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## Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

### Wyatt Avenue, Belrose - proposed junior bike skills area

Impact level: Four

Consultation period: 9 October 2020 to 9 November 2020

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## 1. Summary

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Wyatt Avenue, Belrose - proposed junior bike skills area project from 9 October 2020 to 9 November 2020.

Engagement focused on understanding feedback of the community and engaged stakeholders about a proposed concept plan for a junior bike skills area to ensure we appropriately plan for upcoming reserve works.

Overall, the vast majority of comments expressed a positive sentiment toward the proposed junior bike skills area at Wyatt Avenue, emphasizing the need for such a facility.

A few comments expressed concern, including about additional noise, potential increase to traffic and congestion, parking issues on local streets, and impacts on local biodiversity.

### 1.1. Key outcomes



Total unique  
responses  
received

176



How responses  
were received

Online comment form

Contributors: 168

Written responses (email/letter)

Number received: 8



Feedback themes

Recreation

Environment

Accessibility

Amenities

Parking and traffic congestion

Anti-social behaviour

### 1.2. How we engaged



Your Say

Visitors: 1499

Visits: 1796

Av. time onsite: 1m13s



Print media and  
collateral

Resident letters: Postcode 2085

Distribution: 105

Site signs: Yes

Number: 2



Community Engagement newsletter: 3

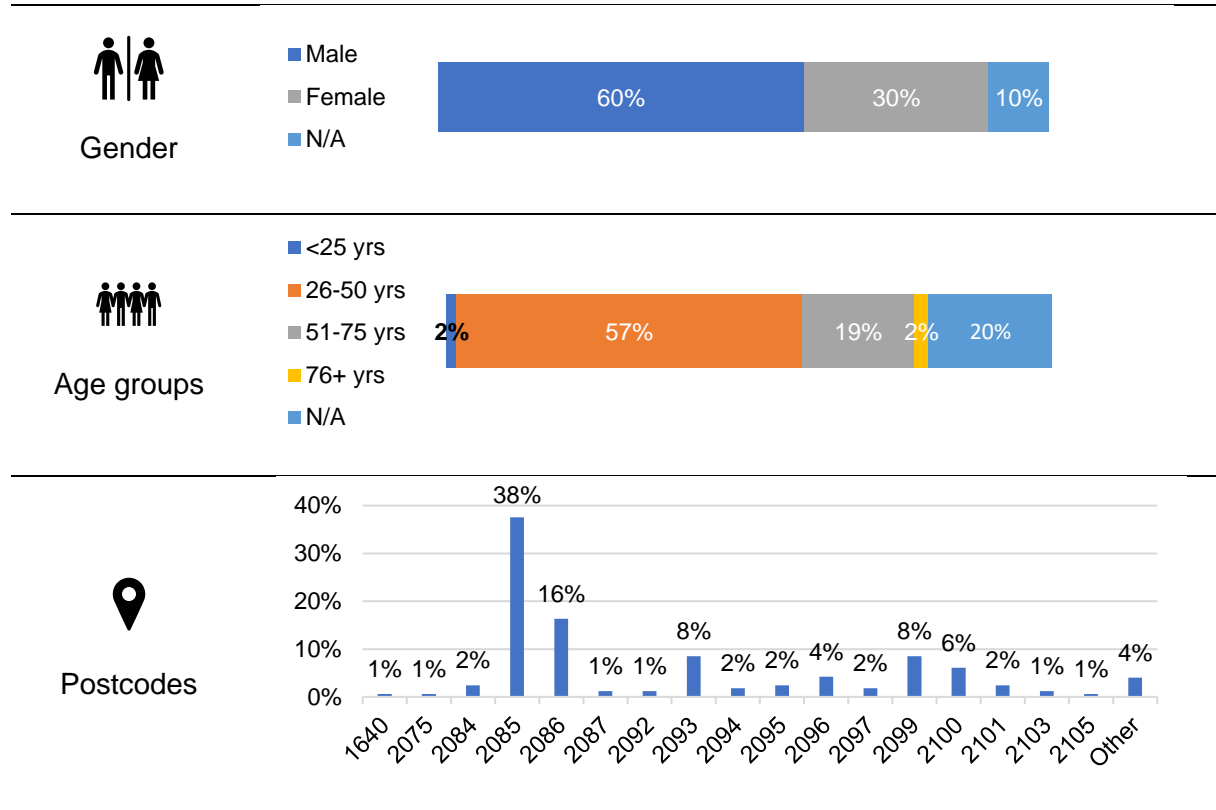
Distribution: 20,000

Council's E-News: 1

Distribution: 150,000

Electronic Direct Mail - EDM(s)	Stakeholder email: 1	Distribution: 7
	Local resident email: 1	Distribution: 226

### 1.3. Who responded<sup>1</sup>



## 2. Background

The NSW Government sold land on Wyatt Avenue, Belrose (previously owned by NSW TAFE) to Council in March 2019 on the conditions that it be classified as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) (LG Act) and Council develop an open space, public recreation facility on the site.

Between 9 October 2020 and 9 November 2020, we sought feedback on a concept plan for a junior bike skills area in the reserve on Wyatt Avenue, Belrose directly adjacent to the John Colet School.

With the growth of cycling on the Northern Beaches, our goal is to provide opportunities for young local riders to develop their skills and confidence.

The plan includes a junior bike trail loop, an informal grassed open space for practicing bike skills (e.g. bunny hop), a seating/picnic area, an accessible entry path loop and other landscape elements.

<sup>1</sup> Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

### 3. Engagement objectives

- Objective 1: build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities (inform)
- Objective 2: provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)
- Objective 3: identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult)

### 4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Wyatt Avenue, Belrose - proposed junior bike skills area project was conducted over a four-week period, from 9 October 2020 to 9 November 2020, and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

The project was primarily promoted through onsite signage, resident and stakeholder notifications, and our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels.

A project page<sup>2</sup> was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format, including an image of the draft concept plan with details about the proposed design elements.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included an open-field comments box providing community members a space to share their feedback.

Email and written comments were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided as a channel for the community to ask any questions about this project.

### 5. Findings<sup>3</sup>

Overall, the vast majority of comments expressed a positive sentiment toward the proposed junior bike skills area at Wyatt Avenue.

Many people commended the plan, emphasising the need for recreational spaces suited to the age group proposed to use the facilities. Future investment in cycling infrastructure in and around the site was also encouraged. Some comments mentioned the health benefits of recreation and the importance of community cohesion, which would be facilitated by this junior bike facility.

Several respondents noted that the proposal was in line with the natural amenity of the area and in keeping with the local biodiversity.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/wyatt-avenue-belrose-proposed-junior-bike-skills-area>

<sup>3</sup> Community and stakeholder views contained in these findings and below verbatim responses do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

Those who expressed negative sentiment toward the proposed junior bike skills area highlighted concerns about additional noise, potential increase to traffic and congestion, parking issues on local streets, and impacts on local biodiversity.

Some comments also raised concerns regarding the operating hours of the proposed bike skills area, noting that use of the site could lead to unsavoury behaviour after hours.

These concerns, along with other suggestions raised in the comments, are addressed in the table below.

**Table 1:** Feedback that expressed concerns or requested specific changes to the proposal

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Parking and traffic congestion	<p>Concerns about traffic congestion and the lack of parking at the proposed site.</p> <p>There is already demand for parking in the area on weekends due to sports activities at Wyatt sportsground.</p> <p>Improvement to cycleways connecting the site is required to negate the need for the use of a car to/from the facility.</p> <p>If the proposal was to go ahead, more parking should be integrated into the design.</p> <p>Concerns about pedestrian safety in the area.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that the majority of users will be local children who will ride or walk to the park.</p> <p>As part of Council's Bike Plan, we are looking to improve cycleways in the area.</p> <p>There is parking available nearby, adjacent to the Wyatt sportsground.</p> <p>There is no opportunity to increase parking on Wyatt Avenue.</p> <p>A pedestrian crossing exists connecting the proposed bike park and the school to the Wyatt sportsground across the road.</p>
Accessibility	<p>The bike park needs to be accessible to all age levels.</p> <p>The need for a safe space where the neighbouring nursing homes residents and local elderly could also engage in recreation activities.</p>	<p>The proposed bike park has been designed as an entry level bike park and is deliberately designed not to mimic the facilities at the nearby Bare Creek facility, but rather complement it.</p> <p>In respect to the site also providing facilities for other age groups, the size of the site is not large and additional facilities cannot be accommodated without compromising the bike park.</p> <p>The area will have a natural feel with seating for the community, including the elderly. It is expected that many people will enjoy watching the activities within the park.</p>
Anti-social behaviour	<p>Access to the bike park and potential for vandalism, noise and anti-social behaviour after hours.</p>	<p>It is not proposed to floodlight the park which should discourage after-hours use.</p> <p>At this point in time there are no plans to restrict access. If anti-</p>

		social behaviour does develop, Council will ask the Police to include the site in its patrols.
Amenities	Requests for amenities such as a toilet, picnic tables, shade, huts, adequate lighting, water bubbler and a bike repair station.	Council is proposing to include a picnic table, water fountain and bike repair station at the site. Public toilets are available 130 metres away in Wyatt Avenue Reserve sportsground.
Environmental considerations	The removal of trees was noted as a concern by a few respondents and the need to replant with Duffy's Forest species was mentioned.	Council has made a commitment that all species will be selected from the Duffys Forest plant species list.  15 existing trees to be removed due to poor health & condition, exotic species, or very low retention value.  All 15 trees will be replanted using Duffys Forest species
	There was mention of the need for ecologically sensitive urban design and efficient drainage at the facility.	Water sensitive urban design features will be included in the water management of the site. The proposed concept plan has positioned the gardens on the lower end corner of the site and will provide run-off filtering of the water.
	There was a suggestion to use recycled material on the bike path during its construction.	Detailed design will incorporate as many recycled and other eco-friendly materials as possible, such as eco-concrete.
	One respondent noted fire prone area and impacts to neighbouring bushland not owned by Council as a concern.	Bushfire advice has been received and as a consequence understory planting on the boundary with John Colet School will be limited.
Miscellaneous	We should consider alternative locations for the proposed junior bike park skills area, such as the Belrose tip site.	The Bare Creek tip site has been converted into an intermediate to advanced bike park.
	The planning approvals process was queried.	The approval pathway for the project will be via Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Council will undertake all the necessary investigations to satisfy the Act.
	The need for technical trail features to upskill users and wide enough to overtake was mentioned.	The Wyatt Avenue facility is designed to provide an entry level facility.

Alternative recreational facility	John Colet School has a preference for indoor sports courts or synthetic courts and amenities on this site.	<p>This would require a significant financial investment from Council. There is insufficient space on site to construct additional car parking to support an indoor facility.</p> <p>There are playing fields and amenities across the road from this site.</p> <p>It is also likely that this type of facility would attract many people from outside of the area which would exacerbate traffic and parking issues.</p> <p>The development of these courts would lead to the removal of a significant amount of vegetation including the trees from the site.</p>
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## Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses<sup>4</sup>

### Part A: Online comments

No.	Comment
1	Love the idea! Will bring my kids to help them learn how to mountain bike.
2	I haven't seen anything like this before in the beaches. Great idea for the families.
3	This is a much needed development, bike areas and skateparks are so over crowded and dangerous for young children.
4	Would be awesome to see this go ahead. I'm a father of two young kids who would love to have more outdoor activities for my kids
5	As a local family with a young keen and developing cyclist we fully support these measures!
6	Looks great! About 5-10 years late. But hey..
7	Great idea for the community and great for a place to young ones to work up to the new bike park up the road.
8	Great initiative! My 4yr old is desperately in need of the right motivation to take off her training wheels and this could be it. And there is really nowhere for my 7yr old to ride on the northern beaches- it's amazing that an area with such good terrain and a big cycling community doesn't have any smooth flowy dirt single track for beginner riders. Hopefully this can be a start- huge thumbs up if that is what the international is for loop "8". If not- my submission would be to recommend finding a space somewhere- anywhere- on the northern beaches to build it!
9	I think this is a great idea. It will give kids somewhere to learn bike skills and help keep them occupied in an environment where parents can watch or kids can go by themselves. The design looks great.

<sup>5</sup> Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

10	Great concept for young children, we need many more of these pocket parks across the beaches and with skills progression to accommodate the explosive growth in the numbers of new cyclists since the lockdown
11	It would be an amazing asset to have this park for kids. Just to have a fixed location to learn and teach would be priceless.
12	Another great plan to further encourage kids to get into cycling and a thoughtful use of the land and convenient for the school across the road.
13	I support this proposal for junior bike skills area in a predominantly natural setting.
14	We are a local family with 2 x daughters- 2.5yr and 5yr olds. This facility would provide a fantastic safe option for the smaller ones to get their bike skills up and promote a future with more pedal power around the suburbs , Great for the kids self of esteem , More outdoor activities to enjoy to combat the technology revolution,
15	Great idea. Great location.
16	Please anything you can add to this ever popular sport. Myself and my kids live and breathe cycling and this terrain has so much to offer for mountain biking. Junior skills areas are the starting point for many kids who will go on to follow a wholesome outdoor sport.
17	I have a young family and they love riding. This would be amazing!!!
18	Very supportive of this area for young riders and families to enjoy
19	Good idea for the community and to improve kids skills and confidence. As long as this location is actual my maintained, unlike the grove which the council payed no attention to until riders built their own, functional and maintained jumps. Otherwise it's a good initiative, nice to see council doing something right for once.
20	Good plan we need more spaces like this for the kids to do something productive
21	I'm a local mum and I think this would be great for the kids.
22	Riding a bike is an activity that is free from rules & restrictions, has physical & mental health benefits, & is an activity that all the family can do together.
23	Looks fantastic. Will be a great resource.
24	I'm all for providing more areas for people to bike bikes in a safe and fun way, especially when other really popular areas are being removed for no real reason. I am totally in favour of areas specifically for children but could there also be areas for older kids and adults to practice bike skills too? I hope there will be areas for young riders on balance bikes too?
25	This plan for local families is such fabulous. Important for young children to have a safe fun place to learn and practice bike riding skills. Having a picnic area will provide an area of enjoyment for the whole family. I give my full support for this to go ahead. I have two young grandsons who live very close to this area. Thank you
26	These facilities are critical for young people to undertake safe recreational activities. We have two grandsons living in Belrose for who this facility is very important.
27	Looks great. More bike tracks needed
28	This looks absolutely awesome. I can't wait to see my grandchildren have fun here. Great to have such a facility.



29	My fear is that it will attract a negative element who may loiter, take drugs, get drunk and be, in general, a nuisance. My other fear is the school adjacent may have trouble with vandalism.
30	We've just moved to Frenchs Forest from Naremburn and think this is a great idea and exactly why we have moved to this area. Very much in support of this and any future investment in cycling for both kids and adults:
31	This would be fantastic for the local community and a good way of enhancing the local fauna to maintain it within a community space
32	A facility like this is definitely needed in the community and will help to provide a space for younger riders to learn new skills. I think this will be a great addition to northern beaches facilities
33	Great to see more biking infrastructure been considered. However when built needs to be built with a high standard of design and construction to get the best out of the asset.
34	<p>I would strongly support this project. Increased bike skills are vital for children for today and in future.</p> <p>As the NSW government looks to both increase the amount of cycleways, and has road safety as an absolute priority, this project is much needed.</p> <p>I would encourage Council to consider a project that allows bike skills development for all skills: both beginner through to intermediate / advanced.</p>
35	This is a wonderful plan to use an area for the use of the Community. I look forward to seeing it approved and then constructed and opened.
36	<p>We appreciate the need for Council to be responsive to the needs of the local community in its decision to use the land for a bike trail. We are thankful that the current plan is of low impact to the area.</p> <p>The School would like clarification on whether this is to be a closed, locked site and the hours of expected use. Also, we ask for further information on the fencing on the western side of the site with regards to security and also access by the School.</p> <p>We do believe the land would be better used as an all-weather sports play space. This was originally identified as the preferred option after many community meetings, and plans were shared along this line with the community in the Many Daily on 24th March 2018 by Mr. Jonathan O'Dea. The School would be happy to work with Council on how this could be supported.</p> <p>Alternatively, the School could also support the construction of a sports hall for community and School use.</p> <p>In a related area as part of the land passed to Council by the RMS is the small block of land on the corner of Wyatt Avenue and Forrest Way. This is currently not being used and is covered in overgrown vegetation. While Council decides what to do with this plot, the School would be interested in leasing this area for some low impact signage. This temporary arrangement would be of benefit to both the School and Council.</p> <p>As always the School is always keen to work with Council to help ensure the best use of this land for the community.</p>
37	I think this is a great concept plan. I could not see any information about the material that the bike path surface would be made from. I suggest a recycled materials pathway. One point to note on pathway material - the floating steel

	pathways around Narrabeen lake are actually quite difficult for riders learning to ride with training wheels etc as there is a lot of resistance. And they are very noisy!
38	<p>This area is a green space buffer between Forest Way and the residential and public use areas at this end of Wyatt Avenue. By installing a bike track children, both local and other, will have a great facility however:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is a bus stop outside this area. It will no doubt have to be moved to accommodate entrances. The only places to move it to would be outside the school (unsafe) or nearer the corner of Forest Way (equally unsafe).</li> <li>2. Children who would use the bike track who don't live very close to it would be brought by their parents by car. These children would for the majority. Particularly on the weekend the numbers envisioned would impact significantly on Wyatt Avenue, Lockwood Avenue and Charleroi Road. The latter are purely residential avenues which are already impacted at school pick-up and drop-off times and at when sports are held at any time on the oval. Already there is congestion.</li> <li>3. Would there be any restriction on times of usage? To have older children - teenagers, etc - using the facility very early or late in the day would greatly impact on the quiet enjoyment of surrounding residents.</li> <li>4. The proposed siting of this facility will congest the local area. A better siting would have to incorporate it into the areas on Glen Street.</li> <li>5. Should the plan go ahead it would be hoped that it would be appropriate for young to older age groups to be fully inclusive - older people could use a safe area to exercise too!</li> </ol>
39	<p>At the last committee meeting of the Belrose Rural Community Association (BRCA) we discussed the proposed bikepark for Wyatt Ave, Belrose.</p> <p>We all were most surprised to see such a finished product appear for community consultation rather than an overall ideas request.</p> <p>As you must know there is a mountain biking facility proposed just around the corner, which will cater for various skill levels.</p> <p>To have a similar facility for the same age group so close by, does not make much sense.</p> <p>Our thoughts went to the large number of elderly residents in the area, many residing at Glenaeon or Wesley Gardens and their needs for some physical activity.</p> <p>We often see those residents walking along Forest Way and note the lack of community facilities with good access for them. In contrast, our younger population has ready access to some age appropriate facilities as playgrounds or playing fields and soon the new bicycle park.</p> <p>We all agreed that a different sort of park perhaps with some exercise equipment and benches to sit down would make much better sense and provide better care for the local community.</p> <p>In summary, we applaud the idea to make the site enjoyable and of some use for residents, but we wish to see another use being chosen, best focussed on, or at least integrative of older people and being managed in a fashion that is friendly and accommodative of the natural environment.</p>
40	<p>I support this proposal.</p> <p>This will support children developing bike skills in a safe environment.</p> <p>Great idea from council to get kids outdoors as well.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

41	Love this idea - will be very well used by nb families. There is definitely a need for places for younger riders to learn and enjoy bike riding
42	<p>It's great to see council developing areas for young children to learn basic skills. My kids are aged 6 and 4 and will no doubt love visiting this facility with friends. I hope to see many more of these facilities in the future as the demand is huge and I believe will only increase.</p> <p>How can public volunteer their time to help with some of these developments?</p> <p>On a different topic:</p> <p>I was disappointed to read the jumps at the grove are to be flattened. I really hope the facility gets input from the right demographic and this time is a success.</p>
43	I am supportive of this initiative. A great facility for kids
44	This is a great idea. Great for small children to ride their bikes safely. Will there be an upper age limit so older kids do not come in and overrun the bike trail?
45	<p>Will there be a road sign practice area? I have been to a fenced kids bike area in the centre of Kopenhagen in Denmark, where kids can practice riding on the road. There are traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, gutters, road signs etc. Giving children a safe place to practice riding on or near the road.</p> <p>Here is a link to it.</p> <p><a href="https://www.welovecycling.com/wide/2018/02/28/childrens-bicycling-playground-copenhagen/">https://www.welovecycling.com/wide/2018/02/28/childrens-bicycling-playground-copenhagen/</a></p>
46	My other concern is Car Parking, the street is very busy on the weekends with sport on the reserve. It has been that way for many many years. There are often junior teams playing soccer, the added congestion added by this new facility, should be a real concern. I may be mistaken but I see no plans for a car park. This is also a very busy bus route.
47	<p>Good to see an appropriate development proposal on Wyatt Ave. This development is in keeping with the local bush environment, low density residential dwelling and family neighbourhood.</p> <p>We would also support the development of a small block on the site, sensitive to the local amenity, that would be able to support a coffee shop.</p>
48	<p>Hi, looks amazing. However, just wondered what provisions will be made for parking. On Saturdays during the summer the parking across the road on Wyatt is usually fully taken up by kids cricket matches. I would imagine that there's other sports on there on Sundays too. It would be a shame to build such a great area but not be able to go there as there isn't enough parking.</p> <p>Also would it be possible to provide the parking on the same side of the road as the bike park, so kids don't have to cross the road once they get out of a car and their bikes have been unloaded.</p>
49	<p>This is a wonderful idea, and great location. It has the potential to both cater for a wide range of younger riders, and greatly enhance the success of the nearby Bare Creek facility.</p> <p>The facility should include technical trail features which prepare riders for Bare Creek. Specifically, this facility should provide adequate progression to allow a rider to build all of the necessary skills to ride the intermediate (blue) lines at Bare Creek. Crucially, this means providing tabletop jumps increasing in size to the size of the smallest at Bare Creek (approximately 4m in length).</p> <p>I strongly recommend that all/some of the trail is formed with a hard surface, such as asphalt, thereby to substantially eliminate maintenance needs (and also reduce</p>

	the risk of vandalism). Ideally, the entire loop would be constructed in the style of an asphalt pump track (although tailored for a younger/beginner audience).
50	<p>This is an excellent plan to provide a much needed option for younger kids to safely practice and build skills.</p> <p>More of these sorts of facilities are needed, together with training and safer road/footpath options for kids.</p> <p>I'm curious as to the target age group here? I would like to see this aim for say 7 to 13 where there can be such a range of capabilities.</p> <p>I would be disappointed if it aimed lower at under 6s as there are lots of little parks that perhaps give what they need.</p> <p>Additionally the other skills park options tend to have older kids or better skilled kids and can be dangerous for younger kids just getting the hang of it.</p> <p>Therefore there is a gap that this could nicely fill.</p> <p>Thank you for doing this!</p>
51	What a fantastic idea for the kids of the local area! Perfect location with lots of easy access!
52	This is a fantastic initiative and much needed, well done.
53	That would be amazing. A place where it will provide a great family fun day on our bikes.
54	<p>Why take away Wyatt reserve, when there is a new bike park in the old tip.</p> <p>Add it to the new bike park, utilize those resources, they are supposed to be, state of art</p> <p>Lived in the area for 25 years, please keep all the cyclist and traffic together.</p>
55	This is great. Please also provide cycleway connections to the park so we don't have to drive there to ride a bike!
56	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>Awesome idea, the more biking places for our kids the better!</p>
57	Great idea. Any money spent on making the northern beaches the mountain bike hub of NSW is money well spent and will be repaid many fold by the increase in visitors to the area.
58	This is a fantastic community initiative which will be so helpful to get kids moving and onto bikes. There are also so many homemade style tracks that are in the Bush land and made by kids, having a place that they can ride which will be a lot safer is important. Great idea.
59	Sounds fantastic and as a local believe this would be a great addition to the area.
60	Nice idea but does this mean the field will disappear? If so, it's a no. Find another location as we are already short of sports playing fields in the area.
61	Excellent idea. I think this is a great use of space and look forward to taking my kids there.
62	What about parking, specially if they have events.
63	Looks good.
64	<p>We as a local family are very excited and keen to see this progress.</p> <p>Opportunities for the community keep our kids active and busy, as well as increase desire to be part of our community.</p> <p>I would hope that this is all made with accessibility being thought of and potential liaising with local disability providers and/or family members to ensure the best facilities for all.</p>

65	Excellent idea there needs to be more of these safe open areas for young cyclist to gain skills.
66	An excellent initiative. Well done.
67	Great idea. 1. I miss a plan for PARKING. 2. I think a VIEWING PLATFORM should be in the centre eg. No. 7 of the whole place to have a REALLY GOOD view of what is happening on the circuit, as this cycle park would be used by children from very young say 3 years to possibly 12/13 yrs. of age. 3. Opening hours should be restricted to consider neighbours. 4. Toilet facilities are missing on the plan 5. Will there be a water refill station?
68	Having a place to take my kids and safely teach the fundamentals of mountain biking would be a great outcome for the community. Getting our kids active and enjoying the outdoors is more important now than ever.
69	This looks lovely. Please allow for adequate shading and shelter - if no shade available limited opportunity to use the park. Also - please have multiple bins. As the skate park at Lionel Watts has only 1 bin, and the litter around the skate park is awful.
70	Dear Sir, We commend Council for its work on this proposal. However, given that Bike Park is about to open at Belrose Waste Centre, where there will be areas set aside for beginners, we believe that there is a better use for the Wyatt Avenue Site. Just across Forest Way there is the Wesley Gardens Retirement Village and just north in Glenaeon Avenue there is the large Glenaeon Retirement Village. It is common to see residents of both of these centres walking on Forest Way for exercise. Why not allocate the Wyatt Avenue site as a park for the Belrose Aged Community, where they can walk on safe paths away from the noisy and polluted Forest Way. A place to walk and sit and smell natures flowers. We believe that much of what is has been drawn can be retained. I am in my 80's. I would love to use the area. For the safety of the aged (and young), we believe that the area should be fenced with a 1.5 metre chain wire fence and that area be locked at sunset.
71	This is a great initiative and we'll need facility on the northern beaches. The addition of a toilet facility would be fantastic and please make sure there is shade/shelter at the seating/viewing area.
72	This is a wonderful idea. There are limited opportunities for the very young kids to learn to ride our trails safely. A local (Balgowlah) resident in support here. 1 suggestion. Make more than a single loop to maintain interest.
73	Wonderful concept for the community. This will reduce wear and tear on the local bushland whilst allowing excellent bike riding opportunities for the younger riders.
74	Wonderful news. We need more facilities like these!!
75	Very much needed for the kids. The track must be very durable with good drainage as it will get a lot of use at this location. Incentives for track skills should be included on the track by having A and B lines else kids will modify it and make jumps etc that are not always well constructed.
76	Thank you for the opportunity (for what it is worth) to comment on this proposal for a Junior Bike Skills Area in Wyatt Avenue. I live opposite the site and strongly object to the plan.



The site is too small and is inappropriate for the proposal. It is not part of the sporting complex at Wyatt Reserve but is located separately in an ecologically sensitive area. The integrity of the landscape elements will be unsustainable given the track design. An unpaved bike track on a sloping site will not sustain repeated use and will result in trampling, erosion and compaction (note such damage on adjacent land). The intended age and number of users is unspecified, and the area will be open and unrestricted at all hours, every day. There is no additional parking provided.

Overall, I think this is a confused vision for the site. After conversations with council staff, I've heard reference to: birthday parties for five-year-olds; "launch" areas where kids are supposed to wait patiently for their turn to use the track; a sort-of picnic area that doubles as a bunny-hopping bike skills area, and a track that is intended for kids just off their training wheels but which doesn't seem suitable for that purpose. This feels rushed and poorly designed and redundant, given that something much better could be incorporated into the large and well-resourced bike facility being built in the same suburb.

- Why has this proposal not been incorporated into the large bike riding facility being constructed on the old Belrose tip site located just to the north of Wyatt Ave? There is space and funding to do so. The tip site could easily accommodate a "junior" area along with picnic facilities and my understanding is that these were part of the original proposal for the bike riding facility there.
- The site would more appropriately be conserved as habitat and a buffer to the adjacent endangered bushland through assisted regeneration and weed control works. This would be a much more sustainable and environmentally sensitive use of the site.
- The site is too small. There is no scale provided but I calculate the area to be only around 2,600m<sup>2</sup> and about 40m wide. The newly-planted trees, landscaping and grassed area will be under so much user pressure in this small enclosure that it seems unlikely to survive. The loop track (8) comes so close to the eastern boundary that the proposed landscaping here (13) is not feasible. As with so many local bike riding areas, authorised and not, it may just end up as an eroded dust bowl with additional "earthworks" from local youths with shovels.
- The "seating/picnic area" mentioned in Council's description does not exist. I have been informed by Council staff that there isn't really a picnic area, more like a table and bench that will be located in the "informal grassed open space for practicing bike skills (e.g. bunny hop)". This is misleading and unsafe. Are Council inviting families to picnic in a practice area amongst bunny hopping bikes? It is one or the other and the site does not have capacity to accommodate both. How long will this grass area last if it is also a bike skills area?
- The facility will have unrestricted access 24/7 and may be used by anyone at any time. This is unacceptable to me as a residential neighbour, given that this is intended as an active, not passive, recreation area.
- Council has no authority over the adjacent, threatened bushland, which will be under the management of RMS. If damage and intrusion occur in the surrounding area because of this proposal (highly likely) then Council will not have to act or take responsibility for it. Given the damage that is already happening from bike riders in bushland surrounding Wyatt Avenue, it seems irresponsible of Council to designate an extremely limited area that proposes to attract more bike riders to this sensitive locality. The chain wire fence may or may not prevent users accessing adjacent bushland but the point is that the bushland outside the fence can be easily reached

	<p>via other means (e.g. the bridle trail through the old quarry) and the new bike park is highlighting this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site is on Fire Prone Land and an Asset Protection Zone would be expected along the boundary fence to maintain vegetation clearance and access. The plans do not show this. The plans do not show any clearing of adjacent bushland along the fence line and do not indicate if there will be ongoing maintenance pruning or fuel reduction on the adjacent land. These actions would have impacts on the surrounding bushland and there is no indication on the concept plan of whether this is being proposed.</li> <li>No additional parking is provided. It is unreasonable for council to add a new sporting facility to a residential street and assume that there will be sufficient parking on street or at Wyatt Reserve. Residents are currently dealing with the parking needs of John Colet School, weekend match days, three DAs with insufficient parking allocation (a childcare centre, the school expansion, and a pending boarding house) plus the parking restrictions imposed by the bus stops on the northern side of Wyatt Ave.</li> </ul> <p>The attached blurb indicates that Council has already self-approved this proposal ("construction begins later this year"). There has been no DA, no impact statement despite the high conservation value of adjacent endangered bushland, and no apparent consideration of the many issues I have raised above. If this is a true community consultation process, I would expect it to occur before clearing has begun on the site, not after. I strongly object to this proposal but it seems that the best I can now hope for is a few design tweaks.</p>
77	<p>In principle I support the concept plan that has been proposed by council. As a local resident I am well aware that there a several other developments proposed for the surrounding area and would ask that council carefully consider the consolidated impact that increased traffic flow will have on the area. Perhaps an area can be put aside for off street parking to help resolve the issue.</p>
78	<p>The track and concept is fine, I think it's a great use of an otherwise wasted block of land. A few considerations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will it have lighting? ie when it is dark will it essentially be closed?</li> <li>- will there be toilet facilities built/maintained?</li> <li>- will security be patrolling at night?</li> <li>- will additional parking be build to handle the capacity.</li> </ul> <p>Of the above concerns my main issue is parking. The local streets will be filled with cars coming and going which is the biggest impact. Given it's a track for smaller children they will be driven there. Please build a car park dedicated to this facility otherwise you're going to destroy the streets. Build the car park and I have no issue with the facility.</p>
79	<p>The concept plan is unable to be opened on the website</p>
80	<p>Hello, Could there be intermediate level jump loops and technical terrain for intermediate level riders? thanks</p>
81	<p>I'm so glad to see that the Council is putting time and effort into making Belrose a fantastic family suburb. This is a great plan and we're looking forward to see this coming to life!</p>
82	<p>Dear sir/madam, I applaud this plan and hope that this can set a precedent to pocket bike parks in land across the peninsula as part of the network so that more and more people can</p>

	<p>ride their bikes to the local park without having to get in a car to get there. I think that this park needs to have safe cyclepath connectivity to the surrounding suburbs so that families can ride there together.</p> <p>I strongly suggest you are engaging a reputable trail building company to do the design and build if this is not the plan already.</p> <p>These are the types of feeder facilities that will allow both youth and adults develop their off road cycling skills and allow them to have enjoyable and safe experiences at more advanced tracks in the network such as Manly Dam and Bantry Bay.</p> <p>Finally, when are you getting one on Scotland Island!!!!?????!!!!!! There are so many children there and it's a lot of effort to get to the mainland to use these facilities!!!!</p>
83	<p>Yes please, great to see this planned for a natural setting.</p> <p>And to see bike tracks planned for re-use of an existing area.</p> <p>Large areas of bushland, that is Crown Land on Wearden Rd/Lord Street, Belrose has been illegally destroyed by people building bike trails in what was pristine bushland. Chopping down trees, killing an echidna, killing endangered frogs, chopping up sandstone, creating wide muddy paths and erosion. (please insert comment but do not use my name against this comment as it may risk my safety).</p>
84	<p>The proposal sounds positive but consideration needs to be given to increased pedestrian / bicycle traffic in the local area. In particular the traffic light system on Wyatt Ave presents a serious risk to pedestrians coming and going from the proposed track for two reasons. 1. The timing of the lights is insufficient to cross four lanes of traffic and 2. The western crossings have no arrow light to enforce traffic give way to pedestrians - I have seen some very near misses and three times have had cars accelerate towards me to the point where I was in fear of being hit. Given the track is for kids, and an aged care facility is nearby, Council should lobby the NSW Government to upgrade the traffic lights.</p>
85	<p>This is a needless expense.</p>
86	<p>Looks like a good idea</p>
87	<p>Great idea and looking forward to taking my family to the bike park.</p> <p>I did read that you would be investigating opportunities for pedestrian safety along Wyatt Avenue and was wondering if you could also look at incorporating WSUD elements into the design of any traffic calm devices. This would be a perfect location being so close to a school and sports oval in regards to education benefits.</p>
88	<p>This is an excellent initiative to provide more space for kids to be active in the local area. I am supportive of the proposal.</p>
89	<p>Hi team,</p> <p>this looks amazing and is very much needed on the Beaches. My kids are now big enough to ride around the Dam but I'm excited for the future of cycling if projects like this keep popping up.</p> <p>Correct me if I'm wrong but I can't see any toilets? I think they are a must.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
90	<p>Excellent idea, fully support it.</p> <p>The more proper dedicated tracks/facilities there are (for all ages), then the less the kids will take to building them illegally in the bush.</p>
91	<p>Hi. The proposed plan looks good, but it may be worth having two distinct courses to allow older and younger kids to ride in the same area at appropriate skill levels.</p> <p>le a green course for the young ones on balance bikes and a dirt jump trail for older</p>



	<p>kids.</p> <p>This would then be a brilliant feeder to the soon to open Bare Creek park.</p>
92	<p>I support the concept plan. This is very much needed.</p> <p>More is needed to satisfy demand and reduce the propensity for kids to build/modify trails in bush land during school holidays - it seems there are elements in Council's parks and open space management teams that do not grasp how large the demand is and how pitifully inadequate the existing network is, and seem to think that putting up threatening signs is going to stop unauthorised trail building while they do nothing to meet demand. Unfortunately Council's behaviour over the last 10 years by failing to deliver on the many plans has taught the community they cannot trust Council and they need to take matters into their own hands.</p> <p>This is a great start but more is required.</p>
93	<p>This would be a great addition to the area. Learning to ride a bike is an important skill and having a dedicated area, rather than a road or sidewalk would be a great benefit to the community. As a mountain biker wanting to have kids, a junior skills area has huge potential and would be something I would look for when raising kids.</p>
94	<p>I would fully support this facility for my pre-teen daughters to continue their progression in bike skills, learning to ride for fun and exercise, and to challenge themselves in new and interesting ways.</p> <p>Ideally there would be many features in the park which don't require much, if any maintenance from council - i.e. made from durable materials like hardwoods or asphalt.</p> <p>We would travel from Balgowlah to use this facility with friends and family.</p>
95	<p>I think this plan is a great, long overdue start to develop junior riders in the community. Please engage highly qualified trail builders to make sure the trails are built properly. Although I realise Dirt Art usually build more gravity / jump level trails I think they should be encouraged to apply for the building of these junior trails. I can't wait to see this built and take my kids here.</p>
96	<p>The proposal at first glance seems well considered and designed. We do need safe places for kids to ride their bikes. The removal of foreign species and use of Duffy's Forest species in replanting is a positive in terms of some restoration of the area. The removal of 15 trees is always a dilemma and the fencing off of the area restricts the movement of native animals. It would be good to have somewhere set up keep BMXers out of local native reserves and national parks where they have done a lot of destruction of bushland. Does this design include their needs or just normal bike trails? My main concern is that it encroaches on native bushland. We need to preserve as much bushland as possible and biodiversity of species rather than uniform plantings common in most parkland. Are there any vulnerable species in that area? and has an environmental impact study been carried out to assess this? Who owns the property in question? Will this be the thin edge of the wedge for the surrounding bushland to be developed? Where will people park their cars who are using this facility? Just some of my initial thoughts.</p>
97	<p>Fantastic idea, this would give the kids the a fantastic opportunity to grow their skills and help kids out being kids and off the screens!</p>
98	<p>Great to see such progressive thinking</p>
99	<p>Can you please advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Will a DA be required to be submitted for the proposed junior bike skills area? If not under what planning instrument will approval be granted?</li> <li>2) Who will be the assessment authority for this development?</li> <li>3) Will an ecology report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</li> </ol>

	<p>4) Will an arborist report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>5) Will a bushfire report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>6) Will a Biodiversity Development Assessment report (BDAR) be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>7) Will a safety report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>8) Will an access (ie disability) report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>9) Will a geotechnical report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>10) Will an Aboriginal heritage report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>11) Will an acoustic report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>12) Will a cost summary report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>13) Will a traffic management plan be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>14) Will an environmental impact assessment be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>15) Will a landscape plan be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>16) Will a contaminated land assessment report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>17) Will a stormwater report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>18) Will an overland flows study report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>19) Will a social impact statement be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>20) Will an energy performance report be undertaken as part of the assessment process?</p> <p>21) How much has been budgeted for the necessary reports for the approval process?</p> <p>22) I notice that clearing work has been undertaken on the site recently (ie prior to any approvals that I am aware of). Under what planning instrument has this been allowed?</p>
100	One of the best ideas to use the beautiful area for such a great sport and fun. Thanks to all involved.
101	I support the overall concept of providing off-street areas for bike riding of children. I think that this proposal is a good use for the area and will retain a feeling of the bush surrounds. There may be fine details that others will comment on but I support the broad concept. Street improvements will optimise parking and enhance vehicle movement.
102	More car parking spaces will be required along Wyatt Avenue. The current spaces are used by staff and parents at John Colet School during week days and by soccer players spectators and parents in the evenings and weekends. There is very limited parking in Lockhart and Charleroi Roads.
103	Fantastic idea.
104	This looks fantastic! What a great use of the space. We have 3 children who will absolutley love this. Can't wait to use it. Thankyou!
105	This would be an absolutely fantastic addition to the Northern Beaches, a compliment to the Bare Creek facility and the Terrey Hills bmx track. Anything that gets more people being able to get on their bikes and learning skills is a great thing.

106	This would be a fantastic for the Belrose area. I have a 5 year old boy who has just received his first proper bike and he would spend lots of his spare time here practising his skills in a safe environment.
107	Please review ways to get to this facility by bike so that it's not an island of cycling where parents and kids have to drive to. Additional care in bicycle facilities on Contentin Rd and Forest Way would not only benefit this facility but also the Belrose Public School, John Colet School and the Wyatt Reserve. The Wyatt Reserve is a popular spot for kids sports (tennis, soccer) and having the option to bike safely would be much nicer than using Mum & Dad Cab services.
108	This would be perfect for my 7 year old to the skills and confidence in cycling.
109	As someone who has mountain biked for almost 20 years and now having 2 young children this is exactly what we are missing on the northern beaches. There are many quite technical trails which has held me back from being able to get my kids out there. Somewhere we can take them to develop basic off road skills would be great, building confidence and have them progress to be able to move on to more advanced trails which already exist. Brilliant!!
110	This sounds great. I support having healthy outdoor facilities for children and adults to enjoy cycling together and progress their skills before continuing onto other cycling facilities. Thank you!
111	This is a fantastic idea, and I imagine it will immediately become incredibly popular, as was the case with the North Curl Curl skate park, which is warped with children every day and on the weekends. We need many more spaces like this, for our kids to play and be outdoors in nature. I fully support this plan.
112	Definitely in support. There are so many children looking for somewhere to ride and learn bike skills and the few facilities that can be found in this area can get very busy, The main bike circuit should ideally be all weather surface and be wide enough for overtaking (or split in to parallel differing difficulty routes to achieve similar) I think you should perhaps also include a defined area where kids can build their own jumps, change and adapt them as they choose.
113	Great idea - much needed facilities in our area. Each suburb needs dedicated kids bike skills areas that are maintained.
114	Hi, I live in frenchs forest and I absolutely love the idea! Would it be possible to add some toilets and an accessible one with mlak key? Its so important to have toilets with young kids who don't know how to hold it well. Other than that I think it looks awesome!
115	Strongly support
116	This is a great initiative and encourages kids to be outside and exercise. Will be great to see a purpose built bike track with safety, exercise and outdoor activities in mind. Happy to support.
117	Hallelujah brother! With a sealed track around Lionel Watts for kids to get cycling basics in safety, they can then graduate to Wyatt Avenue and then do a masters at the old landfill site. You could be forgiven for thinking that bicycles were some new thing just invented.

118	I support this initiative
119	This is a fantastic concept! Cycling is one of the quickest growing sports in Australia, yet investment has been limited and often poorly executed. This facility would give kids (and maybe big kids) a safe place to play and exercise.
120	This sounds like a fabulous idea. If anything make it bigger - a wonderful place where kids aren't scared of being hit by cars. Please consider making protected bike paths for children to get there - painted markings on roads are not sufficient.
121	What a sensational idea! As a father of three that are young and just getting into riding, this represents a safe and secure way for them to be active and hone their skills without being in the way of the advanced riders at the new Bare Creek track or the local trails. I think the park could even benefit from being bigger! Please consider safe bike paths in the local area to allow kids to access this park.
122	This is a great idea, and a real requirement for the area. There are a lot of more advanced mountain bike trails, and the new Bare Creek park, but nothing other than the Terrey Hills BMX + Pump Track for kids and beginner riders to learn on.
123	I support the bike skills area park. The more public open space the better. I would also like to know if there are any arrangements for the land around this area, which I think is also public land.
124	Hi the only issue and it has been noted is the pedestrian safety as people and their dogs walk by. There is a big issue here as there have been so many close shaves with reckless kids on bikes (with no bells as well on bikes and no helmets as well) slamming down Watts ave like a bike rally. It has clearly not work well and safety and critical accidents from the bikes is a real issue. I have personally had a few misses by all kinds of bike riders coming along Watts Avenue. And I know of neighbors in this street having the same problem. As this part of Belrose has a much older constituents than myself, I can see big issues here unless there is complete protection for pedestrians. Who is going to pay for the damage a kid recklessly smashes into a pedestrian. If that can be solved then I am all for this development.
125	Love the idea of some of this land finally being utilised. I understand there are toilets in Wyatt Oval but this is a fair way for smaller children. Will you consider putting toilets here? Also, there's going to be a problem with parking. Wyatt Oval carpark, tennis parking and the surrounding streets get absolutely overloaded when there are games on. I would love to see the picnic area doubled in size and seats spotted around. It would be great if you have a bike maintenance area too, like they do at narrabeen lakes, so you can mount your bike, check tyres etc. There should be a walkway all the way around so parents can keep an eye on kids without getting run over. Is it possible to use up more of the adjoining land? This is great, but it needs improvements like toilets, pathways for pedestrians, some shaded huts, picnic tables, bike maintenance station and thoughts about parking.

126	What a fabulous idea. The Belrose park is geared to more skilled riders and th is area will help to improve the skills. I'm.a rider and find it hard to locate trailed for my youngster who are still learning
127	Sounds like a great idea, we regularly use the trail between Linden road and Wyatt ave and would definitely use a bike path for my young girls. We would also love regular maintenance to the walking trail as it it used by many people and horses in local area and it's very overgrown. Would be great if they linked as well
128	I support this concept. Excellent to see more cycling facilities being built by Northern Beaches Council, who have historically been slow to provide this infrastructure. There's not much detail on the plan, but it would be beneficial to have a skills course as part of the track so kids can practice more than just their riding. See 'The Playground' at Stromlo Forest Park as reference of a great selection of balance logs, berms and tracks that teach all the skills required to progress to mountain biking. My kids love it there. Another great kids cycling track is at Sydney Park. The size of the area might not allow for it in this location, but it would be good if this could cater to kids upto 10, not just balance bikes. Just like skateparks, cycling pump tracks and skills courses should be in every suburb.
129	Seems like a great idea for the local young riders to safely have a bit of fun rather than bush bash down the tracks. I often ride past and rarely see it being used so if it get's people going there more often and not just at weekends then money will be well spent
130	This highly needed venue will make a great progressive facility to the soon to be opened Bare Ck Bike Park. These types of pocket facilities can be easily constructed throughout the LGA for minimum cost but maximum rate payer benefit. I fully support this and any other facility supporting mountain biking.
131	As a Dad of two boys in Belrose I think this is a fantastic idea. I was a bit disappointed to find there was not going to be a kids loop at Belrose Bike Park but this would more than make up for it!
132	Wonderful idea. Hopefully plenty of shade and water bubblers and toilets. It's exactly what the area needs
133	This sounds like it will be a great feeder facility to Bare Creek Bike Park. Make sure features provide progression from absolute beginners to intermediate level stepping them up to ride at Bare Creek. More facilities like this are needed for our youth. Value for money community asset. Love it! Let's see more of these please.
134	Fantastic to see more off road cycling facilities being planned. With the space available here, could a beginner/intermediate pump track/jump line be included to aid in rider progression? This would allow riders to build jumping skills before progressing to larger riding areas such as Bare Creek.
135	This sounds like a wonderful opportunity for our communities children and family engagement and I fully support this proposal as a resident 2 streets away.
136	I think this an excellent plan! With the exponential growth of bicycle usage recently, kids need safe places to learn and practice riding. With few neighbors and an adjacent school, this site is well chosen.
137	Yes, great for the kids and adults from all around the area. Let's get started get it built. Sounds awesome



	Well done Thanks
138	A great idea and I support this development. Great to see some new facilities on the northern side of the suburb. Hopefully the proposed futsal development and park proceed also.
139	Strongly support this as what will be a greatly appreciated and highly utilized facility for the Northern Beaches. Something sorely missing.
140	I think this is a wonderful move for our local area for the following reasons; 1. Children need a place to ride and play that is off the roadway for safety with their bicycles 2. Other than Lionel Watts Park, there isn't any options for cyclists or children over this side of Belrose 3. Immediate improvement to the streetscape
141	I think the concept plan looks fantastic and you are making good progress in starting to meet the huge demand for the type of bike riding infrastructure that is required by the Northern Beaches Community. Every kid gets given a bike with off road tyres and suspension these days, even those that live in high rise apartments and they need somewhere safe to ride! Keep up the great work!
142	This looks like a great idea. I have some questions though. 1) Can a toilet block be included? Since it's aimed at younger children it really is needed. 2) Will a 'suggested age range' sign be put up at the entrance? There are plenty of places for older/bigger riders so it would be good if this could be limited to younger children. 3) Will there be shaded areas at the picnic space? For parents with mixed age children it would be good to have a shaded place for toddlers etc to stay with parents whilst their older children ride. 4) Please ensure there are bins to encourage people to dispose of their rubbish correctly when leaving. Would be great if there could be general waste as well as recycling options.
143	Strongly support the plan. What a great opportunity for our children.
144	This is a fabulous idea! My 12-year-old son is a keen mountain biker and would love somewhere he can practise jumps.
145	Please try and include just a small section for kids learning how to ride a bike off training wheels.... something that is a bit softer to land on when practicing.... artificial grass is great on a very gentle straight slope?! Please include a toilet block..... young kids never give you much warning for the toilet so need an accessible one nearby (not over at Wyatt oval as you have to wait to cross the road), I think if there's no toilets you'll find a lot of younger will have to just go behind trees etc as they just can't hold long.
146	Fantastic idea! Kids need to be outdoors and play with other than their mobile phones. Fully support the proposal. I will take my bike there, too :-) Go ahead from me... Chris Muller Belrose

147	I love this!! Thank you Council for planning this for our area, it looks fantastic! Please just include a toilet block (kids almost always need to go to the toilet on any outing).
148	This looks fantastic and great to see a place our children can use safely for fresh air and exercise. Only suggestion would be toilets and bins
149	Great to see the wishes of the majority of residents are now being implemented. Only problem is we now need this facility in Frenchs Forest east as well! What a great healthy sport to promote fitness and the outdoors for all ages.
150	Great idea & concept. I really recommend the council look at Sydney Bike Park in Alexandria- it's amazing. I also think you need a toilet block & water bubblers. Thank you
151	Looks great! Please make sure the view g/seating area has shade for hot days
152	Always great to see an upgrade to local facilities or an introduction to new facilities. 2 comments. Some of the local playground areas are pretty basic and not exciting for kids. Especially the one on Ralston Ave. Perhaps upgrading existing playgrounds would be good too. Parking on Wyatt Ave is pretty tricky at that very intersection so I am wondering how this facility will further impact this? Could a few parking spaces be added 'off-road' for this facility?
153	Great idea, but what about parking? Wyatt Av gets parked out during School days and weekend soccer days (soccer season only) it is very difficult to drive through the area at these times. During fetes at John Collett Wyatt and surrounding streets, Charleroi Rd in particular, are almost impassable and its very dangerous to drive around. Whilst this is only a few days a year its tolerable, but if Wyatt Av is being used for the sole parking area for the bike path, it would become a very unsafe area to drive around. I want this to go ahead its a lovely idea, just (if possible) add a car park next to it. Cheers guys, keep up the good work.
154	It's actually a very busy street. With the school, tennis courts, residents, soccer fields, old walking men groups etc there is not enough parking as it is at times. Cars speed along the street without a care for who is about. It is a fabulous idea and much needed for families but safe parking needs to be carefully thought through. No one would want a tragedy.
155	Are there toilet and drinking water facilities? These are especially important for smaller children, and should be on the same side of the road as the track.
156	Fantastic!!! Great to see a design for the smaller kids. We'll be sure to use it
157	I absolutely love the concept. I am all for providing our kids a safe place to learn and to ride their bikes. Well done!
158	We would expect this bike area to be very popular with locals and out of area visitors. On this basis there does not seem to be enough car parking facilities included in the plan!!!! We accept the oval has an area but that quickly fills on school days and when weekend sports events are held, on each season of the year. A bus shelter should also be provided on both sides of the road, as Forest Coachlines have services running along Wyatt Avenue to the City, Chatswood and Manly,

159	The idea seems very good but would that mean there would be no soccer field or playing fields / walking areas of any kind
160	Great idea! Advanced bike trails will always happen with the dedication of keen volunteers so it's super important that the council concentrate efforts on easy beginner terrain. More bikers = healthy & happy community!! A Smooth easy loop is so needed on the beaches!
161	I love the plans and the purpose for this space! We have lived in Charleroi Road for 24 years. Our 2 sons grew up here. It is the perfect area for this type of activity and I support it.
162	This looks fantastic! We have been crying out for a facility like this locally. Thank you!
163	Whilst I have not viewed the plans in detail I am very much in favour of any proposal which enhances community involvement in getting out and about. In our Covid world, bicycles have become a very significant part of our life for the young, not so young and families in particular. Facilities to Improve their ability, their enjoyment and in turn their safety are to be applauded.
164	No thank you
165	A complete and utter waste of taxpayers funds
166	brilliant idea need facilities for the children
167	Great idea that will certainly add value to the suburb. I look forward to using it.
168	Hi Cameron, I have perused the proposal and my major concern is the traffic flow in Wyatt Ave & adjacent streets. At the present time there is acute congestion in Charleroi Rd because of school parking & the road being restricted to single lane only. As a result it is difficult to exit onto Wyatt Avenue because of Wyatt avenue traffic wishing to travel down Charleroi & Neridah Ave. [REDACTED], we experience considerable difficulty exiting the cul-d-sac to travel either Charleroi or south via Neridah Ave. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I can imagine the difficulties they will face in gaining access in the event of an emergency in these streets. What you need to realise is all of these streets are utilised as throughways by traffic from Davidson etc. As it is John Colet school is causing traffic congestion without adding to the problem. My view is the facility should be placed with the bike facility at Bare Creek Reserve where there should be ample parking and less congestion.

## Part B: Emailed comments

No.	Comment
1	Hi,Go for it I'm happy with the proposed bike area.
2	Received with thanks!
3	Thoughts? Yes yes yes I have grown up in Davidson now in Belrose as a kid we did lots of bike riding in the bush and made lots of home made jumps it was the best fun . My kids are just getting into bikes and would love something like that for them
4	I am not sure what I think of Council's "plan" to build a junior bikes skill area at "Wyatt Avenue Reserve" Belrose. First I didn't know that there was a "Wyatt Avenue Reserve" located at that spot.



	<p>Secondly, given that it appears some work has already commenced on that spot I am not sure what is meant by “plan”.</p> <p>I seem to recollect that there was previously plans for netball courts of futsal courts or something, and then plans for a park between that and Linden Avenue.</p> <p>I would probably think that a bike skills area might be preferable to those playing areas. However, the main issue I see is parking, congestion and/or traffic safety in the area which is already an issue. Where are people going to come from to use these facilities, where are they going to park, etc.</p> <p>I think the smartest thing to do is to make that area where the proposed park should be, and use the area behind it through to Linden Avenue to be the area to house any bike skills area and associated off-road parking for the bike users, etc.</p> <p>So my preference would be for the Wyatt Avenue Reserve to remain a reserve/parkland but open it up to people to enjoy it as a calm and peaceful nature area.</p> <p>Regards, [REDACTED]</p>
5	<p>Our main issue with this is street volume of traffic mainly for safety reasons with all age year around sports on Wyatt Reserve + John K school . Could access be from other end, near Ace Landscape Safety first...</p>
6	<p style="text-align: right;">[REDACTED] Belrose NSW 2085 22 October 2020</p> <p>Northern Beaches Council</p> <p>Attention: Cameron Henery Senior Asset Management Officer Parks &amp; Recreation</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Proposed Junior Bike Skills Area</u></b> <b><u>Wyatt Ave Belrose</u></b> <b><u>Reference 2020/616492</u></b></p> <p>Thank you for your email notifying us of this proposal.</p> <p>We live in Wyatt Ave and do not agree that this proposed facility should be located on this site.</p> <p>As you are aware, Belrose Bike Park is under construction and will be managed by Northern Beaches Council. We have attended the Waste Services meetings as advisory committee for many years and continued attending meetings of Waste Assets Management Corporation for this facility. In the last 12-24 months staff including Steven Lawler and Jeremy Smith from Northern Beaches Council also attended WAMC meetings. They can provide you with further details about this facility.</p> <p>This Belrose Bike Park facility includes Mountain Bike facilities, walking track, parking area and picnic area. The facility will be managed by Council and locked up each night. This is a large area and is a much better location for the Junior Bike Skills proposal. Funding for this facility was received by charging an extra \$1 for each tonne of rubbish deposited on the site. About \$4m is available and only about half of this is being used for the current facility.</p>

We note that your email states, in the subject box, that it is located on Wyatt Ave Reserve. This is incorrect the concept Plan proposal is located on the Northern side of Wyatt Ave; Wyatt Reserve is on the Southern side of Wyatt Ave. The site is not part of Wyatt Reserve; this site is on the northern side of Wyatt Ave in an ecologically sensitive area.

It is very misleading to notify the community that it is part of Wyatt Reserve.

This site was previously a residential lot with a single dwelling. This house was demolished.

We are not aware of any changes that permit recreation on this property.

**The planning for this property is controlled under Locality C8 North Belrose WLEP2000.**

**These planning controls define recreation as Category 3 development which is not consistent with the Desired Future Character in this Locality.**

- The concept plan proposal does not have an impact statement.
- There is no development application.
- Work has already commenced before any notification to the local residents or community.
- Under which section of the Local Government Act or any other relevant Act has this proposal been approved?
- Has the property being classified as Community land? We as local residents have not been notified as such.

The Planning requirements include set back areas to be densely planted with local natives and 50% of the site is to remain as bushland or restored with local native species.

These areas are to be free of any structures, carparking or site facilities.

It needs to be noted that the planning controls only permit a maximum of one dwelling per 20 ha. This is to preserve the sensitive bushland areas in this Locality.

These planning requirements show that site is too small for any development.

*The bushland on the adjoining land contains Duffy Forest Community and the threatened species Grevillea Caley. It is inappropriate to have active recreation next to this sensitive bushland that is to be conserved.*

*The proposed facility will attract more people to this unsupervised area and the potential for access will destroy this sensitive area.*

*The proposed chain wire fence will not prevent some people accessing the adjacent bushland which has high conservation value.*

**This is bushfire prone land.**

It is unsuitable to attract young children to this area where there is no supervision. In addition the Rural Fire Service requires an asset protection area which would extend onto the adjoining land; this will destroy the endangered and sensitive bushland which is unacceptable.

**No additional Parking for this Plan.**

The concept plan proposal does not include any off street parking.

Wyatt Ave, along with adjoining local streets are residential streets to feed traffic to and from the local resident's home.

This is unacceptable in a location near resident's homes and a local bus stop.

Wyatt Ave, including the parking adjacent to Wyatt Reserve and streets coming off Wyatt Ave are often parked out during school days by staff from John Colet School and on the weekends by people attending sporting activities on Wyatt Reserve. John Colet School has submitted a Development Application to Council. This will result in more vehicles parked in Local streets.

A Child Care centre has recently been approved in Wyatt Ave at the intersection with Cotentin Road. This facility has very little onsite parking which will result in more on street parking.

These developments take up on street parking in Wyatt Ave which means that there will be no on street parking for the concept plan proposal or the local residents.

**Safety is an important issue in respect to this proposal.**

The site will not be secure without any management. This site is close to the Intersection of Forest Way and is close to the sporting facilities on Wyatt Reserve where there are many vehicle movements.

Further, if parents have children playing sport on Wyatt reserve and another at the proposed bike facility the child at the bike facility may cross Wyatt Ave while the parents are watching the sport on Wyatt reserve.

As there will be no supervision older children may ride larger bikes through to facility. The intended age and number of uses are unspecified and the area will be open and unrestricted for all ages at all hours every day.

These are some of the risks that need to be taken into account when assessing the location of this concept plan.

**Site Impact.**

*The concept plan will have environmental impacts on the area and the Wildlife and will cause habitat destruction.*

The site is sloping, about 10 metres from the rear boundary to the frontage along Wyatt Ave. The gravel paths will erode with the material ending up along the footpath and gutter along Wyatt Ave.

The impact of this site by disturbance of the sloping land and the run off of nutrient enriched water would be increased by the added interference and along the boundary and surrounding natural environment, which in this case is high conservation valued bushland.

This is unacceptable.

The site will be open all hours 24/7 unmanaged, which will result in undesirable activities and vandalism. This will lead to a degraded facility.



This is a small site and will result in over use of the grassed and "picnic areas" by the bike riders. The grassed and landscaped areas will be destroyed.

This is an unacceptable outcome.

**Adjoining Sensitive Bushland**

The adjoining bushland is now owned by the Roads and Maritime Services. It is a large parcel of land extending Wyatt Ave to Linden Ave and down along the rear boundaries of adjoining properties in Wyatt Ave.

The RMS are using this bushland as off sets for the destruction of bushland associated with the construction of roads in the Northern Beaches area.

	<p>This will result in the restoration and management of their bushland area and will enhance the already high conservation value of the adjacent endangered bushland. The Northern side of Wyatt Ave is a wildlife corridor for movements of wildlife to and from the Garigal National Park. This site is a part of this corridor.</p> <p><b><u>In considering suitable alternatives for this site</u></b></p> <p>We suggest that this land be added to the RMS land with the bushland restored. As there are no facilities for Over 55s/ Seniors/ Aged/ Older citizens in this area and as there are many diversified aged facilities nearby, this concept plan area could be a quiet bushland area for the enjoyment and rest for these older generations.</p> <p>We submit these matters and suggestions for your consideration in determining a suitable use of this site and to place this "Junior" bike skills proposal at the Belrose Bike Park.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely  </p> <p>Cc Director Transport and Assets. Jorde Frangoples  Cc Executive Manager Parks and Recreation. Steven Lawler</p>
7	<p>Thank you for the email re this Junior Bike Skills Area.</p> <p>As residents of Wyatt Avenue for the past 50 years we are at a very confused state as to why so many developments are being squashed into Wyatt Ave Belrose. The latest proposal this Bike Skills Area could easily be incorporated into the large well-resourced bike riding facility being constructed on the old Belrose tip site located just to the north of Wyatt Ave.</p> <p>This new proposed facility will bring many extra cars into an already crowded very small street.</p> <p>No parking is being provided for this area and as many bike riders will come with their parents they will arrive by car. Thus once again needing to park.</p> <p>The parking provided for Wyatt Reserve is used daily by staff from John Colet School and will also be needed for all the parents and carers which will use the future Child Care Centre.</p> <p>In addition there is an application for a Boarding House in Wyatt Avenue.</p> <p>As residents we will have great difficulty safely accessing our own driveways and homes.</p> <p>The site could be conserved and rehabilitated as a natural area of local bushland and appreciated by local residents amid the massive high density development around it.</p> <p>Yours faithfully  </p> <p>Belrose NSW 2085</p>
8	<p>Just a short note to support the Belrose Junior Skills riding area - I think this would be a fantastic accompaniment to Bare Creek. Would be great to see this investment.</p>

