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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronym	Meaning
AAC	Auburn Athletics Centre
ALEP	Auburn Local Environmental Plan 2010
AWAC	ASICS Wests Athletics Club
AWRLC	Auburn Warriors Rugby League Club
AYC	Auburn Youth Centre
CBC	Cumberland Basketball Centre
CLA	Crown Lands Act 1989
CLMA	Crown Lands Management Act 2016
CPTED	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
DPILF	Department of Industry - Lands & Forestry
ERW	Emergency Relief Work
GPOP	Greater Parramatta and Olympic Park
KoB	Kids on Bikes
LACC	Lidcombe Auburn Cycling Club
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
LGAct	Local Government Act 1993
LGGR	Local Government (General) Regulation 2005
MAP	Management Action Plan
MDNC	Marie Dunn Netball Courts
N4A	Netball for All
OSRS	Open Space and Recreation Strategy
PANA	Parramatta Auburn Netball Association
PBA	Parramatta Basketball Association
PoM	Plan of Management
RMS	Roads and Maritime Services
SFR	Social and family recreation
REAC	Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
TWLA	Tiger Wests Little Athletics
WA	Woodville Alliance
WPYC	Wyatt Park Youth Centre

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PART A

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PLANNING CONTEXT

A.1 NSW Planning Framework

A Plan for Growing Sydney

Released in December 2014, *A Plan for Growing Sydney* is the NSW Government's strategy for future of Sydney as both a strong global city and a great place to live while accommodating major population growth.

The Plan will guide land use planning decisions for the next 20 years and presents a clear strategy for accommodating Sydney's future population, and to deliver the housing, jobs and infrastructure to strengthen the global competitiveness of Sydney.

Directions for Greater Sydney

Directions for Greater Sydney was published by the Greater Sydney Commission in 2017 and follows on from *A Plan for Growing Sydney*.

Directions for Greater Sydney provides the foundation for the future planning of Greater Sydney over the next forty years. It identifies Sydney as a global metropolis of three productive, liveable and sustainable cities: the Eastern Harbour City, the Central River City and the Western Parkland City - refer Figure A1.

Directions for Greater Sydney seeks to match the region's growth with strategically planned investments, projects and priorities including in the arenas of land use, transport and infrastructure.

Revised Central City District Plan

Draft District Plans were released in 2016 by the Greater Sydney Commission to complement *Directions for Greater Sydney*. They define the vision, actions and priorities for the five planning districts in metropolitan Sydney.

The *Draft West Central District Plan* covers the Local Government Areas of Blacktown, Cumberland, Parramatta and The Hills, an area expected to experience population growth in the area of about 551,000 people by 2036. It sets out the planning directions and actions required to accommodate this growth while delivering a productive, livable and sustainable city.

Bridging the gap between metropolitan planning and local government planning, the district plan clearly sets out the growth, planning priorities and desired outcomes for the area.

Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Strategy

Released in 2016, Urban Growth developed the Strategy for the Parramatta Road corridor over the next 30 years. It aims to grow and revitalise local communities living and working along the 20km length of the project.

Within the Strategy eight precincts are proposed, one of which is Auburn adjacent to Wyatt Park. The program area extends from Parramatta Road to Boorea Road including an intense employment precinct within the existing industrial area to the north-east of Wyatt Park.

Greater Parramatta and Olympic Park Precinct

The Greater Parramatta and Olympic Park Precinct (GPOP) is an evolving knowledge, health, technology, finance, administration and justice centre. The GPOP will offer better public transport, cultural and sporting facilities and a knowledge intensive, services oriented economy in an area stretching from Strathfield to Westmead, and from Auburn to Telopea, embracing Parramatta and Olympic Park - refer Figure A2.

The area is expected to be subject to an 85% increase in housing and a 60-70% increase in jobs across four distinct quarters and supported by key infrastructure.

The GPOP is earmarked for rapid transformation, with a total investment of over \$10 billion in the GPOP over the next five years alone.

Carter Street Priority Precinct

In 2013 the NSW Government endorsed the Carter Street Priority Precinct, located within the GPOP (refer Figure A2). The Precinct is expected to accommodate significant jobs and housing growth and the proposal involves rezoning the precinct to develop:

- A high density urban community with potentially over 5,500 dwellings, including a range of housing options from townhouses to apartments in buildings of 4-20 storeys
- Employment uses along the M4 Motorway corridor, within buildings up to 6 storeys
- A mixed use village centre and village square
- A new primary school
- A multi-purpose community facility
- New open space including a 1.8 hectare park at Hill Road, a village park on Uhrig Road, and a new linear foreshore reserve along Haslams Creek south of John Ian Wing Parade.

PLANNING CONTEXT

A.2 Cumberland Council Planning

Auburn Local Environmental Plan 2010

The *Auburn Council Local Environmental Plan 2010* (ALEP) remains the relevant environmental planning instrument guiding land use and development surrounding Wyatt Park, until a consolidated Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is developed for Cumberland Council.

The ALEP establishes aims, objectives and principles for the whole LGA, as well as for specific sections or zones of the LGA.

Under the ALEP, Wyatt Park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation. Land use zones applicable to areas surrounding Wyatt Park are shown in Figure A11.

The objectives of the RE1 zone are:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

No works are permitted within Wyatt Park without development consent. Permissible development within this zone includes child care centres, community facilities, depots, environmental facilities; environmental protection works, function centres, information and education facilities, kiosks, markets, places of public worship, public administration buildings, recreation areas, recreation facilities (indoor), recreation facilities (major), recreation facilities (outdoor), respite day care centres, restaurants or cafes, roads and water recreation structures. Development consent is required for the construction of any of these.

Additional planning overlays for Wyatt Park include s6.1 acid sulfate soils (refer Figure A24) and s6.3 flood planning (refer Figure A25).

Local Centre Upgrades

Informed by state, regional and local strategies and directions, the former Auburn and now Cumberland Council has been planning for increased uplift and development in local town centres to accommodate future growth, including Lidcombe and Auburn.

Draft Auburn and Lidcombe Town Centres Strategy 2016

The *Draft Auburn and Lidcombe Town Centres Strategy 2016* was commissioned by Cumberland Council. It builds on the work of the earlier Auburn Town Centres Strategy prepared for the former Auburn Council, as well as other technical studies and the district planning processes by the Greater Sydney Commission.

This strategy has been prepared in recognition that Auburn and Lidcombe Town Centres are at a critical transition point. It identified significant opportunities to improve both the built form and the public domain within the context of increased heights and floor space ratios.

The Strategy proposes a number of principles for the growth of each centre and recommends changes to planning controls to support these principles. The principles build on the strengths of each centre, and enable an improved and more diverse built form, with a greater emphasis on how people interact with each other and with the built environment.

Auburn Town Centre Strategy 2031

The Strategy developed in 2008 provides a vision and direction for planning, community, transport, economic and environmental issues to guide strategic planning policies over the next 25 years.

Key themes and actions of the Strategy include:

- The Auburn town centre will be compact and well-defined with improved development quality and viability. Building height controls are reconsidered to ensure consistency with other built form controls so that development potential is not constrained to a greater extent than intended
- Access to and circulation within the Auburn town centre will be integrated, safe and convenient, with priority for walking, cycling and public transport
- A significant public space at the Civic Road, Queen Street and Auburn Road intersection on the western corner of Queen Street and Auburn Road and on the north-eastern corner of Civic Road and Auburn Road.

Auburn Residential Development Strategy 2015

The *Auburn Residential Development Strategy* outlines a 20 year strategy to guide the planning for future housing needs in Auburn City. The Strategy indicates a number of developable sites within a kilometre of Auburn Station and Lidcombe Stations for multi-level (up to 19 storeys) buildings. These would accommodate residents in high-density which will increase the demand of open space available to these residents.

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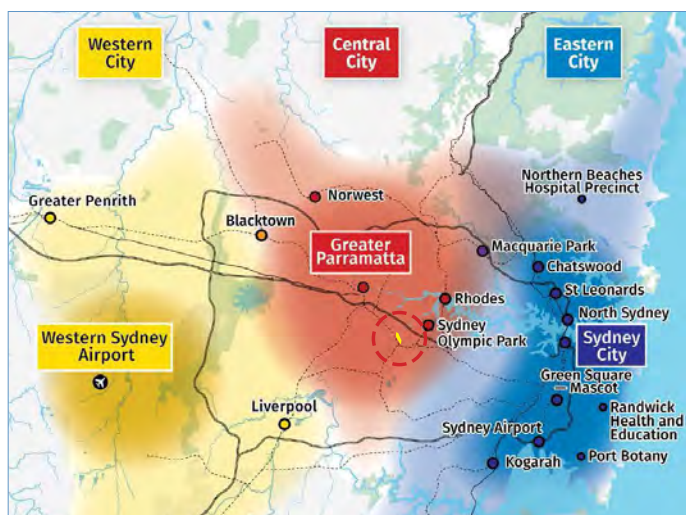


Figure A1: The Three Cities Model showing location of Wyatt Park

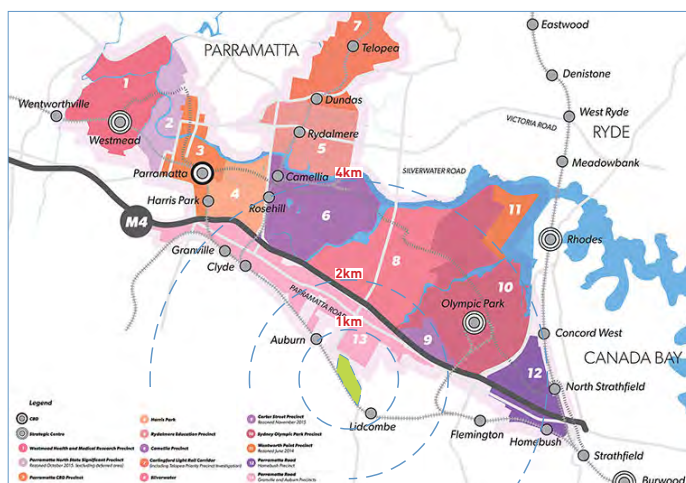


Figure A2: Parramatta Road Urban Transformation Area showing location of Wyatt Park

Planning Context - Key Findings

- Wyatt Park is located in the 'Central City' as per the 3 city model developed by the Greater Sydney Commission.
- Wyatt Park is located in relative proximity to the 'Eastern City' and easily accessed by car.
- Wyatt Park is located in close proximity to major growth areas and centres, both within the Cumberland LGA and in surrounding areas including
 - The GPOP
 - The 'New Parramatta Road' urban renewal corridor
 - Lidcombe and Auburn Town Centres.

Implications and Opportunities for Wyatt Park

- There is pressure from clubs and groups outside the LGA to use the park, spilling over from other areas as open space and recreation facilities in the 'Eastern City' are at/ beyond capacity
- Population growth will result in increased pressure at the local/ district level for access to open space including
 - Competition by various sporting clubs and codes
 - Increased demand from unit dwellers for access to informal open space.

DEMOGRAPHICS

A.3 Demographic profile

Key Findings

- A young population - the largest and fastest growing group are young adults 20-34 year olds (31% compared to 22% across Sydney)
- Culturally diverse - highly represented cultures include Lebanese, Chinese, Indian, Afghani, Nepalese and Turkish
- Low income: 2nd most disadvantaged LGA with a median income at 78% of the Greater Sydney average
- A transient population
- High portion of renters
- High portion of families (54.5% compared to 49.5 in Sydney)
- Higher unemployment levels
- Greater share of high density living
- By 2036 dwellings are expected to increase
 - 60% in the Auburn area
 - 81% in the Lidcombe area
- By 2036 the population of Cumberland is expected to grow by an additional 75,000 people

Implications and Opportunities

- There is growing demand for sport and recreation facilities
- There is a need to provide for access to open space as the area densifies and private open space diminishes.
- There is a need for low-cost/ free facilities
- There is demand for community development activities such as festivals and cultural celebrations
- There is a need for culturally appropriate facilities and a range of sports and recreation options that appeal to the culturally dominant groups, i.e. soccer, football, basketball, volleyball and badminton, squash, table tennis, futsal, (social) cricket, wrestling and combat sports

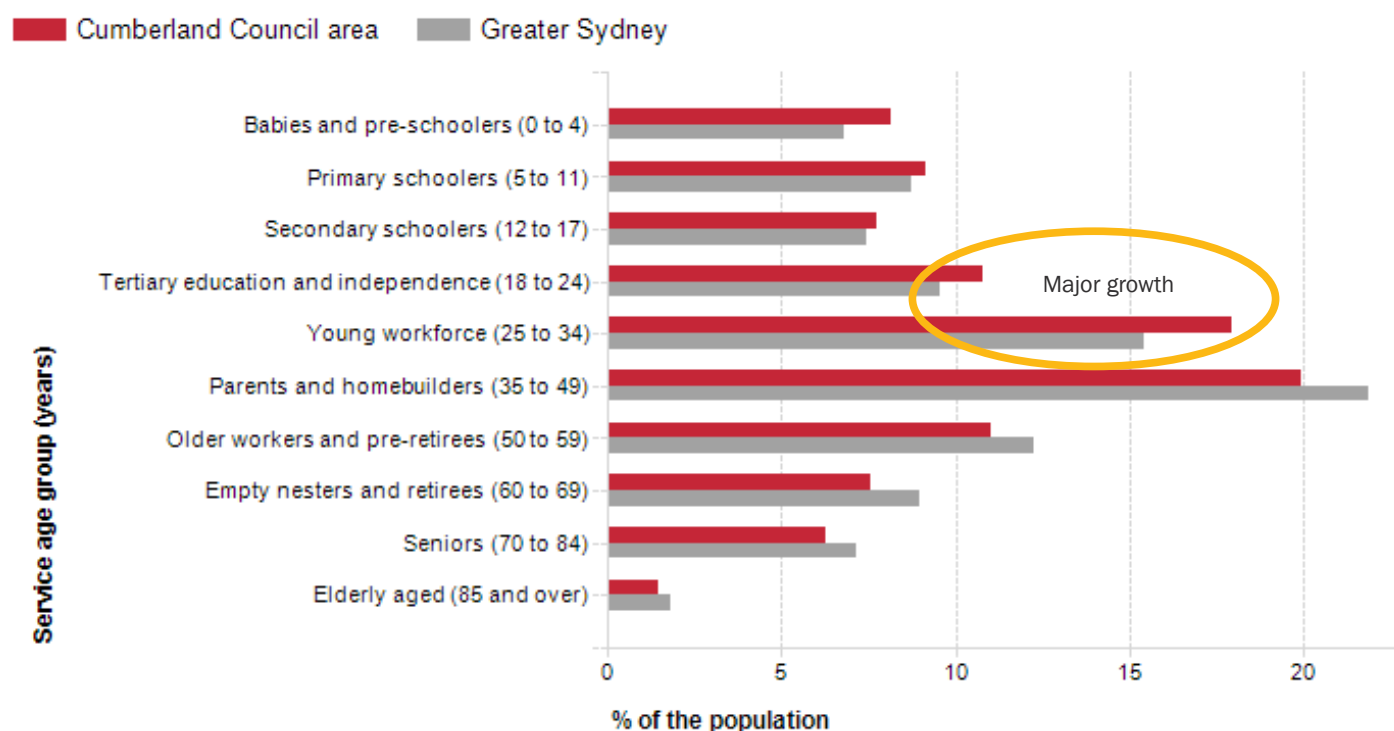


Figure A3: Age structure 2011 (source: ABS via profile.id)

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Figure A4: Change in dwelling structure Regents Park Ward 2006-2011 (source: ABS via profile.id)

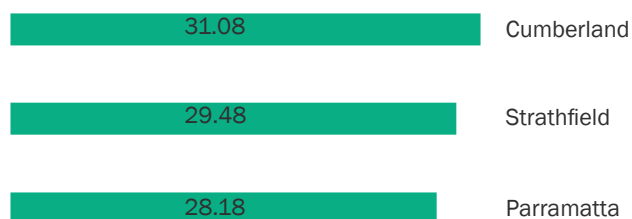


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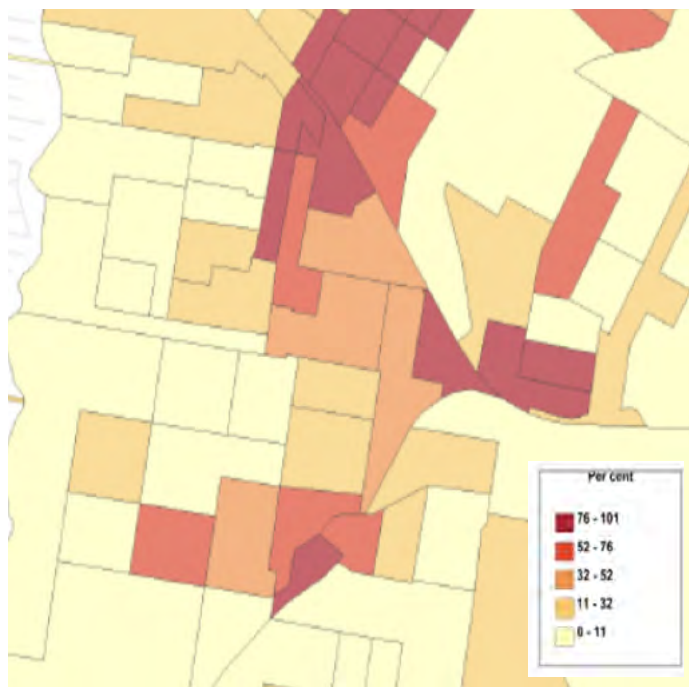


Figure A7: Dominant dwelling structure 2007 (source: Former Auburn Development Contributions Plan 2007 Amendment-2-2016)



Figure A6: Dominant dwelling structure 2011 (source: ABS via profile.id)

CONTEXT

A.4 Open Space

Key Findings

- The park is one of the major sports parks in terms of size in the eastern Cumberland LGA.
- The park represents a major sporting precinct. The nearest playing fields include
 - Mona Park (1.8km distance; 4 fields)
 - Webbs Avenue Playing Fields (1.9km distance; 4 fields)
 - Phillips Park (1.4km; 3 fields)
 - Auburn Park (1.1km; one field).
- Sydney Olympic Park is nearby and provides a major regional/ national sporting and recreation destination.
- There is limited open space in Lidcombe and Auburn.
- Much of the available open space in Lidcombe and Auburn is either very small or dedicated to sports uses.
- Rookwood Cemetery, while not open space, is a large area that can accommodate some of the demand for passive recreation and access to nature.

Implications and Opportunities

- Wyatt Park needs to remain a major and district sporting destination if future needs are to be met.
- Major and regional sporting needs are met by Olympic Park.
- Many parks have a sports focus or are small or undeveloped, resulting in a limited recreation offering. There is unmet demand for general open space for social and family recreation (SFR) across the LGA.

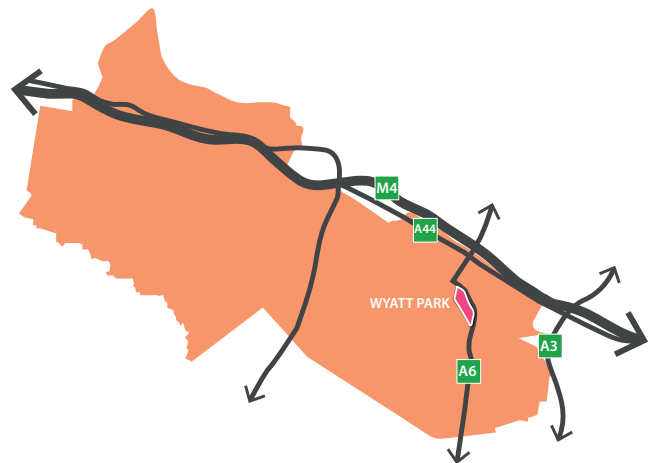


Figure A8: Location of Wyatt Park relative to the Cumberland LGA

CONTEXT

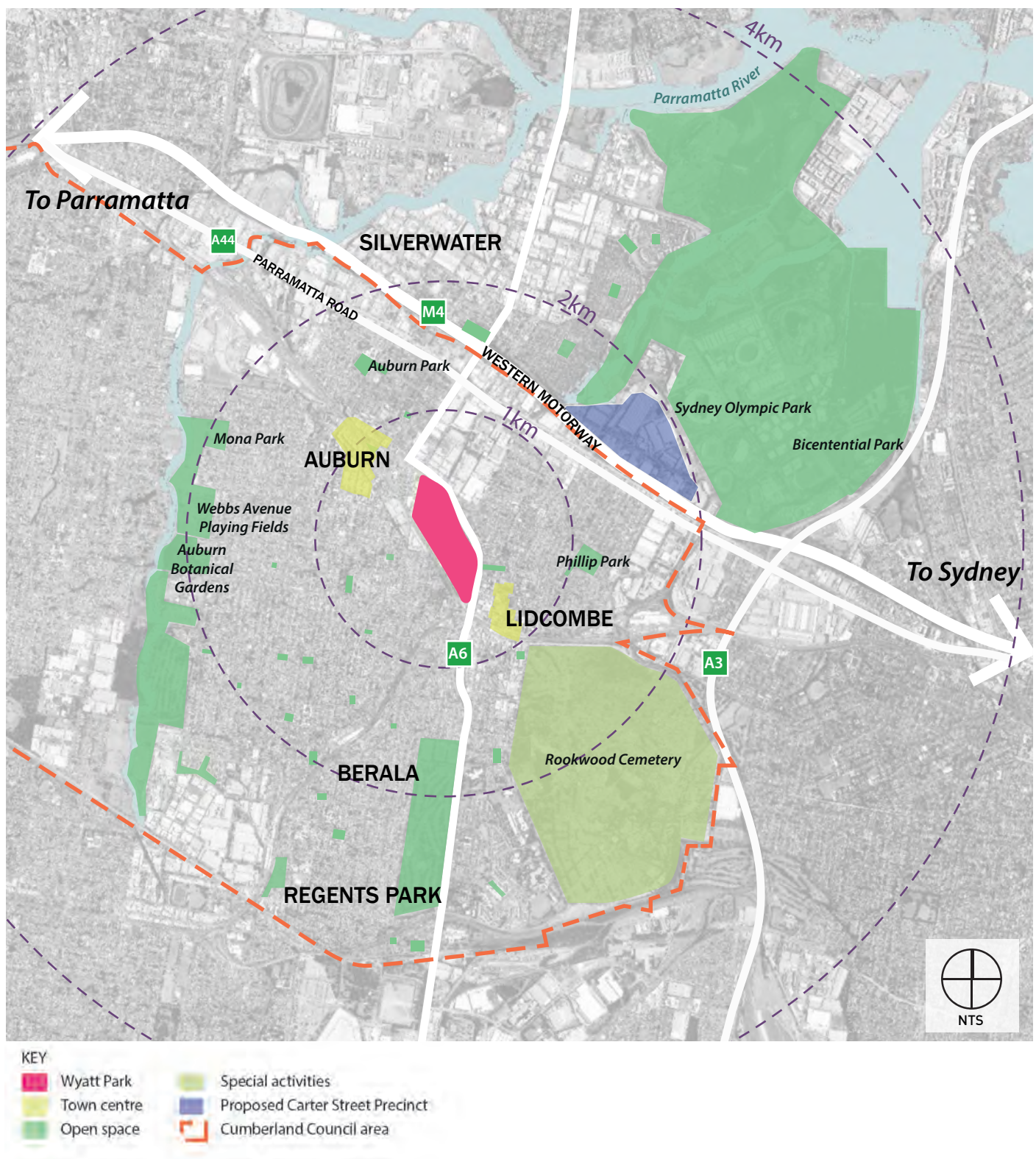


Figure A9: Open space near Wyatt Park

CONTEXT

A.5 Existing parks and schools within Cumberland Council

Parks

With the exception of Sydney Olympic Park, Wyatt Park offers the largest range of sporting facilities within Cumberland Council (Table 6). Sydney Park is approximately 4km away (8 minute drive) with a proposed open space area to the east to accommodate indoor golf, rugby, crickets, baseball, futsal. There are a number of other sports grounds within Cumberland Council, with Auburn Park and Phillip Park being the closest at 500 and 900m respectively (Figure J).

There are a few parks nearby to Wyatt Park with play equipment, however the *Auburn Open Space and Recreation Contributions Study* (Cumberland City Council, 2017) identified an opportunity for play spaces to service the residential areas to the north-east of Wyatt Park. There are no district parks within a 5km radius of Wyatt Park.

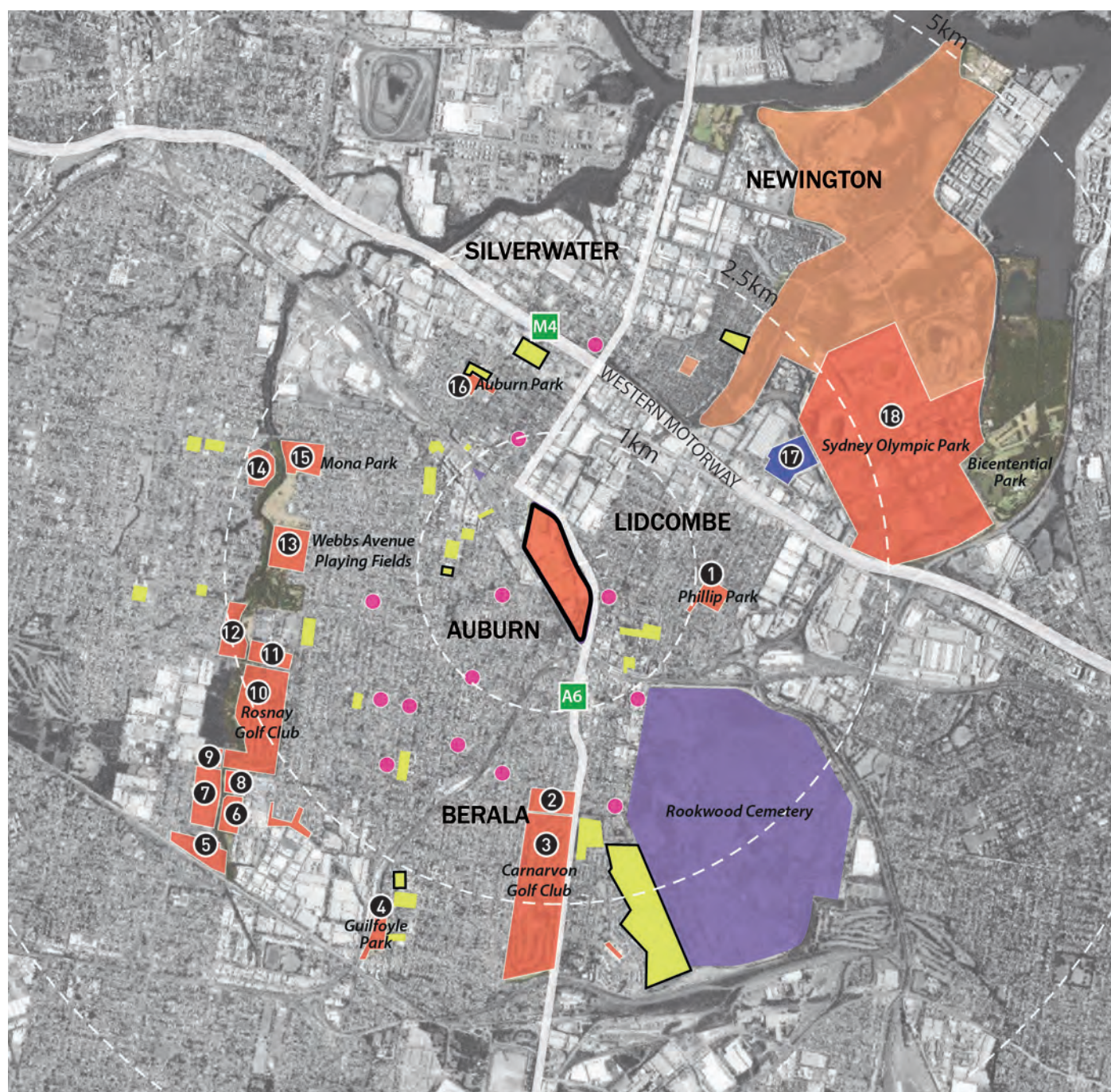
Schools

There are six education facilities within 1km of Wyatt Park, one with full size sporting facilities including indoor and outdoor courts. This is AL-Faisal College which is a non-government, Islamic, combined primary and secondary school. The majority of schools within a 3km radius of Wyatt Park don't have full sized sporting courts and fields.

ID	PARK NAME	FACILITIES
1	Phillips Park	3 soccer fields, 2 junior cricket fields, 3 playgrounds
2	Coleman Park	3 senior soccer fields, 1 junior cricket field, 1 playground
3	Carnarvon Golf Club	18 hole golf course
4	Guilfoyle Park	4 netball courts, cricket field, rugby field, playground (nearby bowling greens)
5	Everley Park	1 athletic field, 1 cricket/ soccer field, 1 playground
6	Princes Park	2 senior soccer fields, 4 junior soccer fields, 1 playground
7	Everley Park North	3 soccer fields, 1 cricket field, 1 playground
8	Peter Hislop Park	2 senior rugby fields, 1 cricket field
7	Everley Park North	3 soccer fields, 1 cricket field, 1 playground
9	Melita Stadium	1 senior soccer field, grandstand and supporting infrastructure
10	Rosnay Golf Club	18 hole golf course
11	Progress Park	3 senior soccer fields, 1 junior cricket field
12	Ray Marshall Reserve	3 soccer fields, 1 cricket field, 1 playground
13	Webbs Avenue Playing Fields	4 soccer fields, 1 cricket field
14	Horlyck Reserve	2 senior soccer fields, 1 senior cricket field, 1 playground
15	Mona Park	1 senior soccer field, 3 cricket fields, 3 AFL ovals (winter), 1 playground
16	Auburn Park	1 junior cricket field, 1 playground
17	Sydney Olympic Park	Australian Rules football, skate park, netball court, shooting posts, badminton, cricket field, ruby field, aquatic centre, tennis, trampoline, futsal, soccer field, hockey, pentanque, bmx, handball, gymnasium, basketball, athletics, archery
18	Proposed open space	Indoor golf, rugby, crickets, baseball, futsal

Table A1: Existing parks within a 5km radius of Wyatt Park

CONTEXT



Wyatt Park Site Boundary

Sport Open Space

Local Playgrounds with a 2km radius of Wyatt Park

Memorial Park/ Cemetery

Relaxation/ Contemplation

Social/ Family Recreation

Proposed Open Space

Education facility with full size indoor/outdoor courts/ playing fields

Education facility without full size indoor/outdoor courts/ playing fields

Source: Auburn Open Space and Recreation Contributions Study (Cumberland Council, 2017) and google maps

Figure A10: Existing sportgrounds, schools and local playgrounds within a 5km radius of Wyatt Park

A.6 Land Use Zoning

Key Findings

- The park is surrounded by a mix of industrial and residential uses.
- The park is in close proximity to the Auburn and Lidcombe Town Centres and their respective railway stations.
- The park is surrounded on three sides by major road and rail infrastructure, i.e. Olympic Drive and the Western Rail Line.
- The park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation, objectives are to
 - Enable use for public open space or recreational purposes
 - Provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses
 - Protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
 - Protect open space at riparian and foreshore locations.
- Wyatt Park is the most significant open space provision by far.

Implications and Opportunities

- The park is cut off from residential areas by road and rail.
- The park is within walking and cycling distance from the town centres and rail stations.
- The park has the potential to meet the needs of the local residential community for both sport and general recreation.
- There is an opportunity to enhance links to nearby open spaces and community facilities including schools and town centres.
- There is an opportunity to investigate a future pedestrian bridge connecting Milton Street to Wyatt Park.

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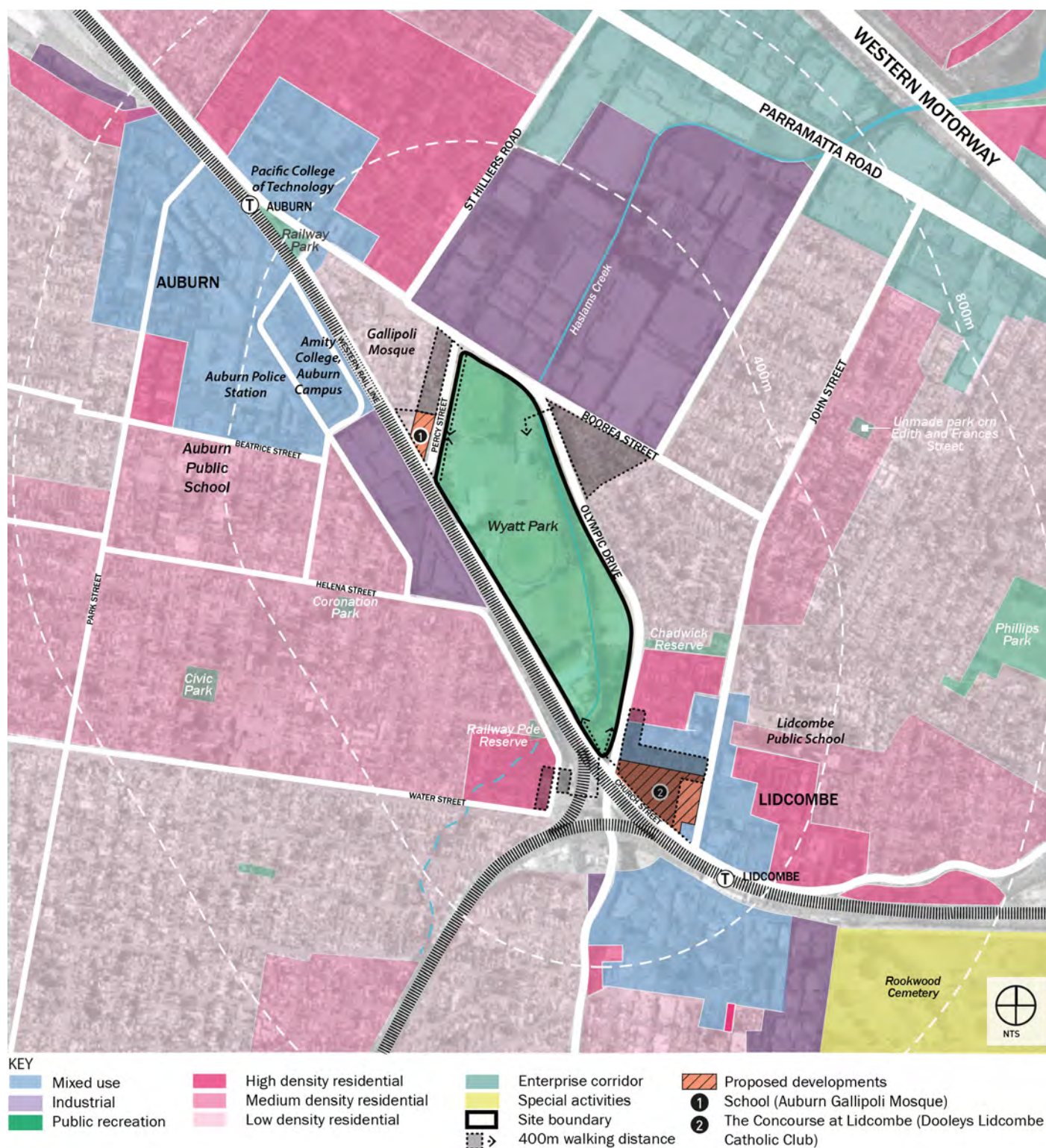


Figure A11: Land use zoning of areas surrounding Wyatt Park

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A.7 Vehicular Access

Key Findings

- There is only one formal access point at Church Street.
- Gated vehicle entrances are located at Percy Street and Boorea Street and are available for events and emergency vehicles.
- A number of roll-over kerbs along Olympic Drive provide informal/ casual access, but is not supported by RMS.
- An internal road links
 - Church Street and Percy Street and provides access to the basketball centre
 - Church and Boorea Street and provides a traffic route for managing major events.
- The RMS in 2008 provided in-principle support for a signalised four-way intersection opposite Boorea Street.
- Public parking is provided both off-road and on-road at Church Street (~490) and Percy Street. Overall capacity is ~640 spaces.
- The PCYC and the basketball centre have small car parks associated them.
- Overflow parking is available on gravel areas around the basketball centre, on Wyatt Park fields and along Olympic Drive

Implications and Opportunities

- Given the size of the park, it would benefit from more than vehicle entrance to avoid congestion and provide activation.
- Areas along Olympic Drive could be serviced by an additional or upgraded bridge crossing over Haslams Creek.
- Consider consolidating car parking, to optimise layouts and share car parks between different venues/ facilities, in order to free up the park for other uses.

SITE DESCRIPTION



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A.8 Active Transport Access

Key Findings

- There are limited paths within or around the park, making it difficult to get to or walk/ cycle around in the park.
- Driveways/ internal access roads can be shared by pedestrians but there's no formal demarcation.
- Olympic Drive can only be crossed at Boorea Street and Church Street, making it hard to get to the park. Crossings are of low pedestrian amenity and offer a poor arrival experience.
- Church Street provides a cycle link between Lidcombe and Auburn, with shared road use along Church Street.

Implications and Opportunities

- Improving active transport connection has the potential to make the park more attractive as a youth space/ destination.
- Enhance the park as a walk-to destination through more direct, convenient and pleasant pedestrian access.
- There's an opportunity to improve pedestrian and cycle links
 - To/ from the town centres/ rail stations
 - To/ between existing venues and facilities.
- There is an opportunity to enhance the park as a destination for the purposes of recreational/ fitness walking/ cycling themselves.
- Make the park more accessible including to a wider audience (the elderly, disabled, people with strollers etc) through the provision of safe, attractive and well-located paths.
- There's a need for ancillary infrastructure such as bike racks, lighting and way-finding/ signage.

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Figure A13: Active transport access

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A.9 Existing Facilities Type and Utilisation

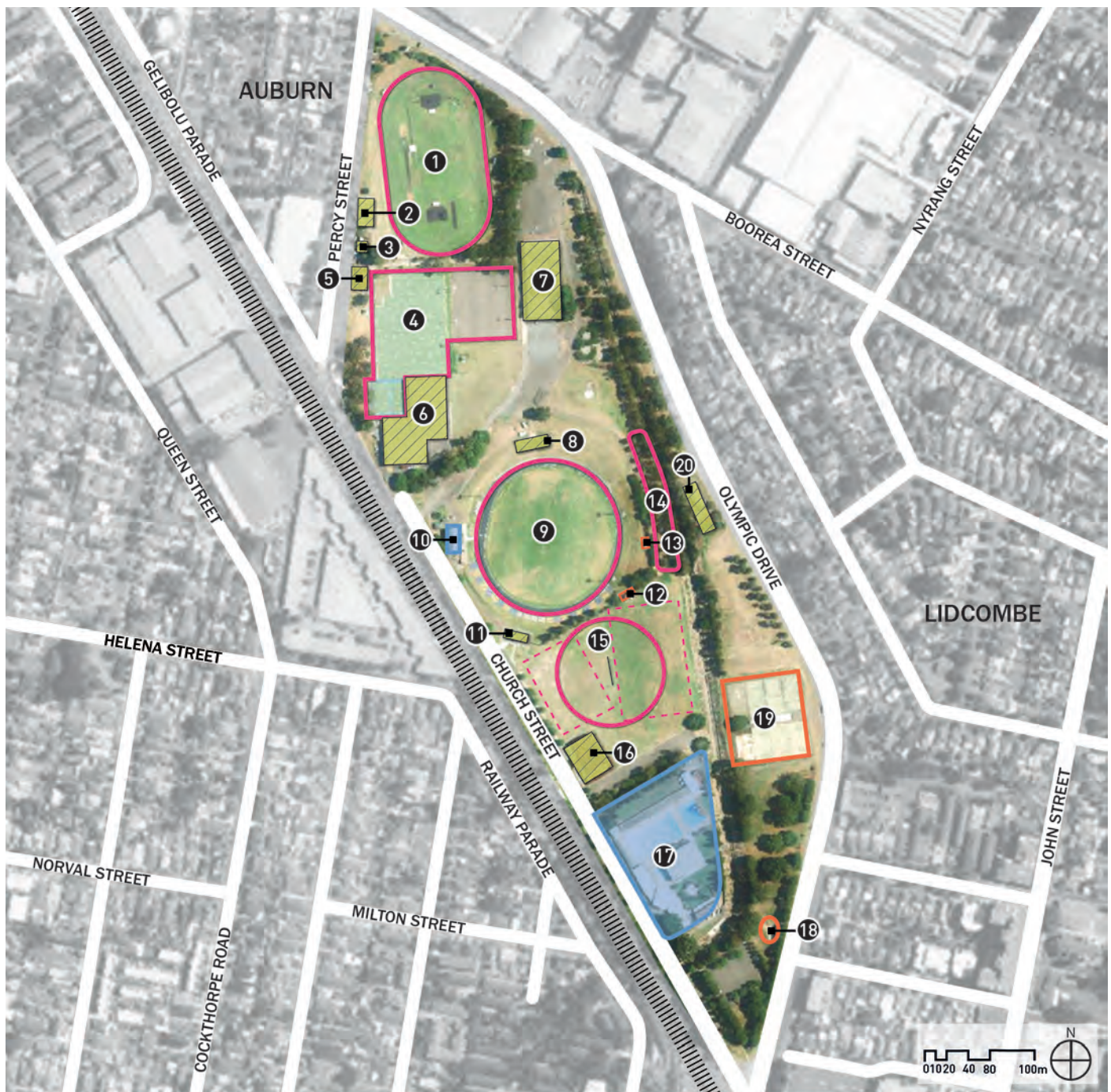
Key Findings

- Wyatt Park is primarily developed for sporting use with a number of facilities catering for formal/ organised sporting use through clubs and other organisations.
- There are a number of high quality facilities.
- Many facilities currently operate below capacity with the exception of Lidcombe Oval during the winter season, and the basketball centre.
- There is a large number of small buildings dispersed through the park, adapted from other uses. Yet, there is inadequate storage.

Implications and Opportunities

- Take advantage of high quality facilities to continue to provide a sporting destination.
- Ensure facilities meet local need by attracting/ engaging the local community.
- Increase use including casual (non-club/ membership based) use and non-sporting use, including through greater shared use.

SITE DESCRIPTION



KEY			
	OUTDOOR FACILITIES	①	Auburn athletics track
	INDOOR FACILITIES	②	Athletics amenities/ kiosk
	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR	③	Former substation (Council store)
	DEFUNCT	④	Marie Dunn Netball courts
		⑤	Netball amenities/ kiosk
		⑥	PCYC Building
		⑦	Auburn Basketball Centre
		⑧	Storage (former amenities)
		⑨	Lidcombe Oval + cycle track
		⑩	Lidcombe Oval Grandstand
		⑪	Lidcombe Oval Scoreboard and Ticketing Gate
		⑫	Toilet block
		⑬	Lidcombe Oval Kiosk
		⑭	Dog off-leash area
		⑮	Wyatt Park fields
		⑯	Wyatt Park Youth Centre
		⑰	Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
		⑱	Skatebowl
		⑲	Former tennis centre (under demolition)
		⑳	Scouts/ Girl Guides hall

Figure A14: Existing facility types

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.10 Existing Facilities Condition and Investment

Key Findings

- There is a contrast between high quality facilities and facilities that are deteriorating and/ or in poor condition.
- Recent investments towards meeting community needs include upgrades of the pool, netball court and velodrome.
- A number of facilities are aged and/ or do not comply with current building codes and regulations.
- The skate bowl, dog park and former tennis centre are unsafe, not fit for purpose or defunct.
- There is no dedicated storage area or compound for green-keeping/ maintenance materials and equipment.
- Council has committed to assist the CBC with the expansion of the centre to provide for an additional court.

Implications and Opportunities

- Improve the presentation of buildings in the park to make them more attractive.
- Maintenance/ upgrading of facilities represents a significant backlog of work, as well as capital commitment.
- Capital costs associated with building upgrades may exceed the cost of purpose-built structures.
- Consider purpose-built facilities to better meet user needs, as well as current codes and building standards.
- Consider renewing facilities and provide flexible facilities and buildings for shared use, in order to
 - Maximise building utilisation
 - Provide a sense of continuous activation around a central facility
 - Reduce the maintenance burden associated with a large number of small buildings.
- Removal of redundant/ defunct or poorly adapted structures represents an opportunity to de-clutter the park to make space for additional activities, and maximise views and passive surveillance.

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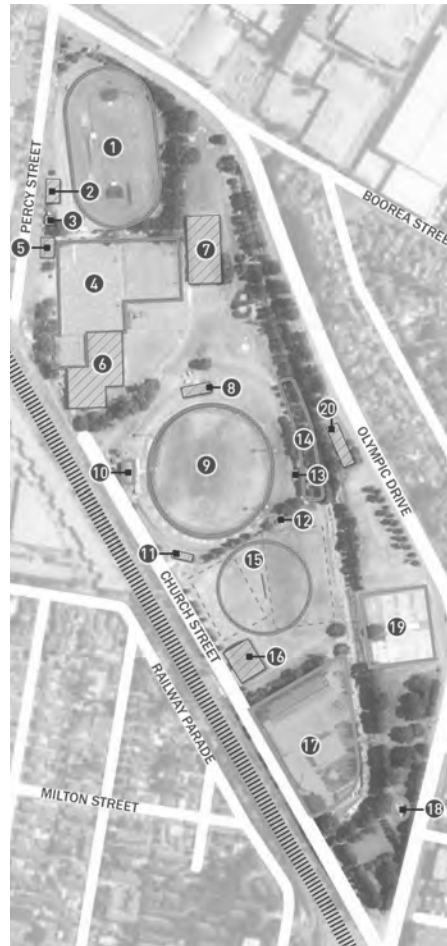


Figure A15: Existing facility - photographic survey of existing condition

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.11 Existing Use Agreements (Leases and licences)

Key Findings

- Large sections of the park are controlled by organisations other than Council, through leases and licences.
- Indoor facilities and some parts of the park can only be enjoyed by club/ organisation members, for a fee.
- There are concerns about the degree to which management by other organisations is aligned with Council's interest in providing for local community and sporting needs.
- Rents/ annual fees are generally well below market value.
- There is concern that sub-letting/ hiring out of facilities is creating income and/ or profit for clubs at Council's expense.
- Clubs manage facilities according to their own criteria and do not necessarily consider outcomes for the park/ the local community as a whole.
- There is little coordination amongst clubs about what's on offer.
- A number of uses have a poor relationship with the park, i.e. they don't take advantage or use the park setting.
- Council is currently in negotiations with Parramatta Basketball Association (current lease expires 1 January 2022).

Implications and Opportunities

- The Scouts' arrangement remains unresolved.
- Council is subsidising club use.
- Some uses are not site-specific and may be able to be re-located to free up park land for other uses.
- There is an opportunity to develop usage agreements to realise greater alignment with Council objectives of catering for locals, and to prevent revenue being channelled to other parties through sub-letting/ hiring out of park facilities.

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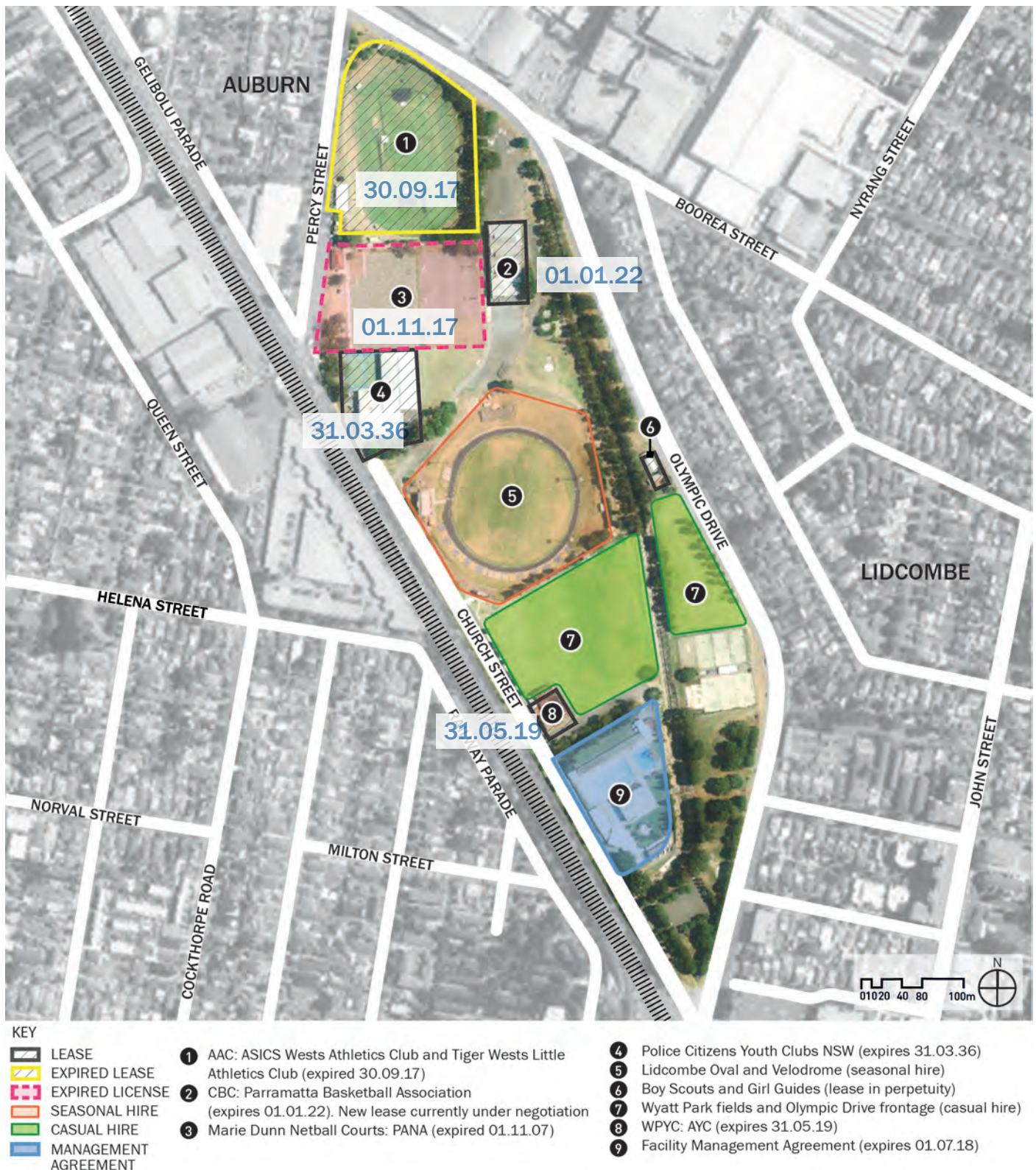


Figure A16: Existing use agreements including leases and licences

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A.12 Fencing and Public Areas

Key Findings

- There are a large number of fences around individual facilities.
- Fencing protects valuable assets against vandalism/ damage/ inappropriate use.
- Fencing visually and physically divides the park
- Large sections of the park are not accessible by the general public (for free).
- Parts of the park publicly accessible and fee-free tend to be poorly embellished or undeveloped, i.e. “left-over”.

Implications and Opportunities

- Fencing provides an opportunity to set up the park as a venue for ticketed events.
- Review fence types and locations:
 - Consider alternative means for preventing vehicular access to valuable fields while allowing greater general community use.
 - Review fence alignments to maximise space outside of fences facilities for general community use and enable free movement and views through the park.
- There is a need to enhance publicly accessible spaces to provide general recreation facilities that are safe, attractive and free and invite use of the park by the general community.



Plate A1: Current fences and character in Wyatt Park



Plate A2: Redfern Oval as an example of successful example of removing fences for shared community and elite sports use

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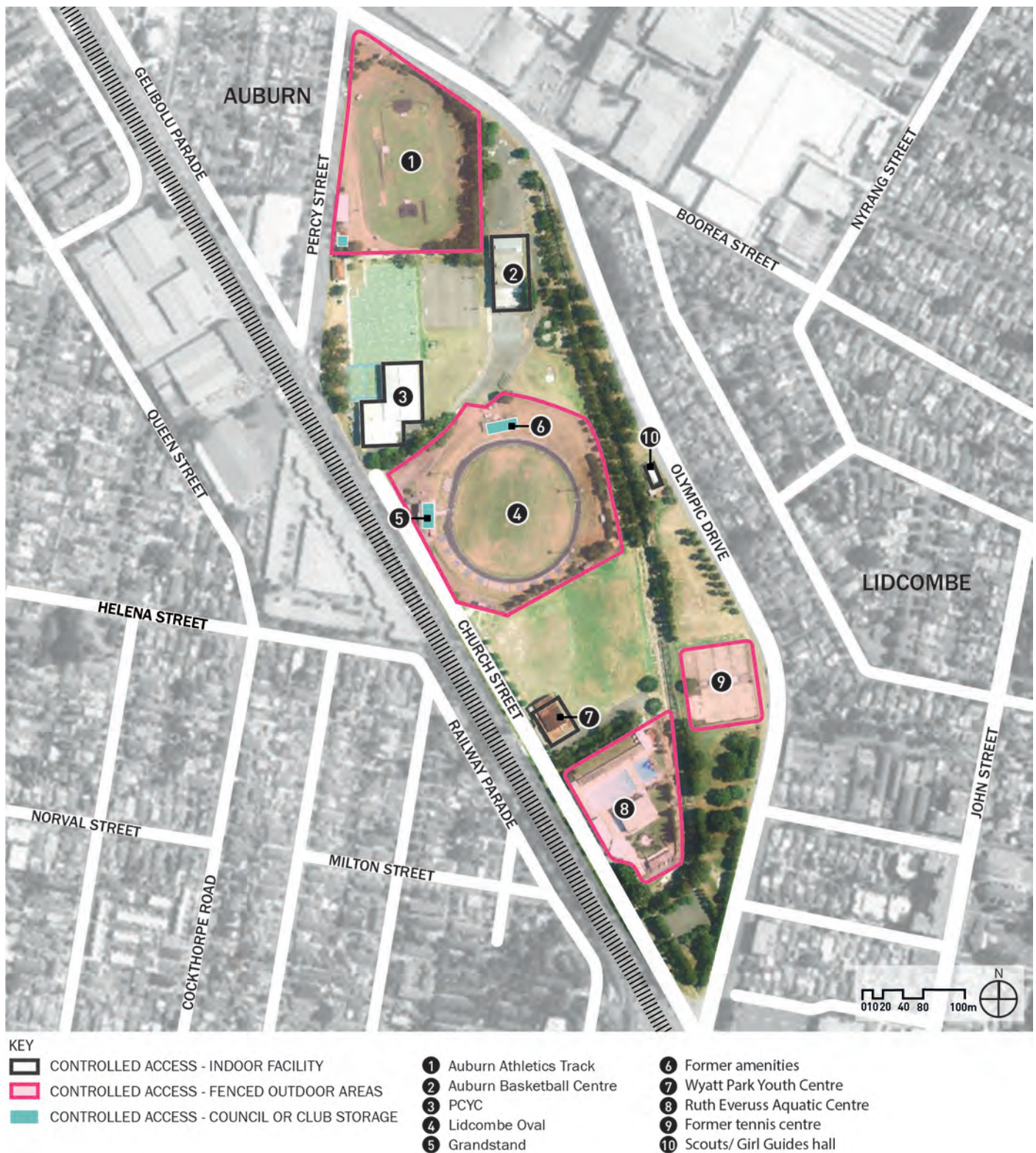


Figure A17: Levels of public access throughout Wyatt Park

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.13 Undeveloped Areas

Key Findings

- There are significant portions of land that have no designated use and remain undeveloped.
- There are “left-over” areas of land around the venues that have no current useful purpose.

Implications and Opportunities

- There is sufficient land area to accommodate additional uses in the park.
- There’s potential to complement existing facilities with additional park/ recreation infrastructure to maximise the park’s potential as a whole of family destination, such as play or exercise equipment close to sports fields.
- Means to maximise space for other uses include:
 - Reconfiguring existing facilities
 - Reconfiguring fences around facilities
 - Strategically relocating facilities to create larger contiguous areas for uses not currently represented in the precinct.

SITE DESCRIPTION



Figure A18: Undeveloped areas

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.14 Existing Facilities - Target User Groups

Key Findings

- Similar functions are dispersed throughout the park, i.e. youth facilities and services.
- Some functions are duplicated, potentially at the expenses of offering a more diverse range of activities i.e. basketball.
- Many facilities target young people and young adults which is consistent with the demographics of the area.
- There are no playgrounds or other publicly accessible (free) facilities specifically for toddlers/ preschoolers and primary-aged children.
- There is a bias in provision towards the needs of young males.
- There are no facilities specifically for the elderly.
- Most activities require membership or payment, limiting participation in an economically disadvantaged area.

Implications and Opportunities

- Provide a broader range of activities in the park to appeal and cater to the needs of a wider range of demographic groups, including those not currently catered for.
- Consolidate youth facilities to create a vibrant youth precinct.
 - Co-location of youth facilities and services may offer synergistic benefits for individual organisations.
 - The current Planning Proposal for a new school in Percy Street has the potential to contribute to park activation and a vibrant youth precinct.
- Setting up the park as a place for free outdoor activities is a major opportunity to activate the park and meet the needs of an economically disadvantaged community.

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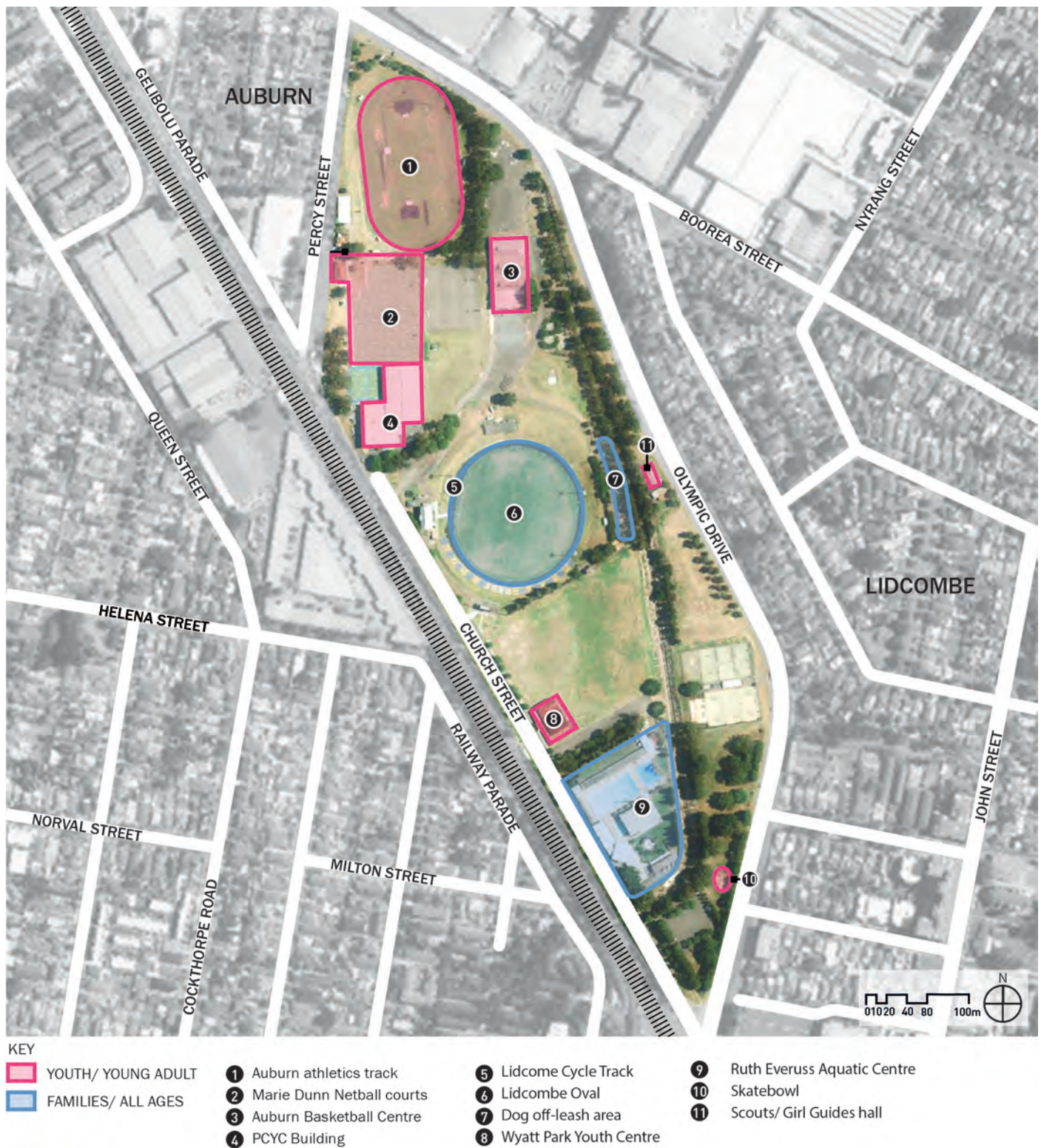


Figure A19: Existing facilities and target user groups

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.15 Existing Facilities - Planned Improvements

Key Findings

- Council has committed to a series of improvements:
 - Basketball Centre - asbestos roof replacement and extension/ additional court (late 2017)
 - Re-surfacing of the bottom 6 netball courts (late 2017/ early 2018)
- Council has committed to demolishing
 - Disused advertising sign at the corner of Percy Street and Olympic Drive
 - The former Lidcombe Tennis Centre - demolition has commenced
- Council has previously approved removal for
 - Wyatt Park amenities block
 - Lidcombe Oval kiosk

(Timing is subject to the provision to new amenities proposed in this PoM)

Implications and Opportunities

- Investment in improvements may limit masterplanning/ opportunities for structural changes in the short or medium term.

SITE DESCRIPTION



Figure A20: Planned improvements to existing facilities

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.16 Passive Surveillance

Key Findings

- The vast majority of the park enjoys only limited passive surveillance or casual overlooking from either buildings or roads/ passing traffic.
- Visibility of the park from the rail line has a limited effect on deterring crime or anti-social behaviour.

Implications and Opportunities

- The park would benefit from increased passive surveillance for both actual and perceived safety/ security. Means might include:
 - Provide additional vehicle access/ parking points to draw people into all sections of the park.
 - Provide vehicle access through the park for greater casual surveillance.
 - Provide facilities/ services with all-day use/ operation to have a presence in the park at all times.
 - Increase building fenestration/ transparency for improve indoor-outdoor relationships including greater casual over-looking of adjoining park spaces.
 - Improved linkages through the park – this could be for all modes: pedestrians, cycling, cars.
 - Strategic approach to landform and vegetation to provide/ maintain clear sight lines.
 - Technology including CCTV.
 - Law enforcement including regular police patrols.
 - Lighting to improve night-time safety/ security.
 - Formal external programs or led/ supervised activities.



Plate A3: Existing buildings in Wyatt Park showing lack of fenestration and passive surveillance at ground level. From top to bottom: CBC, PCYC, WPYC

SITE DESCRIPTION



Figure A21: Passive surveillance

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.17 Views and Shade

Key Findings

- Existing trees provide an attractive visual backdrop to many of the venues in the park.
- The park provides a green counterpoint to urban areas.
- There's a series of visually contained separate spaces within the park.
- There are limited landmarks visible beyond the park to provide a sense of orientation. They include
 - The Gallipolli Mosque
 - Lidcombe Towers
 - A number of industrial buildings
 - A number of high-rise buildings in the town centres
- The skyline surrounding the park is expected to change and develop with urban renewal and increased densities.
- There is limited shade around key venues.

Implications and Opportunities

- Assist orientation through improved circulation systems and signage.
- Enhance the sense of place by framing/ strengthening views to other community places such as the Gallipolli Mosque.
- There is a need for more shade for greater visitor and spectator amenity.
- Build on the existing series of distinct spaces to create a sequence of distinct park/ character areas, separated by treed areas to provide shade and an attractive backdrop.
- The park will make a visual contribution to the amenity of future apartment-dwellers over-looking the park.
- The park has the opportunity to be enhanced to provide an 'oasis' for relief from urban areas.



Plate A4: Views across the park and to local landmarks. Top to bottom: Gallipolli Mosque, industrial building in Queen Street, 'Lidcombe Towers' and the treed backdrop to Lidcombe Oval

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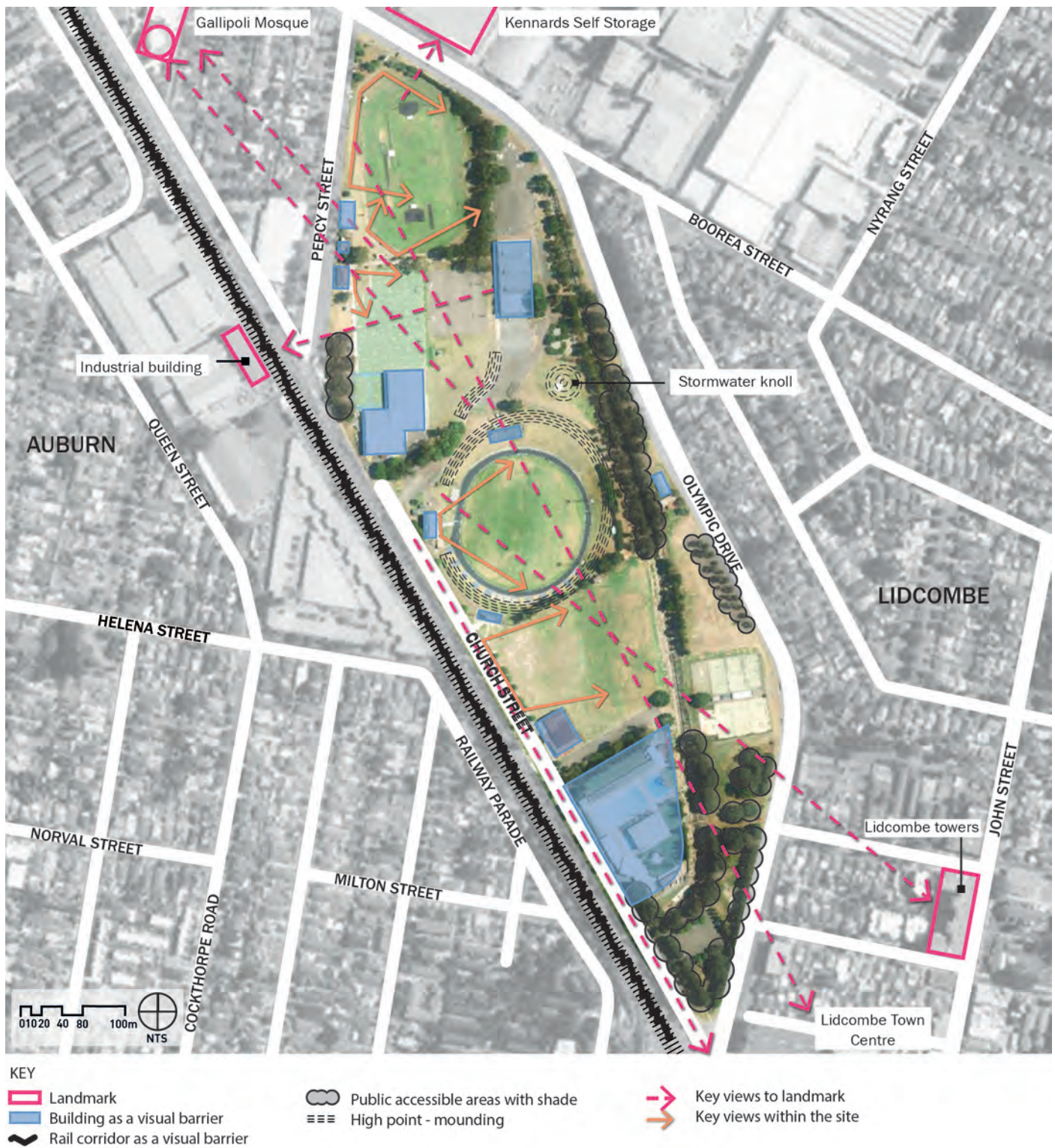


Figure A22: Views and shade

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A.18 History and Heritage

Prior Uses

- 1896 Stock holding area for Sydney Meat Preserving Company followed by later recreational use
- 1925 AGE industries established (northern part of park)

Key Dates

Park Acquisition

- 1926 NSW Government purchases the land from the SMP
- 1975 Former Boorea Street depot site absorbed into the park
- 1977 AGE site integrated into the park
- 1983 Electricity substation site absorbed into park

Park Development

1927	Wyatt Park officially dedicated as a recreation reserve
1928	Use of the Park by sporting clubs such as the Western District Rugby League Football Association
1932-1934	Construction of Church Street to Lidcombe Oval
1933	Lidcombe Oval completed
1933	Emergency Relief Work (ERW) including further reclamation works in the Park by Council and work on construction of the oval, grandstand and cycleway
1933-1939	Public Works Department ERW (Haslams Creek stormwater channel)
1933	Lidcombe Oval opened
1936	Planning for first tennis courts
1941	Agreement with the Western Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club for the use of the oval
1957	New tennis courts on present site
1959	Opening of Auburn Swimming Centre
1965	Lidcombe RSL Bowling Club (north of current tennis courts)
1967-1986	Home ground of the Western Sydney Magpies
1969	Youth Welfare Centre opened
1970's	Planting of Tallowoods along Olympic Drive
1978	Basketball centre opened
1980	PANA headquarters and netball courts completed, athletics centre completed

Implications and Opportunities

- The site is likely to be contaminated based on past uses, with potential implications for redevelopment costs.
- The park is locally significant due to:
 - The park has a continuous history as an important sportsground.
 - The park has a long history and association with a number of clubs/ user groups.
 - The park has continually evolved over time to meet and accommodate changing needs and demands.
 - Evidence of past history and uses survives in some of the park's buildings and structures.
 - The park has an important association with social events and services including depression relief works and youth services.

SITE DESCRIPTION



Plate A5: Historic photo of Wyatt Park 1943



Plate A7: Haslams Creek prior to Stormwater channel construction



Plate A8: Lidcombe Oval during construction 1932-1934



Plate A6: Cycling event Lidcombe Oval, 1936



Plate A9: Lidcombe Oval during a soccer match, 1936

Source for all photos: Wyatt Park Heritage Study Report, City Plan Services, 2017

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A.19 Heritage Items and Significant Trees

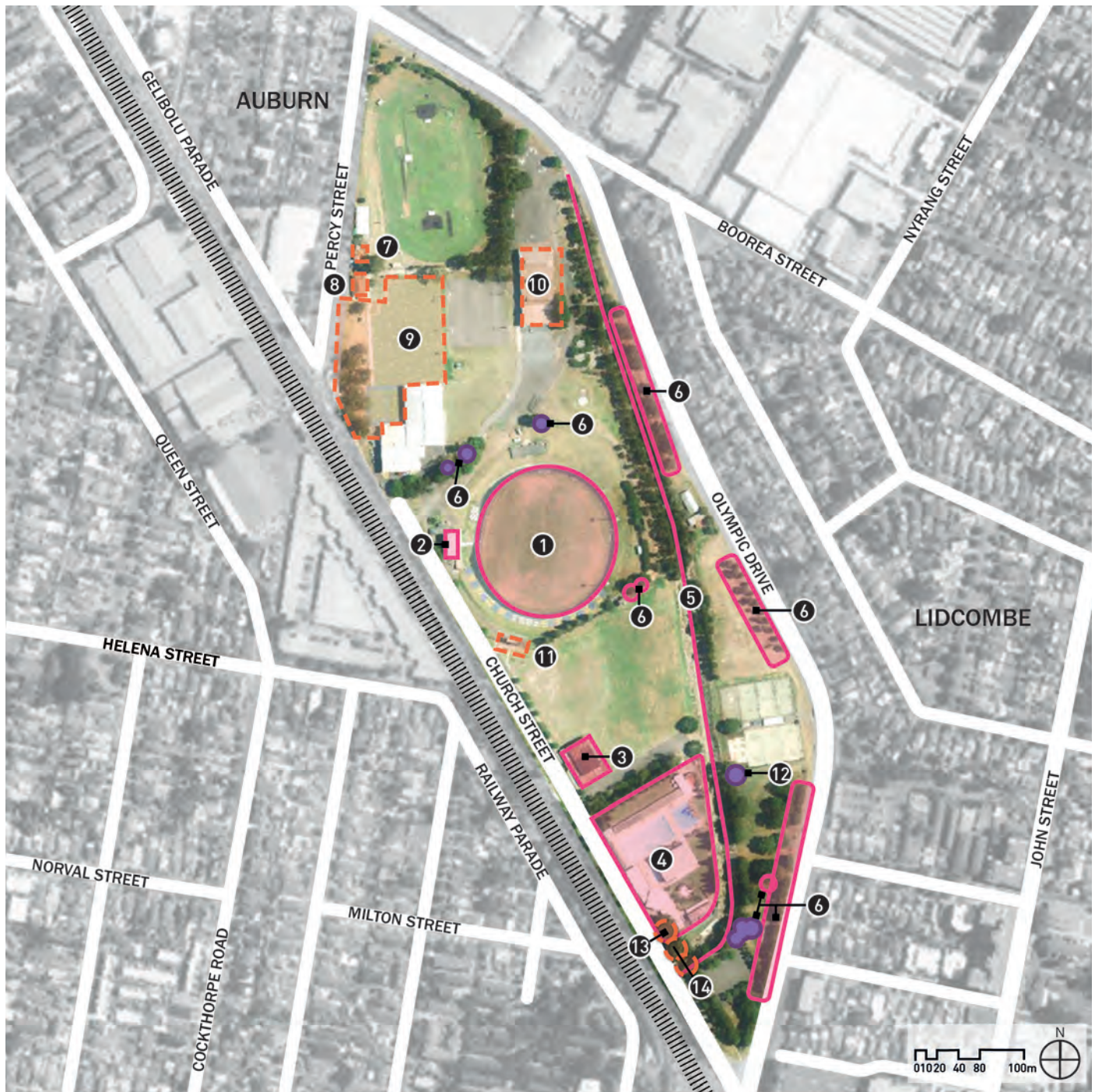
Key Findings

- The ALEP lists as local heritage items:
 - Wyatt Park, with special mention of the Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre, Wyatt Park Youth Centre , Lidcombe Oval and Grandstand and Haslams Creek
 - A line of Tallowoods (*Eucalyptus microcorys*) along Olympic Drive
- Significant trees include
 - The heritage-listed Tallowood trees
 - A number of Tallowood trees (*E. microcorys*) throughout the park
 - One Lemon-scented gum (*Corymbia citriodora*)
- The Draft Wyatt Park Heritage Study recommends
 - A number of further items for heritage listing
 - Partial elevation to state significance
- Additional trees near the Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre be listed as significant, namely:
 - One Hill's Weeping Fig (*Ficus microcarpa* var. *Hillii*)
 - Two Cottonwoods (*Populus deltoides*)

Implications and Opportunities

- There is a need for clarity around the precedence of heritage values i.e. social heritage values relative to built fabric.
- There is a need to resolve to what extent fabric can be altered or removed.
- Build on existing mature and significant trees to further enhance the landscape character and restore or reinstate native and riparian ecology.
- Parts of the park could contribute to the local “urban forest” of future significant tree cover and to counter urban heat island effects.

SITE DESCRIPTION



KEY			
 	HERITAGE LISTED ITEMS	1	Lidcombe Oval
 	DRAFT WYATT PARK HERITAGE STUDY ITEMS	2	Lidcombe Oval Grandstand
●	SIGNIFICANT TREES	3	Wyatt Park Youth Centre
		4	Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
		5	Haslams Creek
		6	Tallowood trees
		7	Former Electricity Substation
		8	Former Caretakers Cottage - AGE
		9	Potential archeological stie : former AGE factory
		10	Fomer Bond Store - AGE
		11	Scoreboard, Ticket Booth & Turnstlyes
		12	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i> (Lemon-scented Gum)
		13	<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> (Hill's Weeping Fig)
		14	<i>Populus deltoides</i> (Cottonwood)

Figure A23: Heritage items and significant trees

SITE DESCRIPTION



Existing heritage items
(Auburn LEP):

1. Wyatt Park Youth Centre
2. Lidcombe Oval Grandstand
3. Lidcombe Oval
4. Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
5. Haslams Creek
6. Line of Tallowoods

Council significant tree
register:

7. Tallowoods

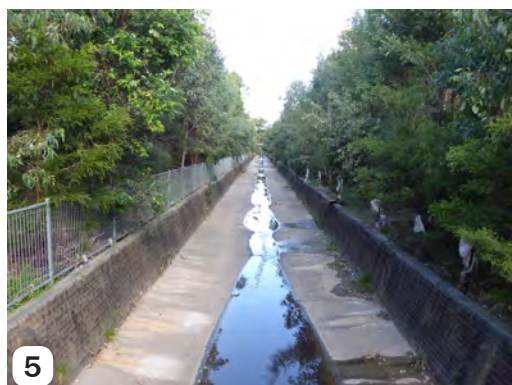


Plate A10: Existing recognised heritage items and significant trees

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Suggested for new listings (Draft Wyatt Park Heritage Study):

- (a) Former electricity substation
- (b) Lidcombe Oval Scoreboard and Ticket Kiosk/ Turnstiles
- (c) Former AGE factory Caretaker's Cottage
- (d) Former AGE factory Bond Store
- (e) Former AGE factory - potential archaeological site

Suggested nominations as additional significant trees (Draft Wyatt Park Heritage Study):

- (f) Cottonwoods
- (g) Hill's Weeping Fig

Plate A11: Suggested new items for nomination as heritage or significant tree

SITE DESCRIPTION

A.20 Landform and Hydrology

Key Findings

- The park is generally flat with some mounding around the stormwater harvesting tank and Lidcombe Oval.
- Mounding contributes to visual separation of various parts of the park and visually isolates the dog park
- The park drains towards the Haslams Creek channel.
- Areas within the Park that are high-risk to flooding are located along the canal and the northern end of the Park near Boorea Street. Medium risk flood areas extend from the canal and expand in the southern and northern ends. Low-risk flood areas largely cover the sports fields and netball courts. The three categories of flood risk are defined below.
 - **High flood risk**
The area within the envelope of land subject to a high hydraulic hazard (in accordance with the provisional criteria outlined in the Floodplain Management Manual) in a 100 year flood or potentially subject to evacuation difficulties.
 - **Medium flood risk**
Land below the 100 year flood level (plus freeboard) subject to low hydraulic hazard (in accordance with the provisional criteria outlined by the Floodplain Management Manual).
 - **Low flood risk**
Land within the floodplain (i.e. within the extent of the probable maximum flood) but not identified as either a high flood risk or medium flood risk, where risk of damages are low for most land uses.
- Development consent is required under the 'Flood Planning clause of the ALEP.
- Flooding has potential to cut off access to the park.
- Previous studies have suggested that a flood detention basin in Wyatt Park may be a means to facilitate greater development of the catchment including uplift in the town centres.
- Much of the park is affected by acid sulfate soils (class 2). Development consent is required for work
 - Below the natural ground surface
 - By which the water table is likely to be lowered.
- Development requires the preparation of an acid sulfate soils management plan as per the *Acid Sulfate Soils Manual*.

Implications and Opportunities

- Flood risks zones have implications for development within the park as they indicate areas of risk to life and property. Buildings within low and medium flood risk areas are permitted providing they adhere to the controls set out in the DCP.
- The park would benefit from an additional entrance/ flood evacuation route.
- Development proposals needs to be assessed against a number of constraints.



Figure A24: Acid sulfate soils

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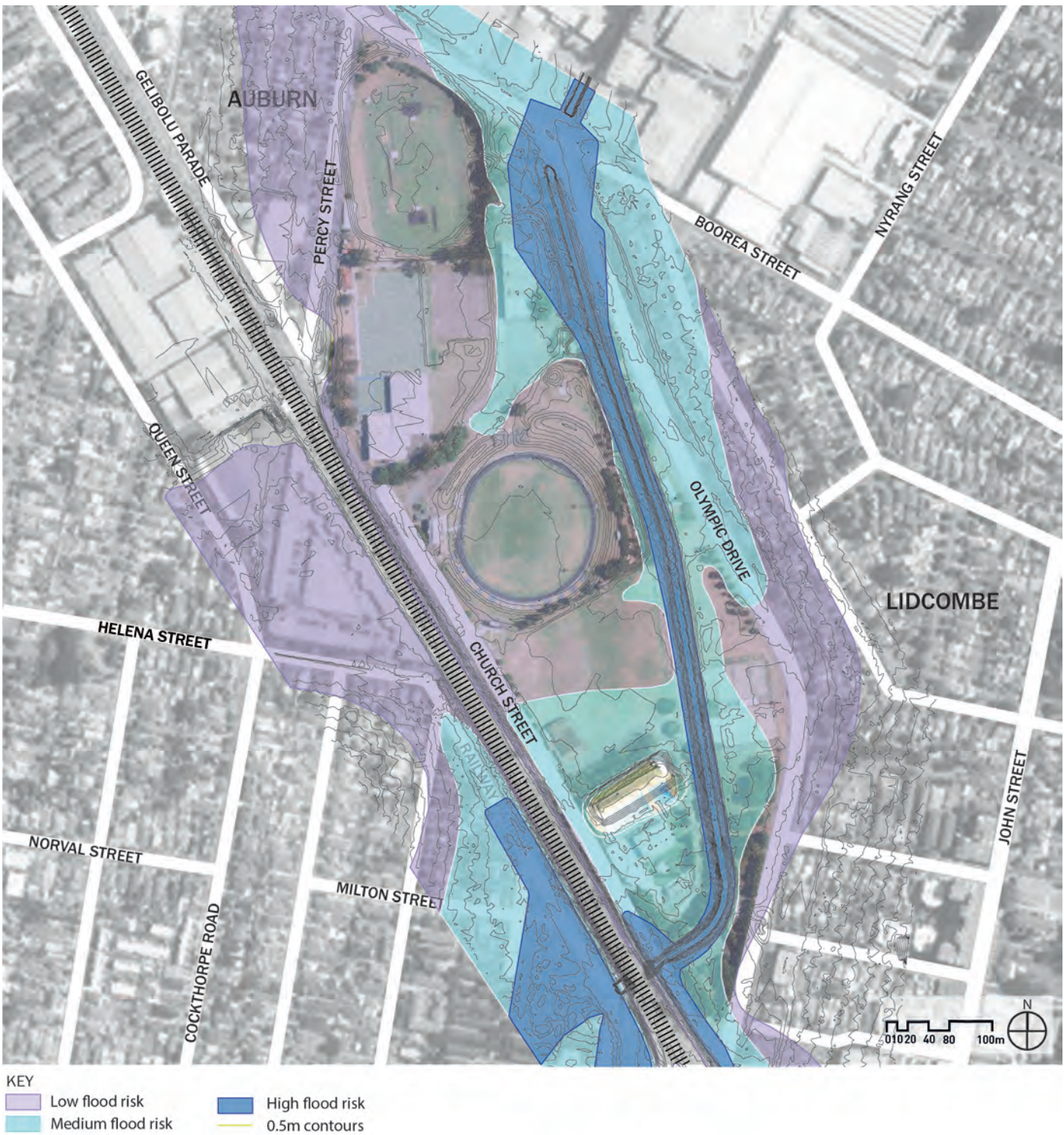


Figure A25: Landform and flood risk

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A.21 Utility Infrastructure and Easements

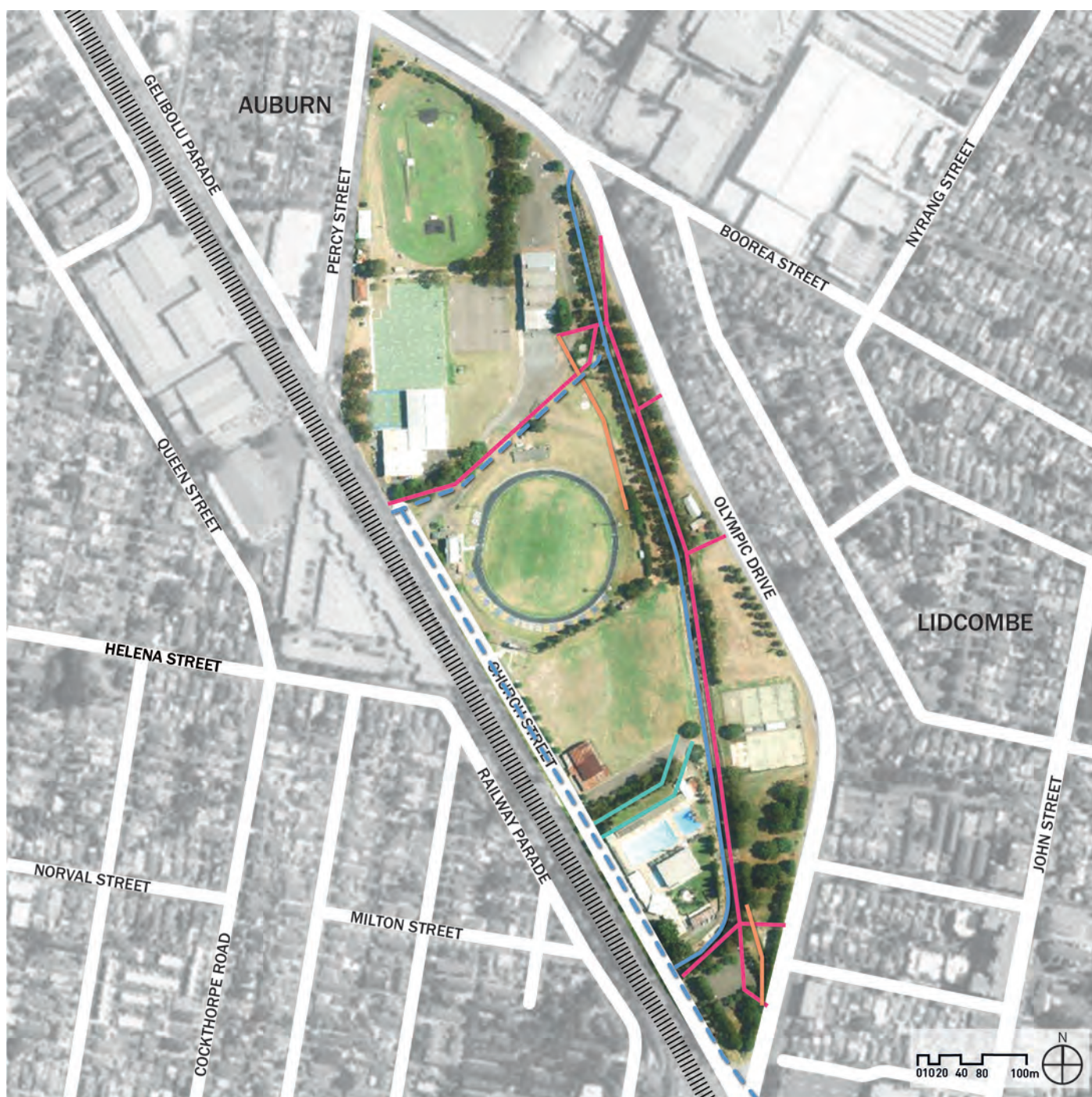
Key Findings

- The major utility infrastructure element is the Haslams Creek stormwater canal.
- A full survey of utilities is not available. All facilities have access to power and water/ sewer and there is an overhead power supply along Church Street.
- A 'Dial Before You Dig' search revealed there is
 - A sewer main parallel to Haslams Creek
 - A sewer line to the basketball centre
 - A water main along Church Street and to the basketball centre.
- Information on the power supply was not available (2 or 3 phase?). Anecdotal evidence indicates generators are required for events.
- There are no major utility easements crossing the park.
- Limited utilities or connection points are available.

Implications and Opportunities

- Utilities do not appear to interfere with existing spaces and facilities.
- The lack of connection points increases the cost of utilities and staging events.

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KEY (indicative locations only)

— Water (underground pipe)

— Water (open channel)

— Sewer

— Gas

— Easement

Source: Dial Before You Dig (<https://www.1100.com.au> and NSW Land and Property Information)

Figure A26: Utility infrastructure and easements

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

A.22 Relevant Council Studies and Reports

Key Background documents reviewed

Strategies

- Sportsground Strategy (Auburn Council 2010)
- Auburn Playground Strategy (Auburn Council 2007)

Contributions Plans

- Auburn Open Space And Recreation Contributions Study (@Leisure Planners 2017)
- Former Auburn Council Development Contributions Plan 2007 (Amendment No. 2, 2016)

Parks Generic Plans of Management

- Plan Of Management For Sports grounds (Auburn Council 2001)
- Plan of Management For General Community Use (Auburn Council 2001)

Heritage

- Draft Wyatt Park Heritage Study (City Plan Services 2017)
- Auburn LEP Schedule 5 Heritage Inventory Sheets
- Heritage Assessment Lidcombe Grandstand Oval (Phoenix Architects 2001)

Business Cases + Assessments

- Draft Synthetic Sports Surfaces Business Case Study (Auburn Council 2015)
- Community Safety Audit Wyatt Park Youth Precinct (Cumberland Council, May 2016)
- Cumberland Youth Profile & Youth Needs Assessment. Key Findings (Cumberland Council 2016)

Identified Opportunities

- Future open space needs will be met through sustainable management and park improvements.
- There is a need to resolve whether and where synthetic surfaces should be provided at Wyatt Park, to provide for increased capacity.
- There is a need for innovative, flexible and multipurpose recreation facilities.
- There is a need to clarify the need/ desire for a multisports facility at Lidcombe Oval.
- There is a need for a good distribution of social/ family recreation spaces that cater for people of all ages and abilities.
- At least \$7.5M has previously been allocated for Wyatt Park improvements but not yet been spent. Funds should be available for improvements.
- Schools are often under-provided with fields/ open space. Wyatt Park is an ideal location for shared community/ schools use, in particular in light of the proposed school at Percy Street.
- There are a series of safety issues and concerns in Wyatt Park, including around the Youth Centre: safety/ CPTED needs to be considered.
- There is a need to provide facilities conducive to participation by females and locally prevalent cultural groups.
- Wyatt Park offers the potential to provide for access to enhanced natural areas.
- Many recreation facilities and opportunities under-catered for across the LGA could be accommodated in Wyatt Park including
 - Climbing walls
 - Community gardens
 - AFL
 - (Social) cricket
 - Soccer
 - “Free to play” tennis courts with lights
 - Free full-size basketball courts
 - Social-family recreation areas
 - ‘Pay and play’ sport - outside of clubs
- A local and a district playground should be provided in Wyatt Park.

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- There are a number of gaps in youth provision that could be met by Wyatt Park including
 - A central, accessible information ‘hub’ to get information and seek help
 - A facility that can accommodate large numbers of people (i.e. 1,200+ people) for events
 - Multi-purpose rooms i.e. music, movies
 - Facilities/spaces with access to free wi-fi
 - Girls only spaces for use by girls and young women (and associated programs)
 - BBQ areas
 - Skate parks/ BMX facility
 - Outdoor gym equipment/ free gyms
 - Safe spaces to relax and hang out
 - Study areas (indoor and outdoor)
 - Indoor sport and recreational facilities and gyms
 - Cafes and food outlets
- Other recommendations
 - Cover the drainage channel
 - Multisports courts with better access
 - Pedestrian bridge over Olympic Drive
 - Community focussed fitness centre including free running/ a running club
 - New amenities at Lidcombe Oval
 - Short term parking/ drop-off zones
- There is demand, and therefore significant opportunity, to activate the park through a targeted program of activities including
 - Free activities/ programs
 - Recreational programs and events e.g. social tournaments
 - Festivals and events for young people
- A number of actions need to happen at an organisational level including
 - Improved promotion of facilities
 - Partnering and coordination amongst the organisations in the precinct
 - Grass roots development and engagement (more/ better programs)
 - Monitoring and enforcement/ greater accountability for success.

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STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

B.1 Consultation Overview

The following provides an overview of the consultation process and key outcomes. The consultation process is described in more detail in the *Wyatt Park Plan of Management Consultation Outcomes Report* in the following section of this Appendix.

Consultation Purpose

- The consultation process aimed to provide the opportunity for key stakeholders and the broader community to provide information and their perspectives on the existing park and ideas for the future
- The information received will support the development of the Plan of Management.

Consultation Activities

Interviews

Interviews with Council officers from Community and Culture, Properties and Facilities, Recreational Parks to discuss

- Council's roles and responsibilities at Wyatt Park
- Existing use, agreements and arrangements
- Park functionality and condition and improvements required

Interviews with 14 organisations using the park. Interviews focused on:

- How the organisation and its members currently use the park
- What is working well and what is not working well
- Improvements and changes required to facilities and the park
- Ideas for the park in the future

Community Survey

Online and hardcopy community survey (144 responses).

Designed to be relevant to diverse types of park users including:

- Representatives of sporting groups and community organisations
- Clients/members/participants in these groups and organisations
- The broader community

It was also designed to be relevant to non-users of the park.

Questions asked related to:

- How people currently use the park
- What is working well and what is not working well
- The role of the park in the future

- Interests and preferences in relation to activities, services, programs and events
- The types of spaces, facilities, amenities and other inclusions that should be provided

B.2 Key findings from consultation

Key Messages from Council Officers

- Consider the role of Wyatt Park in Cumberland LGA's open space network
- Leasing, licensing and maintenance agreements generally working well
- Assessment of facilities is to be completed but there is likely to be a significant amount of work required
- Park well-suited to large scale events but supportive infrastructure is required
- Increasing park amenities and utilisation will increase maintenance works and resources required
- Focus on community needs when determining services, programs and activities provided at the park (ability of an organisation to contribute financially should be considered a bonus)

Key Messages from Existing Park Organisations

- Overall support for increased use (increased membership as well broader community use)
- Improved clarity around use agreements required
- Overall support for improved communication and increased co-ordination between park organisations
- Poor signage and wayfinding
- Poor visual and physical access (to and around the park)
- Need to improve overall park aesthetic and condition of facilities
- Need to improve lighting and amenities at facilities and around the park (toilets, change rooms, clubhouses, water stations, seating, shade and shelter)
- Parking is generally good but condition needs to be improved and peak demand managed

Key Messages from the Community

Key park strengths

- Specialist and range of sporting spaces and facilities
- Green space
- Potential of the park

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Key improvements/additions required

- Access to and around the park
- Community awareness of the park and offerings
- Upgraded buildings and amenities
- Public amenities (toilets, bins, bubblers)
- Shade and shelter
- Carpark quality and quantity
- Pedestrian and cyclist path around the park
- Family friendly spaces (BBQ facilities, picnic areas, play spaces, skate/ scoot park)
- Lighting
- Signage and wayfinding

Role of the park in the future

- 'A sports hub' and as well as 'a place for informal and family recreation'

B.3 Key Directions for the PoM and Masterplan

Physical Changes And Improvements

- Improved access and parking
- Increased safety (better lighting and surveillance)
- Improved pedestrian circulation around the site and connections between facilities and spaces
- Improved signage/ wayfinding (for better promotion and to assist access to the park)
- Improved facilities including:
- Change rooms, toilets, canteens, storage, shade, shelter, seating and water stations
- Upgrading of poor building stock/ appearance
- Improved amenity across the park (including shade, shelter, public toilets, park furniture, bins and bubblers)
- New spaces and amenities that support informal recreation (including BBQs, picnic areas, playgrounds and a continuous cycle and walking path around the park)
- Better support of events at the park, through better access to utilities and amenities (water, power, shelter etc)

Operation And Management Improvements/ Changes Required

- Greater promotion of the park and offerings
- Increase awareness of what's on offer
- Increase participation in existing activities/ venues (many are operating below capacity)
- Greater coordination/ cooperation amongst stakeholders including organisations and council
- Increased utilisation of some facilities (many are operating below capacity)
- Increased offering of activities, programs, events and services to attract people to the park and better meet community interests and needs
- Consideration of greater resources required to maintain an upgraded park with increased utilisation
- Resolution of ambiguities regarding maintenance and repairs in use agreements to achieve a better cared for and more inviting place.

B.4 Consultation Outcomes Report

The full *Wyatt Park Plan of Management Consultation Outcomes Report* is provided on the following pages.

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Executive summary

Cumberland Council is developing a Plan of Management for Wyatt Park (the park). The Plan of Management will respect the existing values of the park and outline strategies for the park's future use. When completed, it will assist Council in planning, prioritising and financing the future works and management of Wyatt Park.

Wyatt Park is positioned between Auburn and Lidcombe town centres and includes many sport and recreation spaces and facilities. The park is currently utilised by a range of organisations through a variety of use agreements with Council.

The development of a Plan of Management for Wyatt Park has been supported by an extensive consultation process which has engaged Council officers, organisations located at the park's facilities and spaces, as well as the broader community. Methods of engagement have included:

- » Phone interviews with Cumberland Council officers (from Community and Culture, Properties and Facilities and Recreational Parks departments) who have various levels and types of involvement with Wyatt Park
- » Interviews with representatives from organisations utilising the park's spaces and facilities, examining their current use and feedback on aspects of the park used by the organisation and their members
- » A community survey, hosted on Council's website and provided at facilities in the park and Council service centres, aimed at gauging broader community feedback on the current use, necessary improvements and future visions for Wyatt Park.

A summary of findings from each of the above consultation methods is provided in the following chapter sections:

- » **Section 3.5:** Summary of key findings from consultation with Council officers
- » **Section 4.11:** Summary of key findings from consultation with park organisations
- » **Section 5.3:** Summary of key findings from consultation with the broader community

Needs for Wyatt Park based on feedback

When responses from Council officers, organisations and the wider community are combined, the suggested needs for Wyatt Park can be considered in two categories:

- » Physical changes or improvements to Wyatt Park, which could be addressed in the Masterplan
- » Existing licensing, leasing, management and programming arrangements, which could be addressed at an organisational level.

Physical changes or improvements required:

- » Improved access and parking
- » Improved safety (lighting and surveillance)
- » Improved pedestrian circulation around the site and connections between facilities and spaces
- » Improved signage/way-finding
- » Improved amenities at facilities (including change rooms, toilets, canteens, storage, shade, shelter seating and water stations)

- » Improved amenities across the park (including shade, shelter, public toilets, park furniture, bins and bubblers)
- » Improved building quality and appearance
- » Provision of spaces and amenities that support informal recreation (including BBQs, picnic areas, playgrounds and a continuous cycle and walking path around the park)
- » Better support of events at the park, through better access to utilities and amenities (water, power, shelter etc).

Operation and management improvements/changes required:

- » Greater promotion of what is on offer (increasing promotion/awareness of what is available) by Council and park organisations
- » Greater coordination/cooperation amongst organisations at the park, facilitated or supported by Council
- » Increased utilisation of some facilities (many are operating below capacity)
- » Increased offering of activities, programs and services provided, and the hours during which they are provided
- » Resolution of ambiguities related to maintenance responsibilities in use agreements
- » Consider and plan for an increase in maintenance resources if additional amenities are provided and there is increased utilisation of the park in the future.

1 Introduction

This report provides an outline of the consultation process undertaken to inform the development of a Plan of Management for Wyatt Park Lidcombe, undertaken on behalf of Cumberland Council.

1.1 Project overview

Cumberland Council has committed to developing a Plan of Management for Wyatt Park. The Plan of Management will respect the park's existing recreation, heritage and ecological values, while also outlining clear, measurable and achievable strategies for its future use. The Plan of Management will also integrate a landscape concept plan, visually representing potential future uses and facilities at the park. When completed, the Plan of Management will become a working document which will assist Council in the planning, prioritisation and financing of future works and management of Wyatt Park.

1.2 About Wyatt Park

Wyatt Park is located between Lidcombe and Auburn town centres. The park is bounded by Olympic Drive, Church Street and Percy Street. Wyatt Park currently includes a number of sports and recreation facilities and spaces, outlined in the following table. Many of these spaces are used by community organisations and groups (through various use arrangements with Council).

Table 1: Wyatt Park facilities, spaces and user groups

Facility/space	Group/organisation
Auburn Athletics Track	Asics West Athletics Club and Tigers West Little Athletics Club
Marie Dunn Netball Courts	Parramatta Auburn Netball Association Netball4All
PCYC Auburn	PCYC
Auburn Basketball Centre	Parramatta Basketball Association
Lidcombe Oval (field)	Auburn Warriors Rugby League Club
Lidcombe Oval (velodrome)	Lidcombe Auburn Cycling Club and Kids on Bikes
Wyatt Park field	Used for large-scale community events including Eid festival (organised by the Islamic Community Centre) and Africultures Festival.
Auburn Youth Centre	Auburn Youth Centre and Woodville Alliance
Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre	Facility managed by Belgravia Leisure
Lidcombe Scouts Hall	Lidcombe Scouts
Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides Hall	Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides

The park also contains a dog off-leash area, skateboard bowl, disused tennis courts (former tennis centre) and open space areas in the south (adjacent to Olympic Drive).

The map below shows the facilities and spaces within Wyatt Park.



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| 1 Auburn Athletics Track | 6 Auburn Basketball Centre | 11 Wyatt Park Youth Centre
Auburn Ruth Everuss | 15 Open park areas |
| 2 Auburn Athletics amenities facilities | 7 Lidcombe Oval | 12 Aquatic Centre | 16 Former tennis centre |
| 3 Netball kiosk/ clubhouse | 8 Dog off-leash area | 13 Southern car-park | 17 Scout Hall/ Girl Guides |
| 4 Mary Dunn Netball Courts | 9 Old amenities | 14 Skate bowl | 18 Haslam's Creek (canal) |
| 5 PCYC | 10 Wyatt Park field | | |

1.3 Report structure

This report contains the following chapters:

Chapter 2: Consultation overview – overview of the consultation objectives and activities

Chapter 3: Outcomes of consultation with Council officers

Chapter 4: Outcomes of consultation with park organisations

Chapter 5: Outcomes of community consultation

2 Consultation overview

2.1 Consultation objectives

The consultation process involved a series of activities which engaged relevant Council officers, key organisations (organisations accommodated at or using park spaces and facilities) and the broader community.

The process aimed to provide the opportunity for different organisations and the broader community to provide information on their use and their perspectives on the existing park and ideas for the future.

The information received in the consultation process will support the development of a Plan of Management and associated landscape concept plan which reflects the needs and interests of the Cumberland community.

2.2 Consultation activities

A consultation plan was developed to guide the consultation process. The consultation plan identified key organisations and outlined the consultation activities to be conducted. The plan was provided to and approved by Cumberland Council prior to commencement of consultation.

The following consultation activities were undertaken as part of the study.

Interviews with Council officers

Three separate phone interviews were conducted with Cumberland Council officers from various service areas involved in the operations and management of Wyatt Park. This included Community and Culture, Properties and Facilities and Recreational Parks.

The interviews sought to gain information on:

- » Council's roles and responsibilities at Wyatt Park
- » Existing use, agreements and arrangements between organisations using the park and Council
- » Functionality and condition of park spaces and facilities and improvements required.

The interviews also examined ideas for how the park could best meet community and Council's needs in the future.

Interviews with park organisations

Individual face-to-face and phone interviews were conducted with representatives of the organisations currently accommodated at facilities within Wyatt Park, listed in Table 1, section 1.2, with the exception of Auburn Warriors Rugby League Club (representatives of the club chose not to participate in an interview).

When possible, interviews with representatives from the various organisations were conducted at Wyatt Park, within the area or facility used by the organisation.

Each interview examined:

- » How the organisation and its members currently use park facilities
- » What is working well and what is not working well in relation to the facilities used by the organisation, as well as the park as a whole
- » Improvements and changes required to facilities and the park to better meet needs (of the organisation, its members/participants and the broader community)
- » Ideas for the park in the future.

Themes from Council officer and key organisation consultations

In the interviews, there were commonalities in the discussions and experiences described by Council officers and organisations interviewed. The themes are used throughout this report and include:

Location:	Wyatt Park's location within the Cumberland LGA, in relation to Auburn and Lidcombe train stations and other park spaces
Size:	The park size compared to other Cumberland LGA park spaces
Accessibility:	Pedestrian and cyclist accessibility to and within Wyatt Park
Aesthetic:	The visual appeal of the grounds and buildings in Wyatt Park, looking both outside and within the park
Utilisation:	The types of activities taking place at Wyatt park, and how often they are being used by the Cumberland community
Agreements:	Agreements in place between organisations at Wyatt Park and Council regarding maintenance, reporting and leases. This theme also aligns with communication and reporting changes following the recent Council amalgamation
Parking:	The availability of parking for Wyatt Park users
Amenities:	The presence and condition of amenities for public use in Wyatt Park, including toilets, seating and tables, shade, drinking facilities, play equipment and access to taps and electricity
Visibility:	The visibility of spaces and activities within Wyatt Park, from outside and within the park
Safety:	Perceptions of the personal safety of park users in Wyatt Park, and travelling to the park
Security:	The security systems currently in place at Wyatt Park, including their operation and management

While themes were covered across the combination of interviews, not every theme was discussed in each interview by each participant.

Community consultation

Community survey

A community survey was developed and administered to gain feedback and input from the broader community. The survey was provided in an online format (hosted on a webpage on Council's website). A hardcopy survey was also produced and provided at Wyatt Park facilities and Council's administration facilities. The survey was open/available from 31 May to 23 June 2017.

Both the hardcopy survey and a printable version of the online survey is provided in Appendices A and B.

Survey promotion

Promotion of the survey included:

- » Emails to key organisations and other relevant contacts in Council's database. The email promoted the survey and contained an electronic link to the survey. The email also encouraged recipients to forward the email/survey to their members and other contacts
- » Advertisement in a local newspaper
- » A webpage on Council's website
- » Hardcopy surveys provided at park facilities
- » Promotion on Council's Facebook page.

Language services

Phone-based language assistance services were also provided by Council to assist people from different language groups to complete the survey. These services were offered in Dari, Turkish, Arabic, Chinese and Korean. The services were advertised in these languages on the survey webpage and the introductory section of the hardcopy survey.

Survey focus and scope

The survey was designed to be relevant to diverse types of park users including representatives of sporting groups and community organisations, clients/members/participants in these groups and organisations as well as the broader community. It was also designed to be relevant to non-users of the park.

The survey aimed to gain information, feedback and ideas from the community in relation to:

- » How people currently use the park (how people get there, when they use the park and what they do there) and, if people do not use the park, why they do not use it
- » What is working well and what is not working well in relation to the park overall as well as individual spaces and facilities
- » Preferences in relation to the role of the park in the future
- » Interests and preferences in relation to activities, services, programs and events to be provided at the park in the future
- » The types of spaces, facilities, amenities and other inclusions that people would like to see provided at the park in the future.

A question asking respondents whether they were interested in keeping up-to-date on the progress of the Plan of Management was also included. 59 respondents were interested and provided contact details.

The hardcopy version was a shorter survey that focused on the park in the future (preferences in relation to the role of the park and activities, services, programs, events, spaces, facilities and amenities to be provided).

3 Outcomes of consultation with Council officers

This chapter provides a summary of the outcomes of the interviews conducted with Council officers. Cumberland Council identified the following Council officers to be interviewed during the consultation process:

- » Group Manager, Community and Culture
- » Acting Group Manager, Properties and Facilities
- » Supervisor, Recreational Parks.

The interviews were individualised for each participant, allowing them to discuss experiences and visions for Wyatt Park related to their fields of expertise. This provided a range of perspectives around existing use, maintenance and functionality of Wyatt Park.

The following three sections outline the outcomes by interview, with a fourth section providing a collation of ideas from Council officers for Wyatt Park in the future.

Key to feedback tables



Working well



Not working well

3.1 Communities and Culture

Interview with Group Manager, Community and Culture

This interview explored wider community use of Wyatt Park and discussions around the existing organisations using the park.

Community use

The park is best utilised for large scale community events (as opposed to small local events), as the position and size means that:

- » Events can be held with minimal disturbances to residents
- » Parking can be provided on-site
- » Traffic management is complimented by the existing road system.

However, an absence of necessary amenities in Wyatt Park has an impact on the park's functionality and appeal to community organisations for hosting larger events. This includes:

- » No access to electricity, requiring organisations to hire generators
- » Difficult and limited access to water outlets
- » No shaded areas, requiring organisations to provide their own canopies for protection.

Additional barriers to greater community use include poor access into the park (lack of pathways), an uninviting feel, the lack of promotion of park activities in the wider community and the poor condition and aesthetic of facilities, such as the Auburn Youth Centre building frontage.

Enhanced communication and coordination between organisations at the park could help to increase utilisation of the park. There is also the need for greater promotion of park offerings to the wider community to increase awareness.

A summary feedback from the interview is organised by theme in the following table.

Table 2 Summary of Council feedback – community and culture perspective

Themes	Feedback – Community and culture
Location	<p>✓ No impact on surrounding residents when competitions and events are being conducted, as the park is bordered by roads and industrial uses</p> <p>Within walking distance of Auburn and Lidcombe Stations</p> <p>✗ Lack of information about location and activities at recreation spaces in LGA</p> <p>✗ Location of Auburn Youth Centre is one barrier for this facility, but could be overcome through better engagement with young people</p>
Size	<p>✓ Well suited to large scale events</p> <p>✓ Size can accommodate events and on-site parking (on the Circus side)</p> <p>✓ Park has the capacity to hold more events, activities and use – sporting events and outdoor cinemas</p> <p>✗ Smaller scale events, more suited at neighbourhood parks across LGA (with Wyatt Park reserved for/focusing on larger events)</p>
Accessibility	<p>✗ Pathways into and around the park are not connected or continuous (particularly from Auburn Station)</p> <p>✗ No controlled entry and exit points, so difficult to ticket events and collect revenue from park events</p>
Aesthetic	<p>✗ Main barrier for use of Auburn Youth Centre is the aesthetic – frontage is unappealing, not contemporary or informative</p>
Utilisation	<p>✓ Larger-scale community use includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Africultures once a year, approximately 20,000 people » Religious festivals, twice a year (including Eid) » Dooley's Christmas Fair, once a year » Local festival and pop-up restaurant <p>✗ Auburn Youth Centre is not at capacity, linked to changes to original management plans, funding, and services provided</p>

Themes	Feedback – Community and culture	
Agreements	<p>✗ Communication between organisations is minimal and ineffective</p> <p>✗ Council worked closely with PCYC in establishment. Council involvement in management is now limited. There is a 20-year autonomous lease on the facility, under the PCYC service models – which limits opportunity for Council to influence the offerings provided</p> <p>✗ The Auburn Youth Centre was established as an opportunity was presented when the building became available – rather than this being the ideal arrangement for a youth facility. It was envisaged that this facility and the PCYC would activate this section of the park and develop into a 'youth hub' (together with the aquatic centre) but this has not been as successful as hoped</p>	
Parking	<p>✓ Traffic management for large events is easy to organise, including making spaces along Olympic Drive available for parking</p>	
Amenities	<p>✗ Access to electricity and water is very restricted – events need to run off generators</p> <p>✗ There is no shade for events so organisers bring/hire canopies and tents (which can be very expensive)</p>	

3.2 Buildings and facilities

Interview with Acting Group Manager, Properties and Facilities

Cumberland Council's Properties and Facilities section are responsible for building maintenance, annual building auditing and leasing/licencing agreements for buildings at Wyatt Park.

Building maintenance

Existing buildings in Wyatt Park (excluding the Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre) required upgrade and maintenance works.

Recent Council amalgamation had impacted on the previous asset management/repair prioritisation list. Detail on the work required cannot be provided until completion of the assessment of assets (currently being undertaken). Although the findings are not available it is known there is a back-log of work required to upgrade facilities at Wyatt Park.



Asset management across the three merged councils varied. We are now aligning these and developing a Strategic Management Plan. For the next three to four years we will be working on bringing all facilities up to a reasonable level (there is some backlog we need to do before moving onto additional works).

Annual auditing

Properties and Facilities conduct an annual audit on each facility, ensuring it is being maintained to required standards. Previously Property and Facilities were under-resourced and this had affected the audit process, resulting in buildings at Wyatt Park not being maintained to the required standard.

Leasing and licensing

There are various arrangements for the different facilities including:

- » Council undertaking building maintenance for facilities under license agreements
- » Organisations funding and performing their own building maintenance, keeping Council informed
- » Organisations providing the funds and Council undertaking the work
- » Organisations maintaining the building and Council contributing to upgrades.

Reporting arrangements between organisations and the necessary Council personnel continues to be effective post-amalgamation.

A feedback summary from the interview is organised by theme in the following table.

Table 3 Summary of Council feedback – property and facilities perspective

Theme	Feedback – Properties and facilities	
Size	✗	Park size leads to issues with security – CCTV should be considered
Aesthetic	✗	Limited resources for annual check on each facility to make sure they are properly maintained
	✗	There is a lot of work to be done on the buildings in the park (except the Aquatic Centre)
	✗	Scout Hall is in bad condition and has high visibility along Olympic Drive
Agreements	✓	Organisations contact a unit at Council to report problems or request repairs – good record of reporting from organisations
	✗	Amalgamation impacted on asset management/repair prioritisation
	✗	Different arrangements regarding maintenance for different organisations

3.3 Grounds maintenance

Interview with Recreational Parks Supervisor

The Recreational Parks Supervisor is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of grounds and sporting fields in Wyatt Park.

Maintenance of grounds and sporting fields

There are two Council staff who undertake all grounds maintenance at Wyatt Park, five full days a week. This work covers the entirety of the park (excluding Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre) and involves:

- » Mowing and marking sporting fields
- » Pest eradication
- » Watering and irrigation maintenance
- » Reporting of damage or graffiti to appropriate Council contact.

Organisation use and maintenance

Arrangements between organisations and Council regarding grounds maintenance have worked well in the past because:

- » Organisations know who to contact to report maintenance issues

- » Organisations are familiar and understand the arrangements around maintenance and specific park area use

Post-amalgamation, however, there have been some confusion regarding the appropriate Council contact.

With regard to facilities requiring significant time and resources –the Athletics Track is particularly time consuming. It involves marking the lines once a week or once a fortnight, depending on its use. Considering maintenance models employed by other Councils, this work could be done by the organisation using the grounds, freeing up one full day for maintenance staff.

Community use and maintenance

Issues around community use of Wyatt Park and associated grounds maintenance include litter collection and perceptions of safety.

Litter collection following larger events, such as sporting carnivals and festivals, requires close to one full day of maintenance by the grounds staff. Current expectations regarding litter collection are not suitable. This task could become the responsibility of the organisations for their facilities. This could be supported by Council through integration into hire/lease agreements.

The perceived safety of public users after hours or at night time is also a key issue. While after hours security is present at Wyatt Park, there is evidence of anti-social behaviour taking place in areas within the park (e.g. vandalism and drug paraphernalia at the skate bowl).

If there are plans for a greater level of park use and additional amenities, there will need to be consideration of how this will impact on the maintenance program (additional staff would be required).

A summary of feedback from the interview is organised by theme in the table below.

Table 4 Summary of Council feedback – grounds maintenance perspective

Themes	Feedback – Grounds maintenance	
Size	✗	Only two staff look after all Wyatt Park grounds full time (previously three full time staff)
Aesthetic	✗	Increasing the number of trees would require horticulturalist services, and existing staff are already at capacity maintaining grounds
	✗	Lining and maintaining the athletics field is very time consuming (taking one full day)
	✗	Litter collection is an issue at the park, taking up close to 80% of a day – Clubs need to take more responsibility and Council needs to enforce this
Utilisation	✓	There are arrangements in place with organisations around maintenance and specific park use which provides clarity
	✓	Starting at 6am works well as maintenance is underway before people start to use the park
	✗	Perceived a shortage of grounds for sporting clubs outside of the LGA and that Council are prioritising use by clubs within the LGA
	✗	Skate bowl is not used and there is problem with vandalism and drug use

Themes	Feedback – Grounds maintenance	
Agreements	 Organisations know who to contact in Council to report maintenance issues	 Maintaining the athletics track and sporting fields (Lidcombe Oval, Wyatt Park Fields) takes a lot of staff time – in other LGAs sporting clubs do their own ground maintenance
		 Post amalgamation there is some confusion around who to contact for property-related issues
Parking	 Car parking around Auburn Basketball Centre and Marie Dunn Netball Courts can be congested	 Parking pressures with people using Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre and those parking to access Lidcombe train station
Safety	 Unsafe activities happening at night	 'Drive-by' security services in the park after hours - in areas that have vehicular access, such as along Church and Percy Streets and lane connecting to/from Auburn Basketball Centre
Security	 Instances of damage to grounds (Lidcombe Oval) after hours, even though fenced and locked when not in use	

3.4 Council officer ideas for future role of Wyatt Park

The following table provides a summary of ideas for Wyatt Park in the future from the Council officers interviewed.

Table 5 Summary of Council responses for future plans and visions for Wyatt Park

Community and culture	Buildings and facilities	Grounds maintenance
Future place of Wyatt Park in Cumberland LGA		
Destination for big events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The park needs to have a wide reach and compete against surrounding regional parks » It can't really become the only destination for big events in Cumberland LGA 	Open space network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Consider other open spaces in the area and what Wyatt Park should offer in the open space network 	
Future services and activities at Wyatt Park		
Active vs. passive use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » It is geared for sports and it is well used, but what proportion of use is local? » Sport does not address all community interests and needs Future community needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » There are a significant number of people living in apartments and high proportion of families with children » Additions could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > playgrounds > spaces for families > exercise stations and circuits > picnic areas > areas for Tai Chi (catering to Chinese and Korean communities) 	Prioritising use/organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » There is increasing focus on financial sustainability and the contribution of organisations using local government facilities/open spaces » Ensuring organisations are providing a service or offering that responds to community needs should be the priority. It is then a bonus if they can contribute financially 	Sporting, recreation and fitness destination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provide recreation options that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > are free (to promote increased access) > cater to community needs (including disadvantaged communities)

3.5 Summary of key findings from consultation with Council officers

- » Wyatt Park is well suited to large scale events but requires improved access to electricity, water and shade for it to attract organisations needing event spaces
- » Building condition reporting and scheduled repair/maintenance works will be integrated into the future Strategic Management Plan for Wyatt Park (NOTE: The POM will not incorporate building condition issues, but will make recommendations for future leases/licences to address this issue and for implementation by Council's Property and Facilities department).
- » The various leasing, licensing and associated maintenance agreements in place at the park received good feedback from the majority of organisations
- » Plans for increased use of Wyatt Park should take into consideration the additional time and resources required for grounds maintenance
- » The future use of Wyatt Park needs to consider the open space network in Cumberland Council and also the recreation and open space needs of a future population projected to reside in a high density urban environment
- » The financial sustainability of organisations at the park should be considered in conjunction with the suitability and accessibility of services offered, including whether they meet community needs socially and economically

4 Outcomes of consultation with park organisations

This chapter provides a summary of the outcomes of the consultation with key organisations using Wyatt Park (as identified in chapter 2, section 2.2).

Each interview investigated the organisation's:




- » Previous and current use of facilities and spaces in Wyatt Park
- » Feedback on the suitability of Wyatt Park spaces and facilities, for their organisation and wider community use.

Representatives were also asked to suggest changes to the function and/or design of Wyatt Park, so it would better accommodate future organisational and wider community use. The prompts included:

- » What are your organisation's plans for the future (expansion of existing programs, new programs, plans for membership etc.)?
- » What is your vision for your organisation at Wyatt Park in the future?
- » What changes to Wyatt Park are required to achieve your organisation's vision?
- » What ideas do you have for attracting larger numbers of people and users to the park/park facilities?
- » Do you have any ideas for changes/improvements to the park so the park could better meet the needs of the broader community?

The following sections provide a summary of the findings from the interviews by park space/facility. For spaces/facilities with more than one organisation involved, the interview responses have been collated.

Key to feedback tables included in the following sections

-  Working well
-  Not working well
-  Organisation's ideas for the future

4.1 Auburn Athletics Track

The Auburn Athletics Track is located at the northern edge of Wyatt Park, bordered by Olympic Drive and Percy Street.

The facility is utilised by a senior and junior athletics club, Asics Wests Athletics Club (Asics Wests) and Tiger Wests Little Athletics (Tiger Wests), who operate on a co-lease agreement. The facility is also used by schools for school carnivals.

The clubs have been responsible for the funding and construction of most built structures at the facility and are the owners of the athletics equipment used in training and competitions.

Arrangement for use

Both clubs have access to the field, buildings, facilities and equipment surrounding and within the facility, excluding the kiosk which is not used by Tiger Wests. The facility is fenced and locked when not in use by the clubs or for school carnivals.

Asics Wests is the main point of contact with Council regarding lease arrangements and maintenance of the facility.

Services and programs

Asics Wests' and Tiger Wests' services and programs are organised and managed by volunteers. Both clubs offer training, two-three nights per week and Friday evening competitions.

Asics Wests is also responsible for managing school carnival and community group bookings at the Track and providing the necessary equipment. Currently, the track and its facilities accommodate approximately 20 booked events (including school carnivals) per term.

Members

The dispersal and quantity of registered members differed significantly between the two clubs.

At the time of the interview, Asics Wests recorded approximately 50 regular members at training sessions, while Tiger Wests have registered 160 members in 2017.

While both clubs indicated that most members chose to drive to the park, Asics Wests provided that only 15-20% were travelling from within Cumberland LGA. Tiger Wests had a significant local membership base, with 90% recorded as living within the LGA boundaries.

In discussions around the lower numbers and larger dispersal of members, Asics Wests suggested that:

- » Increased diversity in sports offered to high school aged children was leading members away from athletics into club-based competitive sports
- » Specialisation in specific athletics events has led to members choosing to attend clubs which offer higher skilled training in that event.

Feedback on Auburn Athletics Track

The following table combines interview notes for Asics Wests' and Tiger Wests', identifying what works well, isn't working well and the organisations' ideas for the future use of Auburn Athletics Track and facilities.

Table 6 Summary of feedback for Auburn Athletics Track

AUBURN ATHLETICS TRACK		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Accessibility		
	✗ No signage from Church St entrance to direct people to track	
Aesthetic		
	✗ The shrubs around the track are old/in poor condition	● Replace the shrubs with a more suitable plant
Utilisation		
	✗ Uncertainty surrounding public use and Club liability if public are using the facility outside of training and competition hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase membership (reaching up to 300-350 for Little A's) ● Reach deeper into local community, bring in culturally adept coaches/cultural liaison persons ● Open the facility on Sundays for intermittent training ● Opportunities for a local running group (non-competitive) ● OOSH care using the track and facilities on Friday afternoons
Agreements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Joint lease holding between Asics Wests and Little Athletics ✓ The bi-annual line marking agreement with Council¹ ✓ Council responsive when issues are reported, or maintenance work requested 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potential for shared use agreement with PCYC ● Working with Velodrome and Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre to establish a local, community-based triathlon event in the park ● Council website support contact links to Asics for schools/event bookings ● Sponsoring the Parramatta Running Festival

¹ This information conflicts with information provided by Council's ground maintenance officer who reported Council to undertake line marking once a fortnight during peak seasons.

AUBURN ATHLETICS TRACK		
Parking		
<p>✓ Percy St provides plenty of space for parking</p>	<p>✗ Parking at Auburn Basketball Centre is an option when Percy St carpark is full, but it is far away</p> <p>✗ Can get congested when cars park along the maintenance road between athletics track and netball courts</p>	
Amenities		
<p>✓ Track drainage system allows events to be held even after heavy rainfall</p> <p>✓ Asics West Club put in lighting and buildings, serve purposes of the Clubs well</p>	<p>✗ Structures behind the start/finish line are used for timing, but are deteriorating</p> <p>✗ Clubhouse awning does not provide shelter from elements during presentations</p> <p>✗ Toilet block is getting older and deteriorating</p> <p>✗ The infield can get boggy after heavy rainfall and doesn't drain as well as track</p> <p>✗ Shade is an issue around the track. Only shaded area is under the clubhouse awning</p>	<p>● A bigger gym</p> <p>● An accessible toilet</p> <p>● Extend the javelin and high jump run up areas/surfacing</p>
Visibility		
	<p>✗ The track sits below the surrounding landscape, so activities taking place can't be seen from outside the field</p>	<p>● Replace the Athletics sign on the northern side, along Olympic Drive</p>
Safety		
	<p>✗ The steeple chase pit, near the northern end, is a trip hazard</p> <p>✗ The slope down to the track from the clubhouse is steep and gets slippery when raining</p>	<p>● Tiered and shaded seating up to the clubhouse from the track (could also act as pathway from clubhouse)</p>
Security		
<p>✓ Fences protect the track,</p>	<p>✗ While there are fences,</p>	<p>● Retain the fences but also</p>

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buildings and equipment (including some very valuable equipment)	there have been cases of people breaking in	promote openness to the community

4.2 Lidcombe Oval, Velodrome and facilities

Lidcombe Oval is located within the centre of Wyatt Park, adjacent to the Auburn PCYC at the end of Church Street. The space is used for training and competitions by three sporting organisations:

- » Lidcombe Auburn Cycling Club (LACC)
- » Kids on Bikes (KoB)
- » Auburn Warriors Rugby League Club (Warriors)

At the time of this report, a representative from the Warriors was unwilling to participate in the interview. Where possible, information provided by LACC and KoB regarding the Warriors' use of Lidcombe Oval and facilities has been included.

Arrangements for use

Lidcombe Oval incorporates a variety of spaces, which are co-shared by LACC, KoB and the Warriors. The spaces and how they are used are summarised below:

- » The field is used by the Warriors for weeknight training and Friday night/weekend competitions
- » The velodrome, surrounding the field, is used by LACC and KoB four to five nights a week for training, and competitions on Friday nights (Summer only) and Sunday afternoons
- » The storage shed/toilet block at the northern end of the field is used by KoB and the Warriors
- » The grandstand is used as seating and as a spectator viewing area by all organisations
- » The changerooms and storage in the grandstand act as joint changeroom for LACC and the Warriors, as well as storage space for LACC

An area of congested use in this space is the field and velodrome, with the velodrome circling the field. For the safety of their members, LACC and KoB do not use the velodrome when the Warriors have training or competitions as stray balls and players can cause hazards on the track. Entering and exiting through the western gate can also become congested. Bookings for the field or velodrome are made through a week-to-week booking arrangement with Council.

Services and programs

LACC has been operating for 100 years and have an established identity at Wyatt Park in the competitive cycling community. They are a competitive cycling club, and one of the few to host and promote local and metropolitan track racing.

KoB has been operating at Wyatt Park for three years and provides three programs. All programs focus on increasing participation and skills in cycling for young people aged 5 to 19 years.

Members

Within its time of operating, KoB has reached approximately 60-70 members, most of which are local to the Cumberland LGA. In contrast, LACC provided a membership base of 500 members, which contained a mixture of persons from within and beyond the Cumberland LGA.

Both organisations reported that the majority of their members access Wyatt Park by car.

Feedback on Lidcombe Oval, Velodrome and facilities

The following table combines interview notes for KOB and LACC, identifying what works well, isn't working well and the organisations' ideas for the future use of Lidcombe Oval, Velodrome and facilities.

Table 7 Summary of feedback for Lidcombe Oval, Velodrome and facilities

LIDCOMBE OVAL, VELODROME AND FACILITIES		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Utilisation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cyclist clubs' training 3-4 nights/week ✓ Cyclists clubs' competition events Friday night (summer) and weekends ✓ Velodrome site is one of few NSW Clubs to host competitive racing ✓ Established location for LACC, one of largest clubs in Sydney ✓ Velodrome co-shared with Kids on Bikes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Tension between cycling clubs and rugby club – bookings and member interactions at changerooms, access gate and on field/velodrome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More storage, means capacity for more training, events and membership options (open to non-competitive) ● Bike Road Rules Day for wider community, teach road riding skills ● Increasing female memberships ● Providing a variety of cycling options, not just track cycling
Agreements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Council generally good in responding to concerns ✓ Use of Auburn Basketball Centre office for administration ✓ Using Auburn Basketball Courts for learn to ride holiday programs ✓ Use spin centre at Youth Centre for spin classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Shared use of changerooms under Grandstand with Auburn Warriors ✗ Previous conflicts with booking velodrome track and rugby oval for training and events ✗ Point of contact for various issues is unclear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provision of contact list for requests – know exactly who to contact when necessary ● Need stronger management presence from Council ● Longer term lease required for greater sense of security/stability
Parking		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parking is adequate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placing bitumen or gravel parking between Oval and PCYC
Amenities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Automated lighting system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Limited storage facilities ✗ No female changerooms ✗ Canteen building condition unacceptable and unusable ✗ Use toilets at north edge for storage, office space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Separate storage shed, used for practical bike storage and removal, and for socialising after events ● Half-track run off just before eastern goal post – would allow for better use

LIDCOMBE OVAL, VELODROME AND FACILITIES		
	<p>at Auburn Basketball Centre</p> <p>✗ Grandstand suited only to viewing rugby league, no seating around velodrome</p> <p>✗ No shade around the velodrome</p> <p>✗ Entrance to the field and velodrome can become congested due to narrow gate entry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quality female changerooms ● Multipurpose room ● Bike bar to provide shade and to store bikes when in use ● Storage and office space in building on northern edge (toilet block) ● Learn-to-ride circuit at rear of northern block
Security		
	<p>✗ Security for storage facilities isn't sufficient and valuable bikes and equipment could be stolen</p>	

4.3 Marie Dunn Netball Courts

The Marie Dunn Netball Courts (including associated facilities) are positioned between the Auburn Athletics Track to the north, Auburn Basketball Centre to the east and Auburn PCYC to the west. Along the western edge, the courts are bordered by Percy Street.

Arrangements for use

There are 17 courts in the space which are currently used by the Parramatta Auburn Netball Association (PANA) and Netball4All.

At the time of writing this report, PANA's license renewal with Council had been disrupted due to the recent amalgamation.

Netball4All pay court hire to PANA for their social competitions and do not have a formalised sharing agreement.

Services and programs

PANA facilitates competitive netball competition and training, starting from children aged 5 years. The club season runs throughout Winter and the courts are utilised weeknights for training and all of Saturday for competition.

Netball4All have access to the facility on Monday and Thursday nights for social competitions and use of the Clubhouse for organisation. The social competition runs throughout the year.

Members

PANA has approximately 500 members and operates competitions on almost half of the available courts. In discussions around the reduction in their member numbers explanations for membership decline included:















- » The defection of larger clubs previously in the PANA organisation to surrounding competitions in Blacktown and Bankstown
- » Promotions and organisation by volunteers and constraints on people's time
- » The increasing variety of competitive weekend sports available to girls
- » Very small percentage of club members come from outside the area

Netball4All have a mixture of male and female players, ranging in membership from 600-800. The organisation was unsure of approximately how many members participated from beyond Cumberland LGA, but did provide that their members 'lived all over Sydney'.

Feedback on Marie Dunn Netball Courts

The following table summarises what works well, isn't working well and the organisations' ideas for the future. It combines information recorded in a phone interview with a PANA representative and a written response to interview questions provided by Netball4All.

Table 8 Summary of feedback for Marie Dunn Netball Courts

MARIE DUNN NETBALL COURTS		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Utilisation		
 Dual use by two groups; Netball4All during weeknights and PANA on weekends	 Larger clubs outside of Wyatt Park are taking members away from PANA  Court use not at capacity  Lower courts, near Auburn Basketball Centre, are bumpy and slippery in the wet and can't be used during these times	 Can offer the courts for other organisations to use to build capacity
Agreements		
 Sharing toilets with Asics Wests on gala days  Good communication and experience with Council when reporting issues	 License renewal stalled during amalgamation  Size of the clubhouse might not be suitable for shared-use arrangements	 Always the possibility to extend arrangements and uses, such as outdoor fitness equipment at the PCYC
Amenities		
	 Toilets adjacent to clubhouse are poor quality  Privacy screen on toilet block impacts visibility of entering/exiting – cannot use them for young groups  Reluctant to provide access to bubbler outside clubhouse - only 1 tap	 Two water stations for filling up water bottles

MARIE DUNN NETBALL COURTS		
	<p>and no replacements if it is lost</p> <p>✗ No water available for filling water bottles</p> <p>✗ Minimal seating when waiting for/watching games</p> <p>✗ Clubhouse space and storage inadequate for dual club use</p> <p>✗ Only one changeroom for females, no facilities for male players</p>	
Visibility		
	<p>✗ No wayfinding/signage for the courts when entering the park</p>	
Safety		
	<p>✗ Car access is possible onto the courts, even when games are being played</p> <p>✗ People defecate against outside wall of toilet block when locked as out of view – hygiene and health safety concerns</p>	<p>● Car barrier next to the clubhouse</p>
Security		
	<p>✗ No fencing around the clubhouse and not well lit – people choose to sit there after dark and this leads to vandalism</p>	<p>● Improve the perimeter security of the clubhouse</p>

4.4 Auburn Basketball Centre

Auburn Basketball Centre is located along Olympic Drive, with vehicle access at the north-eastern edge of Wyatt Park. Parking is available adjacent to the centre within Wyatt Park.

Arrangements of use

The Auburn Basketball Centre facility is occupied by the Parramatta Basketball Association (the Association). Council remain the owners of the centre, while the Association lease the centre from Council and have funded the internal fit out of the building and ongoing building maintenance.

Services and programs

The Association use the centre for the full week. This includes organising and managing competitions five nights a week, Saturday court hire and internal competitions, as well as social hire for corporate and other events throughout the week. Competitions are community focused as the Association is not part of Basketball NSW.

The Association also provides office space to Kids on Bikes organisers within the centre.

Members

The centre contains three courts which are operating at capacity. At the time of writing this report, the Association had approximately 1,500 regularly competition playing members, in addition to hirers for social games.

During the discussion, the Association indicated that they had plans to extend the centre to four courts (through a partnership agreement with Council). It is expected that this would increase competition memberships to 2,000.

Feedback on Auburn Basketball Centre

The following table summarises what works well, isn't working well and the Parramatta Basketball Associations' ideas for the future use of Auburn Basketball Centre.

Table 9 Summary of feedback for Auburn Basketball Centre

AUBURN BASKETBALL CENTRE		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Location		
✓ Great location, very central		
Utilisation		
✓ Popular sport so can promote competitions and achieve high utilisation (it is currently at capacity)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to offer the same services ● Extend services to other interested groups (including building the number of female competitions on offer)
Agreements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Autonomy in decision making regarding programs and planning ✓ The Association contributes to and undertakes maintenance - Council looks after guttering and roofing ✓ Council are very supportive, offering support during our detachment from Basketball NSW 	✗ PCYC offering basketball competitions and creating competition for membership	
Parking		
✓ Parking available for members	✗ Not enough parking when netball players use basketball centre parking	
Amenities		
	✗ 3 courts, but 1 has a very short run off space – can be dangerous for players	● Extend the centre to 4 courts
Visibility		
✓ The mural on the back wall facing Olympic Drive, stands out and draws attention		

4.5 Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre

The Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre is a new facility at Wyatt Park. Opening in April 2017, the centre is located at the junction of Olympic Drive and Church Street, at the southern-most end of Wyatt Park.

Arrangements of use

The centre is operated by Belgravia Leisure through a formal arrangement with Council.

Council funded and contracted the construction of the centre before putting the management out to tender. Belgravia Leisure have been contracted to manage and operate the service for a possible three or five year arrangement, before the centre will be put back out to tender.

The arrangement is bound to National and State aquatic centre safety standards, which can void the lease if not met.

Services and programs

The centre contains a variety of spaces, including:

- » Outdoor 'splash' play space (play equipment and water sprouts, etc.)
- » Gym and fitness room
- » Separate internal wading pool
- » Indoor lap pool
- » Outdoor lap pool and stands
- » Outdoor water polo pool
- » Office spaces and rooms for hire.

In the time following its opening it has provided school competitions, swim programs, water polo, gym membership and fitness groups as well as room hire for functions.

Members

The majority of members of the new facility are from within the Cumberland LGA. Following the initiation of swim school programs, the membership rates have reached 580 with an additional 50 persons taking up membership for the gym facilities.

At capacity, the centre could hold up to 4,000 members in the swimming programs and 500 members for the gym facilities.

Feedback on Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre and facilities

The following table summarises what works well, isn't working well and Belgravia Leisure's ideas for the future of Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre.

Table 10 Summary of feedback for Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre

RUTH EVERUSS AQUATIC CENTRE		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Size		
	✗ Large space and all the facilities are very dispersed	
Utilisation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pool has a strong history that can be used to build a story around the Aquatic Centre ✓ Importance of programming in meeting community needs is recognised – strong focus on adapting and providing suitable programs ✓ Hiring out of function room (available for organisations at Wyatt Park to hold meetings) ✓ Only opened early 2017, but membership is growing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans to increase membership ● Extend opening hours once the demand level is reached
Agreements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Management arrangement – Council as asset owner, Belgravia Leisure as manager ✓ 5-year lease to meet performance measures, then out to tender again/renew – this arrangement encourages manager to meet standards ✓ Clear understanding of maintenance and liability responsibilities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans to work with the Auburn Basketball Centre ● Council permission to extend opening hours
Parking		
	✗ Parking was not in the contract with Council. This will be a challenge in summer months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Convert the Wyatt Park Fields and Tennis Court spaces into parking

RUTH EVERUSS AQUATIC CENTRE		
Security		
✓ Fences around the pool – adhere to safety standards required of aquatic centres		

4.6 Auburn PCYC facility

The Auburn PCYC is accessible from both Percy and Church Streets and is located adjacent to the Marie Dunn Netball Courts, on the western edge of Wyatt Park.

Arrangements for use

The Auburn PCYC was approached by Council to redevelop and manage the building (previously used as Netball Australia Headquarters). Funding to retrofit the building for the PCYC was awarded through a grants system and the PCYC now lease the facility from Council. The facility remains in the ownership of Council, however arrangements around maintenance remain ambiguous between Council and PCYC.

Services and programs

Auburn PCYC offers programs and services from 18 months of age and up, but their focus is on services for young people 24 years and under. The organisation also hires out their sports facilities and rooms for casual use. The facility includes a hall for indoor sports and numerous rooms of various sizes for hire and for use by young people.

Members

Since opening in 2016, the membership numbers for the Auburn PCYC have reached 4,200, which represents 40-50% capacity. In addition to Auburn-based members, members from other PCYC facilities also use the Auburn PCYC.

Most members drive to the facility. Younger members, mostly high school aged, also travel to by train to their closest station then walk, and are picked up by car when leaving.

Feedback on Auburn PCYC facility

The following table summarises what works well, isn't working well and Auburn PCYC's ideas for the future of the Auburn PCYC.

Table 11 Summary of feedback for Auburn PCYC facility

AUBURN PCYC FACILITY		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Location		
	<p>✗ The PCYC does not have a street number which can make it difficult when providing directions and for people visiting the facility for the first time</p>	
Accessibility		
	<p>✗ Difficult for buses to do 3-point turns within the PCYC carpark, at rear of the building</p> <p>✗ Bus parking blocks disabled access</p>	<p>● A pedestrian footbridge over the railway line could improve pedestrian access</p> <p>● Improved accessibility for bus parking and turns at the rear of the facility</p>
Utilisation		
<p>✓ Have been in the park for a year, and have capacity to grow</p> <p>✓ Competitive basketballers are using PCYC gym to train</p> <p>✓ Rooms within the PCYC being hired by organisations at the park for meetings</p>	<p>✗ Demand for additional basketball facilities in the park not being met by existing organisations</p> <p>✗ No spaces to "just hang" in the park</p>	<p>● Increase members and use</p> <p>● Absorb some of the demand/requests for basketball facilities</p> <p>● Plans to lodge DA to build external basketball court, for casual use, free of charge</p> <p>● Exploring possible partnership with AFL to run female classes – with better cooperation with organisations at park to use grassed spaces</p>
Agreements		
<p>✓ Building is an asset managed by Council and run by PCYC</p> <p>✓ Understand need to adhere with Crown Land requirements</p>	<p>✗ Uncertainty regarding caretaking/maintenance agreement with Council (including a reference to ongoing uncertainty around fire hydrant checking/repairs/maintenance)</p> <p>✗ Uncertainty regarding who to contact to report maintenance/condition issues to</p>	<p>● Regular meetings with Council and with other organisations using the park</p> <p>● Have initiated cross-promotion with Asics Wests Athletics Club</p>

AUBURN PCYC FACILITY		
	<p>✗ Minimal contact from Council following amalgamation</p>	
Parking		
<p>✓ Parking available for members</p>	<p>✗ Church Street parking can become congested when netball competitions are taking place</p> <p>✗ Parking on Monday and Thursday nights is busy due to activities in the park</p>	<p>● Need more parking to meet demand when competitions/events being held with regular activities</p>
Visibility		
	<p>✗ PCYC building is located at the end of both Church and Percy Streets, not visible from Olympic Drive at any point – it is 'hidden' within the park</p>	
Safety		
	<p>✗ The poor lighting around the PCYC impacts on how long activities can take place in the afternoon/evening</p>	

4.7 Auburn Youth Centre facility

The Auburn Youth Centre is located along Church Street, adjacent to the Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. It is positioned in front of Wyatt Park Fields and next to Lidcombe Oval (and velodrome), to the north.

Agreements for use

There are two community organisations operating out of the Auburn Youth Centre facility. Auburn Youth Centre is the primary lease holder with Council and Woodville Alliance is a subtenant.

Auburn Youth Centre as an organisation receives funding from the Department of Family and Community Services and received a grant to retrofit the facility for use. Additionally, Woodville Alliance approached Auburn Youth Centre requesting use of space and has since carried out kitchen upgrade works and upgrade works to the office spaces used by the organisation.

Maintenance and additional work agreements for the building are influenced by the heritage controls in place.

Services and programs

Auburn Youth Centre provide support for persons from 12 to 24 years. The organisation provides events and activities around youth development and skills, and also acts as a referral service.

Woodville Alliance offers a diverse range of services, including family mental health awareness and support, early intervention programs for 0 to 18 year olds at risk of and/or suffering from a mental illness.

Spaces within the facility include:

- » Sectioned meeting/study rooms
- » A media room with technology
- » Hall with timber floors suitable for indoor sports and recreational activities.

Members:

It is difficult to measure membership or use rates for both Auburn Youth Centre and Woodville Alliance. This is due to the operating mechanism of each organisation, including:

- » An informal system utilised by Auburn Youth Centre, which does not record the frequency of member visits or if members visit more than once
- » A case worker load used by Woodville Alliance which calculates capacity by alternate measures.

At the time of writing this report, the facility was not operating at capacity.

Feedback on Auburn Youth Centre facility

The following table combines what works well, isn't working well and the ideas for the future of Auburn Youth Centre, from a combined interview with Auburn Youth Centre and Woodville Alliance representatives.

Table 12 Summary of feedback for Auburn Youth Centre facility

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE FACILITY		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Location		
<p>✓ Very accessible location, from Lidcombe train station and by car access</p> <p>✓ People are already using Church Street as a pedestrian passage and for walking their dogs – connection past the centre already exists</p>	<p>✗ No street number makes the facility difficult to find</p>	
Aesthetic		
	<p>✗ The building façade and appearance do not encourage people to come in – the bars on the windows and fences at rear of building do not present a welcoming feel</p> <p>✗ Confusion around heritage considerations internally and externally</p>	<p>● Improve the building façade – it needs to be simple and inviting</p> <p>● The internal spaces need to be inviting</p>
Utilisation		
	<p>✗ No tracking membership and frequency of visits</p>	<p>● Eager to run more sporting tournaments in the Wyatt Park Fields</p> <p>● Providing a space for families. Encouraging whole family involvement, not just young people</p> <p>● Family friendly spaces (eating and play areas) around the centre could create a family/support activity hub</p>
Agreements		
<p>✓ Joint tenancy between Auburn Youth Centre and Woodville Alliance</p>	<p>✗ Council charges organisations to use the Wyatt Park Fields at rear of building</p> <p>✗ It feels like communication has deteriorated post-amalgamation</p>	<p>● Could be an opportunity for shared-use of outdoor space adjacent to the centre (BBQs and break out areas)</p> <p>● Clarity around future of the building</p>

AUBURN YOUTH CENTRE FACILITY		
Parking		
✓ Parking is provided directly outside		
Amenities		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Potential to rearrange/redesign the hall space into a multipurpose space as basketball already represented in the park and demand for basketball is not high during the day – still have active options in the hall, but also use by small meeting groups, etc. ● A social enterprise café operating out of the centre providing training and work experience

4.8 Wyatt Park Fields

The Wyatt Park Fields are located behind the Auburn Youth Centre and next to Lidcombe Oval (and Velodrome). Although the fields can be seen from Church Street, entrance from the street is not direct and difficult to find.

Agreements for use

At the time of writing this report, no organisation was established at Wyatt Park Fields. The fields are now used for hosting large events. The two major user organisations include:

- » Organisers of Africultures – a festival held annually and hosts close to 20,000 people
- » Islamic Community Centre – hosting religious events associated with Ramadan.

In these instances, the space is booked through Council who assists with traffic management and organisation of the event.

Organisations based at Auburn Youth Centre also reported to have occasionally booked the fields for sport and recreational activities, and the space has been a focus of a community safety audit report undertaken by the Flemington Local Area Command (FLAC).

Services and programs

Wyatt Park Fields is used as a location for holding larger community and cultural events approximately 5 times a year.

Membership

Membership is not applicable to Wyatt Park Fields.

Feedback on Wyatt Park Fields

Representatives from Africultures, the Islamic Community Centre and the FLAC police members were interviewed when investigating what did and do not work well at Wyatt Park Fields, and ideas for its future use. Their responses have been organised by theme in the following table.

Table 13 Summary of feedback for Wyatt Park Fields

WYATT PARK FIELDS		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Location		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Close to both Auburn and Lidcombe stations ✓ No residential dwellings close by (therefore residents are not affected by noise). This makes the park an ideal event venue 		
Size		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The fields are good size for multiple stalls and activities (with adequate space between and around) 		
Aesthetic		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Fields do not have an inviting, welcoming feel 	
Agreements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Council assists organisations hosting events to apply for grants ✓ Booking process with Council is simple and easy ✓ Council organises traffic management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Difficulties seeking permission from other park organisations to access their spaces and facilities during events 	
Parking		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plenty of parking available 		
Amenities		

WYATT PARK FIELDS		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Using the toilets in the Auburn Youth Centre – only one room available and provided to women and children ✗ No public toilets available so they have to be hired for events ✗ Have to access water from areas all over the park (and organisations have to run multiple hoses from various points) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to water outlets for large events ● Having separate male, female and accessible toilets ● Provision of BBQ facilities ● Provision of a safe play space for children

4.9 Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides Hall and Lidcombe Scout Hall

Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides Hall (Guide Hall) and Lidcombe Scout Hall (Scout Hall) are located in close proximity, adjacent to Olympic Drive. The Halls are situated on an area of land on the eastern edge of the canal, disconnecting the halls from the rest of Wyatt Park (and other facilities at the park).

Agreements for use

The Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guide branch is accommodated in the Guide Hall, which is owned by Girl Guides Australia. Although the Scout Hall no longer functions as a scout branch, it remains in the ownership of Scouts Australia and is managed by a Scout leader.

Maintenance of the Guide Hall is funded by the branch and conducted by volunteers, usually parents of members. Alternatively, maintenance for the Scout Hall is organised by the Scout leader.

Neither organisation was clear of ownership of the land occupied by their respective halls.

Services and programs

The Guide Hall provides a space for weekly evening guide meetings and additional events for the Girl Guide members.

The Scout Hall had not been used for Scout meetings for 25 years and is now hired out on a weekly basis. It is most popular on weekends, being used by church groups and sometimes for private birthday parties.

Members

The Guide Hall members range are girls ranging in age from 10 to 20 years. The organisation is not operating at capacity. The Scout Hall has not accommodated Scouts members for 25 years.

Feedback on Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides Hall and Lidcombe Scout Hall

Representatives from Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides and the Scouts Australia were interviewed when investigating what did and do not work well at their respective halls. The representatives also

suggested ideas for future use of their facilities. Their responses have been organised by theme in the following table.

Table 14 Summary of feedback for Auburn-Lidcombe Girl Guides Hall and Lidcombe Scouts Hall

AUBURN-LIDCOMBE GIRLS GUIDES HALL AND LIDCOMBE SCOUTS HALL		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Location		
	<p>✗ No street number so difficult to find</p> <p>✗ Traffic noise can be an issue, due to proximity to Olympic Drive</p>	
Size		
<p>✓ Good sized hall for meetings and functions</p>		
Accessibility		
	<p>✗ Only accessible by car</p>	
Utilisation		
<p>✓ Membership promotions have kept steady membership</p> <p>✓ Girl Guide meetings are held once a week. 2-3 larger events are also held each year</p> <p>✓ Hire out hall some weeknights and on Sundays for church services</p>	<p>✗ Not used for Scout meetings for 25 years</p>	
Agreements		

AUBURN-LIDCOMBE GIRLS GUIDES HALL AND LIDCOMBE SCOUTS HALL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre and other facilities for members to earn merit badges ✓ All maintenance done by Guides and Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Attempts to build partnerships with other organisations has not been successful ('has always fallen through') ✗ Uncertainty regarding ownership of land for both halls ✗ Communication and follow-up from Council is inconsistent ✗ Do not use areas of park, but have been invited to park events ✗ Connections/contact with other organisations is limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with Scouts to build up membership
Parking		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Trucks use grass area next to Guide Hall for parking, this creates divots and vehicles can get bogged 	
Amenities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Open space next the Guide Hall is used to practice setting up tents 		
Visibility		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Lack of street prominence 	
Safety		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Lighting within fenced area is limited ✗ Canal creates issues with vermin entering building ✗ Cars entering in from Olympic Drive hold up traffic and turn in close to entrances (creating safety issues for children entering and leaving) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Including signage or road elements to improve safety of vehicles turning off/on to Olympic Drive when parking next to halls
Security		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Both the Guide Hall and Scout Hall have a fenced perimeter 		

4.10 Wyatt Park spaces and facilities

The following table provides a summary of the feedback from key organisations on Wyatt Park overall.

Table 15 Summary of feedback for Wyatt Park spaces and facilities

WYATT PARK SPACES AND FACILITIES		
Working well	Not working well	Ideas for the future
Location		
✓ Central location between Auburn and Lidcombe town centres		● Park not surrounded by residential, so not suitable as a local park
Accessibility		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ No surrounding or internal signage for the park (poor wayfinding) ✗ Pedestrian access from both Lidcombe and Auburn stations requires walking on roads as footpaths are not continuous ✗ Drivers do illegal U-turns at Church Street entrance to travel up Olympic Drive on the park side ✗ Areas of unlit pathways entering the park ✗ No designated pedestrian markings/zones ✗ Fences divide and segregate sections of the park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Better connections for vehicles along Church Street up to Percy Street ● Extend the footpath to Auburn Youth Centre ● Install a barrier on Church Street to stop cars doing U-turns ● Install a park map at corner of Church Street and Olympic Drive ● Provide continuous track around the park to improve access as well as for informal recreation use and personal fitness
Aesthetic		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Not a very inviting appearance, within and around the park (it is bland and looks like the park is unused) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide more greenery in well placed locations, to provide shade and maintain or improve visibility ● Make the area more appealing by updating/renovating building exteriors (NOTE: Auburn Youth Centre repeatedly mentioned)

WYATT PARK SPACES AND FACILITIES		
Utilisation		
<p>✓ Many organisations have a long history and strong ties and connections to the park (playing an important role in the local history of the area)</p> <p>✓ The park accommodates a range of facilities and spaces that cater to a wide range of sports</p>	<p>✗ Heavily oriented towards formal sports and organised programs (lack of spaces for informal recreation)</p> <p>✗ The fenced sections of the park create uncertainty around which spaces are publically available/visitors are allowed to freely use</p> <p>✗ Mothers take their children to Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre but have to go to another park to access a space to play</p> <p>✗ Little use of the passive areas of the park</p> <p>✗ Limited awareness of the variety of activities and programs offered at Wyatt Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walking/running circuit around the park ● Exercise stations located throughout the park ● Safe play spaces for young children (locate play spaces around key facilities used by families) ● Introduce a Wyatt Park Day – an open day for people in the community to visit the park and try different sports ● Consideration of cultural needs (e.g. Muslim women) in the design of facilities and spaces ● Greater use of the park by local schools for sport and recreation ● Greater promotion/ advertisement of the facilities and activities available ● Use Wyatt Park to make cycling a focus in the community ● Wyatt Park as an event destination, providing mixed sporting and cultural events (at a midway point between Parramatta and the City) ● Parkland not just for sports, but for families and informal recreation. Include places picnic and gather ● Need more services to increase activity beyond programed sports (don't compete with Olympic Park) – e.g. <i>Carnes Hill Community and Recreation Precinct, Liverpool or National Centre for Indigenous Excellence</i>

WYATT PARK SPACES AND FACILITIES

Agreements

<p>✓ Current lease and licensing agreements with Council</p>	<p>✗ Very unclear what other organisations are using the park for/doing at the park</p> <p>✗ Organisations do not have a way/mechanism to come together to organise cross-organisation events</p> <p>✗ Support from Council promoting the everyday activities/larger events at Wyatt Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Wyatt Park Committee needs to be reformed to promote sharing of resources and encourage greater coordination (with support from Council) ● A park agreement based on what activities/programs an organisation can offer ● Platform for community groups that do not currently use the park to be involved ● Suggestion by Africultures that a commercial-level community kitchen be provide at Auburn Youth Centre for healthy food preparation/nutrition knowledge and hospitality training. The kitchen would be managed by the Youth Centre and organisation operate out of it. ● Suggestion from PCYC representative that the PCYC could manage the use of Park spaces beyond the Auburn PCYC facility – an agreement existing in recreation spaces in other Council areas ● Opportunity for a shared clubhouse for all Wyatt Park organisations
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Parking

<p>✓ Plenty of marked parking spaces and flow over to green spaces when necessary</p>		
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Amenities

	<p>✗ No public toilets available. Toilets only provided in</p>	<p>● Skating or scooter park – in a better location within</p>
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WYATT PARK SPACES AND FACILITIES		
	<p>facilities, for use by facility users. (Mentioned by several organisations)</p> <p>✗ Lack of shade throughout the park (mentioned by several organisations)</p>	<p>the park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leave space for the expansion of facilities (e.g. the Auburn Basketball Centre) ● Public toilets ● Walking path around the park should be fenced with intermittent gates for safety ● BBQ facilities to draw in families from the local area ● Shaded/protected areas for families to meet ● Playground ● Seating ● Picnic areas ● Café/food outlet
Visibility		
	<p>✗ The electronic sign at the corner of Church Street and Olympic Drive is important</p> <p>✗ Numerous places of poor visibility within the park, can encourage drug use/anti-social behaviour</p> <p>✗ It is difficult to see into the park because of tree cover (unable to see the activities happening in the park)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asics Wests and Parramatta Basketball Association suggested removing/cutting back the trees which line Olympic Drive, to increase visibility into the park for safety and promotion of activities/events ● More signage (particularly at the northern edge of the park)
Safety		
<p>✓ Person searches are conducted in car park areas, discouraging anti-social behaviour</p>	<p>✗ Not surrounded by residential land-uses so passive surveillance is difficult</p> <p>✗ Drug-use associated with eastern border</p> <p>✗ Lack of lighting across the park (including the dog off-leash area)</p> <p>✗ Poor visibility of areas within the park make the park feel unsafe</p> <p>✗ Missing children is a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greater passive surveillance in parking areas ● Commercial elements could bring more people to the park – increase the passive surveillance ● Concern that adding public toilets could provide places for drug use and anti-social behaviour

WYATT PARK SPACES AND FACILITIES		
	major concern during large events	
Security		
✓ Security rounds/surveillance of park undertaken after hours/at night		

4.11 Summary of key findings from consultation with park organisations

- » All organisations at Wyatt Park were supportive of increased community use of the park, including greater use of their own facilities and for the wider park
- » Organisations not satisfied with their current leasing agreements referenced the recent amalgamation as the main disruption to their lease renewal or modification
- » All organisations were eager to improve communication, co-ordination and co-share arrangements across the park – many requested the reinstatement of the Wyatt Park Committee
- » Several organisations suggested willingness towards or support for a shared clubhouse that could be accessed by all the key organisations at the park
- » Poor signage, wayfinding and no street numbers were repeatedly identified as 'not working well' by organisations when discussing their individual facilities and Wyatt Park overall
- » Poor lighting around and poor/unappealing paths into the park were repeatedly raised as a barrier to greater community use of the park
- » The deteriorating aesthetic and condition of buildings at the park was consistently identified as a necessary improvement for greater community use to occur
- » Parking is generally good/adequate but issues can arise during peak times, or when several venues are operating activities or events, which could require improved management systems
- » Increasing the visibility of activities happening at the park was suggested as a possible solution to increase both safety and security, and promote awareness of the park in the Cumberland community
- » Most co-lease or sub-lease arrangements between organisations received good feedback, the exception being Lidcombe Oval and Velodrome, with organisation expressing ongoing issues with booking and Council management
- » Toilets, member amenities (changerooms), storage, seating and shade were consistently suggested by organisations as improvements to their facility or space at the park
- » The future vision for Wyatt Park was predominantly expressed as 'remaining as a sporting hub' or sporting destination
- » The future visions for Wyatt Park also considered wider community use, and suggested increasing the public amenities across the entire park, such as seating and shade, bubblers and taps, play equipment, walking/cycling tracks and BBQ facilities.

5 Community consultation outcomes

This chapter provides a summary of findings from the community survey. The survey provided significant feedback and input from community organisations, groups and individuals.

In conjunction with the survey, Council also prompted the Cumberland community to leave a comment or experience of Wyatt Park on Council's Facebook page. These comments are summarised at the end of this chapter, following the summation of the community survey.

5.1 Who responded to the survey?

A total of 144 people responded to the survey.

Of the people responding to a question about existing use of the park, 81 described themselves as existing users and 6 as non-users.

When reading the survey findings, it is important to consider the profile of participants. It is noted that the survey sample was characterised by a:

- » considerable proportion of people who live outside the LGA
- » higher proportion of women to men
- » low participation by people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

There was also a high response rate from existing park users and people using the park to provide, participate in or watch sports (in particular netball).

While the survey has provided valuable insights and a range of perspectives, they cannot be considered representative of the broader Cumberland community.

(NOTE: not all respondents answered every question of the survey therefore numbers of responses to each question varied).

Profile of respondents

The following provides a summary of key characteristics of respondents (who answered questions about their profile):

- » The majority of respondents were female (female=67, male=30)
- » The highest number of respondents were aged 35-49 years (45 responses). The next highest representation were people aged 25-34 years (21), followed by 50-59 years. No respondents were aged 70 years and over and only two respondents were aged 17 years or younger
- » There was almost an even split between respondents with school-aged children (46) and those without school-aged children (49)
- » There were very low number of respondents who mainly speak a language other than English at home (English=92, other language=4)
- » A slightly higher number of respondents lived in other local government areas (51) than in the Cumberland LGA (45).

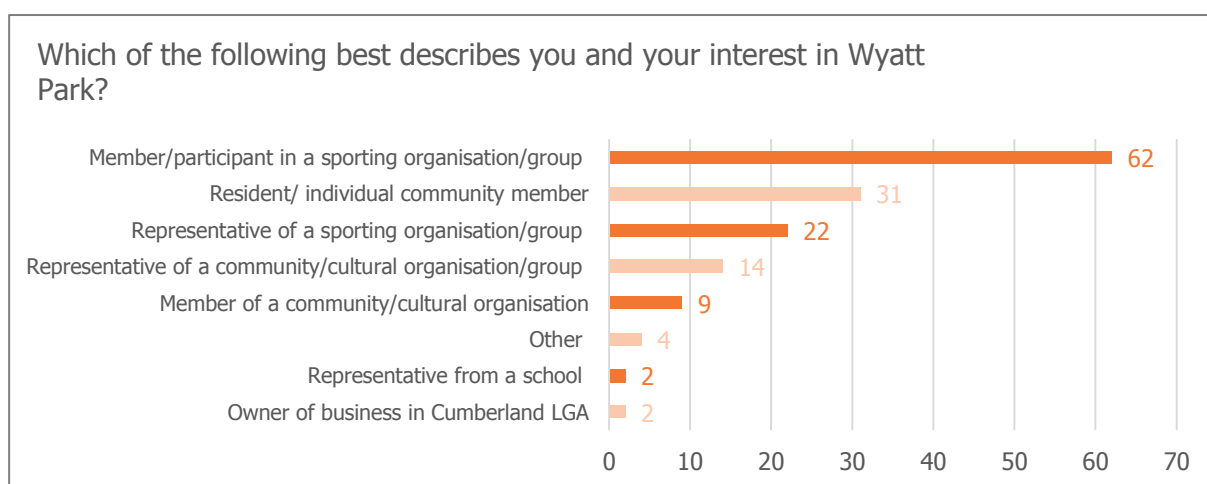
Interest in Wyatt Park

Of the respondents who answered a question about their interest in Wyatt Park (83 responses), the selections included:

- » the majority reporting to be a participant in a sporting organisation or group (63 responses)
- » residents or individual community members (31)
- » representatives of a sporting organisation or group (22)
- » representatives of a community or cultural organisation (14).

A full breakdown of responses is provided in the following graph. (NOTE: respondents could select more than one response to this question).

Graph 1 Community survey data - participant interests in Wyatt Park



5.1.1 How do respondents access and use the park?

Time and frequency of park use

The most common time respondents reported to use the park is weekday evenings, followed by weekend mornings.

The majority of respondents reported to use the park once a week or more (73 of 78).

Travelling to the park

Travel to the park by car formed the majority of responses (70 of 78). Walking was the next most common means of accessing the park (11).

Types of use

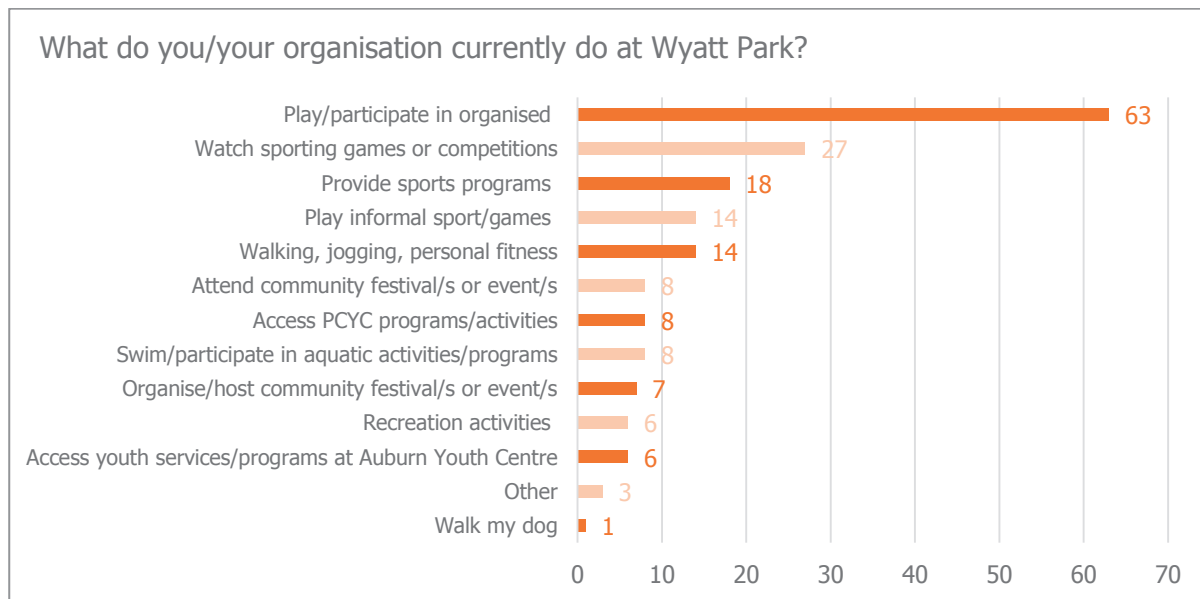
There were 78 responses regarding the types of use of Wyatt Park by respondents. The responses included:

- » a majority playing/participating in organised sport at Wyatt Park (63)
- » watching sporting games or competitions (27)
- » providing sports programs (18)
- » walking/jogging/personal fitness (14)
- » playing informal sports or games (14).

A full breakdown of responses is provided in the following graph.

(NOTE: respondents could select more than one response to the related question).

Graph 2 Community survey data – user and organisation uses of Wyatt Park



Sports played/provided/watched

The most common sport respondents reported to play, provide or watch at the park was netball (48 responses), followed by cycling (11), athletics (4), soccer (3), swimming (3), basketball (2), gymnastics (2) and Oz tag (1).

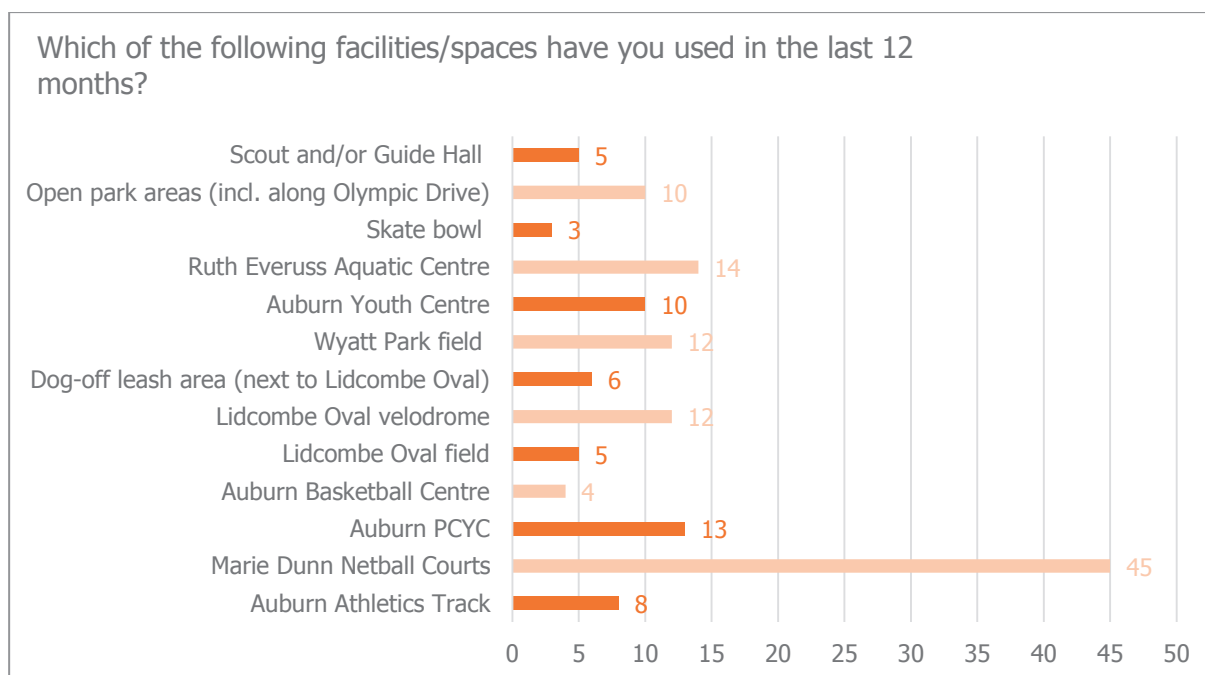
Facilities and spaces used

The most common facility respondents recorded to use in the last 12 months was the Marie Dunn Netball Courts (45 respondents). This is in line with the high number of respondents who reported to play netball. The next most common facilities/spaces used by respondents were:

- » Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre (14 respondents)
- » Auburn PCYC (13)
- » Lidcombe Oval velodrome (12)
- » Wyatt Park field (12).

A full breakdown of responses is provided in the following graph.

Graph 3 Community survey data – facilities and spaces used in Wyatt Park over the last 12 months



5.1.2 Reasons why respondents do not use the park

The reasons respondents selected for not using the park included:

- » 'The park has an unappealing look and feel' (3 responses)
- » 'The park or facilities are in poor condition' (3)
- » 'The park/facilities are difficult to get to' (2)
- » 'I use another park/facility elsewhere' (2)
- » 'None of my friends/community go there' (1)
- » 'Activities, programs, events offered at the park or park facilities do not meet my needs or interest me' (1)
- » 'I do not feel safe travelling to the park/within the park' (1).

5.1.3 Feedback on the park

Experience of getting to the park

Of the respondents (66) who answered a question about experiencing difficulties in getting to the park, the majority reported that they did not experience any difficulties (45). 21 respondents reported that they have experienced difficulties getting to the park.

Key difficulties experienced included:

- » Limited/poor parking (particularly on Percy Street and for users of the netball courts)
- » Visibility and safety issues relating to poor lighting
- » Poor quality paths and surfacing and a lack of footpaths in some areas
- » Traffic and access issues.

Aspects of the park to be retained

The following table provides a summary of the responses from respondents (51) to the following questions:

- » What are the 3 most important aspects of the park that should be retained?
- » Why should they be retained?

Table 16 Summary of responses to question: *What are the 3 most important aspects of the park that should be retained? Why should they be retained?*

No. of responses	Aspect to be retained	Why this aspect should be retained
27	Marie Dunn Netball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Well used by the local netball community » It is a good facility, good surface » Well-located » Part of local history » Provides opportunities for young and old » Provides the opportunity to participate in sport » One of the best outdoor court facility in Sydney » It is well used/high participation » Netball is a growing sport (for males not just females) » The number of courts provided make it a suitable competition venue (of which there are few around) » 'I enjoy playing netball there' » Provides female team sport activity in the area » Netball competitions are great for kids and build community spirit » Only courts in the Cumberland area
12	Green space/open space/parkland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » High density housing increases the importance of parkland areas » 'People need non-built up places in our area' » Provides a community gathering place where healthy activities can be undertaken » The open grass area (Wyatt Park field) provides a space for large festivals (10,000+ people). There isn't another suitable space in the eastern section of the LGA » Good for families and provides opportunity for leisure » There is a shortage of green space for a growing urban population and should be preserved for future generations » There are few green spaces of this size in

No. of responses	Aspect to be retained	Why this aspect should be retained
		Sydney (an "oasis in the middle of Auburn/Lidcombe")
10	Lidcombe Oval velodrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Cycling has strong identity and long history at the park » Offer opportunity for cycling skills development for adults and children. (Cycling is a healthy and environmentally friendly way to get around) » Provides a safe area to ride and train (there are very few available) » It is a flat track which is good for children and building confidence » The existing velodrome is high quality » Could be used for a triathlon (with other park facilities) » One of very few velodromes in Sydney » Shared by a number of clubs » Well-utilised (particularly in summer)
9	Variety of sports/mix of facilities/sporting and healthy environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » It is essential for the local community and schools to have this range of facilities available » Unique offering » Provides diverse offerings/multiple sporting and recreational facilities and opportunities » Encourages participation » Enables the community to try a range of sports – the concentration of facilities/sports makes this easy to do
8	Lidcombe Oval/grandstand/scoreboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Rugby league significance » The grandstand provides a good bird's eye view of the oval and cycling track » Historical value » Potential for ground to accommodate a mix of sports
4	Free/low cost/publicly accessible/accessibility for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Free spaces are important » The Wyatt Park facilities are important local facilities. (Sydney Olympic Park offers elite facilities) » Promotes quality and inclusion
4	Auburn Youth Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provides a free soft entry point for vulnerable children to access support and sports » Accommodates many service and programs » A valuable resource for local young people

No. of responses	Aspect to be retained	Why this aspect should be retained
		» Important secular community centre for all » Older children need somewhere to go
4	Pool/Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre	» A great investment in the local community » Important facility for community members and schools » A facility for rate-payers » Great value
3	The park as a whole	» A great sporting place for the local community » Valuable to the whole community as a place for fitness and sports

Other aspects mentioned (less frequently) included:

- » Carparks (3)
- » PCYC (3)
- » Athletics track (2)
- » Girl Guide Hall and Scout Hall (2)
- » Basketball/Auburn Basketball Centre (2)
- » Canteens at facilities (2)
- » Easy access (1)
- » Soccer field at Wyatt Park field (1)
- » Walking track (1)
- » Existing seating (1)
- » Skate park (1)
- » Heritage information (1)
- » Trees along Olympic Drive (1).

Aspects of the park to be improved

The following table provides a summary of the responses from respondents (57) to the following questions:

- » Are there aspects of the park that are not working well, that you'd like to see improved?
- » How could they be improved?

Table 17 Summary of responses to question: *Are there aspects of the park that are not working well, that you'd like to see improved? How could they be improved?*

No. of responses	Aspect to be improved	Suggested improvements
32	Toilet facilities and changerooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Toilets and changing facilities are outdated and not well-maintained, dirty and not hygienic. A major upgrade of toilet facilities is needed » Redevelopment of Auburn Athletics Track toilets for joint sports use » Improved security » Regular cleaning of toilets » More toilets » Fix door locks » Provide public toilets
22	Marie Dunn Netball Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » More games for schools in the local area » Provide an indoor netball court » Additional seating » Water stations » Fencing to surrounds/clubhouse » Larger and upgraded toilet and changerooms (for female and male) » Open toilets during the day to allow use by school groups » Improve/upgrade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Clubhouse > Court surfacing > Lighting > Lower courts (to same standard as upper courts)
10	Shade/shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Additional of shaded areas around sporting courts and fields » Need for more shade/shelter to be provided across all areas in the park » Provide shade structures, shade sails and undercover areas
9	Family friendly spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Create "a local fav spot for people to gather and have picnics" » Provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Communal BBQ areas > Playground > Water play > Seating > Scooter and skate park > Bike and walking tracks around the park

No. of responses	Aspect to be improved	Suggested improvements
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Exercise circuit for local community living in apartments
8	Car parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Improved surfacing and line markings » New parking area to service all facilities » New carpark to replace tennis courts » Lighting of carparks
7	The park overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » The park is too 'bare' » Better interaction between facility organisations (meeting regularly to discuss issues and opportunities) » Better communication between organisations and Council » Increasing the range of facilities » Introduce "something with a wow factor" » Increasing the range of facilities » Better integration/improved linkages between spaces and facilities » Update to make the park more friendly » Improved maintenance » The park should be planned and managed wholly and not by commercial operators
7	Lidcombe Oval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Upgrade/improve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Velodrome track surface > Toilets and changerooms > Storage (incl. bike storage) > Clubhouse > Storage > Speaker system » Provide multipurpose shared space
7	Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Council to provide access to clean water across the park and at the facilities » Vandal-proof water stations
6	Access to the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Improving road surfacing » Traffic management/design improvements. (Roadway access is currently dangerous. Cars do U-turns in front of oncoming traffic. Install a concrete barrier to prevent this) » Improved public transport access (possibly a shuttle bus from the train stations) » Address safety issues associated with pedestrian crossing (stop pedestrians jay walking) » Build an underpass or overpass across the train

No. of responses	Aspect to be improved	Suggested improvements
		line to improve access » Open the gates behind the Auburn Basketball Centre
6	Footpaths/cycle path	» Provide lighting to enable use at all hours of the day » Provide a fitness track around the park (for walking and cycling) » Improved footpath connections and condition (incl. from Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre to PCYC)
6	Promotion/signage/wayfinding/visibility	» Advertising of facilities and sports on offer to the community » Organisations working together to promote park offerings » Better signage provided by Council » Allocation of street numbers to facilities by Council » Better signage and advertising on street frontages
5	Lighting	» Lighting of footpaths » Better lighting of fields

Other aspects recorded (less frequently) were:

- » More storage for equipment at sporting facilities – including secure and weatherproof storage facilities and storage for large equipment (4)
- » Tennis courts – upgrade otherwise remove/turn into a carpark (4)
- » Canteen/kitchen facilities at facilities – upgraded, better amenities, improve functionality (3)
- » Provide additional seating (3)
- » Provide more community activities (e.g. festivals, events, markets)
- » New meeting rooms (1)
- » Wyatt Park field – convert into playground with mini bike track (1)
- » Upgrade Auburn Youth Centre building (1)
- » Auburn Basketball Centre – provide two additional courts (1)
- » Restore bushland to the drainage canal (1)
- » Dog off-leash area – bigger and better maintained (1)
- » Access to power across the park (1).

Feedback on park facilities and spaces

Respondents were asked, of the facilities they use at the park, how well have they met their needs. They were provided with four response options:

- » it met my needs very well
- » it met my needs quite well
- » it met my needs not well at all
- » I don't know/I didn't use this facility

In all spaces/facilities the predominate response was the final option, no use/awareness of the space/facility. The one exception to this was the Marie Dunn Netball Courts, which is likely to align with the high number of respondents identifying netball as their main activity at Wyatt Park.

A full breakdown of responses is provided in the following graph and accompanying table.

Graph 4 Community survey data – user and/or organisation assessment of the spaces and facilities used

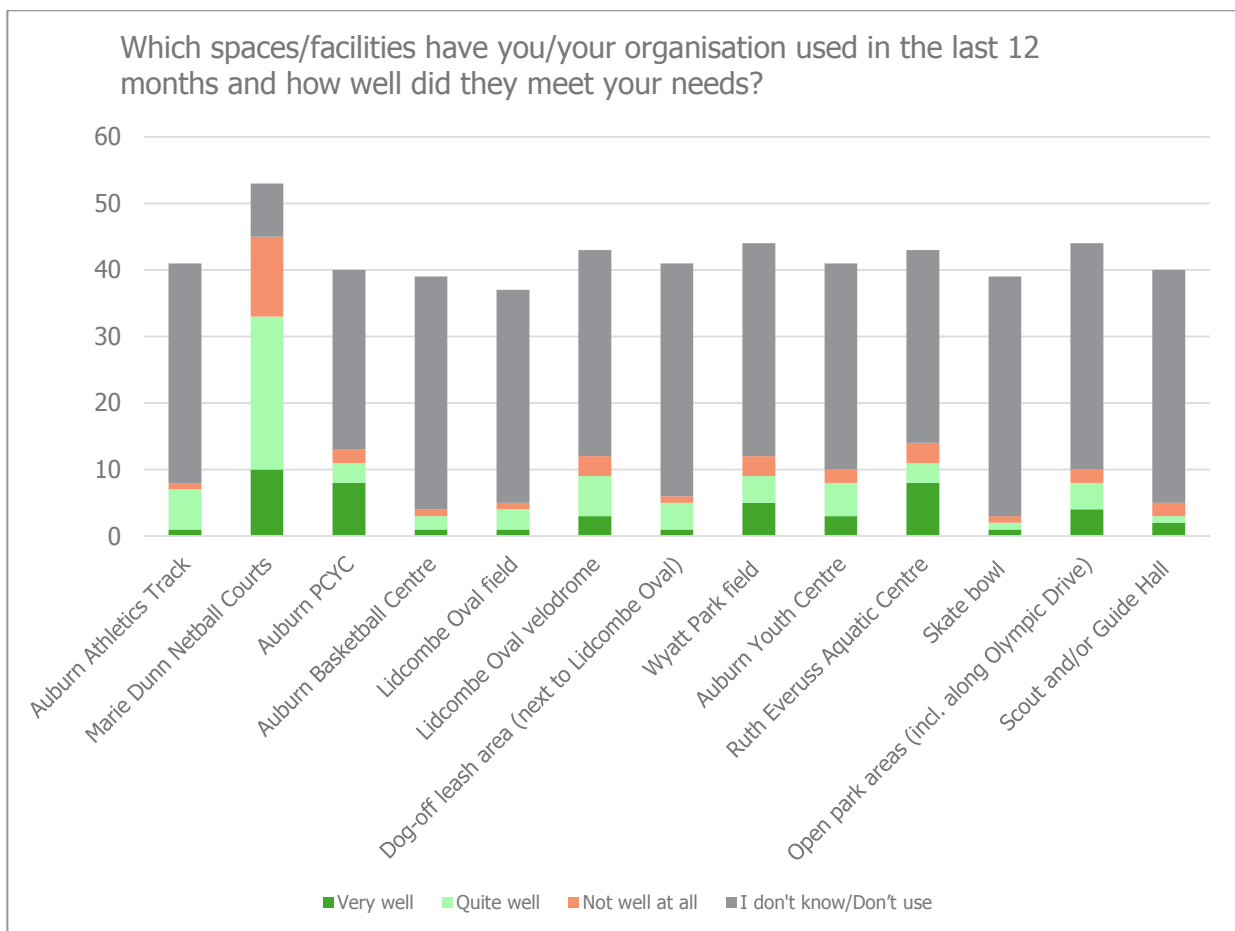


Table 18 Community survey data – responses accompanying Graph 4

Space/Facility	Very well	Quite well	Not well at all	Don't know/Didn't use
Auburn Athletics Track	1	6	1	33
Marie Dunn Netball Courts	10	23	12	8
Auburn PCYC	8	3	2	27
Auburn Basketball Centre	1	2	1	35
Lidcombe Oval field	1	3	1	32
Lidcombe Oval velodrome	3	6	3	31
Dog off-leash area	1	4	1	35
Wyatt Park field	5	4	3	32
Auburn Youth Centre	3	5	2	31
Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre	8	3	3	29
Skate bowl	1	1	1	36
Open park areas	4	4	2	34
Scout and/or Guide Hall	2	1	2	35

Awareness of heritage values

The majority of respondents (54 of 66) were unaware of the heritage values in the park. Facilities/aspects that respondents understood to be of significance (heritage value or locally, culturally significant) included:

- » Lidcombe Oval and grandstand
- » Velodrome at Lidcombe Oval (one of the oldest and one of only five velodromes in Sydney)
- » Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
- » Marie Dunn Netball Courts (significant for past and future netball players)
- » Auburn Athletics Track (as a field specifically assigned to athletics)
- » Auburn Youth Centre.

One respondent also noted the important role the park has played over many years as a valuable open space for the community. Another respondent commented that the park's history "should be preserved and honoured".

5.1.4 Ideas for the future

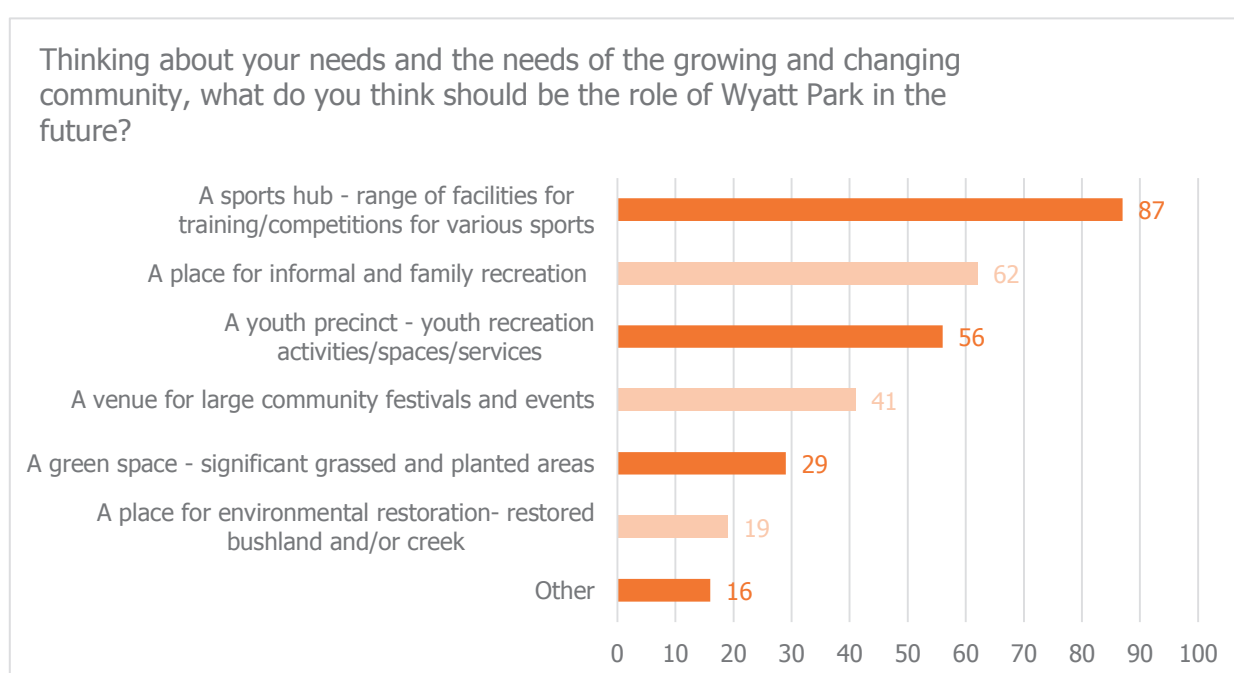
The role of the park in the future

The majority of respondents believed the park should continue to play the role of 'a sports hub' in the future (87 responses), which likely reflects the high proportion of sports participants/providers/spectators responding to the survey.

The next most popular response was 'a place for informal and family recreation' (62) and 'a youth precinct' (56), suggesting respondents are interested in the park providing offerings beyond sports in the future.

A full breakdown of responses is provided in the following graph. (NOTE: respondents could select more than one response to this question).

Graph 5 Community survey data – responses for future use/role of Wyatt Park in Cumberland community



Future activities at the park

The majority of respondents reported to be most interested in providing, playing or watching organised sport or participating in formal recreational programs at the park in the future (130 responses). This reflects the high proportion of respondents who currently provide, play or watch sports at the park.

The next most popular activity nominated was informal outdoor sports or games (28), walk, jog or personal fitness (26), use specialised recreation equipment e.g. skate, scooter, BMX or outdoor fitness equipment (24) and ride a bike/learn to ride a bike (21).

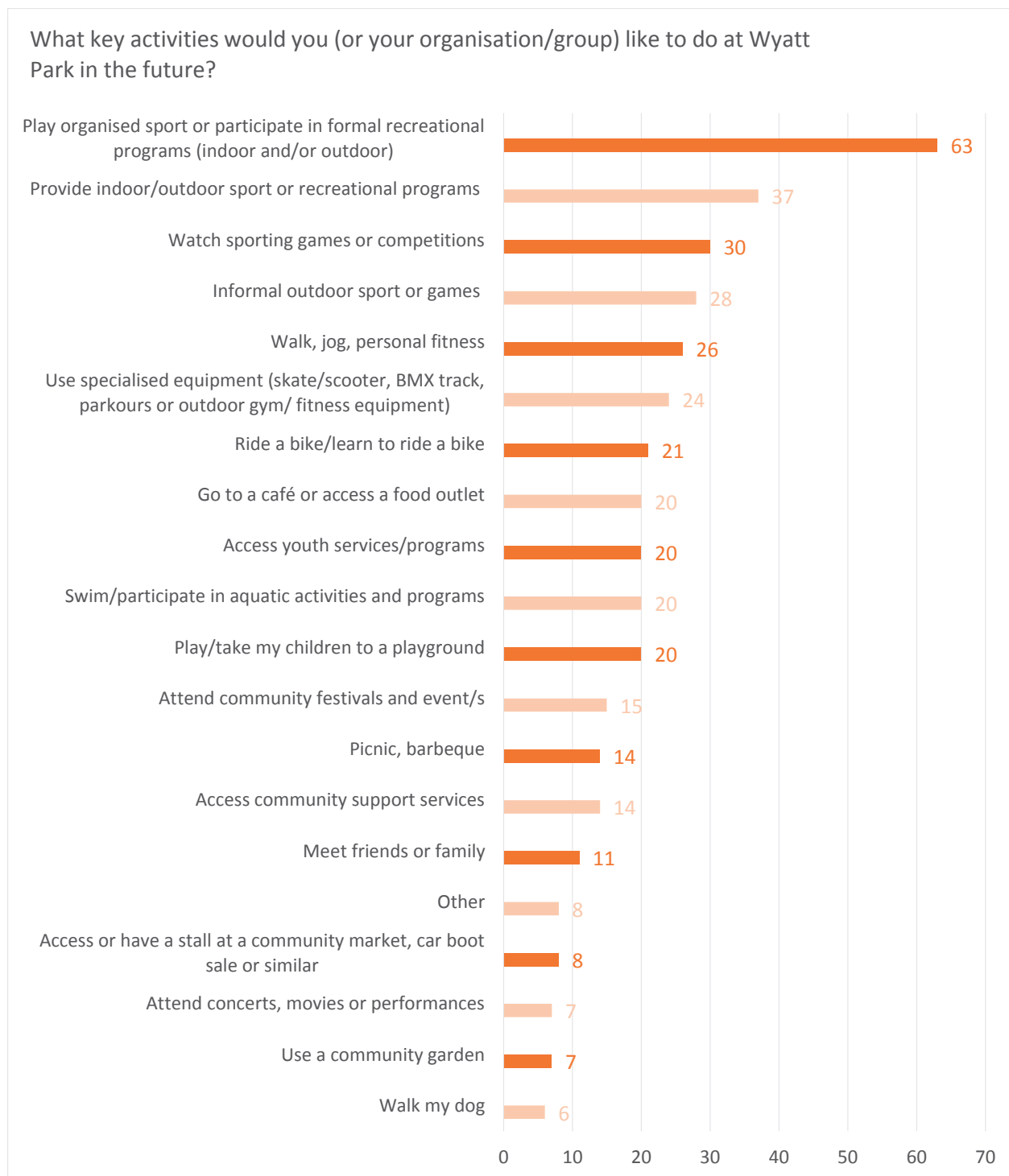
The following were also popular responses (all receiving 20 responses):

- » Play/take my children to a playground
- » Swim/participate in aquatic activities and programs
- » Access youth services and programs

» Go to a café/access a food outlet.

A full breakdown of responses is provided in the following graph. (NOTE: respondents could select more than one response to this question).

Figure 6 Community survey data – responses for future activities at Wyatt Park



Future sports at the park

The responses a question about the types of sports participants would like to see provided at the park in the future predominantly reflected the sports currently provided, indicating they would like to see these sports continue to be provided in the future.

The most common response was netball (37 responses), reflecting the high representation of existing netball players currently using the park responding to the survey.

Other popular sports nominated included:

- » Basketball (16)
- » Volleyball (2)
- » Cycling/bike riding (15)
- » Soccer (6)
- » Athletics (10)
- » Swimming (4) and Swimming for females (1)
- » Skateboarding (4)
- » Rugby league (4).

Other sports mentioned that received 1-3 responses included:

- » Triathlon, duathlon or aquathlon
- » Table tennis
- » Tennis
- » Badminton
- » Football
- » Dance
- » BMX, mountain biking
- » Scootering
- » Gymnastics
- » School sports.

Future park inclusions

The survey included a question about what facilities and amenities should be included in the park in the future. Reoccurring responses included:

- » Public toilets
- » General amenities including bubblers, bins, shade/shelter and seating
- » Additional carparks/parking spaces and improved surfacing
- » A walking/cycling path around the park
- » Improved amenities at facilities (clubrooms, toilets and changerooms)
- » Café/food outlet/s
- » Play equipment
- » Outdoor gym equipment*.

*One respondent did not believe outdoor gym equipment should be provided as “the fitness industry is saturated” and outdoor gyms are not well used

Table 19 Future park inclusions

Category	Suggested inclusions
General improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Additional carparks/spaces » Improved carpark surfaces (remove potholes) » Upgraded/improved building exteriors and surrounds » Improve quality of facilities (“top notch facilities”) » Improved lighting across the park, at facilities and street entries to improve safety » Better security (to reduce vandalism and graffiti) » Better amenities at all facilities
Improvements to specific facilities and spaces	<p>Auburn Basketball Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Court upgrades (currently too small) » Improved lighting around the centre » 2-3 additional courts » More parking » Improved toilets and changerooms » Bubblers/water stations <p>Velodrome at Lidcombe Oval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Bike storage » Improved club house » Improved track surface » Improved sound speaker system » Improved changerooms » New canteen and kitchen with upgraded facilities <p>Auburn Athletics Track:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Upgraded athletics facilities (discus cage, long jump, javelin run-up) » Improved access onto the track (ramp and stairs) » Outdoor gym circuit around the track » Bubblers » Shade and shelter (including for school carnivals), a grandstand <p>Marie Dunn Netball Courts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Resurfaced courts » Bubblers/water stations » Upgraded canteen » Upgraded toilets and changerooms » Improved lighting » Toilets/changerooms to accommodate male players » Additional seating/seating for spectators

Category	Suggested inclusions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Shade/shelter » Fencing around the clubhouse to prevent vandalism <p>Skate park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Significant upgrades
New sport and recreation facilities and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Outdoor gym equipment/exercise stations » Outdoor basketball courts » Walking/cycle path/fitness track around the park » Cycle path for off-road training and racing » Mountain bike track and jumps » Learn to ride facility » Rock climbing outdoor facility » Skate ramp and skate/scooter park » Play equipment » Bicycling parking/stands » Hire facilities (e.g. bikes, balls, rackets) » Indoor netball facility
New amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Café » Café connected to Auburn Youth Centre » Food outlets » Shade » Public toilets (clean, safe, accessible) » Seating and » Tables and picnic facilities/picnic areas » Bubblers » Bins » BBQ » Paths connecting facilities » Electricity access » Water access
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dog park » Stage » Family friendly spaces » Affordable offerings » New high school » Walking access from Livingstone Street to Church Street » Community market ground/area » Youth recreation space

5.2 Summary of Facebook comments

Council promoted further community consultation through their Facebook page. The comment was posted on 13 June 2017 by Council, and included:



Cumberland Council is conducting a survey on the use of Wyatt Park, Lidcombe. We are keen to hear from individuals, organisations and groups who currently use the park as well as those who are interested in using it in the future. Have your say by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/ycekyowo>

All the information you provide will be treated as confidential. Surveys close on Friday 23 June.

Overall the post received 2 comments, one proposed the future use/role of the park, and the other addressing parking to access the park and Lidcombe station. Both comments are provided below:

- » 'Be great to see it converted into a Big Nature Park Reserve in our own council area like Nurragingy Reserve for Weddings and Picnics or events such as Christmas Shows. Or better still bring back to Lidcombe Oval the footy with the mighty Maggies (Western Suburbs Magpies Rugby League)'
- » 'Build a multi-story car park where the southern car park (outside Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre) is with a walkway over Olympic Drive for commuter parking (to access Lidcombe train station) or extend the car park along between Olympic Drive and the creek [and] remove the 4 hours parking limit

5.3 Summary of key findings from consultation with the broader community

When considering the survey findings, it is important to note that the survey sample was characterised by specific groups (women, adults aged 25-49 years, English speakers and people predominantly using the park to provide, participate or watch sports). While the survey has provided valuable insights and a range of perspectives, they cannot be considered representative of the broader Cumberland community.

Key findings

Key strengths of the park identified by the broader community included:

- » The specialist sports and recreation facilities provided
- » The mix and range of facilities and spaces (catering to a diverse range of sports and activities) and the opportunities and choice these facilities provide to the community
- » The green space/parkland that the park provides (particularly in an area experiencing densification)
- » The potential of the park to be a local community gathering space and place for greater informal recreation in the future.

Key improvements and additions required to be made to the park that were identified in the community survey included:

- » Improving access to the park (most notable through the upgrade of footpaths leading to and within the park)
- » Greater community awareness of the variety of activities/events occurring in the park
- » Upgrading/updating old and dated facility buildings
- » Upgrading amenities at facilities (including toilets, changerooms, canteens and storage)
- » Providing publicly accessible toilets outside facilities as well as providing bubblers and bins throughout the park
- » Providing shade and shelter at facilities and around the park
- » Improving carparks (surfacing, line marking, lighting) and the provision of additional carparks/spaces
- » Providing a continuous pedestrian and cycle path around the park and fitness stations for personal fitness and recreation
- » Creating family friendly spaces (including playgrounds, picnic and BBQ facilities/areas, scooter and skate park)
- » Improving lighting across the park to improve safety
- » Improving signage and wayfinding and promotion the park and park offerings (by Council and organisations).

The future role of the park was predominately expressed as continuing to play the role of 'a sports hub' in the future. While this may be reflective of their current use and interest in the park, it does highlight the important role the park currently plays to as a higher order district or regional active open space.

A significant portion of respondents also recognised the potential for this significant open space area to better meet the needs of the Cumberland community as 'a place for informal and family recreation' and as a youth precinct in the future.

Appendices

- A Hardcopy survey
- B Online survey (printed version)

A Hardcopy survey



WYATT PARK COMMUNITY SURVEY

To enable Wyatt Park to meet the future needs of a growing and changing community, Cumberland Council is preparing a Plan of Management for the park which will to guide the future use of Wyatt Park up to the next 20 years.

As part of this process, we're keen to understand the type of place you'd like Wyatt Park to be in future. We'd like to hear from individuals, organisations and groups who currently use the park as well as those who are interested in using the park in the future.

The Wyatt Park Community Survey will close on **Friday 23 June**. **All the information you provide will be treated as confidential.**

Cumberland Council appreciates your participation in completing the survey. **When your survey is completed you can enter in a draw to win a \$50 Westfield gift voucher.** The winner of the voucher will be contacted by Cumberland Council through the details provided at the end of the survey. Your details will be kept separate from your survey responses, which will remain anonymous.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the Plan of Management for Wyatt Park please contact Frances Hamilton, Cumberland Council Senior Landscape Architect, at Frances.Hamilton@cumberland.nsw.gov.au.

أكمل هذا الاستطلاع للفوز بقسيمة هدية بقيمة 50 دولاراً من Westfield
يخطط حالياً مجلس Cumberland من أجل مستقبل Wyatt Park لضمان تلبية بشكل أفضل احتياجات المجتمع. نود الاستماع الى أفكاركم حول ما يجب أن تقدمه حديقة Wyatt Park وكيف ينبغي أن تبدو في المستقبل. يرجى تقديم آراءكم واستكمال الاستطلاع القصير التالي. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى المساعدة في إكمال الاستطلاع، يرجى الإتصال بخدمة الترجمة الفورية الهاتفية (TIS) على الرقم 131 450 والطلب منهم الاتصال بالمجلس على الرقم 9735 1237 لإستكمال الاستطلاع في [لغتك] وتسجيل إجاباتك. سوف يتم التعامل مع جميع المعلومات التي تقدمها بسرية.

این فورم نظر خواهی (سروی) را خانه پری کنید و حواله هدیه 50 دالری وستفیلد را دریافت کنید.
اکنون شورای شهر Cumberland برای آینده Wyatt Park پلان ریزی می نماید، تا اطمینان یابد که به بهترین وجه نیازهای جامعه محلی را تأمین می نماید. ما می خواهیم راجع به اینکه Wyatt Park باید چه چیزهایی را عرضه نماید و در آینده به چه شکل باشد نظر شما را بشنویم. لطفاً حرف خود را بزنید و فورم مختصر نظر خواهی ذیل را خانه پری کنید. اگر برای تکمیل این فورم نظر خواهی به مساعدت ضرورت دارید، با خدمات ترجمانی تلفونی (TIS) رایگان به شماره 131 450 زنگ زده و بخواهید با شورای شهر شماره 97351237 تماس بگیرند تا فورم را به لسان دری تکمیل کنید و جواب هایتان را برایتان یادداشت نمایند. همه معلوماتی که شما ارائه خواهید کرد محرمانه خواهند ماند.

설문조사 완료시 \$50 상당의 웨스트필드 상품권 당첨 기회

Cumberland 카운슬은 지역사회의 요구를 가장 잘 충족할 수 있는 Wyatt Park의 미래를 계획하고 있습니다. 카운슬은 앞으로 Wyatt Park의 모습과 기능에 대한 여러분의 생각을 듣고 싶습니다. 다음의 짧은 설문조사를 통해 의견을 밝혀주시기 바랍니다. 설문조사에 도움이 필요한 경우, 무료 전화 통역 서비스(TIS) 131 450번에 연락하여 카운슬 전화 9735 1237번 연결을 요청하십시오. 그러면 설문조사를 한국어로 작성하고 답변을 기록할 수 있습니다. 제공하신 모든 정보는 비밀이 유지됩니다.

完成本問卷調查表，贏\$50 Westfield禮品券

Cumberland市议会正在规划Wyatt Park的未来，以确保该公园能够最大限度地满足社区的需要。Wyatt Park应该给大家带来什么？它的未来应该是什么样子？我们希望就此了解您的想法。请发表您的意见并完成以下简短问卷调查表。如果您需要协助完成该问卷调查表，请拨打免费电话传译服务 (TIS) 电话131 450，然后请他们接通市议会电话9735 1237使用普通话完成问卷调查表，并将您的回答录制下来。您提供的所有信息都将予以严格保密。

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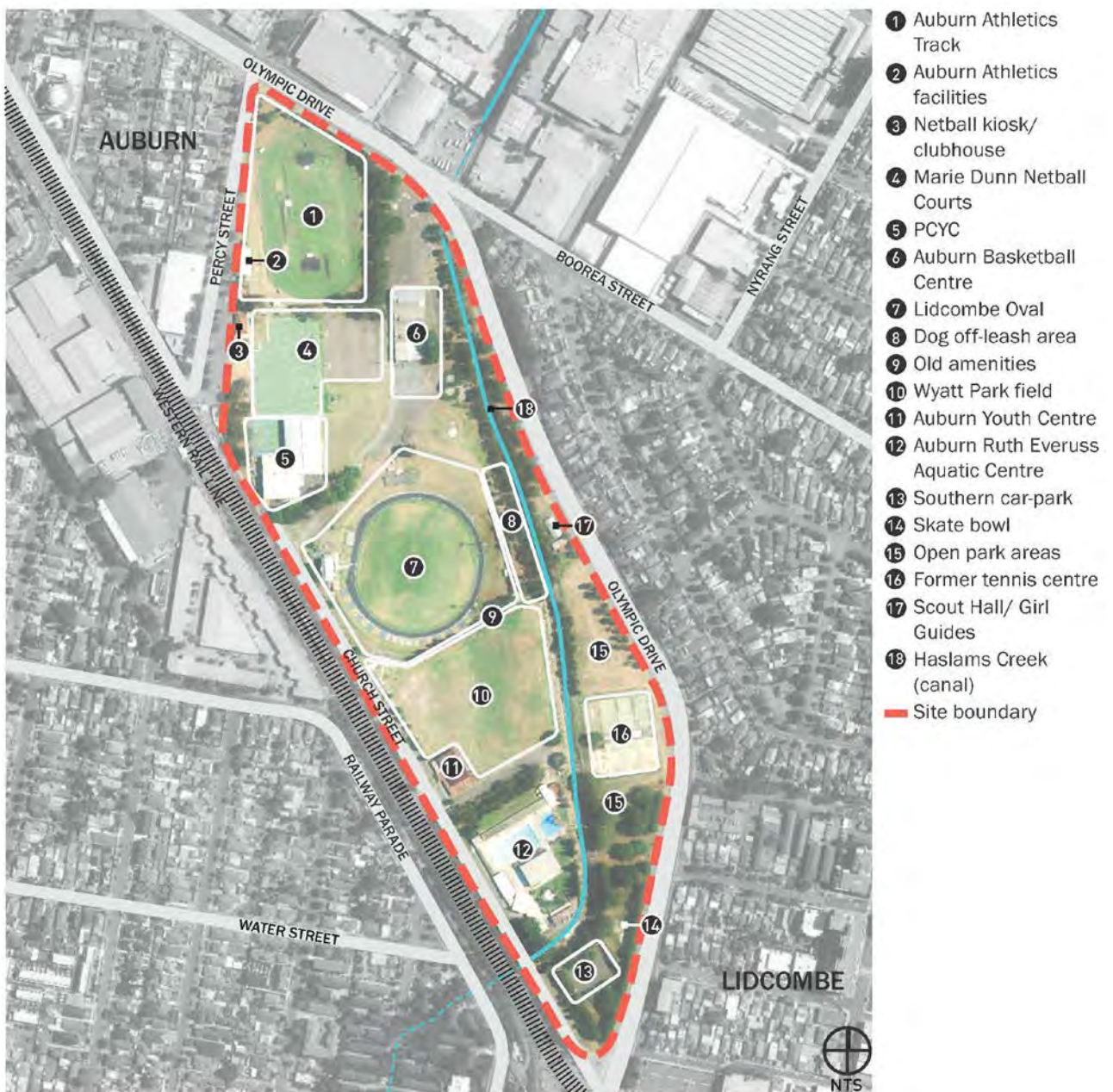
Cumberland Belediyesi, toplumun ihtiyaçlarını en iyi şekilde karşılamaını sağlamak üzere, şu anda Wyatt Park'ın geleceğini planlamaktadır. Wyatt Park'ın gelecekte ne sunması ve nasıl görünmesi gerektiğine ilişkin olarak düşüncelerinizi duymak isteriz. Lütfen düşüncenizi belirtin ve aşağıdaki kısa anketi doldurun. Anketi Türkçe olarak doldurmak için yardıma ihtiyacınız varsa, lütfen ücretsiz Telefonla Tercümanlık Servisi'ni (TIS) 131 450'den arayın ve 9735 1237'den Belediye'yi aramalarını isteyin ve böylece tüm yanıtlarınızı kaydettirin. Sağladığınız tüm bilgiler gizli tutulacaktır.

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The map below shows the facilities and spaces within Wyatt Park.





WYATT PARK IN THE FUTURE

The population in the area surrounding Wyatt Park is expected to grow by up to 45% over the next 20 years and there will be a significant increase in residential apartment buildings.

1. **Thinking about your needs and the needs of the growing and changing community, what do you think should be the role of Wyatt Park in the future?**

Please tick all that apply.

A sports hub with a range of facilities suitable for training and competitions for various sports	<input type="checkbox"/>
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A youth precinct featuring recreation activities, youth spaces and services	<input type="checkbox"/>
A venue for large community festivals and events	<input type="checkbox"/>
A predominantly green space (containing significant grassed and planted areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A place for environmental restoration (with restored bushland and/or creek)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>



2. What key activities would you (or your organisation, group) like to do at Wyatt Park in the future?

Please select up to five.

Walk/ jog/ personal fitness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk my dog	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet friends or family	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play/ take my children to a playground	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swim/ participate in aquatic activities and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access youth services and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access community support services (e.g. family services, disability services,	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informal outdoor sport or games (e.g. kicking a ball, informal ball games, shooting hoops etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use specialised equipment: skate or scooter parks, BMX track, parkours or outdoor gym/ fitness equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ride a bike/ learn to ride a bike	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go to a café or access a food outlet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic, barbeque	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use a community garden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access or have a stall at a community market, car boot sale or similar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend community festivals and event/s	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend concerts, movies or performances	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play sport/ participate in formal recreational programs (indoor and outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide sport or recreational programs (indoor and outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Watch sporting games or competitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>Please specify:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. If you would like to participate in, provide or watch any sports or recreational programs, please specify which ones.



4. **Thinking about what you would like to do at Wyatt Park, what key improvements, facilities and amenities are needed?**

For example – seating, tables, barbeques, play equipment, walking/ cycling paths, bicycle parking, lighting, outdoor gym equipment, other types of sport facilities, public toilets, shade, bubblers, bins, food outlets, hire facilities (for example bikes, balls, racquets), car parking etc.

Please provide a short answer on the lines provided.

[illegible]



ABOUT YOU

5. Where do you live?

Cumberland Local Government Area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Local Government Area	<input type="checkbox"/>
What suburb do you live in?	

6. What is your age group?

17 or under	<input type="checkbox"/>
18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-49	<input type="checkbox"/>
50-59	<input type="checkbox"/>
60-69	<input type="checkbox"/>
70-84	<input type="checkbox"/>
85+	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. What is your gender?

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would rather not disclose	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Do you have school age children?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. What language do you mainly speak at home?

English	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate if you are interested in the following and provide your contact details below. Your contact details will not be linked to your survey responses (survey responses will be kept anonymous).

I am interested in being kept up-to-date on the progress of the Plan of Management for Wyatt Park	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am interested in entering the draw to win a \$50 Westfield gift voucher	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name	
Phone	
Email	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

B Online survey (printed version)

When is the last time you visited Wyatt Park or used its facilities? Maybe it's somewhere you'd like to visit but haven't?

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* Starting the Survey

If you would like to view the facilities and spaces within Wyatt Park before beginning the survey, please select the 'view map of Wyatt Park' option below. If you would like to continue to the survey, please select which survey you would like to complete.

- ☐ View map of Wyatt Park spaces and facilities
(you will return to this page after viewing)
- ☐ Complete a 10-15 minute survey to tell us how you currently use Wyatt Park, your feedback on existing park facilities and your ideas for the park in the future.
- ☐ Complete a short, 2 minute survey to tell us your ideas for Wyatt Park in the future.

Map of Wyatt Park facilities and spaces

Map of Wyatt Park facilities and spaces

* Select 'continue to survey' to return

☐ Continue to survey

YOUR USE OF/ INTEREST IN WYATT PARK

Which of the following best describes you and your interest in Wyatt Park?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Resident/ individual community member
- ☐ Representative of a sporting organisation or group (e.g. committee, board or staff member)
- ☐ Member of or participant in a sporting organisation or group (e.g. player, family member of a player, spectator)
- ☐ Representative of a community or cultural organisation or group (e.g. committee member, staff member, volunteer etc)
- ☐ Member of a community or cultural organisation
- ☐ Representative from a school (e.g. Principal, teacher, staff member)
- ☐ Owner of a business within the Cumberland Local Government Area
- ☐ Other

Please specify in comment box below

Comment box

OPTIONAL – If you are a representative or member of an organisation or group please provide the name of your organisation.

* Do you (or your group/organisation/business) currently use Wyatt Park?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

You will be redirected to QUESTIONS FOR NON-USERS OF THE PARK

QUESTIONS FOR NON-USERS OF WYATT PARK

The next few questions are for individuals or organisations/groups that do not use Wyatt Park.

What are the main reasons you (or your organisation/group) do not use Wyatt Park? *Please tick all that apply.*

- ☐ I don't know about the park
- ☐ I don't have time
- ☐ Park facilities are difficult to get to (inconvenient location/ too far away, poor transport access, poor road crossings)
- ☐ None of my friends/community go there
- ☐ I'm not allowed to go (by myself)
- ☐ I'm not aware of what there is to do there
- ☐ Activities, programs, events offered at the park or park facilities do not meet my needs or do not interest me
- ☐ The cost of activities, programs, events offered at the park or park facilities is outside of my budget
- ☐ I don't feel comfortable accessing or approaching facilities/ clubs in the park
- ☐ I'm not sure if I am allowed to use/ enter some facilities and spaces
- ☐ I do not feel safe (travelling to the park/ within the park)
- ☐ The park has an unappealing look and feel
- ☐ The park or facilities are in poor condition
- ☐ Facilities or spaces are not open when I need them (limited opening hours)
- ☐ Spaces are locked/ fenced
- ☐ I use another park/facility elsewhere
Please specify which park/facility in the comment box below
- ☐ Other
Please specify in the comment box below

Comment box

* If your reasons for not using Wyatt Park were addressed, would you visit Wyatt Park in the future?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

YOUR USE OF WYATT PARK

How often do you (or your group/organisation) use the park or park facilities?

- ☐ Once a year or less
- ☐ Once every 6 months
- ☐ Once every 3 months
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Once a fortnight
- ☐ Once a week or more

What day/s and times of the day do you typically use the park?

Please tick all that apply.

	am	pm
Weekday/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weekend	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How do you typically travel to the park?

- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Cycle
- ☐ Bus (including school bus)
- ☐ Train – Auburn Station
- ☐ Train – Lidcombe Station
- ☐ Car
- ☐ Other

Please specify in the comment box below

Comment box

What do you (or your group/organisation) currently do at Wyatt Park?

Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Walking, jogging, personal fitness
- ☐ Walk my dog
- ☐ Swim/participate in aquatic activities and programs
- ☐ Access youth services and programs at Auburn Youth Centre
- ☐ Access PCYC programs and activities
- ☐ Recreation activities (e.g. meeting friends, picnicking, family gatherings)
- ☐ Play informal sport or games (e.g. kicking a ball, informal soccer games, shooting hoops etc)
- ☐ Attend community festival/s or event/s
Please specify which community festival/s or event/s in the comment box provided below
- ☐ Organise and host community festival/s or event/s
Please specify which community festival/s or event/s in the comment box provided below
- ☐ Play sport or watch sport (training and/or competitions)
Please specify which sport/s in the comment box provided below
- ☐ Organise sports programs (training and/or competitions)
Please specify which sport/s in the comment box provided below
- ☐ Other
Please specify in the comment box provided below

Comment box

YOUR THOUGHTS ON WYATT PARK

If you (or your group/organisation) have used any of the following facilities the last 12 months please indicate how well they met your needs.

If you have not used any of the facilities during this time, you do not need to answer this question.

	It met my needs, very well	It met my needs, quite well	It met my needs, not well at all
Auburn Athletics track and field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marie Dunn Netball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
PCYC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Auburn Basketball Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lidcombe Oval field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lidcombe Oval velodrome/cycle track	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog-off leash area (next to Lidcombe Oval)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wyatt Park field (soccer/cricket field, location for large community events/festivals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Auburn Youth Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboard bowl (along Olympic Drive)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open park areas including along Olympic Drive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scout and/or Guide Hall (along Olympic Drive)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other facilities and spaces <i>Please specify in comment box below</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comment box

Do you experience any difficulties in getting to the park? Are they due to the type of travel (driving, cycling, walking) or other reasons?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Please specify what makes it difficult

Are you aware of the heritage values in the park?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Please specify

What are the 3 most important aspects of the park that should be retained in the future? Why should they be retained?

Aspect 1:

Should be retained
because...

Aspect 2:

Should be retained
because...

Aspect 3:

Should be retained
because...

Are there key aspects of the park that are not working well, that you'd like to see improved? How could they be improved?

Aspect 1:

Could be improved by...

Aspect 2:

Could be improved by...

Aspect 3:

Could be improved by...

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- ☐ Other

Please specify

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* What key activities would you (or your organisation/group) like to do at Wyatt Park in the future?

Please select up to 5 activities.

- ☐ Walk, jog, personal fitness
- ☐ Walk my dog
- ☐ Meet friends or family
- ☐ Play/take my children to a playground
- ☐ Swim/participate in aquatic activities and programs
- ☐ Access youth services and programs
- ☐ Access community support services (e.g. family services, disability services)
- ☐ Informal outdoor sport or games (e.g. kicking a ball, informal soccer, shooting hoops etc.)
- ☐ Use specialised equipment: skate or scooter parks, BMX track, parkours or outdoor gym/ fitness equipment
- ☐ Ride a bike/ learn to ride a bike
- ☐ Go to a café or access a food outlet
- ☐ Picnic, barbeque
- ☐ Use a community garden
- ☐ Access or have a stall at a community market, car boot sale or similar
- ☐ Attend community festivals and event/s
- ☐ Attend concerts, movies or performances
- ☐ Play sport/ participate in formal recreational programs (indoor and outdoor)
Please specify which sport/s or recreational programs you would like to participate in, in the comment box below
- ☐ Provide sport or recreational programs (indoor and outdoor)
Please specify which sport/s or recreational programs you would like to provide in the comment box below

Comment box

Thinking about what you would like to do at Wyatt Park what key improvements, facilities and amenities are needed?

For example – seating, tables, barbecues, play equipment, walking/ cycling paths, bicycle parking, lighting, outdoor gym equipment, other types of sport facilities, public toilets, shade, bubblers, bins, food outlets, hire facilities (for example bikes, balls, racquets), car parking etc

ABOUT YOU

Where do you live?

- ☐ Cumberland Local Government Area
- ☐ Other Local Government Area

What suburb do you live in?

What is your age group?

- ☐ 17 or under
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70-84
- ☐ 85+

What is your gender?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I would rather not disclose

Do you have school age children?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What language do you mainly speak at home?

- ☐ English
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please indicate if you are interested in the following:

- ☐ I am interested in being kept up-to-date on the progress of the Plan of Management for Wyatt Park
- ☐ I am interested in entering the draw to win a \$50 Westfield gift voucher

If you selected one or both of the options above, please provide your contact details below.
Your contact details will not be linked to your survey responses (survey responses will be kept anonymous).

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

If you have any questions about the Plan of Management for Wyatt Park please contact Frances Hamilton, Cumberland Council Senior Landscape Architect, at Frances.Hamilton@cumberland.nsw.gov.au.

B.5 Community Engagement Program - Draft Masterplan Options

MASTERPLAN OPTIONS OPTION 1

KEY FEATURES

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| 7. PCYC (retained) | 27. Car parking (existing retained) |
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| 9. Consolidated/ shared parking | 29. Skate/ scooter park |
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| 13. Dog off-leash area | 33. Perimeter shared path |
| 14. New plaza with outdoor seating and/ or cafe | 34. Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre |
| 15. New Youth Centre (1,200m ² , subject to approval) | 35. Existing car park (retained) |
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B.6 Community Consultation Boards - Masterplan Options

1 BACKGROUND TO THE MASTERPLAN FOR WYATT PARK

INTRODUCTION

Where is Wyatt Park?

Wyatt Park is located on Church Street, Lidcombe, approximately halfway between Lidcombe and Auburn stations.

The park adjoins Olympic Drive, a major urban link road, and the Main Western Rail Line connecting Sydney to Penrith, Richmond and the Blue Mountains.

Being about 23 hectares in size, Wyatt Park is an important park in Lidcombe. It has a long and ongoing history as one of the area's most important sports grounds.

Why do we need a Masterplan?

Cumberland Council is concerned about the condition of many facilities in Wyatt Park and the declining condition of the park overall.

As a first step in improving the park, Council resolved to prepare a Plan of Management and Landscape Masterplan.

Together they will describe how Wyatt Park will be used and developed over the next five to ten years, to improve the quality of recreation facilities and make Wyatt Park a more appealing place for recreation.

The plan and images on the right shows the current facilities in Wyatt Park.



LEGEND

1. Auburn Athletics Centre
2. Auburn Athletics Centre amenities building
3. Council store in former substation
4. Marie Dunn Netball Courts
5. Netball amenities in former Caretaker's Cottage
6. Auburn PCYC
7. Auburn Basketball Centre
8. Bike club storage in former change rooms
9. Lidcombe Oval and Velodrome
10. Lidcombe Oval Grandstand
11. Lidcombe Oval scoreboard and former turnstiles/ ticketing kiosk
12. Disused amenities block in Wyatt Park
13. Disused kiosk at Lidcombe Oval
14. Fenced dog off-leash area
15. Wyatt Park fields
16. Auburn Youth Centre
17. Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
18. Skate bowl
19. Former tennis courts

SUMMARY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WYATT PARK

What you told us:

Wyatt Park is a valued place

In June 2017, Council consulted with existing users and the wider Cumberland community to understand their issues and experiences of the park.

We learned that Wyatt Park is highly valued for a number of reasons including:

- The park is an important sporting precinct
- The park is large and has a range of sporting facilities
- Some of the sporting facilities are unique and/ or of high quality
- The park has a long tradition and important heritage values as well as social and cultural associations
- Wyatt Park is a 'green oasis' and has important environmental values.

Wyatt Park has the potential to offer more

It is considered vital that Wyatt Park continues to provide a major venue for active sports activities. At the same time, the park has significant potential to provide additional recreation opportunities to meet the need for general, social and family recreation such as walking, picnicking or children's play.

Parks are important for the growing population

The population of the Cumberland Local Government Area is expected to grow by more than 30% over the next 20 years, with even greater growth in Lidcombe and Auburn. This growth will lead to increased apartments and high density living. As people have less private open space, Wyatt Park and other parks will become more important for general, passive and family recreation.

We see an opportunity that large undeveloped areas in Wyatt Park could be transformed to better meet this need.

We want to make it easier and safer to get to and around Wyatt Park

Wyatt Park is close to major town centres and roads but it can be hard to get to and find your way around. Parts of the park are difficult to access and don't feel safe. It is particularly difficult to access and move within the park for pedestrians and cyclists.

We see an opportunity to make it easier for people to get to and around the park. This would especially benefit young people so that they can enjoy the place and take advantage of facilities including the Youth Centre.

We want to make it easier to enjoy Wyatt Park

Wyatt Park has many great sporting facilities but it lacks basic recreation infrastructure including paths, lighting, seating, play equipment or picnic areas. Many parts of the park don't have shade which makes them uncomfortable to be in, especially in summer.

We believe Wyatt Park can be made a great place to be enjoyed by everyone, all year round.

We want to make Wyatt Park more inviting

A number of buildings in Wyatt Park are old or run down and do not look inviting.

We believe that Wyatt Park has the potential to look and feel more inviting and friendly, and to be a family-friendly and safe place to be for people of all ages, at all times of the day and night.

Letting the community know about Wyatt Park

Many people in Cumberland don't know about Wyatt Park, especially those people who don't participate in sports activities.

The exhibition of masterplan options is a key step in Council working towards raising awareness of the park, and working with the Cumberland community to decide what the park should look like, and how it should function in the future.

WHAT WE ARE HOPING TO ACHIEVE AT WYATT PARK

Best practice

We have reviewed current best practice for planning parks. We found the best parks are characterised by:

- Flexibility – allowing different uses at different times
- Adaptability – accommodating new or different uses as needs evolve
- Diversity – catering to different segments of the population and offering a range of experiences
- Co-location – bringing facilities and services together in one place
- Community development through events and activities
- Multi-use – shared use of facilities
- Compatibility – appropriate to the site and cognizant of what is available elsewhere
- Sustainability – of use and of environmental systems.

Directions for Wyatt Park

Based on what we know about the park and what you told us, we believe the following should happen:

- Promote and develop Wyatt Park for multiple uses – a place and a destination in eastern Cumberland
- Enhance the quality of assets in the park
- Enhance safety and accessibility
- Integrate facilities and services
- Improve awareness of the park
- Provide diverse recreation opportunities within the park and nearby open spaces
- Protect and enhance environmental systems and diversity
- Promote sustainability and sustainable use.

Key Outcomes

The directions for Wyatt Park can be summarised into five key outcomes, as follows:

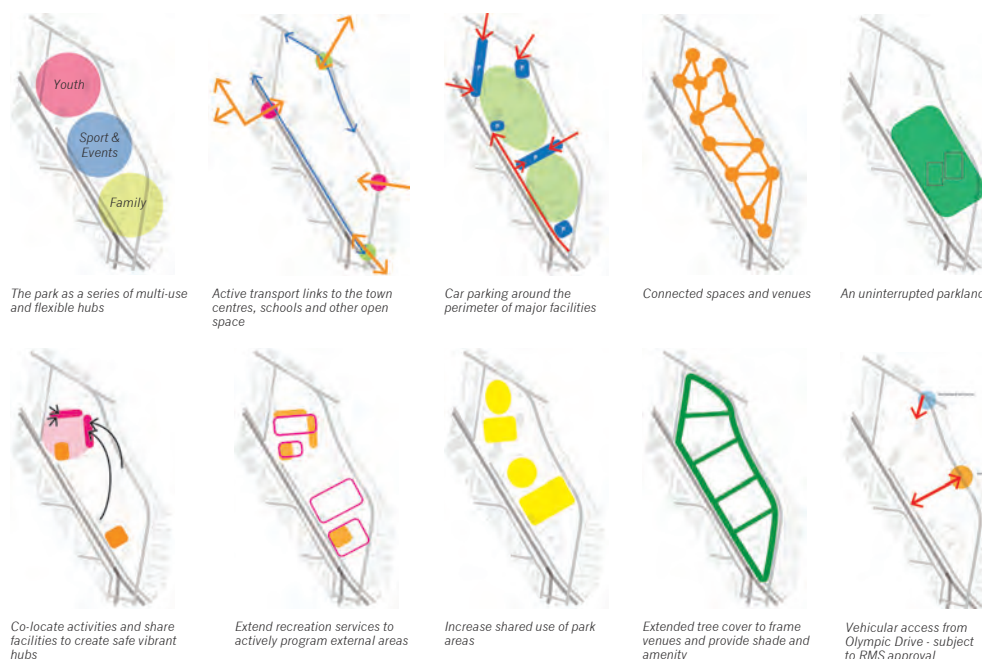
- An active and diverse park
- Accessible and connected
- Comfortable spaces
- A clear identity
- Integrated facilities and services
- A sustainable place.

2 HOW HAVE THE MASTERPLAN OPTIONS BEEN DEVELOPED?

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE MASTERPLAN OPTIONS

Cumberland Council and its consultant team have developed a series of guiding principles that have the potential to work together to realise the desired outcomes for Wyatt Park.

The guiding principles were used to develop two masterplan options for Wyatt Park. The guiding principles are illustrated on the right.



WHAT WILL NOT CHANGE?

Recent or current Investments and High Quality Facilities

Over the last few years Council has made a number of significant investments in the park. In addition, the park features a number of quality facilities that are valued and will be retained. The masterplan recognises the importance of the facilities and does not propose to change them. They include:

1. Auburn Athletics Track
2. Auburn Basketball Centre (currently planned for expansion)
3. Marie Dunn Netball Courts
4. PCYC building
5. Lidcombe Oval and Velodrome
6. Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre.

Heritage Items

A number of structures in the park are heritage listed and considered to be of significance. Changes to these structures would require further detailed heritage investigations, as well as heritage approval. These structures include:

5. Lidcombe Oval and Grandstand
7. Haslams Creek canal
8. The Auburn Youth Centre building

Recently upgraded, high quality facilities and heritage items are identified on the map below.



High quality facilities and heritage items in Wyatt Park

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

Community Feedback

Please provide your feedback on the masterplan options to Council including:

- Which option you prefer and why?
- Are there aspects of each option you like - what are they and why do you like them?

Your feedback will be reviewed and considered in determining the preferred masterplan for Wyatt Park.

Plan of Management Preparation

The preferred masterplan will be integrated into a Plan of Management (PoM) that Council is currently preparing for Wyatt Park.

A PoM is a document that describes how community land will be managed by Council. The PoM will include a description of how Wyatt Park will be used, improved and managed in the future. The PoM will also inform Council's planning, budgeting for capital works and on-going management and maintenance services.

Is there another feedback opportunity?

Council anticipates that the Draft PoM for Wyatt Park will be placed on public exhibition in November 2017.

Council will notify the community and exhibit the Draft PoM and preferred masterplan for 28 days. There will be a number of opportunities for the community to have their say during this period.

How long will the Masterplan last?

Council expects the final PoM and preferred masterplan will guide decision-making around the park for at least the next five to ten years. The PoM and masterplan will be periodically reviewed to ensure they remain current, relevant to the community's needs and consistent with Council's strategic and community planning.

3 THE MASTERPLAN OPTIONS FOR WYATT PARK

OPTION ONE - KEY COMPONENTS

Building Changes

1. Basketball Centre alterations + additions
 - Extension for additional courts (northern end)
 - Remodelled entrance overlooking the park: potential for new offices, cafe or meeting/ consulting rooms
 - To include a maintenance store
2. New Youth Centre (1,200m², subject to approval)
3. New netball pavilion including amenities, storage and kiosk
4. Former Netball Clubhouse converted to consulting rooms
5. Potential to renew athletics amenities (long term) including additional shade and bleachers/ spectator seating
6. Consolidate ancillary buildings at Lidcombe Oval to provide for improved amenities/ change rooms, bicycle/ equipment storage
7. New amenities including change rooms, toilets, kiosk at Wyatt Park fields
8. Retain Girl Guides and Scouts Halls

Activities and Uses

1. Local playground to cater for residents in the Gallipoli precinct
2. Some of the netball courts converted to multi-use courts with potential for
 - Basketball
 - Handball (the schoolyard variety)
 - Volleyball
 - Futsal
3. Learn to ride cycle track co-located with cycle facilities and Lidcombe Oval
4. Lidcombe Oval opened to community use/ access
5. Destination playground (fenced for safety) along Olympic Drive
6. Skate/ scooter park catering to a range of ages: primary to adolescents/ young adults
7. Picnic lawns and groves with shelters, BBQs and seating
8. Potential for outdoor exercise equipment - single location or in a 'course' along the path system
9. Multi-use playing fields and events grounds at Wyatt park
10. Pool external programs area. Potential for built infrastructure such as tree tops walk/ high ropes course

Access and Circulation

1. Internal access roads
 - Low speed with potential for parallel parking
 - Links main Church Street to basketball stadium carpark
 - Increases passive surveillance
 - Provides emergency vehicle access
 - Potential for additional connections to Olympic Drive (subject to RMS approval)
2. Consolidated and shared northern car park for athletics basketball and netball facilities
3. Increase parking capacity through additional 90° parking on the western side of Percy Street
4. Park perimeter loop
5. Internal path system to connect facilities and promote walking
6. Overbridge from Chadwick Reserve
7. Potential rail crossing from Church Street to Milton Street (subject to approval)
8. Enhance existing creek crossings and provide additional crossing opportunities
9. Improved paths and at-grade crossings: continuity, width, signage, lighting, safety, accessibility, linkages
10. Cycle/ pedestrian link to Auburn town centre
11. Cycle/ pedestrian link to Lidcombe town centre

Landscape, Amenity, Ecology

1. Provide formal planting
 - Extend avenue plantings
 - Provide small plazas with formal tree planting near major venues to provide social gathering spaces
 - Investigate opportunities for additional shade trees e.g. between upper and lower netball courts
2. Extend woodland tree planting and provide shady groves for
 - Shade for spectators and general recreation including picnics, gatherings and play spaces
 - Habitat
 - Thermal comfort
 - Frame venues/ facilities
3. Sculpted markers
4. Dog off-leash area



OPTION ONE - COMPOSITE PLAN

Key Outcomes

1. Additional perpendicular parking in Percy Street
2. Auburn Athletics Track (retained) - potential to upgrade amenities in the future
3. Potential vehicular connection to Olympic Drive (subject to RMS approval)
4. Former Caretakers Cottage refurbished
5. Netball courts - potential for some courts to be converted to multi-purpose courts
6. Local playground for Gallipoli precinct
7. PCYC (retained)
8. New netball amenities (change rooms, toilets, canteen + storage)
9. Consolidated/ shared parking
10. Central plaza with outdoor seating
11. Extended Auburn Basketball Centre to also include a maintenance store
12. Shared parking
13. Dog off-leash area
14. New plaza with outdoor seating and/ or cafe
15. New Youth Centre (1,200m², subject to approval)
16. Sculptural landmark/ marker
17. Learn to ride a bike track
18. New multi-purpose building including amenities for bike club storage and meeting rooms
19. Picnic/ BBQ area
20. Lidcombe Oval perimeter walk
21. Lidcombe Oval (retained as is including Grandstand, seating and mounding)
22. Upgrade Lidcombe Oval amenities
23. Small plaza/ forecourt to Lidcombe Oval Scoreboard/ turnstile building
24. Internal vehicular access and car parking
25. Multi-use fields and event space
26. New amenities/ sports pavilion (existing Youth Centre to be removed subject to further studies and heritage approval)
27. Car parking (existing retained)
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30. Potential future pedestrian/ cycle overbridge to Chadwick Reserve (subject to RMS approval)
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32. Picnic/ BBQ area
33. Perimeter shared path
34. Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre
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37. Church Street: retain existing parking and provide additional street trees
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39. Haslams Creek (retained as is)



4 THE MASTERPLAN OPTIONS FOR WYATT PARK

OPTION TWO - KEY COMPONENTS

Building Changes

1. Basketball Centre alterations + additions
 - Extension for additional courts (northern end)
 - Remodelled entrance overlooking the park: potential for new offices, cafe or meeting/ consulting rooms
 - To include a maintenance store
2. New Youth Centre (1,200m², subject to approval)
3. New netball pavilion including amenities, storage and kiosk
4. Potential to renew athletics amenities (long term) including additional shade and bleachers/ spectator seating
5. Current bicycle/ equipment store retained and refurbished
6. Upgrade Lidcombe Oval amenities
7. Potential to convert score board to additional store rooms
8. New amenities including change rooms, toilets, kiosk at Wyatt Park fields
9. Retain Girl Guides and Scouts Halls

Activities and Uses

1. Local playground to cater for residents in the Gallipoli precinct
2. Some of the netball courts converted to multi-use courts with potential for
 - Basketball
 - Handball (the schoolyard variety)
 - Volleyball
 - Futsal
3. Skate/ scoot park catering to a range of ages: primary to adolescents/ young adults
4. Learn to ride cycle track
5. Lidcombe Oval opened to community use/ access
6. Oval/ festival grounds to be expanded across Haslams Creek to Olympic Drive
7. Destination playground (fenced for safety)
8. Picnic lawns and groves with shelters, BBQs and seating
9. Multi-purpose field at Wyatt Park
10. Potential for outdoor exercise equipment - single location or in a 'course' along the path system
11. Pool external programs area. Potential for built infrastructure such as tree tops walk/ high ropes course

Access and Circulation

1. Internal access roads
 - Low speed loop with potential for parallel parking
 - Links major car parks and venues
 - Increases passive surveillance
 - Opens areas for access and passive/ family recreation
 - Provides emergency vehicle access
2. Potential for additional connections to Olympic Drive (left-in/ left-out - subject to RMS approval)
3. Potential for additional/ emergency entry from Percy Street
4. Formalise existing car park
5. Increase parking capacity through additional 90° parking on the western side of Percy Street
6. Additional car park at Wyatt Park fields
7. Park perimeter loop
8. Internal path system to connect facilities and promote walking
9. Overbridge from Chadwick Reserve
10. Cycle/pedestrian connection to Auburn town centre
11. Cycle/pedestrian connection to Lidcombe town centre
12. Improved paths and at-grade crossings: continuity, width, signage, lighting, safety, accessibility, linkages
13. Enhance existing creek crossings and provide additional crossing opportunities

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OPTION TWO - COMPOSITE PLAN

Key Outcomes

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4. New netball amenities, change rooms, kiosk and store (former Caretakers Cottage removed)
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6. Local playground for Gallipoli precinct
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17. Retain and refurbish existing bike store building
18. New car park
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20. Small plaza/ forecourt to Lidcombe Oval Scoreboard/ turnstile building
21. Lidcombe Oval (retained as including Grandstand, seating and mounding)
22. Lidcombe Oval perimeter walk
23. Dog off-leash area
24. Internal vehicular access and car parking
25. Multi-use fields/ event space (partial covering of Haslams Creek subject to further heritage studies and approval)
26. New amenities/ sports pavilion (existing Youth Centre to be removed subject to further studies and heritage approval)
27. Car parking (existing retained)
28. Destination playground
29. Potential future pedestrian/ cycle overbridge to Chadwick Reserve (subject to RMS approval)
30. Internal shared path
31. BBQ/ picnic area
32. Perimeter shared path
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35. Cycle/pedestrian connection to Lidcombe town centre
36. Church Street: retain existing parking and provide additional street trees
37. Cycle/pedestrian connection to Auburn town centre



5 WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

POTENTIAL FUTURE CHARACTER IMAGES

Building Changes



Contemporary sports pavilion featuring change rooms, toilets, kiosk, store and meeting rooms.



The Basketball Centre entrance has potential to be activated for example through a container cafe add-on.



Maintaining awareness of the extended Basketball Centre and the park through a new colourful mural.



Example of potential future shaded spectator areas at the Auburn Athletics Centre.



Enhanced Athletics Centre spectator seating through benched embankments to address safety concerns.



New Youth Centre with Wi-fi hot spot

Activities and Uses



A destination playground provides an attraction for residents from all of Cumberland.



Strengthen the youth precinct through the addition of a skate / scooter park.



Enhanced general recreation infrastructure would include picnic facilities including shelters, tables and BBQs.



Review the fence type and design around Lidcombe Oval to allow for shared community access



A learn-to-ride track would complement the existing cycling opportunities and cater to local need



Existing recreation providers may be able to offer outdoor programs in the park

Access and Circulation



Provide paths through and around the park to make it easier to get to and around the park and the venues.



Provide a pedestrian cycle bridge across Olympic Drive for safe access and to link to Chadwick Reserve.



Enhance Haslams Creek and provide more bridges to connect both halves of the park.



An internal path system provides safe recreation opportunities for all ages to be active in the park.



Fitness stations can be located along the paths to provide an all-ages fitness circuit through Wyatt Park.



As much as possible, cars should be safely separated from pedestrians and bicycles.

Landscape, Amenity, Ecology



Provide shady groves as cool places in the park and for picnicking or watching sports activities.



Tree-lined plazas provide a pleasant forecourt to buildings and provide cool places to meet.



Sculptural landform adds visual interest, lookout points and connects the park to the wider landscape.



Complement existing planting to provide additional habitat, especially along Haslams Creek.



Additional planting can be used to define a unique character for Wyatt Park.



Use tree planting to provide shaded car parks that are attractive and comfortable all year round.

END OF VOLUME TWO

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