



Kingborough

**SPRING FARM
OPEN SPACE
ENGAGEMENT
REPORT**

Consultation Summary

Kingborough Council invited community members to submit their ideas and comments on the development of a proposed play space in Spring Farm Estate, Kingston.

Feedback was sought on the most important elements to be included in the design of the Open Space.

A community survey was developed and promoted through social media, local media and via the Council's website.

The survey aimed to collect feedback on choices about play and exercise equipment, seating, shelter, walkways, information signs and anything else the community thought to be a priority for this space.

The following report summarises all the participant's feedback collected from the survey.



The survey was open to responses between 1 July and 1 August 2022.

It contained six closed-ended and four open-ended questions.

248 responses were received.

Background

Spring Farm Estate and nearby Whitewater Park Estate are brand new suburbs in Kingston with approximately 600 new residential lots created in the last three years.

Where:

The site is located on Spring Farm Road adjacent to Whitewater Creek.

The land has a central stand of trees that will be retained as native bushland habitat and left undeveloped except for some additional native plants and grasses.

The remaining open land is to be developed into a play/recreation space for the community.

Project Budget:

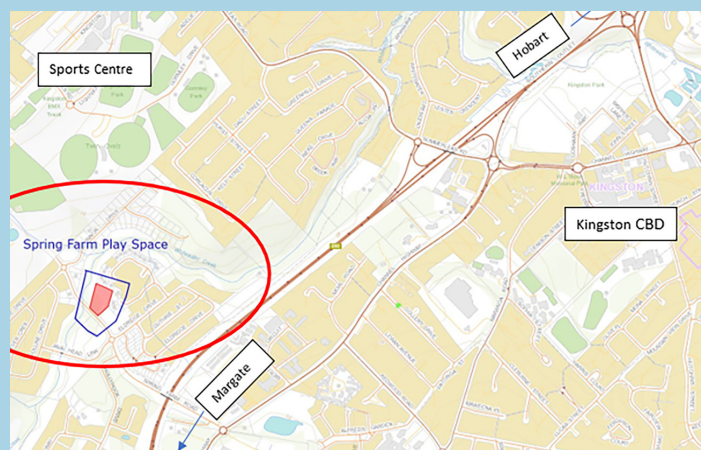
Council has provided an allocation of \$200,000 funding to develop this Public Open Space.

This funding includes design work, consultation and installation of play equipment, pathways, park furniture.

Council has also provided \$269,000 in funding this year to develop a shared

use path along Whitewater Creek in Spring Farm Estate to link up with the existing Whitewater Creek track.

The new path will go right past the Spring Farm Play Space.



How feedback will guide design:

Council is collecting feedback on choices about play and exercise equipment, seating, shelter, walkways, information signs and anything else the community believes is a priority for this space.

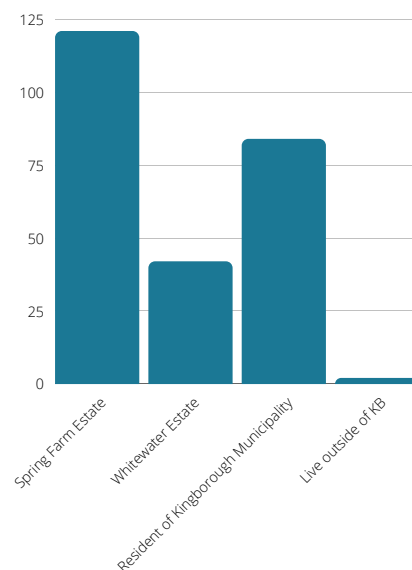
This report will be provided to a landscape architect to design a plan for this space.

The draft plan will then be presented to the community on the Council website, so community members know how we have responded to their feedback.

Demographics of Survey respondents

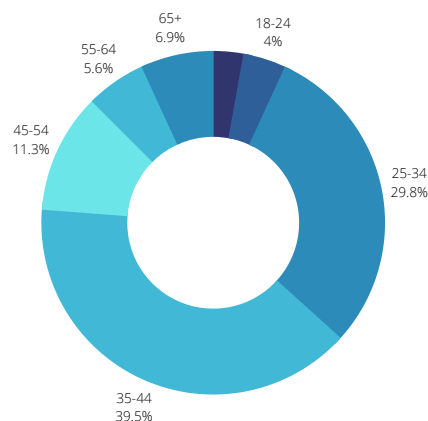
Q1 Where do you live?

- 50% of the respondents live in Spring Farm Estate,
- 17% live in Whitewater Estate,
- 34% are residents outside of Spring Farm and Whitewater Estate; and
- Under 1% live outside of Kingborough.



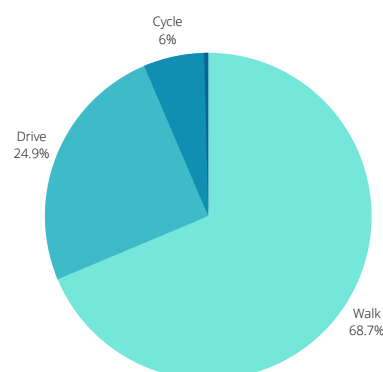
Q2 What's your age?

- 2.8% under 18,
- 4% between 18 - 24,
- 29.8% between 25 - 34,
- 39.5% between 35 - 44,
- 11.3% between 45 - 54,
- 5.7% between 55 - 64; and
- 6.9% over 65.



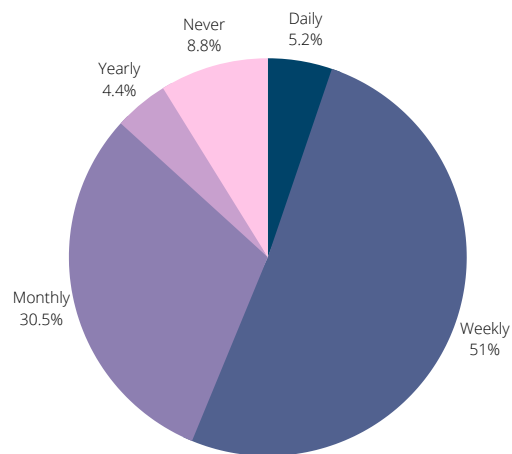
Q3 How would you travel to Spring Farm Play Space?

- 68.7% of the respondents would walk,
- 24.9% drive,
- 6% cycle; and
- 0.4% use public transport.



Q4 How often do you use/visit other parks in Kingborough?

- 5.2% daily,
- 51% weekly,
- 30.5% monthly,
- 4.4% yearly; and
- 8.8% never.



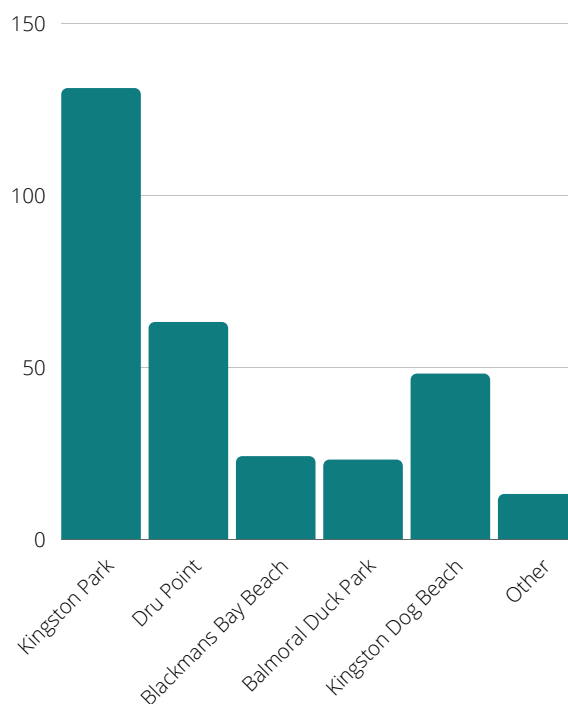
Q5 If you do visit parks in Kingborough, which ones do you visit?

The top five parks visited in Kingborough by the respondents are:

- 131 - Kingston Park,
- 63 - Dru Point/Bicentennial Park,
- 48 - Kingston Dog Beach,
- 24 - Blackmans Bay Beach; and
- 23 - Balmoral Road Duck Park

Other parks were excluded if they were visited by less than 9 participants.

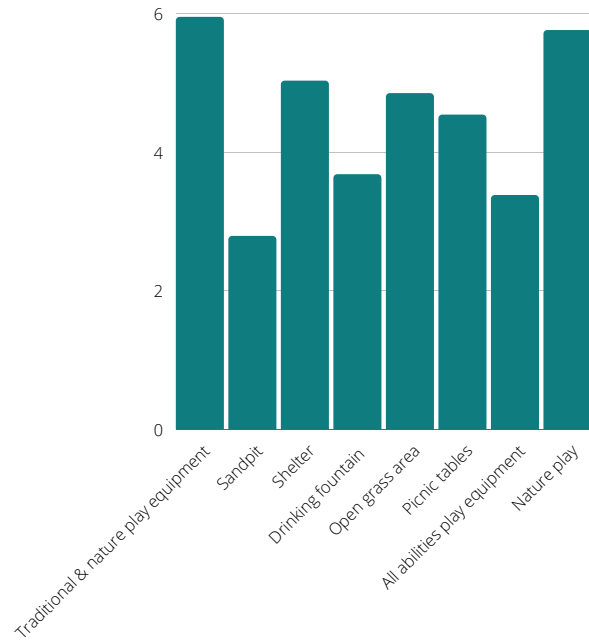
One participant mentioned that Kingston Park is the only park with accessible play equipment.



Q6 Please rank which park feature would be most important to you?

Answers are in ranking order:

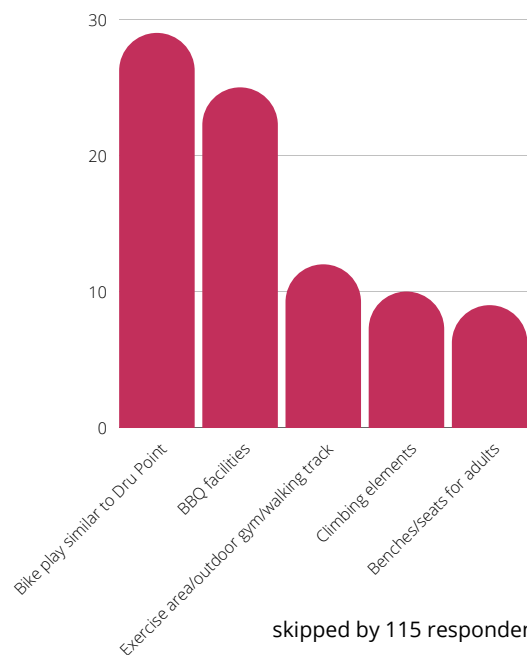
- Traditional play equipment such as swings, slides, sea-saws,
- Nature play such as balance rocks, ropes, logs,
- Shelter,
- Open grassy space,
- Picnic tables,
- All abilities equipment,
- A drinking fountain - or water refill station; and
- Sandpit.



Q7 Any other equipment not mentioned that you would prefer?

The top 5 themes from the respondents:

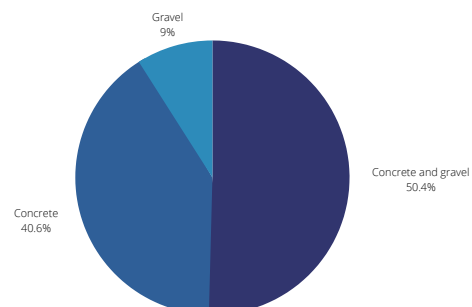
- 29 - bike tracks & play similar to the area at Dru Point,
- 25 - BBQ facilities,
- 12 - exercise equipment, outdoor gym for adults,
- 10 - climbing elements, sculptures, monkey bars,
- 9 - benches, comfortable seats in the shade; and
- Other equipment such as fencing/gates, tree planting, play equipment for older kids/teens. e.g. basketball area and all-accessible equipment.



skipped by 115 respondents

Q8 What material would you prefer for the pathways?

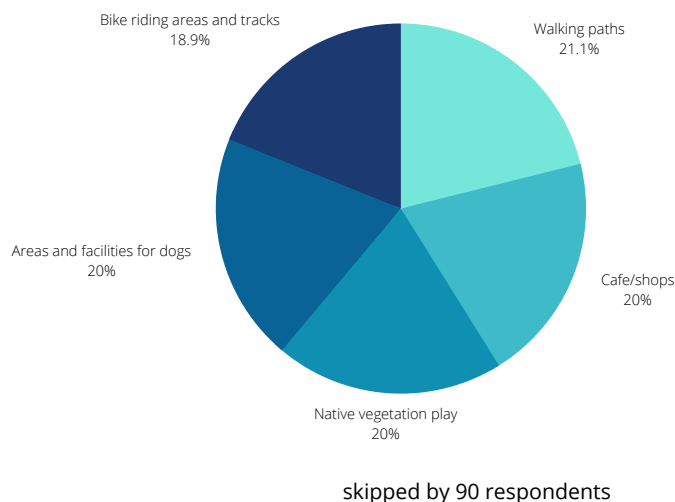
- Over 50% of the survey participants support a mix of concrete and gravel,
- 40.6% for concrete; and
- 9% for gravel.



Q9 Is there anything that you would particularly like to see happen in the area?

The top 5 suggestions were:

- 21.1% walking paths - connecting to other areas,
- 20% café/shops,
- 20% native vegetation play,
- 20% areas and facilities for dogs,
- 18.9% bike riding areas and tracks; and
- Other suggestions were seating and BBQ areas, picnic & open grass space, fencing, public transport, basket/netball court, community garden, toilet/parent space and lighting.



Q10 Please let us know of anything that you don't want done with the Open Space in Spring Farm?

This question was the highest skipped question in the survey.

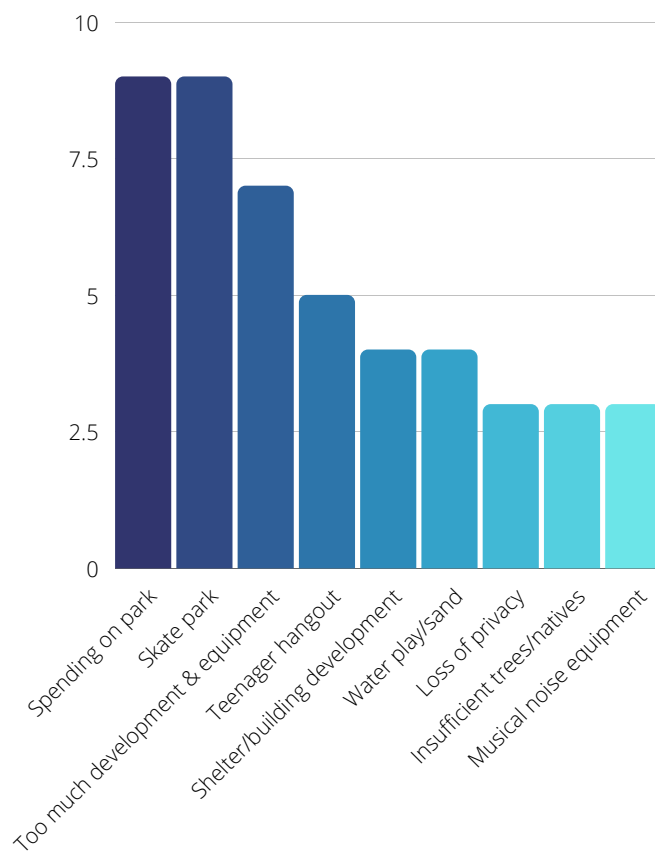
155 of 249 respondents skipped this question.

Given low response number care should be taken when taking this question into consideration.

The highest ranking answers from respondents were:

- 9 - spending on park,
- 9 - skate park
- 7 - too much equipment or development,
- 5 - teenager hangout; and
- 4 - water play, sand or noisy musical equipment.

The overall theme or message conveyed by the replies was to 'keep it simple'.



Comments

Some comments below, for all response see link below.

Q 7 - Any other equipment not mentioned that you would prefer other than what has been mentioned?

"Please don't think by ranking all abilities play equipment last that I believe it shouldn't be considered, I'm actually surprised it's on there as I would have thought that having some all-abilities equipment was a must."

"Biodiversity signs, biodiversity walk, art in the park (pavement mural), acknowledgement to Country for aboriginal people and a story about the aboriginal people who lived here, native tasmanian food plants."

"Trees and shelter from the sun on a grassy space, somewhere you can lie down and read your book while keeping the sun off you. An area for dogs, including fun equipment/obstacle courses or our puppy pals!"

Q9 - Is there anything that you would particularly like to see happen in the area?

"A real community space. I live very close to this area and there are so many kids. It will be a highly used area. Maximising the space will be essential and being super creative and cost effective to get the most value for the funds."

Fenced would probably be good for those with little ones for safety. Having some green space for kids to kick a ball would be wonderful and help to ease congestion of kids wanting turns on equipment. A basketball system would also help to combat this and would be great for those with older kids. A place to cater for little ones to teenagers.."

"I would like to see this area left until the other parks and playgrounds have been improved. Other areas have been waiting literally decades for any kind of infrastructure to be provided. Upgrade the 18 areas that were judged to be in need of critical upgrades first please."

"Cafe or place for a coffee truck to frequent."

"A multipurpose court or something of that nature for additional activities to engage in for youth and active people in the community. Also, a barbecue area included with the shelter."

Q 10 - Please let us know of anything that you don't want done with the Open Space in Spring Farm.

"No water play - Tassie is too cold and it's just a mess. Both kids and the park end up messy. Please give that a miss!"

"Don't try and jam too much in. Simple is best."

"Skate Park Path along back fences of residents. No trees along fence line. Play equipment closer to creek side."

"Insufficient car parking does not encourage elder or mobility impaired residents to visit parks, as riding a bike is not optional."

"I don't think you should spend \$200,000 on this. There is a huge amount of money being invested in this area when other parks and footpaths etc in other parts of Kingborough have needed improvements for years and years."

If you spend this much on a park so close to Kingston Park I presume you'll happily be investing even more in areas much further away from Kingston Park?"

[Link to all responses from survey - please click here](#)