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Kendrick Park, Tempe. Photography by Marrickville Council.

01_ Project Context

Introduction

In July 2014 Marrickville Council initiated the process to develop Plans of Management and Master Plans for 2.5 kilometres of the Cooks River Foreshore. The project includes the following parks and reserves:

- > HJ Mahony Reserve;
- > Steel Park;
- > Warren Park;
- > Richardsons Lookout;
- > Cooks River Foreshore;
- > Kendrick Park; and
- > Fatima Island

The land covered by the plans is outlined on figure 02 and 03.

Community engagement is the first of several phases of work to develop a Plan of Management and Master Plans (Refer figure 01). Council will use the community engagement and its findings to inform the future planning and design of the Cooks River parklands and foreshore areas.

What is a Plan of Management?

A Plan of Management is a strategic document providing a planning and management framework for the future use, development and maintenance of multiple or individual areas of community land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993. Plans of Management are a requirement for all community land owned by Council, and can also be applied to Crown Land for which Council is appointed the Reserve Trust Manager. Both situations occur for some of the open space and parks along the Cooks River. The Plan of Management provides the opportunity to engage with the community and create a vision and values that are consistent with the needs of the current population and establish how the park can be used in the future.

What is a Master Plan?

A Master Plan is an illustrative representation of the proposed construction and works. It highlights long-term planning aspirations. It establishes best practice outcomes and a clear vision. It uses community goals and desires for the project, giving organisation and a plan for implementation.

Making parks better - what is the process?

The process to improve Marrickville Council's parks focuses on use and needs. It is a problem solving exercise that includes asking the community what they want the park to look like and be used for in the future.

The design of the park is then developed with various opportunities and constraints considered including: community feedback, access, user needs research, history and culture, pedestrian and road connections, flooding and drainage issues, maintenance access and requirements, existing Council strategies and frameworks, microclimate and existing features including topography and trees.

Draft designs are placed on public exhibition which allows the community to provide comment on what is proposed and give feedback allowing the park to meet user requirements.

Once all feedback is considered the design is finalised and the plans adopted by Council. The Plan of Management and Master Plans become the vision and guideline document for the implementation of all upgrades and park modifications for the next ten years.



Figure 01: Diagram of the process to develop a Plan of Management and Master Plan.

Figure 02: Land covered by the plans.

02_ Process + Engagement Events

Engagement Methodology

The community engagement methodology aimed to be as inclusive as possible with a variety of forums on several days and nights in a number of locations. Information was disseminated to the community via a number of means including social media, business cards, information flyers, the Council website and traditional letter box mail outs. There were three letters distributed on three separate dates. The first letter was aimed at the whole catchment around the parks and included 6000 flyer to residents in both Marrickville, Tempe, Dulwich Hill in the Marrickville local Government Area (LGA) and Earlwood in the Canterbury LGA. The second letter was distributed to residents within a 300m catchment of Mackey Park. The third letter was distributed to residents within 300m of Kendrick Park.

Social media, specifically Facebook and Twitter included several tweets and Facebook posts on different days and at different times. The Council website posted information at two locations; one on the homepage, the other via the key dates page. The homepage included an image on the banner with a quick link to the a survey and more project information.

Advertising the engagement was also present in the parks. Business Cards were printed and distributed by Council officers and Rangers in the parks. A3 posters were printed and placed in parks highlighting both the engagement dates and the Council website.

Council officers directly emailed relevant stakeholder groups and met with key personal to increase awareness and participation.

All advertising information provided the website details for the Your Say Marrickville website. The site contained information outlining key dates, overview of the project and a link to a web survey.

Community Engagement for the Cooks River Parklands

Who did we hear from during October, November and December 2014?

- > The majority of responses were from Marrickville Residents, followed by Earlwood and Tempe.
- > More females responded than males.
- > English is the main language spoken at home by respondents.
- > The majority of responses were from people aged 36 55.
- > Twelve percent of respondents said they have a disability, while eighteen percent of people said they have access issues within the parks.

Online Survey

The online survey was launched on 19 October 2014 to coincide with the Marrickville Festival. The survey was available online for eight weeks, closing on 14 December 2014. During this period there were 782 visits to the site and 182 surveys completed. Activity varied throughout the survey period, peaking on the opening days and again approximately halfway through the survey period.

Marrickville Festival

The Marrickville Festival was used as a launch for the online survey and program of ongoing engagement events. Plans on the wall allowed visitors to mark up their favourite or least favourite elements along the river with red sticky dots and Post It notes. An image board also allowed for people to select their vision for the parks and place it in the 'post box'. The activities were designed to allow people to have their say with only minimal time input.

Engagement Evening – Thursday 23 October_ Mahony Reserve

An engagement evening was conducted in the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre in a level 2 meeting room. The evening ran from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and was focused on Mahony Reserve. The event had a series of stations around the room. Each station was established as a stand alone activity which allowed people to provide as much or as little information as they could in the time they had available.

In total there were 15 questions asked in various formats. The questions were framed around how the park is currently used, what people like and dislike about the park. Some questions included visioning exercises to confirm what people would like to see happen to the park in the future. Disappointingly, in total five people attended the evening. The poor turnout was significantly attributed to the room location. A review of further engagement at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre resulted in a venue change going forward.

Engagement Evening – Tuesday 28 October_ Steel Park

A second engagement evening was held in the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre. After a low number of attendees at the last event, this event was moved to the foyer to maximise public exposure. The evening ran from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and feedback was received from approximately seventeen people. As with engagement on Mahony Reserve there were 15 questions asked in various formats and were framed around the same outcomes to understand use patterns and future aspirations for the park.

Day in the Park – Saturday 01 November_ Mahony Reserve

An engagement day in the park was held in Mahony Reserve from 8am to 12 noon. The engagement event was held in the north-east corner of the park near the intersection of Illawarra Road and Wharf Street. Two Council officers attended with a jumping castle and several stand alone stations and printed paper surveys. Very high temperatures and strong winds meant few people were in the park on the day of the engagement. Therefore the event was attended by only ten people.

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Engagement Evening - Wednesday 05 November_Warren Park, Richardson's **Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park**

The final of three engagement evenings was held in the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre. The event was held in the foyer between 5:30pm and 7:30pm. The event was attended by approximately fifteen people with the same questions asked as prior engagement evenings in this location.

Day in the Park - Saturday 08 November_ Steel Park

An engagement day was held in Steel Park near the children's water play and barbecue area from 8am to 12noon. The focus of the event was on Steel Park. The event was very well attended with over forty surveys completed by park visitors.

Evening Engagement - Thursday 13 November_ Mackey Park

The Mackey Park evening engagement event was held at Herb Greedy Hall. No participants arrived for the engagement event. The event started at 5:00pm but was ended early just after 6:30pm due to no attendance. A Council Officer attended Mackey Park instead and handed out advertising for further engagement sessions. The distance of the hall from Mackey Park is likely to have contributed to the poor attendance.

Day in the Park - Saturday 15 November_ Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore Park

Cooks River Foreshore Park day in the park future of the park as well as marking up was a successful engagement session, attended by approximately thirty-five people. The event ran from 8:00am to 12 noon and was focused on Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore Park. The event was attended by three Council officers, with a person in each of the parks. Officers in both Warren Park and Richardsons Lookout handed out surveys, while an officer in the Cooks River Foreshore Park handed out surveys and asked people to select images that best represent their ideal future park. Participants also marked their favourite and least favourite places on plans.

Engagement Evening - Wednesday 19 November_Kendrick Park

The Kendrick Park evening engagement event was held in the St Peters Town Hall. The event ran from 5:00pm to 7:00pm with a focus on Kendrick Park. The event was disappointingly only attended by two people. A Council Officer attended Kendrick Park instead and handed out advertising for further engagement sessions. 16 questions were asked in various formats and were framed around the same outcomes to understand use patterns and future aspirations for the

Day in the Park - Saturday 22 November_ **Mackey Park**

A successful Mackey Park day in the park was attended by over forty people. The event was staffed by two Council officers, had a jumping castle for children. Council officers handed out surveys and asked the community to mark up their favourite and least favourite parts of the park on plans. Images were also available for the community to select images that best represent their ideal future for Mackey

Day in the Park - Saturday 29 November_ **Kendrick Park**

The day in the park was attended by approximately twenty people. The event was staffed by two Council officers with a jumping castle for children. Council officers handed out survey, while images were available for the community to select The Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout and from what best represents their ideal plans with their favourite and least favourite parts of Kendrick Park.

Internet Survey

The online survey was available for use by the community for eight weeks. During this time the survey was completed by 182 respondents. The questions in the survey were framed around the same topics as all survey questions where the aim was to ascertain information in relation to park visions and how people currently or may wish to use the parks in the future.

Overall the feedback was similar with other responses, many of the same comments were outlined and strong correlations were evident with statements about much loved or much hated park elements and the similar priority given to upgrading park elements.

A full summary of the survey information is presented in appendix C.

02_ Process + Engagement Events

Stakeholders

Separate meetings were held for each of the stakeholder groups. Each meeting included an overview of the project followed by a discussion and question and answer session.

The following is a list of stakeholders that were engaged with:

Stakeholder Meetings (External)

- > AFL NSW
- > Canterbury Council
- > Cooks River Alliance
- > Cooks River Valley Association
- > Cricket (Mackey Park)
- > Cricket (Steel Park)
- > Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign
- > Local Land Services
- > Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative

Committee (MACC)

- > Marrickville Golf, Sporting and
- Community Club
- > Marrickville Heritage Society
- > Marrickville Police
- > Marrickville Foodball Club:

Marrickville Red Devils

- > Marrickville SES
- > Mud Crabs
- > Newtown Police
- > Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW

(PCYC) – Debbie and Abbey Borgia

Community Recreation Centre

- > Residents for Reconciliation
- > River Canoe Club of NSW
- > Rockdale Council
- > St Peters Church History Group
- > Sydney Water
- > Wolli Creek Group

Stakeholder Meetings (Internal)

- > Cooks River Committee Meeting
- > Sports Stakolder Forum
- > Marrickville Council Safe Committee
- > Marrickville Council Access

Committee

> Marrickville Council - mixed internal stakeholders

Overview

Each of the different engagement sessions provided input on the future on the parks along the Cooks River. The engagement has produced some clear feedback. The feedback from both the community and stakeholders is outlined under each park with key headings that summarise the common themes received.

The key common themes include:

Cooks River:

A clean Cooks River, that is healthy for both recreation and habitat was repeatedly requested by park users for all the Cooks River Parklands. Visual rubbish as well as pollution were outlined as issues that need addressing. The community supports the vision to be able to swim in the river in the future.

Mahony Reserve

Character:

The informal character of Mahony Reserve is much loved by park users. The open, green, undeveloped nature, with many canopy trees is what park user's love and want retained.

Pathways:

There are no pedestrian pathways through Mahony Reserve. Although walking (including walking dogs) was the most popular past-time in the park, only a very small proportion of people want new pathways in Mahony Reserve, however many requeted better pedestrian and cycle connections to the park.

Art Wall:

The existing art wall is a well-used area of the park. Users like the art wall and some users want the extent of the wall expanded.

Fencing:

AFL stakeholders request white picket fencing to demarcate the playing field, otherwise fencing was not raised as a priority except by dog owners for a dog off leash area.

Trees:

Many users of Mahony Reserve appreciate the large existing trees. There were mixed comments in regards to the tree species. Some people do not like the Poplar trees along the river edge and would like to see them replaced. A large number of responses noted the need for additional tree planting and shade. Feedback also highlighted users wanted additional mulch to tree surrounds.

Planting:

Some park users wish to establish revegetation areas in Mahony Reserve. Users disliked the use of coir matting as mulch. The introduction of native meadow plantings was also liked by the community.

Foreshore edge interface:

Park users request a natural edge treatment with additional tree plantings, groundcovers and grasses with salt marsh species along the river's edge. Some users also wanted to see the ability to launch canoes in Mahony Reserve.

Public toilets + amenities:

The community and sporting groups appreciate having the public toilets. The quality of the public toilets was noted as needing improvement. AFL stakeholders specifically request additional club facilities including showers, change rooms, umpire facilities and all items listed under 'local' amenities within the facilities guidelines for AFL.

Car parking & water sensitive urban design (WSUD):

Users wish to see increased water treatment in Mahony Reserve including the introduction of car park rain gardens.

Play facilities:

The provision of play facilities was requested by users. The request has been for younger children's play equipment rather than an older children's age group. Stakeholders would like the field be available for multiple sports.

Playing field:

Feedback from users specifically requested the removal of bindies from the turf. Stakeholders would like the field used for multiple sports and uses.

Furniture and picnic facilities:

More shade and weather protection is to be provided in Mahony Reserve. Additional picnic tables and seating was requested. Shaded seating was selected as an important element required in the park.

Dogs:

The second most common activity undertaken by park users is dog walking. There were many requests for a dog off leash area and the provision of dog poo bags. Some requests included fencing to the dog off leash area.

Steel Park

Character

The green, well connected, family friendly nature of Steel Park is what its users appreciate. Users enjoy the ability to walk or drive to the park, use the picnic and seating facilities, under large shade trees next to the Cooks River. Many people used the words 'sanctuary', 'relaxed' or 'calming' in their description of the park, which highlights the value this green space has within the community.

Pathways:

The Cooks River foreshore path is highly valued and used heavily by both pedestrians and cyclists. Many pedestrians noted a conflict with bike users. It was noted by some that bike users appear to travel fast and startle pedestrians. Parents were also worried about children using the pathway and the potential danger of bicycle riders. Users requested a solution that will make the pathway safer for pedestrians and cyclists. No additional pathways were requested.

Trees:

The trees in Steel Park are highly valued. Many enjoy the deciduous nature of the trees allowing shade in summer and sun in winter. Some though would prefer the trees to be native (non-deciduous). More tree plantings were also requested.

Planting:

Feedback has outlined the communities desire to increase river edge planting along the Cooks River in Steel Park. The vegetation should also help with animal habitat opportunities, as this is another key element seen as important to the community. The community has requested the condition of the existing park vegetation be improved. This needs to be balanced with other user desires to maintain views out to the river as well.

Fencing:

Parents are concerned about children entering the Cooks River from the grassed bank near the children's playground. There were a number of requests for the installation of a fence or barrier either around the playground or between the playground and the water edge.

Café:

Many users request the ability to buy coffee from within the park; either from a coffee shop or coffee cart.

Foreshore edge interface:

The existing vegetation along the river edge is important to the community that use Steel Park. Both further naturalisation and the development of an interactive river edge at Steel Park have been requested by users.

Public toilets + amenities building:

The toilets were highlighted for an overhaul and upgrade by the community as many of the respondents believed the condition of the toilets needs improvement.

Stakeholders noted flooding issues with the change rooms and canteen during major rain events. Stakeholders wish for an upgraded amenities building.

Car Parking:

Car parking is limited within Steel Park. Users want the number of car parking spaces increased.

Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD):

Increasing WSUD elements within Steel Park (including the DABCRC car park) were requested by users. This included wanting storm water treatment, native meadows and car park rain gardens.

Play facilities incl. water play:

The existing play facilities and water park are loved by the community. Users request additional play equipment. Additional shade was also requested over particular items including the flying fox and some water play elements. A swimming beach and swimming pool was also requested by some along with expansion of the existing water play facilities.

Park pedestrian lighting:

Respondents noted the pedestrian lighting in Steel Park is poor. There was a request to upgrade the existing lighting.

Exercise equipment:

Users enjoy using the exercise equipment. People noted that shade over the equipment would be useful for exercising at times other than late afternoon / morning and mid-winter. Users also suggested the installation of additional pieces of equipment along the foreshore, to be developed as a series of stations and not just one area.

Playing field:

Recent upgrade works noted as contributing to an improved playing surface, though the outer field still has an uneven surface. The addition of extra cricket wicket was requested by stakeholder groups.

Furniture and picnic facilities:

The existing facilities at Steel Park are very well used and highly valued. Additional bins were requested as well as improvements to the existing bin amenities (cleanliness, visual appearance etc.) were requested. BBQ, picnic tables, seating and weather protection were requested as well as the provision of seating for spectator viewing over the playing fields (Specifically near Illawarra Road).

Dogs:

People enjoy walking their dogs through and around Steel Park.

Signage:

Some park users requested additional signage for wayfinding and interpretation.

Warren Park, Richardson Lookout's, Cooks

River Foreshore

Character:

The generally flat open space surrounded by planted escarpments with trees, shrubs and groundcovers is the character that users love the most in Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore. The plantings provide a natural setting and quiet retreat for visitors which is very much appreciated by the community.

Art:

Park users wish to see the addition of art elements within the parks. It is requested that art elements should provide insight into the history of the area. There is the opportunity to integrate art and signage. Some users also wish to have a practice street art walls erected for community use.

Signage:

Park users wish to have way finding and interpretive signage provided within the parks. Interpretive signage should be considered as part of a greater interpretive trail. Park identification signage will also help with park wayfinding.

Pathways:

The pedestrian and cycle pathway along the Cooks River is a highly valued park connection by many park visitors. Better connectivity between each of the parks (Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout and the Foreshore) was requested by the community.

Trees:

The community highly value the tree plantings and additional tree plantings were requested.

Planting:

Plantings of shrubs and groundcovers to aid in habitat protection of animals have been requested.

Turf:

Users dislike the bindies in the grass. Users enjoy the open turf kick-about spaces.

Foreshore edge interface:

The vegetated edge to the river environment is valued and so are water views. A balance of each of these priorities was highlighted by the community.

Peace and reconciliation park co-naming:

The community has strong support for the designation of Richardsons Lookout as a peace and reconciliation park.

Lighting:

Users requested park lighting along pedestrian routes for night use of the parklands.

Car parking:

As most visitors to Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore travel by foot, provision of car parking facilities is not a high priority for the community.

Water sensitive urban design (WSUD):

Provision of storm water treatment and other WSUD measures are a high priority for park users in each of the parks.

Play facilities:

The provision of both younger and older age play facilities were noted by the community as good outcomes, though were generally noted as low priorities for the parks.

Furniture and picnic Facilities:

More seating opportunities along the river were requested by the community.

Dogs

Provision for a dog off leash area in Warren Park was highly requested by users.

Fencing:

Fencing along the road edge at Thornley Street (Warren Park) is not liked by many surveyed. A permeable edge with easy access into the park is preferred.

Public toilets:

No toilets are currently located in Warren Park, Richardsons Lookout or the Cooks River Foreshore. Users wish to have easy access to quality toilet facilities along the Cooks River. The park location is less than 400m from facilities in Steel and Mackey Park.

Mackey Park

Character:

The character of Mackey Park is quite open. Users wish to increase the tree plantings around Mackey Park to reduce this open appearance. The area of Mackey Park adjacent the river was noted as being quite picturesque though under utilised. The peacefulness of Mackey Park was highly valued.

Pathways:

The foreshore cycle link is highly valued and heavily used by commuters. Pathways within the park were noted as being in good condition.

Trees + planting:

The informal scattering of trees while appreciated, rating as being too few in number. An overwhelming proportion of responses requested additional tree, shrubs, grass and groundcovers to be planting in the park. Users wish to increase the extent of native vegetation and habitat values. Users also noted that seating under trees is desirable.

Foreshore edge Interface:

The community wishes to naturalise the river edge of Mackey Park. Saltwater reeds, trees, grasses and groundcovers are to be incorporated in park designs and upgrades.

Public toilets:

There was strong feedback to upgrade or provide new public toilet facilities.

Playing field:

The playing field was highlighted as being in excellent condition with good maintenance practices. Some trees are shading / damaging the playing surface at the far southern edge of the field.

Drainage line / creek:

The drainage line along the western edge of the park was noted as being 'ugly' and under-utilised.

Car Parking:

Park users often drive to the park and require additional car parking opportunities, particularly on weekends and during sporting events.

Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD):

The gross-pollution traps (GPTs) at the western park edge, at the interface with the Cooks River was highlighted by the community as an 'ugly' and 'smelly' part of the park that needs to be cleaned up.

Play Facilities:

Additional play facilities have been requested, along with further shade over the playground and additional illumination during the evening. Conflict between cricket balls and the play facility was highlighted.

Furniture and Picnic Facilities:

A large number of users wish to see additional seating and picnic tables in Mackey Park. It was noted the river edge was particularly picturesque place to picnic. Seating for spectator viewing was also requested.

Dogs

Many community members wish to see a dog off leash area incorporated into Mackey Park.

Concordia Club:

A large number of park users wish to see the Concordia Club better integrated into the park, including fence removal and better connectivity for pedestrians.

Kendrick Park

Character:

The views and visual connection with the Cooks River and Fatima Island is very important to Kendrick Park users. The high levels of vegetation and natural appearance of much of the park is also a defining feature of the western half of the park.

Pathways + connections:

Users wish to have the pedestrian connection and flooding issues under Tempe rail bridge fixed with an all-weather solution. Users also raised concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety travelling through the Tempe train station car park as a connection between Mackey Park and Kendrick Park. The bridge crossing (to Rockdale LGA) and the pedestrian crossing to the train station were also noted as dangerous elements needing safe design solutions

Trees and planting:

Park users request additional tree planting within the park. Users also wish to ensure the bushland areas are protected and expanded.

Foreshore edge interface:

Park users like the salt water wetland terraces. Further works to naturalise the river edge have been requested by users. Users wish to ensure the park river edge is stabilised to minimise erosion. The erosion of Fatima Island was raised by the some in the community as a concern.

Public toilets:

The existing public toilets are requested to be upgraded by park users.

Car parking:

No additional car parking has been requested. The existing car park can accommodate park use requirements.

Water sensitive urban design (WSUD):

Some park users have requested additional, more formal storm water treatment to occur in Kendrick Park.

Pedestrian lighting:

Park users request additional illumination during the evening via park pathway lighting.

Play facilities:

The play facilities are noted as being well used, though aging. Users request an upgrade to the facility and better integration with the natural appearance of much of the park. Some requested a swimming beach with river access to be integrated into Kendrick Park.

Furniture and picnic facilities:

Park disposal of BBQ coals is an ongoing issue that needs resolution. Provision of additional bins and the design of bin enclosures / fixing elements that prohibit bin vandalism was required. Additional water points for drinking and hand washing have been requested along with more picnic tables, seating and BBQ facilities.

Dogs

There were no significant requests for the provision of dog off leash areas in Kendrick Park. Dog owners tend to walk through the park rather than use it as a destination. Tempe Reserve has dog facilities that currently accommodate the off leash function.

Signage:

Improved interpretative and wayfinding signage was requested by both the community and stakeholder groups. Interpretive signage should be considered as part of a great interpretive trail.

04_ Ongoing Engagement

Overview

The engagement with both the community and stakeholders is an ongoing process throughout the development of the Plans of Management and Master Plans. All stakeholders and the community that provided email contact details during the initial engagement will be contacted for further consultation through the design process.

Council will also continue to engage with other key stakeholders including:

- > Crown Lands
- > Canterbury Council
- > Rockdale Council
- > Marrickville youth / young people
- > Concordia Club
- > National Trust
- > Roads and Maritime Service (RMS)
- > NSW Rail Corporation
- > Croquet Club of NSW
- > Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Lands Council (MLALC)
- > Debbie & Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre (PCYC)

These stakeholders will be contacted over the coming month with the outcomes captured in a supplementary report.

05_ The Way Foreward

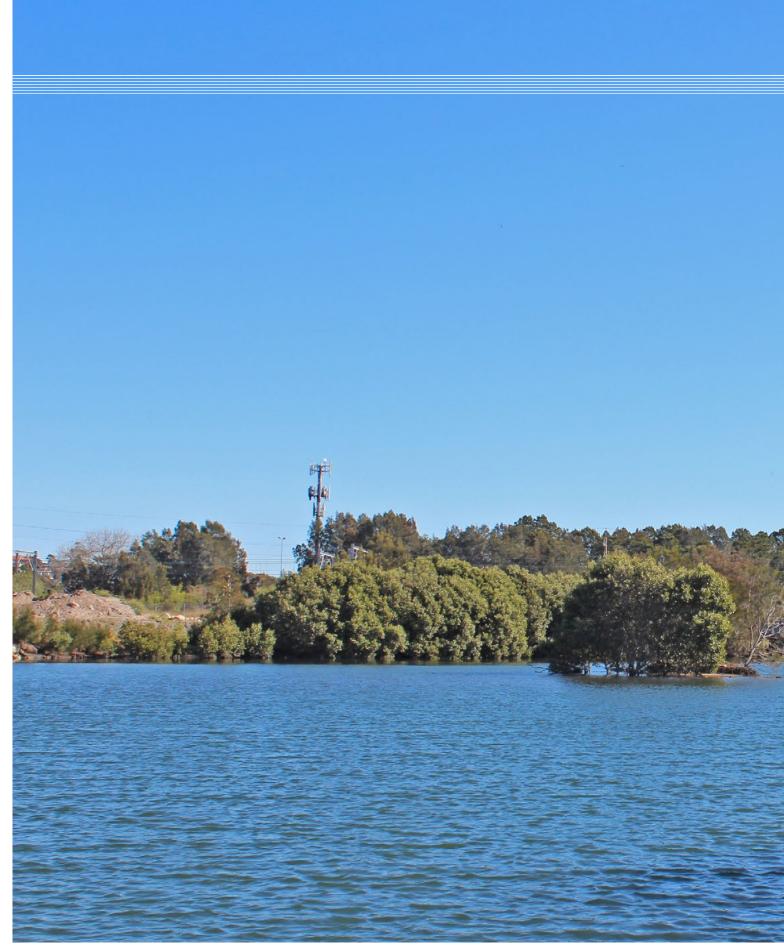
The next steps...

Following the additional engagement with key stakeholders, the engagement report will form the basis of the design brief from the community and stockholders for the Cooks River Parklands.

The design of the park will then be developed with various opportunities and constraints being considered including: community feedback, access, user needs research, history and culture, pedestrian and road connections, flooding and drainage issues, maintenance access and requirements, existing Council strategies and frameworks, microclimate and existing features including topography and trees.

Draft designs will be complete by late 2015 and placed on public exhibition. Public exhibition will allow comment on what is proposed and give feedback that allows the park to meet user requirements.

All stakeholders and the community that provided contact details will be contacted during this period for further comment.



 ${\it Fatima Island as seen from Kendrick Park, Tempe. \ Photography by Marrick ville \ Council.}$

06_ Appendix A: Engagement Responses

The following section is a transcript of the feedback received from the community and stakeholders. It is a transcript copied word for word and includes grammatical errors and information that in some cases appears off-topic. All feedback will be considered by the Plan of Management and Master Planning process.



Cooks River Committee

Strengths

- > Provide more litter bins
- > Raising community awareness.
- > Communication between interest groups and Council.
- > Provision of rain gardens.
- > More trees planted along golf course.
- > Aluminium can deposit campaign.
- > Bench work on water quality and contamination in mud.
- > Water play / salt marsh implementation Steel Park.
- > Revegetation of corridor.
- > Thornley Street scenic park.
- > Rock and escarpment revegetation works.
- > Wall and canoe strategy.
- > Biodiversity Strategy.
- > Bringing agenda items to Committee having those items considered by Council.
- > Fatima Island awareness.
- > Pressure Sydney Water to look at illegal sewer connections.
- > Imput into Biodiversity Strategy.
- > Campaign to save Fatima island.
- > input into catchment management plan.
- > Wildlife corridor.
- > Steel Park water play.
- > WSUD.
- > Signage.
- > Peace and reconciliation.
- > Aboriginal interpretation strategy.
- > Feedback from Council about how litter is being / going to be managed.
- > Starting discussions with regards to Beaman Park Bridge and the extension of works to Wave Rock bush regeneration site.
- > Contributed to discussion on community engagement regarding habitat trees along the Cooks River Foreshore.
- > The Committee has had a good influence on rain gardens and promoting vegetation planting.

Weaknesses:

- > Difficult to identify the scope of works that the Council and Committee can deliver.
- > Things that happen beyond the Council and the Committee.
- > Frequency with which the Committee meets
- > Feedback on planned action by Council to allow imput on decisions related to Cooks River Corridor.
- > Having high levels of Councillor attendance at Committee meetings.
- > Have not experienced any specific hurdles.
- > Processes are possibly a little slow to happen. This might be because the committee only meets once every 3-4 months.
- > lengths of time it takes matters to go through Council.
- > Lack of resources at Council.
- > Difficult relationship with some stakeholders.
- > Different agendas.
- > Competing community needs / uses of nark

Opportunities:

- > Improve river crossings pedestrian and cycle.
- > Better coordination between Councils for proposed maintenance and upgrades.
- > Provide a river that is safe for swimming.
- > Save Fatima Island.
- > Awareness of non-visual pollution. Sydney Water Cooks River improvement
- > Naturalisation of riparian zone extended.
- > Container legislation in place.
- > Less herbicides, fertilisers, nutrients, used at the gold course.
- > More native plants / less weeds (include flowers).
- > Control of feral animals.
- > Naturalising / fixing up old metal sheet piling.
- > More crossing for bikes and pathways for pedestrians.
- > Weed control.
- > Clean up Alexander Canal.

Threats:

- > Council amalgamations.
- > Climate change and sea level rise.
- > Funding security.
- > Activities outside of Marrickville LGA.
- > Westconnex.
- > Sewerage discharge.
- > Dumping waste disposal.
- > Storms and floods.
- > Number of different Council and authorities.
- > Motivation of Council.
- > Acceptance of cost from the Community.
- > Development not in line with Community values.
- > Development pressures.
- > Lack of resources.
- > Overuse.
- > Flooding infrastructure and parks.
- > Up river activities / use.
- > Competing priorities for parkland use.
- > Funding from State / Federal government.
- > Changeable political environment through three levels of government.
- > Over-population pressures.

Priorities:

- > Make river swimmable by 2020.
- > Work with Sydney Water with regards to Quality Improvement Plan.
- > Source Control Plan now being trialed in Wolli Creek.
- > Raise awareeness of pollution of river above visual pollution level.
- > Improve general water quality.
- > Saving Fatima Island.
- > Revegetation along the corridor.
- > Peace and Reconciliation park designation.
- > Pemulwuy Way implementation.
- > Improvements to sporting fields.
- > Improved toilet facilities.> Improved pedestrian amenity.
- > Removal of sheet piling from the golf course.
- > Development of an effective Plan of Management for the Golf Course.
- > Balance diversity of uses / purposes of all park / river precinct.
- > Increase biodiversity not necessarily to human access.
- > Bigger outdoor gym
- > Less rubbish.
- > More festivals along the river
- > Provide a boat ramp.
- > Encourage more Kayaking.
- > Robust biodiversity and ecological corridors

- > Naturalised water channel.
- > Turn the attitude around in the general public view that it is okay to litter and dump rubbish on streets - e.g. the consequences of this.
- > Improve river crossings and road crossings for cyclists and pedestrians.
- > Standardise all crossings so that pedestrians and cycle traffic have priority.
- > Co-ordinated approach to cycleway and bridges all the way along the river.
- > Better co-ordination between Canterbury Council and Marrickville Council about maintenance and upgrades.
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Sports Stakeholder Forum

1_ Which sports field do you use?

- > Steel Park x3
- > Mackey Park x2

2_ For what purpose do you use the above parks?

- > Cricket x2
- Soccer

3_What do you like about these parks / sporting fields?

- > That cricket can be played at both these grounds
- > Recent works on the outfield and pitches at Steel and Mackey Park are very good.
- > Proximity to the DHFC parking facilities and light level for training purposes.

4_What do you dislike about these parks / sporting fields?

- > That there is only one wicket at each ground Cricket).
- > Status of back training pitch (the one behind the building)

5_ If Council were to upgrade these parks / sporting fields, what would you like to see happen to them and in what priority order?

- > Better demarcation of fields, create a circuit for personal training.
- >Individual training such as athletics, walking, jogging etc.
- > Extra cricket wickets added to the grounds (or on other parks).
- > Steel Park needs better seating along Illawarra Rd and better amenities block.
- > Mackey better connections to Concordia Club, 2nd story added to the clubhouse, lighting provided to playground, fence between playing field and playground.

Feedback from the Marrickville and Newtown Local Area Command (Police) includes

- > Kendrick Park lacks surveillance.
- > Drug use and drug distribution in the car park has previously been an issue.
- > A sexual assault has occurred previously near the train line.
- > Regular Police patrols are occurring and rates of all antisocial activity have been reduced.
- > Reports of loitering near playground areas have been noted previously.
- > Some reports of predatory (taking photos etc) behaviour noted.
- > Parks are generally safe.
- > Alcohol use is common.
- > Mackey Park has the highest level of crime reports.
- > Vehicle break-ins somewhat an issue.
- > Minor thefts.
- > Some robberies at night.
- > Graffiti is common.

Recommendations:

> Recommendation to increase surveillance and activation to minimise anti-social behaviour.

Marrickville Council Access Committee

- > Include the opportunity to allow access for possible social enterprise coffee / food van in Steel and Mackey Parks.
- > Ensure the cycle pathways are safe for all users.
- > Drainage issues on grassy areas.
- > Cycle and pedestrian pathways should be shared / separate. Lighting needs consideration.
- > More / better connections across the Cooks River.
- > There are steep steps near Adora chocolates.
- > Access along the Cooks River, near golf course at night. Investigate lighting this access route.
- > Toilets where are they located and what are the hours of operation. Is lighting provided?
- > Not many accessible transport options to permit access to the parks.
- > Pathways from transport to the parks may have poor links access.
- > Very inadequate, poor lighting safety concerns at night, early evening for walking / cycling.
- > Mobility parking spots to help access parks.

Most parks do have designated mobility space - retain / add more.

- > Better pathway connections between Mackey Park across Tempe station and on to Kendrick Park existing pedestrian access unsafe with different uneven surfaces.
- > Safety concerns for children with disabilities using parks near Cooks River
- water safety a concern. Maybe enclose some play grounds so parents with children with disabilities can participate and be safe.
- > Safety near golf course golf balls may injure walkers.
- > Inadequate shading over playgrounds, shelters and areas such as the water play park.
- > Safety concerns on shared pathways between pedestrians, cyclists, dogs, especially for children and people with mobility issues.
- > Include use of parks by Council's magic yellow bus play group. Service and location of service near shade / trees.
- > Uneven pathways and lack of pathways.
- > Car access on and off Illawarra Road near Steel Park.

- > I don't use the Cooks River because of golf course / bridge crossings and lack of toilets and lighting.
- > Parking and access to either end of the project.
- > Are there disabled toilets at each of the parks.
- > Requests additional accessible crossing, disabled access to Tempe Station, pathway upgrades to access Tempe Reserve and Kendrick Park.
- > Known issue Distance between safe crossing on the Cooks River, access to Tempe Reserve, access to and through Kendrick Park, access to and through Tempe Station.
- > Upgrade pathway that connects the Concordia Club and Gough Whitlam Park.
- > Upgrading between Mackey Park and Kendrick Park (rail land).
- > Develop relationship with Canterbury Council to develop access to foreshore circuit.
- > There is varying levels of access on the pathways on each side of the river. Not everyone has access to the foreshore space.

Marrickville Council - Internal Sections

- > Steel Park playground requires fencing / barriers for controlling children, particularly with water access.
- > Ensure table heights meet DDA requirements.
- > Ensure circulation space around picnic facilities allows for DDA requirements.
- > Allow for seating at regular intervals along pathways.
- > Existing pedestrian bridge on the golf course doesn't allow for equal access.
- > Formalise the goat track along the river at Mahony Reserve.
- $\,>\,$ Pedestrian safety conflicts in the Tempe train station car park.
- > Careful consideration needs to be provided to signage, including size and location.
- > Pebblecrete not great for equal access.
- > Water access for canoe launch is limited.
- > Concordia Club is cut off from the rest of the park increase accessibility.
- > Access into and around Richardson Park is poor.
- > Poor interface between the DAB and Illawarra Road. DAB also 'faces' away from the park big missed opportunity.
- > Ensure any park / road crossing points are clear and generous.

- > Increasing park use from new developments at Woollie Creek.
- > Increase space and make safer on road bridges across the Cooks River.
- > Provide better access into and around Tempe Railway station.
- > Kendrick Park public toilet is dirty.
- > Kendrick Park canoe launch area needs shade.
- > Foreshore parks are great passive recreation areas ensure this use continues.
- > Ensure fishing points are designed into parks.
- > Underpass to Tempe rail bridge flooding issues.
- > Increasing number of cyclists along river foreshore resulting in pedestrian cycleist conflicts.
- > Wayfinding strategy required.
- > Opportunity for a heritage trail.

Canterbury and Western Suburbs Cricket Association

Mahony Reserve:

- > The removal of the cricket pitch (historical action) at Mahony Reserve limits the ability for the field to be used by others.

 Steel Park:
- > Excellent park that is well used and loved.
- > Would like to se an upgrade to the amenities building which includes room for balcony, awning. Preference is for a two story structure allowing for viewing from the second level with a verandah.
- > The DAB limits access and permeability into the park.
- Shade structure needed for the exercise equipment.
- > December top soil maintenance was very good.

Mackey Park:

- > High traffic areas tend to fail.
- > More shade is required around the field.
- > 1st grade competition has had issues with children and cricket balls ball fence required between the playing field and the children's playground.
- > Children's play facilities need better lighting safety issues.
- > Concordia club needs better integration into the park.
- > Parks need better wayfinding signage.
- > Shortfall in parking places pressure on neighbouring streets.
- > Pitches are good. Keep maintenance up.

Stanmore Hawks - Steel Park

Most players and spectators drive. park in the car park and nearby streets.

Tuesdays and Thursdays have up to 70 players.

- > Play occurs during a winter season.
- > Would like a storage room 3x3m.
- >Playing surface is not perfect, it has divits and is dangerous.
- > Expand nets behind the goals to stop halls
- > Change room and canteen has flooding issues.

Marrickville Golf Club

- > Concerned about flood issues.
- > Like Mahony Reserve the way it is.
- > Currently undertaking re-vegetaion works on the course itself.
- > Quite proud of the rain garden and the water treatment it provides.

St Peters Church Heritage Society

- > Include signage. Do not repeat the existing signage has factual errors.
 > Request to include information about Middens, local history, understanding of the landscape, Aboriginal stories, Tree species and other local plants.
- > Develop a history centre locate in a park, and be a community facility, curated perhaps by the heritage society. An example is the Sutherland District Museum.
- > Playground, shelter, BBQ facilities, teating and tables need upgrades at Kendrick Park. Picnic facilities need a covered roof for rain protection.
- > Kendrick Park named after Bilie Kendrick
- Mayor of St Peters and Marrickville.
- > Reduce coastal erosion.

Cooks River Alliance Meeting

- > Liaise with Canterbury Council Environmental Officers.
- > Liaise with Alluvium in regards to the Cooks River Engagement Plan.
- > Review recent works completed at Sydney Park for excellent examples of constructed wetlands and waterways.
- > Lack of consistent signage along shared pathways of the Cooks River foreshore.
- > Connect with Wollii Creek groups and works completed around the waterway.
- > Pathway under Tempe Rail Bridge posses risk to users.
- > Integration of Concordia into Mackey Park needs consideration.
- > Review prior studies undertaken by the Cooks River Alliance.

Sydney Water

- > Keen to align the Cooks River Improvement Plan with Marrickville Council's Cooks River Master Plan and Plan of Management documents.
- > Naturalisation of Cooks River edge and sheet pile removal on the agenda.
- > GIS layer to confirm Sydney Water infrastructure.
- > Recommendation to liaise with Canterbury Council Biodiversity Study.

AFL NSW

- > Currently use Mahony Reserve as a fall back oval as well as for Womens AFL.
- > AFL under pressure form lack of available sporting field facilities.
- > Lack of amenities at sports fields.
- > Use Mahony as pre-season training.
- > AFL would like additional car parking, an amenities building (with 4 changing rooms), fencing around the ground (5m offset), scoreboard installed.

Continued growth in AFL sporting use of the fields along the Cooks River.

> Require facilities for 'local footpall' as noted in "Preferred AFL Facility Guidelines for State and Local Facilities" August 2012. Includes: 25m2 Amendies player toilets and showers, 45 - 55m2 x2 sized change rooms, 10m2 doctors room, 2x 10m2 Massage / strapping room, 50m2 external covered viewing area, 20-25m2 gymnasium / fitness room, 20m2 kitchen, 15m2 first aid / medical room, 15m2 administration room, public toilets provided, 20m2 internal and external storage, 100m2 Social / community room, 10m2 match referee area, 10m2 timekeeper/scorers box, 20-25m2 umpires room incl toilet and shower, 5m2+ utility room, 4.8mx1.2m interchange neches x2.

- > Request coaches boxes.
- > Prefer synthetic playing surface, similar to Arlington Oval.
- > Precedent example Blackman Park (Lane Cover Council).

Marrickville Red Devils (Mackey Park)

- > Replace / update lighting. They often don't work. Also have poor lighting crossing points.
- > Drainage is often poor after heavy rain.
- > Minor improvements to turf may help playing surface.
- > Graffiti is an issue.
- > Parking issues, very busy at peak times. Additional parking options is requested.
- > Cycleway is well used. Conflicts with people and bikes.
- > Turf maintenance has improved recently.
- > Lighting near the children's playground is poor and needs improvement.
- > Request lockable storage similar to Tempe Recreation Reserve.
- > Remove tree branches that are overhanging playing field.

Mudd Crabs, Cooks River Valley Association, Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign, Residents for Reconciliation

- > Historical and co-naming signage requested.
- > Ideally for April 2015.
- > Install the Pemulwuy interpretive trail along the river foreshore.
- > Develop a trail with further information available via the web, leaflet etc.
- > Ideally integrate with a link to Gough Whitlam Park.
- > Fatima Island is historically and culturally significant.
- > Safe the island from eroding away.
- > Swimming in Kendrick Park is an aspiration.
- > Crossing under Tempe railway line and flooding is an issue.
- > Improvement can be made with the existing historical signage.

Canoe Club Meeting

- > Member arrive from mostly adjacent suburbs
- > Active community access opportunities.
- > Have an active environmental focus. Close associations with National Parks, Clean up Australia, Mud Crabs.
- > Undertake water testing.
- > Seawall at Mackey Park is failing.
- > Clarification on car park leasing arrangements requested.
- > An access ramp that goes deeper into the river requested.
- > Building has the opportunity for street
- > Legibility of the building is lacking.
- > Opportunities for fence removal and open the park edges / foreshore with the rest of the park.
- > Litter bins are required for people fishing.
- > Provide BBQ and picnic facilities.

Marrickville SES

- > Noted the flooding issues along Illawarra Road.
- > Boat launch facilities required along the Cooks River Foreshore, with access through Warren Park Boat is a V nose punt inflatable rescue boat.
- > Underpass at Tempe rail bridge has flood issues.

Marrickville Festival - 19 October 2014

The following are the responses as collected on the day of the community engagement at Marrickville Festival. Each response is headed by the question and followed by the list of responses.

1_ Select two images that best represent your ideal future Cooks River Parklands

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Additional comments included

- > More parklands for every persons use. No more stuff for specific groups e.g. Soccer etc. No privatisation and more trees.
- $\,>\,$ More park land and green colour in the city.
- > Dog off leash areas please.
- > Clean up river pollution.
- > Clean up the river of rubbish and waste.
- > Habitat management to encourage smaller native birds / discourage noisy minors
- > Festivals! Sculptures by the sea equivalents! So much potential to activate all the empty land!
- > Dog walking off leash at certain times please!
- > Off leash dog area and poo bags (and bins).
- > Off leash dog walking.
- > Off-leash dog walking please!



Native meadow



Bicycle connections

19



Interactive water edge



23 BBQ and picnic facilities

18



Park naturalisation



20 Pedestrian lighting

17

Figure 06: Slection of images from Marrickville Festival engagement questions.

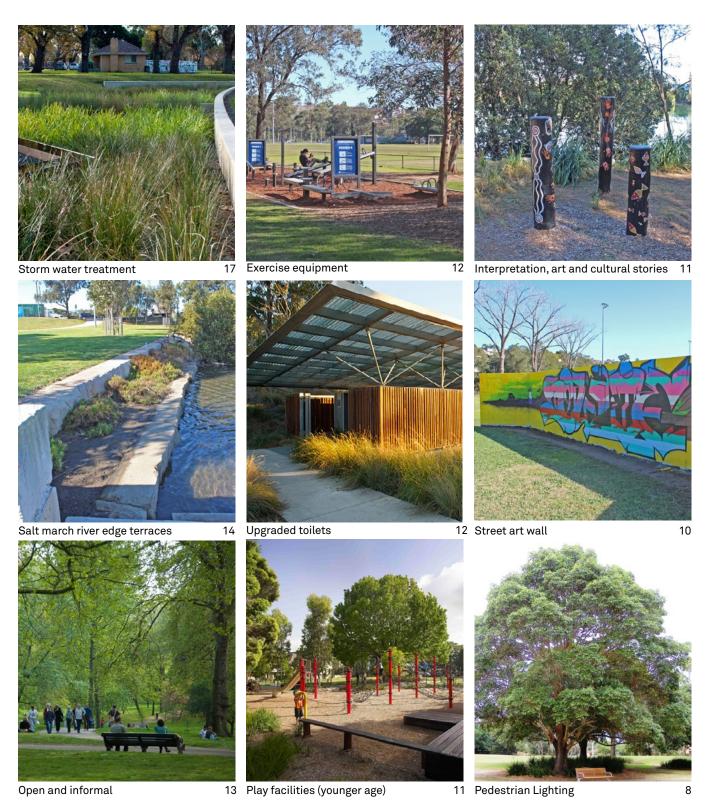


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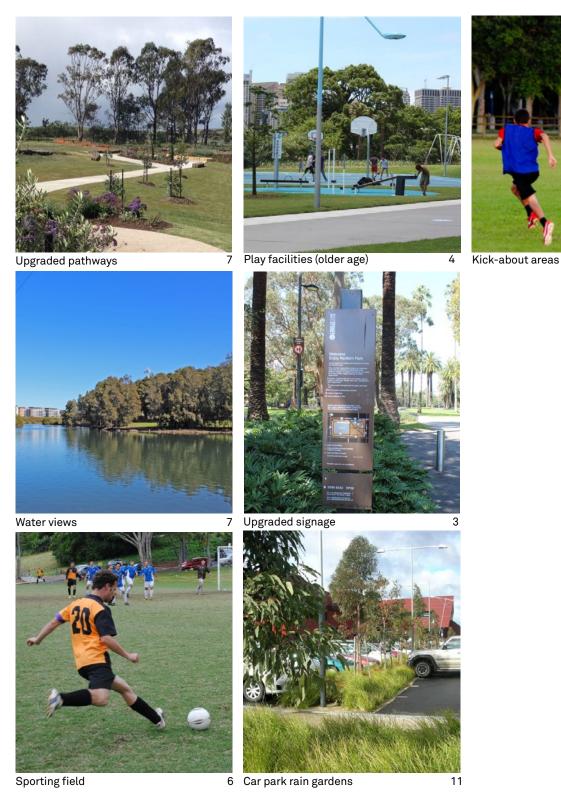


Figure 06 (cont): Slection of images from Marrickville Festival engagement questions.

Mahony Reserve - 23 October 2014 + 01 November 2014

The following are the responses as collected over two days of the community engagement for Mahony Reserve. Each response is headed by the question and followed by the list of responses.

1_ Select two images that best represent your ideal future Cooks River Parklands

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Additional comments included > Dog walking (off lead area?)

- > Dog walking.
- > River safe to swim.



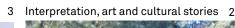
Quiet shaded seating



Salt marsh river edge terraces



Street Art Wall





Play facilities (younger children)



Park naturalisation

Figure 07: Slection of images from Mahony Reserve engagement questions.

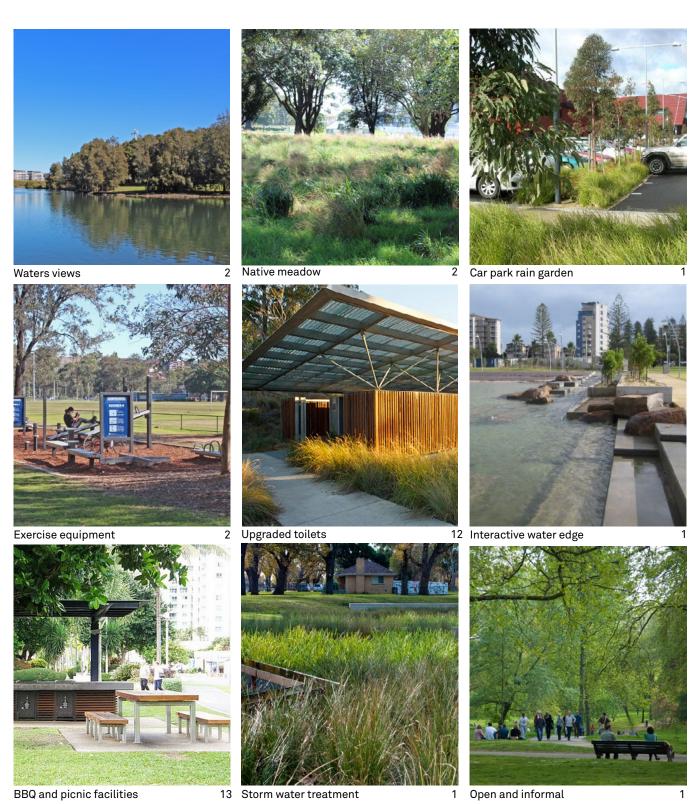


Figure 07 (cont): Slection of images from Mahony Reserve engagement questions.



Play facilities (older age)



Bicycle connections



Sporting field

Figure 07 (cont): Slection of images from Mahony Reserve engagement questions.

2_ Put a dot on your favourite part of Mahony Reserve.

Refer figures right - 08 (top) & 09 (bottom).

3_ If you could have anything in the world in HJ Mahony Reserve, what would it be?

- > Dog Off leash area x4.
- > More trees x3.
- > Children's play equipment x3.
- > Seating, BBQ and picnic facilities x3.
- > Poo bags / bin x2.
- > River launch facilities for canoes x2.
- > Cafe x2.
- > Fencing to the dog off leash area.
- > A 3.5ft mini skate ramp
- > More mulch around trees
- > Don't alienate the park more for organised sport.
- > Bush regeneration / revegetation.
- > Another water park. Swings, merry-gorounds, see-saw and slippery dips.
- > Soccer net.
- > Better drainage on the oval.
- > Small grandstand.
- > Community compost area.
- > Peaceful space / sporting space.
- > Just as it is.
- > Bush tucker garden.

4_ If you could change only one thing in HJ Mahony Park, what would it be?

- > More picnic tables and seats x3.
- > Less bindies in the grass x3.
- > Improve the toilet facilities x3.
- > Covered seating x2.
- > Dogs off leash area x2.
- > More street art practice walls x2.
- > More mulch areas.
- > Remove the coire matting.
- > Water bubblers.
- > More parties, music and things to do.
- > Replace Poplar trees.
- > Provide dog poo bags.
- > Nothing.
- > Increase variety and use apart from sport.





Figure 08 (top) & Figure 09 (bottom): The favoutire places in Mahony Reserve - red dots represent placed selected by the community that they love in Mahony Reserve.

5_ Put a dot on your least favourite part of Mahony Reserve.

Refer figures right - 10 & 11.

6_ What best describes what you or your family do in HJ Mahony Reserve?

> Walk or run	19
> Walk a dog	10
> Access the Cooks River	6
> Play sport on the playing field	5
> Sit under a tree / relax	5
> Cut through the park	4
> Use the public toilets	4
> Personal training or other class	3
> Use the street art wall	3
> Spectator at a sporting event	2
> Picnic / eat your lunch in the park	2
>Drinking Coffee	1
> Use the junior athletics equipmer	nt
(school carnival)	1

7_How do you get to HJ Mahony Reserve

> Walk / run	17
> Drive	2
> Bicycle	2

8_ How often do you visit Mahony Reserve?

9
5
2
1
1

9_ When you visit Mahony Reserve, how long do you stay in the park?

> 0-10min	5
> 11-30min	7
> 31-60 mins	2
> 1-2 hours	6

10_What Suburb to you live in?

> Marrickville	13
> Earlwood	4





Figure 10 (top) & Figure 11 (bottom): The least favourite places of Mahony Reserve - red dots represent places selected by the community that they don't like in Mahony Reserve.

11_ In one sentence write a description of HJ Mahony Reserve. You may outline what it looks like, what you do in the park or how it makes you feel.

- > Relaxing, get away from the urban environment.
- > Its a sports field.
- > Lovely / pretty.
- > Open, natural, quiet, peaceful.
- > It is amazing and would really like to see forward to improve use.
- > Great open space, totally dominated by sports field.
- > Great community space.
- > It's a little know secret part of the Cooks River, so it is a little more local, I enjoy the graffiti wall as well.
- > Good open space to just walk and ponder. > Big, wide, beautiful, green space right on the river that makes me want to kick a ball and frolic with my dog.
- > I like the proximity to the Cooks River for walking.
- > Leafy, green and tree friendly.
- > Clean, well maintained.
- >HJ Mahony Reserve is a large dry field encircled by trees situated along the Cooks
- River which evokes feelings of nostalgia. > I walk along the river and like the natural, peaceful atmosphere and I appreciate the provision of habitat for micro bats and other fauna.

12_ Are there any particular items that need upgrading in HJ Mahony Reserve? It might be better pathways, more trees, better parking or better lighting. Please list any improvements you may wish to see.

- > More trees and shade x6.
- > More naturalised shrubs and groundcovers x2.
- > More picnic facilities and shade x2.
- > Provide more art wall space x2.
- > More riparian plantings.
- > Walking pathways.
- > Provide more soccer fields.
- > The toilets.
- > Public toilets are very ugly. An upgrade would be lovely.
- > Bindies. It would be great to be able to walk bare foot all year round x2.
- > Add more mulch around the trees.
- > No more bike pathways.
- > Bins and dog poo bags need to be provided.
- > Drinking founds required (excess water

to flow to dog bowl).

- > No change I think it is fine.
- > More lighting along the bike pathway.
- > Provide a pathway along the river.
- > More understory planting and bank naturalisation.

13_ Think about what you love about HJ Mahony Reserve. In three descriptive words or less, write why you love this part of the park.

- > Open, green, untouched.
- > Space, river, greenery.
- > Open space, trees.
- > Greenery.
- > Nice and big.
- > Dog can be on leash.
- > Simplicity, lack of people, shadiness.
- > Peaceful, harmonious, close to home, big
- > Potential, trees, open space.
- > Community, sharing, bird life.
- > Quiet, social, leafy.
- > Close to home, its green.
- > Open, green, dogs.
- > Open space, greenery.
- > The tree canopy.
- > Open space.

> Met so many fantastic neighbours who also walk their dog in this reserve. I think having an area in which people can meet up with their dogs is really important. It

promotes neighbourly friendships and

- builds a better community.
 > Every day when my dog runs around is a story of joy.
- > Enjoy the company of people and their dogs, and have run into old friends.
- > Played rugby league as a junior here.
- > Meeting other dog people in the areas having a chat with big smiles and laughter.
- > The football on weekends is fun to watch.
- > Walk every day in the park. It is a really large part of my life.

14_ Think about what you dislike about HJ Mahony Reserve. In three descriptive words or less, write why you dislike this part of the park

- > Lack of shade x2.
- > No off-lead dogs allowed.
- > The art work.
- > Sometimes the graffiti is lame. But is shouldn't be removed.
- > The park needs more mulch.
- > Domination by Australian Rules football.
- > Lack of parking when sporting events
- > Unnecessary regulation.
- > Rubbish that get left around.
- > Dominated by sporting field.
- > Irresponsible pet owners, not cleaning up after their pets.
- > Not enough bins.
- > Toilets.

15_ Do you have a memorable story about HJ Mahony Reserve?

- > My dog went for a swim in the river.
- > Our dogs love the park. We used to hold a cultural event twice a year, which we moved due to the restructure of Steel Park.

16_ Children were provided paper and pencils at each of the engagement sessions. Examples of the drawings produced about the Cooks River Parklands are opposite.

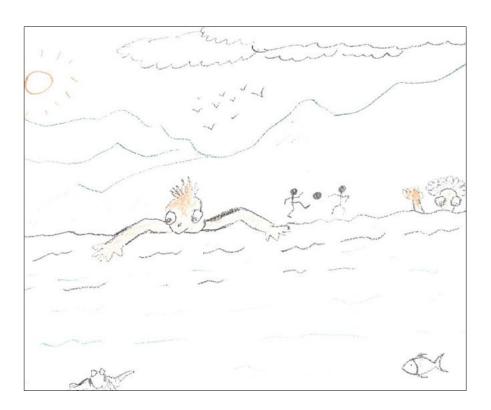




Figure 12 (top) & 13 (bottom): Images drawn by children during engagement representing Mahony Reserve.

Steel Park - 28 October 2014 + 08 November 2014

The following are the responses as collected over two days of the community engagement for Steel Park. Each response is headed by the question and followed by the list of responses.

1_ Select two images that best represent your ideal future Cooks River Parklands

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Additional comments included:

- > Indoor sports.
- > Signage for BBQ i.e. Is it on?
- > Water play is dangerous around the basin and can be a trip hazard.
- > Toilets are dirty.
- > Water play has pooling issues.













Upgraded toilets

Interactive water edge

Play facilities (older age)





Play facilities (younger age)

Figure 14: Slection of images from Steel Park engagement questions.



Figure 14 (cont): Slection of images from Steel Park engagement questions.



Figure 14 (cont): Slection of images from Steel Park engagement questions.

2_ Put a dot on your favourite part of Steel Park.

Refer figures right - 15 & 16.

3_ If you could have anything in the world in Steel Park, what would it be?

- > Cafe x6.
- > More shelter structures for picnics x4.
- > An enclosure a fence around as we are right next to the Cooks River and the little ones tend to run off x3.
- > Additional play equipment x3.
- > More water play features (think darling harbour) x2.
- > A cleaner river x2.
- > More BBQ areas x2.
- > More car parking x2.
- > Dense plantings contrasted with long views.
- > More trees.
- > Better pathways.
- > A fence around the water play park.
- > Kayak canoe hire.
- > Spaceship.
- > Amphitheatre for moonlight cinema.
- > Outdoor cinema.
- > Fence the river.
- > Sandy beach play area.
- > Host park-run.
- > Swimming pool.
- > Bit of colour to brighton up the park.
- > Proper showers.
- > Dog bin and dog bags.
- > Kiosk.
- > Excellent clean park.
- > Pop up food trucks.
- > Broader pedestrian / cycle lane on the bridge across at Bayview Ave. Better access across to Canterbury Council.
- > Mobile coffee cart.
- > More signage about nature and plants.
- > Bigger slides and climbing equipment.
- > Tree house (think baxton Park).
- > Shade cloth over the kids equipment.
- > Giant climbing pyramid.
- > Man made beach.
- > Better toilets.
- > More shade and seats.
- > Make the toilet block / Stanmore Hawkes Club room more accessible / shared.





Figure 15 (top) & Figure 16 (bottom): The favourite places of Steel Park - red dots represent places selected by the community that they love in Steel Park.

4_ If you could change only one thing in Steel Park, what would it be?

- > More picnic tables x4.
- > Better toilets x3.
- > More parking x3.
- > More water park activities x2.
- > Safety fence between the playground and the waters edge x2.
- > Enclosure for kids (so they don't run away) x2.
- > The ability to reserve a picnic table and BBQ at a specific time x2.
- > A big web to entertain the bigger kids older kids play area x2.
- > Make it easier to find keys lost in the mulch.
- > Better baby change facilities with warm showers.
- > Non-slip pads in some of the water play areas.
- > Better rubbish removal and storage.
- > Increase lighting.
- > More grass near play area.
- > Bench along the water.
- > More shade in the water play area.
- > Better manage surface water pollution in the river.
- > Removal of the rubbish in the GPT.
- > Need parents and kids yoga class in the park.
- > A cleaner river so water activities would be possible.
- > More BBQ areas.
- > Better tables and picnic facilities.
- > More seating.
- > No ibis birds.
- > The stair on the big kids slide are too steep and dangerous.
- > Expand the natural planted area east.
- > Coffee cart.
- > Cafe / kiosk.
- > Shield playing field lights to reduce impact on neighbouring houses.
- > Improve cricket nets at northern end.

$5_$ Put a dot on your least favourite part of Steel Park.

Refer figures right - 17 & 18.





Figure 17 (top) & Figure 18 (bottom): The least favourite places of Steel Park - red dots represent places selected by the community that they dislke in Steel Park.

6_What best describes what you or your family do in Steel Park?

> Use the children's playground	28
> Use the water play park	22
> Walk or run	21
> Picnic in the park	17
> Ride along the foreshore	17
> Sit under a tree / relax	16
> Use the public toilets	11
> Walk a dog	10
> Use the BBQ equipment	10
> Access the Cooks River	8
> Play sport on the playing field	s 8
> Use the exercise equipment	7
> Personal training or other class	ss 4
> Cut through the park	4
> Watch a sporting event	4
> Attend a community event	1

7_ How do you get to Steel Park?

> Walk	25
> Bicycle	10
> Car	31
> Scooter	1
> By train or bus	1

8_ How often do you visit Steel Park?

> Daily	6
> Two / three times a week	18
> Once a week	18
> Fortnightly	6
> Monthly	2
> Yearly	5

9_When you visit Steel Park, how long do you stay in the park?

	4
> 0-10min	7
> 11-30min	15
> 31-60 mins	21
> 1-2 hours	10
>2+ hours	

10_ What Suburb to you live in?

> Marrickville	21
> Earlwood	3
> Roselle	1
> Moorebank	1
> Petersham	2
> Ashfield	1
> Dulwich Hill	3
> Leichardt	1
> Canterbury	1
> Summer Hill	1
> Kingsgove	2
> Bexley North	1
> Tempe	1
> St Peters	1
> Stanmore	1
> Balmain	1
> Canada Bay	1
> Lewisham	1
> Maroubra	1

11_ In one sentence write a description of Steel Park. You may outline what it looks like, what you do in the park or how it makes you feel.

- > I love the multiple uses people of all cultures make of the park I feel at ease.
- > Lovely park with shade and trees
- > A lovely place to bring the kids and enjoy the outdoors.
- > A nice big area for family and friends to meet and relax (we could relax more if it was enclosed).
- > Inner city Sanctuary.
- > Relaxed enjoyable park.
- > Happy celebrations and fun times in the park.
- > Fabulous! Great mix of uses.
- > Natural tree shade, relaxed, Equipment suitable for younger children and not enough for older kids.
- > A comprehensive space for families.
- > Great spot for kids.
- > Shaded, friendly, tranquil.
- > Safe, clean, kid friendly.
- > Personally one of the prettiest park around, I feel like I'm in London, its a great feel park.
- > Best place to visit every day I feel happy.
- > Great morning out for the kids.
- > Lovely shady playground with a big variety of play equipment.
- > I've been here all my life, since I was a little girl, I love it just the way it is.
- > Pleasant park, nice to relax by the river, always clean.
- > A sense of community, relaxed.

- > Relaxing and calm place where you can escape the world.
- > Great park. My child loves the water play section, the flying fox (need another one of those) Great social environment.
- > Community Park.
- > It is a relaxing, green space used by many different people where my dog loves to walk.
- > Love it when the trees shed their seeds and it looks like its snowing. Snowing in the sun!
- > Steel Park is a beautiful park surrounded by the Cooks River waterway. A beautiful park to play, relax and enjoy.
- > When the blower isn't on serene.
- > A great green area for all the community to enjoy in lots of different ways. We love it! > We like to spend time with family at the
- park and watch the water.
- >Its a relaxing place to escape the built up city.
- > Play
- > Beautiful trees, pleasant river and excellent water play area.
- > To walk by the water, utilising the equipment both training and play while running with the dogs across the open space.
- > Active lots of sports.
- > The park is a great place for watching sports and having a great time with the family.
- > Utilitarian has nice jasmine, fun children's play area, very sport oriented.
- My son has a class in the centre. Reasonable cafe. I feel fairly neutral, tend towards positive.
- > Its good for walking.
- > Fabulous facilities, relaxing, enjoyable, a great asset for local residents.
- > Very relaxing and calming water.
- > It looks beautiful on a sunny day and is a true part of Marrickville / Earlwood.
- > It has good sport facilities. The playground is fun because it s entertaining. It feels relaxing.
- > Green!
- > Great open space that is gradually improving.

12_ Are there any particular items that need upgrading in Steel Park? It might be better pathways, more trees, better parking or better lighting. Please list any improvements you may wish to see.

- > Improve parking x8.
- > Improve toilets / showers x7.
- > More BBQs x4.

- > More play equipment x4.
- > Remove rubbish / better bins x3.
- > Picnic tables x3.
- > Pedestrian lighting x3.
- > More tree plantings x2.
- > Additional seating provided x2.
- > Fence the park x2.
- > More flowering plants.
- > More water play.
- > Remove muddy areas.
- > Dog off leash area.
- > More drinking water stations.
- >Provide a kiosk.
- >Provide shade to water play area.
- >Improve interpretive signage.
- > Provide non-slip pavement in water play area
- > Slow bicyle speeds.
- > More native plantings.
- > Better seating under trees to watch cricket. Perhaps with tables.
- >Better link from park to PCYC building and facilities.

13_Think about what you love about Steel Park. In three descriptive words or less, write why you love this part of the park.

- > Beautiful, fun, friendly.
- > Love the river, lots of kids activities, nice path for walking.
- > Something for everyone.
- > Scenic great BBQ facilities.
- > Shaded well-kept (maintained).
- > Great for kids.
- > Walkways, water, river.
- > Water, shade, play equipment.
- > Water park great for small kids.
- > Bike path Lovely scenery, good exercise.
- > Playground / picnic areas great for getting together and meeting other locals.
- > Serene, beautiful, practical.
- > Peaceful, big.
- > Fun, play, outdoors.
- > Нарру.
- > Shady, green open.
- > Very kid friendly.
- > Family friendly.
- > Clean, large, Family friendly.
- > Open space, greenery, scenic.
- > Play, relaxing, good for exercise.
- > Shady, entertaining, cheerful.
- > Nice and shady, beautiful trees, easy access.
- > Clean, fresh and lively.
- > Space, trees, grass.

- > Pretty, convenient, accessible.
- > Trees, shady, summer deciduous excellent.
- > Great for kids, Run path is great.
- > The people, trees, river.
- > Water facilities.
- > Water, sun trees.
- > Shady, nice breeze, river views, space for everyone.
- > Diverse, multipurpose.
- > Safe and friendly.
- > Various equipment for both my boys age groups.
- > Flat (level), peaceful, great facilities.
- > Shady, waterplay, large space.
- > Trees, river, waterplay.
- > Water, park, river, bike track.
- > Water play park.
- > Water, big trees.
- > Active, public space.

14_Think about what you dislike about Steel Park. In three descriptive words or less, write why you dislike this part of the park.

- > No fence.
- > Too many ibis.
- > Lack of parking.
- > No complete relaxation as my children are running to the river. I'm on my third child now, 2 year olds run towards the water. Having a 6 and 4 year old too, its been years of chasing them away from the river.
- > Speeding cyclists x3.
- > Cater better for younger children.
- > Dirty ibis.
- > More lighting on running track.
- > Poor toilets.
- > Sometimes water features don't work.
- > Messy
- > More grass around picnic tables, not dog friendly.
- > Better grass.
- > Not enough picnic tables.
- > Very busy due to limited BBQ resources.
- > Parking can be difficult.
- > Need a little more security between the river and the park.
- > Rubbish.
- > Ibis.
- > Water play should be open at the beginning of 3rd/4th term of school holidays.

- > Crossing the road can sometimes be hairy
- although better since refuge island has been installed.
- > Poor lighting.
- > Rubbish, broken equipment, disgusting toilets.
- > The parking.
- > All is very nice.
- > Cricket, outfield, dusty.

15_ Do you have a memorable story good or bad of Steel Park? Please write your story in less than three sentences.

- > My son's birthday parties 2nd, 3rd and soon 4th will be held here.
- > I fell in love with my husband by the glistening water.
- > Growing up and watching it evolve.
- > When I was at school, every year we had our school carnival here.
- > We taught our children how to ride a bike with no training wheels in Steel Park.
- > Connect with family and friends.
- > We hold the kids birthdays here every year
- > First time our 15 month old played in the water sports.
- > Fabulous earth hour candles on the river event. Run each march by the Cooks River Valley Association.
- > We celebrated our daughters baby shower here - lots of space, play areas, breezes, things to do. Fun time had by all.
- > Just eh birds.
- > We hold BBQ's for our kids birthdays here. Its great, lots of space, lots to do, kids get fresh air and exercise and away from technology, ipads, TV's etc.
- > I was part of a community action in the early 2000s that stopped a private sports facility taking over 2/3 of the park that I am proud of!
- > Being pregnant seeing the water park under construction and knowing my child to be would be able to enjoy it. She's now 3 and has always loved the water play park every summer since it opened.
- > We just love this park, it shows such great initiative for understanding of local family needs on behalf of Council Thank you!
- > We brought our 6th month year old girl here after researching on the internet for a day out.
- > Tipsily sprinting people down the flying fox in the early morning and losing my keys only for some wonderful person to find them and hand them back later.

Warren Park, Richardson Lookout + Cooks River Foreshore Park - 05 November 2014 + 15 November 2014

The following are the responses as collected over two days of the community engagement for Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore. Each response is headed by the question and followed by the list of responses.

1_ Select two images that best represent your ideal future Cooks River Parklands

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Additional comments included:

- > Public art sculpture.
- > Dog bags and bins x2.
- > Fenced playground.





Interactive water edge

Bicycle connections





Interpretation, art and cultural stories





Pedestrian lighting

Open and informal

Figure 19: Slection of images from Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore engagement questions.

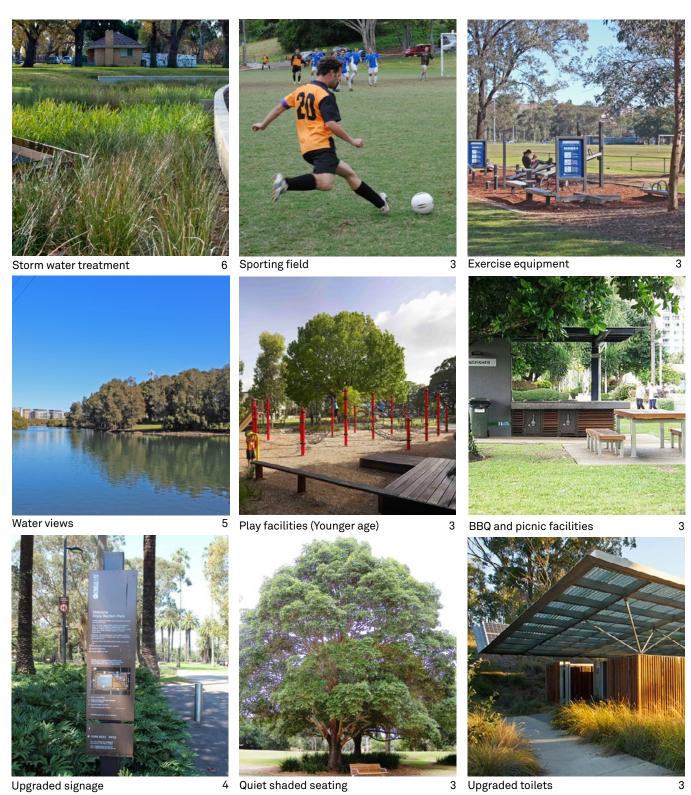


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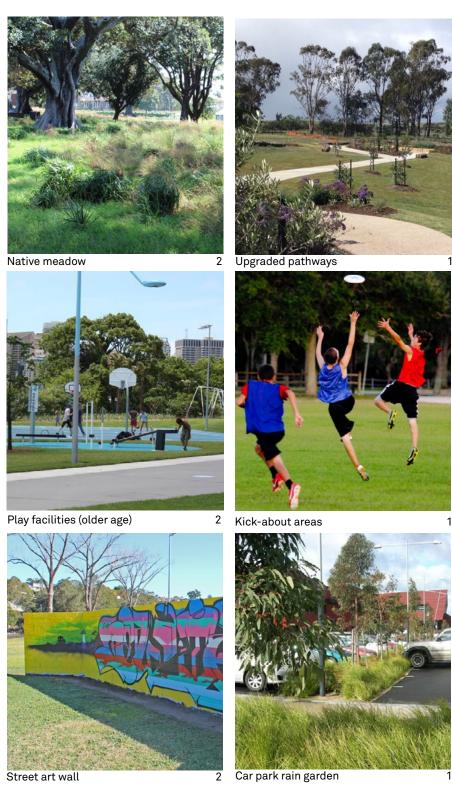


Figure 19 (cont): Slection of images from Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore engagement questions.

2_ Put a dot on your favourite part of Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore.

Refer figures left - 20 & 21.

3_ If you could have anything in the world in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore, what would it be?

- > An off leash dog area x5.
- > Richardson Lookout as a peace park x4.
- > A swimming pool x2.
- > Identification signage x2.
- > Provide interpretive signage which would be useful additions for visitors, school groups etc x2.
- > More seats near the river x2.
- > Dog area to be fenced.
- > Brewery with beer garden.
- > Cafe.
- > Community nursery.
- > More rubbish bins.
- > Playground.
- > Develop / maintain existing plants, trees and general areas. Minimise facilities that encourage too many special events.
- > Better bridging across the river, particularly in its lower reaches - establish a connection to Wolli Creek bushland.
- > Continue work on the plantings.
- > Improve the perimeter fencing which is very ugly.
- > Giant slippery slide.
- > Swimming.
- > Cafe.
- > Rubbish removal after rain.
- > Extend revegetation up and down stream along the river.
- >Extend pathways so no road crossings.
- > Footbridge to Earlwood near the sewerage pipes.
- > A small pedestrian bridge.
- > Stretching areas.
- > More artwork.
- > Slow commuter / fast bike riders.
- > More native trees, walking tracks (not shared with bicycles), more wilderness.
- > Open space for events.
- >Lighting.
- > More native trees, preservation of sandstone structures, make features of the sandstone cliffs.





Figure 20 (top) & Figure 21 (bottom): The favourite places of Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore - red dots represent places selected by the community that they love in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore.

4_ If you could change only one thing in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore, what would it be?

- > Remove ugly fence and improve access x2
- > Get rid of bindies in the grass x2.
- > More interpretive signage x2.
- > Pedestrian lighting timed for a few hours after sunset x2.
- > Improve views to the Cooks River.
- > Provide safe pedestrian road crossing at Tempe Station.
- > Better water quality be able to swim in the Cooks River.
- > Slow commuter / fast bike riders.
- > Running from the road into the park is bumpy and have to watch for cars on the corner.
- > Improve river water quality.
- > Bins.
- > Drinking fountains.
- > Improve the perimeter fencing, paving and renewing plantings. Retaining walls along the river need repair.
- > Grow tall trees to obscure the Wolli creek skyline.
- > Increase native flora to help increase biodiversity / birdlife. Improve quality of Cooks River and increase infrastructure to reduce pollution.
- >Divided footpath for cyclists and walkers.
- > Return park get rid of weeds.
- > Provide dog off leash area.
- > Better policing of rubbish dumbing and park misuse.
- > A deck over the river from Mackey Park a beer garden.

5_ Put a dot on your least favourite part of Mahony Reserve.

Refer figures left - 22 & 23.





Figure 22 (top) & Figure 23 (bottom): The least favourite places of Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore - red dots represent places selected by the community that they dislke in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore.

> 1-2 hours

>2+ hours

> Marrickville

> Dulwich Hill

> Earlwood

10_ What Suburb to you live in?

6_ What best describes what you or you	our	>Tempe		maintained easily accessed.
family do in Warren Park, Richardson		> Kingsgrove	1 ;	> We have lived here for 35 years and we
Lookout and the Cooks River Foresho	re?	> Woollahra	1 ł	have continually used the area for
		> Berala	1 6	exercising, and now use the space with the
> Walk or run	25		8	grand children.
> Walk a dog	21	11_ In one sentence write a descripti	ion of	Quiet, special water views, bush land.
> Enjoy the bushland regeneration and	19	Warren Park, Richardson Lookout an		> Makes me feel relaxed. Could be
Wildlife		Cooks River Foreshore You may outli		anywhere in the world, it is very escapist.
> Personal training or other class	1	what it looks like, what you do in the		> Exceptional green space, opportunity to
> Cut through the park	7	or how it makes you feel.		use green space close to the city.
> Access the Cooks River	16	. =1. 1991		> It a calming oasis where I can think and
> Use the park seating	5	> This little precinct has great signification		watch the light on the river.
> Sit on the ground	6	for reconciliation over the last couple	of 2	> A natural asset of great beauty.
> Picnic in the park	3	decades.		
> Enjoy the view from the lookout at	11	> If is a wonderful place to walk and er		12_ Are there any particular items that
Richardson Lookout		the green space in the middle of the ir		need upgrading in Warren Park,
> Ride along the foreshore	16	city.		Richardson Lookout and Cooks River
> Enjoy the historical elements	12	> I mainly cycle along the bike path bu		Foreshore? It might be better pathways,
> Enjoy the interpretive cultural art	9	also like to visit the aboriginal signage		more trees, better parking or better
elements		feature and the rain garden area abov		lighting. Please list any improvements
Play soccer	1	Thornly Street.)	you may wish to see.
> Bird watching	1	> I enjoy the green space and park.		
> Enjoy the Green	2	> Community feel.		> Pedestrian lighting x9.
		> Beautiful, nature, tranquil.		> Interpretive signage x5.
		> Riding and walking dog.		> Improve stairs and pathways condition
7_ How do you get to Warren Park,		> Love running next to the water.		and connections x4.
Richardson Lookout and the Cooks Ri	ver	> Clean and green.		> Additional tree planting x4.
Foreshore		> Well maintained, grassy.		> Additional seating x3.
	07	> Wonderful and thoughtful planting		> Improved fencing with gates x2.
> Walk / run	27	scheme and lovely play areas for child		> More bubblers / drinking fountains x2.
> Drive	6	> The park has changed over the time		> Play facilities (nature based) x2.
> Bicycle	10	have used it - we absolutely love the		> Wayfinding signage x2.
		changes as it is beautiful to walk alon		> Weed removal x2.
8_ How often do you visit Warren Park		> Marvellous open spaces so welcome		> Improved bin facilities x2.
Richardson Lookout and the Cooks Ri	ver	the city.		Community nursery.
Foreshore?		A good quiet place for recreation and relaxation.		> Fencing to play facility to separate children from dogs.
> Daily	13	> Richardson Lookout is a scenic spot		> Increased car parking.
> Two / three times a week	13	close to nature with a distant horizon.	.)	Safety signage on the bike pathway.
> Once a week	4	> I like the WSUD and biodiversity feat		> Remove dead vegetation.
> Fortnightly	1	> Natural and bush-like with unstruct		> Luminous contrast needs adding to the
> Monthly	2	play and exploring opportunities> Gree		park steps.
> Yearly	2	areas and lots of trees.		Co-naming of Richardson Lookout as a
,		> Lovely walk especially close to CBD,		peace and reconciliation park.
9_ When you visit Warren Park,		around the river.		> Improve Cooks River water quality
Richardson Lookout and Cooks River		> It's a peaceful space and although he		> Fence removal.
Foreshore, how long do you stay in the		used it never feels crowded.		> Trim planting await from pathways
park?		> The trees make a wonderful river.		> Toilet facilities.
•		Foreshore. They are like our little bit o		> Reduce the cycling speed along the Cooks
> 0-10min	2	bush in the heart of the Warren locale		River pathway.
> 11-30min	13	Marrickville.		,
> 31-60 mins	13	> The Richardson Lookout along with i	its '	13 Think about what you love about

adjacent bush provides visual refreshment

> Quiet enjoyment, enjoy the tree shade,

> Great environment away from traffic to

> Natural parkland space, beautifully

ponder nature to walk, run, cycle and relax.

summer visitation of channelled billed

for the jaded gaze.

Cookoos.

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2

Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the

descriptive words or less, write why you

> Native greenery, space, park like feel.

> Accessibility, bike path, open space.

Cooks River Foreshore. In three

love this part of the park.

> Long bush walks.

- > Closeness to water.
- > Scenic. nature. friendly.
- > Peaceful and clean.
- > Good space for dogs to walk.
- > Mangroves, gum trees, cycling pathway.
- > Beautiful, history, trees.
- > The river, the trees, the birds.
- > Views, history.
- > Trees, water, quietness.
- > Sandstone rocks, native vegetation, lots of people on the bike path.
- > Green and interesting plants.
- > Wildlife, quiet, green.
- > Birds, quiet, green space.
- > Nature, plants, birds and blue tongued lizards, views.
- > Birds, water, fresh air.
- > Quiet, allows people different use types.
- > Biodiversity, native flora and fauna, recreation place for people along the Cooks River.
- > Birds, plants, air.
- > It is such a local pleasure.
- > Bush surrounding a rocky outcrops.
- > Peaceful, lots of green, relaxing, water views.
- > Nature, birds, green, waterway.
- > Calming, traffic free, nature, birds, plants.
- > Peaceful, urban oasis.

14_ Think about what you dislike about Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and the Cooks River Foreshore. In three descriptive works or less, write why you dislike this part of the park.

- > The rubbish amongst the mangroves on the river.
- > Bindies in the grass x3.
- > Fast / rude bicycle riders x3.
- > Less rubbish and pollution x3.
- > Broken pathways.
- > Dog poo.
- > Rude dog owners.
- > Lack of signage.
- > Perimeter fences.
- > Pubblecrete pathways.
- > Not being a dog off leash park.
- > Small size.
- > At night walking along Thornley Street between Warren and Richardson Park can be scary. Lots of rubbish in Richardson Lookout.
- > Need to link all parts of the park. No road crossings / no bridges. Need to make wheel chair / pram accessible.

- > Garbage traps along the river.
- > Need a pedestrian bridge.
- > Too much concrete.
- > Not clean enough.
- > Small and cleanliness of Cooks River.

15_ Do you have a memorable story good or bad of Warren Park, Richardson Lookout or the Cooks River Foreshore?

- > Taught my daughter to ride a bike here and at the same tome we leant about the fish and birds on the Cooks River beautiful combination.
- > Loved the first time I discovered the river.
- > My husband remembers playing at Richardson Lookout as a child 45 years ago
- looks beautiful now.
- > In the 1980's I had a milk run in the area. I used to pause for a drink (thermos of tea) at Richardson lookout. Kept me same!
- > My best two memories are the bicentennial celebrations at Richardson Lookout, watching the tall ships sail into Botany Bay. Also getting married at the lookout in 2009.
- > Attending Sorry Day candle-lit walk from Steel Park, ending at Richardson Lookout.
- > Getting to know other locals through bush regeneration projects and the Mudcrabs
- > Long ago there were cars stolen and driven into the park and left to fall down the steep edges. Luckily - landscaping and restoration has stopped that.
- > Good: Finding out about history of this area.
- > Many memories of enjoying the quiet with kids and family.

16_ Dots represent the level of support for the designation and co-naming of Richardson Lookout as a Peace Park.

UNSUPPORTIVE VERY SUPPORTIVE

Mackey Park - 13 November 2014 + 22 November 2014

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1_ Select two images that best represent your ideal future Cooks River Parklands

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Other comments included:

- > Dog off leash areas please.
- > Closed in dog area.











Pedestrian lighting



Figure 24: Selection of images from Mackey Park engagement questions.

7 Shaded seating



Figure 24 (cont): Selection of images from Mackey Park engagement questions.



Figure 24 (cont): Selection of images from Mackey Park engagement questions.

2_ Put a dot on your favourite part of Mackey Park.

Refer figure right - 25.

3_ Put a dot on your least favourite part of Mackey Park

Refer figure right - 26.

4_ If you could have anything in the world in Mackey Park, what would it be?

- > Picnic and BBQ facilities x6.
- > Cafe x6.
- > More trees x4.
- > Off leash area for dogs x3.
- > Footbridge x3.
- > Public swimming pool x2.
- > Coffee cart x2.
- > Local art / sculptures x2.
- > River access for boat ramp x2.
- > Clean river for swimming x2.
- > Foot bridge (Unwins Bridge Road Bridge (over river) on this side of traffic bridge.
- > Enjoy the river outlook.
- > Turn the Canoe Club into a coffee shop.
- > Improved / expanded playground for children.
- > More shade alongside the fig trees near the Concordia Club.
- > Marsh / wetlands reinstated.
- > Redesign the Concordia Club to include cafe / recreation areas.
- > Remove fencing to the Concordia Club.
- > More toilets.
- > A clean Cooks River where kids can swim.
- > Easy access to the other side of the river and Wolli Creek.
- > Retain natural and simple qualities.
- > Dog poo dispenser bags.
- > Upgrade toilet and canteen area.
- > Make the park bigger.
- > Extend toilet opening hours.
- > Community garden.
- > Less rubbish in the river.
- > Stormwater outlet cleaned to improve appearance.
- > Keep it green and keep the lovely tall river edge trees.
- > Leave the sandstone river edge wall.
- > Stop the dumping of rubbish in the stormwater systems.
- > Naturalised foreshore with small birds.
- > Lights on longer, particularly in winter.





Figure 25 (top) & Figure 26 (bottom): The favourite places of Mackey Park (top), red dots represent places selected by the community that they love in Mackey Park. The least favourite places of Mackey Park (bottom), red dots represent places selected by the community that they dislike in Mackey Park.

4_ If you could change only one thing in Mackey Park, what would it be?

- > Provide dog off leash area x4.
- > Reduce pollution and rubbish in the river x4.
- > Improve and expand playground. (Include play equipment for different ages groups)
- > Its nice how it is. Retain the quiet peaceful appearance x2.
- > Remove rubbish regularly from the GPT so 6_ How do you get to Mackey Park? it isn't visually offensive x2.
- > Education on share path rules
- > River access for boat launching.
- > Pedestrian road crossing to the park.
- > Upgrade canteen facility.
- > Upgrade toilet facilities.
- > Water play park for children.
- > Pedestrian pathway along ghost trail.
- > Provide additional seating.
- > Annual Council activities (outdoor cinema, band, entertainment).
- > Cover drain.
- > Better integration with the Concordia
- > Wind barrier near playground.
- > Undercover area for rain and sun shelter.
- > Remove sewerage treatment (Sydney Water Assets).
- > Dog waste bins.
- > Less fencing (especially around the Concordia Club).
- > Naturalise the river bank.
- > More jumping castles.
- > Speed limits for cyclists.
- > Reduce the impact of street parking on surrounds streets.
- > There is inadequate parking for sporting activities.
- > Replace the Plane Trees.

> Use the park seating

> Use the public toilets

5_ What best describes what you or your family do in Mackey Park?

> Walk or run
> Cut through the park
> Visit the Concordia Club
> Enjoy the view / outlook over the Cooks
River
> Use the playground
> Walk / play with a dog
> Access the Cooks River
> Ride along the foreshore
> Sit on the ground

> Play organised sport	9
> Picnic in the park	8
> Watch organised sport	8
> Personal training or other class	5
> Launch a canoe	4
> Aesthetic refreshment	2
and natural revitalisation	
> Visit the Canoe Club	1
> Play croquet	1
> Walk pram along the river	1
· -	

> Walk / run	35
> Bicycle	8
> Drive	3
> Train	1

7_ How often to you visit Mackey Park?

> Daily	12
> Two / Three times per week	18
> Once a week	6
> Monthly	1

8_ How long do you stay in Mackey Park?

> 0-10mins	9
>11-30mins	8
> 31-60 mins	16
> 1-2 hours	4
>2+ hours	1

9_What suburb do you live in?

> Marrickville	26
> Tempe	8
> Enmore	1
> Arncliffe	1
> Canterbury	1

10_ In one sentence write a description of Mackey Park. You may outline what it looks like, what you do in the park or how it makes you feel.

28 > My backyard.

29

- 24 > Great open space with a beautiful view of 24 the Cooks River.
 - > Fabulous German Club love it.
- 21 > Serene, peaceful, relaxed. Appreciative of
- 20 the park being in my area.
- 19 > Well planned for sport and walking.
- 17 > Mackey Park is a great community
- 12 resource for sporting activities and
- 11 children and family recreation.
- 10 > Great open space with sporting and

- social opportunities for children.
- > Mackey Park is very relaxing and keeps my kids occupied.
- > Enjoy the tranquillity and use it for organised and personal recreation.
- > Mackey park and Cooks River parklands gets me away from cars, trains and planes.
- > I have watched my grandchildren play a range of sport over the last 12 years.
- > Open space.
- > Angry when its covered in rubbish.
- > Fun and scenic with beautiful shade areas and the Cooks River.
- > Riverfront park, naturally shady with room for all activities.
- > Sports ground.
- > Everyday walk one hour from the top of the mountain down to the park. Enjoy the
- > Lots of sport, trees, grass, open space, the Concordia Club for a beer.
- > Open sports field. Not much landscaping.
- > Mackey Park a recreational and relaxing hub for me and my family.
- > A nice green open space which makes me feel like it could be anywhere - far away from the city.
- > Green space near the river.
- > Its lovely having the green space and our kids play with the Red Devils.
- > Its a beautiful green spot so close to the city.
- > A nice park that isn't too crowded.
- > A place to relax and get some fresh air.
- > Quiet and peaceful. A place to forget about work.
- > Relaxing place to pass through.
- > I like the openness. A cafe facility facing the river would be nice.
- > Its the connection for all to feel like we are living in a village.

11_Think about what you love about Mackey Park. In three descriptive words or less, write why you love this part of the park.

- > A lush, green, open and well used space.
- > The river.
- > Trees beauty, open space, spacious river access.
- > It is near the river.
- > Open space, the big elm trees, quiet river.
- > Environment.
- > Love how it connect to other parts in the area, Love the old trees.

- > Love the fact the river runs next to it.
- > Spacious, scenic and fun.
- > Peaceful during the week.
- > A lot of space.
- > Play equipment an trees good for climbing. Also access to river - sit beside it. Natural play space for kids.
- > Community.
- > Natural, space, energising.
- > Natural, recreational, family fun.
- > Green, restful, calming.
- > Because its a big park no houses on it.
- > Bushes and trees.
- > Plantings are coming on nicely.
- > Not over planted.
- > Big, green, relaxing.
- > Open, beautiful shade, nice grass.
- > Cool by river.
- > River bank trees.
- > Its clean, green and a great spot.
- > People, peaceful.
- > Community, nature.
- > Lovely shade with mature trees, relaxing, fresh, green.
- > Quiet and peaceful.
- > Quiet parts on riverbank away from traffic.
- > Openness, community feel, sporting fields.
- > Open space.
- > Open space, village atmosphere, natures presence.
- 12_Think about what you dislike about Mackey Park. In three descriptive words or less write why you dislike this part of the park.
- > Gross Pollution Trap x3.
- > Not enough shade x2.
- > Sydney Water infrastructure x2.
- > Litter x2.
- > Needs more plantings / trees.
- > Floods easily.
- > Unable to swim in the river.
- > Poor playgrounds.
- > Dirty river.
- > Too small.
- > Building in the park.
- > Pathway near the toilets at night.
- > Dirty.
- > Parking issues.
- > Deciduous trees.
- > Canteen.
- > Park is flat and exposed.
- > No seating in the shade.

- > Open sporting field.
- > Ugly club house.
- > Toilets.
- 13_ Are there any particular items that need upgrading in Mackey Park? It might be better pathways, more trees, better parking or better lighting. Please list any improvements you may wish to see.
- > Additional vegetation trees, shrubs and ground covers x12.
- > Naturalised river edge x8.
- > Seating and picnic areas x8.
- > Remove rubbish from stormwater drain and GPT x5.
- > Additional parking x4.
- > Upgraded / new toilets x4.
- > Upgraded playground x2.
- > Upgraded pathways x2.
- > Upgraded canteen x2.
- > Cafe / restaurant near the river edge x2.
- > Remove Poplar trees.
- > Upgraded pedestrian lighting.
- > Better turf.
- > Enforce parking restrictions.
- > Footbridge at Tempe across the river.
- > Upgrade / integrate Concordia Club.
- > More bins.
- > BBQ facilities.
- > Dog litter bags and bins.
- > Dog off leash area.
- > Parking.

14_ Do you have a memorable story good or bad of Mackey Park/

- > Son plays soccer at Mackey Park.
- > We bought our house in Premier Street, because Mackey Park was teaming with kids and energy on auction day! Talk about pulling the heart strings.
- > Just love watching my friends play soccer and then go to the Concordia Club for a hear
- > I saw a history board on the mountain.
- > Watched our second daughter roll over for the first time as a baby next to the waterfront.
- > Love it when it floods.
- > Grandson learning soccer.
- > My sons learnt to ride his bike on the bike track and also had their first experience of group sport (soccer).
- > Meeting lovely people, usually fellow dog walkers

- > Walking across the oval in the middle of the night, coming home from a work party via Tempe Station ad hear a hissing noise... And whoosh! The sprinklers are on - lucky it was summer.
- > In heavy rain, Mackey Park returns to the water-land it once was. Global warming might see a permanent wetland here.
- > Found an injured possum in a tree.
- > Watching the kids play with the Red . Devils on a Saturday. Freezing in winter watching the kids train on a week night.
- > Its actually one of the few places you can exercise at night outdoors as a woman on the nights when it is lit up for soccer training.

Kendrick Park - 19 November 2014 + 29 November 2014

The following are the responses as collected over two days of the community engagement for Kendrick Park. Each response is headed by the question and followed by the list of responses.

1_ Select two images that best represent your ideal future Cooks River Parklands.

The images right are the images selected by the community during engagement. The numbers reflect how many times they were selected.













Figure 27: Selection of images from Kendrick Park engagement questions.

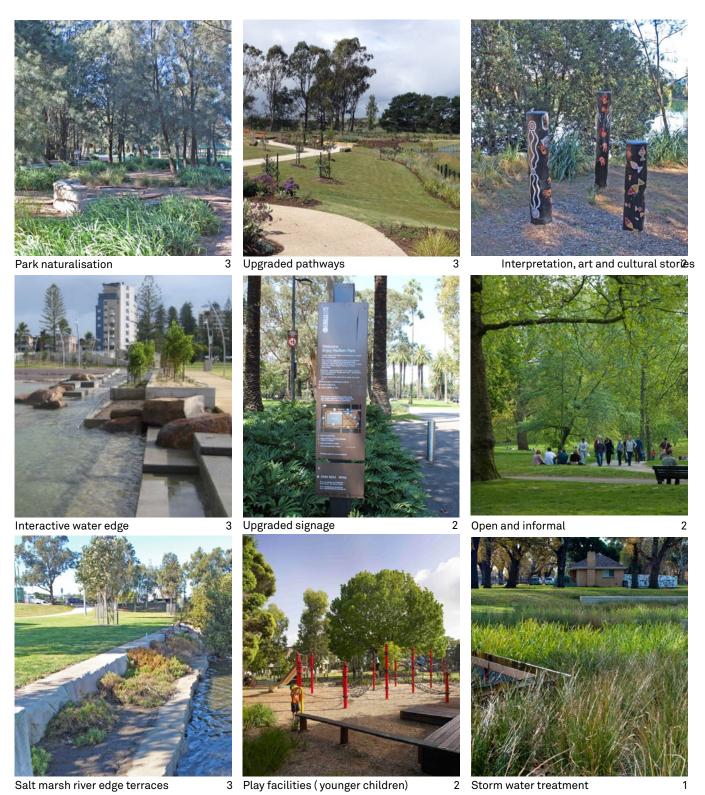


Figure 27 (cont): Selection of images from Kendrick Park engagement questions.





Native meadow

Quiet shaded seating



Kick-about areas



Pedestrian lighting

Figure 27 (cont): Selection of images from Kendrick Park engagement questions.

2_ Put a dot on your favourite part of Kendrick Park.

Refer image right - 01 and 02.

3_ If you could have anything in the world in Kendrick Park, what would it be?

- > Water fountains x3.
- > Lagoon swimming area x2.
- > More lighting, community gardens, water park for kids.
- > Clean facilities and new playground.
- > No exhaust stacks, safe walkway / bikeway over the river.
- > Clean toilet 24 / 7.
- > Mirror on corners to see cyclists.
- > Concrete slabs on bridge princess highway bumpy = trip hazard fix.
- > Deck or fishing area near rail bridge.
- > No smoke stack for M5 extension in park.
- > Cafe.
- > A forest.
- > New toilets.
- > Upgraded playground.
- > Water play park.
- > High technology park enjoy the park with beautiful views and learning.
- > More rubbish bins.
- > Dog tidy bags.
- > More seating to observe Fatima Island.
- > Pedestrian bridge to Waterworth Park Wolli Creek.
- > New ramp for bicycle route to Whitlam Park via Tempe Station
- > Footbridge to Discovery Point development.

4_if you could change only one think in Kendrick Park, what would it be?

- > Water post to fill water bottles x3.
- > More seating x2.
- > Limit charcoal BBQ.
- > Keep the bikes to the bike path, especially the speeding ones.
- > More light in the park during the night.
- > Need more directional signage for cycling.
- > Dog poo bags.
- > Keep planting trees (especially who any are removed).
- > Footbridge to opposite side of the river.
- > Upgraded playground.
- > Additional seating.
- > Canoe rentals.
- > BBQ facilities.

- > Block / fence along Princess Highway x2
- > bikes go too fast on bike path



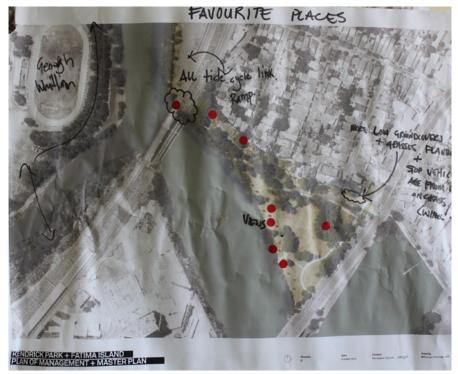


Figure 28 (top) & Figure 29 (bottom): The favourite places of Kendrick Park, red dots represent places selected by the community that they love in Kendrick Park.

5_ Put a dot on your least favourite part of Kendrick Park.

Refer image left - 01 & 02.

6_Describe what you or your family do in Kendrick Park.

> Enjoy the view / outlook over the Cooks River	1
> Use the playground	Ć
> Walk / play with a dog	8
> Walk or run	8
> Access the Cooks River	6
> Watch wildlife on Fatima Island or in the	7
forest areas	
> Ride your bike	7
> Picnic in the park	6
> Use the park seating	4
> Kick a ball or throw a frizbie around	4
> Launch a canoe	3
> Have a BBQ (use the facilities provided)	3
> Use the public toilets	3
> Cut through the park	3
> Sit on the ground	2
> Have a BBQ (bring your own)	1

7_ How do you get to Kendrick Park?

> Walk / run	1.
> Drive	2
> Bicycle	4

$8_$ How often do you visit Kendrick Park?

> Daily	7
>Two / three times per week	4
> Once a week	3
> Fortnightly	1
> Monthly	2

9_ When you visit Kendrick Park, how long do you stay in the park?

> 0-10 min	4
> 11-30 min	6
> 31-60 min	8
> 1-2 hours	2





Figure 30 (top) & Figure 31 (bottom): The least favourite places of Kendrick Park, red dots represent places selected by the community that they dislike in Kendrick Park.

10_What Suburb do you live in?

> Tempe 8 > Wolli Creek 6

11_ In one sentence write a description of Kendrick Park. You may outline what it looks like, what you do in the park or how it makes you feel.

- > Kendrick Park is a peaceful retreat with interesting history bordered by the highway and railway.
- > It is a beautiful park and I enjoy bringing my grandchild here to play.
- > Lovely foreshore park that could do with a revamp.
- > I like having Kendrick Park at end of our street, especially seeing Fatima Island.
- > Dull and boring.
- > Metro meets nature.
- > Relaxing beautiful spot away from the noise of the city.
- > It is cool (cold)and breezy. Very shady.
- > Too much rubbish.
- > Makes me feel close to the indigenous people of this land.
- > A lovely space for families to enjoy
- > Convenient place with beautiful views
- > Happy to be in nature.
- $\scriptstyle >$ Flourishing green grass. Tidy less dried leaves on the floor.
- > Lovely in the early morning very peaceful.

12_ Are there any particular items that need upgrading in Kendrick Park? It might be better pathways, more trees, better parking or a naturalised river edge. Please list any improvements you may wish to see.

- > Upgraded playground x4.
- > Reduce rubbish in the park (more / better bins) x4.
- > More trees x3.
- > Naturalised river edge x3.
- > Improved signage x2.
- > No Fishing near Fatima Island.
- > Additional plantings including small shrubs
- > Secure bins so they don't end up in the river or tipped over.
- > Pedestrian lighting.
- > Signage for cyclists.

- > Improved public toilet.
- > Additional shade structures.
- > Additional BBQ.
- > Jetty / pontoon river access.
- > New turf.
- > Better parking.
- > Better bike / pedestrian pathway crossing to river.

13_Think about what you love about Kendrick Par. In three descriptive words or less, write why you love this park of the park.

- > View of the river, shade, tranquil.
- > Water, birds, safe.
- > View of river. Peaceful area.
- > The view, the location (close to bus and shops), large parking area.
- > Cooks River, bird life, Beautiful.
- > Open, peaceful, functional.
- > Close to home.
- > Breezy, big, canoes.
- > Quite, clean, green.
- > Green space.
- > Position on the river.
- > Accessible, beautiful and convenient.
- > Local, nature near home, close to everything but yet gives you a break from the daily grind.
- > Scenic, tranquil, shady, historic.

14_ Think about what you dislike about Kendrick Park. In three descriptive words or less, write why you dislike this part of the park

- > Litter, partying late at night, sometimes with fires.
- >At night feels unsafe while walking through park.
- > People who double park their car.
- > Junkies, weekend visitors that have no respect for the area.
- > Bikes.
- > Bindies x2.
- > Dirty rubbish x3.
- > After weekend picnics it is filled with rubbish left by people.
- > Tap water points = only 1, sometimes no working well.
- > Charcoal dumped.
- > Speeding cyclists.

15_ Do you have a memorable story, good or bad of Kendrick Park?

- > Sightings of bird life always memorable.
- > Quality time with my children, watching artists set with easel and paint.
- > The first time I came for a walk in the park I was amazed by the beauty and the tranquillity.
- > My son had to call the police a few times due to junkie behaviour.
- > The opening of the aboriginal meeting place. It was in the evening with a mist rising on the rive, a didgeridoo playing and Aunty dancing. Quite magical.

16_The small island in the middle of the river is called Fatima Island. What do you value about Fatima Island?

- > Historic values.
- > Bird life.
- > It is a very good island.
- > The bird sanctuary it provides.
- > That it was there long before most of the houses
- > Funny to canoe across the river.
- > The wildlife.
- > Unless you have a canoe it is a peaceful plot that only birds and the like can access.
- > The pelicans who roost on it every evening > Bird life.
- > Bird life: that it remains unaffected by people. Can you plant a couple more mangroves to stabilise the west end of the island?

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 ${\it Steel Park playing field}, {\it Marrickville. Photography by Marrickville Council.}$

07_ Appendix B: Plan Mark Ups



Site Boundary
Pedestrian / cyclist movement



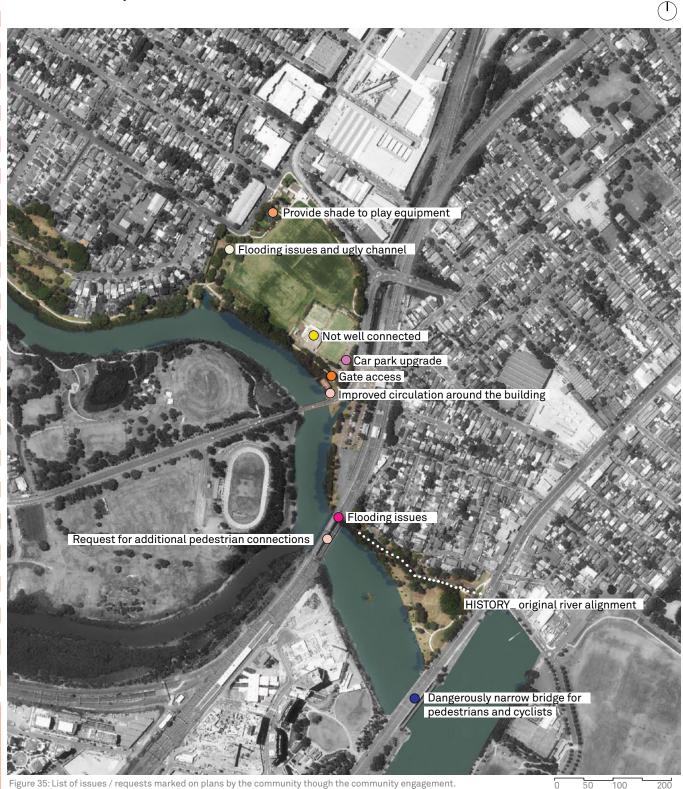
Figure 32: Composite of pedestrian movement through the Cooks River Parklands.



Figure 34: List of issues / requests marked on plans by the community though the community engagement.

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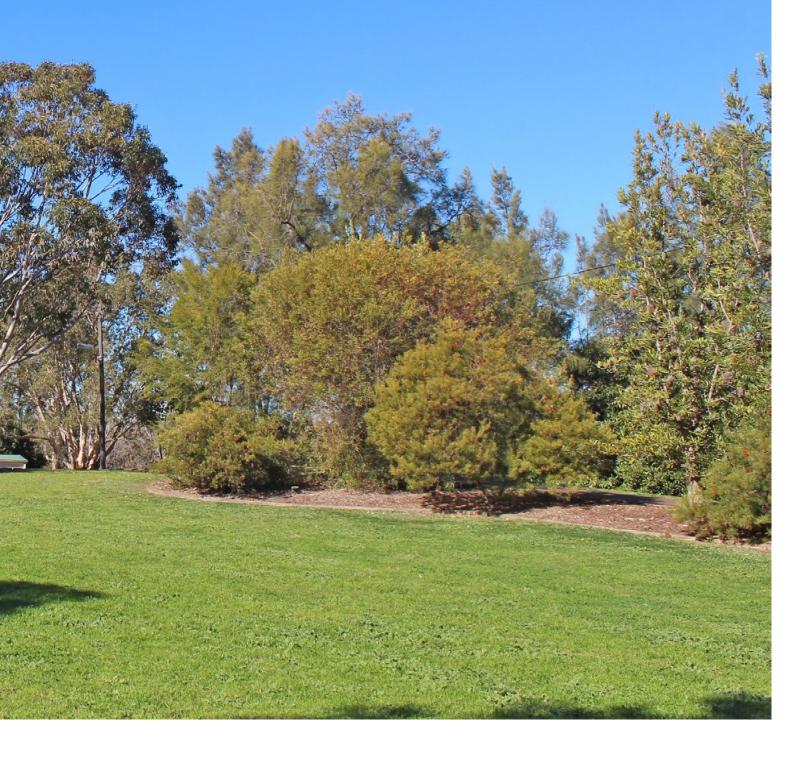




Warren Park, Marrickville. Photography by Marrickville Council.

08_ Appendix C: Internet Survey

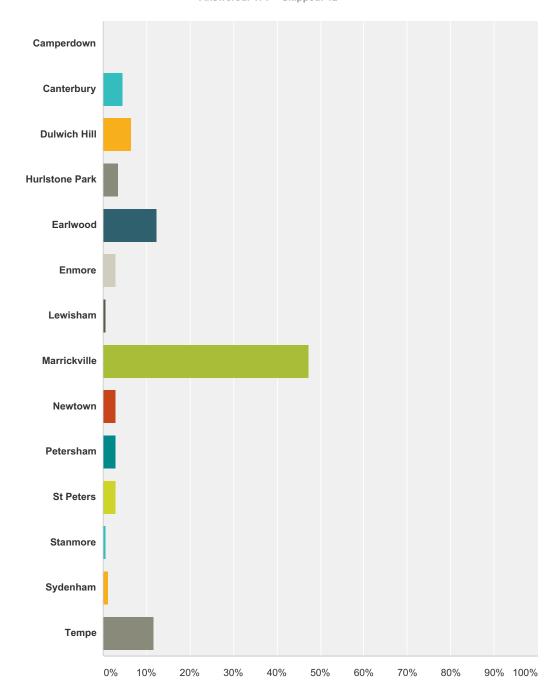
The internet survey was available for 8 weeks on the Your Say Marrickville website. All responses have been summaried and collated under each park heading.



Cooks River Parklands

Q1 In which suburb do you live?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses	
Camperdown	0.00%	0
Canterbury	4.68%	8
Dulwich Hill	6.43%	11
Hurlstone Park	3.51%	6

Cooks River Parklands

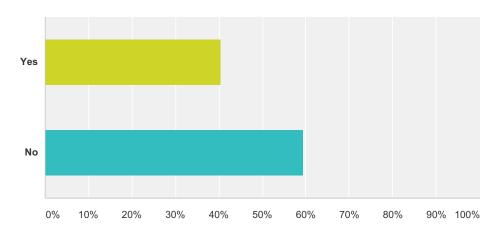
Earlwood	12.28%	21
Enmore	2.92%	5
Lewisham	0.58%	1
Marrickville	47.37%	81
Newtown	2.92%	5
Petersham	2.92%	5
St Peters	2.92%	5
Stanmore	0.58%	1
Sydenham	1.17%	2
Tempe	11.70%	20
otal		171

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Bexley North	12/2/2014 10:36 PM
2	Arncliffe	12/1/2014 10:09 AM
3	I am from country NSW but frequently stay with family in Tempe	11/23/2014 9:27 PM
4	Bondi Junction	11/17/2014 7:55 PM
5	Engadine	11/16/2014 9:32 AM
6	Leichhardt	11/14/2014 10:34 PM
7	Hurlstone Park	11/13/2014 1:24 PM
8	Wolli Creek	11/12/2014 5:39 PM
9	bardwell park	11/12/2014 10:01 AM
10	Redfern	11/10/2014 8:34 AM
11	Lugarno	11/10/2014 7:36 AM
12	Burwood	11/7/2014 12:02 PM

Cooks River Parklands

Q2 Thinking about the Cooks River Parklands - do you regularly use JH Mahony Reserve?

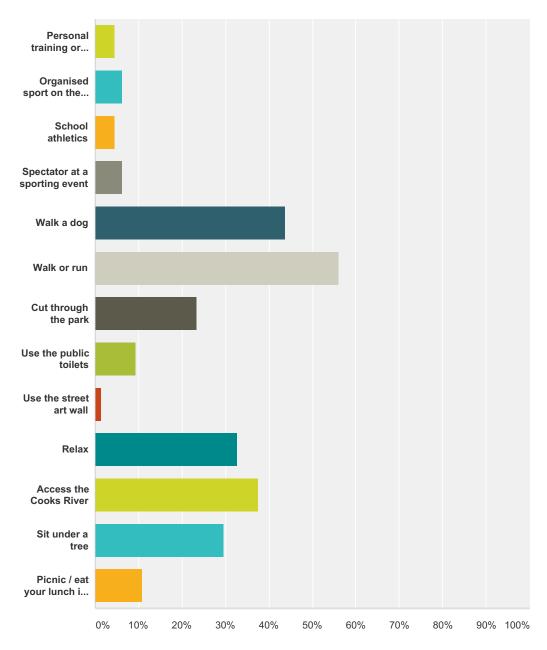
Answered: 183 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	40.44%	74
No	59.56%	109
Total		183

Q3 What are your two main reasons for visiting JH Mahony Reserve?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 119



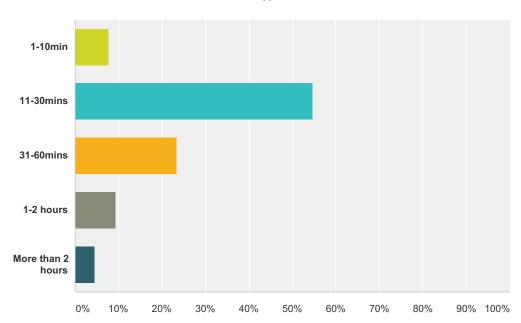
Answer Choices	Responses	
Personal training or other class	4.69%	3
Organised sport on the playing fields	6.25%	4
School athletics	4.69%	3
Spectator at a sporting event	6.25%	4
Walk a dog	43.75%	28

Walk or run	56.25%	36
Cut through the park	23.44%	15
Use the public toilets	9.38%	6
Use the street art wall	1.56%	1
Relax	32.81%	21
Access the Cooks River	37.50%	24
Sit under a tree	29.69%	19
Picnic / eat your lunch in the park	10.94%	7
al Respondents: 64		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Cooks River cycleway	12/1/2014 10:11 AM
2	excercise - kicking the footy	11/12/2014 10:06 AM
3	Rostered to patrol	11/10/2014 7:41 AM
4	Plant study and seed collection	11/10/2014 7:40 AM
5	Mums w new babes and personal trainer	11/8/2014 5:51 PM
6	Play with kids	10/26/2014 8:30 PM

Q4 When you visit JH Mahony Reserve, how long do you stay in the park on average?

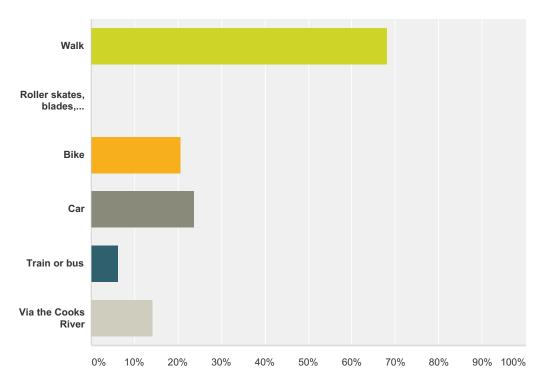
Answered: 64 Skipped: 119



Answer Choices	Responses
1-10min	7.81% 5
11-30mins	54.69% 35
31-60mins	23.44% 15
1-2 hours	9.38% 6
More than 2 hours	4.69% 3
Total	64

Q5 How are you most likely to travel to HJ Mahony Reserve?

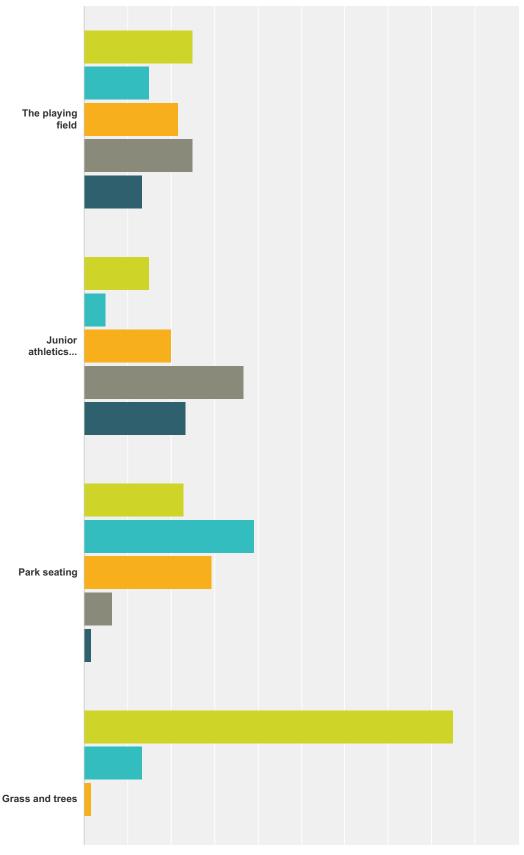
Answered: 63 Skipped: 120

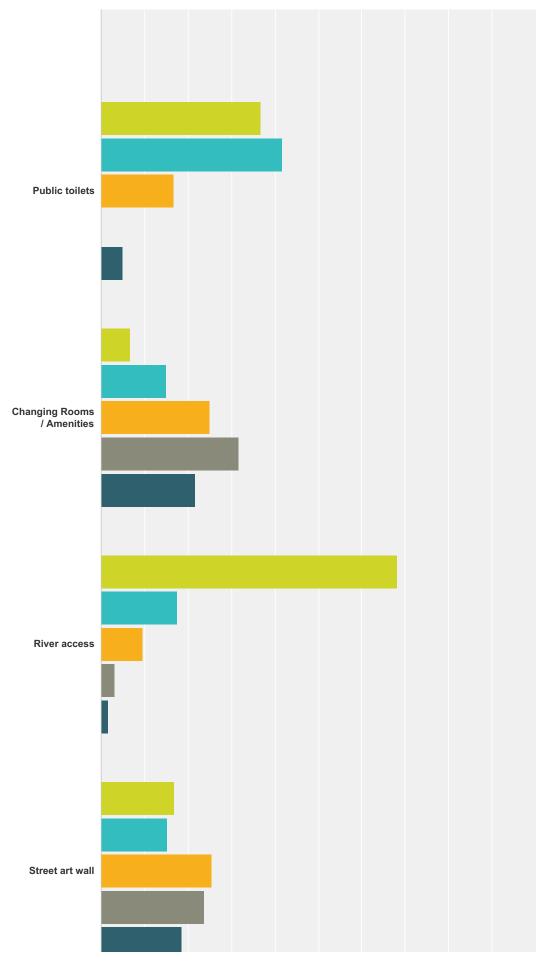


nswer Choices	Responses	
Walk	68.25%	43
Roller skates, blades, skate-board or scooter	0.00%	0
Bike	20.63%	13
Car	23.81%	15
Train or bus	6.35%	4
Via the Cooks River	14.29%	9
otal Respondents: 63		

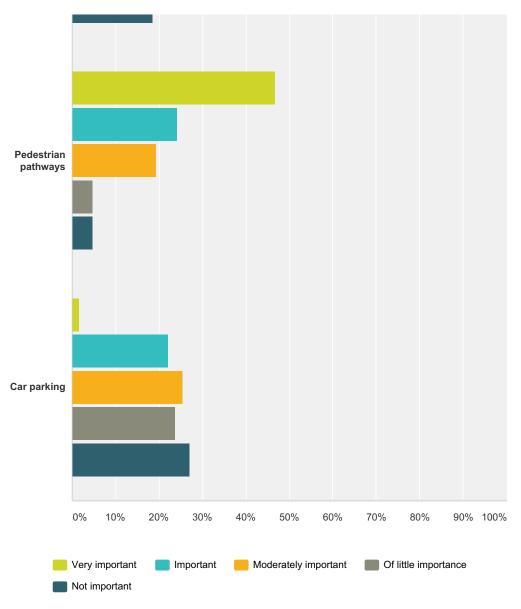
Q6 How important are these park facilities to you?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 120





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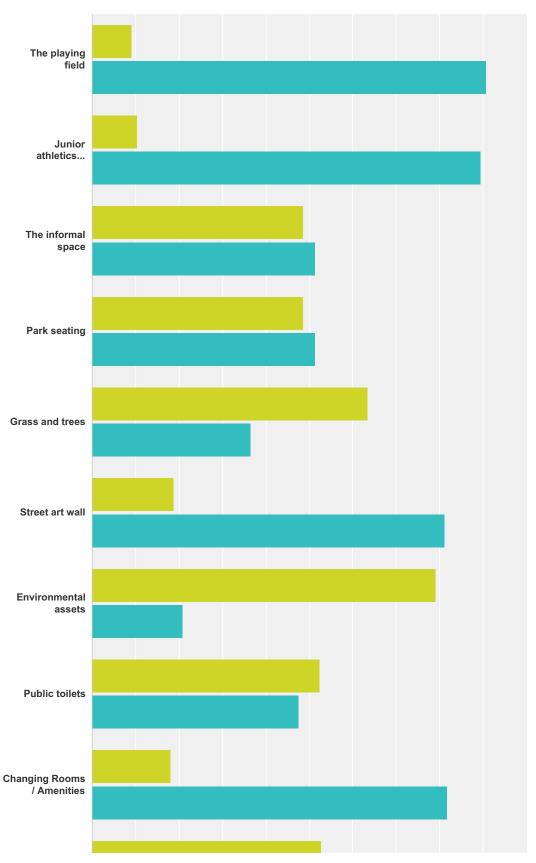


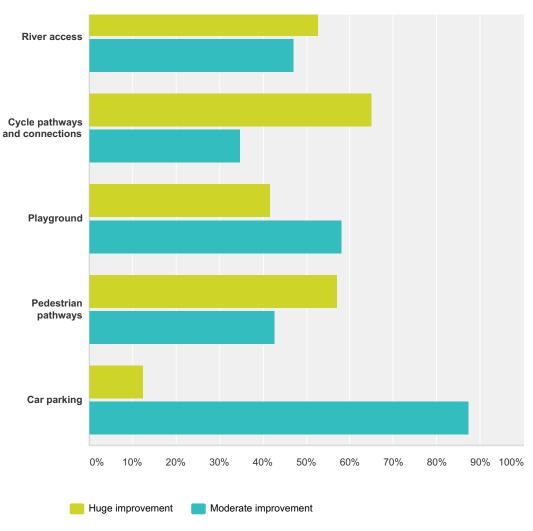
	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Of little importance	Not important	Total
The playing field	25.00%	15.00%	21.67%	25.00%	13.33%	
	15	9	13	15	8	60
Junior athletics equipment	15.00%	5.00%	20.00%	36.67%	23.33%	
	9	3	12	22	14	6
Park seating	22.95%	39.34%	29.51%	6.56%	1.64%	
	14	24	18	4	1	6
Grass and trees	85.00%	13.33%	1.67%	0.00%	0.00%	
	51	8	1	0	0	6
Public toilets	36.67%	41.67%	16.67%	0.00%	5.00%	
	22	25	10	0	3	6
Changing Rooms / Amenities	6.67%	15.00%	25.00%	31.67%	21.67%	
	4	9	15	19	13	6
River access	68.25%	17.46%	9.52%	3.17%	1.59%	
	43	11	6	2	1	6

Street art wall	16.95%	15.25%	25.42%	23.73%	18.64%	
	10	9	15	14	11	59
Pedestrian pathways	46.77%	24.19%	19.35%	4.84%	4.84%	
	29	15	12	3	3	62
Car parking	1.69%	22.03%	25.42%	23.73%	27.12%	
	1	13	15	14	16	59

Q7 What elements of JH Mahony Reserve most need improvement?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 128



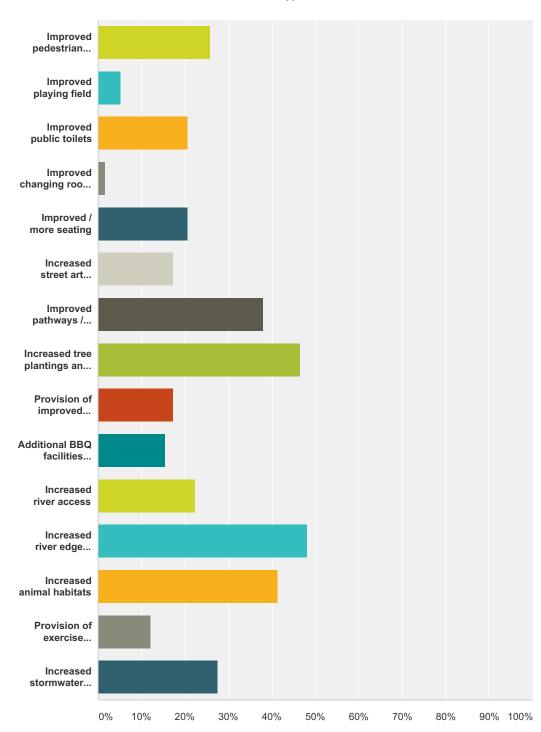


	Huge improvement	Moderate improvement	Total
Γhe playing field	9.09%	90.91%	
	3	30	(
Junior athletics equipment	10.34%	89.66%	
	3	26	
The informal space	48.72%	51.28%	
	19	20	
Park seating	48.72%	51.28%	
	19	20	
Grass and trees	63.41%	36.59%	
	26	15	
Street art wall	18.75%	81.25%	
	6	26	
Environmental assets	79.07%	20.93%	
	34	9	
Public toilets	52.50%	47.50%	
	21	19	
Changing Rooms / Amenities	18.18%	81.82%	
	6	27	

River access	52.78%	47.22%	
	19	17	36
Cycle pathways and connections	65.12%	34.88%	
	28	15	43
Playground	41.67%	58.33%	
	15	21	36
Pedestrian pathways	57.14%	42.86%	
	20	15	35
Car parking	12.50%	87.50%	
	4	28	32

Q8 Select the top three things that would improve your experience at JH Mahony Reserve.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 125



Answer Choices	Responses	
Improved pedestrian lighting	25.86%	15

Improved playing field	5.17%	3
Improved public toilets	20.69%	12
Improved changing rooms / amenities	1.72%	1
Improved / more seating	20.69%	12
Increased street art opportunities	17.24%	10
Improved pathways / cycleway	37.93%	22
Increased tree plantings and shade	46.55%	27
Provision of improved bicycle facilities	17.24%	10
Additional BBQ facilities provided	15.52%	9
Increased river access	22.41%	13
Increased river edge vegetation	48.28%	28
Increased animal habitats	41.38%	24
Provision of exercise equipment	12.07%	7
Increased stormwater treatment	27.59%	16
al Respondents: 58		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	a small skatepark or bmx/mtb track	12/5/2014 8:57 PM
2	Monitor parking when the reserve is being used for sport. No stopping signs are totally ignored, becomes very congested and dangerous on Wharf Street.	11/29/2014 7:43 AM
3	More jacarandas	11/18/2014 8:26 AM
4	Fenced leash free area for dogs	11/11/2014 1:26 PM
5	Play equipment for small kids	11/10/2014 7:57 AM
6	removing that graffitti wall	11/10/2014 7:41 AM
7	Plant labels and/or web site to identify:- progress,history,types	11/10/2014 7:40 AM
8	Better storm water management. Looking at the rubbish in the river is maddening.	11/9/2014 6:46 AM
9	And have toilets open	11/8/2014 5:51 PM
10	crossing between the two river edges- it is dangerous to cross Illawara Rd	11/5/2014 6:46 PM
11	Allowance for dog offleash	10/27/2014 6:05 PM
12	Native grasses small shrubs to encourage smaller birds provide habitat etc	10/19/2014 5:24 PM

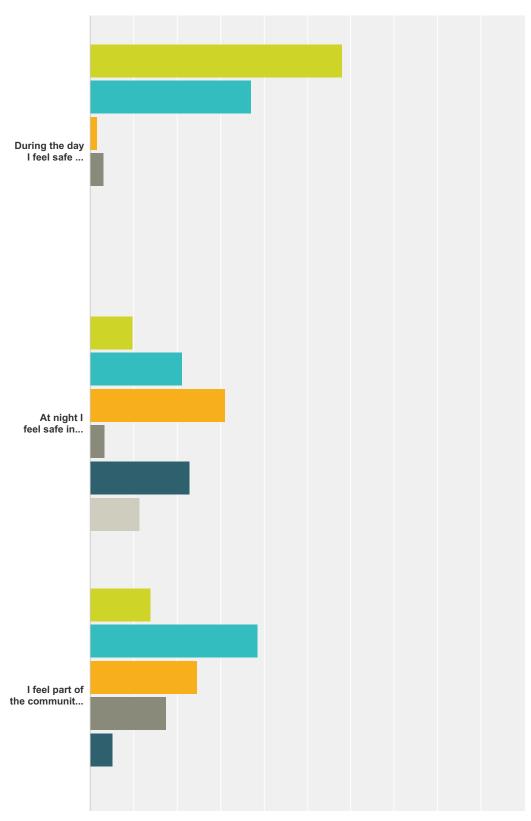
Q9 Is there anything else that would improve your experience at JH Mahony Reserve?

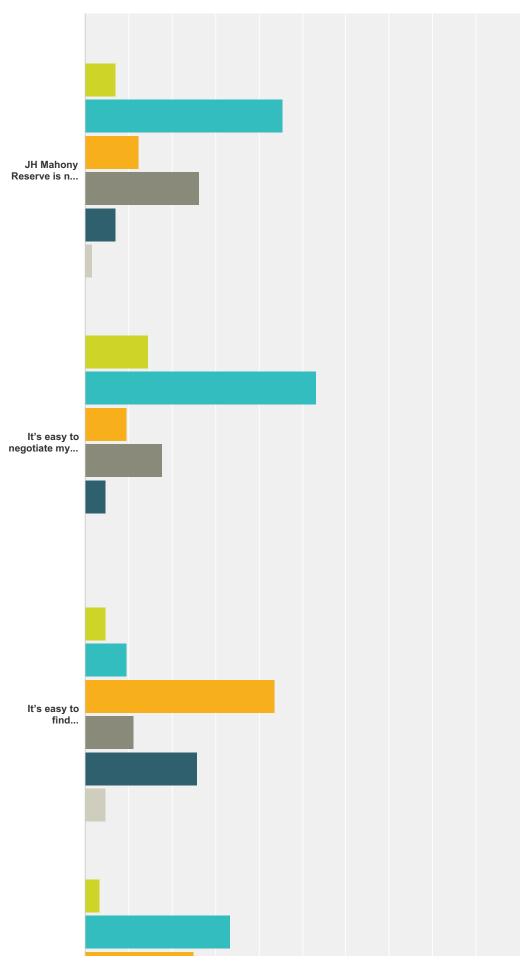
Answered: 16 Skipped: 167

#	Responses	Date
1	clean up the river	12/16/2014 9:39 PM
2	I feel a small area near the street art wall being used as small skatepark or a small bmx and mtb track suitable for beginners could really benefit a wide selection of people. a small bmx track can be built at low cost and will be protected and maintained by regular users.	12/5/2014 8:57 PM
3	drinking water and rubbish bins	12/1/2014 10:01 AM
4	Allowing dogs off leash	11/29/2014 7:43 AM
5	Not interepreting river access to mean a formalised concrete shared pathway along the river edge.	11/27/2014 12:41 PM
6	Sculptures and natural waters edge for habitats	11/15/2014 9:43 AM
7	Allowing dogs off leash. Grass not on the field is allowedto geta little too long for comfort during growth periods.	11/10/2014 7:41 AM
8	Try to find some way to stop illegal rubbish dumping and ensure to people clean up their dog poooo	11/10/2014 7:40 AM
9	Improved sanctuaries for animals. Stop making everything about children. Give them nature.	11/9/2014 6:46 AM
10	Councils maint. Program. Recently the field was sprayed (fertiliser?) but the staff could see we had small babies on ground as we worked out (the only moment in a week that we get for us) and they sprayed first right near us instead of starting at other end. It made us feel like the users of the space were least important	11/8/2014 5:51 PM
11	No cycle paths!	11/7/2014 10:25 AM
12	It needs to be more connected to the Cooks river bike path. Access to the river is very poor and needs to be improved. More people need a reason to go there for informal use (exercise, chilling out, picnic etc)	11/4/2014 8:26 AM
13	I love the contrast. It's more urban not suburban. The toilets though need attention. I just hold on and get home.	11/2/2014 6:18 PM
14	we love watching birds - cockatoos, grass parrots, ibis, cormorants and other water birds. I think that a habitat corridor for small birds (there are finches and wrens down at Wolli Creek) across all these parks would be great.	10/24/2014 10:20 AM
15	Anything that includes the provision of habitat by indigenous plants away from the sports fields ie on the margins	10/19/2014 5:24 PM
16	Improved river access for canoes/kayaks	10/19/2014 11:19 AM

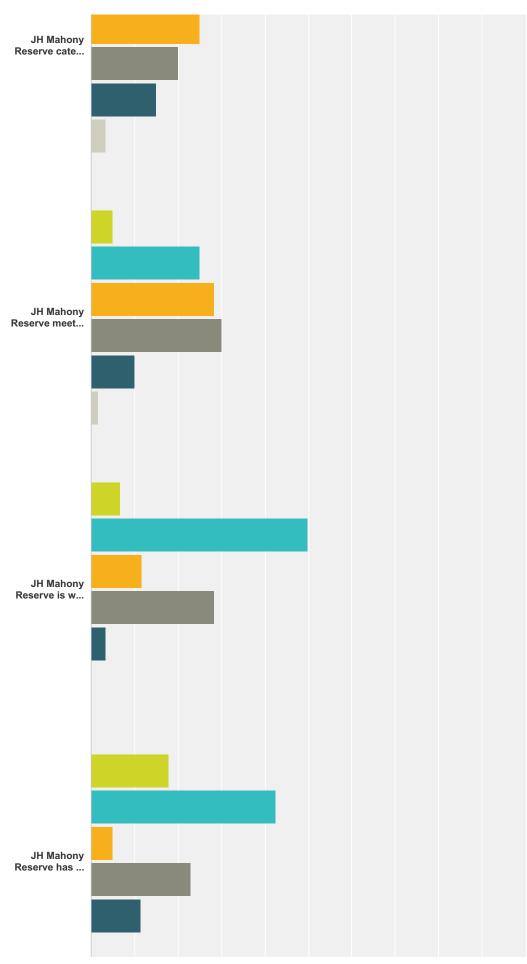
Q10 JH Mahony Reserve is currently used for organised sport and informal recreation. In this context please tell us to what extent you agree with these statements

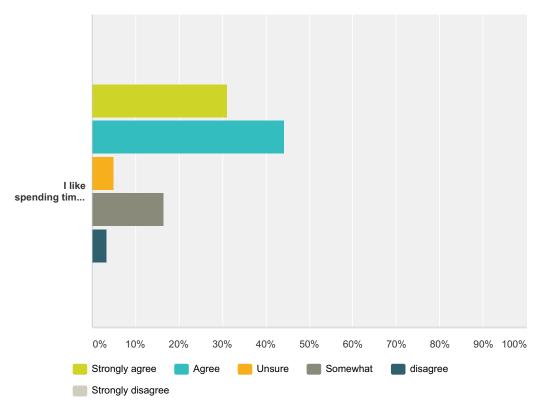
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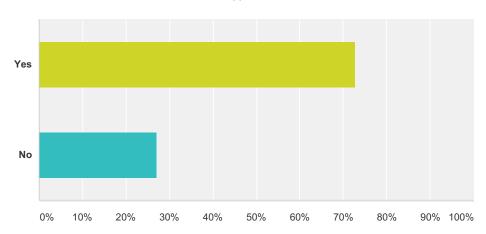




	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Somewhat	disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
During the day I feel safe in JH Mahony Reserve	58.06% 36	37.10% 23	1.61%	3.23% 2	0.00% 0	0.00%	62
At night I feel safe in JH Mahony Reserve	9.84%	21.31%	31.15%	3.28%	22.95%	11.48%	61
I feel part of the community in JH Mahony Reserve	14.04%	38.60% 22	24.56%	17.54%	5.26%	0.00%	57
JH Mahony Reserve is nice and shady	7.02%	45.61% 26	12.28% 7	26.32%	7.02%	1.75%	57
It's easy to negotiate my way around JH Mahony Reserve	14.52% 9	53.23%	9.68% 6	17.74%	4.84% 3	0.00%	62
It's easy to find information about JH Mahony Reserve	4.84%	9.68% 6	43.55% 27	11.29% 7	25.81% 16	4.84%	62
JH Mahony Reserve caters for all ages	3.33%	33.33% 20	25.00% 15	20.00% 12	15.00% 9	3.33%	60
JH Mahony Reserve meets the needs of the community	5.00%	25.00% 15	28.33% 17	30.00%	10.00% 6	1.67%	60
JH Mahony Reserve is well maintained	6.67%	50.00% 30	11.67% 7	28.33%	3.33% 2	0.00%	60
JH Mahony Reserve has a nice character	18.03%	42.62% 26	4.92%	22.95%	11.48%	0.00%	61
I like spending time in JH Mahony Reserve	31.15%	44.26% 27	4.92%	16.39%	3.28%	0.00%	61

Q11 Do you regularly use Steel Park?

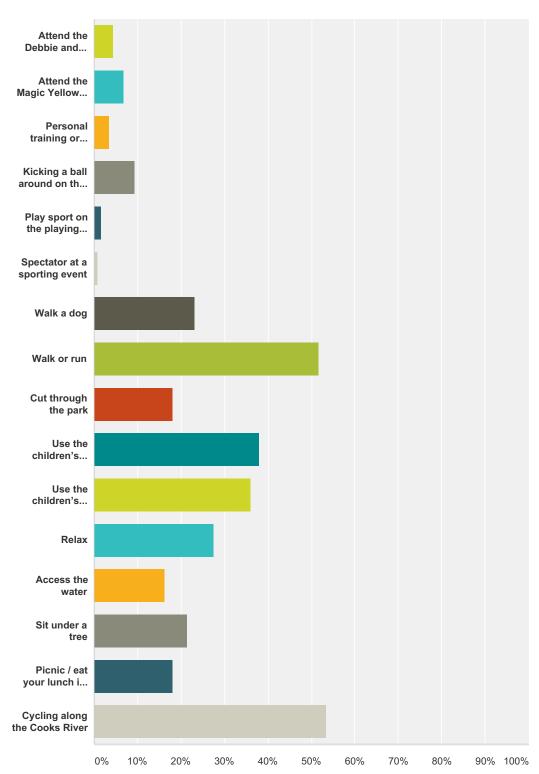
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	72.83%	126
No	27.17%	47
Total		173

Q12 What are your two main reasons for visiting Steel Park?

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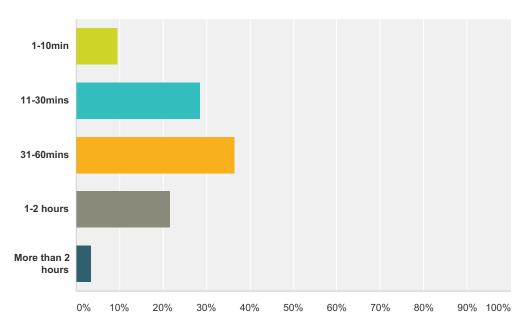
Answer Choices Responses

4.31% 6.90% 3.45%	5 8 4
3.45%	4
9.48%	11
1.72%	2
0.86%	1
23.28%	27
51.72%	60
18.10%	21
37.93%	44
36.21%	42
27.59%	32
16.38%	19
21.55%	25
18.10%	21
53.45%	62
	36.21% 27.59% 16.38% 21.55% 18.10%

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Walk through Steel Park to get up to Tempe & over bridge to the over side.	11/25/2014 11:20 AM
2	Kayak	11/12/2014 8:22 PM
3	Work (bush regeneration with Apunga)	11/12/2014 5:42 PM
4	Study plants, seeds, insects & diseases during all seasons.	11/10/2014 7:51 AM
5	enjoy the floodplain planting & Aboriginal section	10/22/2014 6:10 PM

Q13 When you visit Steel Park, how long do you stay in Steel Park on average?

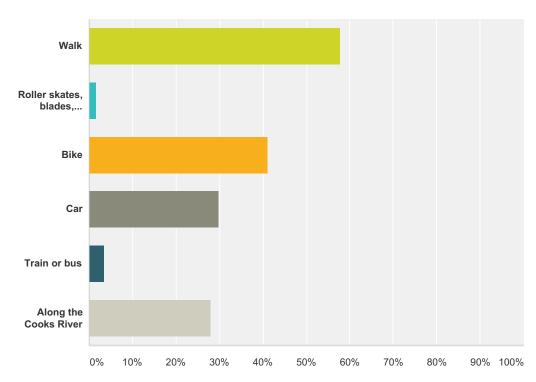
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Answer Choices	Responses	
1-10min	9.57%	11
11-30mins	28.70%	33
31-60mins	36.52%	42
1-2 hours	21.74%	25
More than 2 hours	3.48%	4
Total		115

Q14 How are you most likely to travel to Steel Park?

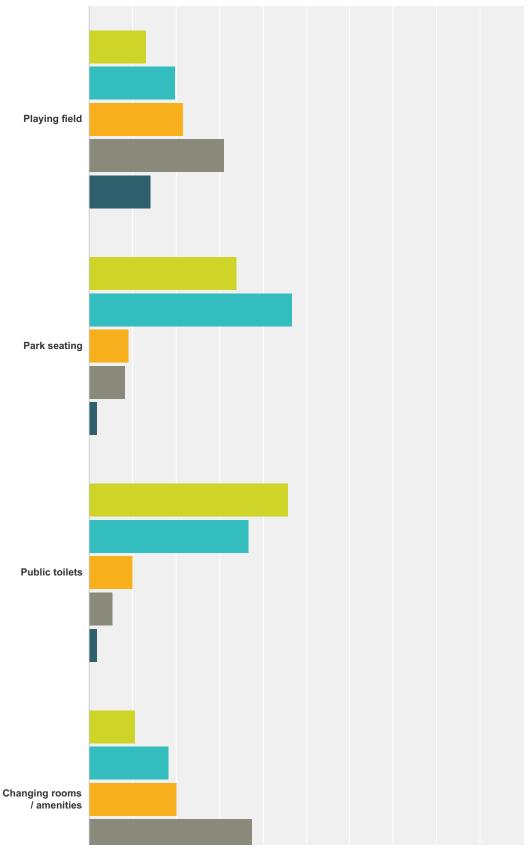
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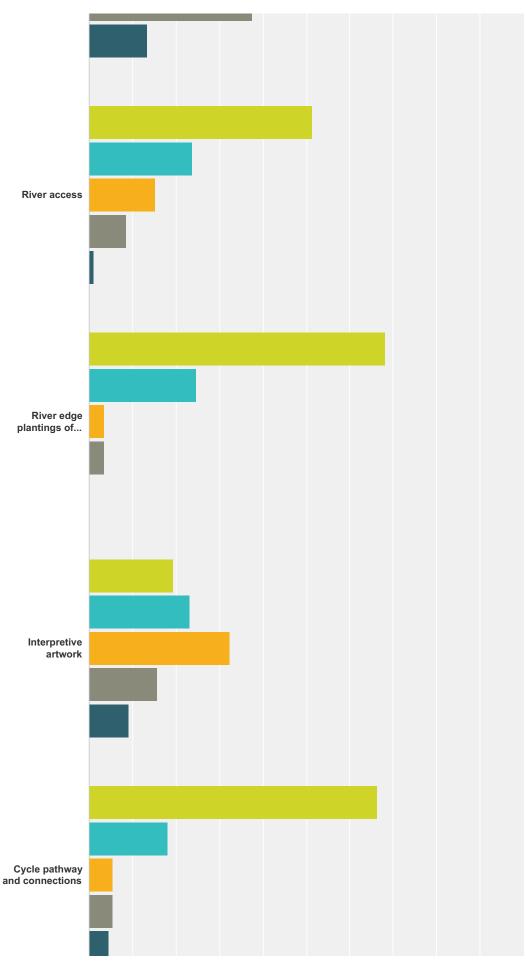


nswer Choices	Responses	
Walk	57.89%	66
Roller skates, blades, skate-board or scooter	1.75%	2
Bike	41.23%	47
Car	29.82%	34
Train or bus	3.51%	4
Along the Cooks River	28.07%	32
otal Respondents: 114		

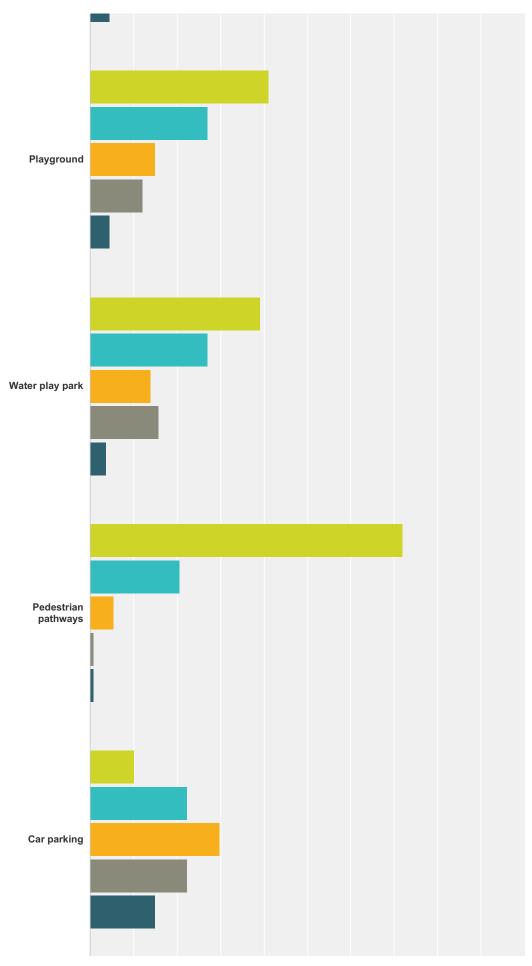
Q15 How important are these park facilities to you?

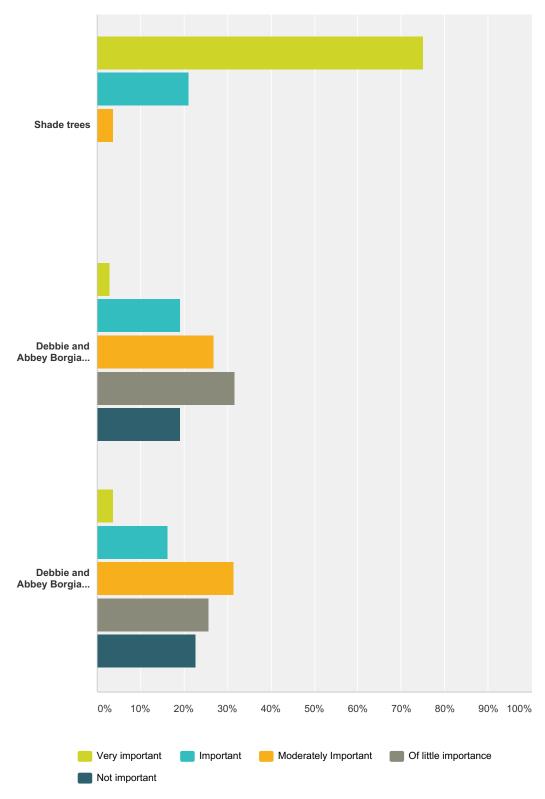
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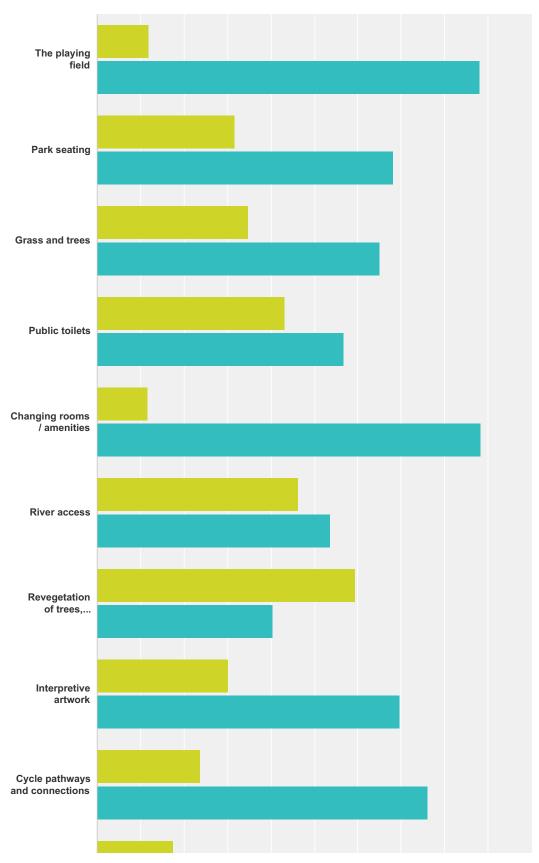


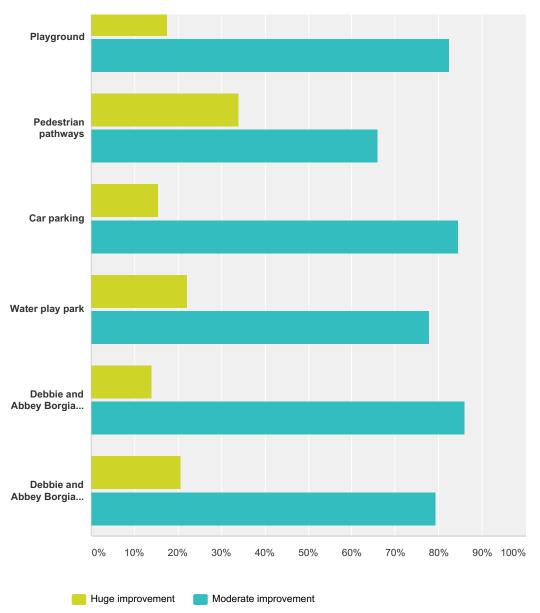
	Very important	Important	Moderately Important	Of little importance	Not important	Total
Playing field	13.21% 14	19.81% 21	21.70% 23	31.13% 33	14.15% 15	106
Park seating	33.94% 37	46.79% 51	9.17% 10	8.26% 9	1.83%	109

Public toilets	45.87%	36.70%	10.09%	5.50%	1.83%	
	50	40	11	6	2	10
Changing rooms / amenities	10.58%	18.27%	20.19%	37.50%	13.46%	
	11	19	21	39	14	10
River access	51.43%	23.81%	15.24%	8.57%	0.95%	
	54	25	16	9	1	1
River edge plantings of trees, groundcovers and	68.18%	24.55%	3.64%	3.64%	0.00%	
grasses	75	27	4	4	0	1
Interpretive artwork	19.44%	23.15%	32.41%	15.74%	9.26%	
	21	25	35	17	10	1
Cycle pathway and connections	66.36%	18.18%	5.45%	5.45%	4.55%	
	73	20	6	6	5	1
Playground	41.12%	27.10%	14.95%	12.15%	4.67%	
	44	29	16	13	5	1
Water play park	39.25%	27.10%	14.02%	15.89%	3.74%	
	42	29	15	17	4	1
Pedestrian pathways	72.07%	20.72%	5.41%	0.90%	0.90%	
	80	23	6	1	1	1
Car parking	10.28%	22.43%	29.91%	22.43%	14.95%	
	11	24	32	24	16	1
Shade trees	75.23%	21.10%	3.67%	0.00%	0.00%	
	82	23	4	0	0	1
Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre	2.88%	19.23%	26.92%	31.73%	19.23%	
	3	20	28	33	20	1
Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre Cafe	3.81%	16.19%	31.43%	25.71%	22.86%	
	4	17	33	27	24	1

Q16 What elements of Steel Park most need improvement?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 86



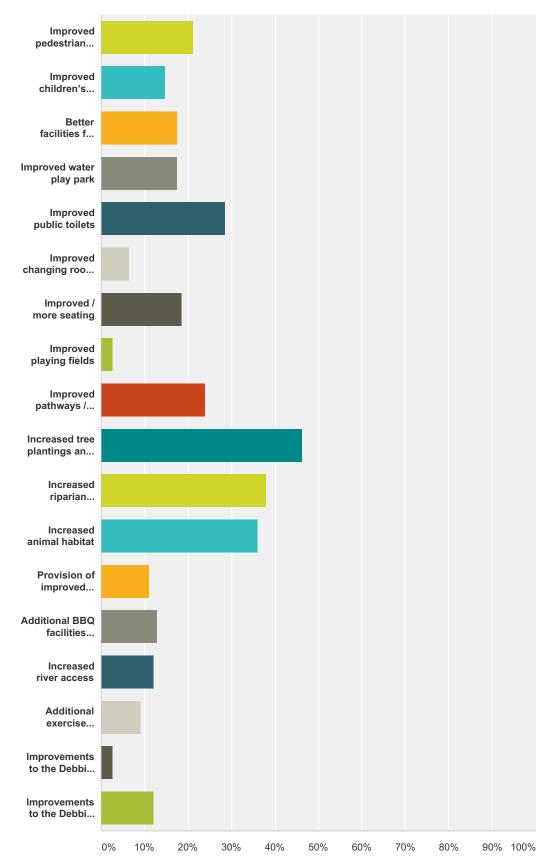


	Huge improvement	Moderate improvement	Total
The playing field	12.00%	88.00%	
	6	44	50
Park seating	31.82%	68.18%	
	21	45	6
Grass and trees	34.92%	65.08%	
	22	41	6
Public toilets	43.28%	56.72%	
	29	38	6
Changing rooms / amenities	11.76%	88.24%	
	6	45	5
River access	46.43%	53.57%	
	26	30	5
Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and grasses	59.42%	40.58%	
	41	28	6

Interpretive artwork	30.36%	69.64%
	17	39
Cycle pathways and connections	23.73%	76.27%
	14	45
Playground	17.54%	82.46%
	10	47
Pedestrian pathways	33.93%	66.07%
	19	37
Car parking	15.38%	84.62%
	8	44
Water play park	22.22%	77.78%
	12	42
Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre	14.00%	86.00%
	7	43
Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre Cafe	20.75%	79.25%
	11	42

Q17 Select the top three things that would improve your experience at Steel Park.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 75



Answer Choices	Responses	
Improved pedestrian lighting	21.30%	23

Improved children's playground	14.81%	16
Better facilities for older children and youth	17.59%	19
Improved water play park	17.59%	19
Improved public toilets	28.70%	31
Improved changing rooms / amenities	6.48%	7
Improved / more seating	18.52%	20
Improved playing fields	2.78%	3
Improved pathways / cycleway	24.07%	26
Increased tree plantings and shade	46.30%	50
Increased riparian vegetation	37.96%	41
Increased animal habitat	36.11%	39
Provision of improved bicycle facilities including	11.11%	12
Additional BBQ facilities provided	12.96%	14
Increased river access	12.04%	13
Additional exercise equipment	9.26%	10
Improvements to the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre	2.78%	3
Improvements to the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre Cafe	12.04%	13
otal Respondents: 108		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	More opportunity for nature play	12/14/2014 1:41 PM
2	to add a small bike track for young kids to learn bicycle/skateboard/scooter skills.	12/5/2014 9:04 PM
3	more waste bin locations	11/27/2014 4:12 PM
4	Pathways could be a little wider esp on the two corners because cyclists can be quite fast. Perhaps include on corners a separate pedestrian or cyclist short cut so cyclists and pedestrians are kept away from each other on corners. Generally I usually get off the pathway onto the grass with my dog when I see cyclists coming.	11/25/2014 11:20 AM
5	Maintenance on the training facilities - the chin-up bar is broken	11/25/2014 6:30 AM
6	Improved water quality in the Cooks River	11/23/2014 9:31 PM
7	Increased number of picnic tables	11/11/2014 1:32 PM
8	A swimming pool please!	11/10/2014 9:17 PM
9	Another boom to capture waste from up river	11/8/2014 6:46 PM
10	Separate cyclists from pedestrians	11/3/2014 8:23 PM
11	signage about the WSUD features, the planting & symbolism of water play park	10/22/2014 6:10 PM
12	Goal Posts	10/21/2014 1:30 PM
13	Some way of segregating sports cyclists from pedestrians esp near play equipment. I am a bicycle user but am worried at how some sports cyclists travel at high speeds near pedestrians	10/19/2014 5:30 PM

Q18 Is there anything else that would improve your experience at Steel Park?

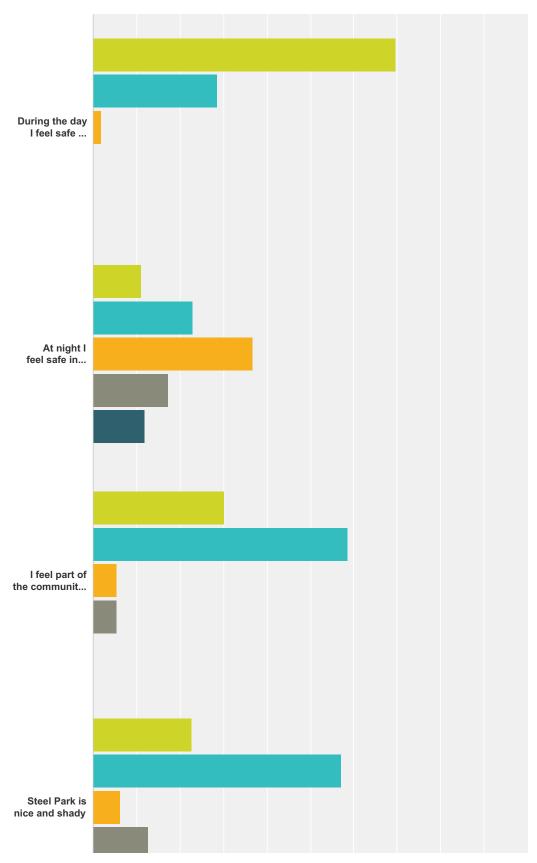
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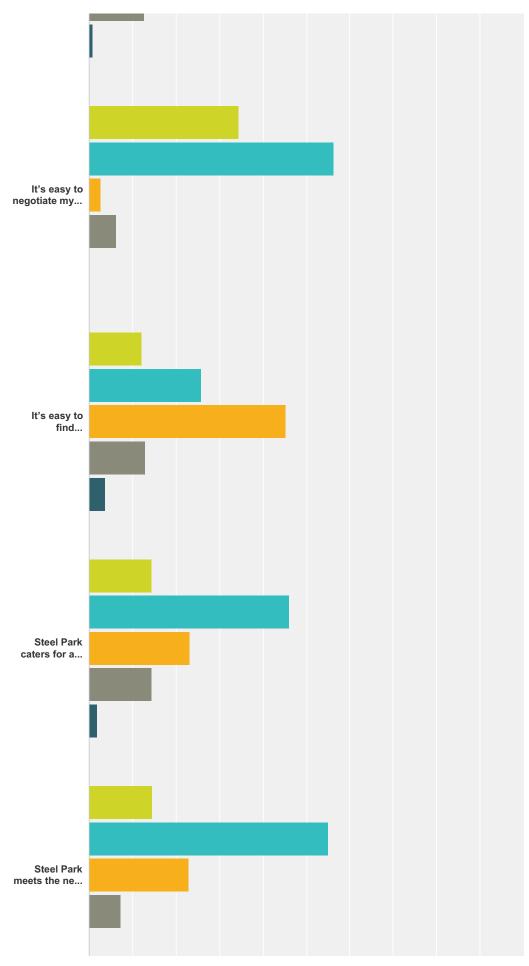
#	Responses	Date
1	Less conflict between cyclists, joggers, walkers, kids, dogs, picnickers - the main cycle path cuts right through a busy area	12/14/2014 1:41 PM
2	to add a small bike track for young kids to learn bicycle/skateboard/scooter skills.	12/5/2014 9:04 PM
3	Clean the river and plant more mangrove trees.	11/27/2014 9:53 PM
4	I like Steel Park. I can usually get a car park space but don't go there as much on the weekends when probably busier.	11/25/2014 11:20 AM
5	Improved pedestrian safety from speeding bikes. There is going to be a serious accident one day.	11/18/2014 8:46 PM
6	People need to place their litter IN the rubbish bins	11/18/2014 4:23 PM
7	Need better and closer cafe	11/18/2014 10:14 AM
8	More bins	11/15/2014 9:54 AM
9	No	11/14/2014 6:00 PM
10	It would be great to have more bushy areas that children could explore independently and safely. Not to close to the river.	11/14/2014 12:04 PM
11	Happy with facilities at Steele park but children's play equipment is wearing out in places. Thanks	11/12/2014 3:46 PM
12	More picnic tables. If planning a party/picnic you must get there 7 or 8am to claim a table	11/12/2014 10:09 AM
13	Fenced leash free area for dogs at the noth east end of the park near the walking track	11/11/2014 1:32 PM
14	A pool would be fantastic. There's not enough healthy activity options for kids (especially older tweens & teens etc). Enmore & PSham aren't enough to service the inner West. A cafe right in the Park - like the Cooks River canteen, at Gough Whitlam Oval - would be great. More shade, but not more concrete! Improved Water Play park - make it bigger/ make it bright & brash - it's for kids - forget trying to do everything and tell a story about the river - those jagged rocks were a big mistake! A couple more bbqs and tables would be good doesn't have to be under cover - plant more shade giving trees or put up Shade sails rather pouring concrete & tin roofs.	11/10/2014 9:17 PM
15	Dog park	11/10/2014 7:25 PM
16	Longer toilet hours	11/10/2014 7:23 PM
17	Illegal rubbish dumping and doing more to clean out the junk left on shore after hi tides and hi rain falls/flooding. Ban plastic containers or bring in a deposit system.	11/10/2014 7:51 AM
18	Being able to swim in Cooks river, and shade cloth over the kid's playground.	11/9/2014 3:50 PM
19	Fencing the barbecue area so that children and pets do no enter onto the cycle way for safety.	11/9/2014 6:55 AM
20	More covered seating. And covered BBQ'S.	11/9/2014 1:41 AM
21	More equipment for older kids.	11/8/2014 8:21 PM
22	A pedestrian crossing on illawarra road not just an island Also could look at separate path for cyclists near play area	11/8/2014 6:46 PM
23	Coffee carts/ food trucks	11/8/2014 5:55 PM
24	Mobile Coffee Van more frequently	11/8/2014 6:01 AM
25	QUARANTINE BIKE RIDERS FROM NEAR PICNIC AND CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND - MAKE IT A GET OFF BIKE AND WALK FOR 100M - VERY DANGEROUS CO-USE FOR CHILDREN AND PASSIVE USERS	11/7/2014 10:17 AM
26	The playground is great for younger kids but needs more equipment for 5-10 year olds.	11/7/2014 9:27 AM

27	Remove rear DAB car park and make it a grassed area.	11/6/2014 1:20 PM
28	Off leash dog park	11/4/2014 10:24 PM
29	The area is well used by families with younger children esp for bday parties on weekends. A second covered seating area would be well used + more bbqs. Some parts of the waterplay park are dangerous (sharp rocks) and should be replaced. There also need to be some fixed table and benches put in place.	11/4/2014 8:33 AM
30	Steel park is in desperate need of more bins. Desperate!	11/2/2014 6:26 PM
31	The water park is great but a victim of its own success. Would love to see it double in size.	10/31/2014 8:13 PM
32	Please do not add more BBQs. There needs to be space for peace & quiet. This riverside park does not need to be made into more of an entertainment centre.	10/29/2014 1:29 PM
33	Another covered seating area. Current one is always in high demand.	10/27/2014 5:16 PM
34	Near waterpark -playground fencing/barrier to prevent young children falling into riverseen too many near misses	10/27/2014 5:09 PM
35	Bigger swings, facing river	10/26/2014 8:37 PM
36	off-lead dog area	10/25/2014 8:25 PM
37	as I said at Mahoney reserve - small bird habitat - this would need to stretch across several parks. Also public art and more interpretation - eg some info from Dictionary of Sydney work on Cooks R	10/24/2014 10:24 AM
38	It's a great park	10/21/2014 6:09 PM
39	Year Round Goal Post like in Mackey Park for all the budding soccer stars, and there are many of them, to practice shooting etc. without being hindered by the cricket. Marrickville is such a hub of youth Soccer. More kids play this sport than any other, yet there are very little practice facilities for them, especially in summer.	10/21/2014 1:30 PM
40	Planting which encourage smaller birds and attempt to discourage noisy miners	10/19/2014 5:30 PM
41	More drinking fountains	10/19/2014 4:28 PM
42	Improved river access for canoes/kayaks	10/19/2014 11:19 AM

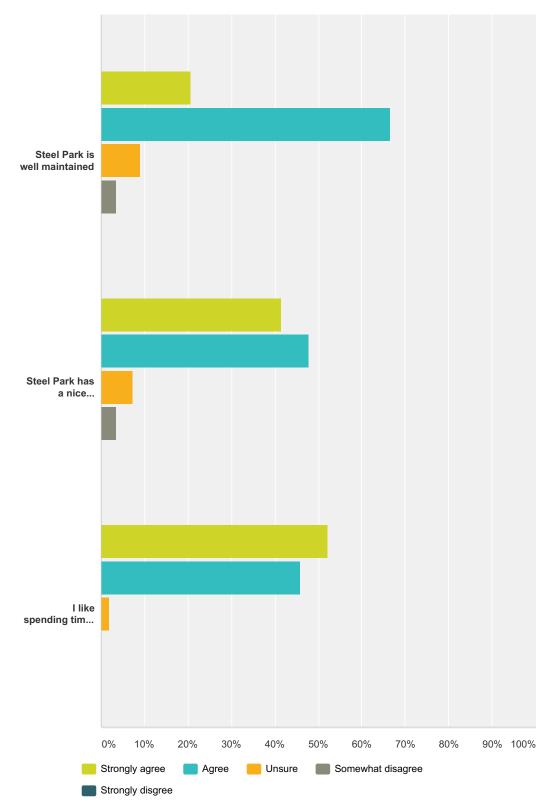
Q19 Please tell us whether you agree with these statements

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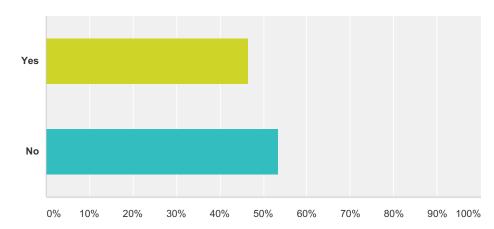
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	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disgree	Total
During the day I feel safe in Steel Park	69.64%	28.57%	1.79%	0.00%	0.00%	
	78	32	2	0	0	112
At night I feel safe in Steel Park	11.01%	22.94%	36.70%	17.43%	11.93%	
	12	25	40	19	13	109

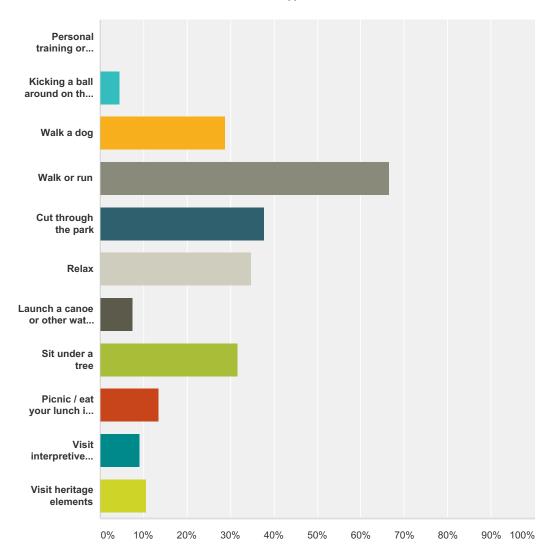
I feel part of the community in Steel Park	30.28%	58.72% 64	5.50% 6	5.50% 6	0.00% 0	109
Steel Park is nice and shady	22.73%	57.27%	6.36%	12.73%	0.91%	
	25	63	7	14	1	11
It's easy to negotiate my way around Steel Park	34.55%	56.36%	2.73%	6.36%	0.00%	
	38	62	3	7	0	1
It's easy to find information about Steel Park	12.04%	25.93%	45.37%	12.96%	3.70%	
	13	28	49	14	4	1
Steel Park caters for all ages	14.42%	46.15%	23.08%	14.42%	1.92%	
-	15	48	24	15	2	1
Steel Park meets the needs of the community	14.68%	55.05%	22.94%	7.34%	0.00%	
	16	60	25	8	0	1
Steel Park is well maintained	20.72%	66.67%	9.01%	3.60%	0.00%	
	23	74	10	4	0	1
Steel Park has a nice character	41.44%	47.75%	7.21%	3.60%	0.00%	
	46	53	8	4	0	1
I like spending time in Steel Park	52.29%	45.87%	1.83%	0.00%	0.00%	
	57	50	2	0	0	1

Q20 Do you regularly use Richardson Lookout, Warren Park, Cooks River Foreshore Park



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	46.58%	75
No	53.42%	86
Total		161

Q21 What are your two main reasons for visiting Richardson Lookout, Warren Park or Cooks River Foreshore Park?

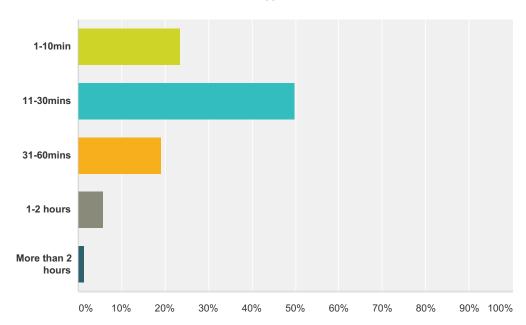


Answer Choices	Responses	
Personal training or other class	0.00%	0
Kicking a ball around on the grass	4.55%	3
Walk a dog	28.79%	19
Walk or run	66.67%	44
Cut through the park	37.88%	25
Relax	34.85%	23
Launch a canoe or other water vessel	7.58%	5

Sit under a tree	31.82%	21
Picnic / eat your lunch in the park	13.64%	9
Visit interpretive art sites	9.09%	6
Visit heritage elements	10.61%	7
Total Respondents: 66		

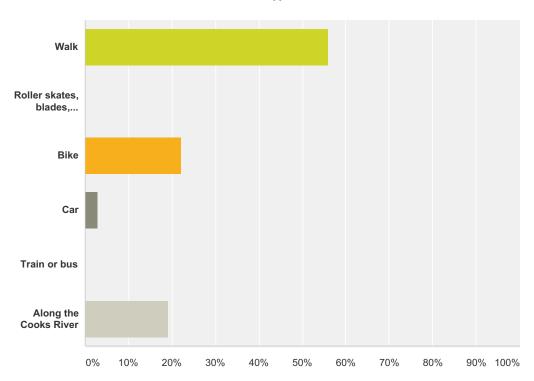
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Nature play	12/14/2014 1:47 PM
2	Cooks River cycleway	12/1/2014 10:16 AM
3	Cooks River cycleway	12/1/2014 10:04 AM
4	Ride my bike through	11/23/2014 9:33 PM
5	commute to and from work	11/15/2014 2:08 PM
6	It's the only garbage bin between steel and Mackay park	11/15/2014 10:05 AM
7	Work (bush regeneration with Apunga), and looking at the amazing mushrooms!	11/12/2014 5:47 PM
8	Walk to & from school, Rock climb/scramble with young son	11/10/2014 9:35 PM
9	Cycle path	10/27/2014 8:17 PM
10	cycling	10/27/2014 3:01 PM
11	Shady calm place	10/26/2014 8:44 PM

Q22 When you visit Warren Park, Richardson Lookout or Cooks River Foreshore Park, how long do you stay in the park on average?



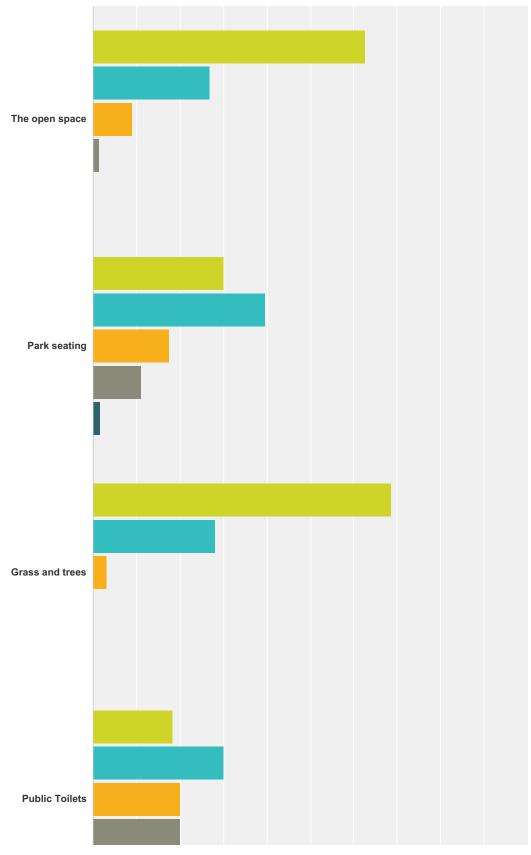
Answer Choices	Responses	
1-10min	23.53%	16
11-30mins	50.00%	34
31-60mins	19.12%	13
1-2 hours	5.88%	4
More than 2 hours	1.47%	1
Total		68

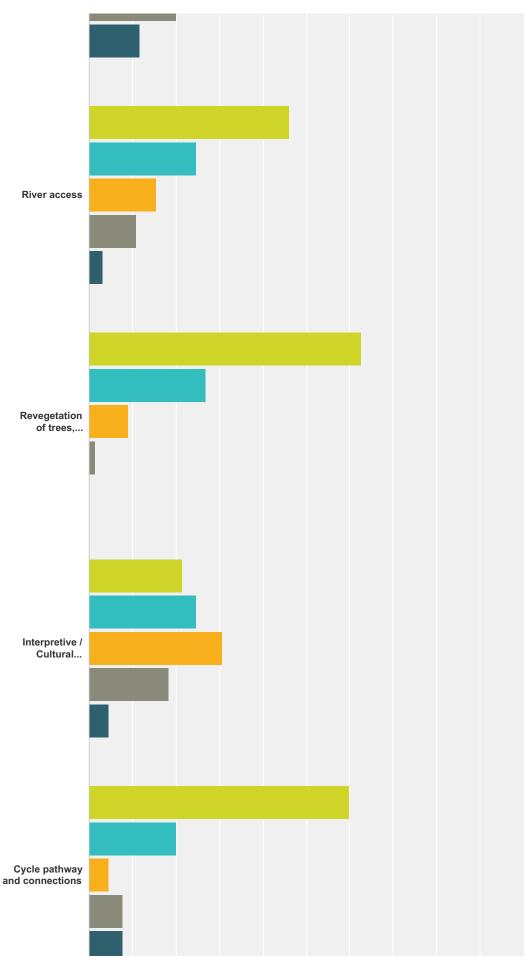
Q23 How are you most likely to travel to Warren Park, Richardson Lookout or Cooks River Foreshore Park?



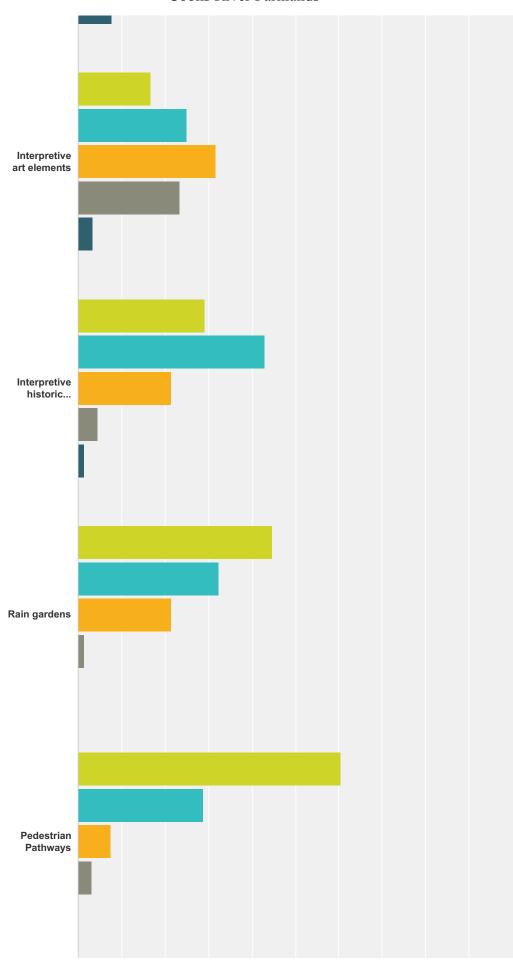
Answer Choices	Responses	
Walk	55.88%	38
Roller skates, blades, skate-board or scooter	0.00%	0
Bike	22.06%	15
Car	2.94%	2
Train or bus	0.00%	0
Along the Cooks River	19.12%	13
Total		68

Q24 How important are these park facilities to you?

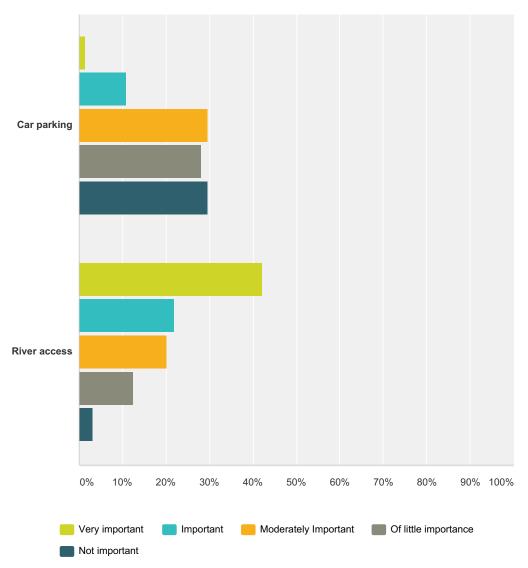




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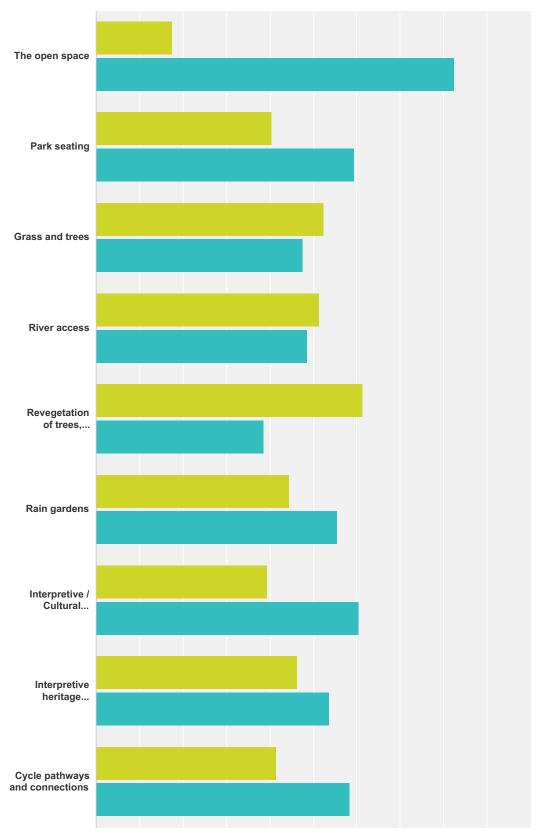
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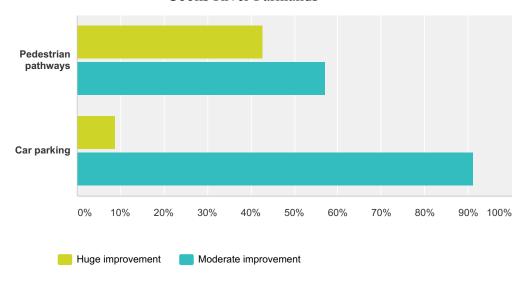


	Very important	Important	Moderately Important	Of little importance	Not important	Total
The open space	62.69%	26.87%	8.96%	1.49%	0.00%	
	42	18	6	1	0	67
Park seating	30.16%	39.68%	17.46%	11.11%	1.59%	
	19	25	11	7	1	63
Grass and trees	68.75%	28.13%	3.13%	0.00%	0.00%	
	44	18	2	0	0	64
Public Toilets	18.33%	30.00%	20.00%	20.00%	11.67%	
	11	18	12	12	7	60
River access	46.15%	24.62%	15.38%	10.77%	3.08%	
	30	16	10	7	2	65
Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and	62.69%	26.87%	8.96%	1.49%	0.00%	
grasses	42	18	6	1	0	67
nterpretive / Cultural artwork	21.54%	24.62%	30.77%	18.46%	4.62%	
•	14	16	20	12	3	65
Cycle pathway and connections	60.00%	20.00%	4.62%	7.69%	7.69%	
	39	13	3	5	5	6

Interpretive art elements	16.67%	25.00%	31.67%	23.33%	3.33%	
	10	15	19	14	2	60
Interpretive historic elements	29.23%	43.08%	21.54%	4.62%	1.54%	
	19	28	14	3	1	65
Rain gardens	44.62%	32.31%	21.54%	1.54%	0.00%	
	29	21	14	1	0	65
Pedestrian Pathways	60.61%	28.79%	7.58%	3.03%	0.00%	
	40	19	5	2	0	66
Car parking	1.56%	10.94%	29.69%	28.13%	29.69%	
	1	7	19	18	19	64
River access	42.19%	21.88%	20.31%	12.50%	3.13%	
	27	14	13	8	2	6

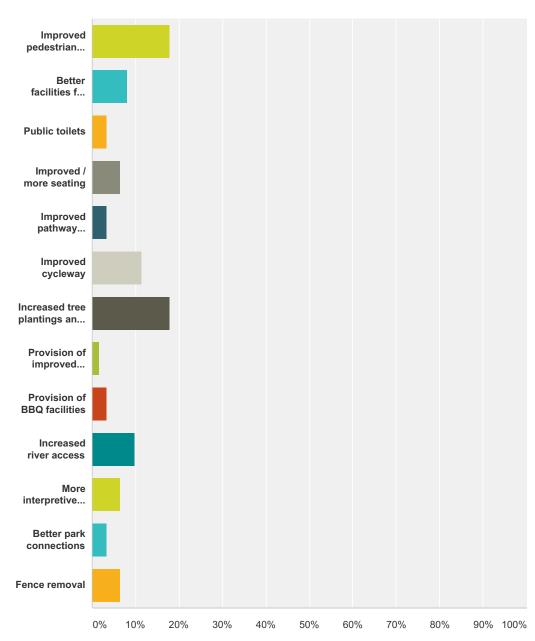
Q25 What elements of Warren Park, Richardson Lookout or Cooks River Foreshore Park most need improvement?





	Huge improvement	Moderate improvement	Total
The open space	17.50%	82.50%	
	7	33	4
Park seating	40.48%	59.52%	
	17	25	4
Grass and trees	52.38%	47.62%	
	22	20	4
River access	51.35%	48.65%	
	19	18	
Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and grasses	61.36%	38.64%	
	27	17	
Rain gardens	44.44%	55.56%	
	20	25	
Interpretive / Cultural artwork	39.47%	60.53%	
	15	23	
Interpretive heritage elements	46.34%	53.66%	
	19	22	
Cycle pathways and connections	41.46%	58.54%	
	17	24	
Pedestrian pathways	42.86%	57.14%	
	18	24	
Car parking	8.82%	91.18%	
	3	31	

Q26 Select the top three things that would improve your experience at Warren Park, Richardson Lookout or Cooks River Foreshore Park.



Answer Choices	Responses
Improved pedestrian lighting	18.03 % 1
Better facilities for children (both young and youth age)	8.20%
Public toilets	3.28%

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Fence removal	6.56%	4
Better park connections	3.28%	2
More interpretive / cultural art elements	6.56%	4
Increased river access	9.84%	6
Provision of BBQ facilities	3.28%	2
Provision of improved bicycle facilities	1.64%	1
Increased tree plantings and shade	18.03%	11
Improved cycleway	11.48%	7
Improved pathway connections	3.28%	2
Improved / more seating	6.56%	4

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	More opportunity for nature play	12/14/2014 1:47 PM
2	No opinion	12/9/2014 6:21 AM
3	The survey will only allow 1 thing for improvement not 3	11/30/2014 5:08 PM
4	qu. broken - can only choose one answer improved lighting, treat for bindies	11/27/2014 4:58 PM
5	improved cycleway and bicycle facilities	11/15/2014 2:08 PM
6	It only allowed me to pick one, tree planting and river access	11/15/2014 10:05 AM
7	Increased river access and increased tree plantings and shade, and improved pathway connections	11/14/2014 6:04 PM
8	Lots of dumping of rubbish and garden waste	11/12/2014 5:47 PM
9	Plaques /Storyboards explaining site history are needed.	11/10/2014 9:35 PM
10	Heaps more history info required.	11/10/2014 7:59 AM
11	Having animal habitats. Dogs on leashes always.	11/9/2014 7:07 AM
12	increased tree plantings, more interpretive/cultural art elements - survey only let me nominate 1 thing	11/7/2014 10:22 AM
13	Wont let me pick 3 things!!	11/7/2014 9:34 AM
14	Separate cyclists from pedestrians	11/3/2014 8:25 PM
15	More bins!	11/2/2014 6:36 PM
16	It would only let me pick 1 not 3. The other would be lighting.	11/2/2014 4:02 PM
17	Increased tree plantings & shade. Co-naming Richardson's Lookout a Peace & Reconcilation Park with heritage signage.	11/2/2014 1:56 PM
18	It won't accept 3 points, so here are mine - Increased tree plantings and shade, increased river access & fence removal.	10/29/2014 1:32 PM
19	river crossing from Mackey park to the Canterbury side of the river. having to go out to the tempe station side and back very dangerous crossing over to Gough Whitlam park now.	10/27/2014 5:25 PM
20	Playground	10/26/2014 8:44 PM
21	Childrens playground at Warren Park or Richardson Lookout	10/19/2014 7:02 PM
22	Indigenous grass and shrub plantings to create habitat	10/19/2014 5:34 PM

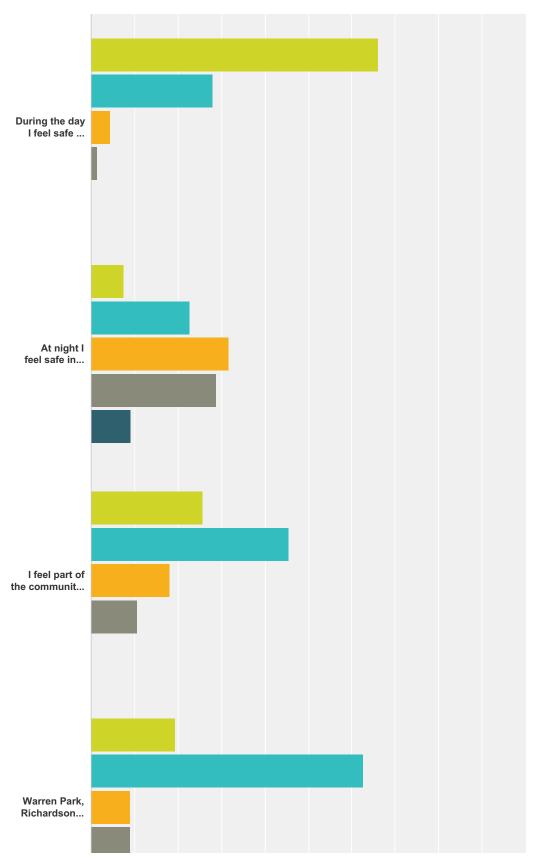
23 Drink fountains	10/19/2014 4:35 PM
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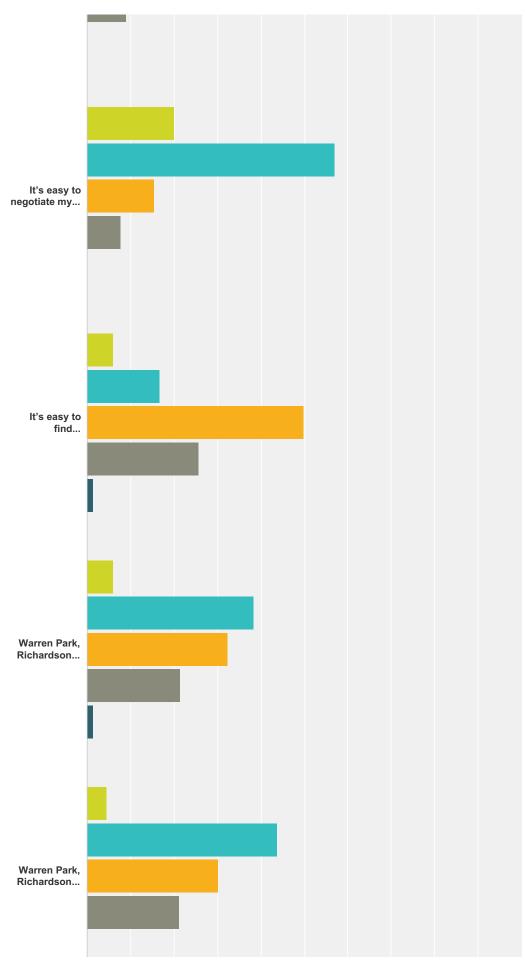
Q27 Is there anything else that would improve your experience at Warren Park, Richardson Lookout or Cooks River Foreshore Park?

#	Responses	Date
1	Better pedestrian connections between Richardsons Lookout and the River, including a bush track and a route that can be negotiated with a stroller	12/14/2014 1:47 PM
2	I would have put Increased tree plantings and shade, improved/more seating	11/30/2014 5:08 PM
3	Make designated off leash area at Warren Park: it's practically set up for it already & is rarely used by anyone without a dog.	11/27/2014 4:58 PM
4	If you walk early morning or late afternoon in winter you either have to walk in the dark or leave the park and walk around the river on the streets. Some lighting for walkers would improve safety.	11/18/2014 8:55 PM
5	a down hill terrain track for mountain bikes	11/15/2014 10:05 AM
6	No	11/14/2014 6:04 PM
7	I think a toilet block would be nice, but may also encourage the users of the parks at night time to hang out more, have found drug paraphernalia and homeless shelters here.	11/12/2014 5:47 PM
8	A sign saying 'Richardson's lookout' (!!) Are both the upper & lower parks called this or is the one on Thornley St that we refer to as the Dog Park called something else? It's not even clear from this survey or on Council website. Plaques /Storyboards re existence of Mansion gates. Why it is called the Warren Estate, who the Holts were etc. Improved seating also needed above for older Greek gents who congregate there & a little clearing to stop naughty teens drinking & smoking dope & smashing bottles on path that school children use to get into back of Ferncourt please.	11/10/2014 9:35 PM
9	The lower part of this park has problems with storm water pollution after heavy rain and some times the sewer appears to over flow.	11/10/2014 7:59 AM
10	Stop making everything for kids.	11/9/2014 7:07 AM
11	Signs asking older cyclists to slow down and be aware that these areas are used by small children learning to ride (due to its closeness to Steel Park). Many 'mature' cyclists tear down this section of the bike path without using their warning bells and seem to be oblivious to small children. Thank you for putting signs up near Steel park, but that whole area needs to be marked as 'shared use' – for both middle aged men going 60kms and 4 years olds zigzagging all over the path.	11/7/2014 9:34 AM
12	More bins so as people are encouraged to pick up their dog poos, that would make it easier to dispose of them without having to carry it with you until a bin is found.	11/4/2014 10:31 PM
13	- Improved more seating - Provision of BBQ facilities - Warren Pk and Richardson Lookout could be utilised for social gatherings, cultural & music events, activities etc but they will need toilets and better seating and mush improved lighting esp along the Foreshore Park. Potentially one of these park could be used for a skate park or a teenage space.	11/4/2014 8:40 AM
14	I support the idea of Richardson's Lookout being designated a 'Peace and Reconciliation Park'. This would be a positive contribution to the ANZAC centenary,	11/3/2014 2:45 PM
15	Play equipment	11/2/2014 4:02 PM
16	The tree plantings on the southern edge of Richardson's Lookout obscure the view across the Cooks River and of Botany Bay. New low native vegetation should be planted to maximise the magnificent vista of Botany Bay that Richardson's Lookout potentially offers.	11/2/2014 1:56 PM

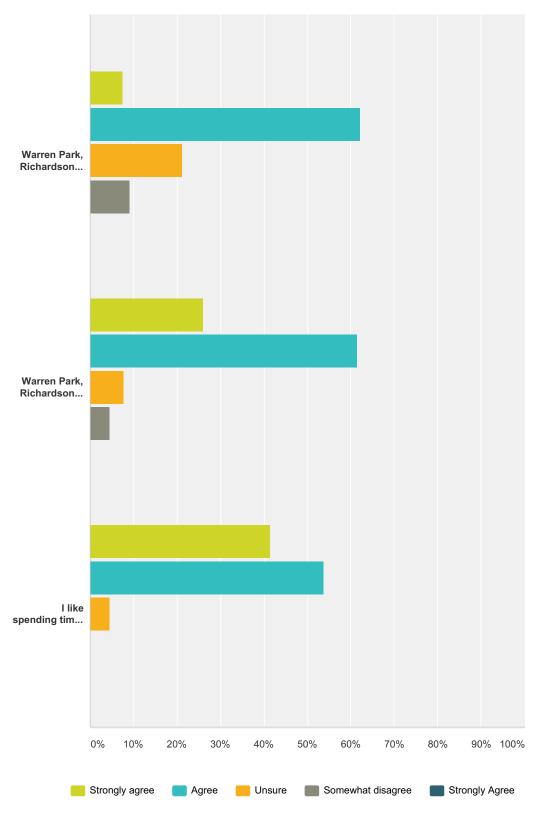
17	While I appreciate the work Council has done, the difference between the opposite side of the river at Gough Whitlam Park and the CRFP really shows, with the Marrickville side looking much less than what it could be. I do not understand why there are huge areas of grass. No-one ever sits there & these areas could be re-vegetated with trees & other plants. The odd park bench along the CRFP would also help, especially for older people or people that may not be physically well. The seats do not need to be an extravagant affair. Just a park bench with a view to the river would be enough. Trees in this area would be good too. It is a hot area, except for the section where the poplars are. However, that area does not encourage one to stop because of the houses close by and there are mangroves and grasses infront of the river. The ground is often wet around the poplars as well. Please do not put another playground in the CRFP or add any more concrete paths. Richardsons Lookout is great with all the bush area on the cliff and the huge fig trees. It is nice that there is seating in the shade in this park. Warren Park has too much grass and not enough park benches in the shade. It needs more trees I also think Council should discourage fishing along the river. The fish are not safe to eat. People can fish at the Cooks River at Kymagah & Botany Bay.	10/29/2014 1:32 PM
18	It's very busy. There should be some sections with dedicated bike path separate from pedestrian path.	10/27/2014 8:17 PM
19	More info on Warren House	10/26/2014 8:44 PM
20	the designation of Richardsons Lookout as a peace & reconciliation park	10/22/2014 8:59 PM
21	Year Round Goal Post like in Mackey Park for all the budding soccer stars, and there are many of them, to practice shooting etc. without being hindered by the cricket. Marrickville is such a hub of youth Soccer. More kids play this sport than any other, yet there are very little practice facilities for them, especially in summer.	10/21/2014 1:35 PM
22	Childrens playground at Warren Park or Richardson Lookout	10/19/2014 7:02 PM
23	Preservation of mangroves	10/19/2014 5:34 PM
24	Improved river access for canoes/kayaks	10/19/2014 11:25 AM

Q28 Please tell us whether you agree with these statements





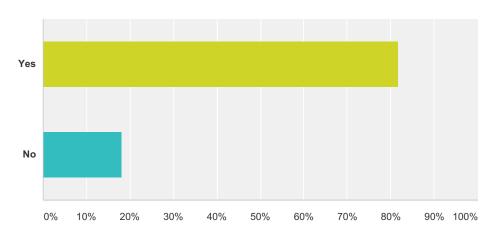
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	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly Agree	Total
During the day I feel safe in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park	66.18% 45	27.94% 19	4.41% 3	1.47%	0.00% 0	68
at night I feel safe in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park	7.58% 5	22.73% 15	31.82% 21	28.79% 19	9.09% 6	66

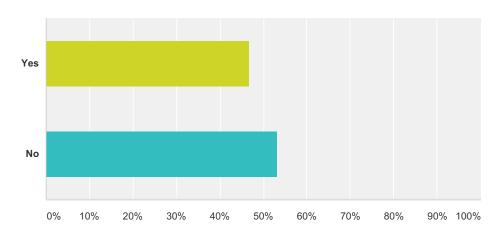
I feel part of the community in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park	25.76% 17	45.45% 30	18.18% 12	10.61% 7	0.00% 0	6
Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park is nice and shady	19.40%	62.69%	8.96% 6	8.96%	0.00% 0	6
It's easy to negotiate my way around Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park	20.00%	56.92%	15.38%	7.69% 5	0.00% 0	6
It's easy to find information about Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park	6.06% 4	16.67%	50.00% 33	25.76% 17	1.52%	6
Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park caters for all ages	6.15% 4	38.46% 25	32.31% 21	21.54% 14	1.54%	6
Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park meets the needs of the community	4.55%	43.94% 29	30.30% 20	21.21%	0.00% 0	(
Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park are well maintained	7.58% 5	62.12% 41	21.21% 14	9.09% 6	0.00% 0	6
Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park have a nice character	26.15% 17	61.54% 40	7.69% 5	4.62% 3	0.00% 0	(
I like spending time in Warren Park, Richardson Lookout and Cooks River Foreshore Park	41.54% 27	53.85% 35	4.62%	0.00%	0.00% 0	(

Q29 Do you support the designation of Richardson Lookout as a Peace and Reconciliation Park?



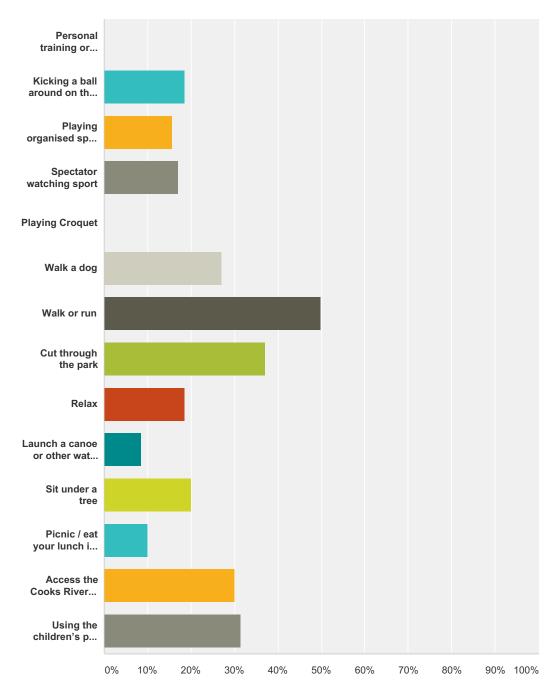
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	81.82 % 54
No	18.18% 12
Total	66

Q30 Do you use Mackey Park



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	46.79%	73
No	53.21%	83
Total		156

Q31 What are your two main reasons for visiting Mackey Park?

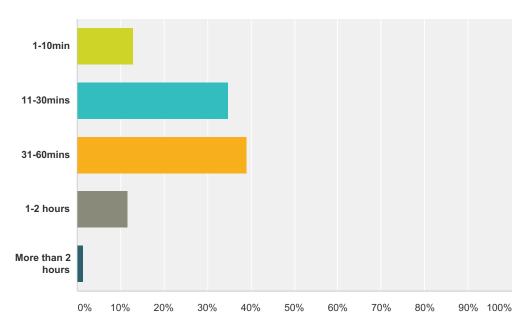


Answer Choices	Responses
Personal training or other class	0.00% 0
Kicking a ball around on the grass	18.57% 13
Playing organised sport on the playing fields	15.71% 11

Spectator watching sport	17.14%	12
Playing Croquet	0.00%	0
Walk a dog	27.14%	19
Walk or run	50.00%	35
Cut through the park	37.14%	26
Relax	18.57%	13
Launch a canoe or other water vessel	8.57%	(
Sit under a tree	20.00%	14
Picnic / eat your lunch in the park	10.00%	7
Access the Cooks River crossing to Rockdale	30.00%	21
Using the children's play equipment	31.43%	22
I Respondents: 70		

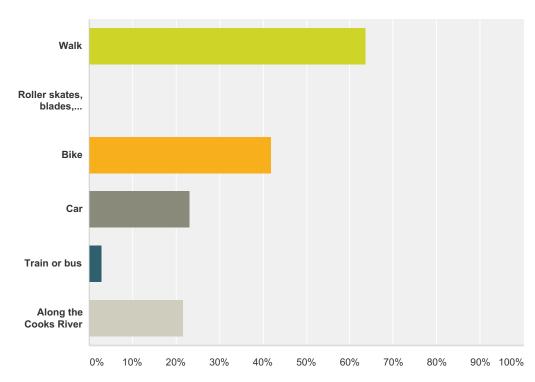
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Cooks River cycleway	12/1/2014 10:18 AM
2	Visit the Concordia Club	11/27/2014 12:53 PM
3	Ride on bike path	11/23/2014 9:35 PM
4	You know the River Canoe Club does NOT launch canoes in the this river.	11/18/2014 4:28 PM
5	commute to and from work	11/15/2014 2:11 PM
6	Rest from bike riding	10/19/2014 5:41 PM

Q32 When you visit Mackey Park, how long do you stay in the park on average?



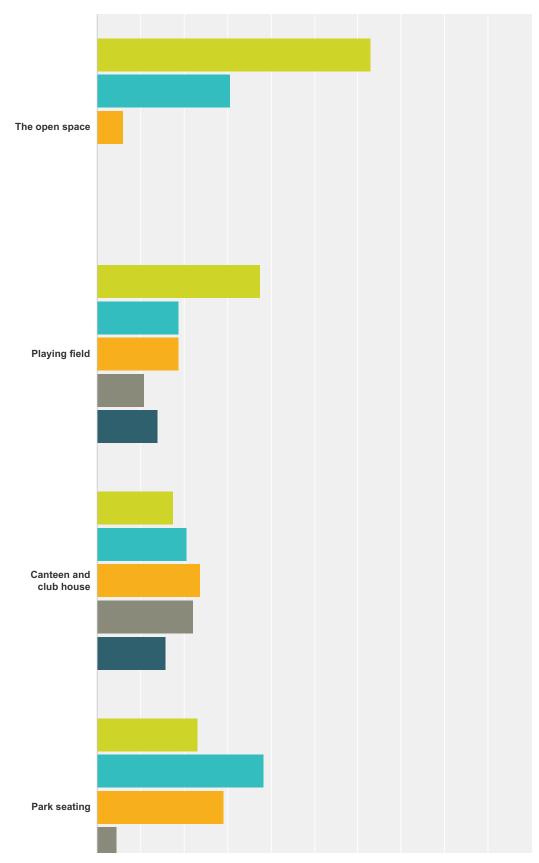
Answer Choices	Responses	
1-10min	13.04%	9
11-30mins	34.78%	24
31-60mins	39.13%	27
1-2 hours	11.59%	8
More than 2 hours	1.45%	1
Total		69

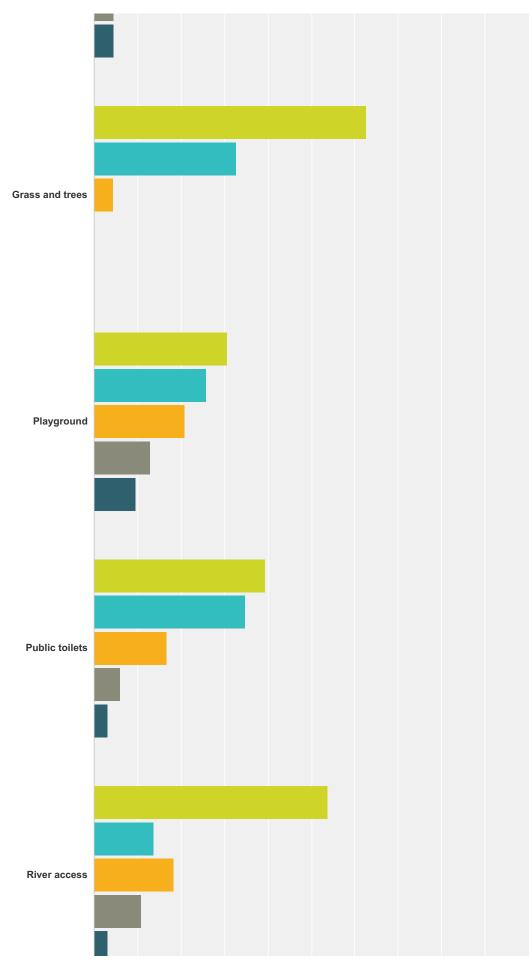
Q33 How are you most likely to travel to Mackey Park?



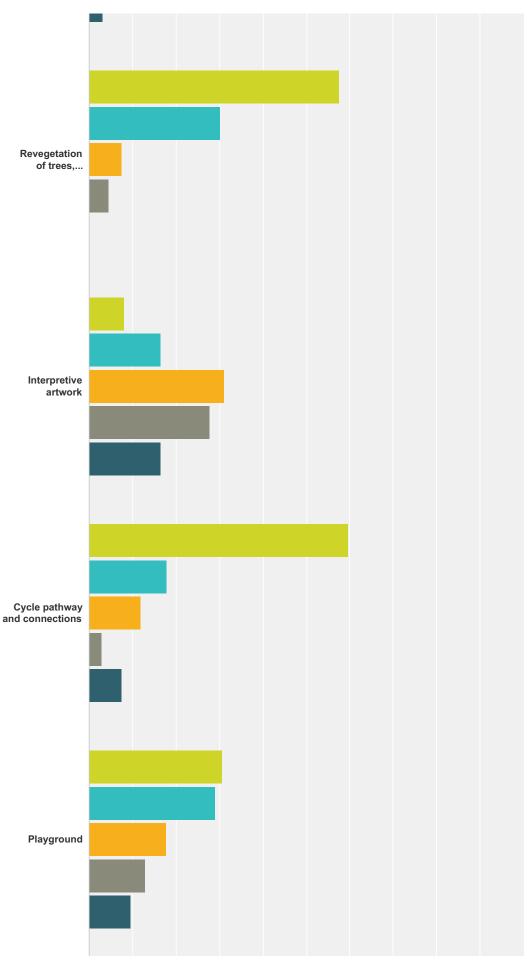
Answer Choices	Responses	
Walk	63.77%	44
Roller skates, blades, skate-board or scooter	0.00%	0
Bike	42.03%	29
Car	23.19%	16
Train or bus	2.90%	2
Along the Cooks River	21.74%	15
Total Respondents: 69		

Q34 How important are these park facilities to you?

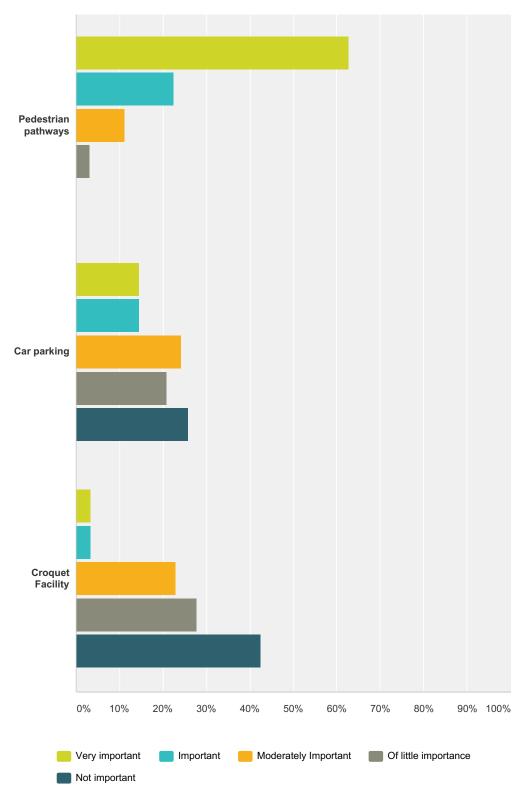




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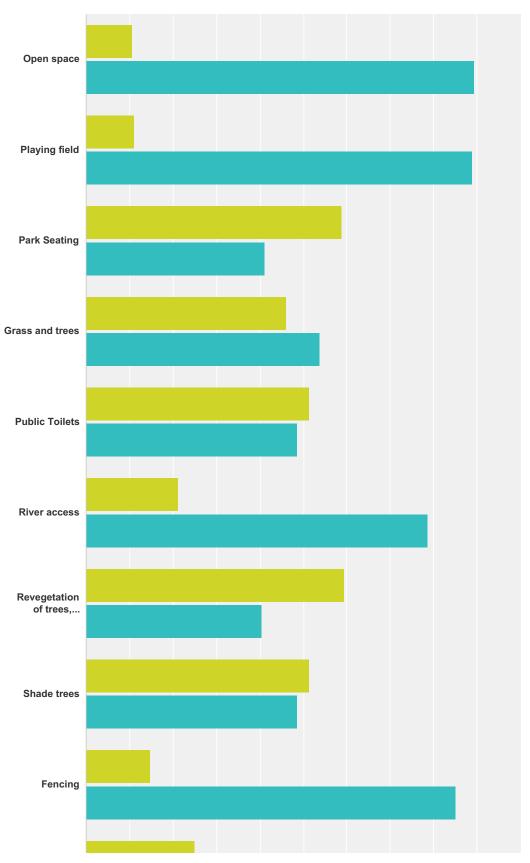
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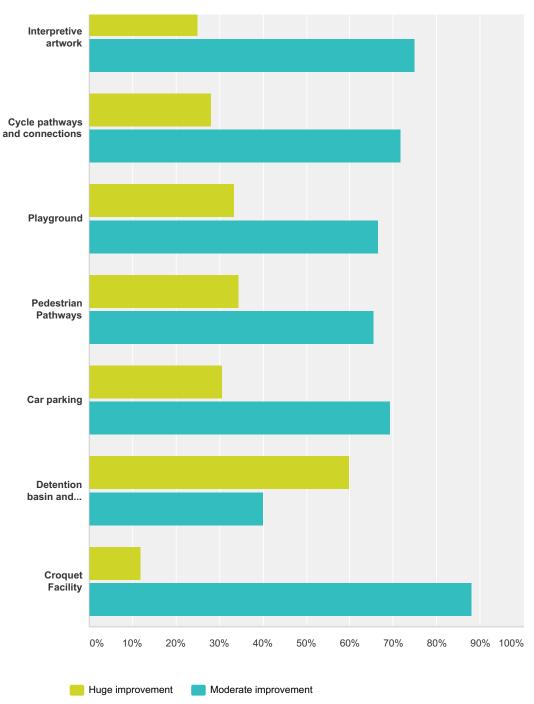


	Very important	Important	Moderately Important	Of little importance	Not important	Total
The open space	63.08% 41	30.77% 20	6.15% 4	0.00% O	0.00% 0	65
Playing field	37.50% 24	18.75% 12	18.75% 12	10.94% 7	14.06% 9	64

Canteen and club house	17.46%	20.63%	23.81%	22.22%	15.87%	
	11	13	15	14	10	
Park seating	23.08%	38.46%	29.23%	4.62%	4.62%	
-	15	25	19	3	3	
Grass and trees	62.69%	32.84%	4.48%	0.00%	0.00%	
	42	22	3	0	0	
Playground	30.65%	25.81%	20.97%	12.90%	9.68%	
	19	16	13	8	6	
Public toilets	39.39%	34.85%	16.67%	6.06%	3.03%	
	26	23	11	4	2	
River access	53.85%	13.85%	18.46%	10.77%	3.08%	
	35	9	12	7	2	
Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and	57.58%	30.30%	7.58%	4.55%	0.00%	
grasses	38	20	5	3	0	
Interpretive artwork	8.20%	16.39%	31.15%	27.87%	16.39%	
	5	10	19	17	10	
Cycle pathway and connections	59.70%	17.91%	11.94%	2.99%	7.46%	
	40	12	8	2	5	
Playground	30.65%	29.03%	17.74%	12.90%	9.68%	
	19	18	11	8	6	
Pedestrian pathways	62.90%	22.58%	11.29%	3.23%	0.00%	
	39	14	7	2	0	
Car parking	14.52%	14.52%	24.19%	20.97%	25.81%	
	9	9	15	13	16	
Croquet Facility	3.28%	3.28%	22.95%	27.87%	42.62%	
	2	2	14	17	26	

Q35 What elements of Mackey Park most need improvement?



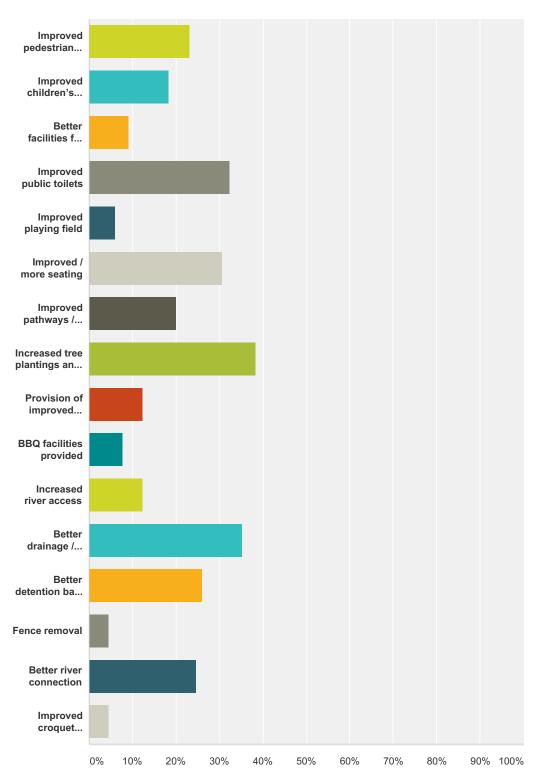


	Huge improvement	Moderate improvement	Total
Open space	10.71%	89.29%	
	3	25	28
Playing field	11.11%	88.89%	
	3	24	27
Park Seating	58.82%	41.18%	
	20	14	34
Grass and trees	46.15%	53.85%	
	18	21	39
Public Toilets	51.28%	48.72%	
	20	19	39

River access	21.21%	78.79%	
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Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and grasses	59.52%	40.48%	
	25	17	
Shade trees	51.28%	48.72%	
	20	19	
Fencing	14.81%	85.19%	_
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interpretive artwork	25.00%	75.00%	
	7	21	
Cycle pathways and connections	28.13%	71.88%	
	9	23	
Playground	33.33%	66.67%	
	10	20	
Pedestrian Pathways	34.48%	65.52%	
	10	19	
Car parking	30.77%	69.23%	
	8	18	
Detention basin and drainage channel	60.00%	40.00%	
	24	16	
Croquet Facility	12.00%	88.00%	
	3	22	

Q36 Select the top three things that would improve your experience at Mackey Park.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 118



Answer Choices Responses

Improved pedestrian lighting	23.08%	
Improved children's playground	18.46%	
Better facilities for older children and youth	9.23%	
Improved public toilets	32.31%	
Improved playing field	6.15%	
Improved / more seating	30.77%	
Improved pathways / cycleway	20.00%	
Increased tree plantings and shade	38.46%	
Provision of improved bicycle facilities including	12.31%	
BBQ facilities provided	7.69%	
Increased river access	12.31%	
Better drainage / creek area	35.38%	
Better detention basin design	26.15%	
Fence removal	4.62%	
Better river connection	24.62%	
Improved croquet facility	4.62%	

Q37 Is there anything else that would improve your experience at Mackey Park?

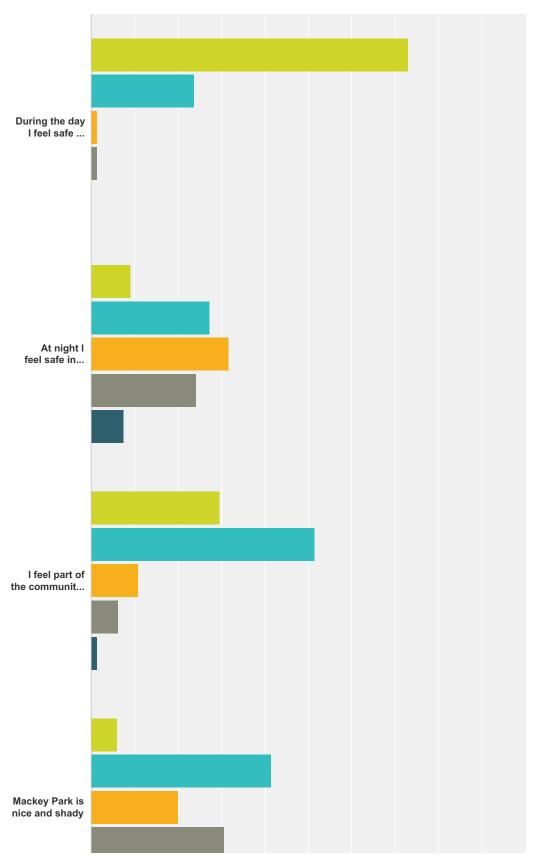
Answered: 25 Skipped: 158

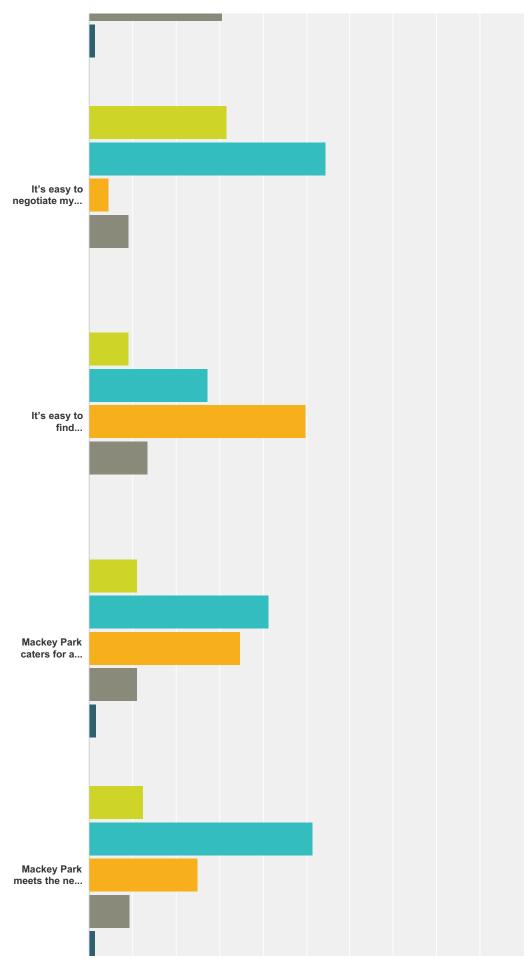
#	Responses	Date
1	Better car parking	1/6/2015 6:12 AM
2	Opportunities for nature play Integrate the wetland into the foreshore and remove the pool fence Improve the pathetic cycleway which links to Carrington Road, so that cyclists have priority over vehicles	12/14/2014 1:52 PM
3	timed off leash area to give the dog room to chase a ball	11/28/2014 2:37 PM
4	Clean the Cooks River's banks and plant more mangroves	11/27/2014 9:57 PM
5	Filthy footballers leaving their rubbish after football games. Their rubbish attracts the filthy ibises.	11/18/2014 4:28 PM
6	Exercise equipment	11/18/2014 9:34 AM
7	Doesn't need improvement. Fine as is.	11/17/2014 7:30 PM
8	Change croquet facility to lawn bowls only	11/15/2014 10:13 AM
9	Better clubhouse Easier parking	11/13/2014 10:58 AM
10	We love riding to Mackey Park but the slippery dips get quite hot in the summer. So another shade sail over the slippery dips would be great:) And r there public toilets? Maybe signage if there are	11/12/2014 3:55 PM
11	Fenced leash free area for dogs	11/11/2014 1:35 PM
12	Signage about what is further along the river in both directions - links to the railway station.	11/10/2014 8:44 AM
13	Proper pedestrian access from Tempe station and back across to Earlwood side of river - currently a disgrace n safety hazard	11/8/2014 6:50 PM
14	Make it offleash for dogs	11/7/2014 7:55 AM
15	Off leash dog park	11/4/2014 10:36 PM
16	- Parking around the park is poorly managed and needs significant improvement. Consider time limiting street parking, improve monitoring of illegal parking and illegal activity (opposite Choice) Communicate to residents about when the park is being used, esp peak times & when usage has been changed and will impact on local residents (perhaps a calendar of park bookings available on Marrickville Council website) More bbq facilities, some by the river	11/4/2014 8:48 AM
17	Separate cyclists from pedestrians	11/3/2014 8:27 PM
18	That river rubbish collection area needs to be cleared regularly, especially after rains. It's full of muck and generally full.	11/2/2014 6:40 PM
19	Better drainage of sports field especially in south western corner of park.	11/2/2014 2:05 PM
20	Please do not add public BBQs along the river here. There needs to be parks along the river that are just green space. Not everywhere needs to become an entertainment centre. Also, there is much bank erosion here and this needs to be fixed.	10/29/2014 1:34 PM
21	Pedestrian access over cooks river without entering Tempe station	10/26/2014 8:48 PM
22	off-lead dog area	10/25/2014 8:27 PM
23	I use this park to access Tempe Station. The addition of lighting around the northern path made me feel a little safer walking across here at night, but this path finishes between two deserted (at night) amenities buildings, and you can't see whether anyone might be hanging around there as you approach. This is ridiculous! So I usually still cut straight across the oval at night on my own so I can see what's around me. I like the detention basin, maybe some more info about its importance would be good. Again, small bird habitat could be great addition if it could fit in.	10/24/2014 10:35 AM

24	Note that Canterbury have achieved marvellous results on the opposite bank with habitat plantings and drainage. Would love to see something similar on marrickville bank	10/19/2014 5:41 PM
25	Drinking fountains	10/19/2014 4:39 PM

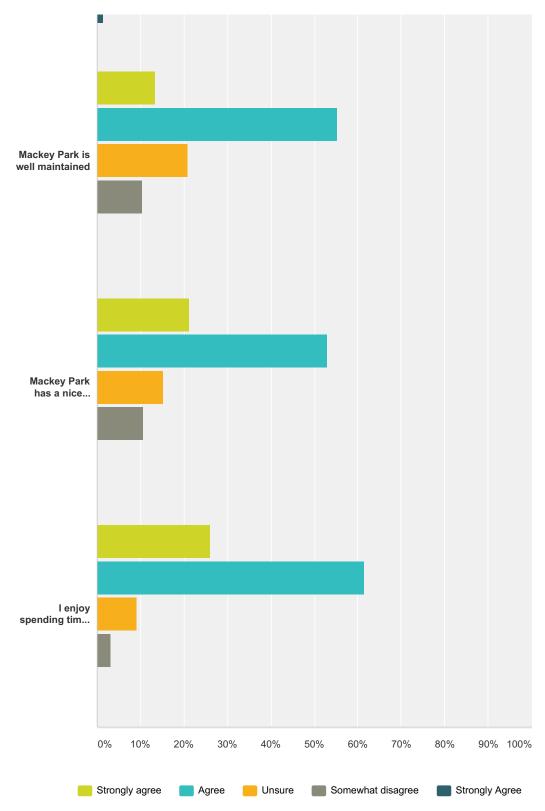
Q38 Please tell us whether you agree with these statements.

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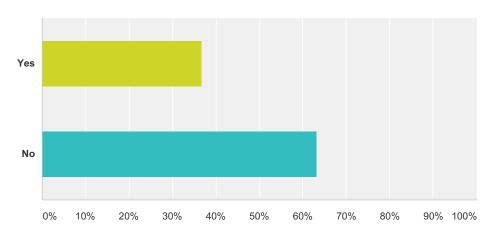
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	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly Agree	Total
During the day I feel safe in Mackey Park	73.13%	23.88%	1.49%	1.49%	0.00%	
	49	16	1	1	0	67
At night I feel safe in Mackey Park	9.09%	27.27%	31.82%	24.24%	7.58%	
	6	18	21	16	5	66

I feel part of the community in Mackey Park	29.69% 19	51.56% 33	10.94% 7	6.25% 4	1.56%	
Mackey Park is nice and shady	6.15%	41.54%	20.00%	30.77%	1.54%	
	4	27	13	20	1	
It's easy to negotiate my way around Mackey Park	31.82%	54.55%	4.55%	9.09%	0.00%	
	21	36	3	6	0	
It's easy to find information about Mackey Park	9.09%	27.27%	50.00%	13.64%	0.00%	
	6	18	33	9	0	
Mackey Park caters for all ages	11.11%	41.27%	34.92%	11.11%	1.59%	
	7	26	22	7	1	
Mackey Park meets the needs of the community	12.50%	51.56%	25.00%	9.38%	1.56%	
	8	33	16	6	1	
Mackey Park is well maintained	13.43%	55.22%	20.90%	10.45%	0.00%	
	9	37	14	7	0	
Mackey Park has a nice character	21.21%	53.03%	15.15%	10.61%	0.00%	
	14	35	10	7	0	
I enjoy spending time in Mackey Park	26.15%	61.54%	9.23%	3.08%	0.00%	
	17	40	6	2	0	

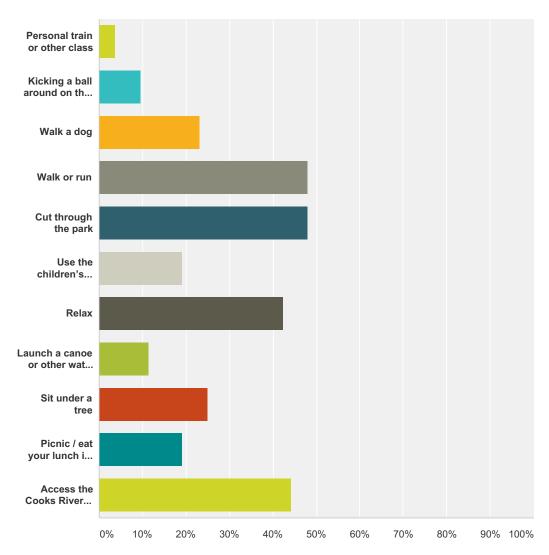
Q39 Do you use Kendrick Park?



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	36.77% 57
No	63.23% 98
Total	155

Q40 What are your two main reasons for visiting Kendrick Park?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 131



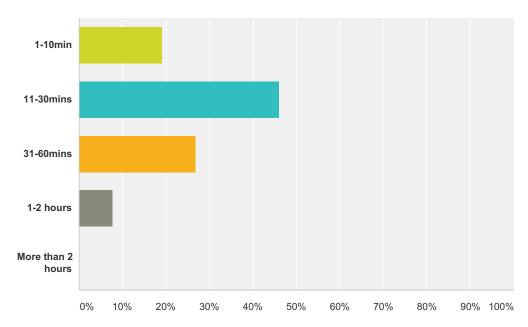
Answer Choices	Responses	
Personal train or other class	3.85%	2
Kicking a ball around on the grass	9.62%	5
Walk a dog	23.08%	12
Walk or run	48.08%	25
Cut through the park	48.08%	25
Use the children's playground	19.23%	10
Relax	42.31%	22
Launch a canoe or other water vessel	11.54%	6

Sit under a tree	25.00%	13
Picnic / eat your lunch in the park	19.23%	10
Access the Cooks River crossing to Rockdale	44.23%	23
otal Respondents: 52		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	ride bike	12/5/2014 9:11 PM
2	Cooks River cycleway	12/1/2014 10:19 AM
3	Conducting 'My Place' tours with school groups	11/27/2014 9:09 PM
4	Bike access	11/23/2014 9:38 PM
5	Bike ride	11/2/2014 4:14 PM
6	Bike riding	11/2/2014 2:11 PM
7	Cycling	10/27/2014 8:28 PM
8	Close to home	10/26/2014 8:53 PM
9	Enjoy Cooks River views	10/19/2014 5:48 PM

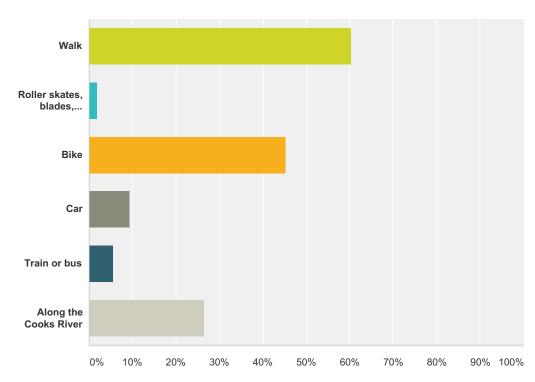
Q41 When you visit Kendrick Park, how long do you stay in the park on average?

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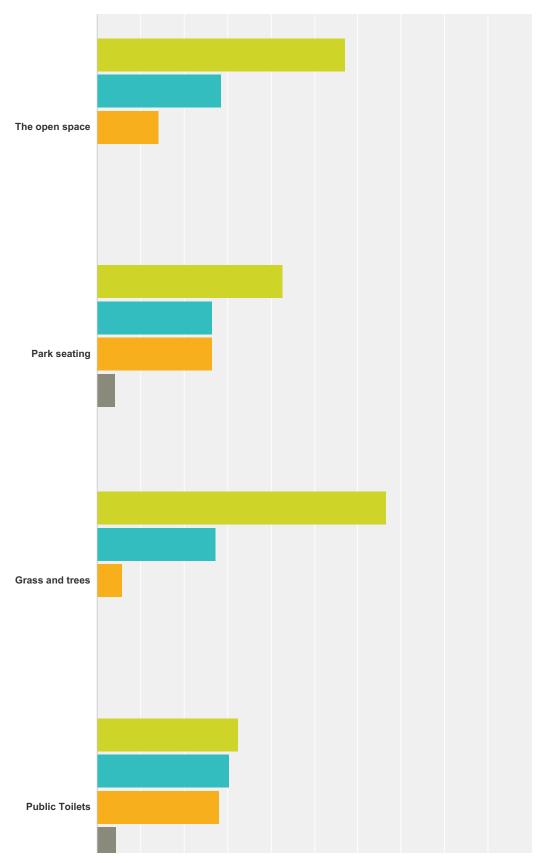
Answer Choices	Responses	
1-10min	19.23%	10
11-30mins	46.15%	24
31-60mins	26.92%	14
1-2 hours	7.69%	4
More than 2 hours	0.00%	0
Total		52

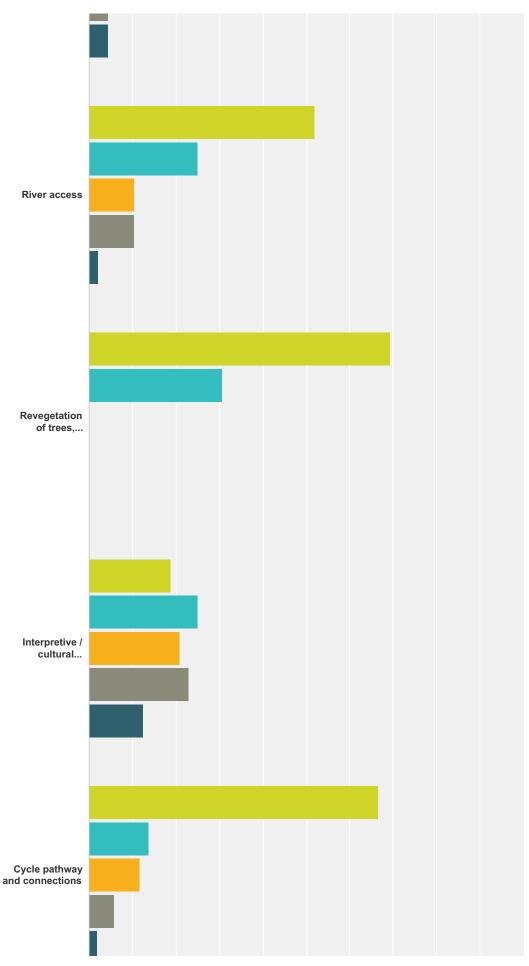
Q42 How are you most likely to travel to Kendrick Park?



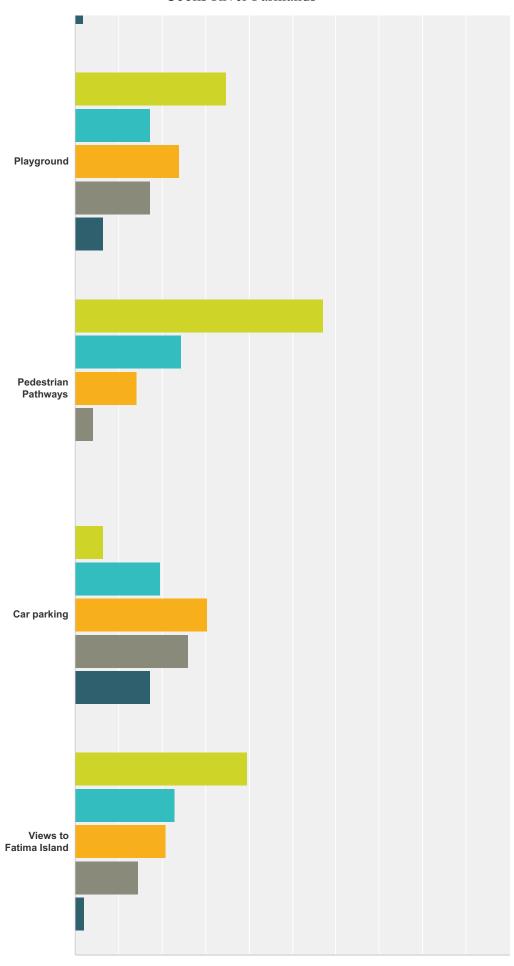
Answer Choices	Responses	
Walk	60.38%	32
Roller skates, blades, skate-board or scooter	1.89%	1
Bike	45.28%	24
Car	9.43%	5
Train or bus	5.66%	3
Along the Cooks River	26.42%	14
Total Respondents: 53		

Q43 How important are these park facilities to you?





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40%

30%

Very important Moderately Important Of little importance

50%

60%

70%

80%

90% 100%

Not important

0%

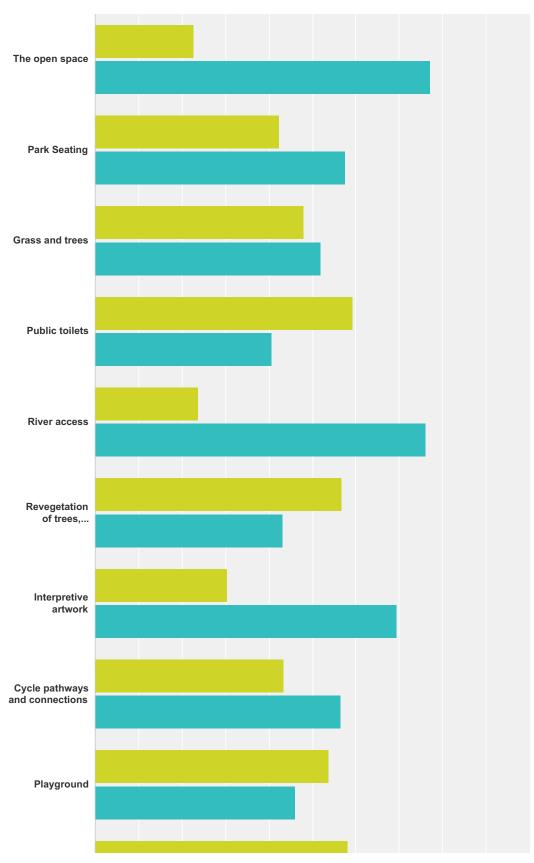
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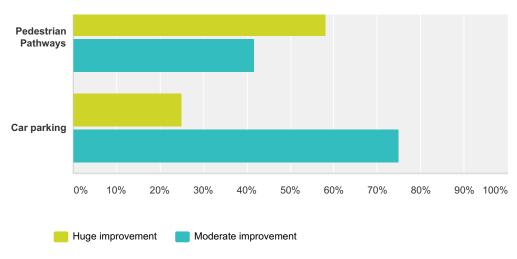
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	Very important	Important	Moderately Important	Of little importance	Not important	Tota
The open space	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%	0.00%	
	28	14	7	0	0	49
Park seating	42.86%	26.53%	26.53%	4.08%	0.00%	
	21	13	13	2	0	49
Grass and trees	66.67%	27.45%	5.88%	0.00%	0.00%	
	34	14	3	0	0	5
Public Toilets	32.61%	30.43%	28.26%	4.35%	4.35%	
	15	14	13	2	2	4
River access	52.08%	25.00%	10.42%	10.42%	2.08%	
	25	12	5	5	1	4
Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and	69.39%	30.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
grasses	34	15	0	0	0	4
Interpretive / cultural artwork	18.75%	25.00%	20.83%	22.92%	12.50%	
	9	12	10	11	6	4
Cycle pathway and connections	66.67%	13.73%	11.76%	5.88%	1.96%	
	34	7	6	3	1	5
Playground	34.78%	17.39%	23.91%	17.39%	6.52%	
	16	8	11	8	3	4
Pedestrian Pathways	57.14%	24.49%	14.29%	4.08%	0.00%	
	28	12	7	2	0	4
Car parking	6.52%	19.57%	30.43%	26.09%	17.39%	
	3	9	14	12	8	4
Views to Fatima Island	39.58%	22.92%	20.83%	14.58%	2.08%	
	19	11	10	7	1	4

Q44 What elements of Kendrick Park most need improvement?

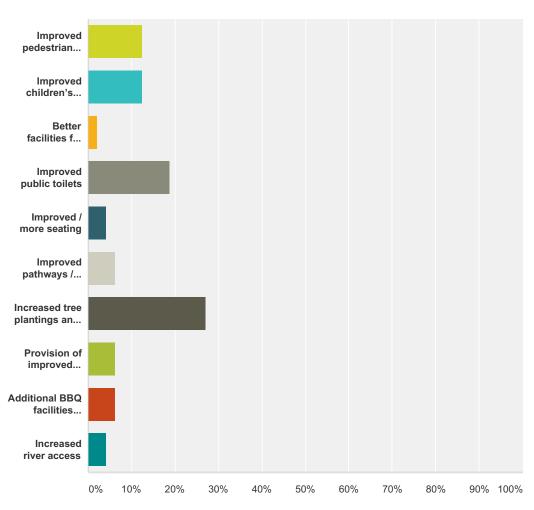
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	Huge improvement	Moderate improvement	Total
The open space	22.73%	77.27%	
	5	17	2
Park Seating	42.31%	57.69%	
	11	15	2
Grass and trees	48.00%	52.00%	
	12	13	2
Public toilets	59.26%	40.74%	
	16	11	2
River access	23.81%	76.19%	
	5	16	2
Revegetation of trees, groundcovers and grasses	56.76%	43.24%	
	21	16	(
Interpretive artwork	30.43%	69.57%	
	7	16	1
Cycle pathways and connections	43.48%	56.52%	
	10	13	2
Playground	53.85%	46.15%	
	14	12	:
Pedestrian Pathways	58.33%	41.67%	
	14	10	2
Car parking	25.00%	75.00%	
	5	15	:

Q45 Select the top three things that would improve your experience at Kendrick Park.



swer Choices	Responses	
Improved pedestrian lighting	12.50%	6
Improved children's playground	12.50%	6
Better facilities for older children and youth	2.08%	1
Improved public toilets	18.75%	9
Improved / more seating	4.17%	2
Improved pathways / cycleway	6.25%	3
Increased tree plantings and shade	27.08%	13
Provision of improved bicycle facilities including	6.25%	3
Additional BBQ facilities provided	6.25%	3

Increased river access	4.17%	2
Total		48

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Improved seating/picnic facilities	12/14/2014 1:56 PM
2	a small area for bmx and mtb jumps or a small skatepark	12/5/2014 9:11 PM
3	More rubbish beans and regular cleaning	12/2/2014 7:36 AM
4	Again, can only select 1 item, not 3	11/30/2014 5:26 PM
5	More respectful use of the BBQ facilities and no litter dumping	11/27/2014 12:57 PM
6	Improve the quality of grass	11/25/2014 6:36 AM
7	Water quality improvements in the Cooks River	11/23/2014 9:38 PM
8	better disabled access	11/16/2014 4:31 PM
9	Interpretive plaque about Fatima Island	11/12/2014 8:27 PM
10	facilities for older children & youth	11/12/2014 4:01 PM
11	Better toilets and bike facilities	11/11/2014 5:22 AM
12	Can't choose three things in database	11/9/2014 7:15 AM
13	more seating would only let me select one improvement above	11/9/2014 1:46 AM
14	Separate cyclists from pedestrians	11/3/2014 8:28 PM
15	More swings.bridges between a couple of playground towers	10/26/2014 8:53 PM
16	Indigenous vegetation for habitat	10/19/2014 5:48 PM

Q46 Is there anything else that would improve your experience at Kendrick Park?

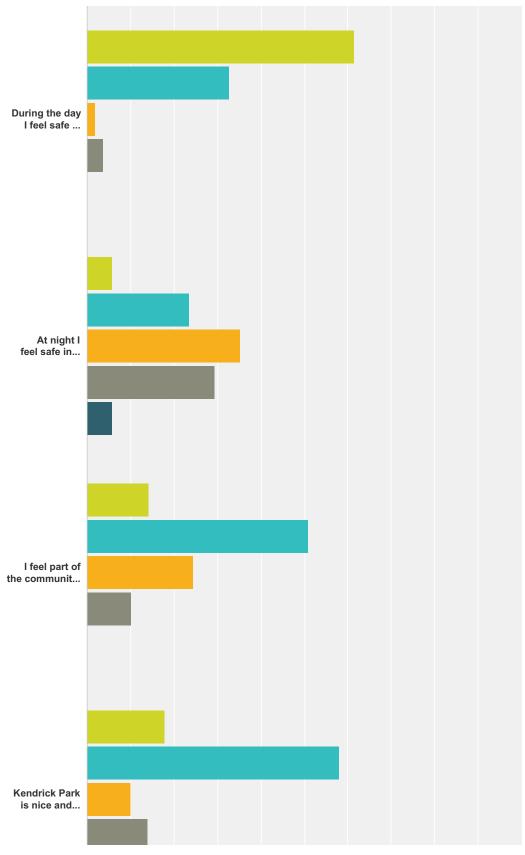
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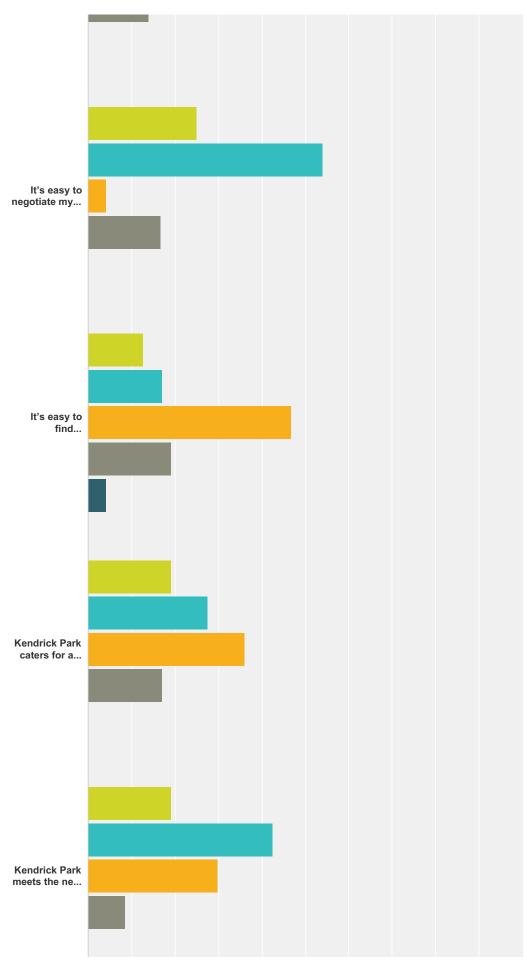
#	Responses	Date
1	Riparian revegetation More opportunity for nature play	12/14/2014 1:56 PM
2	a small area for bmx and mtb jumps or a small skatepark	12/5/2014 9:11 PM
3	Build a bridge for bikes and people to safely cross to Wolli Creek. The highway is too dangerous. Also build electric barbeques to stop the many weekend visitors leaving charcoal everywhere (including dumping in the creek)	12/2/2014 7:36 AM
4	would also have chosen improved pedestrian lighting,	11/30/2014 5:26 PM
5	Fatima island should be renewed/restored	11/28/2014 7:47 PM
6	Greater acknowledgement of historical background of the area. Correction of errors on plaque regarding the dam across Cooks River.	11/27/2014 9:09 PM
7	There is often a lot of rubbish there - better rubbish removal. Cleaner picnic areas. Fix the area where the tap drips, it gets very muddy.	11/25/2014 6:36 AM
8	Drainage of the bike path under the railway bridge is often poor.	11/23/2014 9:38 PM
9	People from Arncliffe use the park on Sundays afternoons for about 5 hours and sometimes pick up some of their rubbish to place in the 8 rubbish bins. The remaining rubbish has been blown around by the wind in those 5 hours and attracts the filthy ibis birds who use the park on Monday mornings.	11/18/2014 4:34 PM
10	Shared cycle/ pedestrian bridge to Wolli Creek station across Fatima island	11/15/2014 10:18 AM
11	A bird hide	11/12/2014 8:27 PM
12	The toilet block is a little bit scary. Fatima Island is very beautiful and special place.	11/12/2014 5:50 PM
13	Checking parking on weekends. Often cars parked over the bike track by picnickers	11/12/2014 4:01 PM
14	I would like to see Fatima Island restored. On high tides there is nowhere for the birds to settle. The island is almost washed away.	11/9/2014 8:28 PM
15	To have the weekend 'visitors' clean up after themselves.the park is unusable most mondays and tuesdays due to their rubbish everywhere! So sick of it, get the rangers there on the weekend as these people have little respect for the park	11/7/2014 8:00 AM
16	- Improved children's playground - Additional bbq facilities - more seating (covered) & lighting	11/4/2014 8:51 AM
17	Restoring Fatima island and island's vegetation	11/2/2014 2:11 PM
18	Please do not add more BBQs. People leave these in a dreadful mess and the more Council encourages cooked food, the more people litter. The parks do not need to be made into an entertainment centre. Green space should also be peaceful. I would also plant more trees along the Highway and add a hedge to cut off the view of the traffic and to decrease the wind, smell etc.	10/29/2014 1:38 PM
19	Signs telling people not to use smokey substances for BBQs.Sign banning BBQ if smoke is pouring over kids playing.Poor BBQ behaviour is worse at this park than any other in Marrickville area.	10/26/2014 8:53 PM
20	Water quality in river (swimming in future?)	10/19/2014 5:48 PM
21	Drinking fountains	10/19/2014 4:42 PM

22	Stop charcoal BBQs - people dump the charcoal in the park and in bins (bins have caught fire) it is dangerous. Better signage for people to please clean up after use. people park on the grass bins to be secured as they are moved about and at times end up in the river along with the garbage. leave the huts as it they are very quaint. Better drainage at tap or a concrete base as this is messy particularly as people dump coals there too. more	10/19/2014 2:35 PM
	medium height trees shrubs less open areas No fishing near Fatima Island. Too many birds have suffered from taking hooks. Please keep people off the island it is getting ruined. another tree fell into the water this weekend - a canoeist was seen pulling this tree two weeks ago. Unsavory types have used the park at night - drinking yelling do not feel comfortable when this happens.	

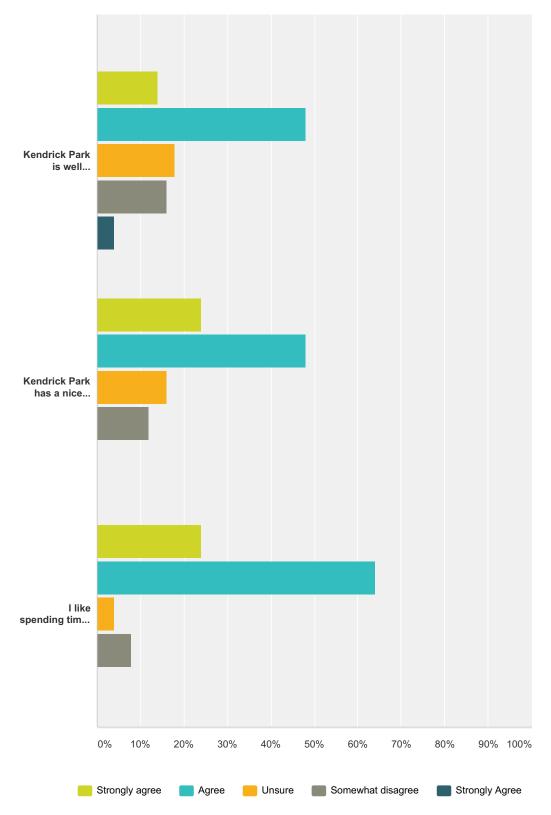
Q47 Please tell us whether you agree with these statements

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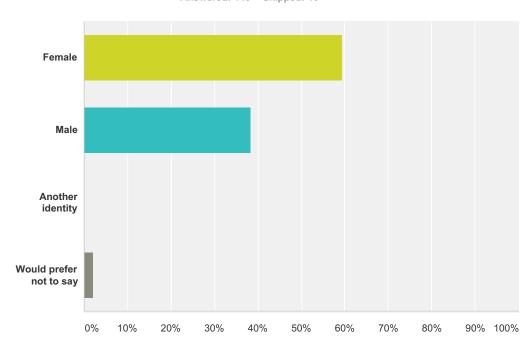
	Strongly agree	Agree	Unsure	Somewhat disagree	Strongly Agree	Total
During the day I feel safe in Kendrick Park	61.54%	32.69%	1.92%	3.85%	0.00%	52
At night I feel safe in Kendrick Park	5.88%	23.53%	35.29%	29.41%	5.88%	
	3	12	18	15	3	51

I feel part of the community in Kendrick Park	14.29%	51.02%	24.49%	10.20%	0.00%	
	7	25	12	5	0	4
Kendrick Park is nice and shady	18.00%	58.00%	10.00%	14.00%	0.00%	
	9	29	5	7	0	Ę
It's easy to negotiate my way around Kendrick Park	25.00%	54.17%	4.17%	16.67%	0.00%	
	12	26	2	8	0	4
It's easy to find information about Kendrick Park	12.77%	17.02%	46.81%	19.15%	4.26%	
	6	8	22	9	2	
Kendrick Park caters for all ages	19.15%	27.66%	36.17%	17.02%	0.00%	
	9	13	17	8	0	
Kendrick Park meets the needs of the community	19.15%	42.55%	29.79%	8.51%	0.00%	
	9	20	14	4	0	
Kendrick Park is well maintained	14.00%	48.00%	18.00%	16.00%	4.00%	
	7	24	9	8	2	
Kendrick Park has a nice character	24.00%	48.00%	16.00%	12.00%	0.00%	
	12	24	8	6	0	
I like spending time in Kendrick Park	24.00%	64.00%	4.00%	8.00%	0.00%	
	12	32	2	4	0	

Q48 Is there any other feedback you would like to provide about any of the parks along the Cooks River?

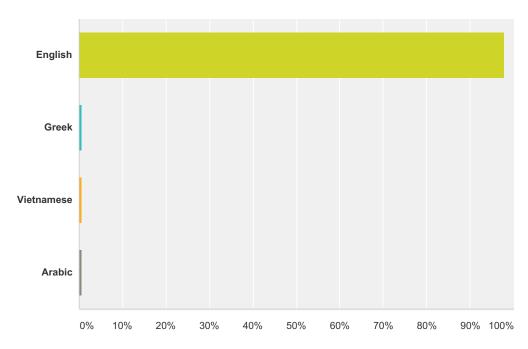
#	Responses	Date
1	The playground area is a safety hazard it has not been updated since the 1990's, there are patch ups everywhere.	1/19/2015 11:49 AM
2	We love the green space but the buildings and facilities are generally shabby with some exceptions, and the large number of cyclists are poorly catered for.	1/6/2015 6:15 AM
3	Kendrick Park provides the only river access point - each park should have such a facility	12/22/2014 8:10 AM
4	We've spent enough on fancy sportsfields lately, it's time to invest in facilities for a broader range of people in our community. The Cooks River Parklands are a major regional park and should have the character and quality of such a facility. Look at the recent upgrade to Sydney Park for inspiration!	12/14/2014 1:59 PM
5	This was not a very well worded or structured survey. The Cooks River is a valuable recreation area and green space in the council area and I applaud the ongoing efforts to improve it and believe it is a worthwhile use of council funds.	12/9/2014 6:28 AM
6	A small water play park somewhere other theen steel park. Accessable fountain non drowning for toddlers. Make access across the river easier at tempe	12/7/2014 8:33 PM
7	I would love to see more facilities to encourage people of all ages to be active, small skateparks and bike jump areas would be an amazing gain for the community	12/5/2014 9:13 PM
8	http://futureclosestcanterbury.com/featured-events-list/ Did you know Canterbury Council is trying to steal community land by applying for rezoning, to strip the trust off the land that makes it a public park? There is a campaign to keep Canterbury Bowlo in community hands. It impacts the use of the cooks river foreshore	12/4/2014 4:13 PM
9	separate the cycle and pedestrian paths - cyclists are very thoughtless/selfish users, in the main	12/3/2014 4:06 PM
10	Please find a way to save Fatima Island	12/2/2014 7:37 AM
11	more lights on path, new bridge to cooks river cycleway when high tide at Kendrick Park's bridge high tide	12/1/2014 10:22 AM
12	I think the whole Cooks River walkway and its parks are one of the best features of the inner west, I aplaude whomever inititated it, continued it and maintained it. I think most people who utilise the area are aware of how much work the council and various volunteer groups put into maintenance. Thank you.	11/30/2014 5:31 PM
13	strongly agree on right side of survey for Richardson lookout should say strongly disagree	11/29/2014 10:13 AM
14	there are some cyclists who ride far too fast along Cooks River & don't use bells. A ramp for better kayak access at low tide would be nice. Would love a bridge across the river to more easily get to Gough Whitlam park & cafe	11/28/2014 2:41 PM
15	The banks of the Cook's River are always covered in litter, can't it be regularly cleaned? And what about planting more mangroves?	11/27/2014 9:58 PM
16	Need to include water bubblers along the cycleway.	11/27/2014 7:44 PM
17	I value them a lot and I have seen how much more use of the shared path and surrounding spaces there has been over the last 5-10 years	11/27/2014 12:58 PM
18	I walk my dog along Cooks River and aware of the many cyclists. If there was some way of widening the path it would be good. I would love an enclosed dog space similar to the dog park at the Canterburyend of Cooks River. It keeps dogs/children/families away from the busy Cooks River pathway that has increasing number of cyclists.	11/25/2014 11:29 AM

Q49 What is your gender?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	59.44%	85
Male	38.46%	55
Another identity	0.00%	0
Would prefer not to say	2.10%	3
Total		143

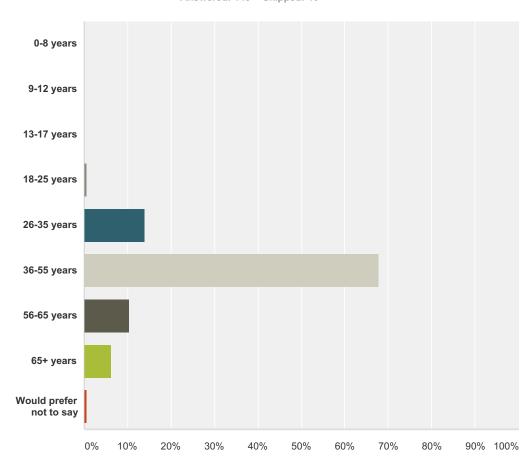
Q50 What is the main language spoken at home?



Answer Choices	Responses	
English	97.90%	140
Greek	0.70%	1
Vietnamese	0.70%	1
Arabic	0.70%	1
Total		143

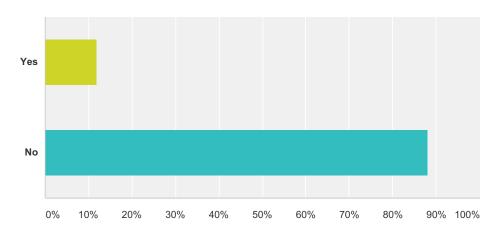
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Is this question really relevant?	1/19/2015 11:49 AM

Q51 What is your age group?



Answer Choices	Responses	
0-8 years	0.00%	0
9-12 years	0.00%	0
13-17 years	0.00%	0
18-25 years	0.70%	1
26-35 years	13.99%	20
36-55 years	67.83%	97
56-65 years	10.49%	15
65+ years	6.29%	9
Would prefer not to say	0.70%	1
Total		143

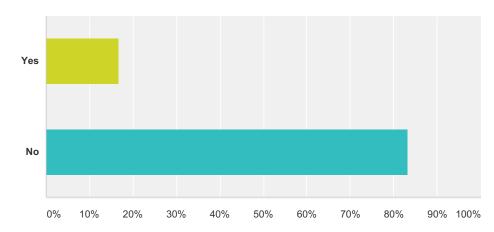
Q52 Do you or anyone with whom you visit any of the parks along the Cooks River have a disability?



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	11.89%	17
No	88.11%	126
Total		143

Q53 Do you experience any access issues at any of the parks along the Cooks River?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 40



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	16.78%	24
No	83.22%	119
Total		143

#	If yes, please specify which park/s	Date
1	Damaged play equipment, individuals ruining equipment, drug use, disposed condoms on children's playground. Dog faeces on playgroup.	1/19/2015 11:49 AM
2	Flooding under Tempe rail bridge	12/2/2014 7:37 AM
3	high tide at Kendrick Park to Cooks River cycle	12/1/2014 10:22 AM
4	Kendrick park, cannot enter with pram via the Tempe train station entrance or other Tempe streets	11/28/2014 7:50 PM
5	steps/ramp to Warren park from the riverside path is very slippery when it's wet	11/28/2014 2:41 PM
6	Cannot get my bike down the stairs near Adora cafe	11/18/2014 1:44 PM
7	Between Steel park and Mackay park it sometimes floods. And also under the train tracks to Kendrick park	11/15/2014 10:20 AM
8	Sometimes after nature events MMC limit access for maintenance work	11/10/2014 8:02 AM
9	cycle way sign posting near princes hey is confusing and I regularly lose the path	11/9/2014 7:44 AM
10	Access on both sides of the river at Illawarra road and Bay st are appalling	11/8/2014 6:52 PM
11	Some ramps are a lil steep/ some planks on bridges are loose	11/8/2014 5:56 PM
12	Crossing the Road with a cycle at Adora Chocolates could be better planned	11/8/2014 6:02 AM
13	The pedestrian bridge between steel park and adora is not flat, wheels get stuck	11/7/2014 9:54 AM
14	Limited parking	11/7/2014 9:41 AM
15	Accesing H J Mahony Reserve from the Earlwood side - there needs to be a gate closer to the river.	11/7/2014 9:36 AM
16	Water underneath train line between Kendrick park and Mackey park can cause issues as stairs at end of Kendrick park next to train line are not easily accessible	11/6/2014 7:38 PM
17	All. some pathways are uneven and the lighting is very poor along the Cooks river.	11/4/2014 8:52 AM

18	Some of the steps are awkward to coordinate.	11/2/2014 6:43 PM
19	Entry into some of the open spaces off the cycleways/ bikeways are could be improved with an occasion side walkway	11/2/2014 4:16 PM
20	the bridge by Tempe Station is not accessible	10/29/2014 5:23 PM
21	g	10/29/2014 1:40 PM
22	Generally paths not walker friend for people with disablity	10/27/2014 5:15 PM
23	getting to JH Mahoney reserve through the golf course	10/21/2014 6:13 PM

Q54 If you would like to receive further information on the plan as this project progresses, please supply your email address.

Answered: 55 Skipped: 128

#	Responses	Date
1	Yes I would like to receive information, posting a flyer in the park is not really useful. Resident who live in the area and take their children to that park should be informed, especially those in Cook, Quarry, View, Nicholson and Bay Streets as they are the closest. I have on numerous occasions contacted the council to repair the equipment and advised of the safety hazards but nothing has been done. My email is svucic@Hotmail.com	1/19/2015 11:49 AM
2	Agpidcock@gmail.com	1/6/2015 6:15 AM
3	neil@mackenziepronk.com.au	12/22/2014 8:10 AM
4	alexa.mcauley@alluvium.com.au	12/14/2014 1:59 PM
5	david.cragg@live.com	12/5/2014 9:13 PM
6	andrew.x.webb@gmail.com	12/3/2014 4:06 PM
7	cnpapadopoulos@gmail.com	12/2/2014 9:22 AM
8	amsterdamxtv@gmail.com	12/2/2014 7:37 AM
9	dehtaylor@me.com	11/30/2014 5:31 PM
10	gabbyrichards@iinet.net.au	11/29/2014 7:43 AM
11	Mel.hingerty@gmail.com	11/28/2014 7:50 PM
12	kerryh@ii.net	11/28/2014 2:41 PM
13	johobson@bigpond.com	11/25/2014 11:29 AM
14	dreckord@gmail.com I love the Cooks River cycleway. I live on the Far South Coast of NSW and ironically I have a much safer bike experience in Sydney. When I come to Sydney to stay I bring my bike and it is just a fantastic way to get around. I have been visiting the area for about 10 years and I think that the revegetation/environmental works that have been done are fantastic. Congratulations on creating such a vibrant oasis in the heart of Sydney.	11/23/2014 9:41 PM
15	Elizabeth.smith@tafensw.edu.au	11/18/2014 9:00 PM
16	rlmohr@tpg.com.au	11/17/2014 7:31 PM
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18	Simon@jargonmaster.com	11/15/2014 5:48 PM
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20	gjkchef@yahoo.com.au	11/15/2014 10:20 AM
21	evajohnstone@hotmail.com	11/14/2014 6:04 PM
22	estimatt@tpg.com.au	11/13/2014 9:19 AM
23	kelly.penguin@gmail.com	11/12/2014 5:51 PM
24	jeremyburcham74@hotmail.com	11/12/2014 10:11 AM
25	solanoan@tpg.com.au	11/11/2014 1:39 PM
26	Nicvgee@yahoo.com.au	11/10/2014 9:40 PM
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32	sooeboo@mac.com	11/8/2014 8:26 PM
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50	David.Price@iag.com.au	10/26/2014 8:54 PM
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53	eleanormraftery@gmail.com	10/21/2014 6:13 PM
54	peter@jensensmith.com	10/19/2014 7:04 PM
55	paulking2014@gmail.com	10/19/2014 11:32 AM