

# Kingborough

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## **SPORT AND RECREATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT**

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# Public Consultation

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Kingborough Council is committed to encouraging an active and healthy community, with vibrant, local areas that support social, recreational opportunities for everyone. The feedback from this consultation will inform the updating of the **Kingborough Sport and Recreation - Facilities Strategy**.

## STRATEGY

In 2013, the Kingborough Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy was prepared, with a specific focus on the condition, use and improvement of Council owned sport and recreation facilities. The document had a 10-year life span and was intended for review and updating in 2023.

## SPORT & RECREATION REFERENCE GROUP

Council formed a temporary Sport and Recreation Reference Group to better understand the needs of our communities in relation to sport and recreation. The group was formed with members of the community and Councillors.

This reference group helped develop Council's engagement with the community.

The engagement involved:

- Kingborough Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy - community survey
- Youth Sport and Recreation Participation survey

## SURVEYS

The surveys aimed to gather information in relation to participation barriers and opportunities for improved service delivery.

The surveys were circulated through Council's social media pages, schools, website and through local papers. It was also available in hard copy at the Civic Centre.

The surveys were open for four weeks from **Friday 25 August** until **Friday 22 September 2023**.

## PARTICIPATION SURVEY NUMBERS

- Community survey 483
- Youth (school) survey 547





# Community Survey Responses

## Demographic Participants Information

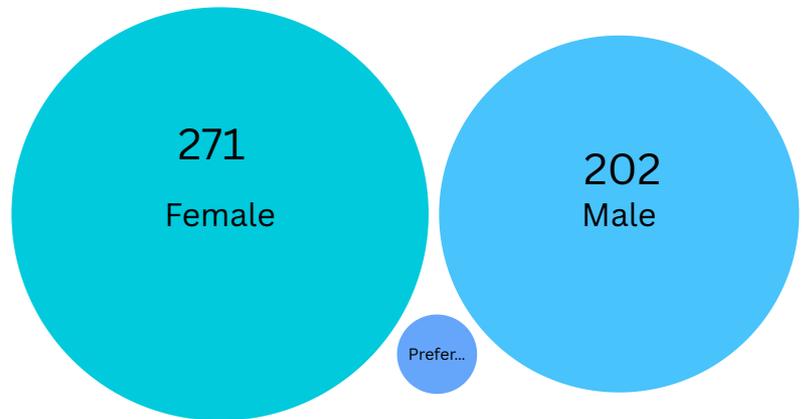
### LOCATIONS

133	Kingston/Kingston Beach
94	Margate
84	Blackmans Bay
36	Taroona
27	Outside of KB
13	Kettering
10	Snug/Lower Snug
9	Sandfly
8	Howden
7	Bonnet Hill
5	Allens Rivulet
5	Electrona
5	Longley/Lower Longley
4	Coningham
4	Leslie Vale
4	Tinderbox
3	Firthside
3	Nichols Rivulet
2	Bruny Island North
2	Neika
1	Flowerpot
1	Gordon
1	Oyster Cove

### AGE GROUPS

under 10	1
11 - 16	20
17 - 24	37
25 - 30	32
31 - 40	113
41 - 50	154
51 - 60	70
61 - 70	43
71+	13

### GENDER



10 - Prefer not to say & Other





**Q4. In what indoor sport and recreational activities do you currently participate?**

skipped by 18 participants

144	Gym/Fitness/Group Fitness	11	Badminton
137	Swimming (pool)	11	Martial Arts
104	Do not participate	8	Pickleball
67	Yoga/Pilates	8	Water Polo
56	Other (not listed)	6	Table Tennis
43	Futsal	6	Squash/Racquet Ball
39	Basketball	5	Circus Sports
36	Netball	3	Indoor Bowls
26	Indoor Cricket	3	Volleyball
20	Gymnastics	2	Underwater Hockey
15	Dancing/Cheerleading	1	

**Q5. In what outdoor sport and recreational activities do you currently participate?**

skipped by 9 participants

232	Walking	26	Tennis
146	Bushwalking	24	Athletics
95	Running	23	Sailing
78	Cycling	19	Group Fitness
75	Football (Soccer)	18	Horse Riding
75	Mountain/BMX Biking	18	Surf Lifesaving/Surf Sports
69	Cricket	12	Abseiling/Rock Climbing
66	Swimming (open water)	6	Hockey
60	Recreational Boating/Fishing	6	Lawn Bowls
58	Canoe/Kayak/Ski paddling	5	Disc/Frisbee Golf
48	Australian Rules Football	4	Rowing
44	Do not participate	4	Water Polo
39	Golf	3	Archery
37	Trail Running	3	Touch Football
36	Outdoor exercise equipment	1	Croquet
32	Skating/Skate Boarding	1	Rugby (League/Union)
26	Netball	1	Underwater Hockey

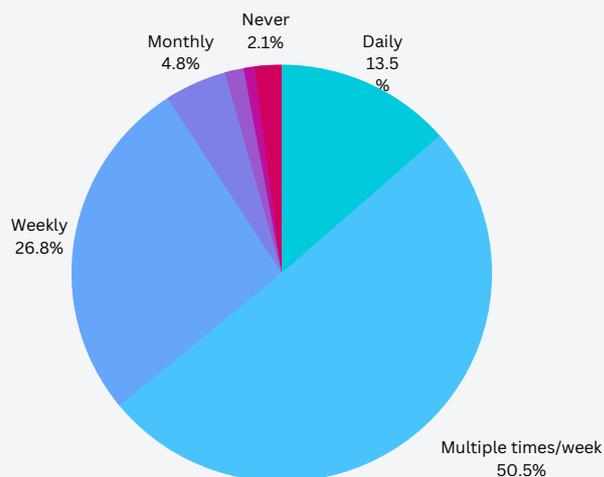




**Q6. How often do you participate in recreational activities?**

Skipped by 2 participants

- 243 Multiple times a week
- 129 Weekly
- 65 Daily
- 23 Monthly
- 10 Never
- 7 Quarterly
- 4 Twice a year



**Q7. How would you generally rate the standard of the following facilities in Kingborough?**

(ranking from excellent to poor)

**Weighted Average**

- 4.11 Indoor sporting facilities (basketball, netball etc)
- 4.05 Dog exercise areas
- 4.01 Sportsgrounds
- 4.01 Parks, reserves and open space
- 3.95 Marine/boating facilities
- 3.86 Walking/running tracks
- 3.72 Mountain bike/BMX facilities
- 3.70 Exercise equipment
- 3.38 Outdoor courts (tennis, basketball, netball)
- 3.31 Cycling paths
- 3.28 Skate facilities
- 2.37 Aquatic facilities



**Q8. In what areas could Council improve its delivery of sport and recreational facilities?**

Skipped by 7 participants

- |     |                                   |     |                               |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 221 | Increase number of facilities     | 139 | Affordability                 |
| 193 | Increasing availability           | 129 | Other * next page             |
| 193 | Quality of facilities             | 79  | Physical access to facilities |
| 171 | Range of facilities               | 74  | More inclusive                |
| 157 | Making facilities fit for purpose | 58  | Safety of facilities          |
|     |                                   | 6   | No improvements required      |



**Q8. In what areas could Council improve its delivery of sport and recreational facilities?**

Other comments themes:

- 61 Pool
- 13 Cycling and paths
- 10 Skate park/roller area
- 10 Sports facilities upgrade including Sports Centre
- 7 Facilities outside Kingston
- 5 Tracks/trails & connection lighting
- 2 Cricket

**Other comments on:**  
Netball, boxing, soccer, basketball, yoga, AFL, shooting, golf.

**Q9. What barriers (if any) prevent or limit your participation in sport and recreational activities in your local area? (select those that apply)**

Skipped by 18 participants

- 187 Lack of relevant/specific facilities
- 118 Affordability
- 105 Poor quality of facilities
- 90 Lack of knowledge as to what is available
- 86 Overcrowded facilities
- 76 Other below \*
- 75 Lack of support facilities (toilets, change rooms)
- 72 Weather conditions
- 68 Nothing prevents me from participating
- 52 Lack of transport options
- 40 Unsafe facilities
- 19 Lack of gender appropriate facilities
- 15 Poor disability access



**Q9. What barriers (if any) prevent or limit your participation in sport and recreational activities in your local area?**

Other comments themes:

- 22 No Pool facilities
- 7 Lack of cycling/mountain bike facilities
- 7 Time
- 5 No skate park facilities
- 3 Lack of tracks and trails facilities

**Other comments on:**  
transport, dogs facilities, proximity, age, netball facilities, parking, beach and dog facilities.



**Q10. What initiatives do you think Council should pursue to improve access to sport and recreational opportunities in Kingborough?**

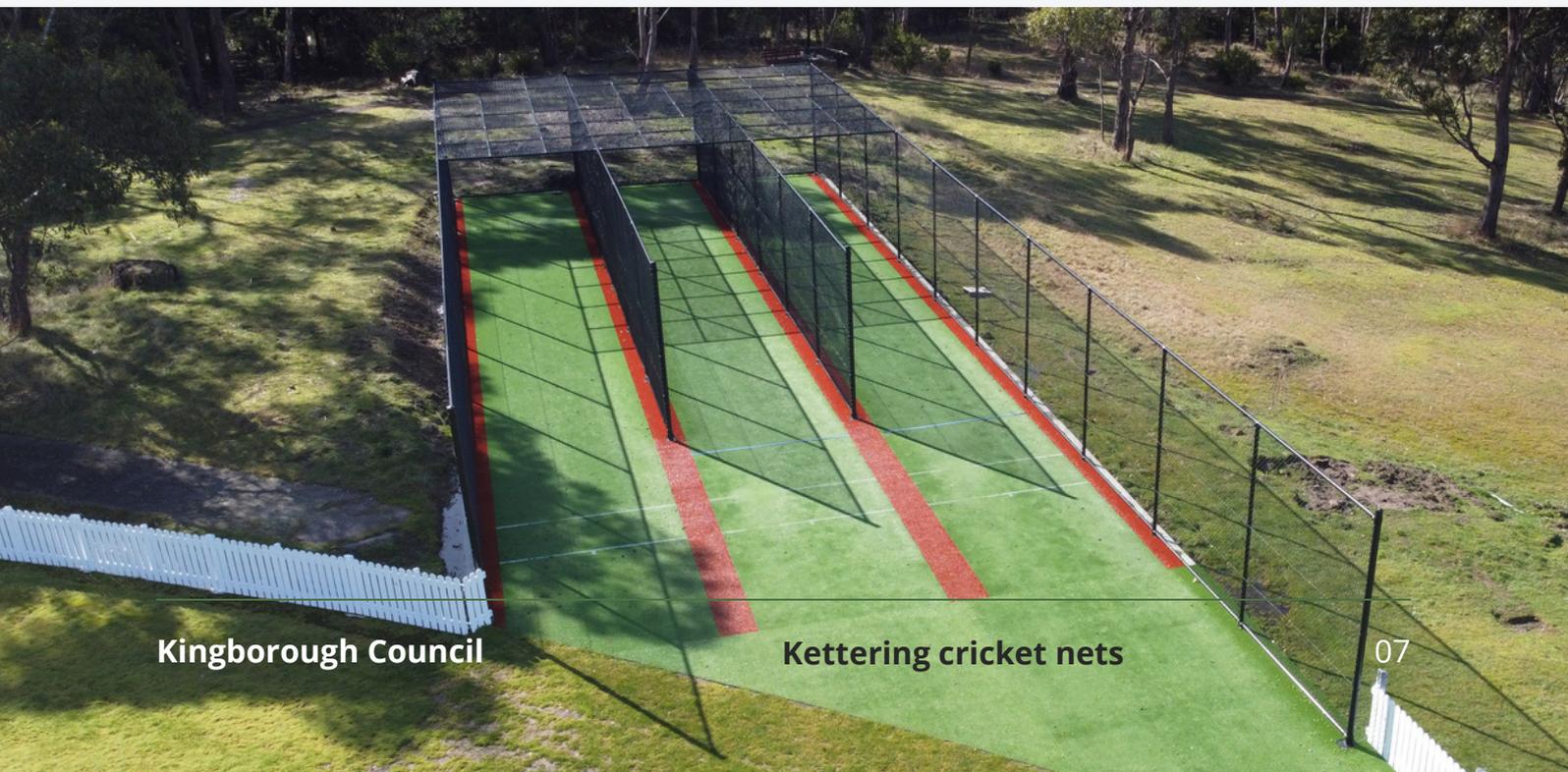
- 233 Invest in additional infrastructure (grounds/courts)
- 182 Purchase land for future facility development
- 168 Other below \*
- 147 Promote shared/multi use of facilities
- 139 Improve active transport linkages to facilities
- 129 Investigate use of school facilities
- 109 Invest in the development of synthetic sports grounds

**Q10. What initiatives do you think Council should pursue to improve access to sport and recreational opportunities in Kingborough?**

Other comments themes:

- 93 Pool
- 18 Skate park and mountain bike facilities
- 10 Improve cycling paths
- 9 Facility upgrades including to Sports Centre
- 9 Facilities for outside Kingston
- 5 Improve gymnastics tumbling
- 3 Improve netball courts

**Other comments on:**  
Synthetic surfaces, outdoor gym equip, sharing facilities, tracks and trails, athletics, boxing.





**Q11. Do you have any further comments to add?**

Skipped by 287 participants

- 76 Pool
- 16 Cycling and Mountain bike facilities
- 18 Upgrade to facilities and amount
- 13 Skate park and facilities
- 8 Facilities outside of Kingston
- 8 Twin Ovals
- 5 Dog facilities
- 4 Basketball
- 4 Cricket



**Other comments on:**

Netball, tennis, boxing, school partnerships, transport, yoga, athletics and gymnastics.

### Quotes

“The Kingborough population has increased dramatically and we really need a proper swimming facility.

It is not good enough when you consider the demand for a swimming pool for recreation, swimming as sport, swimming to recover from injury, incredibly important that everyone, particularly children, learn to swim in an adequate facility.

Elderly need access to a good sized facility as it's such a great exercise for arthritis, back issues, injuries, recovery from stroke and many other medical conditions.”

“An Olympic pool to host events and a world class skate park to host events.”

“We have around 10,000 children in Kingborough who need their own swimming pool.”

“Our family and friends love mountain bike riding but there are hardly any quality trails available in Kingborough compared to other municipalities in the Greater Hobart area. We live in such a stunning area, it would be great to make more trails for mountain bike riding!”

“Very little in Margate. Nothing for teenagers eg pump track, basketball court or skate park.”

“Lack of appropriate level skatepark training facilities. Bmx freestyle and skateboarding are olympic level sports with no appropriate training facilities in Tasmania.”

“Need facilities in areas other than Kingston, and existing facilities outside of Kingston need to be better maintained.”

“Not enough quality mountain bike tracks/trails.”





# Youth Survey responses

## Demographic Information

### Q1. What area of Kingborough do you live?

Skipped by 6 participants

128	Live outside Kingborough but use facilities	4	Allens Rivulet
99	Blackmans Bay	4	Bruny Island - North
97	Kingston/Kingston Beach	4	Coningham
70	Taroona	4	Flowerpot
24	Woodbridge	4	Gordon
23	Margate	4	Sandfly
16	Snug/Lower Snug	4	Tinderbox
14	Kettering	3	Firthside
10	Bonnet Hill	1	Birchs Bay
8	Howden	1	Electrona
6	Nicholls Rivulet	1	Longley/Lower Longley
6	Oyster Cove	1	Middleton
5	Leslie Vale		

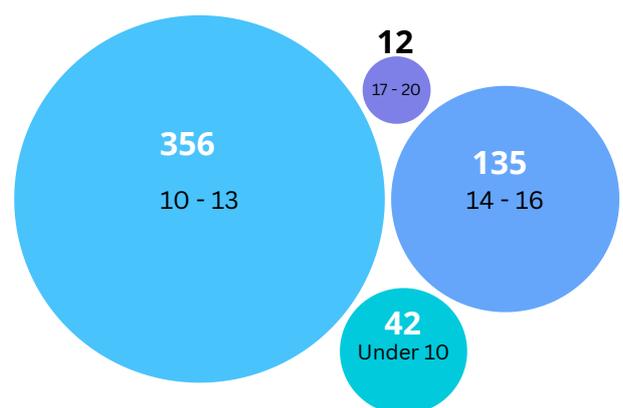
### Q2. What school do you attend?

Skipped by 1 participant

171	Taroona High School
84	Illawarra Primary School
71	Calvin Christian School
66	Woodbridge School
53	Southern Christian College
29	Taroona Primary School
23	Snug Primary School
18	Other
15	Blackmans Bay Primary School
8	Kingston High School
3	Kingston Primary School
3	St Aloysius Catholic College
1	Tarremah Steiner School
1	Tasmanian eSchool/Home School

### Q3. What is your age?

Skipped by 2 participants



**Other Schools:** Fahan, Hutchins, Woodbridge, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hobart College, Elizabeth College, St Michaels Collegiate, Huonville, St James, UTAS.



**Q4. Do you play a sport/or do recreational activities?**

Skipped by 2 participants

459 Yes  
97 No

**Q5. If you answered no why not? (tick all boxes that apply)**

Answered 113 Skipped by 434

72 No interest  
21 Other\* below  
23 Unable to get to places due to transport  
20 Cost of equipment or membership/registration fees  
16 Not enough places to play or train  
6 Disability/physical barrier

**Q5. If you answered no why not?**

Other comments themes:

5 No time  
3 Not available, No girls team  
3 Friends and what others think  
10 Undecipherable





**Q6. In what sport and recreational activities do you currently participate?**

Skipped by 41 participants

186	Football (soccer)	28	Dance/Cheerleading
107	Swimming	28	Tennis
71	Netball	24	Volleyball
67	Futsal	21	Sailing
67	Mountain Biking/BMX Riding	22	Water Polo
61	Cricket	22	Abseiling/Rock Climbing
63	Nature Walking/Trail Running	20	Do not do sport
55	Athletics	17	Table Tennis
52	Basketball	17	Racquet Sports (Squash, Badminton/Pickleball)
50	Football (Aussie Rules)	12	Horse riding
43	Martial Arts	15	Boxing
41	Cycling	15	Golf
37	Skate Boarding/Skating	12	Hockey
39	Gymnastics	11	Rowing
35	Recreational Walking/Running	9	Scouts/guides/orienteering
35	Other * below	8	Music, drama
33	Gym/Fitness Classes	7	Circus Sports
31	Canoeing/Kayaking/Ski Paddling	3	Rugby (League/Union)
32	Surf Life Saving/Surf Sports	2	Touch Football

\*Other comments themes:

Skipping, fencing, surfing, dog walking, cano polo, scooter riding, chess, languages, fishing, robotics, skiing, motorsport, inline/roller hockey, archery, diving, snooker/pool, beach volleyball.

**Q7. Why do you participate?**

Skipped by 50 participants

427	I play for fun and enjoyment
315	To stay fit and healthy
286	I enjoy spending time with friends and team mates
210	I want to become a high level or elite sportsperson
78	Because my family are involved and participate
23	Other below*

\*Other comments themes:

Improve skills & stay active, don't do sport.





**Q8. What do you think would make it easier for you to participate**

Skipped by 67 participants

- 277 Lower Costs
- 230 More facilities to play sport
- 148 Better or more transport options
- 122 If there were more social games, with less focus on competition
- 24 Other\*
- 12 Activities that are modified to accommodate disabilities

\*Other comments themes:

Promotion of sport, have an ice rink, synthetic football pitches, more dog friendly places, no uniform.

**Quotes**

“The sport I want is not available.”

“Because I want to be part of a team.”

“Not enough players and no girl team for school.”

“Financial support for athletes who compete nationally and internationally to allow them to enjoy the incredible experiences that they have worked really hard to achieve.”

“Facilities are too crowded, so I still do it, but in more private areas.”

“We also need an ice rink, because I had to drop out from it and it destroyed my hopes and dreams.”

“Trying to find a soccer and volleyball team but haven't been successful.”

“My brother played football, and I gained an interest.”

“More Fundays were you might be able to try out something that you interested but dont really know or Clinics.”

“More options to play, such as more tournaments and leagues that you can play in throughout the year.”

