

Parks for People  
**Phase 1 Engagement Outcomes Report**  
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# Acknowledgement

This document acknowledges that Beaumont Hills is on Aboriginal land where the traditional custodians have been caring for Country for more than 70,000 years.

We pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of this land, their Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge the continued rich culture and heritage of all Aboriginal people on this land.

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**“I think there needs to be an area for the younger adults to congregate and be part of the community with the young families and children. There isn’t enough of them in the area.”**

– Online Survey participant

# Executive Summary

The New South Wales Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) commissioned JOC Consulting to assist with the delivery of community engagement for upgrades to Caddies Creek Reserve (the Park) as part of the Parks for People Program.

This report presents the results from the first phase of consultation captured through an Online Survey, Social Pinpoint Map, and Written Submissions, made available between 3 September and 7 October 2021. The engagement methods sought to identify community values, needs and aspirations, to help inform the draft concept design for the Park (at this stage there were no set designs for the Park). A second phase of engagement will ask for community feedback on the draft concept design.

In total, 217 community members shared ideas for the upgraded Caddies Creek Reserve in Beaumont Hills. These ideas along with community values and priorities in relation to play and open space have been captured in this Report.

## Who participated in the consultation?



**3,387**  
total visits



**217** people participated  
across the three platforms



**75%**  
were local residents



**1,155**  
unique visits

**151**  
online survey participants

**126**  
social pinpoint comments

**1**  
written submission

Participants ranged in age from 18 to 65 years old. The main age bracket was the 36-45 year old (46%)



**87%**  
of participants live within 10 minutes' walk of the Park

**59%**  
female



**40%**  
male

N.B. Demographic statistics relating to online survey only

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## What did we hear?

### Community priorities

Participants wish to see a park characterised by play, activity and recreation. The community envisaged a place that provided opportunities for people of all ages to play, ranging from active action-based sports, to traditional play and passive recreation.



#### **ACTIVE PLAY AND SPORTS**

An active space with action-based sport facilities for everyone



#### **TRADITIONAL PLAY AND EXPLORATION**

A fun and inclusive space with opportunities for exploration



#### **PASSIVE PLAY AND RECREATION**

A green space with places to walk for park users and their dogs

### Common ideas

#### ACTIVE PLAY AND SPORTS

- BMX/pump track which accommodates all ages and abilities
- Stake park which encourages community interaction and socialising
- Basketball or multi-use courts which accommodate multiple organised sports games
- Outdoor gym equipment which inspires residents to get active and improve personal and community health

#### TRADITIONAL PLAY AND EXPLORATION

- New play facilities that encourage climbing and swinging, including a flying fox and obstacle course
- Well-lit play areas to foster a safe play environment throughout the day
- Fenced off-leash dog area, with dog waste facilities throughout the Park
- Upgraded paths to accommodate multiple users and ensure wide accessibility
- Planted shading trees along pathways and open spaces to provide cooling

## Key concerns and considerations

The following concerns were raised by participants:

### PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE CONNECTIONS

Participants expressed that current access to the Park is limited, with a singular small carpark located near the sports fields. They wished to see the Park be more accessible through shared paths which connect to the wider trail network of the local area. Suggestions included creating an entry point from Sanctuary Drive, and connecting the existing Merriville Road and Windsor Road intersection to the Park for vehicle access. Perhaps most notably, participants desired an articulated separation of the Park from the main road to “make it seem like (they) aren’t playing under a rail line and near two massive roads (sic)”.

### NATURE PRESERVATION

Participants wished to see the Park, either partially or entirely, accommodate activities which reflect the natural setting and native fauna. Suggestions included providing tree plantings, bush walking tracks, or a wildlife sanctuary to position the Park as an “environmental offset.” Participants frequently linked this consideration for nature to educational opportunities, inclusive of the old ruin (White Hart Inn) heritage.

### EXISTING LOCAL FACILITIES

While the majority of participants expressed a need for active play facilities, few mentioned the existence of existing play spaces in the proximity. This was almost exclusively in reference to the adjacent Caddies Creek Sports Complex. However, this concern was significantly outweighed by the number of participants who desired new action-based facilities. It should be noted that participants recognised the existing dog park near the carpark, though expressed a need for fencing and improved signposting.

### DOG WASTE MANAGEMENT

The idea of a large, off-leash, enclosed dog area was welcomed by many participants, though few raised concerns related to waste management. It was noted as an issue in need of attention, with dog excrements commonly left unattended at the Park.

The following pages provide a summary of engagement responses sorted by project objectives and landscape benefits.

## Project objectives

The table below provides an overview of community engagement findings as they align with the project objectives identified by Place Laboratory

**Table 1: Project objectives**

Objectives	What did participants say?
<p><b><i>Create a safe and stimulating play space for young people that is especially welcoming to girls, women, and youth from different cultural backgrounds</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include stories of local history and culture</li> <li>▪ Create a space characterised by play and recreational opportunities</li> <li>▪ Provide recreational activities that align with the interests of youth – BMX, skate park, and multi-use sports courts</li> <li>▪ Adequate, creative night time lighting</li> <li>▪ The inclusion of adventure play that caters to younger children as well as encourage parents and carers to engage</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Create climate-positive urban landscape</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incorporate adequate natural shading from mature trees</li> <li>▪ Develop a design that is sensitive to the existing wildlife within Caddies Creek Reserve</li> <li>▪ Adopting solar lighting throughout the park</li> <li>▪ Connect to space to wide open spaces to provide respite from urban heat</li> <li>▪ Inclusion of waterplay to provide respite from urban heat</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Create a unifying narrative reflecting the past and present of the local community</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Illustration of both local Indigenous and colonial history and heritage</li> <li>▪ Create a feature of the heritage elements that exist on the site</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Integrate the park to its local and regional context</i></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create greater pedestrian linkages into and out of the park</li> <li>▪ Include a walking loop that connects to the broader Caddies Creek Reserve</li> <li>▪ Integrate walking paths with a wider network of paths and trails in the region</li> <li>▪ Leverage the sporting identity of Caddies Creek Sports Complex, to provide a sports and recreational experience that caters to a different demographic</li> </ul>



## Landscape benefits

The following table outlines how the engagement findings and what the community has told us relates to the Landscape Architecture Foundation and University of New South Wales' research into the Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural (SEEC) benefits for the Parks for People project.

**Table 2: Overview of identified landscape benefits**

	Where are we today?	Where do we want to be?
<b>Social</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The participants acknowledged the lack of spaces that cater to local youth</li> <li>▪ Participants acknowledged the need to provide spaces that respond to and cater for the rapidly changing demographic of Beaumont Hills</li> <li>▪ Existing open spaces where highlighted as a common location for local friends and families to gather</li> <li>▪ Caddies Creek Reserve was not currently accessible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Park will be accessible and inclusive for everyone</li> <li>▪ The space will provide a place for youth to come together, socialise and be active in a safe environment</li> <li>▪ An integrated walking loop will encourage connections to the park and encourage local residents to get active</li> <li>▪ The Park will be well-lit and will feel safe at all times of the day</li> </ul>
<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some participants highlighted the opportunity to include food and beverage options to cater to carers and parents who visit the space</li> <li>▪ The existing reserve holds limited appeal and uses beyond walking and dog activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Park will create a destination point at Caddies Creek which will increase the park usage and provide a business case for the inclusion of a food and beverage provider in the complex.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community values the natural environment in Caddies Creek Reserve</li> <li>▪ The wide open spaces of the reserve provide a sense of respite and escape for local residents</li> <li>▪ The existing site is home to wildlife, particularly species of frog</li> <li>▪ The community value the opportunity for young children to explore and play in nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Park will have an improved relationship to the creek</li> <li>▪ The upgrade will provide more trees and greater tree canopy cover</li> <li>▪ The Park will provide opportunities for the community to connect with the natural landscape</li> <li>▪ The design will acknowledge the importance of not interrupting the local wildlife and accommodate the species of frog on site</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The park will incorporate solar lighting</li> </ul>
<b>Cultural</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participants identified a need for spaces that facilitate social interaction between youth and</li> <li>▪ The immediate area has a rich history, which participants wish to see reflected in the Park</li> <li>▪ Both the local Colonial and Aboriginal heritage were identified as a priority theme for stories to be told in the Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The art pieces in the Park will showcase the heritage of the site and history of neighbouring villages</li> <li>▪ The Park will celebrate Beaumont Hill's Indigenous culture</li> </ul>

The following pages provide more detail on community feedback collected during the engagement period.

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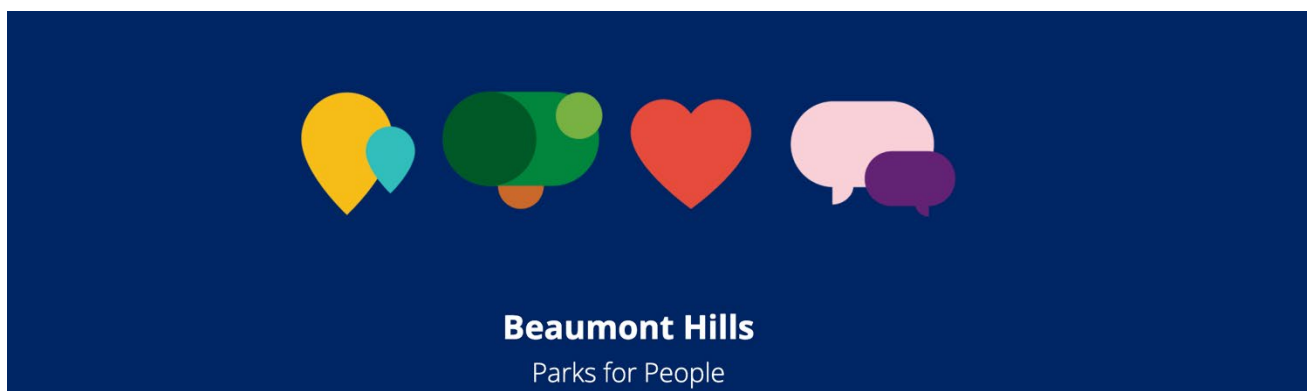
# About the project

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## Background

Caddies Creek Sports Complex will include a new recreational space, as part of the Parks for People Program, an ambitious NSW Government initiative that focuses on the creation of high-quality open space throughout Greater Sydney. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) are working with The Hills Shire Council and the local community to reimagine an underutilised space, and provide greater opportunities for this growing community to get active.

Caddies Creek Reserve is located at Millcroft Way, Beaumont Hills (refer to map on next page) in The Hills Shire Local Government Area. The Park currently has sporting fields, pedestrian and cycle tracks, a playground, and amenities buildings. It will become an important part of building a network of parks that help improve the wellbeing and lifestyle of residents across The Hills Shire LGA and beyond.



## Purpose of engagement

The purpose of the first phase of engagement was to better understand the community's aspirations for the new recreational space at Caddies Creek Sports Complex. It focused on gaining insights around how the community wants to use the space, the facilities needed in the Park to support their desired activities, as well as the general community sentiment around the project and current site. The engagement was motivated by a desire to create a high-quality open space that is aligned with the needs and characteristics of the local community.

In total, 217 people were engaged during the phase 1 engagement; contributing 151 Survey responses (75% of whom were local residents), and 126 Social Pinpoint comments, and 1 written submission. The design of the survey questions and engagement approach was guided by a key question: *"How can we create a park that responds to the local community's needs, whilst reflecting the unique identity of Beaumont Hills?"*

Engagement participants provided detailed insights into their vision for the new park, clearly outlining the needs to which the Park should respond, and an extensive list of ideas to help bring their priorities to life.





## Community values

In relation to open space, participants value -

- Health and wellbeing: Spaces that promote community health and well-being through both passive and active recreation.
- Play and Exploration: Spaces that leverage the existing natural landscape of Caddies Creek reserve to create opportunities for play.
- Equity and Inclusion: Providing a space that caters to the underserved youth sector and encourages intergenerational play in the one space

## Community priorities

The community feedback from all the engagement methods can be grouped under three key priority themes:

<p><b>ACTIVE PLAY AND SPORTS</b></p> 	<p><b>An active space with action-based sport facilities for everyone</b></p> <p>The inclusion of high-quality active sports facilities for play was the most common theme captured in open comments.</p>
<p><b>TRADITIONAL PLAY AND EXPLORATION</b></p> 	<p><b>A fun and inclusive space with opportunities for exploration</b></p> <p>A place that encourages young park users to use their imagination by exploring traditional play equipment.</p>
<p><b>PASSIVE PLAY AND RECREATION</b></p> 	<p><b>A green space with places to walk for park users and their dogs</b></p> <p>Providing walking loops and dog areas within open space was a priority commonly nominated by participants.</p>

These priorities have been used to structure the findings from the engagement into outcome areas that can directly inform the development of the Concept Design.

## Priority 1 – Active Play and Sports



**“Would love a skate park facility. The Hills is growing every day and there are only two adequate skate parks serving the whole council. As skateboarding is becoming more popular, I'd love to see a facility catering to skaters to help serve the Beaumont/North Kellyville and Rouse Hill areas.”**

– Social Pinpoint participant

Across both engagement platforms, participants expressed an overwhelming desire for Caddies Creek Reserve to be an active space. Specifically, participants supported the main feature being a BMX track or skate park, in addition to multiple sports courts and gym equipment. Design Board participants were especially in favour of this use, with 69% of comments mentioning at least one form of active play. It was essential to participants the Park is designed in such a way to accommodate a range of ages and user groups, particularly teenagers.

### **A place for action-based sports**

Participants strongly desired a BMX/pump track and skate park, often a combination of both. This was justified by a growing local community, increased interest in adventure sports, and most significantly, a lack of existing play facilities for teenagers. Participants anticipated this use being an important asset for the community, but also attracting users from the wider area of Kellyville and Rouse Hill. The priority of active play was reflected in the 26% of survey respondents who envisioned the recreation space of the park being *“A fun place with lots of different activities and play equipment”*, and an additional 10% nominating, *“A place to play games and sports”*.

While valuing youth play, participants also considered how active sports would create an inclusive place for all. It was suggested that a dual BMX and skate facility could incorporate beginner loops or skills development areas for younger park users, while

featuring expert jump sections for more experienced riders and skaters. Importantly, participants of all ages recognised the opportunity for active play to provide for a young adult demographic, not simply those within this age bracket or having children themselves.

BMX tracks were especially favoured by Social Pinpoint participants, mentioned in over a third (35%) of total responses. Comments also noted a preference for asphalt as a material, due to lower maintenance considerations, safer design, and ability to accommodate a range of wheel-based sports. Participants frequently referenced Crestwood BMX Track in Baulkham Hills as an exemplary space, alongside other case studies outlined in Appendix B.

Skate parks were also expressed as a potential use for the Park. Participants saw skate parks as an opportunity for the community to gather, socialise, express themselves, and improve overall wellbeing. Though mentioned to a slightly lesser extent to BMX tracks, in 21% of Design Board responses, skate parks were regarded as an equally valuable play asset to the community.

### **A place with courts and calisthenics**

Participants also desired purpose-built courts, specifically basketball courts, to support a positive active play experience in Caddies Creek Reserve. One in eight (12%) Design Board comments mentioned at least one court type, including basketball, netball, and tennis, and nearly one quarter (24%) of survey participants nominated “*Multi court for basketball, futsal, tennis wall etc*” as a priority. Participants noted that one basketball court would not suffice for multiple games of organised sport. The footprint of the court was also considered, relating to how many players, spectators, and associated vehicle emissions a sport would inherently produce.

Outdoor gym equipment was mentioned by fewer participants though was still regarded as an important feature for the Park design. 14% of survey participants nominated “*Outdoor gym equipment*” as a priority for the Caddies Creek Sports Complex. Generally, these opportunities to stay fit were associated with adult user groups.

### **Opportunities and design ideas**

Participants made the following suggestions for Caddies Creek Reserve:

- BMX/pump track, which accommodates all ages and abilities
- Skate park, which accommodates all ages and abilities
- Basketball (or multi-use) courts
- Outdoor gym equipment and exercise area



## Priority 2 – Traditional Play and Exploration



**“Great creative parks for kids that can make an adventure to visit them and get them outdoors to a different park each day with different equipment and themes.”**

– Survey participant

Having playful, fun, exciting spaces incorporated into Caddies Creek Reserve came through as a core value for the community across all platforms of engagement. The community valued safe, accessible, and inclusive all age play spaces in the region and are looking for a similar experience to be included in the new park at Caddies Creek.

### **A place to have fun**

Engagement participants held a clear vision for the new park to be a place of fun and playfulness. When asked to nominate roles for the new space, the number one priority selected by survey participants was *“A fun place with lots of different activities and play equipment”*, closely followed by *“A place for adventure and discovery through the natural landscapes”*.

Beyond simply desiring such a space, participants highlighted the lack of high quality play spaces in the region, and that the existing play space at Caddies Creek help little appeal to local residents. In fact, only 20 survey participants noted using the play equipment regularly.

Additionally, having a wide and open green space to explore was a key element listed when survey participants were asked to list their big ideas for the park. When asked what they valued in other parks in the region, participants commented on having open space for informal play opportunities, where kids can use their imagination and interpret the

space for themselves. This includes being a space for kids to run around, kick a ball, or for families to space themselves out throughout the park.

### **A place for all ages and abilities**

It was mentioned several times throughout the survey that there is a need for play that caters for older children and teenagers, as many parks in the area have play spaces aimed at toddlers. When considering the needs of the community, this was emphasised by a number of participants that the play space needs to engage older kids so that they can socialise healthily and safely, with one participant seeing this as an opportunity for the youth to be part of the community alongside the young families and their children.

Importantly, this feedback was captured from engagement participants of all age groups, meaning that the need for play for teenagers is something understood to be of high importance by the wider community.

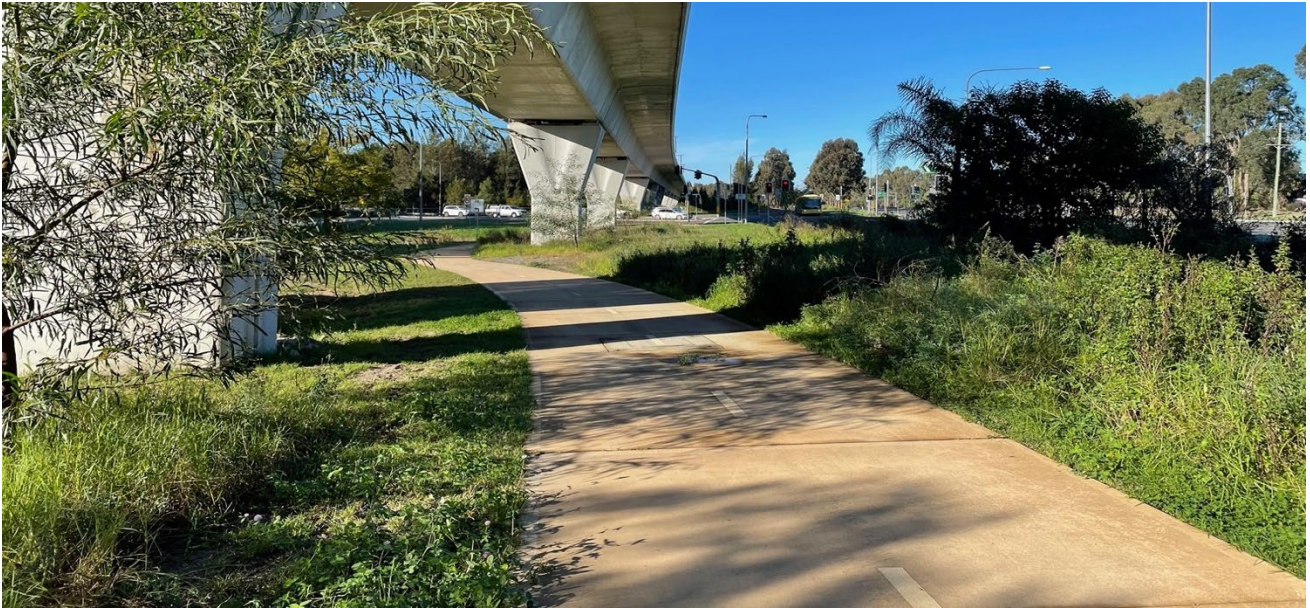
Aside from age, play that considered the needs of people with disabilities was also brought up by several survey respondents.

### **Opportunities and design ideas**

Participants made the following suggestions for a play space in Caddies Creek Reserve:

- Accessible play – including swing-sets, slides
- Waterplay
- Facilities that encourage climbing and swinging – flying fox, giant swings, obstacle courses/ climbing walls (“ninja warrior”), tree climbing
- Being well-lit for safe play at all times of day.
- Open play spaces that encouraged children to explore and imagine
- Play opportunities for teenagers
- The importance of viewing/seating for carers and parents, adjacent to the play space

## Priority 3 – Passive Play and Recreation



**“I like the park because of the nice open areas and...many paths that connect all the parks together, which is great when walking my dog”**

– Social pinpoint comment

Caddies Creek Reserve’s existing identity and use as a place for passive recreation and light exercise remains a key priority for the community moving forward. Participants valued the opportunity that Caddie’s Creek currently provides for them to undertake a long walk or run, and experience an escape from the surrounding urban environment. As part of the new recreational space, participants wished to see the inclusion of a walking path that better catered to the growing population, and connected to the wider region.

### **A place to walk**

Across both the survey and interactive map, participants reiterated the value they place on the current walking opportunities in Caddies Creek, with 68% of survey participants acknowledging they currently visit the reserve at least once a week to walk or run. When asked to nominate elements of the site that they loved, the ability to walk through Caddies Creek Reserve was the number 1 element nominated by Social Pinpoint participants, while improving this experience was a key priority within survey responses. When asked what roles they would like the new space to fulfil “*A place for cycling, running and walking*” was the second most common selection from survey participants.

In open response survey questions, participants highlighted the opportunity for the new space to provide greater connections into, around, and out of the wider Caddies Creek reserve, and contribute to a wider “walking loop” through the reserve. When asked to list the top three things to include in the new park, the second most important feature for survey participants was “*A walking loop connected to the rest of the reserve*”, with

additional comments emphasising that this idea could be extended to be connected to the wider suburb of Beaumont Hills.

In addition to creating greater connection to the wider reserve and suburb, survey participants commonly nominated a number of key components to creating a greater walking experience through the park. Most commonly, the need for extra wide paths, that accommodated a number of simultaneous uses (walking, running, cycling, children's riding) was the most important element, while many community members reiterated the need to ensure all tracks and pathways were accessible for all members of the community.

### **A place for dogs**

Participants across both engagement activities recognise that Caddies Creek provided a unique opportunity to accommodate pet owners, who currently had limited off leash dog parks in the local area. When asked to nominate additional features that were not listed in the survey, the inclusion of an off-leash dog space was the third most common feature captured.

The wide open spaces currently make Caddies Creek Reserve a common destination for dog owners, however the lack of facilities were considered to be contributing to an unsafe experience for owners and other park users, and resulting in additional dog litter across the entire park. A number of participants identified a thin space on the North West of the site as being suitable for a thin, fenced off dog park.

### **Opportunities and design ideas**

Participants made the following suggestions for the new recreational space at Caddies Creek:

- The inclusion of a connected walking loop across the entire reserve
- Connecting the walking loop to the wider trail and paths network in the region
- Upgrading of all paths to accommodate multiple users and ensure accessibility
- The inclusion of a fenced off dog area
- Planting of more shade trees along pathways and open spaces
- Inclusion of dog waste facilities and hydration stations
- Road upgrades to address pedestrian and vehicle safety concerns at the access point on Windsor Rd.
- Inclusion of a vehicle or pedestrian path to connect the Merriville Road intersection to the Park.

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# Where to from here

The proposed new recreational space at Caddies Creek Reserve has been well received by participants throughout the engagement. Through the course of community engagement, a shared vision for the Park was identified along with ideas and elements for consideration by the design team.

These engagement findings, along with the site analysis, environmental reports, and findings of the other project consultants will provide a firm foundation for the development of a draft Concept Design for the Park, which will be presented for community comment later in the year.

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## Next steps

- The findings from this report will be used to inform the 50% Concept Design to be prepared by lead design consultant; Place Laboratory.
- The 80% Concept Design will form the basis of the next phase of engagement which involves the testing of the Park design with the local community via an interactive Design Board (Social Pinpoint ideas wall feature) and online survey

# Appendix A – Survey Analysis

## Overview

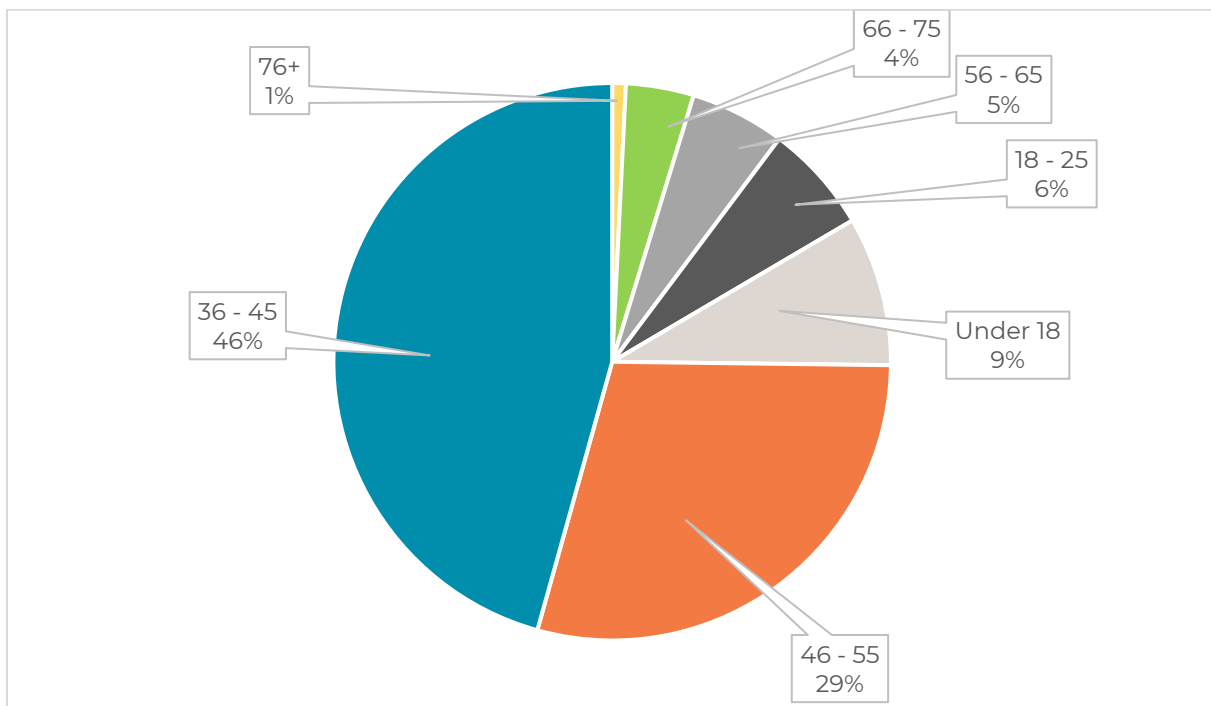
A total of 203 responses were recorded

To create a logical sense of narrative for the reader, and for the sake of locating the data as it responds to the early references in this report, the following survey data has been organised under themes.

## Demographics

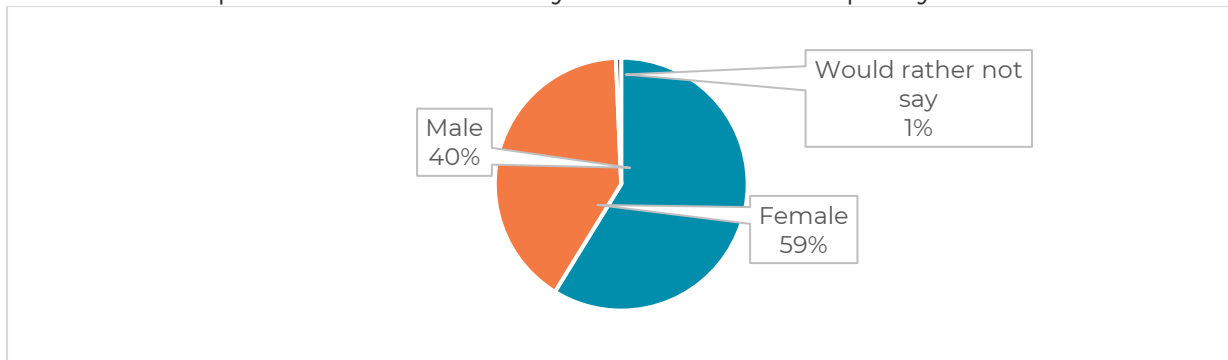
### How old are you? (n=127)

Almost half of survey participants were between the ages of 36-45, with 46% of respondents in this age range. This was followed by 29% of participants between 46-55 years of age, and 15% being under the age of 25.



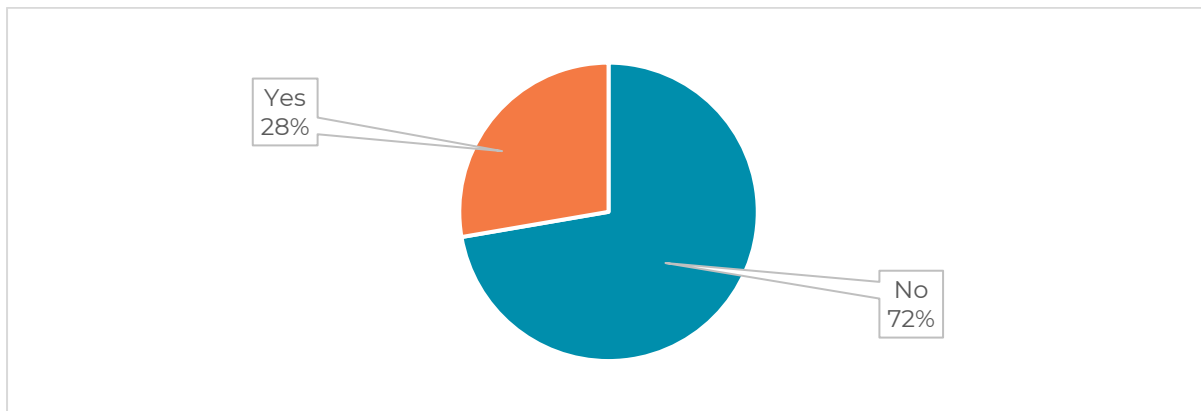
### What is your gender identity? (n=148)

Over half of the survey participants identified as female (59%), while 40% identified as male. 1% of respondents said that they would rather not specify.



### Do you speak a language other than English at home? (n=148)

72% of participants indicated that they do not speak a language other than English at home (n=107).



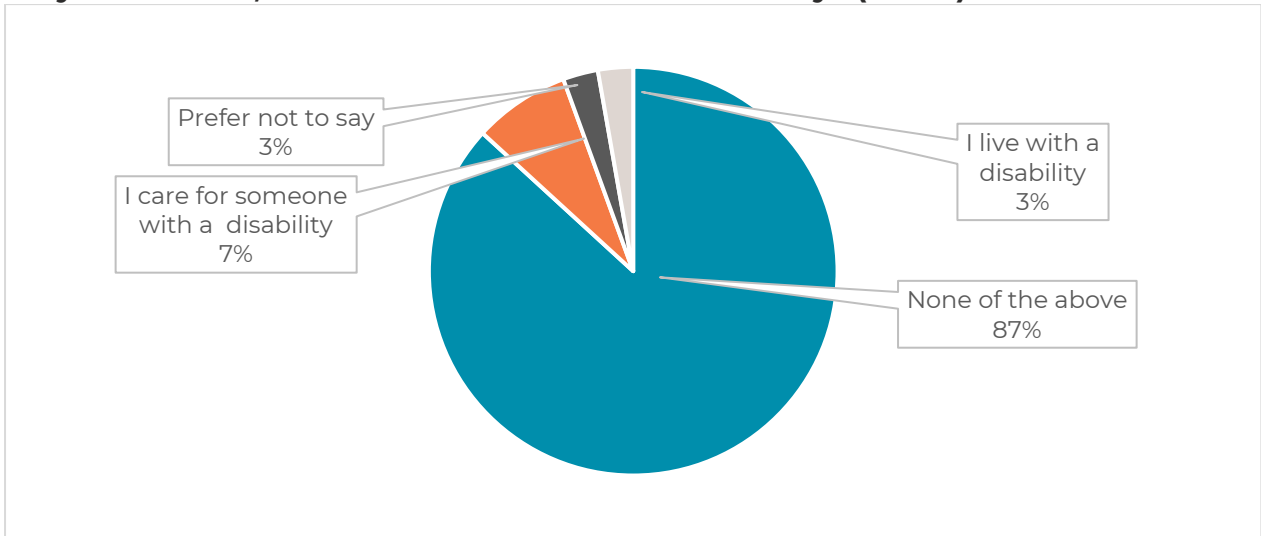
When asked to specify what language they speak, 5 indicated they speak Hindi, 5 indicated that they spoke Filipino, and 4 indicated they spoke Cantonese. The below visualises the popularity of languages other than English spoken.



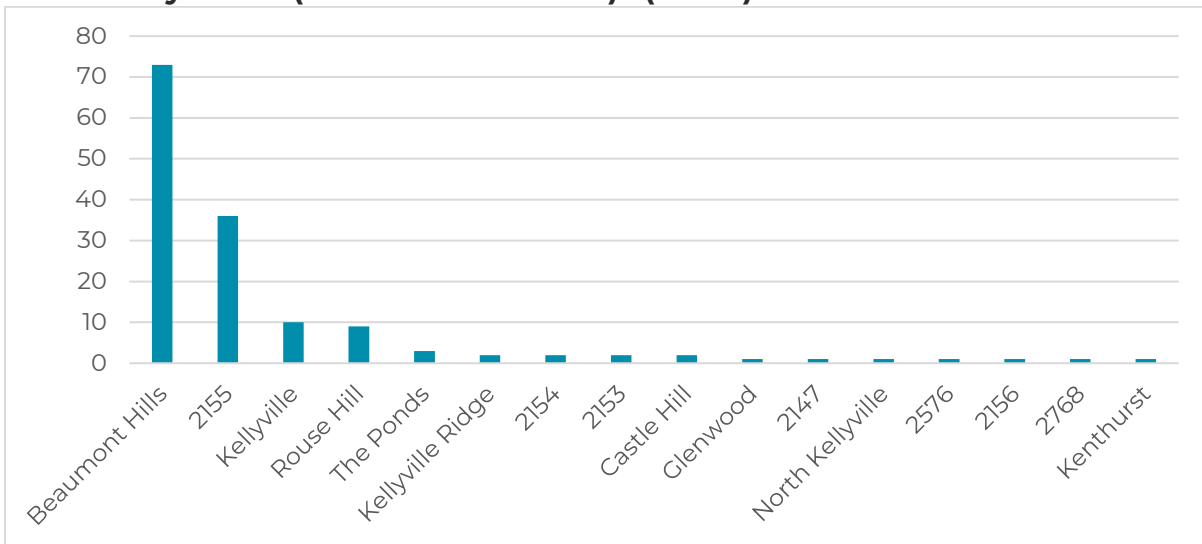
### Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

One survey participant identified as Aboriginal.

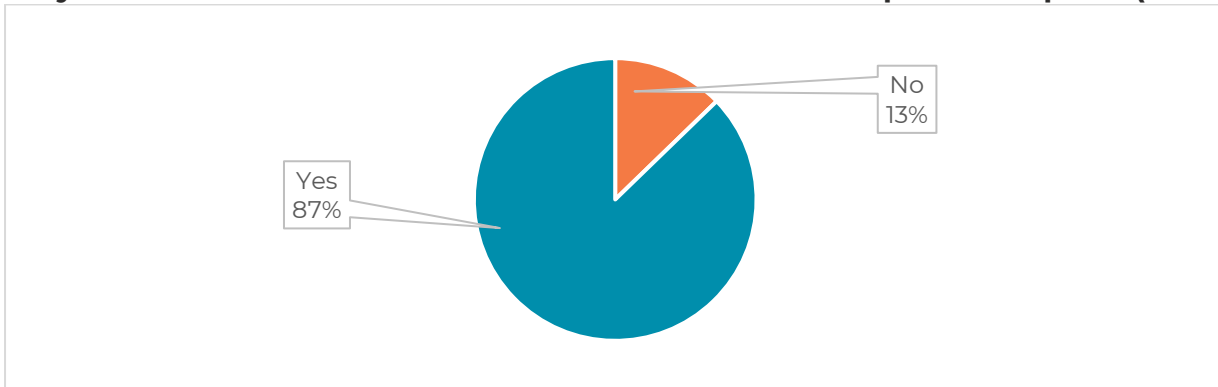
### Do you live with, or care for someone with a disability? (n=144)



### Where do you live (Suburb or Postcode)? (n=146)



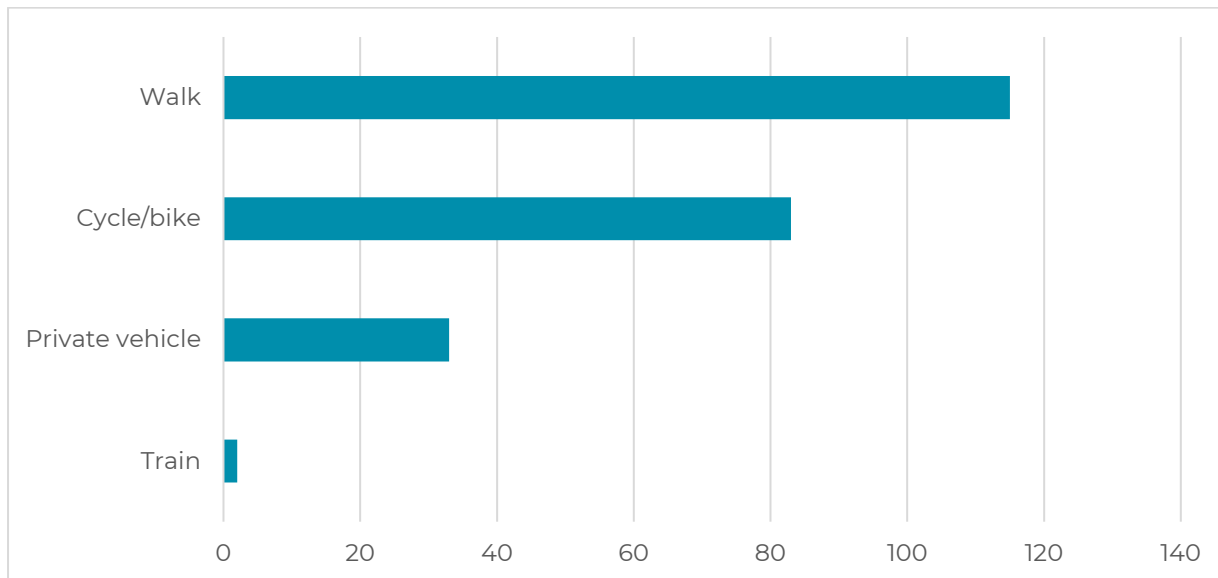
### Do you live within 10-minute walk of the Caddies Creek Sports Complex? (n=149)





### How do you expect to travel to the new recreational space within the Caddies Creek Sports Complex? (n=233)

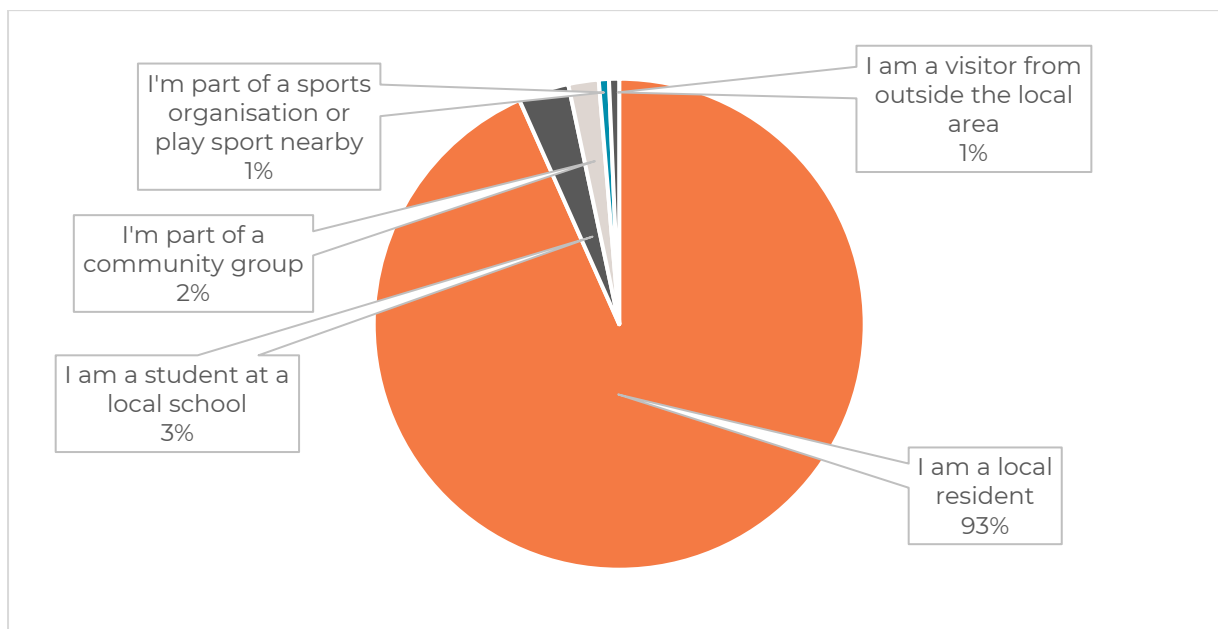
While many participants chose a mix of options, the most popular response was that they would walk to Caddies Creek Sports Complex (n=115). One participant said that they would run to the premises.



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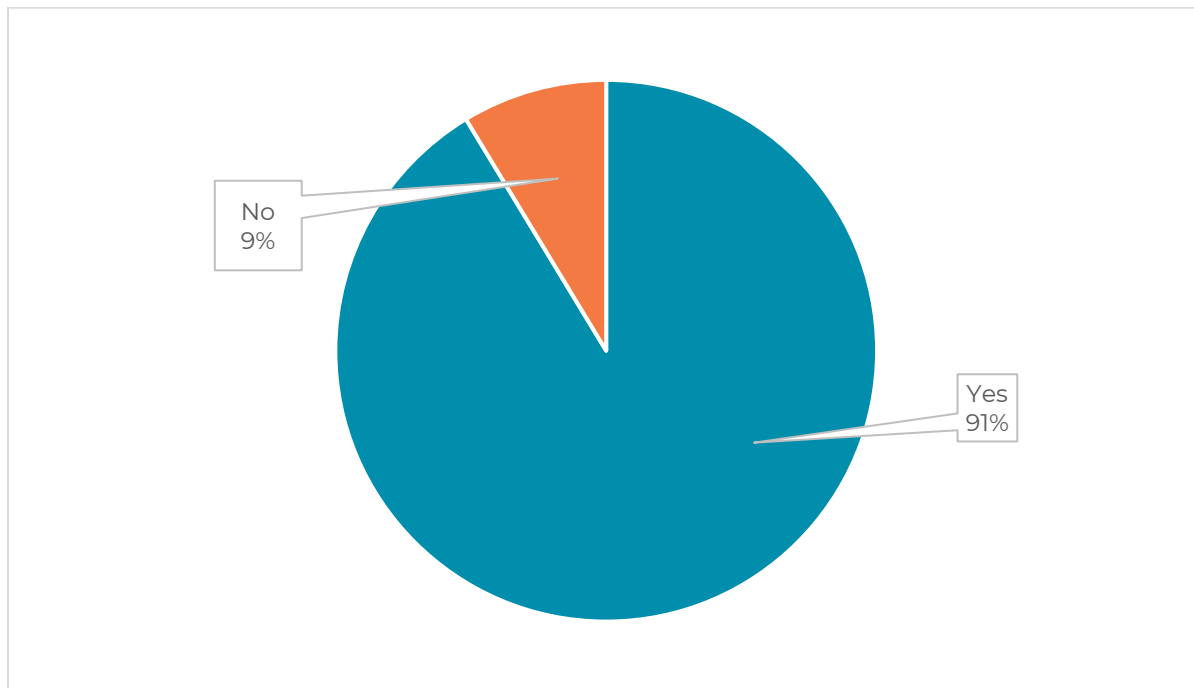
## Park uses

### What best describes you? (n=150)

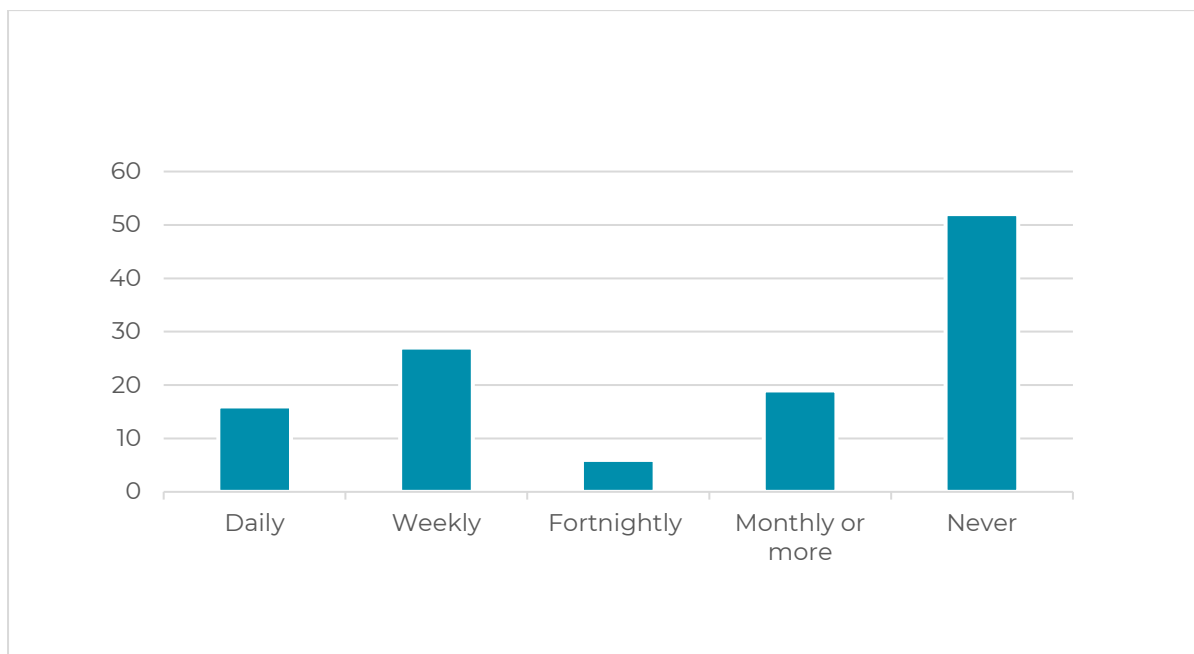


### Have you ever visited Caddies Creek Reserve, or played sport at the complex? (n=150)

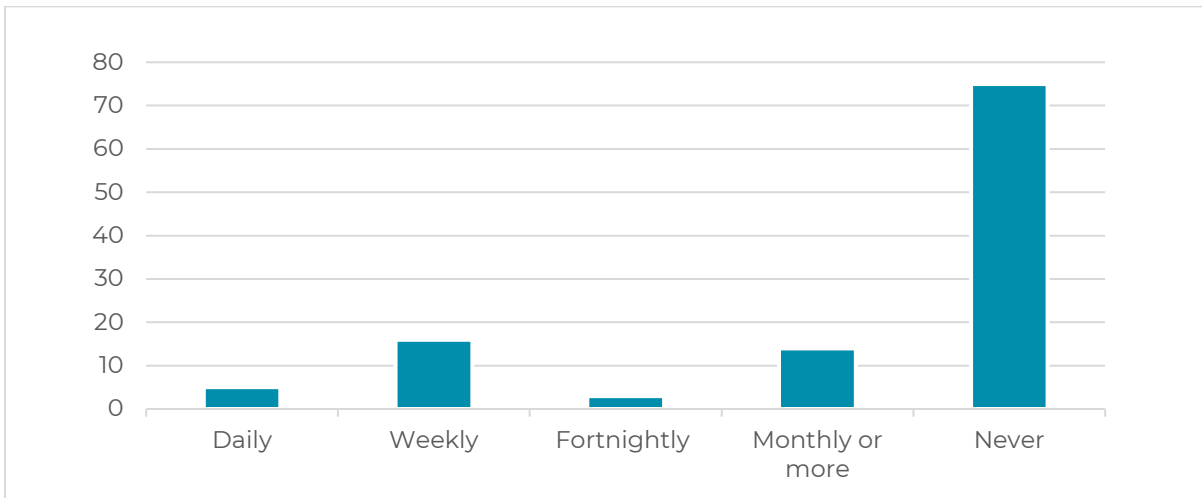
91% of participants indicated that they have visited the park. Those who said no said they were unsure of what was at the park and were unfamiliar with the area, don't have kids, play sports at other venues, or visited other parks that are better.



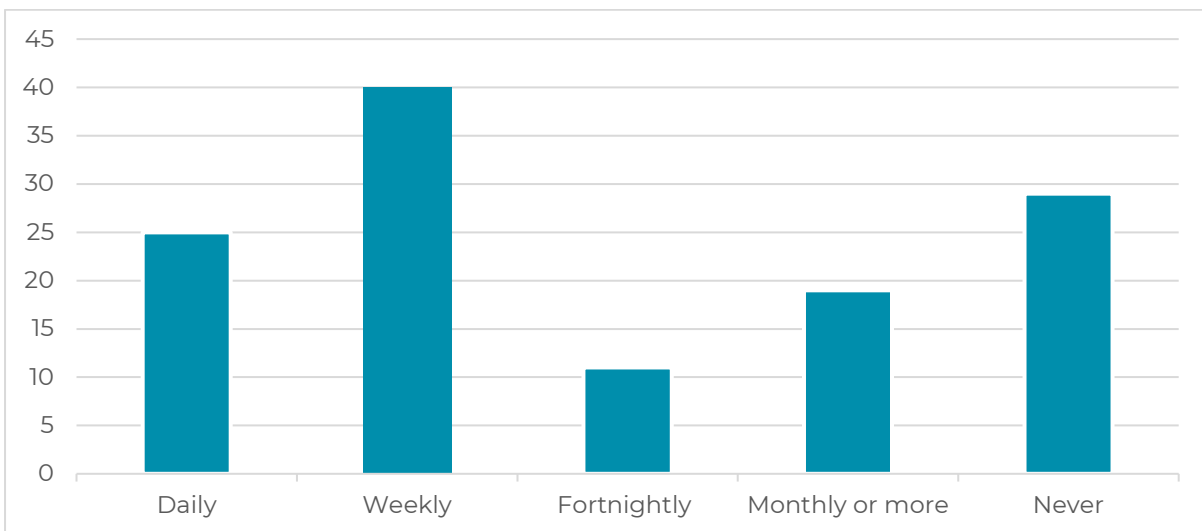
### How often do you visit Caddies Creek Reserve to play organized sports? (n=120)



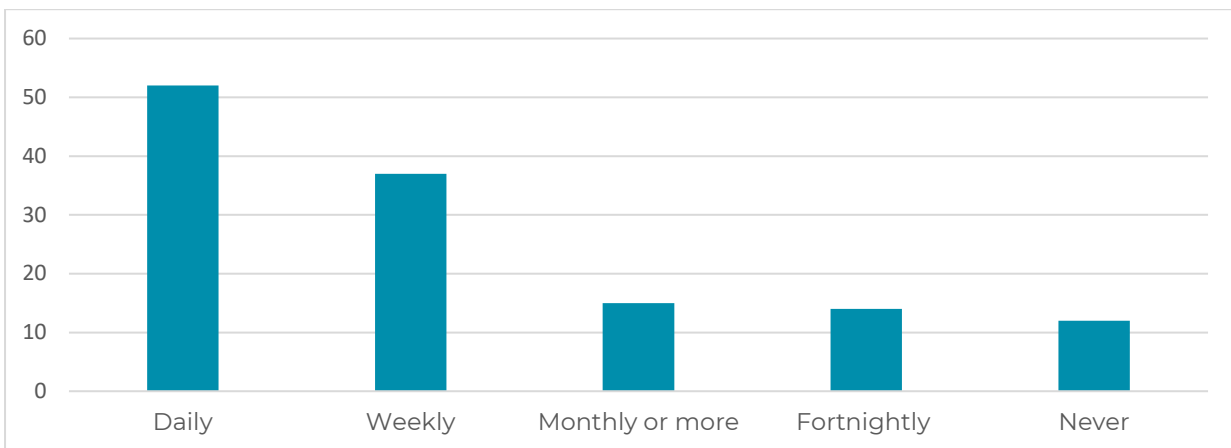
**How often do you visit Caddies Creek Reserve to take your child to play organised sports? (n=113)**



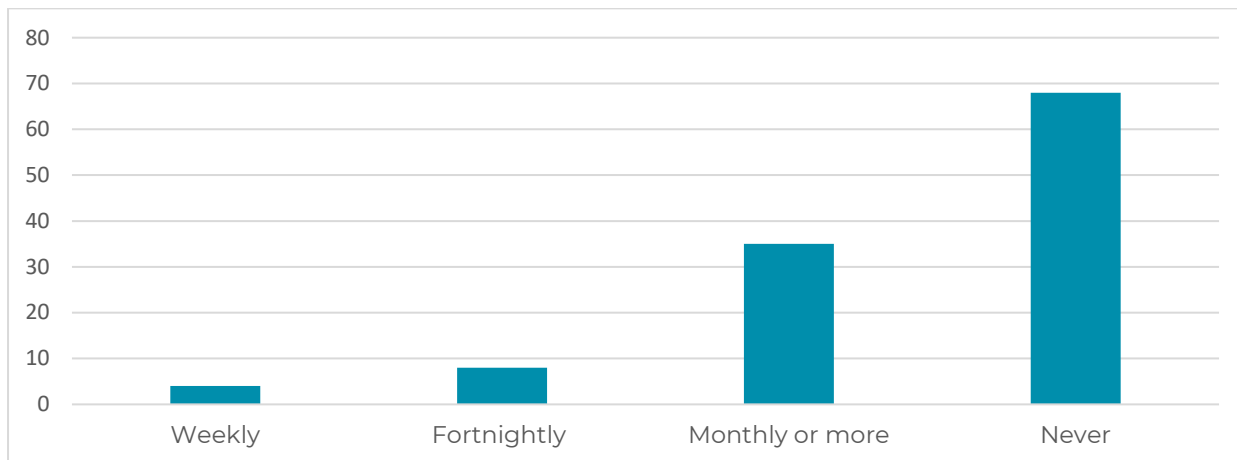
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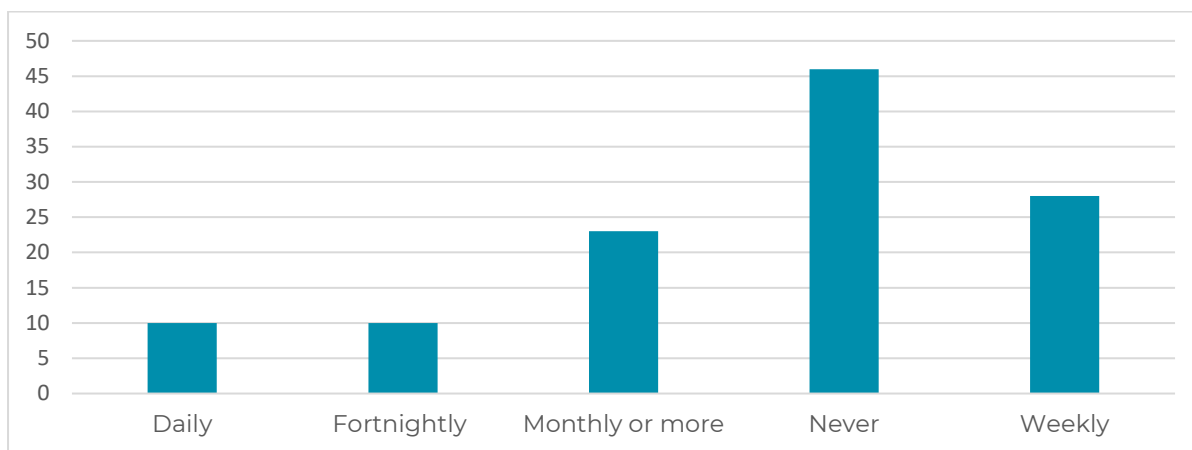
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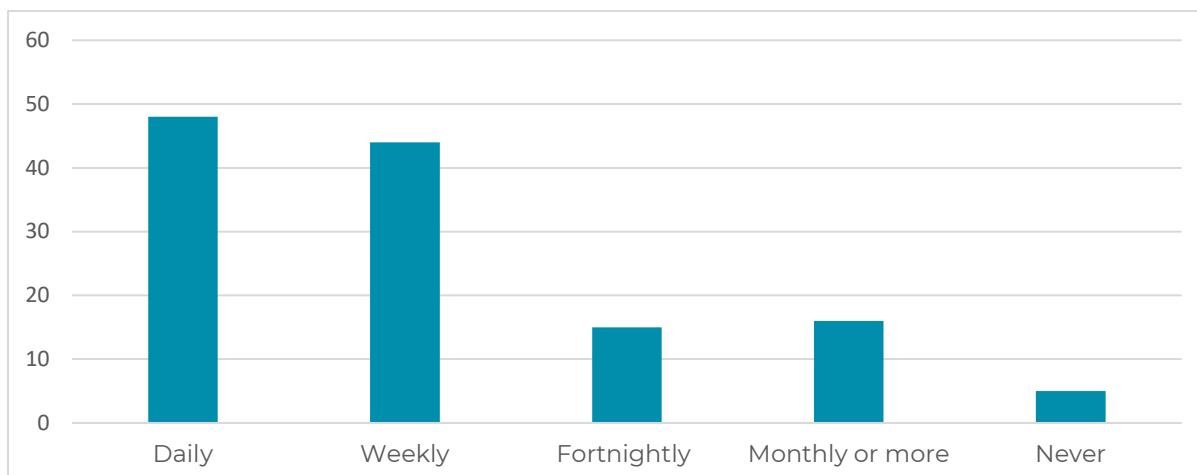
**How often do you visit Caddies Creek Reserve to use picnic and BBQ facilities? (n=115)**



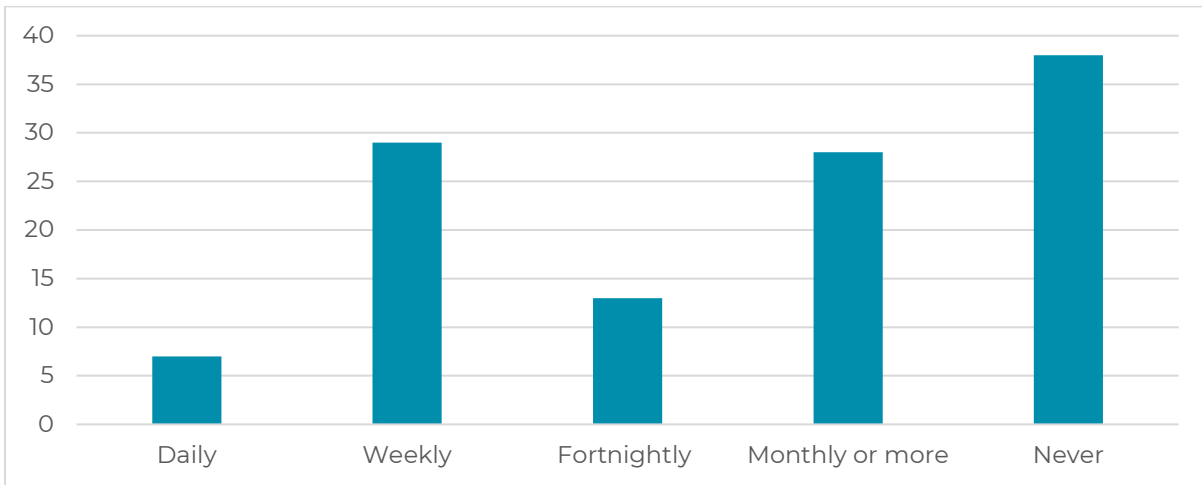
**How often do you visit Caddies Creek Reserve to utilise the children's play equipment? (n=115)**



**How often do you visit Caddies Creek Reserve to be outdoors and in-nature? (n=115)**

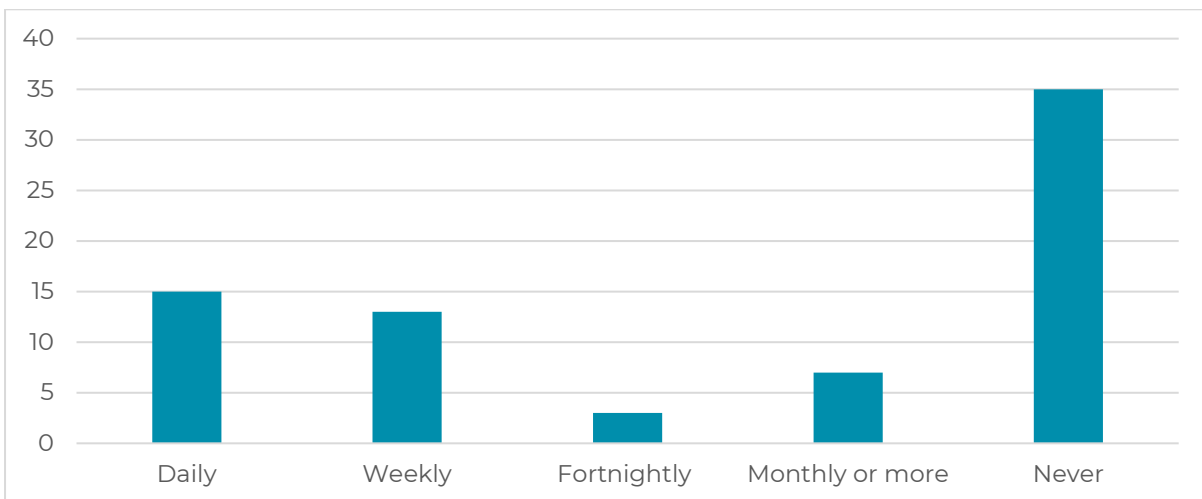


### How often do you visit Caddies Creek Reserve to meet with friends and family for a gathering?



### How often do we visit Caddies Creek Reserve for other reasons?

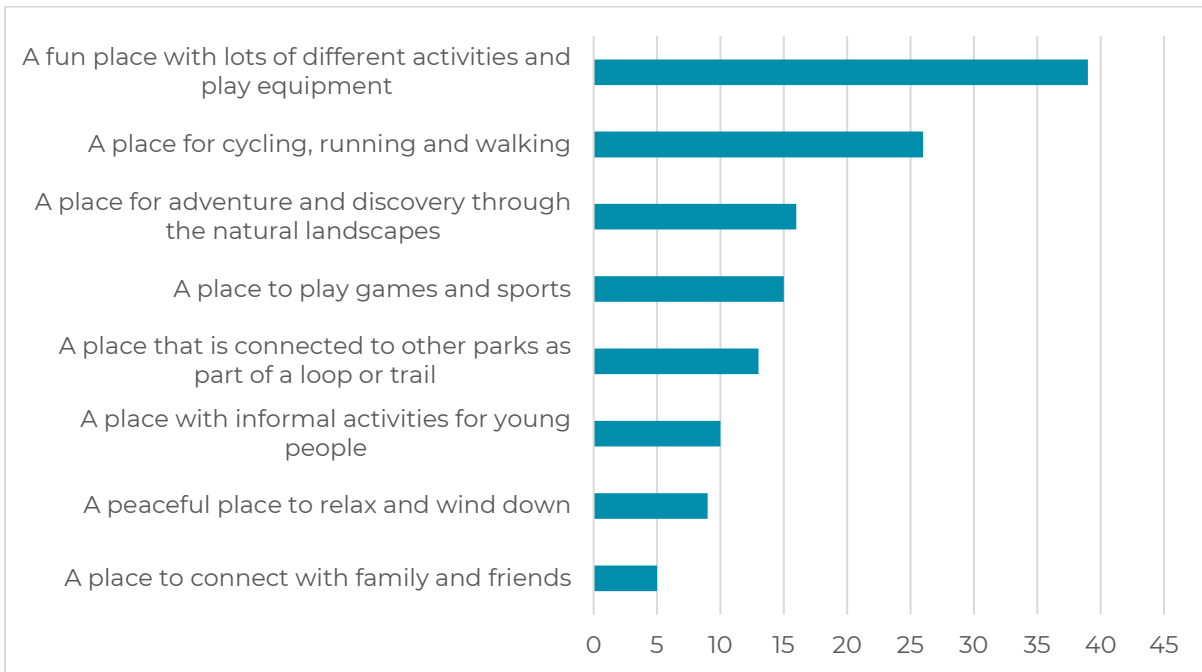
These other reasons included walking the dog, exploring, recreational activities like RC cars, skateboarding, skating, basketball, BMX, and yoga, and as a meeting point.



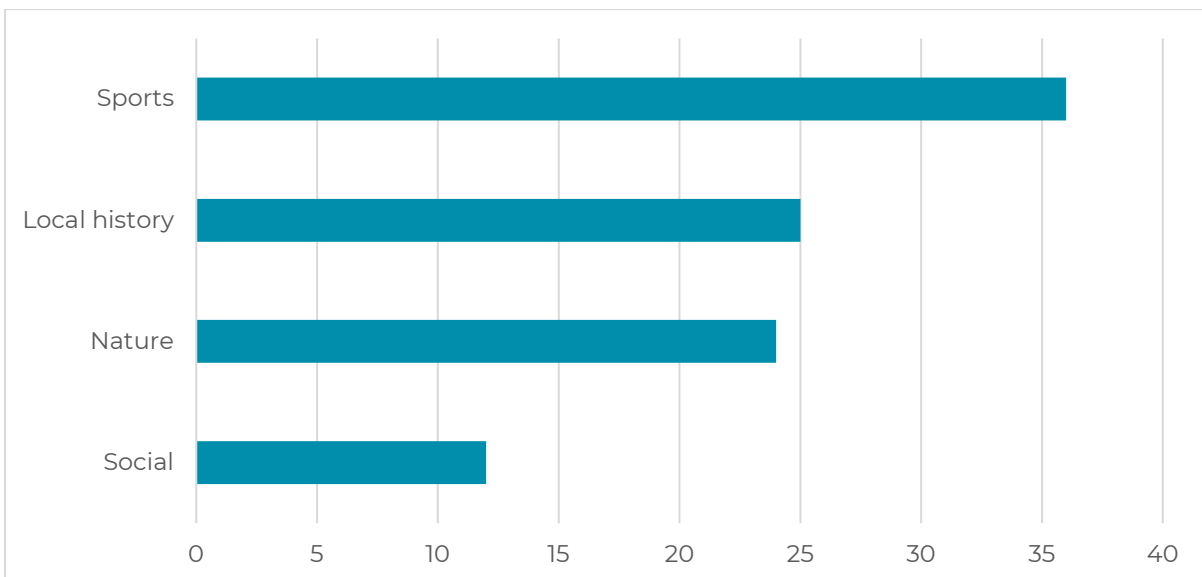
## Park values

### What role would you like the new recreational space at Caddies Creek to have in the community? (n=149)

Other notable mentions were featuring a dog park for off-leash play, bike-tracks and skateparks, waterplay being incorporated into the design, as well as having a nature reserve with native species.



### What themes, topics or local stories would you like to see expressed in the park?

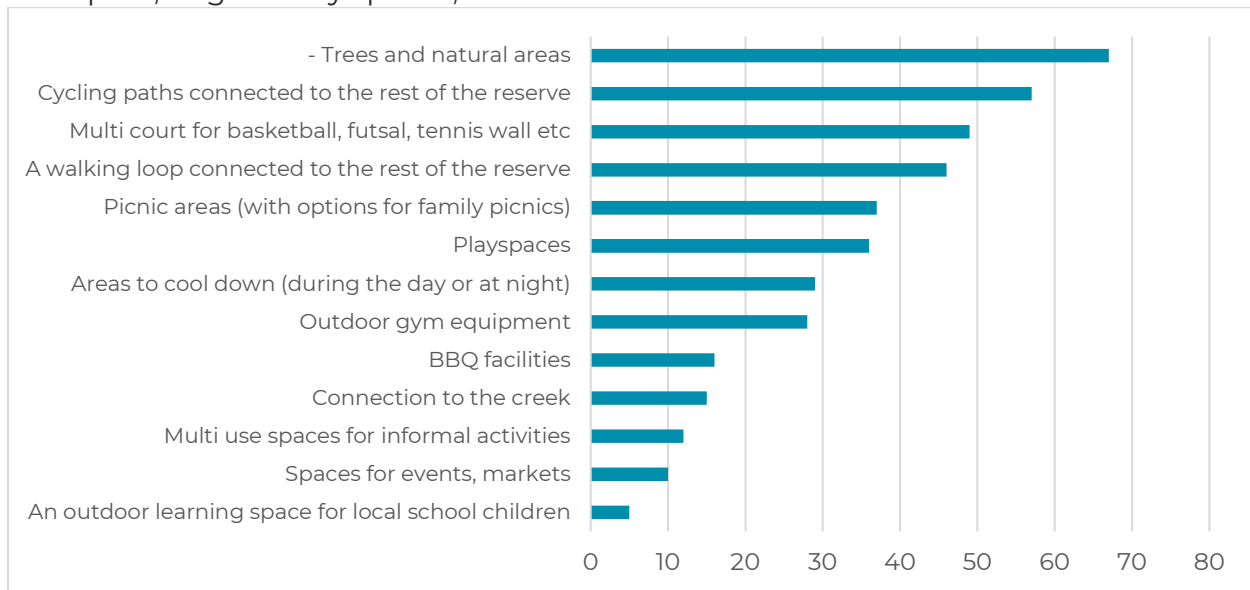


**Thinking about all the parks you have visited, what do you like about them most? (n=120)**

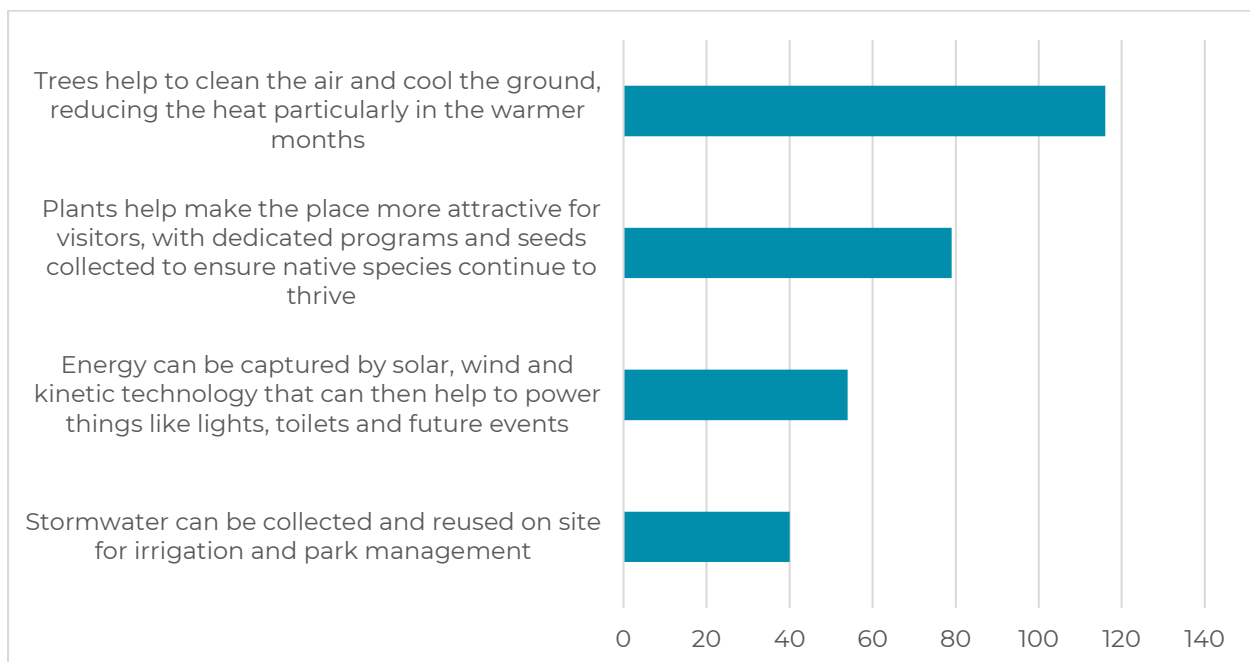
Participants liked unique and inclusive play equipment the most, that did not only cater for only toddlers. Features accommodating for sports and exercise like gym equipment, wide footpaths for walking and biking, and BMX riding were also popular features. Having sufficient amenities, green and open spaces, were also mentioned. Shaded areas were also frequently mentioned.

**If you were designing the new recreational space within Caddies Creek Sports Complex, what are the top three things you would want to include? (n=407)**

Participants who wanted to see other things included mentioned having a BMX or skatepark, dog friendly spaces, and cricket nets.



**How do parks contribute to the local community?**



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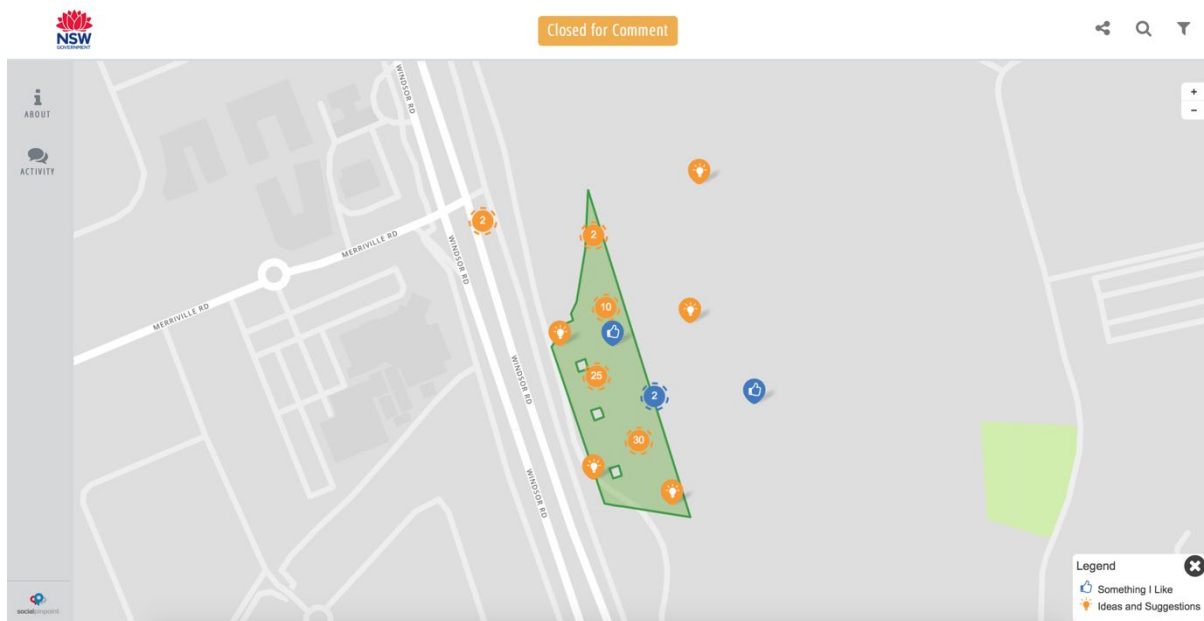
# Appendix B – Social Pinpoint Analysis

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## Overview

A total of 126 responses were recorded:

- 122 (97%) 'Ideas and Suggestions' pins (the orange pins in the map below)
- 4 (3%) 'Something I Like' pins (the blue pins in the map below)



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## Overall sentiment

The comments have been grouped based on the sentiment they express. This was done by the Social Pinpoint program and is only indicative.

### Community values

The following provides a summary of community values as they relate to key opportunities for the park:

Opportunities to play



The community expressed a strong value for active recreation, particularly BMX/pump tracks, stake park, and basketball courts. Other mentioned play types included outdoor gym equipment and water play.

Quotes:

- *“BMX track or skatepark - something for older primary and teenagers.”*
- *“A large multi-use Asphalt Pump Track facility. Pump tracks are an asphalt surfaced combination between a BMX track and a skate park which can be ridden on scooters, skateboards & BMX bikes. They simultaneously incorporate learn to ride beginner loops for balance bikes (2.5y/o) and expert jump sections for teenagers/ experienced riders while being significantly safer by design than a skate park.”*

### Improved accessibility

The community desired considerations for safe vehicle access and pedestrian connections to the Park, including a walking loop, which links to the wider local area.

Quotes:

- *“Walking path that links to the others with distance i.e. 5km etc signposted as well as stationary fitness equipment.”*
- *“Entry from sanctuary drive or corner Sanctuary Dr and Windsor Rd to park will be great”*

### Facilities

The community expressed a need for facilities which support an enjoyable park experience, including a fenced dog area, seating, accessible toilets, and a café.

Quotes:

- *“This would be a great spot for a long-enclosed dog park. A great place for dogs to socialise. Situated away from picnic areas and areas of high activity. Giving our furry friends an opportunity to be off leash and interact.”*
- *“I would love to see: an outdoor gym, outdoor BBQs and tables, drinking taps, a history walk, toilets.”*

## **Case studies**

The community referenced the following case studies to illustrate the type of space and facilities they desired:

- Crestwood BMX track, Baulkham Hills (BMX track)
- Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills (skate park)
- The Ridge, Barden Ridge (pump track)
- Stromlo Bike Park, Canberra (skills learning area)
- Eastbourne Park, Blacktown (fountain)
- Leumeah Pump Track, Campbelltown (pump track)
- Blaxland Riverside Park, Sydney Olympic Park (obstacle course)

- Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill (BMX track)
- William Harvey Reserve, Rouse Hill (nature walking track)

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## Community aspirations

The word cloud below provides a snapshot of most common words used by respondents to describe their aspirations and ideas for the area.



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# Appendix C – Written Submissions

## Submission 1:

**Sent: Wednesday, 6 October 2021 4:15 PM**

**Subject: Recreational Space at Caddies Creek Sports Complex at Beaumont Hills**

I refer to the brochure which you recently dropped in the letterboxes around Beaumont Hills in relation to the development of a new recreational space adjacent to the Caddies Creek Sports Complex at Beaumont Hills. Based on Draft Master Plan - Caddies Creek Sports Complex - Stage 2, which the Council invited submissions, they have planned to create 4 new soccer fields in addition to the three fields already there. There is also a baseball facility there.

I wish to submit that any further development of the place, which does not create other sporting facilities such as basketball courts and netball courts will not create fair playing fields for all children in Beaumont Hills.

I request that the Department of Planning and the Council should consider providing basketball courts. For example, 6 basketball courts will take only about one soccer field. The same applies to netball. It is unfair that the Council is creating 4 more soccer fields but no basketball courts in the area.

The truth is a lot of children play basketball and not soccer. Similarly, many girls play netball. In the least, there should be basketball courts there given the vastness of the land there which can cater for that. Creating appropriate sporting facilities for all reduces crime, obesity etc.

I also submit that the path between the park and Benson Road has poor or not lights all. It will be appropriate that adequate lights are created there.

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