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Peachester Park

Community Consultation Summary Report

■ Summary Report of the Community Feedback Received During the Consultation Process, April 2022.

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WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY, PARTICULARLY THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS REGION, THE KABI KABI AND JINIBARA PEOPLES OF THE COASTAL PLAINS AND HINTERLANDS OF THE SUNSHINE COAST.

AS WE GO ABOUT OUR WORK, AS WE DREAM, DESIGN, AND CREATE PLACES AND SPACES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, MAY WE BE MINDFUL OF THE FIRST PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

MAY WE BE MINDFUL OF THEIR CONNECTION TO, DEEP RESPECT FOR, AND CONTINUED CARE OF THE LAND, THE WATERS, AND THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THIS REGION WE ALL CALL HOME.

MAY WE LEARN AND TAKE INSPIRATION FROM THEM IN HOW WE FOSTER AND FORGE SUSTAINABLE WAYS OF WORKING AND SERVING.

LET US BE MINDFUL OF OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY AS WE IMAGINE NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS, NEW WAYS OF BEING, IN THE FUTURE.

WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING AND RECOGNISE THEIR ENDURING CONNECTION TO COUNTRY.

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1. Introduction

■ Background

The local Peachester community have been instrumental in the establishment of the new local park between Peachester Road and High Street, Peachester, recently named as ‘Howard Walker Park’.

Community consultation commenced in June 2020 with a workshop held on site with members of the Peachester Park Community Reference Group (the reference group), and interested members of the local community. The reference group comprises of local individuals many of whom had played a key role in establishment of the park.

At the workshop, ideas were discussed on how the park could be developed, including design principles and park elements and infrastructure.

A second meeting was held on site with representatives of the Jinibara People and the reference group.

Information from the workshops has been used by Sunshien Coast Council to develop the Peachester Park Schematic Concept Plan for Community Engagement.

Engagement with the broader Peachester community, including mail-out and on-line survey, was undertaken in April 2022.

Consultation with the Peachester community aimed to gauge support, or otherwise, for the ideas presented in the Schematic Concept Plan and to seek further input from the broader community.



Plate 1. Peachester Park

2. Participation

Engagement Material

Engagement material used for the community consultation process included a Project Newsletter, Schematic Concept Plan, and Survey Questionnaire.

The Schematic Concept Plan (refer below) included a list of Park Principles(developed form the reference group brainstorm plan), and ideas on elements to be included in the park.

The questionnaire was designed to encourage feedback on the Schematic plan and generate other ideas for inclusion in the park, refer to following pages.

Have your say on the new Peachester Park...



Community Park Principals

Developed from The Peachester Community Reference Group - 'Brainstorm Plan'

- To be a community gateway
- Building community connections
- Connection to the indigenous culture of Jinibarra people
- Under-build
- Accessible
- A safe space
- Natural plan opportunities for all ages
- To provide community amenities
- Lead the way on eco-friendly solutions
- Outdoor venue space for local use
- To alleviate volunteer workload around recreational gatherings
- Consider native species and food forest options in buffer zone planting
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Below are the ideas that have been suggested by the Peachester Park Community Reference Group for the new local park. Council would like your input on these ideas including their proposed locations in the Schematic Concept Plan.



Have Your Say – Peachester Park, Peachester



How would you like to use the new local level park?

(select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet friends	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Play	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hold community events	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enjoy Nature	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exercise opportunities	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	.....

What are the key park elements required for that experience?

(select all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gathering space/Yarning Circle	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Playground	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural spaces to play	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelter and picnic table	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bush tucker planting	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open grass areas	.....
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	.....

Review the Peachester Park Schematic Concept Plan attached before answering the following questions.

Of the proposed ideas presented in the Peachester Park Schematic Concept Plan, which would be most important to you? (Circle 3-5 only)

1 Junior playground	9 Nesting boxes	12 Bush tucker plants	18 Community Christmas tree
2 Trail head	6 Interactive landscape	13 Native butterfly plants	19 Multi-use open space
3 Shelter and long table	7 Bridge over creek	14 Planting to screen carpark	
4 Group swing	8 Heritage fruit trees	15 Flying fox	
5 Yarning circle	10 Park gateway sign	16 Fence to main road	
/ performance area	11 Possible future amenities	17 Interactive nature art	

Do you have any other ideas we should consider in the design and development of Peachester Park?

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Review the park principles before answering the question below:

- To be a community gateway
- Building community connections
- Connection to the indigenous culture of Jinibara people
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Do you agree with the above principles that will guide the development of the park?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there anything else we should add?

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A bit about you

What is your relationship to Peachester?

☐ Resident ☐ Visitor ☐ Business Owner/Operator ☐ Work ☐ Other

Your postcode:

Your age (please tick):

☐ 17 or younger ☐ 21-29 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 60-69

☐ 18-20 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 70 or older

Would you like to receive project updates?

☐ I would like to receive project updates. Your email address:

☐ I do not wish to be involved further.

■ Participation Results

159 submissions were received.

Most of the responses were received from the local community, with a small number of former residents and people that owed property in the area providing input as well, refer Chart 1.

Respondents included people from various age groups, with the exception of 18 to 29 year olds which were poorly represented, refer Chart 2.

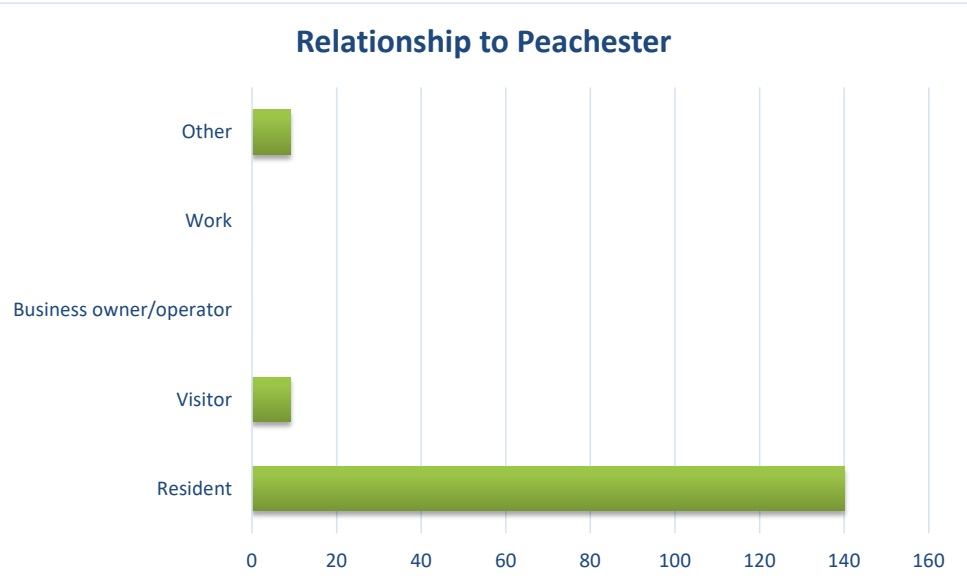


Chart 1: People's relationship to Peachester

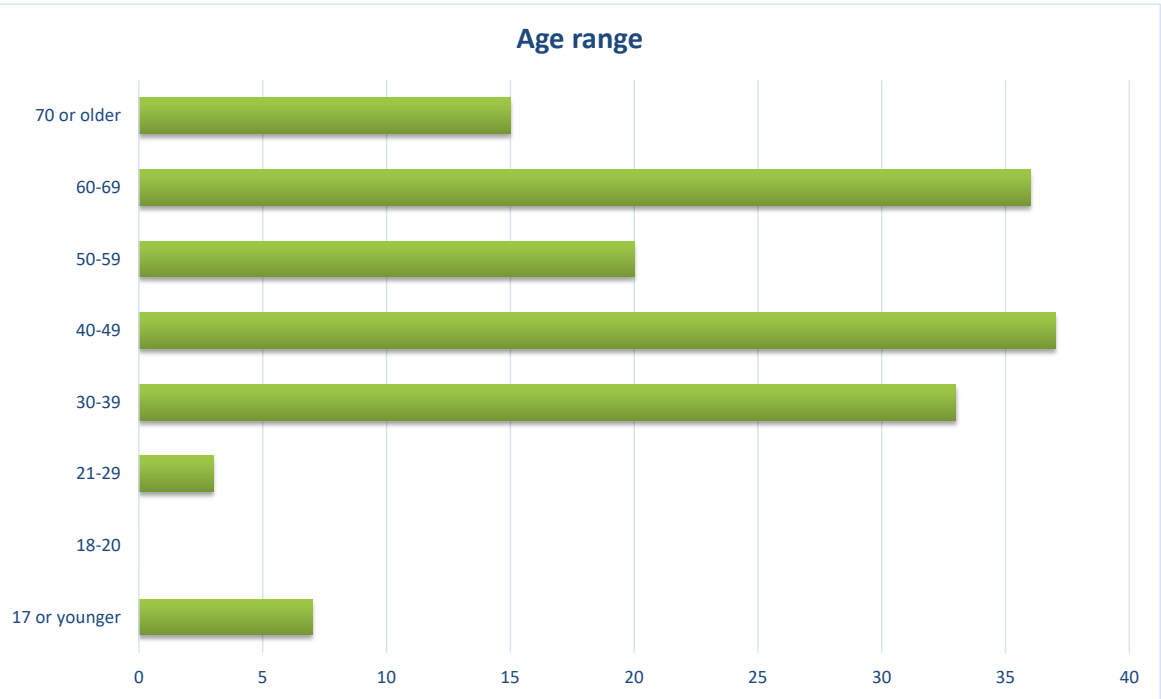


Chart 2: Age range of participants

3. Engagement Results

■ Survey Results

The results for each survey question are outlined below:

Question 1. How would you like to use the new local level park?

Most people planned to use the park for a number of activities, demonstrating the park will need to accommodate a diversity of functions, refer Chart 3.

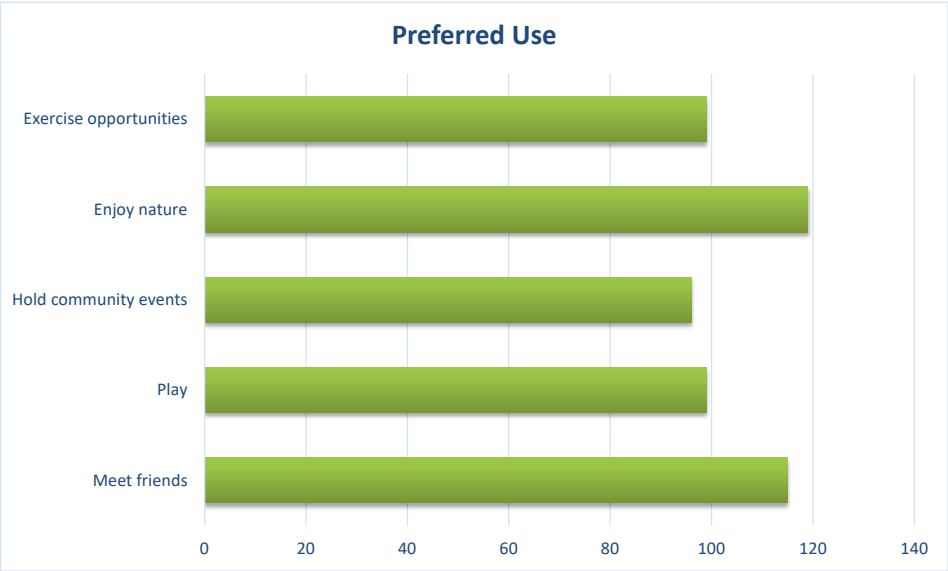


Chart 3: Preferred Use

Common Themes:

- Picnics with family, Birthday Parties, After-school play
- Events and community meetings
- Dog walking/exercise

Example Comment:

“Keep the natural aspect of the park but include actual play equipment so that families don’t have to go to Beerwah all the time. ”

Question 2. What are the key park elements required for that experience?

Key park elements to support the use (in order of priority):

1. Shelter and picnic table
2. Natural spaces to play
3. Playground

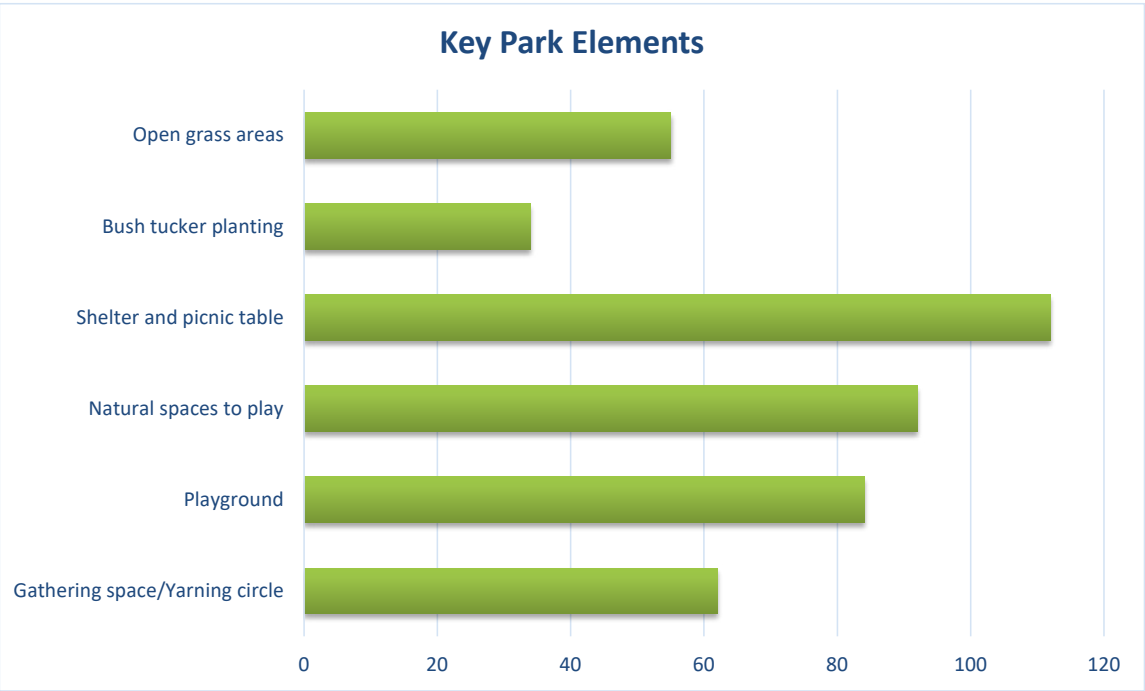


Chart 4: Key Park Elements

Common Themes:

- Toilet, clean water for drinking and hand washing
- Fencing along the main road for safety
- Exercise equipment
- Barbecue facilities
- Safe access to the park by providing pathways away from the corner of Peachester Rd and High St
- Modern play equipment for all aged.

Example Comment:

“A bike trail winding through the established trees would be great, so children in the area can learn to ride their bikes safely. A half court with convertible basketball hoop and netball ring for older children would also be fantastic. All of this would also encourage travellers to stop in Peachester to have a break and let their children stretch their legs – potentially increasing business to the café and general store.”

Question 3. Of the proposed ideas presented in the Peachester Park Schematic Concept Plan, which would be most important to you?

Elements presented in the Schematic Concept Plan were generally supported,

The top 5 in order of priority were:

- 1. Shelter and long table,
- 2. Possible future amenities
- 3. Fence to main road
- 4. Junior Playground
- 5. Multi use open space

Elements of least priority were:

- 1. Planting to screen car park
- 2. Park gateway Sign
- 3. Interactive nature art
- 4. Group swing
- 5. Trail head

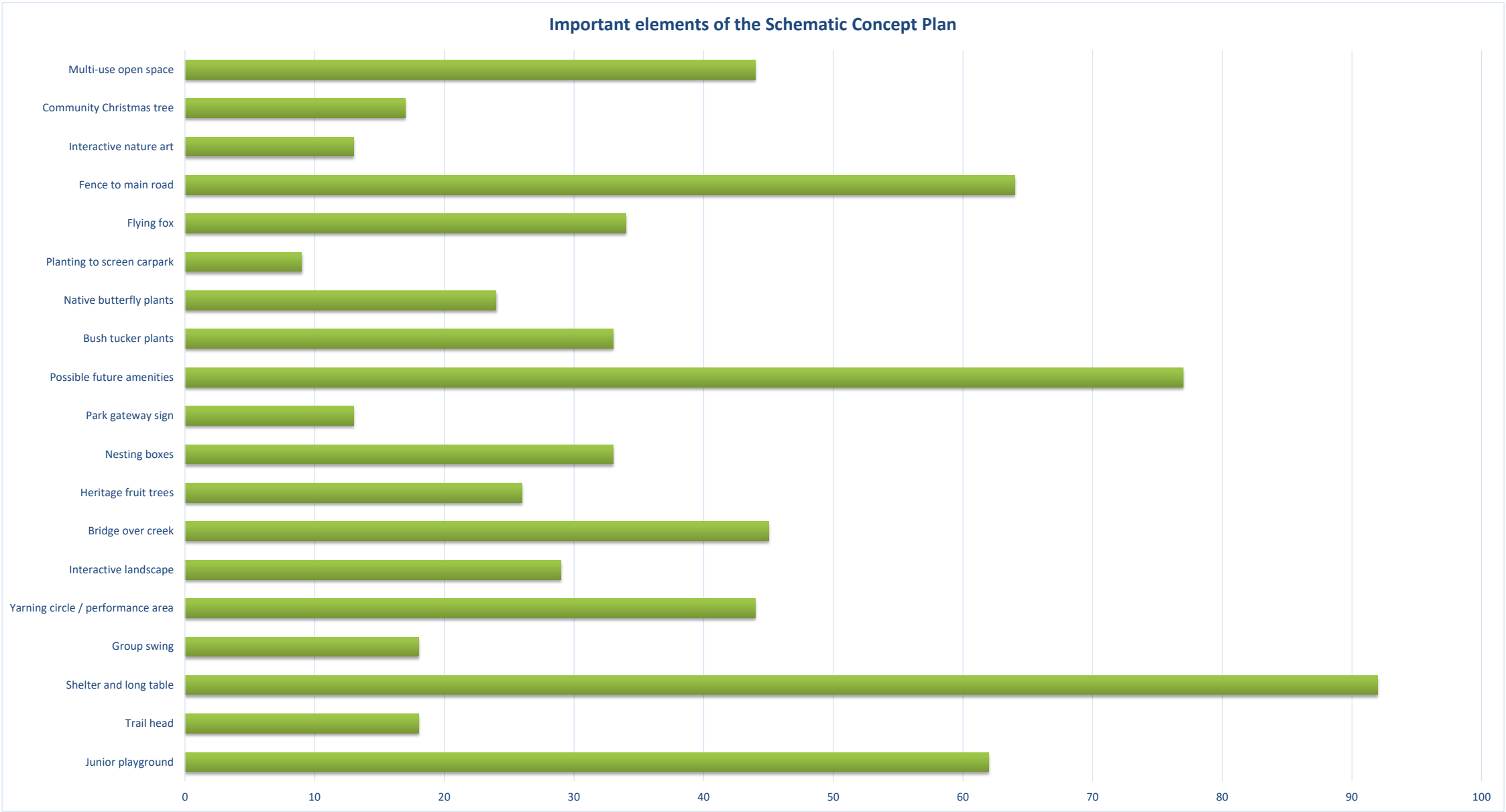


Chart 5: Important elements of the Schematic Concept Plan

Question 4. Do you have any other ideas we should consider in the design and development of Peachester Park?

Common Themes:

- Toilets
- Exercise equipment
- Barbecue facilities
- Small skate bowl / pump track / bike track
- Managing the traffic and parking
- Nature playground instead of metal one. One that is built into the environment.
- Extra tables around not covered
- When it rains there is a boggy patch needs drain put in place to creek
- Screen the car park from High St resident's homes

Example Comments:

“We don’t really want a bridge over the creek because that’s wrecking our creativity. We build the bridges ourselves. We also need some bike tracks.”

“It needs to have something for all ages (primary age) play for toddlers through to bigger kids, bike trails with hills through the park, maybe a pump track”.

Question 5. Do you agree with the park principles that will guide the development of the park?

The majority of participants agreed with the park principles as detailed in the Schematic Concept Plan, refer chart 6.

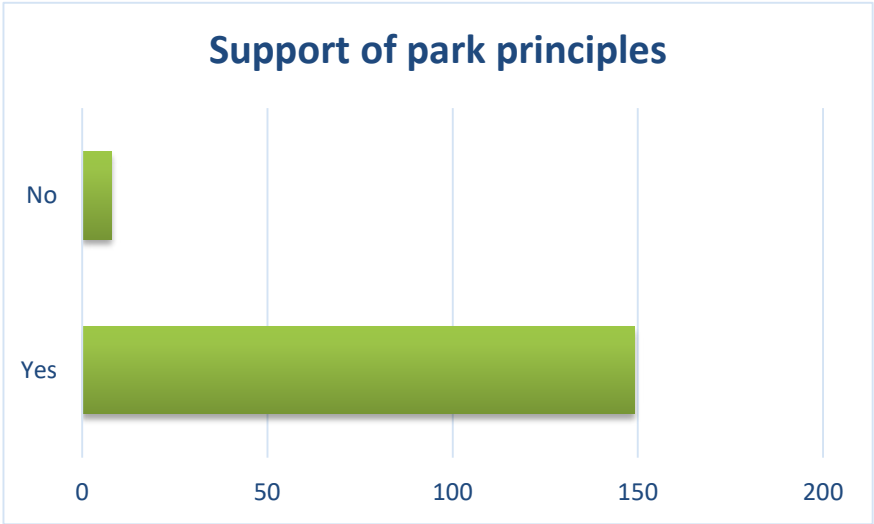


Chart 6: Support of Park Principles

Question 6. Is there anything else we should add?

Responses to this question repeated the same elements identified in responses to questions 2 and 4.

Example Comment:

“Celebrate the natural assets but bring in modern equipment that meets the needs & expectations of kids today & into the future otherwise it will continue as unused space and families will continue to travel elsewhere, resulting in community lose.”

Other Submissions

One written submission was received providing more detail on various issues raised in the survey responses including:

- Car Park design and Traffic Flow
- High Street entrance and Storrs Road intersection
- Park activation items of priority

The detail contained in this response will be considered in future development of the park.

4. Evaluation of the Findings

Community Park Principles

The majority of respondents supported the Community Park Principles developed from the reference group ‘brain storming plan’ as follows:

- To be a community gateway
- Building community connections
- Connection to the indigenous culture of Jinibara people
- Accessible
- A safe space
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Park Activities and Elements

The responses identified most people supported the proposed elements of the park identified in the Schematic Concept Plan. Priority was given to the following:

- Shelter and picnic table
- Natural spaces to play
- Playground
- Possible future amenities

- Fence to main road
- Multi use open space

In addition to the elements shown on the Schematic Concept Plan, the following were also suggested. In some cases these are inconsistent with Local Park status, refer below and Appendix A.

Item	Consistent with Local Park Embellishments
Exercise equipment	Yes
Bike Track	Yes
Extra tables and bins	Yes
Water	Yes
Electricity	Yes
Dog walking/exercise	Yes (On leash)
Barbecue facilities	No
Small skate bowl/pump track	No
On site parking	No
Lighting	No
Half court	No

5. Moving Forward

Landscape Concept Plan

The next stage of the development of Peachester Park is preparation of a Landscape Concept Plan based on community feedback. The Landscape Concept plan will be completed in 2022 and includes prioritized staged works and costing.

The Landscape Concept Plan will guide future applications for Capital Works funding and potential community grant funding.

Further Engagement

Sunshine Coast Council would like to thank all of the participants for their contribution and feedback. Council values the information gathered and the ideas generated through the engagement process and will use this information in development of the park into the future.

Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the time and contribution provided by the Peachester Park Community Reference Group. Their passion and support for development of the park has made a significant contribution to the process.

Sunshine Coast Council will keep the community informed of progress including:

- A summary report of the community consultation outcomes
- Development of the Landscape Concept Plan
- Funding and prioritization, as and when this becomes available.

Appendix A

Local Parks Embellishment Requirements

Extract from Sunshine Coast Council Recreational Parks Plan 2021-2031

Table 3: Local parks embellishment requirements

Type of embellishment	Local park requirement / number
Animals	
Dog off leash parks	Optional – where need is demonstrated and where provision does not compromise park function
Furniture	
Barbecues	No
Bicycle rails	Optional – 4 bike parking spaces / ha
Bins (waste)	Optional – where applicable / required near play space)
Bins (recycle)	Optional – where serviceable
Drinking fountains	Optional – where play spaces are provided
Taps – public access	Optional – where required
Taps – maintenance	Optional – where required
Stand-alone seat / picnic table and bench	Yes – 2 seats / ha, min 2 / playground
Showers	Optional – where adjoining beach/water access
Barriers	
Bollards	Yes – along non-fenced perimeter boundaries. Trees and vegetation preferred
Fences and gates (vehicle access / pedestrian access)	Optional – where required
Pedestrian infrastructure	
Internal path	Yes – sealed paths
Connection path	Optional – sealed path (link to external networks)
Planting	
Trees	Yes – native and non-native shade trees
Natural shade coverage	40% coverage of pathways at tree maturity; 50% coverage of activity areas (playgrounds, exercise etc)
Landscape planting (garden beds, turf, re-vegetation)	Yes – planting style to suit local landscape and character
Community gardens	Optional – where need is demonstrated and where provision does not compromise park function

Type of embellishment	Local park requirement / number
Play, sport and activities	
Exercise equipment	Optional – where need is demonstrated and where provision does not compromise park function
Play spaces (playgrounds, natural activity areas)	Optional – 300m2 with equipment and landform. Must be shaded by vegetation and / temporary shade sails
Skate park	No
Informal sports and games (fields and courts, outdoor games, children's bicycle track)	Optional - where need is demonstrated and where provision does not compromise park function
Kick and throw area	Yes – 30m x 20m. Flat and well drained
Event spaces	No
Signs, art and memorials	
Signage	Optional – directional, regulatory
Public art	No
Primary public access points	Yes – min 1 highly visible entrance
Structures and parking	
Parking (on-site)	No
Shade sails	Optional – temporary measure while trees mature
Public amenities (toilets)	No
Shelters	Yes – max 2 shelters
Utilities and smart technology	
Irrigation	No
Serviced site	Optional – where required
Lighting	No
Other	
see RPP – Technical Guidelines – Appendix B – Table: 41 / DSS for open space in the SC Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017 (ELS)	



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