
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

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

Impact level: One

Consultation period: 6 August 2021 to 19 September 2021

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1. Summary

This report outlines the outcomes of the second stage of community and stakeholder engagement conducted between 6 August 2021 and 19 September 2021, as part of a proposal to upgrade Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval). We invited submissions on a draft landscape masterplan and Plan of Management (PoM) for the park.

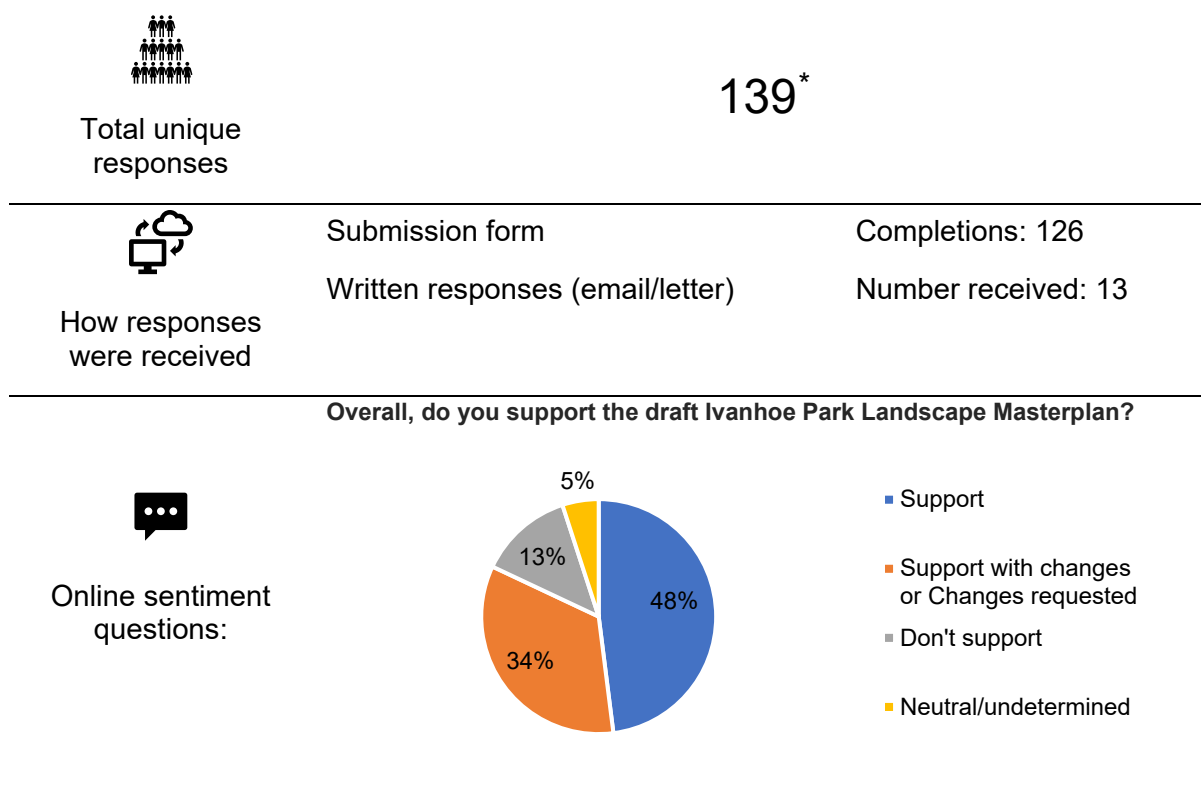
This consultation highlighted that Ivanhoe Park is a special place for many people in the local community. Overall, there was general support for the draft landscape masterplan and Plan of Management, with people commenting positively on the proposals striking the balance between upgrading the park and respecting its heritage and what they love about it.

While most people do not want the character of the park to change, many want it safer, more accessible and better maintained. Respondents provided a variety of suggestions that will help inform the more detailed design stages.

As part of this consultation, we presented some draft architectural designs for a proposed new grandstand and pavilion which were generally supported by respondents. People commented positively on the contemporary design aesthetic, how it complements the landscape character, and the much-needed upgrade of the sporting facilities. Where people did not support the architectural proposals for the grandstand and pavilion, concerns included about cost, heritage design aesthetic and over-development.

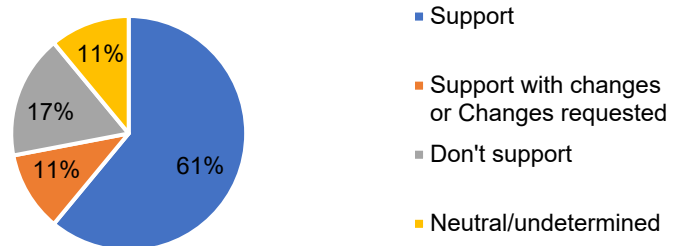
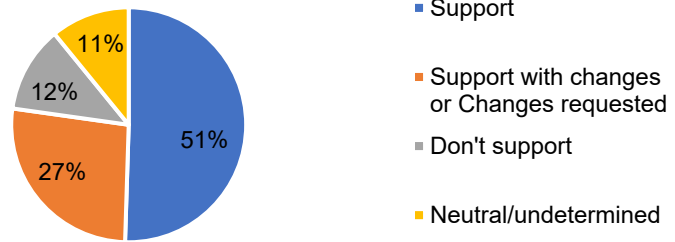
We clearly heard throughout the consultation that the park's various facilities should be multi-functional and available for community use. We also heard that we needed to promote awareness of the park's important state heritage listing.


1.1. Key outcomes




*Not every respondent made a comment in addition to answering the sentiment questions







Overall, do you support the draft Ivanhoe Park Plan of Management?



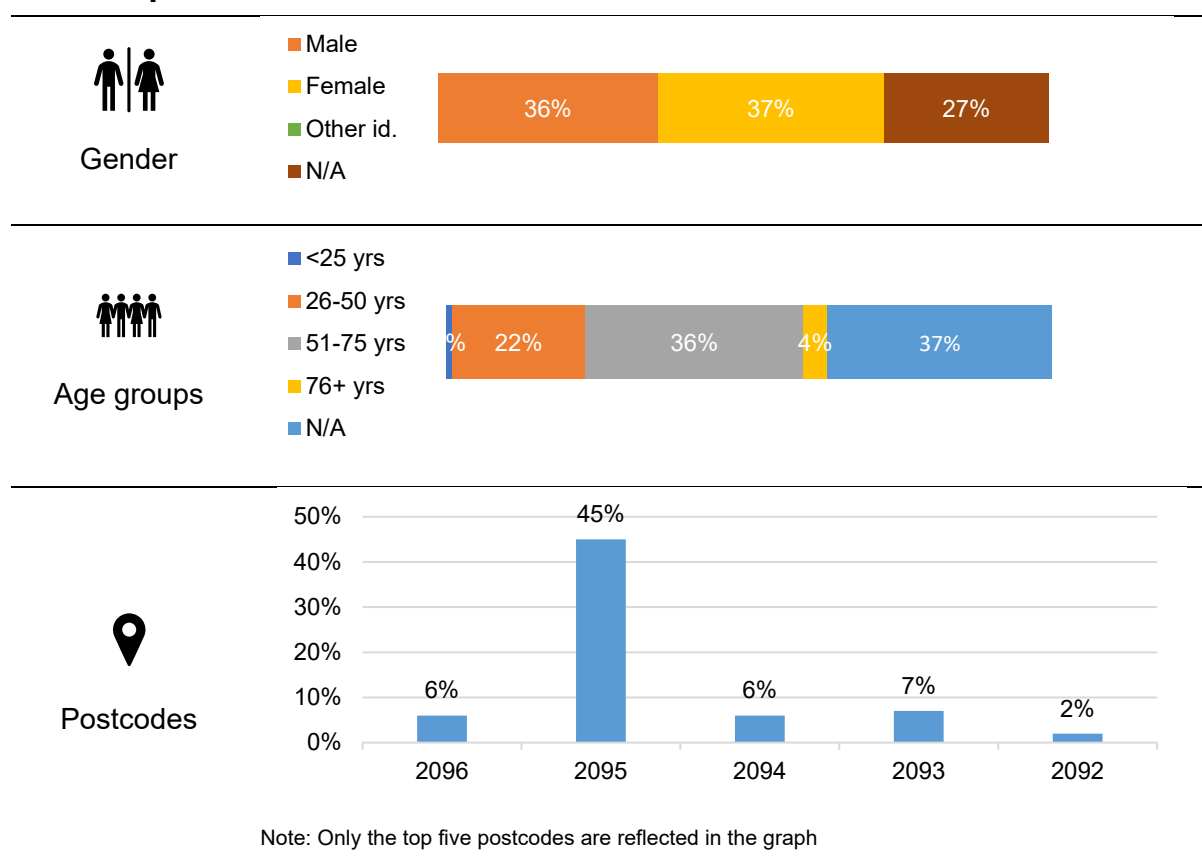
 Feedback themes	Heritage / Landscape character	Grandstand / Pavilion
	Accessibility	Community use
	Connectivity	Play
	Vegetation management /environment	Dogs
	Safety & Security	Public Amenities / Waste

1.2. How we engaged

 Have Your Say: visitation stats	Visitors: 3874	Visits: 4711	Av. time onsite: 1m17s
	1 Council Facebook post		Reach: 9443 Clicks: 486
 Social media	1 targeted Facebook ad		Reach: 12,500 Clicks: 601
	YAG Facebook groups		Reach: 78

 Videos	Flythrough video: 1	Views: 689
 Print media and collateral	Local resident mailout: Parts of 2095, 2094	Distribution: 3586
	Site signs used: Yes	Number of signs: eight
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 3 editions	Distribution: 20,000 subscribers
	Council (weekly) e-News: 3 editions	Distribution: 150,000 subscribers
	Disability Newsletter: 1 edition	Distribution: 1286 subscribers
	Stakeholder emails:	
	1 email to people who completed the community survey in stage 1 and requested a project update	Distribution: 154
 Online Teams sessions	1 email to the design working group	Distribution: 18
	1 email to local resident groups	
 Online Teams sessions	Design Working Group meeting: 1	Attendance: 13
	Online (teams) information session: 1	Attendance: 13
 Key stakeholder engagement	Meetings and presentation:	
	1 presentation at the meeting of the Friends of Ivanhoe Park	Attendance: 5
	1 presentation at the meeting of the Manly Community Forum prior to the start of the public exhibition	Attendance: approximately 20
	1 presentation at the meeting of the Greater Manly Residents Forum prior to the start of the public exhibition	Attendance: approximately 14

1.3. Who responded¹



2. Background

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 (CMP), a revised Plan of Management (PoM) 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 Conservation Management Plan, NBRS to prepare the landscape masterplan and architectural concepts, and Parkland Planners to prepare the Plan of Management.

The project's impact level one Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan was devised on a two-stage stage approach:

- Stage 1: Initial consultation to understand individual and group values/perceptions, concerns, aspirations and desires for Ivanhoe Park as well as specific requirements for existing users.
- Stage 2: Public consultation of the draft planning documents to understand level of support and suggestions from the community.

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

A design working group, made up of stakeholder group representatives and local community members, was convened at the start of the project. The group has been assisting us throughout the various phases of the project to establish a shared vision for the park and review documentation. The proposed vision for Ivanhoe Park was:

Ivanhoe Park will be a welcoming gateway and destination for community enjoyment celebrating heritage, environment, sport and recreation. A well maintained place of sanctuary, reflection and learning, close to the heart of Manly.

Stage one community and stakeholder engagement took place from November 2020 to March 2021 and consisted of design working group meetings, an online community survey, targeted interviews and site inspections with key users of the site. The feedback informed the preparation of the planning documents which were then publicly exhibited during the second stage of community and stakeholder engagement.

3. Engagement objectives

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

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Ivanhoe Park (including Manly Oval) Masterplan and Plan of Management was conducted over a six-week period, from 6 August 2021 to 19 September 2021, 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, local resident and stakeholder notifications, social media and our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels.

A project page² was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. The project page included graphics, maps, plans and a video 'flythrough' to provide a snapshot of the context and key proposals. The full reports produced by the consultancies working on the project were also included on the project page, should people want to delve into the detail.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the draft landscape masterplan, Plan of Management and proposed designs for the pavilion and grandstand.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

² <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ivanhoe-park>

Email and written submissions were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided should anyone have an enquiry during the consultation period.

We also held an online information session on Thursday, 2 September 2021 to provide community members with an opportunity to hear from the project team and ask questions.

We asked a uniform set of questions of participants in all activities. Results provide responses across a spectrum of demographics, expertise, experience and understanding of our local government area.

4.1. Reaching diverse audiences

A thorough stakeholder mapping exercise was completed to identify and understand the needs of the whole community. It was determined for this project that it was particularly important to hear from young people and more vulnerable groups such as people with disability and people who are experiencing homelessness.

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 to reach a diverse audience. We included information about the consultation in our Disability Newsletter and posted about it on Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) Facebook groups. We also utilised engagement data from previous Open Space and Recreation Strategy consultation activities, including YAG sessions and a workshop with representatives of the disability sector.

5. Findings

Stage two consultation, and the diverse perspectives heard, reaffirmed the need to continue with a balanced approach moving forward into the detailed design stage.

This consultation highlighted that Ivanhoe Park is a special place for many people in the local community. Feedback reaffirmed what we heard during stage one consultation regarding what people like most about the park. The park is valued for its natural beauty, tranquillity, vegetation, sporting facilities, heritage and multiple passive and active recreation uses. People consider Ivanhoe Park an important green and open space where they can engage in diverse activities including peaceful contemplation, play, exercise, walking your dog, and sport.

Many want a safer, more accessible, and better maintained park that keeps with the existing character. Improved connectivity with adjoining open space and Manly CBD was also important to the community.

We clearly heard throughout the consultation that the park's various facilities should be multi-functional and available for community use. Various references were made about this throughout the submissions, including about the central lawn space, the oval and the pavilion/clubhouse facilities.

Draft Plan of Management (POM)

Community feedback revealed a high level of local and historic knowledge and sense of public ownership and care of Ivanhoe Park.

There were not many comments relating specifically to the PoM, however, we heard that stronger referencing of the heritage aspects of the park and Conservation Management Plan (CMP) guidelines within the PoM would reinforce the park's heritage significance and promote awareness of its important state heritage listing.

Draft landscape masterplan

Overall, there was general support for the draft landscape masterplan with people commenting positively on the proposals striking the balance between upgrading the park and respecting its heritage and what they love about it. Some of the feedback included:

“looks fantastic”

“the masterplan respects the current park yet enhances its utility”

“excellent and well thought through”

“congratulations on the development of a master plan (assumed to be a 5 to 10 year plan) for such a unique and important part of the Manly/Northern Beaches region. I hope that my suggestions are reviewed from a long term perspective and that council takes account of the need for a suitable capital and maintenance budget to satisfy the expected changing demands of population and demographics on the northern beaches.”

There was a lot of support for the proposed grandstand and pavilion with many people commenting positively on the overall design aesthetic and how it complements the landscape character. Comments also confirmed the much-needed upgrade of the sporting facilities to meet future demands and first grade level of service, including the provision of suitable facilities for female athletes.

“The draft Ivanhoe Park Pavilion and Grandstand and associated landscaping would certainly bring the space to life and provide much needed amenity for the community in terms of public recreation space in addition to rugby and cricket clubs in their respective seasons.”

Where people did not support the architectural proposals for the grandstand and pavilion, concerns included about cost, heritage design aesthetic and over-development.

We also received a lot of good suggestions pertaining to the draft masterplan proposals. These related to accessibility, waste, play elements, vegetation, signage and heritage interpretation. Since the masterplan is a higher-level document, these suggestions have been captured for further consideration in the detailed design phase of the project.

While there was general support from the community, some felt that the park should be left alone and did not support any changes. Reasons for this included that the park is “fine as is” or that the money was best spent elsewhere.

The review of stage two community feedback has led to some changes being made to both the draft masterplan and PoM. In some instances, masterplan actions have been added or removed. We have also clarified other masterplan actions by modifying the language or adding some detail.

Further changes to the draft masterplan have been made based on feedback received from GML Heritage.

Table 1 below outlines support for the proposals.

Table 2 details the issues raised in relation to the landscape masterplan and our responses.

Specific concerns and suggestions about the grandstand and pavilion proposal are identified and responded to in Table 3.

Table 1: Support for the proposals:

Theme	What we heard
Support for the draft landscape masterplan and Plan of Management	<p>It is important to invest in this important open space.</p> <p>The proposals strike the balance between upgrading the park and respecting its heritage and what the local community love about it.</p> <p>The improvements will enhance the safety and functionality of the park in general (including Manly Oval), while maintaining its heritage features.</p> <p>These plans provide an opportunity to promote the important heritage status, history, and landscape character of the park.</p> <p>The upgrade will revitalise the park and bring it into the 21st century.</p>
Support for the proposed architectural designs for the grandstand and pavilion	<p>The upgrade of the sporting facilities is much needed and will help meet future demand.</p> <p>The upgrade will make the facilities more inclusive and more attractive to diverse sporting teams.</p> <p>The designs will allow for better accessibility.</p> <p>The contemporary design aesthetic is sympathetic to and compliments the landscape character.</p>

Table 2: Concerns and suggestions - landscape masterplan

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Support for the Masterplan and Plan of Management	Support for the draft Plan of Management and Masterplan	Noted
Heritage /landscape character	Attach the Park's State Heritage Listing plaque to Merrett gate park entry, and ensure it acknowledges the community contribution led by SMOA.	<p>Council agrees. It is proposed that the wording of the plaque should read:</p> <p>"This plaque commemorates the listing of Ivanhoe Park, including Manly Oval, on the NSW State Heritage Register on 19 August 2019 following years of work by the Save Manly Oval Alliance, on behalf of the Manly community. This area is of significant cultural and environmental heritage, which will now be protected forevermore."</p>

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	Further embed referencing of the park's Heritage significance in the documents to raise public awareness of these values. Provide opportunities throughout the park to learn more about its heritage.	The Plan of Management has been updated to reinforce the heritage status of the Park.
	The proposed paths will carve up passive open space and are not in keeping with the landscape character of the park.	The additional path responds to the community's desire for better accessibility and will provide equitable access throughout the Park.
	The proposed amphitheatre will be a hard-paved area and not in keeping with the landscape character.	The proposed amphitheatre will be constructed of grass terraces retained by sandstone retaining walls and will be sympathetic to the landscape character of the Park. It will replace the childcare centre and provide additional usable open space.
Accessibility	<p>We need to make sure that there are accessible path connections throughout the park and to all park facilities.</p> <p>Paths are too steep between the upper old tramway route and down to the Central Lawn Area and this limits accessibility.</p> <p>Maintain accessible car spaces adjacent to memorial gate entry to the gardens.</p> <p>Incorporate accessible amenities in design of grandstand and pavilion.</p>	<p>The Masterplan outlines additional features that will make the Park more accessible including a path to the top of the park that will be a much gentler gradient.</p> <p>They will be maintained</p> <p>Accessible toilets are included in proposed grandstand upgrade</p>
Connectivity	<p>The visual and physical connection of the park to Manly Town Centre and nearby open spaces, such as Gilbert Park, are not properly addressed in the landscape masterplan.</p> <p>Include bike parking in the carpark to encourage active travel to the site.</p>	<p>Council is taking a coordinated approach to the Manly Place Plan and the need to connect the town centre to Ivanhoe Park has been identified as a priority.</p> <p>Bike parking will be included through the detailed design process.</p>
Vegetation management /Environment	While improved lighting for safety in the Park is necessary, care must also be taken to ensure this is appropriately directed to minimize impacts on wildlife using the area.	The proposed vegetation management aim is to reinforce the Park's status as a regional botanical garden by minimising monocultures and introducing the endemic and Victorian

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	<p>Thinning out the canopy or removing too much vegetation will impact the 'secret garden' feel of the park,</p> <p>Ensure the sensory gardens are accessible and include native plants.</p>	<p>plantings recommended in the Conservation Management Plan.</p> <p>Replacement plantings will be selected to improve safety.</p> <p>Sensory gardens will be accessible and include native plants.</p>
Community use	Concern that the proposed amphitheatre will be a formal space that brings in unwanted crowds to the garden area and discourages informal community use. Open space amphitheatre needs to have a feeling of connection to country and be used for meetings of Elders and community.	The amphitheatre is responding to community desire for additional open space, the amphitheatre itself will be constructed of grass terraces retained by sandstone.
	Continue to provide access to the oval for informal sport and recreation, even after formal sport clubs restart using the field once restrictions are lifted.	When not in use by formal sport or being maintained the Oval is always available to the public. Council will make available on our website the times when training is scheduled.
	Promote awareness of Ivanhoe Park and its various offerings. This includes a schedule of when community members can use the oval.	Council will promote the Park.
	Allow community members access to the club/meetings rooms and sports facilities within the pavilion.	Council's policy is to make its facilities as multiuse as possible. Brookvale Oval's club rooms are a good example of how Council has achieved this.
Play	The new playground should be designed in keeping with the natural environment, with nature-play and sensory elements.	The playground will be designed to be sympathetic to the landscape.
	Provide diverse opportunities to engage children of all ages.	Agreed
	Incorporate elements of discovery and exploration throughout the park to provide different play and educational experiences to children of all ages, outside of the playground.	The Plan of Management identifies the need to engage people of all ages in the heritage, natural and cultural, of the park.
	Provide a more challenging 'adventure' play area near the scout hall, with a climbing wall, ropes and	An adventure style park and/or the suggested facilities are not

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	logs. For older children, consider a bike track, basketball facility, skate facility, rope swings, a flying fox.	consistent with the State Heritage Listing.
Safety & Security	Incorporate CCTV in the park to provide better security.	The advice from NSW Police is that CCTV does not deter crime in situations like Ivanhoe Park. Council is proposing to improve safety through selected removal of some vegetation and the installation of lighting along the main path.
	The park entry at Park Avenue needs an upgrade to improve visibility and pedestrian safety.	The draft masterplan proposes to make the Park Avenue entry safer.
	Consider a gate at the Sydney Road entry to ensure kids and dogs do not run out on the road.	A new gate in this location is not supported by the Conservation Management Plan.
	Provide a formal safe crossing in front of the St Andrews Church and improved entry stair access to the car park.	The Traffic Networks Team is constantly monitoring pedestrian and vehicle safety in Manly and will implement road safety measures as required.
Dogs	<p>Continue allowing people to walk their dog in the park.</p> <p>Consider more off-leash dog areas within the park.</p> <p>Consider a gate at the Sydney Road entry to ensure dogs in the nearby off-leash area do not run on the road.</p> <p>Make Ivanhoe Park a dog free park to avoid safety issues such as a dog jumping on an elderly person and causing a fall.</p>	<p>No changes are proposed to the current management of dogs at Ivanhoe Park.</p> <p>A new gate in this location is not supported by the Conservation Management Plan.</p> <p>Will be considered as part of the Dog Management Policy review.</p>
Public Amenities & Waste	We need to provide waste facilities throughout the park, without impacting the visual amenity.	Bins will be placed at appropriate locations throughout the Park as the masterplan is implemented.
	The proposed accessible toilets are too far away from the Central Lawn Area.	An accessible public toilet will be included in the Central Lawn Area.
Other	Concern that the BBQ facilities in the Central Lawn Area will attract anti-social behaviour, impact negatively	The BBQ facilities will be removed from the masterplan.

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	on flora and fauna and cause maintenance issues.	
	Move the picket fence on the eastern boundary out so they are in front of the new high net posts, recently installed by the Council to deal with cricket balls landing on the tennis courts.	Moving the white picket fence will make Manly Oval too small for first class cricket games such as Women's Big Bash League to be played and is therefore not supported.
	Banners currently attached to the fencing are ugly and unsightly.	The banners provide important advertising opportunities for sporting groups and Council will work with them to limit their proliferation.
	Other sporting groups should be allowed to use the sporting facilities. For example, Manly Oval should be used for rugby union.	Any sporting group can use Manly Oval but need to apply for a booking or allocation and their application will be assessed on a case by case basis.
	There should be facilities for pickleball.	Unfortunately, hard courts are not compatible with the Conservation Management Plan.

Table 3: Concerns and suggestions - grandstand and pavilion

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Support for the proposed grandstand	Support for the proposed grandstand	Noted
Accessibility	Provide an adult sized change bench and hoist system in the main accessible amenities within the grandstand building.	An adult sized change bench will be included in detailed design of the grandstand.
Over-development /heritage	The existing building appears to be in reasonable condition, and we do not need a new building.	The current building does not meet the needs of the existing users and does not comply with modern standards for accessibility, food preparation areas or grandstand safety.
	Can we just improve the existing building rather than build a new structure?	The cost to retrofit the existing building to meet these needs, if that were even possible, would likely be the same cost as constructing a new building and

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		would likely take a longer period to construct.
	Minimise the visual impact of the proposed grandstand/pavilion structures to ensure it does not impact the landscape character.	The design of the building has been deliberate to move the bulk of the building from the middle of the park to the edge of the park to improve visual access to the Park.
	Incorporate more greenery to soften the amount of concrete.	Green roofs and terraces are proposed to soften the building and sandstone facing is proposed for some walls to minimise the visual impact.
	The design is overdeveloped and not in keeping with the heritage style of the park.	The advice from Council's heritage consultants is that mimicking a heritage style in the new building is not good practice. The design should contrast and be sympathetic to the natural landscape character of the park rather than be a feature in itself.
	The proposed grandstand and pavilion structure appear excessive in scale.	The proposed grandstand is approximately the same exposed bulk as the existing building but the redesign makes much more effective use of space by shifting the bulk of the structure to the road edge and opening up the visual connection to the Botanic Gardens.
Cost	<p>The upgrade is too expensive and not worth it. The money is best spent elsewhere.</p> <p>Sporting groups should fund this upgrade, not the rate payers.</p>	<p>To upgrade the grandstand Council will rely on State and Federal Governments grants to fund its construction.</p> <p>There is no expectation that sporting groups fund the works.</p>
Functionality	There is not sufficient parking if the new facilities attract more people.	It is not anticipated that the new design will attract more people rather that it provides first class facilities for those who currently use. The current structure is inadequate for current users.
	The grandstand is too open to the elements and will not provide enough shade or rain protection.	The reorientation of the Clubrooms and their placement at the top of the grandstand has

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		been done in part to provide a buffer against the prevailing southerly in winter.
	The upper-level seating in the grandstand will not have a clear sight of the oval.	The line of sight from the upper level has been designed to provide optimal viewing.
	Ensure the scoreboard is visible and legible.	The scoreboard will be visible and legible from the grandstand.
	The roof design is not in keeping with the rest of the grandstand excellent design and is not functional.	The roof design will be reviewed during the next stage of design development.
Sport guidelines	The design of the indoor cricket facilities needs to comply with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines.	Council will ensure the guidelines will be used to inform the detailed design.
	Ventilation of the cricket nets and change rooms needs to be environmentally sustainable.	Ventilation and lighting of the cricket nets will be addressed in detailed design.
Other issues /suggestions	The new grandstand should bare the Tony Miller name.	The grandstand has already been named after Tony Miller. Council is currently restoring the bust and plaque to reinstall.

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Part A: Online submissions

Number ³	Comment
1	Overall, I think the masterplan respects the current park yet enhances it's utility, Congratulations. My only concern it that there seems to be no reference to upgrading the entrance to the park from Park Avenue, apart from painting the fence. The entrance is used extensively and is unkept, dirty and extremely unattractive. The whole verge area around the entrance is exposed dirt, and the large red dog waste bin is not only an eyesore but smells. This whole entrance experience detracts from the Ivanhoe Park experience. It would be good if this entrance area is addressed with attention to the exposed dirt areas and a more discreet dog waste bin (maybe on the inside of the park entrance). Thank-you for your consideration. I have included photos for your reference.
2	<p>The area is generally not accessible for prams, wheelchairs, or for elderly people with walkers. Paths are narrow and there are many steps. Park bench seating is limited, and there are no obvious picnic areas.</p> <p>The playground needs to be updated</p> <p>The fragrant garden needs to be reinstated along the lines of its original concept. (accessible place for people with limited sight). This area should be tended by Council staff with pride and be a central attraction in the centre of the park.</p> <p>Similarly the plantings around the memorial site. They are very poorly maintained. Trimming is limited care for such a place.</p> <p>All the self seeded palm trees should be removed to allow the canopies of the pine and other trees to be highlighted.</p> <p>Some of the tree canopies need trimming and garden beds in the top NE corner need thinning.</p>
3	Delighted to see focus on restoring playground area - it feels a bit eerie currently and installing new facilities and toilets.
4	<p>It would be great to incorporate a cycle route that enters at Merrett Gates and circles along existing path to exit at Raglan Street where cyclists can cross to Kangaroo Lane (already cycle adapted) Approach to Merrett Gates could include a cycle path along the western edge of Gilbert Park - the road is very wide, has little traffic, except buses terminating and it is shaded.</p> <p>The idea of the amphitheatre looks good, although the view of the bowling club is not in itself very inspiring. Will it be framed by trees? It is unclear how many trees will be removed here. The natural watercourse could be an attractive feature but will need good storm water drainage, otherwise the amphitheatre and lawn will be water logged. Consider the regular flooding from rainwater draining down the hill on Sydney road.</p> <p>Hopefully some areas of the park will be left undeveloped for children to play on rocks and in gullies, rather than limited play equipment like swings etc.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
5	There looks to be a lot of grass and concrete but not actually much to do in this large area for kids or adults. A lot of families in manly live in unit blocks without backyards so their kids

*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.

³ Some people only answered the sentiment question in the online submission form and did not provide further comments.

	don't have access to simple things like a backyard basketball hoop, small skate ramp, trampoline, a bit of flat concrete space for handball etc. Could you try to get some equipment in the park like an outdoor gym, some basketball hoops, handball courts, volleyball net poles, table tennis table, small skateboarding area. These don't occupied that much space but make a world of difference for kids growing up without backyards.
6	Wonderful to see this area updated. Design is sympathetic to area. Also very keen to see the area used for many different community events.
7	Grandstand design uses too much concrete, looks ugly, too "blocky" being out of keeping with the feel of open green space.
8	leave the actual park alone, make changes in the oval but not the park, over the years so many plants have been taken out, any changes may also diminish the wildlife habitat you already have enough dogs in Manly, which is already encroaching on wild life so the addition of boardwalks etc is only encouraging more foot traffic I would prefer you fix up between Sydney Road and Tower Road, it is atrocious
9	Please leave it the way it is. It is a rare gem amongst the constant roll of unnecessary development. If you have to much money, go and fix up the local roads. They are a disgrace. Do not touch the park.
10	LEAVE IT ALONE!!!! It is perfect as it is and NO ONE WANTS IT CHANGED!!!! Let's hope you listen to the community for once!
11	A heritage design similar to North Sydney Oval is what is required to truly enhance the entry into Manly from Sydney rd & do justice to the unique positioning & history of the park in Manly. Replacing an ugly flying saucer with another ugly more modern flying saucer is not good design & decision making. The heritage design should also include meeting / function rooms for community groups & meetings. This should not be budget driven, the grandstand should define the heritage and history of Manly and be a entry statement that we can all be proud of.
12	The Manly Oval facilities for athletes, spectators and visitors are greatly in need of upgrade. This development is badly needed to provide suitable faculties for our users, particularly female athletes who will be having increased use of the site.
13	The grandstand at Ivanhoe Park is fine as it is. The use of this is only fully utilised a couple times a year when rugby is on and all through Summer it is never full during Cricket. The grandstand is perfectly good and could do with a refresh but not sure you need to pull the whole thing down. Also the playground is regularly utilised and should remain. I think council should fix pavements and toilets on the beachfront instead of spending millions uselessly of our increased rate. money on something that does not need that level of investment. For a council that is constantly telling us to reuse and recycle I find it incredulous that NBC are coming up with a multi million plan for this area. Perhaps our rate rise was not needed at all !!
14	These improved development plans will benefit numerous current & Future patrons & visitors to the Northern Beaches with sport & recreation facilities
15	Leave the area alone. It is fine just as it is
16	Why would you throw our money at something that is not broken. Unbelievable! Fix the roads and the pavements, sort out the flooding in Manly, Malvern Ave is horrendous with the slightest downpour, take out the garbage on a weekly basis, that's your job. You Raise the rates then spend it on something only a few in the community would enjoy, wake up, have you not seen the lack of patrons in the stand at the cricket. Once in a blue moon you fill the stand for the Marlins but that's once in a blue moon. What are you people

	<p>on ?</p> <p>Leave it alone . Jean Hay also tried to push through her silly agenda at the oval which failed, now you are all turning into her again. Sad !</p>
17	<p>Firstly, congratulations on the overall design for the redeveloped Ivanhoe Park. A couple of additional changes I would like considered:</p> <p>More space between the oval and the Manly Lawn Tennis Club - one of Australia's oldest tennis clubs having been established in 1883 (around same time as Ivanhoe Park) - and a very popular and well frequented sporting facility. There is a real opportunity here to provide better access and amenity to the courts by creating a corridor along the boundary so that tennis players can walk between courts without disturbing play as they do currently and to create opportunities for spectators to enjoy watching games and the annual popular Manly Seaside tennis tournament, which has been one by a who's who of tennis greats - Rosewall, Goolagong, Laver, Sedgman.</p> <p>Another major improvement of the amenities of the Park would be to include an all-purpose basketball court - Mosman has recently done this at Balmoral Oval and it has proven really popular with families and young people. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
18	<p>As a volunteer with the Manly Rugby Club I hope the new facilities in the grandstand include a commercial kitchen. It would really help to provide a much needed variety of hot food choices in winter rather than just a BBQ (which has been the case for the past 40 years !)</p>
19	<p>The grandstand and pavilion is too overdeveloped and not in keeping with the heritage style of the park.</p>
20	<p>We've already lost \$6.75 million to a car park that won't be built, and now we still want to pay \$16 million more for some hedge trimming and other cosmetic work that should be part of routine maintenance? Doesn't seem like good value for the money.</p>
21	<p>We don't need an amphitheatre</p>
22	<p>We live behind the park on Birkley road. Our whole family including our four legged child, enjoy this park. The design doesn't accommodate our dogs. What are you doing for dogs?</p>
23	<p>My comments are as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Firstly the pavilion and grandstand, I suggest the roof should cover not just the lower grandstand seating but also the upper. 2) Entrances (1) and or (2) need to be set up to allow vehicle access from Sydney Rd, especially for an ambulance. 3) It is impossible to tell from the masterplan but in any case I suggest the 1.8m high palisade fence not extend any further up Sydney Rd than the westernmost extension of the grandstand. On the Raglan St side, it should not extend further up than the current entrance to the carpark. The existing fencing should remain, continuing to provide open views into the garden from the footpaths on both sides of the park. 4) An important change which is absolutely required is that the relatively new scoreboard be replaced by one that can be read from the grandstand. The characters are far too small! <p>Central Lawn Area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It is essential that there be toilets, including for the disabled, in this area. The distance from the Central Lawn Area to the planned toilets in the grandstand is too great to allow comfortable extended enjoyment of the open space. 2) If the planned access from the carpark between the Mounties Clubhouse and the caretaker's cottage is not made available, a new route should be built to allow less mobile people to access the Central Lawn Area from the carpark. 3) A way needs to be developed to allow ready movement between the northern and southern boundaries of the upper park. Current access is across a deep gully below the scout hall. <p>This is totally unsuitable for people with restricted mobility.</p>

24	<p>I have enjoyed Ivanhoe Park from childhood to adulthood (now 70). As a child I, and my children after me, loved the secret areas to be discovered around the closely planted waterways. The rocky area below the North West entry offered natural areas to climb and imagine. The running water channels made it current and unpredictable, visit after a storm or see how it fares during drought. This is a park of discovery, hidden not manicured. The overall plan looks good, the only issue I have is the over-engineering of some areas, the desire to exert control. The tramway, though fun, imposes on the rustic feel of the park, the Amphitheatre would become a white elephant (remember the one in the Corso). I like the water way feature where the streams converge, a fascinating area to adults and children. The sensory embankment is a nice idea; practicality may make it something else. The current sensory garden is not tended regularly enough to flourish and offer a valuable experience. If built on a slope accessibility is drastically reduced - I believe the original idea had people with disabilities in mind. With the high level of vandalism the park sustains, a slope offers a variety of challenges to drinking youths.</p> <p>For me I love the waterways being featured, an expansion of the sensory garden perhaps in the place where it is. Pathways remaining rustic, not overly widened and white concreted. Plantings of diverse trees to enhance the Botanical Park. For the park to maintain its dignity, not become a junked hard surfaced picnic play area, like everywhere else ie Clontarf, Little Manly Park, the ocean front.</p> <p>Enhance the unpredictability of the park. I remember reading that Adelaide's botanical gardens are greatly admired because you don't know what's coming next; look how great Wendy's garden is with its discovery areas. What a great opportunity to offer our residents an original enchanting meeting with nature.</p>
25	<p>I'm doing mine about things that have been left off. Applicable to the whole of Ivanhoe Park -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Access thru the park to remove all garden rubbish and left trash as well as to take in Soil etc • In answer to ongoing Vandalism improved lighting and • Scheduled Security checks at night by contracted security guards especially during holiday periods and major sporting events • Use of monitored security Wi-Fi cameras tactically placed • Allowance at a later time to fence off the perimeter of the whole of Ivanhoe park
26	<p>Ivanhoe Park could be a true local treasure and I fully support the increased amenity and access proposed. I would add the nature play area is an opportunity to create an adventure play area for older children such as those found in other LGAs, as well as younger children.</p>
27	<p>Yes, I support the plan, as long as there is still a botanical garden & an off leash dog area</p>
28	<p>I am happy with the plan</p>
29	<p>I currently love the dog off leash area, however I would really like the gates at all entrances to this part of the park to be spring loaded so they always close to prevent ant accidental pups finding their way onto the road should a scrub turkey excite them too much.</p> <p>I'd also like to see better lighting in this park for night time strolls.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
30	<p>I use the Ivanhoe Botanical gardens 5-7 times a week as I love the aspect and tranquility. I'm constantly being invaded by dogs off leashes running up to me and licking me with a "sorry" from the owner if I'm lucky. Aged people have huge consequences from falling. I avoid my past favorite walks along the the ocean front and Fairlight walk as they are dangerous for me with dogs running under foot (both on and off leads) I chose Ivanhoe Park believing it would be safer.</p> <p>Could it be made a dog free park as I don't know of a safe place to walk. I highly recommend and plead that it is made dog free. There are so many other places for dogs to walk and no safe places for the elderly. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

31	<p>I think it's very exciting to make Ivanho park more accessible. It does need more paths and ramps for people with disabilities and prams. The amphitheater is a great idea. I think toilets , baby change facilities and access to clean water is also very important. I think the toilets in the pavilion are too far away.</p> <p>More picnic tables are a good idea. I think easy access bbq's that work well are also great. It's such a beautiful park and very underused.</p> <p>Thankyou</p>
32	<p>as long-standing Manly ratepayer, unreservedly endorse FIPBG recommendations detailed in attachment—especially those to do with inadequate disabled access and removing barbeques</p>
33	<p>In my view the whole plan has to bear in mind the stated Vision: "Ivanhoe Park will be a welcoming destination for community enjoyment, celebrating its unique heritage, environment, sport and recreation...". I will leave the major heritage issues to the submissions of Judy Lambert who is much more expert and knowledgeable than I on heritage issues and I support her views which should be considered and borne in mind by the planners.</p> <p>I live opposite Ivanhoe Park in Sydney Road and I was the President of the Save Manly Oval Alliance (SMOA) which made the successful application for heritage listing of the Park and responsible for the vast evidence in support of that application.</p> <p>My submission relates to the following.</p> <p>1. Central lawn area.</p> <p>I have no major comment other than that I am not sure about the need for b.b.q facilities in the area marked 5. This area should be for general community use but I would not like to see it as a site for night-time entertainment similar to the problems on the East Esplanade site now.</p> <p>2. Raglan Street entry.</p> <p>The works for the proposals are certainly needed as the present facilities are seriously lacking.</p> <p>3. Sydney Road entry.</p> <p>As with the Raglan Street entry the proposed work is much needed. The existing boarded up ticket office is an eye saw but I do not see from the plans how entry to the Oval area will be controlled on days of sporting events requiring controlled entry.</p> <p>I would like to see more detail of the plaque recognising the Heritage Listing resulting from SMOA's application with its wording and installation. The current proposal appears to have it on a stone upright just inside the Merrett Gates. I think it would be preferable to have it attached on one of the uprights holding the Merrett Gates signage.</p> <p>4. Pavilion Area.</p> <p>The proposed plan is a major change to the existing grandstand and pavilion/function room area. I understand that if the work proposed is carried out there would be a cost of not less than \$20m for which there is no current funding and the demolition/construction period would make the use of the existing facilities unusable for a lengthy period of time and seriously restrict the use of the Oval . As a result I am not in favour of the proposed changes.</p> <p>The proposal calls for demolition of the existing grandstand and pavilion/function area</p>

	<p>effectively constructing a new grandstand to the north in front of the existing pavilion/function area close to the existing walkway leading to the garden area of the Park and with a new pavilion/function area structure at the Sydney Road end of the existing grandstand. The new area would be at the corner of the existing rugby pitch boundary looking diagonally across to the scoreboard giving poor spectator viewing of rugby games on the Oval from the function centre which I assume would contain the same facilities for rugby club spectators as exist in the existing function area above the changing rooms.</p> <p>As a result, in my opinion the existing grandstand should not be moved but the existing pavilion/function area/changing rooms etc be demolished and replaced by a new building advancing to the base of the area which they currently occupy, that is down to the existing path surrounding the playing area.</p> <p>In respect to the roof covering of the existing grandstand, this should be replaced by a covering giving adequate protection to spectators in wet and rainy weather. If the proposed changes to the grandstand take place, the roof covering area as indicated in the draft plans are inadequate covering for spectators and should be changed. The existing roof covering of the grandstand and that proposed for a new grandstand hardly correspond to any idea of retention of heritage for the Park.</p> <p>As to the proposed changes to the pavilion/function area, I fail to see the need for indoor cricket practice nets. I understand such exterior net facilities were built at Graham Reserve by the previous Manly Council when its car park plans were in train. Do we really need indoor practice net facilities?</p> <p>The changing room facilities in any new building must provide equally for male AND female use.</p> <p>In summary, I am not in favour of the proposed changes to the grandstand and pavilion area.</p>
34	I like the natural amphitheater, and keeping lots of its natural beauty
35	There is opportunity here to allow for annual music and community events. This could be scheduled through the park plan of management
36	<p>The best thing currently about the park is the gardens behind it - they are a little oasis from the hustle and bustle. The pathway above the pavilion in the new plan will open these right up. I think there should be a row of medium sized trees planted on the top side of the path at the top of the pavilion to keep the gardens "enclosed" as a peaceful place, while not fully fencing them off from the pavilion all together like the current fence does.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if there was a summary statement that outlines the proposed changes for the garden section - i.e. is it remaining untouched except for the inclusion of the path advice the pavilion? Will there be further changes in that section? If there will be material changes, please include them in the flyby.</p> <p>The pavilion changes, and the changes to the fencing all look good.</p>
37	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>I am a regular visitor to the Ivanhoe park. Me, my partner, our 3 year old daughter and our dog live close by and visit the park on a regular basis.</p> <p>I am curious to why you have decided that a amphitheater is the main new piece in the park area? What are you intending people to do with it? Other than sitting on it. It's a typical</p>

	<p>feature in a park, but rarely used. Curious to hear if you have any case study of a park where a amphitheater is the most popular place for people in a park. Most likely it will only be used as seats, and there are more space efficient ways to build seats to a park area.</p> <p>I wish you would consider a more interactive way for people and family to enjoy the park.</p> <p>I would love to see a proper natural playground. One that is not a part of the bbq area. I love the cast studies of natural playground ideas you have in the report. I hope these are being taken as serious consideration.</p> <p>I have attached some example of great natural playgrounds. An additional to the playground, making use of the whole park with pathos and experiences would be lovely. Stoney ranges is a good example of how you can with extremely small means make the whole park more interactive with paths and sensory experiences. I would assume we can do better.</p> <p>I would also love for you to consider a small skate bowl, skate ramp or mini skatepark in the park. It is a cheap and easy to maintain attribute and will in encouraging kids and families to activity and a active lifestyle.</p> <p>Another consideration is to keep the Ivanhoe daycare and renovate to a garden cafe. This is a bigger consideration that might not be possible. It is a shame that it is getting knocked down and not considered for better used (especially when being replaced by a amphitheater) A garden cafe and a clear out for gardening, it would be perfect for a food entrepreneur. (for example our local entrepreneur Tom from Berkelo)</p> <p>Pambula skate park is an example of a bigger park but we'll considered. To fit your park plan, this would have to be significantly smaller, but wanted to share a example of a well regarded skate park according to Skatmaps. Worth having a look if you are considering a skate ramp or mini park. https://skatmaps.com/pambula-skatepark/</p> <p>Attached is a photo and below is link to a great example of park skate ramp that are greatly loved in a Swedish park in the city of Malmo called Folkets park (the people's park) https://vimeo.com/439892824</p> <p>Appreciate your time to read, understand and consider my ideas a suggestions.</p>
38	<p>Please really consider having a "CHANGING PLACES" accessible bathroom in this public facility. This means a changing space with an adult sized change bench and hoist system.</p> <p>Standard disability bathrooms DO NOT work for anyone using a wheelchair who is not ambulant, unable to transfer from a wheelchair to a toilet, or cannot sit on a toilet at all.</p> <p>I do not want to change my 14 year old daughter who has cerebral palsy on a public bathroom floor ever again. It is completely unacceptable in this day and age. It is discriminatory and goes against and OH&S requirements to try and lift her from the floor to her wheelchair, let alone being completely humiliating and unhygienic trying to change her on a bathroom floor.</p> <p>All community projects and upgrades on the northern beaches should have an appropriate changing place as standard in design. https://changingplaces.org.au/</p> <p>Please review the Changing Places website for design advice - or chat to Lane Cove council</p>

	<p>as they have installed them in their community spaces upgrades.</p> <p>It is simply NOT OK to not have an appropriate and decent changing pace for anyone with a disability. Channel the Paralympics and be inclusive of EVERYONE who lives on or visits the northern beaches.</p>
39	<p>The Christmas carols in the park are a very important in supporting community spirit and integration-I believe that it is essential to continue this tradition.</p> <p>The natural areas of the park are a treasure to be protected.</p>
40	Please create an accessible community garden within the grounds.
41	<p>Pavilion and grandstand look great and I'm very supportive of improved access from Sydney road. Have you thought of additional grandstand seating on the raglan st side - often people sit there anyway so something using the natural topography but more formal set into the bank would be great. In terms of the park, as an avid user with children please take into consideration the natural landscape. A formal improved playground is great but the beauty of this park is its natural environment- consider rope swings from a tree, a flying fox away from the formal playground but positioned somewhere else aimed at older kids and maybe a cubby/tree house area hidden and a water play feature near the stream. Kids use the whole park not just a play ground for fun. This area is also frequented by homeless people - don't leave them out. Please make provisions - could the stand area double as a safe shelter for night time? Even providing lockers so they can store bedding etc. Also the lighting is terrible in this park - please increase to make it a safe place to walk through at night - lots to teenagers hang out - they are pretty harmless but good lighting will make it better and less intimidating - maybe also consider how teenagers use parks - there are limited places for teenagers to hang out in manly so again consider making an area for them...something with good natural surveillance but where they can have a sense of ownership ie bit the kiddies playground but a small skateboard park or even a youth club attached to the scout hall...!</p>
42	<p>While this area definitely needs a refresh as well as being made more accessible, I'm a little concerned that the plan makes the whole area look a little bit too "manufactured" rather than retaining sufficient natural area. I commend the Council for their efforts but please make sure there is sufficient soft, green and natural elements retained. The western part of the site which was previously referred to as Botanic Gardens was so natural and relaxed. Please try to retain as much of this feel as possible.</p>
43	<p>I attended the virtual meeting held early Sept. I suggested that the plan catered for the needs of the cricket and rugby clubs. While covid restrictions shut down formal club activities, I mentioned the high usage of the oval by family groups, informal collections of kids playing soccer, kicking rugby/aussie rules footballs, runners, personal training etc. I indicated that the absence of club activities encouraged residents to use the oval. Council officials mentioned that there was a popular misconception that the oval was not available for passive recreation outside of formal training hours of the Clubs concerned. Officials mentioned that they would consider increasing messaging to counter this misconception. My suggestion is as follows - please erect signage to indicate those times of the week that the clubs have reserved the oval. This could be supplemented by maintaining a schedule on the web, similar to what the Manly Boy Charlton Pool uses to indicate lane availability. There will be times when clubbies will want access to the oval to engage in extra training. It is hard for residents to know whether access privileges extend to cover these times. Thank you</p>
44	I would prefer some of the historical features of the grandstand included.
45	The current roof of the grand stand is designed for winter and summer sport. Keeps the sun off in summer and in, in winter.
46	<p>Part of the appeal of Ivanhoe park is the somewhat retro aspect of the current grandstand. My opinion is that it could use refurbishment but I would prefer that the current character is</p>

	<p>maintained.</p> <p>The clubhouse is in need of improvement but again I would support it if the design was in keeping with the original character.</p> <p>Overall the pavillion and grandstand design aesthetics will become dated and a similar appearance to other similar refurbishments found around Sydney.</p> <p>If the park area was to become almost a botanic garden I would be delighted.</p>
47	<p>The draft Ivanhoe Park Pavilion and Grandstand and associated landscaping would certainly bring the space to life and provide much needed amenity for the community in terms of public recreation space in addition to rugby and cricket clubs in their respective seasons. Find it hard to see how we could improve on the plans, soft lines, natural fibres/elements, plenty of light and access. looks a winner !!</p>
48	<p>Will be great to have the area refreshed keeping the important heritage aspects. The Botanic garden area would benefit from the tidy up, keeping the older established (safe) trees but undergrowth areas revamped. Keeping in mind drainage, mobility and access, lighting upgrade, adventure/education/discovery for all ages (art, sculptures) and passive recreation (seating, water features, shade), hide (improve) the Scout Hall external aspects. Opened views would be nice to Oval/Manly etc. Amphitheatre to be a focal point, community use, theatre/concerts. Good to have community awareness of the area improved. The Oval/Grandstand area. Maintain the village green/picket fencing feel. Like the rearranged Clubhouse/stand/toilet config with concourse access. I wonder if the canopy is large enough/the correct shape to be useful for preventing sun/rain hitting those seated. Also the 2nd tier - is there direct sight to the oval? Overall I look forward to upgrading. Would be good if it was a destination for locals and visitors (but no too many!) ps I found the Zoom information session interesting, thanks.</p>
49	<p>In general this looks to be an excellent and well thought through park/precinct upgrade plan. We believe it essential to have the upgraded granite paving extend up both sides of Sydney Road to the corner entrance of the park on the park side of the road and up to James street on the harbour side of the road. This would complete the precinct more holistically and provide much needed and long overdue footpath and curb upgrades, elevating current slip and trip hazards. The pedestrian hand-railing to the park side of Sydney Road would also benefit from Upgrading (possibly even just painting) but this does also pose a safety risk in its current condition and configuration. The plan does not also currently show provision of litter bins which are also much needed throughout the precinct and at appropriate locations along the length of Sydney Road itself.</p>
50	<p>As long as there's no added environmental strains, and all existing trees and plants are kept, I support the Master plan and Plan of Management.</p>
51	<p>Very disappointed that there is no longer a small children's playground. The present playground is very well used and loved by local families and has been for at least 40 years. Great pity to not have a small playground for local kids many of who live in small units near Ivanhoe park.</p>
52	<p>A very impressive design - that is of a community scale and not excessive. Love the green roof and the creation of a more integrated green family space near the scout hall.</p>
53	<p>I am pleased that a broad plan is being developed for Ivanhoe Park which is including the local stakeholders. I think it is most important to maintain and enhance the gardens, as despite our proximity to the beaches we actually do not have much green parkspace in Manly. However, while I agree that the plantings in the garden need to be improved and increased, I would strongly like to see ONLY natives being planted, using best practice ecological methods. The Gardens should be so nice that they deserve a feature on</p>

	Gardening Australia! A thriving Botanic Garden could be an important educational resource for local schools. I am also pleased about any enhancement of the Aboriginal heritage which could also be instrumental in the potential educational value. I do not support any expansion of commercial interests within the Botanic Gardens. Commercial activity should be connected to the Oval only. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important place in Manly!
54	Ivanhoe park is currently a widely used off leash dog area. This needs to remain as it is one of the few safe parks in Manly. LM Graham is not suitable for small dogs and puppies.
55	<p>As a resident living in close proximity to Manly Oval for my entire 55 years, I would like to raise a couple of points that are mainly consistent with comments raise by others as part of the earlier submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ivanhoe Park: consider the addition of toddler/child friendly playground/amenities to help promote the park as a more family friendly recreational use; <p>Manly Oval - allow broader community access to book and hire the oval (as is the case with say Brookvale Oval and Cromer Park) when availability exists. As a local resident (Manly, Fairlight and now Manly Vale) for over 55 years I am aware of other sports and codes having access to book Manly Oval when it is free and available - eg NSW Police Rugby League have booked the field during my earlier years and I am aware that football (soccer) use to play matches frequently mid last century.</p> <p>Other sports/codes/communities should be able to access the Oval as and when the field is available so long as their usage doesn't conflict with the existing winter and summer sports tenants.</p>
56	The more public outdoor spaces the better.
57	<p>One of the best features of the current Park is enjoying the dense, leafy nature of the plant beds as one walks along the paths, and the tree canopy that offers a shady haven on the hottest day. Please use the best arborists to advise on retaining and expanding this canopy. Lighting could be improved near the entrances to Raglan St.</p> <p>Linking Gilbert and Ivanhoe Parks with a zebra crossing is a good idea.</p>
58	i feel that there needs to be more consideration for children and facilities for them to play and explore throughout the park and especially i think they need more playground installations e.g. child fort, climbing frames, swings, seesaws and things like hopping stones or balance beams. It would be wonderful if they were dotted around the park so that you can more through it and enjoy the space/greenery as you explore and hop from one area to another.
59	<p>A few comments.</p> <p>Looks good.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dogs can currently run off lead in the upper/mid sections. Will this still be the case? It should be. 2. There is often broken glass from hooligans/vandals in front of the grandstand. Suggest monitoring to stop/clean. 3. Some weekends the football stops people walking from 10 to 1 and 8, just as a accessway. I was once turned around on a hot day with my 90+ year old grandmother. Freedom of movement should be allowed. They need to be stopped from doing this. <p>Thanks!</p>
60	<p>Do we need children's areas EVERYWHERE IN MANLY?</p> <p>There are ample playgrounds.</p> <p>Can this area be more adult focused? Can it just be an area without BBQ where we can relax, take our dogs and watch sports?</p>

61	<p>Pavilion / Grandstand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Didn't like the look of high rises in the background silhouette - should face further east so it doesn't get westerly sun - toilets BOTH sides of oval - less congestion and more hygienic NOT having people crowding each other - bowling club a beaut location for locals - scrubs outside perimeter are pretty nice sad ∴ might have missed it - but what is happening to Pre school- gossip said there is to be a cafe ?
62	The roof of the grandstand doesn't look like it would cover all the grandstand to protect the seats from sun or rain
63	I believe that there should be no construction or development of any kind permitted in the park or its environs. It's a wonderful place just exactly as it is, with a wonderful atmosphere. Changing it, even if any one idea has its pro/cons, will just contribute to making the place more sterile in feel. Please, just leave it alone, exactly as it is. Or, better still, make it like it was in the Victorian era - even including having the old tram line running past the edge of the park on its way to the Spit.
64	Great to see some investment and a plan to keep and improve this open space.
65	<p>Thanks for your work.</p> <p>I support the plan, particularly the new work for the pavilion and grandstand, which is badly needed.</p> <p>The central lawn amphitheatre also looks great.</p> <p>Can the plaque which commemorates State Heritage Listing please acknowledge the huge community contribution, led by Save Manly Oval Alliance, to achieving this goal.</p>
66	<p>I do not agree with the plan to have BBQ's in the play area. The Botanic Garden is not large enough for large groups to gather but should be designed for picnicking with several areas with limited tables and seating. Rubbish removal is a big problem.</p> <p>BBQ facilities should be next to the pavilion</p> <p>Is the access from Sydney Rd outside the oval area so it can be used by locals to access the garden when there are games on the oval</p>
67	I love that access to the oval and grandstand is being prioritised.
68	<p>I think it is a shame that the child centre is being demolished. The park is wonderful area for children and the amphitheatre seems a good idea but I do not think it will be well utilised, the amphitheatre in the Corso was great and a shame it went.</p> <p>It would be nice to have a few small semi flat area around the park with a few table/benches for use as picnic tables and also to sit a work with a laptop. I use the rock faces at the moment but few tables would be magic. The table in the tramway is well used. Otherwise well done</p>
69	Giving people a fresh air place to meet and exercise plus preserving the Ivanovo park features design looks good to me
70	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I think Tower Hill Reserve and Gilbert Park should also be included in improvement initiative both are in far worse condition than Ivanhoe Park</p>
71	<p>As a long term once in a generation opportunity, I believe NBC needs to be more ambitious for this critical community asset. In particular, I suggest that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the existing grandstand and player/member facilities be located in to a well designed and integrated space beside the bowling club to establish the sporting facilities for the precinct (bowling club, cricket, rugby club and tennis club). This sloping site will allow improvements such as; better viewing aspect to the oval/pitch(sun/shading, views of Manly CBD, south facing), an integration of car parking and back of house deliveries (below the grandstand), bar/club facilities, player facilities, storage and visitor facilities, school athletic carnivals etc

	<p>which are close to other council community facilities on Raglan st (community centre, day care, local schools etc) . Additionally this will ensure the effective use of an under utilised land area within the precinct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the space/land vacated by the relocation of the existing grandstand (north facing) and changing rooms to be enhanced to provide more community picnic areas, recreational areas and green space, landscaping and tree planting. This enables more north facing aspects to the community areas as well as being a more visible destination at the gateway entrance to Manly CBD . - extend the current entrance at the sydney road end to incorporate the past croquet area as part of the precinct. This is another highly under utilised land area which could be re-used as a shaded picnic area or for the either the easy movement, improved security and entrance of larger crowds to the oval/pitch during large events. It would also enable the existing entrance gates/memorial gateway to be moved to provide a more defined and prominent entrance/front door to the precinct. - demolish the poorly designed, ugly and under utilised (from a community perspective) scout hall. Re-locate scout members to a more functional and cost effective council facility (shared utilities, low maintenance etc) outside of this precinct and re- landscape this area. This building dominates this part of the precinct and its removal will provide greater safety for children (too many non visible spaces). This removal will open up this space for better sun light and integration with the rest of the precinct (sun dial, war memorial, kids play ground) and views of Manly oval and Manly more generally. - approve the demolition of the care taker cottage and landscape the area. This facility provides no benefit and its removal will allow improved access and visibility from raglan street. <p>In conclusion, congratulations on the development of a master plan (assumed to be a 5 to 10 year plan) for such a unique and important part of the Manly/Northern Beaches region. I hope that my suggestions are reviewed from a long term perspective and that council takes account of the need for a suitable capital and maintenance budget to satisfy the expected changing demands of population and demographics on the northern beaches.</p>
72	<p>Reading through the very clear substantial Master Plan , I think you have done a superb presentation, with sensitivity to surrounds, history and particularly to our beautiful park . I'm sure it will be enjoyed by many more people in the future .</p>
73	<p>Love the proposals. Can't wait for the works to be completed</p>
74	<p>I think the consideration to improving the use and access to the park is great. We use the park to walk to Manly - upgraded footpaths will be welcome and hopefully that means the lighting too - some of which don't work. Park Ave access point is only to be painted at this stage. WE suggest doing a wall like the other entrance areas and somehow hiding the bin which is a complete eyesore as you enter the park - maybe even storing in something different ie timber slatted bins or something. Needs to retain access for garbage truck which empties it daily.</p>
75	<p>Great to improve the area, both Oval and Gardens, to encourage visitors. Good to consider traffic flow, access for all types of mobility, foot, wheel chair users etc. Can the development of the tennis courts be incorporated for a smooth vision of the sporting area?</p>
76	<p>The granstand does look like a lot of concrete - a littele more green would be good. Not entirely sure about the amphitheatre - its hard to identify exactly where it is. Will it have shade in summer - or will it be too shaded in winter. Buts a good idea. I think more could be done with existing buildings - the halls at the back. Any form of improved parking would be good but without sacrificing the botantical aspect of the park. Parking has always been a problem and really we probably dont want to encourage too many cars so its a lesser concern.</p>

77	Scout hall must have accessible access included in the masterplan. Thanks.
78	Please add a bin closer to playground and some nice sunshade protection
79	Looks like a money spinner for sports use and confuses park with oval. Keep it local and keep it open to residents. Enhance facilities for dog exercising.
80	is there a plan to make the park wheelchair accessible?
81	Please confirm disability access has been included in all walking paths within the park. The park must ensure it is for use by everyone. Wheel chair and pram access is a basic requirement. Currently the park is not accessible by wheelchairs or prams and must be rectified.
82	It looks terrific, thank you Northern Beaches Council, it is great upgrade to old amenities and revitalisation of the Ivanhoe Park and the whole area. It brings an important part of Manly into the 21st century.
83	I really like the central lawn area, the better connections to Sydney Rd (far exceeded expectations), I like the connections between the sporting area and the garden area. I'm not sure how waste and especially garbage bins are accommodated, I may not have found the right place in the documentation that deals with this but the current central location of a large number on garbage bins is unsightly and needs resolution. Selfishly as I live on the northern side of the park I am disappointed with access from Raglan St. The upgrade to the entrance at the very eastern end is good but I would have loved an entrance further west. Better connection to the tramway area and then onto Raglan St would have been great. A second 'traverse' of the park, even if winding and indirect would have made the park feel more like a part of the community.
84	1) Fence around upper lawn between Scout hall and bowling club (adjacent to Raglan street) and include new picnic tables. This would make a safe space for kids and family outdoor events. 2) Add a cafe/Japanese tea house concession next to the central lawn area 3) Agree should upgrade the drainage area to make it a nature walk with bridges crossing water
85	I think the overall concept is fantastic and well needed. I am a bit disappointed that there will be such a heavy reliance on mechanical ventilation of the cricket nets and change rooms. surely room minor modifications could make this a bit more environmentally friendly or else incorporate massive arrays solar panels on the roofs. Also there is a major opportunity missed to incorporate some parking under the Pavillion for users of the facility. Currently, players and volunteers have to park illegally and risk fines in time limited spaces that they are unable to move their car due to the duration of matches. We are not allowed to park in Bowling club spaces which appears to be reduced from 53 to about 30. Cricketers in particular can not be expected to use public transport from all over Sydney with their large kits and need parking at the ground. Would only need about 20 spots and could easily incorporate into a basement level. Everyone I speak to loves Manly Oval and will tell you the number one problem is parking and this proposal actually makes it worse. Other than that. I think it is great.
86	I live along Park Ave at the end of the cul de sac and bear witness to the variety of park users. I have 1 suggestion and 1 concern. My suggestion. On the Masterplan map, the area marked 18a and 17b - can I ask that planners consider installing a single outdoor basketball ring and associated 6m2 concrete play zone? A very popular activity. Unobtrusive location, tucked in the side, surrounded by trees. If not, then consider inserting an outdoor gym given the number of private training groups who use the park (and whose presence seem to be missing in the report) and for general battlers like myself. My concern: the length of Park Ave

	and the old tramline have long been used by residents as dog runs, more often than not, with their dogs unleashed. I do not have a dog and have NO problem with this activity. Dogs are sentient creatures and just love this activity. I hope that the park upgrades - and the increased ranger activity that will follow - will not deter dog walkers from continuing to enjoy the park as they have in the past.
87	<p>I would be saddened to see the thinning of canopies and also the removal of vegetation. I know rocks are important but it is a nice thing to see so many plants.</p> <p>I would like to see a removal of all the broken glass in the lawn and dirt, especially after weekends. My dog has cut her foot open in Ivanhoe park. She loves it there, as do many dogs and their owners, but the danger is ever-present. Removal of beer cans and takeaway rubbish and plastic bags after each weekend would also be appreciated, though this is only superficial I suppose and not a danger.</p> <p>There is also an open drain pipe near the scout hall on the slope that is sometimes covered with a rock, but often not and I fear it could cause an accident to an animal or human.</p>
88	The park looks great as does the restoration of gates etc. However I fail to understand why the council would invest in a cricket pavilion when there are seldom more than 10 spectators for cricket. Occasionally (maybe twice per year) there will be 50 spectators, although many are immediate family. Why not look at increasing its usage as a rugby union ground and utilise the links Manly has to the city via the harbour. This would be a boon for local business with Manly becoming a premier destination for Saturday Rugby union matches. And maybe to host finals. The venue could also host inclusive events such as a summer sevens tournament etc. Remembering that rugby union has an affluent demographic and Manly is developing into a food destination I imagine an initiative such as this would only serve to boost many aspects of life in Manly. This could include restaurant patronage and the corresponding retail outlets. I would give the Manly businesses a new revenue stream in the winter months. I believe a far bolder plan is needed for the sporting section of the park and one that could be far more environmentally considerate with less concrete in the pavilion and improving the tennis facilities whilst building a stand. Far more thought needs to go into the park taking into account Manlys changing demographic.
89	<p>I recommend the tennis courts become multi use courts and be marked for pickleball. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in Australia with almost 200 local players & another 500 in nsw.</p> <p>Pickleball NSW is in the process of compiling a brochure for council to Include all benefits of pickleball</p> <p>There are no outdoor marked courts in this area. The closest being Avalon & then Putney & epping</p> <p>We need more outdoor pickleball facilities. This sport has so many benefits not just for aging but for all ages.</p>
90	We use the tennis club. Any trees or hedging between the courts and Sydney road is very needed. The trees that are there do a wonderful job and a hedge would be great too. Thank you.
91	COVID has had a massive impact on people's work and home lives. As you know hundreds of local residents now own puppy's. We need to take these new needs into consideration and create more 'off leash' areas for all these new 'four legged residents.
92	This is a great addition to Manly while keeping and enhancing the surrounding green spaces and sporting complex.
93	Where is the underground carpark? I've stopped going to Manly because of the lack of parking.

	Oh - I forgot. That's the first thing the amalgamated council cancelled - and paid the developers millions in compensation for nothing.
94	The nature playground could be extended to include more equipment to make it a sought after area for kids and parents to gather and use at the moment it appears to take up a minimal footprint. Also has there been any consideration about bike tracks?
95	Can you please find out what happened to the original metal gates from the Sydney Rd Sandstone gate entrance. I understood the sandstone structure and gates were designated as a war memorial.
96	1. Current grandstand is named after Manly rugby and local legend, Tony Miller. Why doesn't the new grandstand bear his name? 2. Proposed grandstand is too open to the elements.
97	looks fantastic.
98	<p>The footpath on belgrave street lacks the gradient appropriate for accessibility standards - it slopes to the gutter and the egress is too sharp. in addition is is incredibly slippery for anyone elderly or less mobile. eg outside Manly Council Chambers and the courthouse.</p> <p>Please ensure the accesibility standards are met and more common sense is met in terms of how older people, or those wearing flat soled leather shoes can be confident of a flat pedestrian path and firm non slip footing. Currently the footpath is inadequate as the gradient is too steep on the western foothpath outside the tennis courts. Wheelchairs and accessible vehicles struggle to use this.</p> <p>The landscape planning on Belgrave loos wonderful and will increase the amenity of the area. Will side court entry to the tennis courts be maintained?</p> <p>This plan looks a fantastic improvement to the amentities. Really excited to see it taking shape.</p>
99	From someone whom uses the playground daily with two children I beg you to keep a playground available for the children. The plan didn't layout what the play area would look like but we love the slide and ropes. We wish we could have some swings. One thing that is noticeable in manly is the only other "safe" playground is queenscliff for young children. This playground is safer than most because it's off the main enough and has place to run. Please consider a space for younger children and older children combined
100	1. Scout hall. Orange sludge flows from underneath it when it rains!! Absolutely needs resolving. Building needs more than a minor facelift, awful place. 2. There needs to be disability/stroller access from Park Avenue/Upper Sydney road. Just one path through the park to the oval that does not involve steps would be good. I've seen people having to turn around or be carried down steps. 3. Please don't make the playground boring. Sydney is notorious for making playgrounds that look good but are really dull for kids with nothing to do.
101	<p>My impression is that many of these changes look to be very expensive with not much tangible benefit. The installation in a new location of a kiosk is particularly hard to justify, greater access is one thing but this looks like over reach of the worst kind.</p> <p>Plus why no increase in shade provision? Shade in the grandstand is inadequate on any sunny day for 3/4 of the year. I would rather money was devoted to that instead of new terraced plantings which will just be expensive to maintain.</p>
102	There was a beautiful sensory garden in Ivanhoe Park that has been neglected and left to go wild. It was such a lovely thing to discover in the park and for people of all abilities. This really needs to be restored and included in the plans.

103	Stop spending so much money on things that are not needed. The park is unique and special. Leave it alone. It's accessible as it is.
104	Please don't waste money on the pavilion and grandstand! They are perfectly fine as is. Spend the money on improving and cleaning the play equipment that is falling to bits and installing more garbage bins, and re building the scout hall. My family uses the play equipment and off leash dog park daily. Grandstands are predominately for weekends and should be funded by the sports clubs (ie. rugby and cricket clubs) that directly benefit from them, not the rate paying families who use the other facilities. Not sure why our public park access is closed off for ticketed sports matches? Thank you.
105	needs better roofing on pavilion to cover all seating / sun protection policies and procedures. open space amphitheater needs to have a feeling of connection to country kai k May / Gai / Maragal is our area name and it should be called a yarn up meeting place . This place can be used for meetings of Elders and community . yarn ups are a open space for mental health work and healing of the community. This will bring people together in families , men , women and children including school children , preschool . sensory garden needs updating with native medication plants and bush tucker .
106	<p>IVANHOE PARK DRAFT MASTERPLAN</p> <p>Ivanhoe Park is good as it is. Minor improvements can be made, but the Park does not require major transformation or intervention. The Park provides a sanctuary to enjoy the cool, shady environment with many trees, plants and rock outcrops.</p> <p>The Masterplan includes numerous proposals for the Park. These include various improvements, but also actions that have the potential to change the Park.</p> <p>Adverse changes to the Park could result from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased hard surfaces • Multiple paths traversing open space • Too many visitors; influx from crowds in Sports Area • Intrusions into garden enclosures • Large groups and associated noise • Removal of trees and vegetation <p>Etc.</p> <p>DRAFT MASTERPLAN</p> <p>The Park provides an oasis of shade trees, rock outcrops and a hanging garden of plants.</p> <p>11. "Renovation of care takers cottage with a new deck for cafe use and improved public access through lawn bowls." I support this initiative, providing it has a low impact on the Park.</p> <p>12. "New nature and sensory playground utilising embankment." Retain the embankment in its natural state as a landscape feature. Playground could be located elsewhere.</p> <p>13. "Childcare building replaced with central lawn and sandstone tiered amphitheatre." Retain or enhance the sensory gardens and trees in this vicinity. Canopy trees with diverse vegetation would be more appropriate in this gully location next to a waterway.</p>

	<p>17b. "Underprune and selectively remove understorey vegetation to open views to bowling green and Manly Oval." The vegetation provides interest and enclosure of the garden space.</p> <p>18a. "New ramped entry from Raglan Street incorporate a covered shelter." This new entry would be intrusive within this garden space. It is not necessary as there is an existing entry to the west.</p> <p>23. "Re-alignment of path with new sandstone seating terraces integrated into sloped lawn area." The sloped lawn area is attractive as open space and new sandstone seating terraces may not improve this area.</p> <p>RAGLAN STREET ENTRANCE</p> <p>1. "Removal of existing turnstile booth." Retain existing turnstile booth. The turnstile entrance can still be used for ticketed events. The booth is a roof covered gateway that provides some shelter in wet weather. Also has historical interest as a pedestrian entry and feature of the Park.</p> <p>2. "New 1.8m palisade fencing installed along Raglan Street." I support the removal of the dilapidated wooden fence, but not the brick wall. The Masterplan proposes a new 1.8m palisade fencing installed along Raglan Street. An alternative is a wire mesh fence, the same as that located further north along Raglan Street. This fencing also provides support for climbing plants.</p> <p>5. On Raglan and Belgrave Street corner: The Masterplan proposes new signage with associated low hedge planting at 1.0M high. Retain landscaped area with mature tree, grass and understorey (low hedge planting?) vegetation.</p> <p>6. "Removal of existing Oleander shrubs. Hedge planting maintained at 1.8m high." On the northern boundary of the Park the existing Oleander shrubs are very tall and provide shade within the Park. If replaced, plant trees or tall hedges that also provide screening and shade.</p> <p>DETAIL DESIGN MOVES</p> <p>CENTRAL LAWN</p> <p>1. "Retaining existing trees and uplight." Agree.</p> <p>2. "Level lawn area."</p> <p>4. "New amphitheatre space with stage area."</p> <p>5. "New nature play area with picnic shelter and BBQ facilities integrating with embankment and rock cutting."</p> <p>COMMENT</p> <p>Retain the sensory gardens in this area, as they provide interest and variety. Also the natural rock outcrops and vegetation on the embankment.</p> <p>4. The amphitheatre with stage area and level lawn is not appropriate in this area. The Park is located within a gully, which in its natural state would have dense vegetation with many</p>
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	<p>trees. The amphitheatre will open up the area (apart from existing trees) and potentially change the microclimate. The oval and bowling greens have flat open spaces for sports. The Park has trees and shade in contrast – to provide a cool environment with sunny areas of lawn in between.</p> <p>5. Re BBQ and picnic shelter: A BBQ has the potential to attract larger birds, such as ravens. This has occurred in other locations, such as Manly Dam and James Meehan Reserve in Dee Why.</p> <p>The amphitheatre, BBQ and picnic area have the potential to attract larger groups of people. This would alienate this portion of the Park for other users. In addition, larger gatherings can be noisy and this would disturb the tranquillity of the Park.</p> <p>The embankment and rock cutting should remain as a natural feature with vegetation. I do not support the use of this embankment as a new nature play area, though a small part of it may be suitable. The embankment is a natural feature that encloses a garden space, as well providing a natural barrier in between garden spaces.</p> <p>These proposals are likely to change the character of the Park and encourage uses that are not compatible with the protection of the Park as a sanctuary for passive enjoyment.</p> <p>8. “Selectively clear <i>monstera</i> and other planting to expose rock outcrops.” Vegetation may provide habitat.</p> <p>10. “New level connection from amphitheatre space to caretakers cottage and bowling club”. I support this proposal, providing low impact on Park.</p> <p>12. “Tree removal to open views to bowling green from Park”. Selective removal, as the trees provide amenity.</p> <p>14. “New deck at lower level to wrap around building and provide access to existing ground to improve building use and amenity.” The use of the deck would need to be compatible with the surrounds.</p> <p>16. “Uplift and thin canopy of large trees to east of hall.” There is ample access for sunlight east of the hall, so why uplift and thin canopy of large trees?</p> <p>17. “Remove non-significant trees” I do not support the removal of non-significant trees. The trees provide habitat, variety, shade and visual amenity within the Park</p> <p>18. “New accessible paths in curved formation.” Avoid new paths that cut across and fragment open space that is suitable for passive recreation.</p> <p>19. Memorial to be shifted and enhanced with large paved surrounds and low stone walls to accommodate change in levels. The new location of the memorial and why it is to be shifted is not specified. The existing paved surrounds appear to provide ample space.</p> <p>The Park provides a sanctuary with a diversity of plants and a tranquil environment.</p>
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	<p>The oval and bowling greens have flat open spaces for sports. The Park has trees and shade in contrast – to provide a cool environment interspersed with open areas.</p> <p>Keep the narrow paths – the wide 2.5-3m paths would be inappropriate in this park, due to its limited area and topography.</p> <p>Re Scout Hall: Suitable for a climbing wall? Playground structure near scout hall? Natural materials such ropes and logs? Physical challenges for older children?</p> <p>THE PAVILION The existing grandstand and pavilion appear to be in reasonable condition. As functional buildings their demolition does not appear to be a priority.</p> <p>3. “New connection from grandstand to western side of the Park.” Avoid multiple paths traversing open space in western side of the Park.</p> <p>4. “Boardwalk connection from grandstand to existing path networks to minimise impacts on existing trees.” OK, but could fragment existing open space.</p> <p>6. “Green roof to new pavilion.” Green roof is a good idea. However, location of Pavilion is adjacent to Sydney Road and roof top area would be exposed to traffic noise.</p> <p>12. Grandstand roof – does not provide enough cover for rain or sun protection?</p> <p>13. Upper grandstand seating – walkway in front of upper grandstand seating would be a distraction and intermittently block views of the oval</p> <p>16. “Delineate historic boundary.” Retain fence and gate to limit informal access and protect the Park.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Masterplan for Ivanhoe Park.</p>
107	<p style="text-align: center;">FRIENDS OF IVANHOE PARK GARDEN (FIPBG)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMENTS ON THE MASTERPLAN RELATED TO THE BOTANIC GARDEN</p> <p>Central Lawn Area</p> <p>The Central Lawn Area, with amphitheatre, nature play space and picnic area will certainly encourage visitors to spend time there. Many groups will undoubtedly consist of families making use of the picnic facilities. There may also be entertainment located there at times making use of the small amphitheatre and stage to run concerts, etc.</p> <p>Given this will be a place to congregate, FIPBG proposes that the Central Lawn Area incorporate a building housing disabled access toilets, drinking water supply, hand wash and baby change facilities. There is sewerage located in the soon-to-be-demolished child learning centre. A sewerage connection is also available to the Scout Hall above the area so connecting new facilities to sewerage should not be too costly. The facilities must comply with current requirements for disabled access.</p> <p>FIPBG recommends that the facilities be incorporated into the area currently shown with barbeques and the barbeques removed.</p>

	<p>The reasons for these recommendations are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The closest facilities are currently housed in the Manly Oval Pavilion located off a walkway between the pavilion and the oval. These are between 150 and 200m away from the central lawn and can be reached via a series of concrete stairs. There is no access for disabled persons and no baby change facility. • Whilst Council plans are to demolish and rebuild the pavilion and grandstand with upgraded toilet facilities, this could be some years away. Even after the rebuild, the new facilities would be some distance from the Central Lawn Area. • With no facilities nearby, children in particular may resort to using the more leafy sections of the park as a crisis toilet, resulting in possible damage to the garden. • Until the new grandstand is built, disabled persons have no access to any toilet facility in Ivanhoe Park. Even after the grandstand is built, toilet facilities will be too far away to be readily accessed by disabled persons. • Should the area be used for entertainment and large groups congregate for any length of time, readily accessible facilities are an absolute must have. Handwashing is vital, especially to avoid Covid transmission but also to ensure hand cleanliness whilst people are handling food at picnics. • Barbeque facilities will require more frequent and more specialised maintenance than toilets. The hot plates need to be cleaned routinely. As well, having barbeque facilities will probably result in more rubbish, including fats and meat which could attract various scavenging animals. <p>FIPBG also recommends that the area incorporate a number of picnic tables and seats to further encourage picnicking.</p> <p>FIPBG recommends that Council revisit earlier plans which involved incorporating a water feature into the area. Currently the stream originating in the south western corner of the park is shown to end above the level lawn area and described as <i>#6 Naturalisation of Drainage Channel</i> (to be considered). FIPBG believes that a water feature would add materially to the aesthetics of the Central Lawn Area. It would also attract various bird species into the park which would complement the attractiveness of the nature play space.</p> <p>Access path #9</p> <p>The path is shown as originating in the car park behind the Bowling Club, running between the clubhouse and the Caretakers Cottage before turning west below the Cottage and running to the Central Lawn Area. FIPBG strongly endorses this plan. The path should be compliant with current requirements for disabled access.</p> <p>Should this path not be constructed, a new disabled access path would need to be built along the general route of the current path from the parking area, (see <i>#11 – Renew existing stair connection</i>). This should be associated with several disabled access parking lots near the western end of the car park.</p> <p>FIPBG supports the rehabilitation of the Caretakers Cottage and its use for purposes associated with benefits for all users of the park.</p> <p>Access Path #18</p> <p>FIPBG is concerned that the gradient of this path may be too steep to allow disabled access between the upper old tramway route and the Central Lawn Area. This path should be compliant with current requirements for disabled access and must also be safe for children riding bikes and people pushing prams. The plans do not show there will be vehicle access down from the tramway area to the bottom of the grass slope below the Scout Hall. If not that</p>
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	<p>would make it easier to install a path at a reasonable gradient by zig zagging it back and forth across the slope.</p> <p>Paths in General</p> <p>FIPBG suggests that paths be widened to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allow easier movement by disabled persons including those in wheelchairs; • allow people using the paths to socially distance from others; • make walking safer for all by allowing clearance from bicycles which one occasionally encounters in the park. <p>FIPBG proposes the building of one or the other of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A large, level timber deck, extending eastwards from the pathway connection (#15) towards the Central Lawn Area. The deck would be underneath the uplifted and thinned upper tree canopy and cover the uneven ground proposed to be re-turfed. Its level would be approximately the same as that of the pathway on its western boundary (#15). It would require protective railings around all areas of any significant distance above ground. It would incorporate a hole to allow the Wollemi Pine to continue to grow. 2. A retaining wall to be built in a semi-circular shape to the east of the Scout Hall and extending above the stream to join the pathway near the existing bridge. The area to the west of the retaining wall to be filled with earth to create a level turfed area. This would require safety fencing to preclude the possibility of falls. <p>Regardless of which option was accepted, the deck or the raised area could be connected with the deck on the Scout Hall via a decking bridge. As well, steps could be incorporated to allow access from the turfed area or the deck into the gully below the Scout Hall and thence to join path #18.</p> <p>In both cases, picnic tables and seats would be provided to encourage visitors to picnic and linger in the park. Either structure would provide views to the east over the Central Lawn Area, the bowling green and into Manly CBD.</p> <p>Scout Hall and associated construction</p> <p>FIPBG endorses the construction of a timber deck shown as #14. However the plan does not disclose the presence of stairs originating from a door in the north eastern corner, eastern wall of the building and descending to ground level. The deck will need to be designed to allow access to these stairs.</p> <p>It is presumed that the deck will allow access at its northern end from the grass slope via a ramp and at its southern end via the concrete walkway at the entrance to the lower floor of the Scout Hall.</p> <p>Importantly, plans for the park should incorporate some means of easily crossing from the northern side to the southern side within the upper park. Currently the gully to the east of the Scout Hall represents a significant barrier, passable only by readily mobile persons. It is imperative that a crossing be built which will allow those with limited mobility to cross the gully. An extension of the deck (#14) across to the proposed deck over the uneven ground or to the proposed level turfed area would be one way of achieving this. Another would be an elevated boardwalk at higher level running from the old tramway level across the gully and exiting near the stream bridge.</p> <p>Other</p>
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	<p>FIPBG is concerned by the proposal that all future plantings should be native and endemic to the region. This does not fit with the history of the garden or its role as a Botanic Garden. FIPBG believes there needs to be more garden beds with flowering shrubs and annuals for all year round colour around the bowling green and in the lower areas of the garden and in some of the existing beds.</p> <p>The Pavilion Area and Sydney Road Entrance</p> <p>The plan currently indicates the entrance adjacent to the Sydney Road Bus Stop (#17) be upgraded. The existing steps descending to the park need to be demolished as they are severely cracked. The plan shows what appears to be either steps or a ramp descending into the park and intersecting with paths or ramps heading both west (#3) into the park and east (#4) towards the pavilion.</p> <p>FIPBG proposes there be a substantial platform at the base of the new steps or ramp where this intersects with paths (#3) and (#4). This platform would provide early views over the bowling green and into the park. It is not anticipated that any existing trees would be impacted.</p> <p>Path (#3) could be a boardwalk ramp for at least some of its distance as it progresses to the west into the park. Were it and the path initially descending from the bus stop (#17) be a ramp, this could possibly allow disabled access into the park.</p> <p>FIPBG also proposes that new disabled parking spaces be incorporated into the design of the new grandstand/pavilion to allow disabled persons to park and access the garden via the War Memorial Gates.</p>
108	<p>Overall Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NBRBS are to be congratulated on the restraint seen in their Master Plan. Ivanhoe Park is relatively compact and over development with buildings, excessive pathways, decks, and accessible zig-zag paths requiring retaining walls would risk destruction of what is most valuable about the park at present. I'm pleased the earlier bandstand proposal has been dropped. - The most valuable attributes of the park for me are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It provides individual spaces screened by vegetation which accommodate many different groups and activities; o The vegetation screening and filtered views give a perception that the park is much larger, provide acoustic separation, and create interest for the various meandering routes through the landscape. Descriptions might include: charming, secluded, forgotten about, private, quiet, cool under the tree canopy, magical, rain forest, sanctuary, reflection. These core qualities MUST be retained; o I support the current visual separation between the passive and active recreation activities in the park to the west of the bowling greens, and disagree entirely with the Masterplan proposals to provide more visual links between these; <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>damage that would be inflicted by their proposed path widening, ramps, decks & balustrades, and a possible high-level link adjacent the scout hall to the existing quality of the park. There would be little park left!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The redevelopment of the grandstand. My wife & I walk down to Manly through the park every day. I acknowledge that I do not participate much in events on the oval. However, I believe the redevelopment of the grandstand is unnecessary and a waste of ratepayers money. I always thought the project was about the park – being the Botanical Gardens. - Security Concerns. <p>I note in the Draft Ivanhoe Park Plan of Management report, Table 12, list Issues raised previously and how they are addressed in this plan. Security in the newly renovated park</p>

	<p>seems to be missing. Having personally reported wilful vandalism in the park last year (resulting in a spate of pushing over the tree ferns and ripping out the wollemi pine) it is clear security is required. CCTV would not seem too much to ask – particularly as Manly Police Station is only 400 metres down the road.</p> <p>- NBRIS Landscape Masterplan Report – Executive Summary – “for community use”. This report is clear that the objectives of the future use and development of the park hinge on “community use”. This should be front and centre to ensure that previously voiced proposals to add Ivanhoe Park to the Manly tourist trail are firmly rejected. It is a park for the locals and the community.</p> <p>Specific Comments on the Masterplan Reports Detailed landscape design features Central Lawn Area (NBRIS's refs)</p> <p>8. SELECTIVELY CLEAR MONSTERIA(sp) AND OTHER PLANTING TO EXPOSE ROCK OUTCROPS I disagree entirely with this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is NO monstera in this area of the park and it has already been considerably thinned. - Further thinning will make the views through the park increasingly bland, destroying the somewhat magical feeling of this pocket of rainforest looking down towards the creek; - Opening up access to the rock outcrops will expose them to over-use causing the intrusion of informal pathways leading to more degradation and damage; - [REDACTED] witnessed a lad of around 12 y/o last week on a BMX crashing through the undergrowth and riding down the heritage stone tiered garden beds. Exposing the rock outcrops would likely increase this type of intrusion; - Clearing the existing undergrowth provides further space for the intrusion of weeds requiring more maintenance. <p>12. TREE REMOVAL TO OPEN VIEWS TO BOWLING GREEN FROM PARK The trees between the park and the bowling green should be retained as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They screen the peaceful activities of the central lawn from the bowling green. In the Christmas season, the barefoot bowls is often raucous (not to mention the loud piped music from the club) and will be intrusive on the passive uses of the park and central lawn; - I am not convinced that the view from the central lawn across the bowling green(s) and bowlo is really that attractive. Far more pleasant to be within the parks green screening seclusion. <p>21. WILD FLOWER DISPLAY GARDEN BEDS FRAMING MAIN PATH Although possibly not signature trees, there is an existing group of 9x large trees that define the space destined to become the central lawn and the S/W corner of the bowling green. I would strongly suggest that the creation of the wild flower display garden is not at the expense of thesetrees – for all of the reasons outlined in 12. above.</p>
109	<p>Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to the Ivanhoe Park Strategic Plan. We wish to commend the general concept and thank stakeholders for the work they have done to get plans to the current stage. As a significant neighbour to the Park, with properties at 1 Kangaroo St, 56 Raglan St and the Church building at 54 Raglan St we have some minor suggestions for work on that Northern side of the park (primarily regarding item 8 of “The Masterplan”). Car Park We do understand that the existing carpark is problematic in a number of ways (requiring reconfiguring for safety and access). Since the early 80's we have had exclusive use of 4 parking spaces in this area. Whilst at times these spots have been difficult to access due to the limitations of the existing parking area, they have provided a much needed opportunity for church members and volunteers (Including some with limited mobility) to be able to park in reasonable proximity to our facilities for worship, to participate community groups, to assist with community service type activities and for a range of community building similar purposes. Manly Presbyterian church (St Andrews) is currently in a very significant stage of a multi year revitalisation and</p>

	<p>rejuvenation period and wish to strongly convey to the review team that the loss of these 4 parking spots may significantly threaten the long term viability of our church. We respectfully request that consideration of church parking requirements, similar to the existing arrangements, be included in the upgraded carpark. Pedestrian Access from Raglan St For many years we have felt that the area of road between the pedestrian steps from the carpark and the iconic St Andrew Presbyterian Church require further work to ensure pedestrian safety. We feel the large and increasing number of community services, preschools, general pedestrians, sports people, spectators and general park users warrant the installation of a formal and safe crossing of Raglan St. We feel that with proper planning that could be achieved on the more level ground in this area with a very minor rearrangement of the existing bus stop, wedding vehicle and general parking spaces. We strongly feel this would be a very welcome contribution to pedestrian safety in the area and should be added to the master plan.</p>
110	<p>On behalf of Manly Rugby Football Club (MRFC), I would like to firstly congratulate you and your team for all of the hard work that has gone into this Masterplan and Plan of Management. Clearly, this has been a very detailed and considered piece of work.</p> <p>MRFC, as a long-term tenant of Manly Oval, would like to confirm our unreserved support for the Masterplan and Plan of Management. MRFC has been a proud member of the Manly sporting fraternity for over 130 years and, whilst we love ManlyOval and Pavilion, it is due for a well-deserved refit. The Masterplan ticks a number of the boxes that we would like to see addressed, especially in relation to the Pavilion, such as separate change rooms for men and women, more functional bar and kiosk space, more covered seating, better storage facilities etc. The aesthetics are also very impressive, well considered, and far less obtrusive than the current structures. In one of the meetings that I attended there were discussions about the potential for, I believe, 3 underground cricket pitches to be included which could also be used in a rugby environment for pre-game warm up. Whilst this option came at significant extra cost, MRFC would be supportive of this subject to funding availability. Once again, congratulations to the team on this Masterplan and Plan of Management and for paving a way to return Manly Oval and Ivanhoe Park to a place of prominence in the Manly landscape for many decades to come.</p>
111	<p>Credentials</p> <p>I am a local resident who has lived in the area for 40 years and who uses the park daily. I am a retired landscape architect. I am a member of the Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden (FIPBG) but dissociate myself from their submission. I am writing this submission from the landscape design perspective and will only deal with the western gardens.</p> <p>Outline of this submission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exploration of landscape design elements that provide the essential character of the western gardens. 2. Item by item comments referring to the master plan and plan for the central lawn area using the master plan number system. 3. Other comments.

	<p>Landscape design character of the gardens</p> <p>The elements that make the park such a delight to be in, and which provide its essential character, are the series of well-defined spaces, the conceal and reveal experienced when walking from a densely planted and shaded area into an open and sunlit grassy sward, and the dramatic interplay of light and shade that these provide, made intriguingly complex by the changes in level. The gardens are a green and lush haven from the surrounding municipality. This is the most important factor to me, and amongst the thousands of words of all the studies and historical contexts and analyses, it is something that has been sadly overlooked. The elements of the master plan that seek to thin undergrowth and lift canopies to open up (unwanted) views through the gardens only serve to destroy this character. Another element that would do this is the over-construction of footpaths carving through the grassy 'rooms'.</p> <p>Item by item comments on the master plan</p> <p>(7) They may not be fashionable, but the oleanders along Raglan Street are wonderful when they're in flower and help to visually contain the Oval space. Could the crowns be lifted?</p> <p>(13) The master plan and 'Detail Design Plan' show that the central lawn and amphitheatre has tiered sandstone and grass steps. How will this work, as the area is virtually flat? The plan proposes a stage space but on the detail plan there is an existing tree to be retained in the middle! Grass and sandstone steps are wonderful but require a slope and a fairly high level of maintenance.</p> <p>(15), (8 on the detail plan) I like the proposals for the drainage channel and, like the FIPBG, would like to see more made of a water feature. I am very against clearing the rock of any more vegetation. A few years ago, clearing was carried out here which allowed sunlight in and subsequently weed growth, and left some significant plants vulnerable to vandalism. The undergrowth here should be increased, not diminished, to maintain the contrast between light and dark, conceal and reveal. The rock shelves are already clearly visible.</p> <p>(16) There are some very large trees in this area which drop a lot of debris which may impact an accessible boardwalk. (It would have been helpful to have had a survey drawing of what's existing to compare with the master plan.) There is also a substantial level change between the area under the trees and the Park Ave entrance. There is an existing lawn terrace just east of the central Park Ave entrance which is much used by people sitting in the sun. This lawn area is not shown on the master plan.</p> <p>(17b)(18b) Please do not remove understorey in this area. Why do we want views of the municipal parts of the park i.e. the bowling green and oval and buildings beyond? The landscape architects seem obsessed with making Ivanhoe Park like all the other boring parks in every other suburb. The very fact that you can't see through the trees is what gives the place its unique character and charm.</p> <p>(21) Palisade fencing is shown either side of the Oval. Palisade fencing (the one with the spiky top) should run all the way up Sydney Road and Raglan Street. The chain link fence is unsightly and doesn't reflect the money and care going into this precious park.</p> <p>(25) To lift the tree canopies here to allow views is a nonsense. Why would you want views to the bowling club and Oval? The trees are on a steep slope and so lifting the crowns would have little or no effect – a simple cross-section would illustrate.</p> <p>Other comments</p> <p>Until a few years ago, along the Sydney Road boundary, there used to be a row of</p>
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	<p>casuarinas which effectively screened the traffic on Sydney Road. The sound of wind through the trees also helped to baffle the road noise. These trees created a definite edge between roads/cars/buildings and the park and enhanced the secret garden feeling from inside the park. It would be good (and cheap) if the trees were to be replaced.</p> <p>There is mention above of the old tree ferns. It would be wonderful to reinstate a grove of tree ferns – cyathea rather than dicksonia planted small so as not to attract vandals.</p> <p>I notice the FIPBG are suggesting a lot of new and wider pathways to an excessive degree. Yes, you could make the park accessible from every which way but we wouldn't have much of a park left! I think the gardens should be wheelchair accessible from the top and also from the bottom, but to try and get zigzag paths up the steep grassed slope (E to W) is ridiculous. Absolutely not to a toilet block – what about repurposing the caretaker's cottage? They are suggesting a boardwalk/deck to surround the Wollemi pine. Better would be to remove or relocate the tree (while still small) and plaque to the edge of one of the existing treed areas along an accessible path – this would be cheaper, safer for the tree in terms of vandals, and it wouldn't be cluttering up the open grassy area.</p> <p>In the original masterplan there was an idea for a bandstand. I don't think this is appropriate for Ivanhoe Park but an idea would be for the Council to invest in a demountable sound-shell and stage that could be used anywhere on the Beaches or even hired out for large private events.</p> <p>Last, but not least, is the question of security. The gardens have been vandalized on many occasions. Living up on Birkley Road I have woken up to hear shouting at night and now have the number for the local police stuck on my desk. This isn't really good enough. Before any money is spent on the park this needs to be addressed. At the very least there should be CCTV on the grandstand and possibly at the top entrance to the park or on the scout building. It probably is only needed on Friday and Saturday nights.</p>
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Part B: Emailed submissions

Number	Comment
1	<p>I have looked at the plans for this project and would like to make a few comments in support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall the plans appear to enhance the area without taking away from it's attributes. It surprises me that the top part is little used as it is a place of tranquility in addition to it's botanical and historical interests. - I am pleased to see a children's play area is included. The pre-school that operated there holds great memories for many children and their parents. It is by children experiencing the delightful mystery of the park that will ensure it is used....all those little paths and secret corners. - I hope the history and value of the park will be highlighted by signage. <p>I look forward to many more years of enjoyment there and am grateful to those who worked hard over many years to ensure it will be protected.</p>
2	<p>I'm glad this park is being preserved. It's historic, especially in a family photo we had taken there about 36 years ago.</p>
3	<p>I'm writing to you to express my approval for the recent Ivanhoe Park Masterplan. I think this is a big improvement on a historic public space so central in Manly. I have lived here my whole life</p>

	<p>and even went to Ivanhoe Pre-School. The grounds surrounding the school's site was never much to be explored and as a kid growing up there, the only exciting thing was our playground. Everything beyond the fence wasn't of much interest. So it's great to hear there will be a naturalised play space to engage young people with the wider context.</p> <p>Some of the sites main flaws are the dark atmosphere especially at night and density of groundcovers and this plan aims to address these factors and that's great because every time I've been there its hardly used and there's no reason to go into the back end of the park. The plans seems like it will do better to express the valley landform and watercourse by exposing the feature rocks and boulders. This will do great things for stormwater and inspiring play for kids again. Also a good contrast to the trees, shrubs and other softscapes. It's also very important that major trees are being retained as they provide shelter and habitats for bats and birds away from the surrounding urban context and Norfolk Pines that are dominated by lorikeets. As well as maintaining the atmosphere of a wilding jungle oasis which is rare in the area.</p> <p>I wish that the masterplan were more detailed though. More specifically in its planting palette as it's hard to imagine what the back section of the park will look like without any perspective renders. In day or night. Though, it's good that native heath and coastal plants are being used around the grandstand and on the rooftop garden to promote native life. The fly through was exciting and I wished it had continued through the whole site. It's a great way to showcase a vibrant sporting hotspot reflective of it's natural context. Are there still plans for a car park underneath the oval? When does the project break ground?</p>
4	<p>PROTECTION AND RESTORATION ON 'MARINELLA' DALLEY'S CASTLE GROTESQUE FIGURES.</p> <p>While the stone masons are working on; "RESTORATION OF HISTORIC GATES AND PAVED THRESHOLD INTO THE PARK", it would be great if they could also repair and restore the little that is left of Marinella. The stone fence and decorative Grotesque figures that overlook Ivanhoe Park are in urgent need of restoration, and it only seems fitting that while funds are being spent on the park that this famous part of Manly's history should also receive similar attention.</p>
5	<p>The Manly Lawn Tennis Club adjoins the land under consideration in the Ivanhoe Park Masterplan and as such would like to make the following comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The timber fence on Raglan St that runs from our Club up to the existing Raglan St entry is in poor condition and is an eye sore .This needs to be pulled down completely and done away with or replaced. there is no mention of this , that I could see in the plan - I have attached a photo 2. The Green keeper's area is in poor condition generally, and needs attention. 3. Raglan street entrance to the oval is in poor condition and we agree it needs to be redone 4. The wire fence on the eastern end of the oval is our boundary to the oval. The MLTC to date has provided (and paid for) the wire fence. This fence is in average condition in the report. Recently the club had to spend \$2500 on repairs to it. The increased wear and tear comes from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People using the nets as net to kick balls into, especially soccer players. The same people also use the white picket fence and the side of our clubhouse as a kicking wall. We have had a window smashed in the last month due to this practice. - The MLTC has for many years agreed to let the Rugby and Cricket clubs place advertising banners on our fence. This all adds to the wear and tear - climbing on the fence to put banners up, climbing on the fence to rip the

	<p>banners down or leaving the banners up which then at as a sail and result on posts snapping off as per the most recent repair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have attached a photo showing the inward bow of the fence currently. This will have to be replaced in the not too distant future. I think consideration should be given to include the fence as a shared item financially going forward <p>5. Gates onto the oval – at previous meetings the Club asked that consideration be given to three gates in the white picket fence onto the oval be provided. This will enable people to use the oval to walk around the middle courts rather than through it during busy times such as the Manly Seaside (starts Boxing Day each year)</p> <p>6. Moving out of picket fence off the eastern boundary - the Club has previously discussed the possibility of moving the picket fence on the eastern boundary out so as to be in front of the new high net posts, recently installed by the Council to deal with cricket balls landing on the tennis courts. This would not only be a safety issue (people running into the pole) but would also allow our players to use this as a pathway down to our bottom courts (as per our comment above). I know Manly Cricket are not keen on the idea as they claim I note the cricket covers just sit on the ground near the poles anyway. As a result the boundary is moved inwards via a thick boundary rope as it is. Perhaps a storage bin for the covers could be incorporated.</p> <p>7. Pathway at southern end of the courts – at a previous meeting we ask that consideration be given to a pathway to the court gate on the southern end of the courts. We would also request that the tree partially blocking the gate be trimmed or removed.</p> <p>8. Club Signage – is mentioned on the southern and eastern boundary. We have no objection but would like more detail and would like a say in it design (club logo included etc)</p> <p>9. Grandstand Cnr Belgrave and Raglan St – In the plan there is a mention of a grandstand/deck on the Cnr of Belgrave and Raglan st. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] At some point the Club would like to look at building a grandstand on the existing grassed area to facilitate spectators to watch play on our main court especially for parents watching children and during our main Tournament The Manly Seaside played at Christmas. We had envisaged maybe including a small coffee shop underneath.</p> <p>10. Parking – while the rebuilding of the grounds facilities is a great boost to the community's amenities, the argument that it will attract more people to use the facility begs the question as to where they will park their cars/buses. There is limited parking in the area at present and most of it two hour parking. Visitors that come to our club to play competition tennis always find parking an issue.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>President Manly Lawn Tennis Club [REDACTED]</p>
6	<p>I have comments concerning CENTRAL LAWN AREA, WITH AMPHITHEATRE, NATURE PLACE SPACE AND PICNIC AREA.</p> <p>Comments:</p>

	<p>1: From the Draft Plan, the lawn terracing looks good and will provide an excellent area for picnicking .</p> <p>2: Some tables and chairs will be welcome but I consider the provision of barbecues to be unnecessary – just an extra cleaning responsibility (Covid) and, without them, one less area which will not be overtaken by the smell of cooking food and excessive food wrapping rubbish. As well I would suggest that the Gardens area retain its Alcohol Free status.</p> <p>3: Washing water and toilets should be provided here. The facilities in the Oval's surrounds are too far away.</p> <p>Other areas: Reimagining the sports area and the small but beautiful Ivanhoe Park is a very worthwhile project. This area is a very important part of life for a vast number of people living in Manly and surrounds. While improvement to pathways is essential, managers must strive to allow the Park to be different to say, the beach areas. The Park should be allowed to retain its shrubbery, and the sense of "What's around this corner?".</p>
7	<p>C/o Northern Beaches Council, Hello Lia Skountzos, Thank you for the draft management plan for review and comment, please allow me to express my thoughts on this great opportunity. We live [REDACTED] and are a family [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who loves to roam freely during our walks around the park. We visit the park twice daily and utilise much of the space and share these experiences with the other locals who frequent the park.</p> <p>Before I address the draft management plan I would like to express myself about how we use and enjoy this space and our observations of how I see others using this space. We frequent the park early in the morning entering via Park Ave and complete a full walk clockwise around the park grounds and across the back of the bowling club, down the drive around the oval and back up Sydney Rd side. We stop for chats along the way with others and specifically the locals that assemble with their dogs freely roaming below the monument. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also plays on the playground equipment and uses the slide and spring seat getting some much needed outside open space time. We really like this spot as the play area isn't a thoroughfare and I feel safe with my kids playing here without worrying about too many people coming by. [REDACTED] here with their friends and make finger bike tracks down beside the water course under the Scout hall expressing themselves freely without fear of ridicule as this spot isn't frequented by heavy foot traffic. During our walks we enjoy seeing the fitness buffs using the oval and drive for PT, boxing and dance practice. There are also others who use the park as a shortcut walk to enjoy their daily commute through the park. During the evenings there are less people stopping, but we often see a dance class attend the Scout hall and late night PT sessions. We feel safe walking through here at all times during the week and even when late and dark. There are some very dark paths that are best avoided without torches as otherwise a trip would ensue, but that is ok as not every path needs to be utilised at night! For the weekends it is experienced with mid morning walks to pick up food and picnic on the oval, on the bench seats and play with a ball.</p> <p>The things we value about the park: Free access at all ends, Paths that are well placed and varied, some with steps, and a grass road for the pram so a walk with the pram can be done down to the oval without navigating too many steps, Dead ends and closed in spots so the kids can find possies without foot traffic and frequent interruption, Oval left open for public use, Dogs freely roaming without the onerous requirement to keep them on leads as a dog on a lead all the time is like prison for a dog and trying to let [REDACTED] explore freely with a dog on a lead is problematic, they like to explore and interact freely together!</p>

	<p>The things we would like to see improved:</p> <p>A walkway around the complete oval so we can push a pram around and kids can scooter around without fear of running onto a road, but the tennis club is in the way so this may not be possible,</p> <p>The gate that opens out onto Sydney Road at the Oval to be locked to stop kids and dogs running out onto the road unexpectedly,</p> <p>Condition of the path joints to be made flush and renewed,</p> <p>More bins provided! There is only 1 bin at the top of the park. It would be very helpful to see bins at the oval, above the bowling club and at the playground.</p> <p>Some thoughts about the draft management plan:</p> <p>I think removing the old daycare facility is a wasted resource as there is much life left in this asset. It is a quality build and with a little care and attention it could be turned into many things such as: another daycare, man's shed or other community run experience to help with mental health objectives etc. But if it is to be demolished I am concerned about the plan for this space. It appears to be under considered in terms of space and utilisation. I think a picnic shelter would detract from the openness of this area, and the play area is a little pushed away to make way for an area that wouldn't be utilised by many. I think trying to fit both play area and BBQs in such a small and removed place will make both objectives less than optimal. Please reconsider this area. I would like to see playground and water feature such as a fountain. Fountains and sound of cascading water is very soothing and does wonders for alleviation of stress. I note the fountain in the courtyard of the Pacific waves building a very pleasant, but unfortunately this space isn't conducive of stopping and enjoying.</p> <p>I also note the Lisgar garden in Hornsby and how amazing this garden is and how it is utilised with artists painting and also the fantastic carp ponds.</p> <p>With such inspiration around I feel the draft plan has missed developing a park that would be admired and spoken of with fondness.</p> <p>I don't think this opportunity comes around often and there is potential for Ivanhoe park that far exceeds the current draft offered.</p> <p>Thank you for your time to consider my opinions.</p>
8	<div data-bbox="300 1160 1417 1523" style="background-color: black; height: 162px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>It is pleasing to find that Council has invested in expert advice in addressing both the heritage conservation of the whole of Ivanhoe Park and in management planning for the area.</p> <p>As one of only about a dozen sites on the Northern Beaches that are recognised on the State Heritage Register, Ivanhoe Park's listing as a cultural site that meets several of the criterion makes it particularly significant beyond the local level. This importance warrants careful attention to management that conserves those values.</p> <p>The Vision for the Park as expressed in S.5.5 (p.58) of the Plan of Management appears to capture the cultural significance of the area, namely that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Ivanhoe Park will be a welcoming destination for community enjoyment, celebrating its unique heritage, environment, sport and recreation. A well maintained place of sanctuary, reflection and learnings, close to the heart of Manly."</p> <p>While I recognise that Conservation Management of State Heritage sites is a responsibility of the NSW Government, Council can enhance the focus on this aspect by better integrating consideration of this area's outstanding cultural heritage conservation with other aspects of</p>

management for other outcomes. This is a major focus on much of the remainder of this submission.

COMMENTS ON IMPROVING CULTURAL HERITAGE INTEGRATION WITH PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Council's online information about the planning process for Ivanhoe Park makes clear that the Ivanhoe Park Conservation Management Plan (CMP) is an "overarching" document that "will guide the ongoing care of the place and ensure the retention of its heritage significance". Embedding reminders of this important aspect throughout the Plan of Management (PoM) will raise public awareness of this aspect of the Park's significance and will better ensure that cultural heritage values are not simply reliant on referrals to the State Heritage Committee.

Within the Specific Objectives of the PoM (S.1.4, p.2), it would be useful to add a separate fourth dot point that refers to:

- *identify and consider cultural heritage, consistent with the NSW Heritage Act and the State Heritage significance of the Park as a cultural heritage place;* which could then be followed by a modification of the next point to:
- *identify and consider environmental, open space and recreational values, and the balancing of such values*

Heritage Act responsibilities

In S.3.3.5 of the PoM it would be helpful to include some text, or at least a footnote, reminding readers that while the State Government is the 'owner' of Ivanhoe Park, Council is responsible for 'care, control and management of the site' (excluding the bowling and tennis club leases).

Aspects of PoM supporting cultural heritage conservation

It is pleasing to note that both the Ecological Grid values addressed in S.3.5.2 of the PoM (Green Grids) and several of the Sustainability themes addressed in the Community Strategic Plan (S.3.6.1, p.42 of PoM) support conservation of cultural landscapes such as Ivanhoe Park. However, S.3.6.3, and in particular Figure 14, place emphasis only on 'heritage items' (a physical focus), rather than emphasising the cultural landscape values for which Ivanhoe Park has State Heritage listing.

Inclusion of the Statement of Significance of Ivanhoe Park is an important section in conveying to readers the extent to which cultural values are central to the State Heritage significance of the whole of the Park, as are Sections 5.4.1 (Open Spaces and Parklands) and 5.4.2 (NSW Public Spaces Charter principles).

Omission of the NSW Heritage Act from S.6.1.2 (Legislative requirements) must surely be an unintended omission, particularly in light of Council's community information that recognises the Ivanhoe Park Conservation Management Plan (CMP) is an "overarching" document that "will guide the ongoing care of the place and ensure the retention of its heritage significance".

An additional dot point re cultural heritage should be included as a second dot point with which buildings and other developments should be consistent in location, size and scale (PoM, p.70)

S.6.1.9 re development consent should include a cross-reference to the Heritage Conservation Management Plan for Ivanhoe Park, and not simply to Manly LEP listed items.

Table 20 (PoM p.96) makes no mention of an agreed proposal to install a plaque recognising the State Heritage listing of the whole of Ivanhoe Park as a cultural heritage site. This is an important interpretive action, raising awareness of the historic and ongoing significance of the Park and should be included.

COMMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Consideration of Commonwealth legislation – EPBC Act

Table 8 (p.29) and the associated text at S.3.2, addressing the planning context, should include the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act in the Environment column, as the more natural areas of the Park provide habitat for a diversity of species, some of which are recognised as threatened at national level.

Restricted & Prohibited uses

There appears to be an inconsistency between the provision for emergency use of the Oval for helicopter landings in S.6.1.5 (PoM, p.66) (an acceptable use) and the provision in Table 18 (PoM, p.90) for “Helicopter and hot air balloon takeoff/landing”. The latter goes well beyond emergency helicopter landing and should not be included.

Provision for casual community uses

While several sections of the Plan of Management address aspects of uses of the area, including the Design consideration (pp.70-71) for creation of “multi-functional open spaces that provide settings for activities and events”, these do not adequately recognise the very considerable importance of the Park, and particularly its level open spaces, for ad hoc low impact family and community activities. This is something that requires strengthening in the Plan of Management, to ensure that organised activities and events do not squeeze out more informal use of these spaces, which are increasingly important to community well-being. Also of concern re short term casual uses is the inclusion of ‘agistment of stock’ as an authorised use. While this is undoubtedly an appropriate short-term casual use of some Crown Lands, it is entirely inappropriate for Ivanhoe Park and could not be managed consistent with the criteria outlined at the beginning of this section of the Plan. It should be deleted from the list on p.90 of the Plan.

Plantings

The proposal (PoM, p.71) that “all future plantings should be native and endemic to the region” is not supported. Careful selection of species for new plantings will be necessary to ensure that species inappropriate to the values of the Park (and in some cases having potential to become invasive) are not introduced. However, the very nature of a Botanic Garden is, to some extent, to showcase exotic species from other places and if our existing heritage plantings are to be respected and maintained, planting of species from other regions and, in some cases, from outside Australia, will be necessary.

In support of this point, it is useful to reflect on one of the few formal definitions of a ‘botanic garden’ in Australia, that provided in earlier Commonwealth legislation, namely:

In the preparation of the plan of management, regard shall be had to the following objects:

(ca) in the case of a park or reserve managed as a botanic garden — the increase of knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of Australia's plant heritage by establishing, as an integrated resource, a collection of living and herbarium specimens of Australian and related plants for study, interpretation, conservation and display. [Emphasis added]

Proposed buildings, design & location

Provision for a new grandstand and sports pavilion in Section 6 and as included in Table 21 is welcomed. However, the new structure proposed for a Pavilion and Clubhouse appears excessive in scale, requiring a substantial increase in available funding. This facility could better be replaced with a less ambitious, but expanded building on the site of the existing Members Stand, Dressing Rooms and Toilets. Integration of women's dressing rooms and upgraded public toilet facilities are an important aspect of this improvement, with the small green space in front of the existing rooms offering an opportunity for expansion.

Upgrade of field lighting

The proposal in Table 21 to ‘upgrade field lighting’ (PoM, p.97) is of questionable need. If it is to proceed, careful attention must be paid to the impacts of even more intense lighting on Powerful Owls and other threatened species using the area at night. While improved lighting for safety in the Park is necessary, care must also be taken to ensure this is appropriately directed to minimise impacts on wildlife using the area.

IN CONCLUSION

There is much to be welcomed about the suite of Draft Plans prepared for the future of Ivanhoe Park, and the opportunity to comment on them is appreciated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I particularly welcome the recognition of the role that the Friends can play in the future of that part of the Park.

	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] Ivanhoe Park was the home for Brownies, Guides and Rangers of the Girl Guide Movement and Cubs, Scouts, Rovers of the Boy Scout Movement. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>DON'T FORGET Ivanhoe Park was the venue for THE YOUNG PEOPLE who came there to learn to be the citizens who lived and worked and carried out their promise as many continued to live and help develop the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>I watch the development with great interest.</p>
10	Families for Manly if there is any bicycle parking planned for the renovated car park area at Ivanhoe Park. Are you able to advise?
11	Please provide more detail regarding item 30 in the Masterplan for Ivanhoe Park, effecting Sydney Rd traffic in and out of manly for both car and pedestrian.
12	<p>Cricket NSW and Manly Warringah District Cricket Club (Cricket) thank Northern Beaches Council (Council) for the opportunity to provide feedback into the draft Ivanhoe Park Plan of Management (PoM) and Landscape Masterplan (Masterplan), which includes Manly Oval. Cricket recognises Ivanhoe Park as an important sport and community asset for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA). We acknowledge that the draft PoM and Masterplan proposes a range of improvements to increase safety and accessibility, provide better recreational facilities, and enhance the heritage values of the park whilst meeting the needs of cricket, rugby, and the broader community.</p> <p>In the 2020-21 cricket season, there were 5,117 registered cricket participants in the Northern Beaches region. Cricket in the Northern Beaches LGA generates a total local economic contribution of \$11.75 million per annum¹ - the third highest LGA across the state.</p> <p><i>1 Cricket NSW Community Impact Study – SBP, 2020</i></p> <p>In developing the Cricket NSW Infrastructure Strategy (2020-2030), Cricket and Community Centres (or indoor cricket training facilities) have been identified as an infrastructure priority for the state. These Centres are strategically located to service the needs of both the performance pathway and community cricket at a regional level.</p> <p>Cricket would like to thank Council for including a consideration for an indoor cricket training facility within the upgrade of the Manly Oval Pavilion as part of the draft PoM. The delivery of a Cricket and Community Centre remains a critical priority for cricket in the Northern Beaches LGA.</p> <p>Upon review of the draft PoM and Landscape Masterplan, we provide the following comments for Council's consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, Cricket supports the objectives of the draft PoM and Landscape Masterplan for Ivanhoe Park, including Manly Oval. • Cricket supports Council's intent for an indoor cricket training facility to be included in the upgrade to the Alan Roper Pavilion and Tony Miller Stand. <p>If feasible, Cricket seeks a minimum four-lane indoor cricket training facility to primarily support Manly Warringah District Cricket Club but also enable broader cricket and community use. We request Council consult with Cricket when considering the inclusion of this facility within the upgrade pavilion (as outlined in Table 21). See Attachment A for high-level facility design requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the above, Cricket requests Council consider including the provision of an indoor cricket training facility as part of 2a on the Landscape Masterplan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cricket seeks to provide input into cricket-specific facility developments to ensure design requirements complies with Cricket Australia's Community Cricket Facility Guidelines (Guidelines). This includes, but is not limited to, the upgrade to the pavilion, the indoor cricket training facility, the upgrade of field lighting and infrastructure and the realignment of the pitch. See Attachment B for suggested main pavilion and amenities area schedules for 'Premier/Regional' venue (from Guidelines). Cricket requests additional information and an opportunity to provide input into the potential incorporation of a score keepers or TV camera platform on the rooftop of the groundsman shed. Cricket endorses the Village Green-style proposal for the surrounds of Manly Oval such as the additional peripheral spectator seating, heritage entrance upgrade and the Hall of Fame pathway. Manly Warringah District Cricket Club would welcome an opportunity to provide nominations for the Hall of Fame pathway. Manly Warringah District Cricket Club would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with Council the current licence conditions outlined in 'Table 15 - Current user agreements.' As the club co-shares the facilities with the Manly Rugby Football Club Inc. and continually work together on any upgrades and game day user costs, we'd appreciate consistent licence conditions between the two clubs. <p>We thank Council for its thorough engagement with the Manly Warringah District Cricket Club to date, particularly with regards to the Alan Roper Pavilion and Tony Miller Stand redevelopment. We'd also like to commend Council on the significant work undertaken on the draft PoM and Masterplan which undoubtedly seeks to enhance the overall experience for current and future sporting and community users.</p> <p>Cricket looks forward to working closely with Council and other key stakeholders to address the needs identified in this submission and where possible, provide support and access to funding through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund.</p> <p>We understand that Council will continue to consult directly with Cricket NSW and the Manly Warringah District Cricket Club during the process to get their input and to maximise cricket's use of Ivanhoe Park.</p>
13	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Ivanhoe Park Masterplan. Northern Sydney Local Health District Health Promotion is committed to ensuring the built environment fosters places and spaces that support the health and wellbeing of individuals and the wider community.</p> <p>Health Promotion commends Northern Beaches Council for proposing a range of improvements to increase safety and accessibility, provide better recreational facilities and enhance the heritage values of Ivanhoe Park. While the draft plan is of high quality and well thought out, Health Promotion has some observations and suggestions.</p> <p>The draft Ivanhoe Park Masterplan states that the Central Lawn Area is 'to be made safe with new lighting both up lighting to feature trees and area lighting with pole top fittings'. There is no detail showing where this lighting will be.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That all paths within the Central Lawn Area and those connecting to Raglan Street, Park Avenue and Sydney Road, have lighting that is in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles¹. That wayfinding signs are installed at all appropriate entrances and junctions. That Point 10 in the Central Lawn Detailed Plan is shown on the plan. <p>Thank you for considering the above recommendations from Northern Sydney Local Health District. Health Promotion believes the improvements will enhance the safety and functionality of Manly Oval and Ivanhoe Park in general, while maintaining its heritage features.</p>

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