

DRAFT BELMORE PARK MASTERPLAN REPORT



CITY OF
PARRAMATTA

GROUP SA

Architecture
Interior Design
Landscape Architecture
Urban Design
Graphic Design

October 2020



DRAFT BELMORE PARK
MASTERPLAN REPORT

FOR CITY OF PARRAMATTA COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2020

Issue	Title	Date
A	DRAFT ISSUE FOR COUNCIL REVIEW	12/10/2020
B	DRAFT ISSUE FOR COUNCIL REVIEW	21/10/2020

THE CITY OF PARRAMATTA RESPECTFULLY REGOGNISES THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS
OF THE LAND AND WATERS OF THE PARRAMATTA REGION, THE DARUG PEOPLE.

**NUNANGLANUNGDU BARAMADA GULBANGA MAWA NAA BARAMADAGAL
DARUG NGURRAWA BADURA BARAMADA, DARUG YURA.**

CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION	5	SPORTS FACILITIES	18
MASTERPLAN OBJECTIVES	6	SPORTS PAVILION BUILDING	20
DESIGN PROCESS	6	PLAYGROUND FACILITIES	21
ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGY	6	PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES	22
SITE CONTEXT	7	CROSS SECTIONS	23
EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS	8	STAGING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	24
SITE ANALYSIS	9	COSTING	25
HERITAGE	11	APPENDICES	28
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION	14		
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - KEY RESULTS	15		
MASTERPLAN	16		
SITE MASTERPLAN	17		

01. INTRODUCTION

Belmore Park occupies 4.9 hectares and is located at 1A Pennant Hills Road in North Parramatta. It comprises Crown land that was dedicated for 'Public Recreation' in 1870, making it one of the oldest parks in Parramatta.

This park has been an important place for active and passive recreation for residents of North Parramatta and surrounding suburbs. Belmore Park contains Richie Benaud Oval, a central playing field named in honour of the champion Australian cricketer.

City of Parramatta Council's Community Infrastructure Strategy 2020, lists Belmore Park as a key upgrade project as it will support the surrounding community living in high density dwellings. The growing residential densities, together with an increasingly diverse community, is facilitating greater demand for high quality and accessible parks to meet increasing community needs and expectations.

Belmore Park will continue support the health and wellbeing of the surrounding community as it becomes the new 'backyard' in an increasing high density living environment.

This masterplan outlines a vision to transform Belmore Park into a unique high quality recreation destination for Parramatta City. The park will become a premier cricket facility that celebrates local history and its unique setting. It will establish a diverse range of community and informal recreational opportunities to service the growing local population.



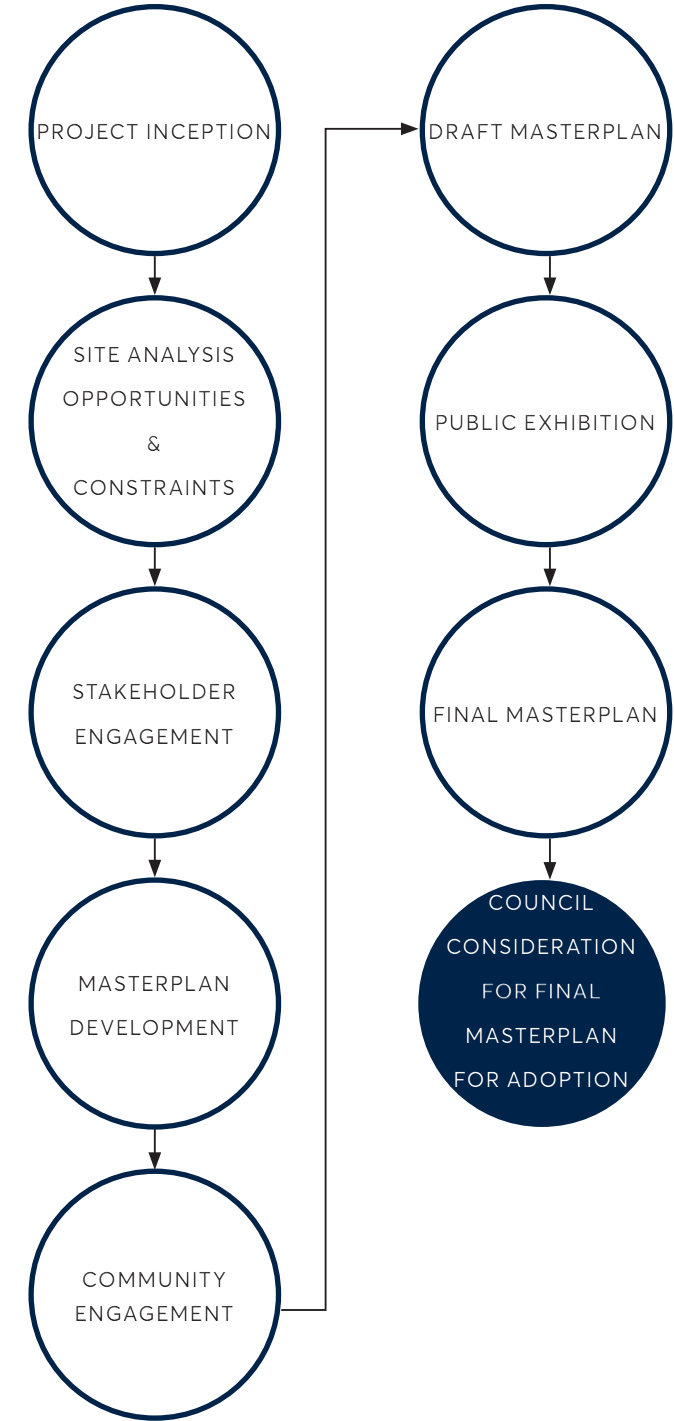
1.1 MASTERPLAN OBJECTIVES

The key objective of the masterplan is to provide a clear vision and strategic direction to guide future enhancement and development of Belmore Park.

A number of objectives have been identified for the project including:

- Improve and enhance formal and informal recreation opportunities, increasing the potential diversity of recreation offerings within the park for both organised groups and the wider local community.
- Ensure the park is accessible and appealing to all members of the community to enjoy.
- Ensure planning and development of the park is consistent with Council’s strategic planning framework.
- Ensure the masterplan is achievable and clearly illustrates prioritised future works, staging and costing for capital improvements.
- Protect and celebrate the park’s heritage and environmental values.
- Develop a premier cricket facility that incorporates new turf wickets into the field layout.
- Ensure the masterplan mitigates the issues and addresses opportunities identified thorough site analysis.
- Balance both active and passive recreational needs in identifying new and improved facilities.

1.2 DESIGN PROCESS



1.3 ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGY

The Belmore Park Masterplan is to be implemented in partnership with other Council strategies and plans. At the time of development these include:

- Sports Ground Capacity Review (2010)
- Community Land Plan of Management (2014)
- Parramatta Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study Review (2014)
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan (2017-2021)
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2017)
- Parramatta Ways Walking Strategy (2017)
- Socially Sustainable Parramatta Framework (2017)
- Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (2017-2020)
- Community Strategic Plan (2018 - 2038)
- Community Infrastructure Strategy (2020)

Council strategies and plans should be reviewed for consistency prior to the detailed design and delivery of works.

In addition to existing strategies and plans, the following specialist reports have been undertaken to inform the development of this masterplan:

- Belmore Park Landscape Masterplan - Aboriginal Heritage Constraints and Opportunities Analysis.
- Belmore Park Landscape Masterplan - Non-Aboriginal Heritage Constraints and Opportunities Analysis.
- Soil Contamination Assessment, Richie Benaud Oval / Belmore Park, North Parramatta NSW.

02. SITE CONTEXT

Belmore Park forms a triangular shape and is bounded by Pennant Hills Road to the east, Castle Street to the west, and Bellevue Street to the north. Belmore Park is situated approximately 1.8km north of Parramatta Train Station and lies on the northern edge of the Parramatta CBD, making it part of well used commuter routes.

Belmore Park is Crown Land and was reserved for ‘Public Recreation’ in 1870. The land is zoned as RE1 Public Recreation with a small channelised creek (Brickfield Creek West) zoned as W1 Natural Waterways under the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2011. Surrounding land uses are primarily R4 High Density Residential, but there are also R3 Medium Density Residential and R2 Low Density Residential along with SP2 Infrastructure - Cemetery (St Patricks Cemetery).

The large flat playing field located centrally within the park is known as Richie Benaud Oval and features two rectangular sporting pitches and a synthetic cricket pitch. Richie Benaud Oval is currently used by a variety of sporting clubs, schools and community groups.

Belmore Park is historically significant in the local context and contains two recorded Aboriginal archaeological sites, and one locally listed heritage item ‘Horse Trough’. It is adjacent to the state heritage listed St Patricks Cemetery (c. 1820s), which is the oldest Catholic cemetery in Australia.

LEGEND

- Site boundary

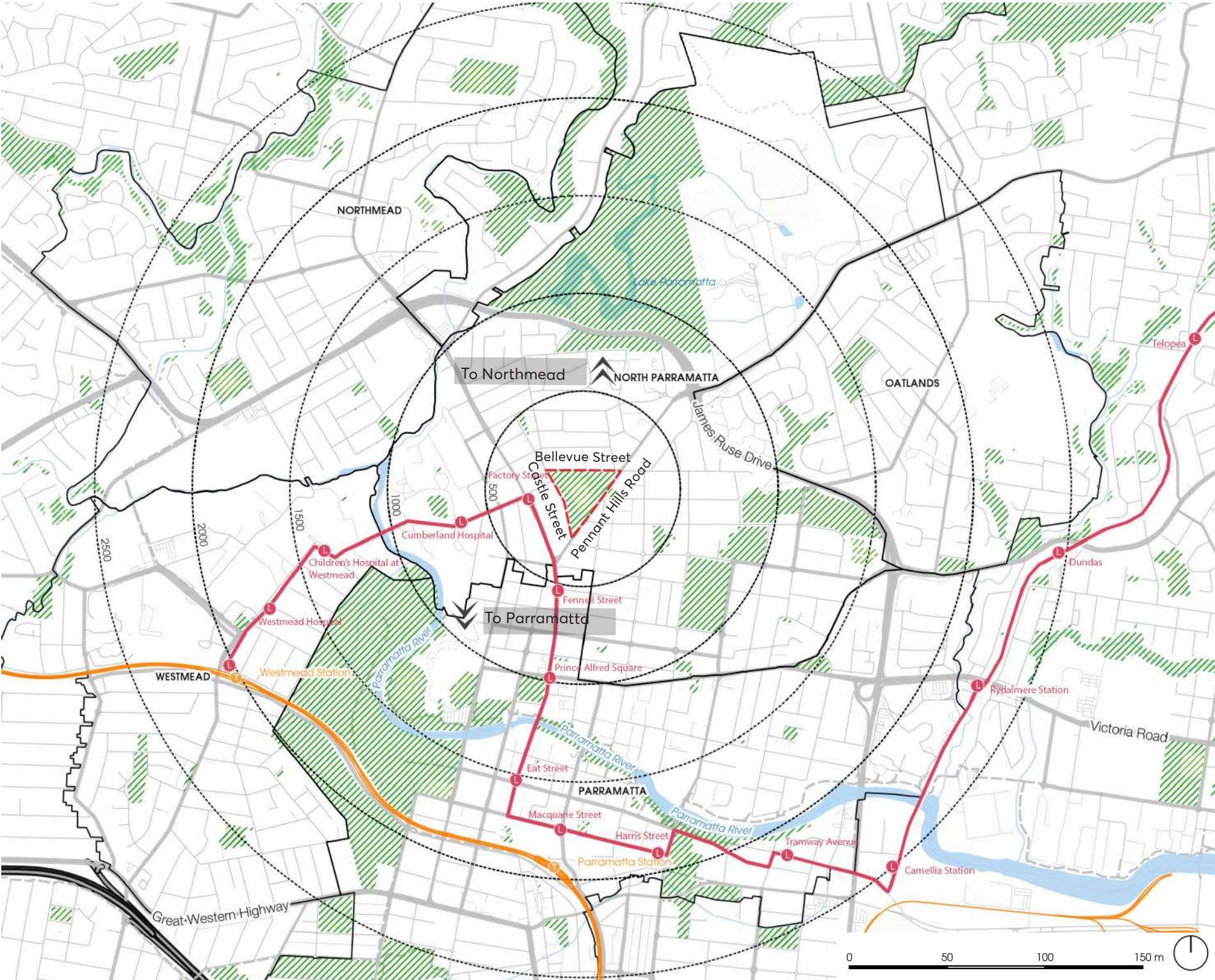
Suburb Boundaries

Distance Intervals (in meters)

Railway Stations
- Public Green Space

Hydrology

Light rail stops



2.1 EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

Belmore Park is a highly valued facility for formal and informal recreation. It has significant natural value and character, primarily created by the dominant tree canopy comprising mature landscape plantings along the site periphery which helps to define its character.

Richie Benaud Oval contains two rectangular (winter) sporting fields with a synthetic cricket wicket in between. Associated sporting facilities include a sportsground pavilion (building), floodlighting, maintenance storage buildings, and two lane cricket practice nets.

Other facilities within the park include a small children's playground, picnic tables and shelters, park seating, circulation paths and garden beds of native planting. Street parking lies along the Castle Street and the Bellevue Street, and is popular with commuters due to its close proximity to the Parramatta CBD and transport links.

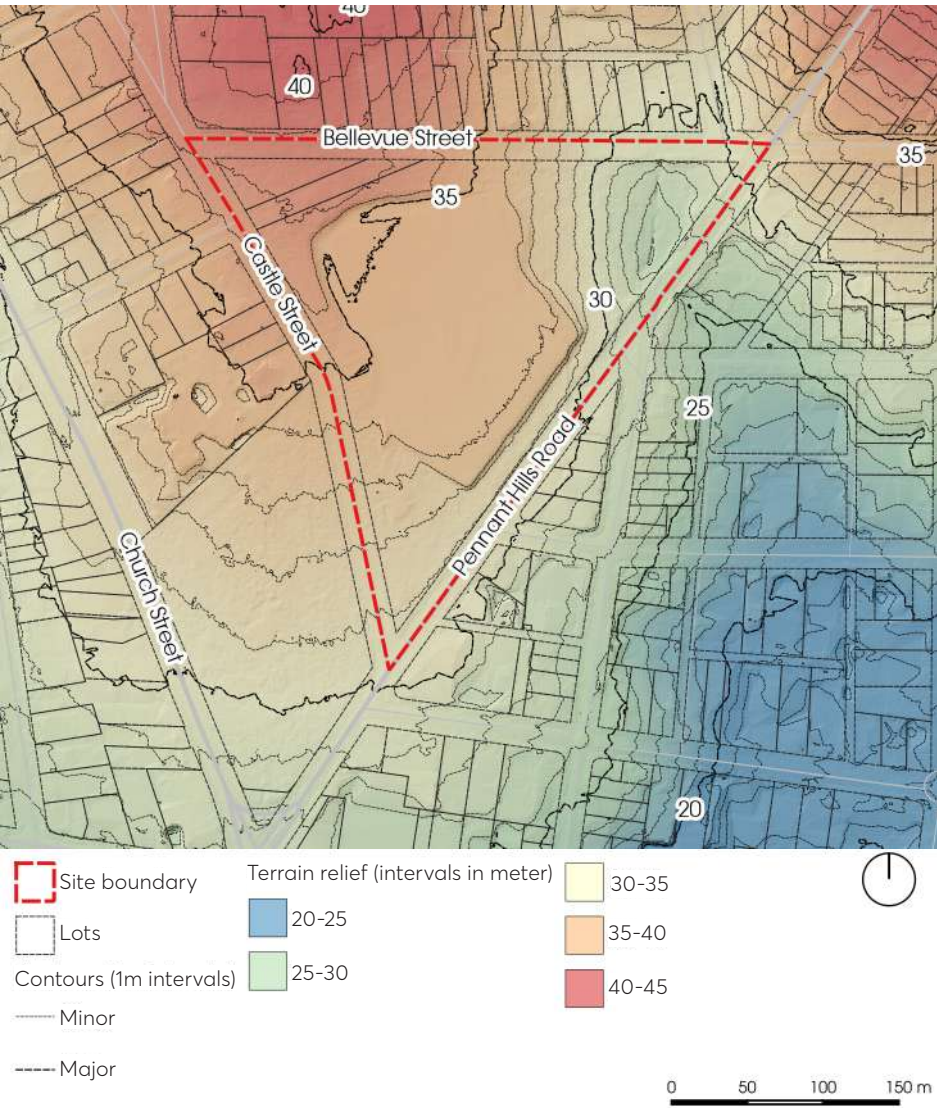
The north-east corner of the park is heavily wooded and contains a channelised creek and concrete retaining wall. This section of the park forms a flooding detention basin, and is devoid of other general park infrastructure.

Generally, existing park infrastructure is nearing the end of its asset life span. It is inadequate to cater for the increasingly diverse community and user group needs, and should be considered for replacement.

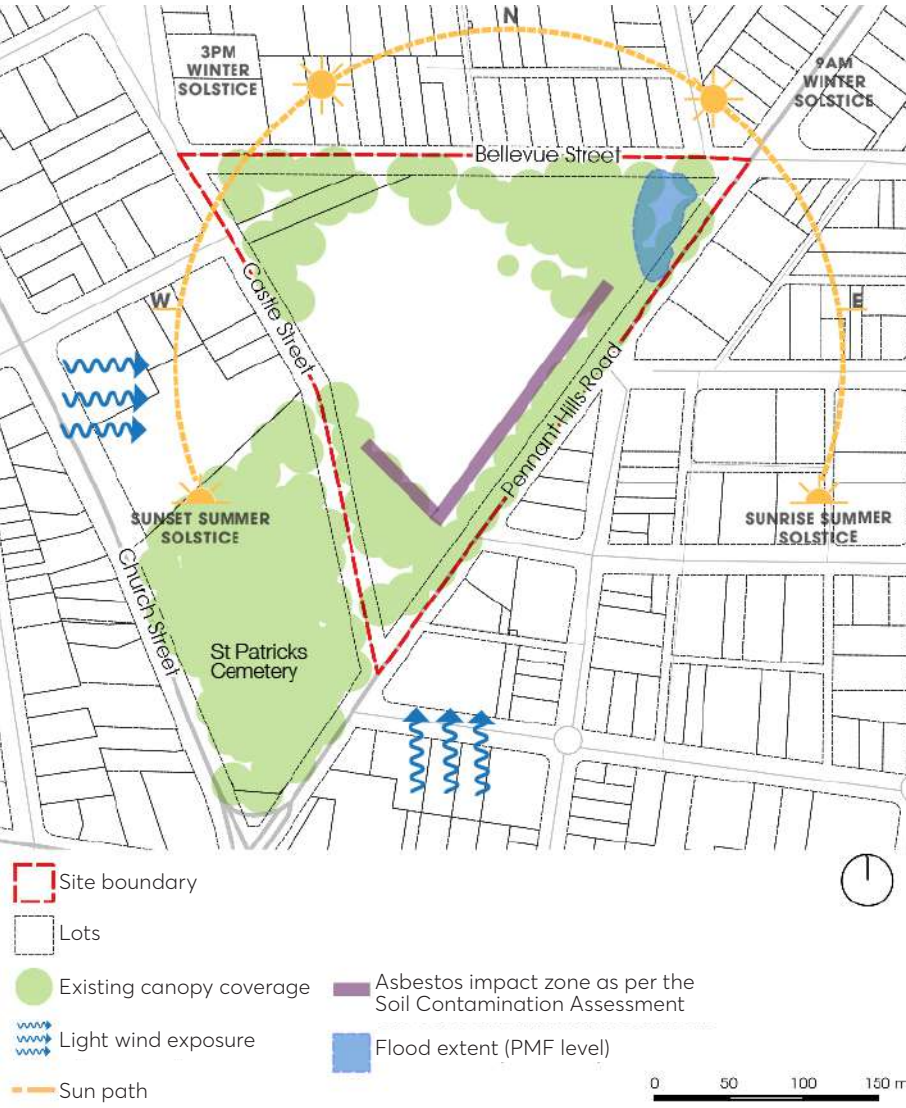


2.2 SITE ANALYSIS

TOPOGRAPHY



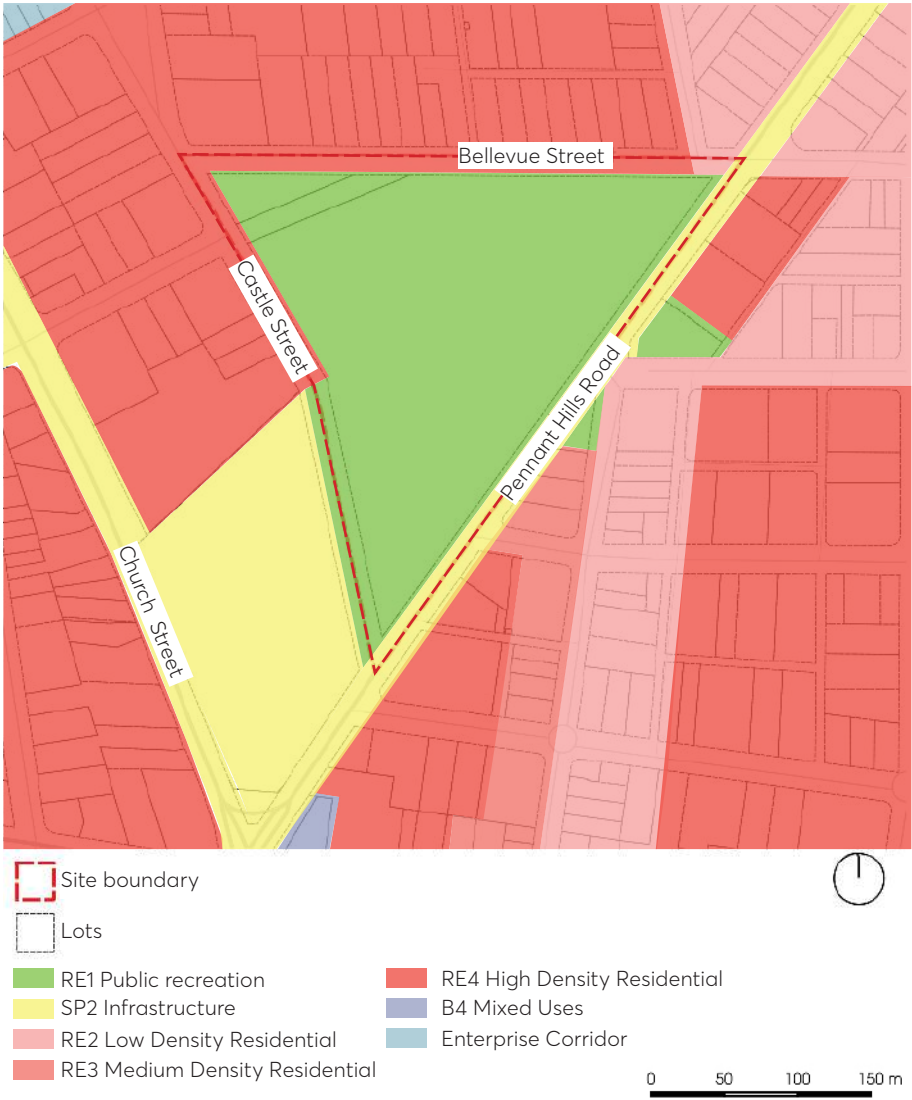
NATURAL SYSTEMS



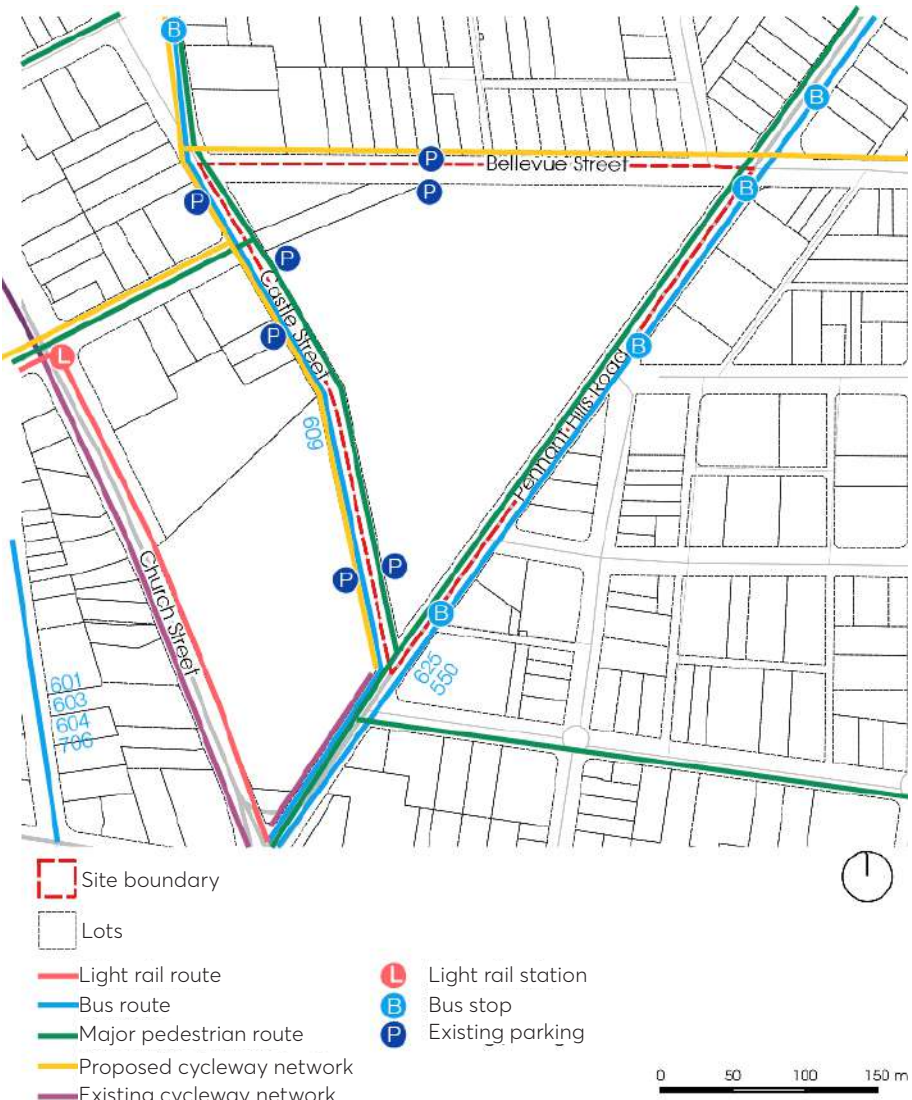
SITE PROGRAM



SURROUNDING LAND USES



CONNECTIVITY



2.3 HERITAGE

Belmore Park contains a rich history of habitation and use, and is an important part of Parramatta’s story. To assist in the preparation of the masterplan, an Aboriginal Heritage Constraints and Opportunities Analysis and a Non-Aboriginal Heritage Constraints and Opportunities Analysis have been undertaken. The reports provides a brief chronology of the site and identifies opportunities and constraints.

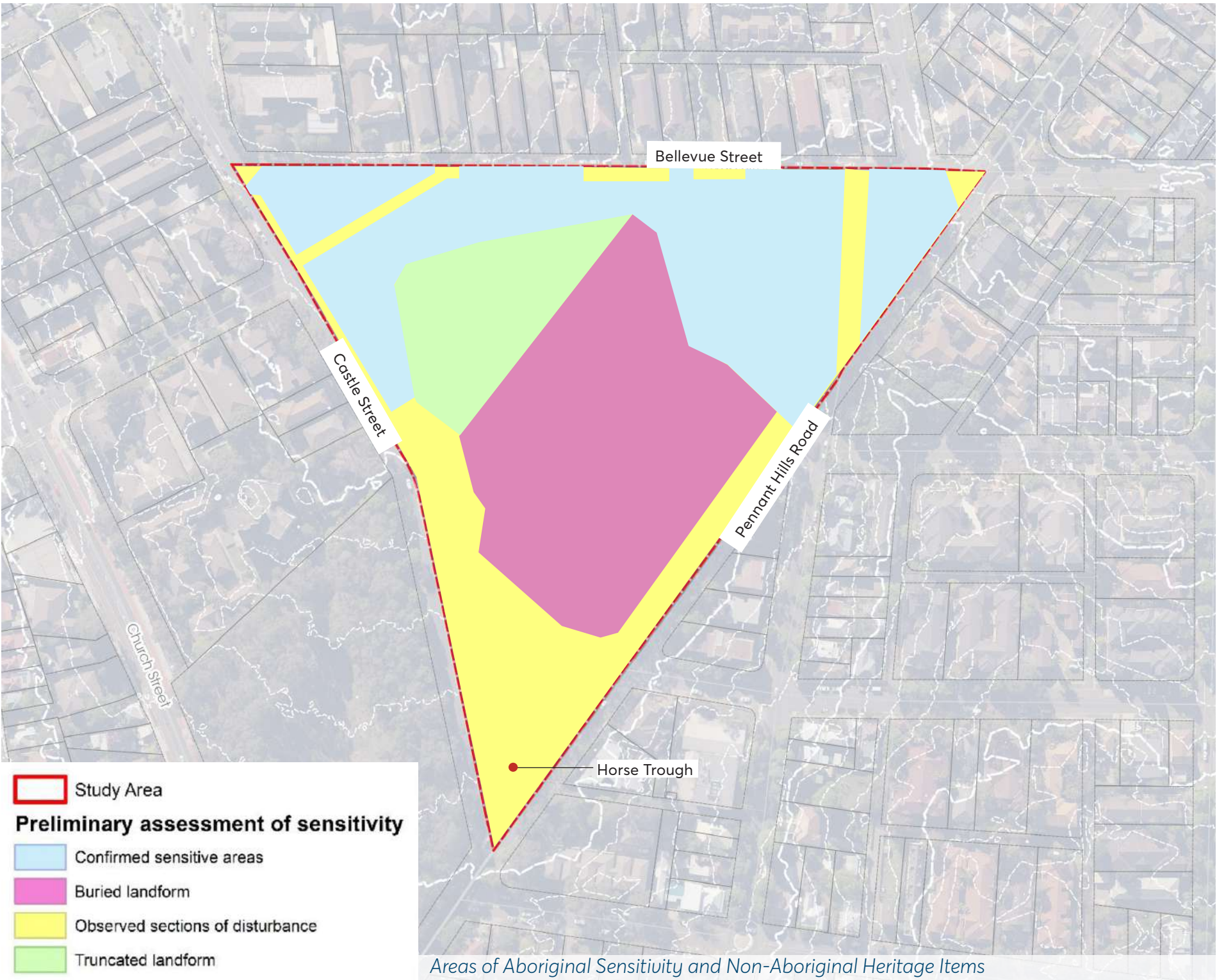
Further heritage assessments and approvals from relevant authorities will be required prior to implementation of any proposed works.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE:

Prior to European occupation, Belmore Park was home to the Burramattagal people of the Dharug nation. Confirmed areas of Aboriginal sensitivity have been identified encompassing the northern areas of the park and the former creek line in the north east. The remainder of Belmore Park demonstrates varying levels of archaeological sensitivity, largely resultant of historic modifications to the natural landform and soil disturbance associated with past development within the park.

The site contains two Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) recorded sites located within confirmed areas of sensitivity. Due to the cultural sensitivity of these sites, their locations have not been published.

The Aboriginal Heritage Constraints and Opportunities Analysis report recommends that the northern portion of Belmore Park associated with archaeological sensitivity should consider conservation outcomes and design that enhance the remnant natural setting of the area. The report also suggests Aboriginal history of the site could be highlighted and discussed in the form of heritage interpretation throughout the park. The nature of this interpretation is recommended to be determined in consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders.



NON-ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

Belmore Park has remained relatively undeveloped since European settlement in 1788, and there is little evidence to indicate how the site was used prior 1870. Belmore Park's long association with recreation officially began on 18 November 1870, when the site was gazetted as Crown Land dedicated to 'Public Recreation'. On the 15 May 1874 the Municipal Council of Parramatta was appointed as reserve trustee.

Since 1870 regular additions have been added to improve park facilities and amenities including tree planting and park seating. The site has even been used periodically for the grazing of livestock. Major regrading works were undertaken in two stages in the early 1960s and early 1980s.

Belmore Park contains the locally listed (Parramatta LEP 2011) heritage item referred to as the Horse Trough (I389). The sandstone memorial fountain with art deco detailing was dedicated to Mr Joseph Simpson Oliver in 1935. Originally established at the north-western corner of the park, it has since been relocated to the southern corner at the junction of Pennant Hills Road and Castle Street.

The Non-Aboriginal Heritage Constraints and Opportunities Analysis Report has recommended opportunities to interpret the history of Belmore Park and adjoining historical sites. The report suggests this could be done in a variety of ways such as interpretive signage, artworks and built form. The report also suggests the use of native planting to create a cultural landscape.

In addition to the Horse Trough, Belmore Park is assessed as containing high potential for archaeological remains of local significance under the Parramatta Historical Archaeological Landscape Management Study (PHALMS).

[1063] Department of Lands,
Sydney, 15th May, 1874.

IT is hereby notified, for public information, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Municipal Council of Parramatta as Trustees of the land at the junction of the southern side of Bellevue-street with the north-eastern side of Castle-street, in the town of Parramatta, dedicated for Public Recreation.

[Ms. 74-1,887] JAMES S. FARNELL.
Trustee appointment, 15 May 1874

[2277] Department of Lands,
Sydney, 18th November, 1870.

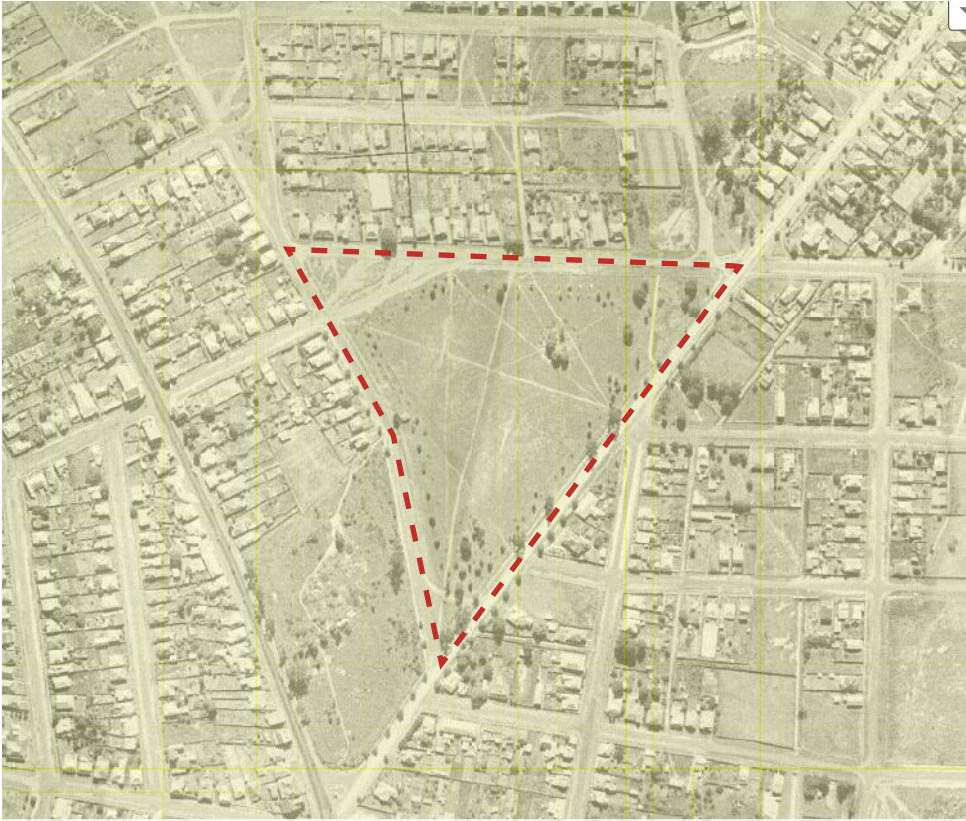
HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to dedicate the Crown Lands hereunder described to the several public purposes mentioned in connection therewith, an Abstract of such intended dedication having been laid before Parliament, in accordance with the 5th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

[70-4946 Ms.] JOHN ROBERTSON.

ABSTRACT of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Place.	County.	Allotment.	Section.	Locality.	Area.	To what Purpose dedicated.
Araruen ...	St. Vincent ...	Portion 411		Parish of Araruen, at the northern corner of John M'Donald's portion 391 of 2 acres	2 0 9	Public School. Ms. 70-564.
Barraba ...	Darling ...	Portion 56		Parish of Barraba	7 2 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 70-510.
Bateman's Bay ...	Do. ...	Portion 56		Parish of Bateman, at Bateman's Bay	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-4437.
Batlow ...	Wynyard ...	Portion 56		Parish of Batlow, on the road from Upper Adelaide to Rocky Flat	7 2 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 69-5688.
Bega ...	Auckland ...	Portion 80		Parish of Bega, at Bega	17 0 0	Market Reserve. Ms. 69-6149.
Bradwood ...	St. Vincent ...	Portion 29		Town of Bradwood	0 2 0	Public School. Ms. 69-6405.
Budawang ...	Do. ...	Portion 80		Parish of Budawang	2 0 0	Do. Ms. 70-608.
Coburnah ...	Lincoln ...	Portion 29		Parish of Coburnah, near Coburnah	7 2 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 70-1114.
Condoolah ...	Cummingham ...	Portion 1, 2, & 3		Town of Condoolah	1 1 2 1/2	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 69-6403.
Coolahgall ...	Roeburgh ...	Portion 29		On the western side of a road from Mitchell's Creek to Palmer's Oak Creek, parish of Coolahgall.	1 0 6	Church of England Burial-ground. Ms. 69-6044.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Do. do. do.	0 3 2 1/2	Roman Catholic Burial-ground. Ms. 69-6044.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Do. do. do.	1 0 28	Presbyterian Burial-ground. Ms. 69-6044.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Do. do. do.	0 3 2 1/2	Wesleyan Burial-ground. Ms. 69-6044.
Corowa ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Parish of Corowa, near Corowa	7 2 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 69-6082.
Cudal ...	Abdurham ...	Portion 29		Parish of Cudal, near Cudal	7 2 0	Do. Ms. 69-6402.
Darkwater Creek ...	Macquarie ...	Portion 29		Parish of Kempsey, near Darkwater Creek	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-5274.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Parish of Kinchela, on Darkwater Creek	1 2 0	Wesleyan Church and Minister's Residence. Ms. 70-778.
Deniliquin ...	Townsend ...	Portion 29		Parish of South Deniliquin	120 0 0	Public Recreation. Ms. 70-1888.
Dubbo ...	Lincoln ...	Portion 29		At Dubbo, adjoining the appropriation of 5 acres for hospital.	2 2 10	Addition to site for Hospital. Ms. 70-55.
Five Docks, Parramatta River ...	Cumberland ...	Portion 29		Parish of Concord, at Five Docks, on the Parramatta River.	0 0 7	Site for Wharf. Ms. 69-3402.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Do. do. do.	0 0 25	Do. Ms. 69-3402.
Forbes ...	Abdurham ...	Portion 29		Parish of Forbes, at Forbes	1 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-6016.
Four-mile Creek ...	Goulburn ...	Portion 29		Parish of Forest Creek, on Main Southern Road.	2 0 0	Do. Ms. 69-6512.
Germananton ...	Goulburn ...	Portion 29		Parish of Germananton, Town of Germananton.	1 2 0	Presbyterian Church and Manse. Ms. 70-1112.
Glebe ...	Cumberland ...	Portion 29		At Glebe Farm, on the Old Parramatta Road.	0 1 20 1/2	Site for Borough Council Hall. 69-1423.
Gyngong ...	Bathurst ...	Portion 29		Parish of Gyngong, at Gyngong	2 2 0	Public School. Ms. 70-578.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Parish of Colville, at Gyngong	1 2 0	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 70-578.
Gooloogong ...	Forbes ...	Portion 29		Parish of Gooloogong	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-5962.
Gunning ...	King ...	Portion 29		Parish of Gunning, at Gunning	2 0 0	Do. Ms. 69-5977.
Goulburn ...	Argyle ...	Portion 29		City of Goulburn	2 1 19	Water Supply and Market Reserve. Ms. 70-1509.
Grafton ...	Clarence ...	Portion 29		At the intersection of north-west side of Queen-street with the western side of Grafton-street, City of Grafton.	1 0 0	Site for a Synagogue. Ms. 69-2523.
Graham ...	Bathurst ...	Portion 29		Parish of Graham, on the road from Blayney to Lucknow	1 2 0	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 70-1716.
Grenfell ...	Montesglo ...	Portion 29		Town of Grenfell	0 0 12	School of Arts. Ms. 69-5466.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Do. do. do.	1 2 0	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 69-1570.
Hexham ...	Northumberland ...	Portion 29		Parish of Hexham, on the Great Northern Railway.	1 0 0	Primitive Methodist Chapel. Ms. 70-49.
Horell's Creek ...	King ...	Portion 29		Parish of Murrumbidgee, near Horell's branch of Jerrara Creek.	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 70-521.
Huntly ...	Bathurst ...	Portion 29		Parish of Huntly, on the road from Besserie Lagoon to Spring Hill.	1 2 0	Wesleyan Church and Minister's Residence. Ms. 69-5432.
Kangaroo ...	Camden ...	Portion 29		Parish of Kangaroo	1 2 0	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 70-5474.
Kempsey (West) ...	Dudley ...	Portion 29		Parish of Yarravel	180 0 0	Recreation Reserve. Ms. 70-237.
Kinchela ...	Kinchela ...	Portion 29		Parish of Kinchela, on Kinchela Creek	6 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-5277.
Kiamma ...	Georgiana ...	Portion 29		Parish of Kiamma, on the southern side of a road at the north-western corner of portion 107.	1 1 13	Do. Ms. 69-6230.
Lowes ...	Phillip ...	Portion 29		Parish of Hawkins, near Lowes	1 0 0	Church of England Church. Ms. 70-189.
Lowther ...	Westmoreland ...	Portion 29		Parish of Lowther, on the southern boundary of J. Woods' 1,250 acres.	20 0 0	Public School. Ms. 70-1292.
Lismore ...	Ross ...	Portion 29		Parish of Lismore	305 0 0	Addition to Permanent Common, 1/20th of land selected by P. M'Donald. Ms. 69-6424.
Long Cove (Parramatta River) ...	Cumberland ...	Portion 29		Parish of Concord, at the Sisters' Rocks, Long Cove.	0 0 20	Public Landing-place. Ms. 69-3402.
Landowne River ...	Macquarie ...	Portion 29		Within the Village Reserve, Landowne River.	1 2 0	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 69-5135.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Near the Village Reserve, Landowne River	3 3 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 69-5134.
Madison ...	Madison ...	Portion 29		Village of Madison	1 2 0	Wesleyan Church and Minister's Residence. Ms. 70-1415.
Molong ...	Wellington ...	Portion 29		Parish of West Molong, near Molong	640 0 0	Permanent Common. Ms. 69-5142.
Moorwatha ...	Chitra ...	Portion 29		Parish of Moorwatha	7 2 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 69-6033.
Mount Cooper ...	Wellisley ...	Portion 29		Parish of Tivy, at Mt. Cooper	7 0 0	Do. Ms. 70-528.
Nadina ...	Murray ...	Portion 29		Parish of Nadina, at the south-east corner of D. Webster's conditional purchase of 110 acres.	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-6250.
Newcastle ...	Northumberland ...	Portion 29		City of Newcastle	0 3 0	Presbyterian Church and Manse. Ms. 69-6029.
Newtown ...	Cumberland ...	Portion 29		On the Newtown Road, between Coddington-street and the Newtown Toll-bar.	5 0 0	Site for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution. Ms. 70-4022.
Nundle ...	Parry ...	Portion 29		Town of Nundle	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 70-5287.
Perth ...	Bathurst ...	Portion 29		Parish of Apsey, at Perth	1 2 0	Church of England Church and Parsonage. Ms. 69-6047.
Palmer's Island ...	Clarence ...	Portion 29		Parish of Taloombi, on Palmer's Island	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 69-5422.
Public Reserve ...	Cumberland ...	Portion 29		At the junction of the southern side of Bellevue-street with the north-east side of Castle-street.	8 3 0	Public Recreation. Ms. 70-237.
Quiligo ...	Argyle ...	Portion 29		Parish of Quiligo	11 3 2 1/2	Do. Ms. 70-5004.
Robertson ...	Camden ...	Portion 29		Village of Robertson	2 0 0	Public School. Ms. 70-508.
Shadforth ...	Bathurst ...	Portion 29		Parish of Shadforth	2 0 0	Do. Ms. 69-6117.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Parish of Shadforth	1 2 0	Wesleyan Church and Minister's Residence. Ms. 69-5431.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Portion 29		Parish of Shadforth	2 0 0	General Cemetery. Ms. 69-5254.

Crown Land dedication, 18 November 1870



Belmore Park 1943



Horse Trough

CRICKET AND RICHIE BENAUD

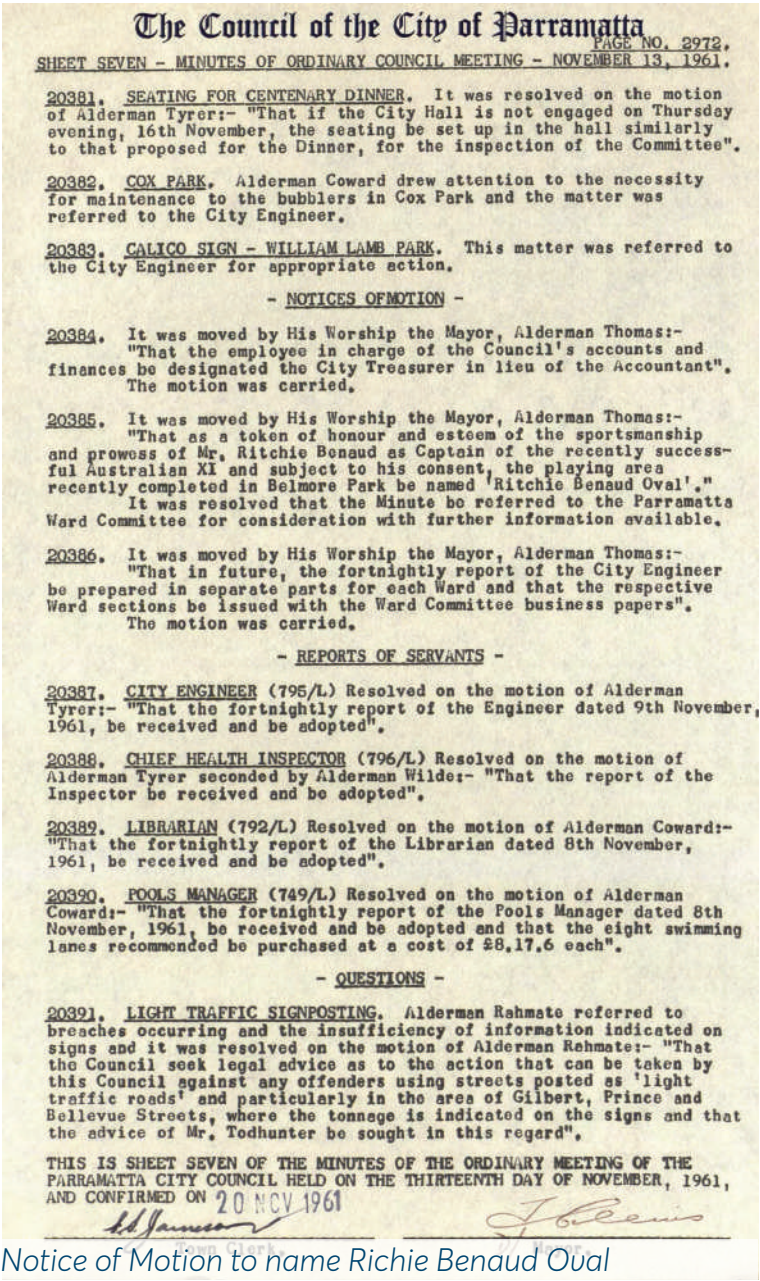
Belmore Park and cricket have had a long association, with the first recorded permanent cricket pitch (constructed of asphalt) laid down in 1895. Cricket matches continued to be popular at Belmore Park throughout the mid-twentieth century, with several matches reported in the local newspapers.

In 1961, the Mayor of Parramatta, Alderman Thomas moved a Notice of Motion:

‘That as a token of honour and esteem of the sportsmanship and prowess of Mr. Richie Benaud as Captain of the recently successful Australian XI and subject to his consent, the playing area recently completed in Belmore Park be named Richie Benaud Oval.’

Since 1961, the playing field at Belmore Park has been known as Richie Benaud Oval. Richie Benaud was born in Penrith in 1930 and moved to Parramatta as a child. Although famed for his spin bowling, Benaud debuted for Cumberland (later to become Parramatta District Cricket Club) as a batsman at the age of 16. In 1951 he made his test debut for Australia, and was promoted to captain at the start of the 1958-59 season.

The late 1950s and early 1960s are regarded as the peak of Benaud’s career, and in addition, he was credited with regaining the reputation of the Australian team and revitalising the nation’s interest in the sport through his charisma. In 1964 Benaud retired, and became an influential cricket commentator both in television broadcasting and literature. Benaud has been described as the most influential cricketer and cricket personality since the Second World War.



Notice of Motion to name Richie Benaud Oval



Richie Benaud

03. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Commencing in November 2019, key stakeholders (sporting user groups) were invited to provide feedback on the masterplan. These stakeholder groups include:

- Parramatta District Cricket Club
- Cricket NSW
- Parramatta District Cricket Association
- Football NSW
- Granville and District Soccer Football Association
- Parramatta Junior Eels Rugby League Club and Association

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A period of wider community engagement was undertaken from Monday 16 March to Sunday 12 April 2020. The community were asked to provide feedback to help inform the development of the masterplan. Questions asked included;

- How and why they currently use the park.
- Their satisfaction with the landscape concept plan presented.
- Their preferences for future park improvements.

Community engagement was undertaken via a survey accessed through Council's engagement portal, 'Parramatta OurSay'. Community members were also provided with the opportunity to provide feedback via email, by phone and by post. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on-site community consultation sessions were cancelled.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

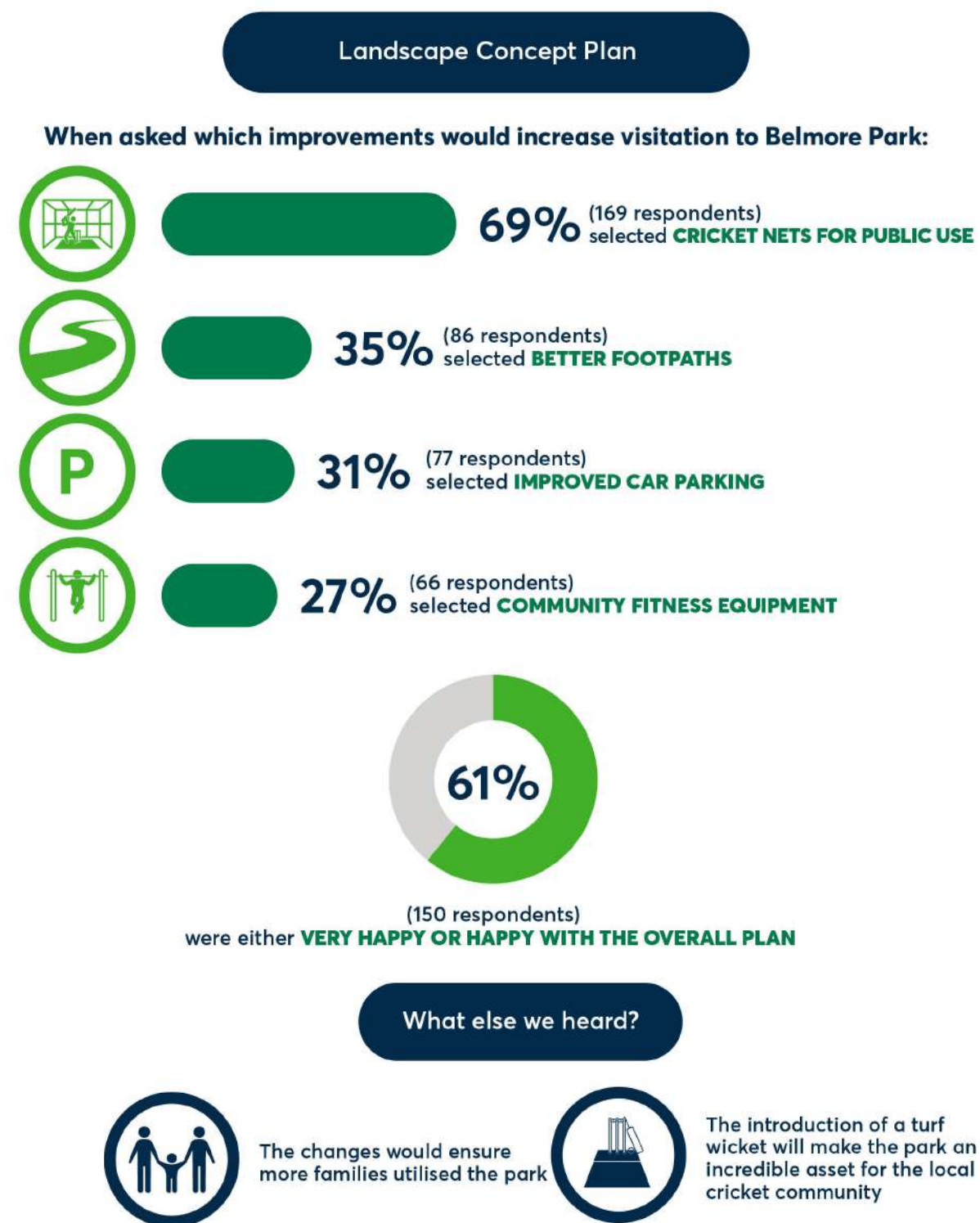
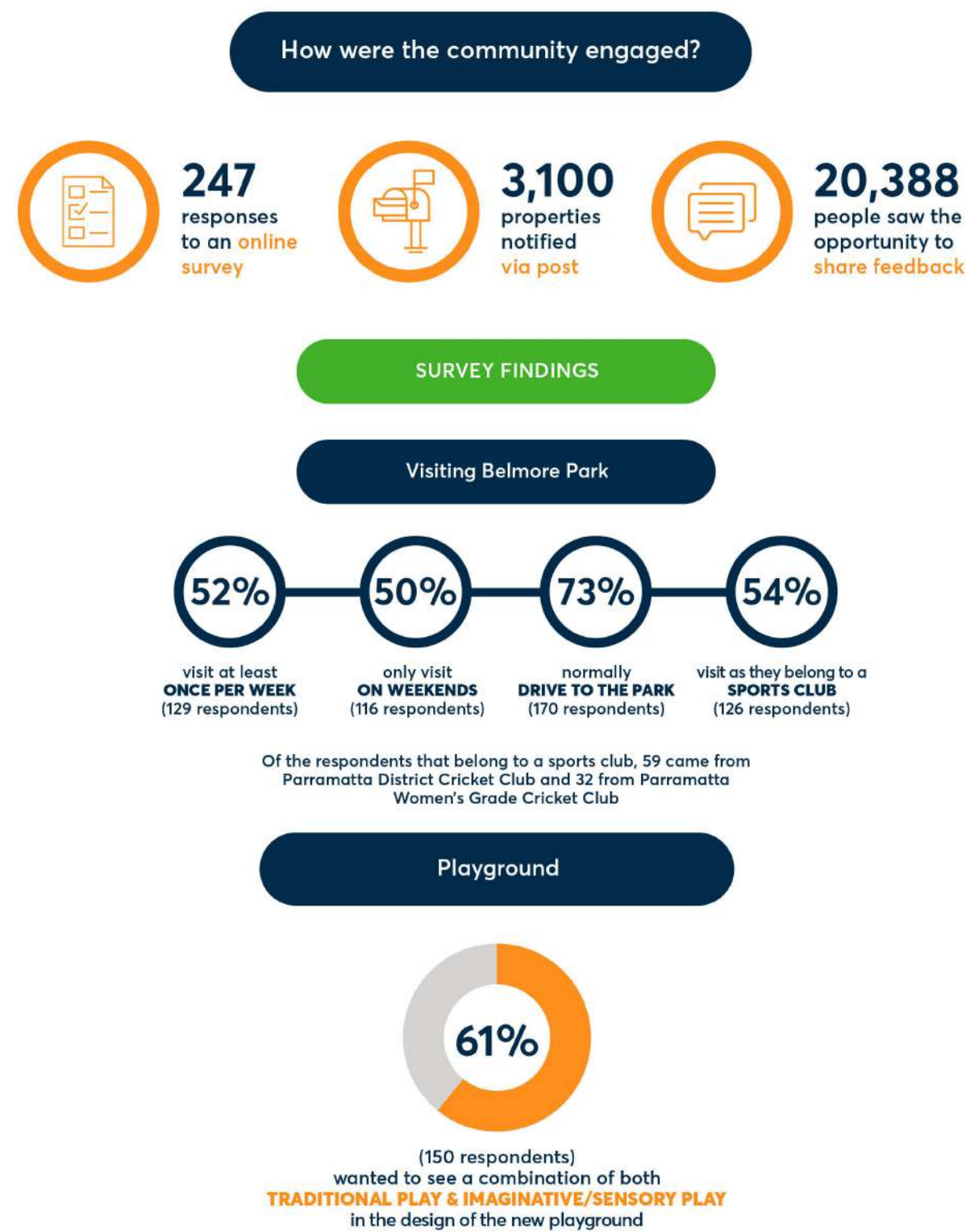
Council received 247 responses submitted via 'Parramatta OurSay'. A summary of key results included:

- The majority of respondents provided a positive response to the landscape concept plan presented at community engagement with 61% responding as either 'very happy' or 'happy', while only 14% responded as either 'dislike' or 'strongly dislike'.
- 73% of respondents drive to Belmore Park.
- 54% of respondents visit Belmore Park as they belong to a sports club, while 39% visit to just walk around/ through the park.

LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN PRESENTED AT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



3.1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - KEY RESULTS



04. MASTERPLAN

The masterplan builds upon the outcomes of the community engagement to deliver a design that reflects the desires of key stakeholders and the local community. The masterplan focuses on improving and enhancing recreation opportunities for a range of park users and stakeholders and ensures the park is accessible and appealing to all members of the community. The masterplan also acknowledges site constraints, and mitigates these through design solutions. It employs a long term vision for the site to prioritise current and future capital works.

Central to the development of Belmore Park is the transformation of Richie Benaud Oval into a premier cricket facility with central turf wicket. Cricket will be celebrated at Richie Benaud Oval with the installation of traditional picket fencing, which will complement the existing parkland aesthetic of the site. Richie Benaud Oval will also provide a high quality facility for winter football codes and other sports.

Additional sporting facilities at Belmore Park will include:

- Sports field lighting, drainage and irrigation.
- Turf practice wickets (cricket nets).
- Covered all weather use synthetic practice wickets (cricket nets).

A new sports pavilion building will include amenities for sporting groups (change rooms etc) and community rooms for hire. The inclusion of a 'Hall of Fame' will celebrate Parramatta's sporting history and it's great champions.

The masterplan also proposes significant upgrades to community facilities within Belmore Park. A new district level playground will provide both traditional and nature/ sensory play acting as a destination playground for the community. Public toilets will be provided in the nearby park maintenance facility to service the playground. Park upgrades will also include outdoor fitness equipment, park seating and picnic facilities.

Access around Belmore Park will be improved with a network of circulation paths. Car parking and connections to the proposed light rail network will also be reviewed following detailed investigations. The natural aesthetics of Belmore Park will be maintained and enhanced through protection of existing trees around the periphery of the site and planting of contemporary native vegetation.

Finally, the masterplan recommends that the rich history of Belmore Park is to be protected and celebrated through inclusions such as interpretive signage and artworks.

The masterplan will also provide a guide for Council staff and stakeholders, outlining changes to the park into the future, and an indicative program for improvements.

4.1 SITE MASTERPLAN



- 01 CRICKET OVAL WITH 6 TURF PITCHES
- 02 NEW SPORTS PAVILION BUILDING
- 03 TURF PRACTICE NETS - 6 PITCHES
- 04 SYNTHETIC PRACTICE NETS INCLUDING ROOF STRUCTURE FOR ALL WEATHER USE - 4 PITCHES
- 05 FULL SIZE SOCCER FIELD
- 06 FULL SIZE RUGBY/UNION LEAGUE FIELD
- 07 MINI SIZE FIELD FOR JUNIOR SPORT
- 08 FITNESS STATIONS
- 09 NEW DISTRICT LEVEL PLAYGROUND
- 10 EXISTING BUFFER PLANTING TO ROAD
- 11 REVIEW EXISTING PARKING TO CREATE GREATER CAPACITY AND BETTER ACCESS TO FACILITIES. NO NET LOSS OF PARKING
- 12 PERIMETER FENCING AND WALKING LOOP AROUND RICHIE BENAUD OVAL
- 13 NEW PUBLIC AMENITIES + STORAGE BUILDING
- 14 POTENTIAL COMMUNITY GARDEN LOCATION
- 15 CRICKET SIGHT SCREEN
- 16 EXISTING FLOOD DETENTION BASIN
- 17 NATIVE VEGETATION PLANTING
- 18 CROSSING POINT AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENT TO LIGHT RAIL CONNECTION (SUBJECT TO APPROVALS)
- 19 SPECTATOR SEATING

NOTE: SPORTS FIELD LIGHTING, DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION TO BE INCLUDED SUBJECT TO DETAIL DESIGN.

4.2 SPORTS FACILITIES

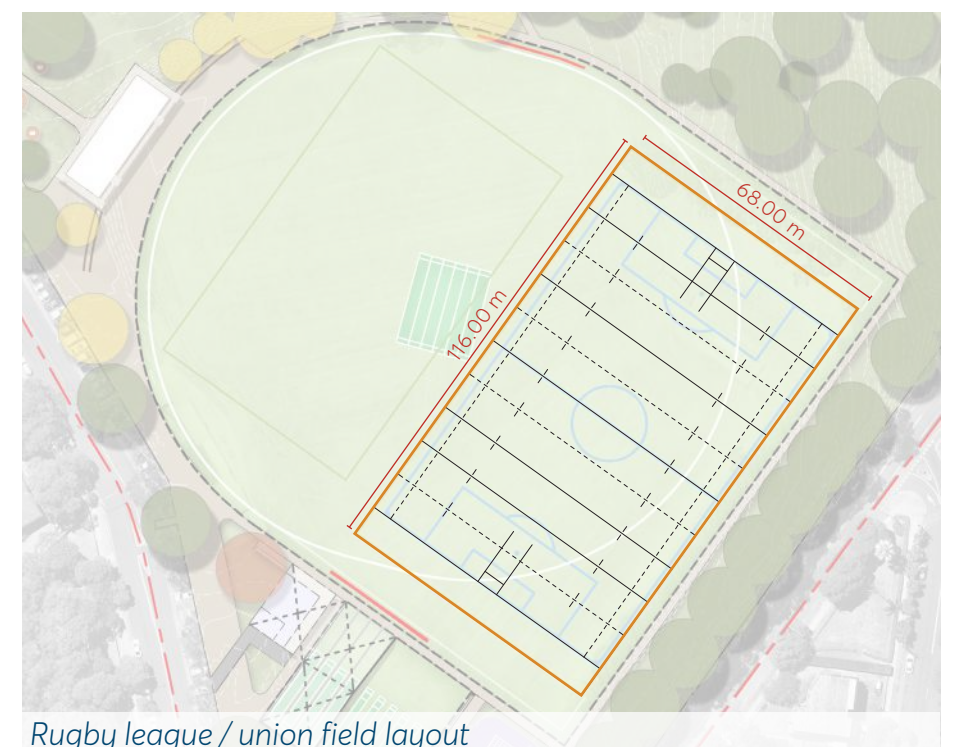
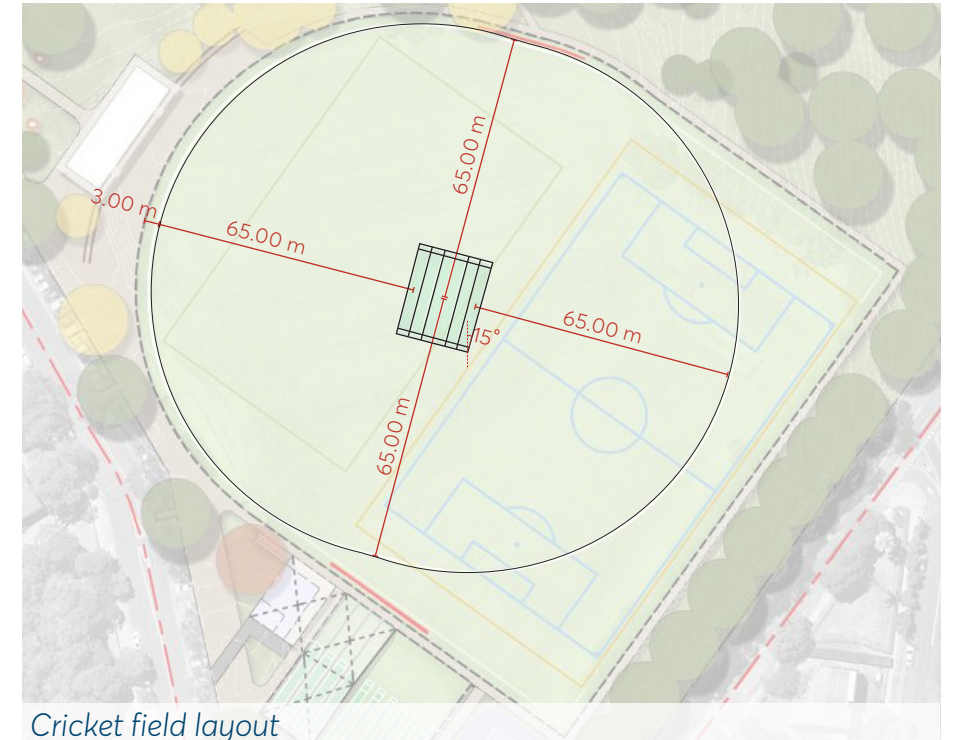
It is proposed Richie Benaud Oval will become a premier cricket facility with central turf wicket. In addition to cricket, upgrades will also provide a high quality facility for football codes and other sports.

Proposed sporting facility upgrades include:

- Cricket oval designed to meet the requirements of a 'Premier/Regional' 'Tier 3' facility as per Cricket Australia's Community Facility Guidelines and Cricket NSW's Infrastructure Provision Framework.
- Cricket sight screens and scoreboard (final locations subject to detail design).
- 6 pitch turf wicket table located centrally.
- Full size rectangular sports field located entirely off the turf wicket table. Rectangular sports field to be designed for multiple use including:
 - + Full size football (soccer) pitch designed to meet Football NSW Facility Guidelines.
 - + Full size rugby union pitch designed to meet Rugby Australia National Facility Guidelines.
 - + Full size rugby league pitch designed to meet NRL Preferred Facility Guidelines for Grassroots Rugby League.
- Mini size rectangular sports field designed for multiple use including field hockey, touch football, and junior ball sport formats.

- Cricket practice facilities designed to Cricket Australia's Community Facility Guidelines including:
 - + 4 pitch, fully enclosed synthetic turf practice nets with roof structure for all weather use.
 - + 6 pitch, fully enclosed turf practice nets.
 - + LED lighting and external power supply for bowling machines.
- Park maintenance building and curators facilities (includes public amenities/ toilets).
- Sports pavilion building and spectator seating.
- Traditional sports field boundary fencing (picket fence).
- LED sports field lighting (pole locations subject to detail design).
- Perimeter path.

Note: Dimensions shown for planning purposes only. Final layouts to be confirmed during detail design.



SPORTS FACILITIES



Mini size field layout



Cricket field



White picket fence



Synthetic practice nets



Cricket practice facilities



Soccer field



Turf practice nets



LED sports field lighting

4.3 SPORTS PAVILION BUILDING

FACILITIES FOR THE SPORTS BUILDING

The proposed sports pavilion building is located in the north - west corner of Richie Renaud Oval where historical regrading has removed the original landform, and assessment of Aboriginal sensitivity is low. The building will have an uninterrupted view across the sports field to the tree lined edges of the park.

The building will not only provide amenities for sporting teams, but also facilities available for community hire. Given the site's long standing history with cricket and sport in general, it is proposed to tell the sporting history of Parramatta through a 'Hall of Fame' and other interpretive works.

The sports pavilion building should include some level of spectator seating and viewing. Additional spectator seating will be included within the vicinity of the building, with the existing landform lending itself to terrace seating.

It is proposed the building will include:

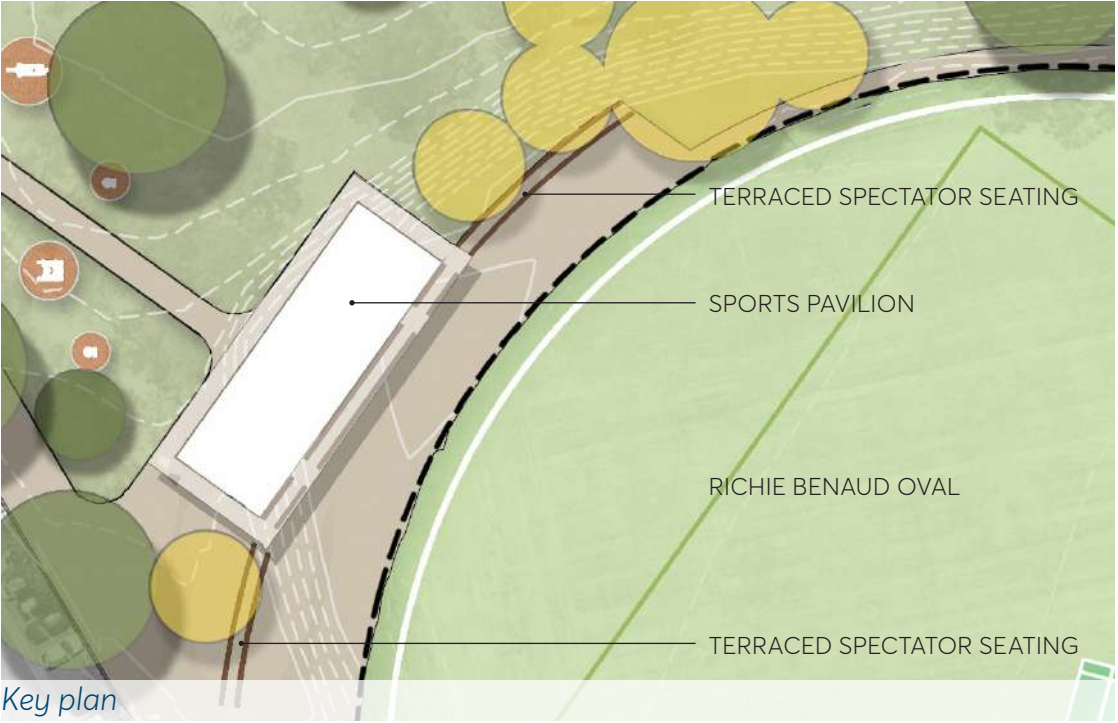
Sports facilities:

- Change rooms
- Umpire and referee change rooms
- Kiosk and storage areas
- Sporting club storage areas
- First aid room
- Sporting club administration area

Community facilities:

- Community meeting room and facilities
- Hall of fame
- Public toilets

This masterplan provides a recommended location and nominal footprint size of the building only (depicted as two storey). Detail design will review both single storey and two storey options and will be subject to further consultation with stakeholders and the community.



Key plan



Integrated spectator seating



Indicative Sports Pavilion Building



Hall of Fame

4.4 PLAYGROUND FACILITIES

It is proposed the existing playground at Belmore Park will be replaced and expanded into a 'District' level facility. The playground will have an increased area and improved equipment provision. The play area will be expanded to cater for a wider diversity of ages and include a wide range of active challenges.

The proposed playground will include a combination of both traditional and imaginative / sensory play as highlighted during community engagement (images indicative only).



Key plan

IMAGINATIVE/SENSORY PLAY



Logs for balancing and stepping



Boulder steps



Sensory planting

TRADITIONAL PLAY



Multi-play towers with slides



Swings



Rock climbing

4.5 PARK AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Park and community facilities will be provided with consideration given to the functional needs of the community, and broader aesthetic of the park. The facilities will provide a holistic benefit to all park users, and are based on the feedback received at community engagement. They include:

- Improved pathway network
- Park furniture including seating and picnic facilities
- Community fitness equipment
- Signage
- Native planting

Public art and interpretive signage will highlight the rich Aboriginal and sporting heritage of Belmore Park. These elements will reflect the unique nature of the site and provide a powerful sense of place.

The overall look and feel of the park will be defined by a robust material palette and contemporary park aesthetic. The material selection will reflect the local context through appropriate selections such as timber, stone, exposed concrete pathways and weathered steel signage.



Park furniture



Community fitness equipment



Integration of Aboriginal and cultural heritage



Improved pathways and signage



Native planting



Integration of cricket and public art

4.6 CROSS SECTIONS



05. STAGING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The masterplan is intended to be implemented in stages to suit local population growth, allow distribution of funds and accommodate diverse funding sources. The following list provides the stage plan details:

STAGE 1

- Sports field (Richie Benaud Oval) and loop path
- Temporary amenities building if required
- Public amenities and storage building

STAGE 2

- Sports pavilion building
- Walking loop/paths
- Seating to sports field

STAGE 3

- Cricket practice facility (nets)
- District playground
- Community facilities (seating, park furniture etc.)
- Fitness stations
- Walking loop/paths

LEGEND

- STAGE 1
- STAGE 1 loop path
- STAGE 2
- STAGE 2 paths
- STAGE 3
- STAGE 3 paths



06. COSTING

6.1 OVERALL COSTS

OPINION OF PROBABLE COST Belmore Park Master Plan Prepared for City of Parramatta Date: 22/10/2020 REV: C GROUP GSA								
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL NOTES	Qty	Unit	Rate		Amount	Total
1.00	Preliminaries							
1.01	Site establishment	Site shed(s) establishment and demolition and utilities connections	1	allowance	\$100,000		\$100,000	
1.02	Site Fencing		950	lm	\$15		\$14,250	
1.03	Temporary Amenities		1	allowance	\$100,000		\$100,000	
1.04	Sub-total							\$214,250
2.00	Demolition	Demolish & remove from site						
2.01	Demolish existing structures	Demolish & remove from site	1,000	m2	\$300		\$300,000	
2.02	Other Demolition and waste costs	Removal of existing fencing, furniture, cricket nets, and waste removal	500	m2	\$250		\$125,000	
3.02	Sub-total							\$425,000
3.00	Bulk Earthworks							
3.01	Regrading / trim earthworks	Adjustments of finished levels of < 1m with balanced cut and fill	2,000	m2	\$25		\$50,000	
3.02	Regrading / trim earthworks	Adjustments of finished levels of > 1m with balanced cut and fill	2,000	m2	\$35		\$70,000	
3.03	Sub-total							\$120,000
4.00	Surfaces							
4.01	Concrete Paving	110mm Thick reinforced concrete, exposed aggregate finish	6,650	m2	\$200		\$1,330,000	
4.02	Synthetic surface	To cricket practice nets	520	m2	\$110		\$57,200	
4.03	Rubber Softfall	To playground and outdoor fitness area	2,250	m2	\$250		\$562,500	
4.04	Sub-total							\$1,949,700
5.00	Landscape							
5.01	Turf	Includes grass & imported top soil to park	1,950	m2	\$30		\$58,500	
5.02	Sports Field Turf	Includes irrigation system, turf and top soil to sporting fields	20,500	m2	\$50		\$1,025,000	
5.03	Turf Wicket including practice wickets	Turf and top soil	12	PER/UNIT	\$7,500		\$90,000	
5.04	Planting	Includes plantings & imported top soil	2,000	m2	\$70		\$140,000	
5.05	Trees	Supply and install of new trees. Generally 400/500Lt.	40	PER/UNIT	\$1,000		\$40,000	
5.06	Reinstate Grass	Hydroseeding to bare areas	29,500	m2	\$3		\$88,500	
5.07	Retaining Walls	Includes blockwork, footings and drainage	250	lm	\$600		\$150,000	
5.08	Sub-total							\$1,592,000
6.00	Carpark							
6.01	Rejuvenation of kerb and levels to existing car park		500	m2	\$200		\$100,000	
6.02	Linemarking		1	allowance	\$5,000		\$5,000	
6.03	Sub-total							\$105,000
7.00	Construction of Clubhouse/Grandstand Building							
7.01	Construction of new clubhouse/grandstand building	690m2 - two levels	1	ITEM	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	

7.03	Sub-total							\$4,200,000
8.00	Furniture							
8.01	Picnic Shelter	Approx 4m x 8m	6	ITEM	\$22,000		\$132,000	
8.02	Picnic Table Setting	table and two bench seats	6	ITEM	\$4,500		\$27,000	
8.03	Bench Seating	bench seat	12	ITEM	\$3,000		\$36,000	
8.04	Spectator Seating	Insitu concrete	150	m2	\$800		\$120,000	
8.05	Bin Enclosure	General Waste and Recycling Bins	6	ITEM	\$5,900		\$35,400	
8.06	Water bubbler	With drainage connections	4	ITEM	\$15,000		\$60,000	
8.07	New Picket Fence	Recycled plastic 900mm high, white colour	450	lm	\$150		\$67,500	
8.08	Cricket Nets Fencing	Chainmesh	150	lm	\$300		\$45,000	
8.09	Fencing to retaining walls	1m high, chainmesh	250	lm	\$150		\$37,500	
8.10	Ball Screens	As required	-	allowance	\$50,000		\$50,000	
8.11	Shade structure for practice nets	Synthetic practice nets	1	ITEM	\$40,000		\$40,000	
8.12	Sub-total							\$650,400
9.00	Playground & Fitness Equipment							
9.01	Outdoor Fitness Trail/Gym	7 pieces, dynamic, includes surface and edging	-	allowance	\$60,000		\$60,000	
9.02	New Playground	New play equipment	-	allowance	\$400,000		\$400,000	
9.03	Sub-total							\$460,000
10.00	Signage/Environmental Graphics							
10.01	Welcome Signage	Sandstone block wall with steel signage	2	ITEM	\$8,000		\$16,000	
10.02	Environmental Graphics	Pavement/wall inlays telling the story of Richie Benaud	-	allowance	\$10,000		\$10,000	
10.03	Interpretive Signage/Art	Signage elements/public art/sculpture telling story of Richie Benaud	-	allowance	\$25,000		\$25,000	
10.04	Sub-total							\$51,000
11.00	Utilities							
11.01	Lighting - Floodlighting Sportsfield	Total for all floodlighting, including power upgrade	1	ITEM	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	
11.02	Sportsfield Irrigation - Pop up sprinkler irrigation for turf area	Pop up sprinkler irrigation system for turf area and associated wiring, conduits, valves, controller and connection to water supply	15,000	m2	\$22		\$330,000	
11.03	QVC points for water supply		6	ITEM	\$2,500		\$15,000	
11.04	Sight screen		2	ITEM	\$25,000		\$50,000	
11.05	Water, power gas connections, etc.		1	ITEM	\$75,000		\$75,000	
11.06	Liaisoning fees	Liaisoning with authorities	1	ITEM	\$25,000		\$25,000	
11.07	Sub-total							\$1,995,000
12.00	Sub-total							
12.01	Sub-total	Sub-total of items 1.00 - 11.00 incl						\$11,762,350
13.00	Additional fees							
13.01	Construction contingency	Allow 10%					\$1,176,235	
13.02	Sub-total							\$1,176,235
			This opinion of probable cost (OPC) has been prepared by GROUP GSA. All rates applied have been sourced by general market assumptions. For more detailed costing we recommend a quantity surveyor is engaged to prepared a cost plan			Total Excluding GST		\$12,938,585
						GST		\$1,293,859
						TOTAL INCL GST		\$14,232,444

6.2 COST PER STAGE

The following is a breakdown of costs for the 3 nominated stages:

STAGE 1

- Sports field (Richie Benaud Oval) and loop path
- Temporary amenities building if required
- Public amenities and storage building

STAGE 2

- Sports pavilion building
- Walking loop/paths
- Seating to sports field

STAGE 3

- Cricket practice facility (nets)
- District playground
- Community facilities (seating, park furniture etc.)
- Fitness stations
- Walking loop/paths

ESTIMATED COST SUMMARY (EXCLUDING GST)

The estimated construction cost for the delivery of the masterplan is **\$13,000,000** (excluding GST). An additional 20% increase will be required for staging of the work due to additional mobilisation and establishment costs associated with separate construction phases. The staging of the work increases the budget to **\$15,600,000** (excluding GST).

CONSTRUCTION COST (EXCLUDING GST)

Entire Project Constructed Concurrently:

Total - \$13,000,000

Project Constructed in Stages:

– Stage 1: \$6,400,000

– Stage 2: \$6,800,000

– Stage 3: \$2,400,000

Total - \$15,600,000

7. APPENDIX

- KEY FINDINGS AND ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION REPORT - APRIL 2020

Belmore Park (including Richie Benaud Oval) Landscape Concept Plan - Stage One

Key Findings and Engagement Evaluation Report

April 2020

CONTENTS

1. Introduction	2
2. Executive Summary	3
3. Engagement Evaluation	5
4. Key Findings	6
5. Respondent Demographics	19

1. Introduction

The City of Parramatta is in the early stages of developing a landscape Masterplan for Belmore Park in North Parramatta, which will build upon the unique local landscape and improve facilities for a range of community uses.

The vision is to upgrade Richie Benaud Oval (the name of the sporting field in Belmore Park) so that it becomes a Premier cricket venue suitable for hosting Sydney Grade Cricket matches, as well as a venue for football codes in the winter. The proposed sporting facility improvements include:

- A central turf wicket
- Turf and synthetic practice wickets (nets)
- Fully irrigated playing field
- Sports (flood) lighting
- A sports pavilion building

Upgrades are also proposed to the entire park to improve the quality of the recreational and open spaces for everyone to enjoy. This includes providing new spectator seating along the playing fields and oval as well as upgrading the playground and community facilities.

Stage one of community consultation commenced in November 2019 with targeted engagement of key stakeholders, including local sporting groups that use the park and its facilities. Online consultation was held from **Monday 16 March to Sunday 12 April 2020**. Council was seeking the following feedback from the community:

- How often and when respondents use the park
- How respondents get to the park and why they use it
- What improvements would increase visitation of respondents to the park
- The theme for the playground and what play elements should be included
- Overall level of satisfaction with the Landscape Concept Plan

The community was able to provide feedback on the Landscape Concept Plan developed for Belmore Park via a survey accessed through Council's engagement portal, 'Parramatta OurSay' (www.oursay.org/cityofparramatta). Community members were also provided with the opportunity to provide feedback via email, by phone and by post.

It is important to note that the online consultation took place throughout the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak. While the response rate was still quite strong, the government restrictions that were introduced had an impact on the engagement. As is detailed below, the consultation period was extended and new strategies adopted to help adapt the engagement approach to the changed environment.

Key Findings Report

This Key Findings Report collates and summarises the **247 responses submitted via Parramatta OurSay** during the period the Belmore Park Landscape Concept Plan was open for comment.

Qualitative responses have also been included in the **Appendix** for the project team's consideration.

2. Executive Summary

From **Monday 16 March to Sunday 12 April 2020**, City of Parramatta sought the community's feedback on the Landscape Concept Plan developed for Belmore Park. Initially, consultation was due to close on Sunday 29 March 2020, however due to the COVID-19 crisis, consultation was extended by a further two weeks to provide additional time for the community to participate.

During the period the plan was open for comment, the City received 247 completed responses via Parramatta OurSay. The median completion time for the survey was just under 7 minutes.

Summary of key findings

Demographic data:

- 247 completed responses were received in total via Council's engagement portal (517 respondents started the survey with 270 not completing).
- 166 respondents (67.6%) were male and 67 (27.1%) were female.
- The greatest number of responses were from those aged 40-49 (71 people or 28.7%), closely followed by those aged 25-39 (69 people or 27.9%).
- 41 respondents (16.6%) spoke a language other than English at home. Major non-English languages spoken at home, were Hindi (9) and Tamil (7).
- 8 respondents (3.2%) identified as living with a disability.

For more detailed information, please see **pages 19 to 22**.

Visiting Belmore Park

- The majority of respondents visit Belmore Park weekly, with 58 (23.5%) visiting two to three times per week and 71 (28.7%) visiting once per week.
- 116 (49.6%) respondents only visit Belmore Park on weekends.
- 177 (76.1%) respondents normally visit Belmore Park in the afternoon, with 133 (57.3%) also visiting in the morning.
- The vast majority of respondents, 170 (73.1%), normally drive to Belmore Park while 80 (34.2%) also walk.
- 126 (54.3%) respondents primarily visit Belmore Park as they belong to a sports club, while 92 (39.3%) also visit to just walk around/through the park.
 - Of 126 respondents that belong to a sports club, the majority are made up of members from Parramatta District Cricket Club (59) and Parramatta Women's Cricket Club (32).

For more detailed information, please see **pages 6 to 11**.

Playground

- 150 (60.7%) respondents wanted to see a combination of both traditional play and imaginative/sensory play in the design of the new playground.
 - Specifically commenting on the imaginative/sensory play elements, 174 (70.9%) respondents wanted to see 'natural logs for balancing and stepping' included.
 - Specifically commenting on the traditional play elements, 134 (54.7%) respondents wanted to see 'swings' included, while 128 (52.2%) wanted to also include 'multi-play towers'.

For more detailed information, please see **pages 14 to 16**.

Landscape Concept Plan

- When asked which improvements would increase visitation to Belmore Park, 169 (68.8%) respondents selected 'cricket nets for public use', 86 (34.8%) selected 'better footpaths to provide access around the park (e.g. circulation path)' and 77 (31.2%) selected 'improved car parking'.
- When asked about their overall level of satisfaction with the landscape Concept Plan prepared for Belmore Park, the vast majority were pleased with what Council had presented, with 78 (31.6%) respondents 'very happy' and 72 (29.2%) 'happy'.
 - Of the respondents that were 'very happy', the majority selected this option as they felt the Landscape Concept Plan would ensure more families utilised the park and because it would become an incredible asset for the local cricket community
 - Of the respondents that were 'happy', the majority selected this option as they felt the Landscape Concept Plan looked good and should benefit the local community and because it would be beneficial for the local cricket community.

For more detailed information, please see **pages 12 to 13 and 17 to 18**.

Qualitative comments and other information:

Please refer to Appendix A on **pages 23 to 36** for qualitative comments.

3. Engagement Evaluation

The below provides a snapshot of the communications and engagement channels used to promote the feedback opportunity to the community from Monday 16 March to Sunday 12 April 2020.

Numerous channels were activated to reach as many community members as possible and direct them to the City Of Parramatta community engagement portal (www.oursay.org/cityofparramatta) to provide feedback on the Landscape Concept Plan developed for Belmore Park.

Overall, **20,388** people saw the opportunity to share feedback based on the data captured from the following engagement channels.

Social media

Paid advertisements	
Reach	3,285
Impressions	9,473
Link clicks	223
Cost per click	\$0.22
Click through rate (link)	2.35%
Post engagement	249
Total spend	\$49.44
Facebook organic	
Reach	4,321
Engagements	111
Link clicks	56



Email databases

Sent to 9,632 Our City, Your Say panel members on Friday 3 April 2020.

Letterbox drop

3,100 properties were included in the mail out of a postcard which was distributed to homes in neighbouring streets, as well as two local childcare centres and a school.

Community signage

Boards advising about the community consultation were also put up around Belmore Park, while a local day-care provider displayed information on its noticeboard.

Online Video

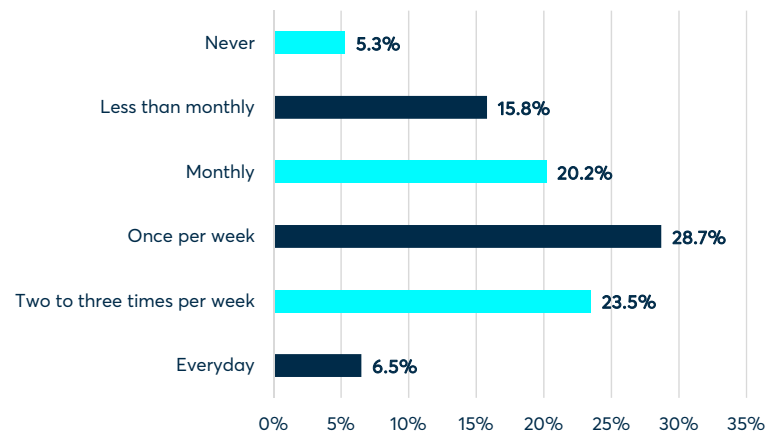
Following the outbreak of COVID-19, a video was developed to help further promote the engagement opportunity. The video was viewed 50 times.

Community drop-in session

Due to the emergence of COVID-19, a community drop-in session originally planned for Thursday 19 March 2020 was cancelled in line with public health advice.

4. Key Findings

Q1). How often do you visit Belmore Park (including Richie Benaud Oval)?

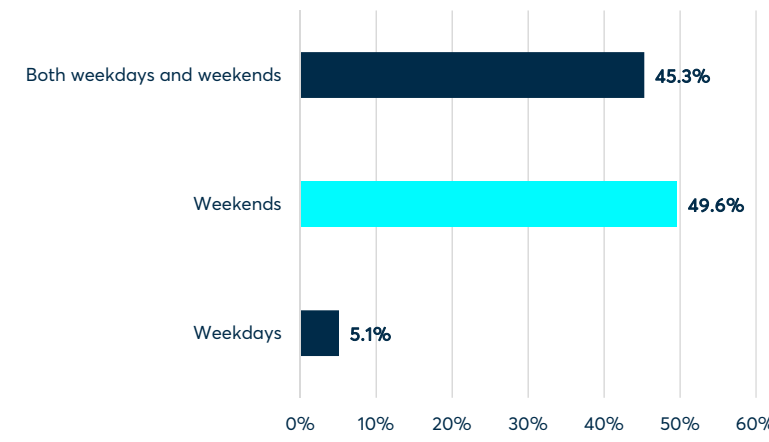


Answer	%	Count
Everyday	6.5%	16
Two to three times per week	23.5%	58
Once per week	28.7%	71
Monthly	20.2%	50
Less than monthly	15.8%	39
Never*	5.3%	13
Total	100%	247

* Those that selected 'Never', skipped past questions 2 – 5 as these questions could only be answered by those that visit Belmore Park.

All respondents that selected 'Never' were given the opportunity to comment on why they had not previously visited Belmore Park. 12 of 13 respondents choose to provide comment. Reasons why respondents selected 'Never' included, they either had no reason to visit the park previously, the facilities were not suitable, or no grade cricket matches were played there. All responses are provided in the Appendix.

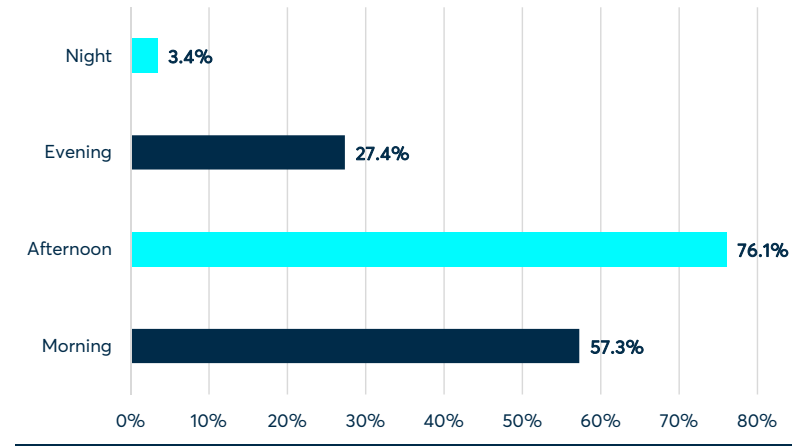
Q2). When do you visit Belmore Park (including Richie Benaud Oval)?



Answer	%	Count
Weekdays	5.1%	12
Weekends	49.6%	116
Both weekdays and weekends	45.3%	106
Total	100%	234

Q3). What time of day do you visit Belmore Park (including Richie Benaud Oval)? *

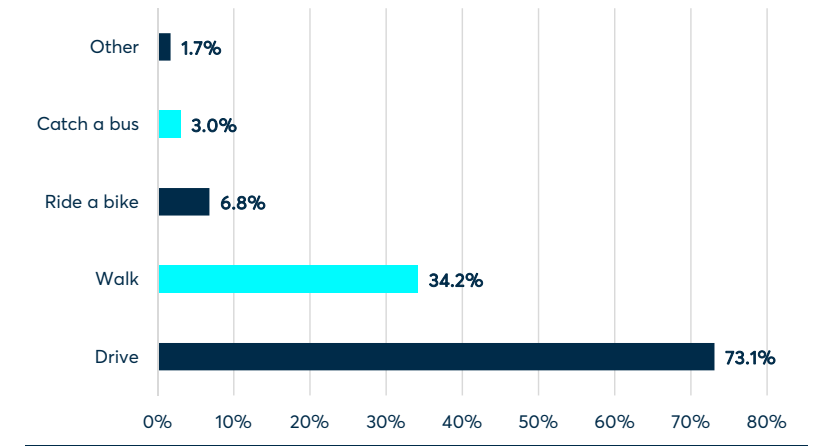
* Respondents could select more than one answer for this question.



Answer	%	Count
Morning	57.3%	133
Afternoon	76.1%	177
Evening	27.4%	64
Night	3.4%	8
Total	100%	233

Q4). How do you get to the park? *

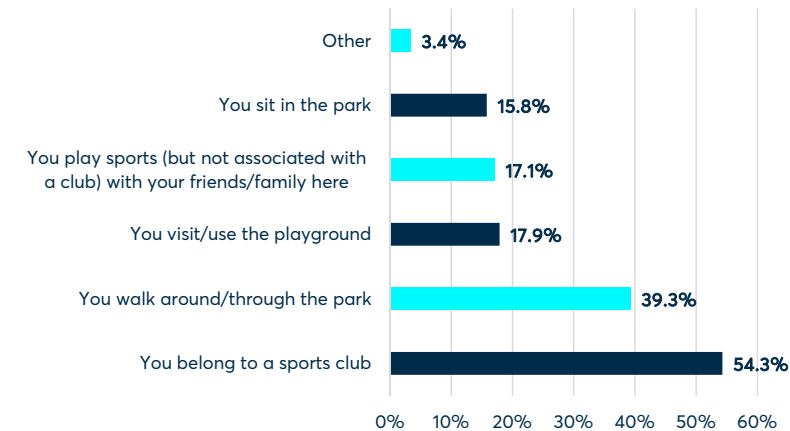
* Respondents could select more than one answer for this question.



Answer	%	Count
Drive	73.1%	170
Walk	34.2%	80
Ride a bike	6.8%	16
Catch a bus	3.0%	7
Other	1.7%	4
Total	100%	233

Q5). Why do you visit Belmore Park (including Richie Benaud Oval)? *

* Respondents could select more than one answer for this question.



Answer	%	Count
You belong to a sports club	54.3%	126
You walk around/through the park	39.3%	92
You visit/use the playground	17.9%	42
You play sports (but not associated with a club) with your friends/family here	17.1%	40
You sit in the park	15.8%	37
Other	3.4%	8
Total	100%	233

All respondents that selected 'You belong to a sports club' were asked to detail what sports club(s) they belong to. Some respondents listed more than one sporting club. The top five responses, as well as 'Other' responses are categorised below:

Answer - 'You belong to a sports club'	Count
Parramatta District Cricket Club	59
Parramatta Women's Cricket Club	32
Baulkham Hills Cricket Club	8
Sydney Supersonics	6
Kings Langley Cricket Club	4
Other	21

Total	126
-------	-----

All respondents that selected 'You play sports (but not associated with a club) with your friends/family here' were asked to detail what sport(s) they play. Some respondents listed more than one sport. All responses are categorised below:

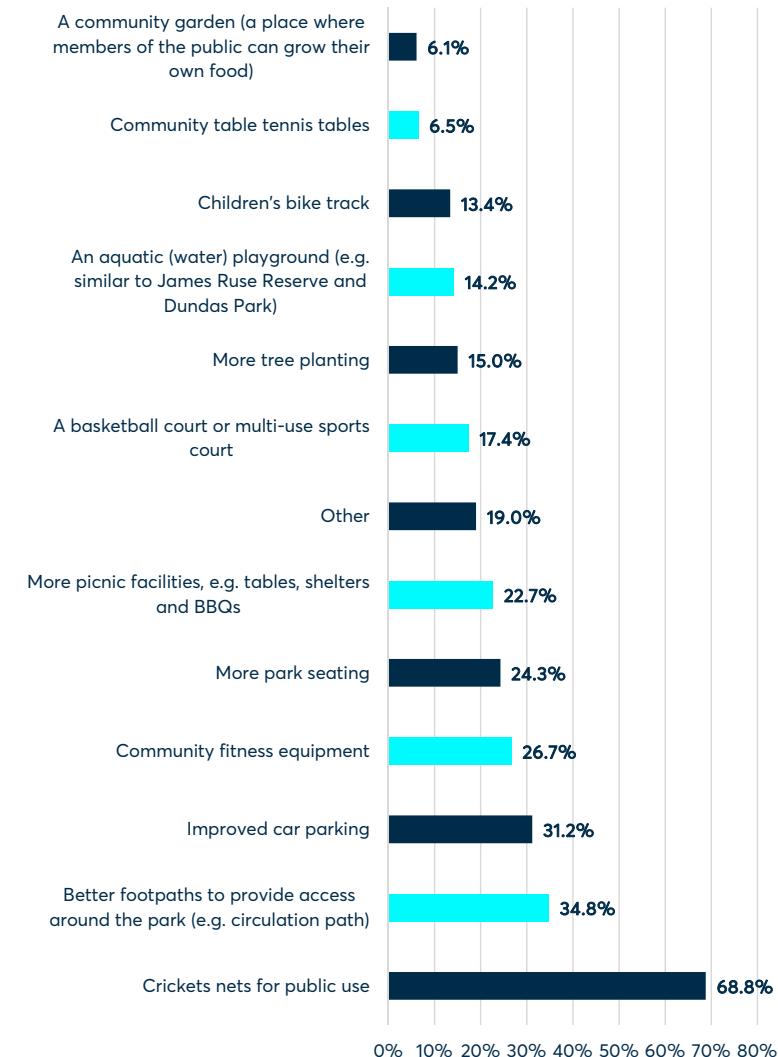
Answer - 'You play sports (but not associated with a club) with your friends/family here'	Count
Cricket	38
Running	2
Soccer	2
Basketball	1
Total	40

All respondents that selected 'Other' were asked to detail why they visit Belmore Park. All responses are provided below:

Answer - 'Other'	Count
As a shortcut on the way to the bus stop, friends' houses and shops	
Events	
I live in Bellevue Street	
Jogging and playing soccer with my son	
Observe nature and wildlife	
Resident close by	
Watch sport	
Watching cricket games	
Total	8

Q6). In addition to upgrading Richie Benaud Oval to a Premier cricket venue, the Landscape Concept Plan proposes upgrades to Belmore Park to improve the quality of facilities and open spaces for everyone to enjoy. Which improvements would increase the number of times you visit Belmore Park? *

** Respondents could select more than one answer for this question.*

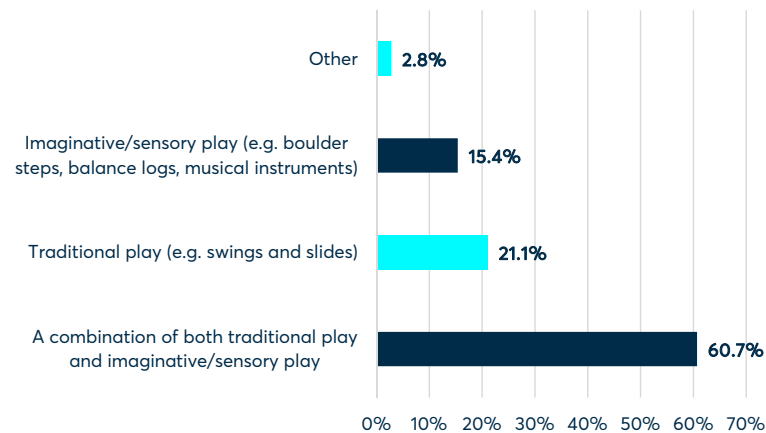


Answer	%	Count
Cricket nets for public use	68.8%	169
Better footpaths to provide access around the park (e.g. circulation path)	34.8%	86
Improved car parking	31.2%	77
Community fitness equipment	26.7%	66
More park seating	24.3%	60
More picnic facilities, e.g. tables, shelters and BBQs	22.7%	56
Other	19.0%	47
A basketball court or multi-use sports court	17.4%	43
More tree planting	15.0%	37
An aquatic (water) playground (e.g. similar to James Ruse Reserve and Dundas Park)	14.2%	35
Children's bike track	13.4%	33
Community table tennis tables	6.5%	16
A community garden (a place where members of the public can grow their own food)	6.1%	15
Total	100%	246

All respondents that selected 'Other' were asked to explain what other improvements that would like to see at Belmore Park. Many respondents provided more than one suggestion. All responses are categorised below:

Answer - 'Other'	Count
A Grade standard Cricket Oval with turf cricket pitch	22
Indoor cricket nets	12
Improved facilities, e.g. practice area, gym, club, change rooms	8
Richie Benaud Hall of Fame	6
Other	6
A single football field	5
White picket fence around oval	4
Improved fencing	3
Café	2
Improved play equipment	2
Turf practice nets	2
Grandstand seating	2
Total	47

Q7). What type of theme would you like to see through the upgraded playground?

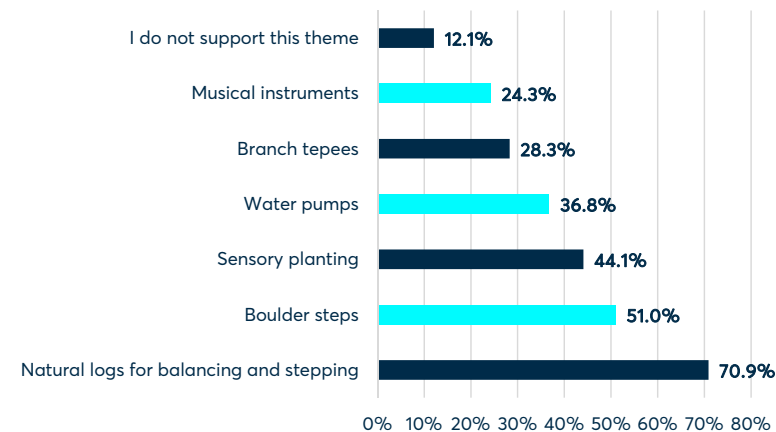


Answer	%	Count
A combination of both traditional play and imaginative/sensory play	60.7%	150
Traditional play (e.g. swings and slides)	21.1%	52
Imaginative/sensory play (e.g. boulder steps, balance logs, musical instruments)	15.4%	38
Other	2.8%	7
Total	100%	247

All respondents that selected 'Other' were asked to explain what theme they would like to see for the upgraded playground at Belmore Park. Relevant responses are provided below:

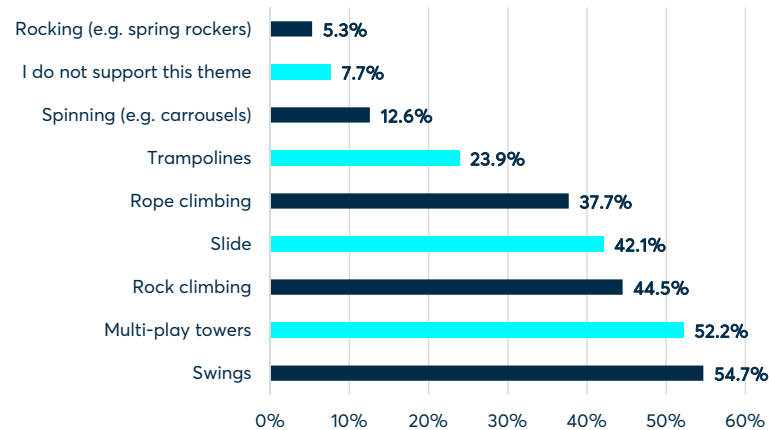
- "Please no towers, trampolines, musical instruments or water playgrounds! It will be a living hell for nearby residents! Swings and other traditional equipment, along with some interesting landscape features are more than adequate!"
- "The area should be kept as natural as possible, musical instruments are inappropriate for the density of the neighbourhood close by."

Q8). Thinking about the imaginative and sensory play theme, please select your TOP THREE choices from the options below:



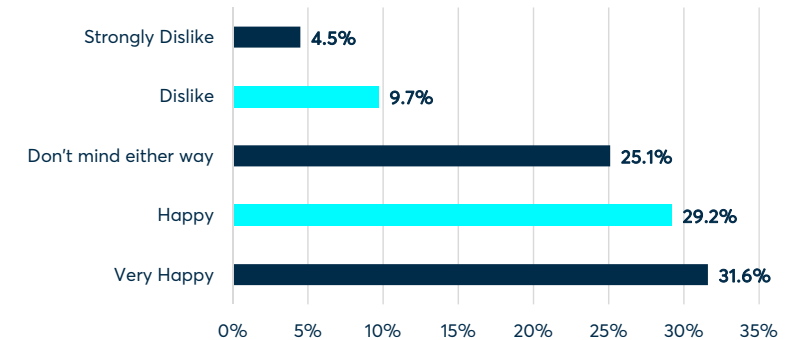
Answer	%	Count
Natural logs for balancing and stepping	70.9%	174
Boulder steps	51.0%	125
Sensory planting	44.1%	109
Water pumps	36.8%	91
Branch tepees	28.3%	70
Musical instruments	24.3%	60
I do not support this theme	12.1%	30
Total	100%	246

Q9). Thinking about the traditional play theme, please select your TOP THREE choices from the options below:



Answer	%	Count
Swings	54.7%	134
Multi-play towers	52.2%	128
Rock climbing	44.5%	110
Slide	42.1%	104
Rope climbing	37.7%	93
Trampolines	23.9%	59
Spinning (e.g. carrousel)	12.6%	31
I do not support this theme	7.7%	19
Rocking (e.g. spring rockers)	5.3%	13
Total	100%	246

Q10). Looking at the Landscape Concept Plan for Belmore Park (including Richie Benaud Oval), are you:



Answer	%	Count
Very Happy	31.6%	78
Happy	29.2%	72
Don't mind either way	25.1%	62
Dislike	9.7%	24
Strongly Dislike	4.5%	11
Total	100%	247

All respondents that selected either 'Very Happy', 'Happy', 'Dislike' or 'Strongly Dislike' were provided with the opportunity to support their selection through open text. The following provides a high level summary of the main points raised for each selection. All responses are provided in the Appendix.

'Very Happy' respondents – Key themes

- Will ensure more families utilise the park.
- The park was in need of a makeover and the proposed design looks very well thought out.
- An incredible asset for the cricket community, particularly with the addition of a turf wicket.

'Happy' respondents – Key themes

- Overall the design looks good and should benefit the local community.
- Beneficial for the local cricket community.

'Dislike' respondents – Key themes

- The design should prioritise cricket further, with ideally only one football field.
- The design is either lacking in some sporting facilities or they require extra thought.

'Strongly Dislike' respondents – Key themes

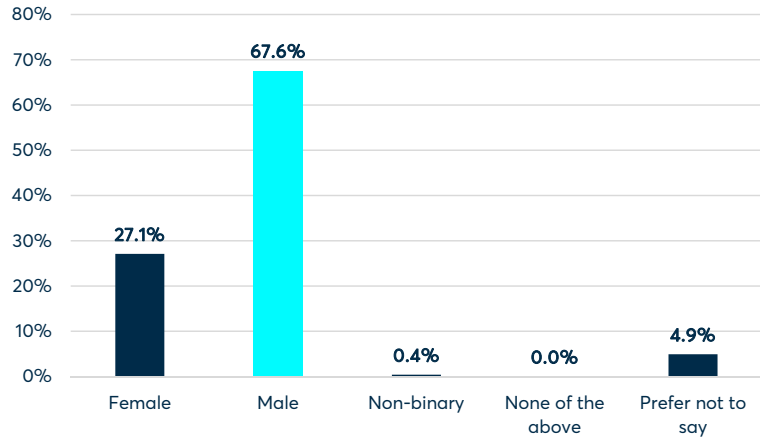
- Belmore Park should be exclusively for cricket.
- More needs to be done to consider the impact of increased park usage on local residents.

Q11). Do you have any further comments about future improvements to Belmore Park and Richie Benaud Oval?

161 respondents choose to provide additional comments. The vast majority of those comments reflected an overall level of satisfaction with the proposed future improvements to Belmore Park and Richie Benaud Oval. There were however also a number of comments that suggested some changes could be made to the plans in order to better the improvements. Some respondents also expressed their complete dissatisfaction with the plan, however these respondents made up a small minority of the total. All responses are provided in the Appendix.

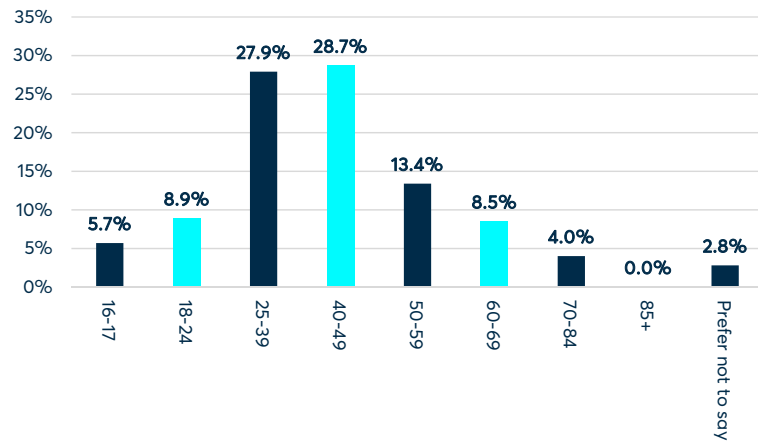
5. Respondent Demographics

Q12). Gender identity:



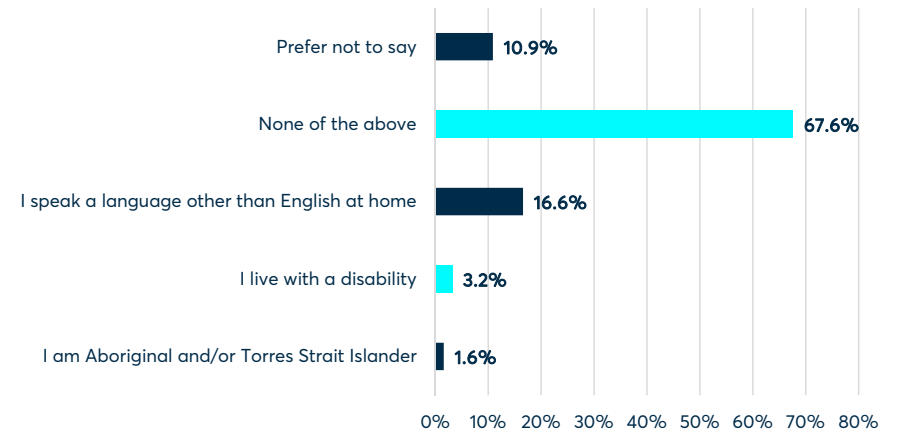
Answer	%	Count
Female	27.1%	67
Male	67.6%	166
Non-binary	0.4%	1
None of the above	0.0%	0
Prefer not to say	4.9%	12
Total	100%	246

Q13). Age:



Answer	%	Count
16-17	5.7%	14
18-24	8.9%	22
25-39	27.9%	69
40-49	28.7%	71
50-59	13.4%	33
60-69	8.5%	21
70-84	4.0%	10
85+	0.0%	0
Prefer not to say	2.8%	7
Total	100%	247

Q14). Diversity identity (ticking all that apply):



Answer	%	Count
I am Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	1.6%	4
I live with a disability	3.2%	8
I speak a language other than English at home	16.6%	41
None of the above	67.6%	167
Prefer not to say	10.9%	27
Total	100%	247

Q14a). Language(s) spoken at home (coded responses from open text):

Answer	Count
Hindi	9
Tamil	7
Marathi	3
Telugu	3
Urdu	3
German	2
Indonesian	2
Punjabi	2
Sinhalese	2
Arabic	1
Auslan	1
Chinese	1
Indonesian	1
Gujarati	1
Italian	1
Konkani	1
Mandarin	1
Thai	1
Total	41

Q14b). Language preference for communications from Council (coded responses from open text):

Answer	Count
English	36
Urdu	1
Total	36



www.groupgsa.com
ARN 3990

Sydney

Level 7, 80 William Street
East Sydney NSW 2011
Australia
T +612 9361 4144
E sydney@groupgsa.com

Melbourne

Level 1, 104 Exhibition Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Australia
T +613 9416 5088
E melbourne@groupgsa.com

Brisbane

Level 14, 100 Edward Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Australia
T +617 3210 2592
E brisbane@groupgsa.com

Shanghai

Room 407, No. 71, Xi Suzhou Road Jingan District

Shanghai 200041
PR China
T +86 182 1036 2158
E shanghai@groupgsa.com

Ho Chi Minh City

19th Floor – Havana Tower, 132 Ham Nghi,
Ben Thanh Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City
Vietnam
T +84 8 3827 5385
E hcmc@groupgsa.com



CITY OF
PARRAMATTA