

Open Space Projects

LOCAL PARK 2 AUSTRAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

May 2026

The following is a summary of findings for community consultation conducted for a 21-day period between 6 April and 27 April 2026 for Local Park 2 Austral.

Council letter box dropped to local residents and a total of 140 completed surveys from Liverpool Listens were received by Council in relation to the proposed Draft Concept Plan for Local Park 2, with an additional 5 email submissions. The following is a summary of findings and results of these surveys with respect to the specific questions asked.

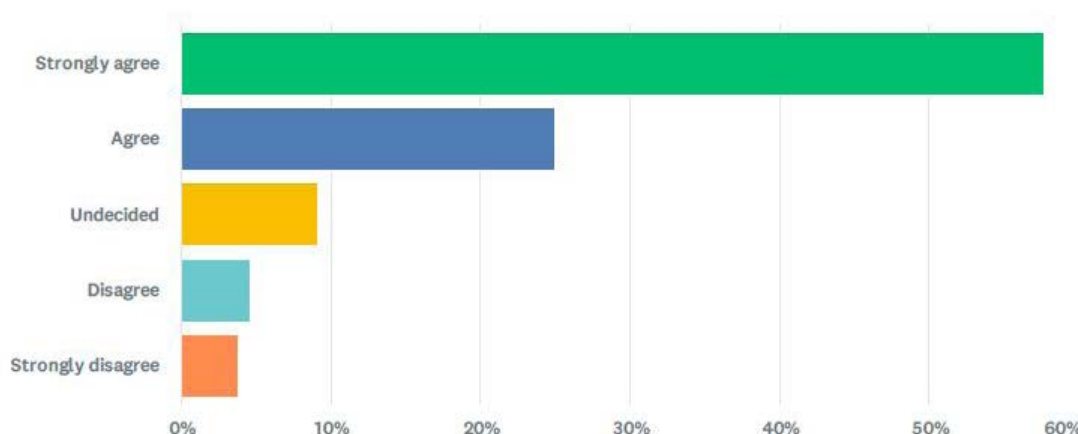
Contact information

The majority of respondents provided some form of contact information - including email addresses and phone number. This helps us to verify that respondents are local to the area.

Q1. Council has prepared a Draft Concept Plan that outlines the upgrades we propose to undertake in Local Park 2. Do you agree with the proposal?

The survey revealed that more than 80% of respondents agreed with the park proposals

A minority were opposed to the design



Q2. In relation to the Draft Concept Plan, what is your favourite activity or feature (please list in order - 1 being highest priority to 9 being lowest priority)

Answer choices:

Children's Playground | Green Space for Leisure | New Pathways | Picnic Facilities | Gardens | Outdoor Fitness Gym

77% responded that their favourite feature was the provision of a Children's Play Space

36% responded that their second favourite feature was the provision of green space for leisure

Picnic facilities and new pathways were mostly placed with a moderate priority

Provision of gardens was shown to be a lower priority vs the other options

48% responded that the lowest priority element is the provision of outdoor fitness gym

Comments

34 respondents provided a variety of comments which included suggestions of:

A well planned and modern park for everyone, especially for children and the local residents

Gardens and open green areas for passive use

Bigger playground

Pickleball Courts

Splash Pads / Water Play

A park that is flat and wheelchair friendly

Cycling tracks

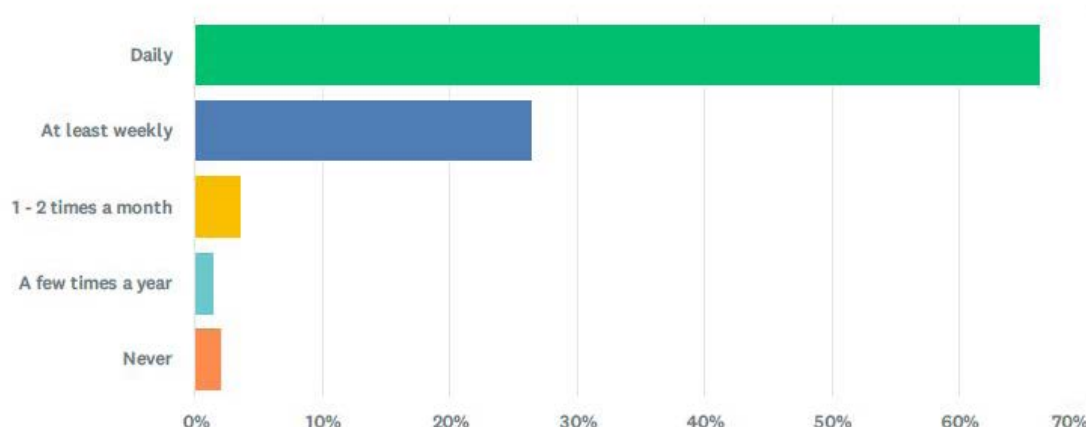
Baby swings and toddler equipment

Lighting provision

Q3. Once construction is completed, how often would you visit Local Park 2?

66% of respondents said that they would use the park daily

26% said that they would use the park at least weekly



Q4. During what time period are you most likely to visit the park?

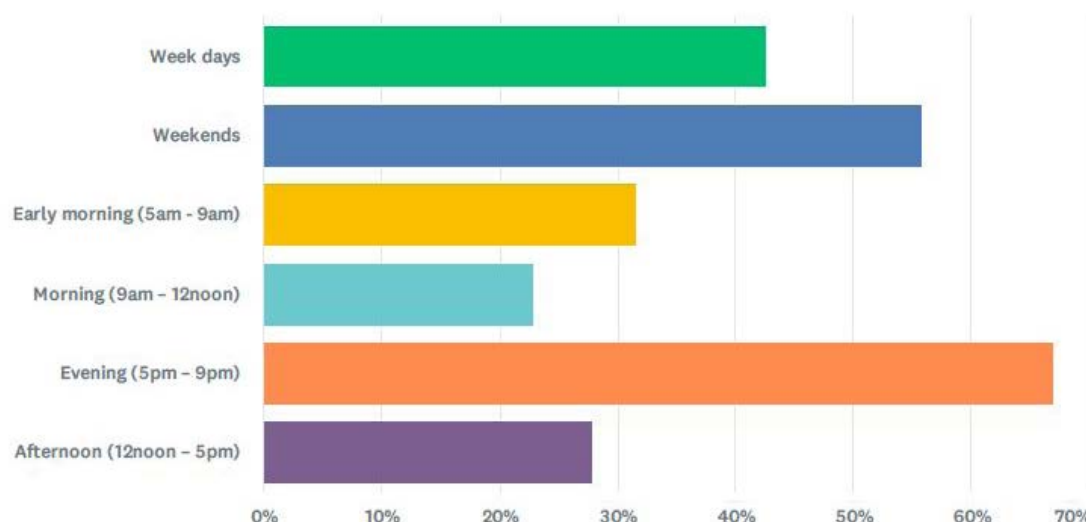
Generally the park would be used throughout the day but the most busy times would be at the weekend and evenings

55% said they would use the park at the weekend and 42% said on week days

67% of respondents said they would use the park in the evening (5-9pm)

31% said they would use the park in the morning (9am-12noon)

28% said they would use the park in the afternoon (12noon-5pm)



Q5. Do you have any further comments regarding Local Park 2?

85 respondents provided a variety of comments which are addressed below:

- a. Getting the park built as quickly as possible
Council is looking to begin work on the playground as soon as possible. The design of the wider space will be fast tracked to ensure other elements are provided to the community quickly.
- b. Lots of shade to be provided
The playspace will feature a formal shade sail, whilst shelters will be provided around the park. Trees are proposed on the plan to provide shade to other areas.
- c. Creation of a space that caters for everyone
The proposal offers a range of recreational opportunities for the various demographics of the community including pathways for walking, play space, kick around space, picnic benches and exercise equipment.
- d. A playground for all ages, more swings and toddler equipment
The final plan will include additional play elements to cater for a wider age group.
- e. Provision of a gated/fenced playground
The playspace has a substantial buffer between Haybale Street and the active playground. The design includes fencing along the Haybale Street side of the park boundary but no gate.
- f. Prioritisation of green areas for passive recreation
The design includes significant turf area for passive recreation.
- g. Space for football, cricket and basket ball
The site is designated as a Local Park and, as such, not large enough to provide formal sports pitches and courts in conjunction with other uses. Open turf space is provided for informal ball games.
- h. Provision of toilets
The site is designated as a Local Park and, as such, toilets will not be provided in the design at this stage.
- i. Footpaths for walking and a bike circuit
A network of pathways have been proposed to provide opportunity for walking and passive recreation.
- j. Provision of car parking
The site is designated as a Local Park and, as such, car parking will not be provided.
- k. Picnic and BBQ facilities
Picnic benches and shelters are provided in the design. As the site is designated a Local Park, BBQ facilities will not be provided.
- l. Water play / splash pad
The site is designated as a Local Park and, as such, water play features will not be provided.
- m. Provision of lighting
Solar lighting is proposed in the design to support evening park use.
- n. Concerns regarding ongoing park maintenance
Additional bins will be included in the final design. Littering and rubbish management will be referred to Council's Operation unit.