

STAGE 2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY AND COUNCIL RESPONSE

Masterplan Element	Stage 2 Community Consultation Feedback	Council Response
Access and paths	Some respondents expressed they would like to see external connections to the park strengthened. Suggestions included bridge or more direct route across Epping Road connecting to train station/buses and connections to the southern side of the park. Suggestions for pathways included learn to ride tracks, meterage markers, level pathways and bush track through Myall Reserve.	No change to Masterplan. New pedestrian stairs and cycle ramp providing connection between Epping Road and Blenheim Road included in design. With current alignment, there is potential for design to be amended and connect with future link over Epping Road if that was to be considered in the future.
		No change to Masterplan. Improved internal pathway network with path lighting included in design. These will help to strengthen external links to public transport, active transport routes and business park.
		Suggestion for pedestrian bridge over Epping Road would significantly improve pedestrian safety, strengthen external links to public transport, active transport routes and business park, whilst also improve the walkability and access to the park for many North Ryde residents. Recommended for potential future consideration and investigation, noting delivery is outside of this masterplan.
		Suggestion for direct access from southern side of park would significantly improve the walkability and access to the park for many North Ryde residents. Not included in Masterplan as this falls outside the park boundary, but recommended for future potential consideration and investigation.
		No change to Masterplan. Paths suitable for learn to ride. Meterage markers to be considered during detailed design.
		No change to Masterplan. No path through Myall Reserve. Natural area to be retained in its current form.
Active Recreation	Respondents provided positive comment on the active recreation space generally, regarding the fitness stations, multi-use/basketball courts, skate park and rebound wall.	Masterplan amended. Locations of active recreation area and dog park swapped. Core elements of active recreation area retained in final masterplan design. Revised location provides strengthened connectivity between playground and active recreation area, resulting in greater passive surveillance.
	Specific suggestions for equipment in the skate park included rails, mini-bowl, snake bowl, pyramid/triangle jumps and to cater for different skill levels and ages.	Skate park elements to be further explored during detailed design. Skate community to be consulted during design development.
	Regarding the courts, comments also noted to include lighting and line markings for other sports (netball, handball and tennis).	No change to Masterplan. Lighting and multi-use courts included in design.

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Dog Park	Many comments regarding the new dog park expressed concerns including location, due to the proximity to other facilities (e.g. playground and skate park, proximity to main road, traffic noise and preferring the current or a different location. Other concerns included the fence height and size of the new dog off leash area.	Masterplan amended. Locations of dog park and active recreation areas swapped. Revised location repositions the dog park immediately adjacent to the car park, meets Companion Animal Act requirements for dogs within 10m of playgrounds and provides separation from skate park.
		Masterplan amended. Due to site topography, the repositioned dog park will place the facility below the level of Epping Road. This, combined with the densely planted vegetation buffer on northern embankment will reduce the traffic noise.
		Masterplan amended. Fence height to be increased and vegetation buffer on northern embankment to be densely planted.
		Masterplan amended. The fenced dog off leash area has been slightly increased in size.
Environment and Bio-diversity	Users would like to see adequate shade and seating, double gates, water stations for dog owners and general maintenance of the area. Some positive comments were also received, noting respondents liked the new features and the dog park generally.	No change to Masterplan. Core elements of dog park retained in final masterplan design.
		Dog water bowl included retained in design. However, water station for humans not included in dog park due to human health and safety reasons. Filtered water stations available in other park locations.
General Comments	Some respondents indicated that they liked the Masterplan and the expansion of the park generally. Requests also included the dog park, multi-use courts and the playground being areas of priority for delivery.	No change to Masterplan. Bio-diversity corridors and new trees/plants with native habitat values included in design.
		No change to Masterplan. Community garden not included due to preferred native planting. Refer to community garden at Santa Rosa Park.
General Comments	Some respondents indicated that they liked the Masterplan and the expansion of the park generally.	No change to Masterplan. Expansion of Park is recommended.
Parking	Comments noted the need for more parking and indicated that respondents like the new parking configuration on Blenheim Road.	Feedback noted. Refer to Staging Plan within Masterplan Report.
Parking	Requests also included the dog park, multi-use courts and the playground being areas of priority for delivery.	No change to Masterplan. Parking improvements already reflected in design.
Picnic areas	Respondents like the inclusion of picnic areas (including BBQs) and also noted that picnic areas and park bench seating should be available throughout the park.	No change to Masterplan. Additional picnic shelters, BBQ and seating throughout the site already reflected in design.
Playground	Most frequently, comments regarding the regional playground concept mentioned the inclusion of water play, need for adequate shade in this area of the park and general positive comments. Specific features respondents would like to include nature play, fencing, longer slides, maintaining flying fox, combo units, inclusion and exclusion of sandpit, climbing elements and use of recycled materials.	No change to Masterplan as play elements mentioned are already reflected in design. Shaded area to be increased to 50% as per Play Plan 2019 requirement.
Open Space and Park Greens	While a few respondents noted they liked the open space included in the Masterplan, others noted open spaces are currently not used within the park and would be wasted space.	No change to Masterplan. Open space and greens included in design to enable picnics and unstructured activities (eg. flying kite, Frisbee and social kick about space). Current topography does not encourage use of these spaces. However, Masterplan includes improvements to site levels to facilitate site activation.

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Other Amenities and Facilities	Many comments noted the need for adequate shade, lighting and seating throughout the park generally and with comments relating to specific areas in the park. Other comments suggested additional/upgraded toilets, the inclusion of a café (onsite or van), water stations, noise barriers and cricket nets.	No change to Masterplan. Shade, lighting, seating, amenity building/toilet upgrade, filtered water stations and vegetation buffer on Epping Road boundary to reduce noise included in design.
		No change to Masterplan. Café/kiosk not included. Local cafes located nearby at Blenheim Road and Avon Road shops, business park and future retail outlets in surrounding high density residential/mixed use sites.
		Site has potential for Council's consideration for future inclusion in food truck/urban activation program once Masterplan has been implemented.
		No change to Masterplan. Cricket nets not included. This Park is not intended to be for structured sports. Cricket nets available at other parks in City of Ryde.
Radio control car club	Generally, comments noted the importance of the radio control car club and indicated that respondents were happy to see the facilities included in the masterplan and being upgraded. However, many comments expressed concerns over the size of the proposed facilities. Respondents noted that to meet demand, the facility should be no smaller than the current facility and if possible larger, with adequate space (and potentially undercover) for a pit area. Additionally, comments noted the importance of ensuring the facility and stand are designed to be accessible/inclusive for all users and the need for adequate support amenities (lighting, shade, power). A few comments also noted that access to the radio control car facilities from the car park is important (e.g. unloading equipment and disability access), while a few others questioned why the facility is being moved as it could be upgraded in its current location.	Masterplan amended. Track retained in current location with further track improvements and track size increased.
		No change to Masterplan. Inclusive design for people with mobility needs already incorporated into design to facilitate disability access and parking.
		No change to Masterplan. Drop off bay for unloading of equipment and closer proximity to the car park already included in design.
		Technical specifications for the track, including drivers stand, pit area, lighting, shade, power etc will be explored during detailed design. User group to be consulted during design development.