

**Public Open Space Strategy - Community Engagement
Findings and Outcomes Report**

Summary

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

DEC 2017

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS & OUTCOMES

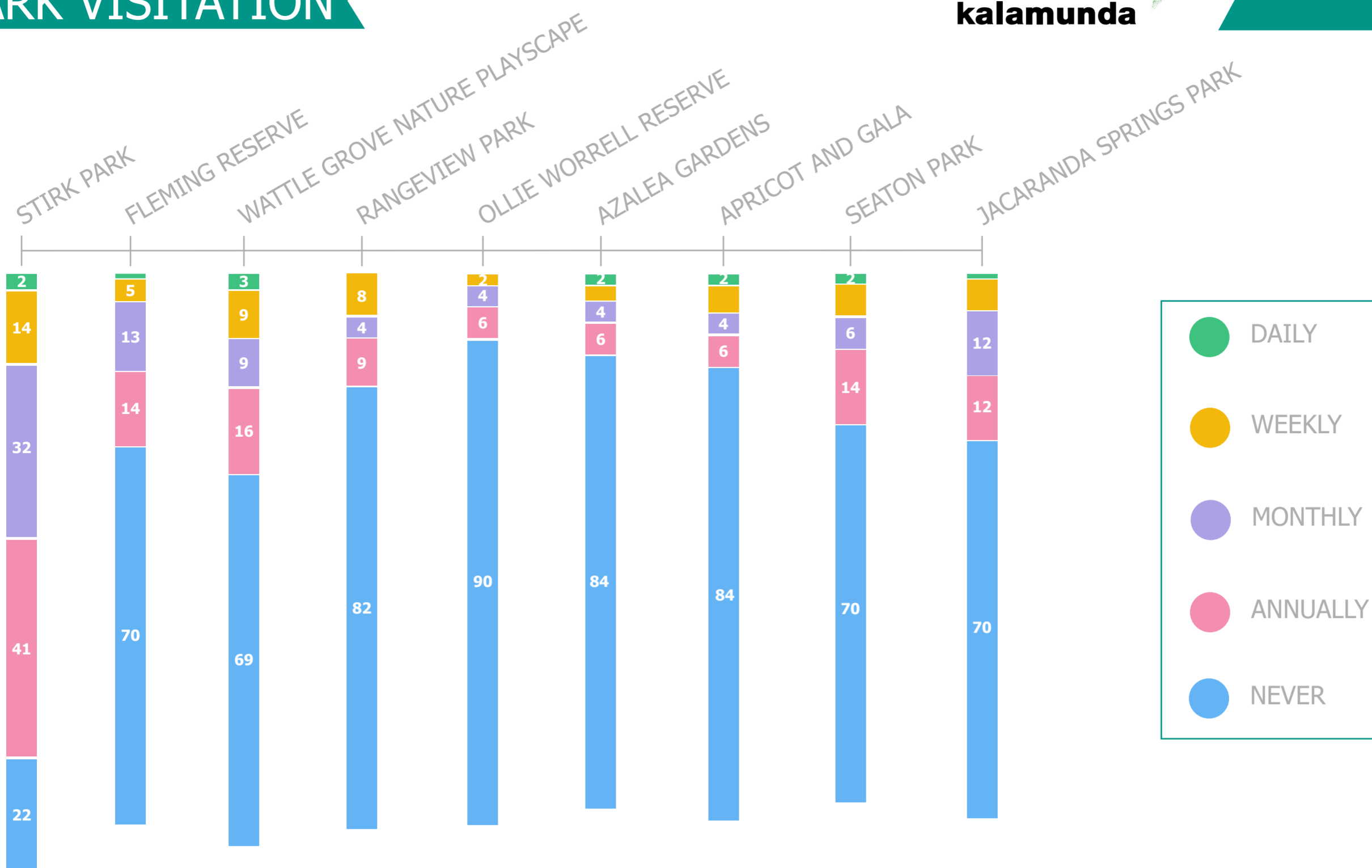
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TOTAL
113
SURVEYS

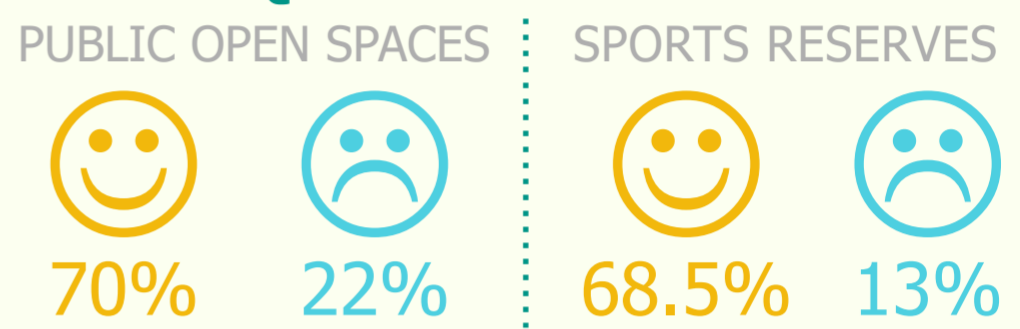
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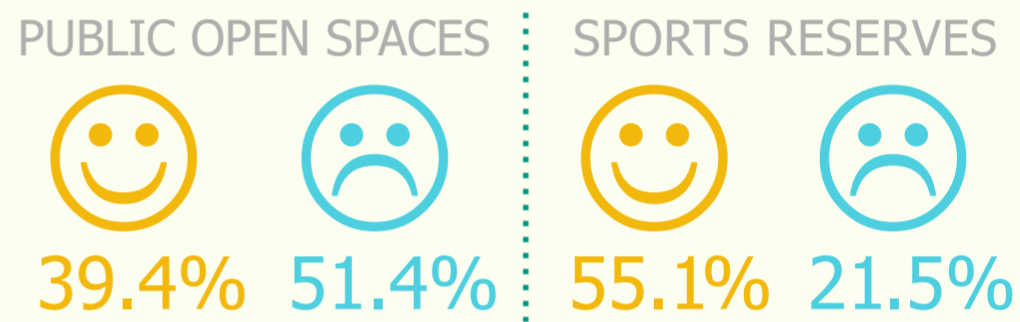
TOP TEN LIKES

1. Nature/Trees/Shade/Wildlife
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4. Lifestyle
5. Dog Walking
6. Multiple Uses/Facilities
7. Playgrounds
8. Community Feel
9. Health/Fitness Benefits
10. Sport

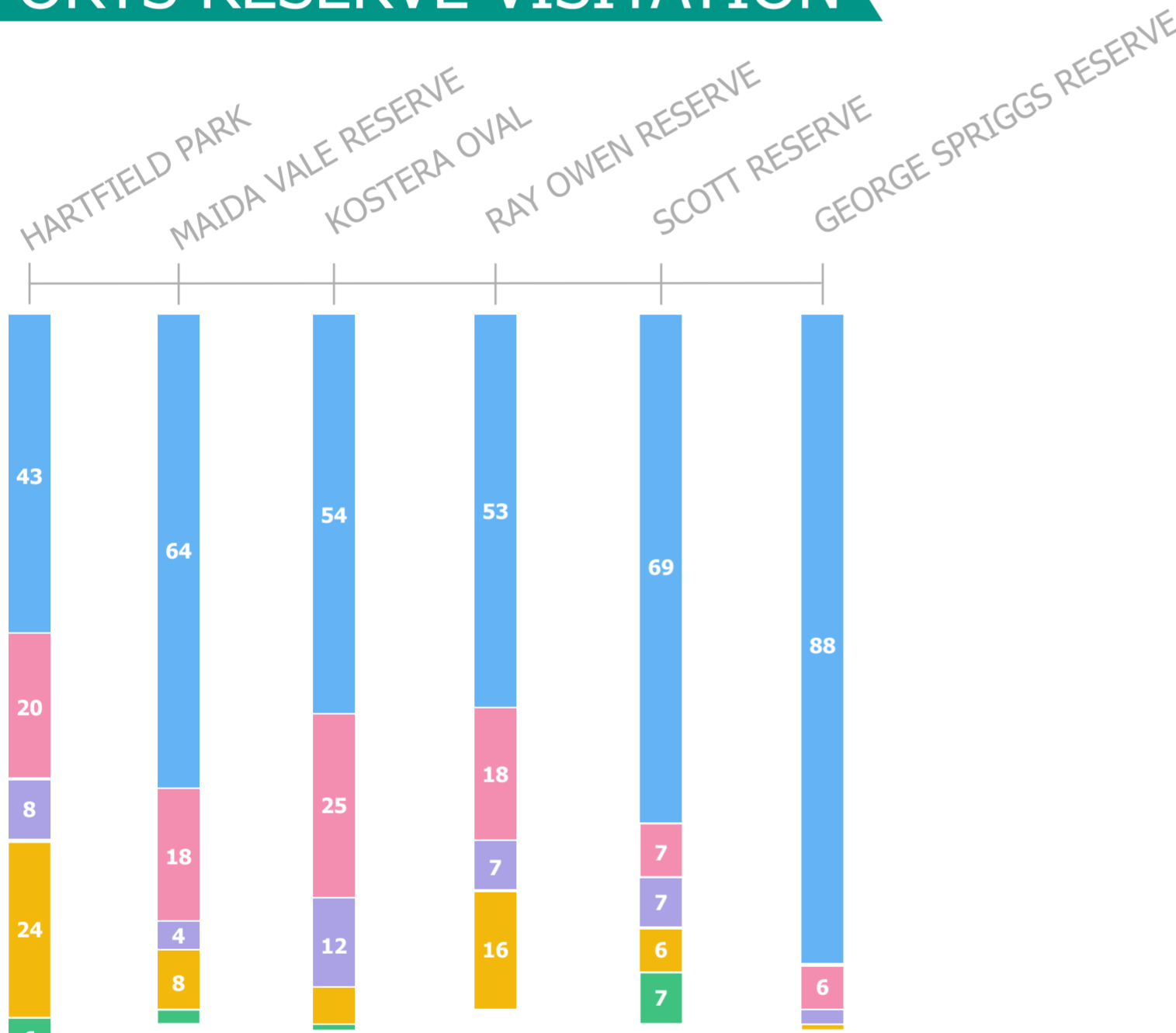
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SPORTS RESERVE VISITATION



MOST WANTED IMPROVEMENTS

1. Playgrounds/Nature Playgrounds (Quantity and Quality)
2. Trees/Nature/Wildlife Habitat (Protection and Implementation)
3. Beautification
4. Maintenance
5. Seating (Quantity and Quality)
6. Shade
7. Sports Facilities (Quantity and Quality)
8. Amenities
9. Dog Parks/Fenced
10. Exercise Equipment
11. Basketball Courts/Soccer Goals for Smaller Parks
12. Walking/Running/Bike Tracks
13. BBQs
14. Footpaths (Quantity and Quality)
15. Improved Scott Reserve Facilities

- MANY RESERVES ARE UNDER UTILISED
- PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING MECHANISM
- COMMUNITY BENEFITS
- QUALITY OVER QUANTITY
- BETTER QUALITY OF POS ACHIEVED
- GREATER FACILITIES AND SPORTS RESERVES CAN BE ACHIEVED

TRANSFERS

The Strategy recommends that public open space of low quality & functionality be potentially transferred to other uses to fund the improvement of existing public open space & acquisition of land for future public open space

37%

63%

- TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY ALREADY
- BETTER MAINTENANCE OF RESERVES SHOULD BE THE FOCUS
- FUNDS SHOULD BE RAISED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS
- BUSH/HABITAT LOSS AND WILDLIFE IMPACTS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Many respondents stated that POS forms important biodiversity and tree canopy linkages between regional reserves. These linkages should be enhanced. It was also noted that there is potential to enhance pedestrian and cycling linkages between POS and links of regional importance such as the Zig Zag, Bibbulmun Track and Railway Heritage Trail.

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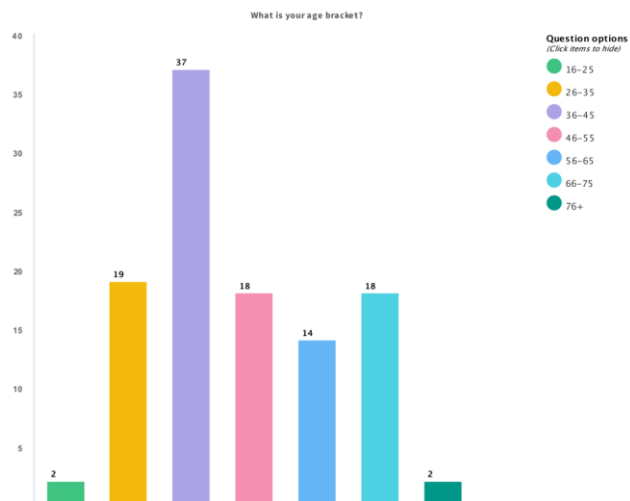
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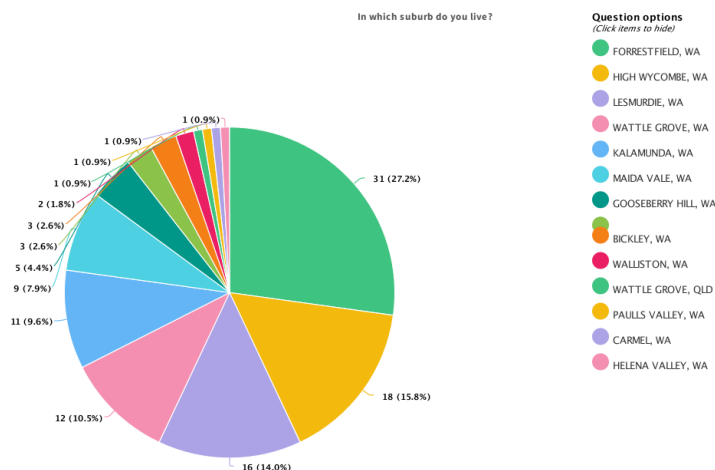
Overview

The City of Kalamunda (the City) Public Open Space Strategy (the Strategy) Survey was open from December 2017 to the end of February 2018. Over that time 113 surveys were completed. 70% of the responses were from females and 30% from males.

The 36-45 age bracket (parents with children) provided the highest amount of responses, with age brackets of 26-35, 46-55, 56-65 and 66-75 having similar participation rates. The 16-25 and 76+ age brackets had low numbers of participation.



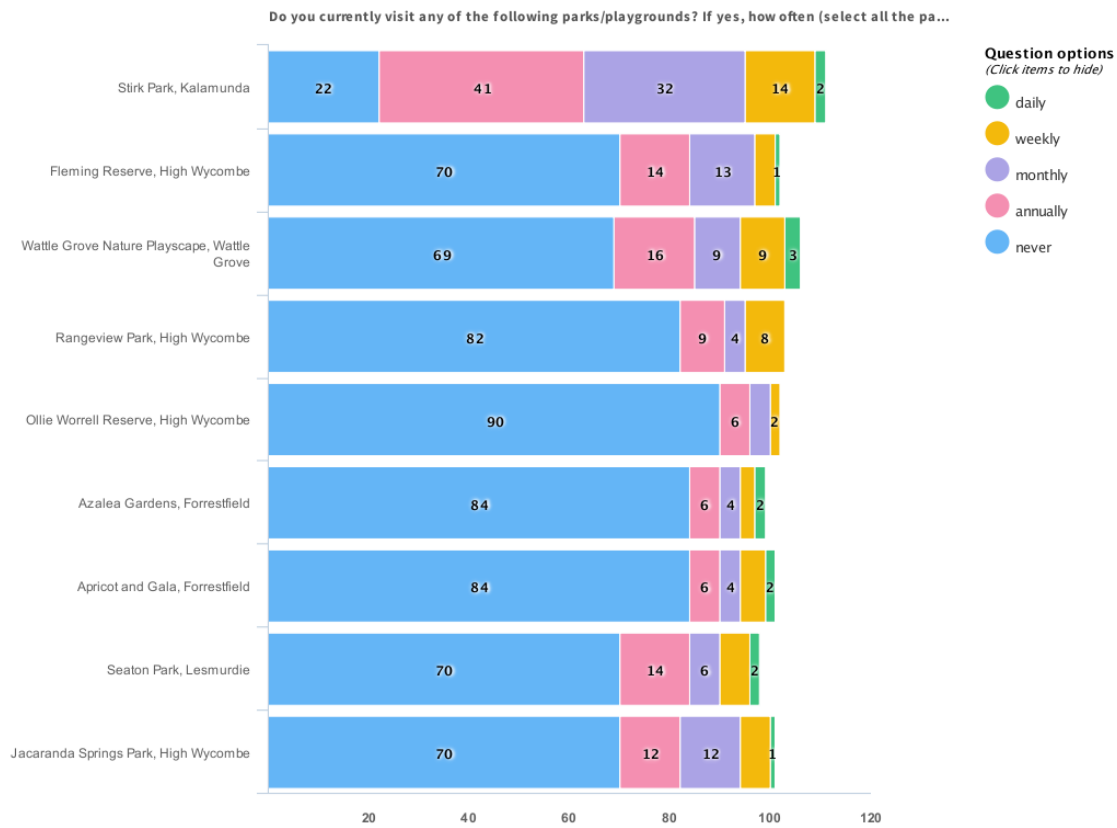
Residents from Forrestfield were the most engaged with 27% of the respondents, followed by High Wycombe (16%), Lesmurdie (14%), Wattle Grove (11%) and Kalamunda (10%).



Park Visitation

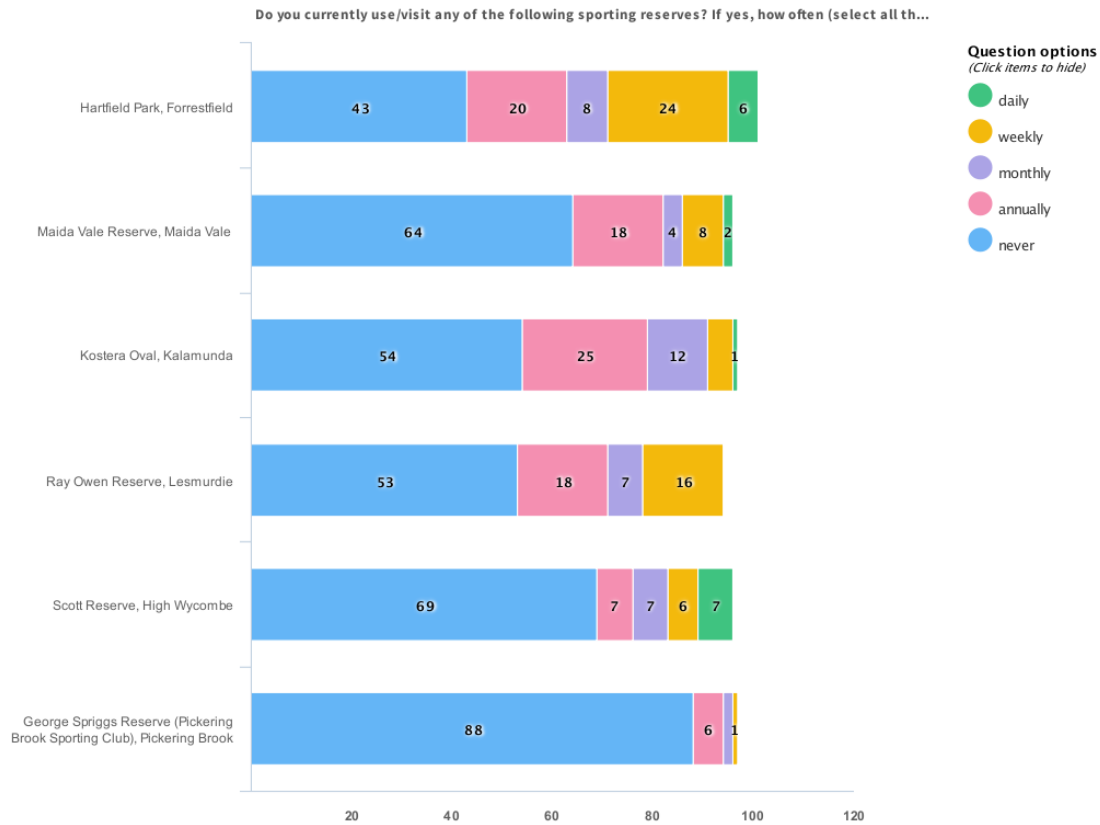
Stirk Park had the highest rate of visitation with only 18% of respondents indicating they never visit the park. Other popular reserves in the City were Fleming Reserve, Seaton Park, Jacaranda Springs and Wattle Grove Nature Playscape (The Promenade POS). Outside the

options of the survey, other popular parks were Bill Shaw Reserve, Flora Terrace Reserve, Federation Gardens (Hartfield Park), Peter Thiel Park and Railway Reserve.



Sports Reserves

Of the sports reserves in the City, Hartfield Park received the greatest rate of participation with 57% of respondents visiting the reserve at least once a year. The other sports reserves that are highly visited by respondents are Kostera Oval and Ray Owen Reserve.



Values

The survey asked respondents to explain the aspects of the City's POS they like and value most. The below lists in order the most common themes that respondents value and like about the City's POS:

1. Nature/Trees/Shade/Wildlife
2. Aesthetics/Beautification/Atmosphere
3. Maintenance
4. Lifestyle
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7. Playgrounds
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The survey asked respondents to explain the aspects of POS within the City they do not like. A large variety of responses were provided, and this may be attributed to specific locations. The below lists in order the most common themes that respondents did not like about the City's POS:

1. Poor Maintenance

2. Quality/Quantity of Playgrounds and Equipment
3. Outdated POS
4. Poor aesthetics
5. Vandalism/Rubbish
6. Quality/Quantity of Facilities
7. Dog Issues (No Fenced Areas, Not Obeying Dog Restrictions)
8. Limited Shade
9. Quality/Quantity of Amenities
10. Not enough trees/Removal of vegetation

Improvements

The survey asked respondents to explain the aspects of the City's POS they most wanted improved. There was numerous ideas provided and have been themed in order of most common occurrence in the below list:

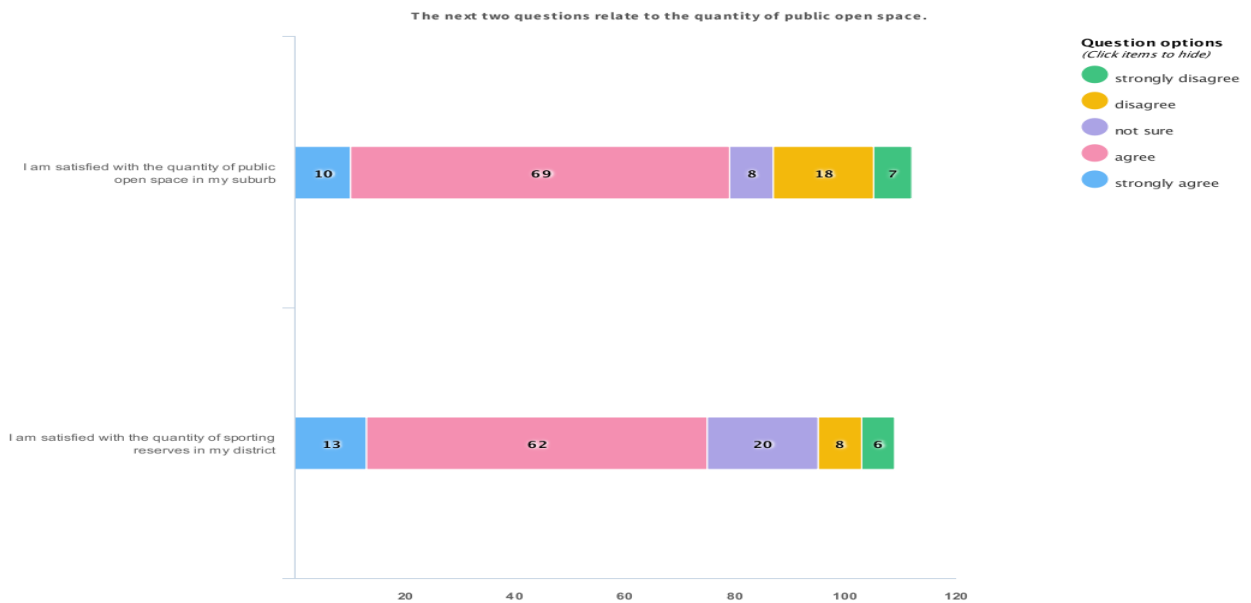
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Quantity

The survey asked respondents their opinion on the quantity of POS distributed throughout the City. The survey also asked specifically whether the quantity of Sports Reserves is acceptable.

Over 70% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that they are satisfied with the quantity of POS in their suburb. 22% of respondents wither strongly disagreed and disagreed.

68.5% of respondents either agree or strongly agree that there is enough sports reserves in their district. Only 13% of respondents disagree or strongly disagree that there is not enough sports reserves in their district.

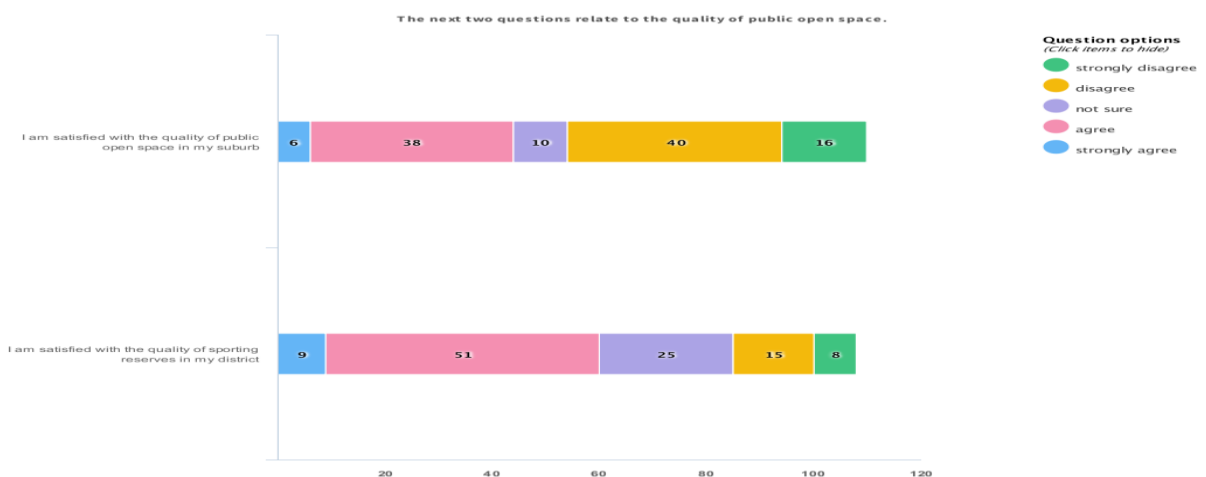


Quality

The survey asked respondents their opinion on whether the quality of POS and Sports reserves is acceptable.

The opinion on quality of POS was mixed, 51.4% of respondents either strongly disagree or disagree that the quality of POS is acceptable. 39.4% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that the quality of POS is acceptable in their suburb.

The opinion on the quality of sports reserves is more favourable. 55.1% of respondents either agree or strongly agree the quality of sports reserves is acceptable. In comparison, 21.5% either disagree or strongly disagree and 23.3% are unsure about whether the quality of sports reserves is acceptable.



Transfers

The Strategy recommends that public open space of low quality and functionality be potentially transferred to other uses (i.e. to be developed), to fund the improvement of existing public open space and acquisition of land for future public open space. 37% of respondents are supportive of low quality reserves being transferred to improve existing POS, whereas 63% are not supportive.

Reasons were provide in support or against the idea of transferring reserves. The following common reasons were given in support:

- Many reserves are under utilised
- Community benefits
- Better quality of POS achieved
- Quality over Quantity
- Provides an additional funding mechanism
- Greater facilities and sports reserves can be achieved

The following common reasons were provided against the concept:

- Too much development in the City already
- Bush/Habitat Loss and Wildlife impacts
- Funds should be raised through alternative mechanisms
- Better maintenance of reserves should be the focus

Additional Information

Respondents were asked to complete the survey by stating anything else they would like to comment on regarding the Strategy. Many respondents reiterated their responses to the previous questions, whilst others provided some ideas on how to better utilise spaces. See some of the statements below:

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Community Workshops

Community workshops were conducted on the 20 February 2018 at Woodlupine Community Centre in Forrestfield, and 22 February 2018 at the Zig Zag Cultural Centre in Kalamunda. There was a clear difference in the themes coming across during the workshops with those attending the Forrestfield workshop more focussed on sport and recreation, whereas those who attended the Kalamunda workshop had a greater focus on nature.

Forrestfield

Five people attended the Forrestfield Workshop. Attendees were asked to respond to a series of questions and brainstorm with the other attendees.

For the full set of notes refer to Appendix 1

Question 1 – What Reserves Do You Like?

Reserves that were mentioned included Cambridge Reserve, Kostera Oval, Fleming Reserve, Scott Reserve, Woodbridge Reserve (City of Swan), Stirk Park, Ellenbrook Sporting Precinct (City of Swan), Lightning Park (City of Bayswater), Sultana Road East POS and Volcano Park (City of Belmont). It was evident from the group that there was a particular focus on multi-use sports facilities and parks that provide multiple facilities, amenities and are well maintained and presented. The fact that multiple parks were mentioned from outside the City demonstrates that the public admire the POS provided outside the City and should be something that is taken on board to aspire to.

Question 2 – What Reserves Would You Like Improved?

Reserves that were mentioned for improvement included Pioneer Park, Saddleback Circle Reserve, Davis Park and oversized reserves in general that aren't utilised. It was mentioned that some of these reserves could be potentially transferred to improve better utilised reserves. This was expanded on with participants preferring quality over quantity and a preference for consolidated better maintained areas over more dispersed areas that have less maintenance. Some of the key reasons the above reserves were mentioned included poor maintenance, poor utilisation, poor access and poor aesthetics.

Question 3 – What Attributes Do You Like?

Some of the attributes liked about the City's reserves included quality amenities, nature play, natural bush, maintenance and shade.

Question 4 – What Attributes Would You Like To See Improved?

The participants mentioned numerous aspects of the City's reserves that they would like to see improved. This included aspects such as more parking, clubroom upgrades, more amenities and playing surface improvements to sports grounds. Participants also expressed that 'awkward reserves' such as Bandalong Way Reserve, Progress Park and Peter Annus Park could potentially be transferred. It was also mentioned that the standards of maintenance and aesthetics needs to be improved.

Question 5 – Where Should We Prioritise Resources To Improve Reserves?

The participants were in favour of prioritising resources towards sporting facilities and the larger multi-use parks. As mentioned previously participants were in favour of utilising the transfer of underutilised reserves as a resource for improving the highly utilised reserves.

Question 6 – General Thoughts On The Strategy?

The last question asked participants to provide feedback on the draft Strategy in general. Participants were mostly supportive of the Strategy as a whole, with a focus on quality over quantity recommended.

Kalamunda

Eleven people attended the Kalamunda workshop, with attendees split into three groups. Attendees rotated to different tables to change up the formation of groups for different questions. Attendees were asked to respond to a series of questions and brainstorm with the other attendees.

For the full set of notes refer to Appendix 2

Question 1 – What Reserves Do You Like?

The reserves that were mentioned by more than one group included Seaton Park, Stirk Park and Bill Shaw Reserve. Other parks also mentioned included Juniper Way Reserve, Mick Conti Park, Vernallan Way Reserve, Scott Reserve, Kostera Oval, Wordsworth Reserve and Anthony Heslop Reserve. Participants generally were in favour of reserves that provided nature or multi-use facilities and aesthetics.

Question 2 – What Reserves Would You Like Improved?

Stirk Park, Wordsworth Reserve and Mario Court POS were reserves mentioned for improvement. The main ideas for improvement included amenities, signage, seating, beautification and playgrounds. It was also raised that potentially no reserves need improvement.

Question 3 – What Attributes Do You Like?

Attributes that participants mentioned at more than one group included shade, trees, green space and wildlife demonstrating a preference for nature and aesthetics. Other attributes mentioned included a mix of uses, dog walking, bike riding and planting activities.

Question 4 – What Attributes Would You Like To See Improved?

The key themes that were mentioned by the groups for improvement included better maintenance, beautification of reserves, water features, drinking fountains, nature enhancement and enclosed dog walking areas.

Question 5 - Where Should We Prioritise Resources To Improve Reserves?

As was a consistent theme throughout the workshop, the protection and enhancement of nature was mentioned as a key priority. Other areas of prioritisation included the implementation of fenced dog parks, beautification, water features, assistance for community groups and amenities.

Question 6 – General Thoughts On The Strategy

Participants were generally supportive on the intention of the Strategy, with any components involving environmental protection supportive and suggested to be enhanced. Participants were generally not supportive of the idea of transferring nature reserves. The retention, maintenance and upgrade of POS was mentioned as being what should be the priority of the Strategy.

Information Stalls

During January the City set up information stalls for the Strategy, handing out surveys and gathering the community's ideas. The following locations were visited:

- Hartfield Park Recreation Centre
- High Wycombe Village Shopping Centre (Kalamunda Road)
- Forrestfield District Shopping Centre
- Kalamunda District Shopping Centre

The key themes and ideas that the community mentioned included the following:

- Fenced dog parks/dog specialised parks
- Cycle paths
- Improved pedestrian paths
- Nature enhancement and no clearing of vegetation
- Swimming pool at Hartfield Park/Foothills
- Improved multi-purpose facilities
- Community gardens
- More amenities at parks
- Improved playgrounds
- Exercise equipment

Submissions

A total of 6 submissions were received. Submissions are confidential in nature, and are taken in consideration as part of the final Strategy. The key themes expressed as part of the submissions are explained below:

Underutilisation of Small Parks in High Wycombe in Comparison to Multi-Use Facilities

Information was provided on the usage of parks in High Wycombe by collecting data each day during a fortnight in June at the same time just around 4pm (peak usage time). The data demonstrated a lack in the usage of small parks in High Wycombe. The small parks analysed included John McLarty Park, Viv Robinson Park, Emms Reserve, Progress Park, Peter Annus Park, Mackenzie Park and Peter Hegney Park. In comparison multi-use parks in High Wycombe had much higher usage. The multi-use parks included Fleming Reserve, Scott Reserve and Rangeview Park.

Artificial Turf

The Strategy recommends that artificial turf should be investigated for future sports ground redevelopments. Support was expressed for the use of artificial turf for sports grounds, particular for hockey and soccer. The key reasons for the support of artificial turf included:

- Better utilisation of limited irrigation water supplies
- Increased access to sporting grounds for the growing population
- Withstanding high use
- Greater space efficiency
- Cost over a long period of time

It was expressed that artificial turf should be considered as part of the Hartfield Park Master Plan, particularly the hockey grounds.

POS in Bickley

It was raised that the quality of some of the small parks in Bickley is very low and serve no benefit to the community. It was suggested that these reserves be transferred, with funds to improve reserves in the general vicinity, including Walliston. The following parcels of land were identified as being potential transfer sites due to their low quality and limited benefit:

1. Lots 1 & 35 – Corner Palmateer/Lawnbrook
2. Lot 72 – Corner Palmateer/Nairn
3. Lots 48 & 52 – First Avenue (Second Avenue Reserve)
4. Lot 26 – Corner First Avenue & Lawnbrook (First Avenue Reserve)
5. Lots 31 & 32 – Lawnbrook (Lawnbrook Road Reserve)

It should be noted that examples 1 and 2 are not reserved.

Biodiversity and Conservation

It was raised that caution is warranted for the potential transfer of reserves which may contain biodiversity values. It was stated however that due to the small size of the majority of reserves identified for transfer, they are unlikely to contain anything substantial. In the event of a transfer, it is recommended that the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is provided the opportunity to comment.

It was suggested that the Strategy mentions *State Planning Policy 2.8 – Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan Region* and its intention. The Environmental Planning Strategy and Local Biodiversity Strategy should also be mentioned in the key documents. Caution should be used in justifying the low percentage of POS in areas with high amounts of private open space. Areas of future development such as Forrestfield North and Maida Vale South have the opportunity during the planning process to allocate appropriate POS to protect biodiversity assets.

Support was expressed for Strategic Directions 1.1-1.6. Those reserves that have nature identified as a function should also have conservation identified as a function. Mapping edits were suggested where reserves identified as Regional Open Space is not classified correctly (Pioneer Park and Hartfield Park), some POS are privately owned and Dawson Park's boundaries should be modified.

It was expressed that many of the 21 reserves listed for transfer provide ecological links and therefore should not be considered for transfer. These reserves include the following:

- Wordsworth Reserve (explained in further detail below)
- Holly Way West
- Berkshire Road Reserve
- Noel Road Reserve

It is stated that the improvement of Almond Wat POS, Blackbutt Way Reserve have important environmental value, which is not recognised in the 'bigger picture' by listing them for improvement.

It was suggested that the mapping and list of reserves also lists the reserve number, to make identifying reserves easier.

It was expressed that the rating matrix is bias towards reserves that provide a sport and recreation function, whereas reserves that provide an environmental function are not well considered and not properly evaluated.

It was stated that the Strategy should also consider regional open space and bush forever sites. It is also a concern that Biodiversity Assets have not been environmentally assessed, as is the fact there is no timeline for this to be undertaken.

The importance of nature reserves was expressed due to the multiple benefits they provide, not only to the environment but also the health of the community.

Value of Wordsworth Reserve, Community Groups and Community Gardens

It was expressed that Wordsworth Reserve has significant value to the community due to its environmental values, accessibility, design, maintenance and the bringing together of community members. There is an active friends group at the reserve that maintains the reserve and also has established a vegetable garden. The 'D' rating of the reserve is not supported and should be amended to accurately reflect the value of the reserve.

It is noted that Gooseberry Hill has the lowest percentage of POS in its urban areas. It is noted that due to this there is generally a lack of community cohesion and security, which Wordsworth Reserve provides. It is suggested that small reserves with existing Friends Groups should have greater ratings that currently reflected in the Strategy. It is also suggested that greater encouragement of small community vegetable and fruit gardens is provided.

Conclusion

All feedback from the community will be taken into consideration when finalising the Strategy. A review of the ratings, classifications and functions will be conducted incorporating the feedback the community provided on specific reserves and the values they expressed in general. It is recommended that during the planning and implementation of reserves identified for improvement by the Strategy and any new reserves utilise the list of suggested improvements from the survey and those mentioned in the workshop. The key aspects that need improvements and the key values that the community expressed should also be taken into consideration during the planning and implementation phase. This is to be reflected in the Strategy in a new Section – Community Engagement and the Strategic Directions and Actions.

A review of the reserves identified for improvement and transfer will also be undertaken incorporating the feedback from the community, particularly reserves that have specifically been mentioned and taking into consideration the key values the community identified.

Given the community expressed both a desire to prioritise sports and multi-use facilities as well as reserves that contain important environmental values, the Strategy will review the Strategic Directions and Actions that will assist in enhancing these forms of POS.

The community generally conveyed that the quantity of parks and sporting reserves is acceptable, whereas the quality of reserves was less favourable. Therefore the Strategy will continue to prioritise the quality of its reserves over the quantity. This will be reflected in the Strategic Directions and Actions.

Appendix 1 – Forrestfield Workshop

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Forrestfield Workshop – Tuesday 21 February 2018

Woodlupine Community Centre

Question 1 – What Reserves do you like?

- Cambridge Reserve
- Well used reserves
- Well maintained reserves
- Reserves that have facilities – toilets, shade, places to stay
- Reserves where the dog can be walked
- Spaces for remote control cars
- Kostera Oval
 - People have been talking about it
 - Investment in the reserve
- Fleming Reserve – BBQs, Skate Park, Car Parking
- Facilities – bring safety, safety in numbers
- Scott Reserve
- Woodbridge Reserve (City of Swan)
 - Playgrounds
 - Toilets
 - Coffees / Kiosk
 - Nature Play
 - Fully fenced and secure
 - Fit for purpose POS
 - Realistic amenities based on likely use
- Volcano Park (City of Belmont)
 - Unique facilities
- Stirk Park
 - Older style play equipment
- Ellenbrook Sports Grounds (City of Swan)
 - Multi-use sporting facility
- Lightning Park (City of Bayswater)
 - Multi-use sporting facility
- Reserves that have walking and cycling accessibility
- Sultana Road East POS
 - Short-term use
 - Not fancy, but useful

Question 2 – What Reserves would you like improved?

- Pioneer Park
 - Eye-sore
 - Maintenance
 - Can be improved (Great Access and Visibility)
- Adelaide Road (In general)
 - Dumping on City of Swan side
- Oversized areas that aren't used
 - Potentially transfer
 - Davis Park
- Saddleback Circle Reserve
 - Land wastage
- Quality over quantity
- Better maintained areas is better than more areas less maintained / with less amenities
- Some parks are too small for a toilet block / amenities to be successful
 - Promotes anti-social behaviour

Question 3 – What Attributes do you like?

- Usage
- Parking (ample parking)
- Shade (shade sails)
- Maintenance
- Can we have less 'smaller reserves'
 - The smaller reserves we do have, have smart maintenance strategies – i.e shade sails instead of trees for shade
- Fencing / security
- Child – friendly (fenced / secure)
- Fences at sporting reserves to facilitate economic benefits for sporting clubs (controlled entry)
- Amenities
 - Toilets (for larger areas)
 - BBQs
 - Shade
 - Seats
 - Gazebo
 - Retained Bushland
 - Skate Park
 - Integrated Facilities
 - Lighting for sports groups
- Natural Bush Design
- Nature Play
- Natural – non-sport related play
- Spaces for BBQs, picnics
- An adventure bushwalk
- Water play
- Feature Play

Question 4 – What attributes would you like to see improved?

- Not enough parking at Scott Reserves during sports activities
- Standards of everything in general (aesthetics, maintenance)
- Modern facilities growing with the times
- Club rooms need modernising
- Playing surfaces at sports clubs need improving – catering to Kal's weather conditions
- Transfer 'awkward' reserves
 - Too small or too big
 - Bandalong Way Reserve
 - Progress Park
 - Peter Annus Park
- Turn parks that are too small into housing
- Amenities at bigger reserves
 - Toilets, benches
- Better 'thought-out' design to spaces, rather than just a 'space' with a playground
- Age of Infrastructure
- Graffiti resistant amenities
- Facilities can at times have more importance than aesthetics – the area must have well thought out amenities
- Improved utilisation

Question 5 – Where should we priorities resources to improve reserves?

- Equipment (maintenance)
- Facilities for organised sporting activities (because these days kids are always supervised / part of organised groups)
- Prioritise the parks that are more utilised
 - District / Regional Parks
 - Fleming Reserve (Neighbourhood Park)
- Building amenities at parks and giving something to do
- Water Park / Water playground
 - Something to do on a hot day
 - Significant water playground
 - Something to come to – attractions
 - Something to attract people to the City of Kalamunda
- Reinvest money from transfer of smaller parks into ones that would be better utilised (bigger ones with better facilities)

Question 6 – General thoughts on the Strategy

- Good intention
- On the right track
- There's a reason behind what is proposed
- All areas don't need to be made equal, just the ones we do have need to be good (more quality over quantity)

- Prioritise popular reserves
- At least one main club / area in each area
- More aged care facilities
- Thinking seems out-dated
 - Needs modernising to suit kids needs of today
- Support transfer of reserves

Appendix 2 – Kalamunda Workshop

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Kalamunda Workshop – Thursday 20 February 2018

Zig Zag Cultural Centre

*Note that there were up to 3 groups during the workshop. Participants changed groups at various times during the workshop.

Question 1 – What Reserves do you like?

- Jorgensen Park
- Railway Road Heritage Trail
- Seaton Park x 2
- Stirk Park x 3
- Anthony Heslop Reserve
- All parks are important part of the environment regardless of location
- Would like to see maintenance program over long period (10 years)
- Bill Shaw Reserve x 2 – well used
- Scott Reserve
- Kostera Reserve
- Wordsworth Reserve
- Ledger Road Reserve
- Huntley Street Reserve
- Carissa Way/Dawson Ave – Juniper Way Reserve
- Welshpool Road/Lesmurdie Road – Mick Conti Park
- Vernallan Way Reserve

Question 2 – What Reserves would you like improved?

- Stirk Park – BBQ, sand shell, needs toilets
- Don't over-modernise – many adequate as they are
- No parking for Bibluman Track
- Nil Reserves need improvement
- Jorgensen Park
- Corner Brady Road/Lesmurdie Road
- Alan Anderson Park
 - Cost of rejuvenation – waste of resources – want it fixed.
 - Has fence around it and forgotten.
- Near History Village / Railway Heritage Trail
 - Non-Native plants – revegetation/beautification
- Wordsworth Reserve
 - Needs improvement / signage
 - Needs materials
 - Seating
- Mario Court POS
 - Needs enhancing

- Just grass – Needs Playground
- More beautification / Trees
- Seating / Amenities

Question 3 - What Attributes do you like?

- Shade x3
 - Trees
 - Covered areas (artificial)
 - Eating areas
- Trees – Lots x3
- Open Space
- Well kept – nice aesthetics
- Playgrounds – small
 - Climbing
 - Spinning
 - Nature Play
 - Shade
- BBQs – Larger reserves
- Nature Spaces
- Nice Natural Aesthetics
- Green Space x2
- A Good Mix – Bill Shaw
- Recycling and General Waste
- Place to Walk
- Dogs to (some) Parks
- Reserves for Specific Use – Variety
- A Network of Places, Big and Small
- Bill Shaw good example of medium sized park
- Wildlife x2
- Aesthetics
- Water Features / Creeks / Ponds
- Walking Dogs – Railway Heritage Trail
- Bike Riding
- Keeping active / play – important for kids
- Education
- Interaction with nature
- Seating – park bench – Railway Line
- Play facilities for children
- Proximity from home
- Planting activities – community gardens
- Photography / scenic appeal
- Parks for nature groups
- Group activities – yoga
- Rural / small aesthetics
- Art / sculptures on display

Question 4 – What Attributes would you like to see improved?

- Better maintained paths
- Drainage planning
- Plant more trees at all parks
- Mario Court POS
- Amenity
- Drinking fountains at larger / medium reserves x2
- Something for tourists
- Stirk Park
 - Native garden bed
 - Pond x2
- New aquatic centre
 - Water park / water play
- Integrated bicycle paths between paths
 - Maintenance station
- No improvements to passive reserves
- Open grass space
- Extreme skate park
- Improve out-dated infrastructure
- Public art
- Happy as they are
- Enclosed dog area – reduced incidents
- Beautification
 - Garden
 - Horticulture
- Native beautification
- Nature enhancement
- Less non-native trees planted
- Decent signage for all reserves
- Name reserves – not all named
- Domestic cats roaming – ranger services
- Water features
- Volunteer groups
 - Friends Groups
 - Adopt-a-spot
 - Active citizenship for all parks/reserves
- School children / youth planting activities
- More comms / publicity for community groups – not just the web
- Programs for the elderly – visit parks / reserves
- Nest boxes for birds – e.g. Dunsborough
- Short training courses at parks – bush skills for the hills
- Wildlife
- Native gardens beds
- Water wise – hydrozones
- Meandering paths

Question 5 – Where should we prioritise resources to improve reserves?

- Fenced dog parks
- Local native plants / shade x3
 - Preservation
 - upkeep
- Possum nesting boxes
 - Wildlife shelter
- Water features
- Beautification
- More events
- Access to parks
- Access within parks
- Nature protection
- Retain what we have
- Community-led / active citizenship
- More assistance for groups
 - Equipment
 - Tools to organise
- Promotion of sites with no active groups
- More publicity – signage – ‘this site is managed by...’
- Seating
- Facilities for children / elderly – exercise equipment
- Clear pathways
 - Access for disabled / elderly
- Nature playgrounds
- Remove exotic weeds
- Invest in medium/large parks, not smaller ones
- Cat control / management
- Work-out stations at medium parks
- Long walk trails – planned and connected
- Tourist attractions
- Park usage survey
- Top of the hill
- Lighting at highly used sporting areas

Question 6 – General thoughts of the Strategy

- All objectives high in importance
- Retaining all reserves is important
- Is this POS Strategy comparable to others in WA?
 - A ‘gold standard’ or ‘benchmark’
- POS workshop is worth it
- More people at workshop
- Want something for everyone
- More activities on POS

- Long-term planning: we have a strategy to move forward
- What is the value in retaining totally degraded sites?
- Support for identifying reserves that can be retained
- Protecting pristine bushland that we have
- Look at improving safety
- If 'lower value' reserves are to be considered for disposal/improvement then directly engage neighbourhood / local community
- Location specific comms meetings please
- Directly engage with schools – as a project
- Needs emphasis connectivity and exposure to nature – protection of wildlife – curfew of cats
- Over emphasis on safety?
- Defining environmentally significant areas
- No transfers – especially the hills
- Effective use of resources – avoid transfer of reserves
- Less is more
- Emphasise the beauty of Kalamunda – natural beauty
- Objective 1 very important
- Are some area not significant?
 - If funds cannot be raised
- Some small blocks still have value
- Residents should be given option to adopt before disposal / transfer – citizen-led maintenance
- Offset from developers – give back land that has been taken to enhance low grade reserves – e.g. Jorgensen Park
- Yes to improving low quality reserves
- Maintain open space
- Retention and upgrade
- Rates (impact)
- Sports Space (Active Recreation) for youth
 - Transfer low grade sites
- Naturescapes