

CONSULTATION REPORT

With the upcoming swim site soon to open, Council is proposing to upgrade facilities in the park to support the site. Council shared concept designs with the community and sought feedback.

Set out below is the summary of feedback received during the community consultation period.

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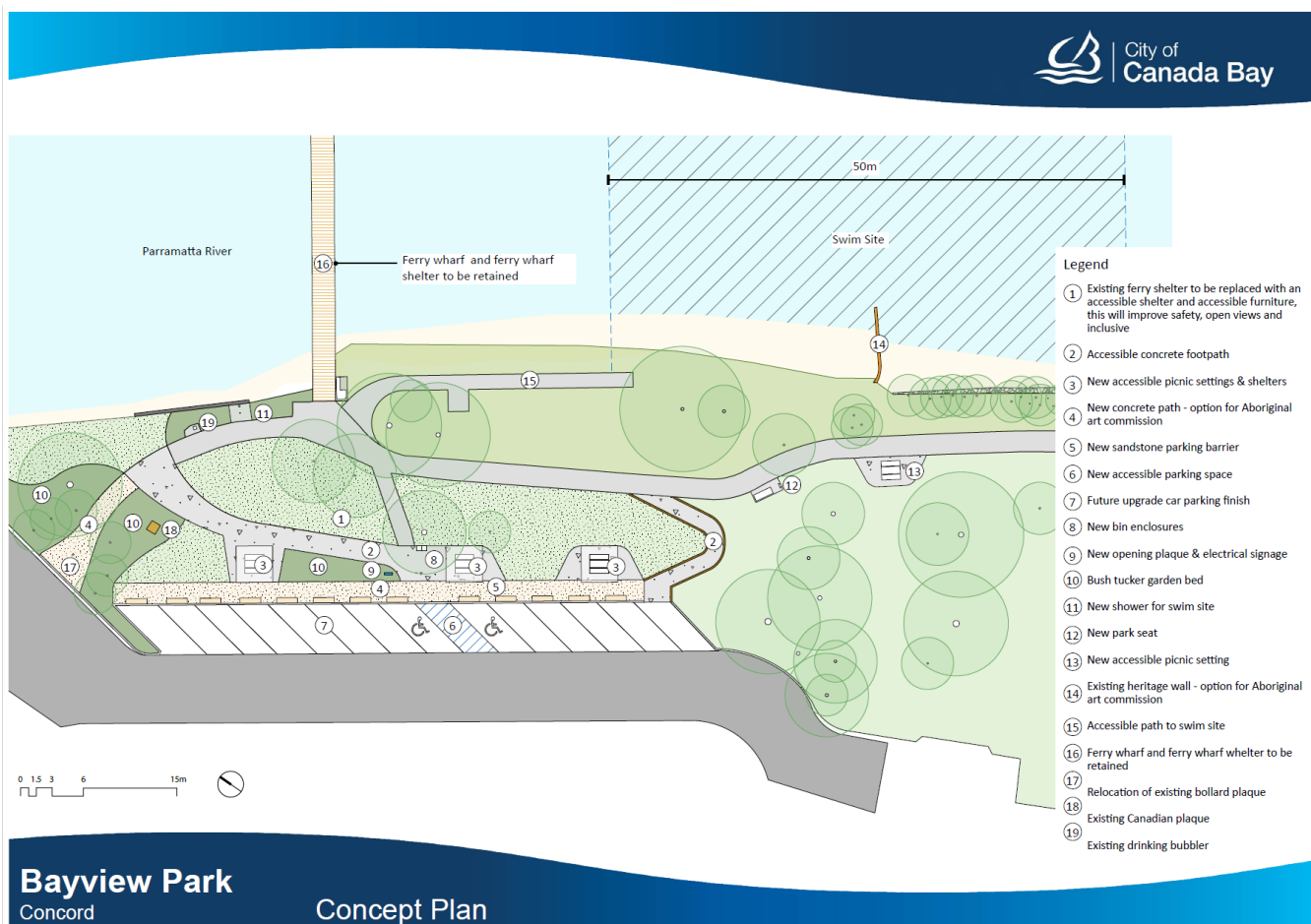
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Background

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The proposed upgrades include:

- New accessible parking spots
- Accessible pedestrian links from the parking spots to the existing path network in the park
- Upgrading of existing picnic shelters and tables
- Replacement of the existing ferry shelter in the park with an accessible shelter and accessible furniture to improve safety, open views and inclusivity
- New plantings and landscaping
- Upgrade of rubbish bins
- Retaining heritage site wall with a view to commissioning Aboriginal artwork
- Installation of outdoor shower



Consultation Program

The consultation period was from 26 August – 18 September 2022

What methods were implemented to notify the community of this consultation opportunity?

- Direct notification Letters to approx. 1,100 owner- occupiers and tenants in the surrounding area >
- Email notification to participants from Bayview Park swim site consultation
- Direct emails and phone calls to key local stakeholders

What engagement methods were undertaken?

- Online engagement survey at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au
- 2 x in-person drop-ins at Bayview Park on 31 August at 11am – 1pm & 4 – 6pm
- Direct email and phone number provided for further information

Consultation Summary

Participation

1,220 visits to the Collaborate website page
17 survey submissions
14 emails
Approx. 55 drop-in participants

Email Feedback

14 emails were received by Council, containing varied feedback on the proposed upgrades. Feedback has been outlined in the below tables.

Drop-in Session Feedback

On Wednesday 31 August, Council officers hosted two drop-in consultation sessions at Bayview Park from 11am – 1pm and 4 – 6pm. Approximately 55 residents participated. Feedback was taken by Council staff and has been outlined in the below tables.

Results summary

- 100% of participants support the plans to upgrade the park (17/17)
- Most participants at the drop-ins and emails stated they support upgrading the park, however concerns about the swim site remain top of mind for some participants
- There was a misunderstanding about the ferry shelter removal. Some participants thought Council was referring to the ferry stop shelter at the end of the wharf. Council has clarified this to all participants and sought additional feedback based on this clarification. Feedback is captured below:
 - 70% (12/17) of survey participants support the removal of the ferry shelter into a picnic shelter. Those that voted against it did so thinking Council was proposing to remove the ferry shelter on the wharf
 - Several participants at the drop-in believe the ferry shelter in the park could remain if it included some tables and was more functional as it protects from the wind
 - Having sought further feedback based on the clarification, five participants responded with support for removing the shelter, while one participant said it should be kept since it is already there and is useful in cold weather and rain.



Survey results

What the community likes about the planned upgrades:

- Focus for walkers and cyclists
- Will enhance appeal of the park
- The area has aging infrastructure and needs a refresh
- Picnic shelters
- Bush tucker garden bed
- The design opens the space for greater enjoyment
- Excitement about the new swim site (6 mentions) – swimming, safety, better access for kayaks, separation for paddle-board area
- Shower
- Improved accessibility

Feedback on proposals (survey, drop-in and emails)

Theme	Details, # of submissions
Seating	• Add some closer to swim site for viewing (4) • More seating (2)
Ferry shelter – removal or not?	• Current structure acts as a protection from wind, should be kept (4) • Removing will open up the views of the area (4) • Add tables to make it more useful (2) • Make a bigger picnic area in its place – for 2 families (1)
Picnic shelters	• Timber screening around all new shelters to protect from wind (2) • Consider alternatives to corrugated iron roofing (1) • Add more picnic shelters (2)
Bike parking	• Provide bike racks (3)
Boat launch / pedestrian path	• The pedestrian path directs people to cross right through the reversing and turning zone of the ramp. Would be safer to route the new path around the boat reversing zone rather than replacing the current path (3) • Remove the boat launch (1) • Add fish cleaning table (1) • Issues with boats in summer (2)
Pathways	• Hazardous for children and elderly due to cyclists riding at speed. Need signage to address this (4) • Path that connects around the peninsula is not wide enough for shared use however it is sign posted as a bike path on Google maps etc. There is a liability issue here as the paths in front of the apartment blocks are sign posted with “cyclists dismount here”. Suggestion to upgrade the path to a shared path (2) • No need to create concrete path to the foreshore (1) • Move bike path away from the water’s edge and move picnic tables closer to the water (1) • Can Council design a more attractive alternative to white concrete paths? (1)
Outdoor shower	• Oppose - will attract campervans to stay in the park (3) • Oppose – will create dirty environment near the forehorse (3) • Support (1) • Support - move closer to swimming area (1) • Support - should have automatic timer on tap (1)
Water fountain	• Needs a shelter (1)

	· Water often comes out hot (1)
Lighting	· Add more (1) · Too many fig trees on the playground side of the park makes that area very dark. Suggestion to remove every second tree (1) · Is bollard lighting fixed? (1)
Heritage wall	· It is dangerous and should be removed – it will be used as a diving board into shallow water (3) · Place “no jumping” signage (1) · Confusion on what it is exactly (1)
Parking & cars	· Parking is already an issue, upgrades will make it worse (13) · How will adding two disabled parking spot address increasing visitors to access the foreshore in front of Bushells? (1) · Is disabled car parking necessary, and in these locations? (1) · Non-residents should pay for parking in the park during open hours (1)
Bins	· Collection of bins should be on a Sunday (3) · Need more bins for boat ramp and for hot coals (2)
Bush tucker garden	· Supported (3) · Not supported, community will not use (1) · Need more information on what it is (1)
Trees	· Casuarinas need annual poisoning to open up the space (5) · Remove small plants to improve visibility (1)

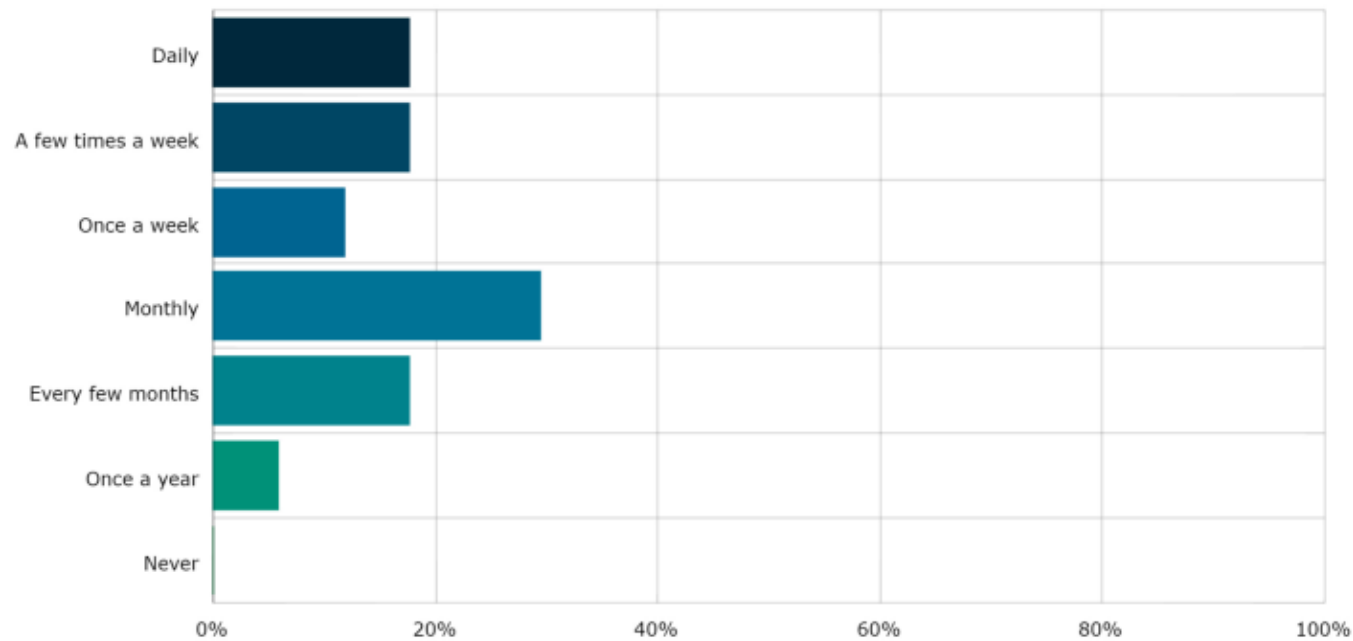
Other suggestions for the park

Theme	Feedback and # of submissions
Swim site	· Water quality concerns (12) · Godwit protection may be compromised with development of the swim site (2) · Support for the pool as a good idea (1) · Will there be access point for kayaks? (1) · Want daily water quality updates (2) · Can dogs swim there? (1)
Maintenance	· Lights near entrance are blocked by trees (1) · Boat ramp cleaned regularly at low tide to avoid injuries and infections due to cuts and scrapes using the ramp (1) · Clean up decade’s old industrial debris (1) · More funding needed for general maintenance of the park (5) · Bricks were thrown into the water and never cleaned up (2)
Entrance gate	· Fix gate so that people can’t cover the censor and stay inside the park after dark (4) · Gate is often broken and/or not closed (4)
Consultations	· Feeling that consultations are often done after decisions have already been made – specifically the swim site (7) · Need more time to provide feedback (4)
Ranger attendance	· Need to patrol more often to fine cars and visitors doing the wrong thing (5)
Playground	· Remove the current loose sand in the playground area and replace with some materials that are safe for the children. It will reduce mess for the parents when cleaning up kids (3) · Children’s playground equipment at Bayview Park should be upgraded as part of this project. Most of the pieces there are unattractive & outdated (1)
Parking security	· Cars parking around round about in no stopping zones (1)

	· Cars entering Bayview Park and getting stuck inside. Locals with swipe cards assist because rangers take 1 – 2 hours to attend (3)
Fig tree that fell over	· Big area closed off from public entrance, why? (1)
Hot coals	· Hot barbecue coals are a concern as the smoke blows into peoples houses and they are often left behind to smoulder on the grass (9) · Council should erect “No open fire” and “Do not litter” signs
Bushell’s site	· Query on how Council intends to maintain a new park 300m from Bayview Park if Bayview Park isn’t adequately maintained (3) · Lack of “whole community planning” by Council e.g. how does this project fit with the Bushell’s development (2) · Will ferry service be brought back? (4)
Amenities block	· Suggestion that it be moved in between swim site and playground and upgraded (2) · Dirty (1) · Not big enough (2) · Add change rooms (1) · Need upgrades (2)
Buses	· Need more frequent buses (1)

4. How often do you visit Bayview Park? Required

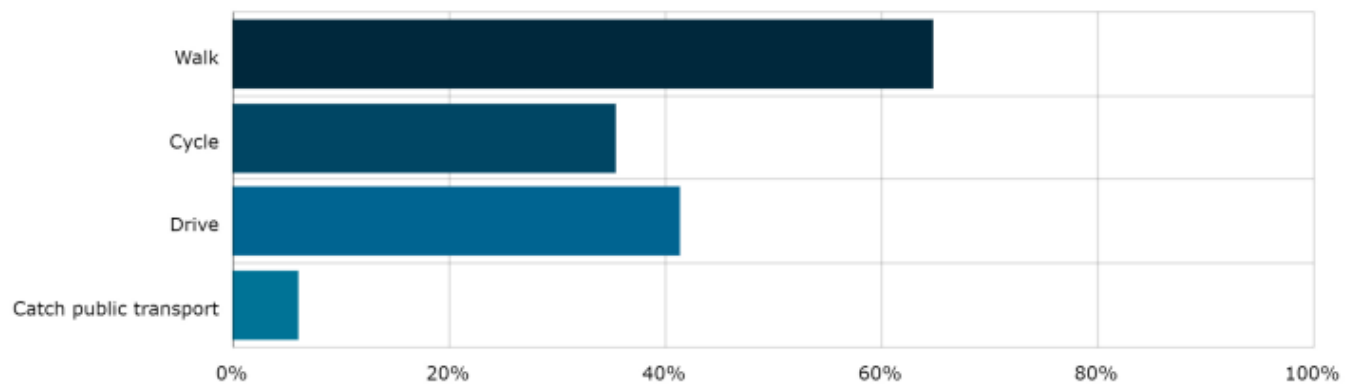
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Daily	17.65%	3
A few times a week	17.65%	3
Once a week	11.76%	2
Monthly	29.41%	5
Every few months	17.65%	3
Once a year	5.88%	1
Never	0%	0
Total	100.00%	17

5. How do you get to Bayview Park? Required

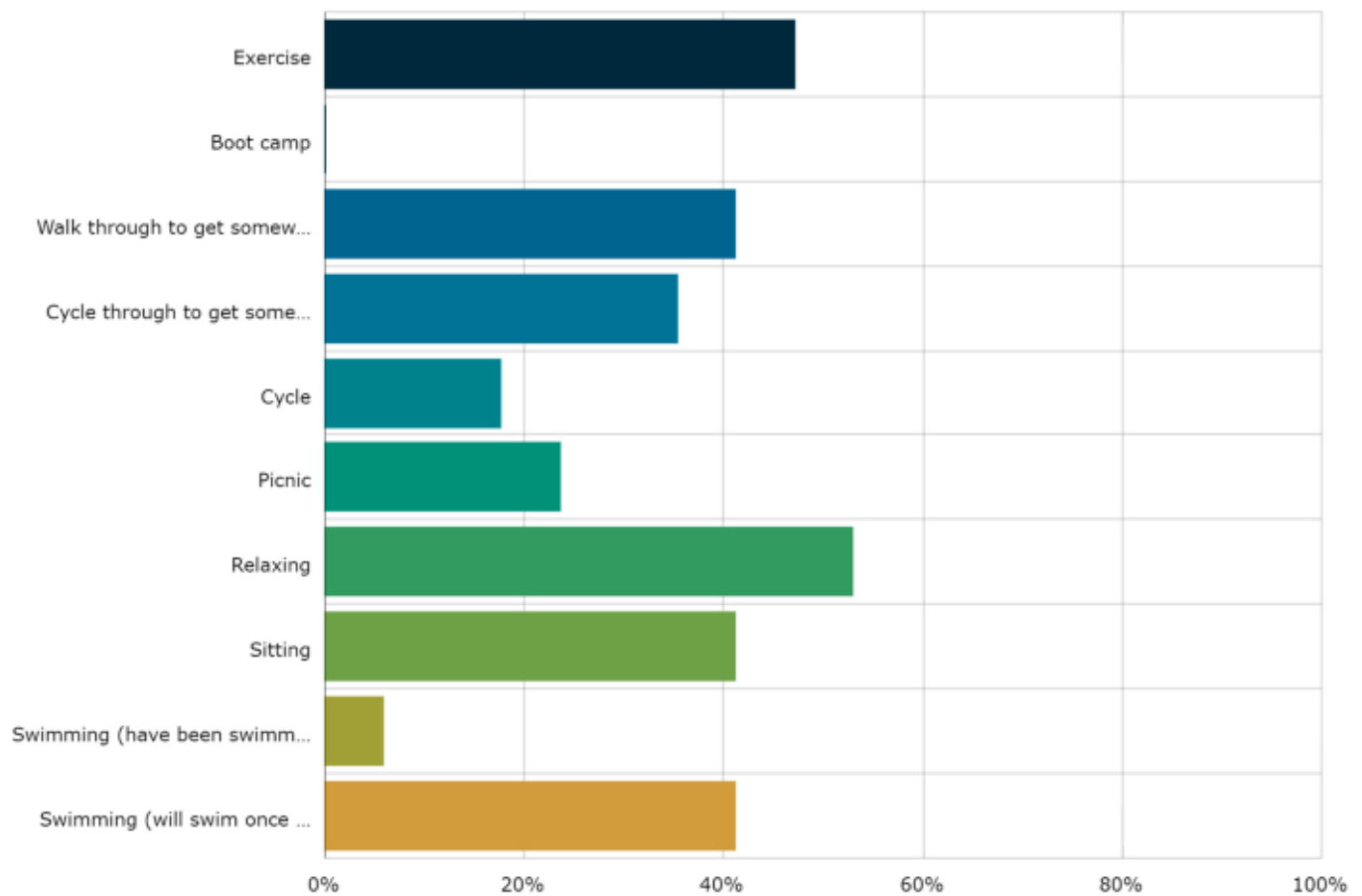
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Walk	64.71%	11
Cycle	35.29%	6
Drive	41.18%	7
Catch public transport	5.88%	1

11. What do you do in Bayview Park? Required

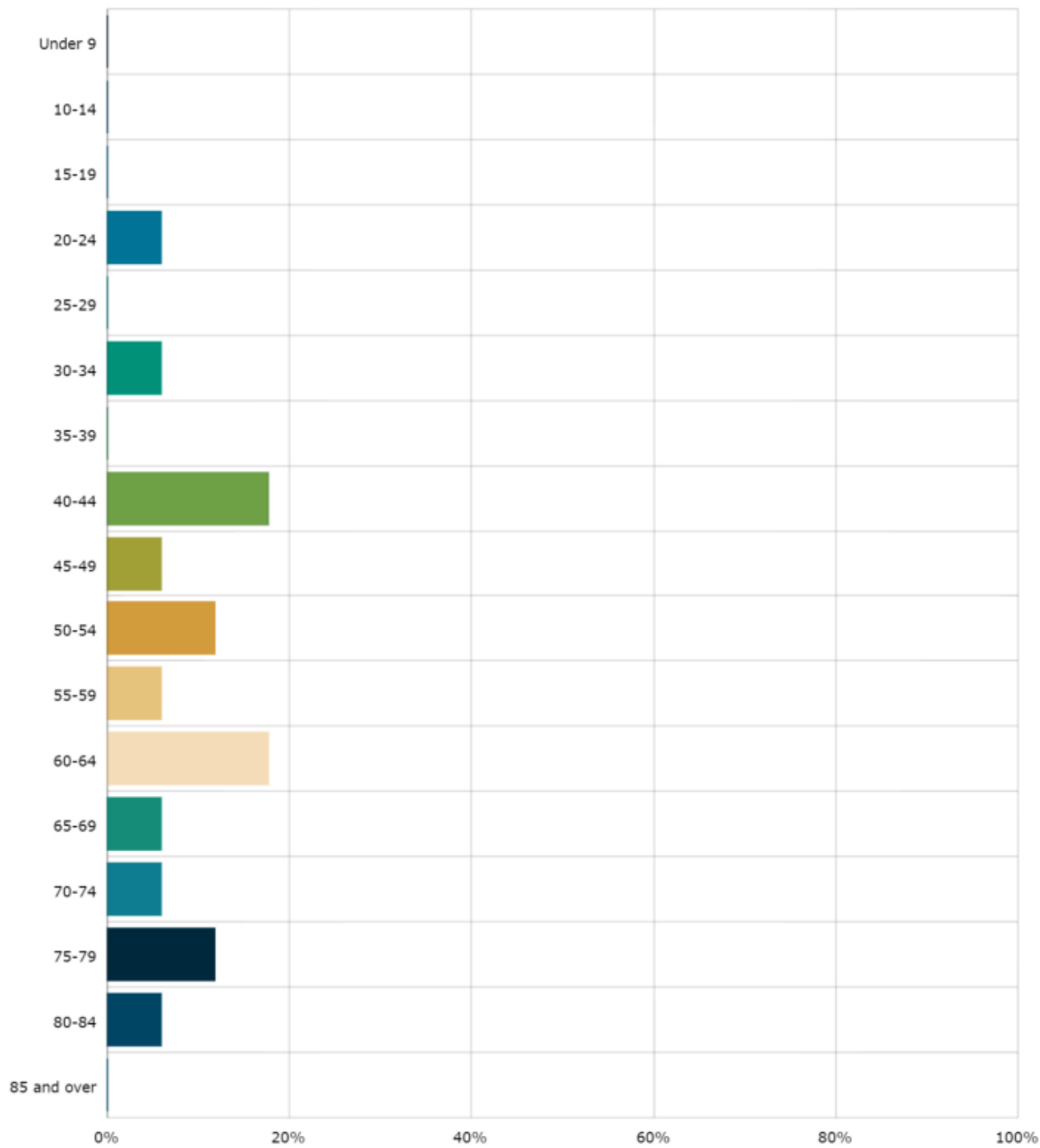
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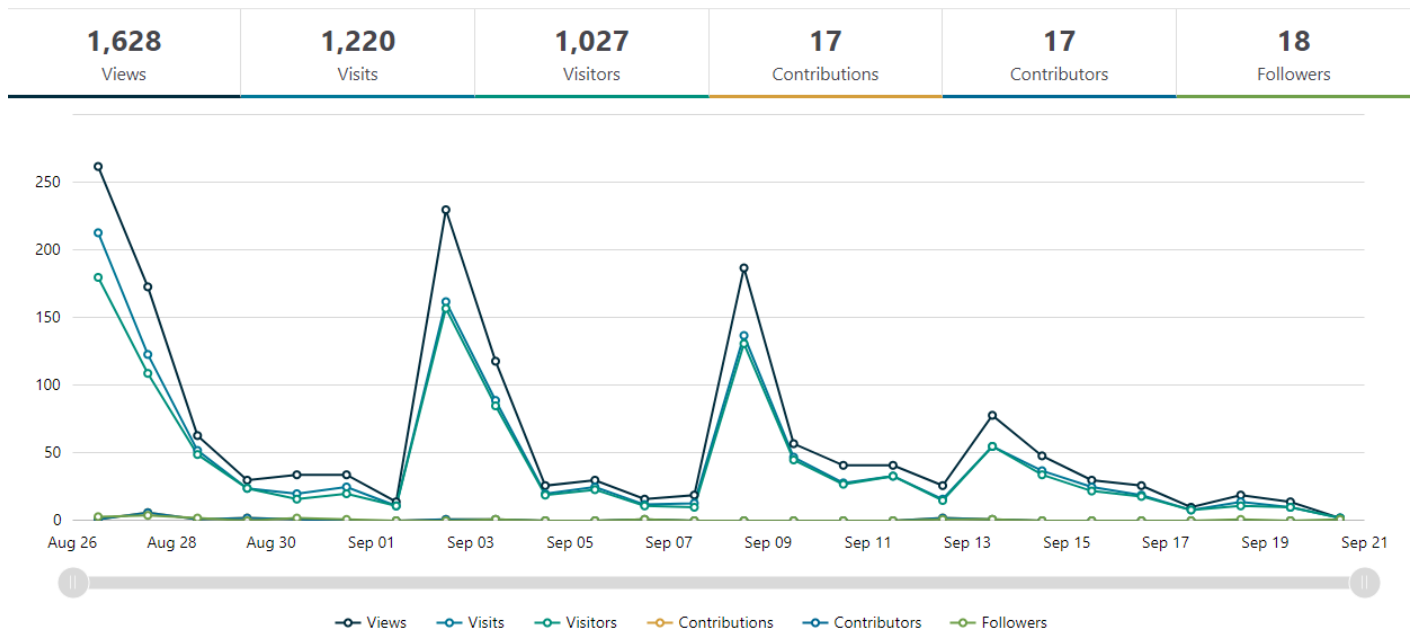


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Exercise	47.06%	8
Boot camp	0%	0
Walk through to get somewhere else	41.18%	7
Cycle through to get somewhere else	35.29%	6
Cycle	17.65%	3
Picnic	23.53%	4
Relaxing	52.94%	9
Sitting	41.18%	7
Swimming (have been swimming here already)	5.88%	1
Swimming (will swim once the swim site is open)	41.18%	7

3. Age Group Required

Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 17 (100%)





Promotional materials

Bayview Park Upgrades

Have Your Say
by Sunday
18 September 2022

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Have your say

In person: at the bus shelter on Thursday 31 August from 4 – 6pm

collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au (or by scanning the QR code)

council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Bayview Park Upgrades)

9911 6555

Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (attn: Parks & Recreation Team)

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LEGEND

1 Existing ferry shelter to be removed to open up views and improve safety	9 New opening plaque and electrical signage
2 Accessible concrete footpath	10 Bush tucker garden bed surrounding existing plaque rock
3 New accessible picnic settings and shelters	11 New shower for swim site
4 New concrete path - option for Aboriginal art commission	12 New park seat
5 New sandstone parking barrier	13 New accessible picnic setting
6 New accessible parking space	14 Existing heritage wall - option for Aboriginal art commission
7 Upgraded car parking finishes	15 Proposed accessible path to swim site
8 New bin enclosures	16 Ferry wharf
	17 Relocation of existing plaque

25 August 2022

The Resident
Concord NSW 2137

Dear Resident,

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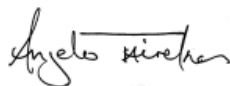
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We invite your ideas and feedback on this proposal until Sunday, 18 September 2022 in the following ways:

- In person at Bayview Park on Wednesday, 31 August 11am–1pm & 4–6pm
- Online at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/bayview (or scan the QR code)
- Email council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au (subject: Bayview Park upgrades)
- Phone 9911 6555
- Mail: Locked Bag 1470, Drummoyne NSW 1470 (Attn: Parks & Recreation Team)

For further enquires you can contact our Landscape Architect, Catherine Yang, on 9911 6555.

Kind regards,



Mayor Angelo Tsirekas
City of Canada Bay

