

# **BINALONG PARK MASTERPLAN**

**Phase 2 Engagement Evaluation  
& Key Insights**

19 April to 10 May 2021

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# 1. Project background

As part of our commitment to the community to improve parks and recreational facilities across the local government area, City of Parramatta Council is developing a Draft Master Plan for Binalong Park.

The Master Plan will set out a 20 year vision to align future work at the park by:

- Planning for future recreational requirements
- Identifying opportunities to improve the layout of recreational activities
- Reviewing existing amenities buildings
- Identifying opportunities to provide new local meeting rooms and community spaces

Three phases of community engagement were devised to ensure that all park visitors and the local community view, desires and requirements were captured.

- **Phase one** – What you liked, loathed and ideas for future improvement? How can we make Binalong Park even better to support our communities' social and recreational needs? (7 December 2020 to 4 February 2021)
- **Phase two** – Flesh out key concerns and issues: We will use your feedback from phase one to work through site constraints, understand issues and inform improvement measures. (19 April to 10 May 2021)
- **Phase three** – Public exhibition (31 May to 25 June 2021). We will publicly exhibit the Draft Masterplan and seek community feedback before presenting to Council to seek endorsement in July 2021.

## 1.1. Engagement requirements

Following the initial consultation to inform the masterplan, five key themes were identified as important to the community:

1. Park and site access
2. Parking and traffic
3. Park layout
4. Variety of activities
5. Safety

These 5 themes were fleshed out with as part of phase 2 consultation to further understand the site constraints, issues and identify opportunities for improvement to inform the draft masterplan.

Local residents, sporting groups and the wider community were invited to provide feedback from 19 April to 10 May 2021 (3 weeks) using the heat map survey hosted on City of Parramatta Engagement Platform ([participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark))

Participants were provided the opportunity to select as many park themes to provide feedback and rank the options provided. Participants also had the opportunity to suggest improvements related to the theme chosen.

This report describes the engagement methodology and key findings from phase 2 community engagement. The analysis provided by phase 2 engagement were used to inform the development of the draft masterplan.

## 1.2. Engagement distribution

Phase 2 engagement was provided entirely online. Council adhered to Covid 19 restrictions current at the time of engagement which did not support large gatherings.

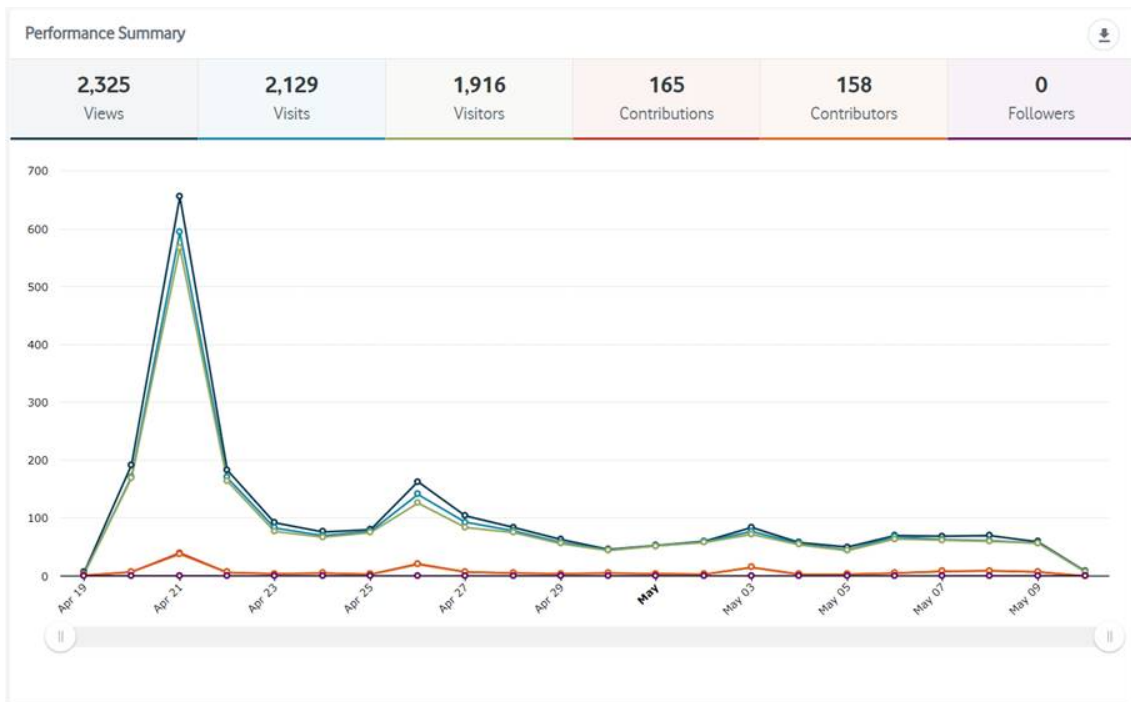
The below platforms and mechanisms were used to promote and direct the community to provide feedback to the [participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark](https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/binalongpark) webpage.

1. Participants who provided feedback during Phase 1 engagement received an Electronic Direct Mail (EDM)
2. Sporting groups who lease the sporting facilities at Binalong Park also received an Electronic Direct Mail (EDM)
3. Social media posts:
  - Active Parramatta Facebook page
  - City of Parramatta Facebook page
4. Active Parramatta – Open Space and Recreation Electronic Direct Email (EDM)
  - Summer and Autumn Edition Newsletter
5. City of Parramatta's \_Participate Parramatta webpage
6. Letters inviting feedback were sent to local residents who live ~3km from the park

# 2. Engagement Activity

## 2.1 Online survey response

Across the consultation period from Monday 19 April to Monday 10 May 2021, the project page was viewed 2,325 times by 1,916 visitors, with 165 contributions also received. In the last week from Monday 3 May to Monday 10 May 2021, the project page was viewed 468 times by 397 visitors, with 50 contributions received.



## 2.2 Email Submissions

One email submission was received, from an individual a long-term resident of the area.

## 2.3 Engagement approach



Heat map provided on Participate Parramatta during phase 2 engagement

Participants were invited visit the project webpage and select up to 5 park themes displayed on the heat map:

1. Park and site access
2. Parking and traffic
3. Park layout
4. Variety of activities
5. Safety

Each of the five park themes has a corresponding list of suggested improvement options. Participants were asked to rate their support from 0 (do not support) to 5 (fully support) for the options provided against each theme and invited to provide additional commentary.



0

Do not support

5

Fully support

## 2.4 Park themes and suggested improvement options

Park theme	Suggested improvements for inclusion in the masterplan
1. Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circuit path</li> <li>• Improved levels of the fields</li> <li>• DDA compliant accessible toilet</li> <li>• DDA compliant building</li> </ul>
2. Variety of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More social spaces</li> <li>• Adult fitness stations</li> <li>• Multipurpose courts</li> <li>• New district playground</li> </ul>
3. Parking and Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timed parking on Binalong Road</li> <li>• Reconfigure car parking to improve traffic flow and sight lines</li> <li>• Improve entrance and exit to the carpark</li> </ul>
4. Park layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-locate courts</li> <li>• Combine amenities buildings</li> <li>• More trees</li> </ul>
5. Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relocate carpark</li> <li>• Improved pedestrian flow to the recreational spaces</li> <li>• Parkway lighting</li> </ul>

# 3. Key findings

## 2.5 Snapshot of engagement activity

A breakdown of the responses is provided against each theme is provided below



A total of 352 responses were provided. Variety of activities was the most popular theme selected to improve Binalong Park

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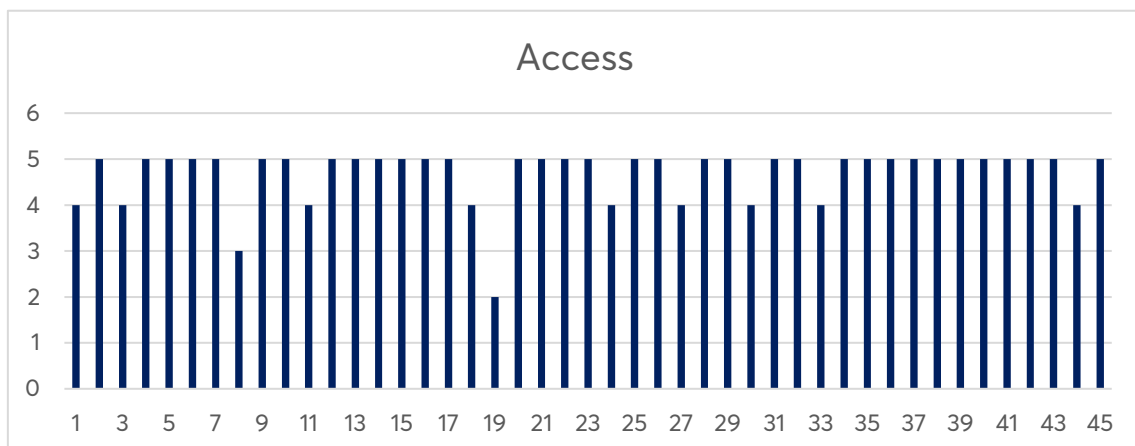
- Access: 27.27% (45)
- Parking and traffic: 40.00% (66)
- Park layout: 45.45% (75)
- Variety of activities: 70.30% (116)
- Safety: 30.30% (50)

## 2.6 Access

Council proposed the below suggestions to improve park access:

- Circuit path
- Improved levels of the fields
- DDA compliant accessible toilet
- DDA compliant building

Participants were invited to select between 0 (do not support) to 5 (fully support) to indicate their approval of the above suggestions. 45 responses were provided with the average score equalling 4.69. This confirms that most participants agreed with Council's suggestions to improve park accessibility. A further 18 individual comments were provided to inform park access improvements. (See appendix for all comments relating to access)



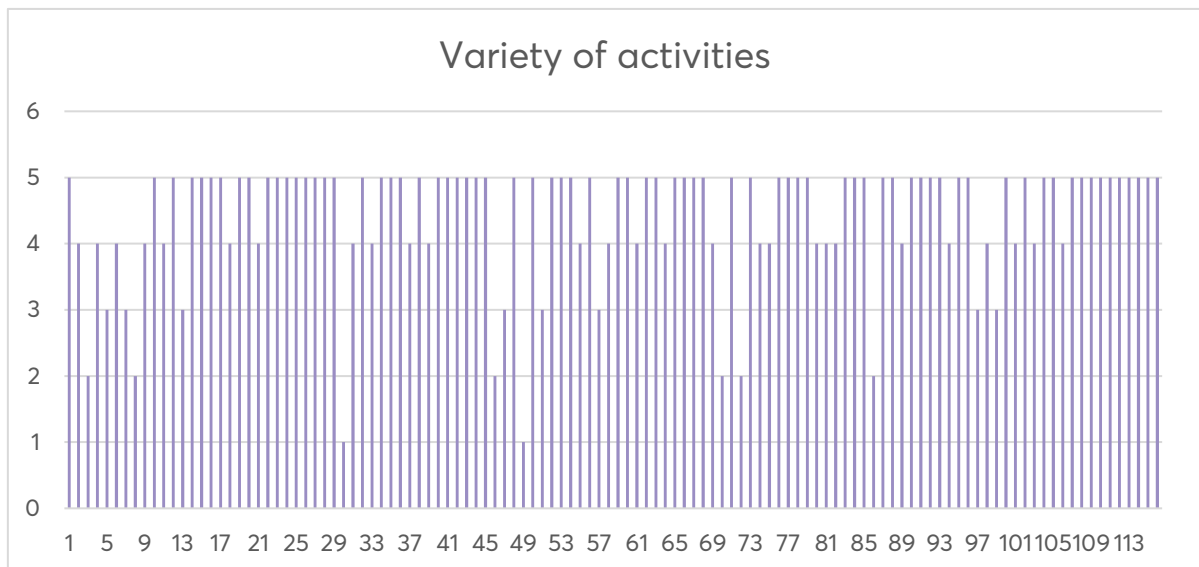


## 2.7 Variety of activities

Council proposed the below suggestions to improve the variety of activities offered at Binalong Park.

- More social spaces
- Adult fitness stations
- Multipurpose courts
- New district playground

Participants were invited to select between 0 (do not support) to 5 (fully support) to indicate their approval of the above suggestions. 116 responses were provided with the average score equalling 4.41. This confirms that participants agreed with Council's suggestions to improve park accessibility. A further 56 individual comments were provided to inform future activities provided at Binalong Park. This theme was by far the most popular with many participants requesting fitness station equipment and larger playground and activities for multiple ages. (See appendix for all comments relating to variety of activities)



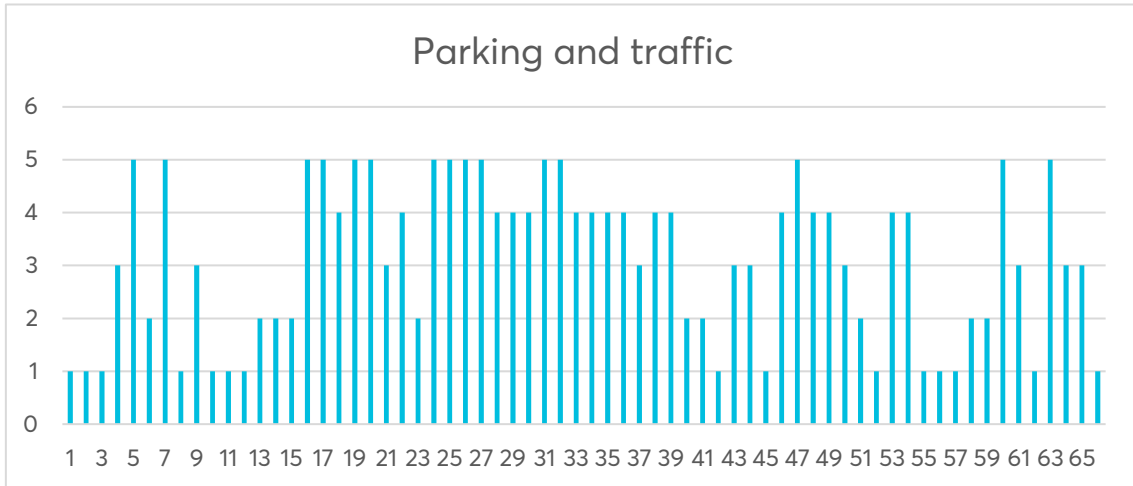
## 1.3. Parking and Traffic

Council proposed the below suggestions to improve the variety of activities offered at Binalong Park.

- Timed parking on Binalong Road
- Reconfigure car parking to improve traffic flow and sight lines
- Improve entrance and exit to the carpark

Participants were invited to select between 0 (do not support) to 5 (fully support) to indicate their approval of the above suggestions. 66 responses were provided with the average score equalling 3.09. Although a lower scores than the other 4 themes, a score of 3.09 confirms that participants relatively agreed with Council's suggestions to improve parking and traffic. Timed parking was very unpopular receiving many comments against this suggestion. A further 36 individual comments were provided to inform parking and traffic improvements.

Council will not be introducing timed car parking at Binalong Park without further community consultation. As a result of consultation, the draft masterplan relocates the carpark to reduce congestion at the corner of Binalong and Fitzwilliam road. Additionally, separate entrance and exits were included to improve car park circulation and provides an opportunity for a school drop off zone. (See appendix for all comments relating to parking and traffic)



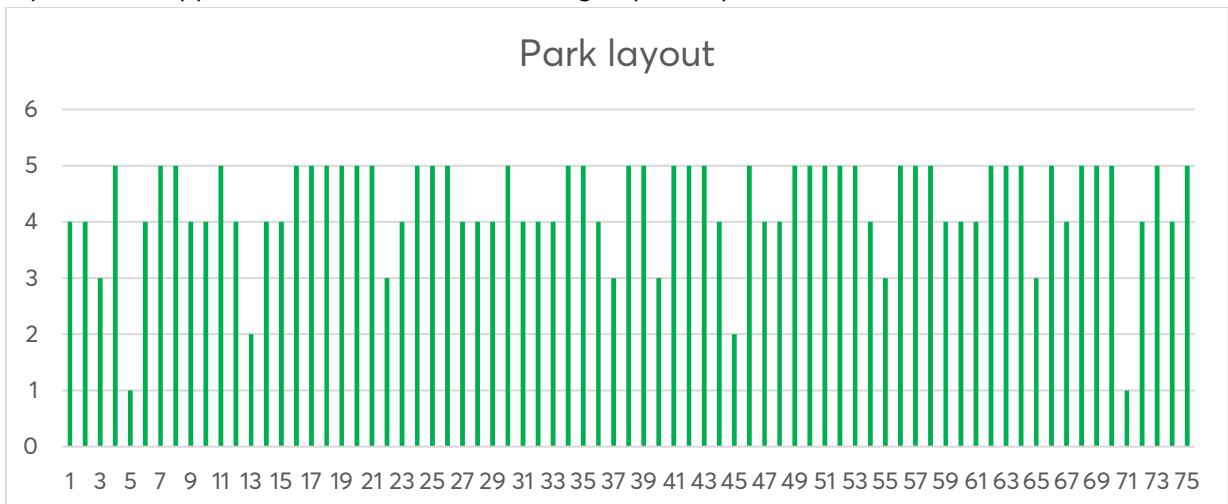
#### 1.4. Park layout

Binalong Park was improved over time without a clear and holistic vision. As a result a number of activities and amenities were added as required. Some sports facilities i.e. cricket nets are located a fair distance from the other sporting facilities and public amenities.

Council proposed the below suggestions to improve the future park layout of Binalong Park.

- Co-locate courts
- Combine amenities buildings
- More trees

Participants were invited to select between 0 (do not support) to 5 (fully support) to indicate their approval of the above suggestions. 75 responses were provided with the average score equalling 4.31. Many participants fully supported Council's suggestions to improve the park layout. A further 33 individual comments were provided to inform improvements to the park layout. (See appendix for all comments relating to park layout)

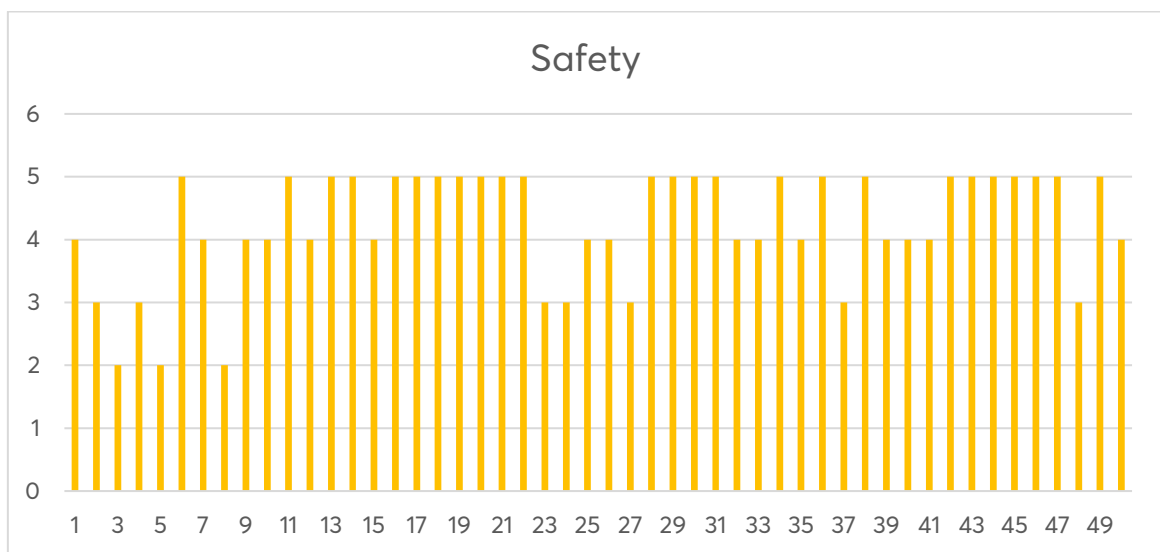


## 1.5. Safety

Council proposed the below suggestions to improve the future park layout of Binalong Park.

- Relocate carpark
- Improved pedestrian flow to the recreational spaces
- Parkway lighting

Participants were invited to select between 0 (do not support) to 5 (fully support) to indicate their approval of the above suggestions. 50 responses were provided with the average score equalling 4.24. Participants fully supported Council's suggestions to improve safety in the park. A further 25 individual comments were provided to inform safety improvements to the park. (See appendix for all comments relating to safety)



# 4. Key insights and analysis

Phase 2 consultation results confirm that the community are in agreement with the suggested improvements to the park with every theme apart from parking/traffic scoring above 4

Overall, Council's suggestions to improve Binalong Park was well received. The community were enthusiastic to see improvements to this much loved park. The general sentiment towards the masterplan process was very supportive with many participants welcoming the proposed improvements to the park.

Many participants echoed the suggested park improvements and provided insight to local concerns and issues. Timed parking was unpopular and will not be included as part of the draft masterplan. Any plans for timed parking will require further community consultation.

A total of 269 additional comments were provided. Some key trends and insights relating to this significant collection of feedback is provided below:

- 1) Skate Park was mentioned 7 times in the individual responses. A skate park is identified in the Sue Savage Masterplan. Sue Savage is located 5min drive from Binalong Park. Unfortunately due to its large footprint a skate park cannot be included in the draft Binalong Park masterplan.
- 2) Access to public toilets was mentioned 14 times. This process is outside the scope of the masterplan development. A service request will be raised to review the operating periods of the existing public toilets.
- 3) Car parking configuration was mentioned 26 times. Community feedback was divided as to whether additional car parking is required. Many Participants agreed the car park required reconfiguration and separated entry and exit to improve safety.
- 4) Volleyball and cricket opportunities were mentioned 8 and 11 times respectively. The new multipurpose courts proposed will accommodate volleyball. Three cricket lanes are proposed in the draft masterplan.
- 5) There were two requests for a synthetic field. Council is reviewing the long term environment, construction and maintenance costs relating to synthetic fields. The decision to convert to synthetic fields will fall outside the scope of the draft masterplan. Community consultation relating to synthetic fields will be conducted separately.
- 6) Fitness stations and circuit paths were mentioned 9 times and 20 times respectively. Many participants were keen to see different provisions in the park to support fitness and well-being.
- 7) Different types of play activities for various ages was mentioned 11 times. A small local park suited to ages 4-8 is currently provided. Participants wanted to see play equipment suitable for multi age groups and abilities.
- 8) CCTV and park lighting was considered very important to participants with 25 responses provided. Lighting for park safety and to extend the usage at the park such as for the circuit was mentioned frequently.
- 9) Social spaces was mentioned 12 times. Participants requested more picnic and BBQ facilities, opportunities for families to gather and spend time together.

## **Next steps**

The findings from phase 1 community consultation (7 December 2020 to 4 February 2021) and community consultation results from phase 2 community engagement (19 April to 10 May 2021) will be used to inform the renewed draft Binalong Park Masterplan.

# 5. Appendix

## 5.1 Access comments

<p>Thank you for allowing feedback. Is there anyway to limit access the car park after hours. Often on Saturday and Friday there are people who do burn outs in the car park. In addition, some have parties late at night too. I'm unsure how to mitigate this, but have considered: 1) locking car park, 2) speed bumps or bollards, 3) CCTV. Thank you for your time</p>
<p>Where will the walking circuit be located</p>
<p>I think it would be excellent if access to the grounds was improved. The space needs to be accessible to all.</p>
<p>Long concrete steps similar to other grounds would be of great benefit</p>
<p>A circuit path will be well received especially for joggers during the dry periods. The level of the fields is fine, and is a decent viewing platform. A single DDA compliant access would be suitable.</p>
<p>I support levelling of the fields to provide a quality sporting facility. A circuit path will be great as long as the field sizes don't change.</p>
<p>Please also consider easier access for all people including able-but-weak-body people such as senior citizens or toddlers: make it family friendly so that everyone may enjoy the facilities.</p>
<p>The idea of toilets is great. But having them there is one thing. Will they always be open to use? Going to the park after school or on a weekend is always fun for my children but if a bathroom is needed we have to leave as the current ones are always locked.</p>
<p>Timed parking is not reasonable for weekend sporting when volunteers spend multiple hours at the grounds. The netball courts should be moved closer to the tennis courts and swapped with the carpark to create a safer parking access from the North and south ends.</p>
<p>Circuit path that allows dogs on leash and has water available for dogs. Also need more bins for rubbish.</p>
<p>However, the only bathrooms available are locked with a pin code and up a flight of stairs in the tennis court clubhouse. This issue needs to be addressed urgently.</p>
<p>Please provide toilets that are open all the time during the day. Many kids and families play in the park after school but have to leave and head home once they need to use the toilet. Please make them accessible to families, not just those playing sports on weekends.</p>
<p>A circuit path may not be required as the ovals provide the areas for walking. The oval does need an amenities block that has toilets accessible during daylight hours as I have seen people using the area between the water tanks as a urinal.</p>
<p>Ensure pram can be pushed from carpark onto walking track without lifting or steps or gutters in way. Necessary to ensure systems of paths meet</p>
<p>We need a walking track around the park. Prams can't traverse the thick grass and limits where we can go</p>
<p>I'm a local resident and the need for a walking path is a priority, the park is now extremely busy 7 days a week and extra space for families to congregate is important.</p>
<p>Strongly suggest limited night time access due to vandalism, alcohol, noise &amp; rubbish in the park after hours. I'd also like to see night time lighting directed into the park, such as the same at Reynolds Park playground on Chanel St.</p>

## 5.2 Variety of activities comments

Updating the Cricket nets to 4 lanes would be a very big improvement. At the moment they are busy all year round and there is a long wait to use them in summer.
The playground has always been very well used. An adult fitness station may be useful. People work out on the oval regularly. More seating for social spaces would be greatly appreciated.
Adult fitness stations will work well with a running circuit. Stretching station, distance markings, CCTV to avoid vandalism. Increase some bench seat for families to view from.
More tennis courts would be great as during weeknights they are heavily booked out. It will also allow pickle ball to be played at night. I don't think fitness stations are really needed with everything that is at the park. There is a new fitness station at Gallery Gardens.
Yes, aim at providing multipurpose facilities (not just courts!) to support diverse activities!!
I feel like the 4 netball courts are a lot of wasted space. No games are ever played there. This space could be converted into a little bike/scooter track or even a skate park. The basketball courts are used often. Adult fitness stations are a waste. People don't use them as often.
The hard courts should be modified to include line markings for tennis, netball, basketball, volleyball etc. with interchangeable nets and hoops for more community use.
This would be great to see more variety and less team sport focus across the park
There is a need to continue the activities of the current netball club using the netball courts to provide activities through this club for the local children.
A skate park would be a much welcomed addition, along with adult fitness equipment. A water splash park would also be good and used by many locals.
There is nothing wrong with the current playground that require any changes. What social spaces are you suggesting? A community hall perhaps? where would you locate it
Yea I support having more fitness stations and new walking track around the and through the fields
Playground needs to be bigger with shade. More seating around the fields is needed - Doyle ground in Parramatta has a good amount of seating.
The playground is very dated. Check our Merrylands central gardens for what we need!
Covered social spaces would be amazing and a better all ages playground
The need for fitness stations and social spaces is a priority, the park is now extremely busy 7 days a week and extra space for families to congregate is important.
Strongly suggest limited night-time access due to vandalism, alcohol, noise & rubbish in the park after hours. I'd also like to see night time lighting directed into the park, such as the same at Reynolds Park playground on Chanel St.

## 5.3 Parking and traffic comments

Car accesses and car parking around this very busy school area, bus zone, busy street and very active sports area is a safety issue especially for young children, persons with a disability, (such as myself), and elderly people who move much more slowly than the average person. As a local resident that will be impacted with your proposed changes I want to express my concern re the changes to the area are total inadequate to ensure safety of pedestrians. I want to also express the impact these changes will have on nearby street parking for local residents and their families
What about parents of multiple children doing sports on a Saturday, how could they afford to park there. Disgusting that this is even suggested

<p>Overflow carpark should only be opened during daylight hours when additional spaces are required. At night, car parking is only required for tennis courts. We already have hooning and antisocial behaviour in the carpark at night. Changes should not open up more spaces to this behaviour.</p>
<p>Thank you for allowing feedback. Is there any way to limit access the car park after hours? Often on Saturday and Friday there are people who do burn outs in the car park. In addition, some have parties late at night too. I'm unsure how to mitigate this, but have considered: 1) locking car park, 2) speed bumps or bollards, 3) CCTV. Thank you for your time</p>
<p>Reconfigure the parking lot. Don't start putting timed parking in. That would be ridiculous</p>
<p>Time limited parking isn't required. The main times the car park is ever used is school pickups Monday to Friday or weekends during the sports events held at the ground, by visiting teams and families of those playing.</p>
<p>Timed or paid parking, will just push all the traffic to the surrounding residential streets... This will greatly impact the people you are trying to protect and help. This has been historically proven in so many cases. The impact to surrounding residents should be taken seriously.</p>
<p>For school days I agree but not on weekends as some users could be at Binalong Park for extended time period due to more than one family member using playing field or other activities within Binalong Park</p>
<p>How will this impact on immediate residents</p>
<p>Having the whole carpark open would be great</p>
<p>For pickle ball, we carry pickle ball nets to and from the tennis courts for every session (4 nets which are heavy). One of the current great benefits of the Binalong tennis courts is how close the courts are to parking (on the street and the nearby car park). We have also played pickle ball at the West Epping tennis courts (which are equally fantastic for pickle ball), but at West Epping we have to take equipment to transport the pickle ball nets from the car park to the courts due to the distance between. On site storage for the nets could be a good benefit for us pickle ball players.</p>
<p>One concern I have, is that if you have timed parking. A number of times during the year at school, there is a need to park for 1/2 to 2 hours for a school event. Timed parking may make this difficult.</p>
<p>School day timed parking would assist with morning and afternoon peaks. Consider a hump on the egress of the car park to slow vehicles crossing the footpath.</p>
<p>we need more parking spots for cars</p>
<p>It would be great if there were a separate entry and access to the car park to support safe entry and exit. At the moment it is difficult to see cars and there isn't much space. 1) please provide multiple entry/exit points; 2) real-time electronic sign to show how full are the car parks at entry points; or even better if it is also displayed on the park web site to allow visitors to determine the transport mode in advance;</p>
<p>I do not support converting the basketball courts into parking area</p>
<p>Moving the entrance of the car park up further from the school is a good idea and having the whole car park available will help a lot. Putting a time limit in will create further parking issues in the surrounding streets. Weekend sports and school times. I don't agree with this idea</p>
<p>Timed parking is not reasonable for weekend sporting when volunteers spend multiple hours at the grounds. The netball courts should be moved closer to the tennis courts and swapped with the carpark to create a safer parking access from the North and south ends. Kiss and ride zone should be created.</p>
<p>How rude to even think about paying for parking, it's a park not a shopping centre</p>



I think introducing timed parking might cause more chaos, when there are sporting events etc., parking is inadequate let alone to use as a social space. I've never even thought of it as a park, it's more there for sporting activities
The reconfiguring of all parking together is a great idea so kids don't have to walk across the carport to get from netball area to the play area. I don't agree with the timed street parking. It is also a cricket oval and that's an all-day event. My house backs onto the oval and people parking out the front for sporting events is part and parcel of living near the park. It's never been a hassle and if it's not broken don't try and fix it. Works fine without the restrictions.
No timed parking!!!!
As a current user of the netball courts at Binalong Park, it is difficult at peak times to get into the car park as well as getting out of the carpark due to the narrow entrances, both on the road and the overflow carpark during training sessions. Improved traffic flows is needed here to keep the netball players and their parent safe when driving in and out of the car park.
I do not support the idea of timed parking on Binalong Rd. It is currently the only place to park, along with Fitzwilliam Rd, for parents or visitors to Toongabbie Public School that is close to the school. The car park definitely needs to be reconfigured and the entrance made wider.
I have multiple children who play sport at Binalong, if I have multiple kids playing on the same day with timed on street parking I won't be able to watch them as I would have to move the car
No timed parking, dumb
And what of the residents that live adjacent to the oval and on surrounding streets. If timed parking is implemented along Binalong Road the other streets i.e. Meryl Avenue and Oval Street will be affected by people wanting to park for longer periods of time. Will residents on Binalong Rd require an annual pass to park outside their houses?
Timed parking is simply a ridiculous money-making scheme to catch out people who are watching their children play sport. It's unnecessary, particularly where the area is residential and businesses aren't affected by people parking and taking up spaces for a long time. The council would be better off sending rangers around school zones and fining people parking over driveways, double-parking, stopping on crossings and nearly causing accidents leaving school driveways without looking.
I don't think it should be timed parking. As during time parents park there to access the school and for school appointments
We have enough paid parking and timed parking
Timed parking is a big no no , as there are residents across the toad that use spaces to park and during weekends and weekdays spend a few hours at the field for fitness and sport, but would like to improve more car spaces and traffic flow
I am in support of the reconfiguring the car park ONLY
Do not support the timed parking. Happy with reconfigured car park and upgraded entrance
I don't agree with timed parking on the road. We do however need a better entrance and exit that is safer and more spacious
Car park should be closed after hours. Currently it's regularly a late night hangout & burnout place. Constant vandalism to the "barrier logs" and smashed glass on netball court surfaces.

## 5.4 Park layout comments

More focus on netball facilities and shift basketball to other suitable locations
They sport court layout are fine the way they are, and support tennis courts car parking at night time.
A concrete path around the fields would be nice for casual walkers. Especially after it's been raining and the grass are soaking wet, a concrete path would be awesome.
Public toilet. We had no toilet access when training, only on game days when committee members were present.
Can the current lightning be altered so it does not intrude as much on immediate residence
More trees is a must, the oval has no shade at all.
Trees
The current layout at Binalong which has car parking (on street and the car park) very close to the tennis courts is a big bonus for pickle ball players as we have to carry 4 heavy pickle ball nets to and from the courts for every session.
Planting of more trees is great for shade. I don't know if combining the amenities buildings is needed. But public access to toilets would be very handy.
Needs a cycle or walk way around entire park.
Please ensure that lighting is provided and fit for purpose. Please allow for walk tracks around the 4 fields, with better drainage for excess water.
Please add water splash park for young kids
What about more lighting and access to the courts earlier than current timing.
I would like to have flood lights near the cricket nets as my friends and I find it difficult to come and play after a long day at unit and the nets are taken. If there were flood lights it would be much easier and benefit anyone who wants to play at night.
Co-locating the courts makes sense that way they are next to the playground. Combining the amenities would also be great. I don't think the site needs more trees as there isn't enough space. Shade sail over the playground and shelters at the courts is great.
Please relocate the basketball court to the side of the school, the present basketball court is a TOTAL NUISANCE, LARGE GROUPS OF YOUTH PLAY NON STOP FROM EARLY UNTILL FAR BEYOND THE 8 PM TIMESLOT!!!! , our 2 kids and many other children feel intimidated by those youth , they scream and yelp and have many times ghetto blasters with them , they play until 9 or 10 pm , since putting in the basketball courts life has been an ABSOLUTE NIGHTMARE , we own 2 houses beside the courts and are sick and tired of groups of youths etc. DRIBBLING a ball nonstop , PLEASE PLEASE RELOCATE THE BASKETBALL COURT , a netball ball is fine , but a HEAVY BASKETBALL NON STOP DRIBBLING IS A BIG MISTAKE , Name removed
Planting more native trees and shrubs is very important, though the tennis, netball, and basketball courts are all satisfactory
1) Do not hard-wire any sport courts, make them re-configurable to support diverse sports/activities; 2) Diversity, flexibility, re-configurability should be some of the key considerations. For example, when the facilities are under-utilized, re-configure it to rent out facilities for profit-making or non-profit making activities to subsidize the maintenance costs etc.
Toilets to be open through most days
Court co-location sounds great, however a large part of Binalong's appeal is the cricket nets. I hope these are considered in the redesign, as many children and adults frequently use the nets and more are needed, not less
Need more walking path. Multiple walking path with accessible drinking water tap and rubbish bin
Need to add AFL goal posts into one of the fields

Trees, trees, trees please. More shade, more amenity, more habitat. In summer it's a baking open space with no refuge from the sun. Apart from providing shade, mature trees can help mitigate the heat, especially with climate change. Plant now for benefit in five, ten twenty years' time.
The netball courts should be moved closer to the tennis courts and swapped with the carpark to create a safer parking access from the North and south ends. The playground should be moved between the field areas so smaller children can be seen from all playing fields and are further away from the car park
Walking access to path through carpark is dangerous
It's purely a sports field in my view, so co locating fields etc. would allow for optimisation of the space and more social space
Having the amenities usable to the general public during daylight hours. Especially the ones near the tennis courts.
The amenities building i.e. toilets are currently locked and the ones next to the tennis courts and playground require a code which is useless for parents who have a busting child. There needs to be toilets that are accessible during the day to everyone. With young kids, it is inevitable that they will need to go to the toilet. These toilets also need to be right next to the play equipment.
More natural shade in the form of trees is a definite consideration that should be implemented, as they call the area better than manmade structures. Suggest deciduous trees so the ovals aren't shaded during winter.
Yes I support this decision , to combine all types of courts together and plant for trees and sitting areas to watch all forms of games during the weekends ,
Yes it's all over the place at the moment. We need better restrooms
Thousands of footballers use the facility including being a known host for female footballers from Lidcombe to Oakville. The needs for the thousands of footballers surely outweigh the minimal amount of people who will use the facility for events or sporting codes that aren't football. The need for quality synthetic playing fields clearly outweighs all other priorities. Also noticed 'times' parking. Please do not implement this. A football match, including warm ups, breaks, game time, and after match averages out to be 3 hours for a senior match. If a family has multiple siblings playing the sport, they could be at the facility for 5-6 hours.
Having all the popular attractions together makes the park a safer place to be

## 5.5 Safety comments

As long as the parkway lighting has minimal impact on residents
You also need to keep the bushes along Binalong Road trimmed.
The park light will be well received. It's hard walking out at nights after a run, avoiding cars. Relocation of the car park, if for spaces can be managed.
I would walk in the park after dark if I felt safe with plenty of lighting and visibility from the road.
Lighting is must so park goers are safe especially women safety. CCTV is great help.
Agree, pathway lighting will only encourage people to use the park at night. It should only be pathway lighting for safety not for night exercise. Support the parking and pedestrian flow.
The car park doesn't need to be moved, but more lighting would be good as long as it isn't aimed at neighbouring houses

CCTV surveillances cover all entry/exit points and strategic positions. On-site staff should be present especially when visitors exceed certain thresholds. On site Safety Instructions should be erected at key positions.
A walking track with safety lighting would be fantastic
Binalong park is a busy / popular spot, 1 way through car park with a separate entry and exit into car park on the right side. Also the extreme levels between the fields needs to be looked at with a different method as this hills as very uneven and have lots of ditches and soft soil / mud to navigate through. Steps the gate from playground to fields access may also help
The carpark needs to be fairly close to the playground. Everything is all a bit disjointed at the moment.
Cameras and lights are key.
Why re locate the car park? Yes more security lighting is required at night as long as it does not allow light spill into the surrounding homes as the current oval lighting does as far away as Bulli and Nulang and Bogalara Rds
I would like more details about where the carpark will be relocated to and how many spaces will be available.
Lighting needs huge improvement so I'm glad that it's on the list
Also need to consider fencing if the playground is to stay near the carpark.
Totally agree with all of these
Park lightning needs to be upgraded
Support this however more lighting is need over the netball / basketball courts the currently lighting configuration is not sufficient.

## 5.6 Further feedback about the future of Binalong Park

CCTV cameras to stop anti-social behaviour
The overall plan appears to me too be a very large agenda in a small area. I put forward the argument that such grand plans require a purpose built area rather than a revamp of existing busy area. Replacing the local swimming pool in Parramatta would have been a better option for a wider community group! This would have adequately catered for young families seeking water play for their kids.
Secondly I wish to bring to the attention of the council is that Binalong Park along with its business is at times a tranquil spot for native birds. So what environment plans are there to protect birdlife and the existing trees on the oval/ park?
Accessible play equipment
Also a separate off leash dog park would be good
Build a skate park for kids and a fenced off section for a dogs off leash area Toongabbie does not have a fenced off dog off leash area at present
Ensure refillable water stations. Plant edible native plants.
Some improvements for the park would be to change the playground so that there are more things kids can play on - for example more swings or a bigger jungle gym for other ages. (Spiderman climbing ropes). A bigger slide not only for ages until 6. There should be a place where people can sit and enjoy nature or read etc because a lot of kids in this neighbourhood would love a nice place to read in the nature. Also a place to also ride your bikes instead of going through the basketball and netball courts would be great because there are A LOT of bike riders who disturb the games going on.

Thanks for reading and pls take this onto consideration, A citizen of the Toongabbie area!!!
Having more lighting at night time would make it feel safer and encourage fitness for those in the community who can't exercise within daylight/business hours
Need walking tracks.
Sports club should not have a monopoly of what improvements are made to the park, these parks belong to rate payers not the clubs that use the ground.
More seating for spectators watching the sport activities playing at time. Improvements to amenities e.g. Storage, toilet renovation, change room renovations, community meeting room. Better still knock it down and build a new one with input but the sporting club that utilising Binalong Park
I welcome the council in looking at ways to improve the park. I have lived in the area all my life and it is an essential recreational facility in the area. The park needs to be multi-functional to maximise the benefit to the community. I believe it is being underutilised at the moment with the contraction of use on Saturday's.
An area of concern is the ad hoc use by some large groups who turn up and take over the playing fields without formally hiring the playing space. I have witnessed this on occasions and this impacts other smaller groups who are unable to enjoy their activities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Installation of CCTV cameras for safety of park users</li> <li>- Cost effective lighting in and around the play fields (e.g. Install solar or LED lights) to make it safer to use the park after sunset in particular during autumn and winter</li> <li>- Add speed humps to deter people from speeding in the car park</li> <li>- Increased the size of the play area for children</li> <li>- Plant more native trees in the park</li> </ul>
Strongly recommend for consideration of below for safety measures:- 1) New round about or signal lights at Wentworth Avenue and Binalong Road junction 2) New round about or traffic signal lights at Fitzwilliam Road and Bogallara Road junction. 3) Enough lightings in the night
Thanking you for giving the opportunity
Cricket nets from 2 to 4 lanes would be a great addition Adult weight training gym/equipment would be utilised as would a running or walking track Long concrete seating would be of use throughout both Cricket and football seasons
More chairs and tables with covers around the oval for shade in summer and winter from the rain
A walking track around the boundary would be great especially in winter months with the ground so wet
Wheelchair accessible pathways would be appreciated
During Xmas, the nearby Nulang Street lights could be better accessed via an improved connection at Oval Street. This way, families could park n walk to Nulang via the park. The circuit walk should connect to Merry! Ave access point which may encourage some to park in alternative spots.
Thanks Council for providing the opportunity to give feedback. I love living in Toongabbie and these proposed improvements will enhance my 'off the main road' lifestyle.
Kids activities similar to Parramatta Park.
Seems a lot of talk and not much action. Make the decisions and get it done. It should not take 3 years to decide what to do!!
How are you planning to achieve the desired goal with minimal disruption to current facilities?
Looking forward to seeing the concept

The park is big and has the potential to become a major district attraction/landmark if properly developed. It is Ok to charge visitors if good facilities are provided in order to support superior services.
Increase toilet and changing room facilities. Open the toilets for public use, not just for those who have reserved the tennis court.
Is the school being kept informed about these decisions? Do they get to have a say?
All other areas are good.
Please install volleyball poles with sand and net, if possible. Thank you
More Walking trails please
Hopefully a full size soccer goal post that has a fence behind it available all year round doesn't have to be in the middle of the field, just available
Please focus more on creating more activities area that could be beneficial for all age.
Build an indoor basketball court
Please don't demolish the cricket nets, and don't make construction so out of control that the park is unusable. I understand this is a 20 year plan so construction will be slow, as long as it does not hinder access to the park. More cricket nets, not none!
Also
Please expand parking area. Need more car park space.
Myself and every other AFL loving person in NSW would love to see goal posts added for game practice or just leisure use
More fun activities
Anything that helps gets us all off screens and outdoors more is great.
Something good for dogs
Children's playground that caters for all abilities. More shade for summer and shelters to sit at.
The inclusion of diversity swings and space should be considered
Please ensure the Shade is not lost over the playground.
A measured walking track around the outside of the fields would be fabulous with body weight resistance fitness stations to compliment aerobic work.
Garbage bins would be a great feature.
A space that could be hired for parties would be very useful, especially if next to the playground.
More seating in shade.
A water feature so that it's useful for birds and other animals around and also a pleasant feature for our eyes...a small pond or lake with some water lilies and a solar fountain.
Please look at the current timings of the oval lights and the large area of light spill, especially off the main large oval.
I'd like to understand what is meant by a 20 year Master Plan? Does this mean it will take 20 years for all of these improvements to be made? If so, that's ridiculously excessive. It should be completed in 3-5 years maximum to ensure the current community (i.e. those completing this survey) get to enjoy the benefits.
Binalong park is one of the nicest parks in the area already and having all these improvements is a great idea, I would add another top level to the centre building in the park for a community hall function centre too.
The whole plan seems like a fantastic community improvement plan.
It would be great to make it a place where everyone could go to enjoy
I'm a local resident and the need for a walking path is a priority, the park is now extremely busy 7 days a week and extra space for families to congregate is important.

Strongly suggest limited night-time access due to vandalism, alcohol, noise & rubbish in the park after hours. I'd also like to see night time lighting directed into the park, such as the same at Reynolds Park playground on Chanel St.

No timed parking