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FENTON RESERVE

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## ANALYSIS OF “FENTON RESERVE — TENNIS COURT DECOMMISSIONING” SURVEY

The following provides an analysis of the quantitative and qualitative data gathered from the *Fenton Reserve — Tennis Court Decommissioning* survey conducted with community members between Monday, 18 February and Monday, 11 March 2013.

### BACKGROUND

For this survey, the City consulted directly with residents living within a 200 metres radius of Fenton Reserve. The survey was undertaken by way of a hard-copy Comment Form sent to postal addresses (together with a cover letter and Frequently Asked Questions document).

In addition, the consultation was also advertised to the general public via the City’s website. Signage was also placed in a prominent place at Fenton Reserve outlining the details of the consultation. Members of the public (who did not receive a comment form via post) were able to complete the survey via the City’s website, or were able to contact the City for a hard-copy Comment Form.

### RESPONSE RATES

Within a 200 metres radius of Fenton Reserve, the City calculated that there were 180 (non-vacant) residential properties. The residents of these properties were sent hard-copy Comment Forms and the City collected a total of 36 valid responses (n.b. A “valid” response is one which includes the respondent’s full contact details and for which the respondent has not submitted multiple survey forms). Based on these responses (N = 180), the response rate equates to 20.0%. Further to these, the City received 1 valid response from an interested individual who was not contacted directly for comment. These data are summarised in Tables 1 and 2 below.

**Table 1. Responses by type of respondent**

Types of respondent	Responses	
	N	%
Residents within 200 m of Fenton Reserve	36	97.3%
Interested individuals not contacted directly	1	2.7%
<b>Total (valid) responses</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 2. Responses by type of survey completed**

Types of survey	Responses	
	N	%
Hard-copy survey	31	83.8%
Online survey	6	1.62%
<b>Total (valid) responses</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

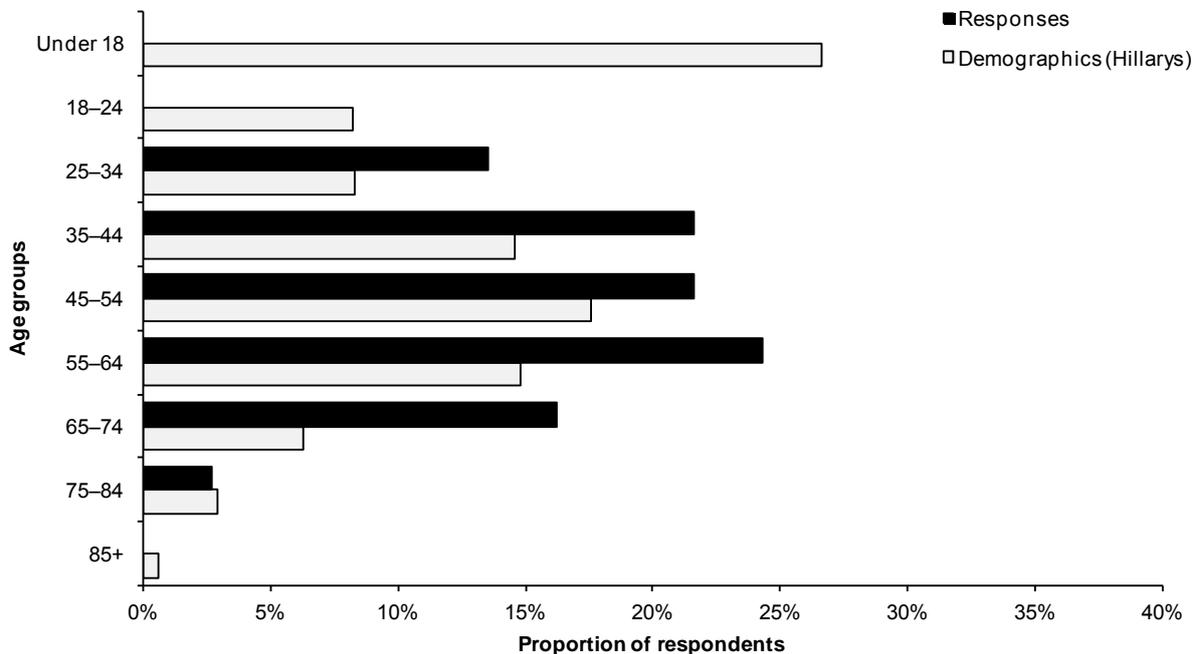
## DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the 37 valid responses collected, almost one quarter of these were submitted by people aged between 55 and 64 years. The 55–64 years age group forms a large proportion of the population for the Hillarys suburb area, so we would expect a large response from this age group. However, the 65–74 years age group forms only 6.3% of the local population, so this age group is somewhat over-represented in the response rate. Under represented are those between the ages of 18–24. Notwithstanding, the sample size is only small (N = 37), therefore the comparison with demographic data is not necessarily pertinent in this case. These data is summarised in Table 3 and Chart 1 below.

**Table 3. Responses by age**

Age groups	Demog. <sup>1</sup>	Responses	
	%	N	%
Under 18 years of age	26.6%	0	0.0%
18–24 years of age	8.2%	0	0.0%
25–34 years of age	8.3%	5	13.5%
35–44 years of age	14.6%	8	21.6%
45–54 years of age	17.6%	8	21.6%
55–64 years of age	14.8%	9	24.3%
65–74 years of age	6.3%	6	16.2%
75–84 years of age	2.9%	1	2.7%
85+ years of age	0.6%	0	0.0%
<b>Total (valid) responses</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Chart 1: Responses by age**



<sup>1</sup> Demographics represent the proportion of each age group for the suburb of Hillarys (Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011, *Census of Population and Housing*).

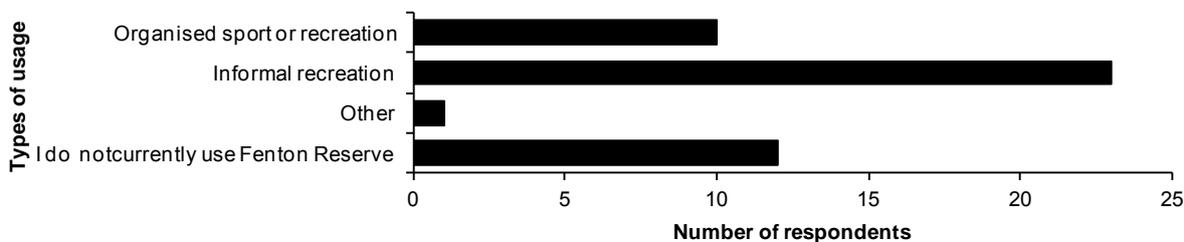
**QUESTION 1 — “HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY USE FENTON RESERVE?”**

A total of 37 respondents provided a response to this question. Of the responses collected, the majority use Fenton Reserve for informal recreation (such as walking, running, playing, dog walking etc.). Additionally, over one quarter of respondents stated that they use Fenton Reserve for organised sport or recreation (such as tennis). These data are summarised in Table 4 and Chart 2 below.

**Table 4. Types of responses to “How do you currently use Fenton Reserve?”<sup>2</sup>**

Types of usage	Responses	
	N	%
Organised sport or recreation	10	27.0%
Informal recreation	23	62.2%
Other	1	2.7%
I do not currently use Fenton Reserve	12	32.4%
<b>Total (valid) responses</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Chart 2: Types of responses to “How do you currently use Fenton Reserve?”<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>2</sup> Some respondents use Fenton Reserve for multiple purposes.

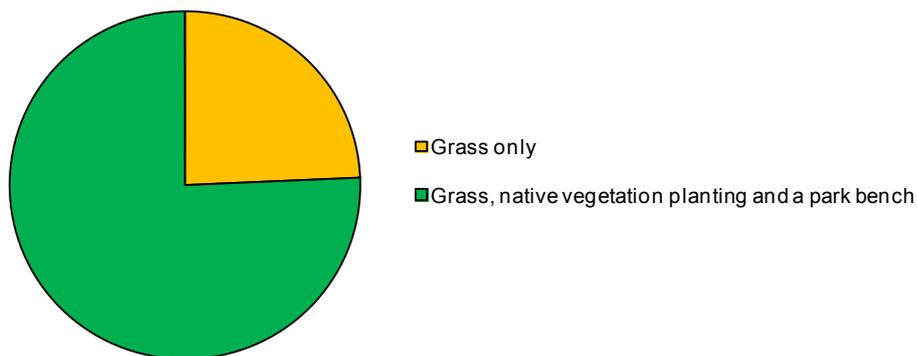
**QUESTION 2 — “THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE PROPOSED TO REPLACE THE DECOMMISSIONED TENNIS COURT. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE BY CHOOSING ONE OPTION.”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their preferred option for the replacement of the decommissioned tennis court at Fenton Park. A total of 37 respondents provided a response to this question; the results have been summarised in Table 5 and Chart 3 below. The majority of respondents (75.7%) indicated that they would prefer grass, native vegetation and a park bench installed in replacement of the decommissioned tennis court.

**Table 5. Level of support for the options proposed to replace the decommissioned tennis court**

Level of support	Responses	
	N	%
Grass only	9	24.3%
Grass, native vegetation planting and a park bench	28	75.7%
<b>Total (valid) responses</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Chart 3. Level of support for the options proposed to replace the decommissioned tennis court**



## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Although the City was only canvassing community opinion on the two options presented, 12 respondents and 3 non-respondents submitted additional comments on the project. Of these, the majority requested a variety of additional infrastructure in replacement of or in addition to the existing tennis court. These data have been summarised in Table 6 and Figure 1 below.

**Table 6. Additional comments received<sup>3</sup>**

Types of comments	Responses	
	N	%
Do not support decommissioning of the tennis court (in general)	5	33.3%
Would like the City to improve the condition of the grass	4	26.7%
Request for additional infrastructure — barbeque	4	26.7%
Request for additional infrastructure — basketball court/pad	5	33.3%
Request for additional infrastructure — bench seating	1	6.7%
Request for additional infrastructure — community garden	1	6.7%
Request for additional infrastructure — play equipment	8	53.3%
Request for additional infrastructure — artificial shade	2	13.3%
Other comments (not related)	5	33.3%
Request for additional infrastructure (in general)	1	6.7%
<b>Total (valid) responses</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Figure 1. Word cloud of additional comments received (words or related words ≥ 3 mentions)**



<sup>3</sup> Some respondents provided more than one type of comment.