

CABARITA PARK MASTERPLAN

172 Cabarita Road, Cabarita NSW 2137



Community Consultation Report

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BACKGROUND

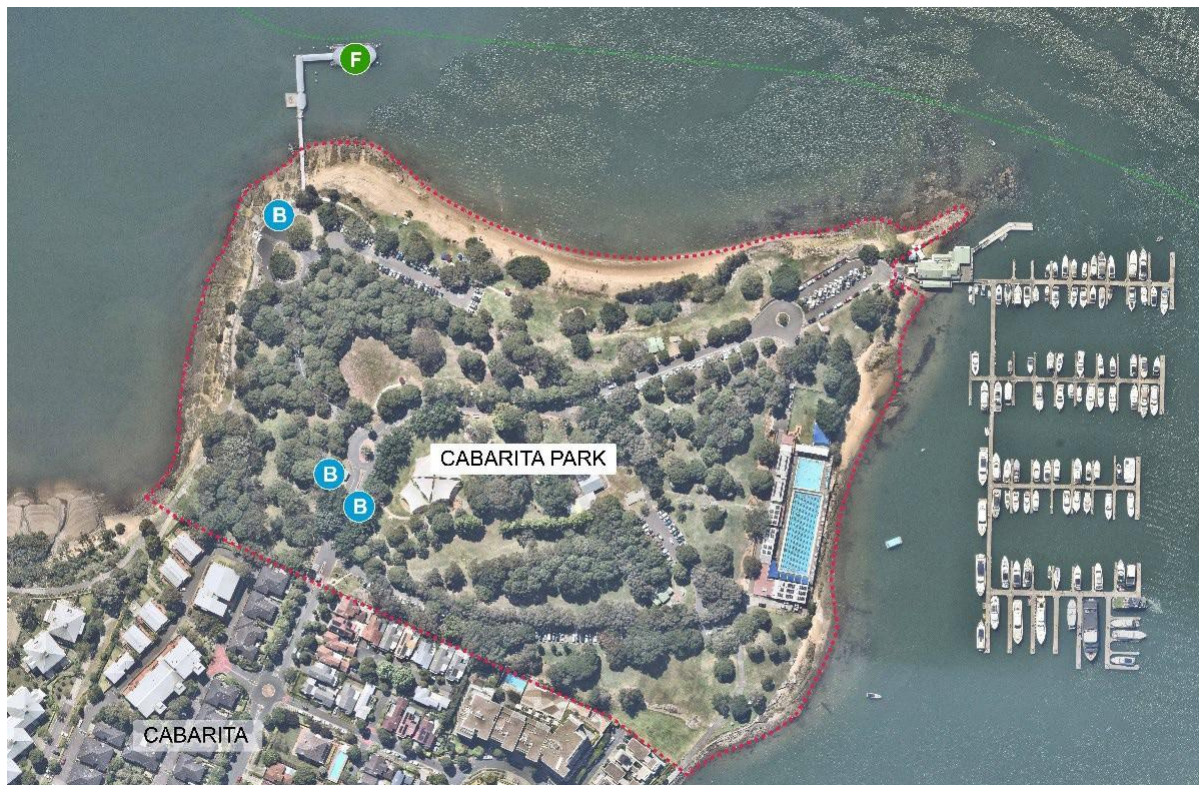
Council is currently developing a Masterplan for Cabarita Park to guide the infrastructure and upgrade of the park over the next 10 years.

The initial consultation process sought feedback from the community to better understand their needs and aspirations for Cabarita Park. Feedback was open from 17 November - 21 December 2025 and will be used to inform the first draft of the Masterplan.

This report summarises the feedback received from the initial consultation process.

Once the Masterplan is drafted, two further engagement processes will follow before the plan is finalised.

Site Map



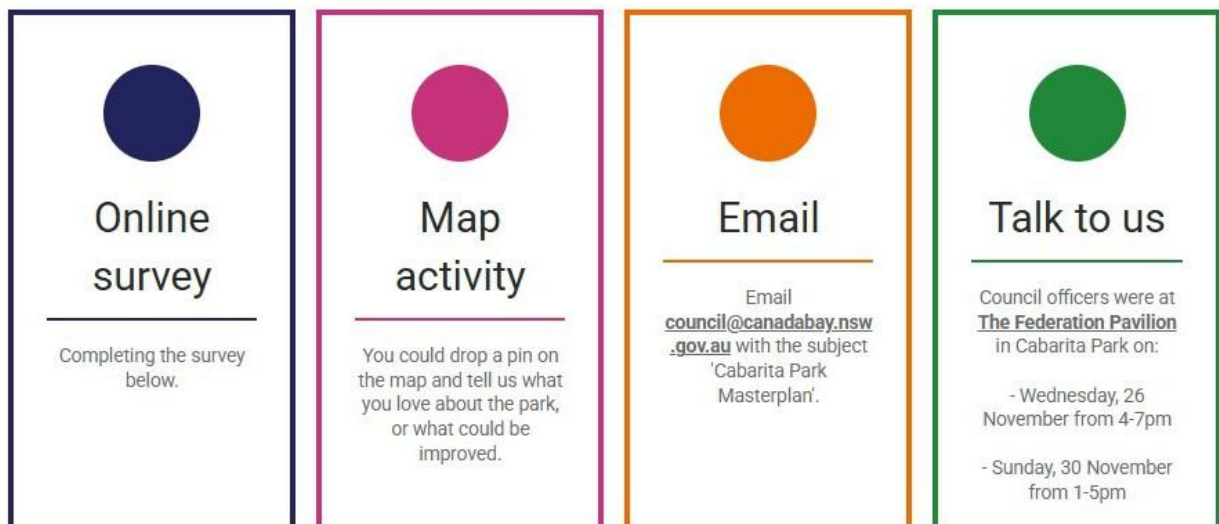
CONSULTATION METHODS

Feedback was provided through various channels and targeted engagement as summarised below. In addition to this, a series of community group stakeholder meetings were also coordinated.

1. Collaborate Website



<https://www.collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/cabarita-park-masterplan>



2. Community Group Consultations

Council contacted the following groups during this time.

- Friends of Cabarita Park & Wharf
- Breakfast Point Community Association
- D'Albora Marina
- Transport NSW
- Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC)

COLLABORATE (WEBSITE) REACH

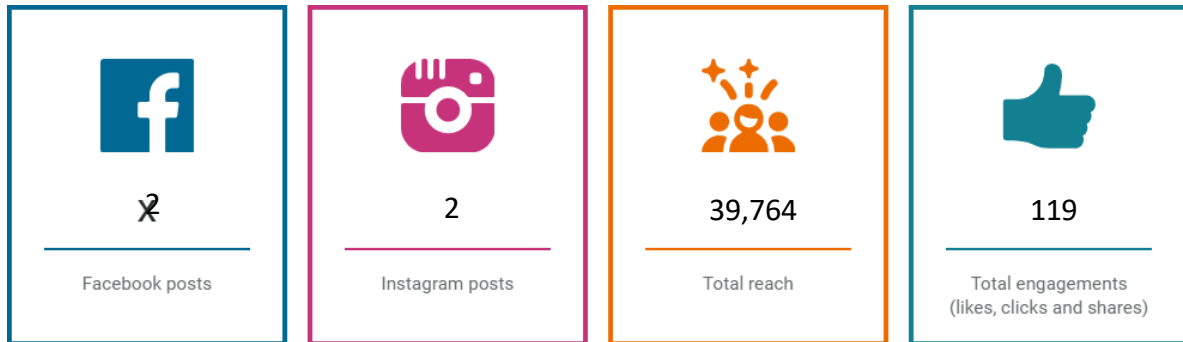
A total of 1,439 page views were received across the website, with 1,044 unique site visitors and 49 people following the project for updates.

DIGITAL PROMOTIONS REACH

Council ran a series of online promotions during the community consultation period to generate engagement and interest.

The online promotion significantly increased the audience reach and included: Facebook, Instagram, CCB Newsletter and City of Canada Bay News.

Engagement across social media posts included the following;



Refer to **Appendix. C** for Communications Summary.

The highest notable audience reach was The City of Canada Bay Newsletter provided for the month of December 2025, accounting for 83% of the digital viewers.

Total viewer reach across all posts was 39,764 views.

Date	Channel	Reach
27/11/2025	Facebook post	1254
27/11/2025	Instagram post	1041
1/12/2025	City of Canada Bay Newsletter December	33000
3/12/2025	Facebook post	1193
3/12/2025	Instagram post	605
11/12/2025	City of Canada Bay News December	2671
Total reach		39,764

RESULTS

Feedback was received through multiple channels, as outlined below:

- 54 survey responses (including no hard copy surveys submitted at the drop-in sessions)
- 23 email submissions, including submissions from d'Albora Marina Cabarita and Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf
- 50+ submissions collected during the drop-in session
- 2 duplicate submissions were identified and removed to ensure each participant was represented once

Overall Results Summary

Key themes

1. Protect the park's natural character

- Retain the natural and tranquil atmosphere, mature trees, mangroves, open lawns, balancing natural and formal planting and gardens and waterfront views.
- Avoid over-development or excessive infrastructure changes.
- Increase native planting and enhance biodiversity.

2. Improve pathways, access, and connectivity

- More and better-connected footpaths, including a continuous circuit/loop and connection to Breakfast Point Foreshore Walk.
- Safe, accessible and appropriately lit paths for all ages and abilities.
- Improved links between the ferry wharf, beach, playground, and foreshore walk.

3. Maintenance, cleanliness, and operations

- Improved management of waste across the site, including litter impacts from hot coal BBQs.
- Improve stormwater management and tree maintenance.
- Ensure gates and operational elements (like signage) are managed consistently.

4. Upgrade amenities and facilities

- Improved amenities including accessible toilets.
- More drinking fountains, picnic shelter upgrades, seating, and shade.
- Enhanced lighting, especially near the ferry wharf and main paths.
- Interest in fitness equipment, improved playground elements, and potential for a netted swimming area.

5. Safety and wayfinding

- Clearer signage concerning parking, access and improved wayfinding across the site.
- Lighting upgrades to improve evening safety for all users.
- Investigate opportunities to improve safe interactions between pedestrians and vehicles.

6. Heritage, culture, and storytelling

- Preserve and celebrate the park's Indigenous and post-colonial historical and heritage features.
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7. Parking and transport

- Mixed views: Some oppose new parking areas whereas others request additional, more accessible, less expensive and better-managed parking.
- Strong use of ferry services reinforces need for improved pedestrian arrival experience and safety.
- Investigation of the inclusion of EV charging stations.

8. Recreational uses

- High demand for spaces that support walking, fitness, picnics, and informal recreation.
- Investigate facilities that accommodate older children and teens.
- Strong use of the ferry wharf area and foreshore.

Overview of Feedback

Community feedback for the Cabarita Park Masterplan reflects a high level of interest in preserving the park's natural character while improving essential infrastructure and amenity. Across drop-in sessions, online surveys, interactive mapping, and written submissions, participants expressed a strong attachment to the park's waterfront setting, mature trees, open grass areas, and peaceful atmosphere. Many respondents highlighted the park's importance as both a recreational space and a key transport node connected to the ferry wharf and foreshore paths.

Feedback consistently centred on practical upgrades—such as improved paths, better maintenance, upgraded toilets, and enhanced environmental protection—balanced with a clear desire to avoid overdevelopment and retain the park's relaxed, historic feel.

Overall support

Overall support for the Masterplan process was strong, with 127+ contributions (54 surveys, 23 written submissions, 50+ drop-in interactions). Participants showed willingness to engage and a shared interest in shaping the park's future. The collaborate site map received 127 interactions pin pointing "improvement" and/or "what you love" tags across the park.

Key indicators of support include:

- High frequency of park use — 75% visit at least once a fortnight.
- Strong community appreciation — over 60% of respondents value the natural setting, green space, waterfront, and peaceful atmosphere.
- Constructive, forward-focused submissions that emphasise enhancements rather than large-scale changes.
- Broad endorsement for improvements that maintain the park's character while addressing maintenance, safety, accessibility, and environmental needs.

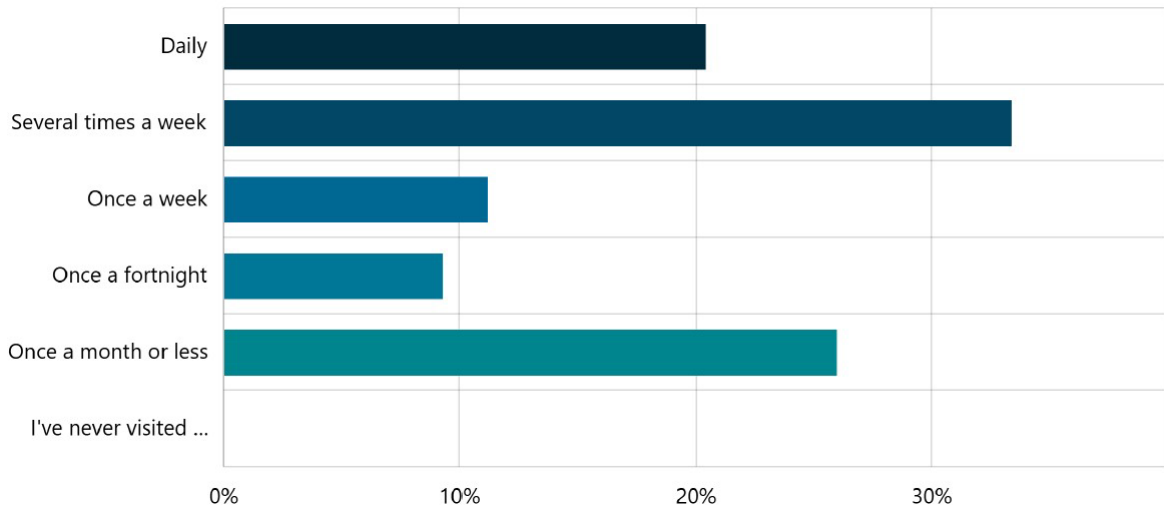
The overall sentiment suggests the community welcomes a Masterplan that strengthens, preserves and sensitively upgrades the park.

Online Survey Results

The online survey received a total of 54 responses from the community.

Survey Questions:

Q1. On average, how often do you visit Cabarita Park?



How frequently visitors attend Cabarita Park (Responses: 54)		
User Frequency	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Daily	11	21%
Several Times a Week	18	33%
Once a week	6	11%
Once a fortnight	5	9%
Once a month or less	14	26%
I have never visited Cabarita Park	0	0%
Total respondents	54	100%

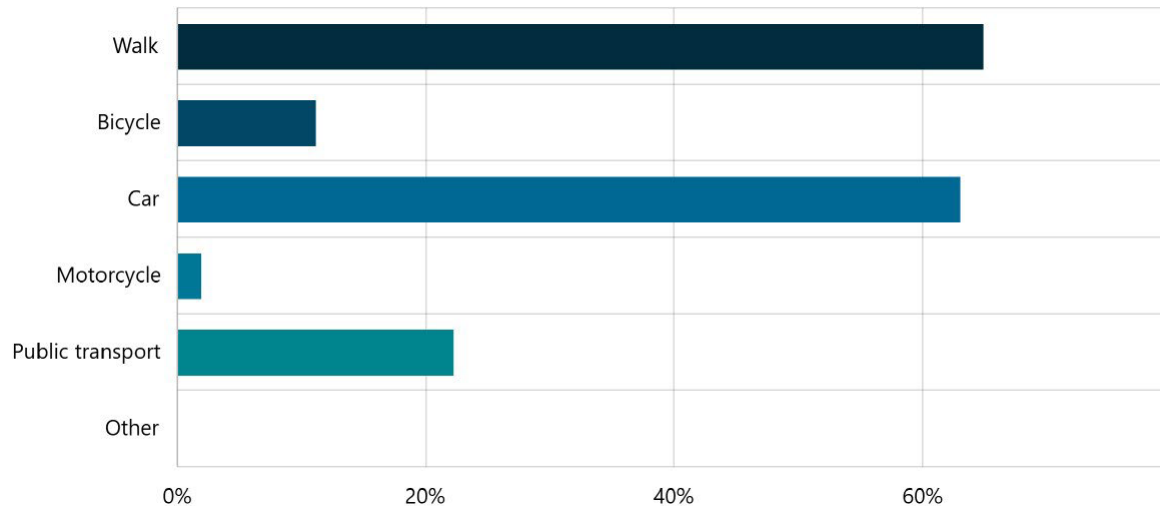
Once a week
Daily
Several Times a Week
Once a month or less
Once a fortnight

Q2. Why haven't you visited the park?

Responses: 0

Summary: There were no responses received within this section of the survey – indicated that all responders has used the park once or more.

Q3. How do you get there?

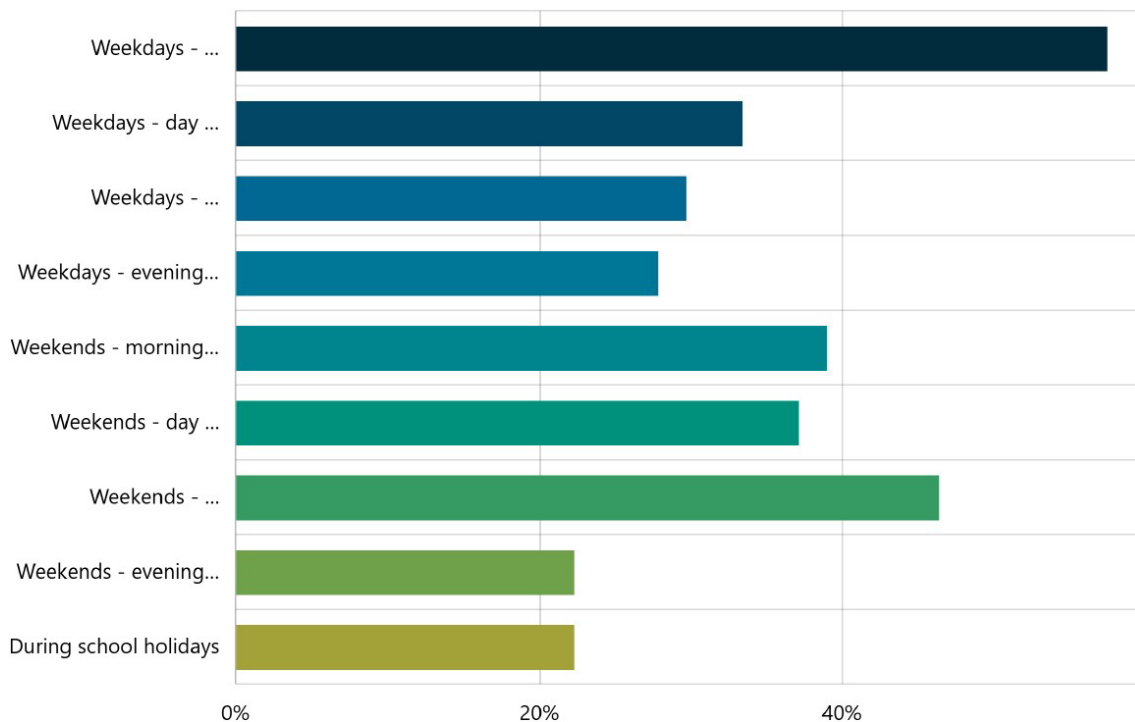


How visitors travel to Cabarita Park (Responses: 54)			
Mode of Travel	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)*	Key Implications
Walking	35	65%	High demand for safe, shaded, and accessible pedestrian connections
Car	34	63%	Vehicle access and parking remain important for many visitors
Public Transport	12	22%	Opportunity to improve links between transit stops and park entrances
Cycling	6	11%	Potential to grow usage through better bike routes and end-of-trip facilities
Motorcycle	1	2%	Minimal dedicated infrastructure required
Other	0	0%	Existing options capture all reported travel behaviours

* Note - more than one selection allowed

Cycling Car
Walking
Public Transport

Q4. What times do you visit?

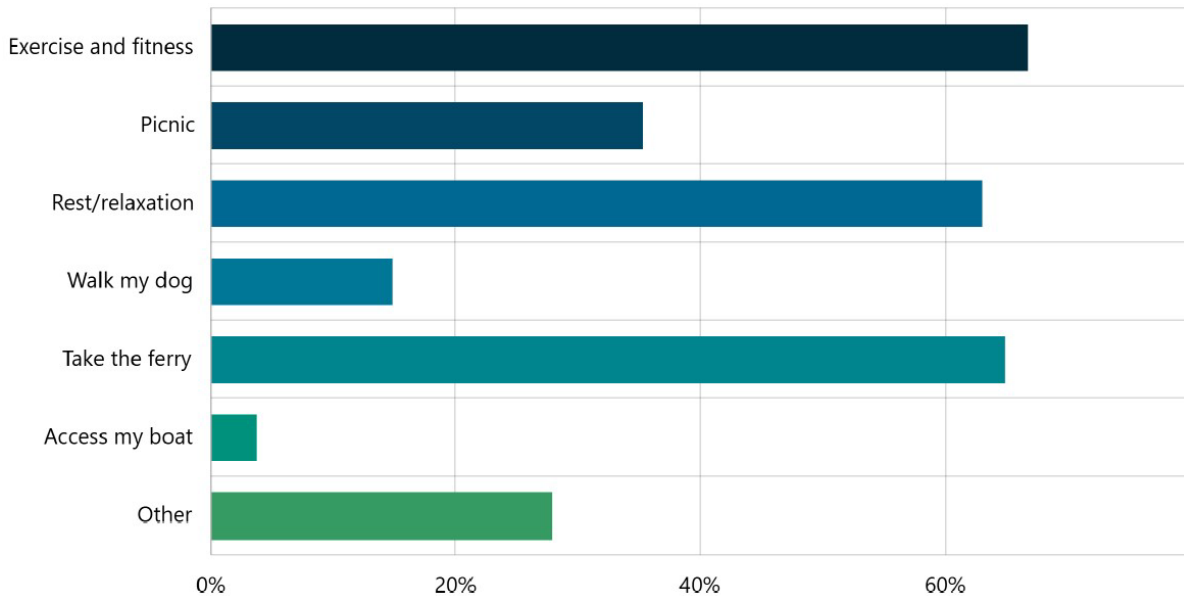


Cabarita Park Visiting Times (Responses: 54)		
Time Period	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)*
Weekday Morning (5–10am)	31	57%
Weekday Late Morning (10am–12pm)	18	33%
Weekday Afternoon (12–5pm)	16	30%
Weekday Evening (5pm–12am)	15	28%
Weekend Morning (5–10am)	21	39%
Weekend Late Morning (10am–12pm)	20	37%
Weekend Afternoon (12–5pm)	25	46%
Weekend Evening (5pm–12am)	12	22%
School Holidays (increased visits)	12	22%

* Note - more than one selection allowed

Key Findings	Planning / Management Considerations
High weekday morning use	Prioritise early opening amenities; maintain paths, fitness areas, dog routes, hydration points, and shade
Strong weekend afternoon peak	Increase picnic/BBQ capacity, waste management, shade, and play facilities
Lower evening use	Improve lighting, sightlines, wayfinding
Increased school holiday visitation	Increase servicing of toilets, bins, and high-wear areas

Q5. Why do you visit Cabarita Park?



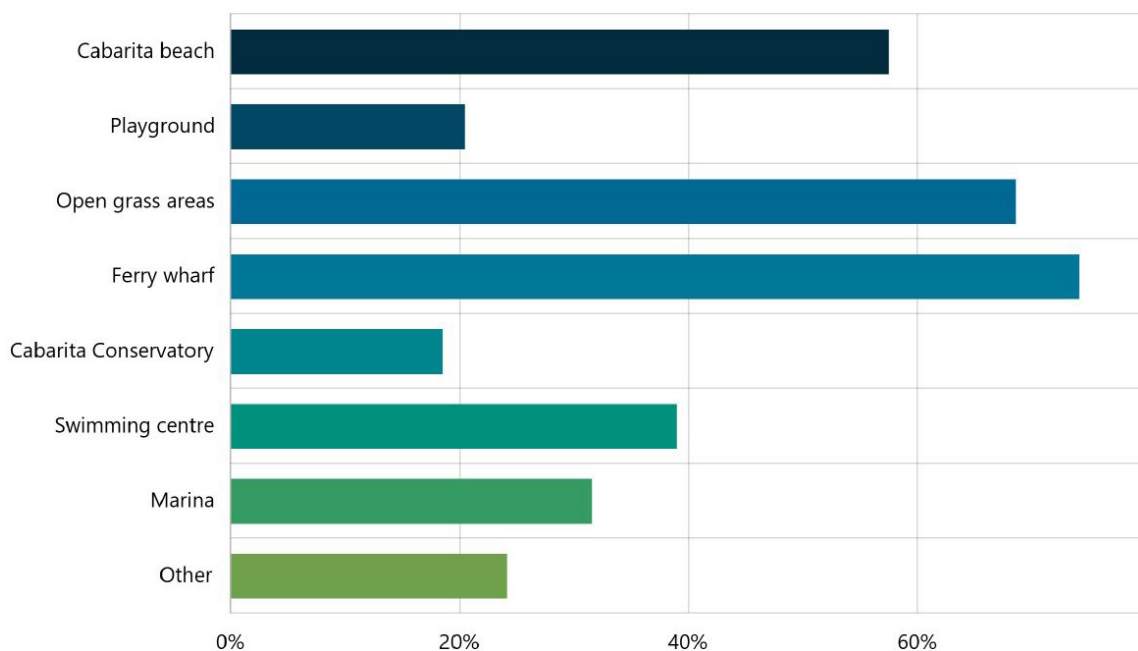
Primary reasons for visiting Cabarita Park (Responses:54)		
Reason for visit	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)*
Exercise and fitness	36	67%
Taking the ferry	35	65%
Rest / relaxation	34	63%
Picnics / social use	19	36%
Walking the dog	8	15%
Access my boat	2	4%
Other	15	28%

* Note - more than one selection allowed

Taking the ferry
Rest
Walking the dog
Other
Exercise and fitness
Access my boat
& Relaxation
Picnics & Social use

Identified Community Needs	
Key use Patterns	Planning/ Design Considerations
High fitness and everyday activity use	Prioritise continuous paths and circuits, shade, water fountains, lighting, and wayfinding
Strong ferry-related use	Improve legible and accessible links to the wharf, provide bicycle parking near the terminal and seating with weather protection
Demand for rest and relaxation	Provide open lawns, quiet seating areas, wind/sun protection, and outlooks
Moderate picnic and social use	Maintain or expand picnic tables, shelters, and BBQs, supported by bins and toilets
Dog-related visitation	Provide relevant infrastructure; consider off-leash dog opportunities in the Cabarita area.
Limited boating access use	Consideration of safe access points for small watercraft

Q6. Which parts of the park do you visit or use?



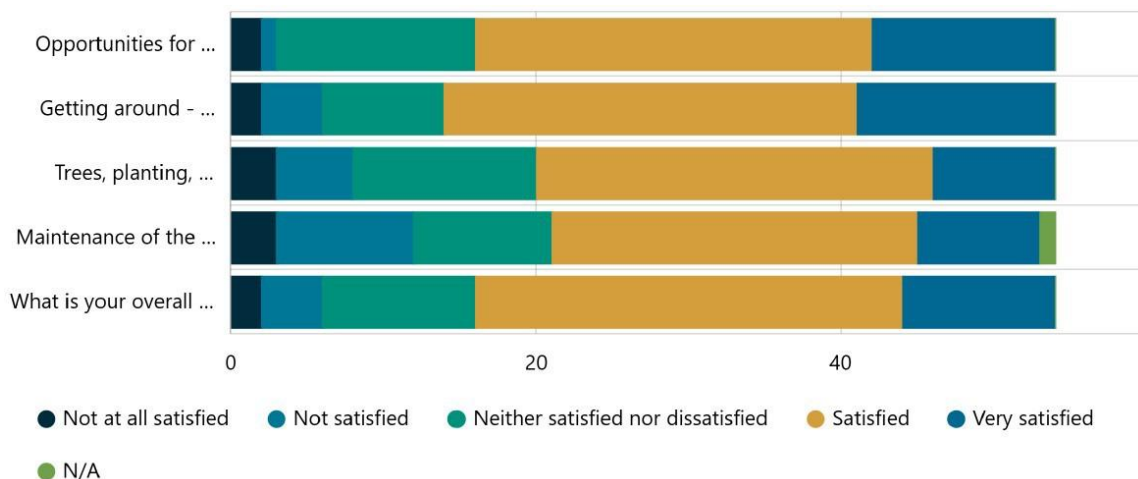
Most visited areas of Cabarita Park (responses:54)		
Park Area	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)*
Ferry wharf	40	74%
Open grass areas	37	69%
Cabarita Beach	31	57%
Swimming centre	21	39%
Marina	17	31%
Other	13	24%
Playground	11	20%
Cabarita Conservatory	10	19%

* Note - more than one selection allowed

Cabarita Conservatory Cabarita Beach Open Grass Areas Ferry Wharf Marina Swimming Centre Other

Key Trends and Community Needs	
Observed Trends	Planning/ Design Considerations
Water-related destinations	Reinforces the park's role as a waterfront and Ferry transport-oriented destination. priorities access, safety, and amenity around water edges
Strong use of open grass areas	Maintain and protect flexible, unprogrammed green spaces for informal recreation, picnics, and relaxation

Q7. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of Cabarita Park? Required



Community Satisfaction with Cabarita Park Focused Survey Questions
Opportunities for leisure activities
Getting around - pathways, access, etc.
Trees, planting, stormwater run-off and drainage
Maintenance of the park and facilities

Getting around the park and opportunities for leisure activities are the strongest performing aspects of Cabarita Park, with at least 70% of respondents indicating satisfaction.

Maintenance of the park and facilities and trees, planting, stormwater run-off and drainage emerge as priority areas for improvement, with respondents respectively expressing dissatisfaction.

Neutral responses are relatively high for leisure opportunities and trees, planting and stormwater, suggesting an opportunity to better clarify community expectations and to target improvements that more clearly respond to user needs.

Q8. What do you like most about Cabarita Park?



*Note: Adjectives and nouns were collated from a list of diverse online response answers and used to inform the below key themes table.

Community Values of Cabarita Park (responses: 51, skipped: 3)	
Key Themes	Description/ Community Insight
Waterfront location	Highly valued for its access to beachside recreational setting
Open Green Spaces	Appreciated for flexible, informal areas for picnics, exercise, and relaxation
Mature trees & natural character	Important for shade, visual amenity, and maintaining a peaceful, natural environment
Peaceful atmosphere	Provides a calm, restorative setting that distinguishes it from urban surroundings
Recreational facilities	Strong support for paths, playgrounds, picnic areas, and fitness
Ferry access	Recognised as a critical transport connection, enhancing accessibility
Preservation of green/undeveloped character	Community emphasises maintaining the park's natural and community-focused environment

Q9. What changes or improvements would you like to see in the park?

Drainage & Stormwater
Playgrounds & picnic facilities
Footpaths Toilet facilities
Cleanliness & waste management Cultural recognition
& Connections
Shaded areas Preservation Native planting Parking
Signage & Wayfinding

Community Priorities for Cabarita Park Improvements (responses: 52, skipped: 2)	
Priority Area	Key Suggestions
Footpaths and Connections	Better pedestrian paths and links throughout the park
Native planting	Enhanced planting, maintenance, and ecological improvements
Cleanliness & waste management	Reduce litter, increase bin collections, maintain toilets
Toilets facilities	Upgrade existing amenities
Parking	Additional spaces, including accessible parking options
Shaded areas	More shade for comfort along paths and activity areas
Playgrounds & picnic facilities	Upgrades to play equipment, shelters, and BBQ areas
Signage & wayfinding	Clearer directional and interpretive signage
Drainage & stormwater	Improvements to reduce flooding and maintain usability
Cultural recognition	First Nations cultural acknowledgment within the park
Preservation	Maintain the park's natural, undeveloped character

Q10. Survey Participants Contact Details

Responses: 51

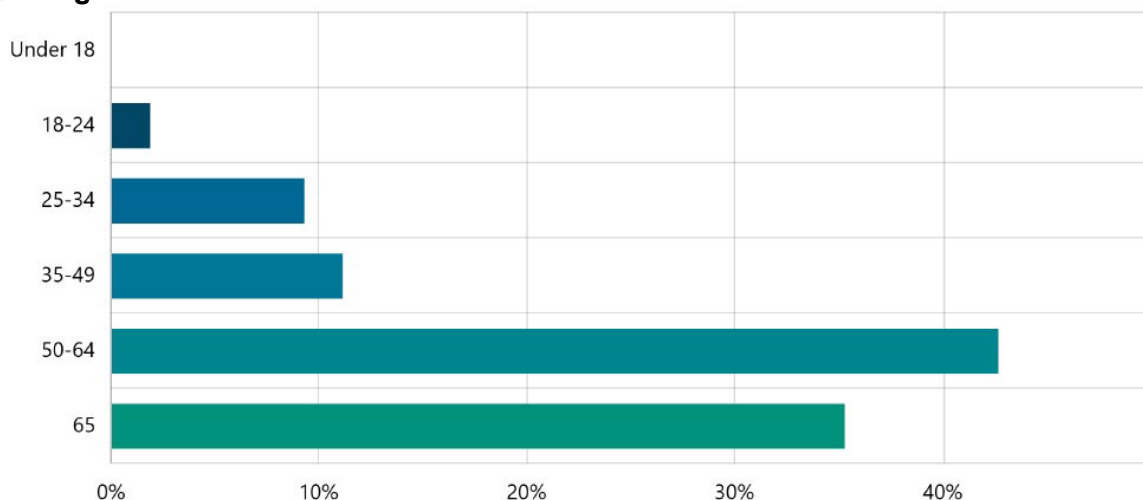
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Q11. Survey Participants Email Address

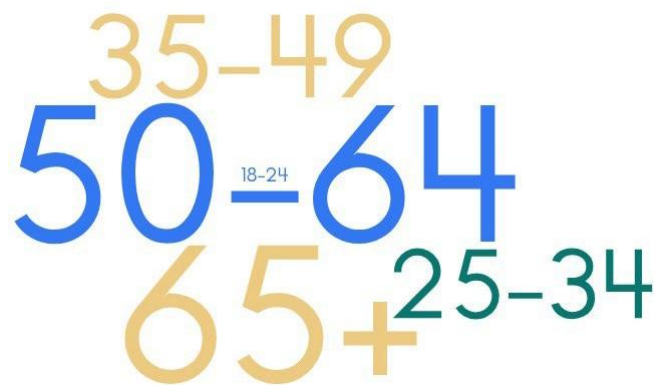
Responses: 46

Skipped: 8

Q12. Age



Age (responses:54)		
Age Groups	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)
18-24	1	2%
25-34	5	9%
35-49	6	11%
50-64	23	43%
65+	19	35%
Under 18	0	0%



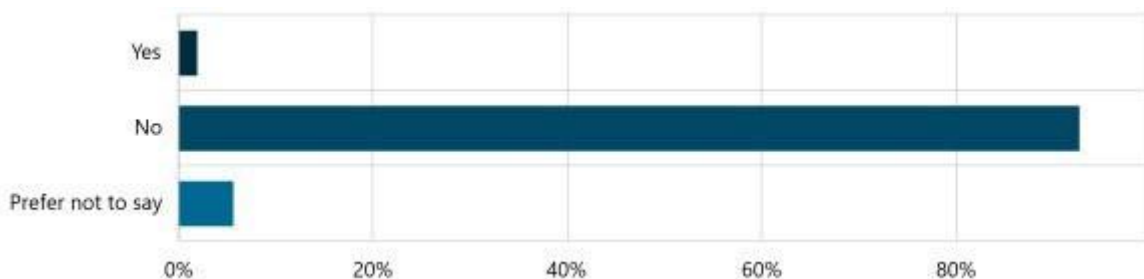
Summary: Nearly 78% of respondents are aged 50 and above, showing that the survey sample is strongly leaning toward older adults.

Q13. Suburb



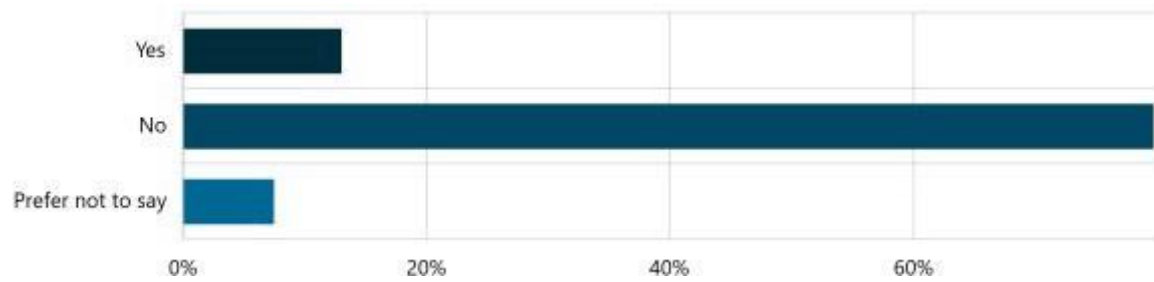
Suburb (responses:54)		
Suburb	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Cabarita	15	27%
Concord	15	27%
Breakfast Point	9	17%
Concord West	2	4%
Five Dock	2	4%
Mortlake	2	4%
Drummoyne	1	2%
North Strathfield	1	2%
Rodd Point	1	2%
Wareemba	1	2%
Other	5	9%
Abbotsford, Canada Bay, Chiswick, Liberty Grove, Russell Lea, or Strathfield	0	0%

Q14. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?



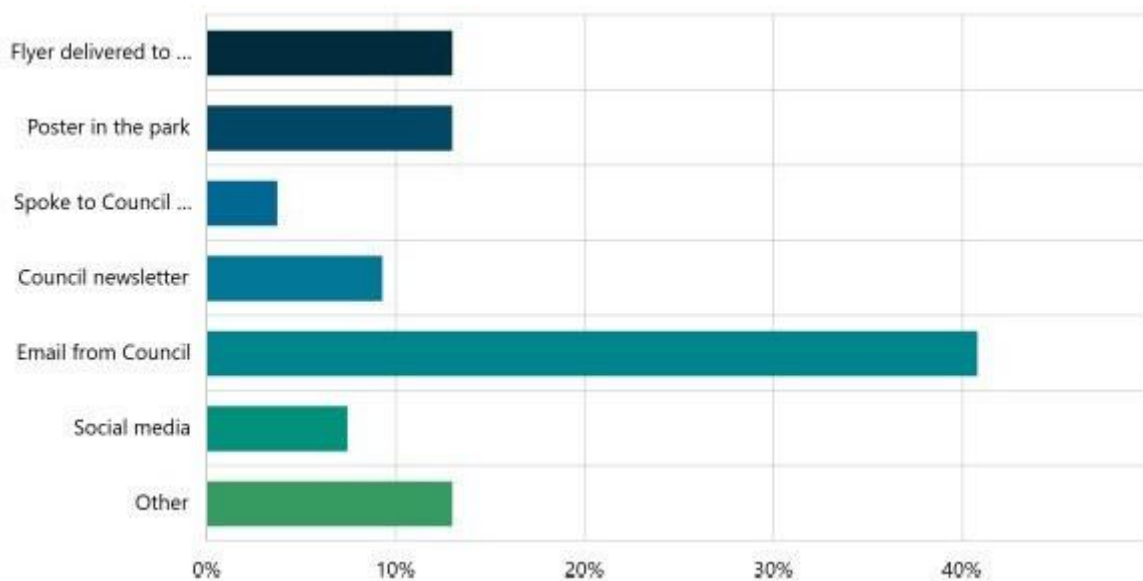
Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? (responses:54)		
Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Yes	50	92%
No	1	2%
Prefer not to say	3	6%

Q15. Do you identify as a person living with disability?



Do you identify as a person living with a disability? (responses:54)		
Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Yes	43	80%
No	7	13%
Prefer not to say	4	7%

Q16. How did you hear about this project?



Age (responses:54)		
Notification Methods	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Flyer delivered to their home	7	13%
Poster in the park	7	13%
Spoke to Council officer	2	4%
Council newsletter	5	9%
Email from Council	22	41%
Social media	4	7%
Other	7	13%

Map Activity



Participants were encouraged to contribute “improvement” and/or “what you love” tags across the site map.

Interactions 127

Responses

-  11 – What you love
-  116 – Improvement ideas

Community response highlighted strong support for enhancing Cabarita Park’s environmental, access, and facility outcomes.

WHAT WE LOVE (Maintain character)

- **18 mentions** - Environmental: Trees, shade and open areas. Overall feeling of being in nature and water views
- **14 mentions** - Facilities: Cabarita saltwater swimming pool, playground and new picnic shelters
- **11 mentions** - Access and connectivity: Walkways and open areas
- **7 mentions** - Beach and waterfront: Access to the beach
- **3 mentions** - Traffic & parking: In favour of paid parking

IMPROVEMENTS

- **34 mentions** - Environmental: More native planting, protection of mangroves and saltmarsh, removal of invasive weeds, and habitat improvements to support small birds and wildlife.
- **29 mentions** - Facilities: Modern toilets, additional shade, improved lighting, renewed shelters, enhance play and fitness areas.
- **22 mentions** - Access and connectivity: Safer, continuous paths linking the ferry, marina, pool, and Breakfast Point, improved mobility access and new walking loops.
- **21 mentions** - Traffic, parking and cycling: Mixed views on parking, with broad agreement on improving safety, traffic flow and cycling conditions.
- **16 mentions** - Waste management: Addressing litter, weekend waste, fishing debris, providing more bins and dog waste stations.
- **14 mentions** - Beach and waterfront: Netted swimming areas, regular beach cleaning and clear water safety signage.
- **9 mention** - Cultural & Educational: Increased First Nations interpretation and educational opportunities.

Feedback via Email and at Drop-in Sessions – 23 submissions

Feedback received via email and at drop-in sessions reflected strong community interest in the future of Cabarita Park. While people expressed a deep appreciation for the park's natural setting, amenities, and waterfront access, they also raised clear priorities for improvement—particularly around maintenance, safety, environmental protection, and managing high visitor numbers.

Contributors

- Local residents advocating for preservation and biodiversity
- A local community member with a strong heritage and amenity focus
- The marina operator advocating for inclusion, upgrades and collaboration.

Key Themes

- **Safety & Operations**
13x submissions – requesting upgrades to safety and park operations
- **Preserving Natural Character, Planting & Improving Habitat**
10x submissions – requesting the natural character, planting and habitat be improved
1x submissions – requesting the removal of exotic trees
- **Play, Recreation & Facilities**
8x submissions – requesting upgrades to play, recreation & facilities
3x submissions – requesting no new play, recreation & facilities are required
- **Signage**
5x submissions – requesting upgrades to signage across the site
1x submissions – requesting no new signage is required only to replace what is there
- **Pathways & Movement**
3x submissions – requesting upgrades to path infrastructure
3x submissions – requesting no new pathways or bitumen is required
- **Parking**
2x submissions – requesting upgrades to parking
4x submissions – requesting no upgrades to parking and transport is required
- **Beach Access & Swimming**
3x submissions – requesting upgrades to the beach to allow swimming
2x submissions – requesting no upgrades to the beach to allow swimming is required
- **Heritage & Culture**
1x submission – requesting upgrades to heritage and culture
1x submission – requesting no upgrades to heritage and culture is required

Summary of Community Group Consultation

Cabarita is home to volunteers who create a strong sense of community through interest and involvement in the park and surrounding environment.

Council organised meetings with representatives of *Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf* and *Breakfast Point Community Association*. Below is a summary of the feedback received:

Theme	Feedback
Safety and Infrastructure	○ Improve safety measures, including upgrading vehicle barriers and clarifying gate/parking signage. ○ Enhance wayfinding and consider naming roads. ○ Upgrade amenities including toilets, including baby change facilities. ○ Support for a netted swim area. ○ Improve pedestrian / cyclist links, without compromising pedestrian safety.
Connectivity and Accessibility	○ Improve accessibility across the site. ○ Consider a loop path while maintaining open space. ○ Recognize high use of the foreshore walk.
Park Character and Landscape	○ Preserve natural parkland character while adding colour through flowering species. ○ Consider development of a sensory garden. ○ Maintain open spaces.
Heritage & Park Identity	○ Highlight the heritage significance of the Victory Coppice.

APPENDICES

A. Online Survey Questions & Results

Online Community Survey Summary

The City of Canada Bay Council hosted an online survey, advertised through their social media channels. This provided an opportunity for residents who were unable to attend the consultation events to have their say on the future developments of Cabarita Park including what they deemed as important for the park. During the four weeks the survey was available to the public, a total of 54 responses were received from the community

Stakeholder Organization / Group or Individual	Engagement Outcome/ Targeted Feedback	Engagement Activity	Responsibility
Canada Bay residents Local Government residents and community	- How often do you visit Cabarita Park? - Why haven't you visited Cabarita Park? - How do you get there? - What times to you visit? - Why do you visit Cabarita Park? - What times to you visit? - Which parts of the park do you visit or use? - How satisfied are you with aspects of Cabarita Park? - What do you like most about Cabarita Park? - What Changes or improvements would you like to see in the park?	The online survey was hosted by City of Canada Bay and advertised through their social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, E-Newsletter, City of Canda Bay Council Website and information links in the letter drop posts. The survey allowed residents who were unable to attend the consultation events to still have their say as to what they wanted to see in Cabarita Park. Refer to Appendix. A for online survey questions and results.	City of Canada Bay Council

B. Activity Map Results Overview

Closed

Pin your ideas on the map!
[Cabarita Park Masterplan](#)

23
Contributors

127
Contributions

Key Statistics

Top-level information about the activity.



127
Posts
23 contributors



56
Total Votes
1 avg. votes / post

Map Post Summary

Summary of content contributed by participants including location information, voting results and more.

Posts by Location

Map showing all posts contributed by participants.



Top Contributions by Location

Top 10 most frequent postal/ZIP codes of posts submitted by participants.

Location	Total Contributions	% Contributions
2137, Cabarita, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	127	100%

C. Communications Report

FACEBOOK POSTS



Post Date: 27th November 2025

City of Canada Bay Facebook Post:

We're developing a 10-year Masterplan for Cabarita Park and we want your feedback! The plan will guide future upgrades to the park, ensuring it continues to meet community needs.

Meet the project team and share your feedback in person:

Sun, 30 Nov | 1–5pm, The Federation Pavilion, Cabarita Park

Can't make it? Visit bit.ly/cabarita-park before submissions close on 21 December 2025.

7 - Reactions | 3 - Comments | 1 – Share



Post Date: 3rd December 2025

City of Canada Bay Facebook Post:

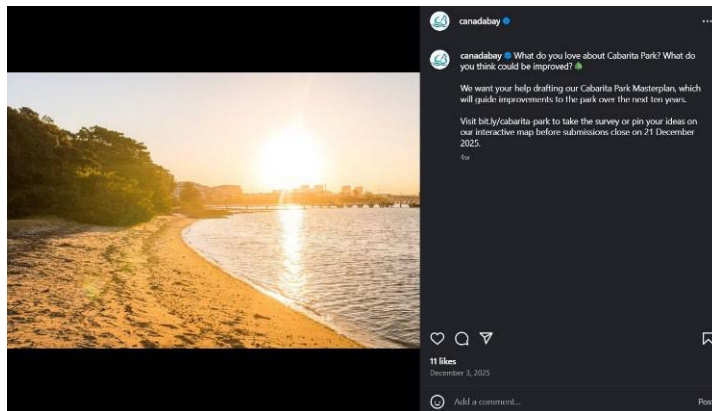
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We want your help drafting our Cabarita Park Masterplan, which will guide improvements to the park over the next ten years.

Visit bit.ly/cabarita-park to take the survey or pin your ideas on our interactive map before submissions close on 21 December 2025.

2 - Reactions | 0 - Comments | 2 – Shares

INSTAGRAM POSTS



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14 - Reactions | 0 – Comments



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11 - Reactions | 0 – Comments

DECEMBER 2025 E-NEWSLETTER



Cabarita Park 10-year Masterplan

What do you love about Cabarita Park? What do you think could be improved? We want your help drafting our Cabarita Park Masterplan, which will guide improvements to the park over the next ten-years. Click the link below to share your feedback before submissions close Sunday, 21 December 2025.

[Find out more](#)

Post Date: 11/12/25

City of Canada E-Newsletter:

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Find out more

76 - Clicks

D. Notification methods

NOTIFICATION POSTCARD



I'm pleased to share that Council is developing a Masterplan for Cabarita Park. This 10-year plan will outline future improvements and upgrades for this much-loved foreshore area. To help develop this plan, we want to understand what you love about Cabarita Park and what improvements you'd like to see in the future. There will be multiple opportunities to get involved as this project progresses, and I encourage you to share your feedback. The first round of feedback is open until Sunday, 21 December 2025.

Michael Megna

Mayor Michael Megna
City of Canada Bay

Share your feedback

Online:
bit.ly/cabarita-park or scan the QR code

Email:
council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au with the subject 'Cabarita Park Masterplan'

In-person:
Council officers will be at the Federation Pavilion in Cabarita Park on:
• Wed, 26 November 4–7pm
• Sun, 30 November 1–5pm



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E. Drop-in Sessions

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION STATION

Session Times: Wednesday 27th November 2025, 4-7pm and Sunday 30th November 2025, 1- 5pm

Location: Federation Pavillion, Cabarita Park

Attendees: 2 Canada Bay Council staff and 3 Place Design Group staff members

Number of Participants: 50+ community members



Two drop-in sessions were held by the City of Canada Bay to gather community feedback on the existing park and inform the 10-year Masterplan for Cabarita Park. A large aerial map was used to prompt discussion, with comments recorded via post-it notes and pins to highlight key areas of interest. iPads were available to access the online survey and interactive mapping tool and paper-based surveys were provided as required.

Stakeholder Organization / Group or Individual	Engagement Outcome/ Targeted Feedback	Engagement Activity	Responsibility
Local Community Members Visitors to Cabarita Park Public Transport Commuters	○ Functionality of the existing space (what works / what doesn't) ○ What inspires users about Cabarita Park? ○ What activities are undertaken at the park? ○ Design inclusions and elements missing from the park ○ A better understanding of the landscape character and use of Cabarita Park by patrons	A large foamcore ariel map of Cabarita Park was displayed as a talking point to generate discussion from the community members. Post it notes were used to record people thoughts surrounding the park. These notes were pinned to the locations of discussion areas on the map. iPads were available as required to access the online survey and interactive mapping of the park. Paper print surveys were also available as required. Refer to Appendix. B & D for activity map results and notifications methods.	City of Canada Bay and Place Design Group Staff were stationed at the Federation Pavilion. to gather any community insights that can be translated through the masterplan design Place Design Group (PDG).

F. Stakeholder Meetings

Community Group Consultation Summary

Cabarita is home to volunteers who create a strong sense of community through ownership and active involvement in the management of Cabarita Park & Wharf and surrounding environment.

Council organised meetings with the members of *Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf* and *Breakfast Point Community Association*. Below outlines the engagement events the team undertook.

Stakeholder Organization / Group or Individual	Engagement Outcome/ Targeted Feedback	Engagement Activity	Responsibility
Friends of Cabarita (FoCPW)	Meeting Agenda as follows: ○ Provide an overview of Cabarita Masterplan Process ○ Discuss the existing Park use ○ Discuss ideas for improvement, needs and aspirations ○ Next steps	City of Canada Bay Staff Council met with FoCPW on 12th December 2025 at the Cabarita Park Conservatory. Open discussions were held with the volunteer group including timeframes for the development of the masterplan and funding. Refer to Appendix. E for meeting minutes.	City of Canada Bay

Stakeholder Organization / Group or Individual	Engagement Outcome/ Targeted Feedback	Engagement Activity	Responsibility
Breakfast Point Community Association (BPCA)	The meeting covered the following agenda items: ○ BPCA overview ○ Round 1 of engagement ○ Round 2 of engagement ○ Committees Perspective on the Masterplan ○ Discuss current improvements ○ Discuss what the committee thinks is important for park upgrades ○ How they would like to be informed on the Masterplan Development ○ BPCA Committee overview	Meeting undertaken with City of Canada Bay Staff on 9th December 2025 at the 72 Village Drive, Breakfast Point. Refer to Appendix. E for meeting minutes.	City of Canada Bay

CONSULTATION WITH FRIENDS OF CABARITA PARK AND WHARF

Session Times: 12th December between 2:30 to 4:15pm

Activity: Stakeholder Meeting at Cabarita Park Conservatory

Attendees: 4 Canada Bay Council staff

Number of Participants: 6+ Community members

Discussion/ Agenda:

- Introduction – Everyone introduces themselves
- Agenda Overview – Welcome everyone and providing outlining the purpose of the meeting
- Overview of Master planning process
- Masterplan ideas and feedback discussion (park use and ideas for improvement)
- 2007 Plan of Management
- Funding
- Wrap up/next steps – Outlining timeline and responses

Meeting Outcome/ Summary:

Theme	Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf Feedback
Access, Safety and Infrastructure	Replace timber vehicle barriers with sandstone for safer access
	Improve road naming and wayfinding for emergency services
	Clarify signage around gate closures and parking rules
	Upgrade toilet block near playground with baby change facilities and add change table in Conservatory toilets
	Support for a netted swim area with attention to underwater safety
Connectivity and Accessibility	Improve disability access and pedestrian/cyclist links
	Consider a loop path while maintaining open space
	Prioritise pedestrian safety over motorised scooter/bike access.
Park Character and Landscape	Maintain natural parkland character
	Introduce colour through flowering species
	Explore a sensory garden near flat area north of swim centre, designed to be dementia-friendly
	Support for highlighting Victory Coppice as a heritage feature

Maintenance and Operational Issues
Flag protocols at Federation Pavilion are not being consistently followed
Potential to use Digital Signage for broader community messaging
Litter issues require stronger management and monitoring
Hot coal disposal is causing damage and safety risks; support expressed for the enforcement or banning of open coal fires
Gate near pool/ Conservatory not consistently locked at sunset, allowing anti- social behaviour (issue now addressed by Council)
Storm Drain maintenance needs more frequent attention outside the pool area
Fishing bans at Ferry Wharf not enforced (not a Council responsibility)

CONSULTATION WITH FRIENDS OF BREAKFAST POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Session Time: 9th December 2025 between 10:30 to 11:00am

Activity: Stakeholder Meeting at 72 Village Drive, Breakfast Point

Council Attendees: 3 Canada Bay Council staff

Number of Participants: 4 members and General Manager of Friends of Breakfast Point Community

Discussion/ Agenda:

- Agenda Overview - Welcome extended and outline of the meeting presented
- BPCA Overview
- Round 1 Engagement
- Round 2 Engagement
- Foreshore Pathway
- BPCA Committee Overview

Meeting Outcome/ Summary:

BPCA Overview
The area has an average resident age of 47 years. Visitor numbers fluctuate between weekdays and weekends. The community is characterised by a significant proportion of multi-generational families, highlighting its diverse demographic profile.

Engagement Overview
Round One
Committee prefers to give detailed feedback once a draft plan is available
Reminders will be provided to provide feedback within two weeks
Developer contribution information on Council's website is general.
Round Two Engagement Agenda
The second round of engagement will be promoted via newsletters and Facebook
Council will present the first draft plan to the committee

Meeting Outcome/ Summary
BPCA recently upgraded foreshore lighting
Early feedback highlights a desire for upgraded amenities and preservation of open space
The foreshore walk to Cabarita Park is heavily used by residents
Park run community will trial a route from Cabarita through the foreshore in the new year, with participants asked to park in Cabarita.

BPCA Committee Overview
The BPCA Committee currently has nine members, with a capacity of up to 15. It holds formal monthly meetings as well as informal fortnightly meetings. Decisions are made jointly with CA representatives elected by local strata or precincts, reflecting a collaborative governance approach. The community is highly engaged, comprising approximately 4,700 residents across 2,600 dwellings.