

Appendix B Community Engagement



View of Community Consultation in Progress. Photography by Welsh + Major.

Overview + Engagement Strategies

1.0 Summary

Inner West Council engaged the community on their enjoyment of Mackey Park, with a view to the preparation of a 10-year plan, which includes a Plan of Management and a Master Plan. Community engagement was carried out with two drop-in sessions at Mackey Park and via the online platform Your Say Inner West (YSIW).

1.1 Background

Plans of management must be prepared for all types of parks on community land. Community engagement is a critical step in the preparation of a Plan of Management, forming one of the first stages of the process. Community feedback is then taken into consideration alongside stakeholders and expert advice to form a draft plan of management and master plan, which is presented for further community input prior to council endorsement of the final document

Inner West Council has established a parks planning priority list, which nominates which open spaces it feels are in greatest need of new or updated Plans of Management. Mackey Park has been nominated as high priority within the Inner West Council area.

The purpose of engagement was to establish key issues that the community have in relation to Mackey Park, as well as highlighting aspects of the park which are highly valued. Contributors were encouraged to include ideas, comments and suggestions to assist in prioritising the focus of key strategies and outcomes for the future.

1.2 Engagement method

The methods of engagement were:

- Online on yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au through survey and user posts
- Drop-in sessions held in the park

1.3 Promotion

The engagement initiative was promoted by a number of means, including:

- Your Say Inner West project page
- On-site signage
- Media release
- Social media
- E-news
- Council website
- Email to identified groups

All promotion collateral directed people to the online submission form on YSIW and to the two park drop-in sessions.

2.0 Engagement Outcomes

Outcomes of community engagement have been separated into feedback received at the drop-sessions and feedback received through the online survey.

The project page received 520 visits, with 101 visitors contributing to online forms + discussion.

2.1 Drop-in sessions

Inner West Council's held two drop in engagement sessions at Mackey Park, one on Saturday afternoon 10.09.22, 2pm-4pm, and the other on Saturday morning 17.09.22, 11am-1pm.

The material consisted of two A1 panels, which displayed an overall map of the park and some images of existing or proposed park features in order to prompt discussion.

2.2 Online Survey

The online survey included multiple choice and essay style questions for more detailed feedback. Quantitative responses to the multiple-choice questions are displayed visually in graphs. Written responses have been themed to create word maps accompanied by summarised responses.

2.3 Online 'Share your visions'

The YSIW website also offered the opportunity for members of the community to post a public comment on the page, to which other users could like, dislike and comment in response. Posts to the page have been collated and summarised in this document.

2.4 Stakeholder meetings

Input was sought from a number of key stakeholders who are currently involved with Mackey Park. Stakeholders were invited to submit written responses to Mackey Park planning as well as voicing concerns at a meeting conducted by Council on Oct 12, 2022. These stakeholders included:

- Croquet NSW
- Cooks River Croquet Club
- Cooks River Canoe Club
- Marrickville Cricket Club (MCC)
- Marrickville Football Club (MFC)
- Concordia Club

2.1 Drop In Sessions

Overview

To engage park users during the drop-in sessions, two A1 sized printed boards were used. The first panel highlighted with labels the existing features of the park, shown on a map. The second panel presented eight image prompts of both existing and proposed features of the park. Park visitors were asked to identify the facilities and areas they liked the most, and which facilities and areas they felt had room for improvement, through coloured stickers on the panels. Further comments were welcomed through post-it-notes on the panels and A4 forms which participants could fill in.

The sessions were productive with a number of park visitors approaching the team and engaging with the material to have their say. The comments have been themed and are presented without hierarchy.

Have your say on 10 - year plans for Mackey Park



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2.1 Drop In Sessions

Outcomes

Community feedback has been themed for ease of reference:

Biodiversity

- Users made comments about the significance of the large existing trees and requested that tree cover be maintained or increased.
- A number of users were keen to see the foreshore re-naturalised in areas to alleviate drainage issues and promote plant and animal life.
- One user suggested to reinstate the native hedge around the Concordia Club to promote bird life. Other users were also keen to see habitat for birds increased throughout the park.
- Some users commented on rubbish in the parks waterways and other concerns about the look, smell and function of the drainage channel to the west.
- Users expressed desire to see more native planting and tree species throughout the park. One user suggested 'bush tucker' species specifically.

Movement and parking

- Some users highlighted safety concerns at entry points of the park related to traffic management. Residents sought improvements at the south eastern corner of the park, where the pathway crosses Richardsons Cres.
- Users had concerns about parking congestion and the lack of a drop off area on Carrington Rd.
- Some users suggested a separated cycle path and pedestrian path along the Cooks River foreshore.
- Users felt the pathways around the perimeter were inconsistent and broken, suggesting a wide unified pathway around the park.
- Some users raised concern about the poor surface condition and insufficient capacity of the existing car park to the south corner of the park.
- Users wondered if it were possible to have vehicular access down to the canoe club.

Recreational use

- Users requested lighting, safety and access improvements to enable early morning and evening use, particularly along the foreshore and path along Richardsons Cres.
- One user suggested a designated off-leash dog area.

- There was small support for outdoor fitness equipment throughout the park.
- Users saw opportunity to connect the Concordia Club with the rest of the park. One user suggested the southern fence be removed and other felt the club could open to the park at the rear.
- There was suggestion that the existing playground needed replacing. Users raised drainage issues which frequently have implications on the playground.
- Some users wanted to see increased diversity in types of play equipment offered, including nature play style items.
- There was a suggestion to have some play equipment closer to the Concordia Club and foreshore.
- One user suggested a water play space in the park.
- Having a bookable multi-purpose community space alongside the river was suggested.

Playing fields and organised sport

- The dilapidated fencing around the croquet lawns were raised by the community.
- There was a push for cricket nets on site for training and recreational use.
- Comments were made to improve the overall aesthetic of sporting facilities.

Lighting

- A number of users wanted to see improvements to lighting along perimeter pathways for night time use and thoroughfare.
- Users expressed concern about the strength of the floodlights not being adequate for competitive sports games at night.

Facilities and furniture

- Users wanted to see more bins throughout the park, specifically bins with dog poo bag dispensers.
- One user requested for an upgraded bubbler with an integrated dog bowl and tap.
- One user suggested new park furniture and BBQ are should be located along the foreshore.
- Some users wanted more structured picnic space and sheltered seating areas throughout the park.

2.2 Online Survey

Overview

An online survey was conducted in September and October 2022 through the 'Your Say Inner West' (YSIW) website, seeking feedback on a range of questions regarding Mackey Park. The survey included multiple-choice and essay style questions and was open for public response for five weeks from 05.09.22 to 12.10.22.

Quantitative responses to the multiple-choice questions are displayed visually in graphs and word cloud diagrams below. Text based responses to the essay style questions have been grouped into themes, and issues which featured the most prominently have been summarised below.

Of all participants to the site, 83 submissions were made to the online survey. Participants could choose to skip questions if they preferred. The percentage of participants who answered the question is stated alongside the figure diagrams throughout this document.

Demographics of Participants

Q1: Age Group

See figure 1

Of the 83 participants who contributed to the online survey only one was below 18 years of age and no contributions were made by persons between 18-24 years old. The 25-34 age bracket was also smaller in comparison, contributing to only 5% of members. 35-74 year olds held the majority of contributions, with the largest bracket specifically 45-54 year olds at 32% of the total number of participants. One contributor preferred not to state their age.

Q2: Gender

See figure 2

39 participants, 47%, identified as female, while 42, 50.6%, identified as male. No participants identified themselves as non-binary, although one user stated that they use different pronouns. One user preferred not to comment on gender.

Q3: Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

See figure 3

All participants answered no to identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Q4: Do you identify as having a disability?

See figure 4

When asked about disability status, 3 users, 3.6%, identified as having a disability. One person preferred not to say and the other 80 users answered no.

Q5: Suburb

See figure 5

Participants were asked to state their suburb/place of residence in the survey. Five people opted to skip this question. Of the 78 responses, the majority, 45% of users, were from Marrickville. Tempe, at 8%, was the second largest bracket of users, followed by Newtown and Stanmore. Users from neighbouring suburbs made contributions, as well as a number of users from outside of Sydney.

Q6: How do you get to Mackey Park?

See figure 6

Responses to this question were gathered in a multiple choice format, but allowed users to select multiple answers if applicable. 6 people surveyed skipped this question.

The majority of park users who were surveyed drive to Mackey Park as their primary mode of transport, 61%. Walking to the park was the second highest result with 51%. 25% of respondents cycle to the park and 11% run. Only 7 people surveyed, 9%, use public transport to get to the park. Less than 3% identified another means of transport to travel to the park.

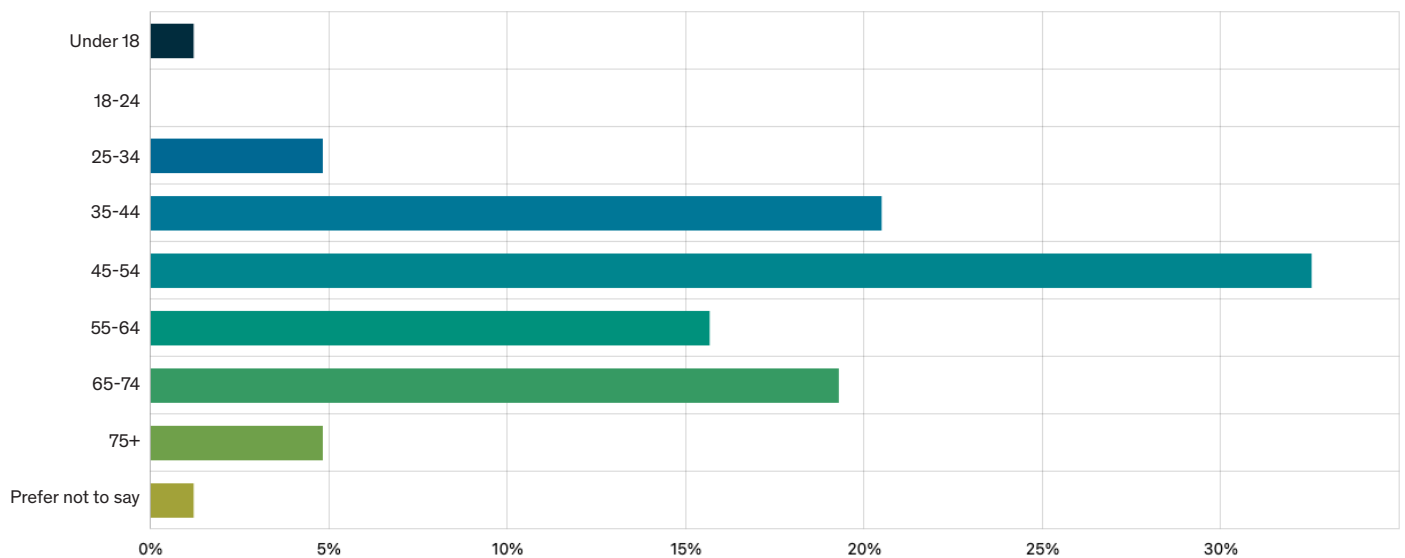
Q7: How often do you visit Mackey Park?

See figure 7

Most surveyed users frequently visit Mackey Park. Of the 77 users who answered this question, 30 people, 39%, visit the park daily or several times a week. An additional 30 users visit weekly. 14% of users found themselves at Mackey Park a few times a month, while 8% rarely visit.

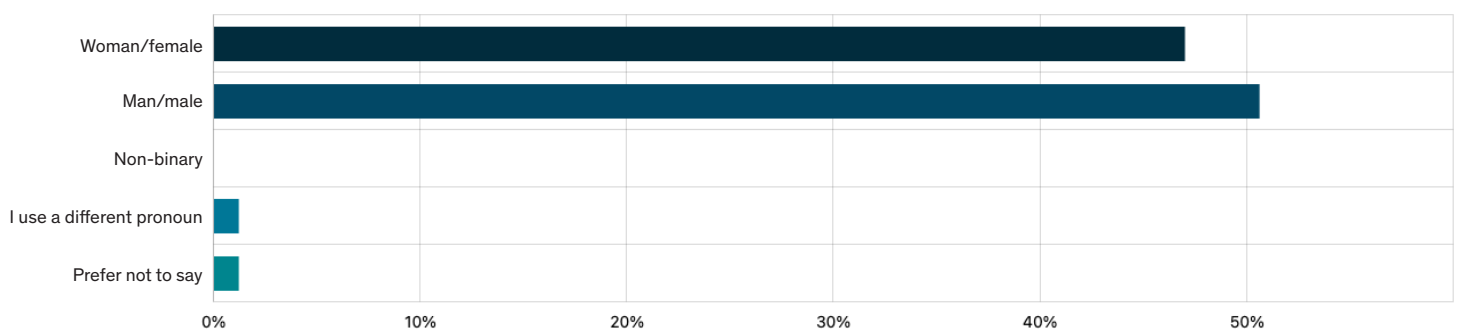
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Figure 1. Skipped: 0 | Answered: 83 (100%)



Q2: Gender

Figure 2. Skipped: 0 | Answered: 83 (100%)



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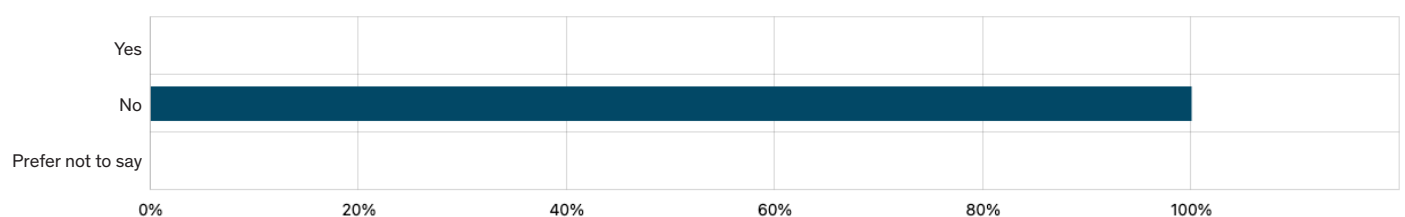


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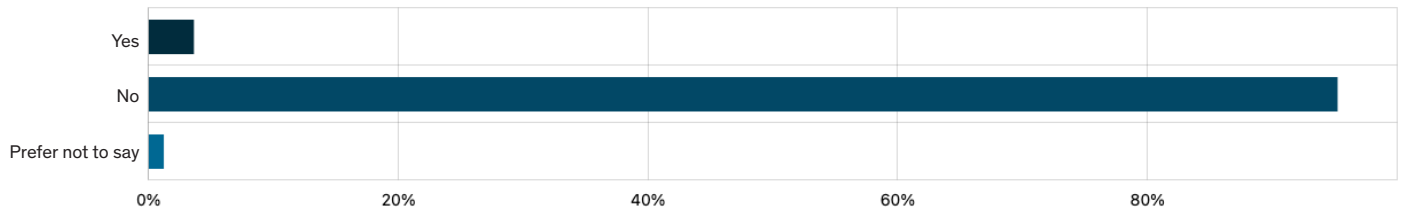


Figure 5. Skipped: 5 / Answered: 78 (93.98%)



Figure 6. Skipped: 6 / Answered: 77 (92.77%)

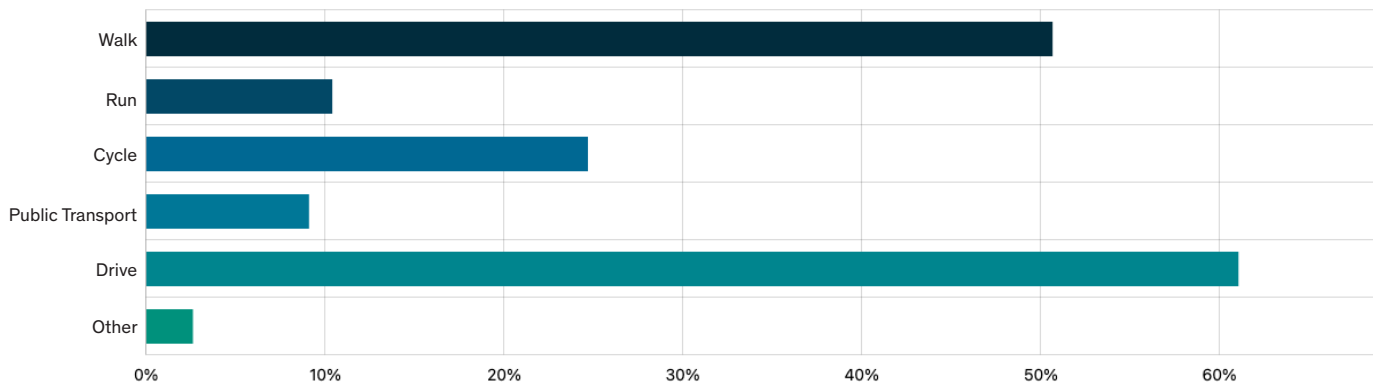
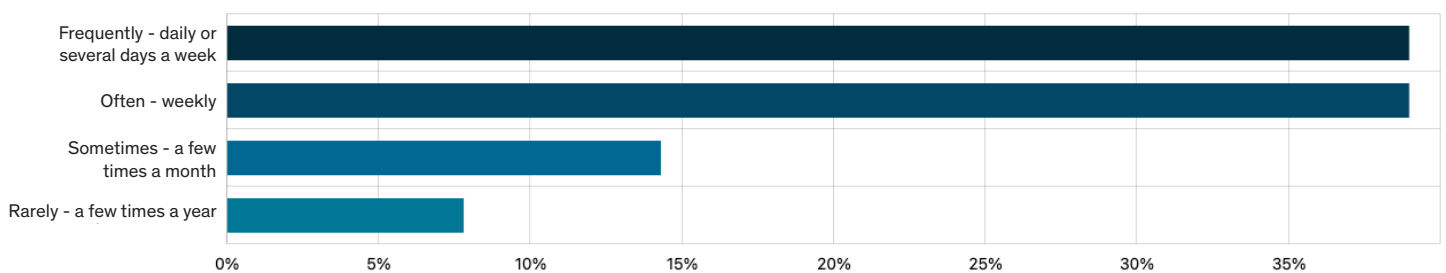
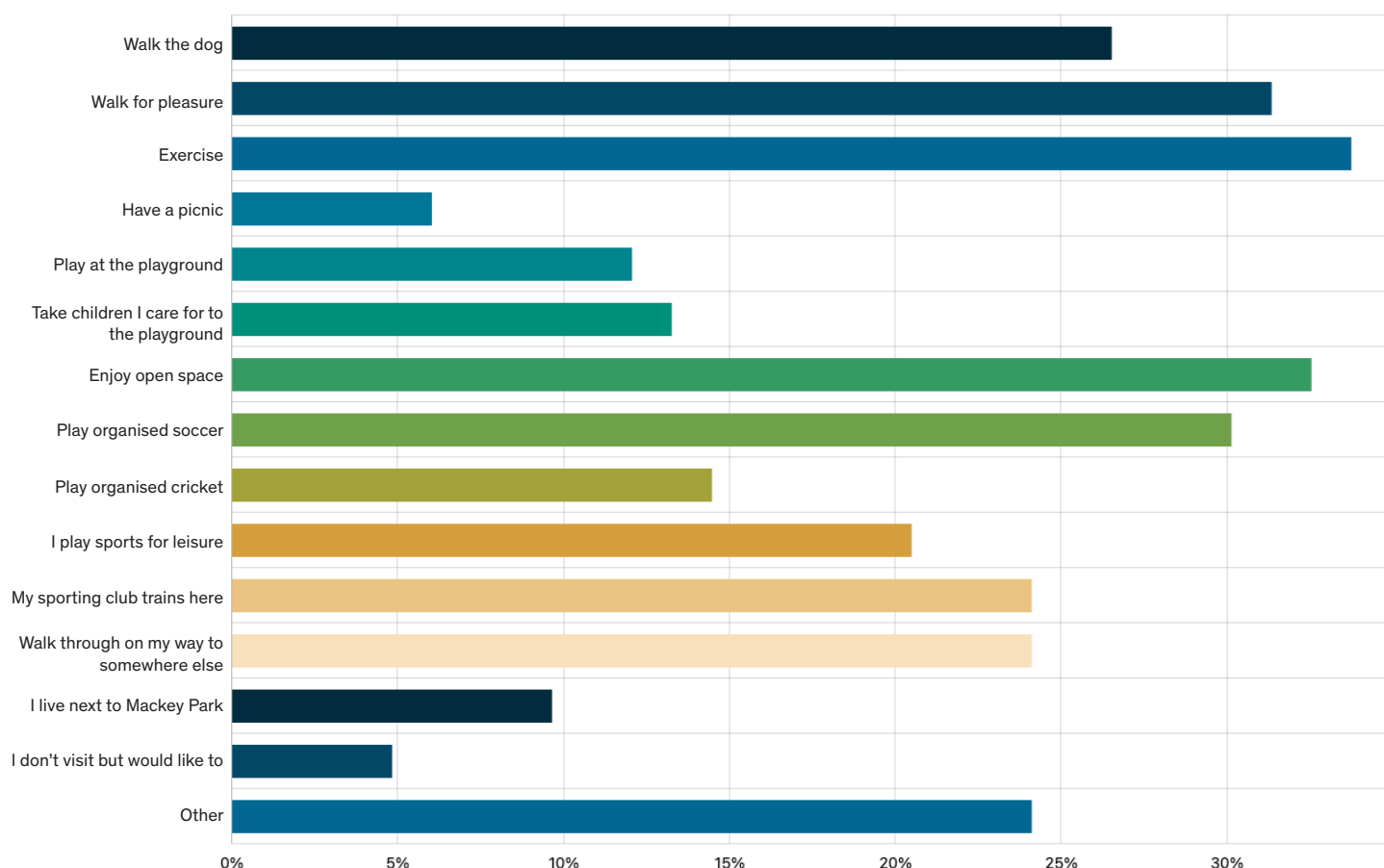


Figure 7. Skipped: 6 / Answered: 77 (92.77%)



Q8: What are the main reasons you visit Mackey Park?

Figure 8. Skipped: 0 / Answered: 83 (100%)



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Responses to this question were gathered in a multiple choice format, but allowed users to select multiple answers if applicable. On average, each user selected three responses to the question, highlighting the diversity of park use + activity.

The most frequently recorded answer was 'Exercise' at 34% of surveyed users. To 'Enjoy open space' was the second highest at 32.5%. Walking for pleasure, 31%, and walking the dog, 26.5%, were also common answers.

Many users also identified organised sports as a reason to visit the park. Approximately half as many surveyed users currently visit the park for organised cricket as they do soccer.

24% of users used the park as a thoroughfare on their way to somewhere else. Almost 10% identified that they use the park due to its close proximity to their home. 24% of the pool selected another purpose for visiting the park.

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Q9: What stops you from visiting Mackey Park?

See figure 9

The first essay style question received only four responses, with 79 users opting to skip the question. As highlighted in the stark word map, the answer of all four respondents was the lack of cricket nets in the park. These four users identified that the lack of cricket nets forced them to go elsewhere, despite Mackey Park being more convenient for them.

Q10: Please describe what you value about Mackey Park, e.g. what it looks like, how you use it or how it makes you feel.

See figure 10

Most participants engagement with this question, many of whom left thorough responses and highlighted a number of positive attributes of the park within their responses. As highlighted in the word map, 'Open Green Space' was identified as the parks biggest asset. Other comments with reference to the parks environmental character were common.

- Users valued the open space and diversity of activities offered within the park;
- The family friendly character of the park;
- The croquet club and significance of the lawns to the local club and CNSW;
- The Concordia Club;
- The connection of the park to the Cooks River and the ability of the park to maintain and restore the shoreline;
- Biodiversity in the park, particularly the plant and animal life which flourishes alongside the river;
- Convenience of getting to the park by car and also public transport;
- Shade provided by large existing trees;
- Sense of local community;
- Connection to Country and celebration of the site's Aboriginal history;
- It's connection to the existing network of paths and green spaces along the Cooks River. As such, the pathways for passive exercise including walking, running and cycling;
- Social interactions with dogs, their owners and the community;
- Cricket in the park and the affiliation of the park with the Marrickville Cricket Club;
- Organised sports for the well-being of the community;
- Affiliation with the Marrickville Football Club.

Q11: To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Figure 11

Successful aspects of Mackey Park were highlighted by responses to this question:

- All users feel safe when they visit Mackey Park during the day;
- 85% of users think Mackey Park is easy to walk around;
- The majority of users, 92%, feel apart of the community when they visit.
- 80% of users agreed that the park has a nice character;
- 75% of users agreed that Mackey Park catered to all ages.

Less successful aspects of Blackmore Oval were also highlighted by responses to this question:

- Users feel substantially less safe in the park after dark than during the day;
- Only 42% of users agreed that it's easy to find information about Mackey Park, many users felt unsure about the question or disagreed.
- Only 50% of users felt as though Mackey Park meets the needs of the community.
- Only 52% felt that the park was well maintained.

Q12: What don't you like about Mackey Park?

See figure 12

- Drainage issues which impact organised sports during periods of rain;
- Vehicular access into the club carparking difficult during heavy traffic;
- Lack of parking capacity during bust periods;
- Surface condition of the carpark;
- The disconnection of the Concordia Club from the rest of the park and the unattractive rear of the club which faces the park;
- Conflicts between different sports users;
- Poor quality of the Concordia Club building;
- Poor quality of park toilet facilities and the lack of visibility of the toilets from the playground;
- Build up of rubbish and smell at stormwater channel into the Cook River;
- Lack of lighting servicing the croquet lawns;

Q9: What stops you from visiting Mackey Park?

Figure 9. Skipped: 79 | Answered: 4 (4.82%)

Lack of Cricket Nets

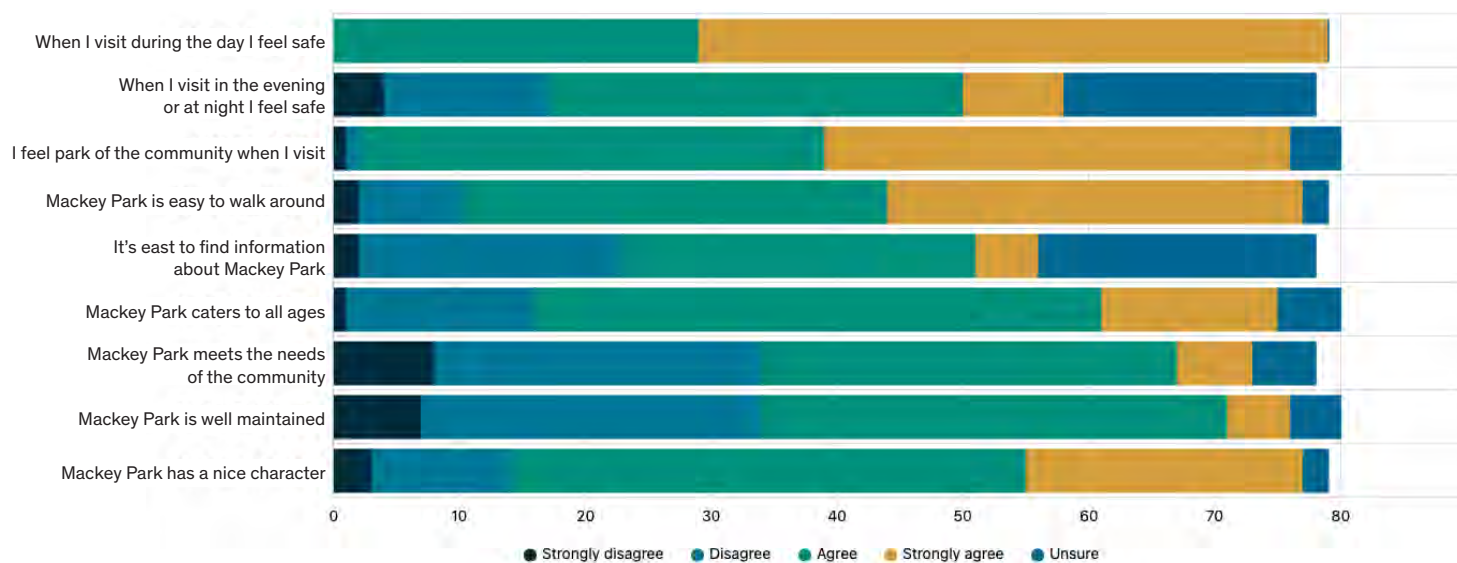
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Figure 10. Skipped: 7 | Answered: 76 (91.57%)



Q11: To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Figure 11. Skipped: 3 | Answered: 80 (96.39%)



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- Lack of lighting along the path to the north east boundary of the park and the safety implications on that pathway at night;
- Strict dog leash rules, even outside of scheduled sport usage;
- Passive use of the park becomes difficult during peak sporting periods;
- Poor access into and from the park for pedestrians, specifically persons with limited mobility/prams.
- Convoluted crossing to Tempe at the southern corner of the park;
- Lack of cricket nets in the park;
- Unattractive Sydney Water site adjacent to the playground area;
- Overall disconnection between park infrastructure;
- Lack of clear signage;
- Rubbish left in the park;
- One defibrillator unit is inadequate in a park of this scale;
- Lack of diversity in playground equipment, specifically equipment catering to older kids;
- Condition of the cricket pitch;
- Small sports club house and lack of cover surrounding the club house;
- Lack of lighting, furniture and bins along the foreshore;
- Sports spectators encroaching onto and sitting on pedestrian pathways;
- Lack of planting;
- Lack of storage for sports club;
- Embracing the waters edge and reinstating natural mangrove shorelines to parts of the foreshore.
- Exploring solutions to improve condition of the sports field which don't add artificial lawns to the park which impact biodiversity;
- More amenity along the river, including dog poo bag dispensers;
- Improve pedestrian access into the park;
- Improve lighting throughout
- Integrating the Concordia Club into the park
- Protect and increase existing shade and native planting throughout the park;
- Add cricket nets to the park;
- Signage which reflects the history of the site;
- Promoting creative community outlets;
- Covered seating for spectators.

Q13: What should be the main priority for the park?

see figure 13

- Improvements which benefit the whole community who use the park;
- Maintaining and increasing social aspects and family friendly values of the park;
- Increased parking for busy periods;
- Improved sporting facilities and buildings;
- Improve the look and function of the stormwater channel. Consider naturalising the channel opening;
- Implementing sustainable design decisions in the park;
- Investigating toilet facilities closer to the river;
- Expansion of the croquet club, including lighting for use at night;

Q14: Do you have any other comments about Mackey Park?

See figure 14

- Open space should not be overdeveloped;
- Could have a boat ramp near the Canoe Club;
- Would be great to see these trees protected and maintained with new trees planted where the older ones have not survived;
- User requested garden landscaping as per Mahoney Oval;
- There are many solutions to assist drainage in the park. I don't believe plastic turf is one of these. I hope IWC will explore alternative solutions so that everyone's happy;
- Give the Cooks River Croquet Club responsibility for the area rather than Croquet NSW;
- Bodyweight and gymnastic exercise stations!
- Could be more planting in the park;
- Please install a basketball court!
- Toilets could do with an upgrade;
- Entry points to the park are poorly defined, they need to be made into pleasant well defined entry portals;
- More water fountains would also be good with inbuilt dog bowls;
- There should be more support provided to community sporting clubs.

2.3 Share Your Visions

Overview

The Community were also encouraged to make a post on the YSIW website. These posts, in the structure of a social media platform, could be liked and commented on to encourage community members to engage with one others views on the park.

The page received 26 posts which received a number of likes/ comments from other users. The outcomes of the ‘Shared Visions’ for Mackey Park are summarised below:

Outcomes

“Drainage and no artificial turf”

This post compelled against a synthetic sports field as a solution to drainage issues, due to the negative implications it would have on the Cooks River eco-system.

“Off leash dog Park”

This post highlighted the opportunity for dog rules to allow off-leash activities outside of organised sporting use, in contrast to the current on-leash rules. The user also requested more dog poo bag dispensers to promote users to keep the park clean. One user liked this post and another commented in agreement.

“No synthetic grass please”

This post highlights the impacts of synthetic turf on the wetland environment. It urges against making such a drastic change to the site, only for the interest of one user group. Two likes and a comment support the post.

“Play in style”

This user referenced Marrickville Oval as a precedent for what Mackey Park could be. They suggested cricket nets, upgrades to sporting facilities and new planting and public art. Two people liked this post.

“Mackey park”

This user urges council to consider a synthetic field, due to the reduced maintenance and longevity of the field. They comment that it would serve the ever growing football community for years to come.

“Shaded green space and Community gardens”

This user argues that we should prioritise community gardens and shaded green spaces, not just sports fields for the few who wish only to play sport. Two users liked this post.

“The unfinished Mackey Park wetland”

This post urges council to complete the regeneration of the natural wetlands as per the Cooks River Masterplan, by extending the existing fenced garden.

“Skatepark”

This user posted to request a skatepark alongside the Concordia club. One user liked and another disliked the post.

“Drainage”

This highlights the impacts of drainage issues on local sports and requests additional parking to relieve parking congestion for locals, during sporting events. Two people liked the post.

“Pathway”

The user posted to highlight their concern of safety due to the lack of path beyond the playground following Carrington Road.

“Lighting and River Frontage”

This user suggests additional lighting along footpaths for the safety of users at night. They raise concerns of the impact a



Lighting and River Frontage

Posted by AndyL a month ago

Mackey Park is a great amenity for many people living in the area. I think that more could be done to make it accessible at all times. Better lighting on paths around and park and alongside the river would go a long way to making people other than confident blokes like myself able to use the area at night. We should remember that the park does front onto a river. So any change in the grass make-up could affect the biodiversity of the area and the Cooks river. For that reason, I'd say don't...

5 Likes 0 Comments

synthetic field will have on the local environment and push for rejuvenated wetland areas. Five people liked this post.

“Lighting and Amenity”

This user comments that lighting along the perimeter and river path is required 24/7 for the safety of users. The user also requests additional seating and fencing towards the playground area and raises concern about the unsightly Sydney Water pump station site. Three other users liked the post.

“Parking, child-safe drop off, quagmire play area, awful utility structures.”

The post requests additional short term parking options and a drop off zone on Carrington Road, in response to current parking congestion. The post highlights the implications of drainage issues on the playground area. It also suggests public art or planting be used to screen the Sydney Water pump station.

“Shared Grass and Synthetic”

This post suggested that a combination of natural grass and synthetic field would be the best outcome for the longevity of sports use while keeping some natural areas for the local environment. The post received two likes and one dislike.

“Dangerous Parking & Flooding”

This post draws to light dangerous traffic conditions along Carrington Rd and Premiere St due to organised sports, as well as the drainage issues frequently impacting the park and surrounding areas. The post received a like from another user.

“Parking?”

This users shares that they are frequently held up trying to find a park during sporting games, requesting additional car parking.

“Paddling on Cooks River”

A user from The Mullets canoe club, raises concern of ongoing rubbish in the waterways, advocating for various groups within the park to become involved in the maintenance of the waters edge. The post suggests more bins in the park, with information to help users dispose of rubbish properly. The user does not believe a synthetic field would be beneficial to the park due to its affect on the environment. Five people liked the post.

“Greenspace (with less mud!)”

This user does not believe that a synthetic field would solve the more pressing drainage issues on site. The user suggests the drainage issues be looked. Four people liked the post.

“We love Mackey”

This user urges against synthetic fields due to the environmental costs, but does see a huge need for development of sporting facilities within the park.

“Field upgrades desperately needed”

This users suggests synthetic fields as the best way to ensure fields are optimised and young people remain active. Three people liked and two disliked the post.

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This post places drainage as the number one priority for the park and suggests that a synthetic field or two might be a solution. One user disliked the post.

“Get synthetic field asap!”

This post calls for a synthetic field to reduce impacts of rain on games and injuries of players as a result of holes/uneven surface conditions of the fields. Three users disliked the post.

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“Ground Surface issues”

This user suggests a synthetic field as necessary to ensure sporting use during rain. It also calls for additional undercover areas for spectators and park users. The post received one like and one dislike.

“Improvements to Mackey Park”

This post calls for a synthetic field and upgraded toilet/changing facilities in the park. The post received one dislike.

“Condition of sporting grounds”

This post comments on the drainage issues and condition of the fields, highlighting the unfair implications these issues have on players. Two other users liked the post.

2.4 Other Input

Input was sought from a number of key stakeholders who are currently involved with Mackey Park. Stakeholders were invited to submit written responses to Mackey Park planning as well as voicing concerns at a meeting conducted by Council on Oct 12, 2022. These stakeholders included:

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Croquet NSW (CNSW)

Croquet NSW has had its headquarters at MacKey Park for almost 30 years, since 1993. In 2022 membership comprised of over 3,000 players in 67 clubs throughout the state. Croquet NSW has made significant investment in the Mackey Park croquet lawns to convert them from unused bowling greens into the best competition quality venue for croquet in the State. They continue to fund improvements to the lawns and their surrounds, and work together with Cooks River Croquet Club to maintain and improve the venue for Croquet at all levels.

The club is looking to renew a 10 year licence on the grounds, with the following comments for improvement:

- New multi-user Clubhouse with the capacity for competition players, training seminars, meetings, as well as social functions and events. The club is happy to share facilities with other clubs and organisations so long as it meets their specific needs.
- Improvements to signage: signage for croquet on the corner of Richardsons Crescent, as well as on the street opposite Tempe Station.
- Directions for soccer and cricket players to pathway along Richardson's Crescent.
- Good quality fence between croquet lawns and soccer field. Could be mesh fence with plantings along the edge or upgrade existing fence.
- Improvements to carpark on Richardson's Crescent, to make it safer to drive in, and ideally to accommodate additional vehicles. The carpark is used by the players and officials participating in Tournaments, by Club members

and other visitors. The lawns are available from 7am until 6pm (or later with lights) seven days per week.

- Improved accessibility into buildings + facilities associated with the croquet club.

Cooks River Croquet Club

The Cooks River Croquet Club share the four existing croquet lawns with CNSW. The club also have a long history at Mackey Park and seek to renew their lease at the park. The following comments were presented by the club for Mackey Park planning:

- More access to the lawns for the rapidly expanding club.
- Flood lighting to the lawns to allow extended hours of use and improve participation.
- Access to a clubroom. Happily shared with other clubs at Mackey Park.

Cooks River Canoe Club

- Club is keen to see a reorientation of the park and park assets towards the river, with more seating arrangements, water bubblers, bike facilities and landscaping along the foreshore.
- Address ugly broken fence which disconnects the canoe club from other park clubs.
- Address the dilapidating stone river wall through re-naturalisation of areas of foreshore.
- Address litter in the river and introduce recycling throughout the park.
- Upgrades to carpark surface.
- Upgrades to public toilets in the park.
- Better access to Tempe station and Kendrick Park.
- Increased public art strategy along the river, connected to greater park network.
- Increase safety of users with improved access to canoe club and reduced speed of bike path along foreshore.
- Ongoing improvements to the clubhouse.

Marrickville Cricket Club (MCC)

- Retain the centre wicket so that cricket matches can

continue to be played at Mackey Park.

- Upgrade the drainage at Mackey Park so that fewer matches are lost to wet weather
- Install 3 or 4 cricket nets for training, particularly to support the development of junior players.
- Develop a shared sports club and a storage facility for use by Marrickville Cricket Club and other sport and recreation clubs that use Mackey Park.
- Upgrade the toilets at Mackey Park.

Marrickville Football Club (MFC)

- The MFC suggest a retractable fence between the sports field and croquet lawns.
- Address drainage issues, particularly bad at corner or Carrington Rd and Richardsons Cres.
- Requests a drop off 'kiss and drive' area for parents dropping players to the park.
- Improve lighting along path connecting the existing club to the Concordia club, along the north eastern boundary.
- Existing toilets are hard to find and in a poor condition.
- Lack of recreational seating throughout the park.
- Club rooms are not inclusive or accessible.
- New clubhouse needed to replace existing. MFC is happy to share a club space with other users of Mackey Park.
- Upgrades to floodlighting required.

Concordia Club

The German Concordia Club has an ongoing history at Mackey Park. The club hosts over 1400 German speaking members. Club suggestions for the planning of Mackey Park include:

- More play spaces for children and older kids throughout the park, particularly within close proximity to the club and river foreshore.
- Increased connection between the club and the river. The club would be happy to see the existing boundary fence removed on the river side.
- Upgrades to existing car park to increase surface condition and possibly increase capacity.