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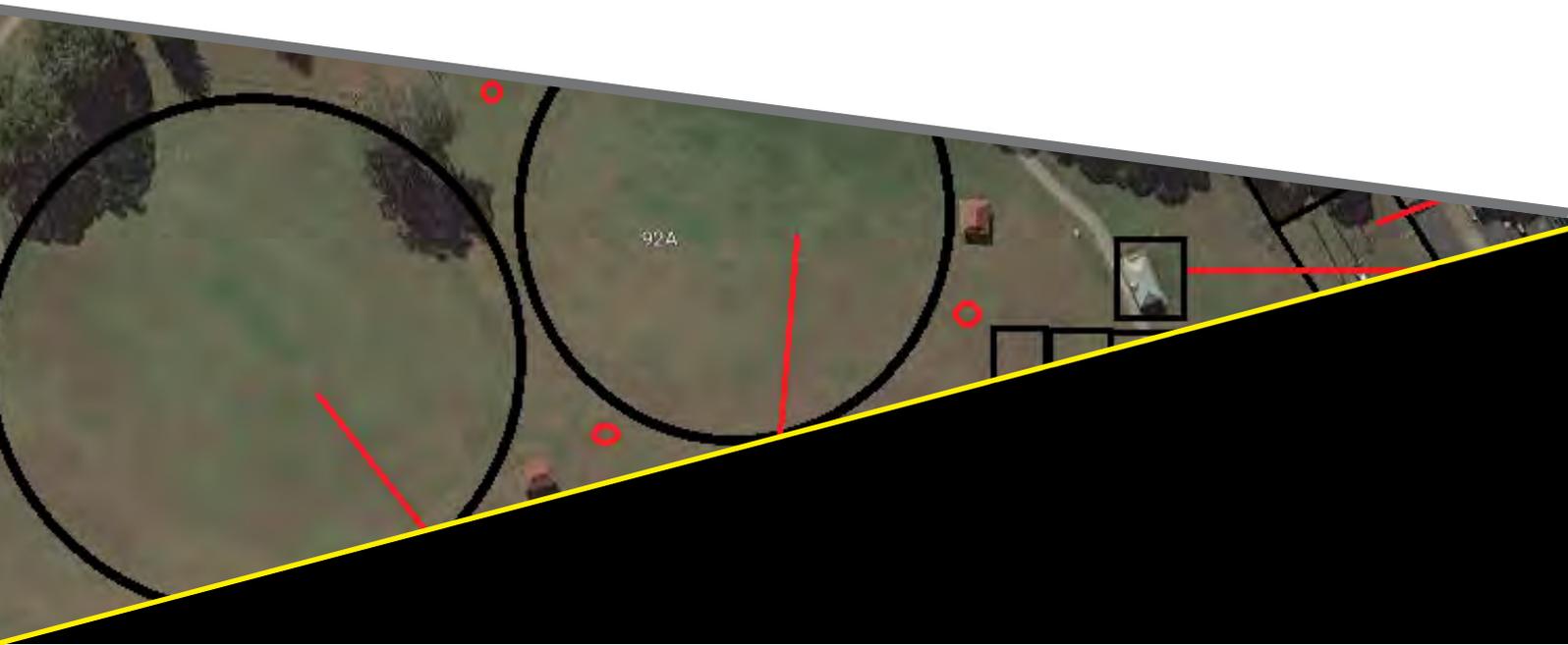


Peel Park Masterplan

Community Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement

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Introduction

The purpose of this project has been to guide the proposed development of the Peel Park under the Redbank Development in North Richmond and perform community consultation in conjunction with staff at Hawkesbury City Council.

A draft Masterplan for Peel Park was developed that incorporates the requirements of the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) between Hawkesbury Council and North Richmond Joint Venture which refers to the required upgrade and improvements to Peel Park.

The Masterplan was developed in conjunction with a Plan of Management for all future community land within the Redbank precinct, including Peel Park. Community consultation throughout the development of the Plan of Management and Masterplan consisted of a Public Hearing/community meeting, on-line survey, stakeholder meetings and the public exhibition of the draft documents, notified through local newspapers, letters to neighbours and relevant stakeholders, and a notice placed on the land.

On 29 August 2017, following community objections about the Masterplan, Council resolved to adopt the Plan of Management (with changes) and to defer the adoption of the draft Peel Park Masterplan. Council resolved to hold a series of community consultations, including but not limited to the North Richmond and Districts Community Action Association Inc. and the Hawkesbury Environment Network, to develop a masterplan for sporting fields and passive park areas.

In response to this resolution, Hawkesbury City Council has sought a workshop style consultation process that involves all community stakeholders, landscape consultants, staff and councillors.

Key Tasks

The project seeks to facilitate public participation in the review of the draft Peel Park Masterplan, and completion of the following key tasks:

- Facilitate public participation in the review of the Peel Park Masterplan using a workshop format
- Identify/confirm the values of the park to the community
- Provide participants with the information needed to participate in a meaningful way
- Identify and consider heritage, environmental, open space and recreational values
- Identify potential opportunities for future development of the park based on community priorities and available and potential funding sources
- Identify suitable/unsuitable facilities, including but not limited to: amenities, parking, furniture, barbecues, garbage bins and dog off leash areas
- Make recommendations for the update of the Peel Park Masterplan

Engagement Objectives

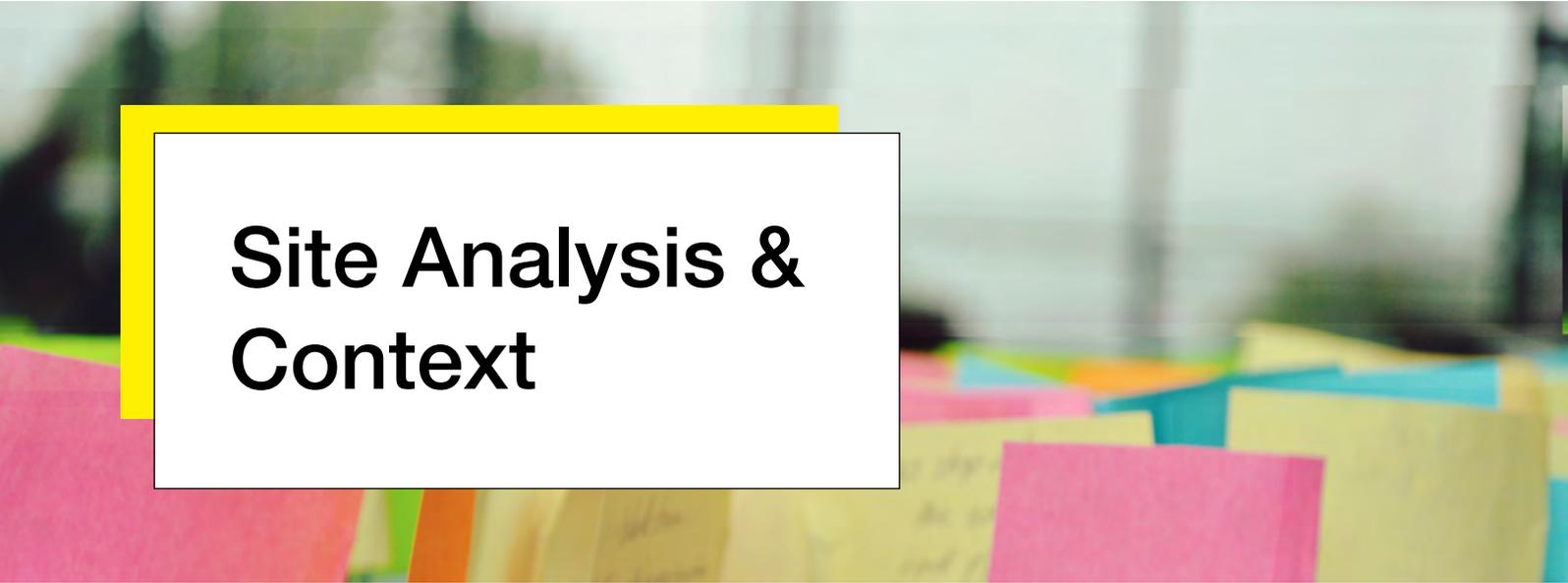
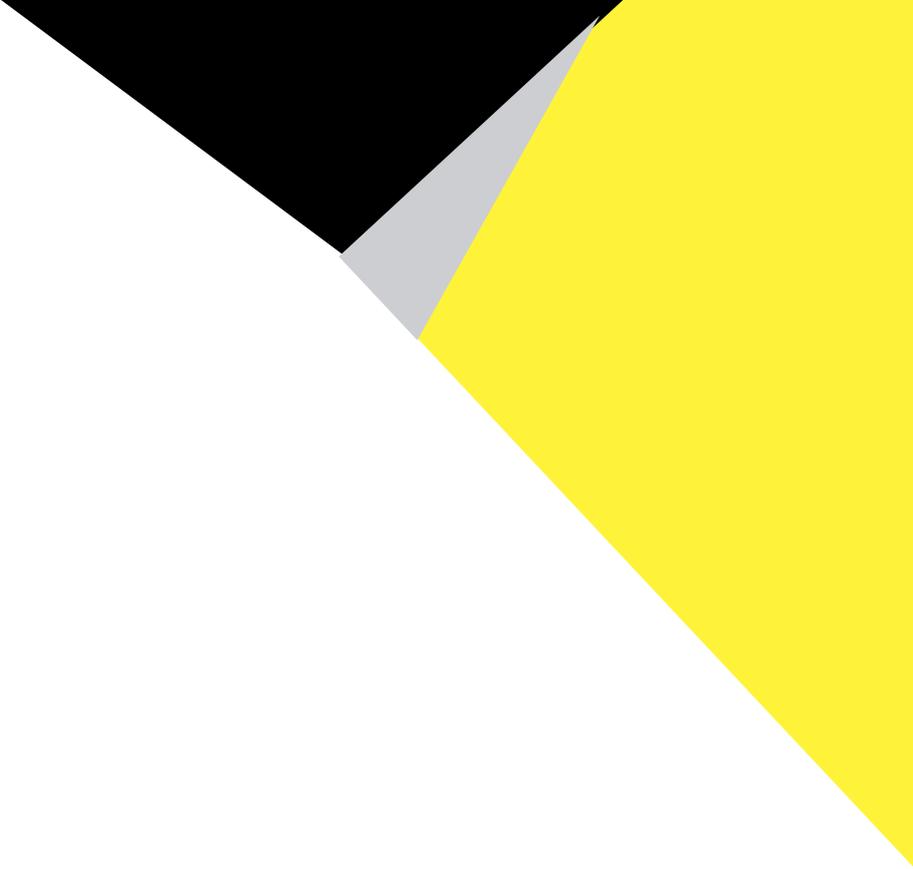
Council has identified that community consultation should:

- Determine community goals, values and expectations for the future use and management of Peel Park
- Identify and assess community needs and opportunities for future development of Peel Park.
- Identify community needs that cannot be accommodated within Peel Park and that may need to be developed elsewhere.

Engagement Approach

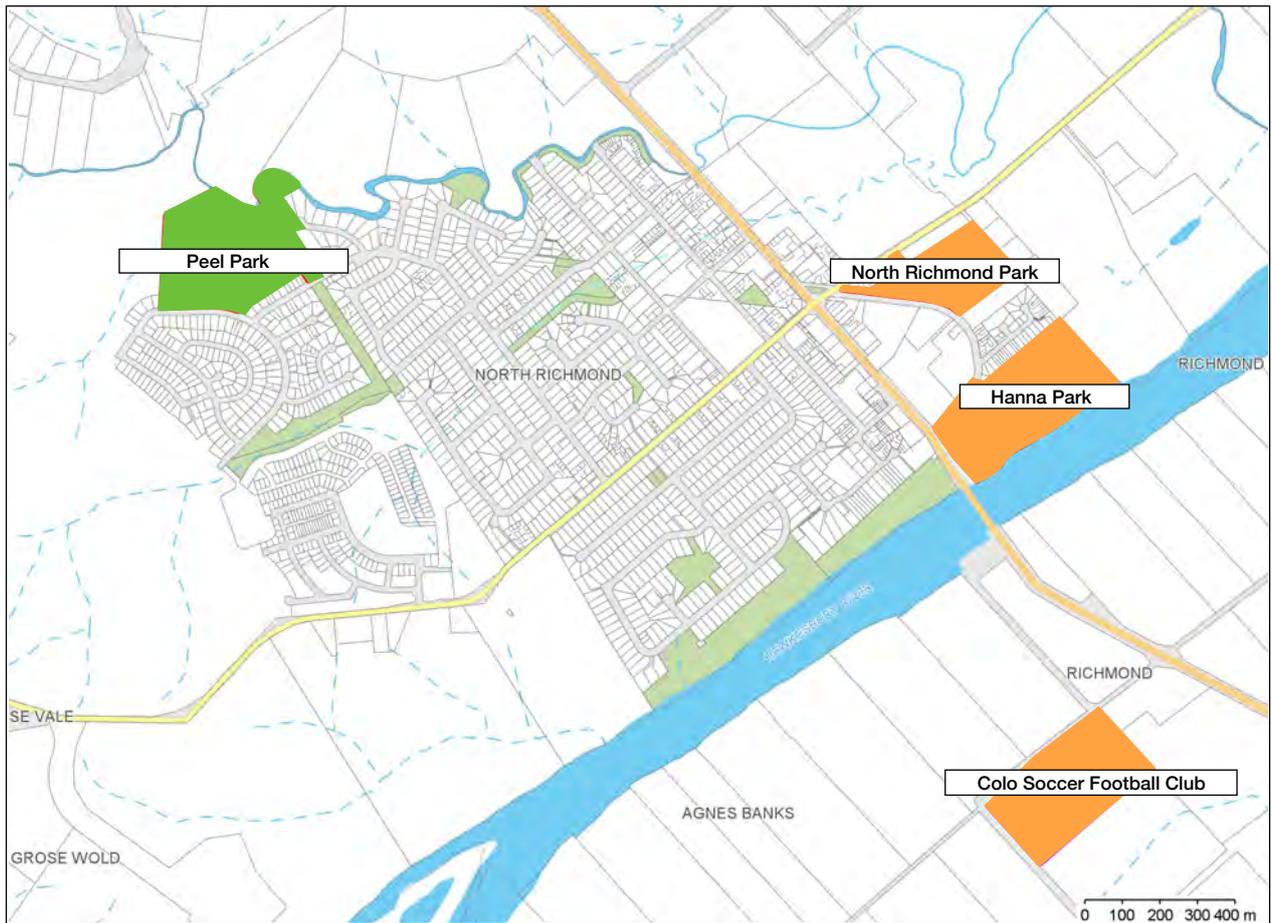
Community consultation has been carried out in a three-tiered approach, involving:

- Community Workshop
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Community Survey



Site Analysis & Context

Study Area and LGA Context



Study Area

Peel Park is a 9.4 hectare park located at 92A Pecks Road, North Richmond which, until recently, was situated on the edge of the North Richmond Township.

Peel Park was dedicated as public space in 1989 when the first subdivision of the Peel property was approved. Council has made minor improvements to the site which includes paths, picnic shelters, a playground and sports amenities building.

It is a mixed use recreation space accommodating active sports such as cricket and BMX as well as passive recreation activities which include exercising dogs off-leash and bushland appreciation along Redbank Creek.



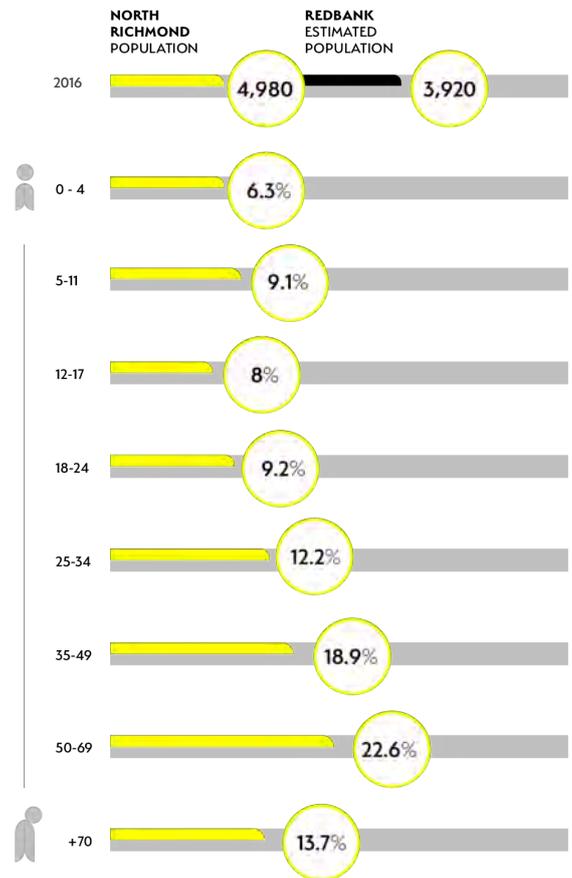
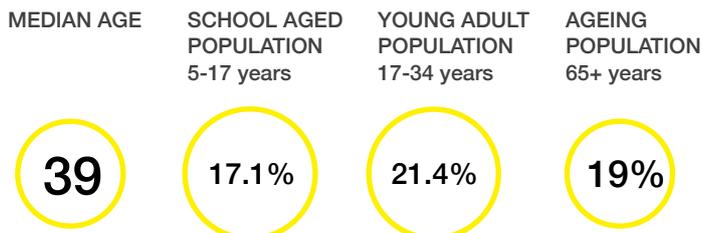
Population Statistics

The population of the North Richmond area is ageing, with the 2016 Census recording over 35% of the community as being aged 50 years or older.

Despite these current statistics, the Redbank development is expected to attract young families to the area, which have larger family sizes than the average for North Richmond, including an increase in the number of infant children.

The population statistics below are based on North Richmond alone and do not take into account growth patterns based on migration or the growth of surrounding supported suburbs, which may result in increased population figures.

2016 North Richmond Demographic Statistics



	North Richmond resident population 2016 census	Redbank estimated total number of residents (extrapolated)	Estimated total population of North Richmond when Redbank is occupied
Resident Population	4,980	3,920	8,900
Number of dwellings	1,930	1,400	3,330
Average household size	2.65	2.8 (based on 2006 census)	2.65
Population 0-4yrs	315	247	562
Population aged 5-11yrs	454	356	810
Population aged 12-17yrs	396	313	709
Population aged 18-24yrs	457	360	817
Population aged 25-34yrs	607	478	1,085
Population aged 35-49	943	740	1,683
Population aged 50-59yrs	568	446	1,014
Population aged 60-69yrs	555	439	994
Population aged 70-84yrs	570	450	1,020
Population aged 85+	108	86	194

(The total Redbank population figure used is based on the estimate provided when the development was approved and is based on 2006 statistics. All other extrapolated statistics have used 2016 data.)

Current and Future Sporting Needs

According to the [AusPlay April 2017 State and Territory Results](#), 3,681,500 NSW adults participated in sport or physical activity at least three times/week in 2016. This was a participation rate of 59%, which is in line with the national rate of 60%.

Children (0-15yrs) Organised Sport and Physical Activity			Adult Organised Sport and Physical Activity	
1	Swimming	30%	Walking	43%
2	Football	22%	Fitness/Gym	33%
3	Dancing (recreational)	9%	Swimming	16%
4	Gymnastics	8%	Athletics, track and field	16%
5	Cricket	6%	Cycling	10%
6	Netball	5%	Football/soccer	7%
7	Tennis	4%	Bushwalking	7%
8	Athletics, Track and Field	4%	Golf	6%
9	Basketball	4%	Tennis	5%
10	Rugby League	4%	Yoga	5%

The 2016 City of Sydney Open Space Recreational Needs Study outlined the following age-based trends in sporting activity and the sporting facility needs associated with each age bracket, providing a guide for how the provision of sporting facilities and services may be made.

Age	Sporting Activity	Sporting facility needs
0-14 infants, children, adolescents	Informal active sports and organised sports associated with schools and clubs.	Formal playing fields and areas for informal sport. Fullest possible range of other sporting facilities, barbecues, etc.
15-19 adolescents	High rate of participation in informal and organised active sports.	Provision of formal playing fields and areas for informal sport. Wide range of recreational opportunity.
20-24 young adults	Involvement in informal and organised sports continues, but much less so than younger age groups.	Provision of formal playing fields and areas for informal sporting facilities.
25-29 adults	Participation in active sports continues but at slightly less than 20-24 age group. Higher fertility rates, so family activities are important.	Provision of formal playing fields and areas for informal sporting facilities. Versatile areas that provide for a wide range of recreational opportunity.
30-39 adults	Participation in active team sports becoming less important, but increased participation in social sports – golf, tennis.	Provision of facilities for whole-of-life sports e.g. tennis, golf.
40 + adults and ageing population	The rate of participation in active sports declines markedly after the age of 40, however participation in social and whole-of-life sports continues.	Provision of facilities for whole-of-life sports e.g. tennis, golf.

(Source: Sydney City Opens Space Recreational Needs Study 2016)

Hawkesbury City Council has conducted a preliminary assessment of sporting needs within the North Richmond area and found that there is a deficit of sporting field provision for the current population, however the development of a formal sporting needs analysis is recommended to provide deeper insight into the nature of sporting facility needs for the current, and future, North Richmond population.

North Richmond Parks - Current Sporting Features

Peel Park



Current Features:

- 1 x Fenced off-leash dog area
- 2 x Cricket mod fields (1 x competition - at capacity)
- Rugby League training

North Richmond Park



Current Features:

- 1 x Cricket Field (with 5 x Turf Wickets)
- 1 x Double Cricket Practice Nets
- 1 x Rugby League Field (Intl)
- 1 x Rugby League Mod Field
- 1 x Rugby League Mini Field
- 2 x Multi Use Courts (tennis)
- 1 x Netball Court (hard)
- 1 x Netball Court (grass)

Hanna Park



Current Features:

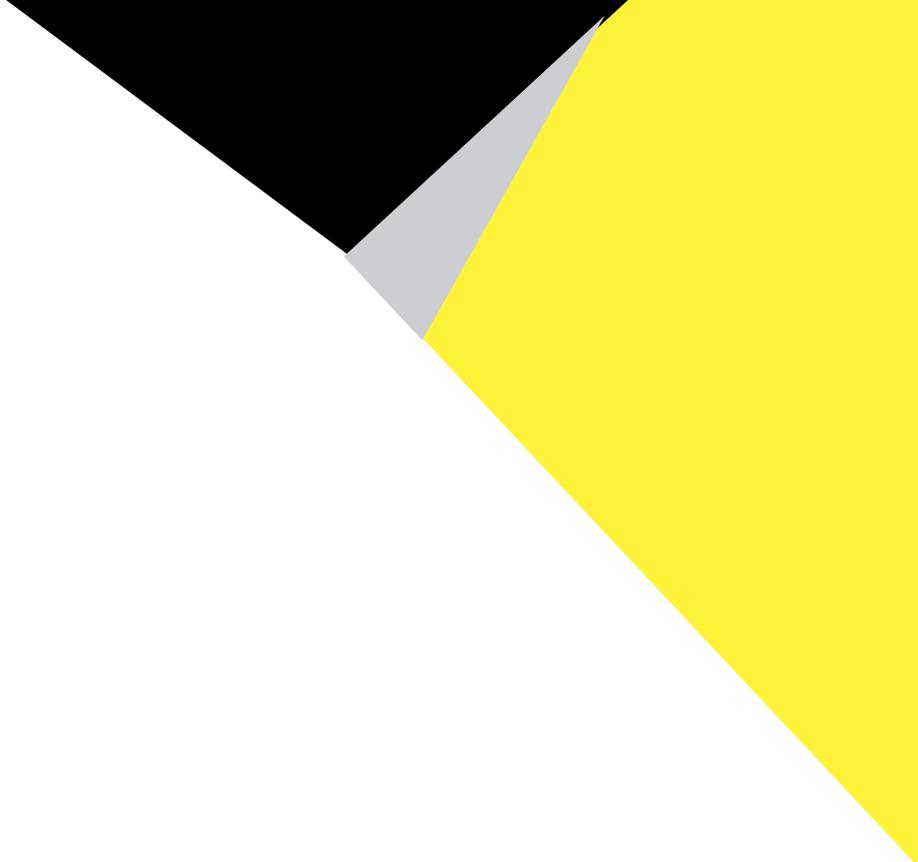
- 1 x Skate Park
- Soccer goalposts (unused)

Standardised Sporting Fields and Dimensions

The following table outlines the various field types required for popular current and future sports, both for practice and competition, and how they can be configured to allow for multi-use play between different codes. These dimensions align to the international standard.

SPORT	FIELD TYPES	CONFIGURATION
Basketball	Standard	28m x 15m hard court with white 5cm wide line markings and 5m spectator boundary.
Cricket	Open Ages - Turf	22.56m x 3.05m pitch with a minimum of 1.22m behind the stumps.
	U10 - U16	25m - 28m x 2.4m - 2.8m pitch with a minimum of 1.22m behind the stumps.
	Overall Playing Ground	Between 137m - 150m diameter oval or circular field with 50m x 60m for an open age community field and between 30m - 45m x 40m - 60m for U10 - U16. 20m - 40m suggested external field boundary.
	Practice Cricket Nets	20m long x 3.6m wide x 3m high nets with a 27m overall length and a 21m minimum dividing fence.
Athletics	N/A	Common athletics activities such as javelin, discus, shot-put, high and long jump can be configured for competition within a 120m x 90m turf sports field.
Football	Senior	90m - 120m x 45m - 90m turf field and 7.320m wide x 2.44m high goals. Multi pitch layouts must maintain a 6m clearance between fields. 3m external field boundary.
	U10 - 11	Optimal field size 65m x 45m turf field and 5m wide x 2m high goals.
	U8 - 9	Optimal field size 45m x 35m turf field and 3m wide x 2m high goals.
	U6 - 7	30m x 20m turf field and 2m wide x 1m high goals.
Netball	Senior	30.5m x 15.25m hard court with 50mm white markings with a 1% gradient in a cross fall in both directions or diagonally on a single plane and a 3.65m external sideline boundary between multiple courts, and a 7.3m clearance between goal lines. 3.05m high goal posts.
	Netta	Using senior dimensions and 2.4m high goal posts.
Rugby League	Senior	68m x 100m turf field with 15cm wide markings and 16m high x 5.5m goals.
	Mod League (10 - 12 years)	80m x 48m turf field with 10m external clearances within senior field.
	Mini Footy (U8)	68m x 30m turf field with 8m external clearance. Can be configured horizontally across senior field.
Softball	Fastpitch	18.29m ² base square with 7.62m - 9.14m backstop allowance and 67.06m - 76.2m outfield fence.
	Slowpitch	19.81m ² base square with 7.62m - 9.14m backstop allowance and 80.77m - 91.44m outfield fence.
Tennis	Standard	23.77m x 10.97m hard court with white 2.5cm - 5cm line and 10cm baseline markings and a 5.48m back of court clearance, a 3.66m - 4.27m clearance between unfenced courts.
	Orange Court (U10)	18m x 6.4m singles court with 80 - 91cm net height which fits inside a standard dimension court.
	Red Court (U10)	8.23m x 3m singles court (small) or 10.97m x 6m singles court (large).
Touch Football	Standard	70m x 50m with a 5m - 10m x 50m touchdown zone behind each scoreline.

Sports fields should generally be oriented along a north/south axis to prevent morning or evening glare, and should take into consideration the surrounding facilities, with a 15° orientation (assuming that due north sits at 0°) the optimal orientation to cater for the majority of sports, however landscape variations may also influence this.



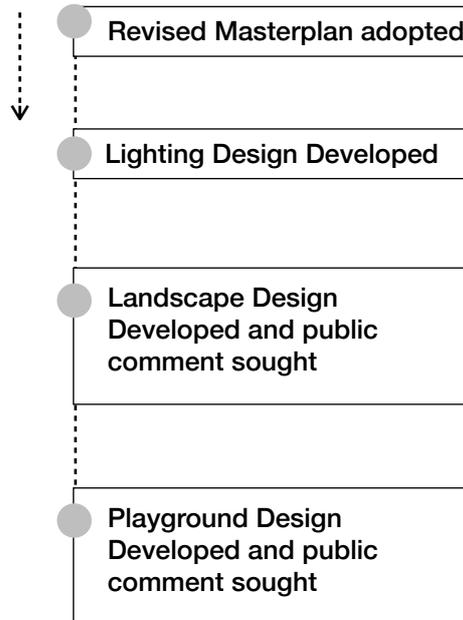
Project History

Phases of the Peel Park Masterplan

CURRENT STAGE



FUTURE STAGES



Masterplan Status: Engagement Periods 1 & 2

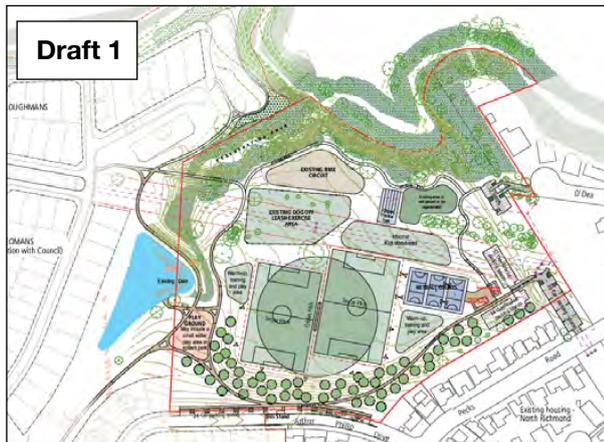
The first round of community consultation included a public hearing and a public exhibition which presented the draft Plan of Management along with the following February 2017 draft version of the Peel Park Masterplan:



Due to feedback on the publicly presented draft version, changes were made to the plan and a revised August 2017 draft Masterplan (below) was presented to Council for consideration. Council voted that adoption of the Masterplan would be deferred to allow for a series of community consultations open to key stakeholders including the NRDCAA and the Hawkesbury Environmental Network.



Masterplan Variations: Engagement Periods 1 & 2



Features:

- 1 x Senior Cricket pitch
- Cricket practice nets
- 2 x Senior Football fields
- 3 x Multi use hard courts
- Informal kick-a-bout space
- Sports facility building
- Playground
- Retained BMX circuit
- Shade areas
- Accessible paths
- Retained existing park features
- 95 x Parking spaces and 66 overflow spaces
- Traffic dispersal

Features:

- 1 x Senior Cricket pitch
- 1 x Junior Cricket pitch
- 1 x Senior Rugby League field
- Upgraded sports amenity building
- Playground
- Retained BMX circuit
- Fitness Station
- Shade areas
- Accessible paths
- Retained existing park features
- 91 x Parking spaces
- Traffic dispersal
- Overflow parking
- 2 x Netball courts
- 2 x fitness stations
- Emergency vehicle access
- Floodlights
- Weed removal area

What is missing?

- Provision for cultural/event/public art spaces
- Cycle path
- Defined picnic areas
- Emergency vehicle access

What is missing?

- Multi use hard courts
- Provision for cultural/event/public art spaces
- Cycle path
- Defined kick-a-bout spaces

Key Concerns

- Passive vs. Sporting use
- Lack of attention to bushland areas
- Open visual qualities to be retained
- Insufficient parking for needs
- Desire for fitness trail/station

Anticipated Concerns

- Single-use rather than multi-use hard courts
- Lack of detail
- Lack of provision for adaptive use of grass fields in the future for popular sports like soccer

User Groups and Key Stakeholders

The following user groups have been designated by Council as having a significant stake in the redevelopment of the park, with some groups responsible for submissions in response to public exhibition of the draft Masterplan.

Sporting Groups

- Hawkesbury Sports Council
- North Richmond Cricket Association
- Hawkesbury Junior Rugby League
- Hawkesbury Hornets BMX Club
- Colo Soccer Club

Schools

- Colo High School
- Richmond North Public School
- Kuyper Christian School (Kurrajong)



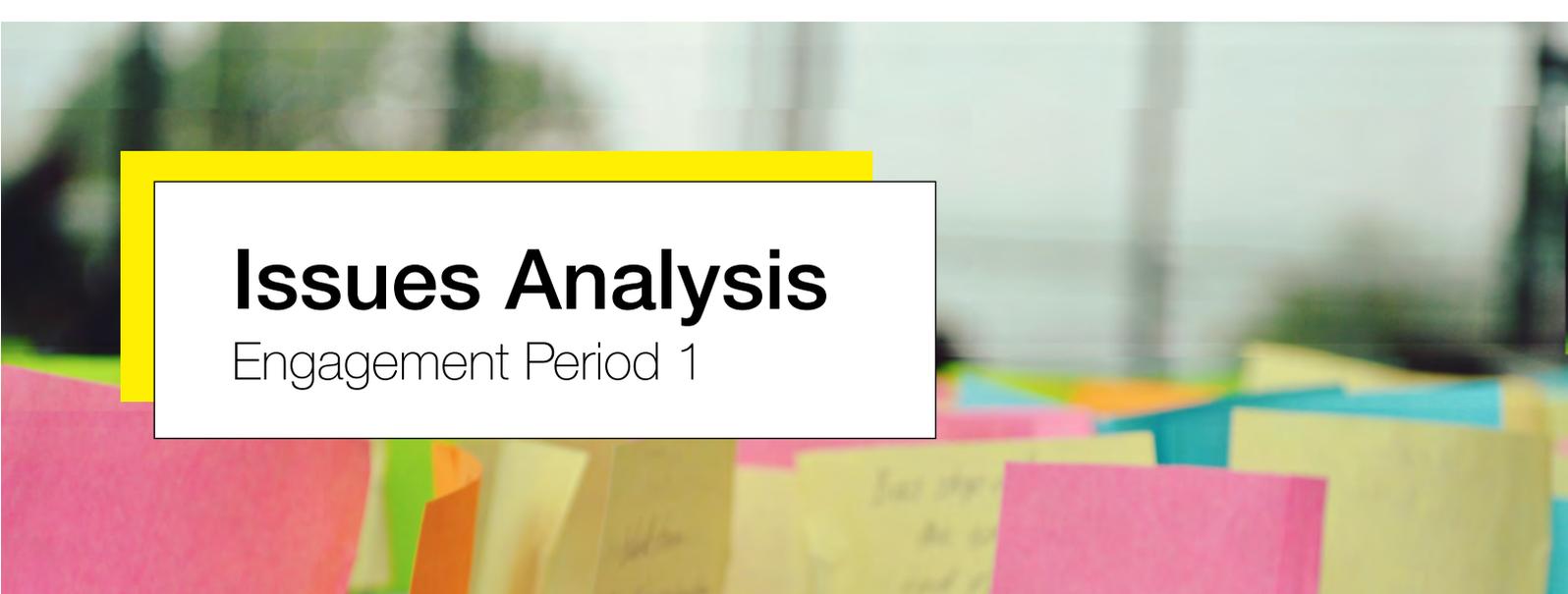
Community Groups

- North Richmond & Districts Community Action Association (NRDCAA)
- Hawkesbury Environment Network (HEN)
- Neighbours to Peel Park
- Kurrajong/North Richmond Rotary
- New residents
- Youth Worker North Richmond Community Centre
- Assistant Minister who works with Youth
- Bridges Disability Services
- North Richmond Community Centre



Issues Analysis

Engagement Period 1

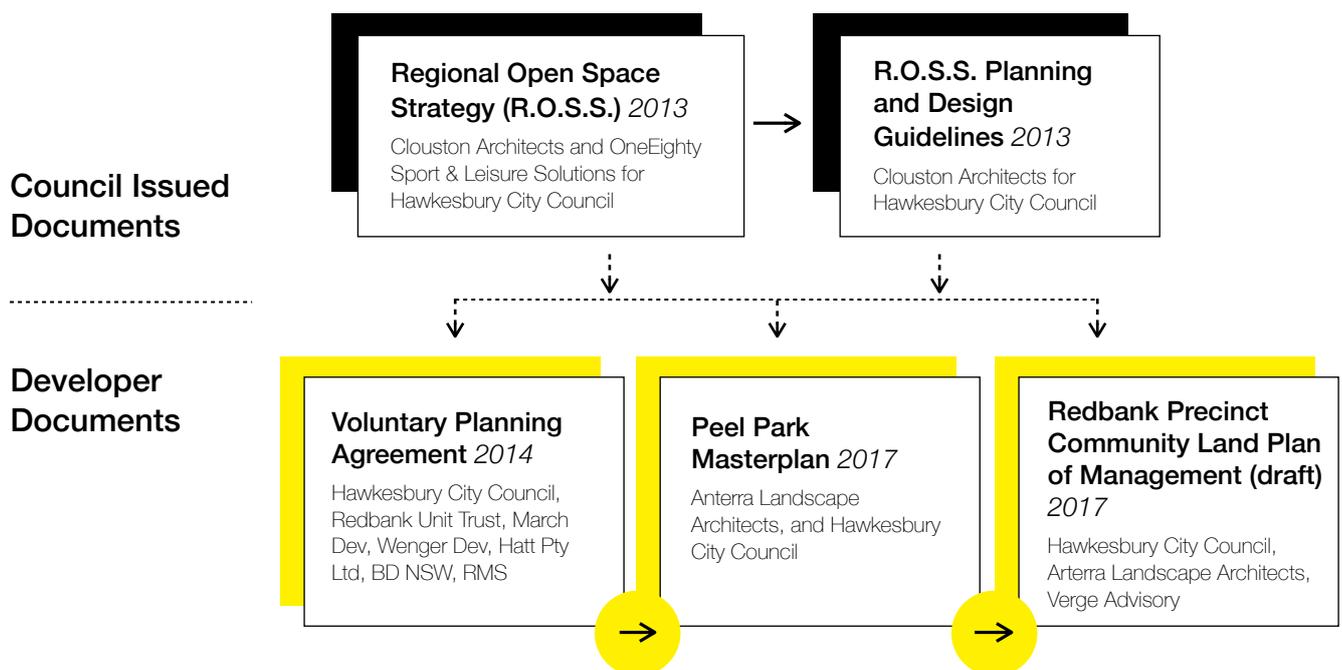


This section outlines the issues surrounding the framework of recommendations and requirements for the Peel Park Masterplan, the concerns raised during community consultation and how these issues and concerns are met by the documents developed by the developer and those issued by Council.

Document Analysis

The following documents provide a framework which dictates the classifications, requirements and delivery guidelines for the redevelopment of Peel Park, including the Masterplan itself. This network of documents has informed past and planned engagement activities around the Masterplan and gives an insight into the legitimacy of community concerns.

The Regional Open Space Strategy (R.O.S.S.) was developed as a guideline for the future development and redevelopment of open spaces within the Hawkesbury Local Government Area - in conjunction with the Strategy, a R.O.S.S. Planning and Design Guidelines document was developed to assist developers, planners, consultants and Council to ensure that the needs of the Strategy are being met, with specific tiers of classification for open spaces in the region and guidelines for their use.



Our Approach

Our approach involves breaking down the individual requirements of the key documentation informing the Peel Park Masterplan and dissecting which issues are:

- In violation of the V.P.A.
- Contrary to the R.O.S.S. and Planning and Design Guidelines
- Purely community and stakeholder issues based on disagreement or preference

We intend to break down the issues raised through community submissions and past engagement, to gauge where these concerns sit within the spatial, aesthetic, operational or environmental aspects of the Masterplan.

We will approach engagement in a manner which manages community concerns appropriately while preserving the timeline of the Masterplan process and providing an opportunity to inform the next stage of the process through engagement activities.

Documentation and Classifications

The major documentation guiding the development of the Peel Park Masterplan is broken down below, with an overview of the classifications which are applied to the space, and what this means for the redevelopment.

Regional Open Space Strategy

Under the Regional Open Space Strategy, Peel Park is classified as a *District* open space, as well as, in descending order:

1. *Passive Parklands*
2. *Outdoor Sports*
3. *Creeks and Wetlands*

These classifications define the recommended features of this space, with specific uses outlined in the R.O.S.S. Planning and Design Guidelines.

The Strategy recommends usages and features under these classifications including:

1. *Passive Parklands*

Play, paths, fencing, gardens, lighting, public art, interpretation ornamental gardens, play facilities,

stages and amphitheatres, toilets, amenity buildings, café/kiosk shade structures community gardens, formal or informal lawns, tree and shrub planting (both native and ornamental, dog facilities, youth spaces.

2. *Outdoor Sports*

Formal fields, courts, buildings (change rooms, toilets, amenities, café), swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), sports halls, club rooms, scout halls, grandstands etc. Includes lighting, irrigation, fencing, car parks and associated passive rec facilities (play, access and circuit paths, seating, kiosk etc).

3. *Creeks and Wetlands*

Shoreline, creek bank, boardwalks, water treatment infrastructure, pipes and weirs.

Planning and Design Guidelines

The Planning and Design Guidelines provide further guidance for the function of Peel Park in correlation to the classifications outlined in the R.O.S.S.

The Guidelines cover key areas of each classifying category including:

1. *Cultural and Natural Heritage*
2. *Recreation*
3. *Landscapes and Character Identity*
4. *Safety and Amenity*
5. *Buildings and Structures*
6. *Access and Circulation*
7. *Geography*

The Guidelines recommend:

1. *Cultural and Natural Heritage*

Defined maintenance edges/stormwater controls where open spaces adjoin bush; design/planning to riparian corridor standards; provide safe access to water's edge; full WSUD provision; water harvesting and reuse for irrigation/toilets etc; conservation and integrated interpretation.

2. *Recreation*

Min 2 winter code fields and 1 wicket; multi-courts may share facilities; area comp standards; suitable for area comps.

3. *Landscapes and Character Identity*

Define/protect key regional views vistas to suit context; boundaries typically bushland at minimum.

4. *Safety and Amenity*

To Safer by Design Standards; encourage night use to provide increased passive surveillance; ample shade including shelters; winter solar.

5. *Buildings and Structures*

Community use building and toilets; kiosk or mobile coffee cart; as regional or dedicated toilet block; shelters and facilities in various locations.

6. *Access and Circulation*

On major bus route; principally accommodated on site but also on street cycle footpath circuit; all major facilities universally accessible; ambulance access to fields/courts; gate controlled access; map at entry and path distances/times identified.

7. *Geography*

True north orientation; national standards; max 1:60 for sports areas; minimise earthworks; as found but with adequate level open space for major events; should provide ample solar access in winter, particularly to buildings; on major through road; 2+ Ha. compound shape.

Documentation and Classifications

Voluntary Planning Agreement

Hawkesbury City Council, Roads and Maritime Services and the Redbank Development team entered into a Voluntary Planning Agreement (V.P.A.) guided by the R.O.S.S. and Planning and Design Guidelines.

Under the V.P.A. Peel Park is classified under the *Regional* requirements of the R.O.S.S., wjocj determines that the redevelopment should include the following features and uses, subject to available space:

- *Minor path in bush*
- *Training space*
- *Flexible space/BBQ/Shelters/events space*
- *Wetland/detention basin*
- *Field area in adjustable configuration for winter/summer codes*
- *Training space*
- *Picnic/BBQ shelters*
- *Adjoining main road*
- *Passive recreation open grass/ kickabout area/major carnival support area/overflow parking*
- *Carpark*
- *Sports amenity building*
- *Play area*
- *Sports courts*
- *District level cycle way on or off street*

Draft Plan of Management

A draft Plan of Management was developed by Hawkesbury City Council which classifies Peel Park under Local Government Act categories of:

1. *Natural Area - Watercourse*
2. *Sportsground*
3. *Park*
4. *General Community Use*

The Plan of Management identifies the environmental and spatial context of the Peel Park Masterplan and outlines an action plan for each of the above categories:

1. *Natural Area - Watercourse*

- Safety and risk management
- Community awareness
- Community engagement
- Water quality monitoring
- Bush regeneration
- Weed management
- Nest boxes

- Felled trees
- Facilities development
- Ecological burns
- Access causing erosion
- Domestic animal exclusion
- Cycling exclusion
- Rubbish removal
- Public safety
- Safe work methods

2. *Sportsground*

- Safety and risk management
- Community engagement
- Public safety
- Facilities development
- Sports injury prevention
- Use management
- Access
- Access maintenance
- Maximum usage
- Responsibility of sports ground users
- Impact on neighbours
- Impact of lighting
- Safe work methods

3. *Park*

- Community engagement
- Facilities development
- Awareness of risks
- Anti-social behaviour
- Safety and risk management
- Public safety
- Water safety
- Playground safety
- Dog safety
- Safe work methods
- Dam management
- Public access
- Linking bushland pockets
- Identity
- Community involvement
- Impact on neighbours

4. *General Community Use*

- *Safety and risk management*
- *Community involvement*
- *Anti-social behaviour*
- *Safe work methods*
- *Identity*
- *Storm water functions*

Document Requirements & Provisions

The following table outlines how the requirements of the guiding framework documents were, or were not met by the provisions made within the first draft Masterplan. These provisions are categorised by the main usages or needs of the park. This analysis refers to the first draft Masterplan which was presented for public exhibition, as it is the primary document which was viewed and commented on by the public during the first round of community consultation. Feedback on the second and final draft Masterplan from the second round of community consultation will be addressed in the Engagement section of this report.

	R.O.S.S.	V.P.A.	MASTERPLAN
SPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports facilities that accommodate multiple sports and hard courts • Max 1:60 for sports areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training spaces • Field area in adjustable configuration for summer and winter codes (two winter codes as a minimum) • Multi-use sports courts • Fixed fencing to field area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket pitch • Cricket practice nets • Soccer pitch (2) • Netball courts (3) • Retained BMX circuit • Warm up and training areas
LEISURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and civic spaces for events and or ceremonies • Picnic areas • Play spaces for all ages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog off leash area • Fitness trail • Passive recreation and open space for kick-a-bout / carnival space • Picnic areas • Setting shade • Thematic play and public art 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground with small water play area or splash park • Informal kick-about space • Retained off-leash dog area
AMENITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodlighting, seating, change rooms and canteen • Park amenity buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports amenity building • Park shelters with interpretation maps/signage and pathways • Appropriate lighting to training spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed new amenities building • Floodlights (15)
PARKING & ACCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paths to and around fields / courts to Access Standards • Ambulance access to fields / courts • Gate controlled access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to district cycleway • Minor path link to site and bushland areas • Off street parking • Border cycleway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalised car parking (95 spaces) • Overflow parking spaces (64) • Proposed pedestrian pathway • Retained existing pedestrian pathway
ENVIRONMENT & OPERATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise earthworks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation to training spaces using potable water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retained wetland regeneration • Retained dam

Inconsistencies in Documentation

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- Lack of provision for cultural/event/public art spaces
- Lack of cycle paths
- Lack of defined picnic areas
- Lack of multi-use sports courts
- Lack of emergency vehicle access

Community Feedback

The following comments were made during and after the first round of community consultation on the first draft Masterplan and are divided between spatial, aesthetic, operational and environmental concerns.

SPATIAL	AESTHETIC
<p>The NW boundary path is poorly maintained; the large mown area in the NE corner needs to include paths or interpretive signage, encouraging public use of this area.</p>	<p>The condition of the walking track in Peel Park is worse than 'fair'</p>
<p>Concern that the proposed parking is not sufficient for the playing capacity of the fields and courts</p>	<p>Comment that there is no mention in the plan about signage or fencing the playground.</p>
<p>Request for four floodlighting poles with a minimum of two LED lights on each pole. It is requested that the poles be capable of being able to accommodate four light fittings should the demand be required in future years.</p>	<p>Support for the water play area.</p>
<p>Support for the retention of the BMX circuit with a request for it to be upgraded and maintained to a higher standard.</p>	<p>Concern about the visual impact of facilities affecting the open nature of Peel Park which was intended as a park for cricket and passive recreation.</p>
<p>Objection to the intensification of sporting facilities at Peel Park which is regarded by the local community as a local, passive park. Concern that passive users would be disenfranchised.</p>	
<p>Request that the two cricket fields remain as is.</p>	
<p>Support for the netball courts Provision of 3 all-weather netball courts.</p>	
<p>Comment that increased sporting use of Peel Park should not be planned for in the absence of an adopted Sports Plan for the Hawkesbury. It is believed that such a facility is not required.</p>	

Community Feedback

OPERATIONAL	ENVIRONMENTAL
<p>Concern about the security of adjoining properties with car parks so close and ready access provided to potential thieves.</p>	<p>Concern that the Plan of Management does not deal with the wetland values adequately.</p>
<p>Concern that lighting will encourage individuals to linger into late evening.</p>	<p>Earth-movements in the vicinity of the pansy track should be prohibited.</p>
<p>Concern that the development would be detrimental to adjacent property values.</p>	<p>Concern that levelling fields will affect water quality and runoff. Concern that increased chemicals and fertiliser for fields will endanger the health of the creek.</p>
<p>Request that the playing fields have an irrigation system installed which consists of a 200,000 litre water tank and pop up sprinklers.</p>	<p>On the western boundary north of the dam there is fill that has been dumped following path construction by Council and this should be removed.</p>
<p>Comment that the Plan of Management does not specifically mention the electricity easements/ infrastructure and that these should be included as a management issue.</p>	<p>Concern about the impact of additional traffic to and from the park as a result of the expected increase in usage. Increased congestion and the narrowness of Pecks road were mentioned as well as pedestrian safety.</p>
	<p>Request that proposed works do not affect the maintenance requirements of the power lines. Some of the main requirements of landowners are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not install any services or structures within the easement • Not alter the surface level of the easement site • Not restrict access to the easement

Community Feedback

Community feedback on the first draft Masterplan and Plan of Management for Peel Park has been outlined below, alongside the associated guidelines or documentation which specifically answer these concerns. In the case where a community concern is not constricted by the requirements of the V.P.A. or the R.O.S.S., further action may be noted, and concerns which address a future stage of the masterplanning process are also highlighted.

SPATIAL ISSUE	ALIGNS TO:					
	V.P.A	PLANNING & GUIDELINES	PoM	MASTER PLAN	NEXT STAGES	OTHER ACTION
Over- intensification of sporting vs. passive use of park - passive users excluded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Unjustified facilities proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request for public toilets and changing rooms in amenity block	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Request for junior and senior cricket field .					<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised MP
Support netball courts/ multi use.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Request for cricket nets.					<input type="checkbox"/>	
Upgrade BMX track and better maintenance				<input type="checkbox"/>		
Remove sports facilities building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sporting changes to park should be planned within context of a sports plan for the Hawkesbury.		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Omissions of tracks and fill or miswording on plan.					<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised MP
Parking requested.				<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parking insufficient for playing field.				<input type="checkbox"/>		Extra 9 required spaces on-street
Sporting amenity building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Fitness trail & station.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised MP
Dog leash area to be upgraded.		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		No upgrade required
Connection to district cycle lanes.		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	

Community Feedback

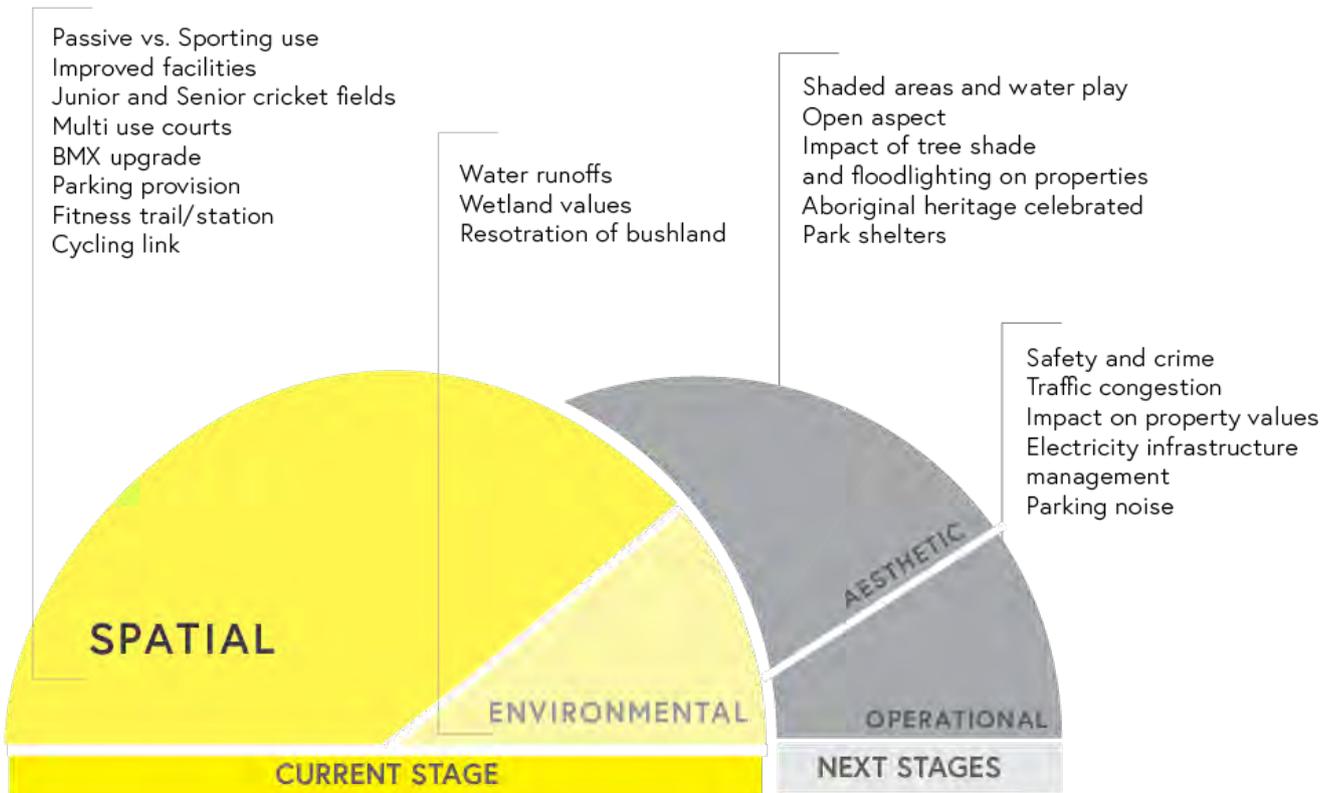
AESTHETIC	ALIGNS TO:						
	ISSUE	V.P.A	PLANNING & GUIDELINES	PoM	MASTER PLAN	NEXT STAGES	OTHER ACTION
Request for shaded areas and water play area.	.	.	.	.	.	O	Revised MP
Visual impact of facilities on 'open' park.	O	O	.	.	.	O	
Effect of trees on nearby properties: shade on properties; spectators gathering near homes	.	.	.	.	.	O	
Request for provision of cricket and rugby field yet park to remain low key.	.	.	.	.	.	O	
Opportunity to define and celebrate Aboriginal Heritage and culture.	.	.	.	.	.	O	
Concern of floodlight on residents housing.	.	.	.	.	.	O	Lighting Plan
Upgrade BMX track and better maintenance.	.	.	.	.	O	.	
Park shelters.	O	O	.	.	.	O	

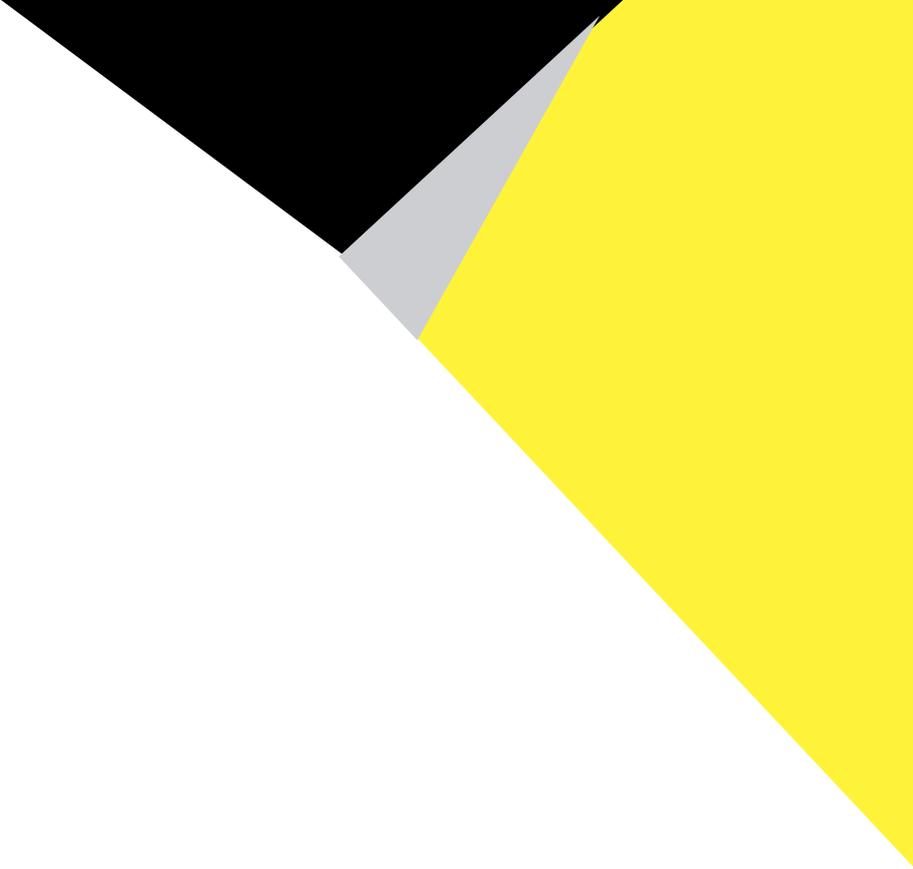
OPERATIONAL	ALIGNS TO:						
	ISSUE	V.P.A	PLANNING & GUIDELINES	PoM	MASTER PLAN	NEXT STAGES	OTHER ACTION
Safety concern at night, lighting and carpark inviting crime.	O	Lighting Plan
Congestion and pedestrian safety at Pecks' road.	O	.	
Request for irrigation system for playing field.	O	
Consequence of upgrade on nearby property value - decrease in value.	No evidence
Management of electricity infrastructure should be tackled in plan to ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no installation of services/ structures within easement no alterations surface level no restrictions access to easement 	.	.	.	O	.	O	Revise MP & manage access
No specifications on plan about fencing or signage of playground	O	
Parking noise.	O	O	Add gated access
Parking facilitating theft.	O	O	Add gated access

Community Feedback

ENVIRONMENTAL	ALIGNS TO:						OTHER ACTION
	V.P.A	PLANNING & GUIDELINES	PoM	MASTER PLAN	NEXT STAGES		
Increased water runoffs with fertilisers (due to ground levelling).	•	•	•	•	•	•	Align to PoM & VPA
Concern that wetland values aren't being met in plan.	•	•	•	•	•	•	Revised MP
Bushland along creek should be restored	•	•	•	•	•	•	Revised MP

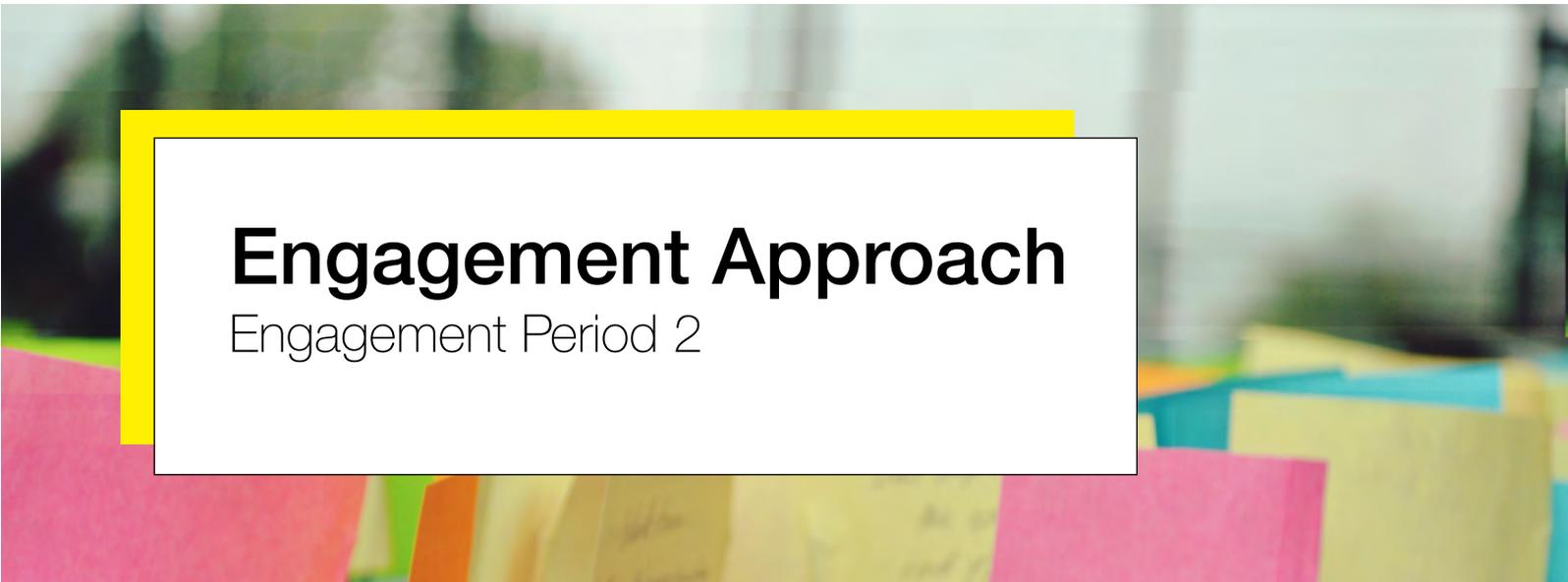
Community feedback in the first round of consultation fell under Spatial, Environmental, Aesthetic or Operational concerns, with only a proportion of this feedback relevant, and due to be resolved, in the current stage of the Masterplan process, which seeks to resolve spatial and environmental issues only. Aesthetic and Operational concerns are due to be resolved in the concept design and management stages of the plan.





Engagement Approach

Engagement Period 2



Engagement Plan

Communications

The purpose of communication measures is to create awareness of the Masterplan process and any opportunities to contribute to the plan, for those residents and community members who are critically effected by the proposed changes, either through residential proximity or regular use of the park.

Facebook Posts (x2)

1. Provide general invitation for community to respond to the online survey on Council's website.
2. Alert community to information about the Masterplan process on Council's website.

Community Letters (x2)

1. Target residents who were approached in the initial round of community consultation.
2. Target new residents who have arrived after the initial consultation.

Newspaper Advertisements (x2)

Council Website

Key Stakeholder Interviews

The purpose of the key stakeholder interviews is to target the individuals or groups responsible for making submissions during public exhibition, and interrogate the details of each submission to understand the nature of the issues.

Key Questions:

1. Have any of your views changed since your submission?
2. What is your biggest priority for the Masterplan?
3. What element of the proposed plan are you least comfortable with?

Online Survey

The online survey will be targeted to the general public and will replicate the original survey which was conducted in previous community consultation, with the addition of three new topics of interrogation which relate directly to the results of community submissions (see Appendix A).

Additional Topics:

1. Playground
Asking about the type of play area that people would like to see.
2. Picnic Facilities
Asking about the style and facilities that community is looking for.
3. Walking Track
Asking about the role of the track and any potential improvements.

Community Workshop

The purpose of the community workshop is to facilitate a detailed conversation with key target groups and clarify and conclude the discussion around the spatial needs of the space. It will also provide an opportunity to educate community about the Masterplan process and direct the next stages of the Masterplan, beginning to shape the look, feel and operational decisions around the plan (see Appendix B).

Theming:

1. Introduction
Background and context.
2. Spatial Uses
Clarifying and reaching consensus on function.
3. Look & Feel
Visualising and interrogating potential directions.

Draft Community Survey

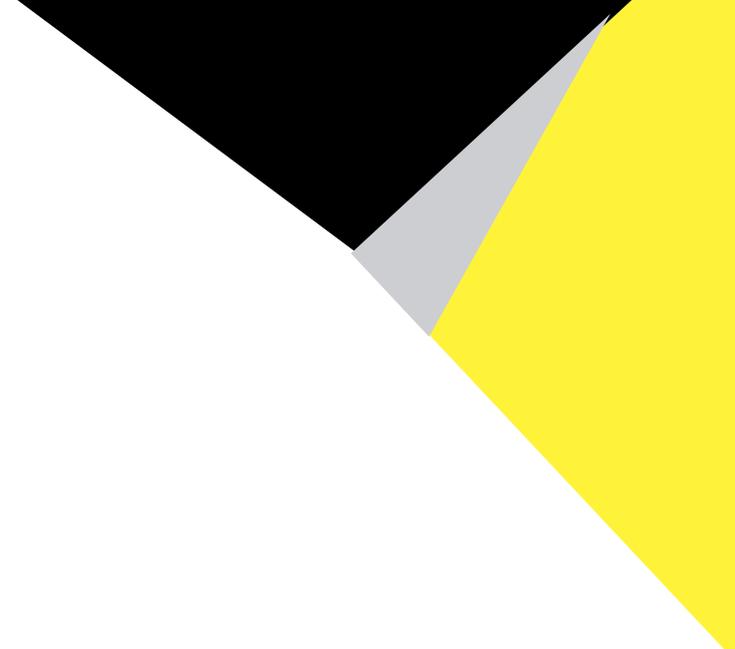
The proposed survey is based on the initial online survey with the addition of three topics specific to the spatial use in the park: playground; picnic facilities; and walking track.

Demographics	Age: Over 65 50 - 65 36 - 50 20 - 35
	Gender Female Male
	Residential postcode?
Usage	How often do you visit the park? Frequent (circle) - Monthly - Weekly - Most days 4 - 6 times per year 1 - 3 times per year Less than one per year
	What do you or your family members do at the park when you visit? Walk Picnic Use dog off leash area Use BMX track Use playground Use bushland track Organised sport (please specify) Other (please specify)
Opinions	What do you like about Peel Park?
	What would you change about Peel Park?
	What kind of play facilities would you like to see in the Park?
	What kind of picnic facilities would you like to see in the Park?
	How often do you use the walking track and how could it be improved?
	Other comments?

Draft Workshop Agenda

Draft Agenda: Thursday 8th March 6.30 - 9.00pm

PART A Introduction	Introduction	6.30 10 min
	Overview Presentation	6.40 10 min
	R.O.S.S. Presentation (Crosbie)	6.50 10 min
PART B Spatial Issues	Spatial Issues & Opportunities Workshop	7.00 50 min
PART C Aesthetic Issues	Aesthetic Issues & Opportunities Workshop	7.50 50 min
	Where to Next?	8.40 15 min



Engagement Findings

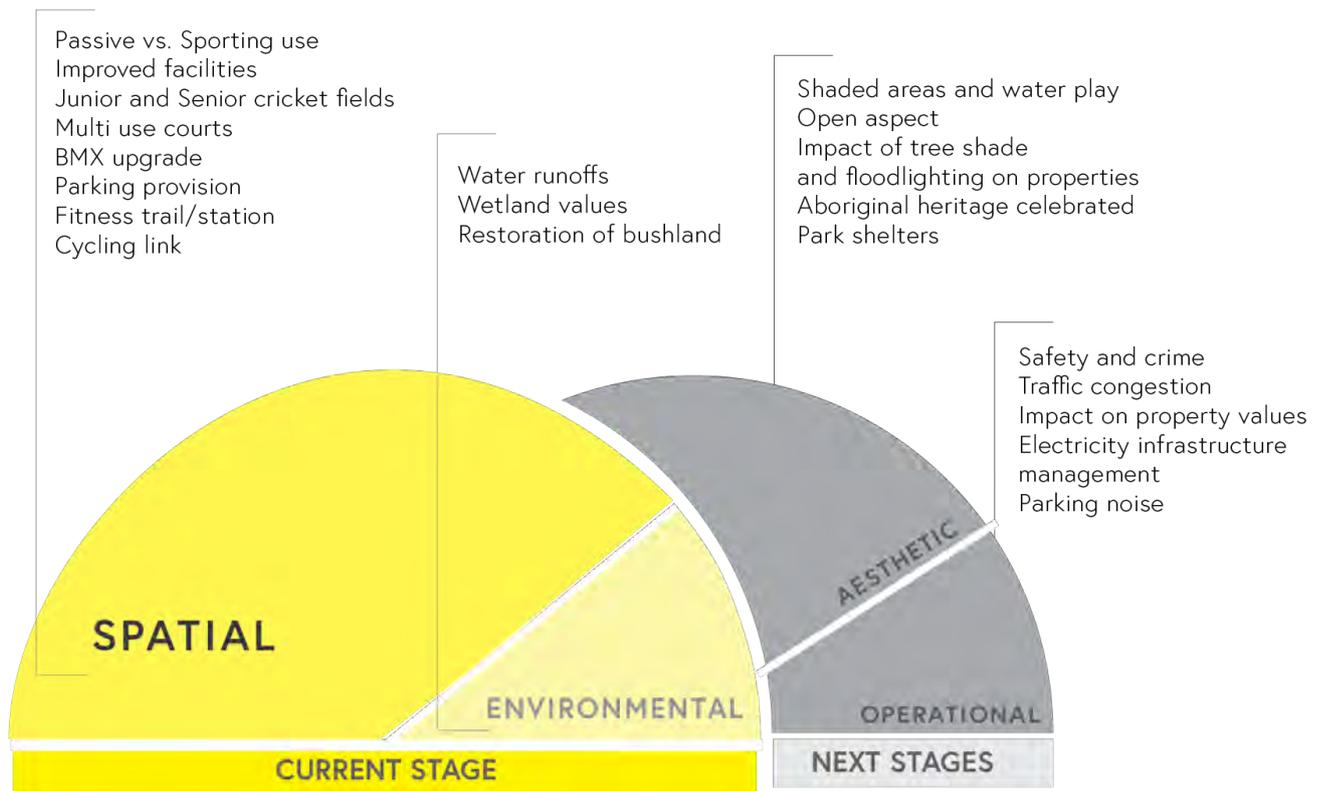
Engagement Period 2



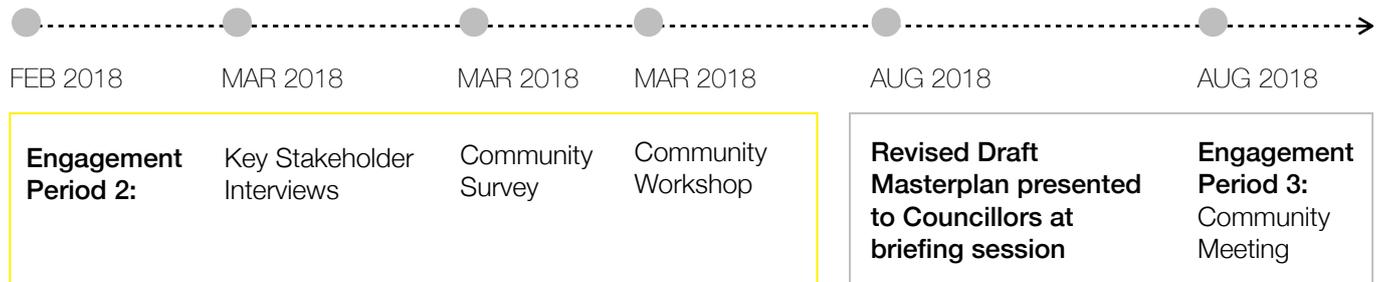
Introduction and Context

A draft Masterplan was created to guide the redevelopment of Peel Park and placed on public exhibition in May 2017. As a result of public commentary on the draft Masterplan, and subsequent stakeholder submissions, amendments were made to the plan and a second draft was submitted to the Hawkesbury City Council for adoption in August 2017. Council resolved to defer the adoption of this second draft until further community consultation had been carried out.

The main issues raised in the first round of community submissions are summarised below, and divided between Spatial, Environmental, Aesthetic and Operational categories:



The second round of community engagement began in February 2018, involving the following consultation events:



Community Workshop

A community workshop was held at the North Richmond Community Centre on Thursday the 8th of March between 6.30pm - 9.00pm aimed at providing a background to the Peel Park Masterplan project and the masterplanning process as a whole, as well as clarifying the spatial priorities and concerns of residents and community groups, and understanding some aesthetic preferences which will inform the concept design stage of the Masterplan.

The workshop was attended by local residents, future residents of the Redbank Development, as well as representatives from community groups such as the Hawkesbury Sports Council, the North Richmond Cricket Association, the Hawkesbury Junior Rugby League Club, the Colo Soccer Club, the Hawkesbury Environment Network, the North Richmond & Districts Community Action Association and the North Richmond Community Centre. Four Councillors from the Hawkesbury City Council were also present as well as staff from the Hawkesbury City Council Parks Department.

The workshop agenda included:

Introduction & Context

Jo Kelly from People, Place and Partnership and Crosbie Lorimer from CLOUSTON introduced the project context and broke down the planning framework.



Prioritisation Exercise

Participants were asked **What are your 3 most important priorities for the plan?** and **What would you absolutely not like to see in the plan?**



Preferential Image Activity

Examples of public domain solutions were displayed around the room and participants were asked to place red dots on the images they preferred.



Community Workshop - Key Issues

During the introductory session, workshop participants were encouraged to share why they had attended the workshop- the key comments raised are summarised below:

Formal Sports

- Other sporting field options in North Richmond
- Opposition to contour changes and cutaway
- Sports Council has not planned winter sports for Peel Park
- Against a reduction of current sporting fields
- Using lit training spaces for evening soccer training
- Hard courts and associated noise



Informal Activity

- Family use
- Off leash dog use
- Activities like cycling, ball games, shared paths, multi-use
- Fun, exciting park with many activities including BMX, walking paths, water park



Overall Park

- Presence of sport in a passive space
- Opposition to Redbank development
- Potential of other sites for sport and recreation facilities
- Maintenance of nature-based experience and rural aspect
- Overdevelopment in area
- Preserve hills and gradients
- Water area revamped
- Safe, secure and fun



Environment

- Bushland preservation
- Bushland and riparian area to retain quality



Operational

- Impact of development and traffic



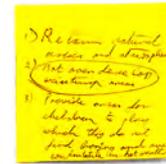
Amenities

- Don't want to lose lights - need them for training
- Parking and footpaths
- Carparks near homes
- Lights



Community Workshop - Prioritisation Exercise

Workshop participants were asked **What are your 3 main priorities for the Peel Park Masterplan?** Below is a summary of the priorities raised in their responses.



Formal Sports

Participants prioritised **adequate training fields** for cricket and rugby league, **BMX facilities**, and a **multi-use park** supporting versatile spaces. **Lights** and **night use** were both supported and discouraged.



Informal Activity

Participants prioritised **passive recreation** and **mixed use cycling/walking paths** that are **family-friendly**, and as well as the preservation of the **off-leash dog area**, and introducing **personal fitness stations**.



Playgrounds

Many participants prioritised **well-shaded play areas** which are suitable for **all ages** and provide **interesting and engaging play options**.



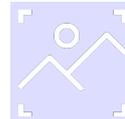
Environment

Participants prioritised the **preservation** of the **creek, bird habitats, trees, native wildlife** and **green spaces**, as well as creating a **resilient environment**.



History & Culture

Participants prioritised **respect** for the **current heritage** of the site.



Overall Park

Participants prioritised a **multi-use facility** with a variety of uses, as well as a **plan for future uses** of the park, and for the **natural, passive atmosphere** to be retained.



Operational

Participants prioritised **minimal disruptions caused by parking** and **minimal traffic increases**.

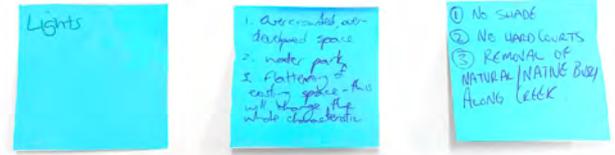


Amenities

Participants prioritised **multi-use access** to **toilets** and improved **amenities**, and **picnic facilities with seating**.

Community Workshop - Prioritisation Exercise

Workshop participants were asked **What do you absolutely not want to see in the Peel Park Masterplan?** Below is a summary of the priorities raised in their responses.



Formal Sports

Some participants didn't want to see **multi-use courts** and their **associated noise, competition sports** or **indoor complexes**, as well as **dominant sporting use** on weekends.



Informal Activity

Some participants didn't want to see a **lack of passive spaces**, or the **removal of the dog park**.



Playgrounds

Some participants didn't want to see **water play facilities** in the park.



Environment

Some participants didn't want to see **bushland clearing** or the **overdevelopment of green areas**, as well as **height interference** with local bird populations.



History & Culture

Some participants didn't want to see **public art** in the park, or **destruction to the former railway corridor**.



Overall Park

A number of participants didn't want to see changes to the **land contours or cutaways**, as well as **overcrowded areas** and the **exclusive use of the park by any particular group**.



Operational

Some participants do not want to see **floodlighting** or **parking areas** causing increased **noise** or **activity around residential properties**, or **increased traffic**.



Amenities

Some participants did not want to see **busy picnic facilities** or a **formal clubhouse**, as well as a **lack of shade** facilities.

Preferential Image Activity Formal Sports

Sport Fields

The most popular sporting field option was the multi purpose embankment, closely followed by a sports field with tree edge, demonstrating the participants' preference for multi-purpose, open green spaces which allow for both passive and active recreation. These choices also reflect a desire to maintain maximum green spaces. Half courts were also shown preference, highlighting a desire for practice courts over competition spaces where the option for full courts was not present.



MULTI PURPOSE EMBANKMENT



SPORTS FIELD WITH TREE EDGE

Preferential Image Activity Informal Activity



BRIGHT METAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT

INDIVIDUAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT ELEMENTS SPREAD OUT TO FORM A FITNESS TRAIL AROUND THE PARK

Fitness Equipment

The most popular option for fitness equipment was the bright metal solution which adds an element of vibrancy to the environment, in contrast to other nature-based materials in the park. This option features a range of equipment styles and features, reflecting a desire for engaging and challenging fitness equipment.

Preferential Image Activity Playgrounds

Playground Design

The most popular option for the playground design was the nature playground, with a timber playground also preferred. Both options feature natural forms and materials and suggest that any play equipment should provide unique and organic play opportunities that visually complement the surrounding landscape. A playground option featuring water play stepping stones was also popular, providing all ages play solutions without intruding on greenery or natural contours.



NATURE PLAYGROUND



TIMBER PLAYGROUND



WATER PLAY STEPPING STONES



MULTIPLE SAIL SHELTER



SPAN SHADE

Playground Shelters

A multiple sail shelter was the most preferred option for playground shelters, with the span shade also popular. These preferences suggest an emphasis on achieving maximum shade coverage and providing shade areas for both children and supervising adults, with seating and gathering areas housed underneath sails and the potential for a range of activities to be carried out under shade canopies.

Preferential Image Activity Greenery

Embankment/Terrace Seating

A clearly preferred option for embankment seating was a grass embankment with native grass areas, which suggests natural contours alongside walking paths. Terrace seating and tree planting along grassed embankments were also preferred, reflecting a desire for green shaded spaces and spectator seating for sporting events.



STORMWATER TREATMENT GARDEN



SHADE TREES ALONG EDGE



ROCK AND GRASS GARDEN



GRASS EMBANKMENT WITH
NATIVE GRASS AREAS



TERRACES EDGED WITH
CONCRETE



TREE PLANTING IN GRASSED
EMBANKMENT

Gardens

The most popular option for garden solutions was the stormwater treatment garden, highlighting an interest in sustainable irrigation and gardening solutions, with preferences also shown for shade trees along edges and rock and grass gardens, reflecting the need for shade solutions and native-style landscaping.

Preferential Image Activity Greenery

Water Feature

A wetland water feature was the most popular water feature solution, reflecting a desire for access to water-based attractions such as dams and ponds, within natural wetland environments. Timber seating and viewpoints were also popular, giving passive users an opportunity to sit and experience these bodies of water within or around the park.



WETLAND WATER FEATURE



WATER FEATURE WITH DECKING



WATER FEATURE WITH TIMBER VIEW POINT



STRIP OF SCRIPT



ANIMAL SCULPTURE



MESH INSTALLATION

Preferential Image Activity Public Art

Public Art

Animal themed sculptures were preferred by participants, as well as strips of script along footpaths, reflecting a desire to seamlessly weave the natural and cultural history of the site into its physical features. A mesh installation solution was also preferred, with a dual role as a play area for children.

Preferential Image Activity Amenities

Carparks

A well shaded carpark was the most popular option, reflecting an on-going desire for shade provision and relief from heat. Additionally, a stormwater treatment garden and a native grass garden were both popular options, demonstrating a preference for native flora and the maximisation of green spaces within the park, as well as a best practice water treatment solution which contributes to the health of the Redbank Creek.



WELL SHADED CARPARK



STORMWATER TREATMENT GARDEN



NATIVE GRASS CARPARK



TIMBER SEATING WITH ARMREST



TIMBER AND STONE FURNITURE

Seating

The most popular seating style was timber seating with an armrest, with timber and stone furniture also preferred. The initial option reflects a desire for simplistic seating options which are simple, ergonomic and comfortable, with the timber and stone options reflecting a desire for natural materials and nature-based amenities.

Paths

Winding paths were the most popular option for participants, with curved dividing paths around gardens also preferred. Winding and curvaceous paths reflect a desire to complement natural contours and features, without losing or impeding on green spaces.



WINDING PATH



DIVIDING PATH WITH ROUNDED EDGES AND CENTRE GARDEN

Preferential Image Activity Amenities

General Lighting

The most popular lighting option was angled lighting, followed by park lighting and cross lighting, reflecting a strong desire from residents to avoid lighting spillage onto neighbouring properties and to physically control lighting angles.



ANGLED LIGHTING



PARK/CROSS LIGHTING



DOUBLE FLOODLIGHTS

Sport Field Lighting

Only one submission was entered onto the sports field lighting imagery, preferring double floodlights. This reflects the disapproval of many residents to floodlighting and sports lighting, based around the overspill and glare onto neighbouring properties.

Preferential Image Activity Amenities

Fencing

Wooden fencing options were unanimously preferred with a timber post and wire fence the most popular option, as well as a three rail timber fence. A simple untreated timber and wire fence would blend well with the surrounding landscape and provide an unobtrusive fencing solution. An ornate timber fence option was also preferred by some participants.



TIMBER POST AND WIRE FENCE



THREE RAIL TIMBER FENCE



LARGE METAL ROOF SHELTER



TIMBER SHELTER WITH METAL ROOF

Shelters

Timber structures with metal roofing were chosen unanimously by participants, with an emphasis on broad shade covering and medium to large, flexible gathering spaces with either single or multiple tables, which can be used by families or for social events. The structures have large shelters, an open aspect and both feature multiple shaded areas which can be used in a versatile way.



EXTENDED SHELTER AND FURNITURE



EXTENDED SHELTER OVER AMENITIES BUILDING

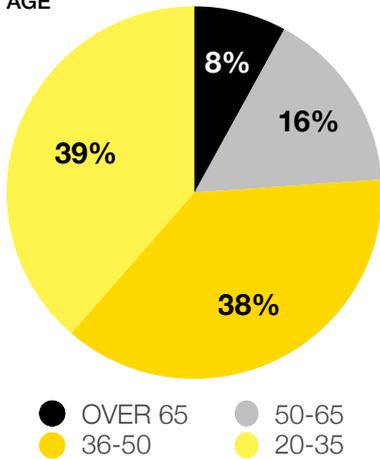
Amenities Block

A large proportion of participants preferred an amenities block with an extended shelter and furniture, with a recurring emphasis on the provision of shade and seating areas under shade coverage, with a simple and contemporary visual design which best complements the surrounding landscape.

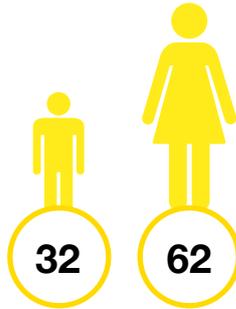
Community Survey

A community survey was conducted via the Your Hawkesbury Your Say website from 22nd of February until the 16th of March 2018 which aimed to understand demographic data about who currently uses the park, what they do in the park and what kinds of play-ground styles they would like to see in the future. A total of 95 community members responded to the survey.

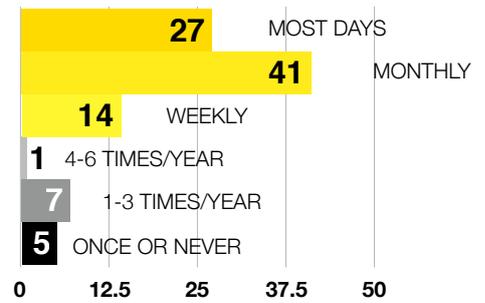
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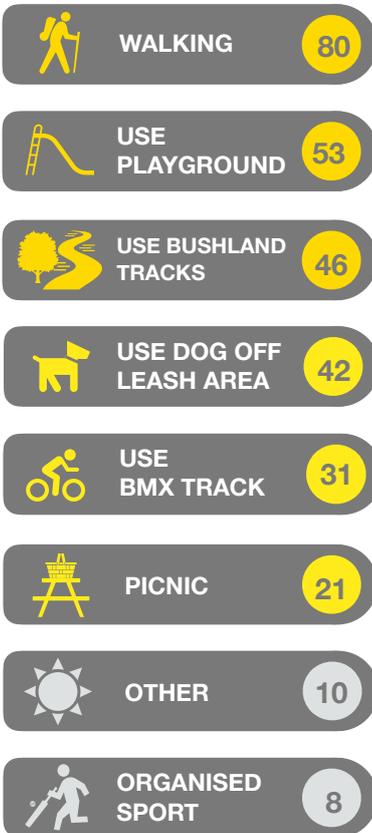
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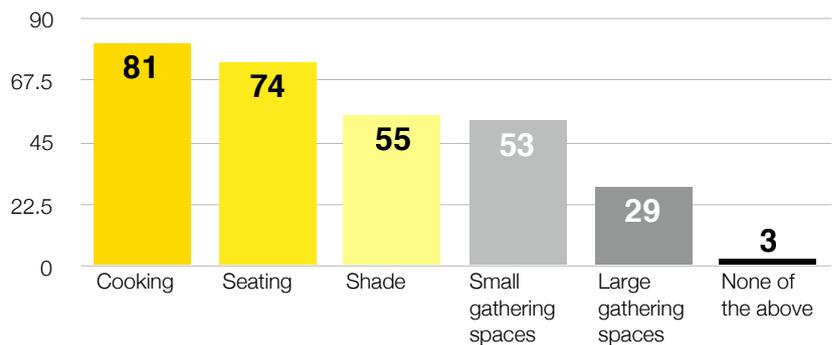
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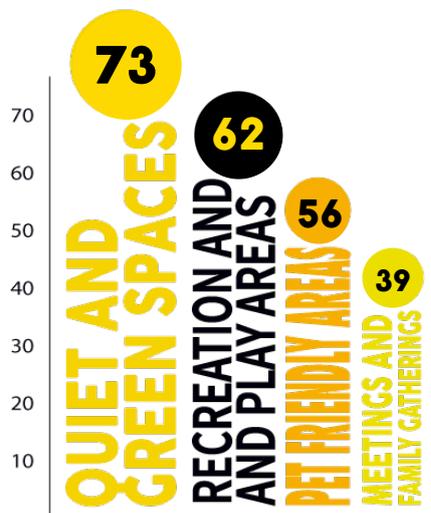
ACTIVITIES



WHICH PICNIC FACILITIES PEOPLE WANT TO SEE HERE IN THE FUTURE



WHAT PEOPLE LIKE ABOUT THE PARK



WHICH PLAY FACILITIES PEOPLE WANT TO SEE HERE IN THE FUTURE



Community Survey - Additional Commentary

Survey respondents were permitted to add comments to some questions and their responses are outlined below:



Formal Sports

- No additional sports fields
- Basketball and tennis court
- Sprint/athletics track
- BMX track retained/maintained - pump track included
- More sport than just cricket
- Keep both cricket grounds



Informal Activity

- Body weight exercises
- Exercise equipment
- Open circuit training
- Good quality cycling/walking links
- Dog area preserved



Playgrounds

- All ages and abilities
- No more woodchips
- Disability friendly
- Fenced and shaded play
- Water play
- Bitumen pump track
- Nature play areas
- Swings, climbing equipment and flying fox



Environment

- Bush tracks upgraded
- Preserve natural areas and add shade trees from HCC nursery
- Trees on eastern side of path



History & Culture

- Signage and information about aboriginal, agricultural, railway and natural history



Overall Park

- Quietness/openness preserved
- Passive recreation
- Not overdeveloped



Operational

- Off street parking on Pecks Road
- Parking/no parking on Arthur Philip Drive
- Added angled parking spaces
- Lighting at night
- Fencing



Amenities

- Large shaded picnic/BBQ area
- Woodfired or electric BBQs
- Small hall for hire
- Water filling stations
- Open toilet blocks adjacent to play area
- Seating near dog park

Key Stakeholder Interviews

Key stakeholder groups were interviewed during the consultation period, including the Hawkesbury Environmental Network, the North Richmond & Districts Community Action Association, the North Richmond Community Centre, the Hawkesbury Sports Council, the Hawkesbury Junior Rugby League Club, the Kurrajong Anglican Church, as well as Colo High School and North Richmond Public School.

During interviews, groups were asked how they currently use the park, what their priorities are for the park, and how they would use the park in the future.

	Sporting Groups	Community Groups	Schools
Current Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some groups use the park for pre-season training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some groups do not use the park currently due to distance or lack of facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use the park currently as the facilities are not suitable. Do not use the park due to fees charged.
Future Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some groups need to continue to train at the park and to access additional training facilities to meet demand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some groups would use the park if it featured shaded gathering areas, water play or cultural spaces. Some groups would use basketball courts for young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would use hard court facilities and playing fields at the park. Would only use the park at no cost.
Masterplan Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain existing training facilities. To provide further training spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No priorities as the park is not currently widely used by the groups that were interviewed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No priorities as the park is not currently used.

Summary of Findings

	Sporting Use	Community Use	Individual Use
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently an important training facility for cricket and rugby league • Many community members do not support dominant sporting use • Sporting facilities and fields should be multi-use • Winter and competition use not currently planned • Desire for training use by soccer club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground located too far from amenities block • Off-leash dog area is highly valuable to community • Preservation of bushland and riparian corridor a key priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive use of the park is important to community • Preservation of green spaces is a priority • Personal fitness options and walking paths requested • Provision for future users and young families
COMMUNITY SURVEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few survey respondents used the park for sports • Additional sporting options like tennis, basketball and athletics were requested • Additional sporting fields were discouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many community members use the playground • Nature play, disability friendly and shaded playground • Cooking and seating facilities requested for the future • Shade is crucial • Informational signage about site history • BMX track should be retained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet and green spaces most important to respondents • Walking was the most popular activity in the park • Engaging personal fitness options such as open circuit training requested • Night lighting requested to increase safety
STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing training facilities strongly encouraged to remain • Use of sporting facilities by local schools should be considered • Basketball facilities for youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park needs facilities for young people • Look at possible opportunities for cultural activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usage and planning for young families and future residents prioritised • All age groups play spaces

Key Priorities For Next Steps

Area	Current Concerns	Recommendation
Masterplan Documentation	Structural Focus The current masterplan has a primarily structural focus and as a structural plan, has acted as a discussion point around the use of the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a more detailed masterplan with supporting documentation outlining the scope of the project, provide analysis plans and principles to underpin the overall future directions as identified in the plan. This plan should establish a role, the setting and hierarchy for the Park, so that its principal functions are clear in relation to other parks in the neighbourhood and wider LGA. Preparation of a site specific PoM that identifies objectives, uses and management strategies, particularly in relation to sports use and local resident amenity.
	Detail and Emphasis Assumptions are being made by the community about some of the features of the plan, such as the riparian corridor, in the absence of further detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The masterplan needs to be supported by detailed design principles in order to be effectively understood by the community.
Project Communications	Context and Detail Community members are unaware of the masterplan process and their expectations are not in line with their preferences, as outlined during the Preferential Image Activity where many participants were able to visualise the park only for the first time and consider new and different features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide detailed supporting documentation addressing the park's key usages, including formal sports, informal activity, playground, environment, history and culture, general park, operations and amenities. Use detail and visual aids where possible to educate and guide the community on the choices that they are helping to make.
	Decision Making Justification Changes made to the plan have been based on community submissions from stakeholders but have not been fully understood by the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The justification for decision making and changes should be prioritised in any further communication with community. There is a need for transparency and communication of the decision making process.
Masterplan Provisions	Site levels Concerns have been raised about the proposed cut to the park land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not benching the site but potentially doing some local regrading where this helps provide safer and more accessible spaces.
	Sports Facilities Sporting groups currently use the park for training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisiting and completing the Sports Strategy to provide greater clarity for parks of this nature. Determining and documenting the park's sports role and function – we would suggest it is suitable for training and junior competition.
	Passive and Sporting Use The community has expressed a strong desire to retain passive uses, as well as meet current sporting needs in the North Richmond area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better illustrating the unstructured recreation and environmental enhancements in a more connected way (paths, revegetation, creek restoration, bridges and outside connections).
	Amenities Location of and accessibility to amenities such as toilets were important priorities for community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate the amenities block in relation to key sites in the park and allocate an accessible mixed use facility for passive and sporting users. Getting clarity on the future of the power line easements – what part of this is being decommissioned, if at all?
	Off-Leash Dog Area The off-leash dog area has been frequently cited as an asset to the park and it is highly valued and unique in the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the off-leash dog area and improve. Reconsidering locations of current uses and their relationships eg dog off leash and BMX, particularly where their relocation works better and frees up options for other recreation uses.
	Shade The provision of shade in the park is important and common issue raised by the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include ample shade provisions within the masterplan and outline in supporting documentation.
	Entrances Detailed treatment of the entrance points have not been included in the masterplan to date.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the design takes regard to creating a statement entrance rather than a transport statement (ie car parking and roads dominating).



Engagement Findings

Engagement Period 3



Community Meeting

On Thursday the 9th of August 2019, a community meeting was held to introduce the revised draft masterplan for Peel Park to the North Richmond community. The meeting was attended by three Hawkesbury City Councillors and 36 members of the community. In attendance were representatives of the Hawkesbury Sports Council, Hawkesbury Environmental Network (HEN), North Richmond & Districts Community Action Association (NRDCAA), sporting groups, current local residents, adjoining neighbours and future residents of the Redbank development.

Introduction

Jo Kelly from People Place and Partnership provided an overview of the background to the project, demonstrating the site context and current uses of the park as well as the context of the project. A demographic profile of the North Richmond community was also provided, with an explanation of the overriding document framework outlining how the strategic context for the project has influenced the project.

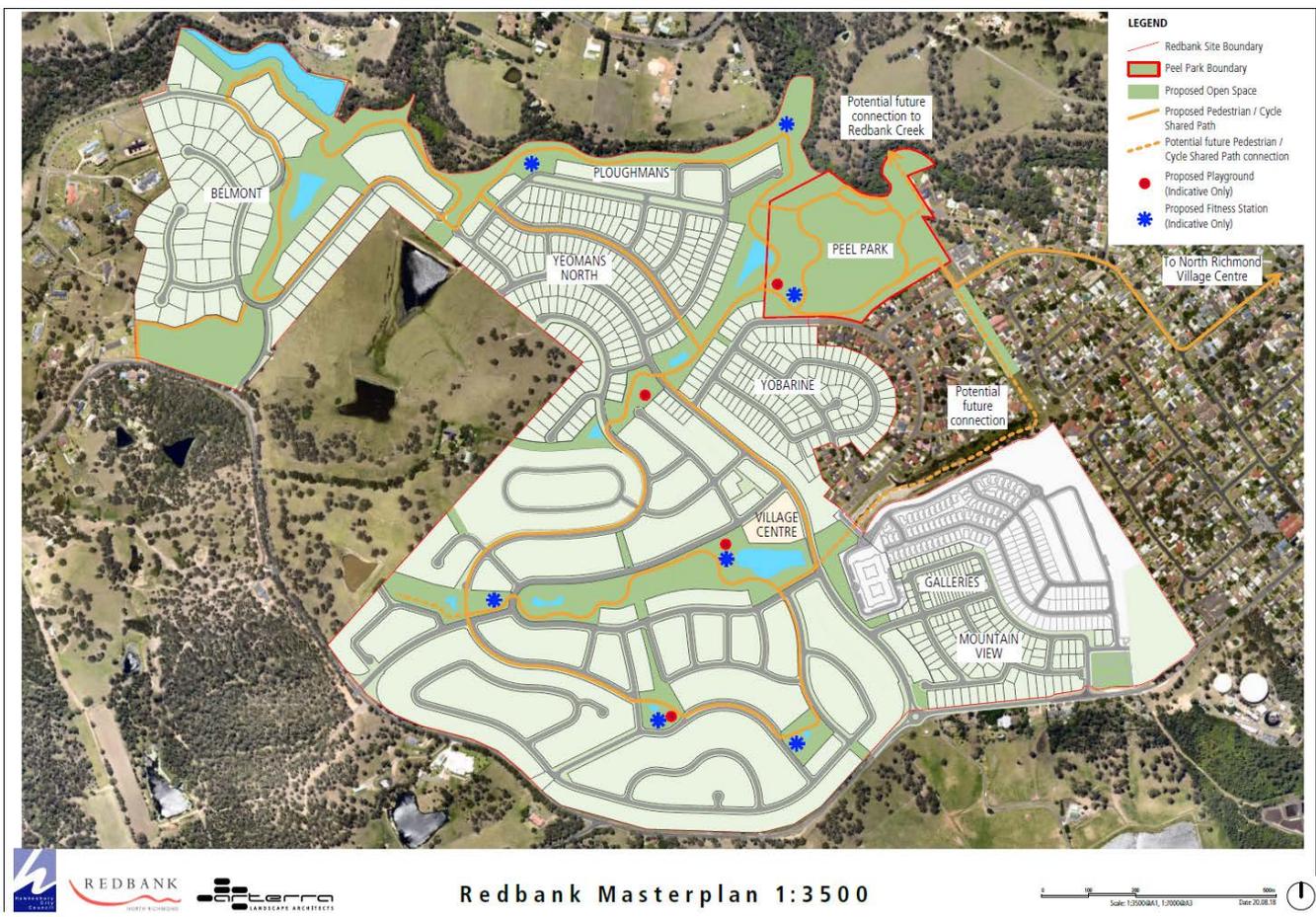
Jo Kelly provided a detailed history of the masterplan process to date including key community engagement milestones. The spatial needs for the park within the framework of the VPA agreement were also outlined. It was highlighted that provision for future sporting needs in North Richmond would benefit from a formal sporting assessment. Jo Kelly additionally provided an overview of both community engagement periods, including a summary of each engagement activity and the key findings from these activities.

Revised Masterplan

Derek Osborne of Arterra Landscape Architects outlined the key links between Peel Park and other recreational provisions within the wider Redbank development, before Jo Kelly and Crosbie Lorrimer of Clouston Architects introduced the new draft masterplan. Iterations of the plan included a version with and without sports line markings, as well as the cut and fill plan, and cross section plan for the park.

Community Feedback

Crosbie Lorrimer answered questions from the attendees about the provisions in the plan. Community members in attendance appeared to be comfortable with the new draft masterplan and seemed supportive of the presentation material as it was provided.



Community Meeting

The final draft masterplan as presented during the Community meeting is outlined below:

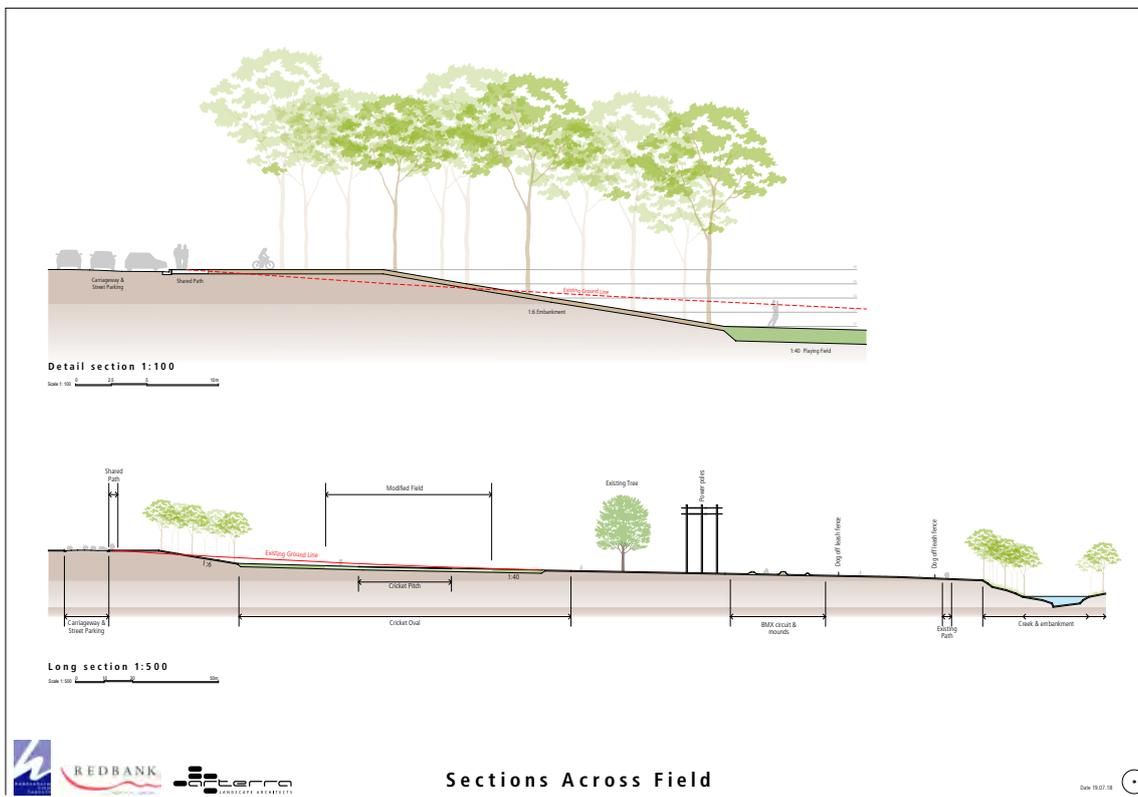
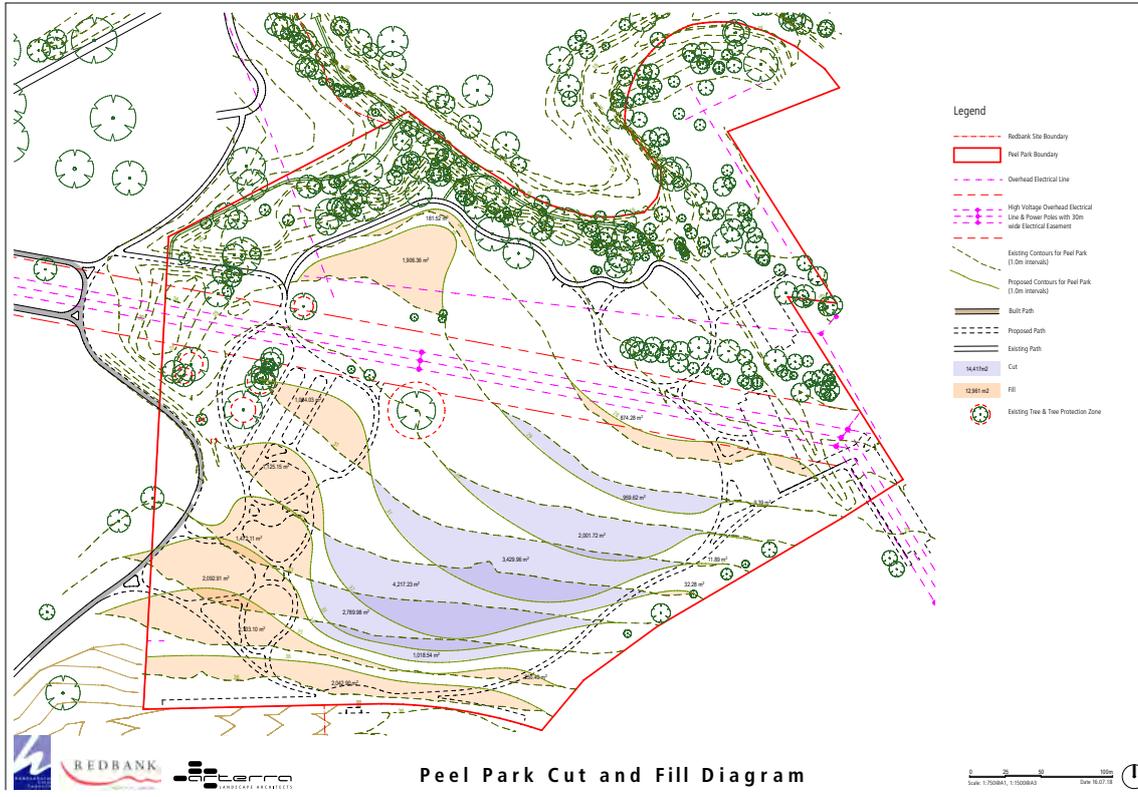


A version of the masterplan which features sports field line markings was also presented to demonstrate how sports fields could be accommodated as required in the VPA:



Community Meeting

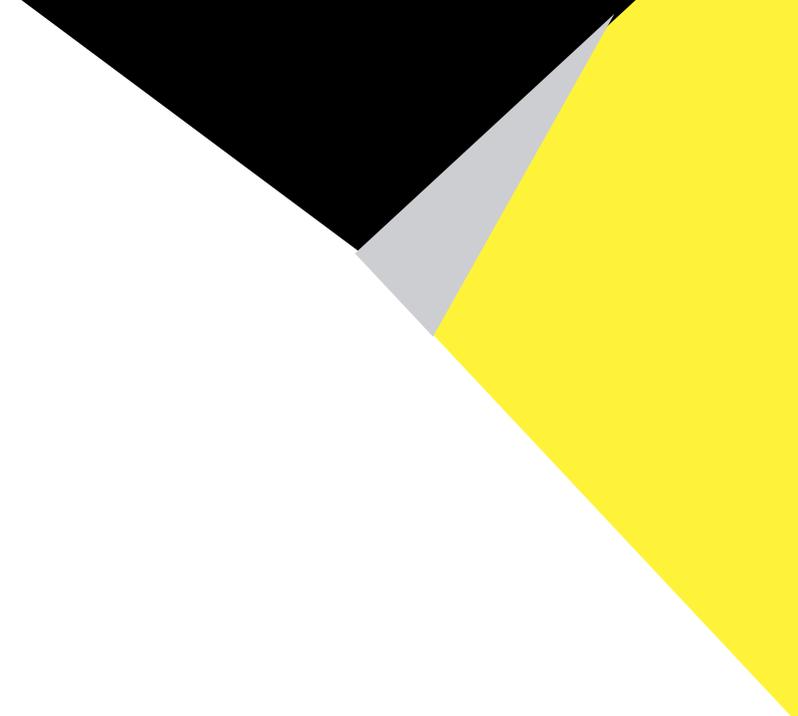
The Cut and Fill diagram and the Cross Section for the masterplan were also presented during the Community Meeting:



Community Meeting

A total of 194 comments were received during the second consultation period between February and March 2018. Of these comments, 156 have been addressed in the draft masterplan. Request made in the additional 36 comments were justifiably omitted from the plan, with these comments primarily concerning features which were outside the scope of the project, or features which were required to be included within the plan. A summary of these requests is provided below.

Request/Feedback	Explanation
Community halls for hire.	A number of community facilities are already available for hire at the North Richmond Community Centre.
No wood mulch.	Playing areas will feature a combination of soft surfaces and mulch, which is a more cost effective solution.
Athletics track.	Peel Park will continue to be used for junior cricket and winter sports, and will not house athletics facilities.
Water play area.	Water play will be provided elsewhere within the Redbank Estate.
Tennis court.	Peel Park will feature a hardcourt which will not be appropriate for tennis.
Regional scale bitumen BMX pump track.	The existing BMX track is to be upgraded, however Peel Park will not house a track of a regional size.
Labelled fauna and flora species.	Individual species will not be labelled.
Wave pool.	A pool facility will not be provided.
Community garden.	A community garden will not be provided within the park.
No floodlighting or lighting towers.	The masterplan proposes lighting sports fields for training purposes within a lighting plan which is designed to minimise glare and spill.
Improve water quality in the creek.	The masterplan does not include specific provisions for water quality, and this is a wider issue which must be addressed at multiple locations.
No cutting up of land.	The masterplan proposes to regrade the sports fields at junior sporting dimensions, minimising the area undergoing cut and fill.
Club sport/sports training all year.	Peel Park is designated for passive and active use and will only feature junior competition and winter training.
Sporting clubhouse.	The masterplan does not propose to include a clubhouse.
Car parking	The masterplan proposes to formalise existing parking spaces and provide additional parking.



Conclusions

Consultation Process

	Consultation Period 1 - Delivered by Council Nov 16 - Aug 17	Consultation Period 2 - Delivered by PPandP From March 18	Consultation Period 3 - Delivered by PPandP in August 18
Aim	To gather feedback on the provisions made within the first draft of the Peel Park Masterplan.	To clarify feedback submitted during Consultation Period 1 and to resolve spatial concerns within the second draft of the Peel Park Masterplan.	To present and gain feedback on a revised draft masterplan solution based on the feedback submitted in Consultation Periods 1 & 2.
Approach	<p>Direct engagement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Hearing - Community Meeting - Public Exhibition of draft Masterplan - Community Questionnaire - Consultation Meetings with Sports Council <p>Digital engagement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Survey 	<p>Direct engagement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Workshop - Key Stakeholder Interviews <p>Digital engagement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Survey 	<p>Direct engagement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Meeting
Community Members/ Groups Engaged	<p>Key stakeholders engaged included:</p> <p>Sporting groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hawkesbury Sports Council - North Richmond Cricket Association - Hawkesbury Junior Rugby League <p>Community Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRDCAA - Hawkesbury Environmental Network - Neighbours to Peel Park - Future residents of the Redbank development 	<p>The following stakeholders were interviewed or attended the community workshop:</p> <p>Sporting groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hawkesbury Sports Council - North Richmond Cricket Association - Hawkesbury Junior Rugby League - Colo Soccer Club <p>Community Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRDCAA - Hawkesbury Environmental Network - Neighbours to Peel Park - New residents - North Richmond Community Centre - Kurrajong & North Richmond Anglican Church <p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colo High School - Richmond North Public School 	<p>The following stakeholders were interviewed or attended the community workshop:</p> <p>Sporting groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hawkesbury Sports Council <p>Community Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRDCAA - Hawkesbury Environmental Network - Neighbours to Peel Park - Future residents of the Redbank development
Main Outcomes	<p>Main outcomes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A series of revisions to the Masterplan in response to community feedback - A resolution by Council to perform further community consultation in order to resolve the Masterplan 	<p>Main outcomes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spatial concerns clarified and recommendations for next steps - Community members educated on the Masterplan process - Select aesthetic considerations clarified 	<p>Main outcomes included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masterplan design resolved - Key questions from the community clarified - Community members seemingly comfortable with masterplan resolution

Key Findings

Contextual Issues

The context for the master plan is complex on various fronts including:

- A relatively open and ambiguous VPA that has no accompanying budget.
- Constraints on the site itself including powerline easements, some of which may be about to be decommissioned.
- The location of the park on quiet suburban streets that are not on a major through route.
- The absence of an adopted Sports Strategy for the LGA that help inform the nature of sports opportunities on this site.
- A concerned local community that considers that the adjoining development at Redbank went ahead against the recommendations of the State Government.
- The reference points cited in the development of the master plan is the Hawkesbury ROSS and the associated Planning and Design Guidelines.

The Site

The site is a large open space with important environmental values associated with riparian corridors and existing native trees as well as an extensive area of relatively level open space. It is of a size and nature to be able to offer a balance of structured and unstructured recreation for the existing residents and those of the new Redbank residential community. While private vehicle and public transport access to the site is not optimal, the site itself has 'good bones'.

Next Steps

The next steps of the project process likely involve the public exhibition of the revised draft masterplan. Feedback gained during the public exhibition period will be considered prior to the final adoption of the plan. It is anticipated that the revised draft masterplan will be placed on public exhibition at the end of August 2018.





Appendix

Appendix A: Community Workshop

A Community Workshop was held at the North Richmond Community Centre on Thursday the 8th of March which targeted the spatial and aesthetic considerations of the Peel Park Masterplan.

Prioritisation Exercise

At the workshop, participants completed a Prioritisation Exercise in which they were asked to submit responses to the questions **What are your three biggest priorities for the Peel Park Masterplan?** and **What is one thing you absolutely do not want to see in the Masterplan?** The results of this exercise are outlined on pages **16-17**.

Preferential Image Activity

Participants also completed a Preferential Image Activity in which images of examples of aesthetic solutions which are suitable for introduction to Peel Park were displayed throughout the halls. which Attendees were required to place a red sticker on the example image that they preferred - the examples displayed were of the following categories:

Playground	Amenities - Carpark	Fitness Equipment
Playground Shelters	Shelters	Sports Fields
Greenery - Water feature	Fencing	Sports Fields lighting
Gardens	Seating	General park / paths and car park lighting
Embankment / Terrace Seating	Amenities Block	
Culture / Public Art	Path	

The results of this activity are outlined on pages **3-15** with a yellow circle outlining the number of preferences that each image received during the workshop.

Community Survey

A community survey was held via the Your Hawkesbury Your Say website, targeted to the general public and addressing current and future usage of the park, including the following questions:

Age

20-35
36-50
50-65
Over 65

Gender

Female
Male

How often do you visit the park?

Most days
Weekly
Monthly
1-3 times per year
4-6 times per year
Less than once per year

What do you or your family members do at the park when you visit?

Walk
Picnic
Use dog area
Use BMX track
Use playground
Use bushland trail
Organised sport
Other

What do you like about Peel Park?

Recreation and play areas
Quiet and green spaces
Pet friendly areas
Meetings and family gatherings

What kind of play facilities would you like to see in the park?

Nature play
Climbing facilities
Themed play
Water play
None of the above

What kinds of picnic facilities would you like to see in the park?

Cooking facilities
Benches and seating
Shelter and shade
Small gathering spaces
Large gathering spaces
None of the above

Other Comments

Facebook Comments

The community survey was advertised on the Hawkesbury City Council corporate Facebook page and a number of comments were received through this medium about the future of the park. These comments are outlined on page **21**.

APPENDIX

Playground



1. NATURE PLAYGROUND



2. BRIGHT PLASTIC PLAYGROUND



3. CLIMBING PLAY EQUIPMENT



4. BRIGHT SHELTERED PLAYGROUND



5. TIMBER PLAYGROUND



6. ROPE PLAYGROUND



7. NATURE PLAYGROUND



8. WATER PLAY STEPPING STONES



9. NATURE SAND PLAYGROUND



10. TIMBER LOG PLAYGROUND



11. CLIMBING PLAYGROUND

APPENDIX

Playground Shelters



1. MULTIPLE SAIL SHELTER



2. LARGE SAIL SHADE



3. UMBRELLA SHADE



4. SPAN SHADE

APPENDIX

Greenery

Water Feature



1. WATER FEATURE



2. WETLAND WATER FEATURE



3. STEPS THROUGH WATER



4. WATER FEATURE WITH TIMBER VIEW POINT



5. WATER FEATURE WITH DECKING

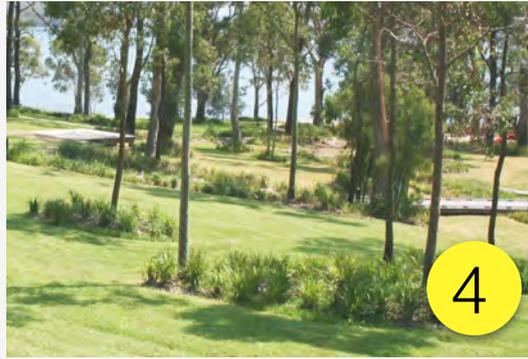


6. WATER FEATURE WITH METAL

Gardens



1. STRAPPY GRASS GARDEN



2. NATIVE GRASS GARDEN



3. SHRUB AND STRAPPY GRASS



4. STORMWATER TREATMENT GARDEN



5. ROCK AND GRASS GARDEN



6. LOW SHRUB AND HEDGE GARDEN



7. TREE EDGE



8. TREE AVENUE



9. GROUP OF TREES



10. GROUP OF DECIDUOUS TREES



11. SHADE TREE



12. SHADE TREES ALONG EDGE



13. ROW OF TREES ALONG EDGE

Embankment/Terrace Seating



1. GRASS SLOPE

3



2. TERRACES EDGED WITH CONCRETE

4



3. STEPS DOWN SLOPE

3



4. EMBANKMENT WITH TREE EDGING



5. TREE PLANTING IN GRASSED EMBANKMENT

4



6. PATH DOWN SLOPE



7. GRASS EMBANKMENT WITH SHRUB AREAS

1



8. GRASS EMBANKMENT WITH SEATING



9. GRASS EMBANKMENT WITH NATIVE GRASS AREAS

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APPENDIX

Culture

Public Art



1. CORTON STEEL SCULPTURE



2. CARVED TIMBER WALL



3. TREE GRATE



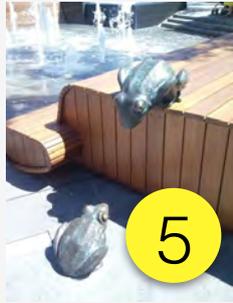
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4. CARVED TIMBER POSTS IN WATER FEATURE



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5. BIRD SCULPTURE IN WATER FEATURE



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6. ANIMAL SCULPTURES



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7. STRIP OF SCRIPT



8. CORTON STEEL PLANK



5

9. MESH INSTALLATION



2

10. ROCK INSTALLATION



11. BRIGHT CHARACTER FIGURE



12. MEMORIAL IN PATH

APPENDIX

Amenities

Carpark



1. WELL SHADED CAR PARK



2. SHRUB CAR PARK



3. CAR PARK WITH
TIMBER STRUCTURE



4. CARPARK WITH
STORMWATER TREATMENT



5. ANGLED PARKING



6. NATIVE GRASS CARPARK

APPENDIX

Shelters



1. METAL PICNIC SHELTER



2. LARGE TIMBER



3. LARGE METAL ROOF SHELTER



4. TIMBER SHELTER WITH METAL ROOF



5. TIMBER STRUCTURE



6. METAL ROOF SHELTER

Fencing



1. BRIGHT METAL POLE FENCE



2. METAL PALISADE FENCE



3. TIMBER POST AND WIRE FENCE



4. THREE RAIL TIMBER FENCE



5. WHITE PICKET FENCE



6. ORNATE TIMBER FENCE

APPENDIX

Seating



1. TIMBER SEATING WITH NO ARMREST



2. TIMBER AND METAL SEATING WITHOUT BACK



3. CONCRETE BLOCK SEATING



4. STONE SEATING



5. TIMBER BENCH WITH CONCRETE BACK



6. TIMBER BENCH WITH ORNATE ARMRESTS



7. TIMBER AND STONE FURNITURE



8. TIMBER BLOCK SEATING



9. GREEN METAL SEAT



10. TIMBER AND METAL FURNITURE



11. TIMBER SEATING WITH ARMREST



12. ALUMINIUM SEAT

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Amenities Block



13

1. EXTENDED SHELTER AND FURNITURE



1

2. EXTENDED SHELTER OVER AMENITIES BUILDING



3. BRICK AMENITIES BLOCK WITH SAIL SHADES



4. BRICK AMENITIES BLOCK WITH RAMP



5. BRICK AMENITIES BLOCK WITH METAL ROOF

Paths



9

1. WINDING PATH



4

2. DIVIDING SPLIT PATH WITH ROUNDED EDGES



4

3. DIVIDING PATH WITH GARDEN IN CENTRE



3

4. ROUNDED SPLIT PATH



5. NARROW PATH

APPENDIX

Informal Sport

Fitness Equipment



1. BRIGHT METAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT

2. TIMBER FITNESS EQUIPMENT



3. STAINED TIMBER FITNESS

4. METAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT

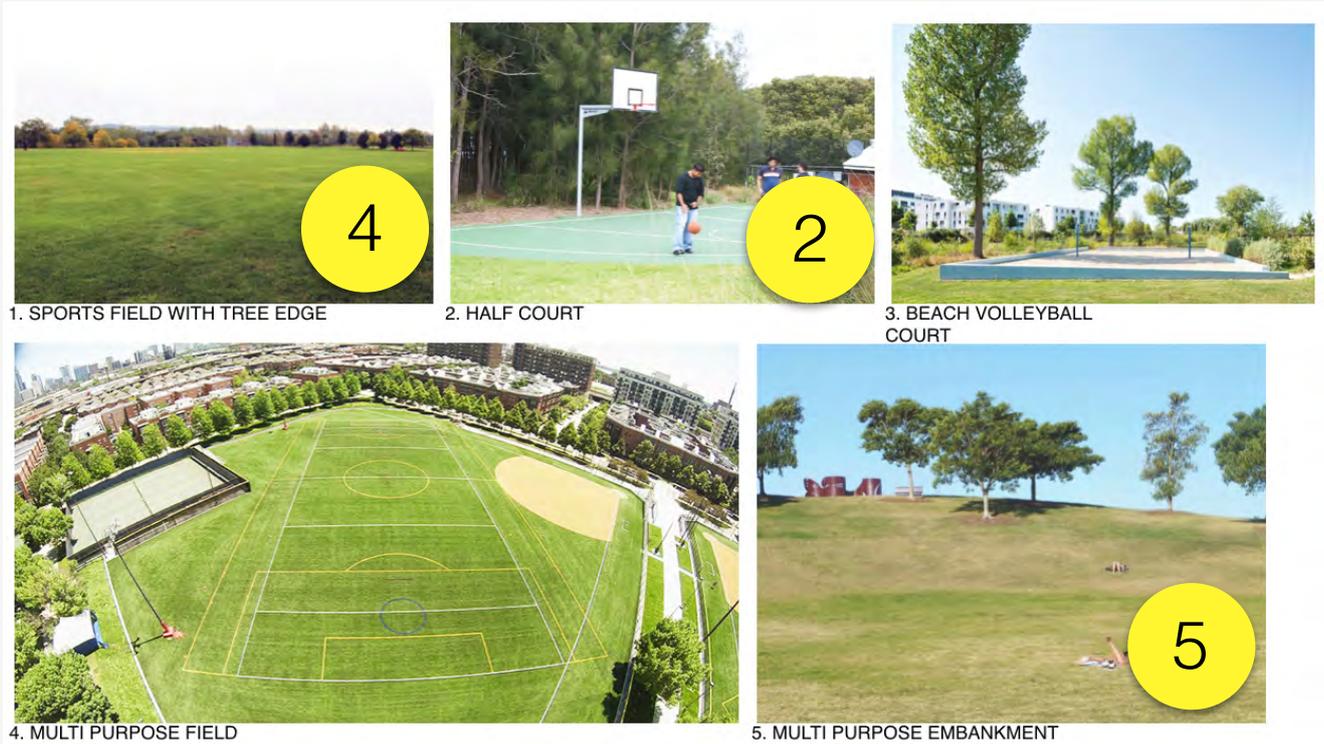
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5. MULTIPLE FITNESS EQUIPMENT ELEMENTS TO FORM A FITNESS STATION AT A SINGLE LOCATION ON SITE

3

6. INDIVIDUAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT ELEMENTS SPREAD OUT TO FORM A FITNESS TRAIL AROUND THE PARK.

Sport Fields



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Sporting Field Lighting



1. DOUBLE FLOODLIGHTS

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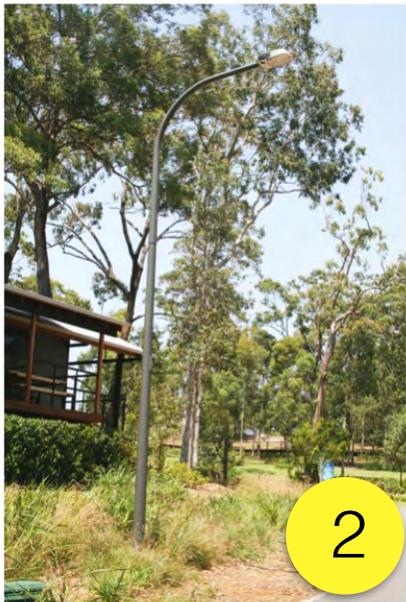


2. GROUPED FLOODLIGHTS



3. MULTIPLE FLOODLIGHTS

General Park / Paths / Car Park Lighting



1. PARK LIGHTING

2



2. CROSS LIGHTING

2



3. ANGLED LIGHTING

4



4. GLOBE LIGHTING

What are your three biggest priorities for the Peel Park Masterplan?

Overall Park

- Protecting the maximum amount of space for a variety of uses
- Allow for future recreation choices eg ash, birds, gardening, nightwatching, elders, tai chi
- Have a plan for the park not just sport
- What other green areas can be provided within the whole Redbank development so that can be used for other potential uses
- The park should remain passive
- Retain the natural areas and atmosphere

Formal Sports

- 2 cricket pitches
- Cricket pitches
- Cricket training facilities
- Maintenance of cricket grounds
- Training for sport under lights
- Maintain training facilities
- Extra winter training facilities (lights needed)
- Training facilities for rugby league, level playing field, lights and multiple fields
- Level playing fields
- Lighting for sports and security
- No floodlights or night time sports
- BMX track
- Maximise the versatility of green space to accommodate summer and winter sports needs
- Sport

Informal Activities

- Soft walking track / area
- Open space
- Off-leash dog areas
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Walking paths
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- Walking facilities
- Walking tracks that inform the history of the area
- Design for passive recreation to be inviting and make a destination for users
- Keep the openness of the park
- Proper paths
- Kids cycle / walking path with exercise stations
- Cycle (shared) pathways
- Walking and cycling paths
- Access for children
- Passive recreation
- Natural and passive activities

Playgrounds

- Play areas for children
- Playgrounds / water parks
- Playground and water play
- All aged play areas
- Playgrounds
- Space for playground
- All ages play
- Play and shaded areas
- Provide areas for children to play which they do not find boring and are comfortable in hot weather

Environment

- Natural environment / connections to natural areas
- Adapt for climate change
- Protect the riparian zone
- Improve water quality in the creek
- Integrity of the creek and maintaining it
- Trees and the riparian zones
- Preservation of the creek
- Native bushland
- Natural bushland
- Natural spaces
- Natural areas
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- Natural areas
- Natural areas especially along the creek with plenty of trees
- Bird habitat
- Redbank Creek Riparian enhanced
- Consideration of impact to Redbank Creek - the water quality / flora / fauna

Amenities

- Toilets
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- Amenities
- Amenities and toilets
- Amenities and toilets
- Open amenities block all day
- Amenities for families eg BBQ
- Better amenities - BBQs - Toilets
- Picnic facilities
- Picnic facilities
- Picnic facilities
- Picnic facilities
- Picnic tables and facilities
- Picnic facilities with lots of seating
- Amenities upgraded to better match the sports and passive uses
- Amenities like toilets and car parking

Operational

- No overspill car parks near homes
- Minimise the traffic

Future Growth

- Growth for the future development of the estate

Culture

- Respecting the current heritage of the site

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What is one thing you absolutely do not want to see in the Masterplan?

Overall Park

- Cutaway
- Overcrowded and overdeveloped space
- Overcrowded and overdeveloped space
- Flattening of existing space - this will change the whole character
- The space to be utilised by sports all weekend that families feel they can't use
- No cutting up of the land
- Alter contours and destroy the natural look
- Cutaway
- Not just passive
- Removal or levelling of large area
- Exclusion of any age/demographic
- Overdevelopment
- Overdevelopment
- Removal of soil from site

Formal Sports

- Multi-use courts
- Netball courts
- Netball courts
- Competition soccer pitches
- Club sport all weekend, all year
- No hard courts
- Indoor complex that obstructs views
- No training facilities for Rugby League
- No hard courts
- Comp standard playing fields
- Sports training
- All year round weekend sports
- Active sporting precinct
- Hard courts
- Netball/Tennis
- Rugby/Soccer
- Large sporting fields
- Single-use fields that are "owned" by one particular group

Informal Activities

- Water park
- Lack of spaces
- Lack of spaces for parents while kids playing sports

Environment

- Clearing bushland
- Clearing bushland
- Clearing bushland
- Removal of natural/native bush along creek
- Stop overdeveloping green spaces
- Red bank Creek destroyed
- Over-cultivation of gardens
- Heights interfering with bird population along riparian zone
- Bush destruction
- Destruction of bush

Amenities

- Picnic facilities
- Clubhouse
- Lack of shade
- No shade
- No shade
- No shade or shelters
- Lack of adaptable shelter from heat/sun

Operational

- Floodlights
- Lots of car spaces that take away from the natural beauty
- Lights
- No overspill car parks near homes
- No light towers
- Floodlights
- Floodlights
- Excessive traffic
- Car park
- Floodlights
- Floodlit busyness
- Floodlights
- Car park at the end of O'Dea Place
- Traffic
- Large carpark
- No light towers

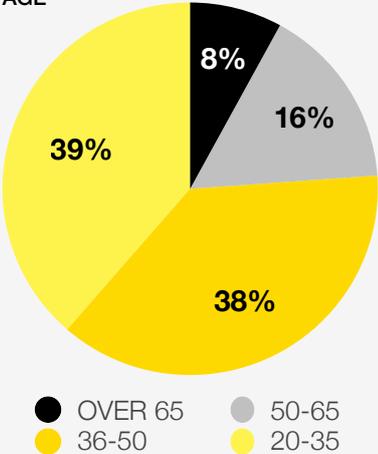
Culture

- Public Art
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- Destruction of formed and unformed elements of former railway corridor

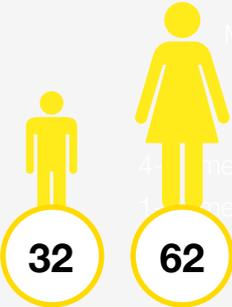
APPENDIX

Appendix B: Community Survey

AGE



GENDER



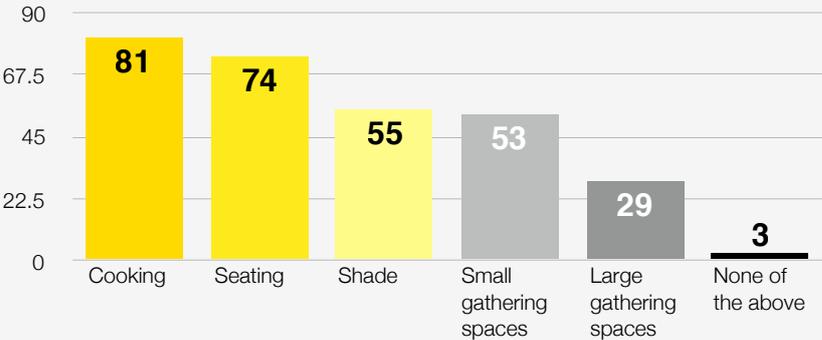
HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT THE PARK?



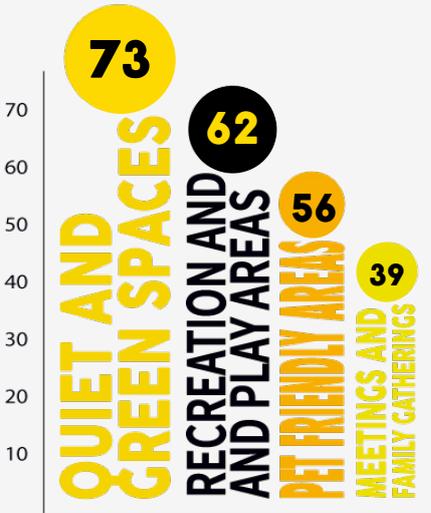
WHAT DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS DO AT THE PARK WHEN YOU VISIT?



WHAT KINDS OF PICNIC FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE PARK?



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT PEEL PARK?



WHAT KINDS OF PLAY FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE PARK?



Survey Comments

Overall Park

- It would be wonderful to see the space being utilised by all ages and abilities. Including families and groups.
- I would not like to see the quiet of this area spoiled/ruined.
- The original vision for this area was to encourage passive recreation and access to the creek precinct. The masterplan is an old paradigm of lights and disturbance to max, to offset appalling infrastructure planning by the previous council.
- Stable shared pathways which don't wash away
- Upgrade walking track all around park
- Paths need to be smooth so prams/wheel chairs can move around the park easier
- Dog park could be split in two to separate small and large dogs.
- Really love the dog area one of the factors we moved to Redbank was that it had a dog park
- Absolutely love the dog park there and unlike a lot is normally kept quite clean. Never have or have seen any issues with other dogs and most people pick up after the dogs
- Walking tracks linked with whole of redbank lands where kids can safely ride bikes.
- We moved to the Hawkesbury area because it was quiet, Entertainment parks can always be built in places like Darling Harbour.
- I use the park twice daily and love the green space, trees and walking path. Please don't 'over-develop' this lovely space!
- The gravel path is terrible to walk on and very hot in summer as the path way has no shade on most sides.

- I would love to see a dual lane path one side marked for walking and one for bikes.
- I already attended a meeting about this park and the residents and even the designer did not want the over development of this park. It was donated for cricket not soccer. It is a cheap gain for council but not what residents want.
- I also like that it is a large open space, do not want to see it all cordoned off and difficult to access, we enjoy our open space presently.

Formal Sports

- There are enough sports grounds around the area now
- Basketball court, 100m sprint track
- Any chance of Basketball courts please?
- Tennis court would be great
- I'd like to see Hawkesbury build a modern athletics track for the current and future aspiring athletes. We have a great deal of talent in the area that needs facilities to train.
- I strongly recommend that the BMX be retained in the final masterplan. Cycling is on the rise in Australia and is only growing in popularity in children. The BMX track is a great unique asset to the community over traditional facilities you find.
- Maintenance to BMX track
- I think the idea of having sporting grounds for more than cricket will be a great addition.
- Footpath wide enough for bicycle riding
- There must still be two cricket grounds. Our club is growing and we need both grounds to continue to use this space. Also the district likes to play semi finals at venues that can accommodate both games in a competition.

- Why remove the cricket fields??
- The developer could put this in the new area to include other sports. This area was designated for the cricket. Young children, usually two groups use this facility most Saturdays.
- Please have a look at the pumptrack at Karratha. It caters for all ages of kids and the guy that build it lives in the Hawkesbury.

Informal Activities

- Body weight exercise like at RAAF base
- The walking track needs to be fixed. It is very uneven and dangerous in spots.
- Running paths
- Exercise equipment
- Workout equipments on walkway
- Would like to have workout equipment along walkway
- It would be great to see some open circuit training
- Would be nice to have an outdoor gym for the adults.
- I would like to see proper walking/running path, not gravel and not concrete (too hard on body).

Playgrounds

- My kids love to play in the playground. However, the ground is full of wood chips and my kids couldn't very enjoy it. They always sit down and off shoes to shake off the chips. They don't feel to spend a lot of times there because of wood chips.

Survey Comments

Playgrounds

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- Having play equipment that allows children with disabilities to interact with other children
- Undercover play areas
- A water park would be amazing for the kids!
- The council needs to step into this century. Bitumen Pumptracks, nature inspired play areas. <https://youtu.be/Wue9sn9VAzk>
- More swings
- Modern play equipment but still keeping it appropriate for all ages
- Flying fox and climbing equipment for older kids, water play
- Shade for the play equipment is a must have! Mainly due to the high temperatures in the Richmond and surrounding regions for many months of the year. Unsheltered play equipment becomes scaldingly hot and unusable even on 'milder days'.
- Cover over play area
- We need to have a big shade above the play ground
- Shade over childrens play area
- A surfable wave pool like the one kelly slater built. They are building one in Queensland at the moment.
- A water play park has to be included as the current play equipment gets way too hot in summer!
- Exciting park with giant slides, climbing area integrated for young kids.
- Can water play area be reasonable? i.e. Blacktown Showgrounds good example this will attract a lot of people who just want to picnic and not actually swim

Environment

- Would love to see the Bush track paths fixed up along the creek as well we love walking in the Bush.
- The Hawkesbury is under threat from huge development. We need to expand and improve our natural areas to preserve flora and fauna. We need to have more shade trees from the HCC nursery which are locally collected to ensure the best provenance.
- The bush quiet feel of this park will be ruined .. my grandkids love the box track and bush
- Please add more trees around eastern side of the path
- Hopefully with all the park improvements, an effort will be made to keep existing bushland intact
- Congratulations Council for engaging with the community. Basically the more trees everywhere the better.
- More trees and grass not dirt
- The bush track and creek need attention.

Amenities

- It is really important that the playground be fenced with shaded areas and seatings for adults. Thank you for the upgrade!
- It would be fantastic to be able to have a big bbq with family and neighbours.
- Undercover picnic areas
- A double electric BBQ/ shelter area would be great for gatherings with friends and family
- Wood fired bbq option
- A small hall available for hire there would be great also - similar to the one at Bowen mountain.
- Plenty of shaded seating and BBQ areas would be great to be able to have a small gathering.
- I would love to see some shade over it

- Large picnic shelters for family gatherings
- Shelter sheds for picnics and BBQ's
- Must be shaded due to intense sun
- Water filling stations
- Toilet block open to public everyday
- Toilet facilities nearby
- More seating especially in and around dog off leash areas

Operational

- Off street parking next to the power station on Pecks would be great.
- Seal the area of Peck's road that is used for parking
- Add off street parking along Arthur Phillip Drive
- Adequate parking spaces
- Extra designated parking for the park
- Angle parking/nose to Kerb is vital!
- Lighting at night will be important
- Would love to see flood lights for use when it's dark. Especially while doing exercise.
- Fenced
- Need proper lighting
- Arthur Phillip Dr is becoming a hazard so no more parking development
- Needs car parking spaces

Culture

- Information about history (aboriginal, agricultural and railway), fauna and flora with individual species clearly labelled

Facebook Comments

Overall Park

- I'd like the dog area to be far bigger. 5 times bigger would be great (but I know that's not doable) with lots of trees and sniffy parts
- Decent fencing for the dog park - high enough so big dogs can't jump over it and set in the ground so it's secure for the small ones
- The existing path needs to be more smooth, it's quite a bumpy ride for the bugs when I'm pushing the pram around it
- Little doggy plastic bags and bins

Formal Sports

- Just keep the cricket pitches
- Build a proper Athletics track for the kids in the Hawkesbury to help them train at state of the art facilities like many other districts do. With the growth in the area, our younger generations will be coming through thick and fast and they need somewhere to go to exercise and burn off energy. It will also draw high profile athletes to Hawkesbury to join in on special events that we could host.

Informal Activities

- Distance markers for walkers and joggers
- Please check this park out in KARRATHA, WA.. <https://youtu.be/Wue9sn9VAzk>
The irony is that the guys that designed and built the Pumptrack in this park, come from the Hawkesbury. Seems they can build them all over the world but not in their own backyard. Be nice to change this.

- It would be great if the council did look at other designs that are over Australia. I hope the with the surveys completed, they do compile something that is children/youth/family friendly

Environment

- Please fix the now ruined Redbank Creek, once a favourite walk along the paths beside it now a sorrowful mess

Amenities

- Would love the see shade over the park it currently gets too hot
- Benches
- Water bubblers
- BBQs
- Shaded seating
- Toilets

