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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this report

This report sets out the process and outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement undertaken during the preparation of the Colbee Park Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan in August 2019-July 2021.

1.2 Stages of community engagement

Community and stakeholder engagement for this project was undertaken in four stages:

1	Information gathering	August-September 2019
		
2	Public exhibition of first draft Masterplan for comment	September-October 2020
		
3	Public exhibition of draft Plan of Management and Masterplan	April-May 2021
		
4	Public hearing: proposed recategorisation of community land	June 2021

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2 STAGE 1 – INFORMATION GATHERING

2.1 Notification

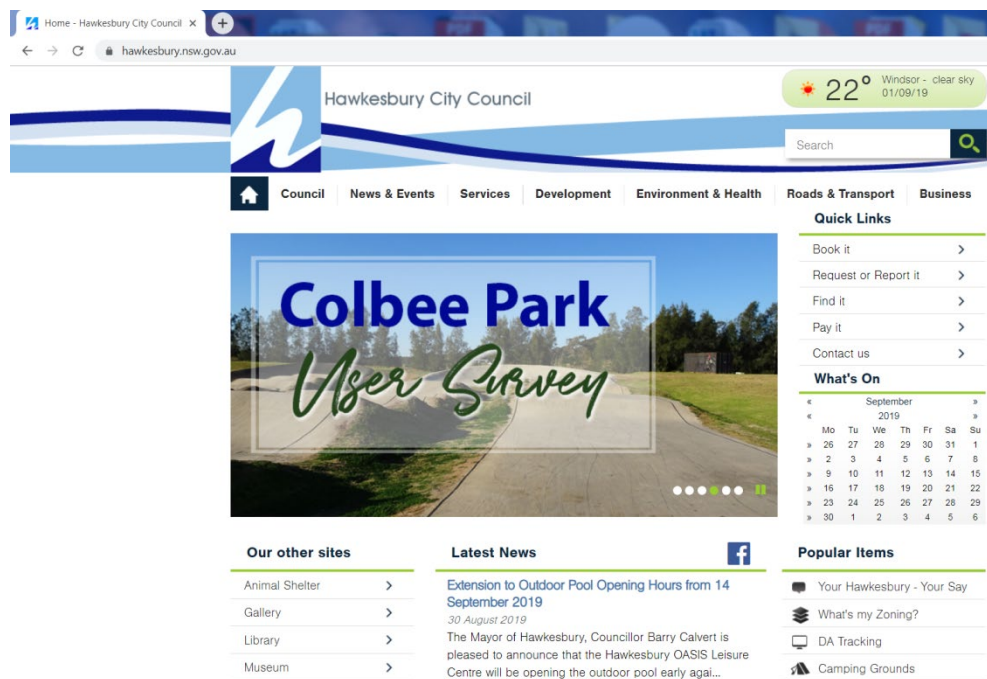
The community was notified of the opportunities to comment in Stage 1 by:

☐ On-site signage



☐ Letterbox drop of fact sheet to residences in McGraths Hill

☐ Link to project page on Council's website:



- ❑ Your Hawkesbury Your Say project page which opened 27 August and closed Tuesday 24 September 2019:

yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/colbee-park-plan

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Colbee Park Plan of Management & Masterplan

Hawkesbury City Council is preparing a Plan of Management and Masterplan for Colbee Park, McGraths Hill. These plans will guide how the park will be used, managed and developed in the future.

As a community member, park user or park neighbour you are invited to Have Your Say at a drop in session at Colbee Park on Saturday, 21 September 2019 from 9am to 11am.

You can also fill out the online survey located below. Submissions will close on Tuesday, 24 September 2019.

Colbee Park User Survey

Life Cycle

- Engagement Period 1**
 - Community Survey
 - Drop-in event
 - Meet with Key stakeholders
- Design Development**
 - Community Meeting
- Refine Masterplan**
 - Staff to refine Masterplan design based on feedback
- Engagement Period 2**
 - Community Engagement on draft Masterplan

PLACES SURVEY

Tell us your ideas on the future of Colbee Park

11 days

Mapbox

Tell us your ideas by placing a pin in the location with a description of your idea.

It's easy to share our ideas:

- Zoom into the exact location of your idea.
- Click and drag an idea marker.
- Add your comments in the text box and submit.

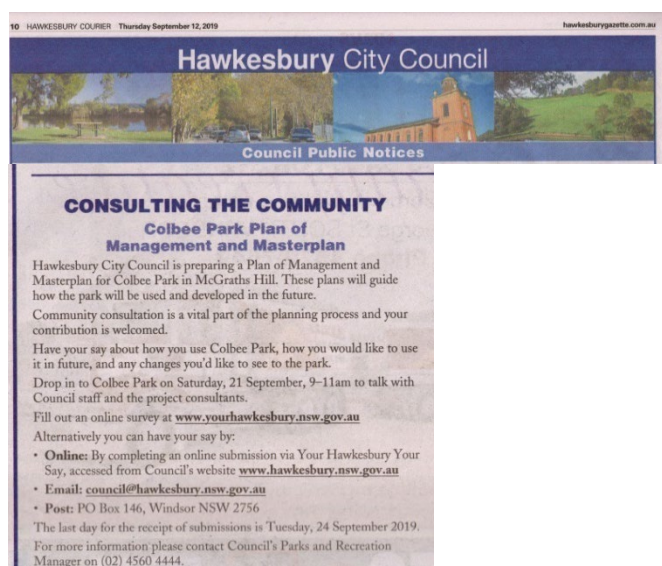
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Key Dates

Have Your Say - Drop in Session
21 September 2019

- ❑ Notice in Council column in local newspapers:



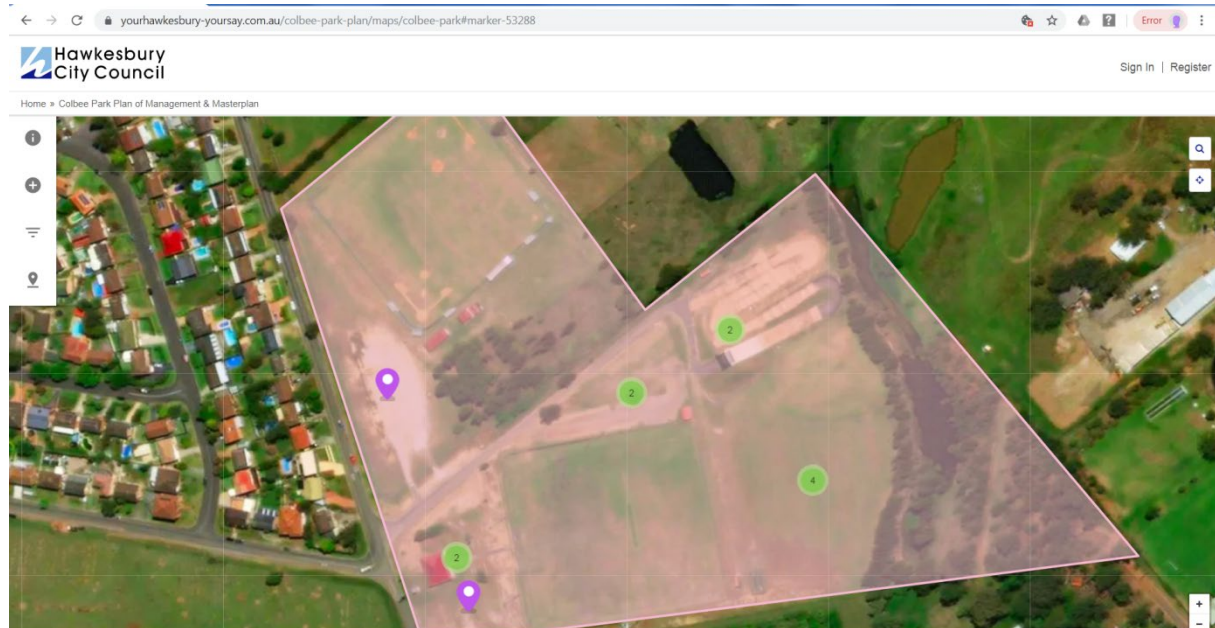
Hawkesbury Gazette 11 September 2019 Hawkesbury Courier 12 September 2019

- ❑ letters sent by Council to sporting user groups, Aboriginal groups, local schools, childcare centres, neighbours, and people who had previously shown interest in the park.

2.2 Feedback methods

Comments from the community were received from:

- ❑ Online survey at Your Hawkesbury Your Say
- ❑ Places – pinpoint:



- ❑ Drop in session at Colbee Park on Saturday 21 September 2019 9am to 11am to provide the community with the opportunity to meet the consultants and provide ideas and comments about changes they would like to see at the park.



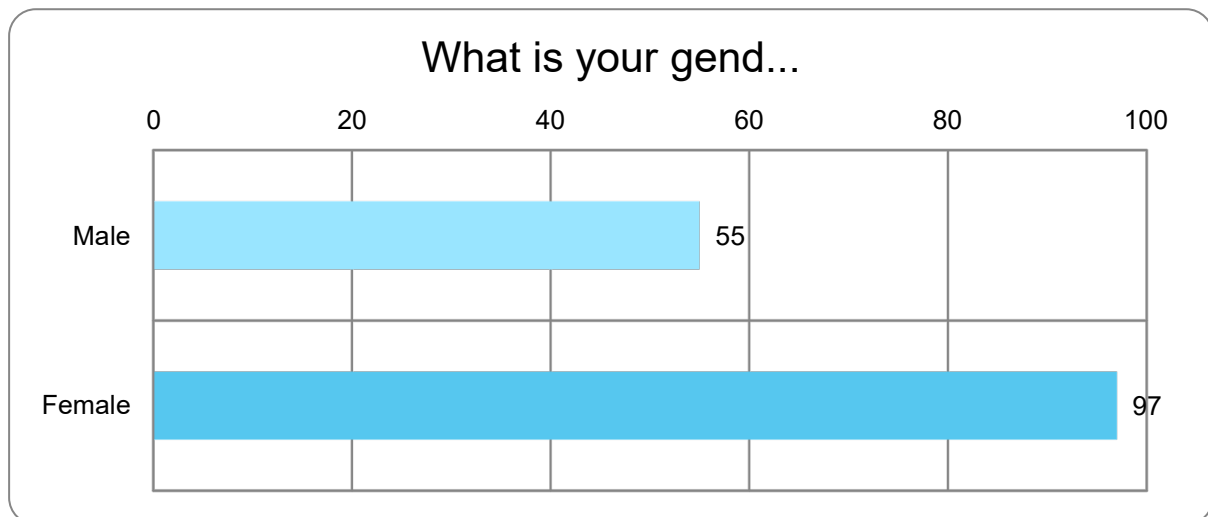
- ❑ Meetings with sporting user groups: Oakville Raiders Baseball Club, Hawkesbury Hornets BMX Club, Oakville Soccer Club, and Hawkesbury Sports Council.

2.3 Online survey outcomes

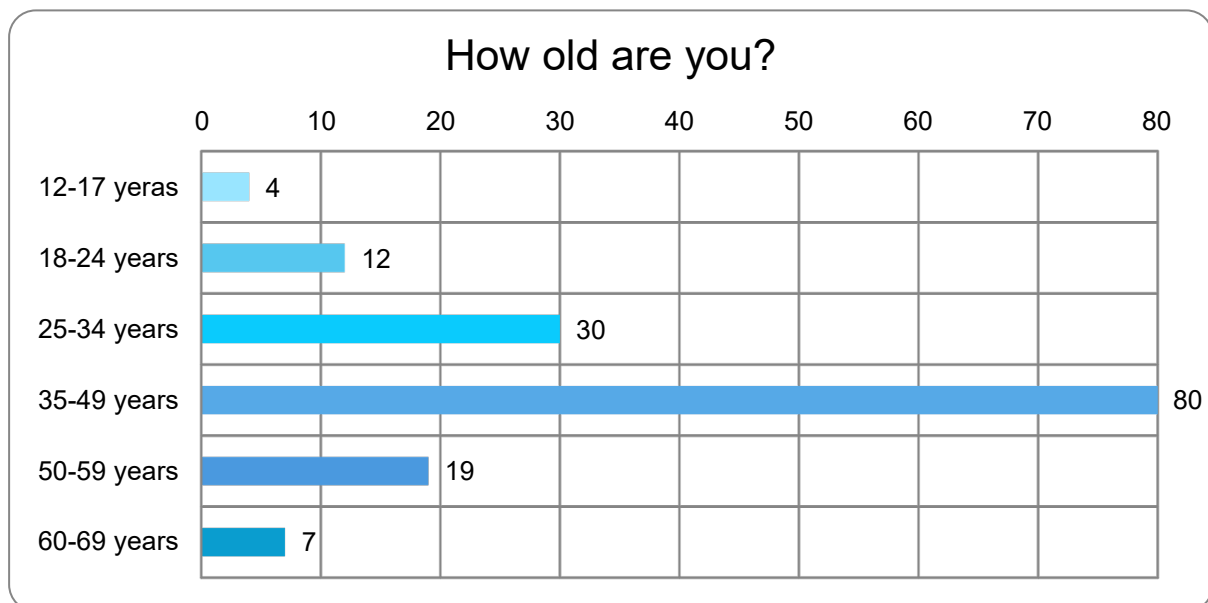
152 respondents completed the online survey.

2.3.1 Demographics

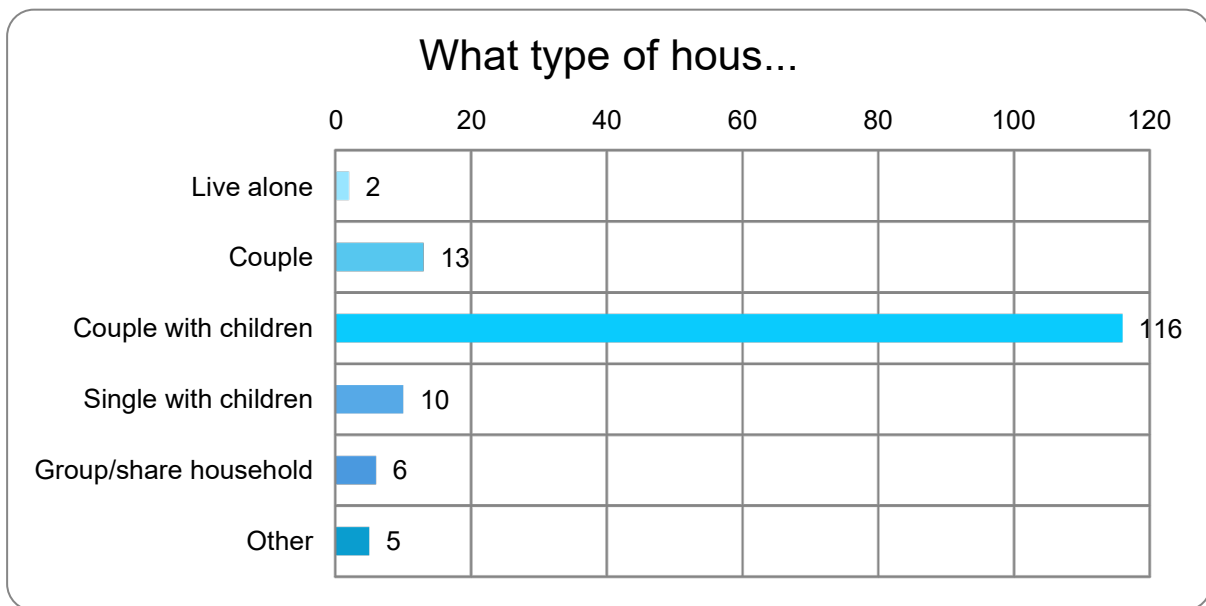
Gender



Age



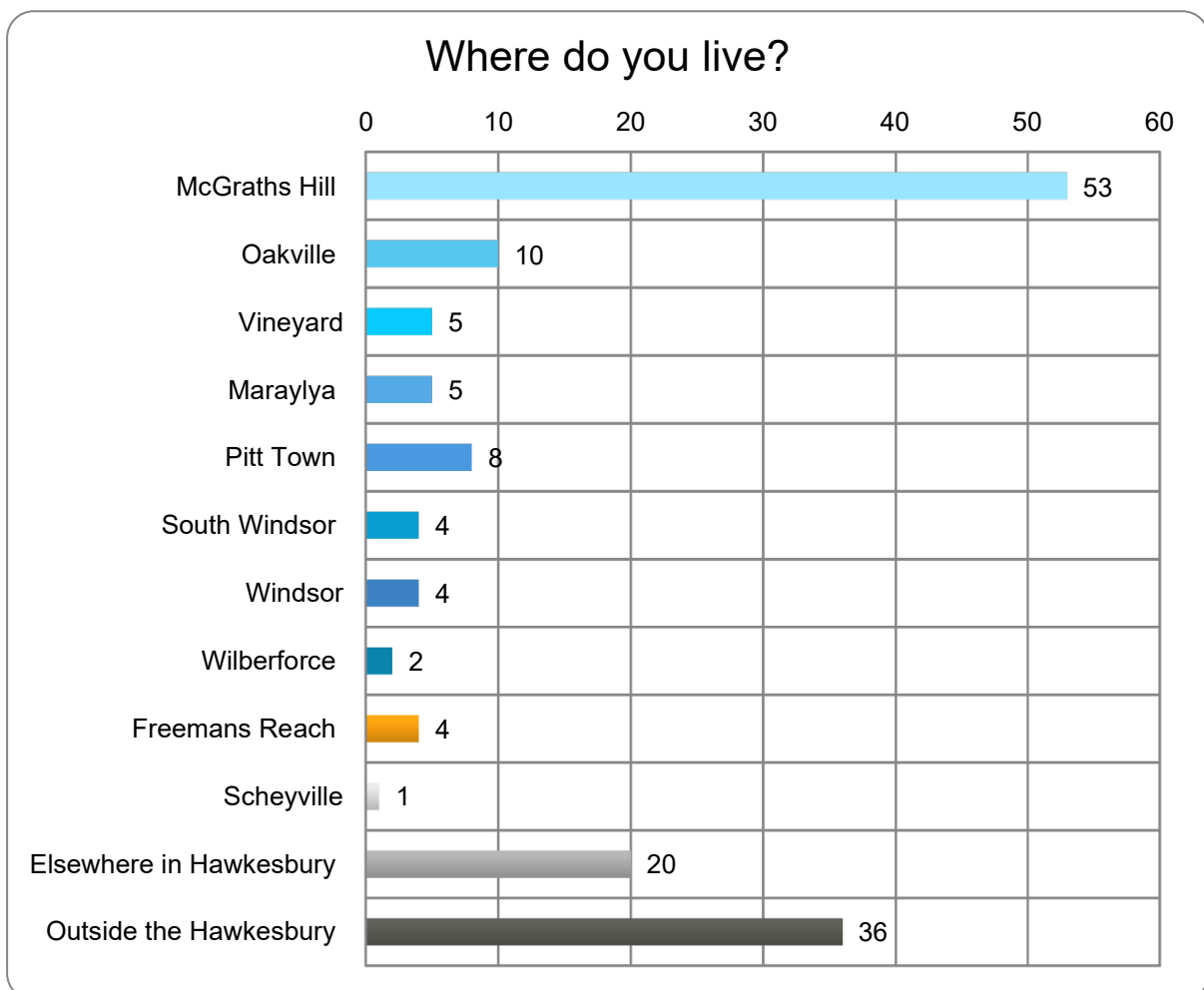
Household type



Other households:

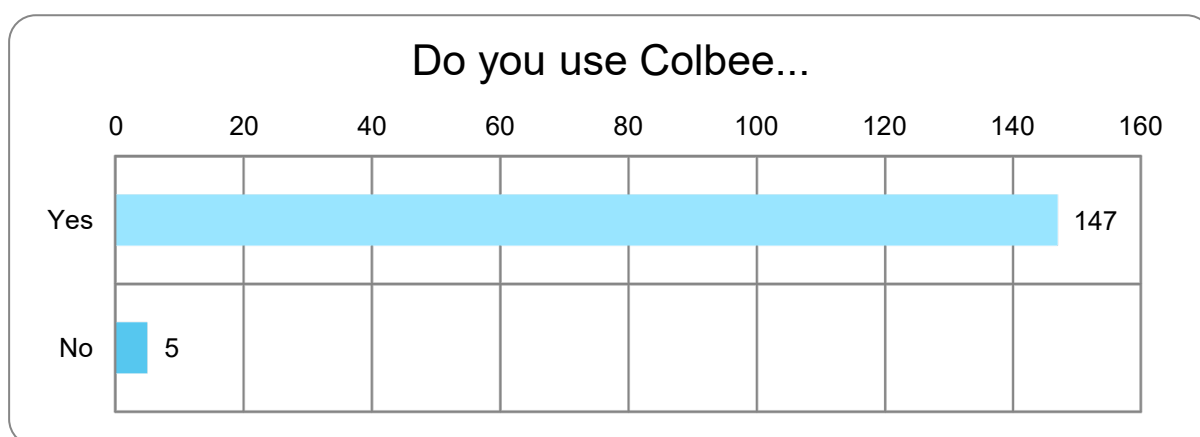
- ☐ Family house
- ☐ 6 people

2.3.2 Place of residence



Elsewhere in Hawkesbury		Outside the Hawkesbury	
Glossodia (3)	Blacktown City	The Hills Shire	Penrith City
Kurrajong (3)	Riverstone (7)	Baulkham Hills (3)	Cambridge Gardens (1)
North Richmond (3)	Schofields (5)	Annangrove (1)	Penrith (1)
Richmond (3)	Berkshire Park (1)	Box Hill (1)	Werrington County (1)
Ebenezer (2)	Blacktown (1)	Cattai (1)	
Londonderry (2)	Colyton (1)	Kellyville (1)	Other
Bligh Park (1)	Marsden Park (1)	Rouse Hill (1)	Appin (1)
Blaxlands Ridge (1)	Quakers Hill (1)		Berowra (1)
Grose Vale (1)	The Ponds (1)		Mosman (1)
Kurmond (1)			Newcastle (1)
			Springwood (1)

2.3.3 Use of Colbee Park



Yes

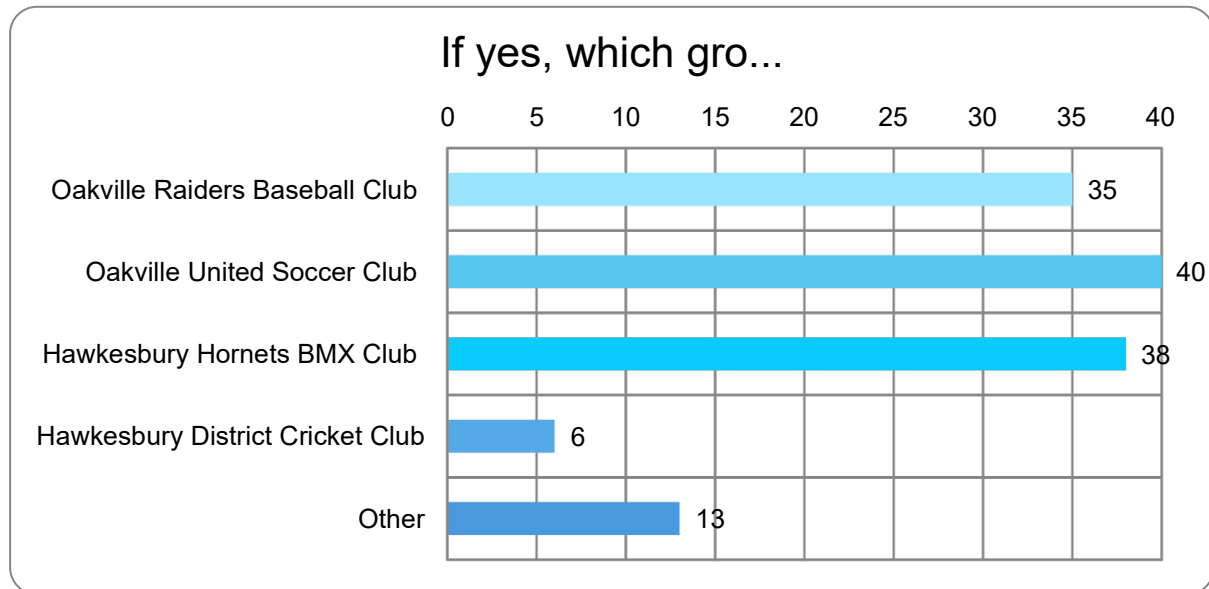
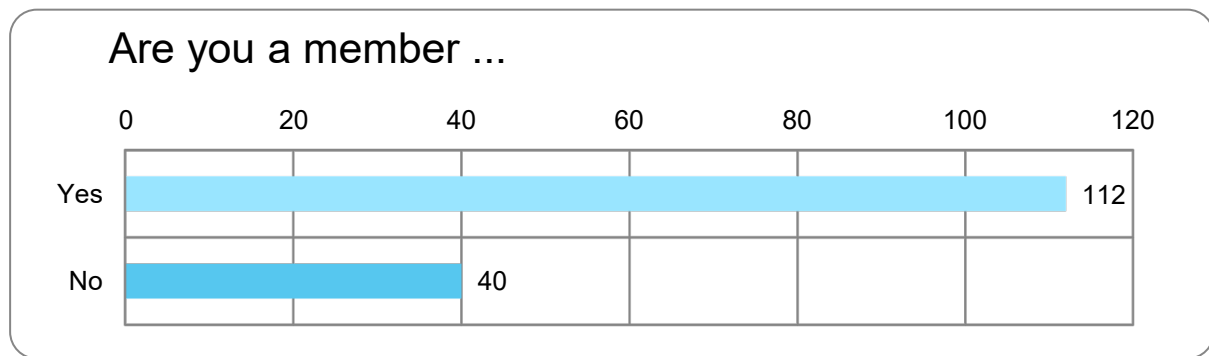
comments see below

No

Why don't you use Colbee Park?

- ☐ There is nothing there to suit my children's ages/lifestyles.
- ☐ Not inviting in the slightest...waste of space
- ☐ Nothing there worth going to
- ☐ There are no fully fenced areas for dogs available so I walk them on the streets instead (which is also hard as footpaths are minimal) - if it was fully fenced (currently just has some fencing except baseball which is locked) I would use EVERYDAY!
- ☐ Have only just heard of it.

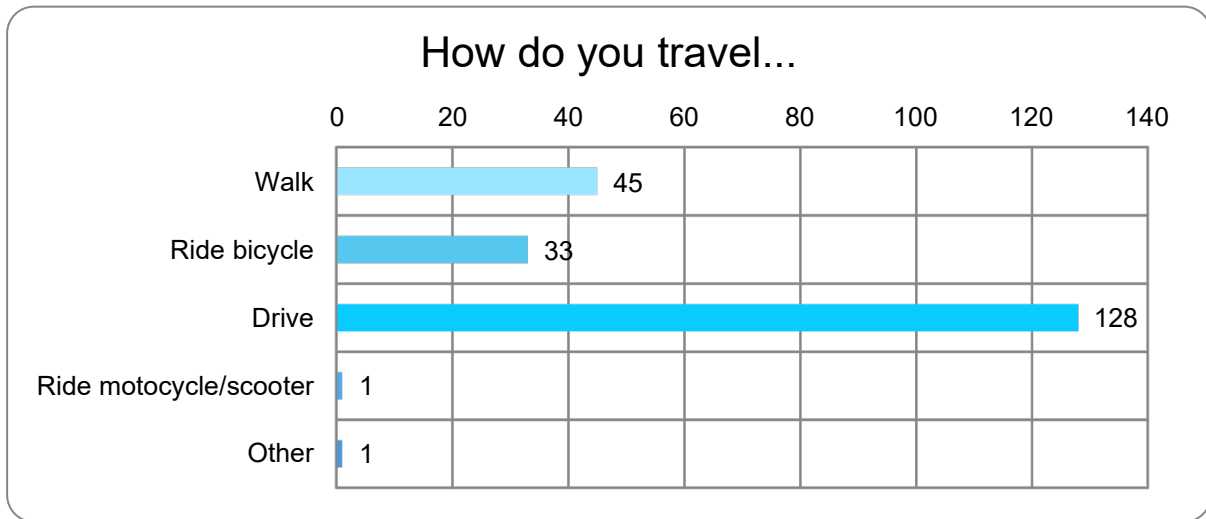
Membership of user groups



Other user groups:

- ☐ Blacktown and Districts Soccer Football Club
- ☐ BMX Australia
- ☐ Castle Hill BMX Club
- ☐ Schofields Cricket Club
- ☐ Dog walking group

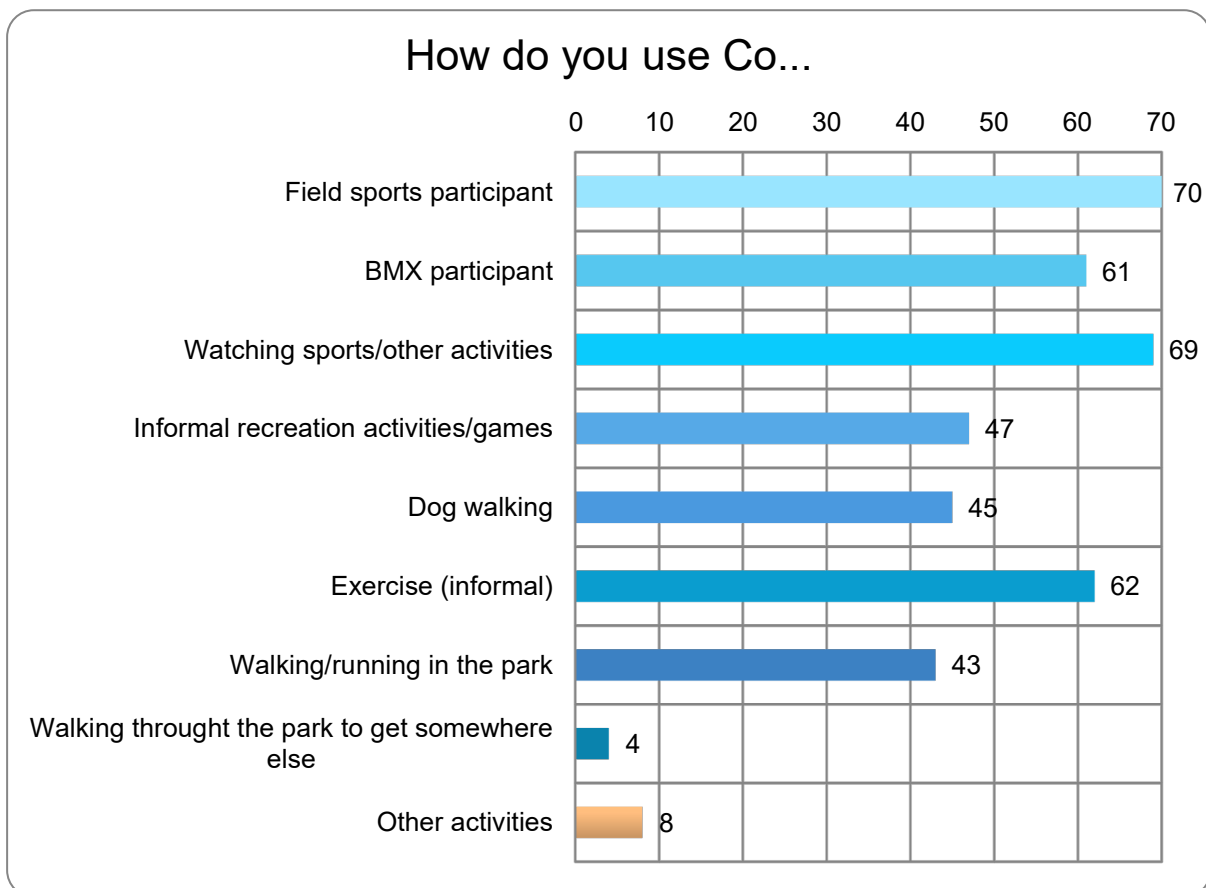
Mode of travel to Colbee Park



Other mode of travel:

- ☐ The train

Activities in Colbee Park



Other activities:

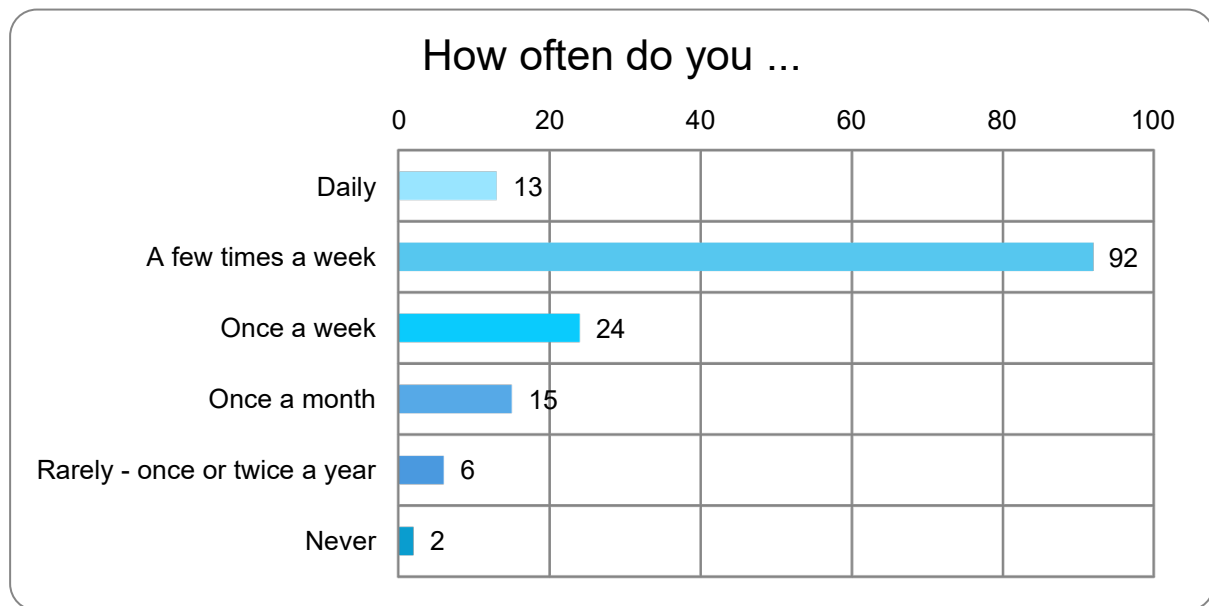
- ☐ Soccer training and games
- ☐ Baseball training and games

Our family uses it often as we belong to the Oakville Raiders Baseball Club. We also use the BMX track on a regular basis.

Other activities done in Colbee Park:

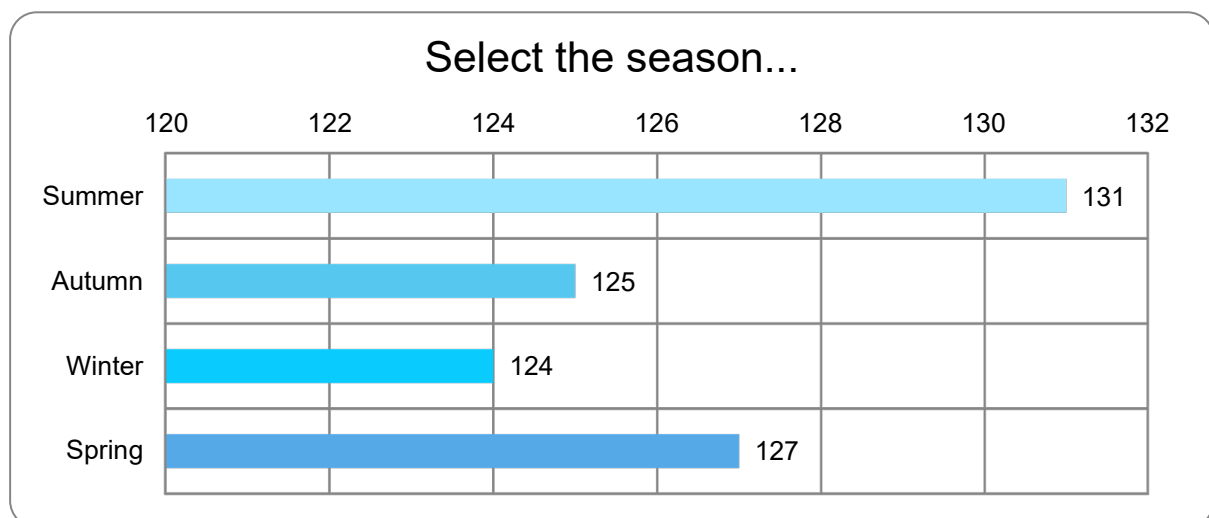
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Flying kite
- ☐ Taking the kids down to run around
- ☐ Grandkids playing in general
- ☐ Cricket
- ☐ My son takes his remote control car there
- ☐ Enjoying the outdoors.

Frequency of use of Colbee Park

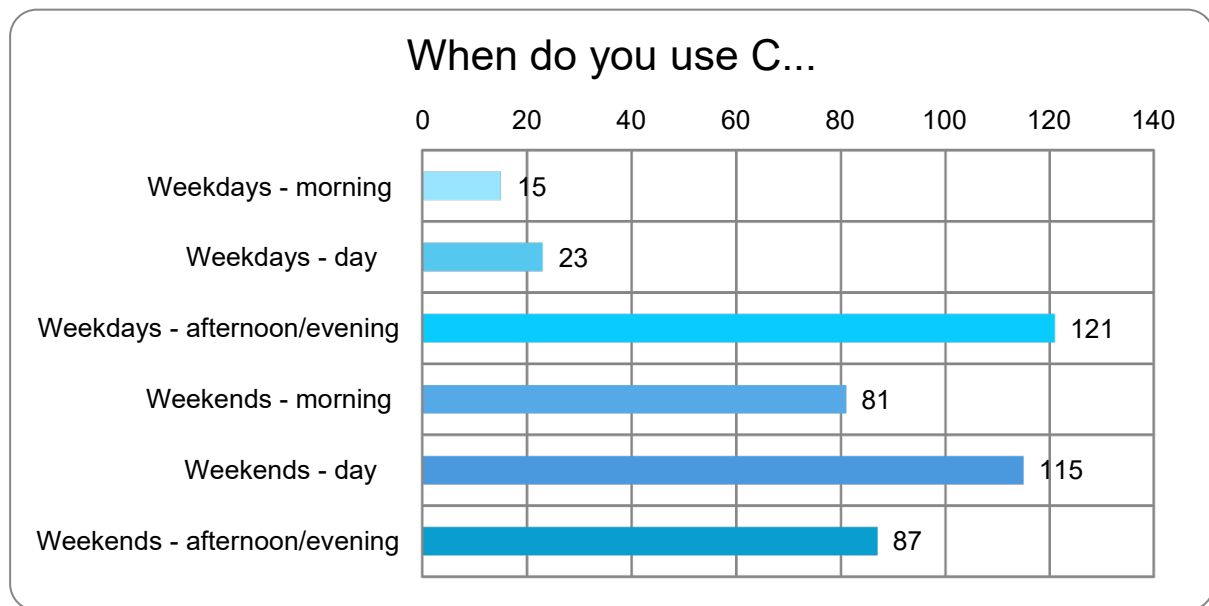


We are there a minimum 5 days a week, training and racing

Season of use of Colbee Park



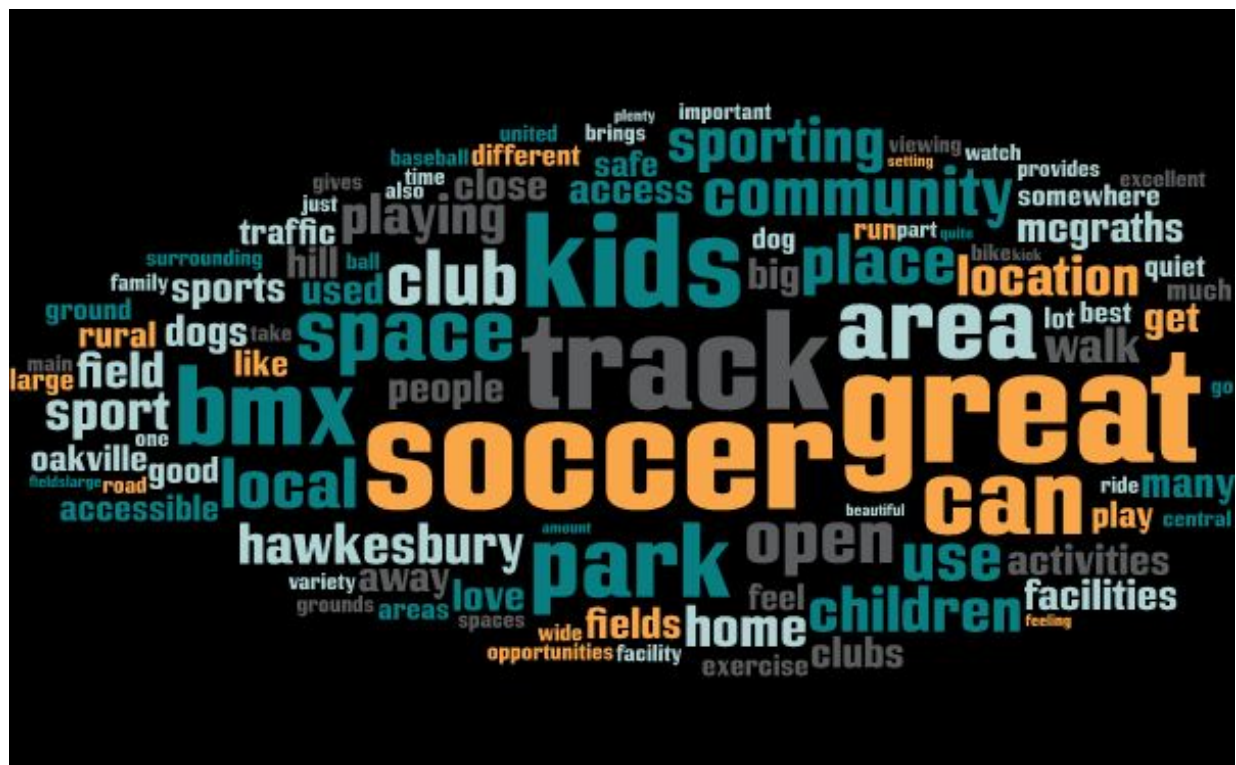
Times of use of Colbee Park



2.3.4 Liked and important/special aspects of Colbee Park

What do you like about Colbee Park?

What is important/special about Colbee Park?



All comments are listed in Appendix A. Grouped comments are set out below.

Open space

Open space (37)
Space for dogs (6)

Location, access and safety

Close to home / within walking/cycling distance (29)
Location (23)
Semi-rural feel / scenery (12)
Easy access (9)
Quiet and peaceful (9)
Away from main road / traffic (7)
Accessible to all (5)
Free to use (3)
Location in the Hawkesbury (3)
Local sporting facility (3)
Safe place (2)
Safe place for children (2)
Safe for dogs (2)
Close to school (1)
Public transport access (1)
Close to town (1)

Diverse leisure opportunities

Variety of spaces/facilities/activities (9)
Outdoor activities for children (4)
Place for children's activities (4)

Sporting opportunities

General

Variety of sporting facilities (8)
Childrens' sport opportunities (7)
Sports fields (6)
Viewing area to watch sport (5)
Home ground for sports (3)
Sporting clubs (2)

Soccer

Soccer club/community (17)
Soccer fields (7)
Soccer home ground (4)

BMX

BMX track (55)
BMX club (13)

Baseball

Baseball fields/facilities (20)
Baseball club (6)
Baseball home ground (4)

Cricket

Cricket club (1)

Community / social

Community sports (10)
Community meeting place (9)
Family park (8)

Quality of spaces / facilities

Good parking (7)
Clean and tidy (6)
Good facilities (4)
Well maintained (3)
Toilets (2)
Canteen (1)

Natural

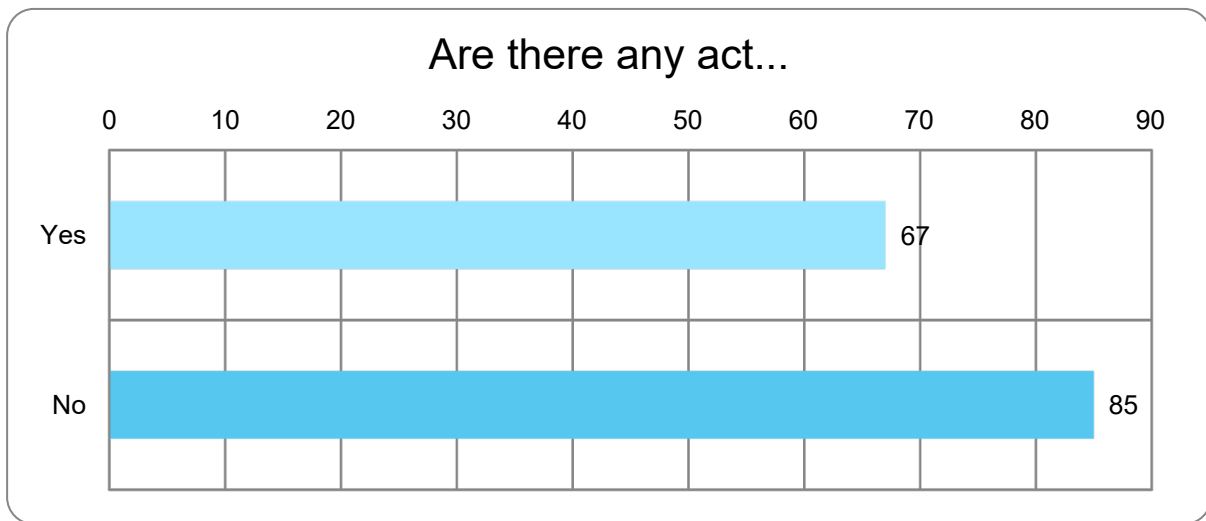
Killarney Chain of Ponds (2)
Greenery (1)

Other

Colbee bounce (2)

2.3.5 Desired activities

Are there any activities other than those currently provided for at Colbee Park that you would like to do there?



If yes, What activity(s) would you like to do at Colbee Park?

People who indicated yes largely expressed the activities they wanted to do by stating the facilities they wanted. Such facilities are included in the responses to the previous question: What changes or improvements would you like to see at Colbee Park?

2.3.6 Encouragement to use Colbee Park

What would encourage you to use Colbee Park/use it more often?

New facilities/settings

Children's playground (27)
Pump track (19)
Dog park (16)
Skate park (12)
Walking/running track (7)
Picnic area/facilities (5)
Barbecue facilities (4)
Bicycle tracks (4)
BMX track (3)
Fitness equipment area (3)
Splash pad for kids (2)
Teen playground and equipment (1)
Dirt jumps (1)
Sports court (1)
AFL posts (1)

General improvements

Better vehicle parking (17)
Lighting – general (14)

Better field surfaces – general (6)
Better amenities – general (5)
Access to toilets (5)
Better drainage (4)
Upgraded toilets (3)
More seating with shade (3)
Water (2)
Security cameras (2)
Unlimited access (1)
Weed control (1)
Better maintenance (1)

Improvements to soccer facilities

Better seating at football field (8)
Better soccer amenities (5)
Better field maintenance (5)
Better soccer field surface (5)
Better lighting of soccer fields (2)
Electronic scoreboard (2)
Better stairs/path to soccer field (2)
Synthetic soccer fields (1)
Second full sized soccer field (1)
Control bindis (1)
Fencing (1)

Improvements to BMX facilities

Lighting for BMX track (28)
Roof for BMX track (2)
Seating at BMX track (1)

Improvements to baseball facilities

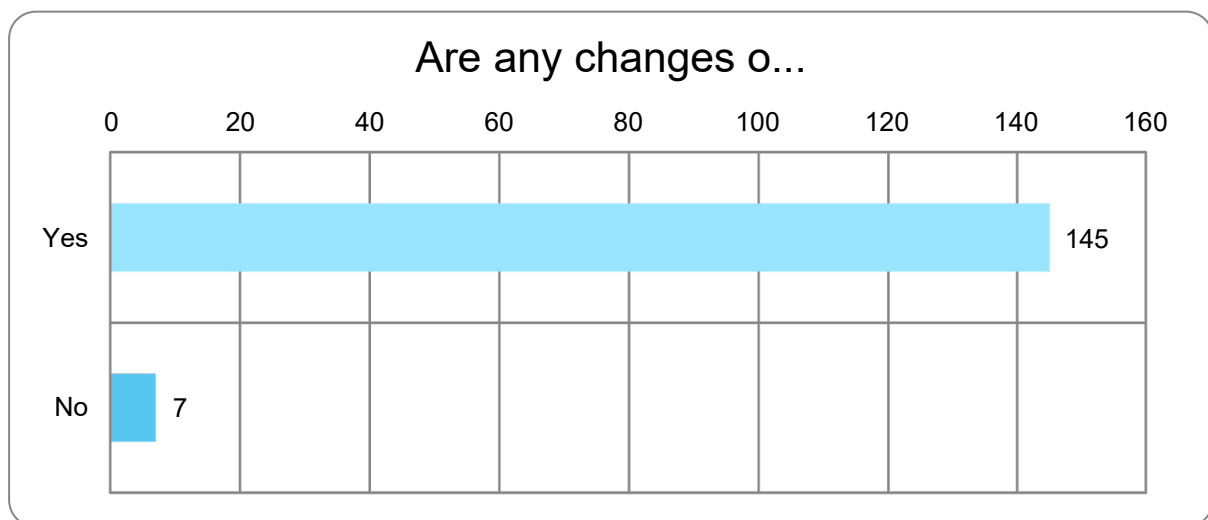
Lights at baseball field (4)
Public access to baseball fields (2)

Improvements to cricket facilities

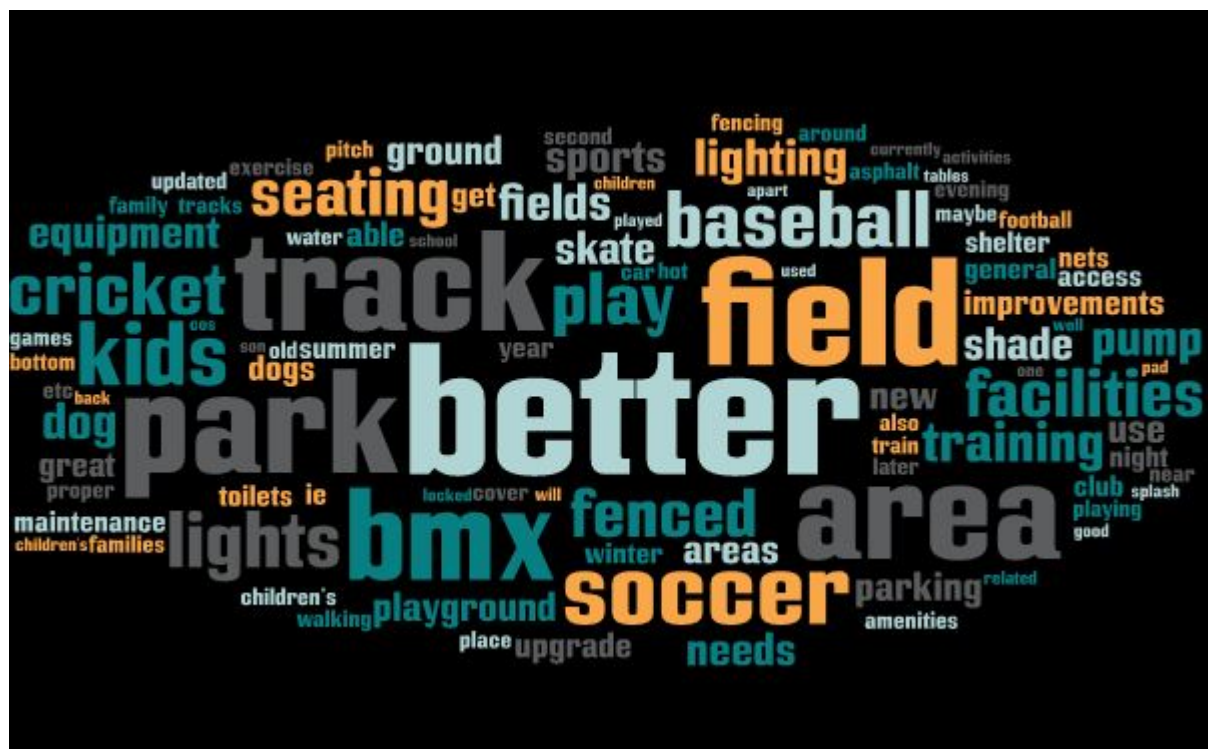
Upgrade cricket nets (5)
Upgrade cricket pitch (2)
Upgrade cricket field (2)
Lighting of cricket field (1)
Back fence on the bottom field (1)

More activities at Colbee Park

2.3.7 Changes / improvements desired to Colbee Park



95% of respondents want at least one change or improvement to Colbee Park.



Desired changes and improvements are listed below.

New facilities/settings

Children's playground (33)
Pump track (31)
Dog park (29)
Dog bins and bags (3)
Skate park (17)
Walking/running track/paths (10)
Fitness equipment area (9)
Picnic area/facilities (9)
Barbecue facilities (7)
Bicycle tracks (5)
Teen playground and equipment (3)
Sports court (3)
Splash pad/water play park for kids (2)
Mountain bike track (2)
Flying fox (1)
Children's climbing park (1)
Water features (1)

Retain existing facilities

General improvements

Better vehicle parking area (32)
Unrestricted parking (1)
Lighting – general (10)
Shade / shelter (12)
Better field surfaces – general (3)
Better amenities – general (2)
Better drainage (1)
Upgraded toilets (4)
Accessible/safe toilets (4)
More seating with shade (11)
Water (8)
Better security at night (6)
Better spectator seating (4)
Unlimited access (1)
Weed control (1)
Better ground maintenance (4)
Facility upgrade/improvement (3)
Address flooding (2)
Better storage (1)
More fencing (2)
More trees planted (2)
More bins (1)

Improvements to soccer facilities

Better seating at football field (5)
Better soccer amenities (8)
Better field maintenance (1)
Better soccer field surface (14)

Better lighting of soccer fields (1)
Electronic scoreboard (3)
Better stairs/path to soccer field (3)
Synthetic soccer fields (4)
Second full sized soccer field (1)
Control bindis (2)
Fencing (1)
Irrigation of soccer field (2)
Modified football fields (2)
Better drainage (6)
Better ground markings (1)
Better club house (3)
Better kitchen/canteen (4)
Better storage (1)
Wider access for wheelchairs or prams into the soccer field (2)
Ball guards behind goal posts (1)
Player/coach bench cover (2)

Improvements to BMX facilities

Lighting for BMX track (41)
Roof for BMX track (2)
BMX Clubhouse (1)
Water pump at BMX track (1)

Improvements to baseball facilities

Lights at baseball field (1)
Public access to baseball field (2)
Better seating/viewing in the baseball area (2)
Better dugouts for baseball (1)
Multi age group baseball diamonds (1)
Better baseball grounds (2)
Baseball clubhouse (2)
Mow grass (1)

Improvements to cricket facilities

Upgrade cricket nets (3)
Upgrade cricket pitch (2)
Upgrade cricket field (1)
Lighting of cricket field (1)
Back fence on the bottom field (1)

Killarney Chain of Ponds

Better visibility of water (1)
Landscaping (1)
Benches (1)

More activities at Colbee Park

2.4 Places / Pinpoint

36 comments were made by 8 people on the online Places tool. Detailed comments are in Appendix B.

2.4.1 New facilities / spaces

Pump track (4)
Bike path for young children (3)
Dog park (2)
Children's play area (1)
Walking/jogging track (1)
Water playground (2)

2.4.2 General improvements to Colbee Park

Upgrade parking area (6)
More seating and shade (6)
Better drainage (3)
More parking (2)
Lighting of BMX track (4)
Cover over BMX start gate and staging area (3)
Roof/cover over BMX track (2)
Safer start gate for BMX members (1)
Bridge over the creek (1)
walking trail
dog park.

2.5 Colbee Park drop-in comments

2.5.1 Introduction

11 feedback forms were received from the community drop-in held in Colbee Park on Saturday 21 September 2019.

2.5.2 Feedback from the drop-in session

Positive aspects of Colbee Park

Location (1)
High elevated spectator seating (1)
Picnic shelter (1)

Negative aspects of Colbee Park

Parking (1)
BMX clubhouse was built at approximately 4 metres flood level

How do you use Colbee Park?

Soccer

How would you like to use Colbee Park in the future?

Soccer

Keep the soccer fields (2)

What improvements would you like to see in Colbee Park?

New facilities / settings

Pump track (4) for the kids and youth of the Hawkesbury adjoining the BMX track. Kids and parents from all other sports in the complex would use it.

Kids playing area (4)

playground on Pitt Town Road will be lost due to road widening.

Colbee has not one piece of play equipment

Playground should be down the bottom of the park

Playground should be next to the soccer clubhouse with the ground raised and levelled, and out of reach of local flood water.

Picnic area (3)

new family picnic area like the ones at Tamarama Beach, with one roof divided into 4

family fenced picnic area safe for small ones

more picnic shelters up the top

Dog park (2)

Jumps (1)

use the land in the back corner on the other side of the creek for kids to create some jumps. It is close enough for the other sports to keep an eye on it. It would add an extra element/experience to bring people to the area.

Half-court basketball (1)

Walking track (1) all weather around the perimeter

Improvements

Better / extend soccer amenities (5)

improved change rooms for female soccer

north and south of the building for barbecue area

improved facilities for toilets and change rooms

extend extra toilets on to the clubhouse

Use the clubhouse for children's groups with an adjoining playground. Toilets are already there.

Better drainage (3)

so water doesn't sit

Carparking (4)

better

asphalt/seal

share a better parking area that soccer, baseball, BMX have access to

Disabled parking (1) at the top where blocks have been placed

Improve lighting (3)

for all facilities that require it

Lights for BMX track (2) to allow riders and youth of the Hawkesbury more riding time, coaching, events etc.

Lighting for 2 full-sized soccer fields (1)

CCTV and lighting (1) to deter vandalism. Use the existing light poles for soccer and power supply.

Second soccer field (2)

Improve watering system (2)
proper irrigation

More seating (2)
tiered seating for soccer field

Fix the stairs (2) as they are dangerous

More shade (2)

Trees (1)

no shade anywhere. Shade trees along the left side of the road into the carpark, but on the baseball side of the fence.

Protect the cluster of she-oak trees (1) on the left inside the baseball side for the black cockatoos that roost there every year.

Secure storage (1) so containers can be removed

Proper fencing at the BMX track (1):

to prevent kids from riding into the carpark area. Fence with an opening so kids must either stop or dismount to get through.

Cars also enter the BMX canteen area, which is an accident waiting to happen.

Repair fencing (1)

Net catch behind second field goals (1)

Player dugouts/shelters (1) on the western end of the soccer fields

Fields need to be cared for (1)

Improved grounds ie. flooding issue (1)

Maintain the overgrown drain (1) which was cleaned up on Australia Day two years ago. Council said they would maintain it and never have. It should be a concrete dish drain and

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3 STAGE 2 – FIRST DRAFT MASTERPLAN

3.1 Notification

The first Draft Masterplan was placed on exhibition for feedback and comment for four weeks until Friday 16 October 2020.



3.2 Feedback methods

Community feedback could be provided online at [Your Say Hawkesbury](#).

3.3 Online survey outcomes

51 responses were received to the online survey.

3.3.1 Ranking of priorities

The community's ranking of priorities for Council to implement arising from the Masterplan is:

ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Colbee Park Draft Landscape Masterplan – Priority Projects – Survey 2

Visitors	171	Contributors	49	CONTRIBUTIONS	51
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Please help us prioritise the projects from the list below as options for Colbee Park.
Please rank your priorities (1-5) wi...

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Pump Track (for bike, scooter and skateboard use)	2.22
Playground	2.75
Fenced Dog Off-leash area	3.10
Fitness Stations	3.45
Parkour/Teen Play Area	3.49

Mandatory Question (51 response(s))

Question type: Ranking Question

3.3.2 Feedback on the Draft Landscape Masterplan for Colbee Park

Responses to the question: "Please provide feedback on the Draft Landscape Masterplan for Colbee Park" are:

New facilities /spaces

I think the park should have a few areas mentioned above, also keeping space for sports as we have.

We would love a playground

Make it a large area for kids to be away from traffic to be safe and be able to still see kids from a distance.

We would love a fenced dog park

It would be good to have a fenced dog park with a fenced playground adjoining so families with small children and dogs can enjoy days out together and not have to choose a day out for one OR the other

If you are going to bother putting in a dog park which are behavioural nightmares for dogs, please consult with PPGA to get advice on how to make them as safe as possible. Too often dog parks are designed by people who are not educated in behaviour.

Without a doubt, putting in a pump track would be the best thing. It would benefit all those who use the bmx track and especially for children to develop their riding skills. Adding a pump track would increase the visitor numbers to the park.

Do a pump track there is nothing like this in the Hawkesbury

The Pump track should be in the middle of everything not encroaching on BMX

A large skatepark of quality will bring many people to the area as there are no large decent ones close by

As well as the pump track consider a bike/walking track around the outside of the park, that can be used while organised sport is in.

The park at the boat ramp is the best around within an hour from Hawkesbury. It's perfect for little kids. We need something now for kids/older teens

Would love to see a basketball or netball ring included.

More spaces for tweens and teens are needed in the Hawkesbury. There are plenty of parks for younger children.

Would be great to include a half sized basketball court for teens rather than parkour area

maintain fitness stations if they are chosen to be made

I would like to see the back water course made deeper to create a lake.

The footbridge to Arndell is extremely appealing as at the moment it is very difficult and dangerous for local children to walk to school. It'll be safer than Wolseley Road.

However: The bridge to Arndell could attract the wrong crowd of people & create more vandalism than already

General improvements to Colbee Park

Excellent that the sporting fields will get additional seating.

The BMX track urgently needs lighting.

Installation of lights on the baseball diamonds will provide greater use of the area as make up games and training big sessions could be conducted at night as this is a summer sport

Pedestrian access is critical, not only Old Hawkesbury and McGraths Roads but the links to those roads from Wolseley and Winnifred Banks estate which appears to be the forgotten part of McGraths Hill.

Lights lights lights!!! And cameras!! Too many up to no good hang out down there and trash anything good!

More car parking near the BMX track

More spectator space at the BMX track

Not just as a member but a resident of the Hawkesbury I believe the bmx club only requires a few additions to complete it and make it a high class facility. With the additions in the plan it would attract larger professional events to the area

Some sort of drainage investigation or flood protection initiative as the BMX clubhouse goes under in the floods!! should be up on the hill!!

Please ensure toilets are available every day during daylight hours

Parking may be an issue. Particularly for large events at these facilities

Other comments

Positive comments

The plan is 10/10

I think it's a great plan for our growing community and so many more children around now that will benefit from this 100%.

Seems like a great idea for McGraths Hill. It will bring more people outside and to the area.

It would be great for McGraths Hill to be taken into account. It is like the lost Siberia.

The plan looks good. Needs some refining to ensure maximum usage

Everything should be completed in a short time frame to bring the park up to today's standards

I think the design looks fantastic and will be a great asset to McGraths Hill and surrounding areas. I hope that it does indeed go ahead

A great initiative that will further enhance a great open space for the community to enjoy.

The masterplan looks great. I think the facilities there are great.

I think the Masterplan looks fantastic and would be very welcomed by locals.

A nice decent park in McGraths hill would be amazing. A park that is suitable for toddlers, there isn't many around in the Hawkesbury.

The baseball side of it looks great. My kids love their team sport and played there for years now.

Negative comments

I think there are too many 'elements' or recreational areas in a small amount of space, that will eventually be ruined by the flooding anyway.

4 STAGE 3 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT PLANS

4.1 Notification of the public exhibition

Council notified the community about the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management and Masterplan for Colbee Park on the project page on Your Hawkesbury Your Say: <https://www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/colbee-park-plan> from 15 April to 28 May 2021:

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Colbee Park Plan of Management & Draft Landscape Masterplan

Hawkesbury City Council is preparing a Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan for Colbee Park, McGraths Hill, to facilitate greater community use and enjoyment of the reserve. The plans will guide future use, management and long-term recreation opportunities to be provided at the park.

Community consultation is a vital part of the planning process and your contribution is welcomed. Please see details in the news feed regarding opportunities to provide input.

Development of the Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan does not represent a formal commitment to funding. These plans will be guiding documents; their main purpose is to consider and allow for appropriate usage and to prioritise potential capital works projects to further the recreational opportunities of the site whilst ensuring all values are protected. It is not anticipated that full development of the park will be completed in the short to medium term.



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NEWS FEED SURVEY PLACES

CONSULTING THE COMMUNITY – Colbee Park Community Land Categorisation 31/5/21

31 May 2021

A Public Hearing will be held to formally re-categorise the community land comprising Colbee Park, McGraths Hill, to: Sportsground; Park; Natural Area Watercourse; Natural Area Bushland; and General Community Use.

- Date: Monday, 21 June 2021
- Time: 7pm – 8pm
- Venue: McGraths Hill Community Centre located at 1 Phillip Place, McGraths Hill.

Please note that if you would like to make a formal verbal or written submission to the Independent Chairperson you can do this at the public hearing or by 5pm on Thursday, 24 June 2021 via sandy@parklandplanners.com.au

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Documents

- Colbee Park Proposed Recategorisation and Public Hearing Background Information 7 June 2021 (2.9 MB) (pdf)
- Colbee Park – Plan of Management – Final Draft – for public exhibition – April 2021 (9.87 MB) (pdf)
- Colbee Park – Masterplan Report – Draft – 24 February 2020 (45.6 MB) (pdf)
- Community Update (710 KB) (pdf)

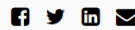
Life Cycle

- Community engagement 1**
 - Online survey to gather information about current usage and future aspirations
 - User Group Workshop
 - Drop-in Session
- Design Development**
 - Develop interim Draft Landscape Masterplan based on community survey feedback
- Community Engagement 2**
 - User Group Workshop to gauge sentiment toward the draft vision
 - Exhibition of Draft Landscape Masterplan
 - Online Survey to identify community priorities for recreational opportunities
- Refine Masterplan / Develop Plan of Management**
 - Draft Landscape Masterplan design refined based on feedback

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Draft Colbee Park Plan of Management and Masterplan

13 Apr 2021



Members of the community are invited to provide comment on the draft Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan for Colbee Park, McGraths Hill. The plans have been developed in consultation with the community and will guide how the park may be used, managed and improved in the future.

The draft documents can be found [HERE](#)

You can have your say [HERE](#)

The last day for the receipt of submissions is Friday, 28 May 2021.

Development of these plans does not represent a formal commitment to funding. These plans will be guiding documents; their main purpose is to ensure that any future works within the park will be consistent with the overall vision for the park. It is not anticipated that full development of the park will be completed in the short to medium term.

For more information please contact Council's Parks and Recreation Manager on (02) 4560 4444.

Draft Plan of Management developed



Community Engagement 3

Public Exhibition of Draft Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan seeking formal submissions

FAQs

[What is a master plan?](#)

[What is the benefit of a Master Plan?](#)

[What is a plan of management?](#)

[What is the process for developing a masterplan and plan of management?](#)

Council also promoted the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management and Masterplan by placing signs on-site.

4.2 Submissions to the Draft Plan of Management and Masterplan

Written submissions from six people and organisations were received to the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management and Masterplan.

The submissions are:

- ☐ Support for the proposed improvements to football/soccer facilities (Football NSW)
- ☐ General support from Hawkesbury Sports Council, with improvements to lighting of the baseball diamonds and BMX track to be explicitly stated in the plans
- ☐ Support for pump track
- ☐ Provide outdoor gym equipment
- ☐ Provide picnic and barbecue facilities
- ☐ Provide public access to toilets
- ☐ Provide a publicly accessible defibrillator
- ☐ Maintain buildings, but don't spend a lot of money on Colbee Park because it is floodprone.

Submissions were considered, and minor amendments were made to the Final Plan of Management and Masterplan.

5 STAGE 4 - PUBLIC HEARING

A separate public hearing report has been prepared (Parkland Planners, July 2021).

A public hearing regarding the proposed recategorisation of parts of Colbee Park was held on Monday 21 June 2021.

Three people attended the public hearing who agreed with the proposed recategorisation.

No written submissions were received about the proposed recategorisation.

The public hearing report recommended that Council adopt the proposed recategorisation that was publicly exhibited:



Figure 16 - Colbee Park Plan of Management – Draft (March 2021)

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A STAGE 1 DETAILED COMMENTS

What do you like about Colbee Park?

What is important/special about Colbee Park?

It's a great park

Local place in a great setting to cater for kids sport and recreational activities

Open space

Open space (37)

Open space

Openness

Open fields

Large fields

Large area

Big field

Good space

I like the amount of space

Size

Very large

Space (2)

I like the size

Open area, plenty of room

Wide open spaces

A feeling of openness

It's quite large and the kids can kick the ball around

There is a lot of space for many people to be using the grassed areas at the one time

Nice big open area with a lot of potential

I love how much space there is

How much room there is

Plenty of room

It's a beautiful open space that can be used by all of the community.

the wide open spaces to use

We like the quite open space of where it is located

It is really the only large park in our area that we can use for sports

plenty of space for the kids to ride and play ball away from traffic. We often take the dog also.

I love that it's big and expansive and I can work out there and my family can play soccer and run around in a wide open space which is rare in suburbia these days

The space it provides for exercise and community interaction.

it has a good amount of space that can be utilised in a lot of different ways

It is a large open area in suburbia

It's a beautiful local park (and it's huge) with so much space

The wide open spaces and the environment

There is the opportunity to keep this area for all to enjoy as a natural parkland and sanctuary in the midst of impending urban development. Do it!

It's great to have a big area right where we live to use.

Space for dogs (6)

Big and great for dogs

space to walk my dogs.

Place to walk the dogs

a great area on the bottom field for dog recreation

The dogs can run free without bothering people on the bottom field.

It is also used by many McGraths Hill residents to walk their dogs.

Location, access and safety

Close to home / within walking/cycling distance (29)

you can walk there from home

Its proximity to where we live

Easily accessible for many families in McGraths Hill by walking.

It's close

That it's in my area and I could walk there as opposed to drive

This is a local park that the kids can use, where we feel safe. The next closest parks are Box Hill and Windsor and we would prefer to have a park we can walk to instead of driving.

Accessible for our children on their bikes

We are very lucky to have access to close to where we live.

Location (23)

The location (2)

The location is fantastic

Location for grandkids

It's a traditional park with great location

Great location for all residents of McGraths Hill

It's a great central location (2)

Locality

Semi-rural feel / scenery (12)

the surrounding scenery

The country feel of the surrounds

semi rural surrounding/setting

surroundings

Outlook

still has country feel with trees and soft area

Feedback from other clubs they love the rural outlook

Sport use in rural setting

it is a lovely area

It has minimal impact on surrounding dwellings as it is rural.

The old farmer who brings his sheep down

Easy access (9)

It's easy to get to

It is easy accessible

easy to access

convenient

Quiet and peaceful (9)

Quiet

quiet surrounds (2)

it's quiet and peaceful

The quiet nature

that it is tucked away in a nice little quiet spot

Not too crowded.

Away from main road / traffic (7)

actual premises is away from main road

no traffic close by

no traffic to get there unlike trying to get to Windsor in the afternoon

and it's off the main drag

away from busy roads

Quiet road access

The location is safer as traffic is not usually heavy.

Accessible to all (5)

open access to all can be used by anyone

when not being used by organised group

It is a great local area that is easily accessible to all the community young and old

It is accessible during the daytime

Available for the community to use

Open to public

Free to use (3)

Location in the Hawkesbury (3)

It's in the Hawkesbury

Great local place central to the Hawkesbury

The park is a popular and good park. It is somewhat central to the highly residential

areas in the Hawkesbury region and people come from all neighboring suburbs to use it.

Local sporting facility (3)

It's important to have a sporting/activity area for the McGraths Hill locals

Safe place (2)

Somewhere safe for the kids to ride

The safe feeling of the area

Safe place for children (2)

Great safe place for children to get together

The kids have somewhere to hang out besides conducting social activities on the road

Safe for dogs (2)

It's the only area in McGraths Hill where I can exercise my dog away from traffic

I currently have to drive if I want to go to a dog park. it's also down away from the road, therefore could offer a safe and controlled environment if fenced properly.

Close to school (1)

It is so close to school

Public transport access (1)

and it's way to access with public transport with your bikes (the train)

Close to town (1)

not too far from the town

Diverse leisure opportunities

Variety of spaces/facilities/activities (9)

different spaces

Different options at the park - bike riding, playing sports and games on the field.

Diversity of activities that take place there

Lots of different groups / individuals can use the park - multifunctional.

It is multi purpose

It is a great venue for sports and just having fun, jogging etc.

A place locals walk their dogs, train for fitness and have fun

Outdoor activities for children (4)

Colbee Park is a great area for kids to go and enjoy outdoor activities.

Gives the kids something to do outside

allows for kids to get outdoors and active as well as adults

They explore with friends spending time outdoors off the PlayStation.

Place for children's activities (4)

Lots of kids living in McGraths Hill so great for somewhere close for them to go

It's great that it provides areas for children to play.

kids can kick their ball around or go to bmx track

The kids love exploring this park.

How important it is to many families and sporting groups.

Sporting opportunities

General

Variety of sporting facilities (8)

That it is used by BMX and soccer and baseball clubs

Colbee Park already has designated areas for various sports.

The utility of the broader space for multiple sports including baseball and BMX

Multi use sporting facility

My family spends valuable time staying fit by playing soccer. They ride the bike track.

it is a great site for both soccer & baseball.

Multi use sporting facility

It is a sporting facility that caters to as many as 5 different sports and codes.

Childrens' sport opportunities (7)

Good space for kids for a variety of sports

The fact that it has been used to promote sport to children in the area

Children being able to play sport

it allows my children to play weekend sport and get mid-week exercise.

Gives the local kids somewhere to practice sport

My children have been playing soccer there for over 12 years now. It holds a special place for our family.

It's been part of our sport for my children

Sports fields (6)

Playing fields.

Large playing fields

My kids use the fields for sports

the grounds are great most of the time

Good fields

It's a good local field.

Viewing area to watch sport (5)

You have the best viewing area to watch any sport being played on the park

Great view to watch soccer games from night and day

I like the position of the playing field because it has a high viewing platform for spectators

ground view from the hill

The closeness to the field

Home ground for sports (3)

home base for 2 vital clubs in the Hawkesbury which is important for kids sport.

It is home to 3 sporting clubs and is a much valued area

Sporting clubs (2)

excellent clubs

school runs great clubs from there

Soccer

Soccer club/community (17)

The soccer club that uses it is a great club to be part of

Being a part of the soccer club

It has a great community spirit

I love how one field is the center of everyone's attention, it provides a more community feel when playing on the field

My first soccer club so I have made a lot of memories there

I just love the club and the people who run Oakville Club

Soccer community

Home to Oakville United soccer club

The people that run Oakville Soccer Club do a great job with the facilities provided to them!

It facilitates the local soccer club

Oakville United soccer club (2)

Soccer club

A great soccer community

the soccer club brings the community together and take good care of the grounds.

Oakville United SC goes to great lengths in a voluntary manner to keep the grounds and facilities maintained and functional.

Soccer fields (7)

It's a soccer field!!!!

The soccer fields (2)

fields for exercise

Soccer

Oval

There's big fences behind the goals to stop balls going flying into the scrub

Soccer home ground (4)

Oakville soccer club home ground

It has been our local soccer field for a very long time

It has been our home ground for soccer for over 20 years

Home ground of soccer club

BMX

BMX track (55)

excellent BMX Track

The BMX track/facility is fantastic (2)

Best track in Australia, designed by the best track builder. Very lucky to have this in our area

The bmx track really brings the community together and gives the kids something to do

The BMX track has now been looked after very well so it's definitely the highlight

Bike track seems great for the kids

the bike track that gets all the kids playing and doing healthy exercise.

It's the only BMX track in the Hawkesbury and every fortnight Hawkesbury Hornets hold a club race with many other clubs attending getting over 100 people attending from outside the Hawkesbury.

The current track and all weather surface it great, along with the canteen facilities, they're better than just about any other track in NSW

Only BMX track in the Hawkesbury district (2) where my children and myself can ride

The bmx track which has been upgraded to national standard

The awesome BMX facilities. The BMX track is one of the best in NSW

I like that there is an excellent bmx track

That it has a bmx track next to it.

The BMX track basically at our doorstep

The skate park where my son can meet friends and ride bikes, enjoying outside.

Obviously the Bmx track for the kids (wish there were more of these!).

The club members have worked so hard to improve the track to make it one of the best. All the other clubs in NSW now talk about the Hawkesbury BMX track

My boys race BMX so the track is extremely important to us

the BMX track is in excellent condition

We love the BMX track

It's one of only a few BMX tracks in Sydney

Only Bmx track for racing in the Hawkesbury
BMX is now an Olympic sport and BMX tracks are relatively uncommon when compared to other sports.

Love the start hill and great all round track

It's a great place to race BMX bikes with a terrific club

My family love to come to Colbee park to race and ride bmx

Hawkesbury Hornets BMX Club now has a name throughout the BMX community as one of the best tracks.

Only BMX track in Hawkesbury. Best place for children and families to ride their bicycles safely

BMX club (13)

The awesome BMX club

the bmx club

It's my second home. The Hawkesbury hornets club is something I'm extremely proud to be associated with. I just love how it has grown in the last 12months.

It's our second home. Where we come to bmx ride, to socialise with other families with the same interests and keeping our kids active, healthy and socialising with peers.

The people who operate and are a part of the bmx club. It's an amazing group of people who are dedicated to the club and sport

The BMX club and its members and the BMX community

Hawkesbury Hornets BMX Club now has a name throughout the BMX community as one of the best clubs.

The BMX members have put a lot of hard work, money and effort into the club and the surrounding areas.

Baseball

Baseball fields/facilities (20)

It is a lovely ground that is well maintained by the baseball club

Baseball field.

Sporting facilities for our baseball club

It's a baseball field!!!!!!

My son has played baseball for 5 years, we love the field, it's our home

enclosed fencing so secure

We love our baseball field very much

Nice baseball diamond

Baseball club (6)

I have grown up playing baseball at the field since I was little and it has been great to see it grow from a small club with nothing, to a bigger club with lots of junior teams and a canteen, toilet block and equipment shed.

Our children love playing as part of the club there.

Colbee Park is important for our family to enjoy playing baseball, keeping fit, learning skills and being part of a team sport.

I like how the baseball club is community based and driven.

It's been great to see the baseball club grow over the years, it has gone from a small club with a few teams to a bigger club with 6 junior teams. It has grown to a club which has a canteen, toilet block and equipment shed

Baseball home ground (4)

RAIDERS BASEBALL HOME GROUND

the kids baseball games at home

It will be the home ground for my little girls first baseball team

Home ground for Oakville Ravens - sons team

Cricket

Cricket club (1)

The cricket club that use it

Community / social

Community sports (10)

Community sports!!

it's a great place for a close knit community sports field.

The sports bring families together

It brings together people from all over the local area as well as visitors from outside the area and provides a safe place to do sporting activities.

It's a great sporting facility for local teams

The joy it brings in both young and old and how it encourages sport and thus a healthier lifestyle

It is a great area for all sports to come together and for the community to be able to exercise

The local sports that bring the community together

This is a very important place for locals and sporting clubs

Community meeting place (9)

Communities built

I like that it offers a place for the residents of McGraths Hill to meet and feel like a community.

It's where a lot of local residents meet each other while walking their dogs.

It has potential to bring our suburb together, being in walking distance for so many families

It is a great gathering place for residents and sports lovers

It is a great community space

It's a place that can bring people together.

Its in a great community that lots of people can use

the friendly neighbourhood

Family park (8)

Good family park

Lovely safe fun area for my large family to enjoy

Great family space.

A place for families to get out and enjoy themselves

It's a good family ground

It already offers a number of organised activities catering for families, encouraging local families to do things in their own suburb.

A place for families to get outside & enjoy each other, get exercise

Quality of spaces / facilities

Good parking (7)

plenty of parking facilities

good parking (2)

amount of parking spaces

the large space for parking

Clean and tidy (6)

Clean always looked after

clean and presentable (most of the time)

Important to keep Colbee Park clean and tidy. It seems to be this way and important it stays like this.

Good facilities (4)

the facilities

It's a great facility lacking a few things

Well maintained (3)

It is kept well and maintained during the soccer season.

It's well maintained (2)

Toilets (2)

great toilet facilities
the toilets are functional

Canteen (1)

the newly renovated canteen

Natural**Killarney Chain of Ponds (2)**

It has a nice area near the chain of ponds.
the trees and creek/ waterway at the bottom

Greenery (1)**Colbee bounce (2)**

There is such thing as a colbee bounce

Other

It's a great area with a lot of potential
Great use of low lying land.
It's a largely initialized space apart from soccer
and BMX.
the parking as it used to be

Not much / nothing (3)

There's nothing else about the Park itself that I
like. It's dated and terrible.
Would be special if it were a decent park to
play in.

What would encourage you to use Colbee Park/use it more often?

That it doesn't get used as much as it should. Apart from soccer, BMX and baseball you will find most locals don't use it. Kids don't play there cos there is no park, dogs don't get taken there cos its not fenced, the baseball field is locked. It's sad!!!!

It's currently so under utilised. I walk every day and barely see anyone using it apart from soccer or BMX on the weekends or occasional afternoon.

New facilities/settings

Children's playground (27)

Playground

Playground area

Play equipment (4)

kids park

Kiddies playground

Play area for kids

fantastic kids playground

Decent fenced playground

Covered play area (2)

Better children's play equipment

Shaded and fenced childrens play area with equipment.

A park for kids with equipment, tables and chairs covered

Perhaps a secure children's playground

An enclosed play area

bench to sit on while the kids played on the equipment.

Kids park, the Jack Gow one is old and in a spot where cars tend to speed past. If there was a play ground at the southern end and possibly if it was lit up at night would be great too.

We have a 6 year old and 10 year old so when our son is at the BMX track it would be good if there was a children's park for our daughter to play. There is plenty of space and a playground would be a great asset. We do not have a good one in our area.

A well thought out, all inclusive children's park (look at the new Marsden Park play area for ideas)

Kids play area on the back field near bmx track.

A playground for school age children with splash pad, sunshelters and seating.

Pump track (19)

more related activities with the possible inclusion of a pump track

An asphalt pump track for all ages.

An asphalt BMX pump track to supplement the BMX track. Pump tracks can be used by bicycles of all sizes and skateboards.

a pump track for sure! It would open a whole new world of possibilities for the club!

Maybe another facility that my kids could be active on, pump track

The kids need a pump track

Dog park (16)

A properly fenced off dog park (2)

A fenced area for dog walking

A fenced dog park would be awesome

A proper fenced area for people to let their dogs get exercise.

a dog exercise area

Off lead dog park

I think a fenced off leash dog area would be a great asset

Put a dog park in with a tall fence so dogs can't jump over

If there was a fully fenced area for dogs, this would provide a safe and controlled area for me to take my dogs to exercise. I would use it everyday if there was a fully fenced area, currently there is only some fencing or it's locked

A dog park at the rear of the area

Skate park (12)

Skate facilities

Scooter facilities

more related activities with the possible inclusion of a skate park

A decent skate park wouldn't go astray either as the Clarendon skate park is pretty average put a skate park in next to the bmx track so it will attract more families and kids to bring bikes and scooters.

Maybe another facility that my kids could be active on, skate park

Places to watch kids ride bikes at the skate park.

Walking/running track (7)

Walking tracks around the area

Walking track so you don't get wet shoes in winter when walking around the park

Picnic area/facilities (5)

Covered seating areas similar to McQuade Park for picnics.

Picnic area on the back field near bmx track.

Barbecue facilities (4)

BBQ area for families + undercover area with tables and seating

Undercover barbecue area near canteen

Bicycle tracks (4)

For adults and kids

Bike/scooter paths for younger kids

bike track around premises

A wild bicycle track for my boys, more trees, water features.

BMX track (3)

More BMX facilities

Fitness equipment area (3)

Also an outdoor calisthenics gym (similar gyms found in Parramatta Park & Olympic Park) with chin up, dip bars etc.

Splash pad for kids (2)

<https://www.brisbanekids.com.au/orion-lagoon-robelle-domain-parklands/> We need these sorts of parks in our community they are popping up everywhere in Qld why can't we have them

Teen playground and equipment (1)

Dirt jumps (1)

Sports court (1)

Tennis (1)

Netball (1)

AFL posts (1)

General improvements

Better vehicle parking (17)

Better parking

Better vehicle access and parking.

better sealed parking

Fixing the car park there would be ideal as well.

Sealing the carpark would be the next priority

A proper smooth driveway

Better parking at the moment it's atrocious

A better car park, so you don't scratch the bottom of your car on the ground.

Improvement to the parking area.

a proper asphalt parking area

Upgrade to parking area.

Lighting – general (14)

lighting

Lighting that illuminates the entire park

Being able to train at night

Better lighting at this venue would mean a safer place to be and cater for all families to be able to use

Lights would be useful for summer and winter as we would be able to play games later and train later

More lights in winter.

Needs more lighting to avoid the weirdos heading down there at night.

Shade / shelter (11)

Shade area

Shade sails are badly needed.

Shelter from sun and heat.

better shelters with seats

Shade

more shade for hot days

More shade for spectators of sports.

Shade! It's an incredibly hot place on summer which is a shame as it become essentially unusable.

Shed or shelter during wet weather

More family spaces like shelter for younger children.

Better field surfaces – general (6)

Better fields

better surface

Returfing

better ground markings

If the grounds were in better condition

new turf fields

Better amenities – general (5)

better storage

better change rooms

better kitchen/canteen

Better amenities

better amenities block

Access to toilets (5)

Accessible toilets

Toilets available for use

Access to toilets

open toilets 24 hours

Better drainage (4)

Upgraded toilets (3)

Better toilets (2)

A revamp on facilities ie Toilet block

More seating with shade (3)

Also have shade and extra seating put in.

Water (2)

It would be great to put in a new tap to fill up your water bottles.

Bubbler of drinking water

Security cameras (2)

Perhaps security cameras to monitor behaviours at the park - less drug use, etc.

Unlimited access (1)

Areas that are accessible all the time (ie. no locked gates)

Weed control (1)

Better maintenance (1)

Just needs some TLC. The Park has been neglected by the council.

Improvements to soccer facilities

Better seating at football field (8)

covered seating

better seating (2) is badly needed.

A football field with adequate seating

More seating

Better seating for spectators.

tiered seating (2)

Better soccer amenities (5)

Better amenities

extension on canteen

Better club building facilities

Fixed club house (e.g. no broken windows, no leaking areas inside, new lights, a more significant distinction of the bathrooms and the female and male signs, some ventilation).

Better field maintenance (5)

Better field

Better maintenance

Better field maintenance

better care of the soccer field by council ie: greening of the grass etc.

Better maintained grounds.

Better soccer field surface (5)

If it had grass on the soccer pitch

A better soccer field. I love playing soccer there but the ground is shot it's really hard and I'm always left with sore joints after playing there

To be resurfaced and returfed because you could easily injure yourself with the amount of ditches on the fields.

better quality ground cover and the surface to be not as hard

Upgrades to the soccer oval with new nets and clearly marked fields with seating.

Better lighting of soccer fields (2)

Better lighting for nighttime training soccer

Electronic scoreboard (2)

Electronic scores would be cool

Better stairs/path to soccer field (2)

fix stairs down to soccer field

footpath down to field needs to be better it's just a disaster waiting to happen

Synthetic soccer fields (1)

Second full sized soccer field (1)

Widen the football fields to allow a second full sized field to be utilised

Control bindis (1)

The bindis on the field in summer make it hard to utilise in the off season.

Fencing (1)

Bit of fencing and maybe fenced off area for soccer baseball

To keep it as our local soccer field (2)

Improvements to BMX facilities

Lighting for BMX track (28)

Lighting at the BMX track (2)

Some additional night lighting for training outside of the playing fields. ie the bmx track.

Being able to use the bmx race track after sunset

We use the BMX track a lot and it would be great to have lights in there. My son misses training that he needs to improve as training needs to be straight after school before it gets dark and I work so I can't get him there.

If the bmx track was updated with lights. As for our family it's a 13 month sport where we spend 5 out of 7 days there. Lights for the darker nights.

Lights in all sports areas (BMX) for evening sports (like BMX meets) and training throughout the year.

Roof for BMX track (2)

If the bmx track was updated with a roof cover. As for our family it's a 13 month sport where

we spend 5 out of 7 days there. A cover for the rainy weather.

Seating at BMX track (1)

Improvements to baseball facilities

Lights at baseball field (4)

Lights at the baseball field, to allow for later training and a winter field option.

Lights in all sports areas (baseball) for evening sports and training throughout the year.

Lights at the baseball field so that night games could be played during summer. Lights would also mean that training could take place later so that it isn't as hot.

If there were lights so that we would be able to use the baseball field for evening games and train later

Public access to baseball fields (2)

Access to baseball fields by the public to use

Some of the baseball facilities needs to be updated to being us up to date with other baseball clubs that we play against.

Improvements to cricket facilities

Upgrade cricket nets (5)

Better cricket nets

Fix the bottom cricket nets

Upgraded trading nets for cricket training.

Upgrade cricket pitch (2)

Upgrade the second cricket pitch to bring up to competition condition.

Better cricket pitch.

Upgrade cricket field (2)

Fix the bottom cricket field

Better cricket facilities as the club that uses Colbee Park Is rapidly growing needs a ground upgrade

Lighting of cricket field (1)

Lights in all sports areas (cricket) for evening sports and training throughout the year.

Back fence on the bottom field (1)

More activities at Colbee Park

Include Representative cricket games showing off the Hawkesbury.

More community events such as 'the big thing' held in mid 2000 with an array of musical performances as well as racing bmx and freestyle bmx. More events like this should be accessible for the youth and teenagers

More sport for kids so we don't have to travel to Windsor through all the traffic.

Bring more sports to the grounds.

More activities for children

Other comments

Clean, safe, child friendly spaces

less drug items laying around on the ground near the picnic hut.

Changes / improvements desired to Colbee Park

95% of respondents want at least one change or improvement to Colbee Park. Desired changes and improvements are listed below.

The park needs updating

It's pretty drab

New facilities/settings

More family orientated

Children's playground (33)

Play equipment (fenced and shaded)

a playground for siblings not involved in the sport

kids area

Park for kids

Covered play area

Play equipment for children (4)

playground for the young

Playground area

some play equipment for younger children

play area/equipment

An inclusive play area

Would love a secure children's playground

Swings, slides

I believe the area can be utilised to create a great play space/location for family outings. We don't have a good playground or BBQ area in McGraths Hill and I think this location would be great for this.

More play areas for young children

Would love to see a shaded playground

Play area for kids

Inclusive play area for my child

flying fox, ultra big climbing equipment, swings n slides for 10-12 year olds

And a play area to bring more people together

Pump track (31)

Pumptrack for all ages

A pump track for the kids would mean the park will always be used even more than now.

BMX pump track (the closest pump tracks are located in the Manly and Sutherland areas)

A smaller bmx / kids bike track would be great as an introduction to the larger BMX track.

The Bmx is growing larger and I think with a pump track there bmx club will grow more I have 4 kids and my husband who ride there a lot per week

Add to the Bmx track - a pump track for training on and alternative to the BMX track.

The inclusion of a pump track to provide even more activities for the public that compliment and utilise the already great bmx racing facility

Pump track would see us there more frequently

Pumptrack next to BMX track

Pump Track for the kids!

Would be great to also have a bitumen pump track. Great for scooters, skateboards and bikes

BMX pump track (could be located next to track on unused field, Manly BMX track is a good example)

Dog park (29)

A fenced safe area for dog walking

Make it a dog park

A fully fenced open play dog park

An off leash area for dogs

I think the bottom cricket pitch (which hasn't been utilised in the 4yrs I've lived here) should be used as an area for residents to exercise their dogs, given that there are no other options in the area.

Take my dog for a run/play! I walk them every day but as there is no fully fenced areas I keep them on lead. I would love to be able to take them down the oval! I HATE having to drive to dog parks knowing there is a perfect park i could walk to

dog park with a tall fence

and a dog park to bring more people together

Would love to see a large off the leash dog area

dedicated enclosed dog area

A fully fenced dog area added to the back oval (next to the BMX track) which is currently not used at all

I would like to see a fenced dog park put in to better utilise the area.

Dog run

Fenced off lead dog park

Dog bins and bags (3)

doggie bags for people pooing dogs!

I carry poop bags with me and walk every day but perhaps would be good to add poopbags and bins like at the dog park next to Oasis

doggie poo bags

Big fines for people who don't pickup dog droppings.

Skate park (17)

Our family would love a skatepark to be built at Colbee Park as we have none close by.

A skate park for kids that like to ride skateboards & scooters not all kids just ride bikes

A small skate park would be great for everyone that uses the park

I believe that a new skatepark and facility that includes from beginners-intermediate-expert would be a delightful change of scenery. Clarendon since being re-sealed has seen a influx of people using it again, and still no bathrooms or seating undercover?

Have a skatepark

The inclusion of a skate park to provide even more activities for the public that complement and utilise the already great bmx racing facility scooter/ skateboard

Walking/running track/paths (10)

I think a proper walking track would encourage parents to walk while their kids are training.

Walking path around the soccer and baseball fields

Take my dog for a run/play! I walk them every day but as there as no paths/fully fenced areas I keep them on lead. I would love to be able to take them down the oval! I HATE having to drive to dog parks knowing there is a perfect park i could walk to

Fitness equipment area (9)

Exercise area (with equipment)
outdoor calisthenics gym.

Like along the RAAF Base, area to use equipment and encourage exercise would be great.

Some outdoor fitness equipment like the ones located at Ham Common, Richmond.

exercise with equipment

Picnic area/facilities (9)

more picnic tables

Tables and chairs

More family seating with shade for picnics

More areas for shade and picnic tables or seats

more shade areas for sitting/picnic areas

Family picnics, take the kids for a day out to a nice modern park that is close to home.

Barbecue facilities (7)

BBQ, take the kids for a day out to a nice modern park that is close to home.

Maybe BBQ area for weekends

And a play area/ bbq area to bring more people together

Bicycle tracks (5)

Bike/Scooter Track

Bike path for smaller children

Teen playground and equipment (3)

playground for teens

large fixed equipment for older children but not a skatepark

potential to create a place for adolescents to keep themselves occupied

Sports court (3)

Basketball court

Netball court

Tennis court

Splash pad/water play park for kids (2)

small water play equipment

Mountain bike track (2)

My sons and grandson travel to the Wylde bike track course in Western Sydney Parklands to enjoy the fantastic tracks provided but would appreciate something similar closer to home. The park would be well utilised if challenging bike tracks were developed

A wild mountain bike track

Flying fox (1)

Children's climbing park (1)

Water features (1)

Retain existing facilities

Yes it has a great history for our soccer club and should be maintained

That the baseball is still alive and kicking, junior participation is up, the club needs the baseball diamond, so please leave it there.

General improvements

general site improvement

Better vehicle parking area (32)

carpark resurfacing

Better car park (2)

Better parking (3)

Upgraded parking (3)

Sealing the carpark would be the next priority

Proper car park

Car park definitely

Parking is a problem due to water erosion.

Smaller cars cannot park near the soccer fields

due to the big ditch that develops with water runoff.

Proper smooth driveway

Better car parking areas.

Improvements to the parking areas

Have car parks converted from dry to bitumen would be great

Better parking areas (concreted), so that when it rains it does not become boggy

Car park needs to be fixed because when there is heavy rain it becomes a mud pit.

Parking improved

Better surface on car park

Improved carpark area

Parking area needs fixing

Improved car park (levelled out)

Improvement last to the parking

Unrestricted parking (1)

Lighting – general (10)

Better lighting to avoid the weirdos.

Better lighting for evening training.

Definitely needs a lighting option for more use during evening / early morning and for security of the park after hours. As a 40 year resident, I believe there has been a drop in use since the chain.

Shade / shelter (12)

more shelter closer to grounds

More shelter for families

weather shelter

more seating and shade/weather protection

Not enough shade

More shade and casual seating

Undercover area

Better field surfaces – general (3)

Better sports fields

The whole park like field upgrade the whole thing

field improvements.

returfing

Better amenities – general (2)

clean amenities

Better disabled facilities for spectators.

Better drainage (1)

Upgraded toilets (4)

new toilets

Better toilets (3)

Accessible/safe toilets (4)

Accessible safe toilets for our children is a must.

open toilets 24 hours as an aging local toilet access is important

open toilet facilities.

public toilets that are unlocked each day

More seating with shade (11)

covered seating

Shade sails and better seating are badly needed.

Seating and undercover areas for viewing

More seating and shade for spectators, it would then make Colbee a more enjoyable family area also

Water (8)

drinking water

filtered water station

bubblers

water stations for water fill up and for animals

doggie water stops

Drinking fountains

A new bubbler (2) for clean water

Better security at night (6)

More security at night to deter vandals from damaging grounds & clubhouses

It needs to feel safer at night. Good lighting, lines of sight improved, seating for parents watching etc

It's a magnet for kids and teens of an evening after dark and some take drugs there. More lighting would be great as a deterrent.

Security cameras

some cameras or safety features.

Just to see the dodgy activity in Colbee Park cease

Better spectator seating (4)

Benches

better spectator seating

better seats for spectators

more seating for watching sports

Unlimited access (1)

Being able to park back down near the BMX track without having to have a key to gate.

Weed control (1)

No pesticides used for maintenance especially NOT round up. There are plenty of councils in Australia taking a more natural approach to grounds maintenance.. it's totally do-able!

Better ground maintenance (4)

Better upkeep of grounds

better maintenance of grounds

Ground is never well tended

the grounds need to be taken better care of

Facility upgrade/improvement (3)

Facility improvements.

Updating the facilities

Refreshment of facilities.

Address flooding (2)

It floods, this needs addressing!

It Floods and needs to be built up with a moat on the outside with footpaths leading to the park for the safety of our children, grandchildren and elderly patrons.

Better storage (1)

Better storage for the clubs is needed (they have to use a shipping container at the moment).

More fencing (2)

Enclosed park

More trees planted (2)

Trees, shrubs

More bins (1)

More facilities for numerous sports.

Improvements to soccer facilities

The soccer club is part of Blacktown association and the field is known to have a wonderful view in the district but it's a shame that it's quite tired at the moment

Upgrade to the soccer facilities

Better seating at football field (5)

undercover tiered seating area

tiered seating up hill better (2)

cover for spectators when soccer games are played

grand stand

Better soccer amenities (8)

Renovations to the club house to look more professional and inviting (e.g. fix broken windows, some ventilation, no leaking taps, an upgraded bathrooms and a clearer distinction between male and female bathrooms etc)

better change rooms

Toilet and change room are terrible

the bathrooms need some attention

Every other club complains about the poor quality of the amenities to us when they have to play at Colbee

Improvements to the soccer club to make it more appealing.

Better field maintenance (1)

The field needs maintenance

Better soccer field surface (14)

In winter the fields are dry and lumpy with holes which are dangerous

Improve the quality of the soccer field
better surface

the grass on the surface is very patchy & (if it hasn't been raining) the ground is like concrete.

Ground needs to be graded or levelled

To be levelled out and returfed,

better grass (3)

Resurface the field

re-turfing

ground cover on the hill and field

Full field of grass on soccer pitches

Every other club complains about the poor quality of the field to us when they have to play at Colbee

Better lighting of soccer fields (1)

Lighting on the field - unable to use after sunset unless there are sports teams on there. Could be on a timed button that users could press ie 30 minutes 5-7am & 5-10pm

Electronic scoreboard (3)

Score boards

Better stairs/path to soccer field (3)

stairs repaired

a better stairway from the field to the change room

Fix the stairs down to the field.

Synthetic soccer fields (4)

All purpose synthetic pitch with a running track on the outside

Second full sized soccer field (1)

A new soccer field

Control bindis (2)

Too many bindies

Need to spray for bindis please.

Fencing (1)

Big fencing all around

Irrigation of soccer field (2)

Modified football fields (2)

Specialised modified football fields catering for everyone who plays under the age of 11

Football field with small and large posts

Better drainage (6)

The field needs drainage

proper drainage for the soccer fields

The drainage is absolutely terrible

Better water drainage from the soccer fields.

Water stays pooled for too long after rain.

Better ground markings (1)

Better club house (3)

Better club room facilities

Better kitchen/canteen (4)

extension on canteen

Better storage (1)

Wider access for wheelchairs or prams into the soccer field (2)

Ball guards behind goal posts (1)

some guards behind the goal on the back field

Player/coach bench cover (2)

cover for the Subs/coach

player bench cover

Improvements to BMX facilities

Hawkesbury Hornets held one of the largest race days for BMX NSW. More support to the club means larger numbers and more visitors to the area

Lighting for BMX track (41)

We desperately need lights. We have the best track in NSW if not Australia and we cannot use it to its full advantage. We should be hosting national events here but can't because without lights we can't participate in these events. It's sad

As a member of the BMX club we really need to see lights at this venue. Lights would mean the track could be used all year round for great times.

Light at night

Lights to extend the usage of the bmx facility to bring it to a state national level.

Lighting for the BMX track to allow night racing and evening training groups for young riders who want to have coaching and training

lights for the bmx track would allow training and gates to go past sundown. Being out of area we have trouble getting the most out of the winter daylight hours

The BMX Club really needs lights so the kids can train in the afternoon. In winter it gets dark and kids miss out cause parents work. Then in summer lights would be good so racing could be held later so it is cooler rather in the heat of the day.

Lights at the BMX track to enable our riders more track time, practise hours, coaching & events.

Lights on the bmx track to enable more coaching sessions and club events

Lights for bmx track and surroundings

lights at the bmx track

Lights installed at bmx areas for use at night & for training.

Lights to the BMX track as so the Hawkesbury Hornets Bmx Club can run more events eg: night racing/ training session

BMX track requires lighting

BMX in the evening during winter

The bmx club is growing especially for the young kids. We need lights to offer night training for parents who work longer hours so there kids don't miss out

Night time lights for bmx track

The BMX track needs a few things to keep up with the sport and other clubs.. The club is getting very big and a few things like lights etc keep us from growing more

Lights would be massive for there. The opportunity to hold many national events and pull larger spectators and people together would be amazing.

The BMX track is currently the most liked track in Sydney. It's also the only one where lighting is unavailable. Hence during winter months the use of the facility is hugely restricted

We currently have to travel to Castle Hill for training of a night as Hawkesbury cannot accommodate this due to no lights. This track is one of the best around but is lacking the council approval to make it the best track around. Let's make it the best..

I started riding at Hawkesbury hornets at 10 and I still ride there and now take my kids, it needs to be treated with the same attention as other sports and needs lights to make events possible in the BMX community

Lights, to allow for more coaching and track time for the next gen of bmxers

The lights at the bmx track would mean the track would have far great use as we could

train and run races at night which would really help through the winter months and shorter days

If there are lights at that BMX track many of people will attend practice during the night from all areas bring people and money to the local area

It desperately needs lights

Get lights for BMX track

The Bmx is growing larger and I think with lights there bmx club will grow more I have 4 kids and my husband who ride there a lot per week

With the inclusion of lights at the bmx track, the facility would be lifted to a state and national level facility that intern will attract bigger events to the area and bringing revenue to the area.

Roof for BMX track (2)

BMX Clubhouse (1)

Vital club houses for two different community sports.

Water pump at BMX track (1)

Bmx club is in need of a pump to pump water off track so the kids can use more

It is important that the club has support from the local council to keep the track in good condition for riders & free from vandalism

Improvements to baseball facilities

Colbee has been neglected for a long time and deserves some TLC. Oakville Ravens have been loyal to the park for a long time and the families deserve more.

Lights at baseball field (1)

Lights installed at baseball area for use at night & for training.

Public access to baseball field (2)

That access by the public to use the baseball diamonds

public access to baseball field

Better seating/viewing in the baseball area (2)

The baseball ground to be done like other baseball grounds with more seating, under cover seating

Better dugouts for baseball (1)

Multi age group baseball diamonds (1)

Establishment of proper multi age group baseball diamonds

Better baseball grounds (2)

More professional and safe grounds for baseball. Versus other grounds we play in it's of a poor standard

Baseball diamonds upgraded.

Baseball clubhouse (2)

A clubhouse for the baseball club

Vital club houses for two different community sports.

Mow grass (1)

Remove the long grass to the side of the baseball diamond near the canteen as it is a haven for snakes

Improvements to cricket facilities

Upgrade cricket nets (3)

New cricket bottom field nets fixed

Upgrade cricket pitch (2)

versatile wicket

Upgrade cricket field (1)

upgrade of second cricket field

Lighting of cricket field (1)

Lights installed at cricket area for use at night & for training.

Back fence on the bottom field ()

Better access to cricket nets once they are done

Killarney Chain of Ponds

Better visibility of water (1)

More vision of the water areas

Landscaping (1)

I feel the chain of ponds in the park could be better utilised by landscaping

Benches (1)

I feel the chain of ponds in the park could be better utilised by the placement of benches.

More activities at Colbee Park

Definitely more activities in the wasted space.

Hockey

Archery

Group personal training

Bootcamps

Walking group

More activities for kids

From time to time perhaps have some sort of market as long as it didn't damage the grounds

Use for the occasional concert or fair

Small festivals and community events held there, for so much room it isn't being taken advantage of socially and financially.

I think all sports at Colbee would be able to offer out of season competitions if the park was updated. The field can't support more games at the moment

Other comments

That it gets developed in a way that encourages more use

There is so much unused space or at least not used to its potential and perhaps create a larger hub for people to interact and socialise

It has plenty of potential

It's a great facility with a lot of potential to grow and develop and to get more kids and families out and about every week!

Is there anything that you think Council should know about the park, interesting information etc?

That's it's such a good area for the community and to sell off the land would be a shame.

I think Council should treat all parks evenly & not have favorites.....

Fix it! Our rates are through the roof and McGraths Hill really has nothing to offer

A serious discussion about this and asking the community about this and to write openly is a great way to build trust and reputation.

This is a chance to make this a real draw card for our area like other councils have done in theirs. The community needs to be involved as we are the users of the facilities. Thanks for the opportunity to comment, looking forward to seeing the draft plan.

B PLACES TOOL COMMENTS

Places / Pinpoint

36 comments were made by 8 people on the online Places tool.

New facilities / spaces

Pump track (4)

Pump track for all ages and all abilities.
Scooters bikes and skate boards.

Pump track to provide increased facilities for bikes skateboards and scooters

Bike path for young children (3)

A bike track for younger/less experienced kids to learn to ride and road safety!

A small pushbike track for little children along with areas for parents to sit

Circular path for scooters and younger children to ride.

Dog park (2)

Fully fenced off-lead dog park area

A fenced in area for dogs so they can be off the leash without interfering with sports or the bike track

Children's play area (1)

A play ground with shade and shaded picnic tables, water bubblers, etc.

Walking/jogging track (1)

a round track around oval for walking/riding/jogging

Water play ground (2)

General improvements to Colbee Park

Upgrade parking area (6)

Upgraded carpark (3)

Upgrade parking as the grass is regularly rutted after rain.

Upgraded parking near baseball field

Upgraded parking near soccer field

More seating and shade (6)

More shady areas and seating

More seating and weather protection

Upgrade and add more table and chair undercover areas

Better drainage (3)

Better drainage so water doesn't sit for long periods of time

Better drainage as water sits for along time in this area

More parking (2)

Access for overflow carparking

BMX track

Lighting of BMX track (4)

Lights for the bmx track to allow for greater use at night

Lighting! This BMX track needs lights. This would offer greater enjoyment for all users of the track. It would mean the track could be used for greater periods and events can also be held over different hours catering for more families.

Lights needed on BMX track for greater use of the track.

The BMX track needs Lights! In summer it is too hot and in winter there is not enough daylight hours. Having no lights in winter means riders need to go to either Penrith or Castle Hill to ride.

Cover over BMX start gate and staging area (3)

A cover over start gate and BMX staging area and commentary box. To protect all from weather (rain and sun).

Roof/cover over BMX track (2)

A roof over the BMX track would offer an all weather activity for kids in the area to participate in.

A cover over the BMX track. Hawkesbury gets very hot in summer.

Safer start gate for BMX members (1)

Killarney Chain of Ponds

This is a large pretty area. It would be great to have a bridge over the creek for access. Maybe a nice walking trail or dog park.