



Adamstown Park Masterplan

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Executive summary

Overview

The development of a Masterplan for Adamstown Park was one of the recommendations of the Strategic Sports Plan which was adopted by City of Newcastle (CN) in 2020. The purpose of the Masterplan is to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure over the next 10-15 years. The Masterplan aims to develop a flexible multi-use precinct to meet the recreation and sporting needs of the surrounding community, and enhance the visitor experience for players, officials and spectators.

Stage 1 works carried out with grant funding awarded to Broadmeadow Magic Junior Football Club include: drainage works, fencing around Myers Park, covered tiered seating at Myers Park 1, fitness stations with water stations, a perimeter running track and a half basketball court and bat ball court.

Other key improvements identified within the Masterplan include improved field layouts, flood lighting renewal/upgrades, refurbishment of cricket nets, irrigation, new amenities and upgrades to existing amenities, a new playground and increase in trees and landscaping.

Stage 1 works were delivered in the 2022/23 financial year. All other works will be delivered in stages over a 10-year period.

What we heard

The Masterplan was placed on public exhibition from 2 November to 30 November 2022.

Overall, 55 submissions were received from individuals or groups within the community, including submissions from football and cricket sporting groups/clubs.

Summary of key themes

Respondents were asked to provide feedback on the Masterplan in the form of open text responses.

Responses were categorised into key themes, which were:

- drainage and irrigation
- general positive comments/support for the Masterplan
- fencing
- multi-purpose/active courts
- trees/plantings/landscaping
- playground/play area for kids

The community showed strong support for the Masterplan, with drainage and irrigation works being seen as a high priority. Usage of the park, particularly by sporting groups is currently limited due to poor drainage after wet weather. Other sporting and recreation improvements such as the multipurpose active court, perimeter running track, amenities, playground and trees were seen as positive inclusions in the Masterplan.

The main concern related to fencing around the park, which is seen to restrict access to the general community. Other considerations include installing a synthetic training pitch, a full sized basketball court, adding more trees/shade throughout the park and focusing more on general recreation users

rather than just the needs of sporting groups. Examples include an area for dogs, barbeque facilities and picnic areas, areas for informal play as well as landscaped gardens and a community garden.

Suggestions proposed by the community during public exhibition

Stage 1 works

The community agreed that stage 1 works should proceed, prioritising drainage improvements. However, it was suggested that fencing around Myer Park should be further investigated. Community members showed strong opposition to fencing around the park due to perceptions about restricted access and loss of a community facility. There were also concerns that fencing would reduce the size of the field available for cricket. If fencing is to proceed, the timing of this should be aligned with moving the cricket wicket.

Synthetic pitch

Multiple submissions requested converting one or more training pitches to synthetic e.g. the training pitch next to Adamstown No.1. Having a synthetic pitch would allow teams to train when turf pitches are unable to be used due to poor drainage and wet weather.

Full sized basketball court

Several comments suggested incorporating a full sized basketball court to facilitate a wider range of sports, not just football and cricket. Consider whether one of the active courts could be a full sized basketball court.

Shared path connections

Inclusion of a shared path was well received and supports general recreation usage. Entry/exit points, crossings and linkage to other paths should be considered to ensure connectivity and avoid potential conflicts. Accessibility, bicycle parking, shade, water stations and signage were also mentioned.

General and passive recreation

The Masterplan includes sporting and recreation improvements, however, it is seen to be too focused on the needs of sporting groups. There is an opportunity to incorporate further upgrades which support the needs of the general community, including bbq facilities and picnic areas, allowing areas for informal play and an area for dogs. Shade, landscaping, and a community garden could be incorporated into the playground upgrade. Further community consultation should take place to inform the designs and vision for this space.

Trees and landscaping

The community supported the addition of trees, but wanted to see even more included in the Masterplan. Increasing tree canopy and shade throughout the park should be considered, especially

in areas where sporting spectators may gather or passive recreation may take place such near the playground and along the shared path. There were concerns about the potential loss of trees due to installation of the active courts and shared path. Where possible, the location of these facilities should avoid the loss of trees. If any trees must be removed, plans for replanting should be indicated.

Relocation of WWI Memorial to Lions Club Park

Include the relocation of the WWI Memorial in the Masterplan and work closely with Merewether Hamilton Adamstown RSL Sub-Branch to facilitate relocating the memorial to Lions Club Park.

1. Background

As part of City of Newcastle's Strategic Sports Plan (SSP) 2020, a number of recommendations were made relating to Adamstown Park including developing a Masterplan to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure over the next 10-15 years.

Specific recommendations from the SSP included: improvements to the field layout, drainage, irrigation, lighting layout, playing surfaces, upgrades to amenities for football and cricket, and ensuring infrastructure at Adamstown No.1 sportsground complies with NPL standards.

Broadmeadow Magic Junior Football Club were successful in receiving \$1 million in grant funding for Stage 1 works under the Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund 2021/22. Works include drainage works, fencing around Myers Park, covered tiered seating at Myers Park 1, fitness stations with water stations, a perimeter running track and 2 half multipurpose active courts.

CN has developed a draft Masterplan for Adamstown Park (including Myers Park) in consultation with key sporting user groups to ensure that the proposed works are consistent with the long-term vision of the park, and that it meets the needs of all user groups. The Masterplan will be implemented in stages over a 10-year period, with approved grant funding works being implemented as Stage 1 in the 2023/23 financial year.

2. Engagement objectives

To enable the community to have input into the vision and renewal of infrastructure at Adamstown Park. CN publicly displayed the Masterplan on the Have Your Say website.

The purpose of the public exhibition was to seek general feedback about the Masterplan and specific sporting and recreation improvements.

3. Engagement activities

The community were invited to provide feedback on the Masterplan from 2 November 2022 to 30 November 2022.

The community were able to provide comment on the Masterplan in a number of ways:

Online feedback form

The community were invited to have their say via an open feedback form on the Have Your Say webpage.

In total, 55 individual or community groups people provided feedback via the online feedback form.

Findings from the online form are presented in section **5. Key findings**







Other submissions

Community members were also able to provide feedback on the Masterplan by mail or email. In total, 2 respondents provided feedback via email during the public exhibition period. One other submission was received after the formal public exhibition period closed, but has still been reviewed by the project team and included in this report.

4. Communication and promotion

During the public exhibition period, a communications campaign was implemented to raise awareness of the Masterplan and promote the opportunity for community members to provide feedback.

Key communications activities are summarised on the following page, and key pieces of communications collateral are available in Appendix 1.

Channel	Description	Reach
 Have Your Say webpage	A dedicated project webpage was created on CN's Have Your Say landing page. A link to this page was also added to CN's Public Exhibitions page. The page aimed to provide information and raise awareness about the proposed parking changes, and to encourage people to comment on the proposed changes.	1,559 visits
 Flyers and onsite signage	<p>Flyers were distributed to local residences and businesses surrounding the park.</p> <p>Onsite signage was also installed each corner of the park.</p>	<p>400 flyers</p> <p>4 corflutes</p>
 Social media	The public exhibition was promoted via an unpaid post on CN's Facebook on 16 November 2022. There was also a paid campaign running for two weeks to boost the post's reach. The post intended to raise awareness and encourage people to have their say.	8,110 reached 622 link clicks 40 comments
 Targeted stakeholder engagement	CN representatives from the Project team conducted targeted engagement with key sporting user groups as part of the development of the masterplan. The purpose was to raise awareness of the Masterplan, ensure the needs of all user groups were considered, and encourage feedback through CN's Have Your Say webpage.	n/a
 Newsletters	An e-newsletter was distributed to CN's community panel on 4 November 2022.	Distributed to 2,439 people
 Councillor Memo	A memo was distributed to CN Councillors on 31 October 2022, advising of the engagement and providing information on how constituents can provide feedback and comment.	n/a

5. Key findings

55 submissions were received from individuals or groups within the community. Groups that provided submissions include: Adamstown Cricket Club, Adamstown Rosebuds Junior Football Club, Adamstown Rosebuds Senior Football Club, Cricket NSW, Merewether Hamilton Adamstown RSL Sub-branch and Northern NSW Football.

Key themes

Respondents were asked to provide feedback on the Masterplan in the form of open text responses. These responses were categorised to identify recurring themes. Some responses focused on one particular aspect of the Masterplan, while other responses mentioned several aspects of the Masterplan.

Overall, the main themes were:

- drainage and irrigation
- general positive comments/support for the Masterplan
- fencing
- multi-purpose/active courts
- trees/plantings/landscaping
- playground/play area for kids

Other aspects which received 6 or more mentions include the shared pathway, facilities for dogs/off leash area, synthetic training pitches, shade and more focus on general recreation (not just sporting needs).

Table 1. Common themes regarding open feedback about the Masterplan

Theme	Number of mentions
Drainage/irrigation	21
General positive comments/support for the Masterplan	15
Fencing	13
Multi-purpose/active courts	11
Trees/plantings/landscaping	10
Playground/play area for kids	10
Shared pathway	7
Facilities for dogs/off-leash area	7
Synthetic training pitch	6
Shade	6
More focus on general recreation, not just sporting needs	6
Fitness/hydration stations	4
Position of cricket pitch/too many cricket pitches	4
Stage 1 works	4
Upgrade the velodrome/cycling track	4
Lighting	4
Amenities/toilets	4
Parking	3
Traffic congestion/road safety	3
Storage for sports equipment	3
Cricket nets	3
Covered, tiered seating	3
Seating (general)	2
Undercover BBQ area/picnic areas	2
Facilities for a wider range of sports	2
Provision for a café or restaurant	2
Footpath accessibility/safety	2
Climate actions e.g. solar power, trees	2
Provision for media/wireless access points for team meetings	1
Funding/usage of facilities	1
Retain Lions Club sign of Adamstown Park	1
Include a rotunda	1
Relocation of WWI Memorial to Adamstown Lions Club Park	1
Other	1

Drainage and irrigation

Upgrades to drainage and irrigation was the most frequently mentioned theme that came across in the feedback. It was considered to be the *highest priority* out of all improvements covered by the Masterplan, with respondents noting that there were significant impacts on the community's ability to use the sporting fields after wet weather events. Drainage issues were said to extend to all areas of the park, although there was specific mention of Adamstown No. 2 and Adamstown Park/area near the tennis courts. Examples of comments relating to drainage and irrigation are shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Examples of drainage and irrigation comments

Examples of drainage/irrigation comments (N=21)
<i>"Could I have a plan of the proposed drainage works for the whole plan. It is vitally important to get this right to make the whole plan successful..."</i>
<i>"As drainage is a major issue for the whole area. which you have identified. How do you propose to drain the water from the playing field area for the whole complex. Do you have a plan to show the public as to how this will be achieved? There are some great concepts here to rejuvenate a much used area by sporting associations and the community at large. But it will be pointless if the surfaces are unplayable due to wet grounds."</i>
<i>"Drainage is also desperately needed for Adamstown park next to the tennis courts. It is an off leash area that isn't used to it full potential because it is always under water..."</i>
<i>"This years soccer season was severely impacted due to the drainage issues of the field. Please consider updating for future seasons."</i>
<i>"The drainage is absolutely shocking and impacted kids sport too much this year..."</i>
<i>"Please prioritise drainage on Adamstown 2 as there seems to be destruction of underground drainage pipes in the south eastern corner of 2 near swings. Water cannot escape correctly into stormwater drain and takes weeks to dry out even with light rain..."</i>
<i>"...And without drainage like the last 3 seasons kids don't get on the park."</i>
<i>"Improved drainage near the tennis courts to allow regular mowing of the grass area."</i>
<i>"...I am also concerned that there is any area NOT indicated on page 7 that is also flood prone land. The area is located at and around design note 11: Playground. This area desperately needs Elevation work done."</i>
<i>"I strongly agree on improving the drainage system around Adamstown park because it is always muddy."</i>

General positive comments/support for the Masterplan

Another key theme within the feedback was general support for the Masterplan, with respondents suggesting that the Masterplan will have a number of positive outcomes for the community and local sporting clubs. Examples of positive comments are shown below in Table 3.

Table 3. General positive comments/support for the Masterplan

Examples of general positive comments/support for the Masterplan (N=15)
<i>"...On first inspection it is very impressive."</i>
<i>"...There are some great concepts here to rejuvenate a much used sporting area by sporting associations and the community at large..."</i>
<i>"The draft masterplan looks great and makes me excited as someone who lives in the area!... Overall I think this is a great investment and the sooner this is delivered the better – especially as urban density increases along Brunker Road there will be/is increased demand for nearby sporting and recreational facilities. Great work."</i>
<i>"...Overall, I'm very pleased at the developments. Thank you!"</i>
<i>"This is a great plan to upgrade this space as a multipurpose area for all locals... Well done. I'm looking forward to utilising the space."</i>
<i>"I believe the master plan is much needed for the current community and sporting clubs of the local area... The sooner the better for all locals! Great plan!"</i>
<i>"This is vital for the community and well overdue!"</i>
<i>"Looks like a great improvement for the community."</i>
<i>"Hi, I'm very much in favour of the draft Adamstown Park Sport Masterplan and can't wait to see it completed as soon as possible."</i>

Fencing

Several community members expressed concerns about fencing around the perimeter of Myers Park, suggesting that this would restrict access to the general community who use the park for recreation purposes e.g. walking, running, dog walking. The introduction of fencing around Myers Park is seen to prioritise the needs of sporting groups over the interests of the broader community. There were also some concerns about the fencing reducing the size of the field for cricket.

On the other hand, fencing around Adamstown Park was said to improve the safety and usage of this area.

Table 4. Examples of comments relating to fencing

Examples of fencing comments (N=13)
<i>"I find fencing the whole of Myers Park to be questionable. I hope it is not the type of fencing that currently surrounds the Adamstown school or Adamstown Oval in that unless it is being used by official sporting events etc it cannot be used by anyone at all. There are hundreds of residents who do not play sport and use this area to walk..."</i>
<i>"...Fencing around Myers Park – I would like to see that the fencing does not interfere with the use of the field for cricket. Having the fencing reduce the normal size of the cricket field would be a bad thing..."</i>
<i>"As an Adamstown local, I worry the above plan will mean plenty of people who use the park for free walking, running and having dog play time will lose this privilege due to the curated fields and likely fencing that will restrict movement. This is a huge disappointment. Most of the neighbours in this area enjoy the large space for what it is- open and unrestricted. Will the upgrade mean the public will no longer have access due to the prioritisation of sporting fields?... Will the fencing be locked?"</i>
<i>"...When organised sport is being played, it all works fine without the park being fenced off. Indeed, for much of the week the park is used informally, not by organised sporting events. It would be ridiculous to fence the facility, thus preventing its use for the majority of the time."</i>
<i>"...One thing that I'm not in favour of is the proposed 1m high fixed perimeter fence for Myers Park fields 1 and 2. I understand that it will be helpful to prevent run away balls during cricket and soccer games, but it will limit the use and space for other activities."</i>
<i>"...We are concerned that if the proposed 1m high permanent fencing is installed along the Melville Road part of Myer Park, before the cricket wicket is removed, that the ground will not be able to be used for junior cricket due to the significant reduction in boundary size (possibly only 30m or so). If the timing for moving the cricket wicket, as shown on the masterplan, is not part of the immediate Stage 1 works, then the fencing along the Melville Rd frontage should potentially not (be) included at this time, noting that Myer Park is often used for school cricket matches, including outside of the cricket season – so any installation of fencing could render the cricket wicket unusable by more than just the Newcastle City Cricket Club."</i>
<i>"... A fence (covering the WHOLE area) would also improve the use of the area as it is next to busy Glebe road. Every day people use Myers park and Adamstown no1 sports ground to exercise their dog (100s per week) because Adamstown park next to the courtyards is underwater or not safe next to the busy roads."</i>
<i>"...It would be great if the new playground could be fenced given the proximity to Glebe Road..."</i>

Multipurpose/active courts

Respondents were excited about the inclusion of the multipurpose/active courts, although a number of comments mentioned the potential inclusion of a full basketball court to accommodate a wider range of sports - not just football and cricket. The main concern about the multipurpose/active courts was the potential removal of trees to accommodate the sports courts.

Table 5. Examples of comments relating to multipurpose/active courts

Examples of multipurpose/active court comments (N=10)
<i>"...It is great to see the two new active courts..."</i>
<i>"... I note that trees are not proposed for removal for this area, ie the active court proposed area. If the active court requires trees for removal will the court location be changed? No trees should be removed from this area..."</i>
<i>"...We're a local family of three that will make a lot of use of the multipurpose courts and the fitness stations... Could both of the proposed multipurpose/active courts please include a basketball half-court and a rebound/tennis wall as indicated in the schematics on pages 15 and 17 of the plan?..."</i>
<i>"...I would like to propose a basketball court or two be built somewhere in the park as there are many people in the area that would like to play. The nearest public basketball courts are at market town and it would be much more convenient to have at least one basketball court at Adamstown park."</i>
<i>"I would like to see more sports included. A full size basketball court and tennis wall with courts on either side would be good. This allows a range of activities not just football and cricket."</i>
<i>"...I note that there a number of active courts proposed. We are very keen that at least one of these contain basketball hoops to allow for a half court, or better still a full basketball court. We note that the basketball courts at Marketown are a success and very well used. A court at Adamstown Park would mean an additional opportunity for kids and teenagers living in the local area..."</i>
<i>"...If the active court near the tennis courts/bowling club could be a full size basketball court due to the huge popularity of basketball in Newcastle at present. This is evident from the summer junior basketball teams this year having over 200 kids on a waitlist to join. There is a huge interest in basketball for all ages not just children in this area which can be encouraged through a further basketball options..."</i>
<i>"...Active Court – the court should be designed around the trees not the other way around. Those trees have been there for decades...the trees there provide crucial north westerly shade for the school and the park in general... to remove any due to 'danger' concerns for court users is not good enough! Another hard surface... and trees must make way?? Please re-consider this."</i>

Trees, plantings and landscaping

Trees, plantings and landscaping was another common theme. The inclusion of more trees was strongly supported, even more so than the additional trees indicated in the Masterplan. Trees were desired for the provision of shade and habitat for wildlife as well as improving the general look and feel of the park. It was suggested that a community garden with raised garden beds and landscaped areas would increase the level of interest and appeal to general recreational users of the park. A suggestion was also made to convert existing stormwater drainage into a natural watercourse similar to Lambton Park.

Table 6. Examples of comments relating to trees, plantings and landscaping

Examples of trees/plantings/landscaping comments (N=10)
<i>"...It looks like it will be great to improve the sporting facilities and all the new tree plantings will improve the amenity of the area..."</i>
<i>"...The plan didn't show whether you will be retaining the large fig trees along Glebe Road. I really hope this is the case..."</i>
<i>"No trees should be removed from the (active court) area. There are birds aplenty using these trees including 3 species of lorikeet, figbirds, and a peregrine falcon regularly uses these trees as an approach while hunting..."</i>
<i>"...I particularly like the concrete path surrounding the park, the active courts and the addition of more trees..."</i>
<i>"I am impressed with the plan but would like the addition of some raised garden beds with the playground area. There are a lot of units in the area with little access to community gardens."</i>
<i>"...I would love to see a bit more of a balance between sports and interests that other significant segments of the community have. For example, lots of shaded and landscaped areas, places for people to sit, eat, drink and to play..."</i>
<i>"...More trees would also be nice/essential."</i>
<i>"...More trees to provide shade in all areas of the park."</i>
<i>"...It would be beneficial to the wildlife for the trees to stay, in particular the owls that inhabit the trees on Popran Road. Tree coverage for the proposed path would also be beneficial to provide shade / sun protection for runners as well as cricket players and spectators."</i>
<i>"...Existing cluster of trees in SE corner – the trees in this area provide great shelter and shade, not only to the neighbouring houses and users of the park but also to fauna in the area...I am completely against the removal of any of those trees!!!!... Trees on norther side – Why must we only have small to medium trees? What shade or amenity will they provide... The masterplan diagram does not reflect existing trees located along Popran Road, Glebe Road or Chatham Street. Why is that?... Trees should be planted along the pathway divide between Adamstown No 2 field and Mandalong Oval. The more the better!... There should be more trees in the kickabout open space off Glebe Road, this is a perfect area to provide a bit of a tree wonderland, let children engage with nature...What will happen to the garden beds along the border of Glebe Road and Bryant St? Has there been any consideration to converting the existing stormwater drainage into a natural watercourse, like that of Lambton Park?? We should be doing what we can to convert these areas to a natural state where possible..."</i>

Playground/play area for kids

Several comments mentioned the existing and/or proposed playground. The comments reflected a desire for more detail about the playground in the Masterplan, including whether the playground near Adamstown No.2 will be retained or renovated. Having a playground was said to be very important to families in the local area. Some suggestions for the new playground included fencing the playground for safety, as well as shade, equipment for all ages, a pump track and swings.

Table 7. Examples of comments relating to the playground/play area for kids

Examples of playground/play area for kids comments (N=10)
<i>"...The playground on Glebe Road will also be great and I assume this will replace the existing playground on Adamstown No 2 Oval. It would be great if the new playground could be fenced given the proximity to Glebe Road..."</i>
<i>"...I am excited that you'll be building a playground near Glebe Road. Would it be possible to have some form of shade covering the playground? Also, some toddler friendly equipment would be appreciated (rather than just for older kids). The plan also does not show whether you will be retaining or renovating the small playground near Adamstown No.2. It would be great if that would at least be retained..."</i>
<i>"What are the details of item 11 (playground)? Myers Park is one of the largest and central community areas in Adamstown with the smallest playground. Can further details please be provided to provide feedback on?"</i>
<i>"...A better park for kids with pump track is needed"</i>
<i>"...In particular, the amount of young families crying out for a local kids park to walk to is high. Having a playground near the Glebe Road area will be perfect to grab a local coffee and improve the local experience for families of the area. One further comment would be to child safe the kids area with a fence protecting children from the nearby Glebe road future playground..."</i>
<i>"...The playground at the corner of Belmore Street and Popran Road should be retained. This equipment is regularly used by children whose siblings and parents are playing sport on the adjacent grounds..."</i>
<i>"...The swings that will be a part of the playground can they have a scoop taken out of the ground beneath them to allow for taller kids and young people to use them? Having a level ground underneath is not easy to use if you are a tall child or older person. I think all should be able to use the swings..."</i>
<i>"As a family with young children, we would like to see more focus on (shaded) playgrounds and less focus on sport grounds."</i>

Shared pathway

The shared pathway was generally supported by the community. Accessibility and shade were mentioned as considerations, with one respondent commenting on the width of the path being excessive.

Table 8. Examples of comments relating to the shared pathway

Examples of shared pathway comments (N=7)
<i>"...The walking track is a great idea..."</i>
<i>"Drainage is a real issue so improved services in that field in addition to improved accessibility for runners/ walkers is much needed..."</i>
<i>"...I particularly like the concrete path surrounding the park..."</i>
<i>"...Shared Pathway – a nice idea. But at what cost? Are trees being removed and assessed because of it? I strongly oppose to the width of this pathway. Three metres is excessive! And to what cost? How many trees will be removed to make way for this impermeable concrete cooking slab..."</i>

Dogs/off-leash areas

There were multiple requests for creating a fenced off-leash area for dogs within the park. Adamstown Park is often unable to be used due to poor drainage, with dog owners instead using Myers Park or Adamstown No.1. Installing bins was also a suggestion to encourage responsible behaviour by dog owners.

Table 9. Examples of comments relating to dogs/off-leash areas

Examples of facilities for dogs/off-leash area comments (N=7)
<i>"Drainage is also desperately needed for Adamstown Park next to the tennis courts. It is an off leash area that isn't used to it full potential because it is always under water... Every day people used Myers Park and Adamstown no1 sports ground to exercise their dog (100s per week) because Adamstown park next to the courtyards is underwater or not safe next to the busy roads."</i>
<i>"...As the nearby off-leash dog area near the train line is not able to be used between 9am – 5pm, it would be great if at least part of the park could be used as an off-leash dog area during the daytime hours. Perhaps even during school hours (while the kids are safely in school)?..."</i>
<i>"...Also why not create a proper dog park section? People like to walk their dogs here, even though rangers patrol the place, it should have a nice little dog exercise area for sure."</i>
<i>"The plan sounds great but you've forgotten all about the dogs. Dogs are more important to our well-being that sport is actually..."</i>
<i>"Fenced in dog area in one of the areas. It's inconvenient that we have to go to Lambton for this and not our local area."</i>
<i>"Please make sure there are bins installed for the disposal of dog poo." The parks are currently utilised by people and their dogs (which is fine) but there is commonly dog poo left in picked up or they leave the bags of dog poo behind, particularly near the Myers Park toilet block. If there were dog poo bins off Melville Rd and near the Myers Park toilet block, it might give people somewhere to dispose of the dog poo / encourage them to pick it up?? We are often having to clean dog poo off the field before junior sport."</i>

Synthetic training pitch

Multiple responses suggested the inclusion of a synthetic pitch. This would allow access to fields during turf ground closures. Examples of comments are shown below.

Table 10. Examples of comments relating to synthetic training pitch

Examples of synthetic training pitch comments (N=6)

"Adamstown Rosebud SFC are raising funds to in order to convert the Adamstown Oval No 1 training pitch into a synthetic training pitch. This has been on the clubs wish list for a few years. The large number of training sessions that were cancelled this season is evidence that this is needed. We have drawn up an initial proposal and we have in-principle support from Council to fund-raise and apply for grants. We would appreciate id this could be included in the overall plan..."

"...Warm up area adjacent no 1 Adamstown should be considered for synthetic...I strongly suggest the pitch be replaced with synthetic. The last year is a prime example of where LMCC speers point facility was not large enough to accommodate teams due to inclement weather. NCC desperately needs and must have a similar facility. Or upgrade some existing field around the area. Football is the largest participation sport and yet there is no investment in a facility similar to speers point. The land available as part of this masterplan could easily accommodate a speers point facility in the heart of Newcastle."

"I am Secretary of Adamstown Cricket Club, our club are happy for a new synthetic pitch to be installed at Myers Park. I have heard suggestions that some are suggesting a turf pitch. We do NOT want a turf pitch. There wouldn't be enough room for one between two soccer fields to start with and secondly we don't have the equipment to maintain a turf pitch. We much prefer a new synthetic wicket. Thanks."

"Cricket NSW have suggested some changes with the following feedback from Football: Broadmeadow Magic Youth FC do not agree to turf wickets between the 2 Myer Park fields. Adamstown JFC do not agree to a synthetic wicket on Adamstown No2 field. They are ok with turf wickets being established between Adamstown No2 & 3. Both clubs are ok if cricket wish to convert pitch on Mandalong oval to synthetic..."

"...Suggested inclusion to Masterplan: feasibility study/investigation conducted to replace 1 or more ovals (Adamstown 2 – 5) with a fenced artificial pitch to allow hire and usage during turf ground closures..."

Shade

Although many of the comments suggesting more trees were related to shade, people also wanted to see shaded areas in the playground and for spectators.

Table 11. Examples of comments relating to shade

Examples of shade comments (N=6)
<i>"...Would it be possible to have some form of shade covering the playground?..."</i>
<i>"...I would love to see... lots of shaded and landscaped areas, places for people to sit, eat, drink and play. I'm so happy to see the playground will be upgraded, will it also be shaded, with places for people to sit around it?..."</i>
<i>"...More trees to provide shade in all areas of the park..."</i>
<i>"... Tree coverage for the proposed path would also be beneficial to provide shade / sun protection for runners as well as cricket players and spectators."</i>

More focus on general recreation

Several respondents commented on the fact that many people use the park for walking, running, children playing, and just enjoying the open space. It is important to balance the interests of sporting users with those of the general community who use the park for other purposes within the Masterplan.

Table 12. Examples of comments relating to more focus on general recreation

Examples of more focus on general recreation, not just sporting needs comments (N=6)
<i>"...This area should be left open for all to use. Certainly to be used by sporting clubs but also by all the local residents who have used it for many years to simply play with children or grandchildren or walk dogs on leads etc."</i>
<i>"Really great to see Adamstown Park up for development, however, the master plan is very sports focused and not at all community-minded (beyond sports) ...I would love to see a bit more of a balance between sports and interests that other significant segments of the community have...BBQ areas; picnic areas; landscaped gardens, maybe even a pond etc. These are the kinds of environments and amenities that bring people together and accommodate larger interests. Plans for a permanent café or restaurant would also be fabulous."</i>
<i>"...The park is a fantastic asset and provides the community (not just sporting groups) with open space to walk, run, train, play with the kids and just breathe and relax which is so important in the modern world..."</i>

Feedback from cricket groups/users

Feedback from the cricket community has been analysed with feedback from the general community above. However, as cricket groups/users have specific requirements, their feedback has been summarised below:

Overall support/positive comments

- Feedback recognising the importance of the Adamstown Park facilities for the local cricket region and compliance with Cricket's standards.
- Cricket in general will benefit from all of the proposed upgrades and there is an opportunity to future-proof Myer Park for both football and cricket.

Access

- Comment that whilst football has done a great job securing funding for upgrades to Myer Park, it must be retained as a community facility that can be used by any group, year-round.
- Ensuring cricket access will increase the appeal of hosting junior representative matches and female representative cricket, bringing teams of players from across the state who spend money in the local area.

Stage 1 works

- Overall concern regarding staging of works and potential impacts on users. Concern that if 1m high fencing is installed along the Melville Road part of Myer Park before the cricket wicket is removed, the ground will not be able to be used for junior cricket due to the significant reduction in boundary size.
- If moving the cricket wicket is not part of the immediate Stage 1 works, then fencing should not be included at this time, noting that Myer Park is often used for school cricket matches and outside of the cricket season, impacting on a range of users.
- If moving the cricket wicket is part of Stage 1 works, moving the lighting towers also needs to be considered during Stage 1 given that it will impact on boundary size.

Turf/field surfaces

- Suggestion to relocate Mandalong turf to Myer Park to benefit from amenities building and larger playing surface. Replace Mandalong with synthetic turf. Adamstown No. 3 and 4 to be converted to turf, benefitting from amenities and larger playing surface. Adamstown No. 2 and 5 to stay the same wicket type.
- Opportunity to scale Myer Park, Adamstown No.3 and 4 from a synthetic wicket to an open-age regional turf facility.
- A synthetic pitch at Myers Park is supported, but not a turf pitch. A turf pitch is not supported due to limited space between the two soccer fields and lack of equipment to maintain a turf pitch.

Cricket nets

- Re-orientation of the cricket nets may result in conflict between users due to proposed walkway/cycleway and football/soccer usage. Instead, the location of cricket nets should be switched with the soccer warm up field to the east of Mandalong Oval. This would also allow for future expansion and upgrade of cricket nets.
- Nets being 4-6 lanes would be beneficial.

Storage shed

- A storage shed/building attached to the cricket nets (replacing the shipping container) would be useful to store wicket curation equipment such as a roller, mower etc and would assist cricket in applying for grants for capital works equipment.

Drainage and irrigation

- Installation of drainage and irrigation across all fields/areas

Amenities

- Proposed relocation of amenities/storage to service cricket/Football pitches at Mandalong Oval.
- Existing amenities at Adamstown No. 2 should be enhanced to be female friendly and provide accessible toilets.
- It is important that the new facilities at Myer Park are available for all users year round. Upgrades are much needed. The availability of quality amenities/change rooms is limited compared to other areas such as Lake Macquarie and Sydney.

Lighting

- Consider appropriate field lighting for Adamstown No. 3 and 4 to enable twilight cricket to be played. Potential to also enable twilight training at proposed synthetic and turf nets on No.3 and 4.
- Current lighting posts are in line with the pitch on Myer which effects the straight boundary size for senior cricket.
- The addition of the new pavilion being built on the Northern end and current position of southern end post will reduce the boundary and may limit usage of the ground to junior cricket only.

Environmental sustainability

- Where possible, consider environmentally sustainable measures such as water harvesting and solar panels/lights and batteries to store captured energy.

Feedback from football groups/users

Feedback from the football community has also been analysed with that of the general community above. Given the detailed nature of their feedback, it has been summarised below:

Overall support/positive comments

- Comment that the Masterplan for Adamstown Park is a fantastic step forward to improve the much-used community facility, and support for all inclusions in the concept design.
- General support and expression of gratitude for the recent upgrades to lighting at Adamstown No.2.

Synthetic training pitch

- A football group is raising funds to convert Adamstown No.1 training pitch into a synthetic pitch and have in principle support from CN to seek fundraising and grant opportunities. The group have requested to have this included in the Masterplan.
- Comment that there are no synthetic pitch facilities in the Newcastle LGA and all Newcastle clubs have to use Speers Point at an added expense when other training facilities are not available.
- Suggestion to incorporate a feasibility study/investigation for replacing 1 or more ovals (Adamstown No.2 – 5) with a fenced artificial pitch to allow hire and usage during turf ground closures. Several clubs support the conversion of the pitch on Mandalong Oval to synthetic. However, one club does not agree to a synthetic wicket on Adamstown No.2 field.

Turf wickets

- Broadmeadow Magic do not support turf wickets between the two Myer Park fields. Adamstown Rosebuds support turf wickets being established between Adamstown No.2 and 3.

Drainage and irrigation

- Comments reiterating the importance of drainage and irrigation upgrades on Adamstown No. 2 – 5. Further investigation is needed into the south-eastern corner of Adamstown No.2 (road and playground swing) which regularly holds water despite a stormwater drain being situated a few metres away.
- Comment that the roadway along Popran Road in the same location is almost permanently holding water. Possible that a combination of gutter damage, gutter drain to stormwater blockage and possible cracked sub-terrain pipes (due to tree roots) is preventing full drainage in this corner.
- Improved drainage between Adamstown No.1 training fields, eastern Adamstown No.2 fence lines (container area) and Adamstown Public School needs to be improved as significant amounts of water is collected here even after light rain.

Amenities

- Comment seeking confirmation on whether the plan for the new toilets on Adamstown No.3 – 5 will include changerooms. The group would like to see changerooms included, whether they are new or current changerooms refurbished.

Feedback regarding Lions Club Park

One submission commented on the intention to relocate the WWI Memorial outside the Bruncker Road Medical Practice to Adamstown Lions Club Park, subject to approval from CN and/or the Crown Lands Office. It was requested that CN considers the relocation of the memorial in the Masterplan, addressing any issues related to drainage, irrigation and lighting within Lions Club Park, and assistance in project managing the relocation of the memorial.

Other Submissions

The 3 submissions received via email are summarised below.

One email submission sought clarification on whether the Masterplan was sports focused or whether it covered other general uses and purposes of Adamstown Park, echoing the feedback of some community members via the online feedback form. The submission suggested an accessible and inclusive all ages space for all community members to gather and provided example photos of barbecue facilities and an undercover picnic area, accessible playground, community garden, nature play area, table tennis table, giant chess and seating.

Another submission commented on the joy of seeing the park being used for general recreation by walkers (with or without dogs), children and families playing, flying kites, informal games of cricket and touch football, and school sport activities. There were concerns about fencing in two of the soccer fields along Melville Road and that this would restrict public access when the grounds are not used for formal sport/soccer for the majority of the time. There was also a note that the southern side of the park has several unfenced playing fields which are seen to be acceptable for organised soccer games. Soccer clubs are said to already have a large part of Adamstown/Myer Park fenced in and another park along Darling Street, removing public access from these places. It was commented that all fields should be left unfenced.

The other submission commented on limited availability of parking for sports participants, coaches, referees and supporters. Popran Road and other surrounding roads were said to become very busy from mid-mornings on Saturdays and Sundays with Adamstown Bowling Club patrons also looking for parking. Traffic and pedestrian safety were also of concern. It was suggested that parking along Popran and Melville Roads should be changed from parallel to 90 degree parking to increase the number of spaces available, and allow people to watch from their car e.g. spectators with limited mobility, wet weather etc. Adding signs to prevent people from practising golf on the fields was also requested.

Appendix 1 – Promotional materials

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THANKS FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Adamstown Park Sports Masterplan

Thanks for having your say on the draft Masterplan to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure at Adamstown Park over the next 10-15 years. We're reviewing your feedback and will report back soon.



Overview

As part of the CN Strategic Sports Plan (SSP) 2020, a number of recommendations were made relating to Adamstown Park including developing a masterplan to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure over the next 10-15 years.

Specific recommendations from the SSP included: improvements to the field layout, drainage, irrigation, lighting layout, playing surfaces, upgrades to amenities for football and cricket, and ensuring infrastructure at Adamstown No.1 sportsground complies with NPL standards.

Broadmeadow Magic Junior Football Club has been successful in receiving \$1 million in grant funding for Stage 1 works under the Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund 2021/22.

Why develop a draft Masterplan for Adamstown Park?

CN has prepared a draft Masterplan for Adamstown Park (including Myers Park) with initial consultation with key sporting user groups to ensure that the proposed works are consistent with the long term vision of the park and meet the needs of all user groups. The Masterplan will be implemented in stages over a 10 year period, with approved grant funding works being implemented as Stage 1 in the next financial year.

What's included in the draft Masterplan?

The draft Masterplan aims to develop a staged and flexible multi-use precinct to meet the recreation and sporting needs of the surrounding community, and enhance the visitor experience for players, officials and spectators.

Key sporting improvements include:

- Improved field layout to increase the number of FIFA standard soccer fields from 2 to 4
- Flood lighting renewal/upgrades
- Refurbishment of cricket nets
- Improved irrigation and drainage
- New toilet amenities to service Adamstown No.3, No.4 and No.5 sports grounds
- Extension of the existing amenity building including toilets and gender neutral change rooms
- Consolidated canteen, toilet and storage facility at Adamstown No.1 sports ground
- Sport and Community Multipurpose clubroom and amenities building at Myers Park

Key recreation improvements include:

- A continuous 3m wide concrete path with approx. 1.5km to be provided for walkers/runners
- 3 fitness stations with water stations
- Multi-purpose active court near Myers Lane
- A new playground and multipurpose active court near Glebe Road
- An increase in trees and landscaping throughout the whole park

Stage 1 works being carried out with grant funding at Myers Park include:

- Drainage works
- Fencing around Myers Park
- Covered tiered seating at Myers Park 1
- Fitness stations with water stations
- Perimeter running track
- Multipurpose Active Court

Note: Stage 1 works are subject to grant funding requirements and deadlines, and will commence as soon as practical.

Thanks for having your say!

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on the draft Adamstown Park Masterplan. We're currently reviewing your feedback and will report back soon.

Adamstown Park Masterplan

- [Adamstown Park Sports Masterplan](#)
- [Adamstown Park Sports Masterplan Summary](#)
- [Adamstown Park Sports Masterplan FAQs](#)

Supporting Documents

- [Strategic Sports Plan \(PDF\)](#)

Project timeline

- November 2022
Public Exhibition - Draft Masterplan
The draft Adamstown Park Sports Masterplan is now on public exhibition for community feedback.
- December - Early 2023
Review feedback from Public Exhibition
The project team will review your feedback and provide a report to Council.
- Early 2023
Report to Council to adopt Masterplan
The final Masterplan will go to Council in early 2023 for adoption.

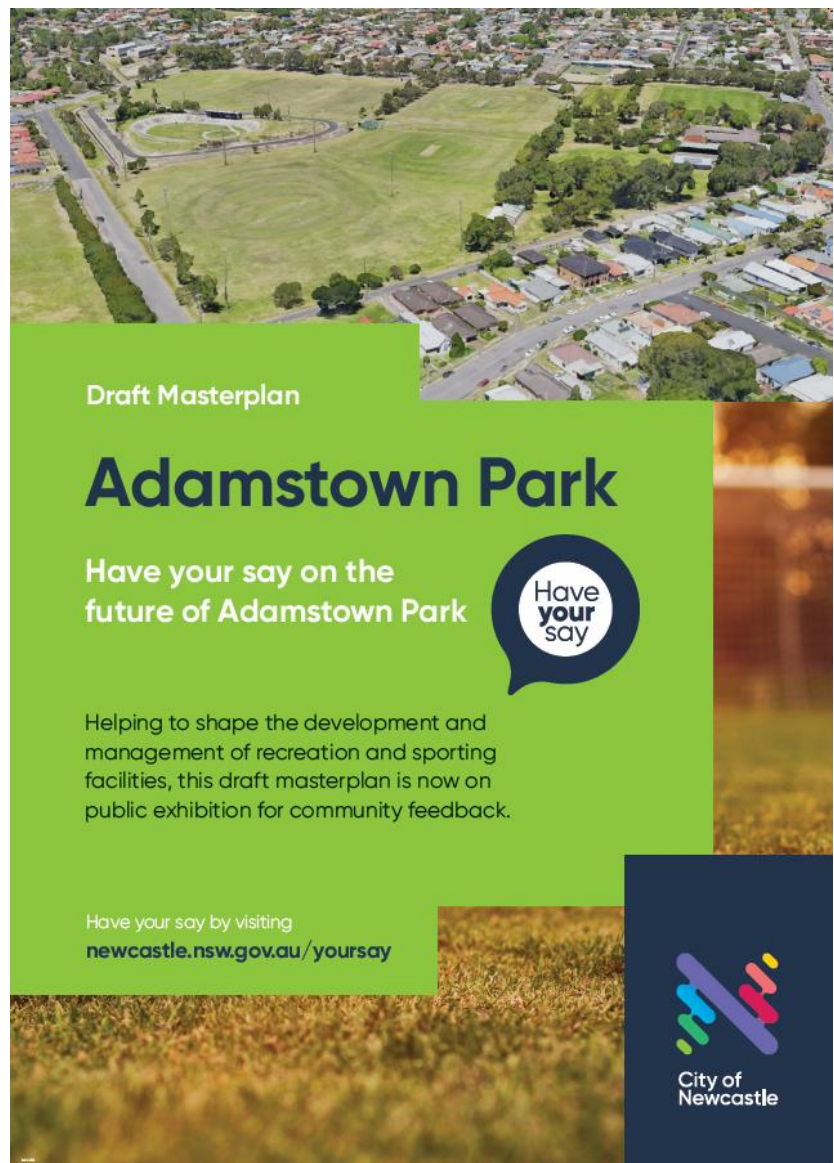
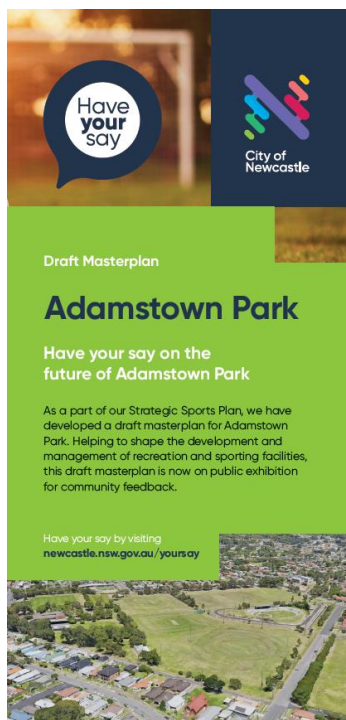
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Have your say and help us develop a Masterplan to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure at Adamstown Park, over the next 10-15 years. The draft Masterplan is now on public exhibition for community feedback.

If you have an idea, an opinion or something you would like considered within the masterplan, please submit it via the Have Your Say form to include it in the discussion.

Public exhibition closes 5pm Wednesday 30 November 2022. Visit



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Adamstown Park Sports Masterplan

The draft Masterplan for Adamstown Park has been developed to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure over the next 10-15 years.

The Masterplan includes improvements to field layout, drainage, irrigation, lighting, playing surfaces, upgrades to amenities for football and cricket, and ensuring infrastructure complies with NPL standards.

Appendix 2 – Open feedback/comments

Please provide your comments/feedback on the Adamstown Park Masterplan

██████████ are raising funds to in order to convert the Adamstown Oval No 1 training pitch into a synthetic training pitch. This has been on the clubs wish list for a few years. The large number of training sessions that were cancelled this season is evidence that this is needed. We have drawn up an initial proposal and we have in-principle support from Council to fund-raise and apply for grants. We would appreciate if this could be included in the overall plan. We would be very pleased to have an opportunity to discuss this with Council. We would be looking to implement this within the next 5 years (subject to funding).

We believe this would be beneficial to the entire football community. At present, there is no artificial pitch facility in the Newcastle government area. When training facilities are not available, all Newcastle clubs have no alternative other than to go to the Speers Point Facility (which also generates an added expense). We have a business plan that we believe can be implemented (with NCC support) which will benefit all involved.

At this stage, we do have letters of support from the Council to raise funds for this endeavour.

Please contact ██████████ on ██████████ if you wish to discuss.

██████████
Could I have a plan of the proposed drainage works for the whole plan. It is vitally important to get this right to make the whole plan successful.
One first inspection it is very impressive.

This is vital for the community and well overdue!

As drainage is a major issue for the whole area. which you have identified. How do you propose to drain the water from the playing field area for the whole complex.

Do you have a plan to show the public as to how this will be achieved? There are some great concepts here to rejuvenate a much used area by sporting associations and the community at large. But it will be pointless if the surfaces are unplayable due to wet grounds.

Rotate the cricket pitch on Adamstown No.5 and have fields 4 & 5 rotate as well to not have a cricket pitch in the playing field.

It would be better to improve drainage and irrigation on Mandalong, Adamstown 3, 4 & 5 to get more use of the fields rather than focusing on Myer Parks fencing.

Fitness and hydration stations and seating stands only appear to be at Myer Park - spread the stations & stands around the whole area rather than just focusing on Myer Park.

The proposed kicking wall will just have lots of balls kicked over into the school yard.



Drainage is also desperately needed for Adamstown park next to the tennis courts. It is an off leash area that isn't used to it full potential because it is always under water. A fence (covering the WHOLE area) would also improve use of the area as it is next to busy Glebe road. Every day people use Myers park and Adamstown no1 sports ground to exercise their dog (100s per week) because Adamstown park next to the courtyards is underwater or not safe next to the busy roads

The draft masterplan looks great and makes me excited as someone who lives in the area! It looks like it will be great to improve the sporting facilities and all the new tree plantings will improve the amenity of the area. It is great to see the two new active courts. The playground on Glebe Road will also be great and I assume this will replace the existing playground on Adamstown No 2 Oval. It would be great if the new playground could be fenced given the proximity to Glebe Road. Overall I think this is a great investment and the sooner this is delivered the better - especially as urban density increases along Brunker Road there will be/is increased demand for nearby sporting and recreational facilities. Great work.

I'm excited about this development. The plan didn't show whether you will be retaining the large fig trees along Glebe Road. I really hope this is the case.

I am excited that you'll be building a playground near Glebe Road. Would it be possible to have some form of shade covering the playground? Also, some toddler friendly equipment would be appreciated (rather than just for older kids).

The plan also does not show whether you will be retaining or renovating the small playground near Adamstown No.2. It would be great if that would at least be retained.

As the nearby off-leash dog area near the train line is not able to be used between 9am - 5pm, it would be great if at least part of the park could be used as an off-leash dog area during the daytime hours. Perhaps even during school hours (while the kids are safely in school)?

Overall, I'm very pleased at the developments. Thank you!

Please see the attached document regarding my objections to elements of the draft masterplan.

Comments on Draft Masterplan for Adamstown & Myers Park:

With regard to the Draft Masterplan to place fencing around Myers Park I would like to raise my objection. This is against the spirit of having an open parcel of land for use by the general community and not the exclusive use of limited number of sporting groups. I am a nearby resident who enjoys using the park and I can recall plans in the early 1990's by the Broadmeadow Magic club to seize control of Myers Park with fencing and grandstands with the "promise" that the gate would be unlocked for those wanting to use the park. I recall the Development Application for this plan had been somewhat sneakily lodged in the weeks prior to Christmas, however, the local community became aware of the plans and meetings were held with local aldermen to hear the community objections to those plans.

The park is a fantastic asset and provides the community (not just sporting groups) with open space to walk, run, train, play with the kids and just breathe and relax which is so important in the modern world. Personally I walk regularly in the park and just having some open space around you provides a wonderful feeling of mind clearing and stress relief.

I note in recent times there is an increasing number of ugly Containers being placed (possibly illegally) in the park by sporting groups and this should cease.

Fencing in and restricting the use of the park to a few specialty groups would be a great loss the city of Newcastle.

I strongly agree on improving the drainage system around Adamstown park because it is always muddy. I would like to propose a basketball court or two to be built somewhere in the park as there are many people in the area that would like to play. The nearest public basketball courts are at market town and it would be much more convenient to have at least one basketball court at Adamstown park.

I live on Gosford Road behind Myers lane, near to the corner of the school/park. I note that trees are not proposed for removal for this area, ie the active court proposed area. If the active court requires trees for removal will the court location be changed? No trees should be removed from this area. There are birds aplenty using these trees including 3 species of lorikeet, figbirds, and a peregrine falcon regularly uses these trees as an approach while hunting.

Why is there a plan to put a fence around it all? Is this going to stop access to locals who want to go for a walk? I dont see the point in a fence if it will remain open access, as it should. A fence gives a feeling of non-safety, as things need to be fenced to 'protect people' for some reason. Its also a waste of money, as people will just jump the fence if you are locking out locals who want to go for a walk - is the ideas to restrict locals walking to the asphalt running/walking track around the perimeter? If so this a bad idea as people like to feel the soft grass under their feet. Also why not create a proper dog park section? People like to walk their dogs here, even though rangers patrol the place, it should have a nice little dog exercise area for sure.

I find fencing the whole of Myers Park to be questionable. I hope it is not the type of fencing that currently surrounds the Adamstown school or Adamstown Oval in that unless it is being used by official sporting events etc it cannot be used by anyone at all. There are hundreds of residents who do not play sport and use this area to walk. Many are not young and do not wish to be bowled over by runners joggers etc on a dedicated exercise park. This area should be left open for all to use. Certainly to be used by sporting clubs but also by all the local residents who have used it for many years to simply play with children or grandchildren or walk dogs on leads etc.

Hi

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide feedback. Comments are as follows

- Adamstown Junior football Club have a very large female focused sides. The current amenities proposed are great but should be accelerated into stage 1 for Adamstown no 2.
- field lighting upgrade accelerate. Teams currently train in virtual darkness on number 2
- why so many cricket pitches. I have never witnessed 5 games of cricket played at the same time. 2 at best. There is no need to have a cricket pitch in the middle of no 2 Adamstown and mandalong.
- drainage needs to be reviewed to western side of no 2 Adamstown.
- seating to no 2 Adamstown western side should be considered
- warm up area adjacent no 1 Adamstown should be considered for synthetic
- is no 1 Adamstown pitch being upgraded? Along with specialist maintenance of the pitch similar to Maitland cooks hill square ground for example?
- inclusive of amenities upgrade provide much needed storage that can be utilised and kept separate. Soccer gear takes significant space for a large club and these spaces need to be kept separate from summer cricket users

<p>- Adamstown club house at no 2 existing should be completely upgraded when designing the extension or expansion of the existing club house. Provision for media/wireless access points etc should be available for teams meetings etc.</p> <p>- Adamstown no 1 is fenced currently. I strongly suggest the pitch be replaced with synthetic. The last year is a prime example of where LMCC speers point facility was not larger enough to accommodate teams due to inclement weather. NCC desperately needs and must have a similar facility. Or upgrade some existing field around the area. Football is the largest participation sport and yet there is no investment in a facility similar to speers point. The land available as part of this master plan could easily accommodate a speers point facility in the heart of Newcastle.</p>
<p>Refurbishment of cricket nets - would be great to see a 6 net set up where 3 nets can be locked with access to these nets for cricket clubs and the remaining 3 nets always open for public use.</p> <p>Fencing around Myers Park - I would like to see that the fencing does not interfere with the use of the field for cricket. Having the fencing reduce the normal size of the cricket field would be a bad thing.</p> <p>I would also like to see the inclusion of a dedicated BBQ area in Myers Park area with an undercover area.</p>
<p>I would like to see more sports included. A full size basketball court and tennis wall with courts on either side would be good. This allows a range of activities not just football and cricket.</p>
<p>What are the details of item 11 (playground)? Myers Park is one of the largest and central community areas in Adamstown with the smallest playground. Can further details please be provided to provide feedback on?</p>
<p>Drainage is a real issue so improved services in that field in addition to improved accessibility for runners/ walkers is much needed. Improved parking facilities with designated car spots out of the mud would be great. Play equipment would be fantastic in addition to seating/ wet weather cover for sporting spectators.</p>
<p>This years soccer season was severely impacted due to the drainage issues of the field. Please consider updating for future seasons</p>
<p>The drainage is absolutely shocking and impacted kids sport too much this year. A better park for kids with pump track is needed</p>
<p>As an Adamstown local, I worry the above plan will mean plenty of people who use the park for free walking, running and having dog play time will lose this privilege due to the curated fields and likely fencing that will restrict movement. This is a huge disappointment. Most of the neighbours in this area enjoy the large space for what it is- open and unrestricted. Will the upgrade mean the public will no longer have access due to the prioritisation of sporting fields? Is there plans for dog friendly spaces? Will the fencing be locked?</p>
<p>It would be great to have a rotunda like king Edward park near the tennis courts.</p> <p>Please retain the lions club sign of Adamstown Park opposite the 7 eleven it's park of the history of the park.</p> <p>My children's equipment near the tennis courts made of natural products not plastic. The coffee caravan draws lots of families this would be a welcome addition.</p> <p>More trees to provide shade in all areas of the park.</p> <p>Retain the velodrome this is part of Adamstown history.</p> <p>Improved drainage near the tennis courts to allow regular mowing of the grass area.</p>
<p>This is an great plan to upgrade this space as a multipurpose area for all locals. I particularly like the concrete path surrounding the park, the active courts and the addition of more trees. Well done. I'm looking forward to utilising the space.</p>
<p>I believe the master plan is much needed for the current community and sporting clubs of the local area.</p> <p>In particular, the amount of young families crying out for a local kids park to walk to is high. Having a playground near the Glebe Road area will be perfect to grab a local coffee and improve the local experience for families of the area.</p> <p>One further comment would be to child safe the kids area with a fence protecting children from the nearby Glebe road future playground.</p> <p>The sooner the better for all locals! Great plan!</p>
<p>See attached letter</p>

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Adamstown Park draft masterplan.

As stated in your Climate Action Plan, we are entering a critical decade for action on climate change, and whilst I can appreciate the importance of the 10yr strategic sport plan. Surely Newcastle Council can be brave enough to incorporate climate actions with every move they make and not just the token tree or efficient lighting. but MORE.... WE NEED MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Its great that they are installing energy efficient lights. Will the new sports buildings have solar?

Trees:

Your plans show a 'token' few extra trees here or there but for such a large mass of grounds just short of 2500 square metres... there is not brave or daring out of the box thinking...you are appeasing the sporting clubs/participants etc... BUT... this could be where we **Adamstown** and by extension Newcastle **showcase** our capabilities, forethought and collaboration to provide amenity and recreation to the community whilst also incorporating a fantastic abundance of greenery - a action towards climate change and more habitat for wildlife. Why not hit two birds with one stone?

Masterplan Considerations as per design note numbering:

(3) Existing cluster of trees in SE corner - The trees in this area provide great shelter and shade, not only to the neighbouring houses and users of the park but also to fauna in the area. Why is there a sudden need to assess these trees?? because you want to construct a concrete pathway for recreational use? This is insanity... If there is any question to their stability of these trees. have your council tree office inspect and manage them NOT remove them to make way for a concrete bike path....I am completely against the removal of any of those trees!!!!

(6) Shared Pathway - A nice idea. But at what cost? Are trees being removed and assessed because of it? I strongly oppose to the width of this pathway. Three metres is excessive! And to what cost? How many trees will be removed to make way for this impermeable. concrete cooking slab.

(10) Active Court - The court should be designed around the trees not the other way around. Those trees have been there for decades...The trees there provide crucial north westerly shade for the school and the park in general...to remove any due to 'danger' concerns for court users is not good enough! Another hard surface... and trees must make way?? Please re-consider this.

(35) Trees on northern side - Why must we only have small to medium trees? What shade or amenity will they provide? Is this another 'liability' avoidance?

The masterplan diagram does not reflect existing trees located along Popran Road, Glebe Road or Chatham Street. Why is that?

For parents watching on the side lines of these sporting fields and for children resting in between breaks, there is nothing more hellish than being crucified by the sun with NO shade anywhere to be found.

Trees should be planted along the pathway divide between Adamstown No 2 field and Mandalong Oval. The more the better! We should be planting now while the climate is still hospitable to do so.

There should be more trees in the kickabout open space off Glebe Road, this is a perfect area to provide a bit of a tree wonderland, let children engage with nature. there are no conflicting sporting limitations... so why not!

What will happen to the garden beds along the border of Glebe Road and Bryant St?

Has there been any consideration to converting the existing stormwater drainage into a natural watercourse, like that of Lambton Park?? We should be doing what we can to convert these areas to a natural state where possible...

CANT WE BE INVENTIVE AND COURAGEOUS??

Come on Newcastle Council!!!! – you have this opportunity, and you are providing the status quo....

I live in Melville Road, in the little group of houses from Chatham Road to the School grounds, and across the road from Myers Park. I am unable to come in to Council to see whatever exhibit is there, and would have expected to be able to see it online? However I read that stage 1 plans to fence the park. This would be terrible. At present the public walks and runs through/across/around the park for exercise, recreation and just to 'get out in the fresh air'. It is lovely to walk in an area that is open and away from passing traffic. Merewether High students use the park under teacher supervision, presumably for PE lessons. When organised sport is being played, it all works fine without the park being fenced off. Indeed, for much of the week the park is used informally, not by organised sporting events. It would be ridiculous to fence the facility, thus preventing its use for the majority of the time.

I am impressed with the plan but would like the addition of some raised garden beds with the playground area. There are a lot of units in the area with little access to community gardens

Please prioritize drainage on Adamstown 2 as there seems to be destruction of underground drainage pipes in the south eastern corner of 2 near swings. water cannot escape correctly into stormwater drain and takes weeks to dry out with even light rain. Drainage on eastern side of adamstown 2 (near containers and primary school) floods with run off from adamstown 1 training field and settles for longer periods than it naturally should. Lighting on Number 2 needs to be fixed asap with only 1 working light pole for the entire field.

As a family with young children, we would like to see more focus on (shaded) playgrounds and less focus on sport grounds

Really great to see Adamstown Park up for development, however, the master plan is very sports focused and not at all community-minded (beyond sports). Why would Adamstown Sports Park need so many ovals? Even now, only a maximum of 2 are ever being used at the same time. I imagine then the updated spaces will continue to be empty, and that would have been such a lost opportunity.

I would love to see a bit more of a balance between sports and interests that other significant segments of the community have. For example, lots of shaded and landscaped areas, places for people to sit, eat, drink and to play. I'm so happy to see the playground will be upgraded, will it also be shaded, with places for people to sit around it? BBQ areas; picnic areas; landscaped gardens, maybe even a pond etc. These are the kinds of environments and amenities that bring people together and accommodate larger interests. Plans for a permanent cafe or restaurant would also be fabulous.

Looks like a great improvement for the community.

The walking track is a great idea. But the main priority should be toilets and drainage, for the amount of people at these grounds in the weekend and using single toilets in the change room is beyond reasonable. And without adequate drainage like the last 3 seasons kids don't get on the park

Hello

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Masterplan for Adamstown Park.

I note there are a number of active courts proposed. We are very keen that at least one of these contain basketball hoops to allow for a half court, or better still a full basketball court. We note that the basketball courts at Marketown are a success and very well used. A court at Adamstown Park would mean an additional opportunity for kids and teenagers living in the local area.

Kind Regards

Could consideration be made for a footpath around the complex encompassing Popran Rd, Chatham Rd & Mellville Rd.? There is an enormous amount of foot traffic when these ovals are in use & due to the uneven & unlevel nature of the verges & nature strip most attendees (and locals) tend to walk along the road as a flatter / safer option especially Popran Rd. All these roads are busy and walking on/along them

<p>especially while events are on is quite dangerous.</p> <p>In addition these routes are used frequently by school children & parents from the schools based around the park again opting to walk along the flatter road surface due to the difficulty of using prams etc on uneven ground.</p>
<p>I am [REDACTED], our club are happy for a new synthetic pitch to be installed at Myers Park. I have heard suggestions that some are suggesting a turf pitch. We do NOT want a turf pitch. There wouldn't be enough room for one between two soccer fields to start with and secondly we don't have the equipment to maintain a turf pitch. We much prefer a new synthetic wicket. Thanks.</p>
<p>I would like to express my thoughts as we own & live in house number [REDACTED] Myers Lane. As there is only 2 houses in this street who face Myers park we would appreciate if the covered tiered seating featured in plans for Myers Park 1 could be reconsidered and not placed directly in front of our homes.</p> <p>On weekends when soccer is on it is not so busy to really need that much seating in my opinion unless it's an older grade playing & people who are watching generally bring their own chairs anyway. If a grandstand/tiered seating needs to be placed can I suggest putting it up a little further in front of the empty church carpark or not at all as it changes the park feel and will probably just get graffitied on like the velodrome is covered..</p> <p>hoping you can take this into consideration, thank you.</p>
<p>Thank you for the invitation to comment. My apologies if I have overlooked the detail but I note that Broadmeadow magic has secured the funding for stage 1 not council, does that mean that stage 1 facilities will be limited to the club ie within the proposed fencing of Myer park or will they be available for broader public use 24 hrs/day. if it is the former what investment will council be doing on publicly available land and, I speculate, does it relate to any lease arrangements? If it's the latter thank you drainage works and a multipurpose court (especially one that includes basketball) would improve this asset.</p>
<p>As a resident that lives at [REDACTED] Popran Road, I do not want the current toilet block (19) moved closer to my house (16) as the current toilet block (19) already attracts people to hang around it at all hours of the night, even when locked. The main bedroom of my home is at the front of the house which would basically be opposite the proposed toilet block. This would cause greater noise disturbance and generate unpleasant smells that could impact mine and my family's health daily. Currently the toilet block is opposite residences with car spaces at the front of their property, which provides an additional buffer from the noise and smells.</p> <p>It would be beneficial to the wild life for the trees to stay, in particularly the owls that inhabit the trees on Popran Road. Tree coverage for the proposed path would also be beneficial to provide shade / sun protection for runners as well as cricket players and spectators.</p>
<p>Hello, living opposite of Adamstown park on Popran Road, I don't believe there is a need to install toilet blocks Infront of an entire complex of units and other residential houses whom enjoy watching and supporting the sports activities.</p>
<p>This would block as many people's views as possible when the ideal masterplan would be to block as few people's views as possible. A suggestion would be opposite Chatham Street where there are no houses or units, or near the school.</p>
<p>Upgrade the velodrome/cycling track</p>
<p>The plan sounds great but you've forgotten about all the dogs. Dogs are more important to our well-being than sport is actually. Sport bring communities together , dogs teach true unconditional love. I hope the fitness equipment has some hanging poles. More trees would also be nice/essential.</p>
<p>Plan sounds good and agree with drainage and lighting. In relation to the 1.5km running/walking track this s a good idea, but I'm not fussed on concrete as a suitable surface for running? Either smooth grass surface or a rubberised track, similar to the one at Newcastle West. Some fitness stations would also be good for use by all the community.</p>
<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'm very much in favour of the draft Adamstown Park Sport Masterplan and can't wait to see it completed as soon as possible. We're a local family of three that will make a lot of use of the multipurpose courts and the fitness stations. I have two requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could both of the proposed multipurpose/active courts please include a basketball half-court and a rebound/tennis wall as indicated in the schematics on pages 15 and 17 of the plan? 2. Could the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Chatham and Darling Sts and Melville Rd please

be built as soon as possible? Parked cars on Chatham St limit visibility when approaching the intersection along Darling St, and there is a traffic dome on Melville Rd that is quite hazardous for all traffic, but cyclists and motorcyclists in particular, as the intersection is poorly lit and it is difficult to see at night.

Finally, one thing that I'm not in favour of is the proposed 1m high fixed perimeter fence for Myers Park fields 1 and 2. I understand that it will be helpful to prevent run away balls during cricket and soccer games, but it will limit the use of the space for other activities.

Thanks,

Fenced in dog area in one of the areas. It's inconvenient that we have to go to Lambton for this and not our local area.

Northern NSW Football agree with this masterplan. Cricket NSW have suggested some changes with the following feedback from Football:

Broadmeadow Magic Youth FC do not agree to turf wickets between the 2 Myer Park fields.

Adamstown JFC do not agree to a synthetic wicket on Adamstown No2 field. They are ok with turf wickets being established between Adamstown No2 & 3.

Both clubs are ok if cricket wish to convert pitch on Mandalong oval to synthetic.

Please confirm the plan for the new toilets on Adamstown Ovals No3-5. Will this include changerooms.

Would be beneficial to have changerooms whether new or current changerooms to be refurbished.

Please refer to the attached Submission from Merewether-Hamilton-Adamstown RSL Sub-Branch

ADAMSTOWN PARK SPORTS MASTERPLAN

On behalf of the Merewether-Hamilton-Adamstown RSL Sub-Branch (MHA), we would like to be registered as an interested party to the proposed Masterplan to guide the future vision and renewal of infrastructure over the next 10-15 years. Our interest relates to the small parcel of land situate Cnr Glebe Road and Bryant Street Adamstown (referred to as Lions Club Park). In the meantime, we would like the City of Newcastle to take into account the following comments.

MHA has previously discussed the relocation of the WWI Memorial Adamstown with Council and it still remains the intention of the Sub-Branch to relocate it from outside the Brunner Road Medical Practice, 282 Brunner Road Adamstown to Adamstown Lions Club Park Cnr Glebe Road and Bryant Street, if approved. The Adamstown RSL Sub-Branch amalgamated with the Merewether-Hamilton RSL Sub-Branch on 1 January 2018.

One of the major concerns of the Sub-Branch is that the Memorial sits on privately owned land as a result of the former Adamstown RSL Sub-Branch being sold to the owners of the Medical Practice.

Currently, we are only Leaseholders of the small parcel of land on which the WWI Memorial stands, and bearing in mind current development in the area, we are relying on the goodwill of future owners to grant access to the Memorial in the hope that they do not include that section in any possible future developments. Our current lease with the owners of the land is for five (5) years with about three (3) years to run before expiry.

At MHA General Meeting on 11 October 2022, members voted to form a Committee to oversee the relocation of the Memorial prior to the Lease expiring.

The Sub-Branch has conducted Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Services at the site for the Adamstown Community and intends to continue these importance days of national remembrance. The Anzac Day Service, in particular, hosts approximately 1000 community members and sees road closures in Brunner Road to ensure the safety of attendees and participants of the Service.

The relocation of the Memorial to the park would alleviate traffic management problems for the City of Newcastle and Police, who necessarily are heavily involved for months leading up to the day and on the day with Traffic Management Control and strategies.

The new site would eliminate, to a certain degree, the provision of heavy vehicle management for potential terrorist attacks on attendees. It is a massive exercise for the Sub-Branch, Council and Police, who naturally, consider that community safety is paramount.

MHA will be seeking permission from the City of Newcastle or Crown Lands Office for the relocation of the Memorial. Quotes, plans and other necessary steps will be undertaken to progress the relocation which will then be attached to a submission to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be considered for funding of the project.

We again ask that you take all of the above into consideration and we look forward to input into the proposed Masterplan, and any drainage, irrigation and lighting issues relating to that small area of land. As has been the case in previous Commemorative restoration works, we would be seeking assistance from Council in project managing the relocation of the WWI Memorial.

Hi, looking at the Draft Concept Masterplan page 15 on the Masterplan I am wanting to know more information on what design note 28 is detailing: "Shared path connections with roads and linked with appropriate treatments and facilities." Especially indicated at Glebe road next to the bowling club, what are the appropriate treatments and facilities?

I am also concerned that there is any area NOT indicated on page 7 that is also flood prone land. The area is located at and around design note 11: Playground. This area desperately needs Elevation work done.

Please consider incorporating the velodrome into plans. The development including improved access to cycling facilities would be fantastic. Ideas include access to toilets to velodrome, lighting to include velodrome, improvement increase of the criterium track to connect to walking running path

Please make sure there are bins installed for the disposal of dog poo. The parks are currently utilised by people and their dogs (which is fine) but there is commonly dog poo left in picked up or they leave the bags of dog poo behind, particularly near the Myers Park toilet block. If there were dog poo bins off Melville Rd and near the Myers Park toilet block, it might give people somewhere to dispose of the dog poo / encourage them to pick it up?? We are often having to clean dog poo off the field before junior sport.

Dear CN,

We support all 35 design concept inclusions (as stated in the draft masterplan summary) and thank City of Newcastle for already upgrading the lighting at Adamstown No 2 in the past week.

We would like to highlight some that we think need to be completed as early as possible in order to address some key issues identified by recent seasons weather conditions.

Please find our detailed draft master-plan feedback attached.

Dear City of Newcastle,

The Committee of [REDACTED] think the drafting of a masterplan for Adamstown Park is a fantastic step forward to further improve the much-used community facility.

We support all 35 design concept inclusions (as stated in the draft masterplan summary) and thank City of Newcastle for already upgrading the lighting at Adamstown No 2 in the past week.

We would like to highlight some that we think need to be completed as early as possible in order to address some key issues identified by recent seasons weather conditions:

1. Concept 2: Improved irrigation and drainage on Adamstown 2 – 5:

- a. This needs to be considered a MUST in any upgrade concept, not just investigated.
- b. Investigation needs to be made as to why the **south eastern corner of Adamstown 2** (road and playground swing) is constantly holding water given a storm water drain is situated meters away.
- c. The roadway along Popran road in the same location is almost permanently holding water.
- d. It seems that a combination of gutter damage, gutter drain to storm water blockage and possible cracked sub terrain pipes (due to tree roots) is preventing full drainage of water in this corner.
- e. Improved drainage between Adamstown 1 training fields, Eastern Adamstown 2 fence lines (containers area) and Adamstown Public school needs to be improved as water collection is significant in these areas after even light rain.

Suggested Inclusion to Masterplan:

- Feasibility study / Investigation conducted to replace 1 or more ovals (Adamstown 2 – 5) with a fenced artificial pitch to allow hire and usage during turf ground closures.

You don't seem to be doing the one thing I'd love to see, that is restoration of the public velodrome.

- This location will great for holding international music festival
- facilitate the NSW & QLD soccer competitions held yearly.
- facilitate the soccer academic (to form high profile soccer players)

on 29th of October 2022, I was at Myer Park in Adamstown as I had my cricket game. I parked my car in the carpark outside the ground and thought it was safe to go through. Then, My car got stuck in the mud, you know, bog and as I was trying to get out again, it got stuck and my wheels were turning, turning and turning and my car got stuck right on the rims. My friend [REDACTED] came along with a shovel to try and remove most of the dirt but had no luck at all. After that I rang NRMA but they could not help as they advised me to get a tow truck. I rang the tow truck and had to wait a few hours for them to help me get the car out of the mud and the tow truck cost me \$350. So I really would like to see the carpark area really improve at Myer Park as I don't want to get the car stuck in the bog again and a warning for the people that want to go there and don't have 4WD to not park in there. I have attached the images.

[REDACTED] and I reside in Belmore Street Adamstown in close proximity to the grounds mentioned in the Master Plan. WE have a strong objection to public space being handed to a member only club which restricts access to the public. particularly when Broadmeadow Magic already has a fenced and gated ground. As do other soccer clubs in the area,

1. Many years ago Broadmeadow Magic attempted to have the public grounds enclosed. This was opposed by the community and did not proceed. Broadmeadow Magic already have an enclosed ground in Curley Road Broadmeadow. Why do they need a second enclosed ground? This is a giveaway of a public asset to a private organisation.
2. Adamstown Rosebuds enclosed ground is constantly have people jump the fence to use the facilities.
3. Drainage issues on Popran Road have not been addressed. Water is constantly lying in the gutter at the western end of Popran Road.
4. When will floodlights be turned off. They disrupt the lives of residents shining into their homes.
5. There is no mention of where the cricket nets will be located. Will this be an afterthought? These nets are regularly used.
6. Yes remove the netball courts from Adamstown Park but retain a couple of rings for girls to use for practice shots. As currently occurs.
7. The entrance on the corner of Belmore Street and Popran Road to the car park is poorly located. cars are double parking in this location and combined with the extreme increase in traffic flow due to the activities at the Adamstown Bowling Club this is dangerous situation.
8. The playground at the corner of Belmore Street and Popran Road should be retained. This equipment is regularly used by children whose siblings and parents are playing sport on the adjacent grounds.
9. There is no Traffic Management Plan for the area. With sport and the increased traffic flow due to the activities of the Adamstown Bowling Club quiet streets have now become inundated with high levels of traffic flow.

Hi There Sorry this is late.

We live very close to here and are very happy with the overall changes in the draft plan. Just want to know if the drains around the ovals will receive further attention as they seem to easily build up with leaves and grass growing in the gutters especially near the velodrome entrance area. These blockages pool water around parking areas.

Can the kick ball wall have concrete slabs at the base so that tennis practice can also take place here whilst waiting a turn for use of the half tennis court?

The swings that will be a part of the playground can they have a scoop taken out of the ground beneath them to allow for taller kids and young people to use them? Having a level ground underneath is not easy to use if you are a tall child or older person. I think all should be able to use the swings.

If the active court near the tennis courts/bowling club could be a full size basketball court due to the huge popularity of basketball in Newcastle at present. This is evident from the summer junior basketball teams this year having over 200 kids on a waitlist to join. There is a huge interest in basketball for all ages not just children in this area which can be encouraged through a further basketball options.

The fitness stations are most welcome as long as different height bars are included for arm full body

weight pull ups for all ages and sizes.

Thanks for your consideration.

Looking forward to the changes occurring very soon!!

Please find enclosed the Cricket' Community's consolidated feedback to the proposed Masterplan.