

<b>PROPOSED HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB – WHITFORDS NODES PARK, HILLARYS Engagement Plan</b>	
<b>Purpose of Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To determine the overall level of community support for a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park</li> </ul>
<b>Background</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whitfords Nodes Park is a heavily utilised regional park that is located directly to the north of Hillarys Boat Harbour and can be accessed via Whitfords Avenue.</li> <li>Whitfords Nodes Park services a catchment within and beyond the City's borders, hosting large triathlon events and is used regularly by a variety of fitness groups as well as the general public exercising on a daily basis.</li> <li>At the Ratepayers Group Budget Breakfast held on 26 March 2012, the Harbour Rise Home Owners Association presented a 'Jacobs Ladder of the North' proposal for the construction of a stairway to link the turf area at Whitfords Nodes Park Hillarys with the summit of the dune lookout in the north-east corner of the park.</li> <li>Environmental consultants, Ecoscape, were commissioned in January 2014 to undertake an ecological assessment of the proposal as the bushland at Whitfords Nodes forms part of the coastal reserve Bush Forever site. The Ecoscape assessment concluded that the stairway proposal be referred to the Department of Planning; the agency responsible for the implementation of Bush Forever.</li> <li>At its meeting held on 21 October 2014 (<i>CJ195-10/14 refers</i>), Council considered the proposal, noted the cost estimates and grant funding opportunities, and requested the City examine alternative technologies, the likelihood of environmental approval and other potential funding options to cover a major proportion or full cost of the stairway.</li> <li>The City and the Harbour Rise Home Owners Association investigated avenues of funding for the stairway proposal from corporate (sponsorship), state and federal (grants) funding sources and presented the funding options to Council in at its meeting held on 28 June 2016 (<i>CJ095-06/16 refers</i>).</li> <li>At its meeting held on 28 June 2016 (<i>CJ095-06/16 refers</i>), Council supported the construction of a stairway on the northern dune system at Whitfords Nodes Park to serve as access to the lookout as well as a fitness amenity (such as Jacobs ladder on the border of Kings Park), subject to a major proportion of the cost of the stairway being funded by external sources.</li> <li>WAPC approval for the construction of the stairway has been obtained. The selected contractor will apply for the clearing permit prior to construction.</li> <li>At its meeting held on 16 August 2016 (<i>C44-08/169 refers</i>) Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report investigating the development of Whitfords Nodes Park as a Health and Wellbeing Hub.</li> <li>Elected Members considered the proposal for the creation of a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes to foster active and healthy lifestyle opportunities as well as supporting current and future fitness and recreational events on 27 September 2017.</li> </ul>
<b>What is proposed?</b>	<p>Subject to securing external funding, the following infrastructure is proposed to support the creation of a Health and Wellbeing hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional playspace.</li> <li>• Installation of a boot-camp fitness area with fitness equipment.</li> <li>• Upgrade of the existing limestone dune path to the east of the park with asphalt path.</li> <li>• Installation LED lighting to the car parking area.</li> <li>• Installation of a new entry sign to increase the parks prominence.</li> <li>• Upgrade the existing path network around the park's grassed areas.</li> <li>• Installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture.</li> <li>• Installation of new signage and ground line marking to indicate fitness loops, distance, gradient and difficulty.</li> <li>• Installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations.</li> <li>• Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors.</li> <li>• New tree planting for additional shade and turf quality improvements.</li> </ul>
<b>Who will be engaged?</b>	<p>The consultation will directly consult the following stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ratepayers within a 500m radius of the park.</li> <li>• The Harbour Rise Home Owners Association.</li> <li>• The Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum.</li> <li>• Local Businesses and Commercial Operators.</li> <li>• Local Parliamentarians.</li> <li>• Current park users and groups.</li> <li>• Community Engagement Network members.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Engagement Period</b>	<p>The consultation will be scheduled to run over a 21-day period from <b>Monday 20 November 2017 to Monday 11 December 2017</b></p>
<b>Consultation Budget:</b>	<p>~ \$5,000</p>

<b>Proposed Methodology</b>	
<b>How will stakeholders be engaged?</b>	<p>In accordance with the City's <i>Community Consultation and Engagement Policy</i>, the City would seek community feedback for 21 days to determine whether residents, users and other stakeholders support or oppose the current proposal. The City aims to undertake a 'consulting and informing' approach to the engagement process, which is outlined below:</p>

## Local Residents and Ratepayers within park vicinity

### Approach:

- The City will seek feedback from all ratepayers within a 500-metre radius of the proposed location.
- 1429 households have been identified within the proposed location (see Figure 1 below).

### Method

Key measures that may be used include:

#### **Personalised Package:**

- Personalised information packages will contain a cover letter and FAQ document explaining the purpose and background of the proposal.
- Residents will be directed to the City's website, where feedback will be collected through an Online Survey Form. Hard copy Survey Forms will be available upon request.
- Feedback will be used to inform recommendations to Council of further amendments if required.

#### **Email through Community Engagement Network**

- All CEN members will be notified of the consultation dates via email.

#### **On-site 'Question and Answer' opportunity**

- City Officers will be available on-site to clarify any questions on:
  - Saturday 2 Dec 2017, 9.00am – 10.30am
  - Wednesday 6 Dec 2017, 6.30am – 8.00am.



Park Users and Other Stakeholders
<b>Approach:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City will also seek feedback from park users and other stakeholders who currently and potentially would use Whitfords Nodes Park, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Harbour Rise Home Owners Association.</li> <li>The Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum.</li> <li>Local Parliamentarians.</li> <li>Ern Halliday Recreation Camp.</li> <li>Local Businesses and Commercial Operators.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Online Survey Form will contain a question about stakeholder status, which will allow further analysis based on demographic information provided, as well as the potential to cross-tabulate responses.</li> </ul>
<b>Measures</b>
<p>Key measures that may be used include:</p> <p><b>Personalised Package:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personalise information packages will contain a cover letter and FAQ document explaining the purpose and background of the proposal.</li> <li>Stakeholders will be directed to the City's website, where feedback will be collected through an Online Survey Form. Hard copy Survey Forms will be available upon request.</li> <li>Feedback will be used to inform recommendations to Council of further amendments if required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Site Signage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Users will be informed of the consultation dates via on-site signage at Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys.</li> <li>Signage will direct users to provide feedback through an Online Survey Form located on the City's website.</li> </ul> <p><b>On-site Survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City staff will be available on-site to collect responses and answer questions from park users.</li> </ul>

General Public
<b>Approach:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City will encourage other members of the community to provide feedback.</li> <li>The Online Survey Form will contain a question about stakeholder status, which will allow further analysis based on demographic information provided, as well as the potential to cross-tabulate responses.</li> </ul>
<b>Measures</b>
<p>Key measures that may be used include:</p> <p><b>Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information regarding the project will be made publicly available through the City's website.</li> <li>Feedback will be collected through an Online Survey Form and hard copy survey forms will be available upon request.</li> </ul>

- Feedback will be used to inform recommendations to Council of further amendments if required.
- Hero Image will circulate on the City's home page, linking the general public to the landing page.

***Newspaper Advertising and Media Releases***

- Advertise through the Joondalup Voice, which will direct those affected stakeholders to the City's website for more information.
- The advert advertises to the wider Joondalup community and those interested in the project.
- The general community have the opportunity to visit the City's website to gain more information.
- Should they have any further queries about the project, they will be able to contact the City.

***Social Media Posts***

- Cover images will advertise and promote the consultation project.
- Series of regular updates and posts will be compiled to supply ongoing activity on the City's Facebook and Twitter Pages.
- Social media posts will link directly to the City's website.

***Email through Community Engagement Network***

- All CEN members will be notified of the consultation dates via email.

**Validity and Anonymity**

For a submission to be considered valid, the name and address of the respondent must be provided for authenticity, which is to be stated within correspondence and advertisements. However, this information will be treated as confidential and will not be published in any document or report on the outcomes of the consultation.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES REPORT

Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub  
— Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys

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# OVERVIEW

The community was invited to provide feedback from 20 November 2017 to 11 December 2017 on the proposal to install a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys. The proposal included the following:

- Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout linking the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes.
- Consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional play space.
- Installation of a boot-camp fitness area with fitness equipment.
- Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths.
- Installation of LED lighting to the car parking area to increase surveillance and safety.
- Installation of a new entry sign to increase the park's prominence.
- Upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas to accommodate a higher level of universal access and create further jogging/cycling opportunities.
- Installation of new picnic shelters.
- Installation of new signage and ground line marking to indicate fitness loops, distance, gradient and difficulty.
- Installation of drinking fountains, inclusive of bottle refill stations.
- Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors.
- New tree planting for additional shade and turf quality improvements.
- Erosion control and revegetation of any disturbance to the dune caused by the construction work.

Feedback was sought by way of a Survey Form for the purpose of determining the overall level of community support for the proposal.

The City collected a total of 458 valid responses throughout the 21-day advertised engagement period. Approximately two-thirds of responses came from stakeholders who had been engaged directly by the City, indicating a response rate of 15%. 96 respondents were local residents, businesses and/or ratepayers within 500 metres of Whitfords Nodes Park, and 199 were members of the City's online Community Engagement Network.

Respondents were asked to indicate their overall level of support for a Health and Wellbeing Hub on a five-point scale from strongly support to strongly oppose. The majority of respondents (87%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the proposal, with 66% of respondents indicating strong support. Less than 10% of respondents indicated that they were either opposed or strongly opposed.

Respondents were also asked to indicate their level of support for the various elements of the proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub. All elements of the proposal were strongly supported with over 70% of respondents indicating that they either supported or strongly supported each element. The most popular elements of the proposal included: the installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations; the installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture; the construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout; the consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space; and the upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas.



# STAKEHOLDERS

A total of 3,159 stakeholders were *directly* engaged by the City. Stakeholders identified included:

- Local residents, businesses and ratepayers within 500 metres of Whitfords Nodes Park = 1,266
- Whitfords Nodes Park user groups = 6:
  - MS Society Charity Bike Ride
  - Mums on a Mission
  - North Coast Tri Club
  - Open Air Fitness
  - Park Run Australia
  - Tri Events
- Local community groups = 2:
  - Harbour Rise Association (Inc)
  - Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum
- Government stakeholders = 14:
  - Ern Halliday Recreation Camp (WA Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries)
  - Dr Anne Aly MP, Member for Cowan
  - Mr Ian Goodenough MP, Member for Moore
  - Mr Antonio Krsticevic MLA, Member for Carine
  - Mr Peter Katsambanis MLA, Member for Hillarys
  - Ms Emily Hamilton MLA, Member for Joondalup
  - Mr Mark James Folkard MLA, Member for Burns Beach
  - Mrs Jessica Stojkovski MLA, Member for Kingsley
  - The Honourable Alison Xamon MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
  - The Honourable Tjorn Sibma MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
  - The Honourable Martin Pritchard MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
  - The Honourable Michael Mischin MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
  - The Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
  - The Honourable Peter Collier MLC, Member for North Metropolitan Region
- Community Engagement Network members = 1,871

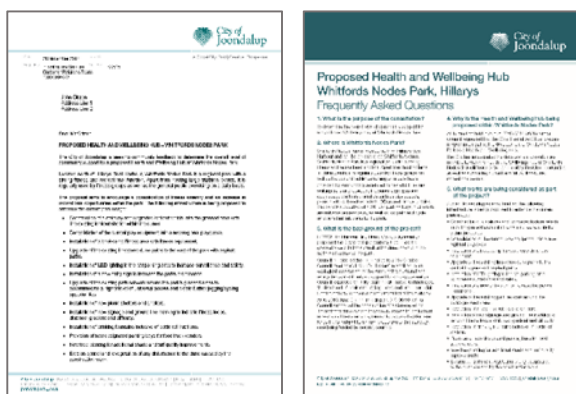
Additional stakeholders including casual park users and beachgoers, were also *indirectly* engaged by the City via the engagement materials described below.

# ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS

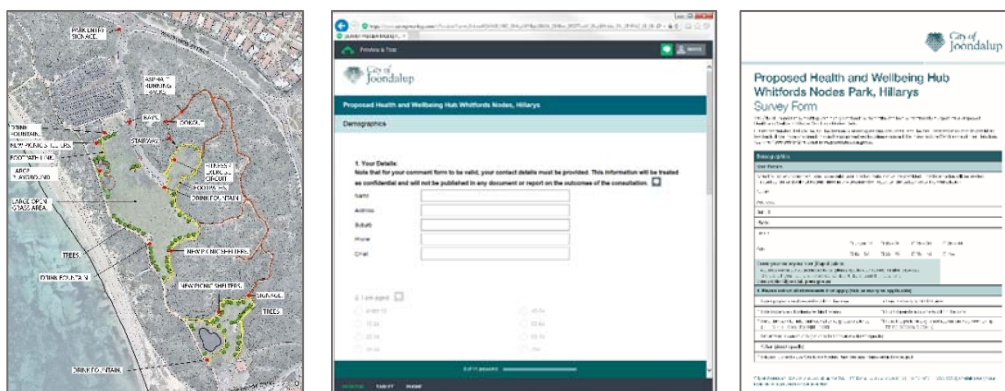
The above identified stakeholders (excluding Community Engagement Network members) were sent a personalised information pack through the mail containing a Cover Letter and Frequently Asked Questions document. These stakeholders were directed via the Cover Letter to the City's website to view the Concept Map and complete the online Survey Form. They were also advised that hard-copy Survey Forms were available on request.

Members of the City's online Community Engagement Network were sent emails directing them to the City's website to view the Frequently Asked Questions document and Concept Map and were invited to complete the online Survey Form.

## Cover Letter and Frequently Asked Questions document (see Appendix 1–2 for full):



## Concept Map, online and hard-copy Survey Form (see Appendix 3–4 for full):

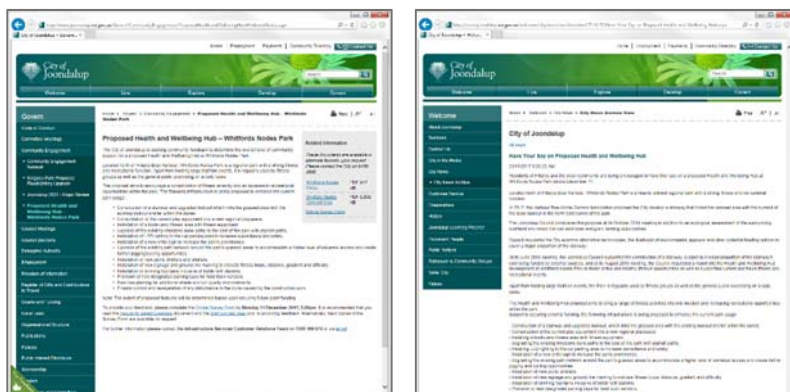


## Email to Community Engagement Network members (see Appendix 5 for full):

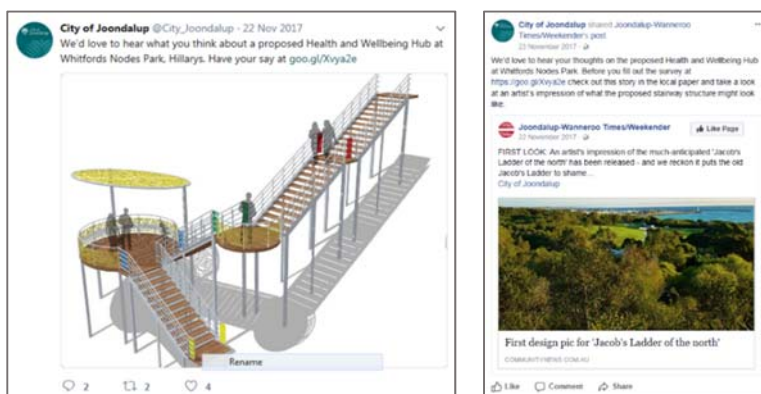


In addition to directly contacting identified stakeholders via mail and email, the City advertised the community engagement to other community members through the Community Engagement section of the City's website during the entirety of the engagement period (20 November 2017 to 11 December 2017). Further, the engagement was communicated via a media release on the City's website published 23 November 2017. The City also communicated via social media through Twitter (22 November 2017) and Facebook (23 November 2017).

## Community engagement website text and media release from the City's website (see Appendix 6–7 for full):



## Social media posts from the City's Twitter and Facebook accounts (see Appendix 8 for full):



The City's also held on-site listening posts at Whitfords Nodes Park on 2 December 2017 9.00–10.00 am and 6 December 6.30–8.00 am. City Officers were available to discuss the project with interested community members and provide information directly. The events were communicated via the Cover Letter and signage was erected on-site to inform park users. It is estimated that over 50 people engaged with the City at these events.

## Signage erected at Whitfords Nodes Park (see Appendix 9 for full):

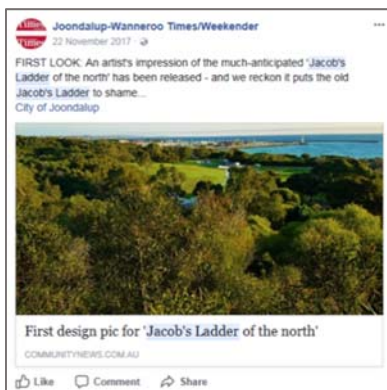


**Photograph from the on-site listening post at Whitfords Nodes Park held 2 December 2017:**



Further to the City's communication, an article about the engagement appeared in the online Joondalup Times community newspaper (22 November 2017) and in the print version (23 November 2017). The Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/Weekender Facebook account also posted about the engagement on 22 November 2017.

**Article from the Joondalup Times and social media post from the Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/Weekender Facebook account (see Appendix 10 and 11 for full):**





# RESPONSE RATE

The City collected a total of 458 valid responses throughout the 21-day advertised engagement period. Responses that were considered valid include all those which contained contact details enabling identification and were submitted within the advertised engagement period. Where multiple Survey Forms were received from the same respondent (for the same property) these were combined into one response.

Of the 458 respondents, 98.9% completed the Survey Form online. Further, 96 of the 1,266 local residents, businesses and/or ratepayers within 500 metres of Whitfords Nodes Park provided a response, indicating a response rate of 7.6% for these stakeholders. For Community Engagement Network members, 199 responses were received, indicating a response rate of 10.6% for these stakeholders. In total, approximately two-thirds of responses came from stakeholders who had been engaged *directly* by the City, indicating an overall response rate of 14.5%.

In addition, 162 responses were received from community members who were not directly engaged by the City. Responses were also received by 4 of the Whitfords Nodes Park user groups and local community groups engaged directly by the City (Park Run, Tri Events, Harbour Rise Association (Inc) and Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum). None of the Government stakeholders engaged directly provided a response. These data are shown in the tables below.

Responses received by type of Survey Form:	N	%
Online Survey Forms	453	98.9%
Hard-copy Survey Forms	4	0.9%
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

	Forms sent	Forms received	Response rate
Responses received by stakeholder type:	N	N*	%
<b>Local residents, businesses and ratepayers</b>	1,266	96	7.6%
<b>Whitfords Nodes Park user groups</b>			
MS Society Charity Bike Ride	1	0	0.0%
Mums on a Mission	1	0	0.0%
North Coast Tri Club	1	0	0.0%
Open Air Fitness	1	1	100.0%
Park Run Australia	1	3	300.0%
Tri Events	1	1	100.0%
<b>Local community groups</b>			
Harbour Rise Association (Inc)	1	5	500.0%
Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum	1	1	100.0%

	Forms sent	Forms received	Response rate
Responses received by stakeholder type:	N	N*	%
<b>Government stakeholders</b>			
Ern Halliday Recreation Camp	1	0	0.0%
Dr Anne Aly MP	1	0	0.0%
Mr Ian Goodenough MP	1	0	0.0%
Mr Antonio Krsticevic MLA	1	0	0.0%
Mr Peter Katsambanis MLA	1	0	0.0%
Ms Emily Hamilton MLA	1	0	0.0%
Mr Mark James Folkard MLA	1	0	0.0%
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The Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC	1	0	0.0%
The Honourable Peter Collier MLC	1	0	0.0%
<b>Community Engagement Network members</b>	1,871	199	10.6%
<b>Other community members (not engaged directly)</b>	—	162	—
<b>Total response rate</b>	3,159	458	14.5%

\*Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents can represent more than 1 stakeholder type.

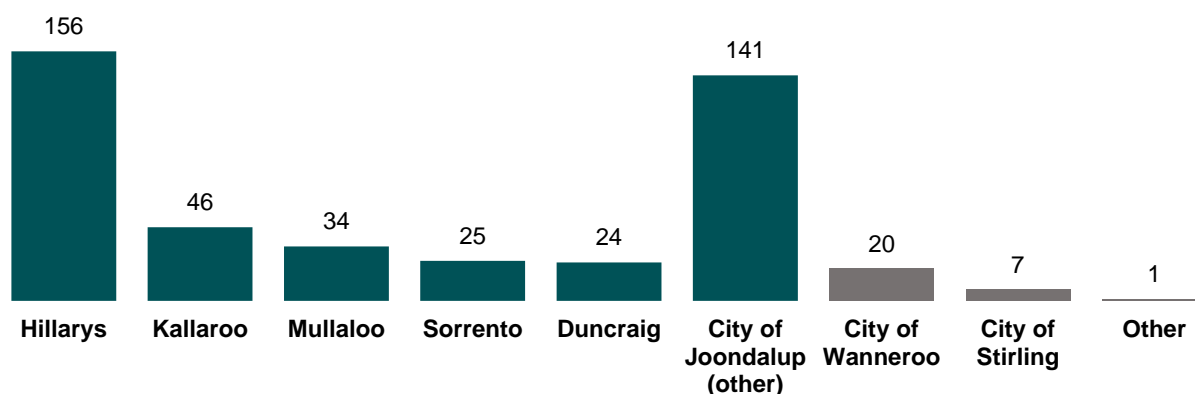
# DEMOGRAPHICS

## Respondent address

Respondents were asked to provide their contact address and the majority of respondents (426) were residents of the City of Joondalup. Over one-third of respondents were residents of the suburb of Hillarys, and 129 were from the nearby suburbs of Kallaroo, Mullaloo, Sorrento and Duncraig. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by suburb:	N	%
<b>City of Joondalup</b>		
Beldon	10	2.2%
Burns Beach	9	2.0%
Connolly	9	2.0%
Craigie	7	1.5%
Currambine	7	1.5%
Duncraig	24	5.2%
Edgewater	9	2.0%
Greenwood	6	1.3%
Heathridge	5	1.1%
Hillarys	156	34.1%
Iluka	3	0.7%
Joondalup	6	1.3%
Kallaroo	46	10.0%
Kingsley	14	3.1%
Kinross	8	1.7%
Marmion	1	0.2%
Mullaloo	34	7.4%
Ocean Reef	8	1.7%
Padbury	16	3.5%
Sorrento	25	5.5%
Warwick	4	0.9%
Woodvale	19	4.1%
<b>City of Wanneroo</b>	20	4.4%
<b>City of Stirling</b>	7	1.5%
<b>Other</b>	1	0.2%
<b>No response</b>	4	0.9%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

## Responses received by suburb:

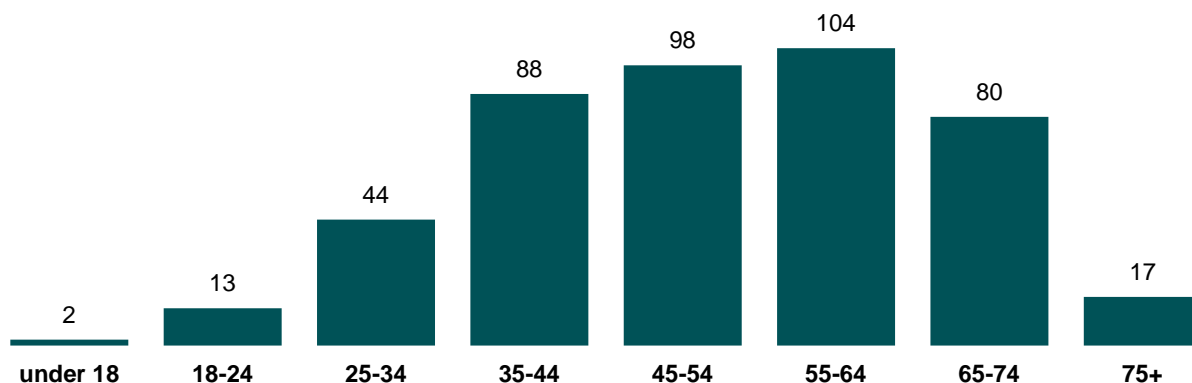


## Respondent age

Respondents were asked to provide their age and over 60% of respondents were between the ages of 55–64 years (104), 45–54 years (98) and 35–44 years (88). These data are shown in the table and chart below.

Responses received by age:	N	%
Under 18 years	2	0.4%
18–24 years	13	2.8%
24–34 years	44	9.6%
35–44 years	88	19.2%
45–54 years	98	21.4%
55–64 years	104	22.7%
65–74 years	80	17.5%
75+ years	17	3.7%
No response	12	2.6%
Total responses	458	100.0%

Responses received by age:





## Respondent relationship to Whitfords Nodes Park

Respondents were asked to identify what relationship they had to Whitfords Nodes Park. The majority of respondents (366) identified that they owned property and paid rates in the area. Over 60% (282) identified that they used the park for informal recreation, such as dog walking, picnics and children's play equipment, and 54 identified that they used the park for organised recreation, such as boot camp, fitness classes and triathlon.

There were 28 respondents who identified as being a representative of a local community group. Those identified include:

- C3 Church Hepburn Heights (1)
- Duncraig Tennis Club (1)
- Friends of Sorrento Beach & Marmion Foreshore (1)
- Guides, HYC (1)
- Harbour Rise Association (Inc) (5)
- Homeschoolers (1)
- Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum Incorporated (1)
- Joondalup Giants Rugby League Club (1)
- Kingsley and Greenwood Residents Association Inc (1)
- Mullaloo Beach Community Group (1)
- Mullaloo Coastcare (1)
- North Beach Fit Crew (1)
- Northern Beaches Cycling Club Inc (2)
- Open Air Fitness (1)
- Parkrun (3)
- Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club (1)
- Sunset Coast Caravan Club (1)
- Tri Events (1)
- Triathlon Club (1)
- Wanneroo Stamp Club Inc (1)
- Group name not identified (1)

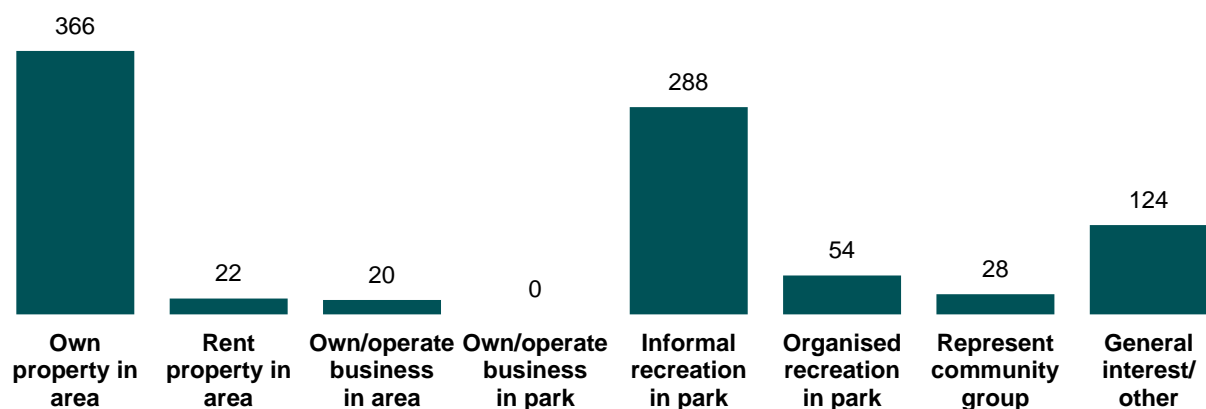
Note that multiple representatives have self-identified for some community groups and these representatives have not necessarily provided matching responses. Note also that a number of representatives appear to have been responding with their personal views (rather than those of their group) and it is possible that some respondents may have interpreted this question as a query into whether they were a *member* of a local community group, rather than an official *representative* that group.

There were 34 respondents who identified as having an "other" relationship with Whitfords Nodes Park. The majority of these respondents described various informal and formal recreation activities, such as walking, cycling and triathlon. These responses have been randomised and provided verbatim at Appendix 12. The data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Responses received by type of relationship to Whitfords Nodes Park:</b>	<b>N*</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>I own property and pay rates within the area</b>	366	79.9%
<b>I rent property within the area</b>	22	4.8%
<b>I own/operate a business within the area</b>	20	4.4%
<b>I own/operate a business within the park</b>	0	0.0%
<b>I use the park for informal recreation (eg dog walking, picnics, children's play equipment)</b>	288	62.9%
<b>I use the park for organised recreation (eg boot camp, fitness classes, triathlon)</b>	54	11.8%
<b>I represent a community group within the area</b>	28	6.1%
<b>I do not currently use Whitfords Nodes Park, but am interested in this project.</b>	90	19.7%
<b>Other</b>	34	7.4%
<b>No response</b>	17	3.7%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

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#### Responses received by type of relationship to Whitfords Nodes Park:



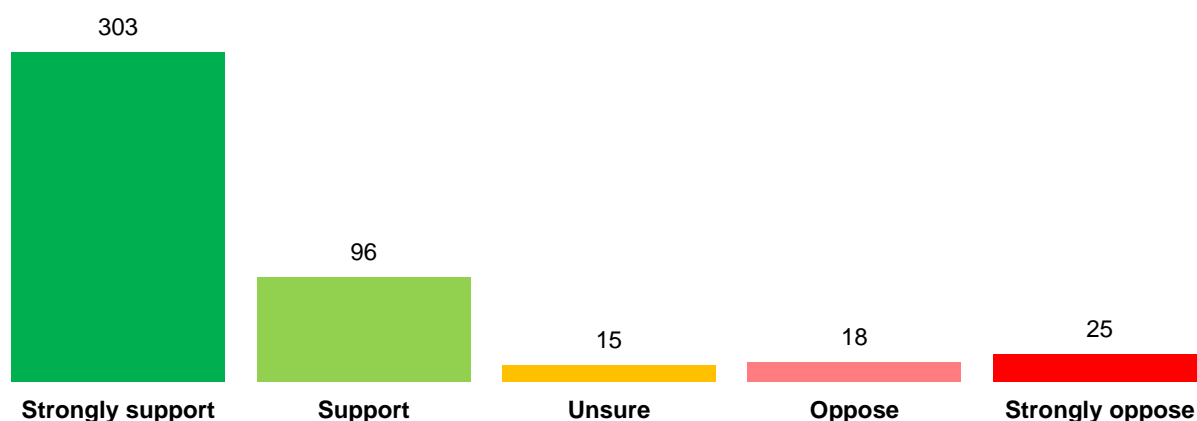
# SURVEY FORM QUESTIONS

**QUESTION: “Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park?”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park on a five-point scale from strongly support to strongly oppose. The majority of respondents (87.1%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the proposal, with 66.2% of respondents indicating strong support. Less than 10% of respondents indicated that they were either opposed or strongly opposed. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	303	66.2%
<b>Support</b>	96	21.0%
<b>Unsure</b>	15	3.3%
<b>Oppose</b>	18	3.9%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	25	5.5%
<b>No response</b>	1	0.2%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park:**



Respondents were also asked to provide open-ended comments on the proposal. A total of 269 comments were provided and over one-fifth of these expressed general support for the proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub. 82 respondents also expressed a belief that the proposed Hub would encourage more exercise in the community and promote better health outcomes. A number of respondents noted that Whitfords Nodes Park was a good location for a Health and Wellbeing Hub, and some respondents provided suggestions for alternative or additional infrastructure to those items proposed. Some concerns that were raised included fears around the environmental impact of the proposal, parking and traffic issues, and the potential for vandalism and anti-social behaviour. These comments have been broadly grouped and summarised in the table below. Verbatim comments have been randomised and are provided at Appendix 13.

<b>Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park — comments:</b>	<b>N*</b>	<b>%</b>
Support proposal (in general)	94	20.5%
Oppose proposal (in general)	11	2.4%
Proposal will increase/encourage greater usage	29	6.3%
Proposal will encourage more exercise/health/fitness	82	17.9%
Proposal will be good for families/different age groups	20	4.4%
Whitfords Nodes Park is currently underutilised	13	2.8%
Would like to see different/additional infrastructure to that proposed	34	7.4%
Whitfords Nodes Park is a good location for such a proposal	30	6.6%
Whitfords Nodes Park is a poor location for such a proposal/ would prefer the proposal in a different location	21	4.6%
Concerned about parking and/or traffic issues	20	4.4%
Concerned about impacts on the environment	37	8.1%
Concerned about cost of proposal to ratepayers/waste of money	23	5.0%
Concerned about use of proposed facilities by non-City of Joondalup ratepayers/fitness companies/triathlons	13	2.8%
Concerned about vandalism/litter/noise/anti-social behaviour	18	3.9%
Other comment (not categorised)	55	12.0%
<i>No response</i>	189	41.3%
<b>Total comments</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>58.7%</b>
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

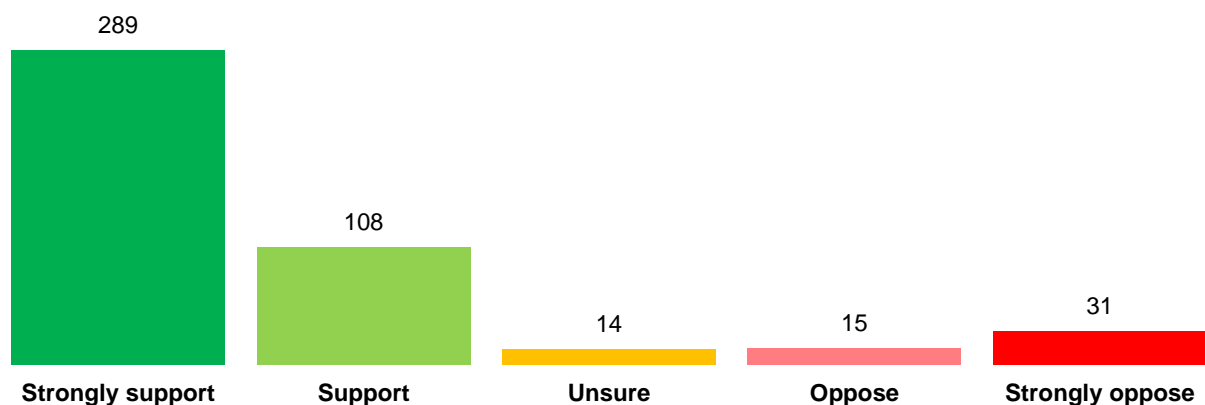
\*Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents may have addressed more than one subject.

**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout. The majority of respondents (86.7%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the construction, with 63.1% of respondents indicating strong support. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	289	63.1%
<b>Support</b>	108	23.6%
<b>Unsure</b>	14	3.1%
<b>Oppose</b>	15	3.3%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	31	6.8%
<b>No response</b>	1	0.2%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout:**

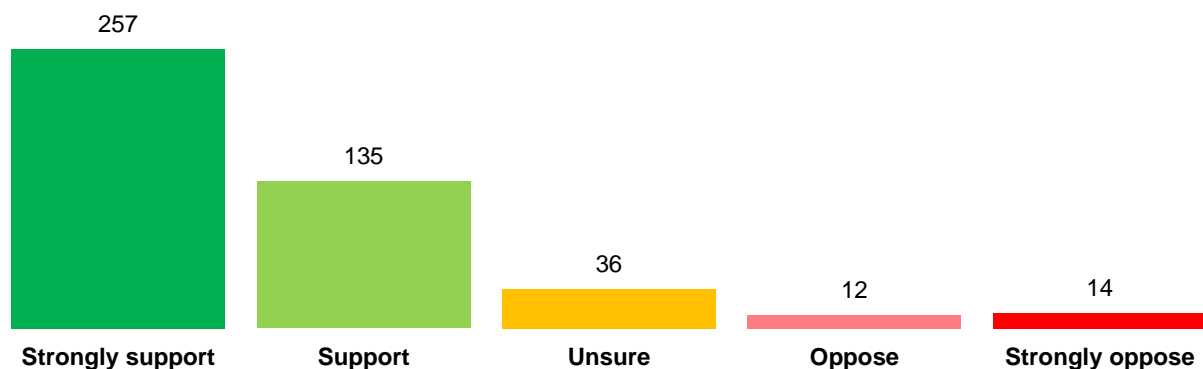


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space. The majority of respondents (85.6%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the consolidation, with 56.1% of respondents indicating strong support. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	257	56.1%
<b>Support</b>	135	29.5%
<b>Unsure</b>	36	7.9%
<b>Oppose</b>	12	2.6%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	14	3.1%
<b>No response</b>	4	0.9%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space:**

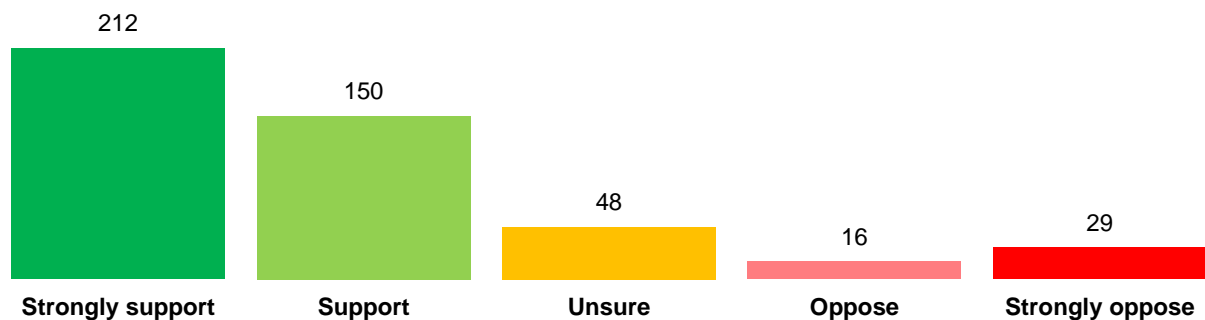


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — installation of a bootcamp fitness area with fitness equipment”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the installation of a bootcamp fitness area with fitness equipment. The majority of respondents (79.0%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the installation, with 46.3% of respondents indicating strong support. 45 respondents (9.8%) indicated that they either opposed or strongly opposed the installation. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — installation of a bootcamp fitness area with fitness equipment:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	212	46.3%
<b>Support</b>	150	32.8%
<b>Unsure</b>	48	10.5%
<b>Oppose</b>	16	3.5%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	29	6.3%
<b>No response</b>	3	0.7%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — installation of a bootcamp fitness area with fitness equipment:**

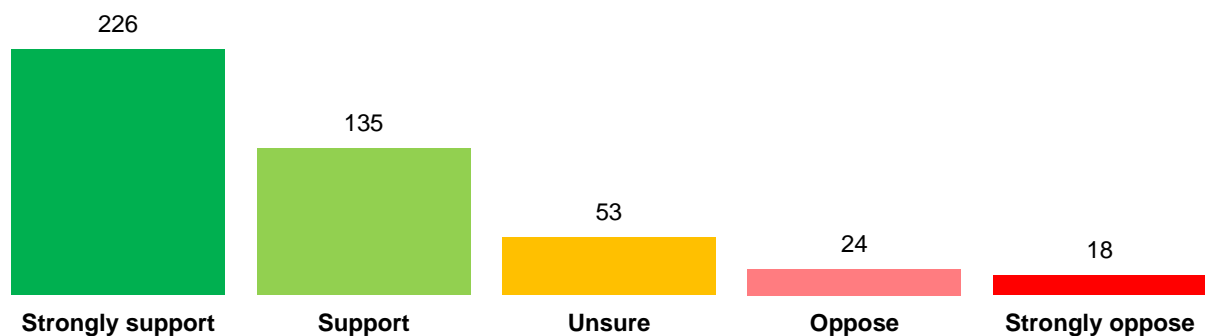


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths. The majority of respondents (78.8%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the upgrade, with 49.3% of respondents indicating strong support. 53 respondents (11.6%) indicated that they were unsure about the upgrade. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	226	49.3%
<b>Support</b>	135	29.5%
<b>Unsure</b>	53	11.6%
<b>Oppose</b>	24	5.2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	18	3.9%
<b>No response</b>	2	0.4%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths:**



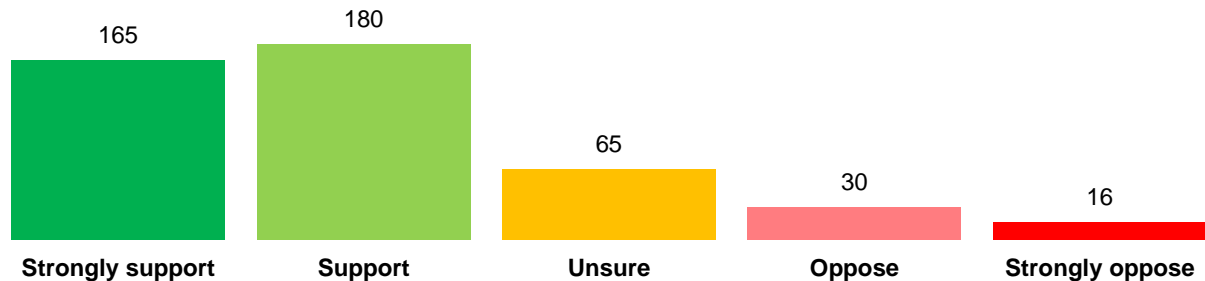


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — installation of a new entry sign to increase the park’s prominence”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the installation of a new entry sign to increase the park’s prominence. The majority of respondents (75.3%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the installation, with 36.0% of respondents indicating strong support. 65 respondents (14.2%) indicated that they were unsure about the installation, and 10.0% of respondents indicated they were either opposed or strongly opposed. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — installation of a new entry sign to increase the park’s prominence:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	165	36.0%
<b>Support</b>	180	39.3%
<b>Unsure</b>	65	14.2%
<b>Oppose</b>	30	6.6%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	16	3.5%
<b>No response</b>	2	0.4%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — installation of a new entry sign to increase the park’s prominence:**

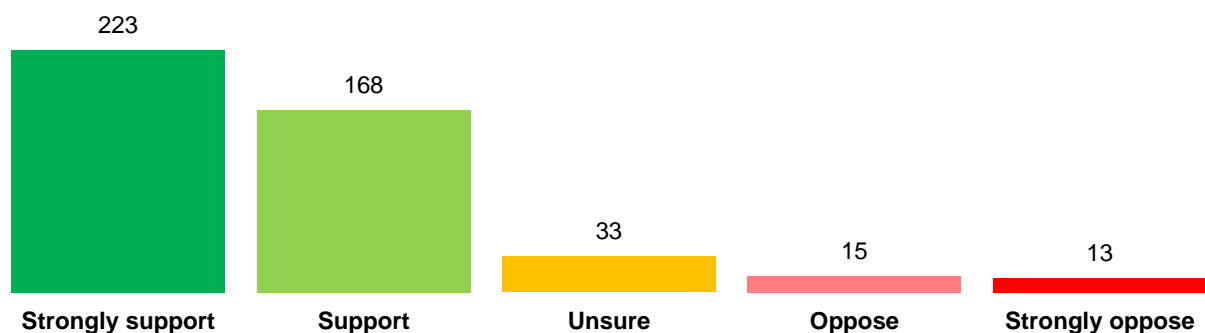


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — upgrade of the existing path network around the park’s grassed areas”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the upgrade of the existing path network around the park’s grassed areas. The majority of respondents (85.4%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the upgrade, with 48.7% of respondents indicating strong support. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — upgrade of the existing path network around the park’s grassed areas:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	223	48.7%
<b>Support</b>	168	36.7%
<b>Unsure</b>	33	7.2%
<b>Oppose</b>	15	3.3%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	13	2.8%
<b>No response</b>	6	1.3%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — upgrade of the existing path network around the park’s grassed areas:**

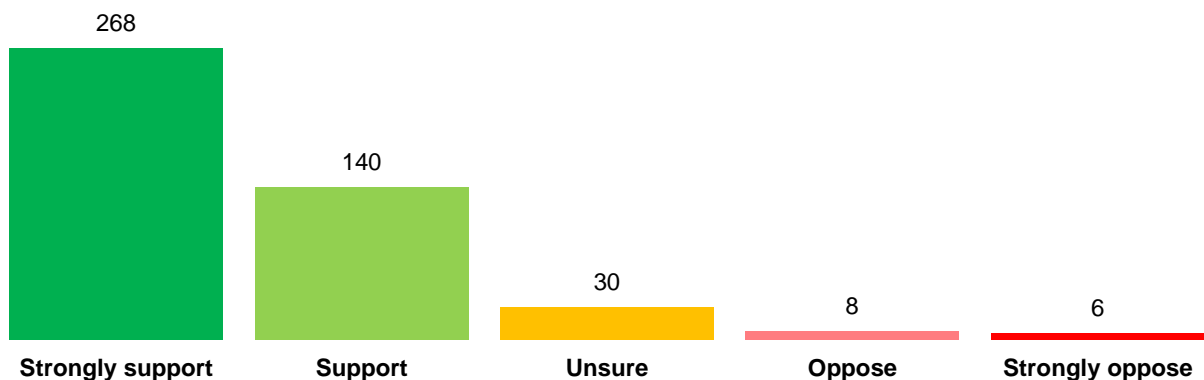


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture. The majority of respondents (89.1%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the installation, with 58.5% of respondents indicating strong support. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	268	58.5%
<b>Support</b>	140	30.6%
<b>Unsure</b>	30	6.6%
<b>Oppose</b>	8	1.7%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	6	1.3%
<b>No response</b>	6	1.3%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture:**

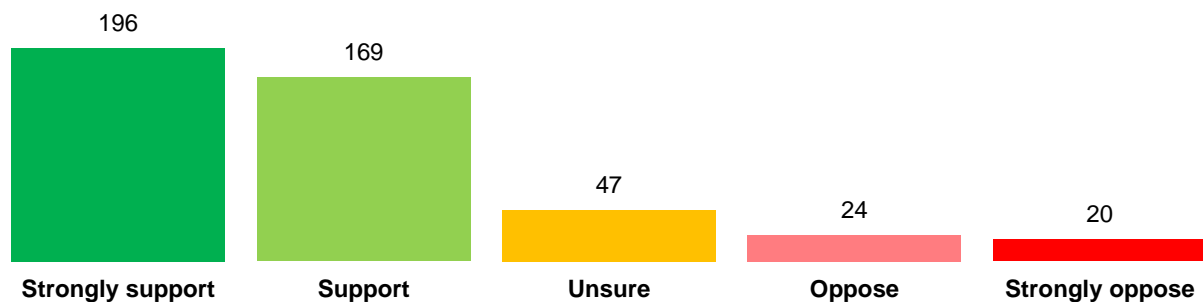


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking. The majority of respondents (79.7%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the installation, with 42.6% of respondents indicating strong support. 47 respondents (10.3%) indicated that were unsure about the installation. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	196	42.8%
<b>Support</b>	169	36.9%
<b>Unsure</b>	47	10.3%
<b>Oppose</b>	24	5.2%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	20	4.4%
<b>No response</b>	2	0.4%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking:**

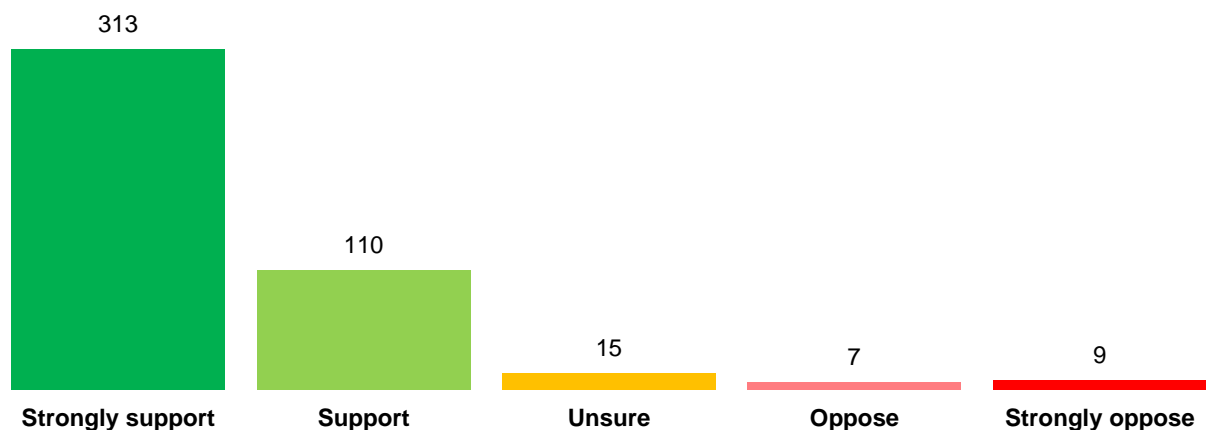


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations. The majority of respondents (92.4%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the installation, with 68.3% of respondents indicating strong support. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	313	68.3%
<b>Support</b>	110	24.0%
<b>Unsure</b>	15	3.3%
<b>Oppose</b>	7	1.5%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	9	2.0%
<b>No response</b>	4	0.9%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations:**

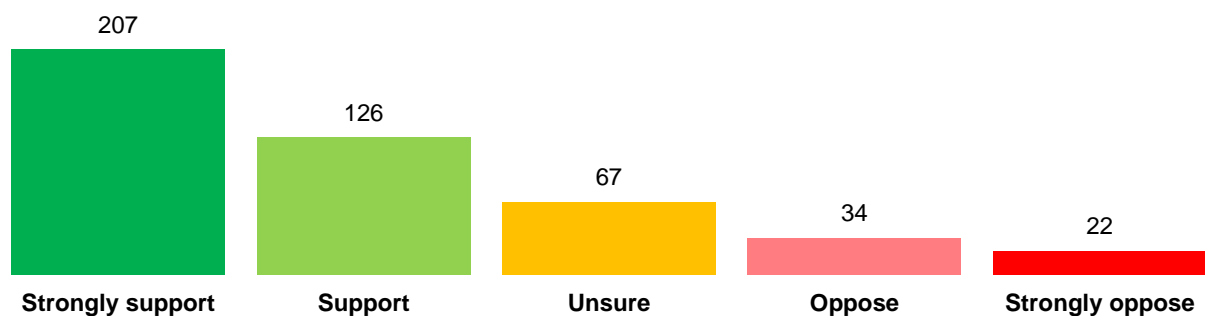


**QUESTION: “Please indicate your level of support for — provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors”**

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors. The majority of respondents (72.7%) indicated that they either supported or strongly supported the provision, with 45.2% of respondents indicating strong support. 67 respondents (14.6%) indicated that they were unsure about the provision, and 12.2% of respondents indicated they were either opposed or strongly opposed. These data are shown in the table and chart below.

<b>Please indicate your level of support for — provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors:</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Strongly support</b>	207	45.2%
<b>Support</b>	126	27.5%
<b>Unsure</b>	67	14.6%
<b>Oppose</b>	34	7.4%
<b>Strongly oppose</b>	22	4.8%
<b>No response</b>	2	0.4%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

**Please indicate your level of support for — provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors:**



**QUESTION: “If you oppose any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons”**

Respondents were asked to provide reasons to explain why they did not support any of the features. A total of 116 comments were provided and these related to the different elements of the proposal. As these comments were varied considerably, these have not been quantified, and instead, the most frequently mentioned reasons are summarised in the table below. Verbatim comments have been randomised and are provided at Appendix 14.

<b>Proposed features:</b>	<b>Reasons for not supporting:</b>
<b>Construction of stairway and upgrade lookout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for environmental damage (particularly dunes).</li> <li>• Potential for vandalism.</li> <li>• Risk of decreased amenity.</li> <li>• Believe stairway is too expensive.</li> </ul>
<b>Consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe there may be a risk to children’s safety.</li> <li>• Would prefer a different location.</li> <li>• Do not believe upgrades are required.</li> </ul>
<b>Installation of a bootcamp fitness area with fitness equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for “over-commercialisation” of park.</li> <li>• Potential for traffic and parking issues.</li> <li>• Potential for conflict between fitness groups and other park users.</li> <li>• Concern about use by non-City of Joondalup ratepayers.</li> <li>• Concern about use by non-families.</li> </ul>
<b>Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for increased erosion.</li> <li>• Believe asphalt is too hot.</li> <li>• Believe limestone is more “natural looking”.</li> <li>• Concern about conflict between cyclists and other park users (particularly speeding).</li> <li>• Do not believe upgrades are required.</li> <li>• Believe upgrade is too expensive.</li> </ul>
<b>Installation of a new entry sign to increase the park’s prominence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would prefer park be only used by locals.</li> <li>• Believe signage is unnecessary.</li> <li>• Believe the City spends too much money on signage.</li> </ul>
<b>Upgrade of the existing path network around the park’s grassed areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern about snakes.</li> <li>• Would prefer different location/layout.</li> <li>• Concern about conflict between cyclists and other park users (particularly speeding).</li> <li>• Believe existing infrastructure is adequate.</li> </ul>
<b>Installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for too many people/overcrowding.</li> </ul>
<b>Installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for conflict between fitness groups and other park users.</li> <li>• Concern about imposing demarcation of park “zones”.</li> <li>• Concern about use by non-City of Joondalup ratepayers.</li> </ul>
<b>Installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe park users should supply their own beverages.</li> <li>• Concern about ongoing maintenance costs.</li> <li>• Believe existing infrastructure is adequate.</li> </ul>

Proposed features:	Reasons for not supporting:
<b>Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believe parks users should supply their own food.</li> <li>• Potential for increased litter.</li> <li>• Potential for traffic congestion.</li> <li>• Concern about food trucks reducing availability of parking.</li> <li>• Potential for noise and anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>• Concern about the supply of unhealthy food.</li> <li>• Believe food trucks are a “passing fad”.</li> <li>• Believe there are adequate food venues nearby.</li> </ul>



## QUESTION: “Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park?”

Respondents were also asked if they had any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park. A total of 178 comments were provided and 59 of these expressed general support for the proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub. A number of respondents also suggested various other infrastructure they would like to see in the park and some reiterated their concern about the impact of the proposal on the environment and the potential for anti-social behaviour. These comments have been broadly grouped and summarised in the table below. Verbatim comments have been randomised and are provided at Appendix 15.

<b>Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park:</b>	<b>N*</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Support proposal (in general)</b>	59	12.9%
<b>Concerned about impacts on the environment</b>	15	3.3%
<b>Concerned about cost of proposal to ratepayers/waste of money</b>	6	1.3%
<b>Concerned about impact on existing park users</b>	7	1.5%
<b>Concerned about ongoing maintenance</b>	4	0.9%
<b>Concerned about vandalism/litter/noise/anti-social behaviour</b>	17	3.7%
<b>Do not want park to change</b>	11	2.4%
<b>Would like to see different/additional infrastructure to that proposed</b>		
Landscaping/trees	7	1.5%
Stairway	4	0.9%
Lighting	8	1.7%
Closed-circuit television (CCTV)	9	2.0%
Nearby roads/parking	9	2.0%
Toilets/showers/change rooms	9	2.0%
Cycleways/pathways	8	1.7%
Play space	5	1.1%
Dog training/walking	4	0.9%
Educational infrastructure	5	1.1%
Other infrastructure suggestions (not categorised)	21	4.6%
<b>Other comment (not categorised)</b>	51	11.1%
<b>No response</b>	280	61.1%
<b>Total comments</b>	178	38.8%
<b>Total responses</b>	458	100.0%

\*Numbers may not add up to total, as respondents may have addressed more than one subject.

# APPENDIX 1 — Cover Letter to local residents, businesses and ratepayers (page 1)



Date: 20 November 2017

Your Ref:

Enquiries: Infrastructure Services  
Customer Relations Team  
1300 369 972

Our Ref: 00515

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John Citizen  
Address Line 1  
Address Line 2

Dear Mr Citizen

## PROPOSED HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB – WHITFORDS NODES PARK

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of community support for a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park.

Located north of Hillarys Boat Harbour, Whitfords Nodes Park is a regional park with a strong fitness and recreational function. Apart from hosting large triathlon events, it is regularly used by fitness groups as well as the general public exercising on a daily basis.

The proposal aims to encourage a consolidation of fitness amenity and an increase in recreational opportunities within the park. The following infrastructure is being proposed to enhance the current park usage:

- Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes.
- Consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional playspace.
- Installation of a boot-camp fitness area with fitness equipment.
- Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths.
- Installation of LED lighting to the car parking area to increase surveillance and safety.
- Installation of a new entry sign to increase the parks prominence.
- Upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas to accommodate a higher level of universal access and create further jogging/cycling opportunities.
- Installation of new picnic shelters and shelters.
- Installation of new signage and ground line marking to indicate fitness loops, distance, gradient and difficulty.
- Installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations.
- Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors.
- New tree planting for additional shade and turf quality improvements.
- Erosion control and revegetation of any disturbance to the dune caused by the construction work.

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*Note: The extent of proposed features will be determined based upon securing future grant funding.*

As a resident/ratepayer, you are invited to participate in the consultation. It is recommended that you review the frequently asked questions document and the draft concept map prior to providing feedback. These documents are available on the Community Engagement section of the City's website: [joondalup.wa.gov.au/Govern/CommunityEngagement](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au/Govern/CommunityEngagement)

To provide your feedback, please quote the number below when completing the Online Survey Form the City's website: [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au) by **COB Monday 11 December 2017**. Alternatively, hard copies of the Survey Form are available on request.

<b>Address 1</b>	<b>0000001</b>
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City Officers will be available on-site to clarify any questions on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 9:00am and 10:30am and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December between 6:30am and 8:00am. For further information on this project, please contact the **Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team** on **1300 369 972** or via email [info@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@joondalup.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



**NICO CLAASSEN**  
**Director Infrastructure Services**



Figure 1: Proposed Features of Health and Wellbeing Hub, Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillary

# APPENDIX 2 — Frequently Asked Questions document (page 1)



## Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the purpose of the consultation?

To determine the overall level of community support for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park.

### 2. Where is Whitfords Nodes Park?

Whitfords Nodes Park is located north of Hillarys Boat Harbour and can be accessed via Whitfords Avenue. Whitfords Nodes Park is a regional park with a strong fitness and recreational function. Apart from hosting large triathlon events, it is regularly used by fitness groups as well as the general public exercising on a daily basis.

Shielded by surrounding vegetated dunes which feature walking trails and lookouts, the park's large, grassed open space contains amenities such as play spaces, picnic shelters, benches, toilets, BBQs and drink fountains. The park is supported with 341 car parking bays, 5 of which are universal access bays, as well as footpath and cycle networks that link users to the park.

### 3. What is the background of the project?

In 2012, the Harbour Rise Home Owners Association proposed the City develop a stairway that linked the grassed area with the summit of the dune lookout in the north-east corner of the park.

Council considered the proposal at its 2014 October Council meeting (CJ195-10/14 refers) in addition to an ecological assessment of the surrounding bushland and noting the cost estimates and grant funding opportunities. Council requested the City examine alternative technologies, the likelihood of environmental approval and other potential funding options to cover a major proportion of the stairway.

At its 2016 June Council meeting (CJ095-06/16 refers), Council supported the construction of a stairway within the northern dune system to serve as access to the lookout as well as a fitness amenity, (similar to Jacob's Ladder near Kings Park), subject to a major proportion of the stairways cost being funded by external sources.

### 4. Why is the Health and Wellbeing hub being proposed within Whitfords Nodes Park?

At its meeting held in August 2016 (C44-08/16 refers) Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer prepare a report investigating the development of Whitfords Nodes Park as a Health and Wellbeing Hub.

The City has investigated the development opportunities available to create a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes that will foster active and healthy lifestyle opportunities as well as supporting current and future fitness and recreational events.

### 5. What works are being considered as part of the project?

Subject to securing external funding, the following infrastructure is being proposed to enhance the current park usage:

- Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes.
- Consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional playspace.
- Installation of a boot camp fitness area with fitness equipment.
- Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths.
- Installation of LED lighting to the car parking area to increase surveillance and safety.
- Installation of a new entry sign to increase the park's prominence.
- Upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas.
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## APPENDIX 2 — Frequently Asked Questions document (page 2)

A detailed concept map outlining the proposed features is available on the City's website. Examples of the proposed park features shown below.

**Examples of proposed park features:**



Indicative Design of the Stairway.



Example of fixed outdoor fitness equipment.

### 6. Will the proposed stairway impact the dune environment?

Currently, informal recreation has been impacting on the dune environment. It is anticipated that the formalisation of recreation through the proposed infrastructure will better protect the deteriorating dunes. The environmental impact to the dune is anticipated to be minimal.

The stairway design will aim to minimise any potential impacts on the dune. Revegetation of any affected areas as well as enabling proper erosion control and management measures will ensure the condition of the environment is maintained.

### 7. How will the City manage noise related issues and anti-social behaviour within the park?

Whitfords Nodes Park has been specifically selected as it is offset from the residential fabric of Hillarys by vegetated dunal bushland and Whitfords Avenue.

The proposed development will draw users to the park which will activate the space, increasing surveillance and decreasing anti-social behaviour. New infrastructure will be designed to limit anti-social behaviour by keeping clear sightlines and passive surveillance opportunities.

In addition, the parking area will receive LED lighting which will further deter anti-social behaviour.

### 8. How will this project be funded?

At this time, a combination of City contributions and external funding sources are anticipated to fund the indicative features of the project.

The City will seek to explore grant funding opportunities to keep the City's contribution to a minimum.

### 9. Who is being consulted on this project?

The City is consulting with the following stakeholders:

- Ratepayers within a 500m radius of the park.
- The Harbour Rise Home Owners Association.
- The Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum.
- Local Businesses and Commercial Operators.
- Local Parliamentarians.
- Current park users and groups.
- Community Engagement Network members.

Although the City is consulting with the above stakeholders, anyone interested in the project can also be involved in the community consultation by completing the Online Survey Form via the Community Engagement section of the City's website [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)

### 10. When does the community consultation period close?

Community consultation will be conducted over a 21-day period, from **Monday 20 November 2017 to Monday 11 December 2017**.

### 11. What happens next?

The results of the community comment period will be collated and presented to Council. The overall results will also be available on the City's Community Consultation page for viewing, with individual responses remaining confidential.

### 12. Who do I contact for more information?

For further information, please contact the Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team on **1300 369 972** or [info@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@joondalup.wa.gov.au)



# APPENDIX 3 — Concept Map





## APPENDIX 4 — Survey Form (page 1)



# Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys Survey Form

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the level of community support for a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park.

It is recommended that you review the frequently asked questions document and the draft concept map prior to providing feedback. If you have any questions on the proposed works, please contact the Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team on **1300 369 972** or email **info@joondalup.wa.gov.au**

Demographics	
<b>Your Details</b>	
Note that for your comment form to be valid, your contact details must be provided. This information will be treated as confidential and will not be published in any document or report on the outcomes of the consultation.	
Name:	
Address:	
Suburb:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> under 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25 – 34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35 – 44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45 – 54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55 – 64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 – 74 <input type="checkbox"/> 75+
<b>Quote your survey number (if applicable):</b> If you received a consultation package, please quote your survey number provided in the letter. If you require your survey number to be reissued, please email <b>consultation@joondalup.wa.gov.au</b>	
<b>1. Please select all statements that apply (tick as many as applicable)</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I own property and pay rates within the area	<input type="checkbox"/> I rent property within the area
<input type="checkbox"/> I own/operate a business within the area	<input type="checkbox"/> I own/operate a business within the park
<input type="checkbox"/> I use the park for informal recreation (e.g. dog walking, picnics, children's play equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/> I use the park for organised recreation (e.g. boot camp, fitness classes, triathlon)
<input type="checkbox"/> I represent a community group within the area (please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not currently use Whitfords Nodes Park, but am interested in this project	

## APPENDIX 4 — Survey Form (page 2)

Consultation					
<b>2. Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park?</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose					
Please provide comments below:					
<b>3. The following upgrades are proposed for the Health and Wellbeing Hub. (Please indicate your level of support for each by ticking the most appropriate boxes below.)</b>					
	Strongly support	Support	Unsure	Oppose	Strongly oppose
Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional playspace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installation of a bootcamp fitness area with fitness equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installation of a new entry sign to increase the parks prominence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upgrade of the existing path network around the parks grassed areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. If you oppose any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons below.</b>					
<b>5. Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park?</b>					



## APPENDIX 4 — Survey Form (page 3)

### Request to be informed

Community consultation assists Council in deliberating and then making decisions on certain matters. Analysis from this consultation will be provided to Council to assist them in their decision-making role. The Community Engagement Page on the City's website provides access to the Council Agendas which include the reports to Council on consultation projects to assist with the final Council decision. Following the determination and decision of Council, the Council Minutes will be available to provide access to the decision. The Community Engagement Page can be found on the City's website at [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)

If you would like to be informed via email on progress of this project, please tick the box below and ensure your email address is provided in the 'Your Details' section.

☐ I would like to be informed via email when the consultation results are finalised

### City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network

The Community Engagement Network is a network of community members interested in being consulted and engaged on an ongoing basis about future strategic initiatives in the City of Joondalup. Contact details are kept strictly confidential and members can opt-out at any time. If you are interested in joining the City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network, subscribe on the City's website at [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)

☐ I would like to be added to the City of Joondalup Community Engagement Network

### Thank you for your feedback.

Please forward your completed survey in the pre-paid envelope provided which is to be returned to the City by the closing date: **Monday 11 December 2017**

## APPENDIX 5 — Email to Community Engagement Network members

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**From:** Consultation  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 November 2017 9:36 AM  
**Subject:** Community Consultation - Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub - Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys

Dear Community Engagement Network,

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of community support for a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park.

Used daily by fitness groups and residents for exercise and recreation, the proposal aims to encourage a consolidation of fitness amenity to increase recreational and healthy lifestyle opportunities.

To provide feedback on the proposed project, please complete the [Online Survey Form](#) on the City's website [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au). For further information, contact the **Infrastructure Services Customers Relations Team** on **1300 369 972**.

CONSULTATION CLOSES: **Monday 11 December 2017**

Regards,

**Consultation**

City of Joondalup

[consultation@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:consultation@joondalup.wa.gov.au)

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**Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub – Whitfords Nodes Park**

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the overall level of community support for a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park.

Located north of Hillarys Boat Harbour, Whitfords Nodes Park is a regional park with a strong fitness and recreational function. Apart from hosting large triathlon events, it is regularly used by fitness groups as well as the general public exercising on a daily basis.

The proposal aims to encourage a consolidation of fitness amenity and an increase in recreational opportunities within the park. The following infrastructure is being proposed to enhance the current park usage:

- Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes.
- Consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional playspace.
- Installation of a boot-camp fitness area with fitness equipment.
- Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths.
- Installation of LED lighting to the car parking area to increase surveillance and safety.
- Installation of a new entry sign to increase the park's prominence.
- Upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas to accommodate a higher level of universal access and create further jogging/cycling opportunities.
- Installation of new picnic shelters and shelters.
- Installation of new signage and ground line marking to indicate fitness loops, distance, gradient and difficulty.
- Installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations.
- Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors.
- New tree planting for additional shade and turf quality improvements.
- Erosion control and revegetation of any disturbance to the dune caused by the construction work.

Note: The extent of proposed features will be determined based upon securing future grant funding.

To provide your feedback, please complete the [Online Survey Form](#) by **Monday 11 December 2017, 5.00pm**. It is recommended that you read the [frequently asked questions](#) document and the [draft concept map](#) prior to providing feedback. Alternatively, hard copies of the Survey Form are available on request.

For further information please contact the **Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team** on 1300 369 972 or via [email](#).

**Related Information**

*These documents are available in alternate formats upon request. Please contact the City on 9400 4000.*

<a href="#">Whitfords Nodes FAQs</a>	PDF 917 KB
<a href="#">Whitford Nodes Concept Map</a>	PDF 8,838 KB
<a href="#">Online Survey Form</a>	

## APPENDIX 7 — Media release (City website)

http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/welcome/citynews/cnarchiveview/17-11-23/Have\_Your\_Say\_on\_Proposed\_Health\_and\_Wellbeing\_Hub.aspx

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#### Have Your Say on Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub

23/11/2017 8:26:22 AM

Residents of Hillarys and the wider community are being encouraged to have their say on a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park before December 11.

Located north of Hillarys Boat Harbour, Whitfords Nodes Park is a heavily utilised regional park with a strong fitness and recreational function.

In 2012, the Harbour Rise Home Owners Association proposed the City develop a stairway that linked the grassed area with the summit of the dune lookout in the north-east corner of the park.

The Joondalup Council considered the proposal at its October 2014 meeting in addition to an ecological assessment of the surrounding bushland and noted the cost estimates and grant funding opportunities.

Council requested the City examine alternative technologies, the likelihood of environmental approval and other potential funding options to cover a major proportion of the stairway.

At its June 2016 meeting, the Joondalup Council supported the construction of a stairway, subject to a major proportion of the stairway's cost being funded by external sources, and at its August 2016 meeting, the Council requested a report into the Health and Wellbeing Hub development at Whitfords Nodes Park to foster active and healthy lifestyle opportunities as well as supporting current and future fitness and recreational events.

Apart from hosting large triathlon events, the Park is regularly used by fitness groups as well as the general public exercising on a daily basis.

The Health and Wellbeing Hub proposal aims to bring a range of fitness activities into one location and increasing recreational opportunities within the park.

Subject to securing external funding, the following infrastructure is being proposed to enhance the current park usage


- Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout, which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes.
- Consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional playspace.
- Installing a boot-camp fitness area with fitness equipment.
- Upgrading the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths.
- Installing LED lighting to the car parking area to increase surveillance and safety.
- Installation of a new entry sign to increase the parks prominence.
- Upgrading the existing path network around the park's grassed areas to accommodate a higher level of universal access and create further jogging and cycling opportunities.
- Installation of new picnic shelters.
- Installation of new signage and ground line marking to indicate fitness loops, distance, gradient and difficulty.
- Installation of drinking fountains inclusive of bottle refill stations.
- Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors.
- New tree planting for additional shade and turf quality improvements.

Community consultation commences on Monday 20 November and will conclude on Monday 11 December 2017. It will be promoted through site signage at the park and the City's website and social media channels.

City Officers will also be available on-site to clarify any questions on Saturday 2 December between 9:00am and 10:30am and Wednesday 6 December between 6:30am and 8:00am.

Anyone interested in the project can provide feedback by completing a comment form online at the City's website – joondalup.wa.gov.au

Those unable to complete a form online or who would like further information on the project can call the City's Infrastructure Services Customer Relations team on 1300 369 972 or email [info@joondalup.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@joondalup.wa.gov.au) to request a hard copy comment form.



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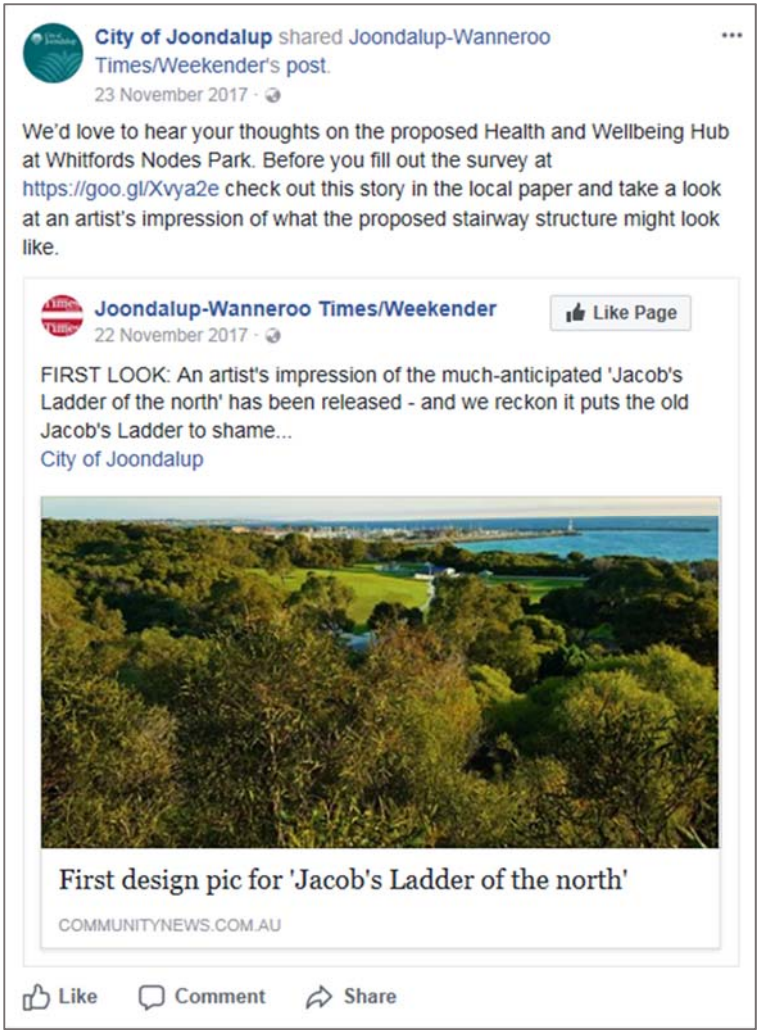
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# APPENDIX 8 — Twitter and Facebook posts (City)



## APPENDIX 9 — Signage (erected at Whitfords Nodes Park)

### PROPOSED HEALTH AND WELLBEING HUB – WHITFORDS NODES PARK

The City of Joondalup is seeking community feedback to determine the level of community support for a proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park, Hillarys.

Used daily by fitness groups and residents for exercise and recreation, the current proposal aims to encourage a consolidation of fitness amenity to increase recreational and healthy lifestyle opportunities to the community.

To provide feedback, please complete the Online Survey Form on the City's website [joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://joondalup.wa.gov.au)

City Officers will be available on-site to clarify any questions on

- Saturday 2 Dec 2017, 9.00am – 10.30am
- Wednesday 6 Dec 2017, 6.30am – 8.00am.

For further information, contact the Infrastructure Services Customer Relations Team on 1300 369 972.

Consultation Closes: **Monday 11 December 2017**



HILLARYS

## Views sought on health hub

**Tyler Brown**

THE community is encouraged to have its say on a proposed health and wellbeing hub in Hillarys, which includes a fitness staircase similar to Jacob's Ladder.

In 2012, the Harbour Rise Home Owners Association proposed the City of Joondalup develop a stairway at Whitfords Nodes Park that linked the grassed area with the summit of the dune lookout in the northeast corner of the park.

The council considered the proposal in 2014 as well as an ecological assessment of the surrounding bushland and noted the cost estimates and grant funding opportunities.

Councillors requested the City examine alternative technologies, the likelihood of environmental approval and other potential funding options to cover a major proportion of the stairway.

In 2016, the council supported the construction of a stairway, subject to a major proportion of the cost being funded by external sources and requested a report

into the development of a health and wellbeing hub at Whitfords

Nodes Park to foster active and healthy lifestyle opportunities, and support current and future fitness and recreational events.

Subject to securing external funding, the hub proposes construction of the stairway, consolidation of the current play equipment into a new regional playspace, a boot-camp area with fitness equipment, new signage and ground line markings to indicate fitness loops, distance, gradient and difficulty, upgrading paths, installing LED lighting in the carpark to increase surveillance and safety, installing new picnic shelters and drink foun-

tains, and tree planting and turf quality improvements.

City officers will be on site from 9am to 10.30am on December 2 and 6.30am to 8am on December 6 to answer any questions.

Consultation is open until December 11 at [www.joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au) or by calling 1300 369 972 to request a comment form.

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**An artist's impression of the proposed staircase.**

# APPENDIX 11 — Facebook post (Joondalup–Wanneroo Times/Weekender)



Joondalup-Wanneroo Times/Weekender

22 November 2017 · 🌐

FIRST LOOK: An artist's impression of the much-anticipated 'Jacob's Ladder of the north' has been released - and we reckon it puts the old Jacob's Ladder to shame...

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First design pic for 'Jacob's Ladder of the north'

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## APPENDIX 12 — Verbatim responses

### Respondent relationship to Whitfords Nodes Park — “Other”

Note: Words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [- - -]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

<b>Verbatim responses — Relationship to Whitfords Nodes Park — “Other” (N = 34):</b>
<i>Use car park for beach access.</i>
<i>Use this park occasionally. We use the parks in Kallaroo daily.</i>
<i>I own property and building to move into the area next year.</i>
<i>I’m familiar with the area as I supported my daughter in triathlons.</i>
<i>I use the cycle path that runs through the park.</i>
<i>I walk to the beach 5 days per week and use the path through the car park.</i>
<i>Personal fitness training</i>
<i>Environmental interest, improvement in safeguarding offtrack activities using fences.</i>
<i>I did regularly use the area when my children were younger.</i>
<i>I have already received great benefit from using the limited exercise equipment at the Harbourview Park and would greatly appreciate having more exercise equipment within walking distance from my home.</i>
<i>City of Joondalup Triathlon</i>
<i>I enjoy cycling through the park.</i>
<i>I also walk in the park for a quiet time in the bush.</i>
<i>I use Whitfords Avenue adjacent to the park on a regular basis.</i>
<i>I am a committee member of [- - -].</i>
<i>I use the limestone pathways up in the dunes and lookout with friends for cycling on.</i>
<i>Transit through the park using the dune-beachside path when travelling from Mullaloo to Hillarys boat harbour via bike.</i>
<i>Cycle, swim, beach walking, BIRD WATCHING — ONE OF ONLY AREAS WHERE THEY NEST! ONE BREEDING PAIR ONLY BUT MORE THAN 20 GYMS IN THE AREA! No just nature conservation and wild life conservation.</i>
<i>I regularly visit Sorrento Quay &amp; the Dog Beach.</i>
<i>I also park in the car parks along this area and go to the beach.</i>
<i>Having a baby next year and desperate for a decent park in our area for Mums &amp; babies get togethers — love the park at Mullaloo.</i>
<i>I ride my bicycle along the bike path through this area.</i>
<i>Use the walkways at the Park for fitness and viewing.</i>
<i>Have used the park sporadically.</i>
<i>I run through the park on path.</i>
<i>I live in the City of Joondalup &amp; feel it is important for all residents to be involved in the consultation.</i>
<i>Regular jogging in the park and beaches.</i>
<i>Walk the beach...</i>
<i>I use the hilly dunes paths around the lookouts to train for long distance hiking.</i>
<i>I go to Whitfords Nodes to use the beach all the time in the summer.</i>
<i>I would love to see community rooms set up for hire by health professionals.</i>
<i>We walk to the lookouts. Take grand children to play ground and they play in the park.</i>
<i>I often ride through the park on the cycle track.</i>
<i>I work at Hillarys Boat Harbour.</i>

## APPENDIX 13 — Verbatim responses

### QUESTION: “Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park — Comments”

Note: Words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [ - - - ]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

<b>Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):</b>
<i>My family supports initiatives will improve the beachfront area and surrounding areas. We have used facilities around this area for many years but increased patronage has made access and usage more difficult over time any improvements would be welcome.</i>
<i>I believe it will be well received.</i>
<i>The proposal will provide welcome facilities for users of the park.</i>
<i>I am not interested in providing a facility for people who do not contribute anything towards either the initial cost to build it or for the ongoing costs for the ratepayers in their rates. If a parking fee was added to all the parking places required, it may go towards the upkeep of this facility. Most of the people who would use this would come by car from other areas which I would, as a ratepayer, be landed with extra rates on their behalf.</i>
<i>Used to use Jacob's Ladder would love something similar closer to home.</i>
<i>Great training area that could be made even better. Need more paths with better surfaces and distances mapped out.</i>
<i>There is no public work out facility near the area and we need one.</i>
<i>This will encourage additional visitors to the park and will benefit all residents in the community</i>
<i>We were unable to meet with the City Officers on-site, as we were away at the time, to clarify our concerns. We are extremely concerned with the traffic [ - - - ]. The speed of the traffic [ - - - ] is way too fast. Whitfords Ave is used by many pedestrians crossing to go to the beach and the park which will only increase with the Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub. We have more knowledge of this than most would have, as we hear it day and night. We have witnessed a death and a near death on the roundabout. If this Hub is to go ahead, the speed limit along this area needs to be greatly reduced. So many areas along the coast are 50km/h. Why is it still 70km/h along this busy, dangerous section? We have previously raised our concerns with your Officers, to no avail. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this.</i>
<i>[ - - - ]</i>
<i>Any proposal that promotes a healthy outdoor lifestyle is always and only a positive thing. As a parent of 3 teenagers and the spouse of a fitness instructor. I know the importance of being active and have experienced the benefits first hand</i>
<i>More of this needed along the coast.</i>
<i>The improvements to the park look fabulous. I only have one concern. We visited Whitfords Nodes Park a lot when our three kids were very small (sub 5) it was very child friendly and having the playground equipment set back from the paths. On the maps it looks like the new playground equipment is next to/nearby the footpath. Move it inland so parents can relax while their little people play and kids can roam freely not onto the footpath and incoming bike and walking traffic. This sounds small but is the major reason why we used this park. It was safe for our kids to play freely and we could relax.</i>
<i>I'm all for gentle development of the park as long as it is in keeping with the lovely environment.</i>
<i>We all need to keep fit and physical infrastructure makes it easier.</i>
<i>The location is one of the very few remaining large open park spaces in the metro adjacent to the ocean and a stretch of road which, when closed for a short period of time, poses no undue inconvenience to local residents or vehicles moving along the coast. It is ideal for large community events such as triathlons and the like.</i>

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*Although I strongly support the proposal I am aware of the ongoing costs to ratepayers for maintaining the facilities provided. As such, please give careful consideration in the design to minimising ongoing maintenance costs.*

*Great concept and cannot wait for it implementation.*

*I believe this is one of the few areas that is natural. So many parks that feature man made stuff. Please leave this park as a place of natural beauty.*

*Support various aspects, within reason, but not the whole plan as it stands.*

*I work close by and could meet my friends who live in the area on a regular basis to work out together in a dedicated outdoor environment. On weekends I could have my children playing in the playground with my husband while I could do some exercise.*

*Sounds like a great plan. Many other councils have these types of facilities within their parklands*

*This is proposed to go in a bush forever site. This area is protected "forever". There are numerous other areas within the City which would be far better for the community and the environment. The developers have clearly ignored the environmental regulations regarding this and have falsely stated that the area it is proposed to go in is degraded.*

*I think its a great idea and use of the space to strongly focus it on fitness ... people are very conscious of fitness and its importance today and this will most certainly improve the area. Surveillance and security however must not be neglected or seen as a small issue ... focus needs to be on security and deterring criminal behaviour so wives, young females and elderly, families etc buy into the area as they feel safe.*

*This is a great way to bring together a community focused on their health and wellbeing.*

*I like the bush land as it is — still feels natural and not overly developed.*

*It will promote more use of the park by families and those living nearby. I am looking forward in particular to using the new proposed stairway.*

*Access to the proposed facility is a great benefit to the community's health and wellbeing*

*My support would depend on whether dogs are allowed at the park and if kept under control and/or on a lead can also go up the stairs to the look out etc. If dogs are not allowed, I would not attend this park and use its facilities so would not support the City spending money on this project.*

*Great idea*

*I didn't read it in the notes but also please consider outdoor gym equipment. Please consider a perimeter jogging track in the park marked with 100m distances — people only, no bikes, no dogs (I have both but am respectful that when you're jogging you don't 'need' having to dodge them). Outdoor shower just to cool off — never been in the toilets so maybe in there but something a bit different (eg semi enclosed to allow privacy on changing).*

*My only comment is I would also suggest some type of underground or above ground crossing at the top of Angove Drive to make it safer to cross the road by bike or on foot. Especially with more people trying to access the reserve and having the café etc now there I don't feel the underpass further north is adequate.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*I strongly support the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Hub but definitely not in a unique bush forever site. The hub could be established in many places which the City owns or can buy. However the coastal bush sites are in such short supply that the bush selected to replace that lost at the proposed Ocean Reef Marina could not be coastal. There wasn't any. As we now have a mayor with experience as a state minister for the environment the value of the site as a unique coastal piece of bush must be already recognised. In fact the City could be considering the reestablishment of bush in some of the protected dune hollows which could provide a habitat which is quite rare. Some remnants show, for example, trees which only survive because they are protected. The temperate rainforest in eastern Australia has similarly survived. Other changes which will impact on the site include: — increased people traffic and activity which must surely spill into the bush unless expensively patrolled; — increased lighting which will impact on nocturnal activities of many native animals; — laying of bitumen paths which will be very hot in summer; — building of structures will damage many areas especially the path to the lookout and will be very difficult to fix. Please do not exploit our coastal Bush Forever. Once lost it is lost forever.*

*This park is already used to capacity at weekends by families and friends enjoying relaxing times together. I do not believe there is sufficient room to install all the extra equipment proposed, which is quite unnecessary. Craigie Leisure Centre is only a short drive away for those wishing to exercise with equipment. I cannot agree that my rates will be contributed to free expensive equipment. If folk want this type of exercise, let them use the Centre and pay for it. Boot camp — no no no. The park is not a business. Personal trainers making income should have their own premises. When they are in the park, as many already are, they get annoyed with the children playing football and cricket near them and I have witnessed some abuse to the parents. I live in Harbour Rise and am fed up with the amount of traffic that comes from Hepburn Ave via Amalfi Drive to bypass the roundabout entrance to the Harbour. Since the opening of Lot One Restaurant, traffic has increased and parking is at a premium. With the amount of visitors to the Harbour, beaches and dog beach, I believe the area is already at a maximum usage. My other concern is vandalism. If you check your records, the amount of time the public toilets have had to be repainted over the years is too high. Extra equipment is an invitation to these [- - -] who love to destroy things. The cycle/walking path is dangerous. Bike riders really go too fast and frequently I have closely missed being hit — once I was pushed over by a rider who failed to stop, but abused me for walking on the path with my dog, who was on a leash. Whitfords Avenue is always busy. I use a mobility scooter and find it hard to cross the road, especially weekends. If you want to spend money, it is about time a pedestrian crossing was put somewhere between Teneriffe and Angove Roads. I often have to go up to the underpass near Ern Halliday camp. Jacob's Ladder near King's Park causes a lot of friction from residents, has Council considered how it may cause similar problems? It is rather large and far from the road if someone has a heart attack. Upgrading the path will cost too much. Council does not seem to want to upgrade the entrances to the beach areas. I struggle to get onto the beach and these areas should be upgraded before even thinking of spending ratepayer's money on such extravagant unnecessary equipment. The joggers currently seem content with the path along the park area, I cannot see a problem to increase the width with designated cycle, jogging and walking areas but think this is enough. All the other items proposed will bring too many people into one park and there is just not enough room. The dunes should be left untouched, or planted with trees and shrubs for the natural habitat. Another comment is the cost when Council already has huge debts. Stirling Council is debt free and I strongly believe Joondalup should look at their finances and get the debts down before increasing its debt levels. Rates are already too high and the amount of wastage by Joondalup Council is disgraceful. Add to this the amount of traffic and noise we have to put up with and I strongly disapprove of these developments to a perfectly friendly park as it is at the moment. Add to my comments — already the beaches and parks are used by non Joondalup residents, why should your ratepayers have to subsidise these people?*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*I regularly use facilities either side of the park, but not the park itself. I have been there once and do consider it beautiful but under utilised. There is considerable fitness occurring (walking cycling) along the marine drive which could be diverted to safer area with less traffic. My concerns would be — is it large or ambitious enough? Location gives it reasonable amenity, but limited growth opportunities. Health and well-being is a growing issuing in an ageing population with increasing chronic health issues — is access adequate? I have had issues accessing the dog beach when events are on in this area. The location, nor Sorrento Quay is well served by public transport either from main train line or eastern suburbs like Greenwood. Bike facilities should be considered.*

*I would likely use the park with the new fitness equipment.*

*I think the proposal would be beneficial for fitness groups. On personal usage I am pleased that there will be drink fountains at a number of points throughout the area and extra shade from additional trees. We use this area for push biking, also dog walking and the car park area for beach access.*

*Benefits will not outweigh the impact to the rates increase I expect will be levied from ratepayers.*

*I don't know a great deal about it.*

*I think it is a wonderful concept. I think it will be very well utilised and supported*

*Excited to have the Hub developed to make better use of this lovely area. It will encourage me to exercise on a more regular basis.*

*I love the idea of new stairs. I regularly use the stairs at Ocean Reef Marina and I am very concerned these will go when Ocean Reef Marina is redeveloped.*

*I am totally in favour of the proposed health and well being hub. We need to encourage people to be active. As it puts less strain on the health services in the long term. It is also a great spot. I walk/run around there frequently. At the moment it can feel a little isolated for a woman on her own walking to the lookouts. But if the proposed plans go ahead I am sure it will be used by lots more people of all ages. The Council did a marvellous job with the Nodes car park which was another isolated spot. Now it is used frequently and looks great. I have every faith that Nodes Park once completed will be a great social hub. Parks need to be used. Especially Nodes which is sheltered from the sea breeze ideal picnic spot.*

*Wide ladder for exercise is desperately needed north of the river — we want to see the park utilisation increase significantly*

*I am tired of seeing all the City's funds being spent in Joondalup CBD or the coast.*

*I support this as we have used this park for 20 years and it is under utilised. However, I do not wish to see a park that I have easy access to suddenly become inundated with so many people that there is no longer parking etc. Please learn the lessons from the residents around Jacob's Ladder and consider ease of access for families above and beyond singles and DINKS who will flock to the park all driving one car to one person. Perhaps consider whether a double storey on top of the existing car park would be worth the investment.*

*My wife and I (ages 76 and 80) have used the lookout paths every morning for many years in order to keep fit and do not want our daily exercise to be disrupted, this is very important for our health.*

*This area is a popular spot for recreation, family activities and also fitness usage. It is not too near housing so the proposed changes will not adversely affect homes. I think the increased facilities would be well used, and would add to the amenities in the area. There is room for additional parking, although myself and others who use the area for fitness often walk or cycle to the area. Due to this I am not aware of any bicycle parking facilities, and wonder if this has been taken into consideration? I know that I would ride down with my children and grandchildren if the facilities were developed, and so an area to secure bicycles would be helpful.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*You already have the biggest health asset — the Beach. In the summer it's packed with families from all over the metropolitan area. Just keep the beach and park and car park open and accessible to everyone. If you want to do all these man made developments do them in parks away from the coast. People can take their picnics to the park and then run through the paths through the sand dunes to swim in the ocean. Hillarys Marina is nearby so if you want to buy food go there. Keep commercial areas contained away from the Nodes Park and Beach. There is still some natural bush at the Nodes for reptiles and birds so please don't take that away from them. I commend the City of Joondalup for their well maintained parks and think the Nodes Park and Beach are beautiful and the proposed development would spoil it for all the people that use it over summer. Already the triathlon groups block access to the beach on way to many Sunday Summer mornings and it's difficult to drive and park at other beaches because Sunday morning is Surf Club, which I think is great. Progress for everyone would be to stop the triathlons and running groups at the Nodes. We can't relocate the Indian Ocean but private exercise groups can move away from our public beaches over Summer so everyone can swim and exercise. They can use the Nodes in Winter when it's not beach weather. The City of Joondalup already provides wonderful sport and fitness facilities so don't waste rate payers money on unnecessary development at the Nodes. People can run and swim at the Nodes Beach or kick a ball, fly a kite in the Nodes Park. There is a path already up the hill to a lookout for people to use. If they want to climb Jacob's Ladder it's near Kings Park where there isn't an ocean to get healthy in. Please leave the Nodes as a beach and park for everyone to enjoy and don't destroy it with development.*

*Would love to see how it goes with a possible extension further north closer to us.*

*My only reservation is that the proposals do not have many sustainability elements; use of solar or wind power. Using this opportunity to make the area an example for how to transform an area using these would enhance the proposal in my view.*

*I believe that it will greatly enhance an existing facility whilst further providing extra recreational facilities for residents. I also believe that the stairs will offer extra protection to the dunes. The overall concept will add greatly to the area and beautify it.*

*It would be a sensational idea. I raised my family of four children in close proximity to Whitfords Nodes Park. Three of my children now reside in the Hillarys area with their own families, my grandchildren. We use Whitfords Nodes Park frequently as it is in walking distance of where we all live. It is a wonderful spot that is incredibly underutilised, particularly the lookout tables on the dunes which few seem to even know exist. The proposed concept would see much better use of Joondalup's resources.*

*I will support any Health and Well being projects in Perth. Great initiative.*

*It's such a large area that is often under utilised. Perhaps part of this is due to the lower standard of infrastructure at the park. It can certainly do with more shade etc. It's far enough away from residential areas that they shouldn't be impacted by increased use of this area.*

*I think this is a fantastic idea! I'm very passionate about promoting health and wellness so I love the positivity that this project will bring to our community.*



**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*Due to the following reasons I strongly oppose the proposal: Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout: Negative impact on environment during construction, shading of plants etc. potentially increased number of visitor with its inherent pollution (rubbish, dogs, dog faeces), the stairways will not increase the physical activity, since it is not at higher elevation than the current lookout. Consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space: The proposed location seems not to be safe for children. It is close to the bicycle path, dog walking path (many large dogs often off leash) and close to the dunes (I've personally seen many snakes on the cycle path warming up in the sun). Installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking: No obvious benefit for park users. Installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture: Detailed layout is missing. Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths: There is evidence that running on asphalt tracks is not healthy (meniscus damage, Iliotibial band syndrome, joints etc.) The proposed asphalt running track will reduce the exercising benefits and should not be built. Upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas: It does not increase any benefit compared to the existing paths. Installation of LED lighting: Research shown a significant negative impact on the environment from so called light pollution. The LED lights should not be installed in consideration of the wildlife. Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors: More vendors and visitors will increase the pollution. We already have a significant amount of rubbish disposed in the car parks and near bush land — Is the upgrade of the existing toiled block considered? — Overall cost of the project is missing. — Feedback time frame should be longer than just 2 1/2 weeks. General Comment: One of the last bush lands in suburban coastal area should not be disturbed. The proposed construction will have a negative impact on the environment and wildlife. Many park users appreciate the unique undisturbed and quiet bush land. It should not convert into a fitness studio. Currently park users have plenty of opportunities to exercise on the existing design. If the proposed well being hub commences it is recommended to enforce the no dog policy (currently we have no policy enforcement on the dogs regularly off leash disturbing park users and wild life) The overall proposal does not seem to bring improvement. Beside the negative impact it focuses on a small proportion of the community rather than on the broad society.*

*I think it will be a great thing for the area, something different. It will bring others there from other Shires.*

*I support proposals to provide opportunity for people to enhance and increase their activity. I strongly support cycleways and would like to see mechanisms to separate cycle traffic from pedestrian traffic to improve safety for all.*

*It would be good for organised and casual use.*

*It would provide a great amenity to the area and also benefit health and wellness for everybody.*

*This would be a fantastic resource for the area and enable cross-community usage. Great to encourage health & well-being at all ages.*

*Plan looks wonderful, but isn't this Bushland Forever? Crown Land? It will take trade away from other tourist spots*

*Currently, for the amount of open space the area is under utilised.*

*Think it is a great idea and will be good for the area!!*

*Why not*

*Exercise is important to people of all ages. Plus an area where parents and children can relax and exercise as a family is essential.*

*This would add additional benefits to the park which is not used much during the week. I am a big supporter of outdoor fitness areas and will use this facility.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*Any upgrade to the local facilities is a good thing. I would like to add that I think that the sand dunes on the beach front should be considered and included in the proposed upgrade. If a retaining wall (like the sea wall at Scarborough was installed the sand dunes would not keep getting eroded every time we have a storm. You only need to look at the original concrete paths to the ocean to see the erosion of the sand dunes over the past few years. If there was a retaining wall a sand track could be established like the Bondi to Bronte walk in NSW. What a gorgeous morning walk that would and a tourist drawcard to our area.*

*Good to improve the facilities for all users of the car park and beach not just fitness users.*

*My family currently travels to Jacob's Ladder every week so it would be much better to have this sort of amenity close by.*

*The park is in a fantastic location, but is under utilised. it is not a well know park and this can raise the local awareness.*

*This proposal has been discussed with a number of members of the community coast care group "Friends of Sorrento Beach & Marmion Foreshore" who have been very successfully rehabilitating both the Sorrento & Marmion Foreshore Reserves. We believe that the construction of the stairway will cause some disturbance to Bush Forever site 325, but with careful construction and long lasting materials, disturbance will be minimal. The group has offered the City assistance in rehabilitating this area.*

*This is a great space which is currently under utilised.*

*I have used the area for exercise, social gatherings and picnics, love the look outs and enjoy seeing others. I would prefer more dog friendly (on a lead) status as we have a small/medium size non aggressive older dog.*

*Need to ensure the park also supports tourism and social outings.*

*TriEvents has conducted three triathlons annually for ten years on Whitfords Nodes Park, which is arguably the best location for the sport in the metro area. The park provides an excellent staging area adjacent to a protected and safe ocean swim, a well maintained pathway and the closing of Whitfords Dve and Northshore Dve for the cycle creates very minimal inconvenience to local park and beach users.*

*I jog and would like more areas with people to feel safe.*

*Strongly support measures that assist and encourage better health and wellbeing, the Nodes are an ideal location for this concept. Obviously there is a need for use to be relative and controlled.*

*Such facilities are highly desirable in the Whitfords area. This proposed facility is well located away from areas that are likely to cause nuisance to neighbours and has the benefit of location along a bike path, adjacent to a swimming beach and a reasonable parking area.*

*I have used the area in the past and realised that it is ideal setting but lacking facilities, some areas of the park the ground was uneven and to some extent dangerous. Only a small toilet block and a children's play area with a couple of Bar-b-qs. It could certainly do with a major upgrade.*

*The fitness idea is good but I would also take the opportunity to add a powered musical, or small performance stage, to the concept. It could be placed on the south west corner just north west of the toilet block. Facing North North East...Night time movies could even be shown here. Festivals could also be held.*

*All general facilities to improve the health and fitness of our population should be supported.*

*I support upgrades. However, the first upgrade needs to be the installation of security cameras on the car parks. I've known of several cars to be broken into and have their windows smashed and there's always skid marks there. Also I strongly oppose any upgrade that requires the removal of natural bush land and/or trees.*



**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*I am against any further destruction of native bushland, bush forever 325, by the construction of the stairway and any further incursion into the dune system for the following reasons: Clearing the bushland to construct the stairway can leave the area vulnerable to prevailing winds that will erode the sand dunes and inevitably lead to the destruction of the parabolic dune and the remnant tuart woodland. The potential for dune blowouts is increased. The Quindalup dunes are extremely infertile and when cleared of vegetation are easily eroded by the winds. Vegetation removal will result in weed species occupying the voids created by the removal of native species and the good areas of vegetation will become vulnerable. The staircase will provide an easy access into the bushland and further destruction will occur because of vandalism. Whitfords Nodes is part of the regionally significant Bush Forever site 325. There is a general presumption against clearing. There ecological linkages between this and areas to the north. There are endangered fauna and vulnerable flora in the area. Human incursion into the dune will increase the chance of fire occurring. A significant amount of further vegetation may need to be cleared to combat the increased risk. The minutes of 26/6/17 refer to support having been given by Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum Inc. As [- - -] I state that there is and was no support given from the group. This is a misstatement of fact in the minutes of Council and should be corrected. As far as I know the HRHOA have no environmental credentials and maybe unaware of the potential for destruction of the dune to occur. There is an underutilised stairway at the Craigie Leisure Centre which is not far away and central to residents of the City. Are people who exercise this way unable to travel this distance? The cost of an additional stairway is not warranted. There is currently a pathway to the lookout that would provide similar exercise. I do not believe that that the Council has the ability to manage the area so that the current condition of the land is maintained. The City relies on volunteers and State Government grants currently to manage the coastal areas.*

*We and many often enjoy a quiet peaceful walk up to the lookouts. With the construction of the stairway there will be noise, more litter and more graffiti. The current play equipment could perhaps be upgraded but there is no need to move or extend the present play areas.*

*I think it's a great idea as long as the use of the park is not strictly limited to JUST clubs, groups and businesses.*

*If the City of Joondalup can build this park without raising rates I think it will be lovely. Please provide toilets though most of the parks I have been to keep the toilets shut. It is silly to have to find bush or go home. I cannot stay around if there are no toilets.*

*Seems to be a suitable venue, with parking facilities and away from residential homes.*

*Great idea using a space that is well underused.*

*Needs good security for carparking.*

*Protect the environment from unneeded public works to little long term benefit to the community. This is exactly like Roe 8 and I'll rather funds be spent on other projects such as increased Green recycling bins.*

*I regularly run in the park and welcome the proposal.*

*The area could do with something down there to draw more people to it!*

*We have used Whitfords Nodes Park on many occasions for family get togethers, and have often said it could be improved, especially the car park.*

*A fantastic opportunity to create something that will be with us for decades to come and for many to enjoy. The views from the dune lookouts are phenomenal and the park itself lends perfectly for use by fitness groups as it's away from housing and protected.*

*Being involved with sport is something we are all passionate about for everyone to have a healthier approach to their lifestyle. Opening this area up for more opportunity for sporting groups and others will be of greater benefit to all — this area is already highly used by so many people and as long as parking and other facilities are balanced for use by all, it will be a popular choice for many many people.*

*I think it is a positive initiative and a good idea for promoting health and well being in the area.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*As mentioned above, I use the exercise equipment at Harbour Rise Park which is helping to increase my strength and fitness levels. However, the main benefit has been the amazing difference it has made to my right hip which now no longer causes me any pain and I can walk fast again, instead of limping along in agony. To me it's a miracle! I am excited that now there will be more exercise opportunities in this area if this project goes ahead! My family and four grandchildren will love and benefit from it also.*

*I would love to see more of these around the community. It would be fabulous to have some rooms to hire for wellbeing classes & groups to meet. It could generate some income for the Council at reasonable hire charges to the community of course.*

*A good use and extension of facilities already available.*

*This is a fantastic initiative. Although Hillary is great, there is currently a huge lack of these sort of facilities. Especially if you compare with how many people that are visiting this area each week for exercising, enjoying the beach with the kids and picnics etc.*

*Recreational use of this beachfront area is already adequately catered for — people can walk run or cycle along existing pathways and if they want to use fitness equipment they can go to a gym. Construction of a Jacob's Ladder would cause damage to the dunes' vegetation. Funding for this unnecessary project will probably come from increases to Council rates, which is unfair to ratepayers.*

*Any activity that benefits a person's well being is vital in the community.*

*There needs to be more of an emphasis on "health and wellbeing hubs" rather than another fast food outlet. People need to become more active and I fully support this for locals.*

*This improvement has been sought for several years, and seems to be well worthwhile. Of some concern is whether the City will be able to gather financial support from external sources.*

*I feel the location is unsuited to the proposal as there is little parking, high density suburban living and is situated on a nature reserve.*

*Great opportunity to use the area and add to wellbeing of the visitors. It is a good park with plenty of room and a great opportunity to get fit while taking in the view.*

*I believe the environmental impact is too great in a bush forever site. This is a significant coastal dune and we should not be developing these areas without doing a full environmental impact assessment. I strongly disagree with the opinion given in Q6 of the FAQs which states "The environmental impact is anticipated to be minimal." The whole project will have serious environmental impact across the dune, disruption to fauna & flora, and further erosion of the dunes. To turn this area into a construction site shows a great lack of respect for the protection of our precious coastal areas which should be preserved for future generations. The City should be able to find a more appropriate place to build such a set of steps and create a wellness hub.*

*I am very happy with the proposal and my family and grandchildren will definitely use the Park for recreation and exercising on a daily basis. I currently use Harbour Rise Park to exercise on the equipment provided there.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*My address is about few metres from the ocean, you can see from the street map. I live here over 25 years, I own my house, a beautiful and quiet street. I walk to ocean every morning. Whitford Nodes is a nice quiet park, people use it for BBQ, picnic, some communities use it as some event from time to time. When that events happen, the traffic was packed everywhere, some people even park their car on my house boundary. I don't mind from time to time even though their cars destroy my plantation a bit. But I can't imagine the traffic when the park is fully used all the time. I wonder why your Council is so concerned about the opinion of the people in Harbour Rise. They are only a small percentage of people live around Whitfords Nodes. How about the rest of people live around Whitfords Nodes, just as us. The entry to Whitfords Nodes is nearly at my backyard, which is nothing affect Harbour Rise people at all. Do you think they are selfish. I am a rate payer, Harbour Rise people too, but the future traffic affect me more than Harbour Rise, I think I have more to say than they are. People use this park very well now, not too busy not empty, just fully use the park efficiently. I hope your Council can think carefully about the construction of the new facility at Whitfords Nodes Park. I don't know why Harbour Rise people want to extend Whitfords Nodes. I am quite sure Harbour Rise people won't use Whitfords Nodes all time.*

*It will encourage outdoor physical activities.*

*Anything to encourage me and my family to get out and exercise, just don't charge a fortune to use.*

*A skate park would also be great, very expensive though I know.*

*I think its great City of Joondalup is taking a step forward and giving us facilities to keep fit and active. The park will cater to people of all ages and fitness levels and its location along our beautiful coastline and so close to Hillary's Boat Harbour is perfect! There will be minimal impact to local residents given the natural border the dunes give. Given this park is already a fitness hub this new development will prevent damage to the area and will allow the Council to maintain and manage the environment.*

*Great idea*

*I quite often run the trail area and think this is a fantastic initiative. I believe that the boot camps would need to be carefully supervised as it wouldn't be fair if they were to take over the area.*

*The more options available for health and fitness the better.*

*We live very close to the park. It is a great space that we use regularly. The upgrades would be a welcome addition.*

*I would strongly suggest that all the pathways be dual use for walking and cycling, as I currently use all the paths in the park for cycling and love the limestone paths up to the lookout at the south east end of the park for some mountain biking, as it has great steep hills, please ensure it stays for cyclist as well, not just walkers, ensure the paths are wide enough to allow walkers, joggers, cyclists to use the path safely. I have given suggestions before about the ocean pathway from Mullaloo to Burns Beach and I was very pleased that you listened and made the improvements and safety features I suggested, eg. trimming bushes on corners for visibility and safety, wider paths dual use, signs for people with headphones on to listen for bike bells and cyclists etc.*

*It's a great location for it. Plenty of room. Right beside the ocean and plenty of parking. Great idea!*

*It's a recreation park, please listen to the rate payers of the area, and beyond, that use it for relaxation, recreation and pleasure. This is a great initiative, well done guys.*

*I see a lot of people already use it for non and organised fitness so good to improve facilities.*

*It will be great for bringing people into the area as an attraction. I think there should lots of different places for people to get fit.*

*Be bold! I like the idea of the fitness/exercise circuit and would urge that instead of installing expensive equipment (stationary bicycle and elliptical trainer) such as deployed at Flinders Park, opt for simplicity. Chin-up bars, parallel bars, rings etc. Look to places such as — Venus Beach, California, USA — Mango Hill, Queensland, — Colts fitness park, Indianapolis, USA — Bondi Park, Bondi Beach, NSW for inspiration.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*It bring communities together.*

*We live and own a business in Hillarys [- - -] and are very proud and passionate about the suburb and think it's a wonderful idea to be promoting anything to do with healthy living in the area. Great idea :-)*

*I think the idea that is proposed is a great idea for the community. I use the park regularly.*

*I am happy with this proposal subject to other groups such as family groups retaining access to the area. In other words activity groups should not use the facilities exclusively at the normal times that family would be using the park.*

*One pair of breeding raptors in that area — for miles — we have enough gyms etc for fitness — let's protect the dunes and their rehabilitation instead of destroying them and the fauna and flora for the sake of a few people who will run up stains (basically) we have lovely paths there and all around the area — we have so little wild life left in Australia and mostly the costal dune areas — please don't destroy the Nature beauty for a few "up market commercial facilities" dedicate that area to rehabilitate our beautiful wild life (birds, snakes, bobtails) the dunes and the unspoilt nature we have over run in our urge to live the "beach life". Please think of the children's children. Once the dunes and animals are gone — that virgin bush will be spoilt for life! Please save this for the future of the next generations to follow our selfish desires. Thank you.*

*A very good initiative that will provide ongoing health and recreational benefits to the community.*

*I believe it is a much needed hub and space for community to utilise and engage within. I believe it is a step in the right direction and a perfect way to enhance community and what the current park is!*

*With all new initiatives parking allocation is limited, I hope parking has been one of the top priorities. Along with parking clear signage would be helpful for people who are unfamiliar with local parking laws restrictions.*

*I am concerned with an increase of noise in an already noisy area especially early morning.*

*Would be well used therefore requires sufficient parking for all. Maybe businesses should be restricted as they may overcrowd the facilities*

*I do not the support the stairway and more bitumen paths. Adding a lump of steel/concrete, hard services to a bush park area is a negative. Those wishing to exercise on hard surfaces can do so on existing path ways. It looks like the stairway initial cost comes from outside the Council. This may seem to be a positive from a rate payer perspective. Not really. The Council will be paying for maintenance, repair costs and general upkeep of the surrounding area. Building hard services in park land is not progress. It is expensive, costly to maintain and will eventually fail. It will then cost to remove.*

*The concept is fine but at the nodes it would seem to be a white elephant except on weekends. This money may be better utilised to do something similar in the Ocean Reef Marina development, so that more people are attracted to the Marina and it's viability is enhanced.*

*I have seen these types of facilities all over the world and they are a great way to promote good healthy communities. There are many hidden benefits that are hard to quantify but the most obvious is a reduction in the health needs of an ageing population.*

*As many health and recreation areas within the City of Joondalup is a positive with the proviso that there are enough shaded areas, trees, toilet facilities and sufficient parking for the hub users.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*The cost details are not provided in the FAQ or elsewhere for online survey participants and therefore it is impossible to assess value for money and/or the cost/benefit ratio. No evidence on any upper limit of Local Authority [ratepayer] contribution available. The dedicated parking for food vendors, although listed as part of project, are not shown on plan provided. Not seen as essential service and appears to be targeted to benefit a limited demographic. I could find no evidence of how access to the facilities would be managed nor the likely ongoing maintenance commitment and costs would be. This project will need to be assessed in much more detail before ratepayers funds are committed to it. In general I have no objection to this proposal in principle however as ratepayer contribution is likely I am unable to support the project without further information. If the Council are prepared to fund facilities such as this for selective parts of the community, how do I go about getting the Council to provide facilities and funding for a Lapidary Club to service the northern suburbs?*

*Waste of taxpayers money.*

*I feel this will be a great addition to the current park amenities and will also work to protect the current dunes/bush land long term.*

*This would be an extension of basic facilities at the site and should cause minimal environmental impact.*

*We need a variety of parks, activities and equipment. I would hope that an all ability park would be part of the area, allowing even disabled people to participate in the fun of going to the park, particularly younger disabled children.*

*I think it is a great idea to encourage people to stay fit, healthy and exercise. Great addition to the coastal strip and hopefully also gives opportunity for some business, like food and coffee sales.*

*I think that this is a great idea and I wish there were more like that around the area.*

*I feel that it would be a facility largely used by groups from outside of the area, and that maintenance costs will be high and have to be met by ratepayers*

*Promoting health and fitness for the public is a great thing. Only have to look at how much "Jacob's Ladder" was used for fitness. Something like this would be a great asset to the community.*

*We are 100% behind this venture.*

*This will encourage families to be active, use local facilities and be part of the community.*

*1. The surrounding vegetation is within Bush Forever 325 (Reserve A) of the conservation status as the bushland of Kings Park & Botanic Gardens and Bold Park. Guidelines of the Conservation Act dictate that no part of a Reserve A bushland is to be altered, destroyed nor replaced. Burns Beach to Hillarys is primarily a nature conservation area suitable for small numbers of people who will respect the environment, not very large numbers of people whose aims are to get fit and socialise. 2. This plan is guaranteed to damage the natural vegetation, for the long term. What official approvals have been granted re 1 + 2? Where are the results of any recent Environmental Impact Survey? 3. For instance: there is an 18-20 year old osprey nest atop the telecommunications towers. Ospreys are not common along Perth's coastline and they are a protected bird species. What consideration and understanding, based on specialist opinion, are being given on how much this family of ospreys could tolerate the impact of very large numbers of noisy energetic humans playing ear splitting music plus the constant pounding of hundreds of feet over the high dunes/stairs opposite at all hours. Plus what rulings are in place that the use of inquisitive drones will be banned? Further, all bushland along Hillarys Beach and offshore is the hunting ground and food resource for these ospreys, especially important when the ospreys are breeding season. 5. There is a natural population of Golden Ghost Crabs that inhabit Hillarys Beach.*

*A really good initiative by Council to develop the Nodes as per the plan set out here. I am sure residents of the Joondalup Council & surrounding councils will appreciate the extra amenities that will eventuate.*

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*As new residents to the area, a huge part of our decision to move here was to embrace the outdoor lifestyle, engage with community and live a fit and active life using our surroundings. A dedicated health hub would continue to bring community togetherness and vitality to the area, which greatly enriches life as a resident as well as a community who comes together.*

*I have used the area in the past and have enjoyed the surroundings. The upgrade looks great.*

*Really excellent proposal and hope it is implemented very soon.*

*It is such a great area that is really under used and needs some development.*

*I am unlikely to use it myself but believe any advancement of health and wellbeing in a community is positive.*

*Any upgrades to well used parks such as Whitfords Nodes is very much supported by our household.*

*More exercise to combat obesity epidemic.*

*It's a great location for families, and might alleviate the pressure on nearby venues (e.g., Mullaloo) that become crowded on week-ends.*

*The need for improved facilities and to accommodate many different community groups is important. The overall plan is generally good.*

*I support the proposal, but am concerned about two aspects related to any development. The first concern is about the level of anti social behaviour that currently takes place after hours. The second concern is that before this development takes place, the capacity of Whitfords Avenue should be upgraded to a two lane in each direction road. The volume of traffic that this road handles during the summer season, is already problematic for car borne dog walkers attempting to utilise the dog beach, beach goers and weekend tourists using this stretch of road.*

*Often see groups of people exercising in this spot. Making a hub can only be a positive from my perspective.*

*Building on already existing popularity of site to make it even more popular and usable makes economic sense.*

*On paper, the concept seems worthy and doesn't seem to impact on the "reserved" nature of the area.*

*I would hope the usage would be monitored and other opportunities for similar hubs identified to ensure easy access for all.*

*There is no need to interfere with the park/sand dunes. It will upset the wildlife. There are several other parks in the area that are more suitable for this project. Somethings are better left untouched.*

*An absolutely brilliant concept, please please go ahead with this plan, have seen and used the concept in several countries and localities, the sooner the better. [- - -]*

*As the [- - -] of Hillarys Boat Harbour we strongly support this, as it's not too far from our property we would then love for people to come and buy food and/or coffees after they use your park.*

*Please get on with improving this area. For too long these wonderful areas have limited appeal.*

*We need more of these wellbeing hubs throughout the suburb.*

*I believe that the development of Whitfords Nodes Park into a Health and Wellbeing Hub will enhance fitness amenities, encourage healthy living and deter anti-social behaviour. I think it could, as a corollary, attract visitors to the area. I therefore support the proposal.*

*The proposed health and wellbeing hub at Whitfords Nodes and especially the exercise stairwell will provide the local community and the region with a fantastic facility for outdoor exercise space.*

*It would face-lift what's already existing but no more development. We can't afford it...Where does all this money come from? Stop removing the bush forever...Once it's gone, it's gone...there are enough place to exercises...We can simply take a bike or visit one of those struggling fitness centres...*



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*As this area is already utilised in a variety of ways for fitness and recreation it would be great to have it improved. Have attended triathlon training and events, general fitness — whatever improvements are considered, plan on making sure it suits/accommodates large groups of people at events.*

*This area has been under utilised and the bush has attracted some inappropriate behaviour from young people in the past. Health and wellbeing initiatives are always beneficial to the community.*

*Sounds great — recreational, security and environmental benefits.*

*I believe the health and well-being of the community is of paramount importance. Areas such as the proposed boost both physical and mental well-being and attracts a positive spirit to the community. Further it will add customers to the local businesses in the adjacent areas. I support the plan and like the layout and proposed inclusions. Further suggestions would be: 1. More accessibility to the ocean from the carpark for kayaks, canoes, SUPs, etc that are also very popular but currently compete with boats and limited access at the marina or the Pinnaroo Point gated access. 2. A skate ramp (like at Ocean Reef) and/or MTB bike circuit with jumps/etc like Shepherds Bush Park in Kingsley. I believe this caters for the "in-between" teens too old for the play equipment but too young for group/fitness sessions. This will increase inclusivity and create fitness foundations for the youth to better set them up. Will also add an attraction so they drag us parents down and then we're more likely to participate :)*

*All proposed ideas sound like they will really enhance the area and make it more fitness and family user friendly. Ensuring minimal impact on the dunes is also paramount so as long as this is followed I support the proposal.*

*We can see the benefits in the proposal but have some concerns regarding trouble makers using the area at night. We would hope that the area would be locked after dark as it is at present. We get a lot of noise from hoons roaring up and down Whitfords Ave at night time and we feel that monitored 24 hour surveillance of the Health and Wellbeing Hub would be needed so that it doesn't become somewhere for anti social behaviour to be a concern.*

*A waste of ratepayers' money. Will not be used enough to justify the costs. The nodes are snake infested and the running tracks will attract snakes who bask in the sun. The amenity is currently a good place for families and groups to gather. LED lighting not required in the carpark do you think people will use the running tracks in the dark as there is no provision for lighting on the proposal. Why waste more money on car park signs. You have already wasted enough on pointless car park lights and signs in Sorrento plus City of Joondalup signage logo on median strips throughout the area which serve no purpose whatsoever. I don't believe any ratepayer is interested in knowing what car park in Sorrento is parking station one or two. The nodes park already attracts young troublemakers after dark — the fitness equipment will be trashed within a month. Any development of the park should be aimed at providing families with a better weekend facility. Improve the toilets and BBQs. Create a more flowing link to the beach so the two areas are joined. A zip line or similar at weekends from the lookout to the park would attract people to the area, provide income for the Marina and if privately operated create income for the Council.*

*Whilst the proposal does not appear to cater specifically for people within the 55 plus age group, and particularly 70 plus, I welcome any such development within the City. I wonder if there might be some further amenities/activities to target older ratepayers. Ideally, being completely selfish now, something for seniors close to Joondalup CBD would be awesome!*

*Good to have the equipment and facilities available to promote better fitness in the community.*

*I support the use of the Whitfords Nodes Park and beach for recreational activities but strongly oppose the commercialisation of the area. Whitfords Nodes Beach is my local beach and my wife and I walk and swim daily for approximately nine months of the year. Parking is a premium at the beach and the beach should be the focus of activities. Developing a fitness hub and commercial (food cart) will only increase parking pressures. A fitness and wellbeing hub would be better placed at an inland park that does not experience the parking pressures. I am also concerned that beach goers will be locked out as happens with the triathlons. Upgrade the beach tracks and current facilities but do not commercialise the beach.*

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*The stair well idea is good particularly if it will address issues relating to dune degradation as stated in the FAQs and offer the opportunity of a look out. It is something that residents have asked for in the past. I walk in a park in Woodlands that has exercise equipment and it is quite fun. This will be at least closer. I do not know of others in the Joondalup Council area.*

*I strongly support the creation of a space that is safe to enjoy healthy pursuits. I am also very happy to see the consideration given to infrastructure that will prevent further impact to the dune environment.*

*As a frequent user of the park, the only concern our family has is illegal parking. Even at the moment on a quiet Sunday some drivers insist on parking in the access way instead of using the designated car park. This impacts on people trying to use the disabled parking bays and 10 min drop off bays.*

*There are some good ideas in this plan. However, it is elitist to centralise this type of facility. These health and well-being initiatives need to be made available in other parts of Joondalup City for the best overall fitness of City of Joondalup communities.*

*As long as the playground is upgraded and I would like an enclosed area for dogs too.*

*What a fantastic idea to get people out and about in the community and provide an area which will not affect residents.*

*The Health and Wellbeing Hub currently out for public comment has NOT been to Council for consideration and approval to proceed to the comment phase. There are no costings for the project. The Officers Reports in 2014 stated that the area was fragile and would not be accepted by the EPA. The proposed site is part of the Quindalup Dunes system which contain a variety of aeolian landforms developed by regional climatic, geomorphic and sedimentologic factors, as well as local coastal/strandline processes, and vegetative and pedogenic processes. Superimposed on these are factors of distance from the strandline (which determines the degree of wind effects), soil salinity, and height above water table. The proposed site is part of the Whitfords Cuspits geomorphology, stratigraphy and age structure and is unique and should be preserved. The Whitfords Nodes area not the appropriate area. The City already has similar facilities that should be better utilised.*

*The large majority of the public are not part of formal sporting clubs and exercise by themselves eg jogging, running, walking, cycling. This will cater to them. The park already has a strong following with triathlons and exercise groups. This will support a healthy lifestyle and activate the park.*

*A great incentive to encourage more individuals, young & old, to get out & enjoy the beautiful weather & environment we live in.*

*There needs to be more shade (trees or shelters), drinking fountains would be amazing for summer time. And the stairs could provide another challenge without having to drive to Kings Park.*

*Great improvement for area and to decrease vandalism.*

*I know that for literally anything that involves change, the loudest voices are the ones AGAINST it (even if they are in the minority). The rest of us may be completely happy/content with the change/s, and so we tend to remain silent, even though it's actually counterproductive to the feedback process! Therefore I'm trying to kick this habit, and be actively supportive. It's a great plan and very innovative and forwards-thinking. Everyone I've talked to about it is very keen on it!! I'm just wondering why there isn't a small pedestrian access linking the Whitfords Avenue footpath through to the dune paths and park, because not everyone drives! The carpark entrance is quite a detour to walk (coming from the Hillarys Boat Harbour direction), I believe that the best future-proofing will involve easier accessibility. I've completely fallen in love with Perth since coming here, but am constantly baffled by the lack of good quality pedestrian access to many places, everything is built solely around cars (car access is fine, but pedestrians and footpath users are important too!).*

*I support it generally as a great initiative. My only hesitation would be possible impacts on local residents so their concerns and contribution is very important.*

*It will give the community free access to fitness incentives.*



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*I think an upgrade at this park is welcomed.*

*I strongly oppose any development within Bush Forever Site 325 that would result in clearing of native vegetation and other activities that would result in degradation of geoheritage and biodiversity conservation values in this regionally significant bushland and important ecological corridor. This project would result in unacceptable negative environmental impacts resulting in loss of habitat for fauna and flora through disturbance of the physical environment and cause a cycle of continuous disturbance to natural processes and systems. I am concerned that a number City of Joondalup public record documents erroneously claim that the project is supported by the Joondalup Community Coast Care Forum. I am concerned that there appears to have been no consideration of impacts to Noongar Heritage or consultation with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council. I ask that the long recognised conservation values of this area be protected.*

*There are few places for women especially to train outdoors. A well lit, dedicated area would be wonderful for groups. Some paths on the coastal area can be isolated and I have encountered suspicious types (drunk/drug addicts) just hanging around and watching women walk/train in early morn or evening. I just hope it is not dominated by paying clubs versus regular rate payers.*

*This is a well used park and as long as plenty of open space is retained for family or friends groups to use the area for games, I support the additional facilities. Existing car parking should be sufficient so as not to increase expense.*

*The proposed health and wellbeing hub will destroy much needed bushland in an area where community groups have spent decades to regenerate native bushland and re-introduce threatened species. The bushland provides food and shelter for animals and the proposed hub will increase visitors, traffic and thus increase disturbance to the bushland. The boot-camp fitness area will increase traffic of vehicles and people and will increase noise for surrounding houses. Food truck vendors will increase already high pollution for houses nearby. There is plenty of entertainment opportunities, cafes and eateries in the nearby marina. The upgrade of playgrounds, footpaths and picnic area will provide a nice environment for locals and visitors without yet another over-build park.*

*I think it is an excellent idea.*

*Great idea to further activate the park area and with something that adds value to all users in addition to those who may wish to use it purely for fitness purposes.*

*I think it's a great approach in improving the health of the people in this area and I think a fitness area would be greatly used by the public.*

*Provide excellent training facilities.*

*I already use the park for individual training as well as parkrun and triathlon participation. The area is ideally suited for sports and accommodates large groups of people easily. The proximity to beach and marina is a further bonus. A fitness hub would further encourage people to sports which enhances physical wellbeing, community and health.*

*What can be better?*

*A great plan that could be one of Perth's iconic exercise areas.*

*Great initiative. I would like to see it done over winter to minimise impact. Obviously environmental considerations are a high priority. I would like to see more bins and the ones there are often overflowing.*

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1) Current usage shows a lack of need for the majority of these expenditures. 2) The existing paths and access to the look outs are adequate for current participation. 3) A Jacob's Ladder type construction is not required as the gradients on the current paths are adequate for that type of exercise. The cost of such a ladder is not warranted and the demand is not there. 4) Certainly upgrade the children's playground and partially cover it for sun protection. 5) Paths around the perimeter of the park are not required. It is better to walk on grass than a hard surface. 6) Sealing the existing eastern paths between the two lookouts would be irresponsible as they would then be used by cyclists and the number of accidents will be huge. Try and ban bikes will be as unsuccessful as banning dogs from the non dog beach. Council will need a full time ranger in the park. 7) Why should boot camp providers be given free equipment? They don't pay now, so why should they get more free facilities? Can I have free access to Craigie Leisure Pool? 8) LED lighting is fine in the carpark, but with people using the fitness equipment after dark, will it be lit ? 9) PLEASE, PLEASE stop planting casuarina trees. They only have a 25yr life, they allow nothing to grow underneath them, they offer minimal shade and they drop hard little, spikey nuts that cause grief to children in barefeet. What is more attractive them or a Tuart or a Peppermint. We had some beautiful Peppermints in the carpark but they were removed and more casuarinas were planted. That central area which is supposedly native is on the reticulation system!! 10) It was a pity an external shower was not installed at the toilet block when it was recently upgraded. 11) The most urgent issue is the dual path as rounds the cross over to the beach from the car park. Cyclists are going to run into a beach goer and cause major physical injury. The pathetic attempt at warning cyclists is inadequate. I won't keep going as the list is extensive and I will take the opportunity to speak to the City Officers on Sat 2 Dec.

Very important to have a wellness park as proposed. Places like this encourage people to be involved and exercise is great at all ages.

I support the concept of the park as long as any destruction of dunes etc is repaired 100% and I highly recommend the planting of many many trees in the area to help our environment. I mean native trees and not palms etc. Also patrols by extra rangers and security is essential; we do not want any anti-social behaviour.

Because Sorrento now has the shark net parking is at a premium and with all of the fitness groups using the grassed area parking is becoming a problem. Shifting some of these classes to Whitfords Nodes will free up space at Sorrento.

I am in favour of formalised dune preservation and believe that the extra picnic tables, shelter & drink fountains are much needed however not too sure how much usage the boot camp area will achieve once the novelty has worn off. Further, if the boot camp area goes ahead this should be fully funded by fitness groups, grants & etc and not ratepayer funded. Asphalt pathways will also be very hot on young people's feet when running around barefooted.

I support the proposal as it will help concentrate the formal, commercial and large competitions into an area that has been purposely designed for it. This will help remove the events and the training groups from the grassed informal usage areas at Sorrento Beach where they clash with family and public use. I do not strongly support the proposal as I don't think there has been a comprehensive plan prepared for the greater coastal zone that incorporates current and proposed developments in the area. The proposed development Sorrento Plaza, surf club redevelopment and the marina complex create conflicting requirements. There is no current plan for the traffic management and the coastal pathway to cope with the current use loads, let alone being able to handle huge increased traffic from what is planned. Just the construction traffic alone will have a huge impact. Apparently recent meetings with the Main Roads Dept and City of Stirling got nowhere. When there is a running or cycling event that uses the current costal pathway there is absolute chaos. Even events on the water will block the path with increased pedestrian traffic and people stopping to watch. Have you seen what happens in an emergency (car accident, sea rescue with helicopter, house fire on West Coast Drive) or an incident like a whale close to shore?

It would be a great well used asset for nearby residents and others alike.

Makes sense to consolidate services so establishing a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park is sensible from my point of view.

**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*I support a health and wellbeing hub, but not the insertion of the stairway into the Bush Forever site. Looking at how well used the Iluka Foreshore Park since it's renovation then I can see more people getting outdoors and using the facilities as envisaged. Please put in equipment to all levels of difficulty so that young and old can exercise properly. There are very few facilities in the City of Joondalup for older people. The exception that I'm aware of is Falklands Park in Kinross. I like to use the Flying Fox myself and the swings and I meditate in my local parks.*

*Apart from health and wellbeing being important for everyone, the ability for families and tourists to be able to visit a vibrant area with children's playground, open space, food/ice cream/coffee vans etc is very appealing.*

*Spend the money on Neil Hawkins park is a better place for a health and well-being hub.*

*There is already a well established fitness community based at Whitfield Nodes so why not make it more accessible and more user friendly. Also attracting other fitness groups or individuals will result in better business for those business surrounding the area.*

*We think it's a great idea — this particular nodes park has been a great recreational spot which we have enjoyed over the years but it could always have been so much more. These ideas of the City's are fantastic, will draw many more people to the nodes and will provide great recreational options for our citizens.*

*I think money would be better used on bike lanes/paths to ensure safe cycling and walking for health. Current paths are very busy.*

*I support a health and well being hub if it includes support for the bushland environment which includes ongoing planting and monitoring of existing species of flora and fauna. CCTV to help with the BIG problem of anti social behaviour in the area. This is a must and cannot be overstated. The evidence of young people drinking, doing drugs, [- - -] and suicide in the area has been enormous over the years. Just ask me...I'm a [- - -]. And additional car parking resources as when they run triathlons down at this area parking becomes problematic and home owners suffer as well as the nearby marina.*

*Please fence tracks and divert foot traffic to stairway and boot camp. Reason for this is current activity in the bush. I would like to protect the dunes.*

*Amazing idea to better utilise the space and encourage people to be active.*

*There is no information on the cost of this project & how much it will increase our rates. I have lived in Sorrento in [- - -] and have seen my general rates charge only (excluding all other charges) increase from \$600 to \$1,601 an increase of 266.8%. Over the corresponding period CPI (all Capital Cities) has increased from 60.8 to 110.7 ie 182.1%. It's time City of Joondalup stopped putting its greedy hand deeper into our pockets. As a retired person I'm very conscious that I'll be asked to fund a facility I do not expect to use. A more useful project would be to put up some shades along the beach immediately south of the Hillarys Boat Harbour, ie the area protected by the shark net. This area is used by Vac Swim for teaching kids to swim, (from toddler to teenager), school groups, and families because of the shark protection offered.*

*I think it's a good idea...but I'd be a stronger supporter of the concept if it included an asphalt path connecting Angove Drive through the sandhills to Whitfords Nodes (and towards the beach). If we're going to all this effort to and expense to install asphalt paths in the dunes, it seems obvious that we should have a connection from Angove through the dunes. It can be steep but it should be there. This would also be a valuable connection to enable surf lifesavers and emergency services to get quicker access to any patrons who might require assistance when exercising in the hub.*

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*Recently we were in Sweden and couldn't help noticing the number of public health sites in metropolitan Stockholm and in country towns. The two best we saw were: 1. Stockholm on island which is on Reimersholme Island which is next to the famous Longholmen Prison Island in Stockholm Harbour. The exercise site is on an exercise path and has several ingenious passive and more active exercise machines made of heavy metal. Adults and children ran up, hopped on a few machines to do their quota of exercises, then trotted off. There were exercise charts attached to each machine which was obviously built to last. They were easy to understand, even if you didn't read Swedish. 2. Uppsala is a large University town with a small river running through the middle. The river runs alongside the renowned Cathedral and University buildings which include student accommodation. There was an impressively laid out bicycle path running alongside the river and at regular intervals there were other exercise machines. Even though the University was in recess at the time we were there, many people were taking advantage of the exercise facilities. The University gymnasium, ice hockey stadium and soccer football stadium were also located there.*

*Great area which is under utilised.*

*Only benefits a very narrow section of ratepayers.*

*I think this is an excellent choice of location and will prove a great asset to the whole community. Policing at night may need to be increased or at least more visible to discourage graffiti/vandalism increasing.*

*Great idea and use of the area.*

*Please do not remove the use of the shade provided by the trees just south of the area designated for a playground — a really pleasant area. Several times a year we meet with friends at weekends and sit under these trees, it's ideal as it is close to the beach to keep an eye on the children and provides shade without being on top of each other. As it is, there are not enough shaded areas in this park on a busy day, suggest adding a shaded area, with more picnic seating near the existing toilets, single shaded bench and BBQ.*

*The plans look amazing!*

*Please do not keep putting islands on the road along coast. There are a lot of road cyclists who use it for training and the islands make it hard for cars to pass. Please consider widening asphalt areas so that cyclist training or a criterium course may be considered. The cycle path is too dangerous for road cyclists when dogs are running loose, kids on skateboards and prams covering whole width of the path. Please give a decent verge on the road for road cyclists to be safe and allow sufficient room on the roundabouts.*

*Fantastic to see the City support community based physical fitness and well being.*

*Anything that encourages people to exercise should be considered in this day of too much technology.*

*Unneeded, plenty of recreation/fitness facilities elsewhere than in habitat and sensitive environment.*

*Why not just do the staircase and allow boot camps to use the area.*

*This is a safe and well-protected park which would benefit the wider community with the enhancements in the plan.*

*I believe this will be a benefit to the local community and provide a safe area for health and wellness activities*

*Improving the area will allow more people to use it.*

*Currently fairly basic public area, the suggested infrastructure additions would be great. "Health and Wellbeing Hub" sounds like a bit of a [- - -]. I hope it doesn't lead to Council trying to force a consolidation of fitness/bootcamp type of activities with a revenue focus...*

*I partially support the concept...some upgrade of facilities are necessary however I think too much is being organised for the area.*

*The upgrades sound fantastic and I would definitely use the park even more.*

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*Consolidation is a good way to maximise the use of current areas and facilities while allowing any future upgrades and enhancement to also be better utilised. Some areas currently being used as "boot camp " style do impact more on Sorrento Beach users where they are using the grassed areas adjoining Sorrento Surf Club. Consolidating to the Nodes area will be an improvement.*

*The park is nice but pretty bare at the moment. Some more structure to it while still protecting the dunes would be great. Anything that encourages people to get outside is a good thing.*

*This is a proposal which will if implemented provide benefits to the community as a whole as well as improving environmental management in an area already used extensively by local people.*

*A large amount of money has been invested in the installation of exercise equipment in various COJ parks. My observation is that the equipment is rarely used. Is the City confident that this large investment at Whitfords Nodes will be better utilised? At the moment the area is a nice quiet place to go for a family picnic. It is already well used. Why does the City want to "industrialise" it and turn it into a gimmicky "Health and Wellbeing Hub" which could change its character from a nice quiet area to a frenetic one. The front dunes at Whitfords Nodes have been heavily eroded. I would prefer to see scarce capital invested in revegetation and protection otherwise the dunes will regress further, even into the park eventually. I don't see any need for the new stairway to the lookout. There is already a path going up to the lookout. Why can't runners just use this path? The proposed stairway would interfere with the dune geography and ecology, and cost a lot of money when the simple solution of renovating the existing path to the lookout would suffice. Runners would simply run up the path to the top and back down again.*

*I walk 3–4 times a week through the park including up to the lookouts. Whilst walking I always see boot camps, mum & bubs classes as well as others like myself walking, running or cycling and think this proposal is a wonderful idea. My youngest (adult age) daughter also does some of the triathlons there. My only concern will be with youths with too much time on their hands spoiling it for everyone that does use it the way it is meant to be & should be used. Also I hope it doesn't impact our already expensive rates as I am retired & my husband semi retired.*

*Obesity in adults and children is increasing and will cost the country millions in medical care in the future. Every effort should be made to allow people access to free open air training facilities. This facility would allow those who couldn't afford to join a gym, or be brave enough to go into one and opportunity to exercise.*

*I live [- - -] — only been there once on my own and found it quite scary as so isolated from the road and nobody using the park. Will be amazing to have a great park and gym exercise there — having a baby next year and it is within walking distance to so many houses here so sure it will be used so often as we really need a lovely children's playground in our area. At present we use Mullaloo Park as it is fabulous and so safe. Can't wait!!*

*Great concept to utilise this beautiful area.*

*These types of facility provide scope for all age groups to participate in a large range of outdoor activities, which allows for people to pursue a healthy lifestyle .*



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*Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub — Whitfords Nodes Park Introduction. Our decision to live [ - - - ] to the Whitford Nodes and the beach area was made in the 1980s and we have resided at [ - - - ] since [ - - - ]. Since that time we have been avid users of the park and beaches. This has provided us with first hand experiences of wonderful amenities the Council have installed and maintained in the area. We have also witnessed the way Council expenditure has been directed to failed or doomed projects. Comments: Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes. The overall proposal has many attractive and well thought out features however the stairway and more bitumen paths are not supported. Adding a lump of steel/concrete, hard services to a bush park area is a negative. Those wishing to exercise on hard surfaces can do so on existing path ways. We walk to and from the lookout along the lime stone pathway and find it more than adequate. We also notice others have no problem walking/running the pathway. It looks like the stairway initial cost comes from outside the Council. This may seem to be a positive from a rate payer perspective. Not really. The Council will be paying for maintenance, repair costs and general upkeep of the surrounding area. Other Matters: The proposal will certainly make the park attractive and increase the park uses significantly. With this in mind we recommend you add upgrading the shower area and beach access situated at northern end of the car park. The intersection at the shower area needs a major rethink. Cyclists, path walkers/runners, beach goers with young children and showers are all in conflict. Trees and bushes block vision and must be removed. The potential for a serious accident involving an unthinking cyclist is real. The separation of cyclists and pedestrian should be given priority. Also removal of the remainder of the failed concrete pathway and fencing needs doing. Over the years Council has experimented with concrete, asphalt and limestone paths to the beach. Nature has defeated the Council every time. Change the pathway from west/east orientation (creates a wind tunnel with heavy erosion activity) to an "S" shaped path. Leave the path as sand. Improve the amenities in the area between shower area and beach by creating a grassed seating area with sunshade shelter. Why not see what the Town of Cambridge has provided at Floreat Beach — grass area, shelters and sand path way to beach. We also notice the plan map does not show all of the existing pathways thus not giving a correct picture how much of the park area is already covered in hard services. Building hard services in park land is not progress. It is expensive, costly to maintain and will eventually fail. It will then cost to remove. [ - - - ]*

*Only support parts of the proposal.*

*More costs to the City, eg rates will go up to pay for it.*

*Dependent on capital cost. Also expectations and management of (semi-) professional fitness industry: i) Will they monopolise at general public's expense? ii) Will they be expected to pay for use and upkeep of facilities from they derive income? Bottle water filling stations should be at no cost to user.*

*Anything that increases health is to be commended.*

*This is a fantastic idea.*

*We are in support as long as it doesn't alter too much the existing parklands and bushlands*

*The infrastructure needs improvement.*



**Verbatim responses — Do you support the proposal for a Health and Wellbeing Hub at Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 269):**

*Would love to access fitness equipment in an area where my children can play in the playground. Also very supportive of the inclusion of food truck spaces. Would love to see more food trucks in the City of Joondalup.*

*Excellent initiative!*

*Great idea to provide fitness areas in this area — there is very little to promote outdoor exercise in Hillarys and with many people living and working in the area, they would be able to enjoy the ocean views and park land whilst getting a good work out. I used to go to Jacob's Ladder often but would much rather exercise in this area — its closer to work, fresher air and any opportunity for free exercise can only benefit the community.*

*After what happened in another town by a local government department, I do not trust the Council to NOT strip away the beach sand dunes and degrade the natural coastal vegetation with the new developments. I also do not believe the information supplied is transparent enough to gain community opinion. I feel that some relevant information is being withheld. However, I do agree that the car park areas need more lighting and security. I also believe that the dual footpath/bike paths need widening as I have nearly been wiped out (me as the pedestrian) by a bike rider doing at least 40km/hr past me. The speed limit for bikers needs to be addressed as they don't give a [- - -] about pedestrians and ride very close to the person's body regardless if the person is "kept left".*

## APPENDIX 14 — Verbatim responses

QUESTION: “If you oppose any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons”

Note: Words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [- - -]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

<b>Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):</b>
<i>Consider making upgrades to new bike paths with solar roads.</i>
<i>Not opposed at all.</i>
<i>If we are talking of community based fitness is there a space for food trucks? I question the reason beyond this behind money?</i>
<i>I don't feel the park needs exercise equipment especially if upgrades are happening to the cycle path and lookout area.</i>
<i>My support in general all depends on whether dogs are allowed at the park. The proposed features I opposed are the ones I have no interest in.</i>
<i>I strongly support playground but I believe it should be closer to Hillary's Marina.</i>
<i>I do not agree that there should be food truck vendors, it is better to encourage people to bring their own picnics and BBQ foods, food trucks always smell awful, attract seagulls and vermin, are unhealthy junk foods and are noisy with their engines running putting our petrol fumes into the clean fresh air that people exercising are breathing, I strongly oppose.</i>
<i>Commercialisation of the park with the focus on non beach activities will increase pressure on beach users.</i>
<i>Putting in the stairway will destabilise the present structure of the dune and lay it open to erosion. Removal of the natural vegetation will negatively impact on the dune formation as the vegetation keeps the structure stable. Removal of the vegetation will cause serious disruption to the native fauna and flora — birds, lizards, snakes, sun moths. The removal of older vegetation can't quickly be replaced and will impact on the native flora and fauna's food and nesting cycles and they are already grossly impacted by developments in the area — with future negative impacts for sure when the Ocean Reef Marina is developed. My understanding is that the Whitford Nodes dune has statewide significance and should not be disturbed like this. Animals' Corridors of Passage negatively impacted. Putting people in to that site en masse will impact on all areas surrounding the staircase — with consequent intrusion of dogs and humans — as weed vectors, litter/plastics into a good area of Bush Forever. There's then the potential for bushfire impact — which is a problem in Kinross as soon as the schools are out. It will be impossible to keep trespassers out of the remainder Bush For Ever site. We are becoming desensitised to the loss of Bush Forever Sites and this loss has consequences to future generations. I'm not objecting to the upgrades to the existing facilities, since there's no way back for that to Bush Forever. And obesity is a serious problem to young people now as well as the middle aged and elderly. Food Trucks: No because people are coming to this site for exercise...don't make it a fast food site. And the litter will end up blowing everywhere and have a negative impact on the environment. Water Fountains are good, but NO Food.</i>
<i>The consolidated playground needs to be setback from the footpath as surrounding it with only grassed area provides kids freedom to roam. I'm not sure about the design of the shelters it's a really big space spread it out.</i>
<i>The beauty of WA is wild coast...Don't want to have everything bitumen and lighted like an airport...</i>
<i>People can take their own food and water to the park and beach. The Beach is the big attraction at the Nodes. Leave it as a natural simple beautiful beach and park.</i>
<i>I do not want bikes on the dunes.</i>
<i>Very nice to have, but feel we have to save some money for essentials.</i>

Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):
<i>Refer to comments made at question 6.</i>
<i>[From previous: Recreational use of this beachfront area is already adequately catered for — people can walk run or cycle along existing pathways and if they want to use fitness equipment they can go to a gym. Construction of a Jacob's Ladder would cause damage to the dunes vegetation. Funding for this unnecessary project will probably come from increases to Council rates, which is unfair to ratepayers.]</i>
<i>I don't think there needs to be bays just for food trucks.</i>
<i>People can supply their own. This may be expensive to install and maintain.</i>
<i>Better suited place is Neil Hawkins Park for all items proposed.</i>
<i>You people need to start taking costs into account like all the parks that have lights burning all the time for a few.</i>
<i>I have great concern for the environmental impact on this area. I do not agree with the stairs or running tracks on an environmentally protected area. This area caused a big public fight to get it protected when I was a child. I remember the fight very well. It was protected for a number of reasons mainly to do with erosion. It is an area that should be used educationally to show students the importance of looking after the environment not to make exercise areas through it. This will inevitably cause erosion to the dunes that are very vulnerable to erosion.</i>
<i>I support the use of CCTV in the area</i>
<i>As previously stated I strongly opposed to any development within Bush Forever Site 325 that involves clearing of native vegetation and disturbance and degradation of natural heritage values. Current management practices observed in the park indicates that current infrastructure is resulting in various forms of erosion, litter pollution, light pollution, hydrological changes and contamination of ecological processes with the introduction of alien soils, flora and fauna. All are degrading natural processes. The importance of the strategic conservation strategy embodied in Bush Forever Sites needs to be valued and upheld as does the presumption against clearing. Human health and well being is as dependent on biodiversity and a healthy natural environment as it is on exercise. It is unclear what the impacts of many of the proposed features will be, in my opinion a thorough, independent scientific investigation of impacts of all proposed features, building methods and materials and long term management implications needs to be undertaken before the project is progressed.</i>
<i>Will the lookout and play areas be made accessible for people of all abilities?</i>
<i>Don't advertise, its busy enough, keep it a secret for ratepayers. He he.</i>
<i>Don't need more vendors in park area — it will become yet another place to eat and drink! People need to bring their own drinks or food and there is a cafe within 200 metres.</i>
<i>We have a valuable bush forever site. Please protect it. The Fitness and Wellness Hub can go elsewhere. Once the area is changed it will be changed forever. Let's do more to protect it.</i>
<i>Food trucks is a trend that will not last, most people that are into food trucks aren't much into fitness and vice versa. Have been to a few food truck events always poorly planned/organised with lots of complaints...not a fan of food trucks.</i>
<i>Destroy the vegetation around, destroy sand dune.</i>
<i>Pathways are not degraded and are adequate at the moment — waste of money. Truck vendors — again taking up spaces that should be for patrons. Fitness signage and ground line marking will ruin the natural beauty of the park and make it appear that there are set areas — this will cause division among patrons.</i>
<i>Not sure about Food Vendors.</i>
<i>Asphalt gets very hot and does not take rainwater into the ground.</i>

**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

*Stated on the previous page.*

*[From previous: Due to the following reasons I strongly oppose the proposal: Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout: Negative impact on environment during construction, shading of plants etc. potentially increased number of visitor with its inherent pollution (rubbish, dogs, dog faeces), the stairways will not increase the physical activity, since it is not at higher elevation than the current lookout. Consolidation of current play equipment into a new regional play space: The proposed location seems not to be safe for children. It is close to the bicycle path, dog walking path (many large dogs often off leash) and close to the dunes (I've personally seen many snakes on the cycle path warming up in the sun). Installation of new fitness signage and ground line marking: No obvious benefit for park users. Installation of new picnic shelters and park furniture: Detailed layout is missing. Upgrade of the existing limestone dune paths to the east of the park with asphalt paths: There is evidence that running on asphalt tracks is not healthy (meniscus damage, Iliotibial band syndrome, joints etc.) The proposed asphalt running track will reduce the exercising benefits and should not be built. Upgrade of the existing path network around the park's grassed areas: It does not increase any benefit compared to the existing paths. Installation of LED lighting: Research shown a significant negative impact on the environment from so called light pollution. The LED lights should not be installed in consideration of the wildlife. Provision of new designated parking bays for food truck vendors: More vendors and visitors will increase the pollution. We already have a significant amount of rubbish disposed in the car parks and near bush land — Is the upgrade of the existing toiled block considered? — Overall cost of the project is missing. — Feedback time frame should be longer than just 2 1/2 weeks. General Comment: One of the last bush lands in suburban coastal area should not be disturbed. The proposed construction will have a negative impact on the environment and wildlife. Many park users appreciate the unique undisturbed and quiet bush land. It should not convert into a fitness studio. Currently park users have plenty of opportunities to exercise on the existing design. If the proposed well being hub commences it is recommended to enforce the no dog policy (currently we have no policy enforcement on the dogs regularly off leash disturbing park users and wild life) The overall proposal does not seem to bring improvement. Beside the negative impact it focuses on a small proportion of the community rather than on the broad society.]*

*Oppose fast tracks for cyclists which may mean conflict with picnic-ers particularly children.*

*Do not support funding infrastructure for private enterprise using ratepayer's funds.*

*I like the paths the way they are.*

*The existing tracks are sufficient. Food trucks encourage littering and increase congestion in what should be an area for physical activity and family recreation.*

*We think the fitness industry can support itself. I use many parks in our City and others with fitness equipment and I have never seen the equipment being used. Picnic areas and playgrounds are what is used in these parks.*

*Encouraging fitness professionals to use/monopolise facilities at general public's expense, potentially without payment for use and maintenance of facilities. Will generate a noisy/unrelaxed atmosphere, in what is currently a great place to go and relax/unwind in a nice surrounds. Boot camp and fitness centre that will inevitably sprawl into other areas not intended for that use, causing tension in the short/medium term.*

*The new facilities will (if noted on web pages city and fitness) will get to the fitness groups, signage is adequate now.*

*All good — v exciting initiative I do hope the inevitable naysayers are in the minority.*

*Do not oppose at all*

*We and many often enjoy a quiet peaceful walk up to the lookouts. With the construction of the stairway there will be noise, more litter and more graffiti. The current play equipment could perhaps be upgraded but there is no need to move or extend the present play areas.*

*Would prefer leave uncommercial.*

*Waste of money, it's a family park and should remain so not a fitness centre.*

*This will lead to the commercialisation of yet another local passive recreation area*

**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

<i>We don't need food trucks.</i>
<i>Anything that will damage a bushfire we sure should not even be considered.</i>
<i>Already used to capacity on weekends.</i>
<i>Waste of taxpayers' money.</i>
<i>Food vendor trucks will not provide healthy eating options. It will also encourage kids from not so affluent families to badger parents to spend money they may be able to ill afford. Let people self cater. There are barbeques and picnic tables.</i>
<i>See comments in previous section.</i> [From previous: The proposed health and wellbeing hub will destroy much needed bushland in an area where community groups have spent decades to regenerate native bushland and re-introduce threatened species. The bushland provides food and shelter for animals and the proposed hub will increase visitors, traffic and thus increase disturbance to the bushland. The boot-camp fitness area will increase traffic of vehicles and people and will increase noise for surrounding houses. Food truck vendors will increase already high pollution for houses nearby. There is plenty of entertainment opportunities, cafes and eateries in the nearby marina. The upgrade of playgrounds, footpaths and picnic area will provide a nice environment for locals and visitors without yet another over-build park.]
<i>See earlier comments. The proposed stairway would be environmental vandalism. The dune structure should be left alone and preserved. Runners could use the existing path to the lookout. The path may have to be improved but it would suffice for exercise purposes.</i> [From previous: A large amount of money has been invested in the installation of exercise equipment in various COJ parks. My observation is that the equipment is rarely used. Is the City confident that this large investment at Whitfords Nodes will be better utilised? At the moment the area is a nice quiet place to go for a family picnic. It is already well used. Why does the City want to "industrialise" it and turn it into a gimmicky "Health and Wellbeing Hub" which could change its character from a nice quiet area to a frenetic one. The front dunes at Whitfords Nodes have been heavily eroded. I would prefer to see scarce capital invested in revegetation and protection otherwise the dunes will regress further, even into the park eventually. I don't see any need for the new stairway to the lookout. There is already a path going up to the lookout. Why can't runners just use this path? The proposed stairway would interfere with the dune geography and ecology, and cost a lot of money when the simple solution of renovating the existing path to the lookout would suffice. Runners would simply run up the path to the top and back down again.]
<i>Food trucks fitness groupings are making the park open to commerce. What we need is an area for family groups and friends to relax unwind and enjoy each other's company. Not line up for food. Be pushed aside by yelling, grunting fitness groups.</i>
<i>Don't like the idea of asphalt pathways.</i>
<i>Spending on signage is in my opinion a waste. Users will find out quickly if the facilities are good.</i>
<i>I think it would be better to NOT consolidate the play equipment. Having separate play areas, with different equipment may spread the crowds. More importantly, DO NOT locate any playground near the dual use pathway that runs along the western boundary of the park. I have too many close calls with pedestrians, dog walkers and children playing in the dual use pathway now. A lot of cyclists use this pathway, please do not do anything that will increase the risk of collisions on the dual use pathway. Consider locating the playground within the "Fitness/Exercise Circuit". Locating it there could allow adults using the Circuit to keep an eye on their children in the playground.</i>
<i>Utilisation not proportionate to improvement effort.</i>
<i>No need for food vans, maybe a coffee van.</i>
<i>Keep the park soft surface paths, grass area and bush land.</i>
<i>Risk of shaded tree areas being removed for family/friend gatherings/groups of people or their usage seriously curtailed by proximity of play ground. Family park, most people picnic and look for a low cost day out providing own food, limited parking already on a busy day.</i>
<i>The artificial nature of a stairway is incompatible with the natural environment of the park.</i>

**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

<i>Do we need food to accompany everything we do these days? If so, BYO. And take rubbish away with you. Vendors also lead to rubbish blowing around.</i>
<i>Existing pathways are adequate.</i>
<i>All subject to effective control of increased vehicle traffic.</i>
<i>Financial concern regarding the City deficit budget and the other important developments waiting for progress, ie Ocean Reef Marina safety concerns — how quick would a casualty get to emergency treatment if they overexerted themselves.</i>
<i>I oppose the new asphalt paths, and there is nothing wrong with the natural paths and there will be an environmental impact if upgrading. I also oppose the installation of a boot camp area, especially if there is no surveillance surrounding it. People can hurt themselves if not using it properly, and it will take away from the beautiful natural look of the park, encroaching on grass areas for children and families.</i>
<i>Will CoJ be liable if someone is injured on the staircase?</i>
<i>The drink bottle filler will require ongoing maintenance and commitment, subject to damage. Food trucks are a passing trend.</i>
<i>Low value to ratepayers.</i>
<i>Metal stairways are often very noisy.</i>
<i>The encouragement of food truck vendors will be too commercial.</i>
<i>There's always the battle of new construction destroying the fauna &amp; flora species in the area being revised. Please be mindful of this &amp; re-introduce indigenous plant species in the surrounding areas to allow for 'green' well being. Thank you.</i>
<i>Stairways to lookouts inevitably bring additional signage to warn of self evident issues that are not needed except to 'protect' the City against litigation — just don't have the lookout.</i>
<i>I don't see a good reason for replacing limestone paths with bitumen. I personally prefer limestone and why change something if there's no need. Waste of money.</i>
<i>I would prefer funding to go to other projects within the park.</i>
<i>These suggestions are good ideas but would be of greater benefit to all Joondalup ratepayers if spent at Ocean Reef to maximise its viability.</i>
<i>Designated food truck bays will reduce parking. If you increase patronage you can't reduce available parking</i>
<i>Degradation of the coastal shrubs. Needs to be kept within the law of the Environment Protection and Planning. I oppose more buildings on the park — obviously to store equipment. You will require better rubbish collection services and bins, more toilets, and more security within the park.</i>
<i>New signage is unnecessary. I don't see any reason to have special bays for food vendors. if they really want a bay, let them get there early enough to secure it.</i>
<i>Signs, signs everywhere signs. Gorking up the scenery wasting my mind. Comes from a 60s song. If people want to exercise. Great. But do we really need a sign to tell them how or why. That would be simply be a waste of time and MONEY.</i>
<i>No need to have a stair case, keep the park looking as natural as possible.</i>
<i>No opposition at all.</i>
<i>Some of these features are costly. The money saved will be more beneficial if used for outdoor fitness equipment in other parks.</i>
<i>It would be good for the local residents and rate payers to have this area on a need to know basis so it's not over visited by visitors.</i>
<i>No. Just more security for cars.</i>
<i>Too expensive, spend funds on dilapidated non coastal suburb parks in central locations.</i>



**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

See comments. No stairway or more paths.

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I don't think we need yet more kid's play equipment - there is so much of it and many parks are little used.

We live near by the park. Already most weekends we hear triathlons and events at early house of the morning. People are inconsiderate and park in our street. It makes it busy and difficult to drive and walk our dogs along the coast. The area is busy enough. There is no need for development. It is but beneficial for the locals who appreciate the park for what it is. We don't want to be paying hire rates to accommodate visitors to the area who pollute and don't look after the environment.

Stairway: unsuitable site for this development as explained in previous answer. Asphalt paths would become so hot & make the tracks unbearable. The presence of food trucks would be encouraging more litter & change the nature of the quiet picnic park. Bootcamp: unsuitable location, should be able to find somewhere else for this.

It's not the right area for this improvement, it's not connected to the rest of the nearby area visually.

The only people who would oppose such a facility are local residents who don't like change, with a not on my door step attitude. It should be noted that these same people will use the facilities and they will be long gone in the future when these facilities are still open to everyone.

Why spend the money and how much will this cost?

Signage should be simple and no more expensive than necessary. Not like the outrageous coloured pole entry statements around the City of Joondalup.

If people travelling by car contribute to the running costs then fine. Otherwise let them get their own shires to provide facilities for them.

**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

*Food trucks can go on the grass if needed. Don't need designated bays that could be used by public.*

*We have more than enough signs in the City already. Along with "risk management", signage sometimes appears to be the City's highest priority.*

*Can better spend money for this expensive item on providing more facilities like more seating not just in this park.*

*JCCCCF supports most of the items listed for the Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub at the Whitfords Nodes Park but is strongly opposed to the building of a stairway. It also strongly encourages the Council to take the opportunity to provide signage relating to the saving of the Whitfords Nodes and the geological and ecological significance of the Quindalup Dunes, both regionally and at this location. Please refer to our comments under Q9. A stairway is not necessary. JCCCCF strongly supports the asphaltting of the existing limestone paths, provided drainage is designed to prevent erosion and spreading of weeds into the adjacent bush. The resurfaced paths will then provide an adequate and safe route with the same elevation changes that would be provided by a stairway whose construction is very likely to result in destabilisation of the dune and destruction of vegetation (refer to section below). A steep stairway would serve only two purposes, for passive pedestrians to reach the lookout and for more active people to increase their fitness via endurance and stamina training. Both objectives can be adequately met by redeveloping existing tracks and at a much lower cost. There already exists over 600m of pathway that can be used for fitness training and which lead to the existing lookouts for more passive exercise. The distance from the proposed Boot Camp fitness area to the start of the path leading to the northern lookout is no more than 40m hence no one doing fitness training can complain it is "too far away". The return journey from this starting point to the northern lookout is 500m (markers should be installed at the start location which is exactly 250m from a mark/touchpoint on the lookout). A circuit of approximately 1125m will exist once the proposed pathways along the edge of the grassed area are in place. More than half the distance will require users to utilise the ups and downs along the resurfaced paths through the dunes — again providing an adequate distance for endurance and stamina training. Likely Damage to the Dunes and Vegetation — JCCCCF is alarmed that the City has not mentioned the fact that all the redevelopment, and especially the proposed stairway is to be located in a Bush Forever site. The landform and vegetation of the Whitfords Nodes were included in Bush Forever site 325 because they met the selection criteria: Representation of ecological communities, Rarity, Maintaining ecological processes or natural systems, General criteria for the protection of wetland, streamline and estuarine fringing vegetation and coastal vegetation... (Bush Forever Volume 2 Government of WA 2000). One of the Special Attributes mentioned in the Bush Forever recommendations was the existence of Quindalup Dunes. The vegetation growing on the dunes are referred to as Quindalup Complex. The proposed stairway is located on a very steep face of one of the remnant parabolic dunes of the Quindalup Dune System. Prior to suburban development, the Quindalup Dunes and its extended over an area of approximately 2500ha in (what is now) the City of Joondalup. Today less than 10% remains in its original state. A further 19ha will be lost if/when the proposed Ocean Reef Marina is developed. This brings the total remaining area to less than 7%. The City should be doing everything possible to preserve what little is left of the dunes and their remnant vegetation. Would a stairway cause significant damage to the dune? JCCCCF believes there are two ways damage will occur, by alteration of the vadose zone hydrology leading to vegetation loss and dune instability, and by physical burial of vegetation during construction. Attempts to minimise disturbance of an existing dune during the current installation of the stairway on a much less steep Quindalup Dune at Iluka Foreshore Park have not been successful. All the vegetation under and 1–2m on either side of the stairway has been buried by the sand removed by hand for the large holes required for the pre-constructed retainers being set before concrete is poured around the legs. The stairway at Whitfords Nodes will require many more legs and if the same hand digging is employed, a large amount vegetation will be destroyed and erosion will result.*

**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

*This area by world standard is first class. We need to protect the virgin dunes and the wildlife for future generations. We don't need food vans etc — 5 minutes walk and you have the whole commercial Harbour area — but once the birds and other wildlife is gone — it's gone. Think ahead to 50 years from today — one more food van or hundreds of birds and other critters for mankind — old and young to treasure.*

*Am not into buying fast food.*

*Concerns with damaging existing vegetation also security concerns.*

*Gas BBQ, kids cycle track.*

*I gave my reasons above.*

*[From previous: 1) Current usage shows a lack of need for the majority of these expenditures. 2) The existing paths and access to the look outs are adequate for current participation. 3) A Jacob's Ladder type construction is not required as the gradients on the current paths are adequate for that type of exercise. The cost of such a ladder is not warranted and the demand is not there. 4) Certainly upgrade the children's playground and partially cover it for sun protection. 5) Paths around the perimeter of the park are not required. It is better to walk on grass than a hard surface. 6) Sealing the existing eastern paths between the two lookouts would be irresponsible as they would then be used by cyclists and the number of accidents will be huge. Try and ban bikes will be as unsuccessful as banning dogs from the non dog beach. Council will need a full time ranger in the park. 7) Why should boot camp providers be given free equipment? They don't pay now, so why should they get more free facilities? Can I have free access to Craigie Leisure Pool? 8) LED lighting is fine in the carpark, but with people using the fitness equipment after dark, will it be lit ? 9) PLEASE, PLEASE stop planting casuarina trees. They only have a 25yr life, they allow nothing to grow underneath them, they offer minimal shade and they drop hard little, spikey nuts that cause grief to children in barefeet. What is more attractive them or a Tuart or a Peppermint. We had some beautiful Peppermints in the carpark but they were removed and more casuarinas were planted. That central area which is supposedly native is on the reticulation system!! 10) It was a pity an external shower was not installed at the toilet block when it was recently upgraded. 11) The most urgent issue is the dual path as rounds the cross over to the beach from the car park. Cyclists are going to run into a beach goer and cause major physical injury. The pathetic attempt at warning cyclists is inadequate. I won't keep going as the list is extensive and I will take the opportunity to speak to the City Officers on Sat 2 Dec.]*

*Planting of Norfolk Island Pines and other exotic species. Recommended reference: Kingsley Dixon (2011) "Coastal Plants....": Conservation Planning p.3 + recommended endemic species for landscaping.*

*There are a number of ways already fit and active patrons can find exercise in the City. Use grants and rates to fund projects that improve at risk groups rather than the fit group whom are already thriving. Examples: Increased number disabled access paths to beaches. Youth community centre. Skate park. Basketball courts. New Man shed or new seniors centre.*

*A bit ironic to go for a fitness workout and then grab a bunch of food from the truck vendors...!?*

*The Health and Wellbeing Hub currently out for public comment has NOT been to Council for consideration and approval to proceed to the comment phase. There are no costings for he project. The Officers Reports in 2014 stated that the area was fragile and would not be accepted by the EPA. The proposed site is part of the Quindalup Dunes system which contain a variety of aeolian landforms developed by regional climatic, geomorphic and sedimentologic factors, as well as local coastal/strandline processes, and vegetative and pedogenic processes. Superimposed on these are factors of distance from the strandline (which determines the degree of wind effects), soil salinity, and height above water table. The proposed site is part of the Whitfords Cuspits geomorphology, stratigraphy and age structure and is unique and should be preserved. The Whitfords nodes area not the appropriate area. The City already has similar facilities that should be better utilised.*

*There are no dedicated food truck areas in this area — I am unsure whether this needs to change or whether it is a good thing that food trucks are not servicing the area. Is this a healthy option?*

**Verbatim responses — If you opposed any of the proposed features, please provide your reasons (N = 116):**

*Would destroy Bushland Forever space and the park cannot withstand more litter from thoughtless users, including dog poop, plastic and alcohol glass containers.*

*Money could be used on improving footpaths and bike lanes. Signs and water stations are already there. Don't need food trucks there as Hillarys and Lot One are very close!!*

*My concern is not with food trucks but rather the amount of rubbish and litter that is generally created around food truck, particularly in parking lots where people just dump rubbish on the floor before leaving.*

*Businesses such as food trucks often are a blot on the landscape. I believe that they would lower the visual appeal of the park. There is also an increased risk of littering if they were to provide food in wrappers or containers etc.*

*Whilst I don't oppose any items the limestone track is cooler than asphalt when walking and limestone is more natural and fitting for that track.*

*There are enough signs as there is to the area. The area would begin to look commercial with vendor trucks. Who is going to administer the use of the area with food trucks? I think the litter issue will increase with food trucks.*

*I think a fine balance between the idea of being in nature and being in a built up area is to be respected...we don't want it too overbuilt or overly organised. You want the nature balance in experience.*

## APPENDIX 15 — Verbatim responses

QUESTION: “Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park?”

Note: Words that may identify respondents or contain offensive language have been removed and replaced with square brackets, ie [- - -]. Minor alterations have been to spelling/grammar to enhance readability.

<b>Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):</b>
<i>The park would benefit from the installation of several strategically placed power towers for use by park hirers, such as for our triathlons. The location of a water point on the north end of the park would be beneficial to a triathlon recovery area.</i>
<i>Keep it bush and use for educational area for children to go out from school on excursions.</i>
<i>As I am in the older age group, I'm hoping the fitness equipment will take into consideration and include all age groups.</i>
<i>The area is already a popular family recreational area. Existing facilities already exhibit degrading environmental impacts. Bush Forever Sites should be protected for future generations. There are numerous other sites where these features could be provided without the negative impacts on Bush Forever Site 325.</i>
<i>Keep it as now.</i>
<i>Adhere to the letter of the law, Bushland Forever.</i>
<i>Happy to have food vendors as our coast is very under supplied in this respect. Additional car parks for beach users would be useful as its often very hard to get a park there during summer now and if the area is to have additional people using it for fitness then parking is likely to be much harder to get.</i>
<i>As we own a restaurant in close proximity to the park it is very exciting to hear of proposed upgrades to existing facilities. Will there be a new access point from the park through the dunes to Whitfords Avenue for the foot traffic of Hillarys walkers? This would be a great idea to be able to link Harbour Rise with Nodes Park.</i>
<i>Security cameras</i>
<i>A welcome development for the area to attract people to the Nodes.</i>
<i>No further comments.</i>
<i>I would like to have additional LED lighting provided along the asphalt paths as well as the stairway &amp; lookout. A series of CCTVs should also be considered to discourage vandalism &amp; any inappropriate use of the Hub.</i>
<i>Awesome idea</i>
<i>Can you please consider upgrading the toilet/change room facility to cater for the high demand during events.</i>
<i>It's about time to utilise this great space.</i>
<i>It has been a big favourite of my family for over 20 years.</i>
<i>Better/more lighting in the car park area. As it's quite far from the road, and hidden by trees, undesirables can be there. My friend had her car broken into whilst parked there in the middle of the day.</i>
<i>Part 2. Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub. I have no objection in principal to the Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub. However I have seen no evidence to date that this was approved by Council. Only a request for a report was made. I object to this proposal which involves further clearing of the Native vegetation</i>
<i>It would be good to ensure that there is still a large area where families can play soccer, cricket etc. together.</i>
<i>Current walkways and signage are sufficient. Upgrades to these items may not be required and costs could be saved.</i>

<b>Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):</b>
<i>Please leave this park as is. Focus on improvements to other parks in the City.</i>
<i>Anything that encourages and promotes health and fitness has to be a good thing.</i>
<i>All ideas are fantastic however I run [- -] at Whitfords Nodes Park and I hold great concern for public's safety if constant monitoring/security is not put into place. In the past few months we have had several cars broken into and have witnessed fights and youth anti-social behaviour. Additional lighting in the car park is needed too.</i>
<i>Perhaps the playground be located within the eastern nub of the park.</i>
<i>Yes, we need a crossing across the highway.</i>
<i>I don't think City of Joondalup should pay for all of the development. It should have a plan "B" for doing basics if funding is not found (no stairs etc).</i>
<i>The only comment I would have is that I hope this work will not be undertaken in the peak summer period of use.</i>
<i>Get people outdoors. Great work.</i>
<i>The proposed redevelopment of Whitfords Nodes Park provides the ideal opportunity to raise the public's awareness of: — the history to save the Whitfords Nodes and — the geological and ecological significance of the Quindalup Dunes. History of campaign to save Whitfords Nodes. Due to the passing of time, it's probable that only a very small proportion of the people who now use or will use the park are aware of the prolonged and fierce campaign waged by Western Australians to save the area from being developed as an elite seaside housing estate. The land was sold to Burke Labour Government in 1977 on the basis that it would be used for passive recreational purposes (Hansard, Jun 17, 1999). This history should be part of the new signage. Opportunity to introduce Biodiversity and Geodiversity — While the City of Joondalup has policies and procedures to promote the awareness of biodiversity within the City, no attempt has been made to introduce the equally important but less promoted Geodiversity and Geoheritage. What is Geodiversity? Geodiversity is the abiotic equivalent of biodiversity, i.e. it describes the variety of physical processes operating on planet Earth and the resultant rocks, minerals, fossils, sediments, soils, landforms, landscapes and habitats found on the planet today. Just as biodiversity is valued, in the "ecosystem services" approach, for the benefits it brings to human societies, so geodiversity brings a great number of goods and services that have been brilliantly exploited by humans over countless generations. In fact, our modern, complex society could not exist without geodiversity. Geoheritage are those parts of geodiversity that are specifically identified as having conservation significance, i.e. that have some specific value to human society and therefore ought to be conserved, particularly if they are threatened by human activities and could therefore be lost or damaged. (Murray Gray, Queen Mary University of London, 2016). Geological heritage (together with biological heritage) forms part of natural heritage and must be considered in nature management and territorial planning (IGC Conference Proceedings, 2016). Whitfords Nodes Park is the ideal location to install signage which ties together climate change, geodiversity and biodiversity — e.g. sea level rises and falls, the formation of the Quindalup Dune system approximately 7000 years ago, the dune types and associated wetlands, coastal vegetation communities and protection (Bush Forever 325). This information should be part of the new signage. Two of the world's leading geoheritage proponents reside within the City of Joondalup and every effort should be made to utilise their knowledge and services (contact details available subject to their approval). Opportunity to establish a new Coastcare group. The stairway has been driven by the Harbour Rise Home Owners Association. In return for supporting its initiative, the City should encourage the Association to take some responsibility for looking after the area. This could be best done by encouraging and assisting them to establish a Coastcare group. The foredunes are in need of revegetation and weed infestation is severe in the bush, particularly along the elevated paths. Such a group would, in turn cut down on the work now undertaken by the City's Natural Areas Team.</i>



**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

<i>"Trendy gym areas and food trucks" can never in human history outweigh the value of Virgin Dunes, bushland, wildlife and critters — and mostly rare animals for future generations — one bulldozer can destroy life for 1,000 years but one law protecting the area will be a memorial to your far reaching humanity for centuries to come. Think 500 years from today — a gym a food van — a parking lot or animals and plants for years to come. Just think Amazon Rainforest and it's a "no brainer".</i>
<i>Great space to host all the proposed improvements; will become a regional fitness hub.</i>
<i>Food and coffee trucks daily allowance, great. Trim vegetation from lookout points so we can enjoy the view.</i>
<i>Great area. The extra CCTV would be good for security.</i>
<i>Currently there is no enforcement on the no dog policy (currently we have every day many dogs off leash disturbing park and beach users and wild life). Ranger presence and issuing fines should be increased.</i>
<i>Whitfords Nodes has been a very quiet, under-utilised park/area. I would love to see a fitness area for the average Joe. I would hate for it to be taken over for example by West Perth Football Club as a professional training area. How is the Council going to safe guard use be rate payers, not professional clubs?</i>
<i>Hopefully external funding will be available so that there is not an increase in rates to finance the project.</i>
<i>If the development goes ahead, it should not be closed to the public for triathlons or similar events. The public in their cars (or on foot) should be allowed continuous uninterrupted access to the park.</i>
<i>Would be nice if a pedestrian crossing is made opposite Lot 1 Kitchen for people crossing the busy road to reach the park.</i>
<i>It's a great spot for a health and wellbeing/fitness hub.</i>
<i>Really great to see the Council looking at positive ways to increase health and fitness. Perfect location for it too.</i>
<i>1. Both lookouts currently have their views restricted by bushes. 2. Both lookout areas are currently littered and frequently damaged by graffiti. 3. There is a large dead tree next to the carpark opposite the Fisheries Building, which is dangerous. (At the North West Corner of the car park near the Whitfords Nodes sign).</i>
<i>Think again before you waste our money there are better ideas than the proposed.</i>
<i>It is a great idea to encourage fitness and recreation, as long as it caters for all fitness, joggers, boot camp, walkers, children, cyclists.</i>
<i>Looking forward to it!</i>
<i>Has Lotterywest/other funding been sought. Playground/fitness eqpt/lookout would no doubt be eligible for funding support.</i>
<i>Great park area that few people had exclusive use for a long time before improvements came in and a greater influx of visitors followed. We used to call it "Park with No Name" in the community!!!</i>
<i>Prefer priority given to new shelters. No upgrading of cyclists pathways through picnic areas. Danger of speeding cyclists.</i>
<i>Some jacaranda tree would be beautiful. And around the City of Joondalup (been nicer than the trees that we planted in Beldon this year).</i>
<i>Protect the sand dunes on the sea front so that the park will be there for many years to come.</i>
<i>Increased security is imperative as the car park can attract undesirables and women and children are at high risk. A skate park would also be ideal and water fountains for the younger children.</i>
<i>I think it could be better utilised for such a fabulous spot but would like to see some 'inside' opportunities as well as the 'outdoor' activities.</i>

Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):
<i>I regularly use facilities either side of the park, but not the park itself. I have been there once and do consider it beautiful but under utilised. There is considerable fitness occurring (walking cycling) along the marine drive which could be diverted to safer area with less traffic. My concerns would be — is it large or ambitious enough? Location gives it reasonable amenity, but limited growth opportunities. Health and well-being is a growing issuing in an ageing population with increasing chronic health issues — is access adequate? I have had issues accessing the dog beach when events are on in this area. The location, nor Sorrento Quay is well served by public transport either from main train line or eastern suburbs like Greenwood. Bike facilities should be considered.</i>
<i>Based on the increase of park usage following the Flinders Park upgrade, think it is terrific idea to make the area more usable.</i>
<i>Great space, great potential. Always lots going on there. Car park and toilet upgrades have been great. I just always seems to miss what's going on there. Only when I drive pass will I see an event or be told by a friend what's happening.</i>
<i>Security and surveillance must be a big focus.</i>
<i>I do not want any existing trees removed for the relocation of play equipment.</i>
<i>Beach access upgrades as there is heaps of broken glass/litter. Can the park be dog friendly (on lead only) so we can use in conjunction with dog beach.</i>
<i>Would think CCTV cameras a good idea to increase security.</i>
<i>It is a great open space but most of the time under utilised.</i>
<i>Great ideas</i>
<i>New shelters on the eastern side are facing the afternoon sun and also away from the main existing access path which will be used the most from both the car-park north and Hillarys Boat Harbour on the south. If funds permit I would add additional shelters adjacent to the main pathway on the Western side. If funds do not permit, I would split between western and eastern sides. As mentioned earlier, I suggest the addition of a stage area north west of the toilet block. The stage should face north north west.</i>
<i>The western face of the coastal dunes is geologically unstable and steadily eroding, due to weather conditions plus human use (running and sliding up and down dunes). These dunes are too fragile to support large numbers of energetic people who will want to enjoy the beach for further recreation.</i>
<i>It's a nice use of space.</i>
<i>It is fine the way it is and just do the proposed staircase.</i>
<i>Haven't been for a while mainly because the path is the only thing there that I now use. During the week I feel wary of the area due to lack of people around. I walk on West Coast Hwy for the views and ease of parking at Sorrento or Trigg and there are always people around. Putting other features in would increase the use of the area and may have spin offs with people doing other things on their way there or back, such as eating/shopping at Mullaloo, the Whitfords shops or Hillarys.</i>
<i>There is a long term pair of ospreys nesting on the tower (as you would know). I don't want the development to affect them. Looking at the plan it should be ok? Also I've been there with my girls and on 2 separate occasions have seen a drug deal happening (in the car park). I'm not sure if it's prevalent or not. It's also a known area for anonymous pick ups (not that I know personally haha!). So any development that minimises behaviour like this would be good.</i>
<i>Is road planning to be widened to 4 lanes between Marina and flinders also as this is needed especially during summer and events, to keep traffic on the main routes ie Whitfords and Hepburn verses cut through on Flinders (very dangerous in early am and evening traffic times with speeding and volume).</i>
<i>It is a jewel in the northwestern region and should be upgraded so that more people will be encouraged to use it. I'm sure a lot of people are blissfully unaware of its existence.</i>

**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

1. There should be some signage educating the public about this coastal conservation area, located near the stairway. 2. The blow-out on the western side of the park (just south of the beach access path) needs to be rehabilitated — sand is starting to move across the access path and it will ultimately blow into the park if no action is taken. 3. Some clusters of trees could be placed here and there around the edges (inside the park lawned area, but adjacent to those to be planted around the perimeter) as additional places for the public to picnic in the shade during summer without being right next to the path. Suggest native peppermints and Rottneest Island tea trees on the western half of the park, as tuarts do not do so well there). 4. It has been suggested by some of our members that the stairway should have a hand rail down the centre to separate those going up and down, but also the stairs should be wide enough so people can easily pass those going slower.

Some facilities taking into account the requirements of usage for regular triathlon and other events would be useful.

I have used this facility in the past and found it to be adequate and appropriate to the needs except that the maintenance of existing pathways has been substandard and therefore have reservations about adding even more infrastructure to maintain and manage.

A great initiative.

I believe there should be separate areas for this fitness zone and picnic zone as this place is great for families

Stairways needs to be designed so that it caters for both viewing and fitness.

Let's stop talking about it and do it!

Keep up the great work!

A great way to change the way it is being used at present.

This would be a great place to widen the tarmac and make a cycling criterium course. Cheap to make and would pull cyclists in from a much wider area for events.

It is perfect.

It would be nice if there were someone who came by, maybe once a fortnight, to clean the public barbeques as they are always filthy when me and friends have arrived with old burnt crust covering the surface entirely.

I don't live there but I frequently go there up to 3-4 times a week. I would love to see improvements made.

I think it's a great idea.

Ongoing expense comes with proposal.

Great idea

The park should be better utilised. Have had good Christmas parties at this park in the past.

Given the success of Lot One and being a local resident I believe there should be an entry point from Angove Dve to the park. This would allow people who exercise to get coffee, make parking on weekends less congested as more people might park at Nodes, and also allow residents within this precinct direct access to the new facilities.

Get on and make it happen.

Lovely park just needs better access to the beach and provisions for future use. Eg café or lifesaving club.

I would like to see something for the more mature person too.

I like to stop there while on a bike ride or for a picnic ... Would make me stop going there ...

I'd prioritise parking and toilet facilities. Mullaloo is a good model.

Would be great to have dog exercise area also (off the lead).

No, it's a great area and one I've used for 20 years.

Please put universal access first.

If parks could tidy it up during the upgrade that will be more pleasant as some of the trees are heavily overgrown and need to have the undergrowth trimmed away so that people and rubbish can be seen.

**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

<i>Having experienced first hand the great impact the upgrade at Charles Riley reserve has had I would strongly support a similar effort put into Whitfords Nodes. The increase in community interaction has been fantastic and to see so many families getting outside is great</i>
<i>On the map, the picnic shelters are a long way from the car park. This makes it difficult for young families with young children who would use a picnic shelter.</i>
<i>My children would reallllllly love to see a nature playground installed (MUCH more natural than the one at Mullaloo), as well as a "dirt bike" path around the perimeter. As MANY mothers with children use this park for fitness, it might also be a good idea to put in a small toddler playground that is fully fenced so mums can exercise without worrying about small children running off onto the paths or parking lot.</i>
<i>My only concern would be the potential increase in antisocial behaviour. I would suggest installation of CCTV and good lighting as a high priority.</i>
<i>Any signage could promote the value of the site as part of a unique and rare strip of coast. Upgrading must be carefully planned to enhance, not exploit it.</i>
<i>I would like a dog run.</i>
<i>Providing the availability of community grounds for fitness is fantastic as long as the "making money" factor does not enter into it!</i>
<i>Think it's a fantastic idea.</i>
<i>Keep up the good work.</i>
<i>Don't like owners leaving dog droppings behind in areas where young children play.</i>
<i>There is currently no areas for food truck vendors in the City that I am aware of so I think this is a great idea as these are very successful in other local governments.</i>
<i>Start construction!! Best idea for the dark space it is.</i>
<i>For the stair case — with people running up and down the individual stairs need to be deeper than often provided (big feet allowance) to assisting running up and down.</i>
<i>Maintain it at its current condition. Don't let it deteriorate.</i>
<i>Have used and trained there for years, health and fitness should be everyone's goal, this will give many people the incentive and convenience to exercise, can't lose.</i>
<i>The more use the better.</i>
<i>Love it — exactly what the Council should be considering and promoting.</i>
<i>More cafes</i>
<i>Leave it the way it is.</i>
<i>Should provide toilets and changerooms.</i>
<i>I hope someone is looking after the Osprey that lives on the mobile tower.</i>
<i>Keep as natural as possible.</i>
<i>I think it's a good idea ... but I'd be a stronger supporter of the concept if it included an asphalt path connecting Angove Drive through the sandhills to Whitfords Nodes (and towards the beach). If we're going to all this effort to and expense to install asphalt paths in the dunes, it seems obvious that we should have a connection from Angove through the dunes. It can be steep but it should be there. This would also be a valuable connection to enable surf lifesavers and emergency services to get quicker access to any patrons who might require assistance when exercising in the hub.</i>
<i>It's different to other parks, a quieter more pleasant park for large family gatherings, please don't destroy the 'feel' of the park. Not a fitness user of the park, understand the need for dual use, but not at the expense of other park users — urge a considered balance in the planning.</i>
<i>I'm a vendor providing cold beverages, so I'm most interested in the modifications made to allow for vendor placements.</i>
<i>Best use of beach dunes (1) within at least 5km both ways up and down the coast.</i>
<i>Have been wondering about the roundabout installation as traffic dies not den to warrant it.</i>

**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

*Some food truck vendors tend to have noisy and unappealing generators to power their equipment. If possible, it would be nice to have an option for them to have powered sites. This would potentially also allow them to stay for longer periods. The existing (upgraded) car parking facilities are very good and it would be a shame to not make the most of the area/costs already spent.*

*I live too far for any redevelopment to impact on my wellbeing.*

*Over nearly twenty years....the water fountains has been sensational....new play equipment and shelters would be appreciated.*

*Toilets, additional trees and sufficient car parking spaces are needed.*

*Area is under utilised at present.*

*It's a fantastic idea that will be of benefit to residents and visitors alike.*

*The addition or upgrading of family bike friendly facilities would be a good inclusion.*

*My only other comment would be to ensure proper lighting for the running tracks. I do not know how secluded these tracks currently are or what the vegetation looks like but I would be concerned as a lone female runner if these paths were too secluded.*

*Large infrastructure projects should be built in central locations so they can service the maximum amount of people.*

*A great place, underused and unappreciated views.*

*At the moment we don't visit this park very often because of its substandard infrastructure.*

*Maybe the installation of BBQs could be considered.*

*The proposed development is in part of bush forever site 325 and is a significant part of the coastal dune area. It is necessary to preserve these areas in an ecologically sustainable way. Construction of a stairway would result in removal of vegetation making the area more unstable and at risk of erosion.*

*Yes, but I will leave them until after I have met with the City Officers.*

*Great initiative*

*Great idea make it happen.*

*Please look after these nodes.*

*We strongly believe that the speed limit in Whitfords Avenue between Angove Drive and Flinders Street should be reduced to 50kms ph in order to control the increased traffic.*

*Don't over regulate it.*

*It is a lovely park which shouldn't be turned into a fitness magnet at the expense of exclusion of family groups. The playground consolidation and enhancement is a part of the concept plan I would strongly support.*

*The park has had previous problems with anti social behaviour. Whilst the developments ideas are excellent the plan does seem very light on for addressing these issues, especially the issue of groups of young people being moved out of the Marina area by security and into these unlit and hidden away parks. It is not at all safe for the young people.*

*The upgrade to this park is long over due. Please look at nature style play spaces and have playground areas for toddlers to 10 years old.*

*I love it the way it is. Maybe upgrade of facilities already available, but the community need to destress, unwind and spend time harmoniously.*

*The existing toilet block needs to be upgraded and another one installed closer to the main car park. For people with a disability attending the park they can use the acrod parking and gain access but then it is a big hike to get to the toilets and they do not adequately provide for people with a disability*

*The park suffers with anti social behaviour which has never been addressed. I am yet to see and solid evidence of how this is going to be tackled and until such time I don't support any work being carried out.*

*Separation of pedestrians and cyclists — would make the park safer and more enjoyable.*

*Looking forward to parkrun.*

**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

*I would like to see upgrades to the cycle way to include a criterium track to provide cyclists, triathletes and recreational riders a place to ride off the road. This would also provide the only off the road criterium track in Perth for events.*

*Fully supported*

*This is a fantastic park that is under-utilised. I think that all these proposals will only enhance its appeal to families and is more inclusive of all age groups.*

*More BBQs and toilets needed. Upgrade of children's playground needed.*

*This survey format is a poorly structured and unprofessional process. And I cannot find any Council Report or authority to conduct the survey.*

*Dog beach should be extended.*

*No, I support the proposal.*

*Look forward to using the new facilities.*

*Strongly support open recreation areas available for all & any users at no cost. For me, providing that should be one of the City's core functions.*

*The park is a fantastic space that is not nearly as well known as it could be. There is great beach access and I like that the current play areas are unobstructed so that you can see your children from any angle within the immediate surrounding space. Any upgraded play area should remain unobstructed to allow parents to safely watch their children.*

*PLEASE change timing of reticulation. Having to dodge sprinkler at 6am is not fun!!! Can the time be 4am when no-one is in the park.*

*I think it is currently under utilised but a great asset to the City*

*Would love to see this improvement go ahead, looking to move close to this park.*

*It is a great family area that should be preserved/enhanced for family activities and relaxation, rather than developed as a boot camp and fitness centre that will inevitably sprawl into other areas not intended for that use.*

*Please install surveillance and keep it natural! What's the point of upgrading the park if it is vandalised and the people who respectfully use the facilities get their cars broken into. There's frequently broken glass and drunken misbehaving youth at the park making it unsafe and not family friendly. More surveillance is needed please.*

*The site is already a hub for triathlon and other organised events and this will further enhance the facility. It will also be a tourist attraction.*

*Toilets would be needed, particularly if food trucks are going to be invited in.*

*Please see other comments in last page.*

*[From previous: I believe the health and well-being of the community is of paramount importance. Areas such as the proposed boost both physical and mental well-being and attracts a positive spirit to the community. Further it will add customers to the local businesses in the adjacent areas. I support the plan and like the layout and proposed inclusions. Further suggestions would be: 1. More accessibility to the ocean from the carpark for kayaks, canoes, SUPs, etc that are also very popular but currently compete with boats and limited access at the marina or the Pinnaroo Point gated access. 2. A skate ramp (like at Ocean Reef) and/or MTB bike circuit with jumps/etc like Shepherds Bush Park in Kingsley. I believe this caters for the "in-between" teens too old for the play equipment but too young for group/fitness sessions. This will increase inclusivity and create fitness foundations for the youth to better set them up. Will also add an attraction so they drag us parents down and then we're more likely to participate :)]*

*Just want to reiterate my previous comment, that I strongly support this initiative, although I really think that easy pedestrian access from the main road is a big deal and should be included in this plan. Just a simple linkup with the dune paths will do. Pedestrians are like water, they want to flow through the easiest route, and they don't want to spend an extra 15mins of travel time to something that's literally right next to them (behind the dunes). As an example, it's like how Greenwood station is only accessible from one side, so it adds a solid 10–15mins of additional walking time to people on the other side of the track. And a lot of the time, it's the "straw that broke the camel's back", so to speak, and they end up preferring to drive everywhere, which is a real loss.*



**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

*You need to get rid of, or trim back the trees and bushes in the car parks. Lighting should be improved to help make it safer at night. This car park is a well known (I'm sure you're already aware) [ - - - ]. This makes taking my kids here a no no! More Ranger patrols needed.*

*I would like to see signs educating about the native plants and fauna they support. e.g.: picking wildflowers is an offence. This is a conostylus. Littering hurts wildlife. Keep out of here please — snakes live here.*

*I think you would have the message by my previous comments. Our rates are high enough now without adding other excuses to raise them further in the future.*

*It is very important that more concern is shown and repairs are done to fix the erosion of the beach front sand dunes in this area. More patrols are needed to fine people heavily who are entering such sand dunes.*

*See comments*

*[From previous: Proposed Health and Wellbeing Hub — Whitfords Nodes Park Introduction. Our decision to live [ - - - ] to the Whitford Nodes and the beach area was made in the 1980s and we have resided at [ - - - ] since [ - - - ]. Since that time we have been avid users of the park and beaches. This has provided us with first hand experiences of wonderful amenities the Council have installed and maintained in the area. We have also witnessed the way Council expenditure has been directed to failed or doomed projects. Comments: Construction of a stairway and upgraded lookout which links the grassed area with the existing lookout shelter within the dunes. The overall proposal has many attractive and well thought out features however the stairway and more bitumen paths are not supported. Adding a lump of steel/concrete, hard services to a bush park area is a negative. Those wishing to exercise on hard surfaces can do so on existing path ways. We walk to and from the lookout along the lime stone pathway and find it more than adequate. We also notice others have no problem walking/running the pathway. It looks like the stairway initial cost comes from outside the Council. This may seem to be a positive from a rate payer perspective. Not really. The Council will be paying for maintenance, repair costs and general upkeep of the surrounding area. Other Matters: The proposal will certainly make the park attractive and increase the park uses significantly. With this in mind we recommend you add upgrading the shower area and beach access situated at northern end of the car park. The intersection at the shower area needs a major rethink. Cyclists, path walkers/runners, beach goers with young children and showers are all in conflict. Trees and bushes block vision and must be removed. The potential for a serious accident involving an unthinking cyclist is real. The separation of cyclists and pedestrian should be given priority. Also removal of the remainder of the failed concrete pathway and fencing needs doing. Over the years Council has experimented with concrete, asphalt and limestone paths to the beach. Nature has defeated the Council every time. Change the pathway from west/east orientation (creates a wind tunnel with heavy erosion activity) to an "S" shaped path. Leave the path as sand. Improve the amenities in the area between shower area and beach by creating a grassed seating area with sunshade shelter. Why not see what the Town of Cambridge has provided at Floreat Beach — grass area, shelters and sand path way to beach. We also notice the plan map does not show all of the existing pathways thus not giving a correct picture how much of the park area is already covered in hard services. Building hard services in park land is not progress. It is expensive, costly to maintain and will eventually fail. It will then cost to remove. [ - - - ]]*

**Verbatim responses — Do you have any additional comments about Whitfords Nodes Park (N = 178):**

*It's a lovely place, please don't spoil its simplicity by going overboard.*

*Construction of a skate park sometime soon.*

*Keep it for play and picnics.*

*We need safe toilets. Many of these beachside toilets are used by undesirables. Lots of lighting and surveillance cameras are needed.*

*The present pathway is dangerous and whatever the outcome of this proposal then this pathway needs a total upgrade. It isn't safe for ambulant — and is of little use to the disabled. WHY is the no indicator on the map provided showing that this is a BUSH Forever Site? There is nothing to stop people from running up and down an upgraded pathway on the existing pathway site. Please put educational signage in to educate the public on our natural spaces. Paint in the common flowers in the toilet areas. I know I can go to the library for information on plants to grow...could you not have a 'pop up' local fauna and floral library as part of this upgrade? That information will flow on into the Joondalup gardens and make them more sustainable.*