

Peregrin Springs Local Community Facility – Community Engagement Results

Why did Council engage with the Peregrin Springs community?

A preliminary assessment of the region's local community facilities has indicated that there is a potential shortfall of local community facilities within the Peregrin Springs locality.

The *Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019-2041* requires that the planning and delivery of community infrastructure be based on evidenced need, and that Council will:

“Develop and invest in a network of community infrastructure that is evidenced by population growth and community need and seeks to utilise or enhance existing infrastructure (e.g. through partnerships with schools or powers/managers of identified under-utilised facilities) before creating new or temporary community infrastructure.”

Sunshine Coast Council undertook a community engagement project in Peregrin Springs to consider the need and demand for a community facility in the local area.

The engagement focused on land at 214 The Avenue, Peregrin Springs which has been previously allocated for community facility purposes.

What did the community engagement program involve?

- Seven stakeholder interviews
- An online survey which ran for five weeks and closed on 30 November 2021
- Two pop-up stalls on 3 & 4 November at Peregrin Springs Shopping Centre
- An in-person community workshop on 26 November 2021.

Community engagement results

123 responses to the online survey were received.

Some of the key findings include:

- 58% of survey respondents used other community facilities regularly, whilst 42% did not visit other local community facilities.
- 69% of survey respondents indicated that they would use a community facility if it was located in Peregrin Springs, while 31% suggested they would not use a local community facility in Peregrin Springs (see Figure 1).

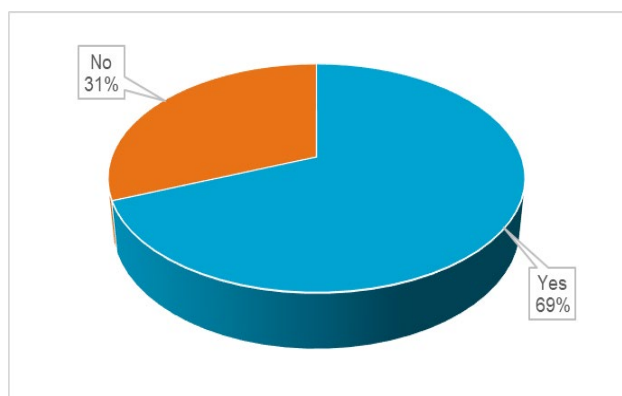


Figure 1: Online survey result - Would you use a local community facility if one was located in Peregrin Springs? (N=116)

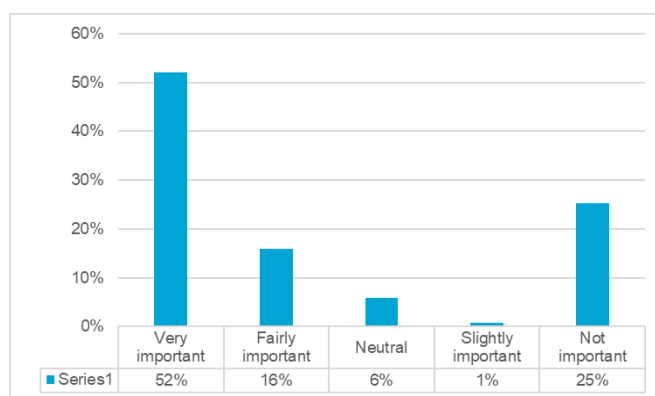


Figure 2: Online survey result - Overall, how important is it for Peregrin Springs to have a community facility? (N=119)

Community engagement results (cont.)

- Over half of survey respondents believed it was 'very important' (52%) to have a community facility in Peregrine Springs and 16% believed it was 'fairly important' (refer to Figure 2).
- 6% were neutral about the need for a community facility in Peregrine Springs, whilst 25% believed that having a community facility was 'not important' (refer to Figure 2).
- Figure 3 identifies what survey respondents believe would be the key benefits of a community facility in Peregrine Springs.
- Figure 4 identifies what types of activities respondents would like a local community facility to host if it was available in Peregrine Springs.
- Figure 5 identifies the key reasons why respondents would not use a community facility in Peregrine Springs.

The community engagement also found that:

- Other local facilities in the area have issues around accessibility, or there was limited other appropriate space identified for community use in Peregrine Springs.
- There are potential upgrades and/or refurbishments to existing facilities on the horizon within the area, or nearby.
- There are concerns about clearing of vegetation from the community facility site.
- There are concerns around connectivity, parking and congestion issues around the site.

Next steps

The community engagement findings will be presented to Council at a community facilities workshop.

The purpose of this presentation is to identify the Council appetite on progressing a local community facility in Peregrine Springs based on the outcomes of the community engagement program.

	<p>Figure 3: Key themes from survey responses - What benefits do you think a facility in Peregrine Springs would bring to the community? (N=116)</p>
	<p>Figure 4: Key themes from survey responses - What type of activities would a local community facility host if it was available in Peregrine Springs? (N=79)</p>
	<p>Figure 5: Key themes from survey responses - Why would you not use of a local community facility in Peregrine Springs? (N=33)</p>