

## WHAT WE HEARD

Thank you to everyone who shared their views about the draft Paine Reserve Landscape Master Plan!

Council invited feedback from the community during July and August 2019. The aim was to understand the Newport communities' views on the proposed options in the landscape plan, and capture their ideas. We were also keen to understand what local residents thought was special about their community reserve and what themes they would like see expressed in the design.

### KEY POINTS:

- A Participate project page was launched on 15 July 2019 with an exhibition of the draft concept plan and artist impression images. 336 people visited the page.
- An online survey was open for a four week period from 17 July to 16 August 2019.
- Approximately 50 residents attended a drop in session held on Saturday, 27 July 2019, to discuss the draft concept plan with the project team.
- The project team met with Leroy's Café, Seagulls Hotel, Hubcap Productions, Newport Traders Group (including the Newport Folk and Fiddle Club), Newport Bowling Club, Newport RSL and Vinnies Op Shop.

### WHAT WE HEARD: the drop in session

- Participants told us that they wanted to be included in the detailed design process as the project evolved.
- Participants would like the new playground design to include natural elements and nature play.
- There were concerns about the new location for the play space being tucked away on the site.
- The importance of this play space was emphasised by many attendees.
- That a new all ages play space must continue to include younger children.
- Concerns that the design concept was trying to include too much and was too cluttered.
- The playground is the most heavily used part of the park.
- Concerns around anti-social behaviour and lingering in the park were raised.

# WHAT WE HEARD: the online survey

There were 40 participants that completed the online survey. 336 people visited the page.

**WE ASKED...** With design projects Council has to balance needs, practicalities, new initiatives and budget. With this in mind order from 1 – 10 (1 being the highest priority) what projects would you like to see happen first?

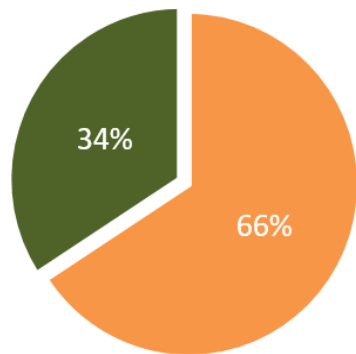
## WHAT WE HEARD:

Voting score	The Project (1 is the the highest priority)
1	New play space for a wide range of ages
2	Upgrade open lawn areas, remove clutter, add street lighting and more shade trees
3	New pavilion/shade structure next to the play space
4	Multi-purpose timber stage/deck for outdoor study outside the Library main entrance
5	New forecourt space on Mason Street with custom signage
6	New small plaza space next to the southern entry to the Hub with a table tennis table and seating
7	New small public space at the Market Street entry with a gateway sign
8	Newport Bowls Club fence option 2: new bespoke fence with a custom artistic design
9	New fenced basketball hoop and key
10	Newport Bowls Club fence option 1: new black chain wire fence with a series of art panels

(40 responses, 0 skipped)

**WE ASKED...** With improved lighting would you walk through Paine Reserve at night?

**WHAT WE HEARD:** Safety in the park was the key theme: Concerns around anti-social behaviour and lingering in the park were raised (regardless of the time of day). More lighting would encourage more people to walk more confidently through the park at night.



- YES
- NO

“Unlikely. But I’d not walk through any park.”

“I have no need to at the moment but with better lighting and areas to gather this could be a great community gathering space on summer evenings.”

“No probably not. It’s such a big open space and so many nooks and crannies. I would probably stick to market or mason street if I was alone.”

(38 responses, 2 skipped)

**WE ASKED...** Is the industrial and rail history an important theme to be expressed in the design? Is there anything else you think captures the essence of Newport? (ie: local history, Indigenous heritage or contemporary culture)

**WHAT WE HEARD:**

Participants want to see local history and indigenous culture, along with nature themes and natural materials represented in the design. There was a general feeling that the railway/industrial heritage is already represented in the public art in the area but could be integrated into the design detail for the play space.

"Great idea. Would be wonderful to see a nod to indigenous culture, perhaps that could be part of the art on the fence. "

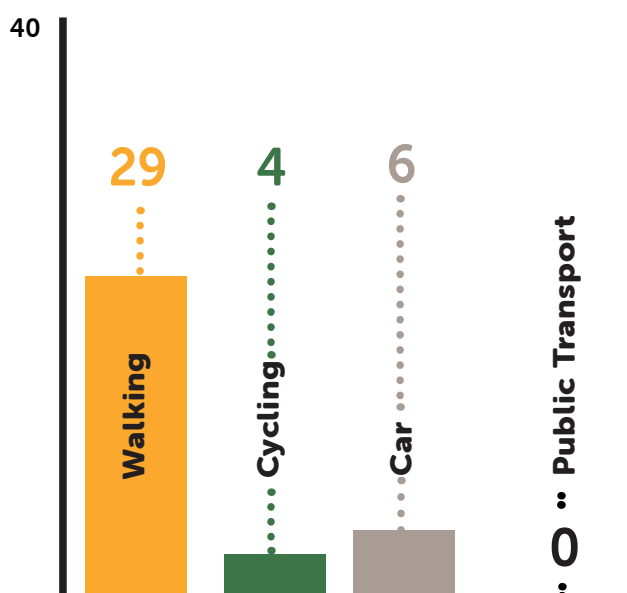
"I like a modern, natural element. Timbers, concrete, natural materials and clean neutral palate uses."

"The industrial and rail history is more than adequately expressed through the mural on mason street and the design of the railway underpass. It is time to respect and celebrate the people of Newport: the original owners and the current multicultural mix. The use of typographical statements in different languages could be included in the design of the fences, pathways, and decking."

(31 responses, 9 skipped)

**WE ASKED...** How would you usually get to Paine Reserve?

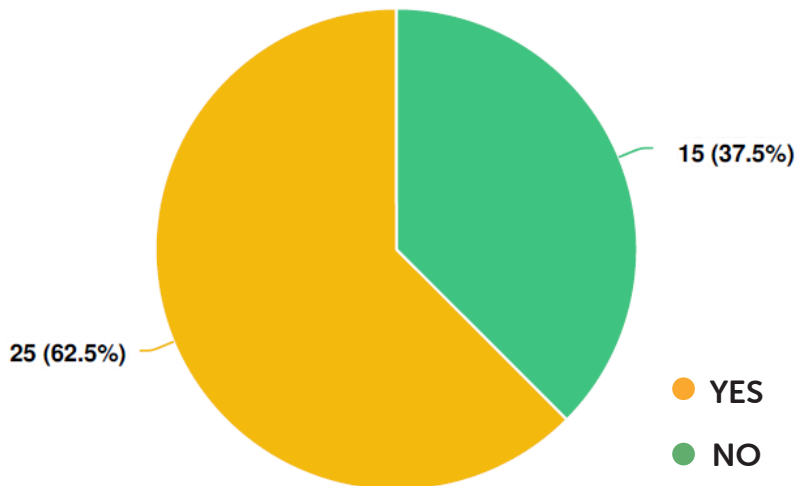
**WHAT WE HEARD:** A large majority of people walk to the park



(39 responses, 1 skipped)

**WE ASKED... Would you like to see a bike repair station in the design for the park?**

**WHAT WE HEARD:**



(40 responses, 0 skipped)

**WE ASKED... Have we missed anything you would like to see included?**

**WHAT WE HEARD:**

The feedback strongly indicated that the detailed design of the play space is very important to the community, including visual permeability in its new location. Ongoing discussions will be had with Leroy's café during the design development for the integration of a new back fence with the new play space to create a sense of openness in this corner of the park.

The detailed design of the new play space will include nature play, natural timber sleepers and other elements to capture the local heritage and character, as will the detailed design for the custom signage, highlight paving as requested in the feedback.

The local Indigenous culture will be researched to be included in future permanent or temporary public artwork (such as the light box gallery, a mural adjacent to the new play space or cultural events in the park).

The design concept plan has been updated to include community feedback. One custom sign has been removed from edging to the seating deck/ study space. This is a response to concerns that there was too much clutter / signage proposed in the design.

(36 responses, 4 skipped)

**NEXT STEPS:**

The design concept plan has been updated to include community feedback. The next steps are the detailed design, tendering and construction (over two financial years) with the project completed by November 2020.

Design & Documentation	Sept – Dec 20
Construction Commencing	Late March
Construction Completion	November 2020