



North Sydney Recreation Needs Study



Supporting Document



About this document

North Sydney Council engaged @leisure Planners to develop a Recreation Needs Study (RNS).

This Supporting Document is a collection of secondary and supporting data collated for the Study.

The Recreation Needs Study is a separate volume. It contains the main issues and opportunities, as well as strategies and actions.

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Chapter 1: Demographic Data

This section provides the population datasets used in the Recreation Needs Study.

Resident populations

Population and demographic indicators reviewed as part of this Study have been based on the recent Census data using the following sources:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics:
http://www.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2011/quickstat/LGA15950?opendocument&navpos=220
- ProfileID: <http://profile.id.com.au/north-sydney/population>

Non-resident populations

Growth in non-resident student and worker populations are based on aligning growth to North Sydney residential population growth rates for the same time periods.

Table 1: Estimated non-resident student and worker population

Populations	2011	2021	2031
Non-resident student population*	13,000	14,192	14,764
Non-resident worker population+	56,318	61,483	63,959

* Student population estimates based on advice from Council's Social Planner, 2014

+ Worker population adapted from Profile ID (See: <http://profile.id.com.au/north-sydney/workers>)

Population projections

Table 2 summarises the projections used for the demand analysis. These are based on data from ForecastID.

Table 2: Population projections

Age	2011		2021		2031	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4 years	3,575	5.3	3,797	5.2	3,859	5.0
5-9 years	2,132	3.2	2,210	3	2,211	2.9
10-14 years	1,626	2.4	1,623	2.2	1,692	2.2
15-19 years	1,845	2.8	2,311	3.1	2,378	3.1
20-24 years	4,256	6.3	5,385	7.3	5,467	7.1
25-29 years	9,026	13.5	8,712	11.9	8,975	11.7
30-34 years	9,050	13.5	8,708	11.9	9,079	11.8
35-39 years	6,927	10.3	7,037	9.6	7,073	9.2
40-44 years	4,959	7.4	5,755	7.8	5,709	7.4
45-49 years	4,030	6	5,062	6.9	5,151	6.7
50-54 years	3,900	5.8	4,307	5.9	4,784	6.2
55-59 years	3,646	5.4	3,911	5.3	4,558	5.9
60-64 years	3,781	5.6	3,700	5	3,983	5.2
65-69 years	2,931	4.4	3,206	4.4	3,411	4.4
70-74 years	1,939	2.9	2,912	4	2,902	3.8
75-79 years	1,342	2	2,104	2.9	2,303	3.0
80-84 years	1,008	1.5	1,337	1.8	1,793	2.3
85+ years	1,084	1.6	1,307	1.8	1,533	2.0
Total	67,056	100	73,387	100	76,861	100

Source: ForecastID, 2014 (<http://forecast.id.com.au/north-sydney>)

Chapter 2: Literature Reviewed

The following **Council literature** has been reviewed:

- Community Strategic Plan 2013
- St Leonards Crows Nest Planning Study
- Educational Precinct Masterplan Report
- North Sydney Council's Charter
- North Sydney Council Green Roof and Wall Resource Manual
- North Sydney Recreation Needs Study 2005
- North Sydney LEP 2013, associated policies and amendments
- North Sydney Open Space Provision Strategy 2009
- North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy
- Plans of Management for:
 - Bushland Reserves
 - Foreshore Parks and Reserves
 - Neighbourhood Parks
 - Playgrounds
 - Sportsgrounds
 - Bradfield Park
 - Cremorne Reserve
 - Forsyth Park
 - North Sydney Oval
 - Smoothery Park
 - St Leonards Park
 - St Thomas Rest Park.
- St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan 2013
- Playgrounds Methodology 2011
- North Sydney Section 94 Contributions Plan 2013
- North Sydney Sports Fields Hire Fees and Charges
- North Sydney Outdoor Fitness Trainers Code of Conduct
- North Sydney Alcohol Free Zone and Prohibited Zones Maps 2011
- North Sydney Companion Animals Management Plan 2004

- Water Based Recreation Needs Study Report 2006.

Non-Council literature that influences the Study has also been reviewed, includes:

- Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036
- North Sydney Draft Metropolitan Strategy For Sydney to 2031
- Open Space Guidelines for Local Government
- Northern Sydney Regional Action Plan
- NSROC Plan.

Existing literature that discusses the current sporting infrastructure in North Sydney indicates that it is under considerable strain from over-use, however, very few options are presented to improve the number of/or amount of quality fields and facilities. This is attributed to the lack of suitable, and financially viable land that is available to be developed.

Council Literature

North Sydney Recreation Needs Study 2005

The 2005 Study will be replaced by the 2015 Recreation Needs Study when completed.

A number of issues were identified in the study, these issues include:

- over-use of sporting grounds
- lack of land opportunities to address increasing demand for sport and recreation infrastructure
- booking procedures for sportsfields
- lack of communication regarding facilities and recreation opportunities available locally
- gaps in provision of 'informal' recreation.

Community input into the plan supported the above claims, additionally it was noted that the community values parkland areas, and also requested facility improvements in the increase of shade, seating, play and picnic infrastructure. The Plan indicated support for local clubs, however, noted that there is a large demand placed on this infrastructure.

A large number of recommendations were made in relation to facility delivery, facility management and range of opportunities available.

Council has completed a large portion of the recommendations from the 2005 Plan, other recommendations are still in progress, as they require a review or are considered not relevant – these are listed as:

In progress:

- Develop a synthetic pitch. This project was recently completed with the installation of a synthetic pitch at Cammeray Park.

Recommendations not yet actioned, or requiring a review:

- Evaluate need for additional indoor courts (second indoor centre)
- Develop two additional netball courts at St. Leonards Park (not deemed feasible, however, a temporary solution was sought by partnering with North Sydney Girls High to use their courts for netball purposes)
- Install height adjustable netball goal posts
- Demand for additional tennis courts (NSC is not sure whether demand still exists) and identify site for a tennis practice wall
- Upgrade cricket practice nets at Primrose, Anderson, St. Leonards and Tunks Parks
- Deploy maps and signage at central and prominent sites throughout parks, sportsgrounds, North Sydney CBD and other community areas, showing the location of local major sport and recreation facilities, walking trails and bikeways.
- Assist local clubs to prepare five-year club development plans (this is not currently feasible as Council no longer has a Recreation Planner).

Recommendations considered no longer relevant:

- Investigate options to develop synthetic multi-sport pitch (mainly futsal) at ANZAC Memorial Club (Club no longer active).

Specific recommendations from the 2005 Recreation Needs Study for different activities and facilities are included in the Supply Assessment (see section 5).

North Sydney LEP 2013, Amendments and Associated Planning Literature

The Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is a statutory instrument, made under the *EP&A Act*, which governs land use planning and development activities in North Sydney LGA.

Four open space zonings apply within the North Sydney LGA:

- RE1 – Public recreation
- E2 – Environmental conservation

Section 94 Contributions Plan DCP (June 2013) lists infrastructure that will be levied through development charges. Recreation infrastructure in the DCP included:

- North Sydney Olympic Pool
- North Sydney Multi Purpose Sports Centre
- Open space acquisition
- Open space increased capacity.

The DCP identified the need for additional open spaces to meet the demand from increased population growth. Some land acquisitions were noted (and have been delivered), but the plan also acknowledges that existing sites will need to be developed to increase their capacity to serve local populations, as they will not be able to afford considerable land purchases to meet Council provision standards.

North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy 2014

This plan is about increasing cycling as a sustainable transport option. It aims to:

1. Deliver an accessible, safe and connected cycle network by 2020
2. Make cycling an attractive choice for short trips within the LGA
3. Increase and diversify participation in cycling (people of all ages and abilities will view cycling as a safe, everyday transport option)

The plan provides overall strategic direction as well as location specific recommendations. However the plan's focus is primarily commuter and transport related it doesn't deal with recreational cycling or cycle sports. Additional routeway and design work is required for recreational trails and cycle sport training routes.

Bushland Plan of Management Plan

The Bushland Management Plan's key objective is to "encourage community involvement in protecting and enhancing the biodiversity of North Sydney." The Plan covers 43 hectares of public remnant bushland.

The Bushland Management Plan states that recreation uses are permitted but only those with low impact (walking). "Visitor impacts may include creation of informal tracks, degradation of existing tracks due to overuse, vegetation damage, littering, dog faeces, vandalism and traffic congestion. Dogs off leash can disturb and change native wildlife behaviour. The scent dogs leave behind inhibits wildlife movements. The majority of bushland reserves are located on the foreshores of Sydney and Middle Harbour and offer vantage points for sightseeing and access to the harbour shores. These areas are heavily used during the summer period, particularly during harbour events." The Plan (and Council's policy) precludes rock climbing for the natural areas.

The PoM is due to be updated in 2019/20.

Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management

The Foreshore Parks and Reserves Plan of Management covers 45 parks and reserves located on the North Sydney Foreshore. Some of the most significant of these include; Cremorne Reserve, Kurraba Reserve, Anderson Park, Kesterton Park, Milson Park, Bradfield Park, Clark Park, Watt Park, Blues Point Reserve, Sawmillers Reserve, Waverton Park, Balls Head Reserve and Berry Island Reserve.

The plan recommends seeking opportunities to link North Sydney's foreshore parks and reserves or to extend existing parks, reserves, pathways and boardwalks. Plan supports recreation activities depending on the core function of the land.

The PoM is due to be updated in 2017/18.

Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management

The Neighbourhood Parks PoM defines neighbourhood parks as "meeting places for people of all ages, and they can function as the community backyard in areas where population density is high". 138 parks are included in the PoM extent.

Priority improvements to parks in this PoM are to: Green Park (playground) - complete, Wollstonecraft Railway Station Park (playground) - complete, and Ilbery Reserve (playground) – in progress.

The PoM is due to be updated in 2016/17.

Playgrounds Plan of Management

The Playgrounds PoM “covers playground equipment as well as the features directly associated with the equipment including soft-fall material, seats and tables, bubblers, fencing, lighting, pathways and landscape”. It covers 32 playgrounds in the LGA and organises them as local, district or regional facilities. The Plan aims for all residents to be within 500m safe walking distance of a playground (local standard). It notes that while facilities for play extend across age groups, most of the playgrounds are targeted to young children in North Sydney.

The PoM is due to be updated in 2015/16.

Playgrounds Methodology 2011

The Playgrounds Methodology states the process to be employed in order to evaluate and plan for playgrounds, these methods are:

- assess the need for existing playgrounds
- evaluate what works (if any) are required
- identify potential locations for new playgrounds
- develop a new works program.

The methodology includes a matrix to score/evaluate existing playgrounds based on the amount and type of equipment, its quality, development potential and proximity to residents. Playgrounds noted as requiring attention were:

- Tunks Park (complete)
- Berry Island Reserve (complete)
- Wollstonecraft Railway Station Park (complete)
- Primrose Park/Brightmore Reserve (complete)
- Watt Park
- Ilbery Reserve (in progress)
- St Leonards Park
- Grasmere Children’s Park
- Merrett Playground
- Green Park (senior).

Thirty-one sites were identified for potential new playgrounds to meet Council distribution standards.

Sportsgrounds Plan of Management

The Sportsgrounds PoM “applies to the playing fields used for organised sport as well as to the structures and facilities directly associated with them”. The PoM extends to: Anderson Park, Cammeray Park, Forsyth Park, Primrose Park, St Leonards Park, Tunks Park and Waverton Park.

The PoM is due to be updated in 2015/16.

Bradfield Park Plan of Management

Bradfield Park is one of the most significant public parks in Sydney with its harbour side location and proximity to key Sydney landmarks. Bradfield Park is partially Council managed and partially managed by the Roads and Traffic Authority (Harbour Bridge pylons). It is named after J C Bradfield, Chief Engineer of the Harbour Bridge.

Bradfield Park is used for a variety of recreation functions including “walking, relaxing, picnicking and socialising, exercising, fishing and viewing the city, the Harbour and the Bridge.” Regular markets and activities at the former bowls clubhouse (Bradfield Park Community Centre) and general events regularly occur at the Park. Bradfield Park is a managed foreshore site for the New Years Eve Harbour celebrations.

Planned projects for the Park include:

- installation of a water reuse scheme (on hold)
- construction of an amenities block at the southern part of the Park (complete)
- upgrades to the Bradfield Park Community Centre (complete)
- installation of interpretative signage
- path improvements (complete)
- design and construction of park landscape plan (ongoing)

This PoM is due to be updated in 2019/20.

Cremorne Reserve Plan of Management

Cremorne Reserve “covers approximately 3 kilometres of water frontage and encapsulates the Cremorne Point residential precinct”.

“Recreational facilities in the Reserve include a children's playground, a public amenities block and Maccallum Pool (a public swimming pool operated by North Sydney Council).” It also includes bushland areas and the Robertson Point Lighthouse. Cremorne Reserve is a heritage-listed site.

Proposed improvements to Cremorne Reserve include:

- upgrades to Maccallum Pool
- upgrades to pedestrian infrastructure (Robertsons Point) (complete)
- upgrade Robertsons Point Lookout
- upgrade Reserve entranceways (complete)
- improve access (complete)
- investigate the feasibility of providing a dedicated water access point for small craft at Robertsons Point (complete)

This PoM is due to be updated in 2018/19.

Forsyth Park Plan of Management

Forsyth Park mainly consists of two playing fields (on separate terraces, the fields are used primarily for hockey and cricket) and an area of remnant bushland situated on steeply sloping land, a community centre, and public hall is located at the southern area of the Park.

Car parking, access and circulation and impact of use on nearby residents were considered areas of concern in the PoM.

Priorities in the PoM include:

- levelling and drainage work to oval number 2
- upgrade of sportsground lighting at oval number 2 (complete)
- bank stabilisation, reclamation of natural creek line system and storm water improvement works in the bushland section of the Park (complete)

- construct a path on the western side of the Park - linking the upper and middle terraces (complete)
- additional planting of shade trees around the perimeter of the sportsgrounds. (complete)

The PoM is due to be updated in 2015.

North Sydney Oval Plan of Management

The heritage listed North Sydney Oval has been an iconic sporting venue since its construction in 1867.

The PoM makes a number of recommendations in regard to management and facility improvements to allow the oval to continue attracting high level sporting and community events in a competitive commercial environment. Some of the key actions in the Plan are to develop a business and marketing plan for the Oval and a Conservation Management Plan for St Leonards Park.

The PoM is due to be updated in 2015.

Smoothey Park Plan of Management

Smoothey Park runs along the North Sydney LGA border and consists primarily of bushland.

Smoothey Park is “used primarily as a thoroughfare. A pedestrian bridge crosses Berry Creek and links the Greenwich residential area with the railway station, and a path from nearby Russell Street through the Park also connects to the station. The open lawn areas scattered throughout the Park are used for informal recreation activities such as picnicking, reading and relaxing”.

The PoM recommends:

- improving lighting in the park (complete)
- maintaining and improving pedestrian access (complete)
- monitoring dog off-leash users of the Park (and their environmental impacts) (ongoing)

The PoM is due to be updated in 2015.

St Leonards Park Plan of Management

The PoM covers the whole of St Leonards Park, including the, Bon Andrews Oval, netball courts, cricket nets, a synthetic cricket wicket, the music shell, the war memorial and Tunks Fountain. It also covers the bowling greens and the extensive open space areas. (It excludes the North Sydney Oval Complex)

St Leonards Park has considerable heritage, recreational, social and environmental significance. The whole site is registered on the State Heritage Register.

Key actions for the Park in the PoM include:

- preparation of a Conservation Management Plan (complete)
- preparation of a landscape design master plan for the Park
- refurbishment of Cunningham Pavilion (commenced)
- an upgrade and extension of the playground to include play opportunities for older children.

St Leonards Park Conservation Management Plan 2013

The Conservation Management Plan was a key recommendation of the PoM for St Leonards Park (but excludes North Sydney Oval).

The Conservation Management Plan brings together significant research on the site, its values, physical characteristics and site layout to develop a heritage assessment, before proposing recommendations and guidelines for the future, based on the following themes:

- conservation of character and heritage significance
- permissible uses (recreation and leisure)
- management.

Overall, the Plan makes recommendations that balance the ever-changing demands on the park with conserving heritage values. Each park item was evaluated to determine its level of importance from exceptional significance that must be retained to intrusive element that should be removed.

This PoM is due to be updated in 2018/19.

St Thomas Rest Park Plan of Management

The 2009 St Thomas Rest Park Plan of Management provides some background information to the site; many of the recommendations have now been implemented.

This PoM is due to be updated in 2016/17.

North Sydney Open Space Provision Strategy

The Strategy assesses North Sydney Council's supply of open space against a number of standards that affect the usability of open space, these being:

- distribution
- quality, quantity and diversity
- connectivity
- accessibility.

The findings showed that there was:

- uneven distribution of parks and reserves as most parks are located on the foreshores and in a bank down the centre of the Council area
- low provision rates of parks in some areas of high population density, particularly in Cremorne (along the Military Road corridor) and St Leonards/Crows Nest (along the Pacific Highway corridor and in Kirribilli)
- a lack of neighbourhood parks that supported incidental physical activity
- insufficient district sporting facilities, especially in Wollstonecraft and Cremorne
- inadequate diversity of recreation activity
- inadequate linkages and connections
- many parks being small in size

- many parks being underdeveloped (lacking park infrastructure to encourage use).

The plan lists a number of opportunities for new open space provision, including:

- pursuing land opportunities at the Graythwaite site
- accessing railway lease land
- protecting a portion of land at the Anzac Club for open space
- securing a pedestrian link between:
 - Blues Point Reserve and Sawmillers Reserve
 - Hayes Street Foreshore and Neutral Bay Reserve
 - Boatbuilders Walk and John Street Open Space
- continuing foreshore acquisitions along the Harbour between local government areas
- purchase land when possible
- work with Harbour Trust to influence/encourage access to open space at the HMAS Platypus site.

Areas of deficiency, or priority areas to improve access to open space in the plan are: St Leonards/Crows Nest, North Sydney and Cremorne.

North Sydney Companion Animals Management Plan 2004

The Plan was developed to provide strategies to deal with the responsible management of companion animals (dogs and cats). The plan discusses:

- off-leash areas
- public places dogs are excluded
- responsible management of faeces
- nuisance dogs
- dangerous and restricted dogs
- areas where cats are prohibited
- nuisance cats.

The Plan declares that all of Council's parks are dog off-leash areas with the exception of:

- St Leonards Park Ovals

- sporting fields while organised sport is occurring
- bushland areas
- Cremorne Reserve, Clark Park and Ancrum Street Park.

Water Based Recreation Needs Study 2006

The Study assessed existing water based recreation opportunities, determined existing and likely future demand and made recommendations regarding future provision opportunities.

Whilst the Plan acknowledges that water-based recreation is important to the residents of North Sydney, there are barriers to accessing the opportunities, particularly; physical access is often difficult and that there is a lack of supporting infrastructure to support the activities.

The Plan highlights that there is unmet demand for water based recreation facilities and a number of facility improvements are recommended.

Non-council literature

Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036, Northern Sydney Regional Action Plan 2021

The vision for Sydney is that “by 2036, Sydney will be a more compact, networked city with improved accessibility, capable of supporting more jobs, homes and lifestyle opportunities within the existing urban footprint”. North Sydney is identified as being part of the ‘global hub’ of the area in these plans, being of major international significance (the heart of Sydney).

The Metropolitan Plan does not reference demand for recreation facilities or opportunities in North Sydney, but rather, states it will be an important economic hub.

The Regional Action Plan highlights that the NSW Government will invest in the following projects:

- reconstruct stairs and ramps between King George Street and Quiberie Park (complete)
- upgrade the existing walking track network through Brightmore Reserve
- supporting the St Leonards/Crows Nest planning study by North Sydney Council to increase investment in the area and deliver open space

Harbour Trust Comprehensive Plan

Chapter 10a of the Harbour Trust’s Comprehensive Plan provides detailed information on HMAS Platypus site. The site is currently being remediated (due for completion in 2014). Whilst there has not been a long-term commitment to development of the site, the Trust has established a vision and concept plan. The vision for the site includes:

- maintaining the wharf for Harbour access
- developing an urban landscaped park to the northern part of the site
- create a pedestrian link to Kesterton Park and the High Street Wharf.

Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Sportsground Management Strategy

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils in 2011 completed a regional management strategy to help identify sport pressures and seek regional solutions across the seven member councils. The report identified that demand for established sports including soccer, rugby union, cricket and hockey already exceeds supply making it difficult for emerging sports to access facilities. The management strategy makes a number of recommendations to member councils to help address management issues, including:

- Councils should encourage a range of sporting opportunities
- Exploring land and field efficiencies to assist in increasing field yield/capacity will continue to be important, this is likely to lead to the development of additional synthetic pitches
- giving priority to sport providers over schools, commercial operators and personal trainers
- partnerships will be important, in the first instance, opportunities to partner with local schools should be explored
- indoor sports facilities should complement outdoor fields and ovals
- a range of price/cost incentives should be explored to deter field use for non-competitive sport uses (e.g. encourage teams to train off field)
- a standardised booking and pricing structure should be formed across member councils.



Chapter 3: Notes from consultation with club and other providers

The following notes are from telephone interviews, face to face meetings and online surveys with stakeholders. These are the views of those people interviewed and are not the views of either Council or @leisure planners. They may also contain factual inaccuracies.

These are consultation notes which have been organised by the provider type, these being:

- local clubs and associations – organisations that use local facilities for the base of their community recreation
- facility providers – facility managers of multi-use recreation facilities
- other community based organisations.



Notes from local clubs and associations

Table 3: Local clubs and association consultation notes

ORGANISATION	MEMBERSHIP/ PARTICIPATION	ACTIVITIES/ COMPETITION NOTES	FACILITIES USED	FACILITY NOTES	OTHER COMMENTS
Norths Pirates Junior Rugby Club	200 total members aged 5-13		Tunks Park, Primrose Park	Tunks Park: ground is good, only issue is parking - nightmare. Primrose Park: dog droppings are an issue - off leash area?	More all weather grounds needed, games being called off due to weather concerns hurts sport in the area
Brothers Oztag	500 members aged 5-17, majority aged 7/8/9, 70% male		Tunks Park	Ground itself is good, however amenity block is awful and lighting is an issue - all 3 fields require lighting	Fees & charges for grounds in North Sydney are too high
Cammeray Touch Competition	Approx. 1000 members	100 teams. 5 fields, only 2 in winter lighting could have 4 fields.	Tunks Park (summer), Forsyth Park (winter)	Tunks Park: ground is generally good, but exposed rock face is a safety issue - as well as no lighting, and field size not large enough. Forsyth Park: not large enough also, recently established lights but seems to be technical issues with lights	Council aren't interested in touch as a sport, therefore don't give it respect in ground allocation, etc.
Cammeray Cricket Club	Approx. 100 members played, all male, all senior	North Suburbs Cricket Assn. comp	Primrose Park, Forsyth Park, Tunks Park, Anderson Park	Primrose: would be better to have a large high quality pitch rather than 2 small lower quality pitches. Forsyth: OK size, outfield gets chopped up. Tunks: small, more suitable for juniors, although popular with seniors. Main field is great. Anderson: much too small	Astroturfing would be handy - NSC stopping games unnecessarily is an issue
Kirribilli Crusaders Cricket Club	Approx. 203 members, all male, 95% senior.	North Suburbs Cricket Assn. comp	Forsyth Park, Primrose Park, Tunks Park, Gore Creek	Forsyth: smaller than necessary, also toilets inconveniently located. Primrose: happy with it, good ground size, toilets conveniently located and 4 wickets onsite, as good as it can be. Tunks: bit hilly so limits ability to play, use 3 wickets there but a little small due to cliff faces. Gore Creek: used predominantly for small sided.	Field size isn't ideal - need expansion or alteration of current fields.
Last Man Stands International Limited - Sydney	Approx. 100 members		Forsyth Park	A good all-year-round facility.	Field allocation seems to be an issue, other Forsyth pitches seem to be underused on weekends. Needs to be more flexible with allocations and closures of parks. Field costs are high
North Sydney District Rugby League Football Club	Around 800 members		North Sydney Oval, Bon Andrews Oval	NSO: A bit run down, PA can only be heard across half of the ground, toilet conditions need improvement. BAO: good enough for training.	More emphasis needed on the sport.



ORGANISATION	MEMBERSHIP/ PARTICIPATION	ACTIVITIES/ COMPETITION NOTES	FACILITIES USED	FACILITY NOTES	OTHER COMMENTS
Norths Rugby Club	160 players (80 colts, 80 seniors), 150 non-playing members	Play in the Shoot Shield and Colts - Inner North Sydney - e.g. Crows Nest, Mosman, Neutral Bay.	North Sydney Oval, Bon Andrews Oval	NSO: ground conditions fine, although very expensive to use the ground, and little profits off liquor sales due to agreement with contractor. BAO: colts play and seniors train, no issue with ground or crickets use of the ground	Facility cost too high - look to reduce
North Sydney Netball Club	130 players	Lower north shore competition Mosman, Lane Cove, Chatswood etc. Ex-school clubs - Loreto, Monte St Angelo, Wenona. North Sydney Netball Assn. Play Sat 7.45am-4.14pm.	Willoughby Courts, Monte St Angelo Courts	Willoughby: 16-court facility with 2 wet weather. Scheduled to become 12-court facility with expansion of leisure centre. Facilities are out-dated, but courts ok. Large issues with parking. MSA: Courts have no light, only able to train until 5pm	Parking always has been an issue, also courts are at capacity with players as is and 4 courts being taken away - need compensation.
North Sydney Junior Rugby League	200-250 players all male, 30 seniors and rest 5-17yo		Tunks Park	No lighting - all 3 fields require it. Amenity block in terrible condition, drastic need to update. Ground condition good.	Require more areas to train - improved facilities will improve participation
North Sydney United Soccer Club	15 male teams 10-19 yrs (not specified)		Anderson Park, Cammeray Park, Waverton Park	General ground conditions poor	We have enough clubs in the area to have a competitive comp, however it is important that the grounds are made more protective of weather conditions, by upgrading the drainage on them or converting to artificial grass.
North Sydney Leagues Bowling Club	Approx. 100 members. 60 male, 40 female. Predominantly 50+	Play into a North Sydney competition. Social bowls 2x a week on Tues and Sat.	St Leonards Park	3 greens all in good condition, one for competition use and 2 for corporate.	Easily operating, no competition and sport running smoothly
Badger Swim School	Did not want to discuss membership/participation	Not a competition	North Sydney Olympic Pool	Pool and location great, however club would like the opportunity to speak to Council about facility improvements.	Parking a serious issue. Furthermore happy about numbers and participation, need not promote the school.



ORGANISATION	MEMBERSHIP/ PARTICIPATION	ACTIVITIES/ COMPETITION NOTES	FACILITIES USED	FACILITY NOTES	OTHER COMMENTS
Cammeray Golf Club	400 playing members, 200 social		Cammeray Golf Club	Good facilities, have considered adding another level. Only issue is parking - when other sporting events are on golf club parking heavily restricted.	Tough financially - hard retaining membership
Cammeray Tennis Club	Doesn't collect membership, but club "healthy and viable"	Local competition - Saturday afternoon competition. The Club also offers hotshots, cardio, coaching, casual court hire.	Cammeray Tennis Club	Good facilities, small touch ups required around the place including fence, nothing major. Surface replaced 1.5 years ago.	Sport underfunded, council could invest more money in the sport, as it is pretty popular
North Sydney Leagues Cricket Club	Around 50/60 players, all male	North Sydney Assn.	Tunks Park, Primrose Park, Forsyth Park	Tunks: lower grade, drainage is an issue. Primrose: need to fix fence, gap under fence closest to water. Forsyth: play on upper and lower fields, upper field is a dodgy surface and has sandy runups, whereas lower field has a light pole in the field of play and needs some sort of barrier to prevent balls from going on the road.	Astroturf facilities need to be improved and widened, cricket nets also need to be improved, major safety issues
Waverton Lawn Bowls Club	200 members, but only 20/30 playing members	Doesn't play into a comp - play amongst themselves - social / barefoot bowls	Waverton Lawn Bowls Club	Grounds not particularly adequate, have had some updates recently on facilities but not grounds. Not much funding available.	Issues with driveway into club, needs levelling. Club just trying to survive, in desperate need of funding.
Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club	180 club members. 5% play bowls, the rest play bridge. Roughly 70% female, 30% male. Average age of 80.	Does not play into a competition. Social / barefoot bowls only. Barefoot bowls and small corporate events/parties is an income stream for the club. Barefoot bowls runs Oct-Jan.	Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club	Have undertaken recent upgrades. Installed disability access facilities. Established a bowlers bar to give access to bowlers with out disrupting bridge players games	Council has been good. They held a clubs information day at Council chambers. Council has assisted in other ways. Establishing lighting would be great - but due to the adjacent units this will never happen. Getting members to use the bar - major source of income - bridge players play and then leave without having a drink. Following renovation works, the club is now going through a period of consolidation.
Rollerblading Sydney	No idea		Bradfield Plaza - Skate over the bridge (Occasionally on foreshore)	Happy with facilities - but would love to see skate park under harbour bridge.	Having a skate park would help sport grow in the area.



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North Sydney Badminton Club	20 playing members, plus 20 non-playing members. All adult age. 20% female, 80% male	Doesn't play into a comp. Plays amongst themselves. They have a cap of playing members.	North Sydney Boys High School	Generally fine. Quality and lighting is good. Very happy there. Use 3 courts Yes standards are met. A minor gripe would be that they would like a larger area to accommodate more courts.	Council prefer multiuse basketball / badminton facilities, though this does not suit badminton (noise, vibrations). Badminton would prefer to be segregated from other activities. A lot of people call asking to book the facility. Seems to be lot of demand for people wanting to play socially. Always going to be a niche sport so doesn't expect major increase in numbers. Asians and Europeans dominate. That's where the demand is. Would have more players if room were available.
Sydney Amateur Sailing Club	About 400 members. 90% male. Middle aged and older/retired males	Mostly compete in-house. Other clubs race with them, but not club vs. club.	The Club own water based recreation facilities	The Club owns its own waterbased recreation facilities, own their land. They have an aquatic licence off RMS, and manage a slipway. Affiliated to Yachting NSW. Sure that they do meet standards.	There is a high demand for licence for moorings from RMS. People want to house their craft on the water and access it. If Council. An opportunity may be Learn to Sail. She gets enquiries at the club and usually sends them to Middle Harbour Yacht Club.
Blues Point Yacht Club	40-50 members. Mainly males, but all welcome. Members are generally aged 40+, but some younger.		The Club is based at the local pub. Boats are moored at Lavender and Berrys Bays. Does not use Council facilities.	Aware of a proposal for a marina at Berrys Bay. This would be good. Council have been hesitant about it, about not wanting to overdevelop the on-land area.	The Club has to apply to RMS for an aquatic licence. This is not a speedy process. Has no real views on RMS.
Sydney University Hockey Club	400 members, majority of them 19+ (seniors)		Primrose Park P3	Primrose Park P3 was the premier hockey field in NSW in the 1960s and 70s and is therefore the perfect dimensions for an artificial turf. Primrose Park is not the only option in the area but it suffers from a range of issues including wetness and size that make it difficult to maintain as natural turf for other sports.	Partnerships with external organisations should be pursued to develop artificial turfs in the area. The schools and universities with clubs in the area should be approached to gauge their interest in such involvement. Some existing natural turfs should be redeveloped as artificial turf. Among the sports that would benefit would be soccer and hockey. It must be remembered that hockey cannot be played on an artificial turf built for soccer. We could almost field as many teams as facilities would allow us to. If a turf were available at Primrose Park numbers would soar.



ORGANISATION	MEMBERSHIP/ PARTICIPATION	ACTIVITIES/ COMPETITION NOTES	FACILITIES USED	FACILITY NOTES	OTHER COMMENTS
North Sydney Womens Hockey (formerly Mosman Hockey Club)	Approx. 130 members - majority are seniors (18+)	-	Georges Heights, Mosman (grass field)	Wants a turf (as in artificial) surface playing area to allow an increase in skill levels across the board. A facility to train at. Currently we are limited to one field once per week for one hour. It is not enough to sustain all the teams we have. Next year we expect to have our 1st grade team in a higher division where training twice per week is the norm.	There is a need to create or convert an existing grass field to turf. Providing a turf based facility means that it can be used in all weathers and throughout the year unlike grass, which is totally dependant on weather and requires time to regenerate. A facility with lights also means that it can be used in the evenings too. A turf-based facility could be used by several different sports.
Sydney University Hockey Club	400 members, majority of them 19+ (seniors)	We play into the north area junior hockey and Sydney and Sydney north womens and Sydney womens hockey league	None in Nth Sydney our junior club is based in Primrose Park. We train at Ryde, Cintra and Kyema hockey pitches. We play at Ryde, Pennant Hills, Karingi, Moore Bank, Olympic Park and Bankstown these are all home games.	Olympic park hockey pitch is fantastic; we play on water based turf. No more grass. Pitches are all quite good. Fantastic club houses and support facilities	Give us synthetic pitches. We just need a couple that could be run a lot. Nth Sydney has to allow for half field bookings. More synthetic. A bit more innovation as to how you can put facilities in without losing too much. We need a hockey pitch we'd love to get a indoor court we can play on all sorts of courts.
North Sydney Junior Cricket Club	-	We run a Girls cricket comp on Friday evening	St Leonards Park	The toilet facilities at St Leonards Park are woeful - dirty, never cleaned properly and quite disgusting. They need enhancing urgently. Club struggles to find a venue suitable in North Sydney at all. We need access to electricity, ideally lights until 7.30pm and good parking. There is nowhere that fills all these criteria for about 60 girls to play cricket from 5.30-7.30pm on a Friday evening. Would like to use Tunks Park.	Restrictions to using grounds, the continual takeover of soccer particularly in March each year.



ORGANISATION	MEMBERSHIP/ PARTICIPATION	ACTIVITIES/ COMPETITION NOTES	FACILITIES USED	FACILITY NOTES	OTHER COMMENTS
Sydney University Hockey Club (Junior)	-	-	There are no hockey fields for the community in this area, schools are also limited	Providing a mixture of different fields for many sports with easy access and parking. North Sydney is on a bus and train line so easily accessible for public transport. Facilities are limited for such a central place in Sydney	An all weather hockey field can be used by all ages both male and female. Fewer injuries than rugby and afl. Still a team sport which is so important for the youth of today
Cammeray Scout Group	300-500 members	The ideal size for a self sustaining Scout Group is around 100 kids broken into the Joeys (6-8), Cubs (8-11) and Scouts (11-14) sections - this is a proven size in NSW Scouts.	Cammeray Scout Hall in Green Park, Cammeray. The current facility is adequate for this scale.	Green Park needs some public toilets, the community uses the facility heavily and we have had to deal with situations that suggest public toilets are necessary! A key part of Scouting revolves around the outdoors and it would be great to have a proper and safe fire pit near the Cammeray Scout Hall in Green Park to support some of our evening activities.	Scouting has quite a heavy demand for equipment such as tents and other camping gear, canoes/dinghies etc. The Cammeray Scout Hall has very little storage room and access to a secure council facility would be very beneficial.
Mosman Harbourside Hockey Club	-	-	None	There are no local hockey artificial turf fields around North Sydney. All practice and games requires travelling out of the area. Grass fields are limited in the amount of time they can be used in the winter due to weather and time limit of 30 hours a week. Artificial turf can be used all year round for unlimited hours and are low maintenance.	By having artificial turf hockey fields in the area. This will save on travelling and encourage locals to join this club. There are many girls schools in the area who would also be able to use the facilities instead of having to travel out. This saves time and would be able to be used when wet or dry. This would encourage juniors coming up through the club to stay with the local club (most players prefer to play on artificial turf as it is more consistent than grass) and mean less travel out of the area. It would encourage players to take up hockey instead of other sports. Hockey is great for fitness and is a team game.



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Mosman Hockey Club	13 juniors teams (150)	-	None (none available) - only juniors play at Nth Sydney	Provide artificial turfed hockey fields please. There is virtually nothing anywhere near this area for this fastest growing outdoor sport. Need multi use astro turfs for soccer, netball, hockey instead of large under utilised and land wasting full size cricket pitches.	It would be wonderful to have the Council support facilities to grow the sport of Hockey in the area. This would be very welcome with extra facilities needed. I understand potential to make Forsyth Park a partly turfed playing space. This would be welcome and consideration given to further ways to support the sport of hockey within the local area. Artificial turf surfacing (esp. Primrose, Cremorne). Allocation to smaller sports e.g. hockey.
Garingal Orienteering	300		All the parks, reserves and streets of the council area	Experiences difficulties in getting Council permission to hold events. Orienteering in North Sydney area is always popular (when events are held) because of the great scenic backdrop to our great city	Would like Council to support orienteering as a healthy activity that has a place in North Sydney. Orienteering doesn't need specific facilities (just access, and toilet/parking), so could partner with scouts in using their halls for instance.
North Sydney District Cricket Club	510		Tunks Park, North Sydney Oval and Bon Andrews Oval	Association is based at North Sydney Oval. Note that there are no indoor cricket facilities in the northern Sydney area – currently need to travel to the SCG. Sports fields in North Sydney are – total use during summer (priority for Bears) – other corporate events etc. Because North Sydney Oval is premier ground but club risks losing access to higher level games (NSW rep games etc.). There are three turf nets – but rain is an issue, Carringal have 2 sets of 4 artificial nets. North Sydney would benefit from artificial nets. Currently don't have clubhouse – no area for bar/eating (there is space but get charged corporate rates).	North Shore Junior Cricket Association is a feeder club to the North Sydney District Cricket Club. Junior clubs have been growing. Seniors have 6 grades – one more than required.

Notes from regional sporting associations

North Sydney Basketball Association (NSBA)

North Sydney Basketball Association has 5,200 players and covers six local government areas. NSBA uses the following facilities for core activities:

- 4 courts at North Sydney Indoor Sport Centre
- 2 courts at Willoughby Leisure Centre (problem getting access for term 2)
- 2 (separate) courts at SCECGS Redlands (private school) – 2 separate indoor one court facilities
- 1 court at Marie Bashir Centre (Mosman) (Council run) – use Sat afternoon and Sunday nights only (problem hiring for term 2)

NSBA have approached all schools in the area to try and access more facilities. They report that a number of schools won't hire courts out but others (North Sydney Boys, St Aloysius College, Shore) allow training to occur and some limited, one-off use for Association activities.

NSBA report that many teams don't train – some because of choice, many because they can't access courts.

The Association reports that current demand would warrant access to the following:

- 2 courts on Friday nights
- 2 courts during the year for all Saturday (not lose at term 2)
- 2 courts for 2 nights (mid-week)
- potentially 2 courts on Sunday.

Northern Suburbs Netball Association

- 5,700 members in the North Sydney Netball Assn. 800 Net Set Go (6-8yrs), 2,000 8-16yrs, 800 seniors. Others include umpires, coaches etc.

- Covers the geographic area of North Sydney, Mosman, Willoughby, and Lane Cove.
- Main facility: Willoughby Courts (Willoughby Council)
Extras - Mosman needs 4 more courts; there is nothing in Lane Cove (except one school facility). One junior club in North Sydney (at Ridge Street). At St Leonards there were 4 courts, now down to 2. There are 2 indoor courts at Monte School that are considered very good.
- The Assn. requires 40 courts. At present they have 19. The redevelopment of the Willoughby Indoor Centre for car parking will remove 2 courts.
Willoughby Council charges them a fortune. \$100k for 17 Saturdays over the year, plus \$80k for competitions. North Sydney Indoor Centre on Hume St Crows Nest - netball was supposed to be located there. It was in the original plans to be multiuse with volleyball and basketball. Basketball got in early and signed a 25-year lease. Appalled. We need to look if netball can be accommodated there.

Northern Suburbs Cricket Association

Competition extends over five Council areas – Mosman, North Sydney, Ku-Ring-Gai, Lane Cove and Willoughby.

There are 64 clubs in the association this year. This is capped, as they don't have enough grades to cater to more – approximately 1104 seniors. Approximately 6 clubs – (30 teams [nearly half]) are based in North Sydney.

Growth is limited by availability of suitable grounds.

Only three turf wickets are available across the whole competition area (none in North Sydney).

No facilities at any ground (apart from one outside North Sydney).



Facilities used in North Sydney:

- Tunks Park - 1/2/3/4
- Primrose Park – 1/2/3 (but 2 grounds overlapped – needs to be 3)
- Forsyth Park – lower (upper Womens only use 10 games).

They would use more but don't get the option due to availability.

Association notes that hire of the grounds at North Sydney are the most expensive by 200% for grounds. Council has a zero refund policy, which adds to expense if grounds are not required. Council requests them to book grounds before pre-season starts – clubs have no idea on numbers! (1st August – 6 weeks too early).

Facilities at Primrose Park are inadequate, the fence is inadequate and balls go into the water.

North Sydney Leagues Baseball Association

- Association has 300-350 members, 100-150 seniors 200 juniors
- Based at: Flat Rock, Willoughby – and note that the grounds need upgrading, but new 150k lighting a plus
- American and Japanese juniors transferring to play, although some getting taken by private school sporting programs. Play in Willoughby CC, not North Sydney.

Notes from facility providers

North Sydney Oval

While the park is well maintained, there haven't been capital investments made to the facilities at North Sydney Oval. They are currently developing a new business plan that will include a detailed marketing strategy.

Oval managers report that the community often think the oval is underutilised but they consistently host between 300-350 events per annum. They would like to attract more national level competition and events, but this is difficult due to the cost of attracting these events and the fact that the facilities do not meet the requirements of the national sporting associations (lighting and facilities to televise from).

Facility improvement required include:

- Invest in a 'drop-in' cricket wicket
- Upgrade sportsfield lighting (to 1,500 lux)
- Rebuild bar, kiosk and merchandising outlets
- Install a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system
- Renovate the existing commercial kitchen on Level 1 of the Mollie Dive Function Centre
- Construct change rooms for players and officials, a medical room, a doping room, press conference space and corporate offices
- Upgrade coaches boxes to meet standards
- Refurbish corporate facilities in the Duncan Thompson Stand
- Refurbishment and improve the media tower
- Improve the public announcement (PA) system
- Install an outdoor video screen
- Install new grandstand seating
- Install a backup power supply



Whilst there is insufficient car parking at the Oval, it is not considered a deterrent getting people to events; the Ridge Street Car Park and public transport suitably meet most needs.

Regular users include:

- regional cricket, soccer and rugby league
- currently 1st class cricket and rugby league (not NRL)
- 11 years of outdoor cinema
- district cricket
- end of season juniors finals
- regular corporate days – charity cricket (e.g. kidsXpress).

Management believes that the focus shouldn't be to increase the number of events on the oval, but to increase the quality of the events and visitation numbers. They would like to attract a national rugby competition, European soccer sides that come to Australia to train and other high-level sporting opportunities. The Central Coast Mariners have registered their interest to play more regular games at the Oval each year, but this will depend on whether Council can supply ancillary infrastructure to meet their requirements.

North Sydney Olympic Pool

Council is currently undertaking a Master Plan for the North Sydney Olympic Pool. Part of that process will be investigating the range of opportunities available and looking to increase leisure activities available.

Pool facilities include:

- 50m outdoor lap pool, that is heritage listed and nearing the end of its functional (structural) life
- 25m indoor lap pool (also used for learn to swim programs, aquarobics and some various other programming)

Activities and programs offered at the centre include:

- learn to swim and swimming squads that are run by Steven Badger Swim School (they have a 20 year lease)
- aquarobics
- gymnasium
- crèche
- café and kiosk (leased to commercial provider)
- small gym (that raises significant income).

Management currently attracts 360,000 people per annum to the pool. A large percentage of users are regular lap swimmers. Swimming participation is relatively static but gym memberships are increasing.

Pool management would like to extend operations but this will depend on pool floor heights (demand for water polo) as to what they can achieve. They would like to add a wave pool and offer more child friendly facilities.

Major events are big draw cards. Events often coincide with events on the harbour e.g. New Years Eve (NYE) family night, Australia day and the Navy Review (NYE is their biggest event).

Car parking is a major issue for visitors. The pool does not have dedicated car parking, but have sought a solution by offering free parking for 2hrs to members at Milsons Point.



North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre

The North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre is managed by the North Sydney Basketball Association (NSBA). A 20-year lease is in place (14-15 years still remaining on the lease).

Council is responsible for all maintenance to the external building components; NSBA maintains all internal aspects, including court surface upgrades (unless the facilities do not meet Australian Standards). For example, Council was involved in making grandstands compliant. NSBA have invested in the facility by:

- installing ring lifts
- installing mechanical nets
- installing energy efficient lighting
- courts resurfaced annually (major resurface every 10 years).

Historically, the Centre was built over courts that existed on the car park. This might be a viable solution in other areas of the City, such as the car park near Council buildings.

Centre management would like to see the following facilities improvements:

- seating
- more storage and retail space
- upgrades to facade of the stadium
- café on floor level
- increasing retail space for merchandise

Management reports that Centre management is operating at near capacity, and could easily program another 2 – 4 courts, however, they do not see a solution to increase number of courts at the current location.

The Centre has 8 full time staff and 9 casuals (plus referees).

Future demand:

Management believes there is demand for a supplementary indoor court centre. Additionally they note that there are no venues in the region to accommodate 3,000 - 5,000 people.

Management note that there are plans at varying stages for new indoor centres regionally, these plans include:

- Willoughby Council has made a commitment to build 6 courts at Gore Hill (not too far from Crows Nest), however they will lose 2 courts in the process.
- Lane Cove Council are believed to be investigating options for a 3 indoor court facility (plus some outdoor courts).
- SCECGS Redlands private school is proposing a 4-court facility as a second stage to a school development (stage 1: classrooms).

Local options that the Centre would like Council to consider include:

- rooftop – ridge street car park but also a car park near Council offices
- the car park in Crows Nest (Woolworths) being redeveloped
- Old Anzac Club on Miller Street.

NSBA would like to run badminton and volleyball competitions if they had capacity at the Centre.

Terms of management require the Centre to ensure that at least 20% of their activities offered be non-basketball activities.



Non-basketball activities offered currently include:

- 9% of court use – badminton (not competition – all social). Hire is mostly weekday mornings between 9am and 11.30am.
- lunchtime competition through commercial providers (Andersons and 'lunchtime legends') who offer netball, futsal and basketball
- volleyball –schools occasionally hire courts for volleyball (no formal competition)
- casual futsal (after badminton, next popular)
- netball
- weekend bookings – netball comp and cross-fit
- preschool aged programs – 2 groups ('ready, steady, go' and 'soccer joeys') – franchisees (arrangement based on number of kids to build profile)
- School holiday basketball programs (300-350 kids mid-year break, but other holidays usually 500-600 participants). The Centre notes that at least 50% of holiday participants aren't members of NSBA.

Due to opening hour restrictions (9am to 11pm), management is unable to extend range of activities offered. They also note that it is hard to attract national championships (cost of car parking prohibitive, need to partner with schools, lack of grandstand, lack of spectator facilities).

Chapter 4: Community preferences and views

Views expressed in this chapter are from the consultation process and do not necessarily reflect the views of Council or @leisure Planners.

Householder Online survey findings

An online survey has been publicly available for residents, workers and students to complete. Three hundred and twenty surveys were completed. The survey asked people to comment on:

- Recreation activities they currently participate in
- Activities they would like to participate in but don't (and why)
- Whether they were members of any community recreation organisations (be it as a player or as a volunteer)
- Facilities they use locally (Council and private facilities)
- Whether they think there is additional demand for any other recreation activity that is not being met in North Sydney, and
- Other comments they wished to make

Profile of the sample

Respondents were asked to complete some demographic data about themselves and their households. This showed that:

- 58% of respondents were females, and 42% were male (females comprise 52.4% and males 47.6% in the North Sydney Council area)
- There was a spread of age groups, however there was an over-representation of respondents in the 40-44, 45-49 and 50-54 years age groups when compared to the North Sydney Council population. See Table 4.

Table 4: Received surveys compared to North Sydney Council population

Age group	% of North Sydney pop'n	% of received surveys
0-4 years	5.3%	0%
5-9 years	3.2%	0%
10-15 years	2.4%	0%
15-19 years	2.8%	3.1%
20-24 years	6.3%	0.6%
25-29 years	13.5%	4.4%
30-34 years	13.5%	8.1%
35-39 years	10.3%	10.9%
40-44 years	7.4%	13.8%
45-49 years	6.0%	13.8%
50-54 years	5.8%	17.8%
55-59 years	5.4%	7.2%
60-64 years	5.6%	9.4%
65-69 years	4.4%	4.7%
70-74 years	2.9%	4.7%
75-79 years	2.0%	0.6%
80-84 years	1.5%	0%
85+ years	1.6%	0%
Not stated	-	0.9%

- 73% of respondents were born in Australia with English speaking parents. Of the 27% that stated some other ancestry, responses included:
 - British/Irish (33 responses)
 - New Zealander (7 responses)
 - East Asian (eg Chinese, Japanese) (7 responses)
 - German (3 responses)
 - South African (3 responses)
 - Indian (3 responses)
 - Single responses (1) – Croatian, Italian, American, Spanish, French, Polish, Finnish, Estonian, Dutch
- Respondents were asked if they live with other family members that are under the age of 15 years, over 55 years, or have a disability:

Table 5: Respondents living with young, elderly or people with disabilities

Target group	Yes	No
Children under the age of 15 years	120 responses (46.2%)	140 responses (53.8%)
Persons over 55	50 responses (23.3%)	165 responses (76.7%)
Other person with a disability	12 responses (5.9%)	190 responses (94.1%)

- If any householders were unable to completed the survey, respondents were asked:
 - a) what recreation activities they currently undertake away from home
 - b) what activities would they like to participate in, but don't now
 - c) what would enable/encourage them to do this activity.

Responses are summarised below:

Children under the age of 15 years

Table 6: Respondents living with young family members

Question	Frequent responses
a) what recreation activities they currently undertake away from home	Swimming (24) Hockey (21) Soccer (17) Cycling/bike riding (17) Tennis (14) Basketball (10) Cricket (6) Rugby union/league (6) AFL (5) Netball (4) Gymnastics (4)
b) what activities would they like to participate in, but don't now	Cycling/bike riding (13) Hockey (12) Soccer (6) Basketball (4) Netball (3) Athletics (3)
c) what would enable/encourage them to do this activity	Establishing hockey facilities (7) More/improved cycling facilities (7) Accessibility to home (7) Safety – partic. cycling (6)

Persons over 55 years

Table 7: Respondents living with elderly family members

Question	Frequent responses
a) what recreation activities they currently undertake away from home	Walking (13) Swimming (4) Bush walking (3) Sailing (2) Golf (2) Cycling (2)
b) what activities would they like to participate in, but don't now	Light exercise (eg yoga) (4) Walking/bushwalking (3) Tennis (2)
c) what would enable/encourage them to do this activity	Opportunities/facilities for light exercise (4) Maintenance of parks (3) New open space (2)

Persons with a disability

Table 8: Respondents living with people with disabilities

Question	All responses
a) what recreation activities they currently undertake away from home	Wheelchair access to green space with a view Exercise in hydro therapy pool Swim lessons, SportsEd Remedial swimming Gymnastics, tennis, horseriding Park visits for children with special needs (Ryde) The 15 year Old above has the disability Walking the dogs
b) what activities would they like to participate in, but don't now	Wheelchair bush walk trails leading to a view (eg Fairfax track at Govetts Leap lookout at Blackheath) Water aerobics Basketball, skateboarding, soccer Dance Swimming
c) what would enable/encourage them to do this activity	Outdoor activities Hydrotherapy pool in North Sydney Group classes held at appropriate times Improved accessible swimming facilities Close Knowledge of facilities closer to home

Respondents identified the following relationship with North Sydney:

- Live in the North Sydney Council area (62.2%)
- Live and work/study in the North Sydney Council area (17.5%)
- Study in the North Sydney Council area (4.1%)
- Work in the North Sydney Council area (8.1%)
- Other (8.1%).

The majority of respondent's families in this survey were: two parents with children (44.4%), or a couple without children (29.1%). Additionally 13.4% of respondents lived in lone person households. The predominant North Sydney Council area household type comprises 15.4% couples with children, 28.1% couples without children, and 34.1% lone person households.

Due to the large number of local residents and the small number of worker and student respondents, all responses have been amalgamated. This occurred after reviewing the responses based on place of residence and it was noted that no major difference of opinions were expressed across questions.

Current recreation activities

Respondents were asked to list recreation activities they actively participate in. Walking was by far the most common activity that respondents listed, followed by running/jogging, cycling, swimming and using local parks for picnicking/playing.

Table 9: Current recreation activity undertaken

Activity	Number
Walking	112
Running, jogging	63
Cycling	55
Swimming	54
Parks (picnicking, children play, reading, kicking a ball)	45
Tennis	35
Dog walking	35
Hockey	34
Soccer	24
Outdoor gyms, group fitness, yoga, pilates	22
Bush walking	16
Recreational boating (sailing, kayaking, rowing, paddle boarding, wind surfing)	14
Indoor gym (classes)	14
Golf	10
Rugby Union	8
Orienteering	8
Basketball	8
Cricket	6
Skating (scooting)	6
Oztag / Touch Football (Rugby)	5
Netball	4
AFL	2
Croquet	2
Ultimate Frisbee	2
Boxing	2
Attending / Watching Sport	2
Aqua Aerobics	2
Fishing	2
Rugby League	2
Lawn bowls	1
Children's activities	1
Community gardening	1
Gymnastics (indoor)	1
Sunbathing	1
Water Polo	1
Horse Riding	1
Baseball / Softball	1
Handball	1
Squash	1
Bridge	1
Theatre / live performance	1

Respondents were asked where they undertook these activities. Most frequent responses were:

- St Leonards Park (75 responses)
- North Sydney Olympic Pool (38 responses)
- Forsyth Park (27 responses)
- Cremorne Point (22 responses)
- Tunks Park (20 responses)
- Primrose Park (19 responses)
- Neutral Bay (12 responses)
- Berry Island (11 responses)
- Harbour foreshore areas (11 responses)
- Milsons Point / Park (10 responses)
- Cammeray Golf Club (9 responses)
- Waverton Park (9 responses).

Activities wanted

Almost half (48.4%) of the total respondents indicated there were outdoor recreation activities that they wanted to participate in North Sydney area but didn't. Hockey, cycling and park-based activities were the most common listed activity respondents wanted to see in the North Sydney area.

Table 10: Activity respondent would like to participate in, but doesn't currently

Desired activities	Number
Hockey	36
Cycling/mountain biking	32
Park based activities (e.g. yoga, Pilates, tai chi, chess, relaxing)	21
Outdoor fitness (gyms, classes)	17
Recreational boating (kayaking, canoeing, sailing, wind surfing, rowing)	12
Soccer	8
Tennis	8
Aquatic Facility Activities (e.g. Swimming, Water Polo)	7
Touch football or Oztag	6
Community gardens	6
Netball	6
Boules, petanque	5
Children's play and outdoor activities	4
Indoor court sports (Futsal, Hockey, basketball)	4
Dog related activities/facilities	3
Athletics	3
Running	3
Ice sports (e.g. ice hockey, curling)	3
Racquet sports (badminton, squash)	3
Seniors activities	3
Basketball (social)	3
Gymnastics	2
More parks / recreation spaces (e.g. Berry's Bay, HMAS Platypus, Crows Nest)	2
Golf (golf range)	2
Target sports (shooting, archery)	2
Swimming (Harbour)	2
Croquet	2
Live music / performance	2
Walking trails	2
Equestrian (e.g. horse riding)	1
Softball / Baseball	1
Rock climbing (indoor)	1
Frisbee Golf	1
Cricket	1
Velodrome cycling	1

70% of respondents that indicated an activity also noted that Council could assist them in being able to undertake the activity. In order of priority, respondents indicated ways the council could assist. The responses were:

- Provide additional or new facilities for this activity (121)
- Improve the quality of existing facilities (79)
- Provide better information about what is available and where (66)
- Provide suitable programs / or classes in existing facilities (46)
- Put me in touch with a club / centre that offers this activity (34)
- Provide an opportunity to learn a new activity / develop confidence in doing this activity (24)
- Put me in touch with others who have this interest or someone to go with (17)
- Provide more access / schedule activities at more convenient times (12)
- Provide respite or child care for a family member that I care for so I may go out (11)
- Provide discounts, or reduce the cost of using an existing facility (9)
- Provide some assistance to get there and during the activity (7).

Of all respondents that wanted to participate in a trail-based activity, but didn't, 83% thought Council could provide additional or new facilities to assist them. 50% of respondents thought Council could improve the quality of existing facilities to assist participation in this activity.

Of all respondents that wanted to participate in recreational boating activities, but didn't, 67% thought Council could provide additional or new facilities to assist them. 42% of respondents thought Council could provide better information about what is available and where.

Participation information

131 (42.5% of total) respondents indicated that they were a participant of a recreation club or organisation, and 92 (30.4%) indicated that they volunteer for a recreation organisation.

Table 11: membership and volunteers by activity

Recreation activity/type	Participates (number)	Volunteers (number)
Private gyms / group fitness	24	1
Service based organisations	22	3
Hockey	21	21
Soccer	10	10
Tennis	8	4
Swimming / diving	8	0
Orienteering	7	8
Community (social groups)	7	3
Basketball	7	1
Running	7	4
Boating	5	2
Cricket	4	8
Golf	4	0
AFL	3	5
Netball	3	2
Triathlon	3	1
Oztag	3	1
Rugby league	3	2
Rugby union	3	7
Bushcare	2	4
Croquet	2	0
Bowls	1	1
Scouts	1	2
Squash	1	0
Athletics	0	2
Baseball	0	1
Charity/not- for-profit groups	0	4
Cycling	0	3
Equestrian	0	4
Frisbee	0	2
Ice Hockey	0	1
Martial Arts	0	1
Schools	0	2
Special Olympics	0	2
Walking	0	2

Facilities used

Respondents were asked to indicate what recreation facilities they used. Most popular facilities include:

- Open spaces for relaxation (with no facilities except seats and paths) (85.0%)
- Bushland reserves (83.8%)
- Parks for social/family recreation (e.g. Play Facilities and Dog Exercise Areas) (80.9%)

Table 12: Usage of recreation facility types

Facility type	% use	% never use
Open spaces for relaxation (with no facilities except seats and paths)	85.0%	15.0%
Bushland reserves	83.8%	16.2%
Parks for social/family recreation (e.g. Play Facilities and Dog Exercise Areas)	80.9%	19.1%
Swimming pool/beach swimming areas	79.7%	20.3%
Lookouts	78.5%	21.5%
Off road trails (for walking and cycling)	75.0%	25.0%
Zoological/botanic garden	71.2%	28.8%
Indoor sports facilities	62.1%	37.9%
Community gardens	61.5%	38.5%
Outdoor sportsgrounds (e.g. Cricket, Football, Soccer, Hockey)	59.7%	40.3%
Outdoor sport courts (e.g. Netball, Basketball, Tennis)	59.1%	40.9%
Boating/sailing	55.3%	44.7%
On-road bicycle lanes	54.1%	45.5%
Outdoor greens/rink sports (e.g. Croquet, Lawn Bowls, Golf)	54.5%	45.9%
Outdoor fitness equipment	53.8%	46.2%
Memorial gardens/cemetery	53.2%	46.8%
Outdoor skate/BMX facility	44.1%	55.9%

Others listed:

- Gyms (4)
- Kite flying (1)
- Dedicated cycling venues, e.g. criterium circuits, cyclo-cross areas (1)
- Horse riding (1).

Frequency of use

Respondents were asked the number of times they used different types of sporting and recreation facilities per year in North Sydney. Responses only include respondents that answered the questions.

Table 13: Frequency of use of sporting and recreation facilities per year in North Sydney

Facility type	0-9	10-49	50+
Outdoor skate/BMX facility	80.0%	16.7%	3.3%
Memorial gardens/cemetery	72.5%	21.6%	5.9%
Outdoor fitness equipment	50.8%	31.7%	17.5%
Outdoor greens/rink sports (e.g. Croquet, Lawn Bowls, Golf)	73.8%	20.2%	6.0%
On-road bicycle lanes	34.1%	22.4%	43.5%
Boating/sailing	69.8%	23.8%	6.4%
Outdoor sport courts (e.g. Netball, Basketball, Tennis)	52.3%	30.0%	17.7%
Outdoor sportsgrounds (e.g. Cricket, Football, Soccer, Hockey)	44.5%	46.4%	9.1%
Community gardens	55.4%	32.6%	12.0%
Indoor sports facilities	44.4%	29.6%	26.0%
Zoological/botanic garden	94.1%	5.9%	0.0%
Off road trails (for walking and cycling)	41.0%	41.7%	17.3%
Lookouts	45.4%	42.5%	12.1%
Swimming pool/beach swimming areas	30.6%	44.8%	24.6%
Parks for social/family recreation (e.g. Play Facilities and Dog	20.4%	28.2%	52.4%

Facility type	0-9	10-49	50+
Exercise Areas)			
Bushland reserves	28.6%	50.0%	21.4%
Open spaces for relaxation (with no facilities except seats and paths)	22.3%	42.8%	34.9%

Other responses included:

- Kite flying
- Yoga
- Gym
- Amateur theatre
- Long walks.

Respondents were asked the number of time they used different types of sporting and recreation facilities per year *outside of* North Sydney. Responses only include respondents that answered the questions.

Table 14: Frequency of use of sporting and recreation facilities per year outside of North Sydney

Facility type	0-9	10-50	50+
Outdoor skate/BMX facility	70.0%	23.3%	6.7%
Memorial gardens/cemetery	86.4%	13.5%	0.0%
Outdoor fitness equipment	60.5%	34.9%	4.7%
Outdoor greens/rink sports (e.g. Croquet, Lawn Bowls, Golf)	64.3%	30.0%	5.7%
On-road bicycle lanes	27.0%	33.8%	39.2%
Boating/sailing	66.5%	20.7%	13.8%
Outdoor sport courts (e.g. Netball, Basketball, Tennis)	44.6%	36.1%	19.3%
Outdoor sportsgrounds (e.g. Cricket, Football, Soccer, Hockey)	18.3%	51.4%	30.3%
Community gardens	81.8%	18.2%	0.0%
Indoor sports facilities	33.3%	46.4%	20.3%
Zoological/botanic garden	73.1%	25.2%	1.7%
Off road trails (for walking and cycling)	34.2%	52.6%	13.2%

Facility type	0-9	10-50	50+
Lookouts	50.8%	42.5%	6.7%
Swimming pool/beach swimming areas	22.2%	55.1%	22.7%
Parks for social/family recreation (e.g. Play Facilities and Dog Exercise Areas)	21.5%	48.5%	30.0%
Bushland reserves	37.4%	46.2%	16.4%
Open spaces for relaxation (with no facilities except seats and paths)	34.9%	48.0%	17.1%

Other responses included:

- Kite flying
- Horse riding
- Amateur theatre
- Cycling (venues, criterium, cyclo-cross).

Home-based facilities

Respondents were asked which sport and recreation facilities they have at their home.

- Swimming pool (39 responses)
- Basketball (3 responses)
- Tennis court (2 responses)
- Other sport and recreation facilities (18 responses). These included:
 - Gym (home or body corporate) (9 responses)
 - Table tennis (2 responses)
 - Trampoline (1 response)
 - Treadmill (1 response)
 - Yoga mat (1 response)
 - Ikea swing (1 response)
 - Rowing machine (1 response)
 - Turf hockey field (1 response)
 - House garden (1 response).

Of those that had home sport and recreation facilities, respondents were asked how often *they* used these facilities per year.

Table 15: Frequency of use of home-based sporting and recreation facilities (by respondent)

0-9 times per year	10-50 times per year	50+ times per year
19.3%	26.3%	54.3%

Of those that had home sport and recreation facilities, respondents were asked how often *family or friends* used these facilities per year.

Table 16: Frequency of use of home-based sporting and recreation facilities (by respondent's family and friends)

0-9 times per year	10-50 times per year	50+ times per year
26.4%	26.4%	47.2%

Demand for new activities and facilities

55% of respondents noted that there was unmet demand for recreation activities and facilities in North Sydney. These respondents included demand for more children's recreation, demand for an ice rink in North Sydney, but most commonly there was demand for greater access to outdoor fields or turf facilities for sports such as hockey (in particular), soccer, football and rugby (including touch). Lastly, there was demand for more accessible and affordable indoor sports facilities for sports such as basketball and futsal, as well as demand for more boating facilities.

Priorities for sport and recreation provision

Respondents were asked what North Sydney Council's priorities should be for recreation and sports facility improvements if funds become available. Most frequent responses included:

- Paths / trails for cycling – particularly considering safety and keeping trails off-road (36 responses)
- New artificial field hockey facilities (30 responses)
- Upgrading / maintenance of North Sydney Pool (20 responses)
- Improved facilities for walking (19 responses)
- Upgrading or establishing toilet facilities (8 responses).

Other comments made

People were given the opportunity to make any other comments they thought relevant to the Study. Key themes presented in the comments were:

- The value and importance of parkland generally to residents
- The value of St Leonards Park
- Potential unmet demand for children play facilities
- Demand for safe walking and cycling infrastructure
- Demand for car parking at key reserves
- Demand for kayak and dinghy storage at Harbour parks
- Maintenance of key roadways, parks and infrastructure.

Respondents commenting on the value of the parks and open spaces across the local government area, and that all should be done to protect these lands. Many comments were made specifically about St Leonards Park; there was a strong sense of objection to the indoor centre proposal at the Park (19 comments).

The other strong comments related to the lack of hockey facilities locally and asked that the unmet demand should be addressed by Council (17 responses). This is not surprising given the high volume of hockey related traffic found in the online survey submissions.

Notes from Community forums

Two community forums were held for this project.

Forum 1.

Over 20 community members came to the workshop to discuss the Recreation Needs Study project. Most attendees were residents, but also represented community organisations including the Waverton Hub, BushCare, and the Stanton and Holtermann Precincts. Councillor, council officer and the Recreation Needs Study Reference Group representatives were also present.

Notes made from the community forum are organised by the following themes:

- North Sydney Council area recreation strengths
- North Sydney Council area recreation weaknesses
- Capacity and issues with existing facilities
- Community ideas to increase use of existing facilities
- Opportunities to address gaps in provision:
- Partnership opportunities
- Other local consideration impacting the Study.

Current strengths of recreation facilities and opportunities in North Sydney

- The high scenic value of the local government area and the diversity across the City (Harbour, walks, trees, CBD, residential)
- Access to parks and open spaces in particular St Leonards Park, Bradfield Park, Cammeray Golf Course
- Access to quality facilities, including North Sydney Olympic Pool and North Sydney Oval
- Walking opportunities
- Harbour edge walks (improvements)
- North Sydney Council policies to support facilities

- Sculpture at Sawmillers Reserve
- Trees (including street trees)
- Ability to undertake fitness outdoors (preference for outdoor fitness over indoor gyms)
- Access to natural areas (Balls Head, Berry Island, Sawmillers Reserve and Hayes Street Beach)
- Age friendly facilities and activities
- Diversity of recreation settings
- Kayak storage provision means the beach space is more available to other users.

North Sydney Council area recreation weaknesses

- School use of sports facilities (belief that it impacts local residents use)
- Decay of open space/parklands taken away for other uses
- Decline of some activities/facilities (e.g. Wollstonecraft Bowling Club and Waverton Bowling Club)
- Increasing density puts additional pressure on open space
- Use of council facilities by outside groups (outside the LGA)
- Empty gyms - lots of gyms trying to solicit business from people walking etc.
- Not enough park space (residents and workers)
- Commercial activities in parks (personal trainers), impact on land
- Brett Whiteley Place (great that it was renamed) – conflicts with cyclists who don't dismount
- Concern about the development sites taking recreation facilities away
- Cycling in parks; older people nervous about being hit/conflict between park users
- Waverton Park – need upgrades (safe paths, would like boules/petanque)

- State of football grounds (and poor access in wet weather)
- Irresponsible dog walkers.

Capacity and issues with existing facilities

- Wheelchair access, demand for ramps
- Capacity/use varies (time of year, time of day)
- Would like facility use numbers to review before commenting
- Greenwich Hospital hydro pool – may be in demand in North Sydney
- Shelters
- St Leonards Park is well used but there is capacity for more use at North Sydney Oval
- Bins/rubbish on beach – if bins are removed, people are likely to be more responsible (bins in parks required though, especially for dog walkers)
- Rubbish major issue in bushland
- Park lands don't need to be used all the time (impact of specific user groups requests to use spaces)
- Concern that “organised groups” will take over green spaces without any current facilities on them.
- Cammeray Golf Club - not being used to capacity – opportunities to use for other things.

Opportunities to increase use of existing facilities

- Develop connections (walkways) along the Harbour foreshore
- Schools to open grounds for community use
- Ernest Place (good decision to upgrade (Lane Cove mall comparison))
- Coal Loader – platform development
- Cross-LGA demand/supply (e.g. indoor sport (issues with Crows Nest Indoor Sports Centre))
- Multiple use of facilities

- Need to assess usage and uses of spaces and facilities (and priorities/multiple use)
- Dual use of indoor courts
- Multi-lines on outdoor courts (e.g. tennis)
- Concern about bias – new facilities vs. existing facilities.

Opportunities to address gaps in provision

- Facilities for the aged (closure of local respite centre) e.g. day respite
- Repurpose (unused) facilities for community need
- Recreation walking – lighting along paths (especially St Leonards Park)
- Use rooftops of new residential buildings.

Opportunities for partnerships

- Empty block of land on Falcon St. (privately owned)
- Sports facilities on top of buildings
- Encourage developers to install rooftop gardens/parks
- Businesses in North Sydney could be linked to the community for example - major corporates like Coca Cola, SAP, MLC, Tennex etc.
- Community markets currently fund the community centre – a good model
- Opportunities with the corporations who have head offices in North Sydney.

Local considerations impacting recreation

- Changing demographics (large adult population, increasing number of children, high population turnover, and increasing densities were all raised as potential issues)
- To be fair to workers – business provide substantial rates
- Demand for unorganised recreation.

Forum 2

Seven community members came to the workshop to discuss the Recreation Needs Study Discussion Paper. Most attendees were residents, but also represented community and sporting organisations and associations including the Holtermann Precinct and the Northern Suburbs Basketball Association. Three North Sydney Councillors were also present.

Notes made from the community forum are organised by the following themes:

- Paths and Trails
- Social Family Recreation Spaces
- Sporting Infrastructure
- Quality of Sport and Recreation Facilities
- Regional Approach
- Key Directions

Paths & Trails

- Recreational cycling vs commuter cycling – did the online survey differentiate between the 2? Yes – survey specified recreational cycling (recreational cycling especially on weekends when there is less traffic on the roads)
- Important that trails are accessible for seniors with limited mobility. These people also need/want details (e.g. how far?, round trip or one way, is it part of a circuit, quality of track, steepness).
- Potential for provision of circuit trails around the outside edges of larger parks
- Harbourlink proposal whereby cyclists could continue north along Warringah Expressway after the harbour bridge (currently they need to dismount and go down steps in Bradfield Park) – proposal is on the ‘backburner’. Most likely would be funded at a state or federal level (however there are many issues to sort out in addition to funding).

- There is a need for engineering works (e.g. pram ramps) to help overcome ‘inadvertent obstacles’ to mobility.

Social Family Recreation Spaces

- Important to have facilities for people of all ages and abilities in selected (well-distributed) neighbourhood parks
- Huge need for pocket parks in the Crows Nest/St Leonards area, exacerbated by current big new developments. (These can be ‘green’ spaces or ‘hard’ plaza spaces).
- Importance of facilitating access – Coal Loader is a great facility but it is a longish walk from Waverton station for people with mobility issues/the elderly

Sporting Infrastructure

- Importance of keeping a good diversity of sports in the area
- It can be a tricky thing balancing the provision of new recreation facilities (especially sporting facilities that generate noise) with residential amenity
- What is Council’s obligation to provide for non-residents? Are ‘corporate’ users of sportsfields charged more? (yes – 25% more)
- Consider the issue of Council managed facilities vs. privately managed facilities, or a partnership between the 2. Private management can work where there are several facilities in different locations; e.g. it is hard for Mosman to manage 1 sports court, but if there were several courts managed together efficiencies would be achieved
- Council run facilities can put general ‘community benefit’ ahead of ‘financial gain’

Quality of Sport & Recreation Facilities

- Importance of good management to ensure we get the most out of what we have
- Consider providing seating along trails – people don't always just want to get from A-B, but may want to pause along the way. Also facilities to sit/picnic etc. at the 'ends' of walks would be appreciated

Regional Approach

- Redlands is looking at developing further indoor facilities (probably not much use as did not indicate a desire/need to partner with Council). North Sydney Boys High only school that was positive when approached.
- Cammeray Golf Course – people were surprised to hear it is public land (with only the greens and tee areas being leased to the club) – believe there are great opportunities here for a walking track around the edge

Key Directions

- New synthetic surface for hockey – change this wording to: 'New synthetic surface for sports including hockey'
- Look at opportunities to include sporting facilities in mixed use developments (problem is this does not generate the best return for the developer)
- Consider that sporting facilities do not have to occupy green space – consider brownfields sites e.g. Council-owned car parks that could be redeveloped
- Need a statement/policy in the RNS acknowledging the challenge of providing more facilities in the face of increasing residential density/limited infrastructure and limited space
- There is a real lack of places (green or plaza spaces) for workers in the North Sydney CBD to go for lunch
- Acclaim for work done on Study to date

Submissions from community

Some people prefer to post, email or make a comment via online media (project webpage or Facebook page). These comments are summarised below.

Submission 1

Means: Letter to Council and copied to @leisure by resident

Comments made included:

- requests information on scope of study and indicates concern that it will be limited to sport
- recommends reviewing existing policies and plans
- recommends consideration be given to changing demographics with some focus on maximizing opportunities for entire community (including people with disabilities, youth, elderly and the disadvantaged)
- recommends analysing the impact of tenure arrangements and concessions given to organization and the potential impact of excluding use of public assets (e.g. Cammeray Golf Club)
- recommends reviewing access to school facilities for recreation
- believes that North Sydney Oval is underutilized
- water based recreation is important with so many recreation activities available locally such as kayaking, boating, fishing and general access to the Harbour, there is however, a lack of information regarding Council's policy on these activities. The submitter suggests that there is opportunity for Council to facilitate the development of a kayak/small boat hire scheme
- signage and more information regarding facilities and activities available should be considered

- there may be opportunity to consider kiosks in public parks (or near to), especially near Forsyth Park, St Leonards Park, Anderson Park and Milson Park
- outdoor ping pong tables would be popular in Forsyth Park and Anderson Park (similar to that available in Bradfield Park)
- Primrose Park (Brightmore Reserve) is underutilized and recommends considering revitalization of these spaces (including an adventure playground and restaurant or function centre)
- recommends the Study consider the role community centres play in providing recreation opportunities (as do other community facilities like church and scout halls)
- a number of private gyms and fitness providers, that operate commercially, supplement the facilities provided by Council and should be considered
- potential future park sites (HMAS Platypus and the former quarantine depot at Berrys Bay) should be considered for their recreation function and opportunities.

Submission 2

Means: email to council by resident
9/08/14

Comments:

Is an elderly resident that doesn't have a car so relies on the steps at McMahons Point Ferry Wharf to launch his dinghy

Is worried that the facility will be lost when the new pontoon is installed and the old Wharf with steps to the water is lost

Lavender Bay beach is too long of a route for him to walk at his age

He uses wheels to take it down to the water and these don't really work well on sand.

Submission 3

Means: email to Council 14/08/14 by Waverton Hub.

Comments:

- believes there is a need for boules/pentaque at Waverton Park (submitter has attached a quote for a piste construction (cost: \$12,300))
- multiuse paths installed around Waverton Park would be used by local Waverton community
- Waverton Hub would like to be part in the planning process for the future Coal Loader platforms
- request for clearer signage on pathways and provision of bench seats at regular intervals
- many steps in Council parks do not have hand rails and installation of rails would be appreciated
- infrastructure audit should consider access, e.g. Waverton North Sydney Club does not have ramp access
- management and provision of shared paths is considered important.
- shared use can provide conflicts between different modes, and in some areas there are obstacles in using paths
- would like to see Council use more solar energy to power and extend street lighting.

Submission 4

Means: email to Council 8/8/14 by local residents

Comments:

- forwarded copy of notes made to Council in 2011 regarding the St Leonards Park Plan of Management
- believes St Leonards Park is underutilized
- supports the development of a path around Waverton Park for children to cycle/scooter.

Submission 5

Means: email to Council 26/7/14 by resident.

Comments:

- suggests that lighting should be improved at Bradfield Park, particularly to the:
 - northern area, existing bollard lighting do not sufficient light the area
 - piste at the corner of Alfred and Burton Streets
 - green area (between Fitzroy and Burton Streets)
 - paved plaza to the south of the park
- lighting should be improved along the Lavendar Bay boardwalk
- seating and tables would be appreciated across Bradfield Park.

Submission 6

Means: Copy of letter to Minister Hockey 8/5/14 by a North Sydney student.

Comments:

- would like more outdoor sports centres at Cremorne – including access to basketball courts, swimming pool and ovals/fields for soccer, rugby, AFL.

Submission 7

Means: telephone call to @leisure Planners, 3/7/2014.

Comments:

- thinks the Study should look beyond needs of organised sport, there is high demand for unorganized recreation in North Sydney and water based activities
- there is limited information on activities and facilities
- pool and water activities are very popular but there are polarised views locally about what should be provided
- there is a lack of storage facilities for dinghy and kayaks

Submission 8

Means: email to Council 23/08/14 by a local resident.

Comments:

- there is a lack of car parking in Neutral Bay and Cremorne.
- there is a huge influx of young people into North Sydney with the growth of schools there needs to be better parks.
- there ought to be more cafes and restaurants in order to increase social opportunities in the area.
- 'delighted' with the proposed indoor court plans for St Leonards Park.

Submission 9

Means: letter to Council from NSW Squash.

Comments:

- would like to build more squash courts as game is suffering due to lack of courts and redevelopments.

Submission 10

Means: letter posted to Council, received 28/08/14.

Comments:

- open space is very important and should be protected (once gone is gone forever)
- against developing St Leonards Park. There is too much that St Leonards is providing the community at the moment.
- suggests developing the tennis courts at west end of Ridge Street.

Submission 11

Means: email to Council from a resident, 31/08/14.

- recently moved to Kiribilli
- disappointed with 'Lane 9" gym as there is not much offered to the seniors
- believes there should be more programs aimed at the elderly and people with special needs.

Submission 12

Means: email to @leisure from a resident, 17/9/14.

Comments:

- squash can be played in any weather
- squash can be played from early on in life and can continue over a large part of your life
- currently 670 Competition players who play in the clubs currently near North Sydney (number on the increase).
- Lane Cove and Willoughby currently being looked at for redevelopment and the squash courts will disappear if this happens.
- 'City Houses' competition runs lunchtime and evening competitions and has been setup near the harbour bridge. Over the last few years the competition has seen participation grow from 0 to 712 players.
- Junior programs have taken off in the lower north shore. However facilities in North Sydney (1-2 courts) don't allow for schools to introduce the kids to sport

Submission 13

Means: submission to @leisure website from resident 15/10/14

Comments:

- would love to see a "labyrinth" constructed in North Sydney in either Civic Park or St Leonards Park.
- the Sydney Centennial Park Labyrinth is a key example of this.

Submission 14

Means: submission to @leisure website from resident 22/10/14

Comments:

- has 3 children that play hockey in the North Sydney area.
- country towns should be example of how to best set up hockey fields in the form of a community hub

Issues surrounding hockey in the area include:

- limited training times (due to lack of facilities)
- field surface not up to standard
- lack of artificial facilities

Submission 15

Means: submission to @leisure website from resident 25/10/14

Comments:

- extra sporting facilities in the lower North Shore are essential
- girls who play hockey are at a disadvantage, nearest field for them in Olympic Park, Homebush
- federal government should be promoting fitness amongst our young people
- could provide naming rights of local Federal MP i.e. 'Hockey Field'.

Submission 16

Means: submission to @leisure website from resident 29/10/14

Comments:

- please do not build in our park (St Leonards).
- the residents prefer green to concrete. North Sydney is full of built environment already; we need our little green lung.
- please just go away and leave St. Leonards Park as it is.

Submission 17

Means: submission to @leisure website from resident 30/10/14

Comments:

- please can we leave the parkland as it is. It is an oasis in our busy city.
- we love that it is so open and people can roam and enjoy the gardens.
- we do not need any more sporting facilities than are already there.
- we do not need anymore crowding.

Submission 18

Means: submission to info@atleisure.com.au from resident 20/11/14

Comments:

- surprised that there had been 'limited or no support' for the suggestion of more netball courts in St Leonard's Park.
- refers to NIMBY (not in my backyard) attitude of past and present residents as an issue.
- the whole commercial centre of North Sydney dies after 5pm.
- the argument that cars going to the proposed facilities would become
- entangled with the Wenona mums picking up children is unsupportable.
- reconsider the netball court option in this area as it is hardly used except by some to run their dogs. This could be done on the top of the structure.

Submission 19

Means: submission to info@atleisure.com.au from resident 27/11/14

Comments:

- Visits parks in nearby areas of Chatswood, Neutral Bay, St Leonards, Willoughby, Lane Cove etc.
- The parks in the North Sydney, Waverton and Wollstonecraft have not been updated in quite some time.
- Berry Island is a good example of how natural elements have been blended with play equipment to give children of all ages an overall experience.
- Brennan Park in Wollstonecraft: in need of maintenance to basic infrastructure like footpaths, stairs, access points, seating and landscaping features.
- Council should consider installing play equipment for younger children in particular.

Suggested improvements and considerations would include:

- Two additional swings
- An additional smaller slippery dip
- Replace the "spinner" with a merry-go-round that could be utilised by more children at the same time
- Interactive play equipment for little ones (between 1-3 years old)
- Natural play equipment such as large blocks of wood or rocks for stepping-stones and balancing beams etc.
- More tables and seating on the park level where families could have picnics and watch their children play
- Rubbish bin/s at park level
- An undercover area that would provide more shelter for variable weather
- A separate area with outdoor gym / exercise equipment for busy parents that can't get to the gym

- The paths and gutters around North Sydney are very difficult to navigate with a pram. Elderly mother in law tripped and injured herself quite badly because of an uneven and broken footpath on the way to Waverton train station.
- Elderly neighbour broke her jaw because she tripped on uneven pavement in Crows Nest.

Submission 20

Means: submission to Council on 24/11/14

Comments:

Brennan Park could do with:

- outdoor gym equipment
- BBQ area (electric BBQ)
- graded seating / table arrangement

Submission 21

Means: submission to Mosman Daily on 28/11/14

Comments:

- refers to the study as 'grossly misleading and patently disingenuous', with regards to the name: the 'Recreation Needs Study' the writer suggests it is in fact entirely focused on the provision of sport facilities and infrastructure to the exclusion of other recreation or leisure pursuit or activity.
- claims the study to be 'profoundly disappointing' providing that the

opportunity to genuinely investigate the overall recreation needs of the North Sydney community have been squandered.

- suggests that a thorough and professional review should have 'updated and highlighted the community recreation needs in a way that reflects and embrace the strong demand for incidental, passive or unstructured/informal recreational activity (swimming, walking, jogging, running, yoga/gentle exercise in parks, etc.)'.
- suggests that a 'recommendation regarding any recreation or leisure pursuit or activity not involving sport or team sport: entertainment and the arts, cultural and social activities, tourism and home-based leisure spring readily to mind'.
- the overarching purpose of the study should be 'to lead the community in the exploration of real options and fresh alternatives in order to identify gaps in service and opportunities for innovative service delivery'.
- in view of the above, the authors of the so-called discussion paper should adopt a more accurate nomenclature to reflect the true nature of their worth and call it "Sport Facilities supply and demand study".

Chapter 5: Consultation with education providers

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Each school in the area was invited to participate in the Study. This section summarises comments made by education providers.

Cammeray Public School

Cammeray Public School has a small artificial turf oval (organised sport is not played on it, but 'Sports Fundamental' comes in and does social sports/games with the children). The school uses Tunks Park and Primrose Park for sport. The School's indoor hall is used outside school activities for Tae Kwon Do and after school care every day of the school week.

The school is prepared to consider external use if an arrangement could be met with the after school care.

Monte Sant' Angelo College

Monte Sant' Angelo College has 2 outdoor tennis courts, an indoor basketball court (sprung floor) and an indoor swimming pool.

The school rarely hires the indoor facilities due to high school utilisation rates, however, occasionally hires the outdoor courts.

The school regularly uses Forsyth Park, Tunks Park and North Sydney Oval on occasion. The schools notes that most of Councils fields are in desperate need for redo/makeover as the fields are extremely uneven.

The school supports Council developing an artificial hockey turf and an athletics track.

Neutral Bay Public School

The School does not have outdoor sporting facilities and uses Council sportsgrounds to meet their demands.

They have an indoor hall but it is not used for sport outside the school use.

St Aloysius College

The school owns one grass oval at North Willoughby - rugby union, cricket, football, some athletics and regularly use North Sydney Council grounds (no issues with these).

The School buses students to and from the grounds. The school believes that Council is precious about field closure - seems that other Councils take North Sydney's lead on closure.

Dalton Hall is their indoor sports centre suitable for basketball, indoor cricket, strength and conditioning areas and a swimming pool. North Sydney Basketball Association regularly use Dalton Hall. The pool is not deep enough for water polo so they go to Olympic Pool. Normally the school goes to Homebush for swimming sports but are considering relocating to the North Sydney Pool.

Generally, the school is able to access enough grounds, however, they note they sometimes have trouble with the 3.45-5pm time slot.

Wenona School

Wenona reports having one undersized tennis court and a gymnasium containing a single basketball/netball court plus a smaller gymnasium used as a dance studio, and a 6-lane 25-metre pool.

School facilities are generally not hired out. Hiring to Council is considered problematic, due to toileting and security issues with the site in its current format.

School sees there is unmet demand for turf hockey pitches. Also suggests that Forsyth Park should be upgraded to make it an all weather training area.

North Sydney Boys High School

The school has two tennis courts, cricket nets, run around space. The school also use Tunks Park, St Leonards Park, and others. No issues with Council's sportsgrounds. The school has trouble hiring grounds on Wednesday 1pm-2.30pm.

The school also has a gym, weights room (in old squash courts), one multipurpose court (badminton, volleyball, futsal, basketball). The indoor court is used by external groups, in particular; the Badminton Club, North Sydney Basketball Assn., Futsal (private comp), personal exercise for older people, cricket club. The facility is believed to be at capacity (it is used every day - after, during, before school, weekends until 10pm). The School had a long-standing relationship (40 years) with the NSBA, but there were issues with booking the NSBA facility this year on Wednesdays for training. NSBA withdrew the School's booking putting pressure on the School facility for training.

The school plans to convert a run about space to two all weather multipurpose fields.

The school would like to consider building an additional indoor court, and would be interested in speaking to Council and partnership options.

The School would like to use North Sydney Oval 2 (Bon Andrews) more, but currently the hire costs are prohibitive for the school.

North Sydney Girls High School

The school has two outdoor courts - astro turf, 1 basketball and netball asphalt court (they have the markings for tennis and volleyball, in total the area makes up 3 courts) and one indoor half-basketball court.

A local fencing club uses the indoor facilities.

The indoor court is planned to be renovated - surface upgraded to hard sprung floor and other items upgraded.

Shore Sydney Church of England Grammar School

Shore commends Council on its efforts to determine the present and likely future demand for sport and recreation facilities in the LGA.

- In considering options for what might be done to maintain and enhance the quality of existing sport and recreation facilities in the LGA, Shore suggests that the draft RNS could consider the school's plans for a replacement Senior School gymnasium and swimming pool facility, as detailed in this submission.
- **Background**
- Shore has engaged an architect to design a gymnasium and swimming pool on Shore senior school. Community and agency consultation has commenced (including a site visit by North Sydney Councillors on 21 February 2015). A development application for the new facility will be lodged in later in 2015.
- **Relevance to the Draft RNS**
- The planned facility will replace Shore's existing 1970's 25 metre pool (outdoor), gymnasium, change rooms, weights area and squash court facilities with the following new facilities:
 - Gymnasium
 - Weights room
 - 50-metre swimming pool (indoor)
 - Multipurpose sporting complex including three basketball courts and recreational facilities(as well as up to 16 new classrooms).

- There may be times when the gymnasium and swimming pool are not in use by the school, potentially providing a valuable recreation resource for the wider North Sydney community.
- Shore suggests that the following community activities may be appropriate and consistent with Shore's objectives and goals:
 1. Swimming pool: Carnivals for local schools, internal swim club for over 18's, water polo club
 2. Weights room: Shore fitness club with access to cardio and weights room for set periods
 3. Gymnastics: Internal and external gymnastics squad (noting that the draft RNS shows that there is no publicly accessible indoor gymnastics facility in North Sydney)
 4. Basketball: Home training base (possibly for North Sydney Basketball Association which, as noted in draft RNS notes, requires more courts)
 5. Community gatherings: In various areas of the planned facility
 6. Holiday camps: Swimming, weights, gymnastics, basketball using including the potential to use boating facilities for accommodation.
- These potential activities would be consistent with the following Strategy/Action listed in the Draft RNS (p.59): *8.4.3 Continue to work with schools and other educational institutions to provide additional sport facilities that serve workers, students and residents.*
- Such activities would also implement the comments expressed in draft RNS community consultation encouraging Council to work with other providers, in particular schools, to help improve the range of sporting facilities available in the LGA.
- As detailed in their submission, Shore would welcome an opportunity to partner with Council to facilitate appropriate community use of the planned replacement gymnasium and swimming pool.
- **Conclusion**
- Shore looks forward to working with Council on the community access ideas expressed in this letter and would welcome changes to the draft RNS to reflect the school's willingness to provide appropriate public use of its planned replacement gymnasium and swimming pool.

The Aust. Catholic University

- The Aust. Catholic University recently signed a MOU with Council and has also launched a new Strategic Plan 2015-2020. In the plan "our communities" are a key stakeholder to our success and we seek to work collaboratively with all our partners.
- The University is committed to providing sporting opportunities to our students.
- The University plans to redevelop the 1988 Bicentenary Indoor Basketball court in Edward Street, which could also provide opportunities for other sports such as Badminton, however the Council planning laws may have to change.
- Whilst the Council could consider easing of planning of planning controls in North Sydney to open up additional recreational facilities through providing developments a partnership with the University for space already built may be easier.
- Page 43 objective 3.7 asks the Council to consider a North City Sports program for staff and CBD workers that utilises school and community sports facilities during the day. The University could assist in this objective.

Chapter 6: Notes from state sporting organisations consultation

Table 17: NSW state sporting organisation responses

ORGANISATION	NOTES
Croquet NSW	Croquet NSW does not breakdown their membership figures into age groups. Respondent said there would be virtually no members under 15 and very few from the age of 15-30. State-wide participation: 3,000 Needs schools to be involved. Profiling the sport needs to happen. In England the kids play at 8.
Football NSW (soccer)	State-wide participation: 200,000 The local association is Manly Warringah Football Association - this Association participation: 15,000 North Sydney is a very important area, North association has 16,000 players. Like to push Synthetic surfaces in built up areas. Historically behind Victoria (possibly only 12 or 13 full size pitches across city). Supportive of synthetic fields being developed in lower north shore.
Netball NSW	State-wide participation: 112,000 Local association is Northern Suburbs Netball Assn. Participation: 5,199
Basketball NSW	State-wide participation: 51,000 Northern Suburbs Basketball Association had 4,748 players in 2012 (65% male, 35% female)
Table Tennis NSW	State-wide participation: 2,500 (approx. 30% aged u21, approx. 10% aged 21-40, approximately 60% 40+) Sydney Northern District Association: Total 400+ Numbers 'wax and wane' dependent on enthusiasm from volunteers/officials Strong Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese presence Queensland Gov. give 5x more funds than NSW Gov. Believes there has been 30% state wide growth in the last couple of years Major NSW table tennis facilities – Penrith and Gladesville – are not good. These are leased facilities. Lighting not good. Need permanent home in the city.
Badminton NSW	State-wide participation: 1,800 (u15 180, u19 270, 19+ 1350) Assn. is Sydney Badminton Assn.
Royal NSW Bowling Assn.	State-wide participation: 161,000 (u18 1,500, 18+ 159,400) 2 recent club closures in North Sydney - mainly due to poor management. Only 2 left - Waverley not functioning as bowls club (bare feet). Only North Sydney club offer competition - an increase in population has occurred without facilities changing. Would like Council to help - clubs finding it problematic to develop relationships with Council because they operate after 5. Could offer clubs as a facility during the day (yoga class, bridge club).
NSW Junior Baseball League	State-wide participation: 14,500 (u9 1,300, 10-14 3,600, 15+ 6,100) Manly Warringah Junior Baseball Association.
Cricket NSW	313,000 NSW total (total club 122,500) (Of a total club 122,500: Entry level: 10,500) (Of a total club 122,500: Junior 50,000) (Of a total club 122,500: Senior: 62,000) Sydney Grade Cricket / Sydney Cricket Assn. Other LGAs are always stretched for space and don't like to share. Under 9's need synthetic pitches to play on.

ORGANISATION	NOTES
NSW Touch	State-wide participation: 110,000 (u18s 55,000, 18+ 65,000) Lack of space - both competitions full in North Sydney. Could grow further if had more fields - both knocked back new teams. Clubs 4 running 4 nights / 3 nights. All social. Clubs both well structured. Ability to grow hampered. North Sydney spring support for touch. Northern Suburbs Touch: u18s 2,4000, 18+ 2,100
Little Athletics NSW	State-wide participation: 41,600 (u9 23,600, 10-14 16,760, 15+ 1,270)
Triathlon NSW	Under 9's make up approximately 4% of triathletes, 10-15 year olds make up around 9% of triathletes and 16+ year olds make up approximately 87% of triathletes Triathlon has different demographic from other sports. Majority 35-49 age group, 70% state occupation as professional/senior management, 2:1 males over females Biggest issue is getting event venues in metro Sydney. Hard to close roads/traffic management. Easier to get other multisport events going e.g. aquathons as it takes traffic closing out of the equation. Nationally: triathlon growth is 20% compounded per annum over the last 6 years Triathlon participation has doubled in 3 years across the State Females participation has seen a fast growth rate in the area Increase/emphasis on Para triathlon now that this sport is in the Paralympics There is demand for a Triathlon track close to water in Sydney – North Sydney would be ideal. Currently take events to outer suburbs due to lack of facilities. Potential for North Sydney - need 50m pool - run out - wide road 1km loop then running track - would attract club races and elite junior racing. Spectator friendly. Triathlon NSW anticipate increased demand in North Sydney for facilities.
Yachting NSW	State-wide participation: 18,333 (u9 1,287, 10-14 2,625, 18+ 9,675) Mosman/North Sydney leads the way with junior growth in sailing through the "Tackers" which is the national junior participation program. These clubs have/ are developing strong relationships with local schools that are funnelling new participants in to the sport. Lack of parking (especially with trailers) Lack of rigging area around local clubs Lack of storage facilities at clubs Basically clubs need assistance from Council to help them expand and deal with growth/ demand. Inflexible lease terms which restrict clubs ability to fund their own growth
Rowing NSW	State-wide participation approx. 4,500 rowers (affiliated members 4,767 which includes officials, coaches etc.) Big thing is access to water (clubs like North shore/Mosman) pontoons/ramps. Combine with Council to improve access. Lots of schools share access through clubs. If North Sydney could invest it would be to create easy access & storage. Rowing is quite happy to share - many other water sports operate at different times.
Hockey NSW	State-wide participation: 27,593 (as at Sept '12) (u9 3,316, u18 10,452, 18+ 13,825) State-wide numbers are plateauing / slightly decreasing 2015/15 focus regional General lack of facilities in metro Sydney - similar in North Sydney. Need a major facility. North Sydney would be ideal.



ORGANISATION	NOTES
NSW Swimming	State-wide participation: 32,735 (12/13) (u9 6,000, 9-16 years 16,000, 16+ 11,000) Metro North East Association participation: 2,052 Memberships have been decreasing in the Metro North East Association area (-8% in the last year). Membership has dropped away since 09/10 Land a premium on that side of the city - not many facilities. Limited clubs accordingly. Limited participation - but clubs there are strong because of catchment. Strong area previously was Rockpools swimming - but weather has made that difficult. Harnessing good aquatic space for swimming is the strategic aim.
Squash NSW	Courts closing down because on private land - need Council built facilities. There is a centre in northern suburbs that is well used and has a world champion. In North Sydney squash is growing - have stats to prove (on-line system manages 'handicap' matrix). Australian Centre was close to council office - ten courts closed down. Squash NSW - like to see this replaced - believe it was get massive usage. Take small pumped up court to schools - let kids try the sport - but nowhere for them to go and play. Cost to build courts has come down - can having sliding walls so multifunctional spaces possible.
Ice Hockey NSW	Sydney Ice Arena in Baulkham Hills is on the verge of shutting down leaving hundreds of hockey players, speed skaters and figure skaters looking for another rink. There are no more arenas North of the bridge and people are often travelling south to find a rink to play at. Ice Hockey NSW believes that if done correctly, an ice rink in North Sydney can be a very profitable investment as well as create a stronger sense of community. A rink with proper facilities offers great benefits. It is recommended to have two ice pads in one rink so that public skating general sessions can happen all day. Ice hockey, figure skating and speed skating can be done on the regulation size ice rink. If these sports are going on during the general sessions it lets people know that there are on ice sports that can be played. Also, if the venue is built in conjunction with a rugby field and cricket pitch, there can be stands overlooking the field and the rink. This allows fans to not only watch the rugby and cricket, but also peek over to a hockey game or figure skating competition on their way through which may also spike their interest in the new sport and vice versa.

Chapter 7: Notes from other stakeholder consultation

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Recreation Needs Study Steering Group

The consultants appointed to develop the Recreation Needs Study liaise with the Study Reference Group. The Reference Group is represented by:

- Mayor and Councillors
- Council officers
- Recreation club representatives
- School representative
- Community members.

Meeting 1 –Project Steering Group.

Project focus considerations and elements considered as goal priorities

- Want evidence to support study outcomes
- Schools – do not underestimate impact/size of private schools (schools and university) and lack of land
- Seek innovative solutions for field management
- Understand implications of technology (impact on demand)
- Considers that Council has responsibility to fully utilise what exists (mindful of costs of maintaining new facilities)
- Events – include analysis/ participation in local events into Study considerations
- Need to consider finding the best voice to communicate to people, how to motivate them to be involved can be difficult

- Programming (informal activities) (not just infrastructure provision) is important
- Consider benchmarking examples from highly dense cities e.g. Hong Kong
- Study should address ways to mitigate against changing work patterns (longer, inconsistent hours/days) and the impact of social isolation.

Consultation priorities/concerns

- North Sydney has high worker and student visitation rates. There was debate over how to deal with this so that demand for recreation facilities by local residents are given priority
- Opportunities for partnerships (Universities)
- Speak to the Navy and the Roads and Maritime Service

Recreation for target groups

- Youth activities/participation (15-20 year olds) – increase participation (often overlooked)
- Student population projections seem inaccurate
- Population trends to be considered (look to the past and future), declining birth rates, increasing migration, impact of schools/students
- Turnover of residents is high (impact on demographics) – more diverse

Local considerations

- Future – young families (young children) in high-density living
- Future – open, outdoor areas (families, older people)
- Access to Harbour is important, especially for water-based recreation (kayaking, boating, fishing)
- Need to protect natural areas, some of the inner city bush walks (e.g. Berrys Bay trails) are very popular

- North Sydney has a vibrant community – eclectic mix of people with changing demands/desires. Need to be innovative, flexible, multi-purpose.

Activity considerations

- Community education – promoting benefits of being active. What to do / time management
- Encourage active transport (stairs not lifts)
- Impact of social media (e.g. sites such as Meetup and events on Facebook) is having on activities
- It is thought that there is a change in demand for different sports (cyclical)
- Community organisations not with core recreation focus, such as Waverton Hub, are offering important recreation activities for residents

Facility considerations

- Saving/protecting every bit of open space possible (parks are the new backyard)
- Need to protect, and increase amount of open space where possible, whilst using it in a more creative way
- Widen the appeal of existing recreation places (parks, sportsgrounds) by increasing the range and improving the quality of infrastructure
- Improve quality of existing facilities (especially parks and open spaces)
- Belief that demand outstrips supply (sports grounds)
- Known sports wanting facilities include hockey and netball
- Indoor facilities are likely to be needed
- Artificial surfaces (increase capacity) may relieve
- Increasing demand on outdoor facilities
- Schools – two new schools are proposed for the area, these are likely

to need access to outdoor sport, bushland, waterways (schools competing for access to council facilities)

- Sport – changes in sports delivery (smaller fields (multiuse fields) with better management of space)
- Can't force people to use facilities. Understand what people are using (solutions based on evidence)
- Need to understand demand for parasports (and connections to them)
- Consider supply of facilities in surrounding LGAs/broader region
- Schools may have capacity to hire out facilities in school holidays (income to schools, access to community). Many schools allow access to facilities to community organisations
- North Sydney Oval and Olympic Pool could be used more
- Footpaths and cycleways are important infrastructure to encourage walking, cycling etc. Community would like to see walks along the Harbour extended (connections from McMahons Point to Sawmillers)
- Increase in number of community gardens, likely to be continued demand for these facilities
- Potential for new facilities to be available on rooftops (especially car parks).

Meeting 2 – Project Steering Group.

Vision for recreation in North Sydney?

- Youth activities/participation (15-20) – increase participation (often overlooked)
- Indoor facilities are likely to be needed
- Artificial surfaces (increase capacity)
- Future – young families (young children) in high-density living
- Future – open, outdoor areas (families, older people)
- Increasing demand on outdoor facilities

- Schools – 2 new schools. Need access to outdoor sport, bushland, waterways (schools competing for access to council facilities)
- Schools – may need to reprogram
- Student population projections seem inaccurate
- Saving/protecting every bit of open space possible (park is the new backyard)

Vision notes (continued)

- Community education – promoting benefits of being active. What to do / time management
- Encourage active transport (stairs not lifts)
- Impact of social media
- Schools – not underestimate impact/size of private schools (schools and uni) and lack of land
- Sport – change in sport delivery (smaller fields (multi-field), better management of space)
- Innovative solutions for fields management
- Opportunities for partnerships (universities)
- Can't force people to use facilities. Understand what people are using (solutions based on evidence)
- Education precinct master plan – does it consider open space?
- Understand implications of technology (impact on demand)
- Putting residents and ratepayers first (needs)
- Understanding demand for parasports (and connections to them)
- Squash – facilities vs demand
- Population trends to be considered (look to the past and future), declining birthrates, increasing migration, impact of schools/students
- Consider facilities in surrounding LGAs/broader region

- Education is the biggest driver of change
- (involve universities in consultation for study). UTS partner with clubs.

What are the strengths of Nth Sydney now- from a recreation point of view?

- Schools – capacity in school holidays (income to schools, access to community)
- Many schools allowing access to community organisations
- Turnover of residents is high (impact on demographics) – more diverse
- Council has real responsibility to fully utilise what exists (mindful of costs of maintaining new facilities) (NSO and Olympic Pool could be used more)
- Olympic Pool (being master planned)
- Water sports – pool-based
- Underutilising the Harbour (kayaking, fishing, boating). Access to Harbour
- NSC allowing school access to ovals/facilities
- Vacation care – demand for outdoor water based activities
- Inner city bush walks (Berrys Bay trails)
- Cycle ways
- Future – extending walks along Harbour (boardwalks) – McMahons Point to Sawmillers
- Trend – increasing walking
- Trend – increasing dog ownership
- Events – include analysis/participation
- Footpaths – quality of paths
- NS vibrant community – eclectic mix of people > changing demands/desires. Need to innovative, flexible, multi-purpose
- Sport model of delivery to change (influenced by access to grounds but also time available by people)
- Finding the best voice to communicate to people, how to motivate
- Community gardens

What are the critical issues?:

- No hockey
- Demand outstrips supply (sports grounds), particularly demand for NS (vs Mosman)

Issues – What needs to be done to maintain and enhance the quality of facilities

- Protecting open space (natural)
- Increasing open space, where possible, and using in a more creative way
- Thinking about how to do things better
- Being open to ideas
- Many parks haven't had money invested. Improve quality of what's there (eg toilets)
- How to improve park attractiveness > increase use (not just mow grass)
- Incorporating community spaces at sports parks. Widening appeal
- Transformation of parks (cross-borders)

"Best practice" planning, management and allocation of resources

- Improving what NS has to the best possible standard before building new facilities
- NSC responsibility (duty of care) to health initiatives (shade, PA targets etc)
- Benchmark examples from highly dense cities e.g. Hong Kong

- Education NSW guidelines (no outside activities between 11am-2pm for students)
- How to encourage and facilitate partnerships with community and other stakeholders

How to encourage and facilitate partnerships with community and other stakeholders

- Partnerships with education providers (uni)
- Uni/NSC/community group – widening partnership base (rugby example)
- Advertising/corporate sponsorship/naming rights to fund facility improvements
- Navy
- Roads and Maritime Services
- Rooftops (car parks)
- HMAS Platypus redevelopment
- Smaller community groups (Waverton Hub)

Other comments

- Programming (informal activities) (not just infrastructure provision) is important
- Impact of social isolation (importance of programming)
- Impact of changing work patterns
- Change in sports (cyclical).

Sport and Recreation NSW

Sport and Recreation NSW does not know of any specific facility issues at North Sydney.

Sport and Recreation NSW has representation on the Sport and Recreation Reference Committee, but much of these meetings focus on capital works projects

Officers suggest that local clubs, state sporting organisations and NSROC (Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils) will be able to supply more information.

Harbour Trust

The Harbour Trust manage seven sites with one located in the North Sydney Council area; the HMAS Platypus site.

The 1.8ha HMAS Platypus site is a former gas works site that was previously used for a variety of Department of Defence functions before the Harbour Trust took over site management in 2005. There is some contamination on the site, which the current remediation project is addressing.

At this stage, there is only a commitment to remediate the site. The remediation project is expected to be complete by the end of 2014. The site will not be accessible to the public at that time, except for public open days.

Based on the vision for the site, the Trust reports the following proposals will improve recreation opportunities locally, however, they stress that funding has not been secured for future proposed works:

- a highly landscaped park is proposed for the northern area
- a walkway connecting the site to Kesterton Park and the ferry terminal to the south
- the wharf will be shortened to around 115m long, providing deep-water access.

However, these works have not been confirmed nor have there been funding commitments made beyond the remediation phase.

National Parks and Wildlife

No national parks are located in the North Sydney local government area.

Transport and Maritime Services

The Department notes that demand for recreational boating is increasing. To keep up with growing demand the Department has set the following targets for the Harbour area:

- 1000-1200 new spaces in dry-stack storage facilities
- 600-800 new commercial marina berths
- 300 new mooring spaces
- 150-250 new berths at private marinas and domestic facilities (Sydney Harbour Boat Storage Strategy – August 2013)

The Department supports councils making storage racks available for smaller vessels (row boats, dinghies and kayaks).

Assistance may be available through the Government's Better Boating Program.

Officers report that they are not taking applications for many mooring locations in this area due to high demand and unlikelihood of moorings becoming available. Below summarises access and demand for moorings in the North Sydney area.

Table 18: Demand for moorings in North Sydney

Name	No. of private moorings	No. of applicants waiting
Long Bay	91	1
Willoughby Bay	32	2
Salt Pan Creek	25	2
Mosman Bay	90	46
Shell Cove	74	36
Neutral Bay	47	52
Kirribilli	2	8
Careening Cove	18	28
Lavender Bay	51	17
Berrys Bay	74	12
Wollstonecraft Bay	6	5
Gore Cove Bay	43	8

Adapted from:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/moorings/priority-waiting-lists/sydney-region.html>

Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)

NSROC facilitate a sports committee, with representation across all NSROC Councils. The committee was formed to share information and take an active, coordinated approach to sport and recreation policy.

Agenda items of recent focus for the committee have been:

- planning and developing synthetic surfaces to deal with pressures on grass fields. The committee started to look at financing modelling of fields but now are focusing on developing a more regional approach to provision (integrating across codes, seeking a good distribution of facilities whilst providing regional facilities for elite sport provision)
- seeking solutions to protect open space (for organised and unorganised recreation needs)
- impact of increasing population densities on provision of sports fields and facilities
- increasing demand for indoor sport. Lane Cove and Willoughby Councils are investigating options (evidence based research).

NSROC recommends that there is likely to be the opportunity for cross-border collaboration between North Sydney and Mosman Councils. These Councils' recreation facilities are thought to be under enormous pressure with limited opportunity for developing additional facilities due to cost of land.

Chapter 8: Notes from Council officer consultation

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Consultation with staff is organised under the following themes:

- Impact of development, known or projected, on recreation
- Impacts on current supply and capacity of facilities
- North Sydney people and preferences
- Clubs and recreation provider feedback to Council
- Natural areas.

Impact of development (known or projected)

- there is considerable development proposed for the area, especially around St Leonards/Hume Street
- Precinct 2 study is currently underway, this will focus on retaining commercial floor space (part of work will be to identify potential other uses, such as recreation function of floor spaces)
- North Sydney Centre attracts a lot of workers to the area, but there is a lack of attractions in the area. A marketing strategy is being prepared
- Anzac Club site will become a state primary school (lease has been prepared). School has large indoor space but the grounds are heavily landscaped and not large enough for a sport oval
- the lease on the car park in Ward Street is due to expire, potential to consider alternate use(s), the DCP recommends a plaza for the site
- a development application has been lodged for 1a Alfred Street that

includes a number of recreation uses (6 lane bowling alley, rifle range, wave pool) . Currently is the site of Kirribilli tennis courts

- the proposal for Berrys Bay and the HMAS Platypus site is likely to include recreation facilities.

Impacts on current supply and capacity of facilities

- Fitness groups – use of parks/trees. Areas to be upgraded (exersites)
- Bushland management – balancing pressures from conservation versus people use (dog walking). Organised dog-walking companies have impact on sites.
- Boat storage – often receive requests for additional storage in parks.
- Dog off leash uses on sports fields (problem sites: Primrose Park).
- Undersupply of sport, plus pressure from external uses (commercial). Artificial surfaces are likely to be important to assist with demand
- Indoor centre – a member of the general public proposed a four-court centre at St Leonards. There are likely to be other options to explore in the CBD.
- Informal sports being played on sportsgrounds (e.g. Meetup) – lack of land options.
- Playgrounds – perception that there isn't 'older kids play'. Emphasis on shade.
- No indoor cricket anywhere on the North Shore.
- North Sydney can't deliver all sports (need a regional assessment of demand)
- Council procedures for allocation grounds (first to local clubs and schools then others (Commercial))
- Drainage from adjacent residential areas impacts fields, to the point of doing significant damage (e.g. Primrose field 2).

North Sydney people and preferences

- North Sydney is known as being dog friendly. However, this has consequences, such as:
 - many people take dogs into bushland areas and don't pick up after them
 - conflict with other park users, especially around children's play areas
- trends in demographics that should be considered:
 - increasing number of people with disabilities and mobility issues
 - increasing number of people coming from non-English speaking backgrounds
 - concerns about impact of social isolation (there are a large number of seniors, young people, lone parents and students that live alone)
- it is difficult to determine demands on infrastructure from workers.

Clubs and recreation provider feedback to Council

- Demand generated from schools on public grounds
- Fees and charges for use (school get charged minimal fees)
- Community clubs have requested leases (request for exclusive use). Council reluctant to award exclusive use (in case interests in that sport wanes)
- Indoor centre has a lease arrangement (has caused problem as it focuses on only providing basketball)
- Partnership – North Sydney Girls Netball courts

- Demand on council facilities by schools.

Natural areas

- North Sydney values its small pockets of bushland; remnant natural areas that are small and fragmented but highly used and impacted on (path verges). They are used for walking but rangers discourage running and biking in these spaces due to their impact
- It is difficult for staff and volunteers to maintain these natural areas because of high use; there is limited opportunity for regrowth/repair
- Volunteers report/complain of the dog faeces when undertaking weed control, either left on the ground or bagged and thrown into bushland
- People want a connection from Wollstonecraft Station to Berry Island through the bush, but officers have concerns about impact on natural area if this was to occur
- Geocaching is popular but Council has been reluctant in supporting it. The impact on natural areas is considered enormous as people go off tracks and the impact could be irreparable
- Rock climbing has occurred in Balls Head Reserve historically but it was banned in the 1990s (due to damage to foreshore bushland) but periodically rock climbers request access again.



Chapter 9: Notes from consultation with neighbouring local government authorities

North Sydney Council whilst being highly populated and urban dense, is small in size. It is not possible to provide a full range of recreation opportunities locally.

As such, discussions with immediate neighbours where there is likely to be a potential for cross-border recreation planning and provision occurred. The purpose of the consultation was undertaken in order to evaluate the agencies position on recreation planning and to understand their critical issues in meeting the needs of their constituents.

Views expressed in this chapter are from the consultation process and do not necessarily reflect the views of Council or @leisure Planners.

Lane Cove Council

Lane Cove Council is about to embark on a recreation needs study internally. As such, Council officers were reluctant to comment on key local issues until these findings are released, however, anecdotally, they believe that there is:

- substantial unmet demand for additional sport and recreation facilities. Intuitively, they think there may be an adequate number of sports fields locally, however, the quality of these do not meet sporting expectations. They are moving towards providing additional synthetic surfaces (currently building two synthetic fields at Blackland Park, Lane Cove West)
- a potential oversupply of small pocket parks with small playgrounds, particularly in suburbs where demographic indicators suggest there aren't many children
- unmet demand for dog off-leash areas.

Mosman Council

Mosman Council is currently preparing a Mosman Open Space Recreational Needs Assessment. It is expected that the draft Assessment report will be released for public comment in the coming month.

However, Council noted that the key consultation findings indicate that there was high community demand for swimming, basketball, cycle/walking trails, physical activities programs and additional sportsgrounds.

Consultation findings at Mosman demonstrated that the following priorities are desired to provide quality recreation facilities and opportunities. These are to:

- maximise access to recreation and sports facilities for a wide range of activities and a diversity of people
- increase participation in physical activity and sport through programming of indoor and outdoor venues
- increase efficiency of management and development capability
- increase the capacity of sportsgrounds, trails and outdoor spaces to meet current demand
- increase asset renewal to enhance: accessibility of sports and recreation facilities to all people, functionality; fit for purpose and shared use.

Council also notes that there is the potential to work more closely with North Sydney Council particularly in regard reviewing management operations for council indoor facilities.

Willoughby Council

As Willoughby had completed their Open Space and Recreation Plan in 2013, Council directed us to this document.

Within the next 5 years, Willoughby intends to deliver the following major projects. Some of these are likely to be used by North Sydney residents and recreation clubs.



Informal recreation:

- completion of new market gardens park
- Gore Hill Parklands

Trails and routes:

- implement proposals for pedestrian access to waterways and foreshores in the 'Sharing Sydney Harbour' Access Plan
- implement the new bike and pedestrian paths into and through the Chatswood CBD

Sport:

- convert another sports field to a synthetic sports surface
- implement or convert existing underutilised sports courts into multi-use recreational surfaces for training, junior sports and casual recreational use

Access to water:

- establish a kayak base on Middle Harbour foreshore
- complete new foreshore park on Sugarloaf Point

Aquatic facilities:

- complete Stage 1 Willoughby Leisure Centre.

Chapter 10: Facility Inventory

An inventory of facilities was prepared from all known sources as well as scanning internet sources and aerial photography. The following is a list of facilities by function type.

Table 19: List of facilities by classification type

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
Amusement park	Luna Park	Olympic Dr	Milsons Point
Arts centre/gallery / museum	Don Bank Museum	6 Napier St	North Sydney
	Lavender Bay Gallery	25-27 Walker St	North Sydney
	May Gibbs' Nutcote	5 Wallaringa Ave	Neutral Bay
Conservation of cultural /biological heritage	Badangi Reserve	Tryon Ave	Wollstonecraft
	Balls Head Reserve	Balls Head Dr	Waverton
	Berry Island Reserve	Shirley Rd	Wollstonecraft
	Brightmore Reserve	Brightmore St	Cremorne
	Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability	Balls Head Dr	Waverton
	Cremorne Reserve	Milson Rd	Cremorne Point
	Folly Point Reserve	Folly Point	Cammeray
	Forsyth Park	Montpelier St	Neutral Bay
	Gore Cove Reserve	Milray Ave	Wollstonecraft
	Harry Howard Reserve	Newlands Lane	Wollstonecraft
	Judith Ambler Reserve	Pine St East	Cammeray
	Mortlock Reserve	Vernon St	Cammeray
	Primrose Park	Young St	Cremorne
	Smoothey Park	Russell St	Wollstonecraft
	Suspension Bridge Reserve	Strathallen Ave	Cammeray
	Tunks Park	Brothers Ave (near Rowilson Pde)	Cammeray
	Waverton Park	Woolcott Street	Waverton
	Wonga Road Reserve	Wonga Road	Cremorne
Community horticulture/ Garden	Coal Loader Community Garden	2 Balls Head Dr	Waverton
	Kurraba Community Garden	141 Kurraba Rd	Kurraba Point
	Forsyth Park Community Garden	Montpelier St	Neutral Bay
	Milson Park Community Garden	McDougall St	Kirribilli
Hall/community meeting place	St Leonards Park (North Sydney Oval Function rooms)	Miller Street	North Sydney
	1st North Sydney Scout Group	Munro St	McMahons Point
	Bradfield Park	Alfred St South	Milsons Point
	Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability	Balls Head Dr	Waverton
	Crows Nest Centre	2 Ernest Place	Crows Nest
	Ensemble Theatre	78 McDougall St	Kirribilli
	Forsyth Park	Montpelier St	Neutral Bay
	Green Park	Warwick Ave	Cammeray
	Kirribilli Club	11 Harbourview Crescent	Lavender Bay
	McMahons Point Community Centre	165 Blues Point Rd	McMahons Point
	Neutral Bay Club	3 Westleigh St	Neutral Bay
	Neutral Bay Community Centre	190-192 Military Rd	Neutral Bay
	North Sydney Community Centre	220 Miller St	North Sydney

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
	Primrose Park	Young St	Cremorne
	Waverton Hub	6 Napier St	North Sydney
Indoor aquatic facility	North Sydney Olympic Pool	Alfred St South	Milsons Point
Indoor bowling sports	North Sydney Leagues Club	12 Abbott St	Cammeray
Indoor courts sports	North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre (NSISC)	36 Hume St	Crows Nest
	North Sydney Boys High	Corner Falcon & Miller Streets	Crows Nest
	North Sydney Girls High	365 Pacific Highway	Crows Nest
Indoor gym/fitness/dance	Crows Nest Dance Centre	449 Pacific Highway	Crows Nest
	North Sydney Leagues Club	12 Abbott St	Cammeray
	Flamencology Dance Studio	9-17 Young St (entrance via Grosvenor Lane)	Neutral Bay
	Forsyth Park	Montpelier St	Neutral Bay
	Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre	16-18 Fitzroy St	Kirribilli
	Life Source Yoga & Health	41 McLaren St	North Sydney
	Mango Dance Studio	9-17 Young St	Neutral Bay
	North Sydney PCYC	224-230 Falcon St	North Sydney
	North Sydney Yoga School	144 Blues Point Rd	McMahons Point
	St Leonards Park	Miller Street	North Sydney
	Sydney City Ballet	5 Myrtle St	North Sydney
	Well Centred	150 Pacific Hwy	North Sydney
	Mosman Martial Arts Academy	Military Rd	Neutral Bay
	Iron Grip Gym	Mount Street	North Sydney
	Arthur Murray Franchised Dance Studio and Social Club	Clarke St	Crows Nest
	Tanya Pearson Classical Coaching Academy	Chandos St	St Leonards
	The Institute of Dancing Excellence (TIDE)	Holtermann St	Crows Nest
	Evolution Performance Centre	Falcon St	Crows Nest
	The Early Dance Consort	Blues Point Rd	North Sydney
Indoor music /performing arts facility	Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre	16-18 Fitzroy St	Kirribilli
Indoor racquet sports	North Sydney Leagues Club (Squash)	12 Abbott St	Cammeray
	North Sydney Boys High (Badminton)	Corner Falcon & Miller Streets	Crows Nest
Look out	Captain Henry Waterhouse Reserve	Kirribilli Ave	Kirribilli
	John Street Open Space	John Street	McMahons Point
	Stanton Lookout	Kirribilli Ave	Kirribilli
	Tobruk Avenue Lookout	Tobruk Avenue	Cremorne
	Beulah Street Reserve	Beulah Street	Kirribilli
	Carradah Park	Larkin St	Waverton
	Copes Lookout	Kirribilli Ave	Kirribilli
	Dowling Street Road Reserve	Dowling Street	McMahons Point
	Dr Mary Booth Lookout	Kirribilli Ave	Kirribilli

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
	Ellis Lookout	Cairo St	Cammeray
	Kenneth Bolton Lookout	Yeo St	Neutral Bay
	Lady Gowrie Lookout	Kirribilli Ave	Kirribilli
	Lloyd Rees Lookout	Warung St	McMahons Point
	Neutral Bay Foreshore	Warringa Ave	Kurraba Point
	Spains Wharf Road Reserve	Warringa Ave	Kurraba Point
Memorial park/cemetery	Anzac Park	Ernest St	Cammeray
	Clark Park	Lavender St	Lavender Bay
	North Sydney Civic Centre Park	Miller Street	North Sydney
	Brothers Memorial Reserve	Fifth Ave	Cremorne
	St Thomas' Rest Park	West St	Crows Nest
Open space for relaxation	Ancrum Street Reserve	Ancrum St	Waverton
	Anzac Avenue Reserve	Anzac Avenue	Cammeray
	Anzac Park	Ernest St	Cammeray
	Balfour Street Park	Balfour Street	Wollstonecraft
	Barry Street Road Reserve	Barry St	Neutral Bay
	Bay Road Reserve	Bay Rd	Waverton
	Ben Boyd Road Park	Ben Boyd Rd	Neutral Bay
	Berry Island Reserve	Shirley Rd	Wollstonecraft
	Blues Point Reserve	Blues Point Rd	McMahons Point
	Bradfield Park	Alfred St South	Milsons Point
	Brennan Park	King Street	Wollstonecraft
	Brightmore Reserve	Brightmore St	Cremorne
	Cammeray Park	Cammeray Rd	Cammeray
	Carradah Park	Larkin St	Waverton
	Clark Park	Lavender St	Lavender Bay
	Colindia Reserve	Elamang Ave	Kirribilli
	Cremorne Reserve	Milson Rd	Cremorne Point
	David Earle Reserve	Commodore Cres	McMahons Point
	Doris Fitton Park	Berry St	North Sydney
	Doris Street Reserve	Doris St	North Sydney
	Forsyth Park		Neutral Bay
	Four Figs Park	Palmer St	Cammeray
	French Street Reserve	French Street	McMahons Point
	Gannura Reserve	Bank St	North Sydney
	Green Park	Warwick Ave	Cammeray
	Hamilton Reserve	Bridgeview Ave	Cammeray
	Hayberry Street Road Closure	Hayberry Street	Crows Nest
	Hayes Street Foreshore	Hayes Street	Neutral Bay
	Henry Lawson Reserve	Henry Lawson Ave	McMahons Point
	Hopkins Park	Alfred St South	Milsons Point
	Hume Street Park	Hume St	Crows Nest
	Kesterton Park	High St	North Sydney
	Mater Gardens	Pacific Highway	Wollstonecraft
	Mil Mil Street Road Reserve	Mil Mil Street	McMahons Point
	Milson Park	McDougall St	Kirribilli
	Mitchell Street Park	Mitchell Street	McMahons Point

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
	North Sydney Civic Centre Park	Miller Street	North Sydney
	Olympic Park	Alfred St South	Milsons Point
	Quibaree Park	Lavender St	Lavender Bay
	Sawmillers Reserve	Munro St	McMahons Point
	Smoothey Park	Russell St	Wollstonecraft
	St Leonards Park (incl North Sydney Oval and Bon Andrews Oval)	Miller Street	North Sydney
	St Peters Park	Blues Point Rd	North Sydney
	St Thomas' Rest Park	West St	Crows Nest
	Tye Park	Ancrum St	Waverton
	Warringa Park	Rawson St	Neutral Bay
	Watt Park	Lavender Cres	Lavender Bay
	Waverton Park	Cnr Woolcott St and Woolcott Ave	Waverton
	Weaver Park	Military Rd	Cremorne
	Wendys Garden	Lavender St	Lavender Bay
	Willow Tree Park	Rawson St	Neutral Bay
	Wollstonecraft Railway Station Park	Milray Ave	Wollstonecraft
	Wrixton Park	Willoughby St	Kirribilli
	Grasmere Reserve	Benelong Rd	Cremorne
	Mary French Reserve	French Street	McMahons Point
	Christie Street Reserve	Christie Street	St Leonards
	Kurraba Reserve	Kurraba Rd	Kurraba Point
Accessway/ Trail	Anderson Street Road Closure	Anderson St	Neutral Bay
	Bernard Lane Road Closure	Bernard Lane	Crows Nest
	Boatbuilders Walk	Munro St	McMahons Point
	Bob Gordon Reserve	Bay View St	Lavender Bay
	Browns Lane Road Reserve	Browns Lane	North Sydney
	East Crescent Street Lookout	East Crescent	McMahons Point
	Glenferrie Avenue Road Reserve	Glenferrie Avenue	Cremorne Point
	Highview Avenue Pedestrian Link	Highview Avenue	Neutral Bay
	Holdsworth Road Reserve	Holdsworth Road	Neutral Bay
	Jeaffreson Jackson Reserve	Moodie Lane	Cammeray
	Lavender Bay Foreshore	Glen St	Lavender Bay
	Lower Spofforth Walk (includes Hunts Lookout)	Bromley Avenue	Cremorne Point
	Oyster Cove Reserve	Ross St	Wollstonecraft
	Powell Street Open Space	Powell Street	Neutral Bay
	Richmond/Tobruk Pedestrian Link	Tobruk Ave	Cremorne
	River Road Pedestrian Link	River Road	Wollstonecraft
	Robertson Lane Road Closure	Robertson Lane	Kirribilli
	Shirley Road Pedestrian Link	Shirley Road	Wollstonecraft
	Sinclair Street Pedestrian Link	Sinclair Street	Wollstonecraft
	Upper Pitt Street Pedestrian Link	Upper Pitt Street	Kirribilli
	Wakelin Reserve	Bay Rd	Waverton
	Walker Street Road Reserve	Walker Street Road	Lavender Bay
	Westleigh Street Road Closure	Westleigh Street	Neutral Bay

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
	Winslow Street Road Closure	Winslow Street	Kirribilli
Walking Tracks	Berry Island Reserve	Shirley Rd	Wollstonecraft
	Carradah Park	Larkin St	Waverton
	Smoothey Park/Gore Cove Reserve	Milray Ave	Wollstonecraft
	Cremorne Reserve	Milson Rd	Cremorne Point
	Balls Head Reserve	Balls Head Drive	Waverton
	Primrose Park	Young St	Cremorne
	Tunks Park	Brothers Ave	Cammeray
	Badangi Reserve	Tryon Ave	Wollstonecraft
Outdoor Aquatic Facility (Water based recreation facilities)	Berry Island Reserve	Shirley Rd	Wollstonecraft
	Cremorne Reserve Pool	Milson Rd	Cremorne Point
	Folly Point Reserve	Folly Point	Cammeray
	Hayes Street Foreshore	Hayes Street	Neutral Bay
	Kurraba Wharf Reserve	Kurraba Rd	Kurraba Point
	Milson Park	McDougall St	Kirribilli
	Quibaree Park	Lavender St	Lavender Bay
	Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron	33 Peel St	Kirribilli
	Sailcorp Yacht Charters	King George St	Lavender Bay
	Sawmillers Reserve	Munro St	McMahons Point
	Sydney Sailing	Lavender Cres	Lavender Bay
	Sydney Flying Squadron	76 McDougall St	Milsons Point
	Tunks Park	Brothers Ave (near Rowilson Pde)	Cammeray
	Wrixton Park	Willoughby St	Kirribilli
	Blues Point Yacht Club	Blues Point Rd	McMahons Point
	Milson Park	McDougall St	Kirribilli
Outdoor skate/bmx facility	Cammeray Park	Cammeray Rd	Cammeray
Outdoor fitness facility (climbing etc.)	Tunks Park	Brothers Ave (near Rowilson Pde)	Cammeray
Sport	Neutral Bay Club (Bowls)	3 Westleigh St	Neutral Bay
Outdoor bowls/croquet greens	St Leonards Park (The Greens)	Miller Street	North Sydney
	Waverton North Sydney Club (Bowls)	Woolcott Street	Waverton
	Cammeray Park (Croquet)	Cammeray Rd	Cammeray
	Wollstonecraft Bowling and Recreation Club Ltd (Bowls)	7 Russell St	Wollstonecraft
Outdoor sports courts	Green Park (Tennis)	Warwick Ave	Cammeray
	Neutral Bay Club	3 Westleigh St	Neutral Bay
	Primrose Park (Tennis)	Young St	Cremorne
	Prior Avenue Reserve	Prior Avenue	Cremorne Point
	St Leonards Park (Netball)	Miller Street	North Sydney
	Ridge Street Car Park (Tennis World North Sydney)	37 Ridge St	North Sydney
	Cammeray Park (Tennis)	Park Ave & Ernest Street	Cammeray
Outdoor sportsgrounds	Anderson Park	Kurraba Rd	Neutral Bay
	Cammeray Park	Cammeray Rd	Cammeray

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
	Forsyth Park	Montpelier St	Neutral Bay
	Primrose Park	Young St	Cremorne
	St Leonards Park (incl North Sydney Oval and Bon Andrews Oval)	Miller Street	North Sydney
	Tunks Park	Brothers Ave (near Rowlison Pde)	Cammeray
	Waverton Park	Woolcott Street	Waverton
	Cremorne Garden Plaza	Military Rd	Cremorne
Plaza	Ernest Place	Ernest Place	Crows Nest
	Langley Place	Langley Place	Cremorne
	May Gibbs Place	May Gibbs Place	Neutral Bay
	Mitchell Street Plaza	Mitchell Street	St Leonards
	Brett Whiteley Place (Mount St Plaza)	Mount Street	North Sydney
	Kirribilli Plaza	Burton St	Milsons Point
Social / family recreation park	Green Park	Warrick Ave	Cammeray
	Blues Point Reserve	Blues Point Rd	McMahons Point
	Brennan Park	King Street	Wollstonecraft
	Brightmore Reserve	Brightmore St	Cremorne
	Cahill Playground	Sophia St	Crows Nest
	Cremorne Reserve	Milson Rd	Cremorne Point
	Euroka Street Playground	Euroka Street	Waverton
	Fred Hutley Reserve	Bridgeview Ave	Cammeray
	Grasmere Children's Park	Young St	Cremorne
	Grasmere Reserve	Benelong Rd	Cremorne
	Green Park	Warwick Ave	Cammeray
	Hodgson Lookout	Kurraba Rd	Kurraba Point
	Ilbery Park	Barry St	Neutral Bay
	Kesterton Park	High St	North Sydney
	Lodge Road Playground	Lodge Road	Cremorne
	Mary French Reserve	French Street	McMahons Point
	Milson Park	McDougall St	Kirribilli
	Phillips Street Playground	Phillips Street	Neutral Bay
	Prior Avenue Reserve	Prior Avenue	Cremorne Point
	Sirius Street Playground	Sirius Street	Cremorne Point
	Victoria Street Playground	Victoria Street	McMahons Point
	Warringa Park	Rawson St	Neutral Bay
	Watt Park	Lavender Cres	Lavender Bay
	Waverton Park (includes Merrett Playground)	Woolcott Street	Waverton
	Wollstonecraft Railway Station Park	Milray Ave	Wollstonecraft
Visual Amenity Space	Bellevue Park	Anzac Ave	Cammeray
	Bellevue Street Reserve	Bellevue Street	Cammeray
	Boyle Street Road Closure	Boyle Street	Cremorne Point
	Cheal Park	Falcon St	Neutral Bay
	Clark Road Island	Clark Road	Neutral Bay
	Clifton Street Road Reserve	Clifton Street	Waverton

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
Visual Amenity Space	Colin Street Road Reserve	Colin Street	Cammeray
	Colindia Avenue Road Reserve	Colindia Avenue	Neutral Bay
	Darby Gardens	Morden St	Cammeray
	Guthrie Avenue Road Reserve	Guthrie Avenue	Cremorne
	Harriette Street Road Closure	Harriette Street	Neutral Bay
	Honda Road Reserve	Honda Road	Kurraba Point
	Johnstone Avenue Road Reserve	Johnstone Avenue	Cammeray
	King Street Road Reserve	King Street	Waverton
	Lambert Street Gardens	Lambert Street	Cammeray
	Little Young Street Road Closure	Little Young Street	Cremorne
	Lloyd Avenue Reserve	Lloyd Avenue	Cremorne
	Lodge Road Island	Lodge Road	Cremorne
	Lodge Road Road Reserve	Lodge Road	Cremorne
	Lord Street Road Reserve	Lord Street	North Sydney
	Manns Avenue Road Reserve	Manns Avenue	Neutral Bay
	Margaret Street Road Reserve	Margaret Street	North Sydney
	McIntosh Lane Reserve	McIntosh Lane	Neutral Bay
	Merlin Street Reserve	Merlin Street	Neutral Bay
	Miller Street Gardens	Miller Street	Cammeray
	Morton Lane Road Reserve	Morton Lane	Wollstonecraft
	Neutral Street Road Reserve	Neutral Street	North Sydney
	Nicholson Street Road Closure	Nicholson Street	Wollstonecraft
	North Avenue Road Reserve	North Avenue Road	Cammeray
	Nottingham Street Reserve	Nottingham Street	McMahons Point
	O'Briens Gardens	Victoria Street	McMahons Point
	Paling Street Road Closure	Paling Street	Cremorne
	Pine Street/Arkland Street Reserve	Pine Street/Arkland Street	Cammeray
	Prospect Avenue Road Reserve	Prospect Avenue	Cremorne
	Reserve Street Road Reserve	Reserve Street	Neutral Bay
	Ridge Street Road Closure	Ridge Street	North Sydney
	Rose Avenue Reserve	Rose Avenue	Neutral Bay
	Ryries Parade Road Closure	Ryries Parade	Cremorne
	Samora Avenue Road Closure	Samora Avenue	Cremorne
	Shellbank Reserve	Wyong Rd	Cremorne
	Sinclair Street Rose Garden	Sinclair Street	Wollstonecraft
	Spruson Street Road Reserve	Spruson Street	Neutral Bay
	Sugar Works Reserve	Horace St	Waverton
	Tiley Street Road Closure	Tiley Street	Cammeray
	Toongarah Road Road Reserve	Toongarah Road	North Sydney
	Victoria/Mitchell Street Junction	Victoria/Mitchell Street	McMahons Point
	Walumetta Park	Walumetta Dr	Wollstonecraft
	Watersleigh Park	Waters Rd	Cremorne
	Weringa Avenue Road Reserve	Weringa Avenue	Cammeray
	West Crescent Street Road Reserve	West Crescent Street	McMahons Point
	Westleigh Lane Road Closure	Westleigh Lane	Neutral Bay
	Whatmore Lane Reserve	Whatmore Lane	Waverton

PRIMARY FUNCTION	FACILITY /RESERVE NAME	STREET ADDRESS	SUBURB
	Will Ashton Lookout	Woolcott Street	Waverton
	Wilson Street Road Closure	Wilson Street Road	Cammeray
	Winnie Street Laneway Reserve	Winnie Street Laneway	Cremorne
	Winslow Lane Road Closure	Winslow Lane	Kirribilli
	Woolcott Street Open Space	Woolcott Street	Waverton
	Wyagdon/Alfred Street North Reserve	Wyagdon/Alfred Street	Neutral Bay
	Wyong Road Open Space	Wyong Road	Cremorne
	Bromley Avenue Road Reserve	Bromley Avenue	Cremorne Point
	Bydown Street Road Reserve	Bydown Street	Neutral Bay
	East Avenue Road Reserve	East Avenue	Cammeray
	Echo Street Reserve	Echo Street	Cammeray
	Riley Street Road Closure	Riley Street	North Sydney
	Wyagdon Street Reserve	Wyagdon Street	Neutral Bay
	Young Street/Earle Street Island	Young Street/Earle Street	Cremorne
	Don Bank Museum Gardens	Napier St	North Sydney
	Lithgow Street Road Closure	Lithgow Street	Wollstonecraft
	Miss Gladys Carey Reserve	Bradly Ave	Kirribilli
	Warringa Road Road Closure	Warringa Road	Cammeray
	Badangi Reserve	Tryon Ave	Wollstonecraft
	Balls Head Reserve	Balls Head Dr	Waverton

Chapter 11: Sports field capacity review

The following tables illustrate the use of sports fields in North Sydney.

Table 20: Winter use of fields (average hours per week) (2014)

	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
Anderson	25	30.375	30.375	30.375	30.375	0
Cammeray	32.5	33.25	33.25	33.25	29	0
Forsyth 1	10	26	24	20	22.75	0.5
Forsyth 2	13.5	32.875	31.375	30.875	31.375	0
Primrose 1	39.5	28.25	32.25	28.25	27.75	0
Primrose 2	44	32.75	36.75	32.75	30	0
Primrose 3	26.75	31.5	35.5	27.5	25.5	0
Tunks 2	23	23.75	27.75	23.75	21	0
Tunks 3	13.25	19	23	19	17	0
Waverton	22	27.75	27.75	26.25	22.25	0

Table 21: Winter use of fields (average hours per week) over a six-year period (2009 to 2014)

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Anderson	31	29.75	33.625	31.125	30.75	31.5
Cammeray	33.25	32.25	32.25	30.5	32	31.75
Forsyth 1	25	24.75	25.5	24.625	29.625	27.25
Forsyth 2	32.875	32.125	30.75	32.125	31.875	32
Primrose 1	28.25	30.25	34.75	38.875	32	33.5
Primrose 2	32.75	35	35.75	35.375	31	31.75
Primrose 3	27	34.25	36	35.625	29	27.5
Tunks 2	23.75	19.75	21	20	19.5	24.25
Tunks 3	19	18.25	21	25.25	24.625	24.25
Waverton	27.75	30	32.25	33.125	32	32.25

Table 22: Summer use of fields (average hours per week) (2013/14)

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Forsyth 1	10.75	10.75	8.75	3.75	13.75	9.75
Tunks 2	8	9.5	9.5	10.25	10.5	9
Tunks 3	9.5	9.5	9.5	6.75	11.75	6.5
Tunks 4	8	8	8	6.75	10.25	6.5
Tunks 5	6.75	6.75	6.75	5.5	5.25	5.25
Anderson 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	9
Anderson 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	9
Cammeray	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.75	16.25
Forsyth 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	15
Primrose 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	15
Primrose 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	15
Primrose 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	12
Primrose 4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
Waverton	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	4

(Source: supplied by North Sydney Council)

Chapter 12: Potential participation by activity

Table 23: Anticipated demand for activities by number of people expected to participated in activity using State participation data

Activity	Projected No.s of People 2011	Projected No.s of People (2021)	Projected No.s of People 2031)	Potential Increase in number (now to 2031)
Outdoor activities:				
Aerobic / fitness	4,459	4,910	5,159	700
Aquarobics	538	592	622	84
Athletics / track and field	453	486	506	53
- Senior	299	329	345	47
- Little athletics	120	123	125	5
- Cross-country running	34	34	35	1
Australian rules football	1,200	1,297	1,353	152
Baseball	146	158	166	20
Basketball	994	1,086	1,138	144
Bushwalking	2,867	3,156	3,317	450
Canoeing / kayaking	717	789	829	113
Cricket	1,550	1,692	1,773	222
Cycling	8,728	9,415	9,815	233
- Cycling (organised)	5,614	6,181	6,495	881
- BMX	310	316	322	12
- MTB	776	855	898	122
Equestrian activities	519	568	596	77
Fishing	1,314	1,447	1,520	206
Football sports	30	31	31	1
Golf	4,569	5,028	5,283	714
Hockey	717	785	823	105
Lawn bowls	1,314	1,447	1,520	206
Motorsports	310	340	357	47
Netball	1,207	1,305	1,361	154
Orienteering	478	526	553	75
Rock climbing	119	132	138	19
Roller sports	2,145	2,197	2,242	97
Rowing	190	209	219	29
Rugby league	1,102	1,202	1,258	156
Rugby union	736	804	842	106
Running / jogging	5,435	5,984	6,288	853
Sailing	549	603	634	85
Shooting sports	239	263	276	38
Soccer football	3,404	3,704	3,875	471
Softball / tee ball	284	309	323	39
Swimming / diving	8,788	9,621	10,088	1,301
Tennis	4,339	4,755	4,988	648
Touch football	2,696	2,962	3,111	415

Activity	Projected No.s of People 2011	Projected No.s of People (2021)	Projected No.s of People 2031)	Potential Increase in number (now to 2031)
Triathlon	60	66	69	9
Volleyball	381	418	438	57
Walking for exercise	20,306	22,356	23,494	3,188
Waterpolo	75	81	85	10
Waterskiing / powerboating	299	329	345	47
Indoor activities				
Aerobics / fitness	9,093	10,010	10,519	1,426
Badminton	549	603	634	85
Basketball	1,513	1,650	1,727	214
Billiards / snooker / pool	60	66	69	9
Boxing	545	599	630	85
Carpet bowls	60	66	69	9
Cricket (indoor)	187	205	215	28
Dancing	1,579	1,693	1,760	181
Gymnastics	300	315	326	26
Hockey (indoor)	60	66	69	9
Martial arts	875	946	986	112
Netball	538	592	622	84
Soccer football (indoor)	1,079	1,183	1,241	162
Squash / racquetball	429	472	495	66
Table tennis	119	132	138	19
Tenpin bowling	482	530	557	75
Volleyball	620	681	714	95
Weights training	1,672	1,841	1,935	263
Yoga	1,194	1,315	1,382	188

Chapter 13: Feedback received on the draft needs study

A summary of feedback on the Draft Recreation Needs Study is provided below.

Key issue/ report section	Feedback Summary	Response
Demand for Trails:	Resident 1: Off road trails for walking and cycling - more off road trails for walking are needed that allow opportunities for off and on leash dog walking.	No changes to the document required, as the comment is supportive.
Value of green space and canopy trees:	Resident 1: Social / family recreation (SFR) space - preserve our parkland for social and family use - keep it free and undeveloped. Parks are beautiful to have for families to get together and for elderly people to get out and have free and open space - and also provide space for off leash dog walking. This is so important to our community. Open Space - We need to ensure our open space and parkland remain free and undeveloped. In particular, parks like St Leonard's Park, which has huge sentimental and heritage significance for the community. Further development of the open space in St Leonard's Park, such as an indoor sports centre, should be banned.	No changes to the document required, as the comment is supportive.
Value of green space and canopy trees:	Resident 4: reference to 'redesign of the eastern side of St Leonards Park to provide better integrated outdoor facilities' is a cause for concern. In recent years the RTA took a section of the park at Merlin St to provide the slip lane from the expressway and one unrealised plan was to 'land' the pedestrian walkway over the expressway onto the park. I believe that no additional encroachments onto St Leonards Park should be permitted.	No changes to the document required, as the comment is supportive.
Demand for quality sports facilities and parks:	Resident 1: We have great sporting facilities - need to balance the need and use of our sporting facilities from people outside the council area - we get a lot of undue pressure to develop our parkland to provide facilities for sporting bodies outside the North Sydney area.	The number of people who travel out to other council areas to use facilities is likely to be similar to those who travel in.

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Demand for Indoor Sports:	SHORE: Consider the school's plans for a replacement Senior School gymnasium and swimming pool facility. Shore has not resolved its final plans for community use, but suggests that the following activities may be appropriate and consistent with Shore's objectives and goals: Weights room: Shore fitness club with access to cardio and weights room for set periods Gymnastics: Internal and external gymnastics squad (noting that the draft RNS shows that there is no publicly accessible indoor gymnastics facility in North Sydney) Basketball: Home training base (possibly for North Sydney Basketball Association which, as noted in draft RNS notes, requires more courts)	Work with Shore and other educational facilities to progress opportunities to provide community access to further sports and fitness facilities.
Water based recreation:	SHORE: The following activities may be appropriate and consistent with SHORE'S objectives and goals: Swimming pool: Carnivals for local schools, internal swim club for over 18's, water polo club. SHORE looks forward to working with Council on the community access ideas expressed in this letter and would welcome changes to the draft RNS to reflect the school's willingness to provide appropriate public use of its planned replacement gymnasium and swimming pool.	Work with SHORE and other educational providers to progress opportunities to provide community access to further sports and fitness facilities.
Demand for quality sports facilities and parks:	SHORE: The draft RNS (p. 43 and 58) include the following as a Key Strategies and Actions: 8.2.7 Should the Sydney Church of England Grammar School proceed with the development of sports facilities on the Graythwaite site, seek to negotiate the delivery of shared hockey or other playing field sports with some community use. Shore has no approval or future plans to provide formal sports facilities on the Graythwaite site. Given this, Key Action/Strategy 8.2.7 is unachievable and should be deleted. Shore would, however, endorse a replacement Key Action/Strategy that suggests that Council could negotiate community use of Shore's planned replacement gymnasium and swimming pool. Page 38 of the supporting document states: Both Redlands and Shore are looking at development further indoor facilities North Sydney boys high was only school that was positive when approached. SHORE school's purchase of the Graythwaite site a shame – the site was publicly accessible for a while before the sale of the land (helpful to CDB lunchtime users), but now is not accessible. SHORE would welcome an opportunity to partner with Council to facilitate appropriate community use of the planned replacement gymnasium and swimming pool. The Graythwaite site was never formally accessible to the public and Shore's conservation and rehabilitation of house and grounds (which are listed on the State Heritage Register) should be commended. Given this, the second point should include a correction.	8.2.7 is unachievable and should be deleted. Shore would welcome an opportunity to partner with Council to facilitate appropriate community use of the planned replacement gymnasium and swimming pool. Delete comment about the Graythwaite site.

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Social family recreation space:	Resident 5. - I am only commenting on Brennan Park as that is the park I visit most frequently. There are some parks that are more advanced with playground equipment but Brennan Park is the only one I feel comfortable safely taking care of my grandson. Although we all agree the digger doesn't work it's a great idea and some of the other equipment could be revamped. I love the Moreton Bay tree and the shade it affords and the chance for small children to sit on the low branches and again use their imaginations. Another couple of seats would be appreciated and a waste bin for people to put their rubbish. I would hate to see one of those all swinging plastic playgrounds put in. There is an excellent one at Berry Island but Brennan Park has other charms, a certain old-fashioned air, a wonderful open parkland for running and playing ball and an eternally fascinating group of dogs and their owners. I support the park allowing dogs running off their leads. So please keep the wonderful open parkland area, with more low-key adventures for the young with climbing equipment in a non-threatening environment. Overall Brennan Park is unique and rather than transform it to look like every other park please maintain it.	
Demand for sport:	Resident (s) 2: Thank you for your public reassurance in the Mosman Daily that there is no proposal to build a synthetic turf sportsfield in St Leonards Park. But there is concern that Council focus is solely on the advantages of synthetic turf as a surface, but not on whether or not a playing field, presumably with a grass surface should be built. The reference in the Recreation Needs Study 2015 that has alarmed me is under the section headed Specific Issue Based Strategies and Actions - Priorities, 2.10. (p44) 'In the master planning of St. Leonards Park seek a redesign of the eastern side of the park (taking into consideration the St Leonards Park Pedestrian and Cycling Park Feasibility Study 2014) to provide a shared trail, better integrated outdoor sports facilities with increased capacity, as well as enhanced environmental values'. This must surely indicate that the possibility of a sports facility, either natural or synthetic, is still being held open.	The master plan for the park will assess all appropriate development and allow full consultation on the realistic options.

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Demand for sport:	Resident 3: This is a very comprehensive and well-prepared report, which provides a lot of basic information from which needs can be assessed and further actions taken. However there does appear to be some dominance in the responses from hockey groups which has been alluded to in the report. Such "dominance" should not be taken at all to indicate that hockey's needs are greater than other organised sports, rather it does show that hockey is smarter and more organised than other sports in getting representatives on the relevant Council committees and organising responses to the survey. Other sporting groups equally have the same needs I am sure. If hockey has such a need for facilities (and I am not at all saying that they may not have such a need) then that need is not just in North Sydney but elsewhere in the North Shore and Sydney generally. If schools are the instigators of such facilities then buses can be hired to transport children to facilities outside of North Sydney or even within North Sydney if the distance to travel is considered to be beyond a reasonable walking distance.	Hockey is a sport that has recently lost considerable numbers of players in the region because of the reduction in the number of facilities, and because juniors are not easily able to travel to Ryde or Homebush from North Sydney.
Demand for sport:	Resident 3: The report does not comment on Councils perceived or actual responsibilities to provide sporting facilities for workers and students who do not live in North Sydney - However the report favours "pay and play" for the use of such facilities but I doubt whether such a policy would really ever cover a high proportion of the cost of facilities that may be heavily used by non resident groups at peak periods of any day. This therefore becomes an additional cost to ratepayers who will not get the full benefit of such a cost even though the facilities are there for their use when they are not being used by the "pay and play" groups. I appreciate that this is a difficult area but real cost recovery must be considered and actioned if there is an under recovery of actual costs. I consider it to be less than optimal for one Council to consider the development of sporting facilities in its own area without discussing sporting needs with neighbouring Councils as they may also have the same needs and be looking for solutions	The report clarifies that Council has a role in providing for employees and visitors to the city and benefits considerable from employers and educational institutions in the Council area. There are considerable opportunities to work with adjacent councils in the provision and management of facilities.
Demand for Indoor Sports:	Resident 3: Should schools require more sporting facilities they should incorporate them into their new buildings plans where ever possible. Private schools in particular should be required as part of their DA's to provide for sporting facilities and Council should actively cooperate with them to facilitate such provision. Also private schools should be required to "pay and play" for the use of sporting facilities on a full cost recovery basis. The ACU should be similarly treated. The study also recommends that schools encourage broader community use of their facilities wherever possible. This is already being done by a number of	There are clear opportunities for schools, clubs and Council to work more closely.
Demand for Trails:	The Aust. Catholic University: As you know The Aust. Catholic University recently signed a MOU with Council and has also launched a new Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Strength to Strength and in the plan "our communities" are a key stakeholder to our success and we seek to work collaboratively with all our partners.	

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Demand for Trails:	Resident 4: - Perimeter Exercise Paths around the Cammeray Golf Course could prove dangerous for those using such a facility. Errant Golf balls are regularly found in neighbouring streets. Any clearing of vegetation to provide paths could increase the hazard for residents and traffic.	
Demand for Trails:	Resident 5: – In Brennan Park the overall sense of personal adventure and exploration in the park around the playground area is to be encouraged e.g. the little side paths so good for imaginative play about travelling through the jungle and meeting lions and tigers! However the paths do need to be checked but more low-key adventure paths would be great. We also use the park to walk to North Sydney library, to go to North Sydney Produce Market etc as it is the most pleasant experience.	
Demand for Indoor Sports:	The Aust. Catholic University: Through the redevelopment of the 1988 Bicentenary Indoor Basketball court in Edward Street which could also provide opportunities for other sports such as Badminton. The Aust. Catholic University could support the supply of sports facilities (as described on p40) with the redevelopment of this court, however the Council planning laws may have to change. Whilst the academic and student needs would come first for the use of this facility; all our business planning includes the upsizing of recreation spaces and facilities and clubs. Whilst the Council could consider easing of planning of planning controls in North Sydney to open up additional recreational facilities through providing developments a partnership with the University for space already built may be easier. Page 43 objective 3.7 asks the Council to consider a North City Sports program for staff and CBD workers that utilises school and community sports facilities during the day. The University could assist in this objective.	Work with ACU to make the basketball court available to the public and provide other sporting opportunities. Consider planning controls as noted in the plan to assist community access and such partnerships.
Demand for water based recreation:	The Aust. Catholic University: The University supports the redevelopment of North Sydney pool in particular for swimming and Water Polo use. The extension of recreation and sport opportunities at the pool would also be supported by the University; through additional University Clubs such as a swim and water polo club. The University would also hire the pool for Learn to Swim and stroke correction classes for the growing number of International students	As above
Sports Facilities:	Combined Precincts Committee: What is Council doing to provide AFL facilities'?	Note in the plan that there is no suitable facility in the City to accommodate AFL at this stage. Not all sports can be provided in every Local Government Area and facilities for AFL are available in Mosman and Willoughby Councils.



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Implementation:	Resident 3: That Council publicises the achievements and/or progress on actions that come out of the RNS, and provide a regular update of the status of actions Perhaps add something into the Implementation Plan that allows for ongoing promotion of projects that are completed over the life of the plan.	Action to be added about publicising the achievements of the plan and reporting on the status of actions.