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## Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

### Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval) Masterplan and Plan of Management (Stage 1 of 2)

Impact level: One (high impact)

Consultation period: 7 December 2020 to 17 January 2021

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# 1. Summary<sup>1</sup>

This report outlines the first stage of community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval) Masterplan and Plan of Management project.

Council undertook a robust and wide-ranging initial consultation process focusing on individual and group values/perceptions, concerns, aspirations and desires for Ivanhoe Park as well as specific requirements for existing users, to consider and inform the planning phase of this project.

Formal community engagement feedback was gathered via an online survey on Yoursay from 7 December 2020 to 17 January 2021.

Stakeholder engagement included a workshop and second meeting with the Design Reference Group (made up of representatives of stakeholder groups and community members) on 27 November 2020 and 17 March 2021, as well as targeted interviews and site inspections with key stakeholders of the site from November to January 2021.









Analysis of the survey and stakeholder feedback has helped to reaffirm what is special about the park and why it needs to be preserved. Responses identified a number of key issues including lack of connectivity, park identity, accessibility, pedestrian safety, passive surveillance and maintenance. A high number of respondents raised concerns about better safety and security at night. They also expressed improvements were needed to existing facilities to make them better fit for purpose, cater for current and future generations of park users and multi-use.

This feedback has been considered and informed the preparation of the planning documents for this project. The design of any improvements or proposed works should be in keeping with heritage principles and not impact on those special values of the park expressed by the community.

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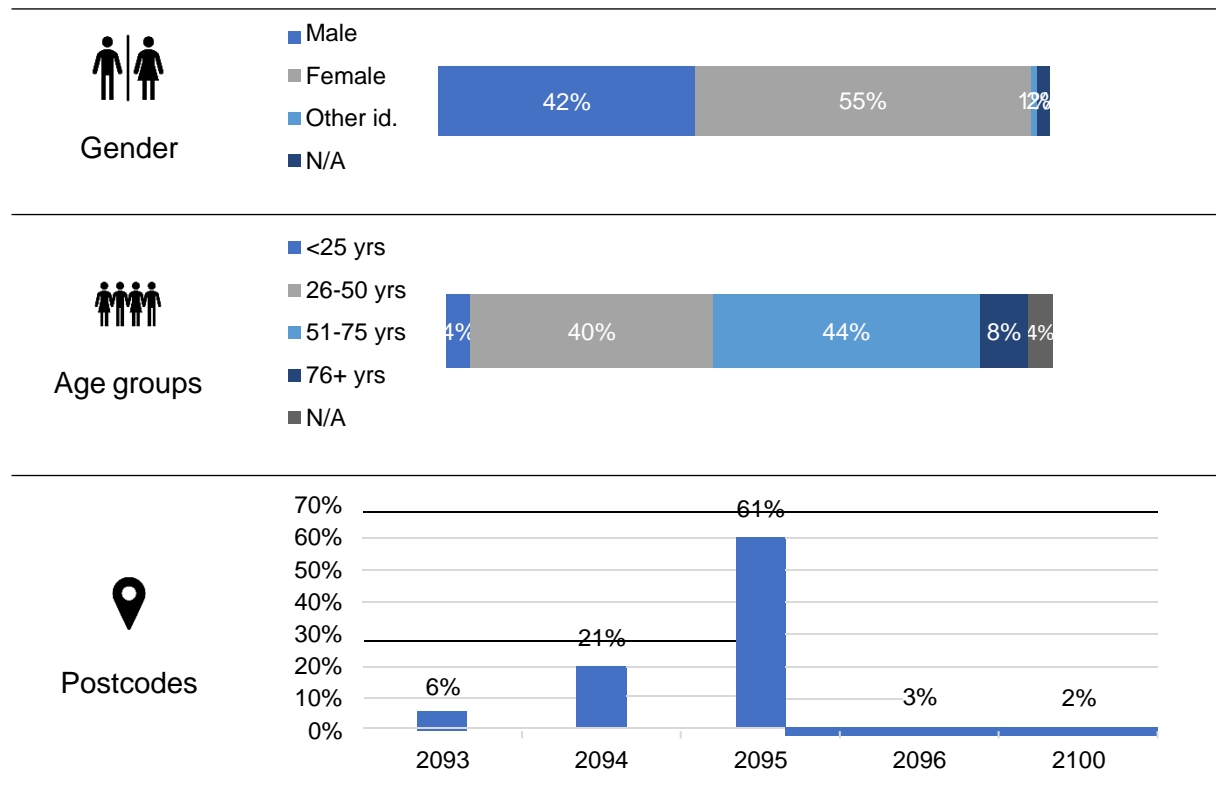
<sup>1</sup> Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

## 1.1. Engagement snapshot

	319		
Total surveys completed			
	Email received		
Emailed comments: 2			
	Key stakeholder engagement		
PWG workshop / meeting: 2			
Interviews / inspections: 12			
Targeted meeting with AHO, MWPHS			
Targeted meetings with Friends of Ivanhoe Park, Fairlight/Manly Scouts, Manly Cricket, Manly Rugby, Manly Tennis, Mounties / Manly Bowling			
	Have Your Say		Av. time onsite: 50s (does not include time completing the survey on QuestionPro)
Visitors: 1505		Visits: 1800	
	Social media		Reach: 286
Post: 1 KALOF Facebook post		Clicks: 10	
	Print media and collateral		Distribution: 3586
Letter drop: 2094, 2095		Number: 8	
Site signs: Yes			
	Electronic direct mail (EDM)		Distribution: 20,000 subscribers
Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 1		Distribution: 150,000 subscribers	
Council (weekly) e-News: 2			
Email to current and former Youth Advisory Groups		Distribution: 50	
Email to Ivanhoe Park Masterplan and PoM Working Group		Distribution: 14	
	Feedback themes		Green/open space
Park Identity/Connectivity		Multi-purpose	
Heritage		Sport	
Safety			

	Access	Informal recreation
	Vegetation	Facilities
	Public amenities	Maintenance
	Views	

## 1.2. Who responded<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

## 2. Background

Ivanhoe Park is formed by two parts, the upper western passive recreation area known as 'Ivanhoe Park Botanic Gardens', and the lower sporting precinct incorporating Manly Oval, Bowling Club and Tennis Club facilities.

The Botanic Gardens and Manly Oval areas are under the care and responsibility of NBC. The Bowling Club/Mounties and Manly Tennis Club lots have special leases directly with Crown Lands.

The site's unique landscape setting and recreational amenity have played an important role in the historical development of Manly from Aboriginal times through to present day as a place for everyone to enjoy.

On 23 August 2019, Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval) was listed on the State Heritage Register for its cultural landscape heritage. Following the State Heritage listing, Council resolved to prepare a Conservation Management Plan, a revised Plan of Management and accompanying Landscape Masterplan.

To assist with this comprehensive and complex planning process, Council engaged a team of specialist consultants to work collaboratively with council staff and internal stakeholders on developing the documentation for the project - GML Heritage to prepare the CMP, NBRS to prepare the landscape masterplan and architectural concepts, and Parkland Planners to prepare the Plan of Management.

## 3. Engagement objectives

Our community engagement objectives were to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities (inform)
- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult).

## 4. Engagement approach

Stage one community and stakeholder engagement for the Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval) Masterplan and Plan of Management project was conducted over a 6-week period, from 7 December 2020 to 17 January 2021.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017). The full documented engagement approach is outlined in the Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval) Masterplan and Plan of Management Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (November 2020).

The engagement was designed as a two-stage approach aimed to better understand the existing relationship people and groups have with Ivanhoe Park, including how they use it, what they like about it and suggestions for improvements.

Engagement included the establishment of a Design Reference Group of representatives of stakeholder groups and community members to assist us throughout the various phases of the project including discussing a shared vision for the park and reviewing draft documents.

We also held meetings and site inspections of key facilities with key external and internal stakeholder groups to understand their specific issues, requirements and aspirations.

A project webpage<sup>3</sup> was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. The project page included background information, a map of the study area and links to the relevant Council report and webpages.

The project was promoted via onsite signage, resident and stakeholder notifications, our Council E-News and our community engagement newsletter.

Feedback was captured through an online survey linked from the project webpage.

Stage two will be the public exhibition of the draft Masterplan and Plan of Management to ensure these are supported by a broad cross-section of the community.

#### **4.1. Engaging with hard to reach communities**

In addition to the above, we worked with our youth and community development teams (liaisons to our young people, multicultural communities and not-for-profit organisations/community services) and utilised their platforms and networks in an attempt to reach a diverse audience.

We promoted the project via the KALOF Facebook page and sent an email to members of Council's exiting and previous Youth Advisory Groups. We also liaised with Council's Community Development team to better understand homelessness, anti-social elements occurring in the park, and inclusion and accessibility needs.

### **5. Summary of findings**

319 people completed the survey which included a diverse representation of ages, suburbs and users of the park.

93 percent of survey respondents use Ivanhoe Park and 77 percent walk to the park. The most frequent reason for not using the park was a lack of awareness of the park/botanic gardens.

75 percent of respondents visit multiple times a week or a few times a month, while weekday and weekend mornings and afternoons are the most popular times to visit. Most common uses of the park include walking through, sitting/relaxing and fitness/exercise.

Deemed an "oasis" by one respondent, the peaceful nature of the park and its contrast to the busy Manly urban and beach areas came up most often as the 'most liked or special' aspect of the park. The park is also most valued for its vegetation, sporting facilities, heritage, open space and multiple passive and active recreation uses.

There was a common view that the park was used as a thoroughfare more than a destination, when there was no formal sport on. When asked to suggest improvements, there was strong support for the park to be more accessible, inviting and inclusive and could better provide for families with improved play, seating and picnic facilities.

Many respondents felt the park should remain as is or recommended only minimal changes. Where there were specific improvements requested, there was strong demand for better

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<sup>3</sup> <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ivanhoe-park>

safety and security at night, upgrade and/or improved aesthetics of the Scout hall, improved spectator facilities at Manly Oval, better physical and visual connectivity to Manly Town Centre and adjoining open spaces, improved internal access and paths.

Survey responses suggest that many people were not aware that Ivanhoe Park included Manly Oval, a botanic garden or that the whole of the park is historic.

View the full report of survey outcomes produced by Parkland Planners in Appendix 1.

## **6. Council's response to the findings**

Analysis of the survey and stakeholder feedback has helped to reaffirm what is special about the park and why it needs to be preserved.

This feedback including the findings and policies outlined in the CMP have been taken into consideration and helped guide the development of the planning documents for this project. The design of any improvements or proposed works should be in keeping with heritage principles and not impact on those special values of the park expressed by the community.

Council are proposing a range of park improvements in the masterplan and plan of management actions to:

- help reconnect the park to Manly Town Centre / Wharf and adjoining open spaces; enhance the park's overall appearance and presentation to be more inviting
- better connect the sporting and garden precincts
- create safer, more accessible spaces and facilities to provide for all users
- provide fit for purpose facilities that will better cater for current and future generations of users, activities and events.

Suggested recommendations also consider better connectivity and access between the park and the Manly Bowling Club and Tennis Club facilities.

Moving into the next phase of the project we will consider improvements to:

- park entries, streetscape, pathways, boundary fences and signage
- existing park plantings along boundaries and in garden areas to improve views and passive surveillance in the park
- material/finishes and colour palette of built and park elements to provide more consistency and unify park spaces
- lighting
- public amenities.

Other considerations will include the creation of central lawn amphitheatre space and finding ways to better showcase historical elements of the park.

We will also examine the viability of a new grandstand and sports pavilion building facilities that better integrate and complement the significant cultural landscape setting and cater for current and future generations.

## Appendix 1 Full report of survey findings

[2021/264893 Full Report - Stage 1 Online Survey results - Ivanhoe Park Masterplan & Plan of Management](#)



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STAGE 1 ONLINE SURVEY OUTCOMES

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# 1 IVANHOE PARK ONLINE SURVEY

## 1.1 Introduction

The online survey was open from Monday 7 December to Sunday 17 January 2021 on Your Say Northern Beaches <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ivanhoe-park>

317 online responses were received.

Two additional written responses were received outside Your Say, which are also included below.

## 1.2 Characteristics of survey respondents

Key characteristics of the online survey respondents are:

- ☐ 46% are 40 to 60 years old
- ☐ 55% are female
- ☐ 96% do not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ 95% do not identify as having disability
- ☐ 72% live in a household comprising a couple or couple with children
- ☐ 81% live in Manly, Manly East, Fairlight
- ☐ 40% belong to Mounties/Manly Bowling Club.

## 1.3 Use of Ivanhoe Park

Survey respondents' use of Ivanhoe Park:

- ☐ 93% use Ivanhoe Park. The most frequent reason for not using the park was a lack of awareness of the park/botanic gardens
- ☐ 77% walk to Ivanhoe Park
- ☐ 75% visit multiple times a week/a few times a month
- ☐ Weekday and weekend mornings and afternoons are the most popular times to visit
- ☐ Walking through (17%), sitting/relaxing (15%) and fitness/exercise (12%) are the most popular activities.

## 1.4 Survey results

A summary of the online survey results and written submissions are outlined below.

All comments are in Appendix A.

The numbers in brackets represent the approximate number of times the comment was made in the survey responses and written submissions.

### 1.4.1 What do you most like or find special about Ivanhoe Park?

#### **Peaceful, quiet, hidden (163)**

Peaceful, quiet, tranquil, relaxing (96)  
Contrast to Manly urban area/"oasis" (48)  
Hidden secret/gem (17)  
Contrast to the beach (2)

#### **Vegetation (125)**

Gardens (71)

- Botanic garden (44)
- Gardens (general) (19)
- Sensory garden (6)
- Flowers (2)

Trees, plants, vegetation (54)

#### **Sporting/club facilities (105)**

Sporting/club facilities – general (9)  
Manly Oval (83)

- General (14)
- Multi-use - for sport, exercise, play, community (16)
- Sporting use (13)
- Community use (7)
- Place to watch sport (6)
- Public access to oval (5)
- Green/grass (5)
- Well maintained (4)
- Historic (3)
- White picket fence (3)
- Open area (2)
- Grandstand (2)
- Village green (2)

Bowling club/greens (10)  
Tennis courts (3)

#### **Space (52)**

Green space (37)  
Open space (10)  
Size (3)  
Undeveloped (2)

#### **History/heritage (41)**

General (15)  
Traditional/preserved (6)  
War memorial (5)  
Tramway (4)  
Manly Oval (3)  
Merrett Gates (3)  
Vegetation (3)  
Sporting (1)  
State heritage listing (1)

#### **Variety/range of spaces (33)**

Variety, multi-purpose, something for everyone (23)  
Combination of sport, leisure and gardens in Manly (10)

#### **Recreation opportunities (33)**

Recreation opportunities (4)  
Good for dogs (18)  
Playground/play space (10)  
Place to exercise (1)

#### **All-weather/micro-climates (28)**

Shady and cool (19)  
Somewhere to sit in the sun or shade (4)  
Shady and sunny areas (3)  
Protected from the wind (2)

#### **Place to walk (28)**

Place to walk (2)  
Walkway to and from Manly (13)  
Walk through the gardens (10)  
Thoroughfare (3)

#### **Location (20)**

Location (12)  
Close to Manly (3)  
Close to home (5)

#### **Community facilities (19)**

Pre-school/kindergarten (16)  
Scout hall (3)

#### **Access (17)**

Accessibility (3)  
Public access (7)  
Paths (7)

#### **Natural features (16)**

Nature/natural (7)  
Watercourse (4)  
Wilderness (3)  
Valley/gully (2)

#### **Community use (9)**

Use by local community (6)  
Community asset (3)

#### **Wildlife/fauna (7)**

General (4)  
Birds (2)

#### **Well maintained (6)**

Well maintained (6)

#### **Visual (5)**

Beautiful (3)  
View from home (2)

#### **Other**

Grass (3)  
Bagpipe playing (3)

## 1.4.2 What improvements would you make to Ivanhoe Park?

### 1.4.2.1 “Guidelines”

- ☐ No changes/keep the park as it is (42)
- ☐ Minimal changes/improvements (24)
- ☐ No development/over-development (15)
- ☐ Keep as a quiet, peaceful space (10)
- ☐ Preserve heritage (8)
- ☐ Cater for locals not tourists (7)
- ☐ Keep the green space (6)
- ☐ Protect/preserve the park (4)
- ☐ Separate the park into east sport, west garden (2)
- ☐ Integration of sporting facilities (2)
- ☐ Ensure public access (1)

### 1.4.2.2 Specific improvements

#### **Better safety and security at night (76)**

General concerns about safety and security (24)

- the park is dark and secluded at night (2)
- need to feel safer in the park at in the evening/at night (4) for people to walk through (2)
- vandalism (5)
- drunks (1)
- homeless people (1)
- don't encourage people into the park at night (1)
- make the park safer for women at night (2)
- new plants are destroyed (2)
- botanic garden is too hidden and dark (1)
- hoodlums congregate in the grandstand (2), litter and cause damage
- syringes and silver cylinders left (1)

Improve/better lighting at night (13)

- better lighting design to offer safety for people but it must be heritage consistent
- automatic lighting
- lighting until 11pm

More lights at night (10)

- around the Scout hall (2)
- fairy lights

Clearer and more lights on pathways (4)

- low solar lights along the pathway for evening walking

Better security at night (5)

More ranger patrols at night (7)

- patrols of the grandstand (2)

CCTV/cameras (3)

Police presence at night (4)

Better visibility (1)

Safer paths (1)

Fence off complete area to prevent damage (1)

Encourage male day drinkers on the path near the entrance to Sydney Road and Park Avenue to use a different area in the gardens, well away from pedestrian paths (1)

#### **Scout hall (43)**

*It is a shame to see the disused and derelict building - I think it is the Scout Hall. It drags down the rest of the park.*

*The current buildings in the botanic garden have been a horrible and unwelcoming eyesore for too long.*

**Fix/improve/revamp/re-do/update/refresh/reinvigorate/renovate/improve aesthetics and retain the Scout hall (21)** resulting in a more attractive and user-friendly space:

- upgrade inside and outside, upstairs and downstairs (downstairs complete but Scout funds exhausted) (1)
- the roof is a major project (1)
- fix broken windows (1)
- standard of renovation for multi-purpose community use
- retain the current size (1)
- Council to financially support the Scouts for improvements (1)

#### **Open up the Scout hall for more/multi-purpose community use (9)**

- yoga, function hire, talks etc (1)
- meditation centre (1)
- meditative, possible natural therapy/mental health focused retreat in keeping with the surrounds (1)
- children's centre (1)
- public hire (1)
- seniors use (1)
- find occupants for the building (1)

Oppose the proposed function centre (1)

- Manly has enough food places and outlets for all requirements.
- It would be a shame to lose of the serene places left in Manly.

Demolish and replace the Scout hall on the same site (1)



Relocate the Scout hall in the park (1)

Demolish the Scout hall (6)

Re-purpose the Scout hall site (2)

- more parkland
- shelter for picnics
- big fish pond

Move the Scouts to the North Head Precinct (1)

Improve the area around the scout hall (1)

### **Improve spectator facilities at Manly Oval (26)**

For (25):

- better grandstand seating
- upgrade the dated grandstand and surrounds
- improve vantage points
- refurbish oval benches
- more oval benches
- better spectator amenities
- Repair and replace the aged timber seats
- Introduce shaded areas, places that people can congregate and enjoy the sport, the gardens, sit and be comfortable.
- I would possibly like to see some work done on the 'flying saucer' roof of the grandstand.
- Replace the 'roof' of the Oval grandstand with an effective cover for the whole meeting area and in keeping with the heritage of the Park
- Re-designing the stands overlooking the oval using natural shading where possible
- I think the grandstand stairways/steps need improvements ie. with some steps/stairs not to code with some deeper than others making it tricky to navigate.
- Clean the grandstand more regularly, especially at the top flat section where the harmless and homeless people gather.
- The grandstand is always full of broken glass and is dated.
- Install additional seating on the western side of the Oval up to the bowling green wall. There is currently a row of 3 benches for about 20 metres. This could be increased to 4 rows with a roof cover and be extended for another 25 metres.
- Return of seating next to the oval and scaffold seating between the oval and the bowling club.
- The siting of the grandstand is wrong. It needs to be parallel to a major axis of the football field.

- Improve the drinks serving facilities for spectators
- innovative bleachers to ring around the sports ground that could be pyramidal in form so can be used on both sides to include bowling and tennis spectating

Against (1)

- Better spectator seating and grandstand does not fit with character of Manly

### **Improve paths (25)**

Maintain paths (2)

Upgrade/repair paths (19)

Widen paths

- For (2)
- Against (1)

Remove paths (1)

Better path system .. it's too steep and inaccessible in parts.... wind it around with little bridges and more places to sit

### **Enhance the botanic garden (24)**

- The gardens feel "dark" and unsafe
- Improve use of botanic garden
- Improve flow
- Tidy up the gardens
- Improve maintenance of the Botanic Garden following a considered planting plan
- keep all the mature vegetation (especially trees)
- more interesting plants
- more native shrubs too.
- Make the "Botanical Gardens" actual botanic gardens, with wedding photo areas (revenue!) like Stony Range
- Further development of botanical garden as an accessible retreat
- Limited change to the quaint historic gardens
- More botanicals
- Improve plantings, pathways and amenities in the botanic gardens.
- More exotic flora in the garden.
- More trees of botanical interest including some deciduous for colour and 'kickable leaf drop' - what kid doesn't love kicking or rolling in a pile of leaves!
- Better lighting in evenings
- Increase size of botanic gardens

### **Café/restaurant (24)**

For (19)



- Garden, park café/coffee shop/food outlet/restaurant/licensed facility
- On kindergarten site
- In botanic gardens
- Café in a restored heritage tram e.g. Narrabeen Tram café (2)
- modern open-style cafe with plenty of outdoor seating
- Paris-style seating
- serving coffee and drinks and light snacks similar to Hyde Park in the City
- feature pond with cafe

Against (5)

- no more cafes in Manly are required
- other places to buy food
- oppose any other commercial development of the park

### More seating (23)

- under the trees.
- among the trees
- in the botanical garden with a cleared area for picnics
- more variety in seating options
- variety of dwelling spots that will encourage locals to use this park - picnic lawn, picnic tables, informal seating
- more seating in the tramway section and the grass sections near the scout hall
- in the gardens area (that aren't covered in bird 'do'.)
- on walk way down to Oval from Sydney Rd entry.

### Interpretation (23)

More interpretation to encourage greater community knowledge in the site (2)

History/heritage (11)

- More signage about the history of the park, including historic photos and anecdotes
- a historical plaque at the entrance explaining who the memorial gates were named for
- highlight trams
- highlight aboriginal
- a plaque outlining the history of the park e.g. origin of the name Ivanhoe
- Install the plaque commemorating the Heritage listing for the Park (2)
- signage in both the oval and in the Botanic Garden which tells of their wonderful history.

Botanical (9)

- Labelling of tree species
- better signage regarding the trees and plants present e.g. Royal Botanic Gardens
- QR codes to identify plants with botanic and common names.
- more information about the plants.

- Make the "Botanical Gardens" actual botanic gardens, with guides, information boards

Things to do in Ivanhoe Park (1)

### Density of planting (20)

- Higher density of planting (8)
- Maintain the current density of planting (6)
- Lighter density of planting (6) to make it lighter, less overgrown

### Pre-school/childcare building (19)

Retain/reinstate/repair pre-school/childcare (12)

- fix the drainage engineering issue
- public hire, seniors use

Improve access to play area and preschool (2)

Remove the pre-school (2)

### Picnic/barbecue facilities (17)

- more picnic areas with chairs, benches and tables (14)
- barbecue areas (3)
- replace the Scout Hall and pre-school with picnic area and facilities
- barbecue area in the new garden

### Children's playground/space (17)

- with a bike track.
- Playground for older children/teens as most cater for under 5yrs.
- A playground with better equipment
- A new playground
- Create a playground for older kids (6-12) as Manly has so few decent playgrounds
- Build an additional kids playground that has swings and kids ropes course (eg like at Lagoon playground Queenscliff)
- The playground needs upgrading.
- an adult/child disabled playground.
- adventure playground for older kids
- place for parents to sit.
- A really good kids play area, half for smaller kids, half bigger.
- Create an interactive feature for children to get involved

### Bowling club (15)

Maintain the bowling club for local community use (1)

Upgrade/renovate the bowling club (6)

- On existing site only
- Living roof

Better use of the bowling club/greens (4)

- Another sports field so that community had a park while sports are on the oval.
- community putting green instead of bowling green

Reduce the lawn bowling facilities to make room for a more diverse set of uses (volleyball, basketball, netball) (1)

Remove the bowling club (3)

- bowling club is the only area that doesn't sit well within the park's environment.
- The combination of peace and quiet, children's preschool and sports clashes with the atmosphere projected from the bowling club.
- Manly has a plethora of watering holes for a wide range of tastes.

### **More/better toilets (13)**

- General (12) - clean, safe
- In botanic gardens
- Better toilets for sport spectators (1)

### **Better access from adjoining streets (12)**

- more entry and exit points.
- More access points to the Park from Sydney Road and Raglan Street.
- More access from northern side (near Ocean Lane)
- access higher up Raglan Street to make access easier to the top part of the park, just west of Ocean Road and Raglan Street junction.
- A gate onto the oval from Raglan Street near Kangaroo Lane
- Improve safe pedestrian crossing and access from Sydney Road south side.

### **Fitness/exercise equipment (12)**

For (9)

- adult outer gym/retiree playground for the older residents who live in the blocks adjacent to the park to encourage fitness.
- exercise equipment similar to that in the park near Manly Wharf
- near the sporting field.

Against (3)

- not suitable for botanic garden

### **Buildings – general (12)**

Better use of existing halls (4)

- Community space/services

Renovate rundown/derelict buildings (3)

Remove old council buildings (3)

- If not in use
- Replace with greenery

Paint some of the buildings (1)

No visibility of buildings such as bowling club, childcare centre etc. (1)

### **Better maintenance (12)**

- General (5)
- Maintenance of gardens and landscape (6)
- Maintain the oval and facilities (1)

### **Retain/better use of tram terminus/corridor (11)**

- keep the old tramline
- safe and secure access through the tramway
- put it back one day
- use as a cycleway and path to reflect the historic transport corridor
- more parking facilities available for the multiple sports using the area
- better signage

### **Steps (11)**

- fewer steps
- safer steps - to Sydney Road
- better flow to the section next to Raglan Street between the top of the park near Parkview Road and the Bowling club car park.
- new stairs from the top down into the top carpark (near the bowls club).
- Put decorative hand rails on all steps

### **Access for people with disability and carers with prams (10)**

- Access for all
- More ramps and less stairs
- Upgrade pathways, stairs and ramps
- Better access for people with disability and mobility issues
- Accessible for carers with prams
- Accessible paths and ramps to improve access for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.
- comply with Disability Standards

### **Access (9)**

- Better accessibility (6)
- Universal access (3)

### **More paths (9)**

- through the lesser used parts
- more defined/distinctive pathways.
- a couple of direct paths to encourage more walking trips from Fairlight down to Manly, and a couple of meandering paths to enjoy.
- one along the tramline
- no paths through the denser areas.

### **Fencing (10)**

- Upgrade the boundary fence
- Replace unattractive wire mesh fencing on Sydney Road, and the northern and southern ends of at least the Oval area if not all the way up west.
- Improve/replace the fence separating the oval from Sydney Rd and Raglan Street (2)
- closable gates / fencing
- Open it up a bit. There are lots of fences

- Demolish or change the fence and turnstiles in lower Raglan Street

### **Better player facilities at Manly Oval (8)**

General (3)

Improve the Manly Oval change rooms (1)

Improve the playing surface (4)

- fix the potholes on the oval
- clean the oval more regularly
- tidy up the oval

### **Caretakers cottage (8)**

- Renovate (4) for functions
- work with Mounties on heritage Caretaker's Cottage
- Demolish (3) for more parking, extension of bowling club, extend gardens

### **Waste management (8)**

- More bins (3)
- Hide bins near the oval and bowling green (3)
- Regular rubbish pickups (2) especially after sporting events

### **Community music events (8)**

- For (5)
- Against (3)

### **Improve the park for families (8)**

children play area, picnics, coffee cart on weekends, nature trails for kids

### **Improve access to and increase safety and use of botanic garden (7)**

- improve access from the oval side
- improve access for people with disability
- an entrance to the part nearer to the west of where Ocean Road meets Raglan Street to make easier access to the top part of the garden

### **Community garden/compost (7)**

- A place with a simple kitchen and an attractive sheltered area to share meals together, perhaps situated in areas 7 or 8
- community garden and urban farming (see Camperdown Commons)

### **Dogs (7)**

Allow dogs (3)

No dogs – at all, off leash, on oval (4)

### **More parking (7)**

- Improve parking near the bowling club
- Expand carpark with the Manly Bowling Club extension

### **Parking under the oval (7)**

- For (3)
- Against (4)

### **Water feature (7)**

- water facilities
- a pool
- feature pond with cafe
- paddling pool
- lake
- water spring
- statues
- waterfall/ fountain

### **Watercourse (6)**

- a greater flow of water through the creek
- naturalise the drain
- recirculated water system
- sort out the waterfalls in the creek (rill)
- repair and better maintain the stone bridge

### **Improve the upper park (6)**

Increase use of upper park (2) with:

- café/coffee shop run by locals
- climbing gym, tree tops gym, zip line
- great kids park.

### **Active recreation facilities (7)**

basketball courts, skateboard park (ramps, bicycle and scooter), outdoor gym, table tennis, handball courts, tennis courts, gymnastic rings, a himalayas style golf putting green

### **Stage/amphitheatre (6)**

For (5)

- amphitheatre or bandstand for live music.
- used for events such as outdoor cinema.
- the oval can be used for events like the Jazz festival etc.
- stage on Sydney Road side

Against (1)

- The stage, amphitheatre and seating proposed for the zone B Open Space is an over development and will likely be under-utilised and attract undesirables

### **Trees and vegetation (6)**

- Improve vegetation management
- Remove dangerous overhanging branches
- Replant Casuarinas along the Sydney Road edge
- Plant large trees to replace two huge coral trees (*Erythrina indica*) at the top of the grassy rise
- Plant another stand of tree ferns

- Reinstate understorey planting in area C the Canopy Garden to prevent people accessing/walking in the gully.

### **Improve grass cover (6)**

### **More native planting (5)**

- Restrict native planting to the historic wildflower area in the north west corner near the sandstone sign off Sydney Road.
- Reintroduce and restore the wild flower garden.
- Plant flowering plants (3)

### **Better connections and linkages in the park (5)**

- All areas
- from the playground round the park.
- Bowling club, scout hall, pre-school
- from the tennis court area to the gardens
- different parts and levels of the park

### **Improve park entrances (5)**

- Dress up various street frontages to be more inviting.
- all entry points / frontages to be upgraded for safer accessible entry to park including new lighting
- Improve/update the entrance at Sydney Road (2)
- entries in keeping with historic significance
- much nicer sign or picture welcoming people to manly (perhaps an historical one)

### **Allow other sports on Manly Oval (5)**

- more accessible and useful for a diverse set of sports and activities.
- The rugby union and cricket clubs shouldn't have a mortgage on the facilities
- Local community use
- Allow in rugby league, soccer, touch football, oztag, field hockey etc.
- The oval should be maintained for local community use
- Remove the Rugby games completely.

### **Community facilities (4)**

### **Cycleways (4)**

- More cycleways/bike use areas (2)
- Prohibit cycling/wheeled users (2)

### **Better drainage (4)**

- Swampy after rain on northern border
- fix drainage from the hall.
- upgrade the 300mm drainage pipe under the preschool with a trash rack which gets blocked to accommodate drainage from the catchment.

### **Ossie Merrett Memorial Gates (4)**

- Preserve/conservate the Merrett Gates
- Ossie Merrett Memorial Gate could be updated
- Improvements to the Merrett Gates appearance

### **More level, flat areas (3)**

### **Accessible paths (3)**

### **More gardens (3)**

### **Wollemi Pine (3)**

- Cage the Wollemi Pine
- Replace Wollemi Pine
- Remove the hefty tree guard and plaque for the Wollemi pine

### **Markets (3)**

### **Tennis courts (3)**

- increase informal access to the tennis courts
- multi-use of tennis courts
- tennis courts need shelter on side.

### **Higher netting to stop cricket balls (3)**

Some additional netting to prevent cricket balls landing on Sydney Rd and Raglan St, similar to the netting on the tennis court boundary.

### **Increase awareness of the park (3)**

### **Better promotion of the park (3)**

Botanic gardens, everything other than oval and tennis

### **More events and concerts on the oval (3)**

### **War memorial (2)**

- Consider the range of existing memorial or interest group items in redevelopment - the memorial seats, a small ANZAC memorial near the kindergarden and the fragrant garden for example.
- More sunlight is needed for the rosemary near the war memorial.

### **Japanese garden (2)**

Around the tree in the middle of the playground with a small pond and cherry trees, and native plants like grevillea.

### **Running track around the oval (2)**

### **Reduce number of mosquitoes (2)**

### **Encourage fauna (2)**

- Possum boxes

- More Australian fauna native to Manly

**Upgrade landscaping (2)**

**Preserve/conservate the ticket entry shed/box (2)**

**Manage brush turkeys (2)**

**Park like The Domain (2)**

**More watering (2)**

More watering

Working watering system

**Retain natural/wild character (2)**

**Relocate homeless man to more suitable accommodation (1)**

**Better variety of planting (1)**

**Improve as a wedding/photography venue (1)**

**Bee hives (1)**

**Buildings with rooftop gardens (1)**

**Solar panels with batteries with feedback to local grid (1)**

**Define Ivanhoe Park (1)**

The name Ivanhoe Park is confusing when you factor in Bowling Club, Manly Oval etc. I would have no idea where Ivanhoe Park is or what is part of it.

### 1.4.3 What do you think is the most important historic feature of Ivanhoe Park?

*I think many of the features work together - but the established trees, the Ossie gate, the war memorial and the white picket fence oval really come to mind as essential elements to the character of the park!*

Please note that responses to this question were not all about historic or heritage features/significance of the park.

#### 1.4.3.1 “Intangible” features

##### **Whole park (9)**

##### **Age/existence of the park (7)**

##### **Oval with park/gardens (5)**

##### **Sport and recreation use (4)**

##### **Aboriginal heritage (4)**

##### **Heritage listing and significance (3)**

#### 1.4.3.2 Historic features/items

##### **Manly Oval (52)**

- Oval (39)
- Grandstand (5)
- Picket fence (5)
- Sporting use of the oval (2)
- Score board (1)

##### **Trees, vegetation, planting (52)**

##### **Gardens (46)**

- Gardens (15)
- Botanic gardens (29)
- Sensory garden (2)

##### **Tramway (43)**

##### **Memorials/monuments (25)**

- Memorials/monuments – general (7)
- War memorial (18)

##### **Merrett Gate (19)**

##### **Creeks and bridges (11)**

##### **Sporting facilities/clubs (8)**

- Sporting facilities (3)
- Bowling club (3)
- Tennis club (1)
- Rugby and cricket clubs (1)

##### **Green space (7)**

##### **Peace and quiet (6)**

##### **Location (5)**

##### **Signage (4)**

Better signage (2)

Directional signage (2)

- Better directions to Scout hall.
- pedestrian signposts at the top of the park on Raglan Street and again on Park Lane at the top of the main path - maybe also one on Sydney Road.

##### **Caretakers cottage (4)**

##### **Pre-school (4)**

##### **Scout and Guide halls (2)**

##### **Sandstone/rocks/walls (3)**

##### **Public access (2)**

##### **Park (2)**

##### **Natural landscape (2)**

##### **Beauty (2)**

##### **Sydney Road entrance (2)**

##### **Events (2)**

##### **Seaside Tennis Tournament (1)**

##### **Other**

*Ongoing and long-standing historical associations with the people of Manly as the place of beauty and coolness during summer as people walked from the heart of Manly upwards to their homes in Fairlight; where mums wheeled their babies and played with their young children and down to the sporting areas at the bottom of the hill.*

It's old connection to Manly and the  
neighbourhood

Artillery gun

**Not sure/don't know/nothing (27)**

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# APPENDIX A

## ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

### 1 What do you most like or find special about Ivanhoe Park?

I love it!

The way it is now.

Love the place as is

I like the fact that it is there.

The fact that it exists

Generally I love the park as it is

*Interesting and varied green treed space in the middle of suburbia - a sanity saver.*

*Ivanhoe Park is a natural open public space with historical significance and strong link to its original village green centre of Manly catering for both active and passive uses*

#### Public access (7)

Public

access

Green space with full public access

free access

Facilities available for everyone to use

open to the public for everyone to enjoy and not just turned in to housing or units.

anyone able to use

#### Accessibility (3)

Accessibility

difficult to access but in a good way.

I use a walking stick & find getting around quite easy.

#### Grass (3)

access to grass

amazing grass

grassy areas

#### Beautiful (3)

This is a beautiful park

It is very beautiful site.

It's a beautiful and under utilised part of manly that deserves closer attention

#### Place to exercise (1)

A space to exercise in away from the crowds and organised fitness groups. It has been a godsend throughout covid.

#### Location (12)

Location (5)

Central location

It's a great area, and so central

I think is a really good location  
Great location for cricket, rugby, carols by candlelight  
i like that we have a big park in the heart of manly but the only thing i've use there is the tennis courts.  
It's close to transport and the centre of manly  
Due to its location, this is a landmark site in the truest sense of the word.

### **Combination of sport, leisure and gardens in Manly (10)**

Botanic gardens and oval  
Gardens/Sporting/Leisure facilities  
The sports club n bowling in the mini botanical garden.  
Sporting venue that is attached to gardens is unique  
It is an old and natural park abutting Manly Oval as one continuing tract of parkland/sports & recreation site.  
A very important leisure and sporting precinct for Manly  
Beautiful open space with good mix of sporting facilities.  
That it has both an open sports arena plus a quiet garden area to wander through  
Great to have a botanic gardens and leisure/sporting facility in the center of Manly.  
A garden, sport and community oasis in the middle of the built up area of Manly

### **Manly Oval**

#### **General (14)**

Manly Oval (4)  
The oval (7)  
The big oval  
The oval itself is as close to perfection as can be  
Having a sporting oval nearby.

#### **Historic (3)**

historic oval down the bottom  
The oval has always been in continuous use  
The Manly Oval where cricket and rugby has been played for probably 100 years

#### **Sporting use (13)**

oval used for sport  
The local sport events  
lots of sports in the weekend  
the community feel when sports events are held there.  
usually quite a bit going on e.g. cricket.  
The oval for sport - playing, watching and enjoying casually.  
The Manly oval where Rugby and cricket is played. This is a significant community hub and must remain.  
The Oval. Great local sporting venue!  
great to hear the sounds of cricket in summer and rugby in winter.  
The oval is a wonderful and unpretentious sporting ground that caters for both standing and casual patrons and also those who want to be seated above the front row. It is comfortable and allows for people young and old to collect and coexist.  
Having the sport Oval brings the fans into Manly.  
Majestic, world known suburban oval for cricket and rugby.  
The sport played on the oval enhances the village appeal of Manly. The previous Manly council did seem intent

#### **Place to watch sport (6)**

Nothing quite like spending a sunny day at the oval watching these sports.  
Family rugby watching  
Beautiful place where you can watch rugby  
being able to watch great cricket locally  
Manly Oval is a wonderful sports arena which I visit as a spectator from time to time.

I love how there are seats next to the oval so you can watch the cricket!

### **Community use (7)**

The Oval is a good community asset.

place where people get together

Carols

Having a big green space where the community can get together

Its connection to the heart of the community. I enjoy the interaction between community sport and the community itself

The use of the Manly oval for community events like the Christmas carols

I like that community events are held there too. Christmas carols are fabulous!

### **Multi-use - for sport, exercise, play, community (16)**

Multi-use oval for sport, training, concerts etc

The sports part feels like the hub of Manly when big events like rugby or Christmas carols bring people together.

cricket oval suitable for community events and family sport activities- organised and unorganised

Manly Oval is a place of activity, you can watch cricket or football or possibly athletics(?) or you can personally use the oval to do your own physical training.

I also see many people playing diverse sports, sharing the space openly and respectfully which is a testimony to the cooperative and tolerant attitude that Australia has at large.

I also love to see apart from the organised sporting teams many young groups and families playing and exercising on the oval.

The Manly Oval where cricket and rugby has been played for probably 100 years and when not being used by them you will find people jogging, playing with their kids and groups even playing soccer.

During covid the oval has been a blessing to have some space to let the kids run around. Sport takes up the whole weekend and makes the oval unusable.

access to exercise on the oval

I love how the community uses the oval space really well, from organised events to people just using it to workout and enjoy the space.

oval is nice for sports and kids

Also the oval for children to play and ability to watch local rugby games.

The whole area is so precious, the oval is such a centre piece for sports and recreation

The oval is a great place to exercise

The oval is great for exercise and letting young children run around

### **Open area (2)**

I like the open manly oval area

The openness of the oval, how it descends into manly and the level of light it receives.

### **White picket fence (3)**

Picket fence

White picket fenced oval

I LOVE the white picket fencing of Manly Oval!

### **Green/grass (5)**

I like the oval grass.

The oval is a great green space visually

The green of the oval

I like the oval green

It is great having the grass of the oval to play sports and exercise.

### **Public access to oval (5)**

having access to manly oval

It's good that Manly oval is free for public use.

Public access to the oval.

The oval being open for public use

The open access to the oval

### **Grandstand (2)**

The grand stand

This includes the grandstand for cover in the rain and stairs to use in my own personal training.

### **Well maintained (4)**

the quality of the space / lawn

The oval area too is well kept and better lit area.

The oval itself is lovely as the grass is usually well maintained

It's very rare in any community that such a well kept sports field would be so accommodating to the general public, who in return, treat the area with the respect it deserves. I often run at the Oval and do various forms of sprint training which is generally only fit for a well maintained field.

### **Village green (2)**

The village green atmosphere of the oval itself. Apart from when it is being destroyed by rugby players and supporters each winter, it is a highlight of Manly.

It is gratifying to see just how many groups, both amateur and professional, use Manly oval at all times of the day. It is truly a village green.

### **Other**

The Oval brings life and energy to the park.

The placement of the stands angled against the oval and how the bowling area is raised against this.

### **Sporting/club facilities – general (9)**

The local club facilities for young and old.

The contrasting activity of the sport facilities... bowling greens, oval and tennis courts.

Great to see a Bowling Club, Rugby Oval and a Tennis Club using the area - extremely important for the local community.

I think its great there is a venue for sporting grounds n should remain.

It is a multi-purpose open green space providing different sports for the community, including tennis and rugby

club facility down the bottom

It's purely for the purpose of the small sports clubs within it

Sport facility close to centre of manly

low visual impact sporting facilities in the middle of Manly

### **Bowling club/greens (10)**

bowlo

bowling club (2)

we love the bowling club, we are bowlers.

The bowling club has always been in continuous use

I like visiting the Manly Bowls club for lunch, overlooking Manly oval.

The bowling club - for bowls and a meal.

Sometimes go the Bowling club and it is nice to see the park from there.

The Bowling Greens are good community assets.

I enjoy playing lawn bowls at the Bowling Club

### **Tennis courts (3)**

tennis courts.

I like the tennis courts

The adjoining Tennis courts are also an integral part of the Oval grounds and constitute a well-known site for tennis tournaments as well as regular playing courts.

### **Trees, plants, vegetation (54)**

Trees (16)

mature trees  
 trees and plants generally e.g. variety  
 large trees (2)  
 park has beautiful trees  
 All the trees (2)  
 The semi tropical trees and plants.  
 The beautiful plants  
 The plants  
 the lush plants  
 The breath of fresh air it provides as I and others walk though trees and plants;  
 like all the trees and plants and that it's a bit rambling  
 Large mature trees in top part of park.  
 The diversity of plants  
 Without a doubt the well established trees. They provide a peaceful and natural space within walking distance of my home and manly village.  
 I love the native plants and having green, jungle-feel areas to sit, read and reflect.  
 Native plants  
 Coverage for wildlife.  
 It is unique to the Northern Beaches with its trees  
 I really like Ivanhoe park the way it is now - it's a special space to be surrounded by tall trees  
 incredible flora  
 The mature trees which give it a temperate rainforest feel.  
 it's a little neighbourhood heaven with lush trees and giving shelter to animals  
 the lush vegetation  
 significant sized trees in the area.  
 I like the rich green big trees and lush gardens  
 native flora and fauna  
 It is a haven of diverse and mature plants as well as birds.  
 The park contains some beautiful Australian trees including Red Cedars and Hoop pines.  
 The beautiful environment created by the diverse trees and other plants which is a pleasure to experience in the park as well as viewing it from our apartment which overlooks the park from tree top level.  
 The top end of the park. It's like being in a forest.  
 The magnificent trees  
 I love the trees and the magical feel it has create  
 The mature trees  
 the diversity of plants  
 great plants  
 The multitude of plants, to be able to connect to nature .  
  
 Considered a dark park - Lots of trees and foliage.

### Green space (37)

Green  
 Green space (14)  
 Love the green space  
 Manly only has this park and the one near the bus stop, it's not much for such a big community.  
 It provides a green space to the neighbourhood  
 access large green space i.e Manly Oval  
 Only large green space left in manly CBD  
 The greenery (2)  
 It is the green heart of Manly.  
 extensive green space  
 Green space where children can play and people can exercise  
 Having a green open space within Manly, one that only locals really use  
 It is a beautiful space of greenery

Open space to appreciate the green space

An oasis of green in the midst of urban noise, concrete and cars

it's also the only large green space in the middle of manly. I walk through it every day and it makes my day.

For the many families living in apartments with children in the area this green space is an absolute necessity.

It's a lovely green space for all of the community to enjoy.

Green garden oasis

Having a green area to meet friends and play sports

Love the Green Space especially the Botanic Gardens.

The greenery is so important to mental health as we have discovered during covid lockdowns when people confined in apartments or hotels have craved getting out in a park. The Japanese have a term called 'forest bathing' where apartment and office workers go for forest walks in groups to lift the spirits and help the mind.

It's a beautiful green, shaded space unlike any other park or green space in the area.

### **Nature/natural (7)**

The nature

Its natural environment is the main point.

Botanic nature

The nature and natural way it flows.

Natural environment, it's not over developed and feels like a natural rather than mad made space

Natural flare environment.

Love to have nature close to home

### **Size (3)**

The scale of it as there isn't another park as large

It appears small from the outside, and I imagine a lot of people miss walking through it, but it's a wonderland once you're strolling inside

Due to its size, this is a landmark site in the truest sense of the word.

### **Close to Manly (3)**

The fact that it is so close to Manly

Proximity to Manly township

It's such a wonderful location in the heart of Manly

### **Contrast to Manly urban area/"oasis" (48)**

It is an urban oasis.

open space in residential area.

Oasis amidst busy roads and buildings

Ivanhoe Park is an important open space providing a quieter retreat from the busy activities of the manly CBD.

It is an oasis within the ever bustling manly area.

Green area in the centre of a concrete jungle

It is a peaceful shady oasis in the centre of Manly offering beautiful green space to people to walk or sit and for dogs to play

It's peaceful atmosphere away from the hustle of the Corso and East Esplanade

The green quiet space in a busy town

Ivanhoe Park is a very pleasant patch of greenery in an otherwise very crowded urban environment.

Having a spot that isn't cleared or have buildings and apartments is great

Quiet green hub in urban area.

It feels like a small oasis

Its the lungs of Sydney Road and a quiet space in an otherwise loud and busy suburb.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful green space in the heart of manly.

Open green space in the middle of Manly

Nature and quiet time amongst a busy Manly

away from cars and traffic noise

It feels like the rain forest in the middle of manly  
 Oasis like feature in a built up area  
 I find it an oasis in the middle of a busy suburb.  
 The open green space in the middle of Manly. No worries about traffic.  
 I do like the fact that the park is here and not just more housing  
 Wonderful relaxing and open space amongst the built up town  
 Ivanhoe Park acts as a perfect green belt to a very hard concrete Corso precinct in Manly. Other great cities balance their mercantile areas with parks  
 It's a beautifully maintained little Oasis right in the middle of Manly.  
 The way the botanic gardens take you away from the hustle of Manly, Sydney road. You feel in a very different place.  
 It brings a beautiful green tree and recreation area into the centre of a highly developed area.  
 The escape from road roar and concrete paths and brick buildings  
 It is an oasis in a busy city  
 Lack of cars and noise.  
 The botanical feel that you take a break from urban life for the few minutes as you walk through.  
 It's a sanctuary amid the surrounding area  
 I like the Botanic Garden area as it provides a great green space in a densely populated area.  
 It's right in the middle of manly but still very quiet and relaxing  
 An exceptional (and only) public green space adjacent to the Manly CBD & retail precinct.  
 Its a little bit of paradise in the middle of manly  
 The lungs of Manly.  
 Community space in a built up area  
 A respite from busy Sydney Road..  
 Open space in heavily-built area.  
 It is a beautiful, natural spot in the middle of an increasingly densely populated area which nurtures a healthy atmosphere  
 Green space in the centre of Manly  
 the open space so close to the centre of Manly  
 A nice piece of green space in Manly which has increasing developments replacing trees etc .  
 It is a little green oasis in the centre of Manly.  
 It is a lovely quiet little piece of subtropical rainforest in what is a fairly crowded environment.  
 It's a site that given also its close proximity to the manly cbd has strong multi faceted meanings to a variety of different stakeholders

### Contrast to the beach (2)

Ivanhoe park is a special sanctuary, a much needed green botanic break from the beach.  
 Yes we have the beach but that is very different.

### Security (1)

security

### Variety, multi-purpose, something for everyone (23)

Variety  
 multiple uses  
 Combination of purposes  
 The provided quite a lot of diversity from parkland and its bird life to cricket and rugby.  
 I love the landscaping and the fact that both the upper and lower parts give everyone something to enjoy from dog lovers to young family's and sporting enthusiasts.  
 the variety of activities the park allows  
 I have found it is being used by all ages it's lovely to see everyone using it  
 It currently caters well to many different interest groups.  
 The range of different areas for a small area - Childrens play area; Grass areas; interesting walking tracks; and types of flora.  
 I love that it fits all ages. Young and old play and watch sport on the oval, young and old play lawn bowls and innumerable people use it for exercise or a walking route. it's lovely.  
 The mix of activities is great! Oval for rugby/cricket, tennis courts, quiet park and children's play area



The variety of settings, such as the rainforest at the top western side, the entrance at the end of Park Avenue which swings around and down in front of the Scout Hall and the little rivulets

variety of ways of using Ivanhoe park

The variety of environments.

the differing spaces available

That the whole park can be used by everyone for many recreational activities.

The park provides rich & varied types of spaces which accommodated many differing activities.

The mix of different spaces and uses within the park

areas for sitting and walking

The combination of the oval, bowling greens, and the gardens in the middle of manly

The mix of sports facilities and established garden with its mature trees, rock ledges (evoking the landscape before white settlement)

The multiple community uses incorporated. I enjoy walking through botanical area, have used the tennis courts on many occasions, watched sporting events on oval. i'm not a member of bowling club but may join when i retire.

I like that there are so many uses within a relatively small space. Tennis, gardens, and bowling are my favourites.

#### **Recreation opportunities (4)**

Recreational facilities.

the availability of recreational activities.

The fact that it has been a recreational area for everyone for decades.

I also like that it is a shared space. The sports part, the botanical part, the dog walking, the building which needs to be used for the right activities.

#### **Open space (10)**

Open spaces

The open space (3)

space available

More time at home this year has highlighted the value of open space and community space

I found the park to be a great place to play during lockdown as there is plenty of space and not so many people as on the beaches.

Open space and greenery at the top section

Open spaces that is left in Manly.

We have an ageing population, more and more cramped living spaces and any open space is more important than ever.

#### **Paths (7)**

footpaths

park has beautiful trees and paths.

Path down to the oval and into manly.

The pathways through the rainforest section

being able to walk along the path and see the sights.

walking the paths

varied routes through the park sections

#### **Good for dogs (18)**

Walking my dog

Dog friendly (2)

quiet space to walk my dog

The leash free areas for dogs to run

Dog walkers have nice place for dogs.

dog/leash free aspect

good place to walk the dog.

Open space to walk the dogs

the ability for dogs to come into the botanic gardens.

That I can walk my dog off-lead in the shade.



Great dog park with lots of interesting areas for them to explore.

It's so unique. I love to take my dogs through the park, allowing them to casually stroll the minute they hit the front fence. They love the freedom, I love the serenity. It's my favourite place in Manly.

I enjoy throwing a ball for my dog in the park.

It's a lovely close off off-the-leash dog friendly space for small dogs. The large park at the pool is quite intimidating with the big dogs. I see lots of puppy owners saying the same there.

it's a dog park

I always appreciated walking through it on the way to the bus but it's now I have a dog that I truly know what a gem Ivanhoe park is. The northern beaches are rightly strict on dog walking areas so Ivanhoe park is a vital spot in the dog owner community.

No dogs poop

### Hidden secret/gem (17)

secrecy

Secret gardens

It's a secret oasis in manly.

As a local, I value the park because it is a 'secret'

Ivanhoe park - is a hidden gem.

Only the locals seem to know about it.

It feels like a secret garden

No one knows it exist

"hidden gem" within Manly.

'secret park' for the kids

For me this park looks like a hidden gem.

Its sunken hidden quality.

It feels like a secret garden or a rainforest oasis

How private and beautiful it is

The upper Ivanhoe is secluded and special

The secluded nature of the Botanic Gardens with large amounts of shade and greenery. Somewhat unique to Manly in that it is not crowded with picnicking, ball playing visitors

The park, especially the Botanic Garden is a hidden gem in Manly.

### Peaceful, quiet, tranquil, relaxing (96)

Quiet(2)

The peace and quiet

Peaceful (2)

Quiet shady.

Tranquility

A great place to relax in

The tranquility

the peacefulness that the park provides.

tranquility.

It has its own innate calmness.

peaceful space

Peace of mind

calm and quiet

It is a quiet park in manly.

it has always been a soothing oasis

It's an easy place to unwind.

It is a peaceful, 'beautiful' location.

peaceful in summer.

peaceful atmosphere.

It's quiet and pretty serene. The lack of crowds.

It's a lovely place to just - be. Mental health is so important, now more than ever

Quiet, green space

Quiet oasis

the tranquility of the park.  
 Place of quiet refuge  
 It is a place to relax and enjoy with the children.  
 peaceful atmosphere.  
 As I lived overlooking the park for many years since 1942(?) I liked the isolation  
 it currently has a wonderful ambience. It feels very relaxed and natural without being over planned and artificial  
 A quiet place to escape and enjoy the mature trees and birdlife.  
 A highly valued & rare peaceful space - this is so hard to find in our area & such a boon for mental health & well being. It's a beautiful place to have a deep & meaningful walk/talk without being accosted by cyclist, joggers, booty camps etc - very very enriching to have such lush naturalness available to escape to  
 Its quiet peaceful atmosphere away from the busy tourist crowds (who do not know it exists).  
 The quiet places to sit out of the way of other people  
 secluded areas of serenity  
 Ivanhoe Park is quiet and has relaxing atmosphere with all the beautiful plants.  
 It provides isolated peace & quiet from the busy hubbub of Manly. It has a feeling of peace & seclusion which is important.  
 Because it's sunk down from Sydney road it's sooo quiet and peaceful  
 A quite place  
 peaceful green oasis in busy Manly  
 I especially love the tranquility Ivanhoe Park offers in such close proximity to bustling Manly.  
 The tranquil atmosphere  
 The serenity (2)  
 It's quite and peaceful even when busy.  
 Peace and tranquility  
 We find it a serene space in a busy area.  
 Great place to sit enjoy quiet  
 The serenity and quiet so close to Manly. Fortunately at the top end of the park there are no amenities so are you able to be just one with nature. The bowling club and oval provide all the amenities the space needs.  
 the calmness, a great place to sit in the quiet when life gets busy.  
 As a local, I value the park because it is peaceful  
 It feels like a little oasis within Manly do not want to change a thing about it, feels very calming as there are not a lot of tourists who hang out there.  
 The feeling of calm and quiet is very precious in an increasingly noisy and busy Manly - it's like being in the garden you'd love to have.  
 its quietness away from the busy roads/shops  
 The solitude, the peace and quiet away from the noise and hustle  
 An oasis of peace quiet and green  
 The botanical gardens are peaceful and good for a quiet walk or to sit in the shade  
 It's a peaceful, shady oasis in a very busy part of Sydney  
 It is a quiet secluded area  
 Unique area of calm  
 the peaceful atmosphere  
 A quiet natural space in Manly to relax  
 No very crowded.  
 Quiet space in garden  
 The peaceful, beautiful spaces  
 it is peaceful  
 The tranquility and quiet so close to busy Manly.  
 It's quietness in a busy area.  
 It's very peaceful  
 Tranquil.  
 A peaceful environment  
 its an oasis for locals from the hectic tourists visiting manly

A quiet reflective space in busy Manly  
 feeling of tranquility  
 quiet nature  
 Quiet and peaceful  
 It's restorative and a place of sanctuary  
 it's, apart from sporting events at the oval, reasonably calm and serene.  
 I like the quietness of the park even though it is adjacent to a busy road (Sydney Rd.) it is a delightful space to rest & look around at the plants.  
 Peaceful place to wander.  
 Peaceful serene oasis in the middle of a bustling town  
 It's a much needed green space and just walking through it makes you appreciate how important serenity and solitude are to us.  
 I love the peaceful space so needed in stressful times & a retreat from the very busy Manly area.  
 It is a quiet and cool environment in the midst of a busy suburb  
 We also greatly enjoy the rainforest aspects of the western part of the park. It is peaceful and very much enjoyed by my family and friends.  
 Somewhere to escape surrounded with beautiful plants providing lots of shady places.  
 The tranquility  
 Peace and tranquillity  
 Tranquil park to walk through instead of walking through the streets to get to-from Manly  
 Ivanhoe Park is an oasis of tranquility that greatly contributes the mental and physical wellbeing of local residents. We would like to remain that way.  
 The peaceful nature of the area  
 The peace and tranquillity of the gardens  
 a great place to relax  
 Relaxing.  
 It is truly a beautiful place for locals (and especially the four legged ones) to retreat from the madness and take a moment.

### Shady and cool (19)

The shade (2)  
 It's shady and unspoiled  
 shady areas  
 nice area with shade  
 It has its own innate shelter  
 is so cool in the summer  
 Cool little oasis in the heart of manly  
 Cool in summer (2)  
 variety of eco climates  
 the cool micro climate and shade.  
 As a local, I value the park because it is a richly shady place  
 It has a good tree canopy which makes it a haven in hot weather. We will need more such canopy as climate change continues to increase temperatures.  
 It's nice and cool and always a nice place for a walk, lay down or place to read a book  
 Its shade! Beautiful trees to sit under and walk through - a relief from sunshine and heat of Manly  
 In addition it offers a beautiful shady sanctuary for people to enjoy.  
 ... the canopy keeps it cool and secluded from the hustle-bustle of Manly  
 It is cool under the canopy and a welcome natural space.

### Shady and sunny areas (3)

sunshine  
 The spaces - caused by combination of level changes and planting areas being either dense, lush and shady, contrasting with open sunny areas. All this gives wonderful play of light and shade and colour.  
 The spaces - open sunny grassy spaces defined by dense lush and shady planted areas and views from one to the other. The planted areas conceal the rest of the park which is what makes it so interesting to walk through.

### Botanic garden (44)

Botanical gardens (21)

The hidden botanical garden

The botanic gardens are beautiful

Botanic gardens are lovely

It's a botanical garden

I love the botanic garden.

I like the botanic gardens.

Its unique botanical elements

The botanic gardens are great.

The Botanic Gardens is a good community asset.

Most special is the botanic garden. It's a gem and completely underrated.

The Botanic Garden is a peaceful recreation area and a beautiful green space accessible to Manly's busy hub.

I loved the idea of developing it into a Botanical Garden. My brother was married there over 30 years ago.

The Botanix gardens are amazing and so beautiful.

The unique nature of the garden and its location in the middle of a builtup area

The botanical garden end is beautiful- a haven in Manly.

The botanic Gardens it the way they serve the community

The plant life in the botanical section is beautiful and peaceful.

The botanic gardens. They are a magical quiet place to sit and contemplate.

The whole area is so precious, the botanical garden is a gem of trees, flowers, so peaceful and restorative

The beautiful shade and solace provided by the Botanic Garden

The Botanic Gardens (peaceful & quiet)

The Botanic Gardens is a peaceful and beautiful garden in which to rest, walk through, admire the beautiful plants, flowers and trees, watch birds and seek refuge/tranquility from the hustle and bustle of busy Manly.

I love the Botanic Garden area. I frequently walk my dog in this area and find it tranquil and restful, so close to bustling Manly yet so secluded and calm.

### Gardens (general) (19)

Its gardens (6)

The beautiful gardens (2)

The gardens and greenery in the middle of manly

Used to be stunning 30+ years ago with many more beautiful plants with a full time crew maintaining it and other smaller gardens in Manly.

I love the beauty, quiet and calm of the gardens.

The greenery and peaceful feeling of the botanic gardens.

Peaceful gardens during the week

fantastic well-established garden.

It's unique combination of gardens

I also like the various plants in the gardens (lime trees, kaffir lime etc) which means I can teach my kids a little about nature.

The beautiful rainforestry gardens

The park gardens have long been tended by community groups and include numerous beautiful trees and other flora.

The gardens are beautiful and the landscapes have done a great job along the pathway up through the park to Birkley Road.

### Sensory garden (6)

sensory garden (3)

The scented garden is lovely too.

We love enjoying the sensory garden

The herb garden was one of my favourite spaces.

### **Flowers (2)**

The flowers

All the lovely flowers

### **Use by local community (6)**

community open space

It's great for the sense of community.

Community functions- built for locals for the locals.

As a local, I value the park because it is largely for the locals & used by locals.

One of the few areas in Manly that was for community use, not tourism. The facilities at the time I lived nearby were always used for many alternate purposes: child care and drama.

Manly residents love this area

### **Community asset (3)**

It is truly a wonderful community asset

It is a great an asset to the community and privilege to have

I think it's a wonderful asset to the community

### **Bagpipe playing (3)**

a special note to the Scottish Bagpipes on Wednesday evening (lovely echoing around and through the park)...there's a sense of community!

keep the bagpipes on Wednesday night!

There was even a bag-pipe practice happening during my last visit, quite incredible!

### **Pre-school/kindergarten (16)**

Pre-school (7)

And the kindy

The preschool that wasn't saved

The pre-school (before it closed)

My children all attended preschool there also

I felt it was the perfect setting for a pre school , and wonder why it has been abandoned

The children's child minding centre where my grandchildren attended

Our children attended the wonderful preschool.

The child centre is very much part of this park and fits nicely.

All my children went to vacation care in the preschool there

### **Playground/play space (10)**

the little playground

the kids play area

play area

Children's play area when my children were younger.

Make sure the playground stays. There is not enough in manly as it is

I enjoy the playground with my two kids

We love going to the playground

The playground for the little kids outside the preschool.

We often take our kids there and feel good that there are gates to enclose them and they can run around madly! We love the little park for our kids too.

My children when younger used the kids play area a lot it was a lovely spot.

### **History/heritage**

#### **General (15)**

History

Heritage  
Heritage feel  
historical context  
Its history  
Its sense of history  
It is very cultural site.  
unspoilt piece of Manly's history  
It's part of the unique history of Manly should not be changed  
a rich mix of history & heritage  
Its history and character, both of which deserve to be preserved and protected  
part of the heritage and history of Manly and a link to the past that is just as useful now.  
The historical significance and heritage attached to the place that has now found new  
contemporaneous meanings.  
It is unique to the Northern Beaches with its history  
Due to its history, this is a landmark site in the truest sense of the word.

***State heritage listing (1)***

Its value as a state heritage listed open public recreational area, preserved for some 160 years.

***Manly Oval (3)***

The community fought Manly Council to preserve the Oval as a heritage site.  
the Oval is an iconic part of Manly's heritage  
The Oval is historic and one of the oldest still in use in Sydney.

***Tramway (4)***

tramway  
old train tracks  
Tracing the old tram alignment.  
i like the historic part of it with the trams etc.

***Merrett Gates (3)***

Gates (3)

***War memorial (5)***

War memorial (3)  
i like the historic part of it with the trams and war memorial etc.  
it's war memorial context

***Vegetation (3)***

history including lots of rare and old vegetation  
historic plantings  
history of the botanic gardens

***Sporting (1)***

I particularly appreciate its wonderful sporting history as well.

The Park has been cared for by the community for generations

***Traditional/preserved (6)***

Beautifully preserved  
Untouched and preserved  
Preserved park in the heart of manly  
It's old Manly feel  
That it is still true to its origins of village amenity combined with community activities like gardening  
and sports

its traditional appearance

### **Wildlife/fauna (7)**

#### **General (4)**

wildlife (2)

incredible fauna.

Amazing and significant existing wildlife access

#### **Birds (2)**

bird life

I love the cockatoos that stay in The Botanic Gardens!.

Loved seeing a baby bush turkey yesterday!

### **Scout hall (3)**

The scout hall is very much part of this park and fits nicely.

And the community/scout hall

The facility of the Scout hall and Guide Hall. A wonderful almost bushland safe setting for their activities.

### **Place to walk (2)**

A nice walk with a few options.

A lovely walk through the park.

### **Walk through the gardens (10)**

A beautiful place to walk through the botanical gardens.

The beautiful gardens and walkway through them

It is a great place to go for a quiet walk in the garden section.

Walking through the beautiful garden.

walking through the gardens

the pleasant walk through the upper gardens.

The beautiful walk through the botanical gardens

Walking through the almost rainforest-like gardens

We like to walk through and appreciate the flora and fauna.

peaceful mini bush walk

### **Thoroughfare (3)**

Nice to walk through

able to use as a thoroughfare.

I love that you can shortcut through the park from Raglan to Sydney road from any corner of the park

### **Walkway to and from Manly (13)**

Just walking through to the shops is a pleasure.

I love walking through it on my walk to Manly.

shady pathway to Manly

provides a lovely walk from fairlight to Manly where you can enjoy all the flora.

Makes the walk into manly pleasant = very quiet

Beautiful walk into Manly from top of park.

Manly shopping area can be accessed via the Park and it is a delightful way to get there.

peaceful, shady, & non-traffic route between Manly & Fairlight.

It is a more pleasant way to walk back to Manly from Fairlight than the streets.

I love the walkway up the hill!

Enables a gradual ascent from Manly up the hill to Fairlight

Nicer walk up raglan st as opposed to street

A safe way to walk cycle up/down to Manly.

#### **Somewhere to sit in the sun or shade (4)**

somewhere to sit

It is nice to sit in in the winter as it gets the northern afternoon sun.

Passive areas for sitting quietly in the lovely shady park grassed areas.

I like to sit on the grassed slope (between numbers 5 and 8 and Sydney Road on the map). It's such a beautiful peaceful spot, it gets great sun, it's usually out of the wind, you get a really pretty view of the bowling club and older buildings in the background, and all the established trees around are really nice. It's a good spot to take lunch or dinner, or a picnic rug and a book. I live in a really small apartment nearby so Ivanhoe park feels like an amazing backyard for me and my husband! We like seeing the dog walkers, young families and people exercising all enjoying the park too.

#### **View from home (2)**

I also very much enjoy looking over Ivanhoe park from my apartment.

Our unit balcony looks down at the oval which we love. The tennis courts, the oval, the bowling green and the botanic gardens make up a beautiful and very treasured vista.

#### **Close to home (5)**

I live and work within walking distance.

I live on Ocean Road so it is very close to me and convenient.

I am always grateful I live near it and can enjoy its garden atmosphere. Its one of my favorite beauty spots of Manly

oasis close to home

Overall we really enjoy having the park on the doorstep, it's a real bonus and always looking at ways we can use and take advantage of the facilities more

#### **Watercourse (4)**

creek

natural water course

I like the water running through it.

The stream and the bridges - who doesn't like a bridge over a stream.

#### **Well maintained (6)**

Clean

well maintained

very well maintained by council

Keep up the good work, we love this little gem

Council has done a great job maintaining a beautiful space.

Congratulations to the team who are looking after the park, it's never looked better.

#### **Wilderness (3)**

Adventure for kids

Wild feeling in top parts nice for younger kids - scouts, geocache etc.

I like the wilderness of it

#### **Protected from the wind (2)**

it's in a hollow so protected from the wind

sheltered from the wind but with sun for many hours of the day!

#### **Undeveloped (2)**

undeveloped (2)

#### **Valley/gully (2)**

It has a lovely landscape following the terrain down the valley.

The rare rainforest area which follows the gully is delightful & gently leads pedestrians down thru the park.



### Other

the family vibe  
A real treasure in Manly.  
the scenery  
Safe open space  
its unspoilt feel  
It is a lively location.  
I love the landscaping  
good hang out place  
very well used and respected by local residents  
no broken glass  
I loved the wollemi pine that was planted near the scout hall and was just so saddened when it was awfully uprooted.  
the amphitheatre unique stand on the Sydney rd side  
I don't know the area too well so I can't think of a favourite spot  
It is a nod to the original landscape of the lands between ocean and harbour.  
The Park and the Oval comprise a simple but remarkable entry to Manly Village.  
All in all, a beautiful place, a nod to the past, a gift to the local doggies and vital part of the community.  
We love visiting the park, it's one of my daughter's favourite places

Ivanhoe Park is a place of memories for me. In 1946 I was a guide and member of 1st Balgowlah Company meeting every Saturday in Ivanhoe Park, my brother was a member of 1st Manly clubs and his pack met at the same time in a different part of the park. Let 5 years go past and I still went in the park but now as a member of the Sea Ranger Crew that met in the guide hall. I was by then a member of SRS (Sea Ranger Ship) Sirius. If only I had known than that I was a direct descendant from a crew member of the Sirius of the First Fleet!! Wouldn't that have impressed my Skipper! It was in Ivanhoe Park when I had reached to great age of 16 that I took a pack of cubs - still meeting and actually running wildly around the park. Their leader had left but no one told the parents so the clubs just kept coming to the park. I took over the pack, 4th Manly, until they actually had a new leader and then joined 2nd Manly Clubs needed an assistant. I became Barloo and Akela was Bill Bosler who some 3 years later became my husband. I know that none of this is of any use for your planning but I couldn't resist a question as inviting as 'What do you most like or find special about Ivanhoe Park?'

I believe the Chairman of the Save Manly Oval Committee has been nominated as a leading resident for the community in the Council team to assess the future of this area. He has the full support of my wife and I because he is dedicated to preserving this unspoilt piece of Manly's history.

## 2 What improvements would you make to Ivanhoe Park?

### None/keep the park as it is

Leave it alone  
Please leave it alone!  
Just leave it alone.  
It works as it is.. leave it alone.  
It's Ok the way it is you are going to spend money changing this I am a Rate payer x3  
Like it as it is

Keep it as is  
 I like it the way it is.  
 Please do not touch it!  
 Leave it alone  
 None it's great the way it is  
 Please just basically keep it as is  
 Please don't change the park  
 I love the park just as it is  
 I enjoy the park the way it is.  
 I love it as it is. Just look after it and treasure it  
 Nothing  
 Please do not make any changes to The Ivanhoe  
 I like it as it is  
 Don't change it  
 None really - so nice as it is  
 don't go changing anything  
 I would like the place to be left just as it is. It doesn't need any change. I love it as it is.  
 I like it as it is. Can't think of any improvements  
 None. Just protect it, we love it as it is.  
 Not much as it is fine as it is.  
 Very little...it is fine as it is.  
 I would like it to remain as it is.  
 Nil leave as is  
 Please keep it as it is  
 Ivanhoe Park is great - don't destroy it please  
 Don't change the character  
 In my humble opinion why change something which is not broke  
 Why fix it if it ain't broke?  
 None! It is lovely as it is - why is change needed constantly instead of embracing what we have?  
 It is truly a wonderful community asset which should be left in its entire beauty.  
 No improvements. Please leave it alone! There have been so many changes as it is within Manly  
 Don't waste money , put it to good use or leave it as it is. I am sure there are still lots of people living  
 around here, that like to walk their dogs there, use the oval for running, etc.  
 I hope Ivanhoe park remains largely as it is but I have grown up with the park and even attending the  
 pre school so my point of view is limited by this.  
 Those who tend it will know what truly needs doing such that it's current environment is not disturbed.  
 pretty much leave it as is & just maintain it  
 Don't let it get any smaller!

### Protect/preserve the park

Protect it !  
 protect it....  
 Please protect it and leave us with this beautiful open community space in the heart of manly  
 Preserve both oval and gardens.

### Keep the green space

Keep it green & undeveloped  
 Keep it green  
 We would love to keep the open green space, keeping it as natural as possible for locals to enjoy.  
 Please don't allow this green space to be lost.  
 Improvements to green space  
 Keep the green space for future generations.

### Minimal changes/improvements

Requires minimal work really - it is a delightful part of manly

Would be lovely to have an upgrade but not essential.

It is a great facility as it is just needs a little updating

I hope any changes will be minimal

Upgrade the park with love and thought about the area and who and how it is accessed.

so not too much of improvement please

It just needs a plan of management and a line of funding to maintain it with some capital

improvements- it doesn't need to change much - just be looked after for future generations

don't try to do all that you planned in 2017 as they will modernise it and destroy the historic feeling.. A little is best.

I love Ivanhoe Park. Please do not convert it into ANOTHER spot with tacky play equipment so the prams can stack up and children pee at the trees. It just needs a spruce up. Some light additions. hope that improvements are a benefit to everyone that currently spend time there.

Please don't make huge changes. Maybe some facilities upgrades, but please don't ruin the park.

General upgrade of facilities

Please do not mess with it other than to improve some infrastructure. It is lovely as it is - we have had the fiasco of the (thankfully rejected) car park under the oval idea. Please do not come up with anything that commercialises the space.

Upgrade facilities

Just a general clean-up, etc

A general tidy up.

Please upgrade and remediate existing facilities.

A refresh of the park with no major changes to function would most benefit the community and those who use it most. With improvements made, the park will become a more desired and popular space for casual and relaxed outdoor activities.

I strongly urge Northern Beaches Council to upgrade the park and facilities so that more residents and visitors alike make better use of it.

Improvements to all the areas would be beneficial to all users.

keep the green spaces in good order & usable for all people, otherwise leave it as is

Update amenities, but minimal change is required or desired elsewhere.

While some selected improvements would be appropriate, it should be preserved as green public space for organised sporting and other activities and as passive and informal recreational enjoyment.

I encourage this process to help maximize the value of this great space to the community. I think this is best done via a tweak and refresh of the existing, rather than a complete overhaul, as I already enjoy the space the way it is.

### Keep as a quiet, peaceful space

keeping it is a quiet space.

Keep it as a quiet place

To be kept and maintained as a peaceful place

I'd like the park kept as a quiet place, which is unique to Manly.

While I recognise that any environment is a dynamic living thing that needs constant maintenance, I would not wish to see significant disruption of the peaceful aspect of the park in the name of 'progress'.

Please retain the highly valued and rare peaceful space

The park is a gem and any 'improvements' should be restrained so the quiet value of the park is retained.

I think the park already has plenty of outdoor entertainment with the bowling club and oval. I would not like to see the extra facilities available as it does not need to be any busier than it currently is. People like it for the peace.

Refer to the park more often as a place to meditate out of the way of the hustle and bustle of city/Manly life.

Everywhere else in Manly is busy and noisy. Please preserve the 'oasis' and serene nature of the gardens.

### Preserve heritage

My wish is to preserve and maintain it as a state heritage listed open public recreational area, preserved for some 160 years.

would just be fantastic to make it more user friendly and modern while keeping a nod to the history of the site

Preserve it for generations to follow.

Keep the character as traditional as humanly possible.

We think the heritage aspects of the park must remain and it would be a great pity if this was lost.

Better planning to guide conservation of the State Heritage values of the whole park

In planning for its management & future use, the fact that it is State Heritage listed should guide the plans.

It deserves to be protected and maintained in a way that it true to its heritage. Protection is also required because of the Government's apparent willingness to compromise the time-honoured protections that have applied to Crown Land.

### Use by locals

I am not sure tourists would come to the park much as they are more attracted to the beaches and cafes. Would be nicer for locals to use I think.

I believe strongly that the park should retain this function largely for the Manly locals. There are few areas of Manly that are not inundated with tourists & I believe the previous Concept Masterplan Strategy that seeks to add the park to the international tourist route is a complete mistake.

The beach provides plenty open sunny space in Manly for locals and tourists but there is limited shaded and quiet spaces for residents.

will be more for locals than tourists I would imagine.

I also don't agree with the idea of attracting tourists to the park. Why would you do this? There's surely enough going on in Manly for them - the quieter areas become even more precious for residents.

We need to encourage more locals to spend time there

Make it a great outdoor community hub for locals

### No development/over-development

No Development

No more development.

don't over develop less is more- align use to the vibe - 'slow & grow' would be a great motto

Please build beneath/above/around it.

Don't spoil it - it's a good community park and should not be over developed

Please, do not destroy the park by over development.

Please don't over develop

Don't over do it

Don't over develop the park, it isn't large and is already crowded

### No more buildings

no added buildings

No building or facilities additions are required as this may reduce the current green spaces.

There should be no new large buildings, or developments or incursions into the space and ambience of the park and oval.

Keep new development to an absolute minimum to preserve its natural environment

No new building anywhere near to (or visible from) the park.

Any significant developments - other than preservation of existing assets - would significantly deteriorate the amenity of the park as it currently stands. It is a central hub of Manly and must remain so. Thank you.

I would NOT like to see more buildings erected or hard surfaces, particularly when the childcare centre goes.

I think it's a great mistake to think that just because we have an opportunity and space to put this or that structure in the park that we should. I think structures would ruin the quality of what we still have.

### Ensure public access

Please keep it accessible to the general public!

### East sport, west garden

Please keep the two areas separate - the eastern end for organised sport, community entertainment etc, and the western end as a beautiful, 'get-away' area.

The oval, tennis courts and lawn bowls provide excellent services but the rest of the park should be kept as a botanical space.

### Integration of sporting facilities

better integration of the Oval and Bowling Green incl. amenities buildings within the Park  
Keep the oval, bowling club and tennis courts and make them all more integrated.

### Accessibility

more accessible  
Should be made more accessible,  
Greater accessibility  
Improved access  
Better & more visible access.  
open it up i.e. accessibility

### Universal access

Better access for people with disabilities  
There is no disabled/pram access from Park or Raglan Sts.

install a wheel chair friendly path from top to bottom.

### Active recreation facilities

i would like to see basketball courts, skateboard park, outdoor gym, table tennis, handball courts.  
Either an enclosed basketball courts similar to Pcyc at dee why or outdoor courts. Skate ramps/  
bicycle and scooter. Handball, table tennis, outdoor gym or gymnastic rings etc  
Maybe space for a skate park! , basket ball court.  
More facilities for teenagers - basketball, skateboarding, table tennis, volleyball nets, outdoor gym  
equipment, handball courts.  
a himalayas style golf putting green is a great community asset (do your research)

### Awareness

More awareness amongst locals.  
Do enough people know of its existence? Articles in local publications could be interesting..  
I feel it is under utilised and a lot of people do not know about it or it's historical significance.

### Manly Oval

I think the master plan already in place is great, as long as they leave the oval as is

#### Player facilities at Manly Oval

##### General

Better player facilities  
The facilities available to competitors are in sore need of a complete revamp.  
Improve sporting facilities

Improvements to the Manly Oval Change rooms.

##### Playing surface

For the oval, not much more than a re-paving would truly be necessary. The grass is more than  
sufficient for both seasons of play and its classic style is befitting to the age and heritage of Manly.  
fixing the potholes on the oval

The oval should be cleaned more regularly, although the grass on the oval is beautiful and well  
maintained

Tidy up the oval area a bit

##### Spectator facilities at Manly Oval

grandstand seating  
the stands and surrounds are very dated.  
Terrible place to watch rugby union, need to look at ways to allow a crowd decent vantage

The oval benches surrounding also need a refurbishment and more of them  
 Better spectator seating and amenities.  
 Better seating around the oval -repair and replace the aged timber seats,  
 Introduce shaded areas, places that people can congregate and enjoy the sport, the gardens, sit and be comfortable.  
 Improve the grandstand  
 Perhaps more suitable seating and cover for spectators in the oval area. The present configuration for cover was useless waste of my money.  
 Over time, and as funds permit, a fresh look at the grandstand would be appropriate, as it was very much a compromise in terms of its design and materials of construction.  
 I would possibly like to see some work done on the 'flying saucer' roof of the grandstand.  
 replacement of the grandstand roof with a more effective cover in keeping with the heritage of the Park  
 Replace the 'roof' of the Oval grandstand with an effective cover for the whole meeting area.  
 Some improvements such as a better designed stand would help.  
 Re-designing the stands overlooking the oval using natural shading where possible  
 I think the grandstand seating and stairways/steps need improvements ie. with some steps/stairs not to code with some deeper than others making it tricky to navigate.  
 It needs to be cleaned more regularly, especially at the top flat section where the harmless and homeless people gather.  
 The grandstand is always full of broken glass and is dated.  
 Install additional seating on the western side of the Oval up to the bowling green wall. There is currently a row of 3 benches for about 20 metres. This could be increased to 4 rows with a roof cover and be extended for another 25 metres.  
 Return of seating next to the oval and scaffold seating between the oval and the bowling club. The later area has turned into a car park or an area for storing rubbish bins.  
 the seating around the oval needs renewing  
 the spectator facilities are in sore need of a complete revamp.  
 The siting of the grandstand is wrong. It needs to be parallel to a major axis of the football field.  
 The drinks serving facilities for spectators are also inadequate.  
 There's scope for innovative bleachers to ring around the sports ground that could be pyramidal in form so to be used on both sides to include bowlo and tennis spectating

### ***Against***

Better spectator seating and grandstand does not fit with character of Manly

### **Allow other sports on Manly Oval**

I think a soccer field would be fantastic to have  
 Open up the manly oval precinct to other sporting codes. The rugby union and cricket clubs shouldn't have a mortgage on the facilities, particularly the rugby union given its poor standing in Australia at present. Allow in rugby league, soccer, tough football, oztag, field hockey etc.  
 The oval should be maintained for local community use  
 wish it was more accessible and useful for a diverse set of sports and activities.  
 Remove the Rugby games completely.

### **Running track around oval**

Would love to see a running track around the oval but this would be difficult  
 introducing a running track around the oval

### **Events and concerts**

More concerts could be held there. The Christmas carols and corresponding local family picnic on the oval was one of my children's favourite events  
 Facilities to make it more event friendly, events like carols in the park  
 More events on the Oval.

### **Merrett Gates**

disgraceful for an oval of its status as are the entrances, particularly the heritage Ossie Merrett gate off Sydney Rd.

Ossie Merrett Memorial Gate could be updated.  
Preserve/conservate the Merrett Gates  
Improvements to the Merrett Gates appearance

### War memorial

The range of existing memorial or interest group items should be considered in redevelopment - the memorial seats, a small ANZAC memorial near the kinder and the fragrant garden for example.  
More sunlight is needed for the rosemary near the war memorial.

### Bowling club

The bowling club looks very run down and really is an eyesore.  
The bowling club renovation to bring it to life  
The bowling club needs to be a top tier venue in Manly - it could get a lot more use (as a bowling club) if it was renovated and upgraded to attract people of all ages.  
Bowling club could be a great drinking hole...just needs an upgrade.  
the bowling club is also a bit of an eyesore. Could it get a living roof?  
If the bowling club building needs renovation it should be on the existing site and not further extended into the general park area.

Yes the bowling club is under utilised.  
Better use of the bowling club. Make it more approachable.  
The bowling club could be better used as another field so that community had a park while sports are on the oval.  
community putting green instead of bowling green

From my perspective I think the bowling club is the only area that doesn't sit well within the park's environment. The combination of peace and quiet, children's preschool and sports clashes in my view with the atmosphere projected from the bowling club. Manly has a plethora of watering holes for a wide range of tastes.

Remove the bowling club and open the space up.

Removing or at least significantly reducing the lawn bowling facilities to make room for a more diverse set of uses (volleyball, basketball, netball)  
The bowling club should be maintained for local community use

### Tennis courts

would be good to have increased informal access to the Tennis Courts

The tennis courts are practical, yet I don't use them and generally think that sports facilities should allow multi-use. For those courts to only be used for tennis is just as bad as using so much public space for golfing in Manly. It's not inclusive and particularly not very accommodating of young people who often don't golf, play tennis or lawn bowl.

tennis courts need shelter on side.

### Stage/amphitheatre

#### For

I like the proposed idea for amphitheatre  
I think I'd like to see an amphitheater or a bandstand for live music.  
it could be used for events- maybe an amphitheatre or an outdoor cinema.  
creating a stage area so that the oval can be used for events like the Jazz festival etc.  
stage on Sydney rd side

#### Against

The stage, amphitheatre and seating proposed for the zone B Open Space is an over development and will likely be under utilised & attract undesirables



## Better lighting

Lighting should be improved  
More lights

## Safety and security

Please make it safe for everyone.  
good lighting  
Better lighting (2)  
Clearer and more lights on pathways  
maybe increase some lighting.  
more lighting along pathways  
better pedestrian lighting  
I wouldn't go there at night. It's dark and secluded.  
Better security to keep out vandals.  
lighting would be good at night  
Some low solar lights along the pathway would be great for evening walking.  
Better lighting at night to deter vandalism  
More lighting and security at night  
Added security. It's dodgy at night.  
Please let rangers patrol it at times because youth trend to gather and litter by the oval.  
vandalism cameras  
I have complained of vandalism in the park previously with little response by either NBC or Manly Police. More security is required particularly if more money is to be spent on the park. Is CCTV an option. Its very frustrating because Manly Police station is only 300m away.  
Don't really want to encourage people into the park at night though.  
It would be great to see a bit of police presence especially at night. There are some youth who are making it uncomfortable and it feels unsafe at times.  
Make it safer for women at night time  
Awful that new plantings are often destroyed for no reason - take measures to prevent that if possible – lighting  
Make it a little more "safer" so people feel comfortable to walk through in the evening. Eg lights, better visibility  
The park itself could maybe use some more lighting in spots but otherwise nice enough  
Need lighting and a safer feel in evening  
Safer path, lampposts is a must for late night walk.  
Make it more "safe" more visible as a woman I don't like walking there alone  
Improve lighting and security.  
Additional automatic lighting for security and for darker overcast days.  
Another thing I'd like to see is a proper resolution to the vandal issue - there's little point spending money on new landscaping etc if it's likely to get ripped out - too many times precious and long established plantings have been destroyed.  
Potentially better lighting design to offer safety for people but it must be heritage consistent .  
I wish there were a stronger police presence at night in the park and the oval to discourage drunken vandals.  
It would be great if the lighting was maintained. I am a shift worker and often take my dog there when it is dark and find it a bit unsafe.  
Extra patrols of the grand stand to evict the young hoodlums who congregate there would be great.  
Scout hall does not always feel a safe space to get to for evening kids sports. Needs to be more inviting and perhaps more lighting around it?  
I haven't walked through there at night lately (it's a beautiful and convenient walk/short cut) so is it safe and secure enough to do so ie well lit?  
However, unfortunately it has become a place for young people to congregate, litter and cause damage at night. It would be worthwhile for the police to patrol through the park at night and possibly better lighting around the scout hall area and along the path  
More patrolling by rangers. It feels unsafe after dark. Occasionally I find used syringes and silver cylinders



In relation to the request for greater police presence, perhaps rangers are more appropriate in this instance.

Better night lighting. CCTV security or some way to make it more secure. There are very dark areas at night and teenagers meet and cause trouble in the park late at night. We often come across damage and empty bottles etc. we don't walk in the park at night. Making it a magical place at night would assist. Fairy lights or better lighting. Definitely cameras

a little safer in the evenings - more lighting after dark until maybe 11pm

Better lighting better night patrols

Botanic gardens is a hidden gem but potentially too hidden. Seems a bit dark for people to use the space properly.

The vandalism is an issue and maybe the police and rangers need to patrol the park in the evenings.

Make it safer to walk through at night time - better lighting and maybe cameras to stop vandalism

Needs after hour security . Complete area should be fenced off , too much damage is occurring .

Safer areas where people can comfortably walk through without the fear of walking into somebodies make shift home.

I've walked through the botanic gardens a few times, years ago, as a pleasant alternative to walking down Sydney Rd towards the beach. I used the entrance near corner of Sydney Rd and Park Ave, and noticed a group of day drinkers there near the path. I imagine women especially would be very uncomfortable with this and feel unsafe. If these men still gather there, I suggest encourage them to use a different area in the gardens, well away from pedestrian paths.

## **Waste management**

### **More bins**

More bins

additional waste bins to encourage people to be tidy

possibly including a few more bins to stop pollution.

### **Hide bins**

The garbage bins are unsightly ... can they be hidden in a purpose built structure?

have place to keep bins near oval out of sight

Better management of waste facilities including some form of camouflage of the unsightly row of garbage bins just under the wall of the bowling green.

### **Rubbish pickups**

Regular sweeps through the park to remove rubbish such as bottles and cans, food wrappers and discarded clothing all of which detract from the natural aspect of the park.

Do not leave rubbish uncollected in bins for days and days after a weekend rugby match. Mandate the Rugby Club must bring private garbage contractors in after each Saturday home session to clean up, collect and remove all rubbish. The ground from Sunday through to Wednesday following a game looks like a tip for days inviting vermin with rubbish bins overflowing as there is not enough and they are not emptied for up to 4 days. I have been making complaints about this same issue for year to council, even back in the days of Manly council as nothing is ever done about it. Council seems to have some 'fear' of the Rugby club and don't want to 'offend' them. well it offends the public to have the Rugby club's patrons leave their refuse on public land and not dispose of it properly. Council - take action.

## **Access for people with disability and carers with prams**

Access for all. Upgrade pathways stair and ramps.

Could do with better access for people with disability

Better access for people with a disability

Wheelchair accessibility

Better accessibility for people with mobility issues

The park is impossible to get down and around in with a pram. Very difficult for families to take advantage of the park when it's not accessible by pram.

Ramps to improve access for wheelchairs, walkers and strollers.

accessible ramps/walkways would be good.

I would make it more accessible with paths and ramps that comply with Disability Standards, rather than steps.

More ramps and less stairs

### Homeless people

Finally, I'd like to see the homeless man who was/has been camped there for extended periods to be relocated to more suitable accommodation.

### Signage

#### **General**

Signage

better signage

#### **Directional signage**

Better directions to scout hall.

I would, however, suggest a couple of pedestrian signposts at the top of the park on Raglan Street and again on Park Lane at the top of the main path - maybe also one on Sydney Road. I quite often see people walking down Raglan Street who obviously don't realise they can go through the park.

### Interpretation

interpretation.

Please consider interpretive measures- it would establish greater community knowledge in the site.

#### **History/heritage**

More signage re the history of the park, including historic photos and anecdotes

a historical plaque at the entrance explaining who the memorial gates were named for.

it would good to highlight trams and possibly aboriginal

It would be good to have a plaque outlining the history of the park e.g. Origin of the name Ivanhoe

Install the plaque commemorating the Heritage listing for the Park (2)

It would be good to have a history plaque in the precinct which provides details of the history of the park.

There needs to be signage in both the oval and in the Botanic Garden which tells of their wonderful history.

Signage for the historical points would add well.

Greater recognition and interpretation of the sites heritage. I only knew about the heritage tram line from the map provided.

#### **Botanical**

Labelling of the trees would help also.

Better labelling of species

better signage regarding the plants present

Signage for the trees and plants would add well.

The use of QR codes to identify plants with botanic and common names.

maybe some more info about the plants.

Make the "Botanical Gardens" actual botanic gardens, with guides, info boards

More information about the plants would be great too.

maybe some signs similar to botanic gardens in Sydney identifying the different plants and history

More signage of plants

would actually like more central information of things to do at ivanhoe, I didn't know you could garden there until this survey.

### Park name

The name Ivanhoe Park is confusing when you factor in Bowling Club, Manly Oval etc. I would have no idea where Ivanhoe Park is or what is part of it.

### Access from adjoining streets

more entry and exit points.

Make more impressive entrances to Park.

More access points to the Park from Sydney Rd and Raglan St.

More access from northern side (near ocean lane)

I live on the northern side so better access from my side please.

more permeability (entry and exit points)

access higher up Raglan st to make access easier to the top part of the park. just west of ocean rd and raglan st junction.

Better access especially from raglan street

A gate onto the oval from Raglan Street near Kangaroo Lane would be appreciated.

Improve pedestrian access from Sydney Road south side. There're no safe pedestrian crossing opportunities. The existing ones are not designed according to regulations (refugee area insufficient), do not cater for some of the pedestrian desired lines (such as the park) and are too far apart (only 1 at Pittwater road and Birkley road)

### Park entrances

I'd like its various street frontages to be dressed up and more inviting.

Improve the entrance at Sydney Road.

Park Entry from Sydney Rd could be updated and made more inviting.

The entrances could look a lot better, with a much nicer sign or picture welcoming people to manly ( perhaps an historical one )

all entry points / frontages to be upgraded for safer accessible entry to park including new lighting entries in keeping with historic significance

### Café/restaurant

#### **For**

a cafe

A garden cafe

Add a park café

maybe a Cafe.

a food outlet

Small Coffee shop

improve facilities e.g. cafe

cafe where the kindergarten was.

More reasons for community gather there... cafe etc

Could a restored heritage tram be located there. It could be funded by making it a cafe as per Narrabeen Tram cafe.

Perhaps source a refurbished tram car and create a eatery out of it

Adding a modern open-style cafe with plenty of outdoor seating to encourage more people to visit the park

Add a coffee shop/kiosk in the botanic gardens to draw in people for picnics

You could have a kiosk or restaurant.

Allow a cafe in centre and seating- Paris style

a cafe too would be nice.

A cafe would be a great addition to the Park. It would give residents and visitors a green space to meet, as opposed to beach.

Cafe/licence facility-servicing coffee and drinks and light snacks similar to Hyde Park in the City

A restaurant and or cafe could help bring people in day and night.

Potentially a feature pond with cafe might be nice to spend longer in the park.

Create some destinations within the park to bring people in - replacing the rarely-used and decrepit buildings with some quality public spaces such as a cafe, gallery, restaurant.

#### **Against**

No more cafe required

I'd not be happy if there was a cafe in the park.

oppose any other commercial development of the park. Manly is already full of cafes and commercial premises, adding another would just add to traffic problems in Raglan St.

Please don't include more commercial activities in park tennis club, bowls club, sports kiosk etc all established and fine). There are enough opportunities for cafes etc outside the park.

My mum told me the masterplan includes new amenities like a kiosk and music arena. I think this would be sad as there are so many other places in Manly to listen to music or buy food. The park is unique because it is quiet - would be a shame to spoil that.

### Playground

Playground

Play ground for children

A play area for the kids would be fantastic with a bike track.

Playground for older children/teens as most cater for under 5yrs.

A playground with better equipment.

A new playground

Create a playground for older kids (6-12) as Manly has so few decent playgrounds

Build an additional kids playground that has swings and kids ropes course (eg like at Lagoon playground queenscliff)

Play area for kids

The playground needs upgrading.

Make an adult/child disabled playground.

the playground could do with a spruce

A better playground. Maybe even an adventure one for older kids

We have not kids but kids activities seem to be the right fit.

The park for kids is a bit old and there are no place for parents to sit.

A really good kids play area, half for smaller kids, half bigger. There is very little in manly - 2 swings in Raglan Park, 2 at the corner of east esplanade, and a tiny beach front kids park. Parents crave more of a destination to hang out, not everyone wants to sit on the beach!

The play area could be upgraded too.

Create an interactive feature for children to get involved

### Sports courts

Basketball, tennis courts. Keep our young people involved & safe in the community instead of them having no place to be or hanging out at the mall, get them off devices or engaging in vaping and/or other activities that are not healthy. It also allows everyone to be involved.

### Picnic/barbecue facilities

bbq areas

more chairs and tables.

More picnic areas

chairs and benches.

Make it more family friendly with picnic areas

Picnic tables

Benches n tables for family picnics etc.

Recreation facilities - picnic benches

BBQs, picnic tables etc.

Maybe a few more seats and tables so people could picnic there .

Maybe more gardens and picnic areas with BBQ facilities if anything is done.

Additional Picnic tables.

some seating and tables

more tables and chairs for families to share outdoor time

Replace the Scout Hall and pre-school with picnic area and facilities

the new gardens need a BBQ area

Also something nicer in the garden like a small picnic area

### Fitness/exercise equipment

**For**

Outdoor gym

Recreation facilities - maybe some exercise equipment

The addition of Outdoor gym equipment

Add a workout area like at the office with council equipment

I think an open air gym would be fantastic to have

I'd also like to see an adult outer gym for the older residents who live in the blocks adjacent to the park to encourage fitness. These are available to retirees in most parks in Asia where retirees are encouraged to gather together and socialize. there are outdoor group dance exercise classes held in designated areas. I think such a retiree playground would be idea given that Ivanhoe has lots of shade.

It would be good if it had exercise equipment similar to that available in the park area around from Manly Wharf

Exercise equipment to support the other exercise facilities similar to what's been provided in the park near the Manly Wharf

An outdoor exercise station IVO the sporting field.

### **Against**

I would like to suggest that exercise equipment does not fit into a botanical garden. It would be better to place such equipment in Gilbert Park.

For many years I have practiced Tai Chi on the upper level near Raglan Street. I would really miss this if gym or any other equipment was installed there.

I have been practising Tai Chi with a friend/friends for many years in the top part of the park adjoining Raglan Street which is the only flat area. There are often other people in this spot doing yoga or picnicking. It appears that there is a proposal to put exercise equipment in this area and a tramway track, too, which takes away the only reasonably private area suitable for exercise without equipment.

### **Buildings (general)**

Renovate the derelict buildings.

Better use of the existing buildings

Revamp the run down buildings!

Done of the buildings need painting. But in general is good

Buildings need upgrading to improve functionality.

Better use of existing halls to provide services

Some of the buildings seems unused / underused - would be nice to see them activated and maintained.

More use of the facilities ie building to service the community

Removal of old council buildings

increase capacity for physical exercise and relaxation; if old buildings are removed

remove as many buildings as possible that are not in use

Removal or repurposing of the old building facility. Ideally it's removed and replaced with more greenery, but also if it is repurposed it would serve as a nice cool community space.

No visibility of buildings such as bowling club, childcare centre etc.

### **Scout hall**

The current buildings in the botanic garden have been a horrible and unwelcoming eyesore for too long.

The scout hall is an eyesore and needs to be replaced/revamped.

The scout hall is not suitably placed or serve the greater community.

Fix the scouthall

Improvements to the Scout Hall

I can see that the scout hall needs renovations.

improve the scout Hall

improve scout hall (it's creepy!).

The scout hall is ugly. Can it be made to look better?

Renovate the scout hall but leave it as a community space

The scout hall is in dire need of a fixing up. The lower burnt out section has been derelict for at least 12 years

It is a shame to see the disused and derelict building - I think it is the Scout Hall. It drags down the rest of the park.

The scout hall should be renovated and broken windows etc fixed

Restore the scout hall to high standard for multi-purpose community use - yoga, function hire, talks etc

Update the scout hall.

The building behind the day care needs reinvigorating

A little refresher and finding occupants for the building which looks a little daunting when unoccupied.

The scout hall could be re-done, but ensuring the size remains the same.

The council needs to support ( by way of \$ ) the scout group efforts to improve the ageing/attractive hall.

The scout hall needs upgrading to a more attractive and user friendly space. It's quite dank and dreary on that side of the Park.

The scout hall should be renovated and retained.

The scout hall looks a bit run down and could do with an upgrade.

The scout hall provides a great service but so run down and needs to be renovated.

Either remove or bring up to standard the old hall in the botanic gardens and these could be used for public hire and/or seniors use.

Do something with the building that is mostly occupied. Kids centre sounds like a good idea since it is away from the roads and offer a nice natural environment.

better utilisation of the upper building for meditative, poss natural therapy/ mental health focused retreat in keeping with the surrounds.

Area around the scout hall could be made nicer

The scout hall area is a bit dodgy - I never go to that area i feel like it's a place for graffiti and the building looks very tired.

I haven't had any children in the scouts for 3 years yet continue to help out and advocate for the hall to be upgraded both inside and outside, upstairs and downstairs (downstairs complete but Scout funds exhausted). Due to lack of funds I worry that the hall will not reach it's full potential. The roof is a major project which may not be that far away and I worry about where the funds will come from if the council don't step in in some way. I haven't had any children in the scouts for 3 years yet continue to help out and advocate for the hall to be upgraded both inside and outside, upstairs and downstairs (downstairs complete but Scout funds exhausted). Due to lack of funds I worry that the hall will not reach it's full potential. The roof is a major project which may not be that far away and I worry about where the funds will come from if the council don't step in in some way.

Set up a meditation center and move the scout hall to North Head precinct where it will be far more functional

does the Scout Hall get much use? It always looks shut-up and abandoned to me... is it necessary to have this there ? Or convert it into a shelter for picnics, or a big fish pond

Yes the carparking (Scout Hall) are underutilised. Scout Hall is a poor relic of the past.

Better use of the hall.

Better community access to the facilities in the park. The scout hall building does not seem to be used effectively.

Remove the scout hall and not change anything else

Remove the Scout Hall (not used, and is run down).

Scout Hall needs to be demolished and more parkland laid.

I have seen the master plan for the scout hall to be redone as a function centre and think this would be incredibly sad. Manly has enough food places and outlets for all requirements. It would be a shame to lose of the serene places left in Manly.

### Pre-school/childcare building

Leave the child care centre, it is such a magic place for the young children.

We support maintaining the childcare centre in the park

Reinstate preschool

Preschool back

Bring back the pre-school

I think the pre school should stay

Better community access to the facilities in the park. The child care building does not seem to be used effectively.

The child care is not suitably placed or serve the greater community.

Please improve access to the play area and the preschool

Pls keep the preschool and improve access to the play area and sensory garden

The preschool with the playground out front. I think it should be reinstated. Such a special place for families and the community and for children to learn amongst nature.

Upgrade the undersized drainage pipe next to the Ivanhoe park preschool and reopen the preschool. A simple drainage engineering issue is the only thing causing flooding of that building. The preschool was such an amazing spot with the park in front. So much more community benefit compared to kangaroo street preschool where there is no public space for parents to meet other parents. Strongly suggest you ask the community what they think of your plans for the preschool. It's strange you haven't mentioned it in your letter to residents. Nor is it visible on the map your provided. Feels a bit underhand to be honest.

Please keep the preschool and play area and sensory garden. It's unbelievable that the building has fallen into disrepair when it was such an amazing location for a preschool. It brought families into the heart of an underused beautiful space in manly.

The child centre should be renovated and retained.

Please reconsider what you have done to the preschool. You don't even mention it in your letter to residents, which is very disappointing that you try not to draw attention to it. You also managed to hide both the preschool and the play area on your image. Really outrageous.

Either remove or bring up to standard the old kindergarten in the botanic gardens and these could be used for public hire and/or seniors use.

The day care needs reinvigorating

Get rid of the old preschool.

### **Improve paths**

#### ***Maintain paths***

better maintained footpaths.

The paths need better maintenance.

#### ***Upgrade/repair paths***

Upgrade path.

Fix the paths

Better paths

Improve paths

Repairs to paths and stairs.

Improved walk ways (2)

improve facilities e.g. better paths

Pathway repair

The paths need repairing

better paths for walking (safer)

Just tidy up the footpaths

Smooth out the footpaths

improved walkways

upgrade of pavements

the existing pathways could be upgraded

Pathways are very uneven

Flatter paths in gardens easier to access.

In terms of access and circulation, obviously the paths need to be maintained to a safe standard.

### **Widen paths**



**for**

wider pathways

Wider paths for accessibility / passing people walking

**against**

I'd hate to see the paths on the upper levels widened.

Remove asphalt pathways/roadways and make more conducive to pedestrians.

### **More paths**

more pathways through the lesser used parts to avoid trampling of foliage

More defined pathways.

a couple of direct paths to encourage more walking trips from Fairlight down to manly, and a couple of meandering paths to enjoy.

distinctive paths to follow.

I really don't want to see more paths, except perhaps one along the tramline

Certainly no paths through the denser areas.

More walking path and easier access.

pathway down the hill.

More walking trails

Better path system .. it's too steep and inaccessible in parts .... wind it around with little bridges and more places to sit

### **Accessible paths**

Make the pathways wind back and forth more to keep them more level and easy for wheelie walkers, prams, wheelchairs, and just generally easier walking

It could be made more accessible to people who aren't as mobile and prams.

pathways for full access including wheelchairs and prams

### **Cycleways**

#### **More cycleways**

increased cycle ways

Maybe some space to bike around.

#### **Prohibit cycling**

Keep as pedestrian only

Cyclists, and other wheeled users should be totally prohibited from this beautiful and much-used amenity.

### **Tram corridor**

tram area needs some love

Ideally, keep course of old tramline and put it back one day!

Would be great if this could be used as a cycleway and path to reflect the historic transport corridor

A proper cycleway following the old tram route

Better access / use of the area around the tram stop

Better use of the section where the old tram station used to be - at the moment it is quite tucked away and doesn't feel safe

make use of the unused spaces eg the tram terminus area.

Make use of the old tramway for more parking facilities available for the multiple sports using the area

The area of the old tramway could be made more of a feature with better signage.

I don't think the tramline has much heritage value. A sign or two sufficient.

Can it also have more safe and secure access through the tramway

### **Community garden**

Community Garden space?

I would include a small community garden area.

Yes any thoughts about community gardening? If not here Gilbert Park?



I am an owner/resident in Manly and live in an apartment. I would love to be part of a community garden. A place where people can garden and grow food together. A place with a simple kitchen and an attractive sheltered area to share meals together. Perhaps situated in areas 7 or 8?  
make room for a community garden and urban farming (see Camperdown Commons) to encourage the community to learn about and get involved with growing food  
Just that i dont think a big area would need to be dedicated to a community garden for it to be successful. Perhaps positioned so expansion was possible if required  
A community COMPOST would be fantastic – a lot of us in smaller homes/tiny gardens want to be environmental but have nowhere to set up compost.

### Caretakers cottage

Fix up caretakers cottage. Hire possibilities for functions.  
work with Mounties on heritage Caretaker's Cottage  
Caretakers Lodge needs to be demolished because it's full of asbestos, extremely unsafe. The area could then be used for Manly Bowling Club extension.  
removal of old house behind the bowling to offer more parking.  
Fix up the surrounds around the bowling club by pulling down the derelict house  
The old abandoned house (full of asbestos) near the bowling green is an eye-sore. I know it is difficult to remove asbestos but this monstrosity can't stay there forever. Surely it would be better to have a controlled demolition rather than disintegration over time.  
Would be amazing if the derelict building could be repurposed or knocked down to make more room for the gardens.

### Drainage

Swampy after rain on Northern border  
Better drainage to stop getting sludge everywhere.  
the drainage from the hall.  
Upgrade the drainage pipe under the preschool. You have the whole catchment going into a 300mm pipe with a trash rack to help block it up. Poor engineering.

### Toilets for sport spectators

The toilet facilities for spectators are also inadequate  
Toilets

### Toilets - general

public amenities  
Public toilets (3)  
add a public toilet  
nice toilets like they have just built Harbourside  
Importantly also, in the Botanic Garden there is a total lack of toilet facilities  
Better facilities such a clean safe toilet block  
The toilets could be more inviting and cleaned more and there is a guy that hangs around there a lot.  
Some decent toilet facilities would be good - are there any? I don't even know  
More bathrooms  
bathroom facilities.

### Fencing

Upgrading the outside fence  
Fencing (wire mesh) on Sydney road replaced with more attractive fencing.  
Replace the unsightly wire fencing on the north and southern ends of at least the Oval area if not all the way up west.  
Some improvements such as perimeter fencing would help.  
The fence separating the oval from Sydney Rd and Raglan St are disgraceful for an oval of its status  
closable gates / fencing  
The fencing facing the street - more of an aesthetic issue  
Open it up a bit. There are lots of fences

The fence and turnstiles in lower Raglan St need either demolishing or changing  
Replacement of the wire fencing on the Oval boundaries in Sydney Rd and Raglan St

### Access to botanic garden

Botanic gardens not used hugely

The botanical gardens are not well used. Currently, not comfortable to let my children use it unsupervised.

an easier entry to botanic garden.

Botanic gardens are lovely but not very accessible from the oval side

Also an entrance to the part nearer to the west of where ocean rd meets raglan st to make easier access to the top part of the garden would be good.

Importantly also, in the Botanic Garden there is a lack of access for disabled folk.

Keep the Beautiful Garden

### Enhance the botanic garden

The gardens feel "dark" and unsafe.

The space does not flow and lacks parking and general amenities that could be used by the greater community or visitors.

Make more of the gardens

Tidy up the gardens.

keep improving the botanic gardens

The Botanical Gardens in particular need upgrading.

Maintain the Botanic Garden!

Make a botanical garden with plenty of variety and staff to maintain it

I think the objective should be to keep all the mature vegetation (especially trees)

clean it up - get more interesting plants

Improve maintenance and upkeep following a considered planting plan.

Think I'd like to see some more native shrubs too.

Make the "Botanical Gardens" actual botanic gardens, with wedding photo areas (revenue!) like Stony Range

Some further landscaping of the botanical gardens

Further development of botanical garden as an accessible retreat

Yes the 'botanic gardens' are under utilised.

Limited change to the quaint historic gardens

More botanicals

Improve plantings, pathways and amenities in the botanic gardens.

More exotic flora in the garden.

Feel the gardens have been a bit forgotten. Needs more care and attention.

Keep looking after the Garden

More trees of botanical interest including some deciduous for colour and 'kickable leaf drop' - what kid doesn't love kicking or rolling in a pile of leaves!

Higher upkeep of the gardens, they are poorly lit in evenings and often run down areas of lawn and gardens

Increase size of botanic gardens

### Japanese garden

Incorporate Japanese garden

Create a Japanese inspired garden, using the space where the Ivanhoe preschool were. Planning the landscape around the amazing big tree which stands in the middle of the former preschool playground with a small pond and cherry trees, and native plants like grevillea to encourage the birds.

### More gardens

More gardens

Maybe more gardens

Up and down area with tropical environment.

### Improve the upper park

I don't venture to the top part of the park much and would if there were improvements.

The upper park could be a much improved asset for the residents - treetops cafe, climbing gym, tree tops gym and zip line all could add to the activation and utilisation of the park

Never use the top garden section of the park - this should be made into a more usable area eg great kids park.

I'd like to see the upper gardens space more utilized, perhaps with a revised layout and even a small coffee shop (run by locals) to help draw people in.

### Promotion of the park

Greater promotion

There needs to be greater promotion of the botanic gardens

It'd love for the council to promote it more, similar to Stony Range reserve in Dee Why. Maybe have 'Friends of Ivanhoe Park' - maybe it's already there - I'm not sure. More of us neighbours to be aware of it. I live in Kangaroo st and I never hear anyone talking about the park.

I often forget about everything other than the oval and the tennis because they're a bit off the beaten path. How can we better promote these spaces?

### Wollemi Pine

Caging in the Wollomi Pine that keeps getting taken out.

The vandalised Wollemi pine would be good to see replaced if possible too.

I would also keep the open spaces open and free of structures - eg the hefty tree guard and plaque for the poor Wollemi pine. This was obviously a vandal magnet as other structures would be.

### Allow dogs

dog use

I love walking my dog there

I'd like it to remain an off leash area for dogs

### No dogs

Preventing people from using the park with off leash dogs.

Some people think it's off leash area for dogs. It would be great if people would understand that is not the case.

Make it a no dog zone. Because sometimes there's not many people around, owners let their dogs run crazy and don't pick up their poo. It makes me always on edge when walking through the park because I'm never sure when a dog will run at me, which is why I've stopped sitting in the park and just walk straight through.

Police the oval better to ensure owners do not bring dogs onto the oval. Put up better signage in this regard - signage is missing from at least one of the gates.

### Markets

More reasons for community gather there... markets etc

Perhaps a place for markets etc

Open an organic market once a week

### Music

#### For

More reasons for community gather there... music etc

Would be great to improve facilities to have bigger games there / outdoor music etc.  
spaces that could allow a bit of live music

Live music acts with a program sent out to Manly residents would be wonderful  
would love more community functions there like music and such

#### Against

If they want to see music etc they can watch that in the corso.

My mum told me the masterplan includes new amenities like a music arena. I think this would be sad as there are so many other places in Manly to listen to music. The park is unique because it is quiet - would be a shame to spoil that.

The planned gazebo/music area should be considered for times of operation/noise.

### Mosquitoes

Less mozzies.

Reduce the number of mosquitoes

### Netting

Protection from cricket balls. I know someone who was severely injured by one a few years ago, and as I walked around the oval once, a cricket ball hit the car parked in the pedestrian area just a few feet ahead of me. The spectators and players cheered. It seriously worried me. There needs to be more netting when cricketers play.

Install higher netting on the north and south extremities of the Oval to prevent cricket balls landing on Sydney Rd and Raglan St similar to the netting between the Oval and the tennis courts.

Some additional netting to prevent cricket balls landing on Sydney Rd and Raglan St., similar to the netting on the tennis court boundary.

### Parking

Parking

Would be nice for more parking near there.

Some type of dedicated car park which does not impinge on the park would be a boon to the lawn bowlers and other park users.

And put in more parking especially if it's residents only!!

Improvements to the parking near the bowling club

Carpark could be expanded with the Manly Bowling Club extension

Parking will be more in demand if usage increases and people drive to visit and should be planned for.

### Seating

More seating (8)

A couple of more benches.

more benches to sit on

A few more seats under the trees.

More seating in the park

More benches to sit

improve facilities e.g. seating

More park benches.

tendered seating areas to encourage use.

More bench seating with power provisions

A few more outdoor seats among the trees

more seating in the botanical garden with a cleared area for picnics

more variety in seating options and variety of dwelling spots that will encourage locals to use this park - picnic lawn, picnic tables, informal seating

put more seating in the tramway section and the grass sections near the scout hall which are very popular relax and children rock jumping places.

One or two more chairs to sit in the gardens area (that aren't covered in bird 'do'.)

More seating on walk way down to Oval from Sydney Rd entry.

### Steps

I think the amount of steps restricts the parks use

Safer steps

safer stairs

Footpaths and steps need improving

I would create additional steps/paths down into the park from the adjacent path along Sydney road.

The steps to Sydney road could be safer

I would also like there to be better flow to the section next to Raglan st between the top of the park near Parkview Road and the Bowling club car park. The new steps are good, but with muddy tyre tracks and just plain open ground, that's action has no appeal and is hardly used.  
safe means for older people to negotiate the somewhat steep stairs and inclines.  
Some of the parkland is so steep it's not really ever useable to picnickers or walkers  
New stairs from the top down into the top carpark (near the bowls club).  
Put decorative hand rails on all steps

### **Trees and vegetation**

The park is boring and unkempt especially the outer surrounds with dangerous over hanging branches To keep the space and greenery. We need more nature and more trees to promote wellbeing for humans and the wildlife.

Improve management of vegetation

At the same time the casuarinas along the Sydney Road edge were removed. Why? Again, a big mistake. I would like to see these replanted as they visually screened the road and also provided an audible baffle to the intrusive traffic noise.

A few years ago the two huge coral trees (*Erythrina indica*) at the top of the grassy rise were removed. What these trees did was to define the grassy rise space from the tramline space and so these trees were spatially very important - we need to plant some large trees there, at least one on either side to reinstate that feeling of spatial definition.

It would be good to see another stand of tree ferns planted.

Understorey planting should be reinstated in area C the Canopy Garden. People should NOT be encouraged to access / walk in the gully.

### **Density of planting**

#### ***Higher density of planting***

planting many more trees to provide natural shading

more trees/plants added

More trees (2)

More plants.

More space with trees and plants.

And more trees!! Manly can use more nature and less apartments, we've got enough!

Increase the greenery, trees and planting.

#### ***Maintain the current density of planting***

keep the density of trees and plants

Don't rip down all the trees

I feel very strongly that any thinning of the understorey would destroy this special character. to thin the understorey and allow views through would weaken this strong sense of space.

A few years ago the understorey was thinned which I think was a big mistake. This allowed weeds to grow and gave vandals access to vulnerable plantings (eg the now decimated magnificent stand of tree ferns). The planted areas should be denser, not lighter.

The Masterplan indicates that for Area A understory plants will be removed to provide views. I think that understory should be maintained as it provides habitat for small birds which are always welcome in a densely built up area.

Cutting down of any trees for 'open' spaces is not accepted for this day and age. We have too many and making more isn't helpful for people or especially the environment. I'm concerned that our council thinks this is a way for people to use the space.

#### ***Lighter density of planting***

Open up. Without removing too much historical vegetation, let the light in. It seems quite dark and dingy.

It would be nice to develop the park and make it lighter, more open, less shady and nicer to walk through.

less overgrown

Gardens appear overgrown and unloved

more open feel to the gardens.

review of all trees & planting within the park- creating views and prospects. Ivanhoe Park feels cluttered, too shaded and overgrown

#### **Variety of planting**

It does feel a little neglected and there is not a great variety of flora, places like the sanctuary garden was a great idea but not carried through

#### **Plant flowering plants**

planting different species, flowering plants would be good.

Maintain park better with more seasonal flowering plants to add colour.

More open areas flowers and flower beds.

#### **Native planting**

More native plants

More native plants to attract native birds and wildlife

It should retain predominately Australian native flora and not become an imitation of a European garden.

If there must be Australian native planting, restrict them to the historic wildflower area in the north west corner near the sandstone sign off Sydney Road. Reintroduce and restore the wild flower garden.

Maybe add more native plants

#### **Natural/wild character**

Clearing the understorey somewhat would be good, but perhaps not to the point of a neatly curated garden like Sydney; the more wild look is ok.

Few if any, we don't need over developed green spaces, the more natural the better. We have so many developed green spaces in Manly with facilities let's keep this park more like a nature reserve to preserve its natural feel

#### **Encourage fauna**

Possum boxes

Bee hives

More Australian fauna native to Manly

#### **More watering**

It can get very dry - some more watering to promote more greenness.

A working watering system to protect the important plants in this Botanic Garden from the effects of drought would not go astray.

#### **Water feature**

water facilities

a pool

Potentially a feature pond with cafe might be nice to spend longer in the park.

water feature, paddling pool

i think a lake has been mentioned which would be great.

Also something nicer in the garden like a water spring

I'd improve the garden for children ie some statues or waterfall/ fountain

#### **Watercourse**

a greater flow of water through the creek would be nice.

The drain running through the botanical gardens could be made to look more natural and provide a beautiful water feature.

I think that more could be made of the watercourse that runs from the western edge of the park down to the pond in Area E. A recirculated water system could provide habitat for small creatures such as frogs and much interest for people young and old.

Tidy up and complete the old plan to sort out the waterfalls in the creek (rill) that runs through the Botanic Gardens.

The childcare area is a meeting of the rivulets and could become a relaxing unique feature. As a child I felt I discovered that park, particularly around the waterways. I have observed recently children

excited with the idea of exploring the jungle along the little streams, that feeling of discovery is a wonderful attribute of any park.

The stone bridge needs repairing & better maintenance.

### **Wildlife**

Manage the bush turkeys! The males chase you in the early summer.

Relocate bush turkey's to a different location.

### **Improve grass**

Better maintenance of grassed areas.

Plant and grass restoration.

It would be lovely if the grass along the access route could be rehabilitated after recent works.

New or improved care of grass.

Better grass areas where one can sit and enjoy being in the park.

Cover dirt area adjacent to park avenue with covering or small stones or similar. No grass can grow there.

### **Connections and linkages in the park**

All the areas connected.

There could be better links/tracks from the play ground round the park.

Upper Manly where the Bowling Club is, the preschool and hall are a bit of a jumble and parts of the park behind the school and adjacent to the hall relatively inaccessible. I would like to see this area better landscaped so the park flows as one area

Make better access from the tennis court area to the gardens

more linkages to the different parts and levels of the park would make an enormous difference.

### **Level, flat areas**

Some level terrace areas

Flat grassed areas sit on the grass

More flat open spaces. currently it is too steep and there is too much tree canopy. I'd like just 2 broad flat areas (one which is marked "proposed central open space" and another 'central open space 'at the top of the park near Park Ave).

### **Landscaping**

Update landscaping

Whilst the oval is well maintained some of the areas around need the landscaping looked after better

### **Maintenance**

#### **General**

keep it well maintained

Just maintain it better

Ensure it's kept,

Better care and maintenance

clean it up - THEN MAINTAIN

#### ***Maintenance of gardens and landscape***

Keep maintaining the Gardens and trees

General maintenance of planting

Maintain the natural environment

Maintenance of garden/plants

general gardening and landscape maintenance

The soft landscape needs better on-going maintenance.

#### ***Oval and facilities***

Keep maintaining the oval and facilities



### **Parking under the oval**

#### **For**

Revive the car park under the oval!! It was an excellent solution to get cars out of the manly CBD and better pedestrianise the area. Also removes that horrible above ground whistler street car park!

I don't know why it was cancelled but put parking under the oval and get rid of the dirty looking parking stack!

Assess the merits of the car park under the oval again before any other changes are made to the park.

#### **Against**

don't ever think about putting a car park on it or under it

It was great that it got saved from Wong's car park route. Please protect it from unnecessary change.

Must remain in public hands - do not try and build a carpark under it again.

I'm very glad it's not a car park!

### **Encourage use of upper park**

Upper park and carparking under-utilised

Something to encourage more community use of the upper park.

### **Improve for families**

Something fun for families with children, place where kids can play, have a picnic.

It needs to attract the greater community- families and youth

A family community space

Focus on next generation and making the whole thing USABLE for families

Please keep the park for the enjoyment of families

The botanical part seems under used. Some kind of family space, play area, maybe a coffee cart on weekends. Some thinking needs to go into making it a more usable destination for local families.

Would be good to have a nice park for kids and for parents

Could make it more of a place to bring families. Nature trails for kids, play areas for kids. Areas for picnicking

### **Community facilities**

provision facilities suitable for use by the community .

community facilities- childcare- cafe, youth center/ sports !

Add more functional community spaces, lawn, picnic,

There are sections of the park not really used or inviting and usable.

### **Wedding/photography venue**

There used to be lovely wedding photos taken in the Park, and an area suitable for weddings, picnics and garden parties

### **Park like The Domain**

Parkland like the Domain

An Oasis like the Domain - maybe a few little historic 'story' statues of people - maybe holding a hat (which could retain water for birds etc)

### **Other**

Technology provides opportunities to improve/upgrade the function of and make better use of the physical assets catering for users and visitors - buildings with rooftop gardens or solar panels with batteries with feedback to local grid

Too many rats

Stop motorists clogging up Park Avenue when picking up children from activities in the scout hall

Tai chi would be a lovely addition to have held regularly in the gardens outside the building

Preserve/conservate the ticket entry shed (2)

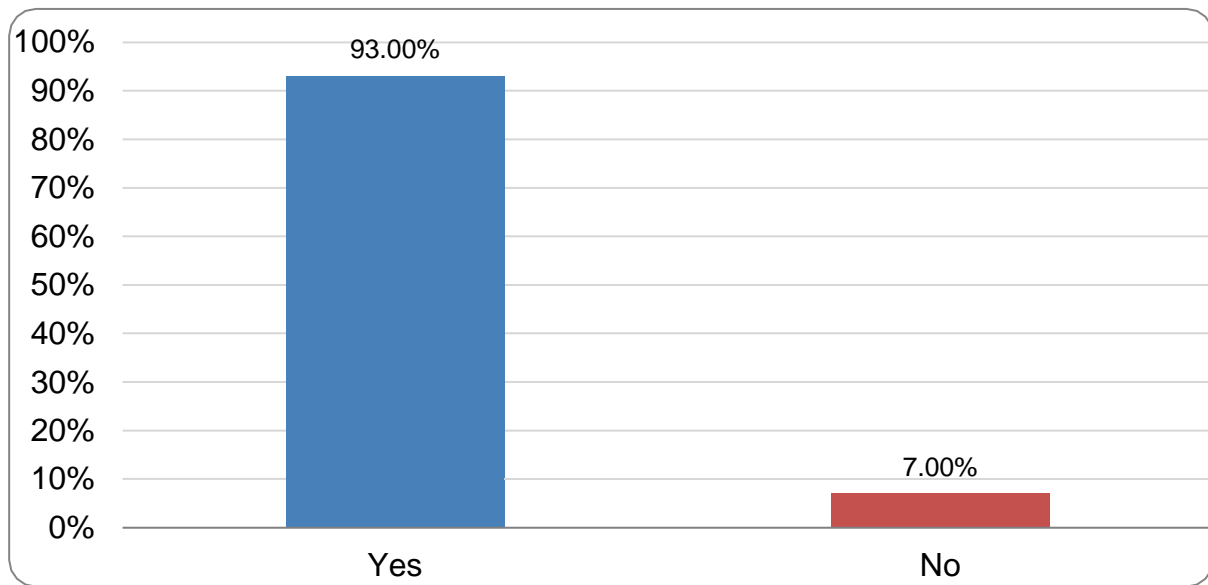
should have more attractions



More nature & recognition of indigenous plants & community  
 a popup bar on summer evenings  
 There is a sign near the children's play equipment banning ball games and training; that should be retained in new signage so games stay on the playing field.  
 Don't use cheap materials  
 I love sport and would never say to stop it, but it would be great if there was another space for kids to run around when sports are on.  
 Tennis courts open very late and is disruptive to locals that live nearby.  
 The area near the groundsman's shed needs tidying up.  
 I like the idea to open up central space...good for picnics or weddings. At present a bit cut off.  
 re-claiming sealed surfaces where possible  
 The design should be holistic that merges the complete area.  
 Please improve access to the sensory garden and the beautiful shaded play area.  
 improve some of the boundaries  
 and you could encourage wildlife and biodiversity  
 clean up of unused areas  
 Tidy up odd gardens and  
 Adding some shaded spots for kids to play on the grass.  
 reconsider circulation and entrances  
 -Consolidation of all buildings - incl. childcare, Scout Hall-to the perimeter edge of the Ivanhoe park to free up the heart of the park.  
 -replacing dated furniture  
 Upgrade of infrastructure, such as, park furniture, lighting, stairs, pathways etc  
 To keep the conservation of the park  
 I would like to see the continuation of active and passive areas, plus a balance between shady and sunny areas.  
 It's a bit damp and dark with old paths but still a beautiful area.  
 more outdoor room style.  
 Improve community access to the bowlo area  
 I don't agree with the idea for a performance space here - I think it would not be properly used and would attract vandals/drunken louts etc.  
 A boardwalk  
 Improve the utilisation of the space on the Sydney Road side of the park  
 Clubhouse and seating

### 3 Do you use Ivanhoe Park?

Figure 1 Do you use Ivanhoe Park?



Over 90% of survey respondents use Ivanhoe Park.

## 4 If no, are there any specific reasons you don't use Ivanhoe Park?

7% of respondents don't use Ivanhoe Park.

The most frequent reason for not using the park was a lack of awareness of the park/botanic gardens:

- Didn't know botanical garden existed there
- I didn't know the Botanic Gardens were there until I got this survey
- I did not know about the botanic gardens otherwise I would have used the area for walks. I did know about the recreational facilities however do not use them.
- The botanic gardens are somewhat inaccessible but that might just be me!!
- previously unaware of its existence and I've lived here for more than 12 years
- I have no idea where it is but more so I'm just not in Manly that often. It's hard to get there from Elanora and if I do I go to the beach not a park

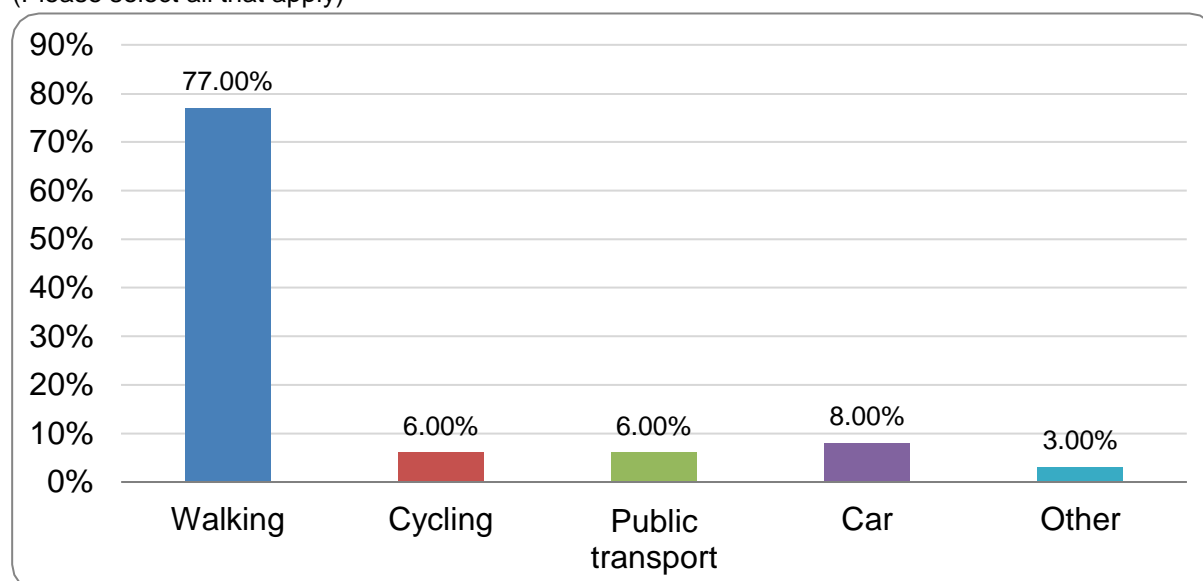
Other reasons for not using the park are:

- I don't live anywhere near the park any more
- still working, but love to walk through when I can
- not involved in sporting activities
- no kids in age to use it
- I don't run anymore or do fitness activities that would make me use it but I appreciate the fact that it's here
- I don't do a sport that needs the oval or tennis courts
- I don't bowl or watch football.
- there is nothing to do at the moment. My son went to the Ivanhoe preschool, but since it was closed down, we haven't been there
- The preschool shut down much to my protests and letters recommended otherwise
- I am retired, and enjoy my recreation and exercise on Manly Beach
- not on my usual walking route
- too many rats
- The Botanic garden is lovely to look at but very limited in participation. How do the many kids of Manly have access to the space?
- When I last visited some time ago the old Scout hall was derelict and the area felt unsafe for a women to walk around.
- dogs run off leash too frequently
- No need to really travel there. Have used Gilbert Park more because it has the buses so when we are waiting around we can actually enjoy the bush trees and grass
- Not close enough
- It does not offer shelter for picnics
- no playground for my kids aged 11, 9, 7 and 5.
- The children love nature but the gardens don't feel safe as they are dark and hidden.

## 5 How do you travel to Ivanhoe Park?

Figure 2 How do you travel to Ivanhoe Park?

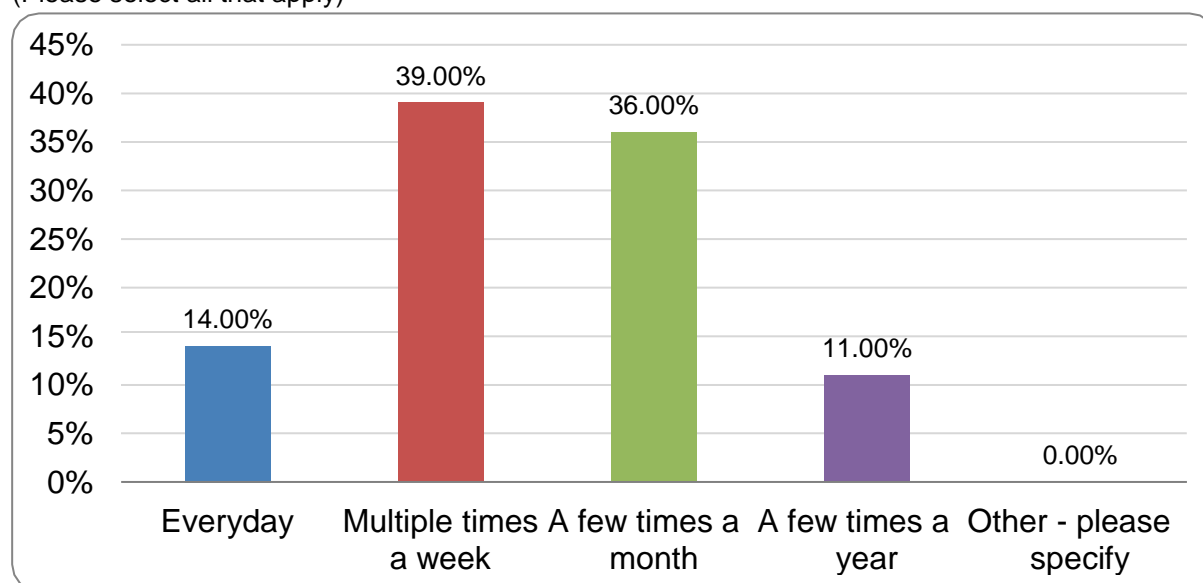
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## 6 How often do you use Ivanhoe Park?

Figure 3 How often do you use Ivanhoe Park?

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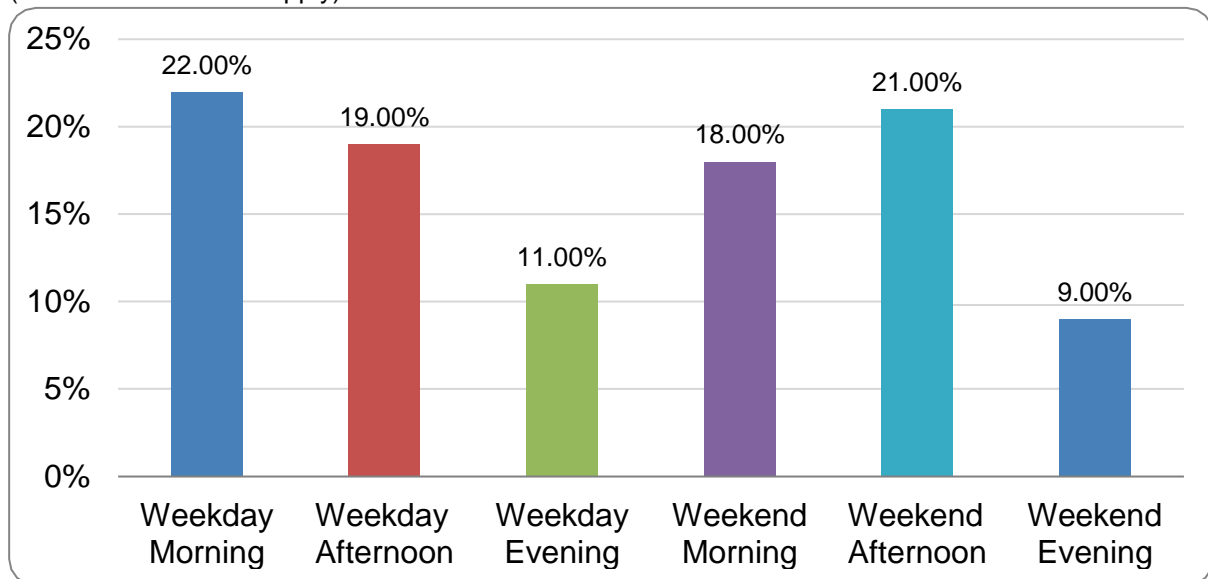


Your survey introduced us to the gardens

## 7 When do you use Ivanhoe Park?

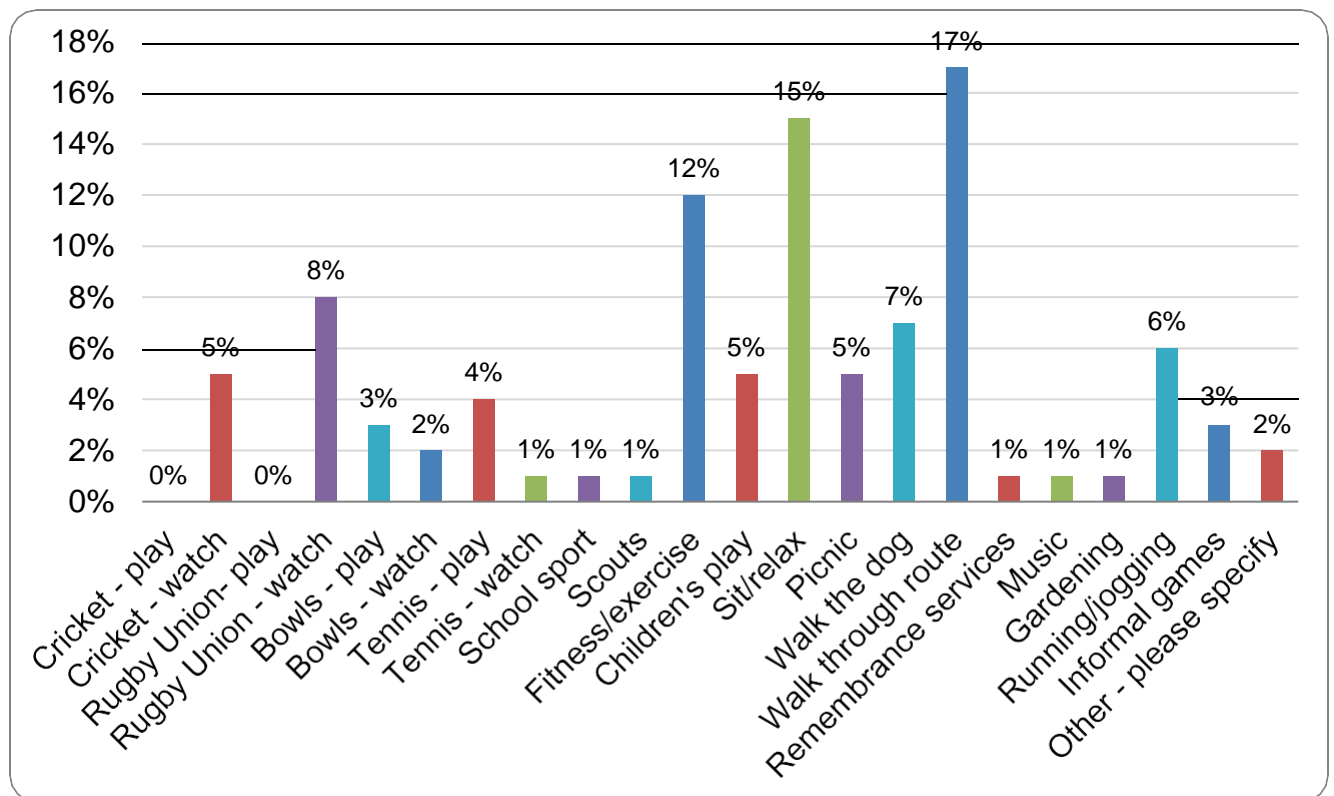
Figure 4 When do you use Ivanhoe Park?

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## 8 What activities do you do in Ivanhoe Park?

Figure 5 What activities do you do in Ivanhoe Park? (Please select all that apply)

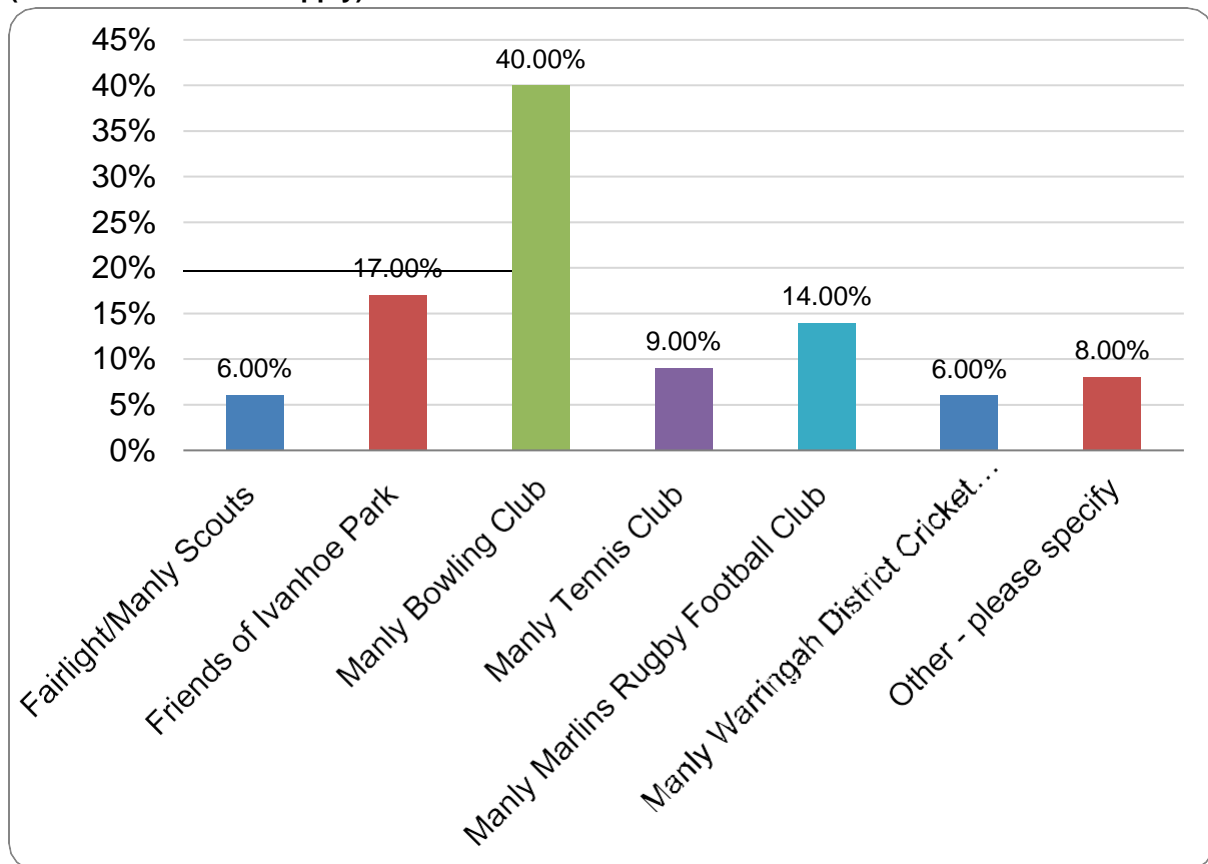


Other activities that survey respondents do in the park:

- birthday party
- Christmas Carols (2), events during Christmas
- cycling (2)
- dance class in the Scout hall (2)
- dinner at the bowling club (2) overlooking the oval
- exercising kids in lockdown
- exploring with kids
- football (2)
- karate
- meditation (2)
- nature study with my children
- taking photographs of trees and plants
- qiqong
- reading tree name plates
- research the vegetation for writing activities
- retreat from the hectic active Manly /Fairlight areas
- strolling in the botanic gardens
- tai chi (2)
- tracing the route of the old Manly tramline
- volunteering to help conserve heritage values and showcasing to visitors
- walk around the oval at night and early mornings

## 9 Are you a member of any organised groups that use Ivanhoe Park?

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(Please select all that apply)



\*Manly Bowling Club was also referred to as Mounties and Diggers on the Park

## 10 What do you think is the most important historic feature of Ivanhoe Park?

*Its continued historical, educational, natural (almost original) bushland centre of the area*

*I think many of the features work together - but the established trees, the Ossie gate, the war memorial and the white picket fence oval really come to mind as essential elements to the character of the park!*

*The context of the planning project and the working group's input would benefit greatly from up-front explicit recognition and statement of the heritage values.*

*With this context in place, it is then important to identify some key principles to guide integrated management planning to conserve the heritage area, so as to maintain the integrity of the site as a whole.*

### Age/existence of the park

the sheer age of the park is important.

The Park's heritage

that it has remained as a park despite development and some community buildings located on it

The fact that the park as a whole still exists is great history.

The fact of its existence!

That it exists

The fact that it is pretty much unchanged, except for plantings, since my childhood.

### Whole park

The park as a whole is important

It is a historic park

The park itself (2)

The park itself. It is so unusual.

The site itself

All features are important.

It is of historical significance to manly yester years and today

the history in the park

### Heritage listing

Its history and heritage significance

The fact that it is Heritage listed.

The fact that this area has been gazetted as a heritage site says it all. Manly residents fought for 2 years to preserve this beautiful and much used site.

### Aboriginal

It's aboriginal heritage.

The middens

The original aboriginal inhabitants should be given more acknowledgement.

Needs more recognition of Indigenous history

### Tramway/line

Tramway (2)

The trams

The tram route

The old tramway path

Heritage tram line

Old tram line.

the tram alignment

maybe tram track

Old tram venue



Tram area  
 The old tram line  
 Tram tracks (3)  
 The tram line (3)  
 tramway area  
 history of the trams  
 Heritage tram line  
 The old tramway  
 Route of old tramline  
 The light rail history that isn't celebrated strongly enough.  
 The tramway is key for me, being a rail tragic  
 Tram route.  
 the Tram stop  
 Tangible-the tram line  
 the tram history  
 That it used to be the tramway.  
 Turning circle for the tram  
 I didn't realise there was a heritage tram line.  
 I didn't know there was a heritage tram line.  
 I don't think the tramline has much heritage value. A sign or two sufficient.  
 From the top of the park where trams had once parked  
 the remnants of the old tramway  
 The historic tram track is very interesting  
 The remnants of the tram tracks - important in the history of transport in Manly.  
 parkland/picnic spaces in the western side where the original tram tracks used to run  
 the knowledge that the park once held a tramway to Manly  
 Historic tram line - wish the tram would come back to Manly, would be a great add to the poor public  
 transport on the Northern Beaches.  
 the tram tracks.  
 Until I saw the plans, I hadn't realised there was the tram line. I'm off to search it out today!  
 Not particularly interested in the Tram history.

### Sydney Road entrance

Love the old entrance way on Sydney Road  
 there is the sad looking entrance at the bottom of the oval that's dedicated to someone

### Merrett Gate

Gates (2)  
 Oval gates  
 The gates  
 memorial gate arch  
 The entry gates and surrounding gardens  
 the main gates  
 Merrett gate  
 Gate entry.  
 Big entry gate to the oval  
 Entry gates into the oval and gardens  
 Ossie Merrett memorial gate  
 The archway  
 archway entrance  
 The gated entrance  
 The Oswald G.H. Merrett Gates they erected in 1927 to commemorate a great sportsman and  
 gentleman (100th year anniversary approaching).  
 I love the gates  
 I love the gates that surround the oval.  
 the entrances into the oval

### **Sporting facilities**

Sporting facilities  
high quality local sport facilities  
multi function sports facility.

### **Rugby and cricket clubs**

rugby and cricket clubs

### **Oval and park/gardens**

I think that both the oval and the Botanic Garden are equally important  
I suppose Manly Oval but I don't want to prioritise that over the beautiful gardens  
The oval and parkland  
It's continuous use as a public park and cricket and tennis venue  
Its rich mix of community uses of the parkland / gardens and the Oval over more than a century

### **Manly Oval**

Oval (21)  
The oval and the stands.  
probably the oval  
Cricket ground  
The cricket oval.  
the football oval  
Rugby/cricket ground  
Ovals such as this are priceless and are almost impossible to create once gone.  
The Village green atmosphere  
The oval being accessible to the community.  
The oval with its great history  
the oval has a nice, local feel to it.  
The best bit is the oval  
I love the traditional oval  
the oval and associated structures  
I love the rugby / cricket oval  
The original feel of the sporting oval, and its role in catering to a variety of sports over many years.  
the oval has been a feature of manly for so many years.  
Manly Cricket

The sports oval with its picket fence.  
picket fence  
the white picket fence around the oval  
The white picket oval is well known in and outside of manly  
cricket oval in traditional form

score board

I love the grandstand.  
The Grandstand  
Love the grandstand even though it needs refurbishment.  
Perhaps the stadium? A lot of people have sat there, me mainly for watching my kids school events,  
other people for the Christmas carols etc.  
The grandstand has historical significance.

### **Sporting use of the oval**

The Oval's use by notable sporting teams of yore - including an historic aboriginal rugby fixture.  
the various uses of the Oval and the adjacent bowling club facilities

### **Sport and recreation use**

150+ years of continuous community use for both sport and passive recreation.

Sporting areas, and public recreation

Its use as a Village Green by sporting clubs and community groups in keeping with its historical use since the original settlement of Manly by the early colonialists.

it is probably the only expanse of parkland within the urban area of Manly and the only one with various sporting facilities as well as its many ambulatory and recreational uses that do not adversely impact the neighbourhood but greatly enhance Manly and its main entry road.

### **Bowling club**

Bowlo

the lawn ball ground

### **Tennis club**

The tennis club.

### **Park**

Not sure. It feels like an old fashioned park.

The passive garden space open to everyone and not used for events

### **Natural landscape**

Nature

The natural landscape. It's rare to have such natural green space that is home to wildlife so embedded within the rest of the community.

### **Beauty**

leafy beauty

Natural beauty

### **Green space**

The actual green space

Continued green space within built up area

greenery

the fact it's a greenspace with much history (the tram path) woven through it

open green space in Manly

Irreplaceable green area.

Its availability as a green space asset to the people of Manly and NSW

### **Gardens**

the gardens (9)

Gardens

The gardens area

I love the gardens.

The garden features

The history and amenity of the gardens.

Gardens which should be left as is.

### **Botanic gardens**

botanic gardens (10)

The botanic gardens (7)

The Botanic Gardens itself

It's botanical garden.

The Botanic Gardens

It's botanical heritage.

The botanic garden holds the most value in my perception.

I think all historic features have equal importance but perhaps the garden stands out because it is more unique.

Botanical gardens

botanic park

The number of botanical species

The botanic garden allowing quiet reflection.

The botanic gardens are too valuable to change.

The botanic flora are of course special.

### **Sensory garden**

the sensory garden

the fragrant garden

### **Memorials/monuments (general)**

Tangible- memorials

Some of the old monuments

The memorials.

The memorial area

the memorial

Memorial

Until I saw the plans, I hadn't realised there was a memorial. I'm off to search it out today!

### **War memorial**

The war memorial (9)

the war memorial is important (2)

Anzac

Remembrance

associated memorial

The Park's memorial function in remembrance of the Anzac tradition.

memorial garden

a cenotaph? in the upper part of the garden

the memorial in the garden.

### **Caretakers cottage ?**

The old building between the bowling club and child care facility

The small house structures attached to the bowling company

I understand there is an original house

Also would love to see inside the caretakers cottage!

### **Trees, vegetation, planting**

The trees (10)

The trees...

The huge trees

large trees

The larger trees

The old trees

Mature plants

The older large trees

The mature trees and other vegetation.

the historical plantings are significant.

The trees

Beautiful mature trees

Some of the trees have been there for a very long time.

the beautiful tree roots  
 The beautiful trees and flowers.  
 The diverse planting and age of trees as well  
 And all the mature trees  
 The natural vegetation.  
 Plants  
 Its flora and bower areas  
 The vegetation/parklands.  
 It's old fig and gum trees  
 Its collection of plant life  
 The ancient plants  
 The trees (6)  
 The trees because of their age.  
 the old established trees  
 The beautiful trees  
 the mature trees  
 Plants  
 planting  
 Garden plantings  
 foliage of aged trees  
 Some of those trees look old  
 The abundance of plant life  
 the very very old fig trees  
 the trees laid out 140 years ago are most impressive.  
 The trees! They are all soooo beautiful and should be preserved given the atrocities that happened in  
 north head that can't be accessed.

### Peace and quiet

Tranquility  
 its quietness  
 It has always been a quiet place in busy Manly  
 The calming ambience when walking or sitting in the park. Least amount of people daily within Manly.  
 Unless sports is on or an event but just walking through is very calming and a world away from lots of  
 people  
 That it's true to its origins of being a quiet place  
 Its beauty and seclusion from the busy world surrounding it...

### Scout and Guide halls

Scout and guide halls  
 The Scout hall

### Seaside Tennis Tournament

I was even a ball girl at the Seaside Tennis Tournament - new and energetic players just starting their  
 careers and now name in the hall of history.

### Events

The long history of sporting and civic activities (going back to the Flower Shows of the late 19th  
 century).  
 events spread across the park. I remember a Pet show, somewhere I have a certificate for second  
 place - dare I admit that I had entered by baby sister as my 'pet'

### Creek and bridges

water way  
 The creek  
 Bridges.  
 the little streams and bridge

the natural watercourse

I love the 'creek' that runs through there .

Bridges over the creek

Creek & stone bridge

I like the little stone bridge

It may not be the most important historic feature, but the item that gives me the most joy is the meandering paths and stone bridge across the gully.

also think the fact that there are 3(?)watercourses in the park is significant - where do they come from and where are they? - and this could be made more of.

### Location

Location (4)

It's position in Manly

### Pre-school

The preschool (2)

The preschool. It's really quite outrageous that you haven't mentioned it in your residents communications. Very disappointed

it is where my boys went to pre school 20 years ago

### Sandstone/rocks

Sandstone

The sandstone elements

The work in the sandstone retaining walls around the park and forming the creek canal are hand built and speak of the sense of community and importance of shared spaces that are well designed.

### Public access

It's open to all facilities

Remains open to community and public.

### Other

Clubhouse

Space

The role it playing as a hub of activity for all age groups.

The total amenity and ambience of the park.

intangible- would be ongoing and long-standing historical associations with the people of manly as the place of beauty and coolness during summer as people walked from the heart of Manly upwards to their homes in Fairlight; where mums wheeled their babies and played with their young children and down to the sporting areas at the bottom of the hill.

Structure and view

It's old connection to manly and the neighborhood

the birds that habitat or use it

The vibe....

most gates have already been moved and can be relocated again if required.

Expand its use don't use it.

exercise facility

ease of use.

Balance

Artillery gun

lack of development

a place to bring the community together

The park feels like a rain forest and the bridges and crooked paths, natural grass areas and rocky outcomes are very special

### Not sure/don't know

Don't know (3)

I'm not sure if what historic features exist in the park

I am not aware of existing historical sites within Ivanhoe Park, it is fairly utilitarian.

I am not aware of any historical feature

No idea (3)

Not sure (5)

I am not aware of any.

I am not too sure to be honest.

Do not know

Wouldn't know of any historic features

Not sure (2)

I don't know the history of the park so I can't comment

Didn't realize the historic part of it

I don't have knowledge about that

didn't know there were

Didn't know it had any to be honest

Don't know any :(

Nothing (1)

## 11 Do you have any other comments or suggestions about Ivanhoe Park?

### Positive feedback to Council

I am pleased council is conducting this survey because it will be interesting to hear the views of others.

I have felt compelled to participate in this survey as Ivanhoe Park (including Oval) is such an asset to the local area. I hope to see this real gem available in the future and I'm sure many in the local area would want the same.

I would hope that there is wide community consultation before any major work is undertaken.

Tower Hill Park is currently a completely unused and undeveloped space. Perhaps it could be sold off and the proceeds used to fund the Botanic Garden redevelopment.

Could Gilbert park and the bus stop area be included in this upgrade? It's very close and I feel they work together.

Shame that it is not linked to the 3 other adjacent parks, Dalley, Gilbert and Kangaroo, the only remaining bushland of any note remaining in Manly

Wasn't there a masterplan done a couple of years ago?

I am very afraid that just because there's a masterplan means that too much will be done and will wreck the beautiful casual quiet and spatial qualities of what we've got. Please don't do too much! I am an ex-landscape architect and I know how easily something that's 'just' on a masterplan gets built without proper consideration.

The future plans looks promising.

Good luck looking forward to seeing the finished product

I'm glad you are reaching out. I hope we do something with a respect for the past and a vision for the community of Manly and an exciting future.

It presents an opportunity to bring those under-represented in terms of facilities a place to be, to have fun and connect with the rest of the community in a positive way. It can be a place for everyone, a place to feel safe, to nurture the members of our community.

It's such a wonderful location in the heart of Manly that is long overdue to be re-imagined as a public space for ALL Manly residents not just a few

It will be the right long term solution for Manly and help set the planning and vision for Ivanhoe Park. It will be interesting to see how it progresses and I have faith that there will be great improvements to encourage more people to enjoy this space. I like what I have seen so far.

Either it needs more upkeep to make it a place to gather, or it needs more trees to make it more like a nature reserve. No point sitting on the fence

It is under-utilised and under-funded

don't sell it off

keep your hands off it

May it bloom and blossom for ever

Protect vegetation.

Keep the trees

Make it more of a destination

make it user friendly.

Happy to see modernisation

develop a future plan to improve incorporation in Manly's development

Keep the vibe.

We love living by the garden. It should stay

Nope:-) I love it!

Make sure it stays a park.

Please keep it.

Keep it open,

Treasure it

Don't fuck it up

Incorporate mediation centre

It's the bowling club and the area behind it that seem disconnected and difficult to traverse.

Make it available for the public and create outdoor picnic and walking spaces. Also areas for mothers groups and small exercise groups.

Open a swap exchange twice a year

Great facility

Make it more sustainable!

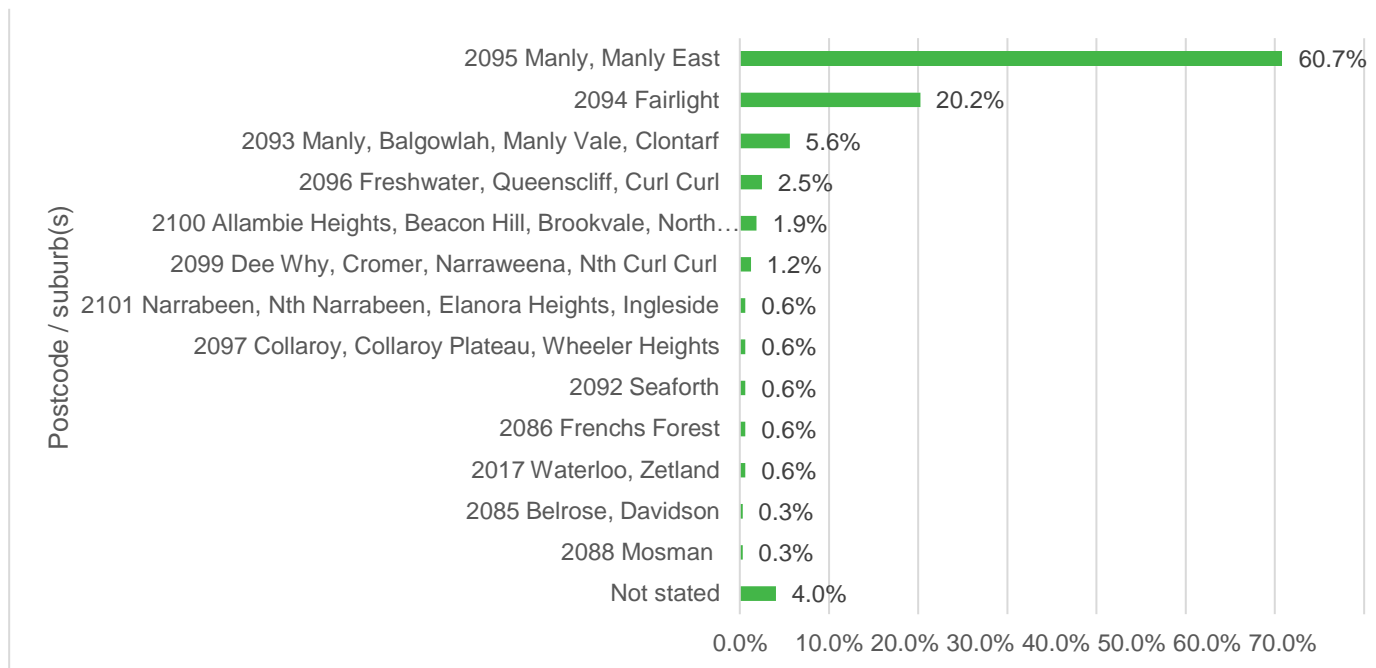
Make it more enjoyable!

This is an amenity that has been traditionally tended and used by Manly residents. They should be lead groups to advise and input to Council especially lead by Jack Steggles who headed up the SMOA. Perhaps it's worth suggesting to Council that this beautiful tract of parkland and sporting facilities has served Manly residents for generations. and probably more than any other recreational/sporting area in Manly Ward. While it may need more resources to sustain its upkeep and maintain its historic beauty and usage I am at a bit of a loss as to why Council sees this area as a Project - particularly when there are so many improvement projects that should be on Council's agenda. And finally Council needs to be cautious on this project, not seek any action that the community might see as unnecessary or out of character for the amenity. The community fought hard to preserve Ivanhoe Park and oval and it was the community that won its heritage order.



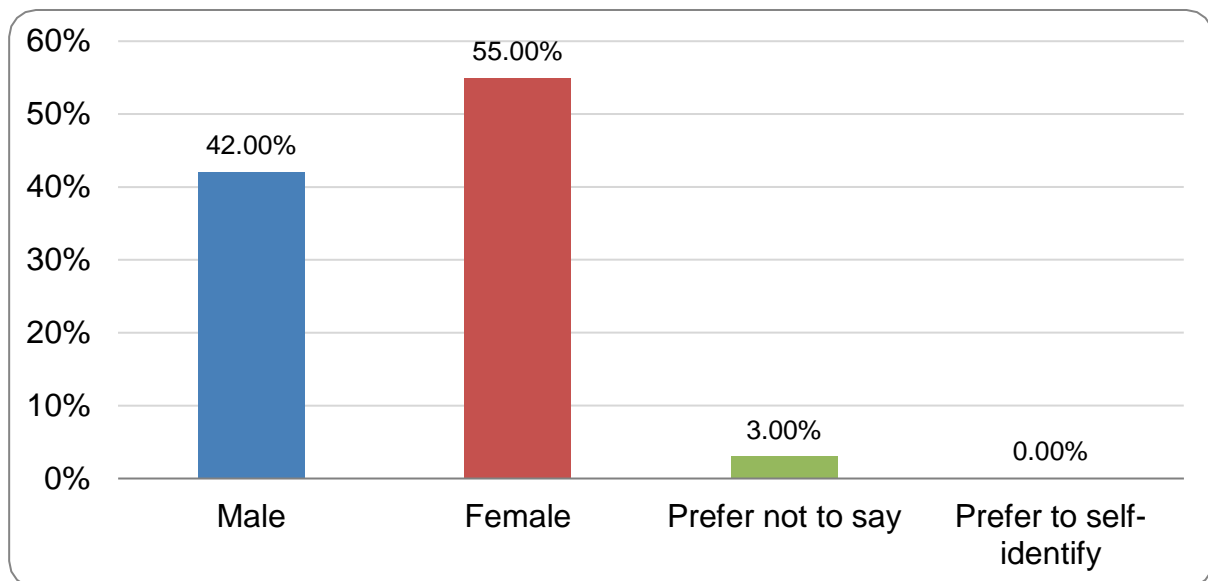
## 12 What is your postcode?

Figure 6 What is your postcode?



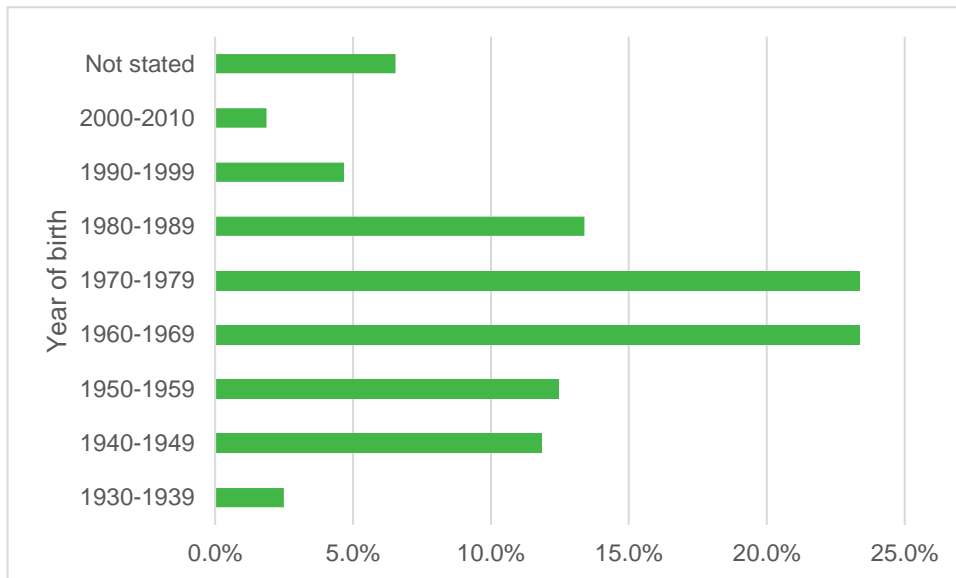
## 13 What is your gender?

Figure 7 What is your gender?



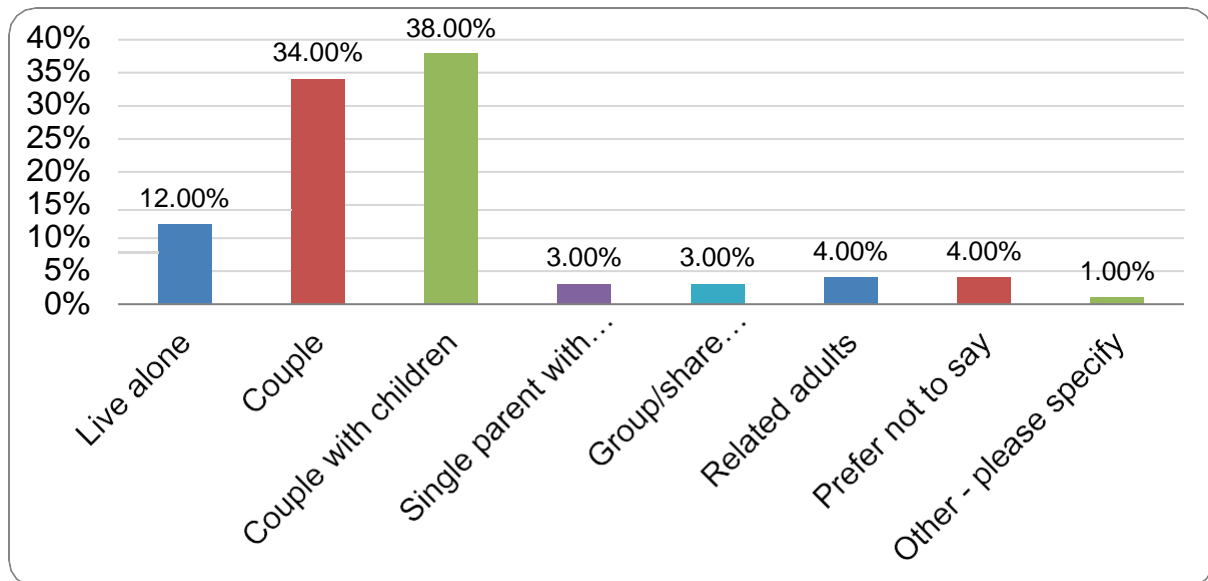
## 14 What is your year of birth?

Figure 8 What is your year of birth?



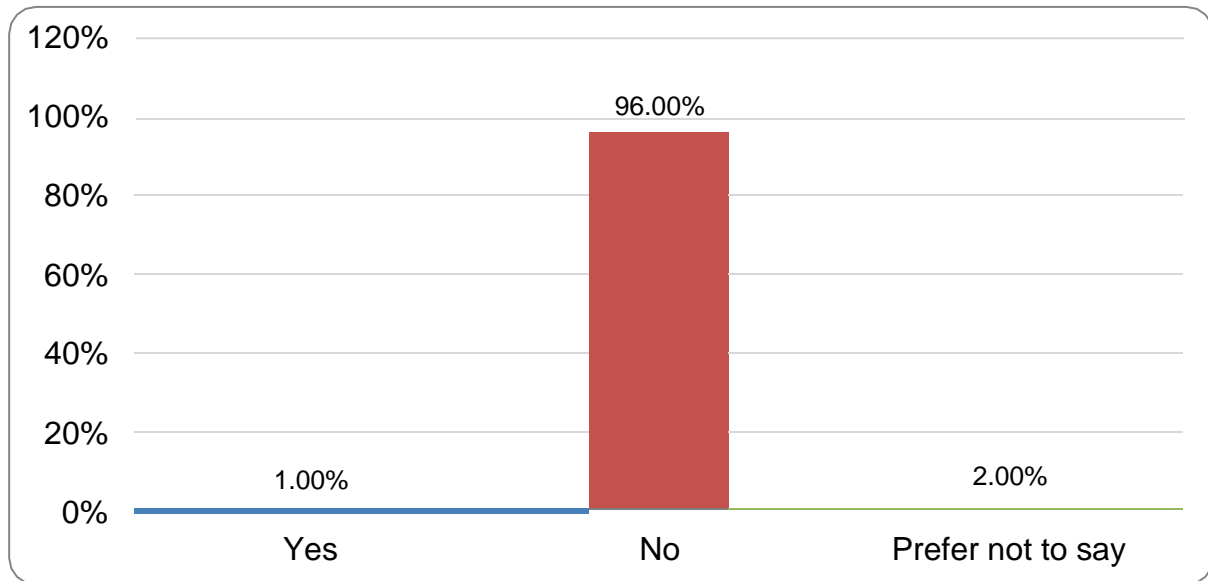
## 15 What is your household type?

Figure 9 What is your household type?



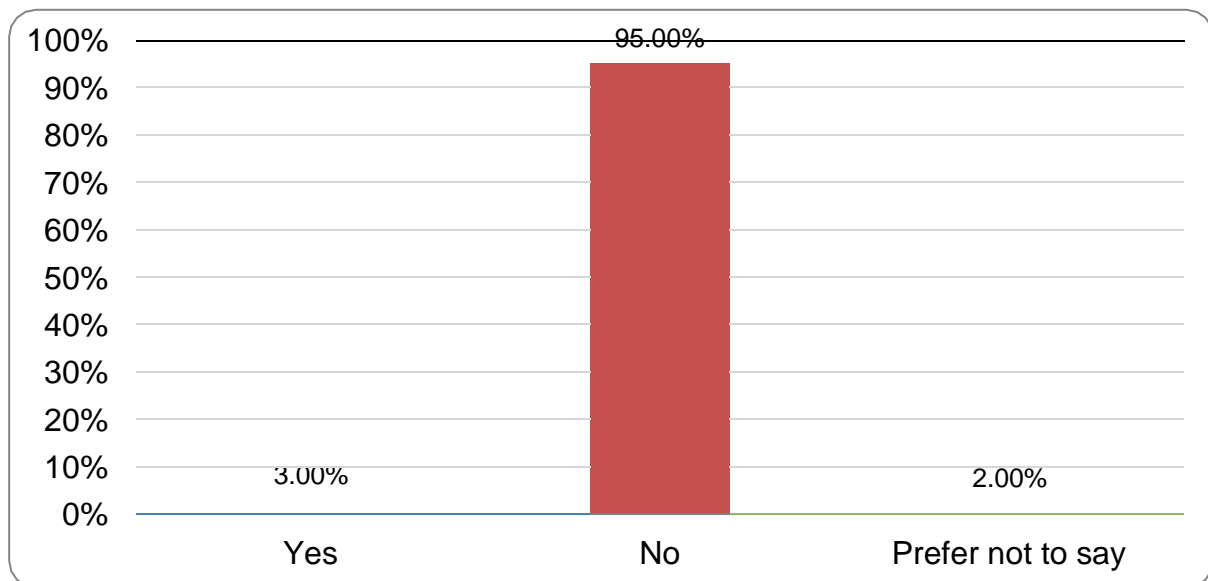
## 16 Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?

Figure 10 Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?



## 17 Do you identify as a person with a disability?

Figure 11 Do you identify as a person with a disability?





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