



Parks for People

Phase 2 Engagement Outcomes Report

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Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

Executive summary

The New South Wales Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has commissioned JOC Consulting to assist with the delivery of community engagement for the upgrades to County Road Reserve, Belrose and Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest as part of the Parks for People Program.

The community's input during the first phase of engagement (May - June 2021) helped to shape a vision for the upgraded parks and guided some of Australia's best designers and landscape architects to create draft Concept Designs which build on existing assets of the rich cultural, and social features of the area (see below).

This Engagement Outcomes Report presents the results from the second phase of consultation that sought community feedback on the Draft Concept Designs. In order to capture the community's feedback, a Design Board and online survey were open to the public between 17 August and 9 September 2021 for both County Road Reserve and Nandi Reserve.

Figure 1: Draft Concept Design for County Road Reserve in Belrose presented to the community during Phase 2 engagement



“I like the concept and getting young people involved. We lose too many natural points close to the city.”

- Design Board Participant, Phase 2

Figure 2: Draft Concept Design for Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest presented to the community during Phase 2 engagement



“I agree with the minimal infrastructure approach, low impact on vegetation and having the park specially design to cater for the local community. For me the primary purpose of this park should be for kids and adults to connect with nature, so let’s do all we can to protect and nurture the bushland which will intern protect the wildlife who depend on it.”

- Survey participant, Phase 2

What we heard in Phase 1

County Road Reserve, Belrose

The majority of the first round of engagement was held entirely online in April and May 2021, as well as through a face-to-face stakeholder meeting with neighbouring residents. The broad online engagement captured feedback through an online survey, an interactive Social Pinpoint Map and written submissions. Across all engagement methods, participants were asked to vote on possible visions for the park, nominate priorities, and provide their big ideas to help inform the design.

The most popular vision statements were:



A place to play games and sports



A fun place with lots of different activities and play equipment



A place that is connected to other parks as part of a loop or trail

The key priorities for the community were:

1. A high-quality local sports field
2. A walk/cycle loop
3. A new playground

Some of the community's big ideas included:

- Greater amenities in the park
- Increased parking and consideration for traffic flows into and out of park area
- Upgrades to sports field
- Walk/bike track with connectivity to The Cascades, Narrabeen Lakes, Middle Harbour, St Ives, and the broader bike trail network to Oxford falls and Garigal
- Lionel Watts Reserve was a common best practice example that was nominated for County Road Reserve

Online COVID-safe engagement hub

334

community members

Ranging 18 to 75+ years of age

70% local residents

27% affiliated with a local sports organisation

4,778

Project page visits

254

Online survey responses

80

Interactive map participants

13

Written submissions

Feedback through Online Design Board

Phase 2 engagement asked participants to provide feedback on several key design features through the online design board. A summary of the key comments and ideas provided by participants in response to each of the design features is shown in the below table:

Design feature and description	Community support	What did the community like?	Additional ideas from the community
<p>Restoring nature</p> <p><i>The ecological corridor will be regenerated to support local flora and fauna.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 21</p> <p>Down votes: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to interact with nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand bush regeneration from the Concept Design Ensure dogs remain on leashes Extend wildlife corridor to Forest Way
<p>Amenities building</p> <p><i>A new amenities building will connect to the park's open space, providing facilities including toilets, a kiosk space and storage.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 14</p> <p>Down votes: 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to provide a quality café for the wider community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider a licenced café open for breakfast, lunch and dinner Move the café between location 7 & 5 to ease traffic noise and incorporate water views Include an accessible bathroom for people with disability Increase the number of rubbish bins Reposition amenities building away from neighbouring properties
<p>New arrival</p> <p><i>An improved arrival will include safety lighting for pedestrians and a sealed car park for 30 car spaces.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 8</p> <p>Down votes: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved pedestrian access from Glen Street Increase safety lights at night Opportunities to increase parking and expand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Widen the footpath from Glen Street to increase safety Incorporate loop in carpark to allow for traffic flow and safe entry/exit Consider removing overflow carpark and directing participants to off-street parking to allow for continuous use of basketball courts Minimise pedestrian access from Forest Way Reconsider single carpark entry from Forest Way

		parking location options	
<p>Nature play and bush learning</p> <p><i>Inclusive play incorporating Everyone Can Play principles will complement sensory discovery, cultural and ecological learning and walking tracks.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 13</p> <p>Down votes: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The integration of art into walking track, especially Cabbage Tree sculptures ▪ Opportunity to get young people involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider relocating playground to allow for better sight lines for parents (switching locations 10 & 5) ▪ Increase walking and bike access from Seaview Parade and Lord Street ▪ Ensure inclusivity by providing wheelchair accessibility of paths and play area ▪ Incorporate a community garden ▪ Consider outdoor gym equipment ▪ Consider attractions that incorporate technology e.g. QR codes ▪ Incorporate waterplay or trampolines, taking inspiration from case studies on pg. 12 ▪ Consider raised walking tracks
<p>Natural amphitheatre</p> <p><i>Using the existing embankment, a natural amphitheatre is proposed so people can sit and relax and watch a game.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 15</p> <p>Down votes: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorporating seating into the natural landscape and topography as a great addition to the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider proximity to surrounding residence when locating seating ▪ Incorporate natural materials such as timber sculptures ▪ Include seating overlooking the soccer field
<p>Multipurpose space and court</p> <p><i>Are proposed for pop up events, break out spaces, and multipurpose courts for basketball, netball or handball.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 14</p> <p>Down votes: 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outdoor basketball courts are a great addition, but one does not suffice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase the number of basketball courts ▪ Provide adequate seating and shaded shelter next to courts ▪ Incorporate tennis hitting wall and netball hoops (similar to Bar Beach Newcastle) ▪ Consider consolidating the court to include more permanent parking

<p>Upgrade existing field</p> <p><i>The field will be regraded and resurfaced with natural turf, lighting for night games and drainage.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 11</p> <p>Down votes: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration given to drainage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diversify sport offerings to increase youth usage ▪ Incorporate an additional futsal court, skateboard ramps, tennis walls and more basketball courts ▪ Include line markings for Pickleball ▪ Consider surrounding residents when selecting lighting options ▪ Consider resurfacing with synthetic grass instead of turf
<p>Draft concept design</p> <p><i>Improving facilities, play and open space to maximise activation in harmony with the bushland setting.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 7</p> <p>Down votes: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The inclusion and engagement of youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Incorporate mountain bike jumps, little jumps, kickers, bumps and the like, as they are currently well-used ▪ Consider additional access to parking from Lord Street ▪ Increasing pedestrian access from the esplanade, Seaview Parade, or other side streets ▪ Consider outdoor gym equipment ▪ Expand walking path around soccer fields for children on bikes ▪ Incorporate a wildlife corridor to allow for safe passage. ▪ Minimise impact on neighbouring residents

Issues and considerations

Across the engagement, participants raised the following issues and considerations for the design team to consider when finalising the Concept Design:

Proximity to residential areas: Participants desired for the location of amenities to be further away from the residential properties in Marnoo Place. While appreciating the value of these facilities, participants considered how the basketball court, amenities block and lighting could impact the privacy and visual amenity of adjoining properties.

Safety and access from Forest Way: Participants discussed issues of safety in the Park and adjoining road. They wished to see the height of the fence raised along Forest Way to prevent pedestrian and vehicle collision, especially for those participating in ball games. Further, participants requested reduced pedestrian access from Forest Way and increased access from Lord Street and Seaview Parade. A number of responses desired wider paths at both the entry loop path for parents with children on bicycles.

Location and design of play equipment: A number of comments desired a relocation of the playground closer to the oval to ensure clearer sight lines to the road and passive surveillance opportunities for parents/carers. Participants also noted that young children still enjoy “traditional” playground activities such as swinging and climbing, and hoped to see this retained in the nature play.

Parking: Participants expressed that the proposed car spaces, including overflow parking, was inadequate for current and future users of the Park especially on game days. Some of these responses also noted a preference for having continuous access to the multi-purpose court rather than its current dual use. A small minority of participants desired a reduction of parking, reporting that there was sufficient street parking within 200m of the Park.

Retention of bushland: Participants wished to see bushland and green space at the Park retained as much as possible. Respondents valued wildlife, shade and the natural environment, as a key characteristic of the park.

Number of amenities: While the broad majority of participants appreciate the inclusion of many diverse facilities in the park, a small number of community members expressed concern that the multitude of facilities could eliminate the Park’s potential to provide an open recreational space, and wished to see this function retained in the Park.

Case studies

Several participants referenced case studies for the design team to consider, including:

- Narrabeen Lake (*playground*)
- PJ Smith Ecological Report (provided by BOSCA)
- Ives Showground (*playground*)
- Bar Beach Newcastle (*tennis practice wall*)

What we heard in Phase 1

Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest

Phase 1 of engagement took place between April and May 2021, capturing feedback through an Online Survey, Interactive Map, written submissions, and a street meeting with residents from neighbouring households.

The most popular vision statements were:



A place for adventure and discovery through the natural landscape



A place for cycling, running, and walking



A place that is connected to other parks as part of a loop or trail

The key priorities for the community were:

1. A walking and cycling loop
2. Enhanced natural ecosystem
3. Nature inspired by play
4. Traffic and parking limitations

Some of the community's big ideas included:

- Overpass connections from May Gibbs Way to open access to Western and Northern neighbouring suburbs
- Mountain bike trail connected to the wider LGA cycling network
- Active transport connectivity to the park – bike lanes and footpaths
- Walking trail and loop with minimal disruption to wildlife corridor
- Greater connection from Wakehurst Parkway
- A play space inspired by the natural bushland

Online COVID-safe engagement hub

185

community members

Ranging 18 to 75+ years of age

87% local residents

3,234

Project page visits

109

Interactive map participants

76

Online survey responses

11

Written submissions

1

Street meeting with 20-25 attendees

1

Meeting with Powerful Owl expert

Feedback through Online Design Board

Phase 2 engagement asked participants to provide feedback on several key design features through the online design board. A summary of the key comments and ideas provided by participants in response to each of the design features is shown in the below table:

Design feature and description	Community support	What did the community like?	Additional ideas from the community
<p>Restoring nature and habitat</p> <p><i>Protection of sensitive fauna species, explore opportunities for fauna crossing and diverse tree species, bird, and bat boxes.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 6</p> <p>Down votes: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to protect sensitive native fauna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconsider the addition of trails Remediate endangered native plants such as Christmas Bells Acquire the remaining bush land bounded by Nandi Reserve, Wakehurst Parkway and Oxford Falls
<p>Enhance existing walking trail network</p> <p><i>Connect and improve existing trail to create a loop by adding connections that are sensitively aligned through existing vegetation with minimal impact to flora and fauna.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 5</p> <p>Down votes: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for additional and updated pathways Elevated path to protect nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate wide paths for bike access Consider pushing the path further back from houses along Nandi Avenue Consider improving access way from Oxford Fall Grammar to the hospital precinct
<p>Rest and relax</p> <p><i>Potential for seating to be located at existing clearings subject to impact on ecology.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 3</p> <p>Down votes: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for seating in bush areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reallocate seating fund to widening paths to accommodate bicycles or bush play areas for children Consider locating seating away from houses or not on the Western loop track

<p>Educational opportunities</p> <p><i>Bush tucker experiences, cultural and ecological learning, indigenous workshops, seed dispersal education, educational walking tours.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 3</p> <p>Down votes: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opportunities to make use of the bush setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consider the inclusion of more educational opportunities in these areas
<p>Draft concept design</p> <p><i>Preserve and strengthen habitat and nature, while providing a great space for people.</i></p>	<p>Up votes: 6</p> <p>Down votes: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minimal design will result in less impact to the environment ▪ Opportunity to increase kids' connection to nature ▪ Preservation and regeneration of nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add toilet facilities to support educational visits from schools ▪ Protect native animals from accessing the road ▪ Consider additional access points and parking from Wakehurst Parkway for instance, as extra traffic on Nandi Avenue could be a risk to children living on the street ▪ Clarify potential opportunities for access to the Park from Frenchs Forest Road ▪ Include a buffer zone to houses on Nandi Avenue ▪ Consider opportunities to improve pedestrian access, such as a pedestrian bridge from May Gibbs Way or a link to Romford Road ▪ Consider strategic connections from the Park to existing Oxford Falls Peace Park and Frenchs Forest Town Centre

Issues and considerations

Across the engagement, participants raised the following issues and considerations for the design team to consider when finalising the Concept Design:

Maintaining the natural landscape: Participants were pleased to see the natural beauty of the reserve retained through a “low impact approach”. They recognised the Park as an important habitat for native flora and fauna, and one participant saw opportunity to create interpretive signage to educate park users of the importance of the bushland habitat for threatened species.

Children’s play: Participants perceived a lack of facilities for children in the Park and identified opportunities to provide an active recreation space to complement the passive pathways. Comments desired facilities and play equipment which could service this age group while keeping with the theme of nature play, such as monkey bars, tree fort, flying fox or bike jump area. One submission suggested this feature could be located on the eastern loop track, set back from adjacent resident properties.

Parking and vehicle access: Participants raised concerns about increased traffic and parked cars on the already narrow Nandi Avenue. They questioned how an increase in visitor patronage will be accommodated through parking and amenities. Suggestions focused on increasing access points from surrounding streets to distribute traffic.

Widening the path for cyclists: Participants suggested widening the path to accommodate cyclists as well as pedestrians. They expressed this would provide a safer option for children, rather than riding on the local roads.

Connections beyond the Park: Several comments considered using the Park as an opportunity for accessing the reimagined Frenchs Forest Town Centre, the hospital precinct and Oxford Fall Grammar through links which extend beyond walking trails. It was suggested the Park could integrate pedestrian access to Wakehurst Parkway, Frenchs Forest Road and Romford Road. One participant envisioned the Park eventually integrating with Narrabeen Lagoon walking and cycling trails.

Supporting facilities for education: A small minority of participants encountered difficulty seeing the success of educational aspects with the absence of facilities to support this use. While they appreciated the prospect of educational and cultural opportunities, they noted the need for adequate parking and a toilet block if school children are to visit the site.

Where to from here

Overall, the visions and draft Design Concepts for the upgrades to County Road Reserve in Belrose and, to a lesser extent, Nandi Reserve in Frenchs Forest, have been well received by participants. Through the course of community engagement, valuable feedback on the draft Concept Design was captured, along with additional design ideas and elements for consideration as Arcadia Landscape Architecture prepares the final Concept Designs.

Next steps

The findings from this report will be used to inform the final plan for the upgraded County Road Reserve in Belrose and Nandi Reserve in Frenchs Forest.

“(The Concept Design is) cleaner, neater, preserves bush in the area, and improves usable space.”

- Online survey participant, Phase 2
(County Road Reserve, Belrose)

“The Park is a great opportunity for our kids to enjoy the bushland and for families to connect with the area.”

- Online survey participant, Phase 2
(Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest)

Appendix A – Online Survey Analysis

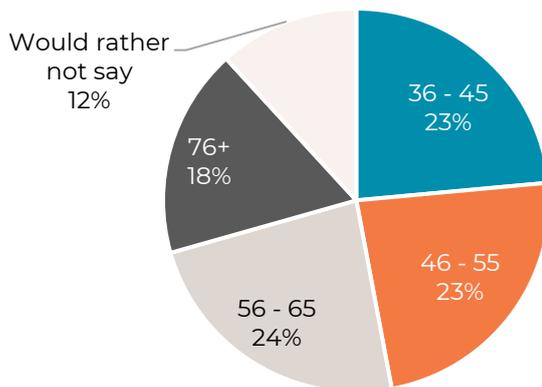
PART A - County Road Reserve, Belrose

A total of 17 people participated in the survey.

Demographics – County Road Reserve, Belrose

What is your age? (Q8)

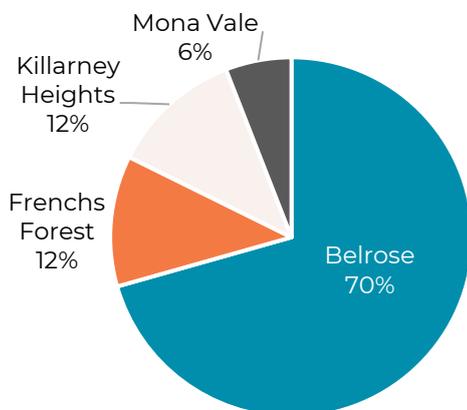
What is your age? (n=17)



No participants were aged between 0-35.

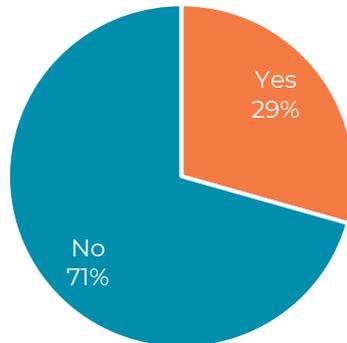
Where do you live? (Q9)

Where do you live? (n=17)



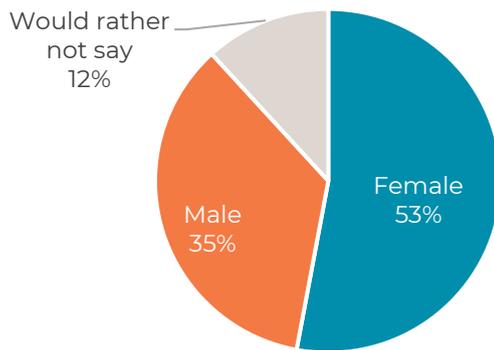
Do you live within 10 minutes walk of the park? (Q10)

Do you live within 10 minutes walk of the park (n=17)



What gender do you identify with? (Q11)

What gender do you identify with? (n=17)



Do you speak a language other than English at home? (Q12)

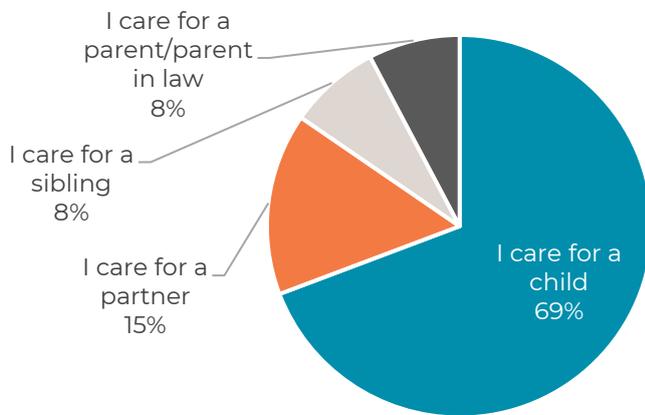
No participants speak a language other than English at home.

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (Q14)

One participant identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and three participants preferred to not answer this question.

If you care for someone, what is your relationship to the person? (Q15)

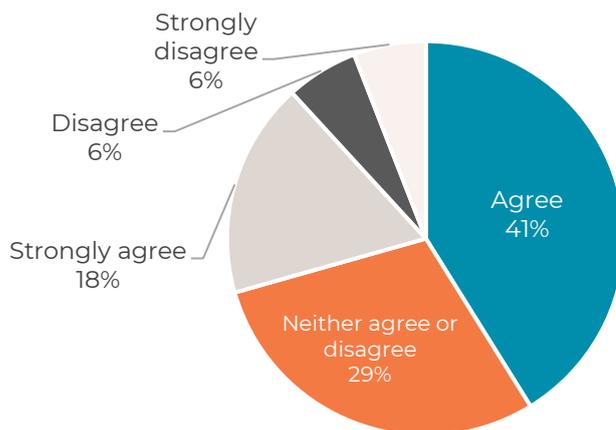
If you care for someone, what is your relationship to the person? (n=13)



Community aspirations – County Road Reserve, Belrose

Looking at the draft Concept Design for upgrades to County Road Reserve, do you think we're on the right track? (Q2)

Looking at the draft Concept Design for upgrades to County Road Reserve, do you think we're on the right track? (n=17)



Why? (Q3)

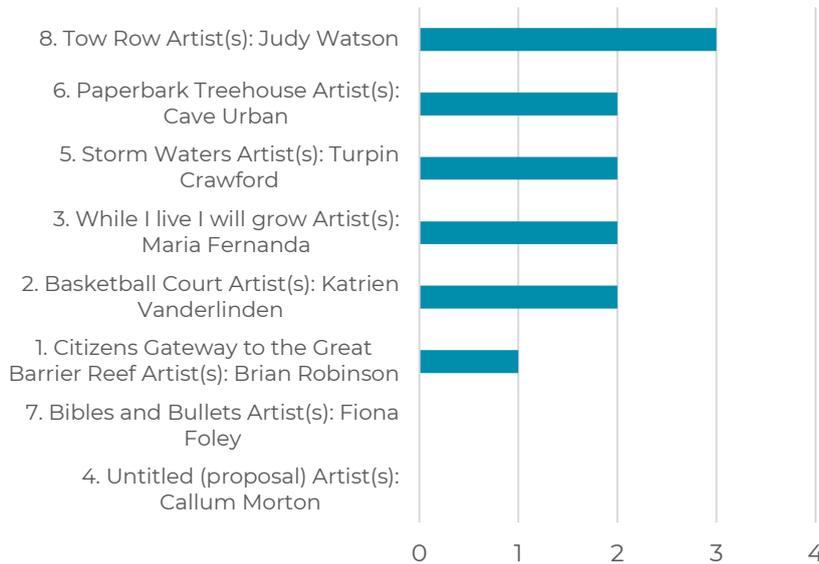
- The Concept Plan proposes too many facilities in a small space. I believe the facilities should be scaled back to a smaller number of key items to focus on. I think they should be: upgrade field, toilet facilities, car park and seating.
- Worried about the canopy cover your masterplan talks about item 8 but there is now no item 8 anywhere I can see so where is that located? and how much residual untouched bush will remain. Wildlife and environment appear to be overlooked here.
- I have no idea of where that reserve is thought I live in the area
- Better pedestrian access from Forest way is great, but could also include access from Seaview Parade. With only 30 parking spots, that isn't enough for two full teams of football players, and other visitors. Parking is negligible on Lord Street if access was from there, and the road isn't sealed on the edges. Is there parking off Seaview Pde? Drainage needs to be considered, because the nature corridor is extremely muddy even after a small amount of rain.
- Total over-development of a small area which is only accessible by driving south on Forest Way.
- Looks like a great design to improve on what is already there.
- While the additional facilities would make the reserve more usable, I'm concerned that the proposed plan does not provide for adequate parking for the current main use of the football field. When used for senior football there may be 50 or more vehicles looking for a park at the ground in the 30 minute overlap between one game finishing and the next starting. There is no street parking available on Forest Way and the nearest street parking is in Weardon Rd and its side streets. No sure this element has been well thought through and current use research well completed. The proposed parking solution will, when full, create traffic congestion at the entrance and a safety hazard.
- Cleaner, neater, preserves bush in the area, improves usable space
- True locals use this park and enjoy the fact that it is not so busy compared to Lionel Watts.
- It's on the right lines but needs tweaking (concerned about facilities adjoining properties in Marnoo Place (ie. basketball pitch, floodlights, amenities block, playground)
- Neighbours not consulted. Amenities block much too close to homes. It is a green corridor not a park! Traffic will be terrible and Marnoo Place greatly impacted with cars and dangerous traffic. Council once again doing what it wants without a thought to resident's rights or concerns. I am disgusted as no safety elements involved in planning.
- Multiple uses of the space.
- Definitely a beautiful natural landscape that is worth an improvement
- Greater community engagement and use of the facilities

What do you like most about the draft Concept Design? (Q4)

- I like the car park, facilities building with a green roof, field upgrade and seating for spectators.
- It is good to upgrade the playing field but not everyone wants all open space. I like to see birds in trees
- Amenity block. Definitely need toilets. Concerned about rubbish making its way into the nature corridor though, unless access to bins and recycling is clear and available.
- Nothing.
- Sealed parking would be great as is the upgrade to the playing field and surrounding landscaping.
- The retention of as much bush and green space as possible
- Nothing as I would like the park to stay as it is.
- The woodlands walk with art, playground (but wrong location), landscaping.
- NOTHING
- Bushland and walking tracks.
- Walking tracks
- The all-weather court and kiosk

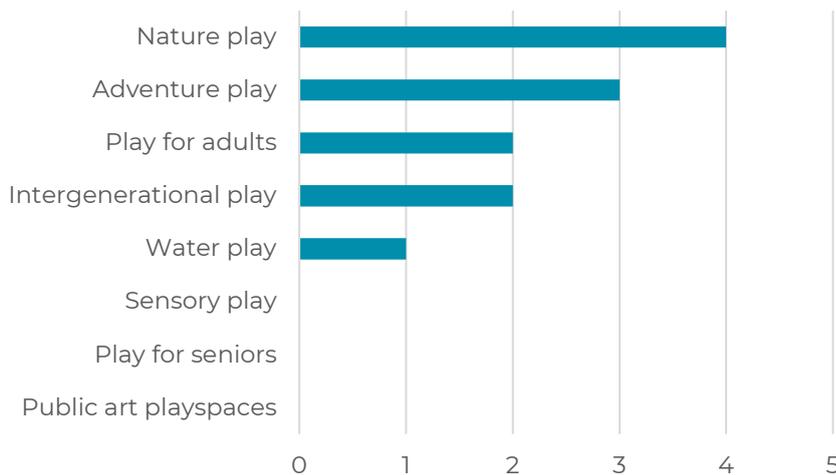
Based on community inputs, historic research and council policy, the following public art theme has been developed for County Road Reserve, Belrose: Living Link - Art that explores nature as a living link between people and the environment. (Q5)

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What kind of play elements would you like to see as part of the upgrades at County Road Reserve? (Q6)

What kind of play elements would you like to see as part of the upgrades at County Road Reserve? (n=12)



Other comments:

- Playground in line of sight of road, facilities and field.
- None
- The park is beautiful and functional as it is.
- Would love a bike track through the reserve, somewhere we could take the little ones and they can be safe.

Have you got any other ideas, suggestions or comments to help the design team? (Q7)

- Love the idea of a walkway in bush where children can hunt for sculptures of local fauna. The walkway could also have interactive play stops.
- Can you please consider a bird hide for all of us bird watchers?
- Abandon the plan
- Not sure if it's already part of the plan, but could the fence separating the oval from Forest Way be increased in height to prevent soccer balls flying onto the road? This is quite common during games and is dangerous as cars have to brake heavily or swerve to avoid. It's also dangerous for the person trying to collect the ball.
- Not too much concrete, please add as much shade as is possible, retention of this as a local green space is critical.
- No
- Have you any data to justify a basketball pitch?
Move facilities away from border with residential properties in Marnoo Place.
Lighting - how tall will the lighting be, what time is it turned off.
- You have got to be joking. A green corridor and play areas do not mix. Shame, shame.
- Walking/running circuit around the field.
- Consider incorporation of a safe dog play area; there are so many soccer fields in the vicinity
- The recently upgraded sensory parks around the area aren't used. Ultimately kids want play equipment. It would be amazing to have some included so it doesn't become another inclusive dead space that doesn't seem to provide anything for anyone!
- We really need some swings, or something to keep toddlers entertained. Combine some of the more traditional elements of a playground, with some of the ideas here. Really excited for this.

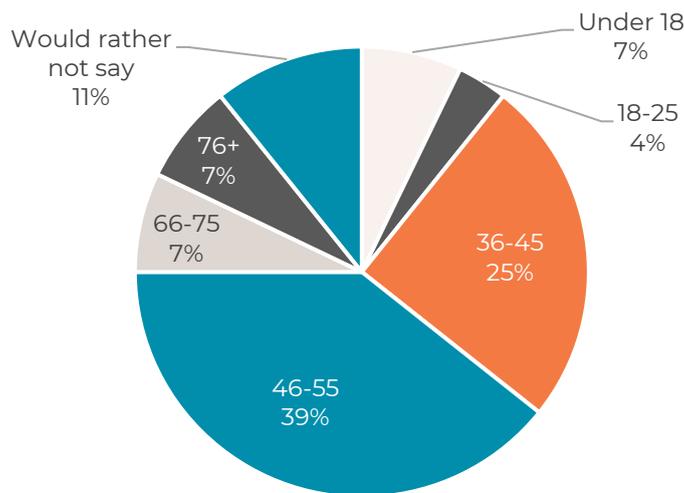
PART B - Overview – Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest

A total of 28 people participated in the survey.

Demographics – Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest

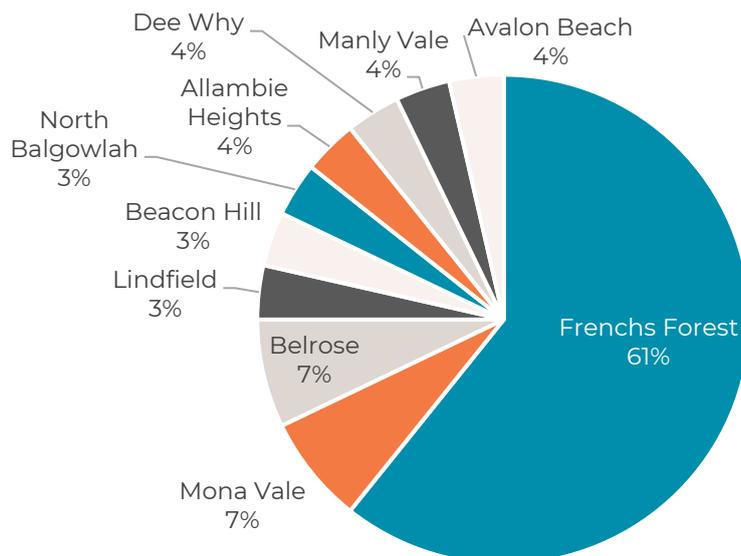
What is your age? (Q7)

What is your age? (n=28)



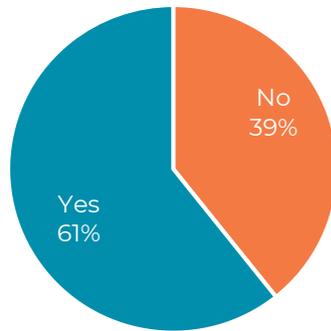
Where do you live? (Q8)

Where do you live? (n=28)



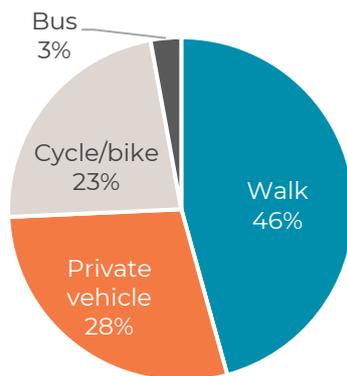
Do you live within 10 minutes walk of Nandi Reserve? (Q9)

Do you live within 10 minutes walk of Nandi Reserve? (n=28)



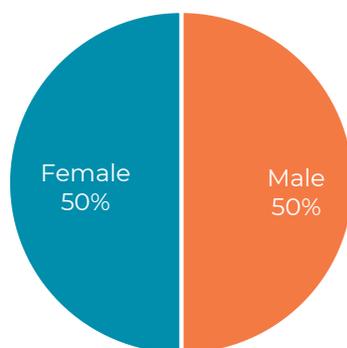
How do you expect to travel to Nandi Reserve? (Q10)

How do you expect to travel to Nandi Reserve? (n=35)



What gender do you identify with? (Q11)

What gender do you identify with? (n=28)



Do you speak a language other than English at home? (Q12)

Please specify which language (Q13)

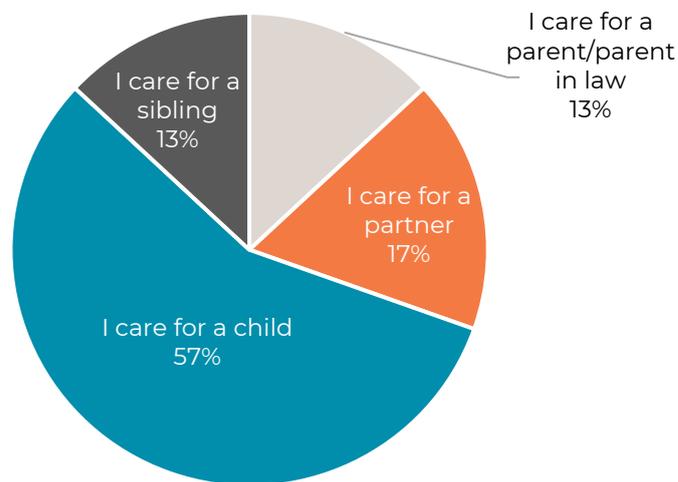
One participant spoke a language other than English at home; German.

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If you care for someone, what is your relationship to the person? (Q15)

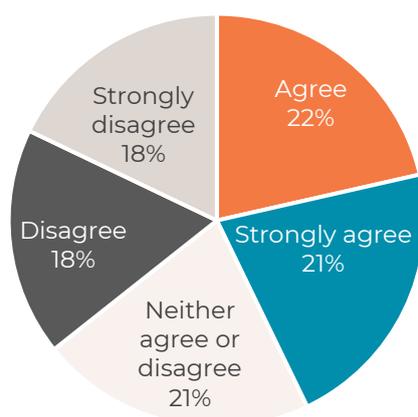
If you care for someone, what is your relationship to the person? (n=23)



Community aspirations – Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest

Looking at the draft Concept Design for upgrades to Nandi Reserve, do you think we're on the right track? (Q2)

Looking at the draft Concept Design for upgrades to Nandi Reserve, do you think we're on the right track? (n=28)



Why? (Q3)

- The Park is already an important natural green space owned by the community with important native flora and fauna. The money spent on unnecessary urbanisation could be spend on buying privately owned bushland in nearby Cromer, Beacon Hill and Red Hill which is under threat from development
- Cycle lanes should be everywhere, commitment to zero emissions, bring back farmers market, no plastic and landfill, reduce alcohol outlets, live music venue
- Something for everybody here
- Putting seats under the hollows of threatened species such as powerful owls is dangerous. How will you stop mountain bike riders from becoming a total nuisance in this park as they have done throughout the beaches building their own tracks with no action taken to stop or remediate. When will wildlife areas be left as wildlife areas?
- This park is a valuable piece of bushland that is habitat for threatened species. It is appropriate to keep it as a bushland park.
- Good mix, although the space allocation towards 1 big soccer pitch and 30 car park spaces is excessive. I'd rather see MORE multipurpose courts (incl. basketball - but not Netball - and futsal), and cycle paths to attract more followers of those growing trend sports. We lack basketball courts everywhere, and if we had 2-4 futsal/basketball courts, you could have 40+ people enjoy several individual games at the same time (rather than just 22 on a big soccer pitch). Also, please refrain from sealing off more space for car parks. Let's encourage people to walk and to ride a bike! 20 spaces should suffice for coaches/trainers/managers and the disabled.
- Minimal impact design, opportunity to discover nature, restore the damaged parts of the bush
- My family agrees with the low impact approach
- It will help to keep people on the tracks and give the bush a chance to regenerate, it will put a stop to illegally made bike tracks that are degrading the natural environment
- Just what we need , more outdoor areas amongst the already existing bush land
- Will be a good use of the park but must keep the natural beauty.

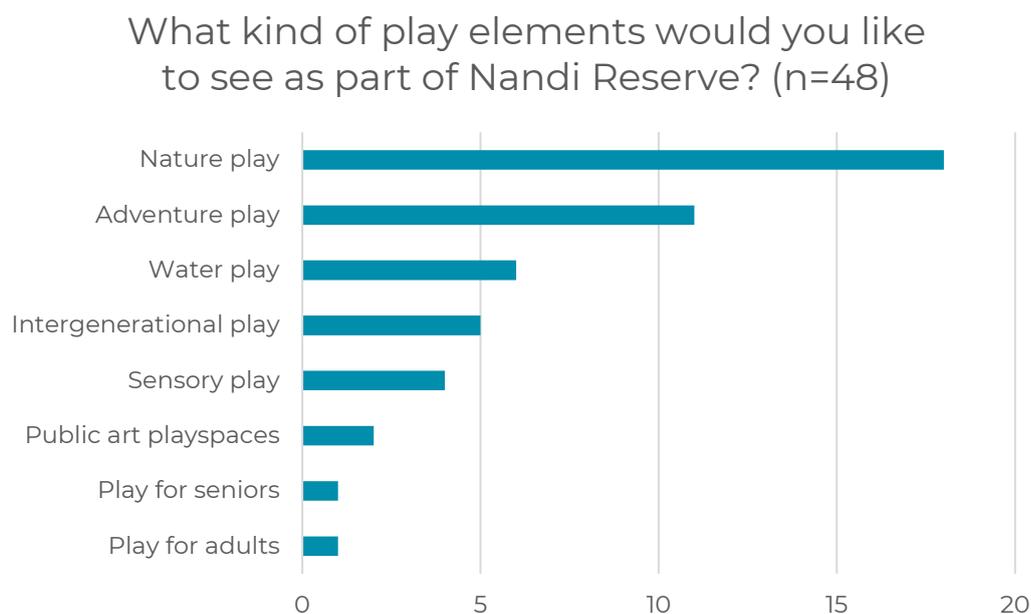
- Accessible use
- Does not address car parking or any access for cycling
- There is no new playground or bike track.
- I would like some monkey bars somewhere new to play in the bush.
- There are no facilities for the children to utilise.
- The park largely has our kids hanging out under a set of high power lines with no facilities! It would be great to provide some form of facility for kids, which there are many in the area. This concept just follows the trails that are already there and the locals already use. At least try to link it up with the Oxford Falls Peace Park!
- Access and parking via Nandi Avenue is not suitable - this is narrow street with only a single access point via a steep and windy hill - increasing traffic will only increase the likelihood of a serious accident. Additionally, the reserve is home to breeding Powerful Owls, which the Council has promoted as a species whose natural habitat is being by development, so why would you develop this space??? The tracks are still too close to the properties backing on to the reserve and it is not appropriate to place 'rest areas' out the back of residents' homes.
- It would be great to see better use of this bushland area whilst maintaining and protecting the natural habitat. There are many children in the area who would love an upgraded playground and bush area. This will offer a safe environment for them to play and learn.
- Like the creation of walking/ running loops whilst preserving the natural beauty plus some rest/ picnic areas and educational material.
- There is no provision for parking on a very narrow congested street or any way to compensate for extra traffic flow. Entrance should be from the Wakehurst Parkway. Also very concerned about a possible path through the bush from Frenchs Forest Road as it's a massive security risk for residents with strangers being allowed to walk behind houses that mostly have no back fences as they have always backed onto the bush. Also, the possible path is a danger for the many native animals that live there and may guide them straight out onto a major intersection. It was hard enough seeing all the dead and injured animals when the hospital land was being cleared. It would be horrendous if this was to continue happening on a regular basis due to something that is supposed to be promoting green, environmentally friendly areas. I can't see from the plan how many trees etc would need to be cleared. This is obviously an issue in an area that has lost so many mature and established trees over the last 5 years.
- There has been no consideration as to how it is intended to handle the potential increase to traffic/parking in Nandi Ave
- I feel the paths need to push 15m further back from the houses, and seating areas also located further back from houses and site line. This is looking directly into our backyards and homes. We have a lot of children living in this street so need to feel safe and have privacy.
- The requested buffer zone to houses has been ignored. The track is way too close to houses on the Western and Northern side of Nandi Avenue. If you walk the proposed track you will be looking into backyards, this is not exciting for walkers or residents. Secondly if you really care about preserving fauna you will ban dogs from the park, over the last year more dog walkers have been in there and our lizard population has disappeared as well as wallaby's being chased away. If you've been to any local bush land lately you will see people do not keep dogs on their leash. If you allow dogs please allow in your budget for policing the on leash rule.
- Parking
- Cycle lanes should be everywhere, commitment to zero emissions, bring back farmers market, no plastic and landfill, reduce alcohol outlets, live music venue
- This idea is insanity - to propose a park like this with zero parking infrastructure is madness. The impact on Nandi Avenue will be absurd, no one will "drop off" people for the park - what will happen is gridlock on a tight, narrow, and already dangerous street. For reference I do not live on this street, so this is not a "not in my backyard" kind of comment - it's pure common sense. Think about this. What kind of people are behind this? Do you have brains? Are you aware of what you're proposing?

What do you like most about the draft Concept Design? (Q4)

- It is already a beautiful green space. Why not leave it as is? Having beautiful wild areas is much more important than spending needless community money on intrusive "Infrastructure".
- Nothing

- The crossing of the creek rather than the jump and wet feet
- The preservation of the bushland.
- Making it suitable for more than just one sport
- Same as above
- I agree with the minimal infrastructure approach, low impact on vegetation and having the park specially design to cater for the local community. For me the primary purpose of this park should be for kids and adults to connect with nature, so let's do all we can to protect and nurture the bushland which will intern protect the wildlife who depend on it.
- clear pathways, no toilets, no bush park, no BBQ's and no bike paths
- the extended boardwalk and loop using existing bushland
- It plans to make all additions match the look of the natural habitat.
- Encourages people to enjoy the bush
- Upgrade for local area
- Nothing
- Bridges over the creek.
- Some formal trails so that the area can be enjoyed by the local children.
- Not much
- The playground, improved river crossing and the protection of the natural environment all while harnessing the beauty of the natural area.
Walking/bike riding track.
- Creation of loops
- I like the idea of provided access to such a beautiful area but it would have to be with minimal impact on the flora and fauna.
- A park is a good idea but there should be further consideration on how the increase in visitors will be accommodated re parking, amenities, etc. One only has to look at Narrabeen Lagoon Trail to see how these issues have been handled.
- The new playground will be well received by the many children.
- I like that it is low impact with barely any development. Upgrade to kids park is good (average age of kids in the street 8-11 years). However the idea of a winding track behind houses to view the stormwater runoff creek is false. If actually walk the proposed track you are up hill of the creek and cannot see it at all, you will get an elevated view into everybody's houses though, which is bad for walkers and residents
- Walking track
- Green spaces
- Nothing.

**What kind of play elements would you like to see as part of Nandi Reserve?
(Q5)**



Other comments:

- Leave this natural space as is (maybe spend money on improving wildlife habitat and removing invasive weeds).
- A narrow bushwalking track if possible.
- Bike trails
- Something for the kids like a bike jump area (Council keeps knocking down existing ones), a tree fort, a flying fox and links to other bush areas.
- Natural habitat retained for native animals that inhabit the reserve (Powerful Owls, Echidnas, Wallabies, etc.).
- Toilets, rubbish bins, general amenities.
- none, it's an absurd idea with the current complete lack of infrastructure.

Have you got any other ideas, suggestions or comments to help the design team? (Q6)

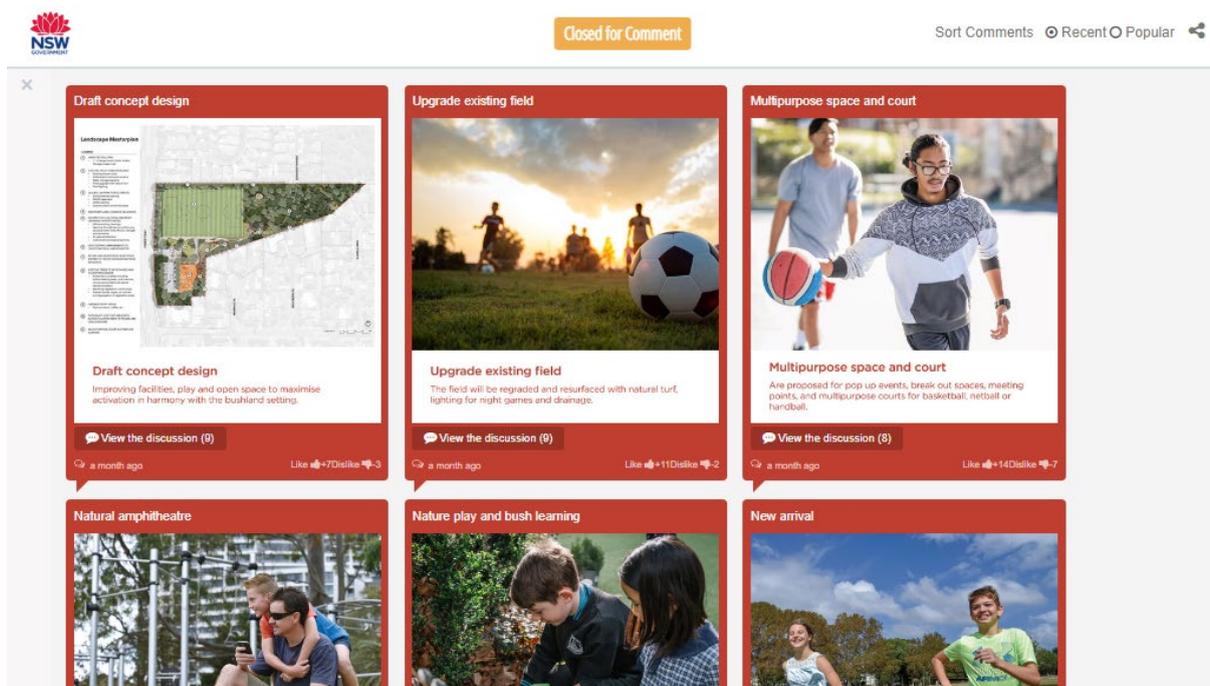
- Spend the money on purchasing land under threat from development.
- No
- A bird hide for the birdwatchers
- Maybe some interpretive signage about the importance of the bushland surrounds and the threatened species.
- Think outside the square! Look at space saving multi-purpose courts in European cities - where people can play basketball & futsal on the same court (albeit not at the same time!). There's plenty of people out there who'd get a team of 6 or 10 together who'd welcome a small futsal field to hone their soccer skills - whereas a big soccer pitch is too big for those. Also, a cycling/skating/scooter track around the compound should be doable and desirable. Finally, please have bike racks available & some fitness equipment (none of these require a lot of space).
- Bush regeneration
- Love it all -
- Walking and bike trails.
- Look at integration eventually with Narrabeen Lagoon walking and cycling trails
- Bike tracks and jumps and a tree house or cubby house.
- I would like a bike track
- Please create two bush play areas in the middle of each walking track loop and a separate mountain bike trail loop.
- Something for the kids like a bike jump area (Council keeps knocking down the existing ones kids build), a tree fort (Council keeps pulling down the kid forts), a flying fox from one part to the other, and links to other bush areas like the Oxford Falls Peace Park. Would love a little open area for ball play too.
- I would suggest they actually visit the reserve and speak to the locals.
- Serious consideration needs to be given to access for those out of area as Nandi Ave is not conducive to any additional traffic or parking. If the access from Frenchs Forest Rd is to proceed, a small car park here would be ideal.
- I would love if dogs were permitted on leads. There aren't enough dog friendly trail areas but happy they should be on leads in Nandi Reserve to protect the flora and fauna.
- Have minimum impact. Respect the beauty of what is already there.
- Concentrate on how it is intended to handle increase of visitors to the area. Again, look at the facilities at Narrabeen Lagoon area.
- Move the walkway & seating further back from houses to enjoy the bush outlook and experience. Please take into consideration the impact on neighbours backing onto the bush - it's not a great experience for us or visitors to be looking into backyards.
- No public graffiti wall please we currently do not have a problem with graffiti we need controlled. Push the walk further into the bush away from houses and make it more immersive in nature. Take the park benches further into the bush away from houses.
- Access outside Nandi
- Put in proper parking off Wakehurst Parkway, do not drag traffic through a dead-end windy narrow already dangerous street where kids play. Someone will get run over and die (I'm taking screenshots of this feedback).

Appendix B – Social Pinpoint Design Board Analysis

Overview - County Road Reserve, Belrose

A total of 71 responses were recorded on the Design Board:

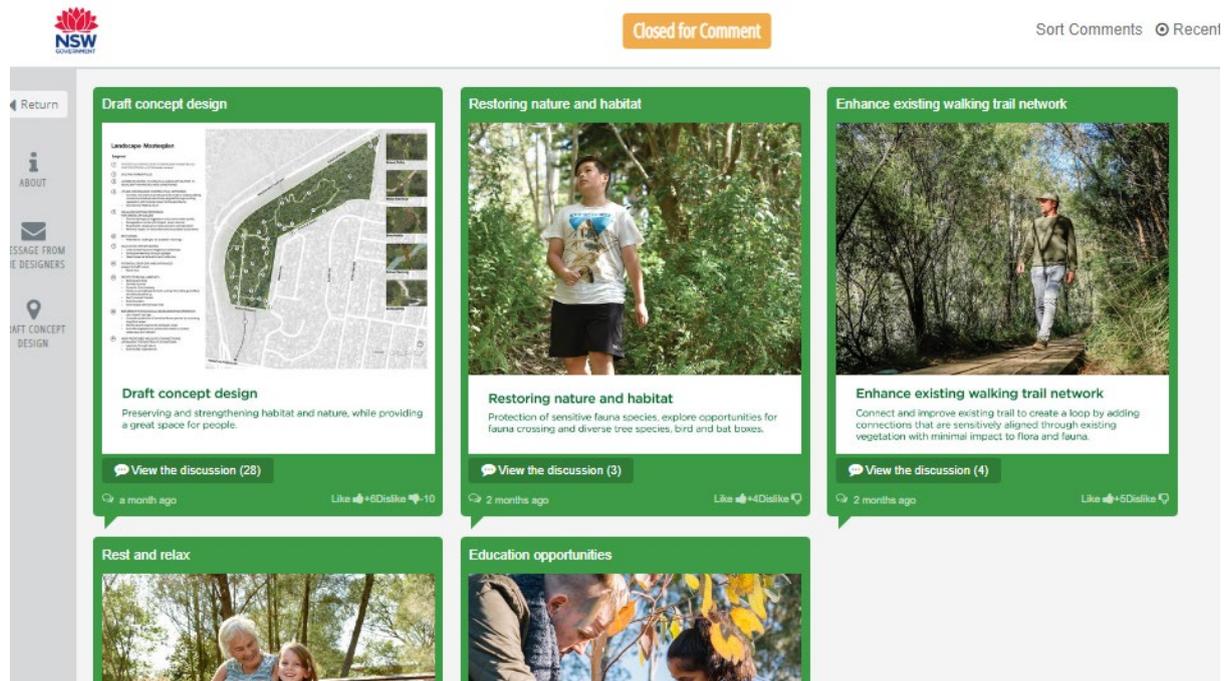
- 16 (23%) 'Nature play and bush learning' comments
- 9 (13%) 'Draft Concept design' comments
- 9 (13%) 'upgrade existing field' comments
- 8 (11%) 'New arrival' comments
- 8 (11%) 'Multipurpose space and court' comments
- 5 (7%) 'Natural amphitheatre' comments
- 5 (7%) 'Amenities building' comments
- 2 (3%) 'Restoring nature' comments



Overview - Nandi Reserve, Frenchs Forest

A total of 51 responses were recorded on the Design Board:

- 28 (55%) 'Draft Concept design' comments
- 5 (10%) 'Rest and relax' comments
- 5 (10%) 'Education opportunities' comments
- 4 (8%) 'Enhance existing walking trail network' comments
- 3 (6%) 'Restoring nature and habitat' comments



Appendix C – Email Submissions

Number	Summary of key points
County Road Reserve	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree with project team that County Road should be revitalised and improved ▪ Concept ‘Overdesigned’: too many unnecessary features ▪ Concern about impact of development on residents ▪ Safety, security and privacy issues of increasing usage of this ‘remote’ space ▪ Extend Wildlife Corridor: Would like the wildlife corridor on the Western side of Forest Way addressed (this is out of scope for Parks for People) ▪ Entry/Exit: having a single entry/exit point off Forest Way is extremely dangerous and will lead to additional congestion and risk. Suggest increase size of entry/exit ▪ More Car Spaces: Include more car spaces than the proposed number in concept design. Overflow parking on the multi-court space will lead to conflict ▪ Amenity Building: Yes to toilets. No to changerooms and kiosk/canteen. Position amenity building closer to road away from residential properties. Ensure accessibility and cleanliness. ▪ Multi-purpose court: Has little utility. Could be public liability issues. Conflict between user groups ▪ Lighting: Lighting must minimise impact on wildlife and local residents (including noise impact from increased use of site.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft concept does not provide the right balance between the proposed use of the area by the community, adjoining residents and ourselves. ▪ Concerned about cultural learning and play, BBQ area and bushland buffer ▪ Amenity Building: support the position in the concept plan. Only need change area in the toilets and some storage. No kiosk/canteen. Position amenity building closer to road away from residential properties. Ensure accessibility and cleanliness. ▪ Existing Field to be upgraded. Existing orientation should be retained. Any realignment may encroach on Areas 9 and 10 which we think should be made available for play, cultural and community fund raising activities. Drainage of the Reserve is important.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lighting: No objection to the installation of lighting on the playing field. ▪ Carpark/ Multi-Purpose Court & Overflow Carpark: allow for more parking spaces instead of the multi-use court. There is already overflow on surrounding streets on game days. ▪ Discovery and Learning Walkways: walkways will be intrusive even if raised above ground. Winding path is all that is needed. Small artwork and signs should be included. ▪ Nature Play, Cultural and Bush Learning opportunities and BBQs: Too much impact on residents. Safety for children with poor surveillance. Risk of antisocial behaviour. Would need daily maintenance for Council. Question if play would be accessible and inclusive in this area. BBQ is a bushfire risk. Play area has been placed in what is usually our back yard. ▪ Natural Amphitheatre: Provided a suitable bush buffer is provided we do not have any issues with the amphitheatre along the side of the playing field. Do not want amphitheatre overlooking multi-purpose court. ▪ Existing trees to be retained and canopy enhanced: Fully support this ▪ Open multi use turf area – this would be a better location for the play area.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appreciative of the upgrade to facilities ▪ Proposal is inappropriate for a residential area ▪ Concept Overdesigned: to add in so many general public facilities will impede its primary use. ▪ Entry/Exit: without a dedicated turn in and out from forest way is extremely dangerous. ▪ More Car Spaces: agree carpark needs upgrading to sealed carpark. Increase number of spaces. Must be locked to deter anti-social behaviour ▪ Amenity Building: position far away from nearby houses as possible. Lock when sporting teams leave for safety. Understand how Council would facilitate cleaning and maintenance. ▪ Multi-purpose court: Has little utility. Takes away from parking. Noise for nearby residents. How will maintenance work? ▪ Pathway: Path leading past the oval on southern side – there is not enough space to safely allow a path especially towards the eastern end especially during matches. ▪ Playground/BBQ at East end/Nature walk: will encourage antisocial behaviour and safety. Rubbish collection would need to happen every day in case food is left that is dangerous to native fauna. This would be a challenge for maintenance ▪ Lighting: Lighting would impact residents including noise through increased usage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foliage buffer: foliage buffer as per the proposal would pose an unacceptable fire risk for the adjacent properties and would provide coverage for would-be home invaders.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree with project team that County Road should be revitalised and improved especially for sporting groups ▪ Concept ‘Overdesigned’: too many unnecessary features in a small space. Not appropriate for a residential area. Needs scaling down. Site can only take upgrade of the field, vehicle parking and regeneration of the wildlife – that's it. ▪ Extend Wildlife Corridor: Would like the wildlife corridor on the Western side of Forest Way addressed (this is out of scope for Parks for People). Allow for crossing of animals by planting on the median strip of forest Way (out of scope for Parks for People) ▪ Entry/Exit: having a single entry/exit point off Forest Way is extremely dangerous and will lead to additional congestion and risk. Suggest increase size of entry/exit. Has a traffic study been undertaken? ▪ More Car Spaces: agree carpark needs upgrading to sealed carpark. Increase number of spaces. Must be locked at night to deter anti-social behaviour. Need space for turning cars. ▪ Amenity Building: Agree with addition of toilets. No separate change rooms or kiosk. position far away from nearby houses as possible. Lock when sporting teams leave for safety. Should be accessible and inclusive. ▪ Multi-purpose court: Object to this inclusion. Play areas are at Lionel Watts. Takes away from parking. Takes away from parking. Noise for nearby residents. ▪ Pathway: Path leading past the oval on southern side – there is not enough space to safely allow a path especially towards the eastern end during matches. ▪ Playground/Nature Play/BBQ/Nature Walk: Too much impact on residents. Safety for children with poor surveillance. Risk of antisocial behaviour. Would need daily maintenance for Council. Question if play would be accessible and inclusive in this area. BBQ is a bushfire risk. ▪ Lighting: Lighting would impact residents including noise through increased usage. Residents need to be shown how the lighting will not impact them. Lighting needs to turn off automatically at 8.30pm on weekdays and 6pm weekends. Lighting in other parts of the park will encourage antisocial behaviour
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain low impact: The current proposal must maintain this principle of “low impact activity” ▪ Support Wildlife: We approve of the plan to maintain and protect the natural bushland areas of this park.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No sealed Carpark: We do not approve of hard surfaces being added to the park. An alternative method for preventing damage to the grounds due to car parking but that allows for water infiltration ought to be used. ▪ No Multi-use courts: do not support this surface ▪ No lighting: due to proximity to houses and impact on wildlife ▪ Walking track through bush: could be good with right controls ▪ Bush Regeneration: required in bush area including regular maintenance ▪ Plan of Management: Comments on this and the LEP being produced by Council
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree with project team that County Road should be revitalised and improved especially for sporting groups ▪ Concept 'Overdesigned': too many unnecessary features in a small space. Not appropriate for a residential area. Needs scaling down. ▪ Extend Wildlife Corridor: Would like the wildlife corridor on the Western side of Forest Way addressed (this is out of scope for Parks for People) ▪ Dangerous Exit/Entry: From Forest way. Concerned about size of entry/exit ▪ More Car Spaces: Want more car spaces than the proposed number in concept design. Overflow parking on the multi-court space will lead to conflict. Need space for cars to turn. Needs to be locked at night. Concerned about overflow parking on surrounding streets. ▪ Amenity Building: Position building closer to road, away from residential properties. Ensure maintenance and cleanliness. Lock when not in use. Keep rubbish away from residents ▪ Multi-purpose court: Object to this addition. Takes away from parking. Noise from activities will impact nearby residents. ▪ Lighting: Lighting would impact residents including noise through increased usage. ▪ Playground/Nature Play/BBQ: Too much impact on residents. Safety for children with poor surveillance. Risk of antisocial behaviour. Would need daily maintenance for Council. Deck will impact residents BBQ is a bushfire risk.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agree with project team that County Road should be revitalised and improved especially for sporting groups ▪ Concept 'Overdesigned': too many unnecessary features in a small space. Not appropriate for a residential area. Needs scaling down.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extend Wildlife Corridor: Would like the wildlife corridor on the Western side of Forest Way addressed. Increased activity will impact wildlife ▪ Dangerous Exit/Entry: From Forest way. Concerned about size of entry/exit ▪ More Car Spaces: Agree with carpark but make it larger. Must be locked at night. Needs space for turning cars. Surplus cars will cause traffic on surrounding streets ▪ Amenity Building: Yes to toilets. No to separate changerooms and kiosk/canteen. Position amenity building closer to road away from residential properties. Ensure accessibility and cleanliness. Lock at night. ▪ Multi-purpose court: Object to this addition. Takes away parking. Safety from cars parking on multi-court. Noise from activities will impact nearby residents. ▪ Pathway: Path leading past the oval on southern side – there is not enough space to safely pass ▪ Playground/Nature Play/BBQ/Nature Walk: Too much impact on residents. Safety risk for children with poor surveillance. Risk of antisocial behaviour. Would need daily maintenance for Council. Deck will impact residents BBQ is a bushfire risk. Question if access is accessible in line with Everyone Can Play guidelines. Deck will lead to privacy concerns for residents. ▪ Lighting: Lighting would impact residents including noise through increased usage.
8	<p>David Mason</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrading Field and Lighting: critical for MWFA. ▪ Lighting: Lighting of 100 LUX (configured to minimise spill on residents). ▪ Field of play: quality surface and drainage important. (standard dimensions of a field is 105m long and 68m wide BUT local grassroots fields can be as small as 95m x 62m). We need a 5m run off on the southern side to allow for benches and team technical areas. The other three sides can be as per NB Council standards that they are well aware of ▪ Amenities building: No need to change rooms and a referees room – have slightly larger toilets with a bench in each. Needs a storage room (or external shed). Needs an external bin enclosure. No need for canteen (maybe a small sink in the storage room). No need for “club only” BBQ. We suggest making the amenities building smaller ▪ Parking / cars. Needs more parking. The field will have increased usage to what it has had previously so 30 spots is insufficient. make the basketball area to a “half court” and reconfiguring the area to have at least 50 parking spaces. Include barriers to stop cars accessing the field from the car park

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Large fences for safety: There will be a need to ensure there are fences behind both goals at least 6m high to protect cars on the road and people in the play area to the east of the pitch. ▪ Nature: We like the retention of the natural trees on the northern side
Nandi Reserve	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As part of the works in the area and as part of bush rehabilitation, it would be wonderful to re-establish Christmas Bells (Blandfordia) in the area.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerned about impact of construction on traffic and safety in Nandi Reserve ▪ No access through Nandi Ave for construction ▪ Access via Wakehurst Parkway: during Construction via the access point for the electrical power line easement on Wakehurst Parkway ▪ an interim construction site depot can be created within the reserve. ▪ Map is attached to submission
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most of the people who are supportive of the new park have felt extremely uncomfortable to participate in your public forums as the relatively small “NO” vote are very vocal. ▪ Add more Play: Add a Basic Nature Play Ground Area located on the Eastern loop track (set back from residents houses) as an additional area in addition to the extension of the existing council swing/playground area on the west ▪ Add Bicycle riding for kids: Eastern Loop constructed to allow for children to ride their bikes off the road (currently there is no footpath in our street and a very steep street out) ▪ Location of Seating: No seating installed along the Western loop track adjacent the creek (as this is where the “no” vote resides) ▪ Provide basic timeline for delivery
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enquiry about webinar
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ many in our community are supportive of the park and proposed plans. ▪ those of us who support the park are concerned that a few vocal minority are undermining the opportunity. ▪ the park is a great opportunity for our kids to enjoy the bushland and for families to connect with the area
ALL	
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Believes the proposed plans for both sites will be beneficial for the community ▪ Disappointed not to see mountain biking accommodated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Would like NBC to undertake investigation to utilising Patonga Park (south of Nandi Reserve) ▪ Asks for DPIE and NBC to commit to other projects that would create Mountain Biking opportunities
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request for 'play' equipment for adults who experience an intellectual disability.' ▪ Ms Peasley-Brooks son is sensitive to road noise /traffic/ crowds and noise from children's playgrounds. ▪ Equipment would need to located away from these areas ▪ Consider a safe and robust adult swing and/ or the circular raised mat lie on swings. ▪ adult height basketball hoop/s in a quiet spot but on a small soft or rubberised all weather surface, as my son is not able to attend outdoor mainstream basketball settings (or indoor) due to surface noise and crowds.

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