

### Peregian Springs Local Community Facility - Community Engagement Results

# Why did Council engage with the Peregian 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 Peregian 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 Peregian Springs to consider the need and demand for a community facility in the local area.

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

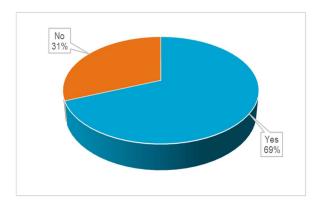


Figure 1: Online survey result - Would you use a local community facility if one was located in Peregian Springs? (N=116)

# 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 Peregian 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 Peregian Springs, while 31% suggested they would not use a local community facility in Peregian Springs (see Figure 1).

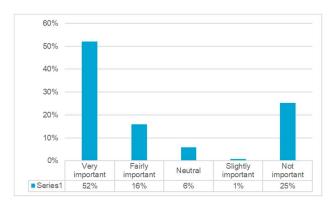
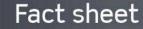
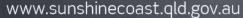


Figure 2: Online survey result - Overall, how important is it for Peregian Springs to have a community facility? (N=119)







### Community engagement results (cont.)

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

The commnity 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 Peregian 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 Peregian Springs based on the outcomes of the community engagement program.

