd and Station St is a struggle as it is with drivers led footing down the road. Its hold your breath, go and good luck most times during the day.

Meadowbank park has enough unsavoury characters hanging around all hours of the day and, letting of fireworks, exploding aerosol cans tapped with sparkles, or loud large bunger (that sometimes sound like guns), driving cars, motor bikes, playing loud music, drinking and screaming and the aroma of smoking cannabis day and night, into very early morning hours.

Really, there is no need to encourage any more with new facilities that will end up graffiti and vandalized.

I recommend that it be located, closer to the river near Field 9 (which I don't think is used for Cricket) close to the parking areas near the Tennis courts, and most of all, away from residential homes, not sitting so close or hanging over the backyards to some residents in Ross Smith Ave. Another suggestion is along the river walkway at the bottom of Meadow Crescent and along to the commuter parking area. It is a large unused space, close to toilets, transportation such as the Train station, Bus stop, Wharf and its much closer to Shops and other amenities in Shepherds Bay.

Based on Community Plan with-in Ryde Councils Population forecast, the age structure of youth seems be on a decrease with ages of 20–60 more onto an increase. House hold majority in the forecast will be mainly Couples without children, Young Couples without children, Middle-aged couples without children, Older Couples without children, and Lone person households. So will another Skate structure be feasible with-in the demographic profile, when other facilities can be upgraded and improved.

Opposition – location at Eastwood Park

I would like to voice some concerns I have with the possible implementation of the new skatepark in Eastwood. I have no issues with a Youth and Family Recreation Space as I think the park and seating that is currently in the proposed location is very poor and needs to be upgraded.

A skatepark is unnecessary in the Eastwood community as there is no market for it. I have never seen anyone skating in Eastwood and I do not believe that if a skatepark was implemented it would be used. In my opinion it will only appeals to a small market of teenage boys that could bring with them problems of underage drinking, drug use and graffiti. These examples are all in extreme circumstances of course but it is defiantly a risk if this plan goes ahead. A skate park in this area has a very skewed target audience of youth aged boys.

I would also like to point out the despicable nature of the toilets in the proposed area of the park. The amenities are so poor that people are forced to use to the library toilets or the

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train station toilets, which are not always open. I believe that if you implement a toilet or amenities block similar to what is located in the Coles car park at Epping it would be much more beneficial, safer and hygienic for the community.

Further, the small playground area located next to the toilet block has not been update since it was built in 2009, almost ten years ago. It is an area frequently used by the families of the Eastwood community due to its prime location near the Eastwood centre and public transport. It would be beneficial to the community if this park were upgraded and upsized as opposed to the implementation of the skate park only serves the enjoyment and entertainment of a small target audience as a opposed to a more family orientated audience.

Whether Eastwood oval is used for the Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space or Meadowbank park is, Eastwood oval most defiantly needs an update due to the poor condition it is currently in. I believe time and money would be much better put to use if a Basketball court, new amenities and an upgraded playground were implemented instead of the skatepark as it has a wider target audience and will therefore be more frequently used.

I have a number of concerns relating to the siting of the facility at Eastwood Park.

Size - Research indicates that 'the average size for a small street skate park is around 3,000m².' Limiting the size of a skate facility will limit diversity and flexibility and impact on viability. Small sites may also tend to affect safety if flow patterns are compromised and the capacity to separate beginners from skaters with more expertise is limited. The proposed size of the facility at Eastwood is 628 sq m. (based on the original proposal shown to residents) and will make it difficult to provide enough diversity to sustain the interest of beginners, intermediate and extreme skaters. Furthermore undersized skate parks tend to get put on undersized sites thereby exacerbating any problems caused by proximity to residences, fences, and limiting opportunities for potential landscaping and support facilities as well as the capacity to expand. If a skate ramp is to be provided, young people deserve a quality facility that is not compromised by the size of the site. Money spent on putting an inferior ramp into Eastwood Park might be better spent on a larger scale facility in a more appropriate site.

Safety - Safety is also an issue of concern at Eastwood as the larger the radius of a ramp the less chance of an injury occurring. This requires that ramps are positioned away from other structures such as walls and buildings. In Eastwood Park the proximity of the children's playground and CWA presents a problem. Council owes a duty of care to its residents and I would contend that in placing this facility in such close proximity to other park users it poses a higher risk than if the facility were to be located in an area with more open space. While not being critical of skateboarding as a recreational activity, I think it is fair to say that the sport attracts young people who may have exuberant, risk taking behaviour. That is by its very nature the challenge of the activity. I do not subscribe to the view that skateboard facilities in themselves generate vandalism and anti-social behaviour by the users, however, the existing literature indicates that there is evidence that there can sometimes be anti-social behaviour associated with others 'hanging around' the facilities. Various studies have identified that the greatest influence on vandalism in open space is access to the facility at night and distance from a hotel. I also note in the documentation

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relating to the Casey skate facility that a specific requirement was that the facility was not to be placed within walking distance of a club or hotel. As you would be aware, there are at least two licenced premises less than 100 metres of Eastwood Park.

Demographic - The demographic of Eastwood has changed significantly in the last 20 years with nearly 50% of the population being of Asian descent. This demographic for the most part do not have a culture of skating and I suspect that the facility will not provide a recreational outlet for this local group of young people who tend to use the park for more passive recreation and table tennis.

Parking - Victorian studies indicate that 'most young people are either driven to skate facilities by mum/dad (36%) or they skate or ride (35.2%)*. These studies also showed that 'most young people said they were prepared to travel 5-10 minutes to get to a skate park (5.6%)' Whilst these figures do not necessarily translate to the current proposal, it would seem reasonable to suggest they would be comparable. As the majority of target users are below driving age, this would mean that a substantial number of young people would need to be driven by parents. Given that Eastwood currently experiences chronic problems with traffic and parking, it is simply not viable to introduce an activity into the area which is likely to attract an increased number of cars.

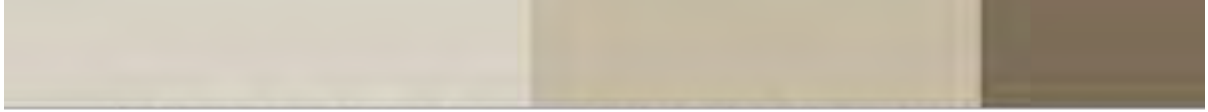
Location - Eastwood is situated on the periphery of the City of Ryde, bordering Parramatta and Hornsby Councils and in a municipality not predominantly serviced by rail. As such, Eastwood is not an easily accessible location for the majority of target users other than those from West Ryde and Meadowbank. In fact, any proposed facility is more likely to attract non-locals from other local council areas.

Co-location - Various reports recommend co-location with existing sport or recreation facilities including the placement of facilities in conjunction with swimming pools and recreation centres which means people are close by in case of emergencies. The advantage of this arrangement is that it is more cost-effective and provides for inspections and reporting of hazards. A facility for boards and bikes adjacent to another sporting venue may allow for the sharing of facilities by clubs and greater participation. An area such as Ryde Pool might be a site that Council could investigate as an alternative.

High value use for existing users - Eastwood Park has been green open space since it was declared a park nearly 100 years ago and is surrounded by a heritage listed grandstand and croquet club and a war memorial. It is currently heavily used for sporting fixtures and there is a limited area available to the community other than a small (inadequate) children's playground which is fully utilised at almost any time of day, particularly by elderly grandparents with toddlers and young children. The proximity of this playground to the proposed skate ramp is a cause of concern because of safety issues and the possibility of young children straying. In the afternoon many high school students also congregate to socialise after school in the area surrounding the library. The placement of a skate ramp would also present a conflict with other park users including pedestrians and require the integration of the facility within existing path networks and circulation routes. The remaining areas of the park are used for passive recreation such as reading, socialising and eating lunch. The proposed facility might be better placed in a central area where there is undeveloped land, which has low value for other users. Proposed high rise development planned for Eastwood will put increased pressure on this

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limited green space. Community open space is at a premium in Eastwood and any encroachment on this limited resource cannot be justified.

I would contend that the siting of a skateboard facility is not viable at Eastwood Park for the reasons outlined above. The limited size of the proposed venue poses real risks for other park users who may be alienated from using the park altogether. Furthermore, the physical limitations of the space are likely to result in the provision of an inferior facility which does not meet the expectations of skateboarders in terms of the level of features and challenges that can be incorporated into the design.



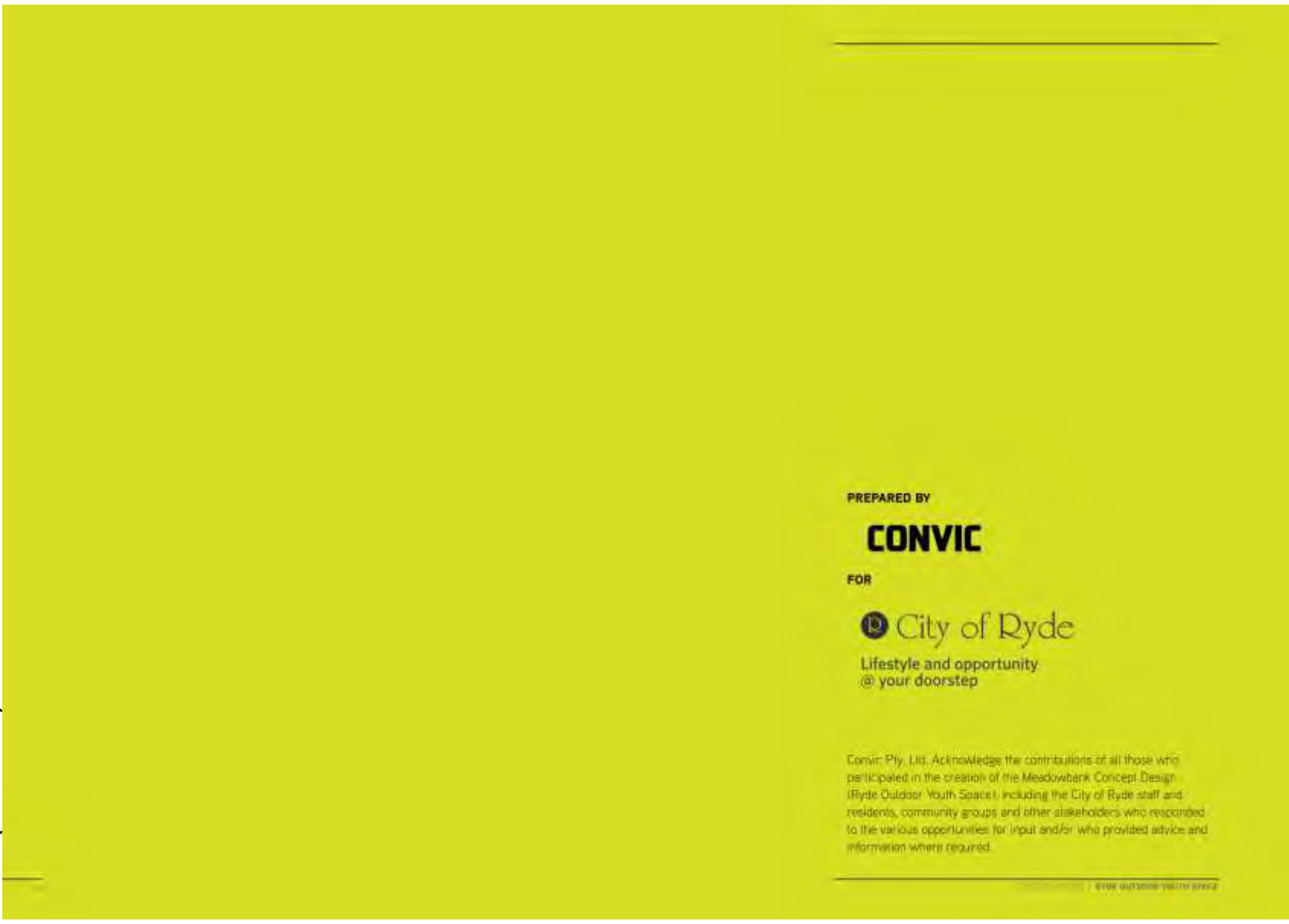
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INTRODUCTION

Corvic have been engaged by City of Ryde to develop a Concept for the future development of a Ryde Outdoor Youth Space.

The Concept will describe what the project includes, the expected benefits the project will provide to the community and the estimated cost to implement the project. Once the first draft (outlined in this report) is complete, the draft will be presented to Council for formal endorsement of the project, allocation of future funding and approval to undertake further community consultation to finalise the Concept.

This report presents the Draft Concept design vision and rationale for design decisions to date. The report represents a culmination of community and stakeholder consultation sessions and site investigations over two selected sites, Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park. The findings and options were presented to City of Ryde staff, the Skate Park Project Working Group for consideration. The preferred site was selected as Meadowbank Park to be developed into the Concept design outlined in this report.



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DESIGN VISION

A design vision was informed by the site assessment findings outlined in the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space Site Selection Report (23.03.17) and Ryde Outdoor Youth Space Pre-design Community Engagement Summary Report (06.04.17), and is as follows;

Meadowbank Park is a large site that offers opportunity for a regional facility in Ryde, a space that both amplifies and adds further value to the existing parkland setting, creating a central social and recreational community hub for young people and the wider community. Meadowbank Park is one of the most significant green spaces within the CoR, addressing the needs for the evolving community. The facility will activate the young people of CoR and embrace youth within this key community space. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants.

The facility should be developed as an all purpose wheeled action sports park as well as wider youth and family activation, to ensure broad community benefit. Relocation of the existing play area will appeal to a younger pre-teen demographic, whilst both social and recreational spaces will increase potential for further youth, parents and guardians, spectators and family activation.

Acknowledging the prominent status of Meadowbank Park, it is important that the facility seamlessly integrates into the park context. The facility will be visually sensitive to its green park context, aesthetic and history.

The park should adopt both a transition and street style of skate for all skill levels and users disciplines, with the capacity for local competitions and events.

The landscape response will be integral to the design to ensure a well integrated facility. Utilising existing and proposed trees will soften the space as well as providing natural shade amenity. It is the general day to day usage that will ensure the development of a safe and well maintained space embraced by the broader community and empowering and igniting the youth of CoR.

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GATEWAYS + CONNECTIVITY

Entry nodes, circulation and connections to and from the facility are defined through a logical hierarchy of spaces. Interactive sculptures create gateway points at both northern corners of the site.

ACOUSTICS

Special attention will be given to the acoustics generated by the new park activity. The facility will utilise landscape treatments, such as planting, earth mounding and screening to reduce acoustic impact of the facility on nearby residents, ensuring that louder activities are focused into the more central areas of the park, with quieter activities and passive use focused around the parks perimeter. Skate based activities are positioned to ensure the standard 50m residential offset is achieved.

SAFETY + SURVEILLANCE

To increase surveillance into the site views will be maintained into the facility and enhanced through the lifting of tree canopies along Constitution Road, providing 3m clear trunks.

Low level shrubs in the north west corner of the site will be lowered to a height of 1m and where necessary removed and replaced with a suitable species selection.

CCTV will be included within the design to provide active ongoing surveillance. Pedestrian level lighting will provide safety at night. A structured maintenance plan and budget will be established as part of the detailed design stage to ensure the space is maintained as a safe and well manicured environment.

Conditions of use signage will be provided at entry points, outlining safety conditions, operational requirements and restrictions of use.

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THEMING

Theming will respond to the existing sites landscape and landscape heritage, taking inspiration from the Parramatta River, with particular exploration into its significant stands of mangrove.

Natural materials and colours will be used to integrate the facility into its setting.

PASSIVE RECREATION

A significant number of users will be local residents, wider park users, parents/guardians and spectators. A focus will be given to integrating the facility holistically and providing wider park amenity, elevating the parks profile for all user types.

To ensure a central community space with comfort for all, the facility offers a number of social opportunities. The provision of areas of refuge and shade through the day is considered, including, picnic and BBQ areas, drinking water, seating, litter bins, and bike racks.

Trees and green space will create formal and informal seating or picnic opportunities, whilst softening the space.

To increase the length of activation throughout the day, the concept provides structured and natural shade for shelter and respite from the sun, particularly for the hotter months of the year. It will also relocate the existing water bubbler for rehydration within these new refuge areas.

Passive recreation will be focused around the edge of the space.

ACTIVE RECREATION

Recreation is provided through a variety of informal active programs including; parkour, climbing, table tennis, gym, skate, hit up wall and relocated play area.

Sport level lighting will be provided, with a sequenced fading system. Functional lighting assists in extending the daily use and activating the space during the summer allowing users to avoid the heat of the day as well as in the winter months when it gets dark within the most popular usage time of 3-7pm.

SKATE TYPOLOGY

Skateboarders are the largest identified user group, so obstacles will aim to address their specific needs. It will, however, include BMX, scooter and all other active wheeled sport, with the design reflecting this mix discipline of user groups.

SKATE SKILL LEVEL

The majority of users were of a beginner to intermediate level, with the skate design reflecting this user skill level. However, it is important to provide a facility that welcomes and caters for all level riders and encourages natural progression of skills, as well as continual user challenge.

SKATE OBSTACLES

Most participants favoured a combination skate style. The design will incorporate both street and transitional style elements. Features favoured by community members included; a flow open bowl, euro gap, kickers, rails, kerb banks and 'hammerhead' bank. A wide variety of creative features will be installed to ensure a unique experience.

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FURTHER ASPIRATIONS

Exploration will be given into providing a safe drop of area within the existing car park area and traffic calming along Constitution Road.

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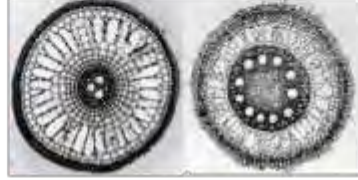
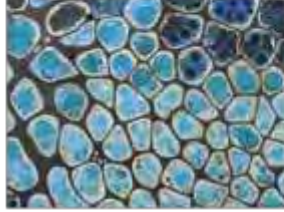
MANGROVE THEMING

Through the design workshop, theming around the Parramatta River and particularly mangroves was identified by the community. This has guided the special layout and character of the facility.

The Parramatta River is home to a number of mangrove forests. Mangroves make up some of the most important natural habitats in the world and are extremely productive ecosystems that provide numerous goods and services both to the marine environment and people. Both the processes and qualities of these complex habitats will help inform the design of the skate and family space at both a macro and micro scale.

Mangroves are home to a rich diversity of animal species including fish, crab, shrimp, and mollusc species. This diversity expresses the aspirations that a collective of different users can come together to create a network of spaces, each supporting one another, making an effectively programmed space within a harmonious environment.

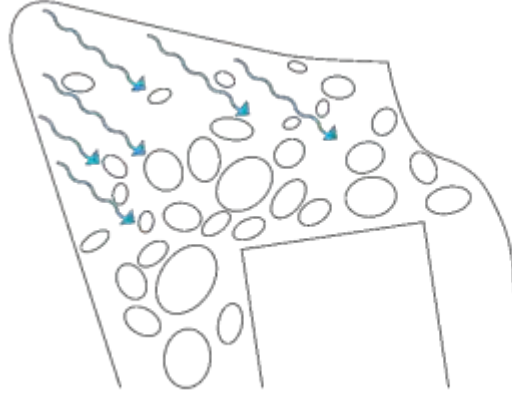
The mangroves serve as safe nurseries for many fish species, which is expressed in the design as a space suitable for all ages, catering for beginner and allowing them to adapt and learn in a safe environment as they advance in skill and confidence. The following pages build the conceptual layers based on this theming.



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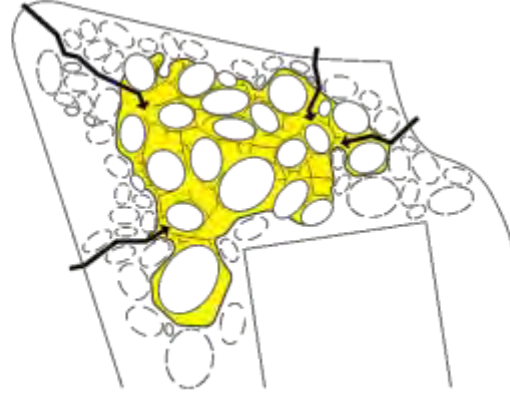
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CONCEPTUAL LAYERS



POPULATE

Travelling with river tides and water currents, buoyant propagules (mangrove seeds) drift and disperse across the site populating to define positive and negative spaces.

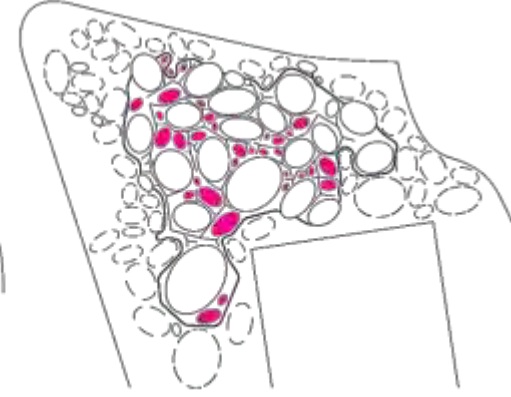


GATEWAYS + CONNECTIVITY

Once in fertile ground these propagules take root defining circulation through the space through a network of informal routes surrounding each space. The 'root routes' are a discovery and designed to reveal the spaces to a visitor little by little, so to induce and encourage a continual experience.

Four primary connections meander through the spaces and provide access to the wider parkland from each corner of the site.

All pedestrian connections will abide to wheelchair access requirements and DDA and Australian standards.



PATTERNATION

Dense root systems establish themselves trapping sediments flowing through the space, helping to stabilise and prevent erosion. It is this collection of particles that define key junction through feature boulders, and a super graphic in the form of concrete surface colour.

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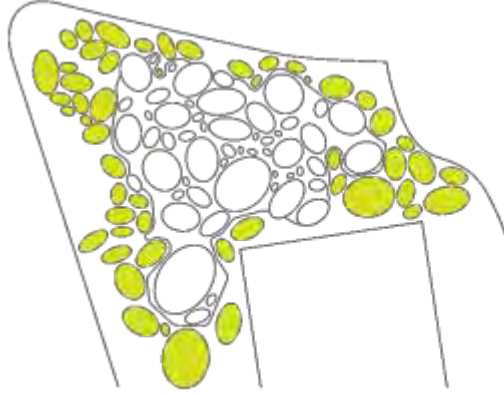
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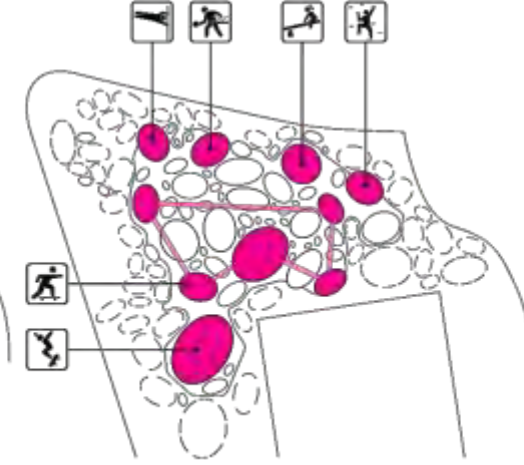
MOUNDING

The ongoing relationship with the tidal landscape and flow of water, reveals itself in an undulating peripheral landscape. These mounds transition between the existing expanse of sports fields to the internal heart of the skate and family space, defines the northern section of Meadowbank Park as a new bold and playful landscape. These turfed mounds soften the space and provide for playing, relaxing and spectating with views in and out of the space.



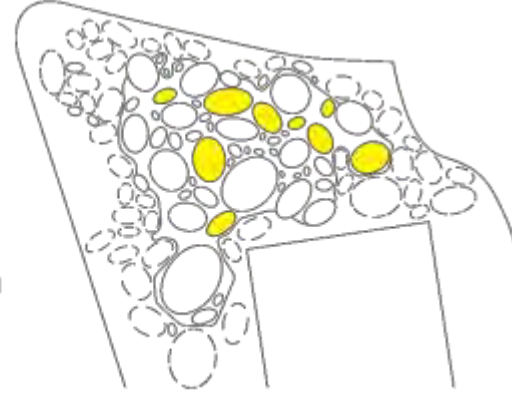
ACTIVE RECREATION

As the structure of the environment appears it becomes more complex in its nature, as species groups (active user groups) populate the internally defined spaces. This provides a focused environment of active recreation including, parkour, table tennis, play, climbing, street skate and skate bowl. Each space is equipped to cater for a unique species (type) of active user.



PASSIVE RECREATION

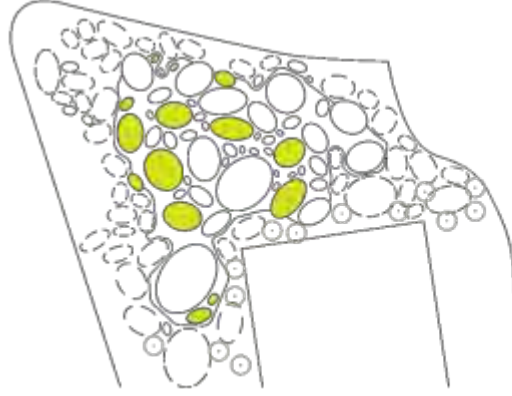
Located amongst the new activity is a mix of interconnected amenity spaces. These encourage the social interaction of users within their discipline and within others. A social habitat fed by the vitality of its nature. Whilst offering more user diversity and interaction, amenity also increases the functionality through provision of refuge, shade, drinking water, seating and litter bins.



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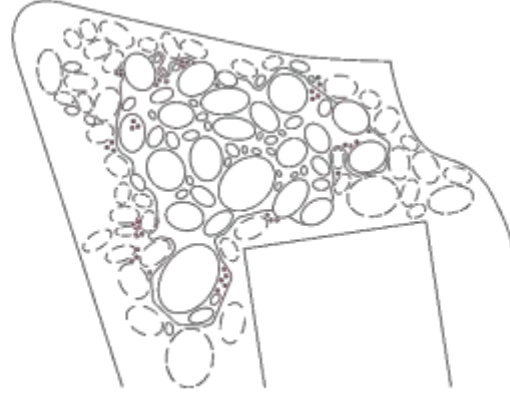
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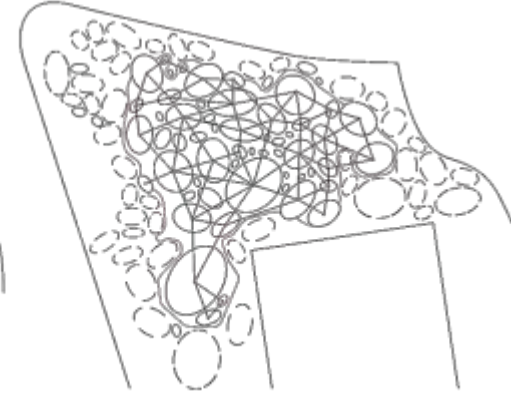
Internal planting integrates the facility within the greater parkland setting. Native low growing plant species are selected and clear stem trees, focused to the south between the facility and the existing sports field, ensure important views are not interrupted.



ART

Pencil/aerial roots sprout up around the space in the form of timber totems in clumped stands.

By working in collaboration with local artists, the totems will provide a canvas to interpret the traditional use of mangroves, on which the traditional owners and custodians of the land held culturally significant.



SKILL NETWORK

Focusing each space internally creates the heart of the facility. A close physical relationship between each program defines a web of activity, each supporting the other.

The diversity of the community and its recreational needs provide a facility that is a central source of knowledge and skill sharing, equipped for workshops and local competitions.

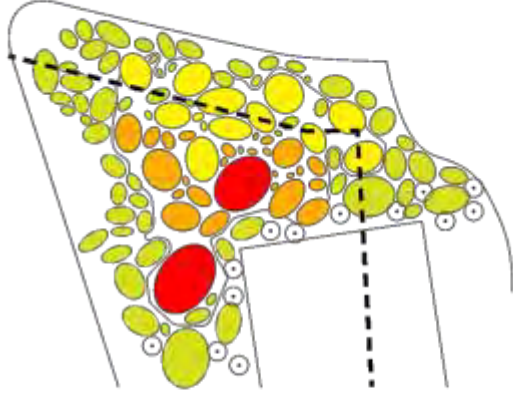
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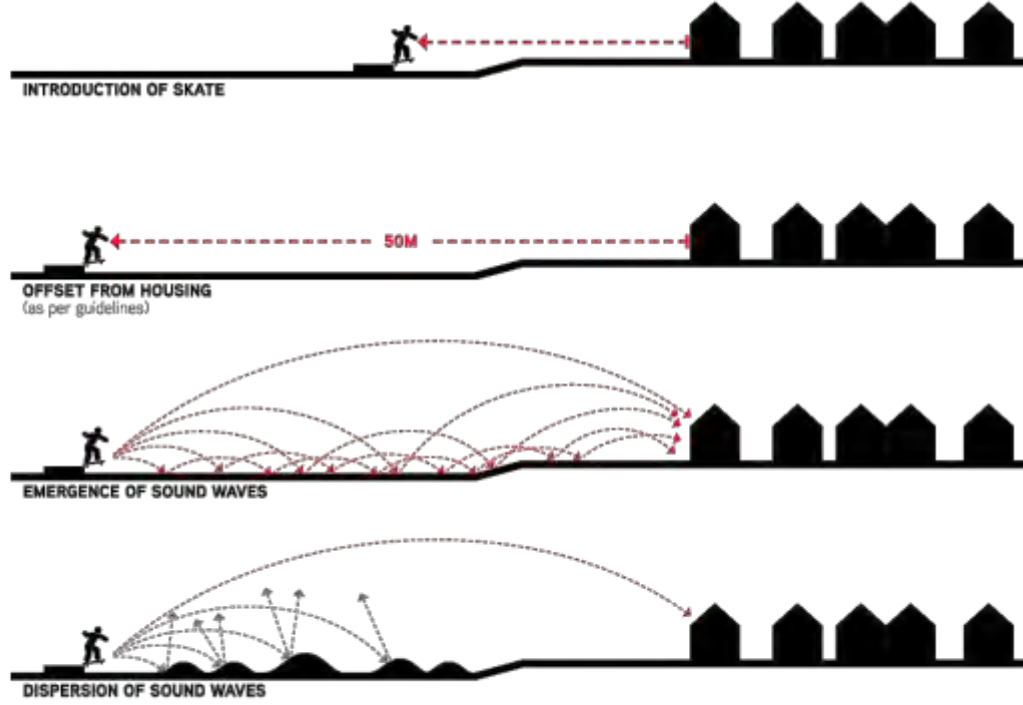
To ensure acoustics does not impact the surrounding residential community a number of techniques have been adopted to disperse generated sound, whilst also plotting these strategically to reduce their impact and position louder noise levels outside the 50m offset as per guidelines.



LEGEND

- Little to no noise level
- Ambient noise level
- Louder noise level
- Noise dispersion (planting or mounding)
- Trees
- 50m residential offset

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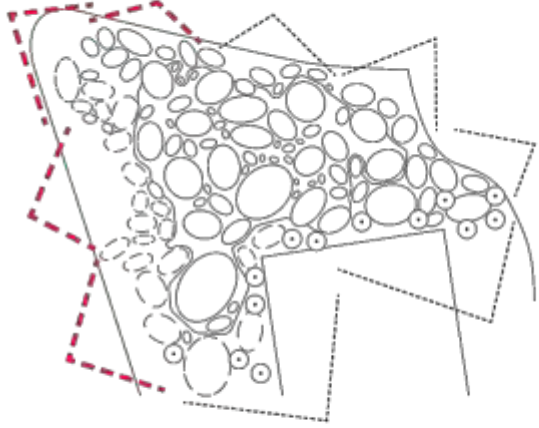


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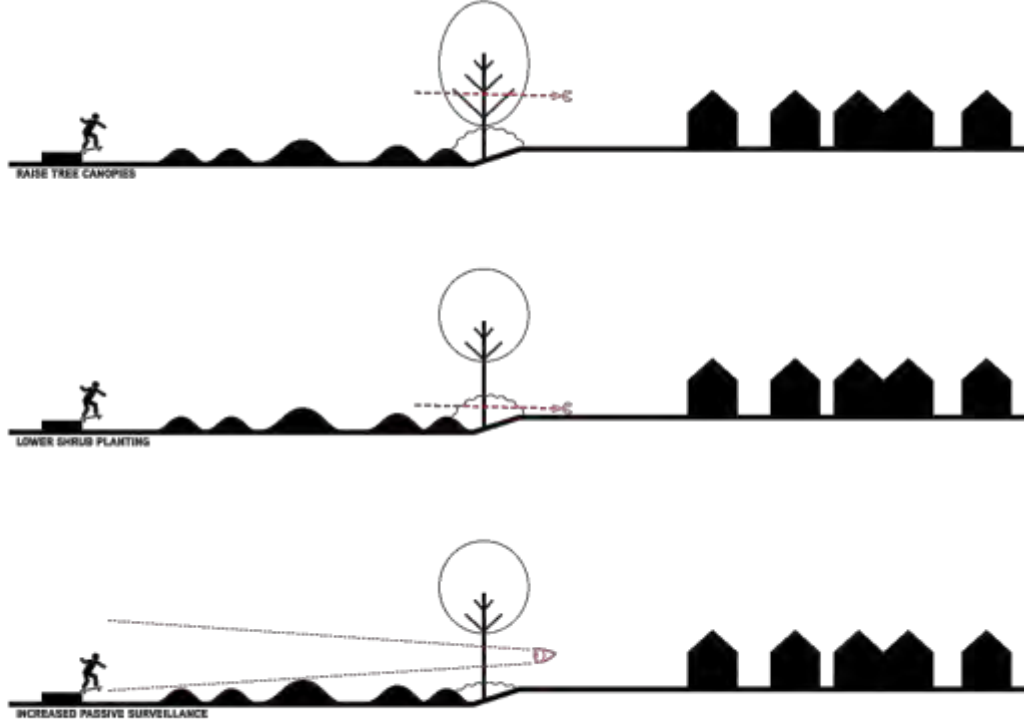
SAFETY + SURVEILLANCE

Site views for surveillance will be maintained and enhanced. All existing trees will be maintained by lifting the canopies providing 3m clear trunks, whilst existing ground cover, particularly in the north west corner of the site will be lowered to a height of 1m and where necessary removed and replaced with a suitable species selection. All new planting will also work with these parameters.



LEGEND

- - - Improved views and natural surveillance
- - - Maintained views and natural surveillance



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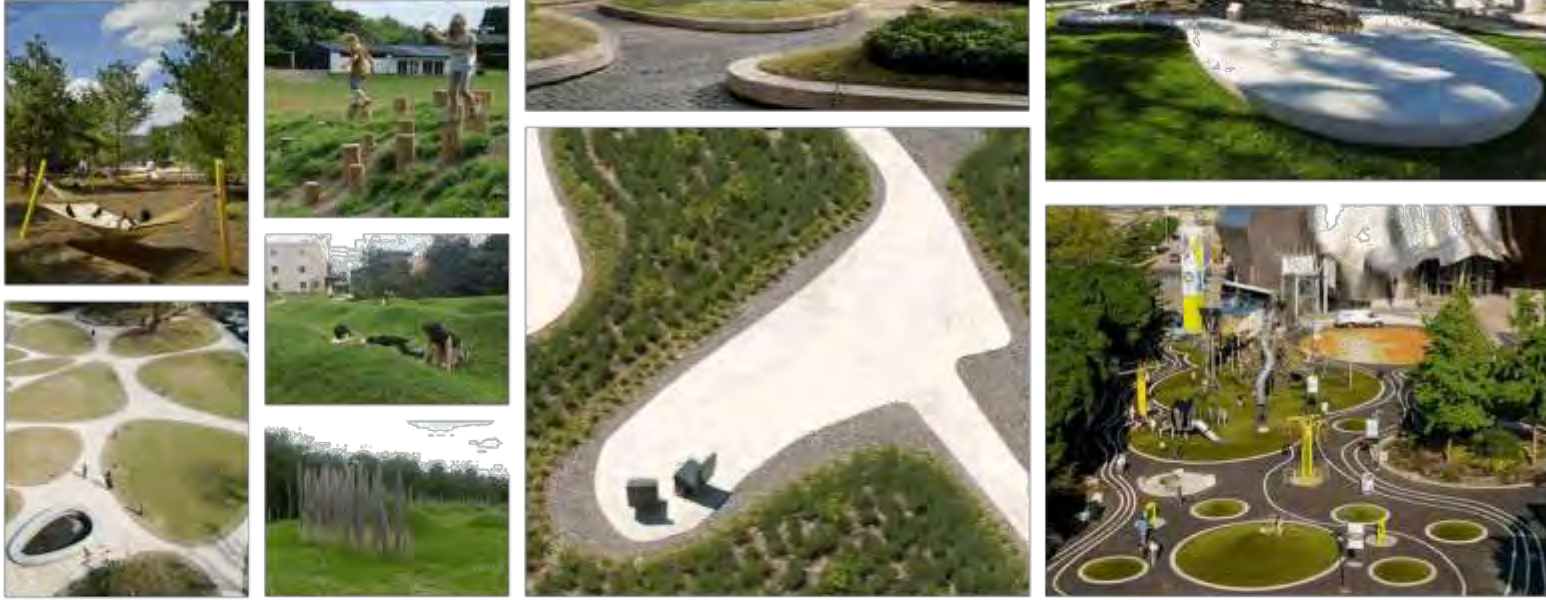
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LANDSCAPE REFERENCE IMAGES

A dynamic and engaging landscape strategy defines the skate and family space and creates an iconic and active destination for the broader community. Organic forms and meandering routes create a playful landscape for all.



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RECREATION REFERENCE IMAGES

Timber totem groves, scattered rocks, burnt corten steel, and natural concrete tones tie together a variety of recreational programs into a seamless skate and family space, suitable for all skill levels and user types.



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MATERIALS + FINISHES

Mangrove wood is resistant to rot and insects, making it extremely valuable. Many indigenous communities rely on this wood for construction material as well as for fuel. Timber as well as other natural materials will be used throughout to integrate the facility into its setting. Natural tones and textural finishes will further enhance its natural sense of place.

1. Concrete edging/walls
2. Earthy concrete tones
3. Feature rocks
4. Skateable brick stencil
5. Compressed Granitic Pavement
6. Corten steel



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FURNITURE

1. Drinking fountain and bottle filler
2. Light weight, all weather shade structures
3. Rock seating clusters
4. Signage
5. Outdoor BBQ
6. Picnic Tables
7. Seating Platforms
8. Lighting



LIGHTING

The lighting palette creates a usable and safe night time space. Achieved through lighting for active sport usability.

Lighting will be strategically positioned to provide an even distribution of light, to mitigate shadows during active use and in skate landing zones. Lighting will be directional with minimal light spray.

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ART INTERPRETATION

The canvas for art interpretation is provided through timber totems positioned in clumped stands around the facility. These echo the pencil roots of the mangrove forests.

Many natural resource products were gathered from mangroves and used by Indigenous peoples for more than 40,000 years. These ecosystems continue to have high cultural significance. Many Indigenous foods are obtained from mangrove environments, including boring bivalves, clams, mud crabs, mangrove worms, and fish. Certain mangrove plants are used as food, like *Avicennia marina* fruit. Mangrove plants are also a source of medicines. For instance, the ashes from burnt *Ceriops australis* and *Camptostemon schultzei* wood is used to heal sores and infections, while the bark of *Avicennia marina* is used to treat stingray stings. Mangrove timber has been used to construct canoes, paddles, spears and boomerangs. The list of such uses is long and diverse.



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PLANTING

The planting responds to the organic nature of the design, providing a soft landscape visual to the more robust qualities of the skate park, and combines a natural landscape character with an urban active space.

The planting is designed to soften the transition from the new facility to the grassed expanses of the existing wider parkland. Plants selected for architectural structure and texture are grouped in organic clumping, providing a dynamic sense of movement and structure reflecting the active nature of the setting.

1. *Angophora costata*
2. *Tristaniopsis laurina*
3. *Lomandra fluviatilis*
4. *Lomandra Verdax*
5. *Casuarina glauca*
6. *Acacia Cognata "Limelight"*
7. *Poa labillardieri*
8. *Westringia fruticosa*
9. *Lepidosperma laterale*
10. *Pimelea linifolia*
11. *Viola hederacea*
12. *Gahnia erythrocarpa*
13. *Dianella revoluta*
14. *Ficinia Nodos*



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CONCLUSION

MOVING FORWARD

As a part of the ongoing design process for the development of the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space, the draft concept design will be presented to Council along with the Site Selection Report and Community Engagement Report for consideration.

Pending the outcome of the Council meeting, it is expected that the draft concept will be followed with the subsequent stages:

- Meet with skate park working group,
- Further stakeholder consultation for design input to finalise design,
- Exhibition of concept on Councils 'Have your say' Page,
- Concept design finalised,
- Tender documentation of detailed design works for construction.

City of Ryde will continue to keep stakeholders and the community updated on the project. Opportunities exist for stakeholders and the community to be involved in the future project design stages.

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Mr George Dedes – Acting General Manager
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25 May 2017

Dear Mr Dedes,

RE: Letter of Support for the Ryde Outdoor Youth Space at Meadowbank Park

Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) Health Promotion supports Meadowbank Park as the preferred location for the development of an inclusive outdoor youth space due to its connection to existing transport and active travel networks, the size and layout of the proposed area and the already high usage of the park facilities by existing users.

NSLHD Health Promotion is committed to ensuring that the built environment has a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of individuals and the wider community. The installation of a skate park precinct in the Ryde Council area will provide both physical and social benefits to those in the local community. Providing infrastructure that supports active recreation will positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of the residents in the City of Ryde.

Benefits – Social and Physical

Skate park precincts offer many benefits to the individuals using the parks as well as to the wider community. For young people, skate parks can be a source of self-expression, fun, challenge and skill development, as well as offering social benefits such as a place to meet new friends¹. It has been found that skateboarding can foster positive and healthy psychosocial development in the areas of concentration, self-expression, sense of belonging and confidence at levels similar to team sports².

Skate parks can also provide constructive places for young people to enjoy. The social capital developed in these settings can sometimes fill voids in other areas of users' lives, where their emotional or physical needs may not be met². Skateboarding also provides potential mental health benefits such as building self-esteem, social competence and respect for others³.

Providing infrastructure that encourages young people to be physically active is an important role that councils play in the health of those in the community. Providing access to places in which young people can use and feel accepted (such as parks, playgrounds and skate parks) can encourage them to be more physically active⁴. It has also been found that providing new skate park facilities can contribute up to a six-fold increase park usage⁵.

Connectivity and Access

¹ Bradley, G., & Stinson, K. (2008). *Skaters' Paradise? A study of Gold Coast City Skate Parks and Their Users*. Report of a Griffith University—Gold Coast City Council Collaborative Research Project, 2008.

² Taylor, M., & Khan, U. (2011). *Skate-Park Builds, Teenaphobia and the Adolescent Need for Hang-Out Spaces: The social utility and functionality of urban skate parks*, *Journal of Urban Design*, 16: 489-510, 2011.

³ Bradley, G. (2010). *Skate Parks as a Context for Adolescent Development*, *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 25: 288, 2010.

⁴ Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, *Parks and Open Spaces: for the health and wellbeing of children and young people*, 2009.

⁵ Cohen, D., Seghal, A., Williamson, S., Marsh, T., Golinelli, D., & McKenzie, T. (2009). *New recreational facilities for the young and the old in Los Angeles: Policy and programming implications*, *Journal of Public Health Policy*, 248-263, 2009.

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NSLHD Health Promotion supports built environmental changes that encourage active transport options including public transport, cycling and walking⁶. It is therefore suggested that Council ensures that appropriate public transport access is provided as well as facilities that support cycling and walking. It is recommended that Transport for NSW be approached during this process regarding the inclusion of an additional bus stop located directly outside the proposed outdoor youth space on Constitution Road, as the nearest transport stops fall outside the recommended 400m (comfortable walking distance) from the proposed facility⁷. It is also suggested that way-finding signage is provided for pedestrians and cyclists from the existing cycling and entrance paths to the outdoor space.

Providing access to the park via walking and cycling paths from surrounding residential areas as well as bicycle storage will be essential. To ensure the facility is accessible, it is recommended that the staggered paths included in the concept design be replaced with a flat and uninterrupted surface. NSLHD also recommends the addition of a pedestrian crossing across Constitution Road to allow local community members safer access to the park. It is suggested that traffic calming infrastructure be included in the design of this pedestrian crossing with a raised crossing and traffic barriers to encourage vehicles to slow down in this area.

Facilities

NSLHD Health Promotion commends the mixed-use design of the outdoor youth space which includes a range of elements such as seating, shade and toilets as they are essential for the creation of a successful and inclusive open space⁸. Incorporating skate parks into the natural and built environment and providing multi-purpose facilities such as playgrounds and sports facilities that cater for a range of activities and abilities is likely to reduce potential for anti-social behaviour and contribute to the park's overall success¹.

NSLHD Health Promotion supports the inclusion of drinking fountains within the park area ensuring that they are placed on accessible paths and are at a height that can be reached by wheelchairs and children under the age of 4.

The placement of the youth space within Meadowbank Park and the proposed plans to improve sight lines throughout the area is commended as evidence suggests that skate parks should also be located in areas that offer natural surveillance⁹ and are centrally located with easy access to public transport⁹.

We commend Council on their proposal to create an outdoor youth space in the City of Ryde and look forward to continuing our collaborative work to support projects that benefit the health, wellbeing and safety of the community. For further information about this submission, please contact Kylie Tekell on Phone 8877 5329 or Email kylie.tekell@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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⁶ Ministry for the Environment. The Value of Density. New Zealand Government. www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/urban/value-urban-design-summary-jun05/hsmi/page6.html


⁷ NSW Department of Health, Healthy Urban Development Checklist, 2009.

⁸ Australian Bureau of Statistics, Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, cat. no. 4901.0, viewed 18 August 2016, <http://www.abs.gov.au/nusstats/nbs@nsf/mf/4901.0>, 2012.

⁹ Woolley, H., & Johns, R., Skateboarding: The City as a Playground, Journal of Urban Design, 6: 211-230, 2001

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**Ryde Outdoor Youth and
Family Recreation Space -
2017**

History of Skate Facilities
in the City of Ryde
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History of skate facilities in the City of Ryde

Community interest in the development of a skate recreational facility within the City of Ryde has been a subject of discussion, investigation and contention for over 30 years. Throughout this time, Council, CoR staff and stakeholders have invested considerable time and financial resources in an effort to find a suitable and balanced solution for this planned community asset.

The following information summarises the 32 year history of reports, Council resolutions, studies, groups formed and community engagement in relation to the establishment of skate recreational facilities within the City of Ryde LGA.

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| 1985 | - Council resolution for a youth space in Ryde. |
| 1990's | - Skate park constructed within Ivanhoe Estate. (This skate park was poorly sited with limited to no passive surveillance, has reached its useful life and is scheduled for removal as part of the redevelopment of Ivanhoe Estate and the Shrimptons Creek Corridor Project). |



Photo 1: Ivanhoe Estate Skate Park – Constructed in 1990 concrete plaza style

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| 2006 | - Development Application lodged for construction of a skate facility at Meadowbank Park. Following community consultation 364 submissions were received in favour of the project and 20 against. Due to the concerns raised by the objectors the DA was withdrawn. |
| 2009 | - Initiated discussion with Hunters Hill Council regarding a joint skate facility |
| 2010 | - Gladesville Skate Park opened in Hunters Hill LGA |

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Photo 2: Gladesville Skate Park – Constructed 2010 in Hunters Hill LGA

- Skate Park feasibility study undertaken as instigated by a Council resolution. The top five sites / options were as follows:
 1. Eastwood Park, Eastwood.
 2. Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank.
 3. Waterloo Park, Marsfield.
 4. Wilga Reserve, Macquarie Park.
 5. Blenheim Park, North Ryde.
- 517 people surveyed as part of community consultation. 76% in favour of Meadowbank Park.
- Feasibility report for a controlled facility at RALC presented to Council. The study reviewed 5 locations within Olympic Park, with no locations determined suitable. The report recommended utilising the site selection criteria to assess other areas within the Ryde LGA.
- Unsuccessful discussions held with Macquarie University to construct a free to access facility. The University's preference was and remains an indoor managed facility.
- February 2012 - Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference expanded to include wheeled sports. Renamed to Sport and Recreational and Wheel Sports Advisory Committee
- May 2015 - Council resolved to establish a Skate Park Working Group (SPWG) consisting of Councillors, Council staff, and community members including local skateboarders, a member from St Andrews Soccer Club and Ryde Youth Council. Hunters Hill Council accepted invitation to join the SPWG and indicated support for the development of a new facility within the City of Ryde.
- September 2015 - Council officers review previous reports and recommendations and identify sites within the LGA to establish a skate facility.
- The SPWG review potential sites with respect to; proximity to public transport and shops; passive surveillance; existing site use; lighting; and scale of the space available. The SPWG shortlist locations to nine sites. The sites nominated are:
 - Eastwood Park – adjacent to lower oval
 - Glen Reserve

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- Meadowbank Park – near Constitution Rd
 - Meadowbank Park – near netball courts
 - Olympic Park
 - Ryde Park – near intersection of Blaxland Rd & Princes St
 - Trafalgar Reserve
 - Waterloo Park
 - Wilga Park
- October 2015
 - Council officers assess the SPWG's nominated sites against proximity to schools, parking, public transport, shops, park facilities, surrounding residents and passive surveillance opportunities.
 - The SPWG considers the assessment and further shortlist suitable sites to five locations in four parks and allocates timeframes for potential development as follows:
 - Eastwood Park – adjacent to lower oval
 - 2-3years
 - Meadowbank Park – near Constitution Rd
 - 2-3years
 - Meadowbank Park – near netball courts
 - 2-3years
 - Olympic Park
 - 5-10years
 - Ryde Park – near intersection of Blaxland Rd & Princes St
 - 5-10years
- November 2015
 - Council resolves to "give no further consideration to Eastwood Park" (Council meeting 17 November 2015).
 - Resulting from the resolution, concept designs were developed by Enlocus for:
 - Meadowbank Park – near Constitution Rd
 - Olympic Park
 - Ryde Park
- February 2016
 - The SPWG reviews the three concept designs and provide comments to Council Officers. The SPWG outlines that a new facility should include multi-use outdoor court/s, spaces for families to relax, event spaces, and passive recreation opportunities.
- May 2016
 - A Councillor Workshop was held with the analysis of the SPWG tabled to Councillors. Councillors noted that:
 - Noise and proximity to residents need to be considered.
 - Council officers to investigate noise attenuation buffers around skate parks.
 - The skate facility needs to be more than just skateboarding. It should be collocated with other facilities such as basketball, picnic and BBQ facilities, viewing areas, shade and general landscape amenity.
 - Meadowbank Park had been considered in 2006 and 2010 and why was the site being revisited.
 - Council officers had again identified this site due to favourable site analysis including colocation with other facilities; soccer, cricket net; available parking; access to public transport, good visibility

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- from Constitution Road
- Eastwood Park be reconsidered as a suitable location. (this was not the view of all Councillors)
 - May 2016 - Council officers set up a meeting with St Andrews Football Club to discuss the outcomes of the Councillor Workshop.
 - June 2016 - Council officers met with St Andrews Football Club to discuss their concerns regarding the establishment of a facility at Eastwood Park.
 - St Andrews Football Club expressed their support for a facility if it did not compromise the current use of the Eastwood Park lower oval.
 - July 2016 - The SPWG propose recommendations to Council that:
 - *Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park proceed to community consultation for the development of an outdoor youth recreation area at both parks.*
 - *Olympic Park and Ryde Park be considered at a later time subject to additional works being undertaken.*
 - September 2016 - Report tabled to Works and Community Committee on Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Spaces - creation of youth precincts.
 - September 2016 - Council considers report tabled at the Works and Community Committee Meeting and moves four resolutions in relation to the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space.
**resolutions are noted in the following section*
 - December 2016 - Convic Pty Ltd engaged to undertake consultation with the community and stakeholders regarding the location and design of an outdoor youth and family recreation facility within Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park.
 - February to May 2017 - Convic with the support of CoR staff undertake community consultation as per above. Convic undertake site analysis of Meadowbank Park and Eastwood Park. Convic develop preliminary concept plan incorporating community feedback from initial consultation.
 - June 2017 - Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space Report prepared for Council consideration.

Council Resolutions: 2015 - present

2015 - Creation of the Skate Park Working Group.

At its meeting on 12 May 2015, Council resolved the following;

- (a) *That in a further demonstration of Council's scale and capacity (Fit for the Future), the General Manager prepare a report to Council on options to expand or enhance the Ryde/Gladesville Skate Park.*
- (b) *That Hunters Hill Council be invited to participate in a joint working party to discuss options for expansion/enhancement of the facility and the establishment of a joint annual skate boarding competition.*
- (c) *That the working party also explore options for the establishment of a new (regional) skate park facility elsewhere in the City of Ryde.*

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- (d) *That this matter be taken into consideration during the preparation of the City of Ryde Sports and Recreation Strategy in 2015.*

2015 - Naming of Lower Eastwood Oval

At its meeting on 17 November 2015, a representation was made during the Council meeting concerning the location of a skate facility at Eastwood Park and that it may compromise the functionality of Eastwood Park lower sporting field. Resulting from that representation, Council resolved, in part;

- (c) *That the Eastwood St Andrews Football Club be advised that Council will give no further consideration to a skate park at the Eastwood Park.*

As noted in the history, Council officers met with St Andrews Football Club to discuss their concerns regarding the establishment of a facility at Eastwood Park. It is noted that St Andrews Football Club expressed their support for a facility if it did not compromise the current use of the Eastwood Park lower oval.

2016 - Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space – Creation of Youth Precincts

At its meeting on, 27 September 2016, Council resolved:

- a) *That Council endorse the recommendation of the Skate Park Working Group with the selection of Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park for further investigation.*
- b) *That Council endorse undertaking consultation with the community and stakeholders regarding the location and design of an outdoor youth and family recreation facility within Eastwood Park and Meadowbank Park.*
- c) *That after the community consultation, an implementation plan be prepared for the most appropriate site so that the facility can be delivered as soon as practical and the plan be reported to Council.*
- d) *That Council write to NSW Health NSW Police inviting them to continue to participate in the development of these project and thank them for their submissions.*

4 GRANT FUNDING - ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES - TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Report prepared by: Traffic Engineer, Traffic Transport & Development
File No.: GRP/09/3/14 - BP17/526

REPORT SUMMARY

This report advises Council of funding approval from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for investigation and planning of traffic control signals at Constitution Road and Railway Parade, Meadowbank under the State Government's 'Active Transport Program'. It recommends that Council accepts this additional grant from RMS under Council's Traffic and Transport Program in 2016/17.

Council sought and was granted \$50,000 for an additional project under the 2016/17 Active Transport Program. This project was identified in the Meadowbank Employment Area Traffic Needs Assessment report.

Upon approval of the traffic signal plan by RMS, Council will seek funding from RMS for its construction through an associated grant application for the subsequent financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council accepts the grant funding of \$50,000 from RMS.
- (b) That the funding received from the RMS be consolidated as an income and increased program expenditure budget within the 2017/18 Traffic and Transport Program.

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- 1 Roads and Maritime Services - Active Transport - Funding Letter - Meadowbank Traffic Signals

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Discussion

Active Transport Program

RMS provided project funding under the Active Transport Program to Councils for the 2016-2017 financial year. The Active Transport Program funds jointly planned and delivered mobility programs which contribute to the NSW State Plan 2021 to increase the number of walking trips in the Greater Sydney area.

Council has received approval from RMS (**ATTACHMENT**) for this additional project under the RMS Active Transport Program for the 2016-2017 financial year.

The design and feasibility of traffic signals at the intersection of Constitution Road Railway Road and Meadowbank is currently being investigated by Council staff in conjunction with RMS and Sydney Buses, with a view to improve the interaction between vehicles and pedestrians during peak periods.

Signalisation of the Constitution Road and Railway Road intersection will enable the currently uncontrolled pedestrian flow across Railway Road to be managed more effectively and thus address the localised congestion issue that presently occurs during commuter peak periods.

One of the key requirements that the traffic signal design must accommodate is the turning path movements that STA buses presently undertake at this intersection. RMS concurrence for the concept design must be obtained before the detailed design stage of the project can commence.

Upon satisfactory agreement with RMS regarding the proposed detailed design, Council will seek funding for its construction from RMS through an appropriate grant application for the subsequent financial year.

Financial Implications

Project Description	Project Cost	RMS Funding Offered	Funding Ratio
Constitution Road and Railway Road, Meadowbank – Investigation and Planning of TCS	\$100,000	\$50,000	50%
Total Funding Offered: \$50,000			

The \$50K funding will be matched by Council and will be allocated from the Traffic & Transport Program.

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30 March 2017

General Manager
City of Ryde Council
Locked Bag 2069
North Ryde NSW 1670

Attention: Roy Newsome

Dear Newsome

2016-17 Additional Project – Active Transport Program

Roads and Maritime Services values our partnership with Local Government to plan and deliver infrastructure projects in our communities.

We are pleased to advise you that your Council has been successful in gaining funding for the following project for the 2016-17 financial year. This is great news and we look forward to working with you to deliver these projects and the benefits they bring to your community.

Program	Project WBS	Project Description	2016-17 Funding Offered
Pedestrian Facilities	P.0023155	Constitution Rd and Railway Rd, Meadowbank Investigation and planning of TCS	\$50,000

Council should note that grant funding does not imply that projects are automatically approved for construction. Project proponents must still undertake consultative and approval processes with Roads and Maritime and other approval authorities, as required.

This letter also documents the procedures Roads and Maritime and Council must follow if funding to Councils is to be maintained in accordance with RMS *Financial Arrangements with Councils for Road Management* (see internet page Local Government Relations under www.rms.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/igr/index.html). Roads and Maritime has a considerable amount of funds invested in a range of traffic, safety and active transport projects that are to be delivered by Councils. As a consequence, both Roads and Maritime and Councils need to adhere to this process and the schedule for the effective delivery of these projects under the various programs.

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The key requirements that Council must adhere to as part of its acceptance of project funding are outlined below, with further detail and key dates provided in Attachments A and B.

1. Council provides written acceptance of funding (Attachments C and D)
2. Council provides detailed design and cost estimate
3. Council submits monthly status reports
4. Council attends meetings established to discuss progress on this project (where required)
5. Council submits invoices and evidence of work completed
6. All physical works completed by 30 June 2017
7. Any variations to scope or cost must be discussed and approved by Roads and Maritime before starting construction of the project.
8. Council accepts ongoing maintenance of completed asset (once constructed)

Roads and Maritime looks forward to working with Council to successfully delivering the 2016-17 program of works.

Attachments:

- A. Key requirements for approval of funding
- B. Key Milestones/Dates
- C. Council acceptance of funding
- D. Council initial financial forecast and Key Milestone Dates

Please complete Attachments C and D and return a signed copy of each to Roads and Maritime by Friday 14 April 2017.

Via email: Sydney.Traffic.Safety.Programs@rms.nsw.gov.au

For any further enquiries about information in this letter please contact Roads and Maritime A/Program Delivery Manager, Peta Smith.

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Yours sincerely

 07/04/17

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Attachment A – Key Requirements for Approval of Funding

Key requirements for funding

There are several compliance phases throughout the life of a project that need to be adhered to if funding is to be offered and maintained. The performance of Council against these compliance phases will be monitored and reported on by Roads and Maritime.

1. Council acceptance of funds and Council project / program plan

Council must notify Roads and Maritime that they will accept the funding offered by Roads and Maritime by **14 April 2017**. If Council requires more time to process the funding approval they should advise Roads and Maritime before this date. Council is required to submit "*Council acceptance of Roads and Maritime funding*" form when accepting the funds offered by Roads and Maritime (Attachment C).

In addition to the acceptance Council should also submit the financial forecast sheet (Attachment D) for the 2016-17 financial year.

In accepting an allocation for projects that are funded under 50/50 arrangements Council has then confirmed that their share of the costs of the projects is committed to and these projects will be delivered under that basis.

Funding may be re-allocated to other Councils where the signed acceptance letter and a completed financial forecast are not returned by the due date.

2. Completion of design and estimate

Should there be any variation to cost or scope of the project, details of the variation must be submitted in writing to Roads and Maritime for assessment and approval, preferably prior to commencement of construction.

If Roads and Maritime will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of any part of the project, Council must ensure that Roads and Maritime reviews and provides formal approval of the plans prior to the commencement of construction by Council.

Council is required to undertake public consultation and meet all WHS requirements for each project, including any duties that relate to the construction or commissioning of a structure. Projects must be constructed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards, Austroads Guidelines and Roads and Maritime Supplements.

Council is responsible to undertake a Road Safety Audit, if required, under *Guidelines for Road Safety Audit Practices* for all funded projects and address all corrective actions. Any audits must be undertaken by an accredited and independent audit team.

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3. Council monthly reporting

Every month through the 2016-17 financial year Council shall submit a report that includes all projects detailed in this letter and its attachments. In the event other projects are funded throughout the year then these must be added to the monthly report.

A report template will be provided to Council following their acceptance of the funds and return of Attachments C and D.

The monthly report includes:

- The program and project numbers for each project along with a description / scope of each project in accordance with that funded proposal.
- Details of the progress of all works including submission of design and cost estimate to Roads and Maritime, and the start and completion dates of construction.
- Cost estimation / actuals as follows:
 - Actual costs for each month prior to the current reporting month.
 - Actual costs for reporting month including an estimate for the value of works to be completed to the end of the month.
 - Forecast for each month after the reporting month to the end of the financial year.
 - Note that the cost estimate represents the works completed, not when Council receives invoices. Also, Council should be aware that this forecasting process does not generate payment, and is separate from invoicing.
- Risks, mitigations and comments on each project. Comments should be detailed enough to give an accurate view as to the current status of the project.
- Work Health Safety (WHS) occurrences (any events or conditions that resulted in or had the potential to result in a noteworthy amount of damage or injury including any notifiable incidents).

Monthly reports shall be provided by no later than the dates in the attached schedule (Attachment B). A report is still required to be submitted even if there has been no change to the previous month – in this case it should be noted that there is no change.

Please email monthly reports to: Sydney.Traffic.Safety.Programs@rms.nsw.gov.au

4. Invoicing

It is preferred that invoices are kept to a minimum where possible with only a final invoice to be submitted for most projects. Council may contact the Roads and Maritime Program Delivery Manager to discuss the option of progress payments if required.

Council must submit a Tax invoice (not a RCTI) seeking payment from Roads and Maritime. The Tax invoice should not include GST. Evidence of works completed must be submitted with the invoice. Evidence must include submission of a signed completion report, photos or other documentation.

5. Project finalisation

All physical works should be completed by 30 June 2017. The final tax invoice and completion report are to be submitted as soon as practicable after completion. **Note that any approved allocated funding not spent prior to 30 June 2017 will lapse.** Roads and Maritime will only pay for actual and completed works at this date and is unable to pay bills for any incomplete project works not billed at this date. No project funds will be rolled over to the next financial year. On completion of the works the Roads and Maritime Program Delivery Manager will arrange for a site inspection of the works, prior to payment of the final invoice.

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6. Scope changes / variations

Any change of scope, including time or cost, for projects **MUST** be discussed as soon as possible with the Roads and Maritime Program Delivery Manager. Council must formally request and detail in writing the proposed scope changes to the Program Delivery Manager. No works are to commence prior to receiving written approval for the change of scope from Roads and Maritime and a revised forecast is agreed to in writing. Note that a change of scope may result in a revised funding allocation and the merits of the project may be re-assessed against other priority projects.

7. Ongoing maintenance

Council will be responsible for the maintenance of all completed assets except for the following:

- Traffic signals.
- Any asset where Roads and Maritime has formally accepted ownership and maintenance liability in writing.

For Roads and Maritime to accept ownership/maintenance of an asset, the asset must be designed and constructed in accordance with all Roads and Maritime specifications / requirements.

9. Work Health and Safety

Council will comply with WHS Laws (*Work Health and Safety Act 2011, Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*).

Council acknowledges that under WHS Laws, it has a primary duty of care to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable:

- the health and safety of workers, and
- that the health and safety of others is not put at risk from the works.

Council acknowledges and agrees to consult, cooperate and coordinate with other relevant persons about matters relating to shared risks and the health, safety and welfare of the workers.¹

Council will have a system in place to manage work health and safety risks that is sufficiently resourced and implemented.

If a notifiable incident occurs, the Council must notify:

- SafeWork NSW (formerly WorkCover) immediately, and
- Roads and Maritime within 24 hours

Council will exercise due diligence in the selection of workers to carry out works and impose the requirements set out above, to the extent possible.

Roads and Maritime looks forward to working with Council to successfully deliver the 2016-17 financial year program of works.

¹ For more information on duties and consultation please refer to the SafeWork NSW website at www.safework.nsw.gov.au

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Attachment B – Key Milestones / Dates

Milestone	Submission Date
Council accepts funding and provides initial forecast for 2016-17	14 April 2017
April 2017 monthly report	21 April 2017
May 2017 monthly report	22 May 2017
June 2017 monthly report	23 June 2017
Completion of milestone works for all projects	30 June 2017
Submission of completion reports and final invoices	30 June 2017

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Attachment C – Council acceptance of funding

2016-17 Financial Year

Council hereby accepts RMS funding for the following list of projects:

Program	Project WBS	Project Description	2016-17 Project Cost	2016-17 Funding Offered
Pedestrian Facilities	TBA	Constitution Rd and Railway Rd, Meadowbank Investigation and planning of TCS	\$50,000	\$50,000

Council confirms acceptance of Roads and Maritime funding on the terms and conditions outlined in the RMS funding letter and attachments which detail the Roads and Maritime funding program requirements for 2016-17.

- Council has committed its share of the cost of the project for all 50/50 funded projects
- Council will complete all necessary planning, design, road safety audit, public consultation, WHS considerations and environmental assessment for each of the projects.
- Council will construct the project in accordance with the submitted project plan and endeavour to meet all specified completion dates noted in the Roads and Maritime letter and attached notes.
- Council will submit a monthly financial and milestone report.
- Roads and Maritime will only pay for actual and completed works and is unable to pay bills for any incomplete project works. No funds will be rolled over to the next financial year.

General Manager Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

Please retain a copy of this funding acceptance letter for Council records.

Attachment D – Initial financial forecast and Key Milestone Dates

Please provide an initial financial forecast of the expected dollar value and key milestone dates in the tables below.

Monthly reports will also be required to be completed via a supplied spreadsheet and must include an estimate of the cost of works to be completed up to the end of the current month for Roads and Maritime accrual purposes. This does not generate payment and is separate from invoicing. Forward months should show a forecasted figure of expected work completed.

Financial Forecast

Please provide an initial financial forecast of the amount offered for value of works to be completed for the year against each project in the table below.

Program	Project WBS	Project Description	Funding Offered	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017
Pedestrian Facilities	TBA	Constitution Rd and Railway Rd, Meadowbank Investigation and planning of TCS	\$50,000			

Milestone Dates

Please provide key milestone dates for each of council projects as outlined below.

Program	Project WBS	Project Description	Planning/ Concept Design	Detailed Design	Commence Construction	Finish Construction and Open for Use
Pedestrian Facilities	TBA	Constitution Rd and Railway Rd, Meadowbank Investigation and planning of TCS				

"I have the authority to complete the monthly financial report on behalf of Council":

Ryde City Council

Name:

Title:

Contact Number:

Signature:

5 ANNUAL WASTE STATUS REPORT

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Waste
File No.: GRP/09/3/14 - BP17/589

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to update Council on the status of the waste collection and disposal services after being in operation since 2015. It also lists the varied and expanded levels of service our Council offers the residents of Ryde to minimise disposal at landfill and maximise recycling.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive and note the Waste Status Report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Report Approved By:

Glenn Davis
Acting Manager - Business Infrastructure

Joe So
Acting Director - City Works and Infrastructure

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Background

Suez Environment commenced providing waste and recycling collection within the City of Ryde on 1 May 2015. The contract is for a seven (7) year period with a two (2) + one (1) year extension due for review on 30 April 2022 for the extension. Suez also won and commenced the contract for the Disposal and Processing of Garden Organics, while VISY won and commenced the contract for Processing of Recyclables for the same period.

Council resolved to participate in a Joint Regional Waste Disposal Contract Tender with 5 NSROC Councils (Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, Willoughby, Ku-rin-gai & Ryde) for disposal of household waste and clean-up, which commenced on 1 December 2015. This contract provided Council with the opportunity to maximise waste diversion rates, as well as have the ability to divert waste from landfill to meet the EPA waste avoidance targets through alternate waste processing technologies. McLachlan Lister was engaged to manage the Regional Contract on behalf of the 5 Councils, which has since changed its name to HKA in March 2017.

The table below outlines the achievements of the Waste Section over the past year.

Service	Program Description	Outcomes
Domestic Collection Service	<p>Council provides a standard service of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 140L waste bin serviced weekly • 240L recycling bin serviced fortnightly • 240L greenwaste serviced fortnightly • Access to up to 5 household clean up collections <p>Residents also have access to the below services depending on their needs: Eco Service – 80L waste Premium Service – 240L waste</p> <p>Multi-unit developments utilise 240L and 1100L waste bins on a shared basis based on the above.</p> <p>A number of households have an additional greenwaste and/or</p>	<p>As at 1 May 2017 there are 45,647 domestic rateable properties, which is an increase of 1,407 rateable properties receiving a waste service since the beginning of the current contract.</p> <p>129 Households have taken up the Eco Service while 259 household utilise the Premium Service.</p> <p>As at 1 May, 2017 46% of rateable properties are multi-unit dwellings utilising a shared bin service. 347 single dwelling properties have additional recycle bins and 584 single dwelling</p>

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	<p>recycling bin which are offered at a reduced rate to encourage waste diversion.</p>	<p>properties have additional greenwaste bins.</p>																								
<p>Disposal Statistics</p>	<p>Council have committed to reduce waste going to landfill in accordance with EPA guidelines.</p> <p>Council updates its waste reduction and education programs to encourage residents to do recycle right and reduce waste to meet the outcomes of Council's adopted Waste Management Strategy</p> <p>Tonnages are slowly increasing due to the steady rise in new large scale developments. Unfortunately due to increased number of CALD residents living in multi-unit developments the total waste per capita has increased by 3 kg per resident.</p> <p>Garden organics tonnages are highly dependent on the weather conditions with an increase showing due to the high amount of rainfall over the year.</p> <p>We are also seeing a drop in recycling tonnages due to trends towards media production e.g. newspapers, increasingly being online and the weight of plastic and glass bottles reducing.</p> <p>Council are measuring waste reduction based on the amount of waste disposed per capita rather than % diverted from landfill.</p>	<p>Tonnages Collected</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>2015</u></th> <th><u>2016</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Waste</td> <td>21,820</td> <td>24,019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clean-up</td> <td>3,008</td> <td>2,594</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recycle</td> <td>10,546</td> <td>9,836</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G/Waste</td> <td>9,913</td> <td>10,953</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Kilograms per Capita</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2015</th> <th>2016</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Waste</td> <td>219</td> <td>222</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recycle</td> <td>180</td> <td>174</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	Waste	21,820	24,019	Clean-up	3,008	2,594	Recycle	10,546	9,836	G/Waste	9,913	10,953		2015	2016	Waste	219	222	Recycle	180	174
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Pre-Booked Household Clean Up	<p>The new collection contract saw the introduction of a change in the household clean-up collection from a scheduled collection every 10 weeks to a pre-booked collection. This provides a more flexible service for residents as well as meeting outcomes in the Waste Management Strategy to reduce illegal dumping and littering.</p> <p>In general, the pre-booked service has been well received, with the streets of Ryde being a lot cleaner and with the ability to better manage and reduce illegal dumping incidences.</p> <p>A survey was undertaken in 2016 for residents who have made a booking to provide feedback on their clean-up collection experience. The feedback from residents was primarily positive due to the flexibility for residents to book when they required and the ease of the booking service while the unsatisfactory customer feedback was mainly directed at the lack of ability for waste to be picked up by scavengers and the 2 week booking timeframe, which is required to get the relevant stickers and letters out.</p> <p>Clean Up bookings for multi-unit dwellings are managed through the strata managers or building caretakers. Initially this was not well received by the strata managers however, they have settled in and the process is working well. They are able to more efficiently manage the incidence of illegal dumping from tenants moving out. Capturing email addresses in the bookings assist Council to maintain a Strata Managers database to assist in distributing educational material.</p>	<p>Statistics</p> <p>Number of Bookings 2015-16 26,500</p> <p>Total Tonnes 2014-15 3,008 2015-16 2,594</p> <p>Survey Results</p> <p>Participation Surveys Sent 8,241 Completed 1,442 Participation Rate 18%</p> <p>Service Booking Method Online 55% Over the phone 35% Both 8% No response 2%</p> <p>78% of responses were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall pre-booked service</p> <p>Customer satisfaction of: Phone Booking 91% Online Booking 93% Collection process 89% Cleaner Streets 70%</p>

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Service	Program Description	Outcomes
Household Computer & Television Collection (E-waste)	<p>Council offers an pre-booked household e-waste collection service from the kerbside which assists in eliminating computers, computing accessories and televisions from landfill.</p> <p>A free drop-off service is also available at the Ryde Resource Recovery Centre in North Ryde. This service is provided as part of the National TV and Computer Strategy.</p>	<p>A total of approximately 49 tonnes was collected during 2015-16 via the at call service, the drop-off service and through the E-Waste challenge provided through schools. This has remained steady.</p>
Commercial Waste Service	<p>Council provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 240L waste and co-mingled recycling collection service 5 days per week; • 660L, 1100L and 3000L waste service 3 days per week; • paper recycling service twice per week and • 240L greenwaste service fortnightly <p>With the introduction of the new collection contract, the commercial billing system changed to a set charge per quarter based on the number of bins and the number of services.</p>	<p>Based on January to December 2016 Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 800 commercial customers • Over 70,000 x 240L waste lifts • Over 33,000 x 240L recycle and greenwaste lifts • Over 4,000 x Bulk waste lifts • Almost 3,000 x Bulk recycle lifts <p>Although there has been a minor decrease in the total number of customers over the year, there has been a 25% increase in the number of bulk waste and recycling lifts.</p> <p>There was a 10% increase in the annual income from the previous period</p>
Second Hand Saturday	<p>Council encourages residents to reduce their clean up collection by holding a Second Hand Saturday/garage sale. Council promotes the locations in the local paper and the council website, as well as supplying posters for residents to use for advertising.</p>	<p>Council advertised 145 Second Hand Saturday locations. The numbers have risen significantly over the past few years.</p>

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Parks Recycling Stations	Council encourages public place recycling with recycling stations placed in parks and sports fields. The design of the stations with the limiters on the red and yellow lids ensures contamination to be low, and to date these stations have been very effective in reducing waste to landfill.	Total Number of Parks 88 Total Number of Stations 294 Total Number of Premium Stations 20												
Public Place Recycling Street Stations	Council installed premium stainless steel recycling stations in town centres and high use areas such as bus stops to assist the community in improving recycling.	Total Number of Premium Stations 154												
Household Chemical Collection	<p>The Household Chemical Collection service is funded by the EPA through the Waste Levy, supported by Council and operated by Toxfree, a hazardous waste processor. Due to high number of participants over the past years, the City of Ryde was allocated a full weekend for the collection which was held over 18th & 19th March 2017 at Meadowbank Netball Courts Carpark. Council utilised Facebook, banners, newspaper advertising and the Council webpage to advise residents of the event.</p> <p>Although it was a wet weekend, the number of participants rose slightly from the previous year however as it was held over 2 days, there was no significant traffic problems with residents only having to wait no more than 30mins during peak times.</p> <p>The opening of the Community Recycling Centre in Artarmon will assist in reducing these numbers in the future as residents will be able to drop off some hazardous waste on a weekly basis.</p>	<p>There were 780 cars on 18th March and 500 cars on 19th March, an increase of 80 participants from the previous year with 55 tonnes of hazardous chemical collected, an increase of 10 tonnes from the previous year.</p> <p>Breakdown</p> <table> <tr> <td>Paints</td> <td>35.0 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oils,Fuels</td> <td>8.5 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas cylinders</td> <td>3.0 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Batteries</td> <td>3.0 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pesticides</td> <td>1.2 tonnes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>4.3 tonnes</td> </tr> </table>	Paints	35.0 tonnes	Oils,Fuels	8.5 tonnes	Gas cylinders	3.0 tonnes	Batteries	3.0 tonnes	Pesticides	1.2 tonnes	Other	4.3 tonnes
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Chipping and Mulching Service	The success of the Chipping and Mulching Service has meant that it is now in its 11th year of service. Residents can phone Customer Service to book in up to 2 box trailer loads of material for chipping. The service is conducted over a 2 day period, with material bagged and left for the residents to use on the gardens. This not only reduces waste, but is also assists with the Water Wise program.	Averaging around 20-23 bookings, per week. This equates to approx 85 tonnes of material chipped and reused per annum.
Medical Waste Collection	Council supports the safe disposal of sharps and dialysis tubing by providing a Medical Waste Collection at 13 chemists within the Ryde Council Area.	In 2016 Council won the Local Government Excellence in the Environment Award for Community Sharps Management for our Medical Waste Program. Council also supplies sharps containers free of charge to our residents from our Customer Service Centre.
Problem Waste Recycling	Council provides residents with the ability to dispose of mobile phones, light globes, batteries and printer cartridges through 4 problem waste recycling stations located within the City. We are looking to expand this to 6 stations in the future. Additional mobile muster phone collection containers are also provided at the libraries and the RALC.	Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Ryde Library • Operations Centre, Meadowbank • Tzu Chi Foundation, Eastwood • MUSE, Macquarie University Approximately 1 tonne of material is collected and diverted from landfill.
Clothing Bins	Council, in partnership with the Smith Family, provide a textile diversion program through clothing bins located in parks and carparks located strategically throughout the city.	38 Bins 158 tonnes diverted 126 tonnes reused

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Service	Program Description	Outcomes
In-house Council Waste Avoidance Programs	<p>The move to the NRO, saw a change in internal waste management with small red desk cubes for waste provided to each desk and larger 60L recycle bins provided to assist staff to reduce waste. Waste and recycling bins are also provided in staff kitchens to encourage employees to further reduce waste.</p> <p>Council also recycles all its Fluorescent Tubes from within the Council Buildings.</p> <p>The RALC has 20 smaller waste and recycling stations within the pool area to assist patrons to recycle.</p>	

New Developments

Over the past few years, the City of Ryde has experienced an increase in the number of large multi-unit developments, especially around the Meadowbank foreshore and Macquarie Park areas. The Waste Section works closely with the Council's Planners, Traffic and other departments to ensure ongoing waste management needs are met by providing consultation, evaluation, and writing comments and conditions on the LDA's submitted. Over 25 Development Applications were reviewed for developments of a medium to large scale, with a large number requiring further information prior to the final conditions being made. Key changes that have been introduced in the evaluation process is to ensure a bulky waste storage room is provided within the property and the onsite collection of the waste and recycling bins where possible. These amendments will reduce the incidence of illegal dumping on the street, reduce noise impacts from the collection trucks and provide better access to the bins, also ensuring that all waste and recycling measures are met.

Data Management

Council staff completed the upgrade and integration of the Waste Services spreadsheet (which is a listing of all Council bins issued to residents and their applicable address and bin information) to Council's Property and Rating system. The number of bins, the day of service, the rating and property type have all been imported into the new system and are accessible and shared across different Council departments.

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Community Recycling Centre (CRC) – Artarmon

Instigated by NSROC and partially funded by the EPA, the Community Recycling Centre located at 8 Waltham Street, Artarmon officially opened on 12 April 2017. The 5 councils participating in the program are City of Ryde, Hunters Hill, Lane Cove, North Sydney and Willoughby. The centre is opened from Friday to Tuesday each week and enables residents to drop off problem wastes such as paints, gas bottles, oil, batteries, fluorescent tubes and globes, e-waste, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors free of charge. Since the opening the CRC has disposed of 22 tonnes of problem waste, of which paints were more than 70% of the tonnages.

Education

The annual Waste Calendar is now distributed in November/December for the next calendar year. The calendar not only provides waste, recycling and garden organics collection dates, but also gives residents information on waste events and workshops as well as updating residents on what can and can't be recycled.

Council provide crates or reusable bags for residents in multi-units dwellings to reduce plastic bag contamination in the recycling bins. The waste collection contractor is also engaged to assist in the management of contamination through photos from the truck of contaminated bins and sending letters out to help educate the offenders.

Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP) was held for the 3rd year. The aim of the program is to encourage the community to make art out of material that would have otherwise gone to landfill. A number of workshops were delivered to high school students during the school holidays. A total of 195 works were submitted with 80 artworks selected for the exhibition. Approximately 200 people attended the opening night which was held on 17 August, 2016 with a further 198 visitors viewing the works over the next 2 weeks. This Art Prize is very popular within the Council's youth and art community with a total of \$4,500 in prizes available.

Council hosted a number of workshops, talks and tours for Ryde residents. Some of these included:

- 4 Composting and worm farming workshops held at the Habitat - compost and worm farms are sold through Council at subsidised rates to encourage residents.
- Kitchen Garden Workshop held at the Habitat on 12th August, 2016.

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- 4 Free “Your Waste Adventure” Tours were held where residents visited the VISY Materials Recycling Facility in Smithfield to see what happens to their recycling as well as viewing a presentation on tips for recycling and how to reduce your waste going to landfill.
- The Ryde Repair and Restoration Workshop conducted by the Bower at their new Parramatta shop provides residents with knowledge on how to repair broken items instead of throwing them away.

Council received \$259,300 from the NSW EPA for the Better Waste and Recycling Program. Two projects were approved by the EPA for implementation:

- Gladesville Catchment Litter Collection & Prevention Program:
 - A No Littering mural was painted on the end wall of Trim Place, Gladesville
 - Educational resources were developed and handed out to the community including No Litter mobile phone pockets, brochures and colouring books
 - Community Workshops and displays
 - Litter audit to ascertain the before and after campaign litter composition
 - Installation of a Gross Pollutant Trap at Bill Mitchell Park.
- Illegal Dumping Surveillance and Reduction:
 - Surveillance cameras used in problem areas to capture and fine illegal dumping offenders which should also act as a deterrent
 - Educational material
 - Staffing.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact as all programs and services are funded by either the Domestic Waste Management charge on the annual rates or the Better Waste and Recycling Fund.

6 PROJECT STATUS REPORT - MAY 2017

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator – Project Planning
File No.: GRP/09/3/14 - BP17/581

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is provided to Works and Community Committee with information on the Project Status Report May 2017.

The report will be distributed to Councillors via a Supplementary Report as soon as it is available.

This report will be considered by the Works and Community Committee at its meeting on 20 June 2017 with details of the progress of Council's capital works projects as allocated to the Project Development Department and will also include the Capital Works Project Schedule 2016/2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider the Supplementary Report circulated on this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

7 SYNTHETIC SURFACE - OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVED FINANCIAL RETURN AND COMMUNITY USE

Confidential

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Sportsgrounds and Recreation

File No.: GRP/09/3/14 - BP17/418

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