

# Hindmarsh Park Community Consultation Outcomes Report Phase 1

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# 1 SUMMARY

This Hindmarsh Park Community Consultation Outcomes Report Phase 1 has been prepared by Civille on behalf of Kiama Municipal Council (KMC) for the Hindmarsh Park Upgrade.

This document provides an overview of the community consultation process and outcomes for the Hindmarsh Park Upgrade.

Input from the community and community stakeholder groups was sought for the upgrades of the park. We asked how the community currently uses the park and what they wanted to see in the park in the future. Input was sought via the following methods:

- An online survey
- Pre-organised on site drop-in sessions
- Roaming on site surveys
- Written submissions including via email
- Targeted emails, phone conversations and in-person meetings with key stakeholders

From 15 December 2021 to 23 January 2022, the community could provide their input about the activities, facilities and features they would like to see included in Hindmarsh Park. Onsite drop-in sessions allowed people to ask questions and provide suggestions directly to the project team.

A summary of submissions is included below:

- 303 online survey responses were recorded
- 32 people attended the onsite drop-in sessions, responded to the survey and provided input to the project team
- 7 key community stakeholder groups
- 15 young people attended a session at SENTRAL and provided input to KMC council staff.

# 2 BACKGROUND

Kiama Municipal Council (KMC) has received funding from the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program to upgrade Hindmarsh Park and is undertaking the detailed design and documentation for this upgrade. Hindmarsh Park is located in the Kiama CBD in the Kiama Local Government Area (LGA) and is an important public open space that plays an integral role for the community and various stakeholders in the Kiama township.

## 2.1 PROJECT OUTCOMES

This project seeks to support the ongoing management of the lands and seeks to provide

- Revitalise Hindmarsh park
- enhanced recreational use of the park
- wider community aspirations for the site

## 2.2 PROJECT SCOPE

This project consists of two phases with the following tasks

- Phase 1 – development of the concept design for the site
- Phase 2 – development of the detailed designs for the site

These are discussed further in the sections below.

### 2.2.1 PHASE 1 WHOLE OF SITE CONCEPT DESIGN

To ensure an integrated design approach, the concept design will be developed for the whole of the park and including a portion through to Black beach Reserve. The concept plan will incorporate key components as identified through previous consultation with stakeholders and KMC and further design development by the project team

### 2.2.2 PHASE 2 DETAILED DESIGNS

To be confirmed after the development of the concept plan and agreement on the priorities of the proposed works to be undertaken within the allocated budget.

## 2.3 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION PRIOR TO THIS PROJECT

Prior to this project, KMC has undertaken consultation for the site as follows

- There has previously been extensive engagement on the Kiama Arts Precinct – this is discussed below
- On the Hindmarsh Park Enhancements project, KMC has so far released two updates on their website:
  - [Undated project update](#)
  - [13 October 2021 news story](#)

### 2.3.1 KEY FINDINGS KIAMA ARTS PRECINCT CONSULTATION

Significant past consultation has been undertaken on the Kiama Arts Precinct, which is situated within and around Hindmarsh Park. This has included:

- Mapping Kiama Municipality's Culture (1998)
- Cultural Tourism and the Arts in the Kiama District Business Plan (1999)
- Cultural Needs and Assessment Statement (2000)
- Cultural Needs and Assessment Study (2001)

- Kiama Cultural Centre Overview Study (2002)
- Kiama Charette (2002)
- An assessment of possible 'Place Based' initiatives able to realise Kiama's Economic and Employment Opportunities (2002)
- Kiama Strategic Future Survey (2002)
- Draft Community Facilities Study (2005)
- Kiama Municipality Cultural Plan (2007-2012)
- BERT Cultural Planning Document (2013-2016)
- BISI Cultural Planning document (2017-2020)

These documents have identified the need and desire for community arts spaces within Kiama and have identified the following as primary functions:

- Multifunction indoor theatre/performance place
- Cinema
- Spaces for workshops and classes
- Additional gallery space
- Connection with the park for outdoor performances

## 2.4 OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The overarching objectives for the community consultation for Hindmarsh Park include:

- identify the community's needs and wishes
- confirm the community's vision on the space, and views on challenges and opportunities
- provide the opportunity for the community to offer input at the earliest stages of the project (ideas and local knowledge)
- ensure the community is informed of the project and its progress.

The input provided by the community will inform the designs of the parks and will guide the programming of the space. The project team will carefully consider all provided input and assess what proposed elements are compatible and feasible within the available space and budget.

# 3 ENGAGEMENT METHODS

The methods of engagement included:

- Online survey
- On site drop-in sessions
- Written submissions including via email
- Targeted emails, phone conversations and in-person meetings with key stakeholders

## 3.1 SURVEY

Refer Appendix A Survey Template.

## 3.2 ON SITE DROP-IN SESSIONS

Two on site engagement sessions were held at Hindmarsh Park at different times of the day to include a wide range of potential users including:

- Wednesday 22 December 2020 from 12pm to 2pm
- Saturday 8 January 2022 from 3pm to 5pm

The on site engagement team included two representatives from Cville.

Two A1 posters were prepared and displayed on site during the drop-in sessions, including:

- 1 poster with background information on the project and a satellite image of the park with site boundaries
- 1 poster with photos of initial ideas for activities, facilities and elements for Hindmarsh Park. Community members were asked to place up to three dots (votes) on the boards to indicate which activity they would like

Hardcopy surveys were also available for community members to fill out whilst on site. The hardcopy surveys included the exact questions asked on the online survey.

The on site community engagement sessions provided the community with the opportunity to speak directly with the design team and to discuss their ideas and concerns about the upgrade of Hindmarsh Park.



Figure 1: On site community engagement session set up on at the Orry-Kelly Stage on Wednesday 22 December 2021



Figure 2: On site community engagement session set up at Hindmarsh Park on Saturday 08 January 2022

### 3.3 TARGETED ENGAGEMENT WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

KMC provided a list and contact details of stakeholders to target with a direct email, alerting them to the consultation process and offering the opportunity to contact us directly.

These stakeholders included:

- Key groups with an interest in the park:
  - Kiama and District Business Chamber
  - Kiama/Jamberoo RSL Sub-Branch
  - Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council
  - Hindmarsh Family
  - Kiama Jazz & Blues Festival organiser
  - Kiama Masonic Centre
  - KISS Arts Festival / Laughter House Entertainment
  - R&R Production Services
  - Folk by the Sea
  - Anglican Church
  - Owners of Hindmarsh Park Cottage
- Coordinators and users of Council venues around the park:
  - Joyce Wheatley Community Centre
  - CENTRAL Youth Services
  - Old Fire Station Community Arts Centre
  - Girl Guides
  - Kiama Art Society
- Council committees/other contacts:
  - Destination Kiama
  - Kiama Central Community Precinct Committee
  - Kiama Youth Advisory Committee
  - Cultural Board
  - Dementia Friendly Kiama
- Local schools:
  - Sts Peter and Paul
  - Kiama Public
  - Kiama High

Each of these organisations and individuals was sent an initial email on 20 or 21 December 2021. Several then followed up with emails, phone calls and meetings over the following weeks. Details are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Input received from key stakeholders

Stakeholder	Input received	Date
<b>Kiama/Jamberoo RSL Sub-Branch</b>	Letter from Peter O'Brien to Council CEO	16 Nov 2021
	Letter from Peter O'Brien to Council CEO	1 Dec 2021
<b>Kiama Business Chamber</b>	Meeting held with Kaylene Derix and Cameron McDonald	11 Jan 2022
	Letter received from Kaylene Derix	24 Jan 2022
<b>Hindmarsh Family</b>	Phone conversation with Michael Hindmarsh III	24 Jan 2022
<b>Kiama Jazz &amp; Blues Festival</b>	Email from Becky Guggisberg	12 Jan 2022
	Phone call to follow up	21 Jan 2022
<b>Kiama Masonic Centre</b>	Email from Peter Stemp	21 Dec 2021
	Conversation at park consultation drop-in session	22 Dec 2021
<b>Owners of Hindmarsh Park Cottage</b>	Phone call with Gavin McLure and Kay McNiven	20 Jan 2022
	Email follow up	21 Jan 2022
<b>SENTRAL Youth Services</b>	Melissa Andrews provided input she collected from 15 young people at the SENTRAL youth drop-in session on 23 Dec 2021	11 Jan 2022

Stakeholder comments are summarised in Section 6. Notes from the SENTRAL youth drop-in session are included in Appendix C and written submissions are included in Appendix D.

Those who we had not heard from received a reminder email on 21 January 2022.

The only exception to this process was the Hindmarsh Family, for whom we only obtained phone contact details in January 2022. We had a conversation with Michael Hindmarsh III on 24 January 2022.

# 4 PROMOTION

All community engagement was promoted via:

- On site posters in the park
- Kiama Municipal Council Your Say page
- Kiama Municipal Council social media posts including Facebook and Instagram posts
- Press release
- Letterbox drops – hard copies of the first project newsletter were delivered on 22 December 2021 to all the properties within the area shown in Figure 4
- Direct email (including link to newsletter) to 75 recipients who had signed up for updates (mostly after completing the survey)
- Direct email to 24 key stakeholders (refer to Section 3.3)

Most of the online survey website visitors were redirected via Council’s social media posts. A smaller portion of the visitors were redirected to the online survey via Council’s Your Say page, on site notification posters and search engines.



Figure 3: Distribution area for hard copies of the project newsletter

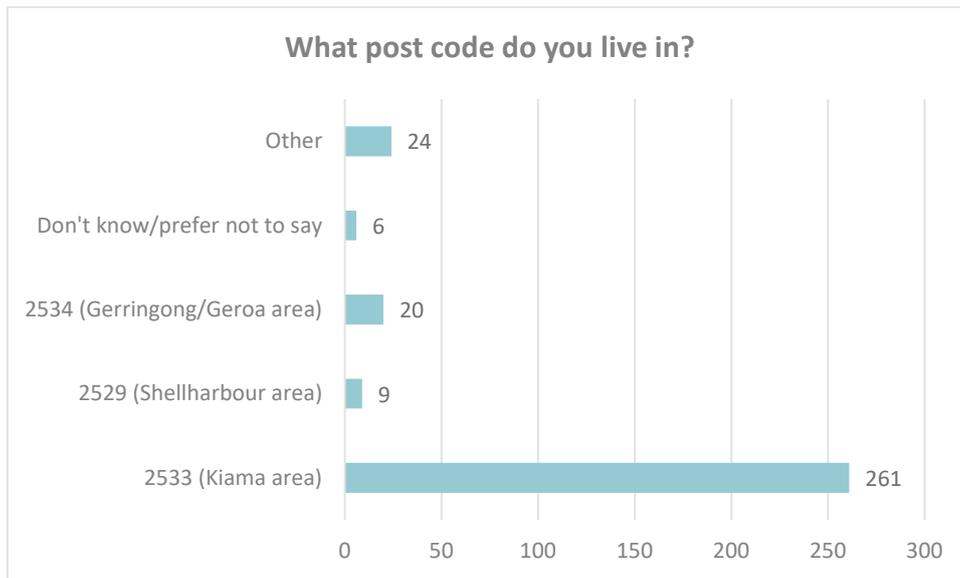
# 5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

## 5.1 WHO DID WE HEAR FROM?

On the Hindmarsh Park consultation surveys, people could respond to questions about the post code they live in, their age and gender. Results are listed below.

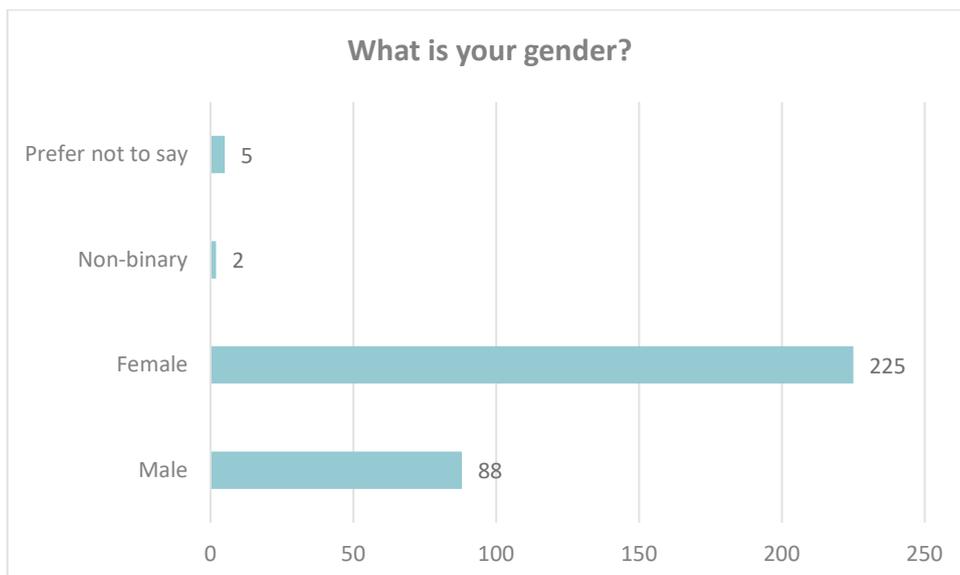
### What post code do you live in?

- The majority of respondents (82%) live in Kiama



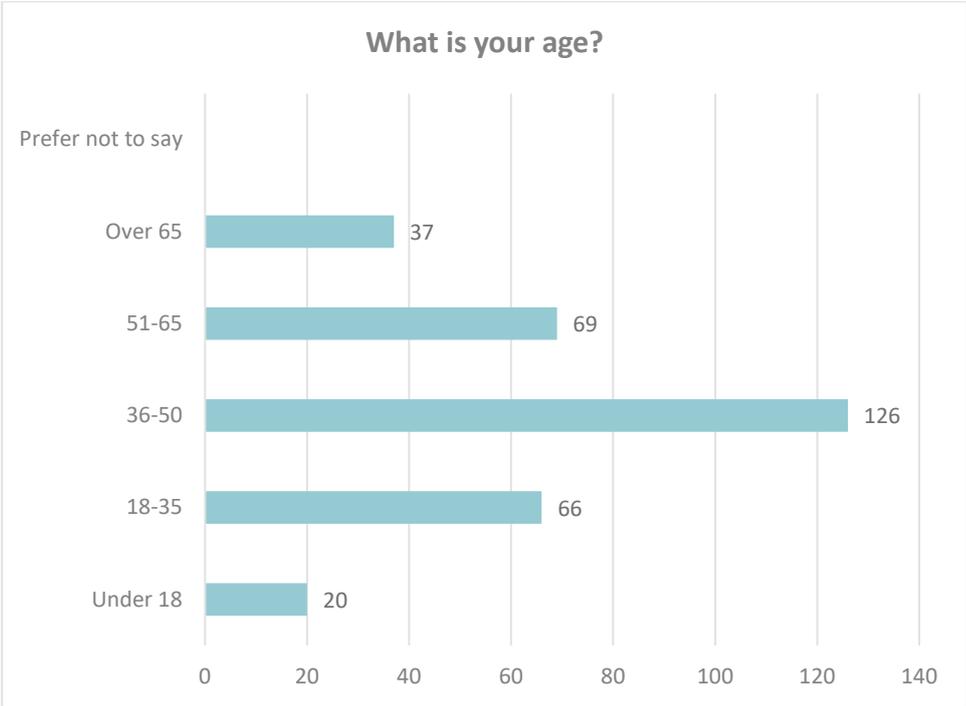
### What is your gender?

- The majority of the respondents (71%) are female and minority (28%) are male



What is your age?

- The majority of the respondents are aged between 36-50

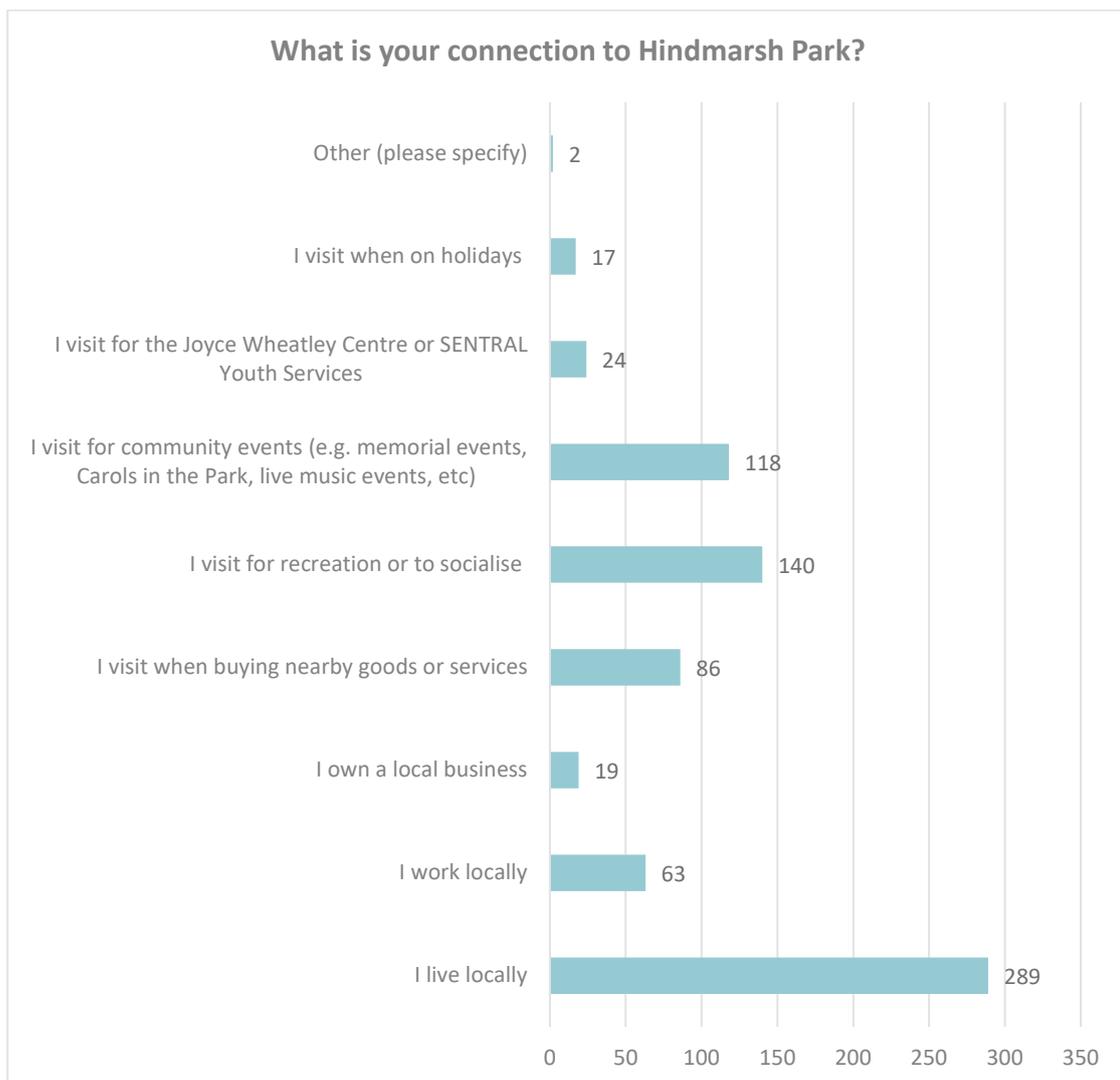


## 5.2 WHAT PARTICIPANTS TOLD US

On all Hindmarsh Park consultation surveys, people could respond to questions about their connection to Hindmarsh Park, current visitation, and use. This section also provides an overview of the ideas raised for Hindmarsh Park. Results are listed below.

### What is your connection to Hindmarsh Park?

- 90% live locally, 45% currently visit Hindmarsh Park for recreation or to socialise, and 38% visit for community events



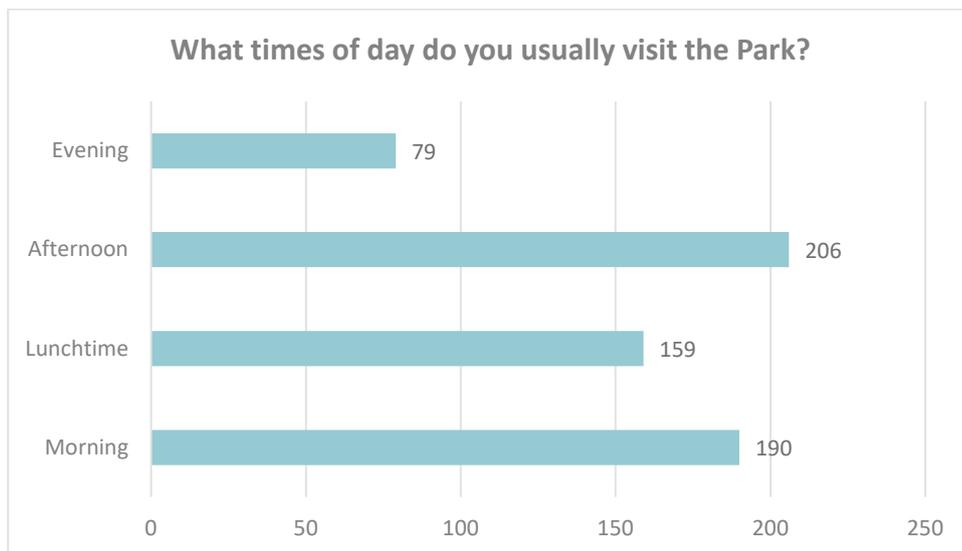
### How often do you visit Hindmarsh Park?

- The majority of respondents visit Hindmarsh Park a few times a month (38%) to more frequent visits a few times a week (33%)



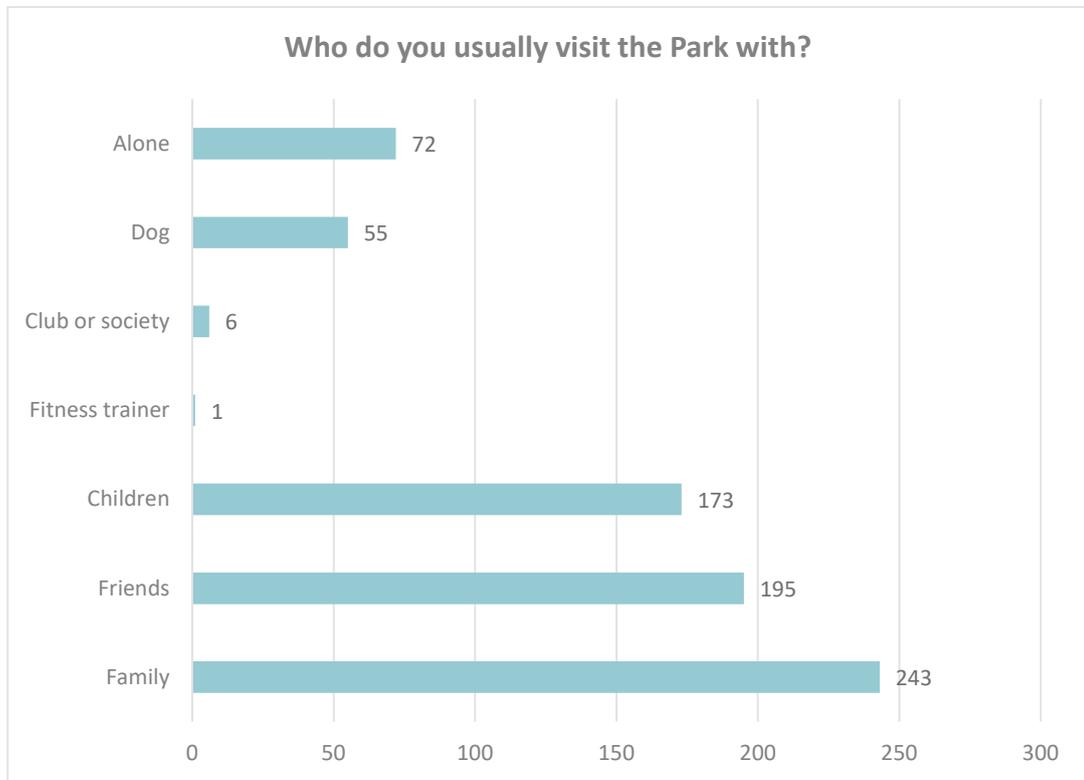
### What times of day do you usually visit the Park?

- 66% said they visit Hindmarsh Park in the afternoon, 59% visit in the morning, 48% at lunchtime and 25% in the evening



### Who do you usually visit the Park with?

- The majority of respondents visit Hindmarsh Park with family, friends, and their children. Visiting alone, with a dog or pet, or with a club or society were less popular responses.



### Which of the following activities do you do in the Park?

- The activities most respondents most often do in Hindmarsh Park are walking (65%), visiting the playground (59%), sitting (56%) and picnicking (42%).
- The activities most respondents sometimes do in Hindmarsh Park are attend live music events (64.5%), attend memorial events (56%), and social gatherings (48%).
- The activities most respondents least do in Hindmarsh Park are fitness or exercise classes (96%), youth events (72%), informal sports (55%), or dog walking (49%).

### Which of the following activities do you do in the park?

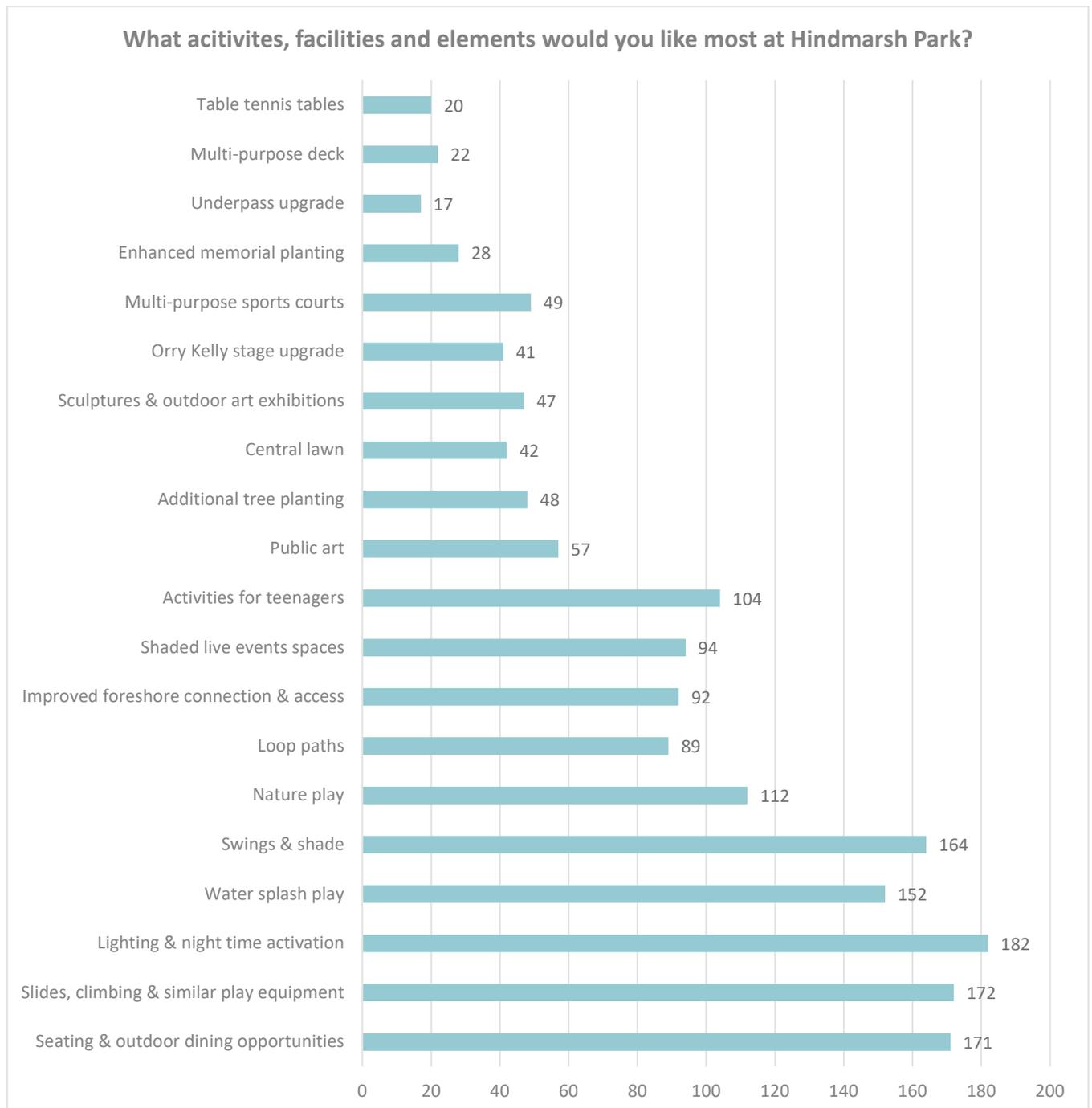
	Often	Sometimes	Never
Walking	65.4%	30.8%	3.8%
Dog walking	25.7%	25.7%	48.5%
Sitting	56.5%	42.3%	1.2%
Visiting the playground	57.8%	26.6%	15.6%
Picnicking	41.7%	50.8%	7.4%
Social gatherings, e.g. birthday parties	22.8%	50.3%	26.9%
Memorial events	11%	57.1%	31.9%
Live music events	21.6%	64.9%	13.5%
Youth events	8.5%	20.2%	71.3%
Informal sports, e.g. frisbee, ball sports	15.2%	30.3%	54.5%
Fitness classes/personal trainer	0.8%	2.5%	96.7%
Other exercise	9.2%	17.5%	73.3%

## What activities, facilities and elements would you like most at Hindmarsh Park?

The activities, facilities and elements most respondents would like to see at Hindmarsh Park are ranked from most popular to least popular, based on the number of votes each received.

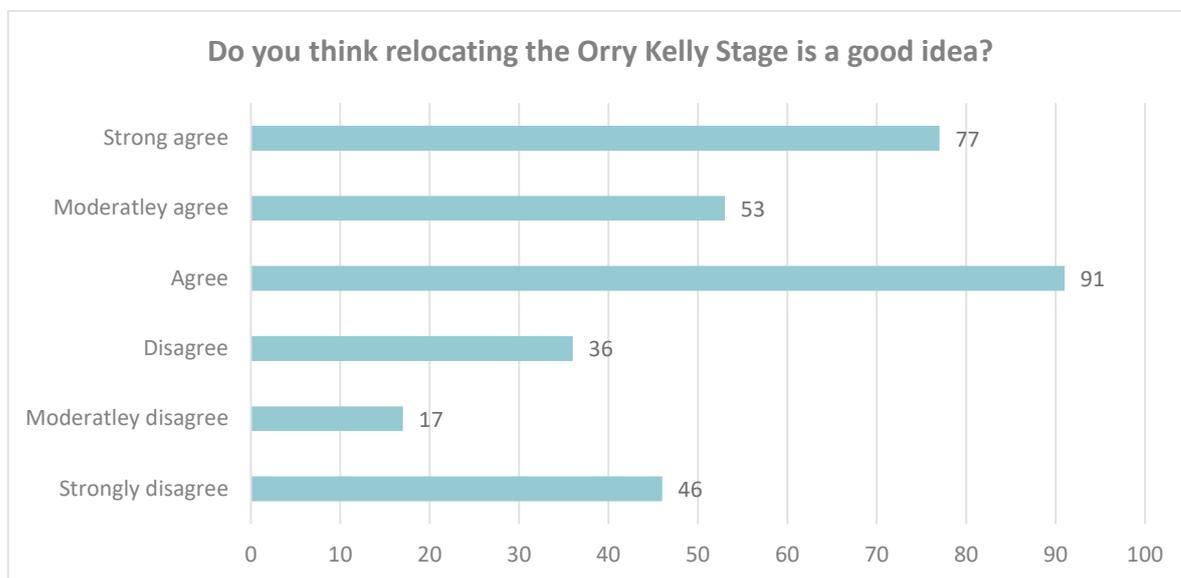
Ideas of increasing park amenity through providing new seating and outdoor dining opportunities, lighting and night-time activation, loop paths and shaded live event spaces ranked among the most popular ideas for Hindmarsh Park.

Ideas of upgrading the existing play facilities and increasing play opportunities such as providing new slides, climbing and similar play equipment, swings and shade, water splash play, nature play and activities for teenagers also ranked among the most popular ideas for Hindmarsh Park.



### Do you think relocating the Orry Kelly Stage is a good idea?

- The majority of respondents (28%) indicated a preference for relocating the Orry Kelly Stage. 24% of respondents strongly agreed and 14% strongly disagreed.



### 5.3 OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS

Of the 350 survey responses, approximately 236 respondents provided written comments to open ended questions about what they would like to see improved in Hindmarsh Park. Respondents raised the following:

- 65% of respondents expressed a desire to increase park amenity
- 55% of respondents expressed a desire to improve the playground
- 43% of respondents expressed a desire to not overdevelop the park
- 40% expressed a desire for increased shaded seating
- 15% expressed a desire for disabled access toilets
- 8% expressed a desire for path accessibility upgrades
- 5% expressed a desire for the old rocket play structure to be included in the park upgrade
- 4% expressed a desire for a permanent skate facility

### 5.4 WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

In addition to the input from key stakeholders, four other individuals made written submissions separate from the survey:

- Eunice Quintana-Smark (2 and 15 Nov 2021), regarding a potential mural within the park involving youth input
- Samantha Bass (9 Dec 2021), regarding shade for play equipment and a playground surface that stays cool
- Jessie Bruton (20 Dec 2021), in support of a basketball court and accessible toilets in the park
- John Clark (14 Jan 2022), regarding inclusion of "Livvi's Place" ideas into the park

The full written submissions are included in Appendix D.

# 6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

The following sections summarise the main themes of comments received from those stakeholders who made contact beyond completion of the survey.

## 6.1 KIAMA/JAMBEROO RSL SUB-BRANCH

Two letters from Peter O'Brien, Secretary of the Kiama/Jamberoo RSL Sub-Branch outline a proposal to build an extended platform around the eastern side of the Memorial Arch, creating more space for memorial events. The second letter outlines specific dimensions and other requirements, including a sketch.

## 6.2 SENTRAL YOUTH SERVICES

The 15 young people who provided input on 23 December 2021 showed very strong support for multi-purpose courts, as well as clear support for table tennis tables, multi-purpose deck, water play, swings and shade, and shaded live event spaces.

Their comments also mention more trees, shade and fairy lights.

## 6.3 KIAMA BUSINESS CHAMBER

The Kiama Business Chamber outlined several areas for improvement as part of the park upgrade:

- Improved seating and tables
- Improved paths, improving links into and through the park, connecting different parts of the Kiama town centre
- Improved night-time activation, including lighting
- Improved space and facilities for the markets at Black Beach Reserve

The Business Chamber were positive about the existing stage location, but also suggested the possibility to relocate the stage to the area of the existing playground (and relocating the playground to the area of the existing stage).

## 6.4 KIAMA JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

Becky Guggisberg, the organiser of the Kiama Jazz & Blues Festival commented about the existing stage, outlining the key issues that make the current stage unsuitable for their purposes. She also suggested the possibility of relocating the stage to the area of the existing playground.

She also commented about the poor access to public toilet facilities from the park.

## 6.5 KIAMA MASONIC CENTRE

The key issue noted by Peter Stemp, as the representative of the Masonic Centre, is the pressure on parking around the park, and the potential for this to increase with the park upgrade and other developments.

## 6.6 OWNERS OF HINDMARSH PARK COTTAGE

Gavin McLure and Kay McNiven, the owners of "Hindmarsh Park Cottage" (35 Shoalhaven Street) commented about the following features they would like to see upgraded:

- Improved pedestrian connection into the park via Collins Lane (including paving, lighting)
- Seating in the park and along Terralong Street

They also commented that they have no issues with the existing stage location, however if it is moved, they would prefer it no closer to their property. Temporary equipment in this area (e.g. the scooter track) has some impact on their property.

## 6.7 HINDMARSH FAMILY

Michael Hindmarsh III made some general comments about the positive aspects of the park, not to "overdo" its upgrade and to maintain it as a quiet, open green space, in contrast to surrounding streets.

He also noted he would like to tell more stories of Kiama's history in the park, including:

- Stories of the local indigenous people (e.g. local customs such as birthing trees)
- Stories of the Hindmarsh family, going beyond the information on the existing sign to tell some of the interesting stories and something of the characters they were (e.g. George and Hannah Hindmarsh)
- Stories of the local weather and landscape (e.g. the east coast lows)

He suggested the potential for stories to be embedded in the landscape, for example as art/sculptural elements, as well as the potential to include interesting locally native trees in the park.

# 7 NEXT STEPS

The community input sought from all consultation feedback will be used to develop Concept Designs for Hindmarsh Park. Most key themes that were identified for Hindmarsh Park will be incorporated in the designs for the space. The project team will:

- balance the needs and wishes for different user groups and consider potential conflicting and complementary uses
- consider the availability of other parks and facilities in the surrounding areas
- work with the available budget and site constraints.

The Concept Designs will be presented to Council for adoption and will be made available for information to the community.

Following Council adoption, the project team will proceed with the detailed design for the park. A series of newsletters will then inform stakeholders how their feedback has been incorporated into the detailed designs.

# APPENDIX A SURVEY TEMPLATE & POSTER

# Visiting the park

**Q1a. What is your connection to Hindmarsh Park?**  
(choose as many as you like)

- I live locally
  - I work locally
  - I own a local business
  - I visit when buying nearby goods or services
  - I visit for recreation or to socialise
  - I visit for community events (e.g. memorial events, Carols in the Park, live music events, etc)
  - I visit for the Joyce Wheatley Centre or SENTRAL Youth Services
  - I visit when on holidays
  - Other (please specify)
- 

**Q1b. How often do you visit Hindmarsh Park?**  
(choose the option that best describes how often you visit)

- Every day
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Once a year or less
- Never

**Q1c. What times of day do you typically visit the park?**  
(choose as many as you like)

- Morning
- Lunchtime
- Afternoon
- Evening

**Q1d. Who do you usually visit the Park with?**  
(choose as many as you like)

- Family
  - Friends
  - Children
  - Fitness trainer
  - Club or society
  - Dog
  - Alone
  - Other, (please specify)
- 

**Q1e. Which of the following activities do you do in the Park?** (choose as many as you like)

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visiting the playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live music events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informal sports, e.g. frisbee, ball sports)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitness classes/ personal trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q1f. Are there other reasons you visit the park?**  
Tell us about any other activities that you do in Hindmarsh Park

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# Park improvements

**Q2a. Have a look at the images on display and use the stickers to select the activities, facilities and elements you would most like at Hindmarsh Park.**

**Q2b. What other improvements for the Park, activities or facilities would you like to see?**

**Q2c. Do you think relocating the Orry Kelly Stage is a good idea?**

We are interested in ways to maximise the potential of a range of different activities at Hindmarsh Park. If the Orry Kelly Stage was relocated to the upper part of Hindmarsh Park there would be more shade for watching and enjoying live events. Also, it would open the lower part of the park for more diverse activities.

Strongly disagree	-----	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please turn over for more...*

# About you

We are collecting some information about you to make sure that we've heard from a range of people.

Your personal information is private and confidential. It will be kept safely by Civille for the duration of the project. We will only use the data for analysis and reporting and will not identify you or anyone who answers the survey.

## Q3a. Post code

I live in:

- 2533 (Kiama area)
- 2529 (Shellharbour area)
- 2534 (Gerringong/Geroa area)
- Don't know/prefer not to say
- Other

## Q3b. Age

I am:

- Under 18
- 18-35
- 36-50
- 51-65
- Over 65
- Prefer not to say

## Q3c. Gender

I identify as:

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say

# Stay in touch?

Stay in touch to receive email updates about the project, including future community consultation.

Your contact information will be kept private and only used for these purposes. Your contact details will not be linked to your survey responses.

If you would like to be included on the project mailing list, please provide your email address.

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# Any other comments?

Is there anything else you would like us to consider as part of the project?

# Hindmarsh Park Upgrade

Kiama, New South Wales

## What activities, facilities, and elements would you most like at Hindmarsh Park?

Please place up to three dots on the boards to indicate which activity you would like. Please place only one dot per activity.



Slides, climbing & similar play equipment



Seating & outdoor dining opportunities



Water splash play



Table tennis tables



Shaded live events spaces



Swings & shade



Enhanced memorial planting



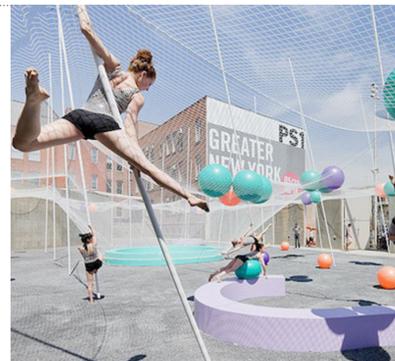
Underpass upgrade



Multi-purpose sports courts



Orry Kelly stage upgrade



Activities for teenagers



Public art



Loop paths



Central lawn



Sculptures & outdoor art exhibitions



Nature play



Lighting & night time activation



Improved access & connection to Black Beach

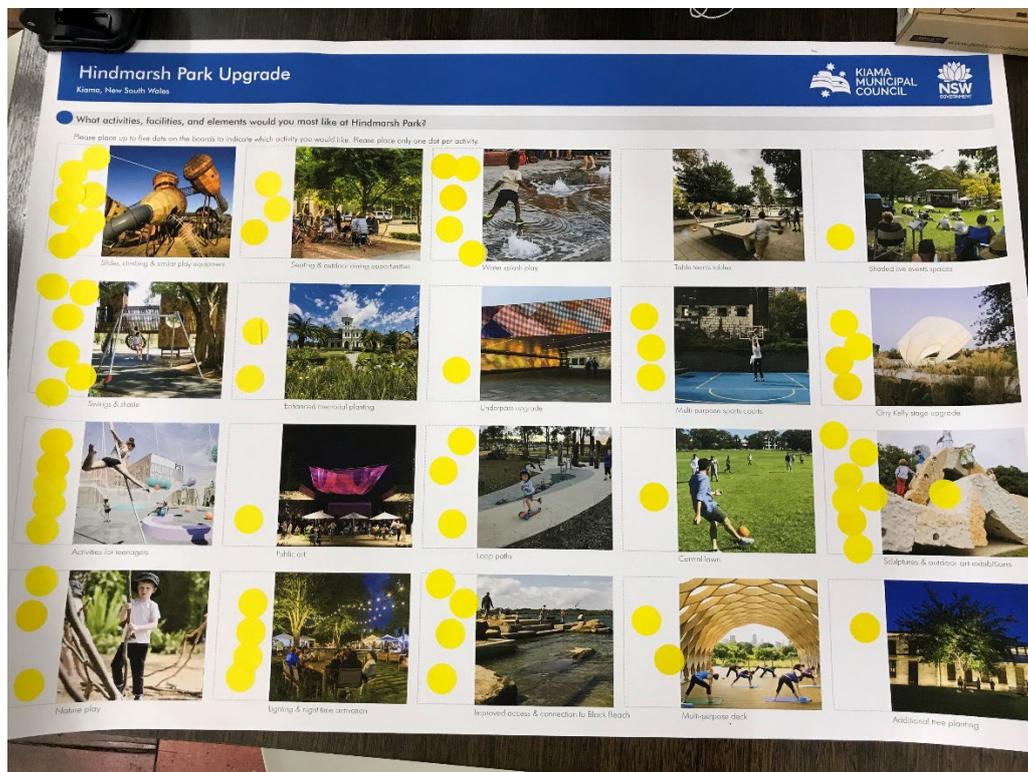


Multi-purpose deck



Additional tree planting

# APPENDIX B ON-SITE SURVEY POSTERS



On site community engagement session Wednesday 22 December 2021



On site community engagement session Saturday 08 January 2022

# APPENDIX C NOTES FROM SENTRAL YOUTH DROP-IN SESSION

# Hindmarsh Park Upgrade

Kiama, New South Wales

What activities, facilities, and elements would you most like at Hindmarsh Park?

*SMSiv*

Please place up to five dots on the boards to indicate which activity you would like. Please place only one dot per activity.



Slides, climbing & similar play equipment



Seating & outdoor dining opportunities



Water sp...



Swings & shade



Enhanced memorial planting



Underpa...



Activities for teenagers



Public art



Loop pat...



Nature play



Lighting & night time activation



Improved

*More trees  
fairy lights,  
Keep it Green!!!  
Halefixing  
Pipe  
Skate*





*Live events for youth  
Dog's Snoop  
American  
\*Tennis papers  
Inspired  
Unemployment  
Cinema / movie*



Water play



Table tennis tables



Shaded live events spaces



Wall sculpture upgrade



Multi-purpose sports courts



Ory Kelly stage upgrade



Play structure



Central lawn



Sculptures & outdoor art exhibitions



Access & connection to Black Beach



Multi-purpose deck



Additional tree planting

# APPENDIX D WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS



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Date Received

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Kiama Municipal Council

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Ms Jane Stroud  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kiama Municipal Council  
11 Manning St  
Kiama NSW 2533,

Dear Ms Stroud,

During the course of the Remembrance Day commemorations, Mayor Honey suggested we should get in contact with you regarding two matters.

The first relates to the repurposing of the old Kokoda Wing of the Blue Haven Nursing Home. He advised that there is a large bronze plaque containing the names of Kiama residents who have perished in war. He feels that it should be transferred to the RSL so that we can display it in our hall at Jamberoo. Would it be possible for Council to arrange removal of the plaque to our hall and possibly assistance to re-erect it there?

The second matter relates to the redevelopment of Hindmarsh Park. Sometime ago we held informal discussions with Council staff concerning terracing the area of the Park immediately behind the Memorial Arch in order that future services, particularly ANZAC Day, can be oriented into the Park as opposed to the street intersection. This would be much more convenient from a traffic perspective and a crowd control and comfort perspective. Our proposal would also involve an extension of the existing Grellman Wall and provision of some motifs on the reverse side of the Arch. We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss our proposals with Council's project staff.

Sincerely

Peter O'Brien  
Hon. Secretary  
Kiama/Jamberoo RSL Sub-Branch

**Date Received**

01 DEC 2021

Kiama Municipal Council



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Ms Jane Stroud  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kiama Municipal Council  
Administration Centre,  
11 Manning Street,  
Kiama NSW 2533

**Proposal to extend the Memorial Arch platform in Hindmarsh Park**

**Dear Ms Stroud,**

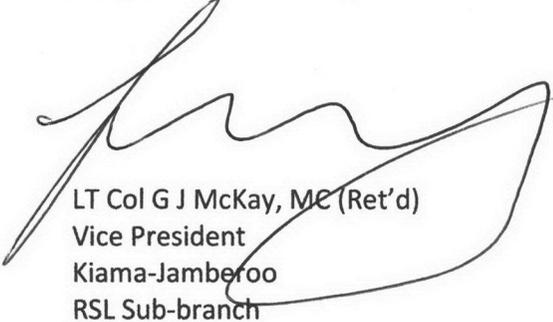
In conjunction with the proposed Hindmarsh Park redevelopment and refurbishment, it is requested consideration be given by the Kiama Council to extend the platform on the eastern side of the Arch that surrounds the Memorial Arch in Hindmarsh Park. This request is made for the following reasons:

1. It would allow speakers to be facing into Hindmarsh Park that would facilitate a larger audience than can currently be seated or stand to listen to Anzac Day and Remembrance Day Services.
2. It would allow the audience to be physically separated and not crammed in to a space and on the roadway opposite the Arch, allowing safer distances in time of Covid or similar viral outbreaks.
3. It would mean that the roadway would not have to be closed during such events, especially Remembrance Day services.
4. It would give greater room for participating support equipment and people such as choirs and bands. At present they are crammed into a space on the footpath adjacent to the Arch.
5. The retaining wall to support the proposed platform as shown on Annex A could be used as an extension of the current Grellman Memorial Wall in decades to come. It should therefore be constructed of the same material as the current wall façade.
6. There will need to be a set of steps at least two metres wide to allow two people side by side to access the platform from down in Hindmarsh Park. The steps should be at least 300mm wide and have a riser height of no more than 150mm. This would allow access for either mounting a Catafalque Party of people laying wreaths at the base of the Arch.
7. The provision of power outlets would also need to be provided for on the eastern side of the Arch for sound amplification and other lighting requirements as needed.

8. The dais area of the platform where speakers would stand should be a minimum of four metres deep and extend at least three metres each side of the Arch to allow a Catafalque soldier to stand.

9. As part of this realignment it would be ideal if the current flagpole is relocated to the eastern side of the Arch as indicated in the attachment.

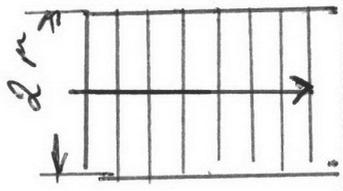
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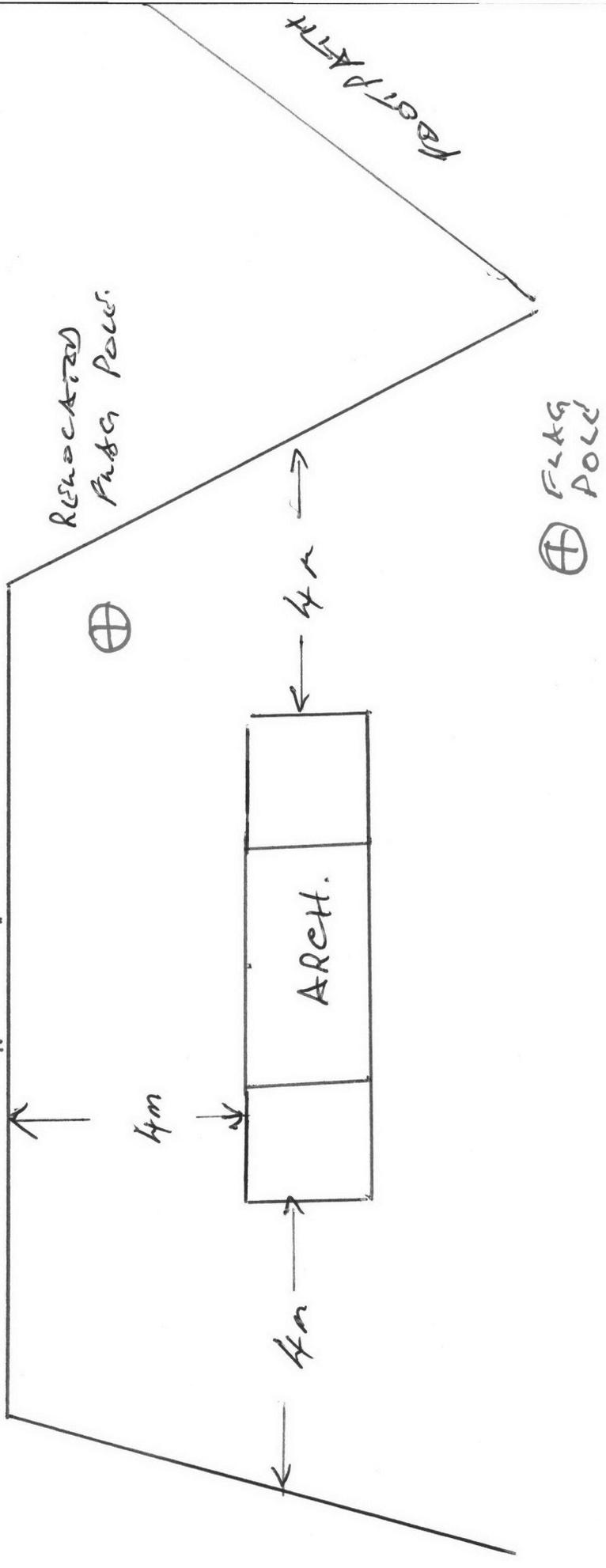
LT Col G J McKay, MC (Ret'd)  
Vice President  
Kiama-Jamberoo  
RSL Sub-branch

1 December 2021

ANNEX A  
TO RSL 1/12/21



STEPS.



NOT TO SCALE.



24 January 2022

Civille

Attn: Alexa McAuley

Via Email [alexa@civille.com.au](mailto:alexa@civille.com.au)

RE: Hindmarsh Park Upgrade

Dear Alexa,

We refer to our meeting and discussion with yourself regarding the Hindmarsh Park upgrade. Below is the Kiama and District Business Chambers view on the future upgrade.

#### Seating and tables

- A major use of the park is people eating takeaway food from nearby restaurants, but seating options could be improved
- Under the trees, tables get dirty with leaves, fruit, bat poo, etc. Roofing could be beneficial
- One restaurant wanted to provide picnic blankets in the park, but was not supported on this

#### Paths

- Consider proposal for new Terralong street pedestrian crossings (town centre traffic study) – desire lines into park
- Southern steps into the park (off Terralong Street) are uninviting and not much used, but could be improved
- Are there too many paths in the top section of the park? This area isn't well used, could be more inviting
- It would be good to reinforce the link between the Terralong St and Collins Street retail areas – through the top section of the park (lighting and seating could also help, as well as path improvements)
- It would also be good to improve the link to Black Beach Reserve – link the play areas, link to popular foreshore path, link to markets
- Laneway link from Collins Street into park would also be good to improve
- There's a broader need to link different parts of the Kiama town centre and the park could help with this

#### Lighting

- Night-time activation is a general ambition for the town centre

- There is interest from businesses but not much activity at night at the moment
- Improvements in the park could potentially be a catalyst for more business activity in the evenings (e.g., cafés opening some evenings)
- Night-time markets have been discussed for the park (edge along Terralong Street)
- This would need better lighting and seating along that side of the park, as well as power for stalls

#### Markets at Black Beach Reserve

- The middle section (near palm trees) is desirable for stall holders, but could be improved
- There is no power in the middle section and food stalls generally need power
- Paths in this area don't quite work – desire lines don't match path alignments
- There isn't great seating in this area, for markets or other times
- The markets 'turn their back' to the Harbour here, but they would change this if the space worked differently
- The Harbour Revitalisation Strategy looked at reclaiming more land here, pushing the foreshore out and creating more space in the reserve. This would be good for the markets, but people do also enjoy the beach here as well – it's a popular spot for kids to play

#### Stage

- The existing stage location is more visible than the temporary one set up for the jazz festival, and activates the park better, which is a positive
- Could it be better protected from the weather?
- KDBC has used the stage for events and also set up stalls nearby, but had to run power from the Guides Hall to stalls
- Consider potential to swap stage and playground locations

Yours Sincerely



Kaylene Derix  
Executive Officer, on behalf of the Board  
Kiama and District Business Chamber

**From:** [Becky Guggisberg](#)  
**To:** [Alexa McAuley](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Hindmarsh Park upgrade  
**Date:** Wednesday, 12 January 2022 1:09:20 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Alexa

Thank you for the survey & links for the Hindmarsh Park upgrade.

I have completed & hope to attend a public consultation as well.

I wanted to draw your attention to a couple of things.

We have found the Orry Kelly stage unusable for music performances, and no longer use it.

1. Because of the position of the stage, the sound travels into the shop fronts on the main street & echoes within their shop / despite the decibels being suitable & monitored.
2. The audience will sit in the shady spaces and this leaves a large gap (aka no man's land) between the band performers and the audience (not fun for anyone)
3. The height & inflexibility of the stage is kind of silly
4. The trains impact the performances - so close to the railroad
5. It is an ugly, dirty, eyesore - except possibly at night, but it still fails to utilize the natural amphitheater of the park.

The KJBF has for the last few years set up in the shady space near the JW community centre.

The JW centre looks like a toilet block & should have public access to toilet facilities. We do have events there & we spend a lot of time directing people to the public toilets.

Personally- I think if the play equipment relocated to where the O Kelly stage is - the figtree is a lovely shade & natural environment to play in, there is a flat area to kick a ball & play

Perhaps plant a few more shade trees, this space would also lead towards the harbour/ black beach. The park could then open to a more suitable activation of a stage near the JW centre that is easy for performers to access from the car park.

Is the Joyce Wheatley centre part of the upgrade?

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Let's get this right, & have one of the best parks possible!!

Kind regards

Becky xx



**becky guggisberg**  
**0415 062 466**

On Mon, Dec 20, 2021 at 2:51 PM Alexa McAuley <[alexa@civille.com.au](mailto:alexa@civille.com.au)> wrote:

Dear Becky,

I am writing about Kiama Council's Hindmarsh Park upgrade. I'm from Civille, the consultancy that has been engaged by Kiama Council to develop designs for the park upgrade.

I am writing to you to make sure you are aware of the project and the consultation process. There is information now available on Kiama Council's [Have Your Say web page](#), including dates for two in-person consultation sessions in the park, and a link to an online survey. Please share this with your network.

At the end of the survey there is the option to sign up for updates about the project, or please let me know if you'd like me to add your address to the mailing list. The first newsletter is available [here](#).

As a key stakeholder, we would also like to give you the opportunity to talk with the project team to discuss any concerns or ideas related to the park upgrade. If this is of interest, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Alexa McAuley

Director



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**From:** [peter](#)  
**To:** [Alexa McAuley](#)  
**Cc:** [Russell Shore](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Hindmarsh Park upgrade  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 December 2021 2:45:24 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Alexa

I am the representative of Kiama Masonic Centre.

As the Centre adjoins Hindmarsh Park we are interested to know what is planned and if the proposed upgrade will impact us.

At this early stage 2 areas of concern are;

Any proposed work where our property adjoins the park,

and additional parking, assuming the upgrade will result in increased usage of the park.

Would you please keep me informed of progress please

Kind Regards

Peter Stemp

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**From:** Alexa McAuley <[alexa@civille.com.au](mailto:alexa@civille.com.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 December 2021, 2:53 pm  
**To:** [ttiot\\_thor@bigpond.com](mailto:ttiot_thor@bigpond.com)  
**Subject:** Hindmarsh Park upgrade

To: Kiama Masonic Centre,

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I look forward to hearing from you in whatever form

Kind regards,

Alexa McAuley  
Director



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**From:** [Kay & Gavin](#)  
**To:** [Alexa McAuley](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Hindmarsh Park  
**Date:** Saturday, 22 January 2022 6:04:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Alexa,

Thanks for putting that all together. I think you have covered of all our suggestions/comments and concerns.

Some of what we spoke to you about has also been raised in the written submission that we put in via the portal.

Thank you for making sure we were able to be part of the feedback.

Regards,

Kay and Gavin

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Jan 2022, at 10:06 am, Alexa McAuley <[alexa@civille.com.au](mailto:alexa@civille.com.au)> wrote:

Hi Gavin and Kay,

Further to our conversation yesterday, I'd like to capture your input in writing if possible, so I can check that I've captured your ideas and can make a clear reference to your input in our report to Council.

I've made the following notes, if you could please respond with any changes or additions, and of course feel free to put any of it back in your own words.

Collins Lane

- The area is slowly changing – e.g. the owners of 6 and 8 Collins Lane are developing plans for shops, units, backpacker accommodation
- We would like to see any new development in keeping with heritage character of terraces
- A better pedestrian connection is needed from the laneway to the park
- This should include paving and lighting
- This may have some impact on residents/guests at the house (privacy, light, noise) but we would still like to see it improved

The stage

- The existing location has a nice backdrop (fig trees)
- There are some issues as others have mentioned (e.g. concerns about acoustics, audience doesn't like to sit in the exposed area in front of the stage)
- Other locations have been tried for other events, but they aren't perfect

either. (e.g., jazz and blues festival has been putting up a temporary stage further up in the park closer to Collins St, and the bushfire event put a temporary stage between the figs and old ambulance station, but this blocks access through the park towards Shoalhaven Street)

- We are not concerned about the proximity of the stage to the house – as long as it is not moved any closer

Other activities in this part of the park

- Council has been putting temporary structures in the area between SENTRAL/Guides Hall and the stage each summer (formerly a trampoline, recently the scooter/bike track)
- This has some impact on residents/guests at the house (privacy, noise). Most have been OK with the impacts, but we are never made aware of what's happening. We would like to be notified by Council when they intend to put temporary structures here.

Construction

- Also concerned about impacts on residents/guests at the house during construction phase
- They would like information about construction dates, impacts

Seating in the park

- There isn't enough seating in the park at the moment
- Along Terralong Street could also be improved
- There was a previous Council commitment to put more seating in the park, but never implemented
- Hastings Street Noosa is a good precedent for seating style, including basalt

Kind regards,

Alexa McAuley

Director



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**Gareth Ward** MP

MEMBER FOR KIAMA



GW:nm

Thursday, 25 November 2021

Mrs Jane Stroud  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kiama Municipal Council

Via email

Dear Mrs Stroud,

I write to make representations on behalf of M/s Eunice Quintana-Smark in relation to the possibility of including murals as part of the redesign of Hindmarsh Park.

M/s Quintana-Smark believes this would be a good idea to not only attract tourists but to also get Kiama's youth involved within the redesign.

To ensure you are fully informed on the circumstances, enclosed is a copy of M/s Quintana-Smark's correspondence.

I would appreciate if you could investigate these concerns and advise in due course of the council's position in relation to this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in relation to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

**GARETH WARD MP**  
Member for Kiama

*Working for Our Community*

Encl. Correspondence from M/s Quintana-Smark

## Jacob Sich

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**From:** Eunice Quintana-Smark <eqsmark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 November 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** ElectorateOffice Kiama  
**Subject:** Re: [garethward] Eunice QuintanaSmark left feedback on Contact

Hi Jacob,

Thanks again for getting back to me. I'm following up on my original message regarding the information on designers for the redesign of Hindmarsh Park. As I mentioned, I would like to discuss an artistic mural of urban art involving the youth of Kiama. I am a marketing professional working with local artist Joshua Wiffen who would be perfect to work with the designers to create the artistic aspect. Joshua has over 20 years of experience and has run many art workshops with street art, urban art, and other art styles.

Kind regards,

Eunice

On Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 2:30 PM ElectorateOffice Kiama <[ElectorateOffice.Kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ElectorateOffice.Kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

Dear Eunice,

Thank you for taking the time to contact Gareth Ward MP, Member for Kiama.

In order for Gareth to be able to act on your behalf he requires your full residential address and contact details.

Please provide the required information by reply email.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Kind regards

Jacob Sich | Office Manager  
OFFICE OF GARETH WARD MP  
MEMBER FOR KIAMA



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**From:** Eunice QuintanaSmark <[egsmark@gmail.com](mailto:egsmark@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 November 2021 1:46 PM  
**To:** Gareth Ward <[kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** [garethward] Eunice QuintanaSmark left feedback on Contact

Dear Gareth, I am delighted to see that funding has been secured to improve Hindmarsh Park in Kiama. I have some suggestions to include art/ murals as part of the redesign and would like to speak to the appropriate designers/ group involved to present ideas. I represent a local artist and parent of a primary school student at Kiama Public School, Joshua Wiffen, who would be perfect to lead the artistic development. I believe having an artistic flair to the upgrades will be very welcome not only by tourists but our local residents especially if we can get local youth involved in an urban art project. Could I please ask to be contacted to discuss the possible integration of this idea?  
Thanking you for all your hard work and continue support for our community. Kind regards, Eunice

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Eunice

Mob: 0415-050-046

**From:** [Peter Gill](#)  
**To:** [Sam Bass](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hindmarsh park development  
**Date:** Thursday, 9 December 2021 12:47:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image987227.jpg](#)  
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Hi Sam, thank you for your comments. Over Christmas and early next year council will be calling for comments and ideas through the project consultants. There will be onsite pop up kiosk as well as Facebook and website showing ideas to promote discussion. There will be a new playground designed around the feedback received. I will keep your email as a submission but feel free to add more comments when the proposal is exhibited. Any further enquiries on playground at Hindmarsh park can be sent directly to me although I will have a few weeks of leave over Christmas. Regards Peter.



Peter Gill  
**Landscape Officer**  
**Kiama Municipal Council**  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 December 2021 1:33 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@kiama.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@kiama.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Hindmarsh park development

Hi Council,

Thanks for all of your good work so far

How do I go about having some input into the park development. I am a member of the community and also run a small business in kiama. (Currently on maternity leave with my 11month old).

My input is below. I am happy to forward to the right person.

**The park really needs shade over the play equipment like at surf beach.**

I go the the park often now and sometimes we can't use it because it is too hot and sunny for my

baby. Like many babies she pulls off every hat I put on her and has an aversion to shoes. As a baby with sensitive skin, we avoid sunscreen if we can.

**The park needs a ground that is soft and doesn't heat up in the sun.**

Babies often won't wear shoes and the ground gets really hot at the park equipment at Hindmarsh park. It can get too hot for her bare feet. When this is the case we really can't use the park equipment.

Kind regards,  
Samantha Bass  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mail](#)  
**To:** [Alexa McAuley](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hindmarsh park upgrade  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 December 2021 2:22:43 PM  
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**From:** Peter Gill <PeterG@kiama.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 2:09:49 PM  
**To:** Mail <mail@civille.com.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Hindmarsh park upgrade



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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Peter Gill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 December 2021 2:08 PM  
**To:** <mailto:mail@civille.com.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Hindmarsh park upgrade

Hi, received this submission. Basketball court and disabled toilets. Regards Peter.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** jessie bruton <[jessiebruton@icloud.com](mailto:jessiebruton@icloud.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 December 2021 7:59 PM  
**To:** Council <[council@kiama.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@kiama.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Hindmarsh park upgrade

Evening,

I'm writing in regards to the Hindmarsh park upgrade, I have previously been in contact with Gareth Ward regarding the same matter and would like to put forth the same recommendations as I did to Gareth.

I am a Kiama mum with three boys 14,10,8 and I also have a physical disability. The upgrade to Hindmarsh could mean updated facilities that meets the needs of Kiama residents with disabilities, the youth of Kiama and tourists alike.

Ideally a basketball court and disabled toilets would be extremely beneficial to the area

Currently Kiama has two basketball courts in Kiama downs but none in Kiama central, being so close to the youth centre a basketball court with appropriate lighting for evening use would mean accessibility for the youth of Kiama, to be utilised by the youth centre and the schools as well as individuals...I understand the ping pong table at black beach attempted this but failed to meet the needs of youth in the area, the ping pong table is NOT accessible for all and honestly is a waste of space that could have been better utilised.

As a person with a disability we regularly utilise the basketball court at Kiama downs, basketball is an inclusive sport that my children and all young people can utilise as well as people with physical and intellectual disabilities, being a wheelchair user I am still able to play basketball with my kids and I have regularly seen individuals utilising community participation with the NDIS utilising the basketball court in Kiama downs also. A basketball court would also be welcomed and readily utilised by the youth centre and tourists alike, it is a safe, welcoming facility that Kiama as a whole would welcome.

Also a disabled toilet. People with physical disabilities have no access to facilities unless they go to the Rockpool, having a disability this isn't good enough, several cafes and restaurants have no wheelchair accessible toilet. It is a failure in basic human rights and accessibility and I know for myself with our boys hungry monkey and all those cafes do not have accessible facilities.

I more then welcome further discussion but I put forth this recommendation and advocate for individuals with disabilities to have more accessible facilities and also for the youth of Kiama who need facilities that boost physical activity, positive interactions and support mental health. Kiama is a tourist destination but our vulnerable community members deserve more and a 3 million dollar grant should advocate for this.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further

Jessie Bruton  
0401791626  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Alexa McAuley](#)  
**To:** [John Clark](#)  
**Cc:** [David Knights](#); [Scott Wall](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Website Enquiry  
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Hi John,

As discussed, we'll include your comment in our consultation report.

I just checked with the project team, inclusive play is part of the project brief – the grant program guidelines refer to the NSW Government [Everyone Can Play](#) guidelines, which had Touched by Olivia's input.

Kind regards,

Alexa

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Message Body:

Prior to my retirement to Kiama, I was a director of the children's charity Good Beginnings ( now part of Save the Children). We did some work with the playground experts Livvi's Place and I would like to facilitate the inclusion of their ideas in your Kiama Hindmarsh Park project. I can be contacted by email or 0412 385 199

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