
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Let's Play! Hard Court - Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale

Consultation period: 2 February to 1 March 2024

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1. Summary




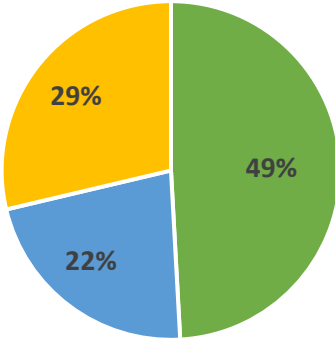

This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement as part of a proposal to create a new basketball facility at Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale.

The feedback collected during consultation revealed a considerable level of support for the proposed recreation space at Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale with comments citing the anticipated benefits for locals. There were many requests for a full court or more courts in this location to support local demand.

Feedback also suggested Council should consider installing a drinking fountain, additional trees for shade, line markings for pickleball and multi-purpose courts for netball.






There was a moderate number of respondents who were not supportive of the proposal citing loss of green space, loss of parking and noise pollution in the area. Some respondents questioned the need for the ride around track and raised safety concerns with the current design.

1.1. Key outcomes

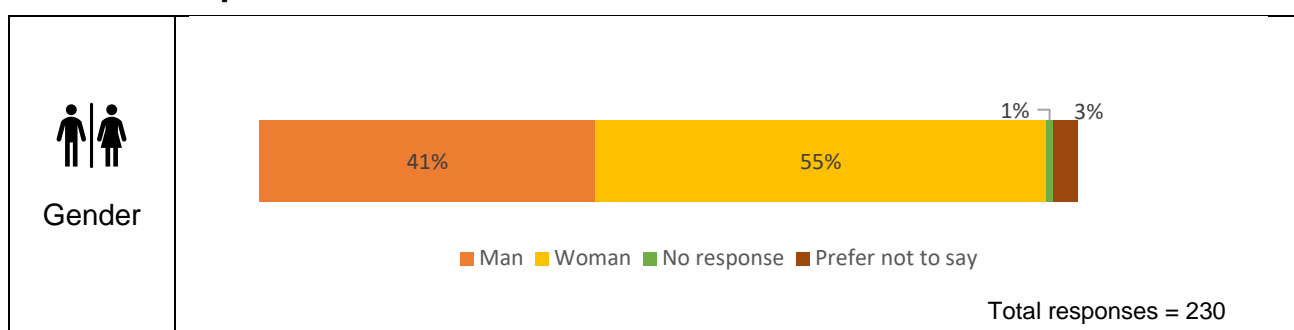
 Total unique responses	237*	
 How responses were received	Your Say – Survey Written responses (email)	Completions: 230 Number received: 8 ¹
 Online sentiment question: Do you support the draft concept plan?	 <div style="margin-left: 200px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Yes ■ Yes, with changes ■ No <p>Total responses = 230</p> </div>	
 Feedback themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct full courts • Parking impacts • Make the courts multi-use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional bike path • Loss on green space • Move the location

¹ 11 individual submitted a written response in addition to making a Your Say survey submission.

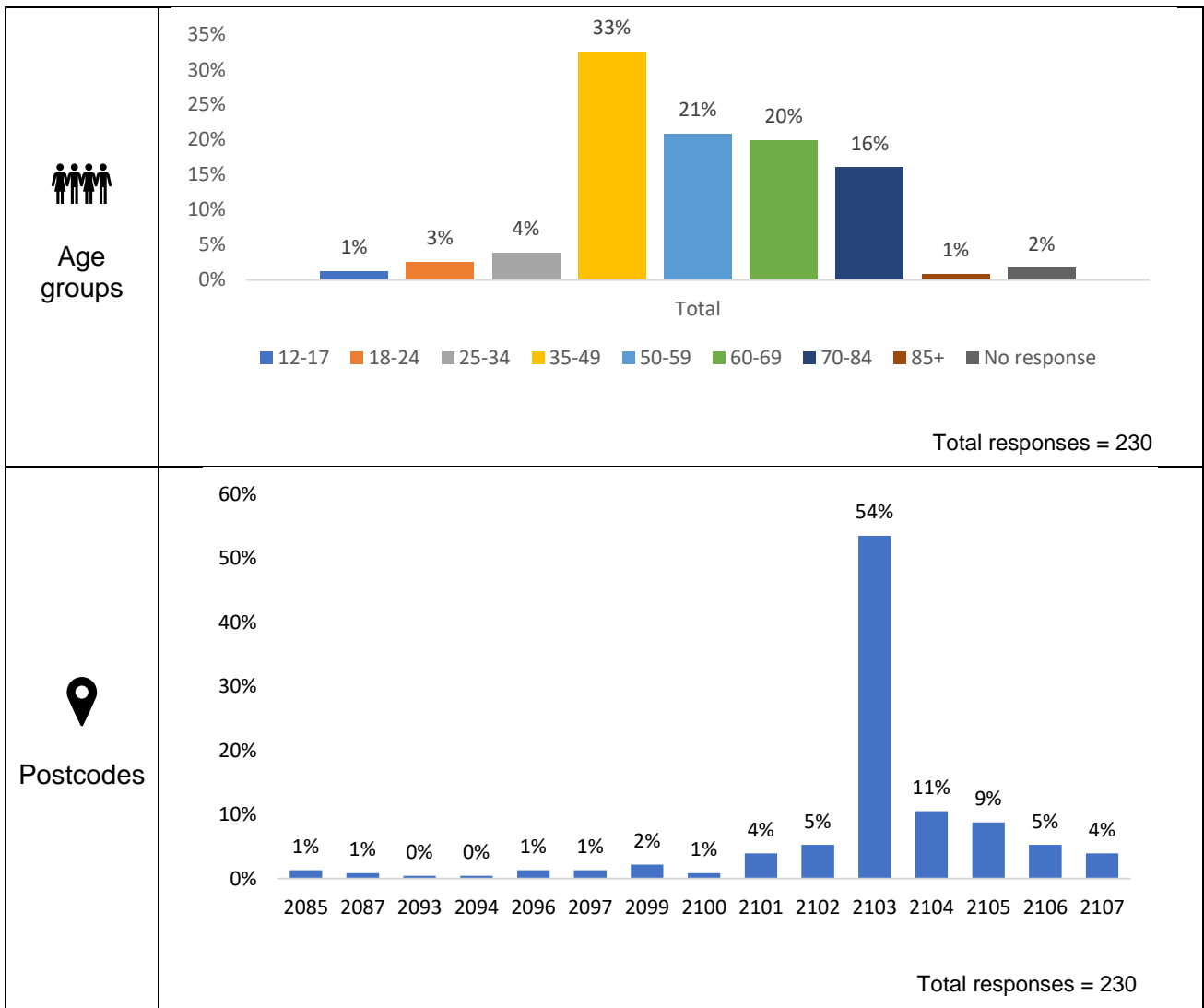
1.2. How we engaged

 <p>Have Your Say: visitation stats</p>	Visitors: 1,174	Visits: 1,635	Average time onsite: 2mins 9secs
 <p>Print media and collateral</p>	Letterbox drop: 2103, 2104 Site signs used: 4		Distribution: 479
 <p>Electronic direct mail (EDM)</p>	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions Council (weekly) e-News: 1 edition KALOF e-News: 1 edition		Distribution: 23,000 Distribution: 61,500 Distribution: 1,750
 <p>Face-to-face sessions</p>	Pop up event: 1		Approx. 30 attendees
 <p>Key stakeholder engagement</p>	Pittwater High School (email)		Distribution: 1

1.3. Who responded²



² Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail. No demographic data was captured for respondents who contributed feedback in writing.



2. Background

We are looking to create a new recreation space at Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale for the community to enjoy. Our primary goal is for neighbourhoods to inspire social interaction, inclusion and support health and wellbeing. One of the actions from Let's Play! (our Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy), is to look at improvements for Mona Vale, including the potential for a new basketball hard court facility.

3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities
- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- provide balanced and objective information to assist in understanding the problem, alternatives and/or solutions
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge, and values.

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Let's Play! Hard Court - Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale was conducted between 2 February and 1 March 2024, and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Strategy](#) (2022).

A project page was established on our Have Your Say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was promoted through our regular email newsletter subscribers, youth newsletter, site signage and letterbox drop to neighbouring residents.

An onsite pop-up event was also carried out where our project team was at the proposed location to gather feedback and to maximise community involvement.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the Have Your Say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited and have been included in the report.

4.1. Reaching diverse audiences

A thorough stakeholder mapping exercise was completed to identify and understand the needs of the whole community.

It was determined for this project that it was particularly important to hear from youth groups. Information was distributed to this demographic via Council's KALOF newsletter, targeted at young people aged 12-24. We also contacted Pittwater High School requesting they include the project in their school's e-newsletter.

We encouraged community participation and sought feedback on the project through several other activities to attract all the potentially affected people including:

- information was provided on Council's Have Your Say project page.
- a community pop-up event with the project team held on a Saturday morning.
- letterbox drops to neighbouring residents.
- displays of onsite notification posters
- Mayor's weekly e-news.

5. Findings

The feedback collected from the consultation provided some key takeaways from the community. Essentially half of respondents, 49 percent, were in support of the proposal and thought it provided highly sought after infrastructure to the Mona Vale area. This positive feedback was represented by all ages.

Some respondents cited they travel from Mona Vale to Avalon and Warriewood locations to use the hard courts and would like to see this local project go ahead.

More than 40 respondents said they would also like to see pickle ball line markings on the court or in the proposed handball space, with the remaining in full support to make the hard courts more multi-use with the addition of a netball hoop.

22 percent of respondents who were in favour of the recreation space said they would like to also see the two half courts be consolidated into one full court or even have two full courts.

A small number of supporters were in favour of the proposal but asked for the location of the recreation space be reviewed.

Those in support of the proposal also requested more shade trees, a bike rack, and a bubbler nearby.

While most community members support the new recreation space, 29 percent are not in favour. Concerns were raised by nearby residents around the impact to parking and noise disturbances. Taking away the open green space was also another factor raised by the community.

Table 1: Issues, change requests and other considerations.

Theme	Issues, change requests and other considerations raised	Council's response
Construct full courts rather than half courts	Requests for a full court or multiple full courts rather than two smaller half courts	Noted. Full courts were considered but due to funding and location limitations, this is not viable.
Parking impacts	Concerns raised about the impact of parking	Noted. It is anticipated that a large portion of users would live within walking or biking distance of the park or be already in the area for the café or park use. Any potential impact on existing parking is considered to be low.
Make the court multi-use	Requests for multi-use hard courts and to consider pickleball and netball options	Noted. Council will investigate how this small area could be made to suit multiple sports.
Additional bike path	Concerns for safety on the additional perimeter bike path	Noted. Review on the safety implications will be closely looked at and considered through the detailed design process.
Impact on green space	Concerns the court will take away the green space of the park	Noted. Council has sited the footprint and positioning of the hard-court area to

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		<p>efficiently utilise the open space and existing infrastructure.</p> <p>The hard courts are in an underutilised area due to the current infrastructure The existing water tank has been integrated as a seating area which also helps improve its appearance in the park.</p>
Move the location	Requests to relocate to Kitchener Park	<p>Noted. Kitchener Park is at capacity through formal sports use of the playing fields and popular skate park taking up any surplus land. Winnererremy Bay was found the most suitable space following the Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2022.</p>

Table 2: Questions raised and Council's answers.

During the consultation/exhibition, Council received a number of questions either through direct contact or within feedback received.

Question raised in feedback	Council's answer
Why not put the court at Kitchener Park?	Space at Kitchener Park is at capacity. With cricket in the summer and soccer in the winter months and the tennis courts all year round, this doesn't allow for a safe space for a hard court to be constructed in this park without reducing the size of the popular skate park
Can we have additional courts?	The size has been determined to ensure the open space is not heavily impacted while utilising existing infrastructure to help soften the look.
Will pickleball be included and can it be used by locals?	Pickleball line markings will be considered in the final design. If pickleball lines are installed this will be open for all to use.
Is this the best location in the park?	Council believes this is the best location within the park. It is set a distance away from local residences as well as the foreshore and picnic facilities, utilises existing infrastructure to minimise the aesthetic impact and not in an area where services will be affected.

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	<p>The areas between the carpark and bike path were considered, however this area has a large amount of stormwater infrastructure as well as acting as a detention area for overland storm water from the park.</p> <p>This location will also not take up a large portion of the open grassed area.</p>
Can this be closer to the playground?	This was considered but was found to take up too much open space and underground services would be affected.
Can the courts be multi-use	Consideration on including additional functionality i.e., netball and pickleball will be made following community feedback.
Where is the water station/bubbler	Water stations will be considered in the final detailed design
Can the courts be extended to include Futsal?	Council is not considering extending the courts to include futsal line markings.
Can outdoor gym equipment be installed?	Council will consider this in a future Delivery Plan.
Why can't Council share nearby school facilities (and parking) instead of spending this money?	Utilising the school facilities still comes at a cost to set up the grounds for public use, including maintenance fees. Access to use this type of facility would be limited as use while school is open, reducing the intended scope for the public.
Why don't we have an Aquatic Centre up this end of the peninsula?	This suggestion is not within the scope of this project
I'm not sure that two is enough. Any wiggle room on the budget?	Two is considered to provide suitable capacity whilst not taking up too much green space.
Would this be able to be used by local schools and other local community groups on a casual basis?	Yes, it will be available for any casual use but will not be available for bookings
Do we need the bike path around the courts?	No, but it provides an additional riding area with small corners for those learning to ride. The Boondah courts have a similar path with no issues.

1. Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Comments received via Your Say form.

No.	Comment
1	<p>1, Parking, there is not enough parking for the park now let alone with more infrastructure to be installed</p> <p>2. Public transport there is no public transport to travel patrons to the park, the closest bus stop is on Pittwater Road or Barrenjoey Road</p> <p>3. An Open Plan Park, the park was initially designed and opened by Patricia Giles for the use of an open plan park which we as rate payers agreed to for families and children to enjoy</p> <p>4. School Excursions, the park is utilised by school children for sporting activities on and around the same area proposed for the Courts, and this will be taken away if the courts are installed</p> <p>5. Other Options for Council, a better option would be Kitchener Park as there is already available parking, public transport and other sporting facilities in this area</p> <p>6 Town Planners, Winnererremy Bay as previously stated above was designed and approved by local rate payers to be an open plan park for the use of families and schools in the local area, this was never to be changed as the use of the park is just perfect as it is now please do not change this beautiful area and please do not install the Courts.</p> <p>7 Winnererremy Bay Park is used for festivals and is perfect as it is.</p>
2	<p>Absolutely not. Pittwater Council did a very good job re-developing this park several years ago and it has been reasonably well maintained over time, It is well used by locals and others enjoying the ambiance of the area. Parking is already limited creating an overflow onto local streets during weekends and special events, A Basketball hard court is not in keeping with the area or it's users and will encourage night time use for young folk with no where else to go and all the accompanying noise and problems that creates. Why ruin something that works very well and is already widely enjoyed.</p> <p>Why not put this Court at Kitchener Park which is in keeping with the other amenities.</p> <p>I would like to know what happened to the previous proposal to fix and widen the walkway from Roland Park to Gibson Marina. I do not know one person that objected to this proposal. This walkway is badly in need of repair, requiring Walkers to carefully maneuver in parts unless an accident prevails.</p>
3	<p>As a regular Visitor to the park, we do not want to see the open area eliminated especially with a hard court. The area will become too commercial with the lovely walking track overrun with speeding bicycles as has happened around Narrabeen Lakes, furthermore the limited parking area, already overloaded with cars belonging to students at Pittwater High School would be compromised for use by locals to the area and the beautiful dog walking area would be ruined.</p> <p>As a suggestion, why not offer to build the basketball courts within Pittwater High School grounds which would make the school a Centre of excellence for basketball.</p>
4	<p>As a resident in Maybanke ct Mona Vale the noise of a bouncing ball will be heard by all the residents next to the park as it echo's across the park.It will attract people at nights even with no lights. I understand people who don't live nearby will want it since it doesn't affect were they live. Village Park or Kitchener park would be a better alternative.</p>
5	<p>Build in Kitchener park instead so sporting facilities are all together.</p>

*Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

No.	Comment
6	<p>Dear Let's Play</p> <p>I would suggest the courts be relocated to where the Skate Board area is at Kitchener Park at Mona Vale. The Winnereremy Bay area is passive recreation area. Sporting facilities would be better kept in designated areas as Kitchener Park currently stands.</p>
7	<p>Don't ruin the park, put it near the skate park or tennis courts</p>
8	<p>I believe it would detract from the look of the natural green space grassed area. It will become noisy with bouncing basket balls on the hard surface & against the hoop backboards. It will attract an undesirable youth element & we already have enough social, illegal issues in the Mona Vale area.</p>
9	<p>I cannot comprehend why the tranquility of Winnereremy Bay should be vandalised in this way. Please Council leave it alone! It is a haven of peace to all who use it. Don't commercialise it further!!</p>
10	<p>I do not support this due to the increased noise this will cause for local residents. The noise carries up the hill of Mona St. Noise is already disruptive at night when there are people at the park yelling and celebrating loudly. This would intensify as there will be people at the courts at all hours and it is the rebounding noise of the ball that will carry through to residents. This facility would be better to be built near the skate board park as the youth enjoy this area and it is situated well away from residential homes. Even without lighting the use of the court early morning and during daylight savings will mean that noise levels will be considerable for residents.</p>
11	<p>I do not wish to place anymore buildings of any kind on our green spaces which I view as very precious. Leave our green spaces alone so that we have spaces to walk and just enjoy nature.</p>
12	<p>I feel like it is not an appropriate space for basketball courts. It is such a beautiful open area with so much grass for so many to enjoy. I feel that the basketball courts would ruin the aesthetics of the area and get rid of more natural beauty</p>
13	<p>I oppose the proposed development of Hard Court basketball courts and seating in the Winnereremy Bay parkland. This greenspace was designed as a passive recreation area for families to enjoy the proximity to Pittwater. It attracts families from all over the Northern Beaches and wider Sydney area to relax , picnic and enjoy a large parkland with bicycle and walking paths for younger children. The draft proposal will attract youths, likely without parental supervision to participate in a loud activity. This will spoil the ambience of this greenspace. I believe, that if council feels that more activities should be offered for our youth, these basketball courts should be built in Kitchener park which is a sporting hub that caters for youth with an existing skateboard park and half pipe. It makes much greater sense to place the courts there, where the noise and activity is away from residential areas and younger families enjoying a peaceful day on the edge of Pittwater,</p>
14	<p>Il do not support this plan because Winnereremy Park is a passive park area enjoyed because of the quiet open spaces particularly for picnics, dog walking & childrens activities. I think the hard courts would be best placed with other sporting venues because they will obviously attract more cars & the parking is limited at Winnereremy Park. There is already spill over street parking because of the school next door.</p> <p>As hard courts naturally attract young people & their audience, I think courts such as these, which will be used into the evening in daylight hours, will be too noisy adjacent to this quiet, passive activity area.</p>

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15	It is an open air park, that has little juvenile delinquency at the moment, it is our belief that with the introduction of these half courts, the problems will increase in bad behaviour and extra litter, as observed there are no rubbish bins up that end of the court and could become a trash pile. Although I believe it would be a great idea for teenagers, I don't think that is the correct area, also thinking of the neighbours who would have to put up with the noise generated after hours. Instead why couldn't council put in adult gym equipment such as they have next to narrabeen lakes please.
16	It prefer to have more trees planted instead of concrete...we use this park everyday and it is lovely to have a big green area where we can sit and enjoy a picnic as well as playing.
17	It will spoil a currently wonderful place and reduce green space. A Breyer use of councils money would be to upgrade the fields and drainage at Kitchener Park, or to create some al fresco dining options around the Village Park - similar to what Lane Cove Council has done in the Canopy. I'd like to understand where this idea came from I can't imagine the local community would want this.
18	Looks like a waste of money, the courts are only one-ended, not full basketball courts.
19	Netball is now the third most popular team participation sport in Australia after overtaking Aussie Rules, according to new Ausplay data. Netball is now more popular than Australian Rules Football when it comes to grassroots team participation. A plan that does not include a multipurpose courts- that allow for netball and basketball discriminates against women and girls. Please do better
20	Not enough green space like this in the area. This might be better suited to kitchener park or elsewhere. This is not a sports field, kitchener park is a sports field. The environmental ambience does not support this development in this location.
21	Parking area would not be sufficient for visitors using courts and park. Noise also would be an issue as it is a peaceful and relaxing area to enjoy.
22	Parking is hard enough now when I have been to Winnererremy Bay for a picnic & walk. I would like to see it stay as a great picnic area.
23	Parking minimal. The park is natural, green & inviting. We own [REDACTED] directly next door to the new Bayside build. Parking & traffic is already a problem. Keep your courts to already established main road areas.
24	Parking, there is not enough parking now for families who attend Winnererremy Bay for the beautiful large park and bike track There is no PublicTransport close to this Park, the closest Bus stop is on Pittwater Road or Barrenjoey Road The Winnererremy Bay Park was initially designed for a lovely grassed area surrounded by a lovely walking and riding track which utilises by hundreds of people and the Courts will be taking this away from the Park. Winnererremy Bay park was initially designed by Patricia Giles as a open large grassed area for Festivals, Families and local Schools as well as other outdoor enjoyment as a park with large grasslands leading to beautiful Pittwater, there was never any mention of changing this lovely park to a sports facility area. A better alternative would be to install the Courts in Kitchener Park at Mona Vale, there is ample parking facilities and large parks and skate parks and the Public Transport is at the entrance to Kitchener Park. PLEASE DO NOT INSTALL COURTS AT OUR BEAUTIFUL WINNERERREMY BAY PARK.
25	Please see attached letter.

No.	Comment
26	Please stop ruining the environment
27	Stop creating a concrete jungle!! Put it near the skate park which is already ruined!
28	Surely it's time to stop the gradual depletion of open green spaces. This entire area used to wide open spaces, then housing was built and a diminished public area was left. Please just leave it as it is for families and individuals to walk, picnic and enjoy the sounds of birdlife.
29	The area doesn't need more concrete. There are other areas more suitable, like the skate park. It is already enjoyed by the community as is. Green space is all that is needed.
30	The erection of concrete facilities of the cost of ever reducing green space must be stopped
31	The green space proposed is used by many, including us, regularly for playing. We do not want our green space turned into basket ball courts. We enjoy the space in a multitude of ways and would not use it if it was concrete. We enjoy getting out onto the grass and enjoying the nature. There are other more appropriate spots in mona vale for basket ball courts - don't ruin our green areas by covering them in concrete. This won't help our health and well-being.
32	The park is a beautiful, mature open space. I do feel that this proposal will detract from the tranquility the park exudes. As a council you might be better off investing in upgrading the car park. Surely there is a better option of using space at Pittwater High School to develop something that will benefit the school and young people who might be interested. My response is a firm No, I do not support in this location. Surely there is somewhere else.
33	The space is an open safe space for everyone. No need to cement over grassed open space. If more basketball courts are needed let them use the ones at Pittwater High School,
34	The spot is perfect as is and enjoyed by families with young children. I believe if the courts go in it will spoil what we already have there peace and tranquility. Leave it alone !!!
35	There is a cost of living crisis. Save the money, reduce our rates instead. Also, council does not even keep up with maintenance as it is, don't had more to maintenance to the list.
36	There is no need for these basketball courts. They will cause more problems than they solve. Why cannot council share nearby school facilities (and parking) instead of spending this money? Money is needed instead for upgrading the walkway from Mona vale to church point which has caused at least 2 broken bones that I know of. After any rain it is filled with deep puddles and walkers risk balancing on the wall beside Pittwater or getting ticks in the bushes. The wooden part of the walkway collapsed last Christmas throwing the public into the water. It is still unrepaired. The gum tree branch that fell on Pittwater road a year ago did damage to the metal and wooden safety rails yet they are still y repaired. There is a palm tree beside quays marina that has never been trimmed and drops large fronds on the road and pathway. Upgrade what you have. Protect the residents before spending money in shiny new things.
37	There is not enough open space on the Northern Beaches. Giving up any of it to individual groups or sports is not in the communities best interests. Suggest the Council buys land and puts such facilities on that.

No.	Comment
38	<p>There will need to be a fence with gates to stop the balls from hitting the young kids on the bike path. One of the main uses for this park is for young kids to learn to and go to ride scooters and bikes, having older kids around with balls flying everywhere will make the young kids feel unsafe. As there is no where else like this where young kids can learn to ride scooters and bikes safely this is not a good spot for a hard court for ball sports.</p>
39	<p>This not very large waterside park is very popular with community members of all ages, and extremely busy as it is. Concreting two basket ball courts invading the present grassed open space is totally inappropriate for that rare waterside area. Invading what now is 'everyone's grassy space', it would change it to a concreted area solely for basketball players.</p> <p>Basketball courts are needed, but there are far more suitable areas for them to be sited. eg Kitchener or Beeby Parks which are not so scenic, and/or arrange to share school based courts after school hours and/or in weekends and school holidays.</p> <p>Please consider the needs of the majority for this very popular waterside park.</p>
40	<p>This serene, picturesque area is home to community events and family/ friend groups. Its open area provides space inclusive to all and adaptable for a range of community events, catering for all age groups. The inclusion of basketball courts would reduced this adaptability and create noise possibly at late hours to neighbours.</p> <p>The building of basketball courts would be better suited to Kitchener Park, a lively area, located away from residential neighbours, and offering groups a wider variety of activities.</p>
41	<p>This will add to the traffic build up on mona st , which is used more & more as a RAT RUN now . PLUS MORE PARKING WILL BE NEEDED . THEN there the lighting , are there light going to be part of this plan , the lose of any green SPACE is the small end of the wedge ! WHATS next ? IT ALSO may add an extra work loan on the council regarding clean up ect ! The local POLICE HAVE THERE HANDS FULL NOW. IAM A GREAT SUPPORTER OF YOUNG ONES SPORT . BUT LETS KEEP IT ALL TOGETHER , MAY BE AT NORTH NARRABEEN RESERVE . THANK YOU</p>
42	<p>To Whom It may concern,</p> <p>I note comments on the above change to Winnererremy Park close today and below are my thoughts. I do, however, note on your website, you say "A new basketball facility coming soon". It sounds like you've already decided that will be the case, so I'm not sure why you're asking for the public's input?</p> <p>This park is a much loved and used resource by residents and visitors alike. It is used by families and children who enjoy family time playing football and cricket and picnics and birthday parties on the grassy area, not just where the picnic tables are. The elderly come to enjoy the peace and quiet and beauty of stillness which gives a welcome relief from the stresses of everyday life and it has been shown time and again that green and peaceful spaces help with depression and mental health problems.</p> <p>As Mona Vale loses more gardens and lawns as less can afford to live in houses and are having to move into apartments instead, green spaces are becoming even more important and are rapidly disappearing from this suburb. Losing green spaces and replacing them with more concrete does nothing to help with the heat of urban space as our climate continues to heat up. Future generations will not forgive us for concreting over these vital and rapidly disappearing areas.</p>

No.	Comment
43	<p>Too noisy 24/7 for nearby residences, noise carries over the nearby bay, increased traffic levels - dangerous to all</p> <p>Shift workers needs to sleep in nearby residences, disturbs the general peace, offensive behaviour & crime attracted to a residential area, native wildlife endangered, use of portable lighting at night time allows constant play, low level Police/Ranger assistance when immediate action is required. Other council areas e.g. Kitchener Park or Village park a better alternative, originally zoned as a Passive Recreation parkland area</p>
44	<p>Unfortunately just more of the loss of community space, set aside for the many or as tree canopy reserve being lost for the pleasure and gratification of a few.</p> <p>While sporting activities should be encouraged and catered for we need to plan and build so that outdoor sporting fields serve multiple activities - we have already lost far too much of our natural environment to sporting fields.</p>
45	<p>Unless council wishes to have our local area looking like other Suburbs of Sydney, (a concrete jungle). I have no idea why this proposal is even in existence. Totally ridiculous.</p>
46	<p>Unsuitable development in a residential area .a better location might be underused are owned by council down near the golf club.No neighbours no noise issues.Why should the residents have to put up with kids hanging around all hours of the day and night it's bad enough already in the playground.</p> <p>Traffic in and out of Mona st and Eric green already a problem.</p> <p>You the council have no control whether it's used at night time you don't have any control over your 6hr parking .What a waste of rate payers money that has been.(travellers love free parking night after night outside my house).Take the courts down of Mona Vale rd with other sporting precinct far more suitable with no disruption to permanent residents .</p>
47	<p>Waste of money</p>
48	<p>We fought very hard to get the bit of green space we finally got after 2/3 went to housing plus the car park and cafe. Every little bit taken away counts and opens the space up to further considerations of space grab. I'm not against a basketball court but not here. How about doing what you did in the Newport car park and allocating the end to a winter court, or use a bit of Pittwater High School space adjacent to Pittwater Road?</p>
49	<p>We live in Eric Green Drive and know about the traffic and noise level at the present , building a hard court and an additional bike way will only add to the parking problems and the noise level on a regular basis , it is bad enough as it is now!</p>
50	<p>Why not put the courts between tennis courts and scout hall or close to mona vale tennis courts. Have that as a sporting complex. Don't destroy our parkland. U will need to fence courts ugly. Please leave our beautiful park alone Why ruin it for the majority of people that benefit from its ambience and beauty. U will need to provide additional parking as most weekends there is no parking. Please leave it alone!!</p>
51	<p>Winnererremy Bay Park has a lot of picnickers every weekend, weather dependant, and the basketball creates a lot of yelling during the sport. This is not conducive with picnicking. Whereas Baird Park is more of a sports orientated park for the yelling and screaming that goes with basketball. Kind regards</p>

No.	Comment
52	Winnererremy Park is currently a pleasant family picnic recreation area where young families are prevalent. Adding the basketball courts obviously brings in an older age bracket which erodes the family atmosphere. The noise from bouncing basketballs on the concrete and constantly hitting the backboards (at possibly later hours in the evening in Summer) is a disturbance to residential on the perimeter of the park. Kitchener Park is a more suitable location, away from residential areas, easier to access by public transport and already has similar youth facilities such as the skateboard park.
53	<p>You can't even look after the park in its present condition! The grass is always overgrown, is encroaching onto the pathway, the carpark is in atrocious condition and the site signs have been missing for years.</p> <p>As a former president of the Mona Vale Raiders Rugby League Club, I'm absolutely astounded that the club still has to survive on a single oval, as does Newport Rugby. With all the Section 94 contributions the council has received from developers over the years, surely the council could have built new playing fields.</p> <p>In addition, why don't we have an aquatic centre up this end of the peninsula?</p> <p>Surely, the new outside basketball courts you built in Warriewood should be sufficient</p>
54	<p>You say it won't take from the green space, how is that when they will be built on the existing green space.</p> <p>Why can't the basketball courts in Pittwater High School be used? Or is that open to vandalism? As would the new courts be....by our privileged youth of the Northern Beaches. And I guess all the new tree planting will be destroyed as is so often. I don't want to sound like a "grumpy old lady", but I guess I have seen too much destruction in our area that it actually saddens me.</p>
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67	A full regulation court or multiple half courts would be good considering the Boondah reserve courts are almost always full outside of school/work hours.

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68	Amazing idea, about time you thought of the Teen age group finally to keep them out of trouble. Much more needed.
69	An awesome idea! Great location and adds another dimension to the use of the park. We want more spaces for kids to be active. Hopefully our community will support! I do think increasing shade - either more covered tables like existing or adding more is needed in the park to make it more issuable over the hot summer months....but guessing this is not part of this project. Well done!!
70	As a father with a young family I am very excited about this! Great concept.
71	Basketball courts are a great idea. Fantastic for teenagers.
72	Basketball is growing in popularity so quickly on the northern beaches and there is a huge lack of facilities!
73	Basketball is really taking off in Australia. There are insufficient indoor courts - which I appreciate are expensive and slow to build. It's a really good sport for keeping teenagers out of trouble!!
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75	Excellent ideas! Kids will love it!!!
76	Fully support more utilisation of this park area, and in particular more availability of basketball courts for kids in the area Consideration for a netball court or hoop also would be suggested
77	good idea
78	Good idea. Great place to have more courts next to the high school keep kids busy.
79	Good to get kids away from computer games , at least for a while, and into fresh air <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
80	Great idea. Should put a couple more or make the 2 full courts
81	Great addition. Only consideration are residents across the park and road with night time use. Maybe best no lights or limited lighting (timed) period at end of daylight saving.
82	Great for teenagers to have this facility in such a pleasant location.
83	Great idea! The kids will love it
84	Great idea!! It would be well used.
85	Great idea, basketball is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia.
86	Great idea.

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87	I am curious if the learn to ride track around the courts is needed. The existing footpath around the park is extensively used for learn to ride and does very well. Putting little kids learning to ride in the path of stray basketballs and at the edge of an area designed for teens seems an interesting choice.
88	I fully support this initiative and think it's a great use of public space for what is a very popular and growing sport.
89	I think a basket ball court would be OK. Could it also be used for netball? The kids do like playing these games. I think there will be enough room for it.
90	I think it is a marvellous idea plenty of off street parking not fronting any roads safe for children. Very popular sport should be encouraged keeping the younger generation off their phones and excellent way to make lifelong friends .
91	I think it's perfect for kids in Mona Vale and surrounding suburbs. It would be better if there were more courts but this is better than nothing.
92	I think this is a great idea. There are not enough basketball courts in the area and they will be well utilised I am sure. The position seems good. Away from the children's playground which I believe is ideal.
93	I think this is a great idea. Active kids = healthy kids. Love this for the area!
94	It looks great. My only comment would be to enclose the area with a fence to stop kids chasing run away balls across the path where the bikes go around. This will reduce the chance of collision.
95	It would be interesting to see the existing and final proposed contour plans in order to establish: 1 no requirement for retaining walls, 2 sufficient run off levels to ensure no ponding on the courts
96	It's great to have facilities that will encourage young people to do more outdoor activities.
97	Local are is in desperate need for more basketball facilities. Safe space for kids to play, fully supportive.
98	More full indoor courts are desperately needed for competition games. Water filter would be great.
99	No lights for after dark use as this will a-track the wrong type of people to the sports facilities
100	Sound great, however, I'm not sure that two is enough?!.. Any wiggle room on the budget?
101	Sounds like an excellent addition to the area, especially to provide a space for recreation beyond the kids playground for older children and beyond.
102	There is plenty of room at the park, I live just across the road..Consider making it a larger proper size basketball courts X 2, with more trees to create as much shade as possible or shade sails to keep the sun off the players.

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103	There's no other public basketball facility in this area except at warriewood and Avalon, so it is certainly needed locally. There is also limited opportunities for play for teens at flying fox. With the exponentially growing interest in basketball for youth in pittwater, this would be a very welcome facility. It is modest in size, no lighting is planned, and no trees being removed, therefore there should be no problem with its installation. I support this development.
104	This design is good. Please change the Beverley Job Park basketball court to be something like this. Something like this would be perfect for the proposed Beverley Job Park site - please invest more in Narraweena's open space and recreation.
105	This facility is definitely required in Mona Vale. There is a lack of outdoor sport facilities and I fully support this concept.
106	This is a fantastic idea! Thank you so much. A suggestion is lighting for playing after dark with an auto switch off at 10pm
107	This is a great idea! Our family would definitely use this facility.
108	This is great initiative- we definitely need more outdoor ball courts for the kids of local areas!
109	This would be a great addition to the park
110	This would be a perfect addition to this space and would be enjoyed as much if not more than the courts at Boondah.
111	We need more public basketball courts all along the beaches.
112	Well overdue.
113	Wonderful idea, which I'm sure will be well utilised by the community. Perhaps there could also be a space with some of those outdoor fitness devices. (The types that you sit or lie on while pushing or pulling the device with your arms or legs, etc.)
114	Wonderful initiative by Council. So good to have outdoor recreation spaces like this for our young people, especially with the big increase in popularity of the sport over recent years. Boondah Courts can only take so many kids - and fully utilised most of the time. Great to roll out some additional courts around the LGA. Well done & thank you.
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180	<p>a) Its good something is being planned to hide the concrete water tank eyesore council built some years ago & more should be done.</p> <p>b) Its a pity more concrete / hard surfaces is been added to the green park.</p> <p>c) The area designated is the only large wide open space in the park and it is often used by schools & other large open space events. Reducing the area is not a good idea.</p> <p>d) If we really need more 'Play area' & Basket ball has been chosen, why not a multi purpose court that could be used for other games. eg Pickle ball, etc..</p> <p>e) Focusing the spend on incorporating the top of the water tank with one court is worth considering.</p>
181	Add in netball hoops to one or both of the courts as an additional option
182	Allow for a Pickleball court as part of the hard courts
183	<p>Consider full sized court to allow end to end games to be played.</p> <p>Move water tank and rotate basketball keys to form opposite ends of basketball court, fill in area between keys to make full sized court.</p> <p>Not sure of demand for full sized court, but option would be there</p> <p>Could leave off additional bike track to decrease overall area footprint</p>
184	<p>Could the plan include a Pickle ball / Paddle Ball court also. Hugely a community based sport that is growing fast in Europe and the USA.</p> <p>https://www.pickleballaus.org/</p>
185	Could this design also include Pickleball courts?
186	<p>Could you please also include an outdoor fitness area similar to that in Newport? That would be so well received by the community also.</p> <p>It would be so popular.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
187	Fantastic concept and idea for the community. Is there potential to make the courts multi purpose ie basketball and netball with dual line markings and hoops to accomodate both popular sports in the area. Would this be able to be used by local schools and other local community group on a casual basis? If so, that would be fantastic.
188	Given the space available please consider expanding to two full courts with a total of 4 baskets. 2 baskets isn't exactly generous here.

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189	<p>Great facilities for the younger generation - fully support the willingness to add more facilities in the Northern Beaches area.</p> <p>BUT, the constant doink, doink, doink, of kids/teenagers bouncing pumped up basketballs at that location is going to drive the local residents nuts. Additionally, further complaints could soon be generated from the yet to be completed nearby multi dwelling facility on the corner of Bassett St. At the very least, a substantial solid sound barrier would seem to be desirable if construction were to proceed. Noise would be the issue with this proposal.</p>
190	<p>Great idea. Half courts are a bit of a waste of time. May as well do it properly and do a full court or courts so that people can play actual games.</p>
191	<p>Great initiative. Wouldn't be better to have one full court instead of 2 half courts? Kids could play two halves on a full court as well (it is how they do at Warriewood when there are more teams than courts)</p>
192	<p>Hello,</p> <p>This is a great idea. We fully support it as we live across the road and have 3 teenage boys.</p> <p>Is there also a way to incorporate/extend the area to include a small soccer/futsal field too as soccer is very popular too and we love football.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
193	<p>Hj!</p> <p>Similar hard surfaces ostensibly for netball/basketball were installed several years ago in Avalon. I pass them frequently on foot, but dont use them myself. I am quite familiar with the Winnererremy Bay area. Based on my observation of these, might I comment:</p> <p>1) The full courts dont seem to get much use for organised games, other than by schools, but are often used at weekends for paddleboard. I dont know how this is organised but it requires nets and their supports, which would not be part of a normal netball facility. Presumably participants bring their own nets etc.. I dont know whether this (and perhaps other) alternative public uses would be facilitated by any design changes (perhaps sockets in teh ground for nets used in various games, and line markings in differing colours), but suggest it be looked into, so the courts facilitate as wide a range of uses as practical.</p> <p>2) At Avalon there is also a practice netball hoop. This and the court hoops are often used for netball/basketball practice or fun, by youths and often by parents with children . However the metal faced rebound surfaces (? the vertical flat surface above and behind the hoops) are quite noisy when impacted by balls, and the slender support poles flex, so the structures tends to reverberate after being struck. I would hate to be living within earshot of these courts as youths sometimes make use of them late at night. Suggest give some design priority to minimising noise from these rebound surfaces when struck by balls. Even if there are no nearby residences, other users of the adjacent grassed areas during the day will be impacted by the noise, including from the "dribbling" of basketballs on the playing surface.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment.</p>
194	<p>How about a full-size court as well?</p>

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195	<p>I don't believe it would be safe to have a "learn to ride" path around the perimeter of the courts. Surely this is a mistake?! The main purpose is for older kids/adults to play basketball, not little kids to learn how to ride bikes; little kids 'learning to ride bikes' will be in the crossfire and may end up hurt. They would also feel intimidated with the older kids playing so nearby.</p> <p>Also - rather than have 2x half courts, why can't it be one normal sized one so the kids and adults can have an actual game?</p> <p>Other than that - it's a great idea and use of land.</p>
196	<p>I support more sporting facilities in the Northern Beaches, to encourage all people to engage in healthy activities. Basketball hardcourts are a great idea and there is plenty of room in this location to support this activity without detracting from current uses.</p> <p>My only question is why the "learn to ride" surface, which is also a great idea, needs to be so close to the courts ? This seems to put young children, and people "learning", too close to ball activities which may detract from their confidence to learn. They need a safe environment where they will not have stray balls potentially causing them harm or distress.</p> <p>The park area is big enough to locate a "Learn to ride" area in another location ?</p>
197	<p>I support the idea of having outdoor basketball courts in Mona Vale but would prefer another location. I believe a full size outdoor basketball court being located in Kitchener Park, Mona Vale beside the tennis courts. There is room there for at least one full and one or two half courts that could also be converted to netball. It is on transport and accessible to a larger section of the local population. There was a time back in the 1970s when there were a number grass netball courts in Kitchener Park near the current skate park. I am asking for convertible netball and basketball facilities to be provided there instead of the the proposed site which is out of the way. Council should be aware that Mona Vale has been neglected in regard to the provision of facilities and venues for sports other than soccer.</p>
198	<p>I think a full basketball court would be way better. I really wish the court Nolan Reserve was full size (please consider extending it). It gets a lot of use and essentially makes playing basketball more fun as you can play a real game.</p> <p>I'd say one real one is better than two halves. If busy people will naturally just split the court and play half each. It is common basketball etiquette on community and street courts. Therefore, make a full one to offer the best overall facility.</p>
199	<p>I think that any new hard court developments in the Pittwater area should include provision for Pickleball. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia and can be played by all age groups. There are very few facilities currently available in Pittwater for Pickleball. I strongly suggest you go back and modify the design so that it can be multi functional, including line markings for Pickleball.</p>
200	<p>I think that the courts need to be moved back from the current planned position to closer to the car park. IE remove the vegetation then place new vegetation at the grassed park side so that the adjacent neighbours don't have to view the courts nor would they be disturbed by lighting or constant ball bouncing as the vegetation may act as a buffer. This large area is used greatly by team practice, picnics/parties, visiting open air events.</p> <p>Alternatively the whole project could be moved to Patricia Giles Park as this is an area that is so unutilized and would still be accessed from Bassett Street.</p>
201	<p>I think that the proposal should be move to the other side of the underground water tank as the continual thudding of basketballs can become an annoying noise issue for the houses on the other side of Mona Street</p>

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202	I think the design would be great for the community. I could only suggest to add more courts! The ones at Warriewood have had a great use and basketball is a growing sport in Australia, as a Town Planning Student I think this is a great idea to help encourage youth of the community to actively participate in physical exercise and gather with friends. As someone who has lived in very close proximity to the park for over 20 years I think this is a fantastic idea
203	<p>I think the idea of further half courts in the Pittwater area is great, although I do have two comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I question to location within the park - is this truly the best location? I wonder if there is another location maybe closer to the playground? 2. I would like to see that these half courts are multi-purpose and include goals and court markings for netball also. Similar to the courts at Boondah so that girls are able to play also. <p>With respect to point 1 above another option could be to consider locating in Patricia Giles Reserve on Bassett Street. I believe this reserve is very under utilised.</p>
204	I would ask the designers to consider making the hard courts suitable for pickleball play. This sport is gaining popularity especially amongst the older population which inhabit Mona Vale and surrounds. Thanks
205	Include Picklball Courts marking on Basketball Courts (like at Avalon Beach) - Pickleball is fastest growing sport in the world. Then the new facility will provide play opportunities for oldies as well as youth (& the oldies would book the courts during school hours resulting in revenue for Council and better use of facilities)?
206	It should be totally separate from the existing bike/ walking path as the three activities will not overlap at all safely. I.e. young children on scooters and bikes wobbling along and walkers, both groups, potentially being hit by stray balls. Also additional on lookers of the basketball courts standing on the cycle/ walking path.
207	Like the addition of shade trees Would be great if the space could also be used for pickleball - it looks like it would be large enough, just needs appropriate lines.
208	Like the plan. Is there a fence separating the basketball and learn to cycle path at the back. Getting hit by a stray basketball, learning to cycle should be mitigated with a fence. The height of the fence should be ascertained.
209	Love the bike path. We need more basketball courts and two half courts are not enough. Basketball is the fastest growing sport on the beaches and while netballers have hundreds of spaces kids wanting to play basketball have limited choices. The current outdoor basketball facilities in Warriewood are always packed with kids waiting in line. While the grassed area is lovely... a bigger paved area where kids can play basketball, scooter, roller blade would be much better and is more needed. We have tonnes of parks and grassed areas... we need more useable outdoor space for hard surface sports. And YES you need to install lighting! This allows the space to be used during winter months too. Lighting and shade is imperative otherwise it is very limiting.

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210	<p>Might it be better positioned between the existing bike path and the carpark. This would keep the wide open space within the bike path circuit. Either way I think it's a great addition to our favourite park.</p>
211	<p>More shade covering needed. Shade trees are great but takes years for them to grow to be useful. The whole area needs more shade covering. Cannot understand that existing parking will not be affected considering more people will be using the facility. Probably a small amenities area ie 2 toilets and basins ,one for disabled would be useful since the current ones are a small distance away.</p>
212	<p>Need more courts and or full court</p>
213	<p>Needs a Pickle Ball court.</p>
214	<p>Parking is at a premium at certain times, so, some additional parking would be deemed appropriate. It is impossible to find parking, with people parking for water activities and exercise programs. This changes the dynamics of the park along with increased noise. Currently, the park is a family friendly park.</p>
215	<p>Pickleball is getting very popular indeed on the Northern Beaches, but there are limited outdoor areas where it can be played. It's easy to setup and use outdoor bitumen areas like basketball courts and so on for Pickleball, will residents be able to use these courts at times for Pickleball?</p>
216	<p>Please add pickleball markings to the courts to allow a more inclusive hard court space which would service the wider community. Why are we just focussing on basketball??</p>
217	<p>please investigate building Pickleball courts as well when any new infrastructure built</p>
218	<p>Please provide more shade trees as the climate is warming and increased shade is important for shady recreation space like picnics.</p>
219	<p>Some shade cover over the courts to ensure usage and safety during the peaks of summer days.</p>
220	<p>The area between needs to have a hard-covered seating area. To protect from sun and rain. Also, where is the water station?</p>
221	<p>The court widths and sizes aren't regulation sized (even though the 3 point line and key is). This doesn't allow for proper play of the sport. There seems to be substantial space wasted for a wacky architectural layout that isn't in the spirit of the game. A ride path circuit is pointless when the whole park is a ride path circuit. Planting trees in between the courts is dumb, it will damage the playing surface from root growth. No one plays handball it's for nerds, don't build that nonsense, it will interrupt play.</p> <p>Just build a full, regulation sized basketball court and save 200k on the useless architectural embellishment pls.</p>
222	<p>The draft re a hard court at Winnererremy Park is a good idea, however it should be positioned as far away from residential buildings as possible without getting too close to the picnic tables due to the noise of bouncing balls, which can be extremely disturbing. So my suggestion is to move the hard courts further towards the playground and but still on the inside of the bike/walking/running path. Furthermore, it's not a good idea to position the hard courts right next to the water tank. The hard surface on top of the tank is the only hard surface besides the path and often used by small children to play with their cars etc or to draw on with chalk. In particular this is often the case in the afternoon, after school hours, when the playground gets a bit too busy and too noisy for the little children.</p>

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223	The idea is great to provide 2 basketball courts BUT is this the thin of the wedge. What other hand court or hard surface will you be adding next. It seems that parkland areas are often seen as vacant space and little by little they are alienated for use by special groups, eventually leading to most of the parkland area reduced to little more than a pocket handkerchief, suitable only to have a few benches to sit on with all the activities for the general public that the parkland area had originally been designed for gone.
224	the park (green open space) is used by a variety of wildlife. In the concept plan I can't see if any mature trees or hides for bandicoots are being removed. It is also totally unrealistic to say the area won't be used at night because it will - it is close to street lighting. Perhaps a better location could be near the skateboard park
225	Think someone has been watching too many Inner city movies from USA. Not much basketball around here and there are facilities in the schools or down at Narrabeen if they want to play hoops. Think the money would be better spent on other activities. Personally I think a croquet lawn would be much better suited to the venue and cheaper also.
226	This will be amazing for all ages and bring the community into the park and hopefully bring more people into the cafe which is needed. There are no courts in Mona Vale and this is welcomed, we were going to partition for this and now it's here, amazing!. I would only say perhaps have as many as possible.. like 3 or 4 as they aren't full courts.
227	Three or more courts would be better. The additional would be proportionally minimal and would provide a huge benefit to local teenagers especially.
228	Why half courts? Put two full courts if you're serious about supporting the sport. Also fence them off similar to tennis courts, this prevents having to chase the ball and stops other users interfering with the players - such as bike riders and dogs.
229	Why would you go to such expense for two 1/2 courts come on, kids want 2 full courts so they can play properly. This will be beneficial to all the up and coming young families in the area this is a must for the area, as recreational infrastructure is non existent compared to other areas in Sydney.
230	Yes it should be a multi purpose community facility that also accommodates Netball which is played by Females. In addition local Schools and Community Groups should also be able to access this new sports facility.

Comments received via email

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1	<p>In reply to the current proposal I do not agree. The Pittwater High School is located right next door to the park and has basketball courts in place. Rather than spend money on what already exists nearby, why not open Pittwater High to the 'share our space' program. If security is an issue, perhaps some of the earmarked money could be spent on appropriate fencing and/or security cameras. If the school is against the idea, I would imagine their concerns to be the same as those held by the general public. There are also courts nearby at Mona Vale skate park. I think if Council has a budget to improve community spaces it could be better spent. Perhaps the introduction of pathways around existing ovals/reserves such as the one they did at Lionel Watts oval at Frenchs Forest which has been a great success and I would imagine for a lot less money. Forestville oval also has a pathway that is used by many on a regular basis. I'm sure there would be numerous ovals on the Northern Beaches that would benefit from this introduction. It allows easy access to so many people for walking, running, cycling, easy access for the disabled, etc. Careful consideration needs to be given to this as the introduction of courts would greatly change the environment/dynmaic of the park. I believe many people use the park as it is a quiet, relaxed style of park for walking, dog walking, picnics, gatherings etc and the courts and associated activities would greatly change this.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
2	<p>Attention [REDACTED] reference 2024/061297</p> <p>Thank you for your letter of February 8</p> <p>I would like to object strongly to the Council proposal to create a new basketball hardcourt facility at Winnererremy Bay.</p> <p>My reason are practical. A facility such as this is going to create havoc with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * space, * noise, * parking * and cause potential juvenile trouble. * It will also deface a beautiful green space which already plays host many times a year to various functions. <p>There is already a skate board facility in a park opposite the Mona Vale Shops and adjacent to Pittwater Road, plus tennis courts and other sporting and exercise facilities. It makes much more sense to build a basket ball facility in that park than at Winnererremy Bay.</p> <p>I would also be very interested to know who originally proposed this idea.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
3	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a local resident who regularly enjoys this park, I feel that any hard surface would be incompatible with the existing usage of the park.</p> <p>I oppose any proposal to alter it.</p> <p>Regards,</p>
4	<p>I'm not sure why the council wants to put in basket ball courts in such a beautiful and well used space as Winnererremy bay.</p> <p>There are basket ball courts, I believe Mona Vale public School and Pittwater High school. Both with plenty of parking. All that would be needed is a security guard to make sure people aren't doing the</p>

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wrong thing at the time of use. This would have to be a lot cheaper than putting up new courts. We need to use the spaces we already have instead of building new ones.

Thank you

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8 February 2024



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Our Ref: 2024/061297

Dear Resident

Let's Play! Hard Courts, Winnererremy Bay Mona Vale

We're seeking feedback on a proposal to create a new basketball hard court facility at Mona Vale for the community to enjoy.

The new facility will include:

- hard-court with regulation size key and 3-point lines. *Should be a FIBA 3x3 regulation sized 15m x 11m half court to allow 3v3 games*
- new seating to view the court or watch the fun and games in the park.
- new pathway around the perimeter of the hard court, providing an additional bike path.
- new shade trees. The open grassed areas will remain.

To learn more and view the plans online, scan the QR code below to be directed to the project page.



*too bad if you dont have a smart phone
Suggest reference be made to Council website
or preferably include map (as shown in website)
and site plan with this letter.
There is a half basketball court at Lionel Watts. Is it
used frequently? If not why build another one?*

If you have any queries, please contact me on 1300 434 434.

Yours faithfully

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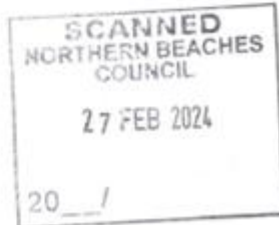
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to build a hard surface basketball facility at Winnererremy Bay. I am also concerned that your letter of notification for this proposal was only circulated to a very small number of residents with an implicit assumption that this plan will be adopted regardless of any community feedback. I am well aware that many residents in the nearby area are also very concerned, although they may not submit a written response.

As a former Mayor of Pittwater Council for almost 7 years I was closely involved, along with ~~Angus Gordon~~ (Prior General Manager), in the original planning and establishment of Winnererremy Bay Park as a waterfront reserve for peaceful recreation. An agreement was reached with the NSW Government which involved the selling of other council properties in order to protect Winnererremy Bay, in perpetuity. As part of the Sydney Metropolitan network of waterfront reserves it was always envisaged that residents across Sydney would have access to this peaceful waterfront recreational area, and it is in fact well utilised and appreciated by many people who travel a distance to access this reserve. I recommend that you speak directly to Angus Gordon as he would be fully aware of the conditions of consent for the establishment of the waterfront reserve at Winnererremy Bay. This proposal, if adopted, would destroy the peaceful ambience of this magnificent reserve forever!

I would like to propose that you consider the establishment of a hard surface basketball facility to complement the skate ramps at Kitchener Park. It is my opinion that there would be many benefits for the youth in our area to have these facilities within reasonable access of each other.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]



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22 February 2024

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Dear

We are strongly opposed to the proposal to build hard surface basketball courts at Winnererremy Bay. This is one of the very few quiet foreshore reserves where residents can go for peaceful quiet reflection. This is particularly important for anyone who is elderly, stressed or suffering any form of physical or mental distress or illness, to assist in improving mental health, recuperation and/or rehabilitation. This is also essential for the well-being of anyone with neuro diversity or sensitivity. Most other parks or beachfront areas are incredibly noisy and busy or have been provided for off leash dogs. They are not the peaceful environment that was always the intention on the establishment of Winnererremy Bay as part of the Metropolitan Foreshore Network. Winnererremy Bay is one of the very few public spaces that provides accessible access to the shores of Pittwater. The establishment of hard surface basketball facilities would destroy this peaceful environment.

Far more appropriate areas in Mona Vale for such facilities would be Kitchener Park, to complement existing facilities for teenagers where the skate park complex is situated or Apex Park, given the beach front is also extensively used by teenagers. Both of these areas are well utilised and much more accessible for teenagers utilising public transport.

Please do not destroy this peaceful waterfront environment! It is a rare gem for the Northern Beaches and for the foreshores of Pittwater.

Yours sincerely,

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[Redacted Name]
[Redacted Address]
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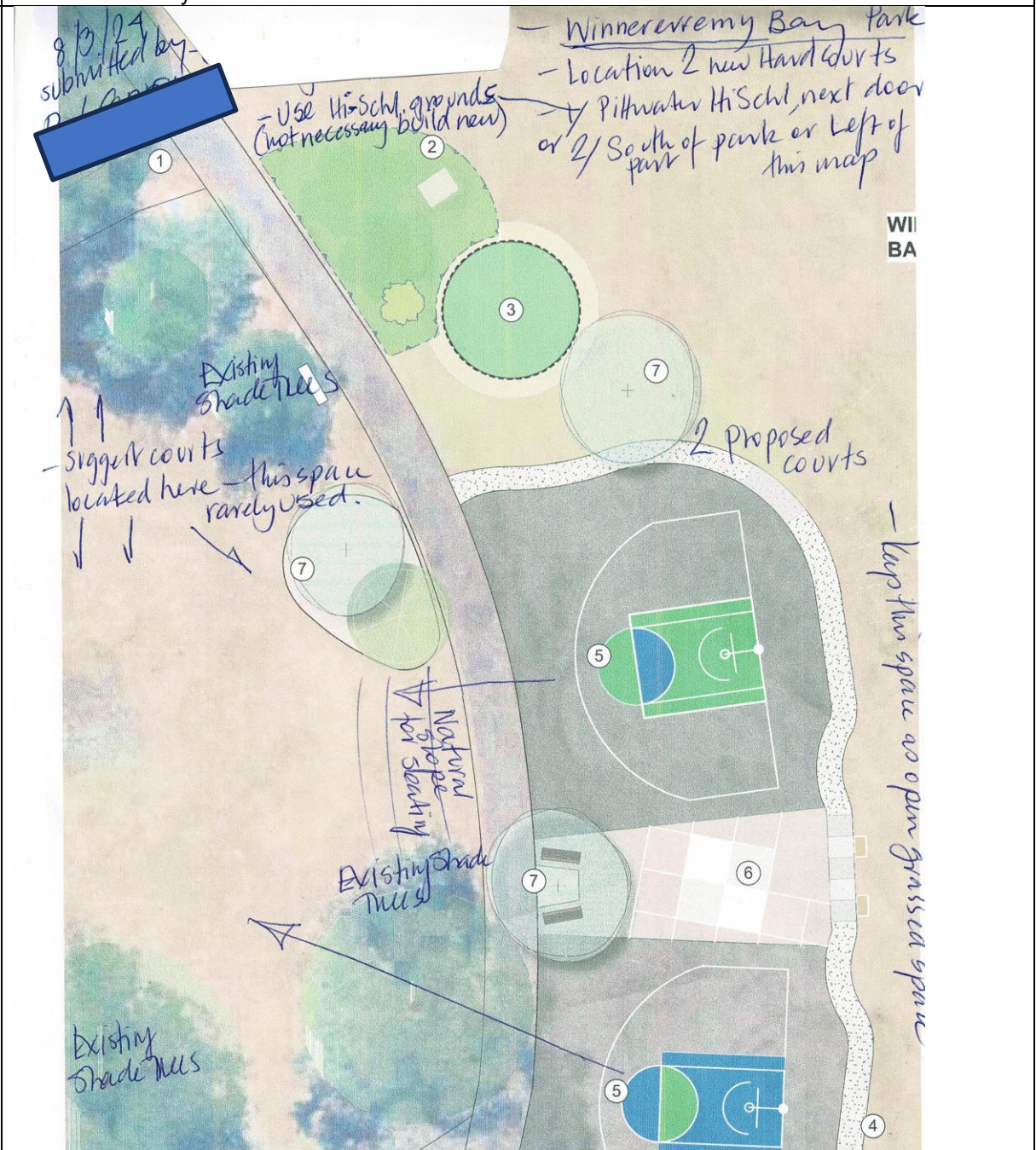
██████████, In response to your letter regarding the construction of netball courts at Winnerremy bay.

I am a long term resident of this area and I am opposed to the construction of the netball courts, it is a joy to walk through this park and observe residents and non residents enjoying one of the easily accessible open spaces left in this area, grass,trees,bike track and a beautiful view,, please do not spoil it with a giant slab of concrete which will be used by a few.

An alternative site could be in the grounds of Pittwater High or Patricia Giles Park.

Yours sincerely

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