



City Works & Assets Committee

Commences at the conclusion of the
City Planning & Environment
Committee meeting
Wednesday 4 February 2026

Venue:

Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
1423 Botany Road, Botany
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)

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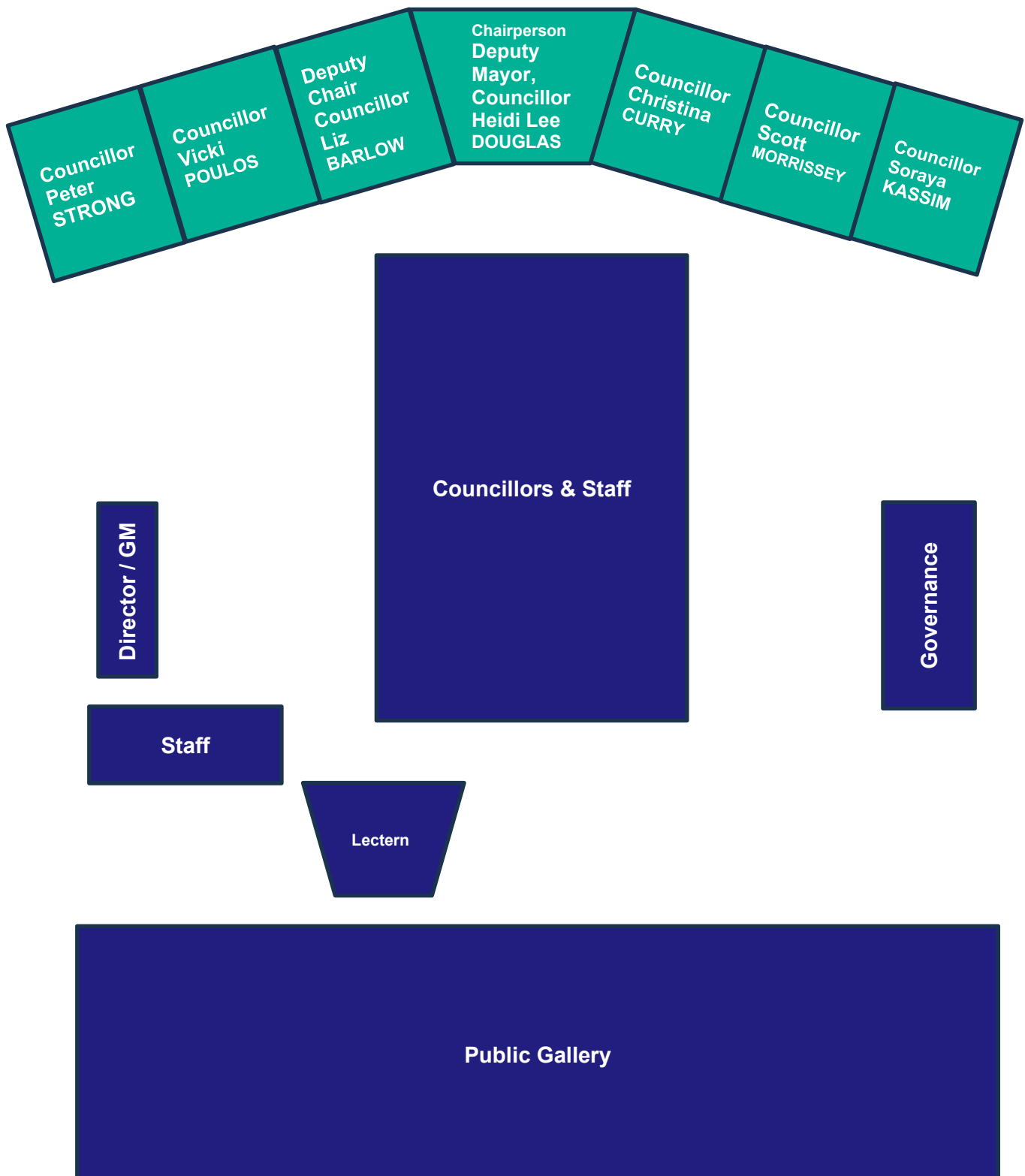
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City Works & Assets Committee Seating Plan



Statement of Ethical Obligations

Obligations

Oath [Affirmation] of Office by Councillors

Oath

I swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Bayside Local Government Area and the Bayside Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Affirmation

I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of Bayside Local Government Area and the Bayside Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment.

Code of Conduct conflict of interests

Pecuniary interests

A Councillor who has a **pecuniary interest** in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting.

The Councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting:

- a) at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed, or
- b) at any time during which the council is voting on any question in relation to the matter.

Non-pecuniary conflicts of interests

A Councillor who has a **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** in a matter, must disclose the relevant private interest in relation to the matter fully and on each occasion on which the non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to the matter.

Significant non-pecuniary interests

A Councillor who has a **significant** non-pecuniary conflict of interest in relation to a matter under consideration at a council meeting, must manage the conflict of interest as if they had a pecuniary interest in the matter.

Non-significant non-pecuniary interests

A Councillor who determines that they have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is **not significant** and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest must also explain why conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
City Works & Assets Committee
will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall
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on **Wednesday 4 February 2026 commences at the conclusion of the
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The meeting will be video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's YouTube channel, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Meredith Wallace
General Manager

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 APOLOGIES, LEAVE OF ABSENCE & ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under Section 233A of the Local Government Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

City Works & Assets Committee

4/02/2026

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee Meeting - 3 December 2025
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF25/8186

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025 be noted.

Present

Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas, Deputy Mayor, Chairperson
Councillor Liz Barlow, Deputy Chairperson
Councillor Soraya Kassim
Councillor Peter Strong
Councillor Scott Morrissey
Councillor Christina Curry

Also present

Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Fiona Douskou (via Audio-Visual Link)
Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Peter Barber, Director City Futures
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk (Via Audio-Visual Link)
Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects
Patrick Cremin, Arts and Culture Specialist
Pedro De Alamedia, Senior Curator, C3West
Darren O'Connell, Lead Governance
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Wolfgang Gill, IT Service Management Officer

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall, at 7:31pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Apologies

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and Kassim

That the apology from Councillor Poulos be received and leave of absence granted.

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

There were no Committee members in attendance via audio-visual link.

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

[4.1 Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee Meeting - 5 November 2025](#)

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Kassim

That the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee meeting held on 5 November 2025 be noted.

4.2 Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee of Wednesday 5 November 2025 were received, and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 26 November 2025.

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

6 Public Forum

CWA25.057 Sporting Field Feasibility Study

The following person spoke at the meeting:

- Mr Edward Yazbeck, President Bexley North Football Club, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Ms Antonia Gregoriou, interested citizen/resident, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr Theo Angelopolous, Vice President of Bexley North Football Club, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr James Mavroudis, affected neighbour, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Miss Eleni Angelopoulos, interested citizen/resident, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr Daniel Levitt, interested citizen/resident, speaking for the Committee Recommendation.

Note: The Committee then considered Item CWA25.057 – Sporting Field Feasibility Study. Refer to recommendation below.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Morrissey)

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to deal with Item CWA25.057 – Sporting Field Feasibility Study, time being 7:51pm.

CWA25.057 Sporting Field Feasibility Study

Note: This item was considered after the Public Forum

Note: A presentation was given by Mariam Fares, Manage City Projects

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Morrissey

- 1 That the Committee endorses a North/South re-orientated all weather field at Jellicoe Park, Pagewood, adjacent to the eastern amenities building.
- 2 That a report be prepared for the City Works & Assets Committee in February 2026 detailing the cost estimate including all engineering costs for an all-weather field at L'Estrange Park and Kingsgrove Avenue Reserve, Bexley.
- 3 That a report be prepared for the City Works & Assets Committee in February 2026 detailing the life-time cost estimates for all weather fields, with comparatives with hybrid (synthetic and natural) upgrade.
- 4 That the Committee request an information session on all surface turf management options including capital and maintenance costs.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Morrissey)

That Standing Orders be resumed, time being 8:35pm

7 Reports

CWA25.055 King Street Mall playspace renewal - project update and community engagement outcomes

Note: That a presentation was given by Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Morrissey

That the 'King Street Mall Play Space Renewal - Project Update and Community Engagement Outcomes' report be received and noted.

CWA25.056 Gardiner Park Banksia, Playspace Renewal - Outcomes of Community Engagement

Note: That a presentation was given by Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Morrissey and Curry

- 1 That the Gardiner Park Banksia, play space Renewal - Outcomes of Community Engagement report be received and noted.
- 2 That the Committee recommends the project proceeds to detail design finalisation and procurement of a works contractor.

8 Confidential Reports / Matters

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Chairperson invited members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

There were no representations.

[CWA25.058 Affordable Housing Portfolio - Refurbishment Works](#)

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Morrissey and Curry

That Council Approves the allocation of funds from the Affordable Housing Reserve for works as detailed in this report up to the value of \$140,000.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:43pm.

Attachments

Nil

5 ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

These are items that have been identified to be confirmed in bulk in accordance with the Officer Recommendation and without debate. These items will not include items identified in the Public Forum, items in which councillors have declared a Significant Conflict of Interest and a Pecuniary Interest, items requiring a Division and any other item that a Councillor has identified as one they intend to speak on or vote against the recommendation

6 REPORTS

City Works & Assets Committee

4/02/2026

Item No	CWA26.001
Subject	Classification of Land - 22 York Street Rockdale
Report by	Peter Barber, Director City Futures
File	SF24/7222

Summary

Council resolved at its August 2025 meeting to commence the classification process of the land as Operational, should 22 York Street (Lot 17 Section B / DP2099) be acquired. The property was purchased on 18 December 2025.

The minimum 28-day public consultation period commenced on 19 December 2025 with the closing date being 16 January 2026 to enable the community to submit written comments should there be any objections to the proposed classification.

During the public notice period, no written submissions were received and only 1 phone call received querying the meaning of Operational land. The caller did not indicate an objection to the classification once they understood its application.

This report recommends Council to now classify 22 York Street, Rockdale as Operational Land by way of resolution.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That Council notes that no written submissions were received during the statutory advertising period for the classification of 22 York Street Rockdale as Operational land.
 - 2 That Council resolves to classify 22 York Street Rockdale as Operational land in accordance with Section 21(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.
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Background

Council resolved at its August 2025 meeting to commence the classification process of the land as Operational, should 22 York Street be acquired. Council acquired the property on 21 November 2025, and settlement occurred on 18 December 2025.

The property is listed in Bayside LEP 2021 for acquisition, having been in the Land Reserved for Acquisition (LRA) register, and is one of the properties that Council requires to consolidate ownership of its existing car parks.

Council Property Officers approached the owner in late 2024 to determine their willingness to sell the property to the Council via mutual agreement supported by a valuation, rather than Council purchasing the site under a Compulsory Acquisition process.

Terms agreeable to both parties were reached, and a report to Council via the City Works & Assets Committee recommending the acquisition was endorsed and resolved to purchase at Councils August 2025 meeting.

The Statutory Advertising period commenced on Friday 19 December 2025 and was listed on the Bayside Council website as well as letters being issued to adjacent landowners. Attached to this report is a copy of the letter provided.

The Operational classification will allow Council to progress in delivering the proposed Rockdale Centre Master Plan. It will provide flexibility and options in terms of where various components of the Master Plan are ultimately located and how the delivery of the Plan is staged, as Operational status allows land to be leased for commercial purposes, used by the community, exchanged, or sold.

The property at 22 York Street currently contains a house that is rented on the open market and was purchased strategically to help facilitate the implementation of the Draft Rockdale Centre Masterplan. An "Operational" classification is therefore most appropriate.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Strategic Plan

Theme One – In 2035 Bayside will be a vibrant and liveable place	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme Two – In 2035 our Bayside community will be connected and feel that they belong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Theme Three – In 2035 Bayside will be green, resilient and sustainable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme Four – In 2035 Bayside will be financially sustainable and support a dynamic local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

No risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Medium risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Council commenced the minimum public notification period to classify the land on 19 December 2025 which ended on 16 January 2026. The notice period invited the public to make written submissions in relation to the proposal, should there be objections for the property to be classified as Operational land.



(photo taken 19Dec'2025)



(photo taken 19Dec'2025)

No written submissions were received and only 1 phone call from a neighbouring resident, seeking an explanation of the meaning Operational. The caller did not indicate an objection to the classification once they understood its application.

In compliance with the Local Government Act 1993, Council can now resolve to classify the land at 22 York Street Rockdale as Operational.

Attachments

- 1 [📄](#) Classification Poster Notice - 22 York St Rockdale
- 2 [📄](#) Letter of Classification Notice to Adjoining Owners

Notice of Reclassification



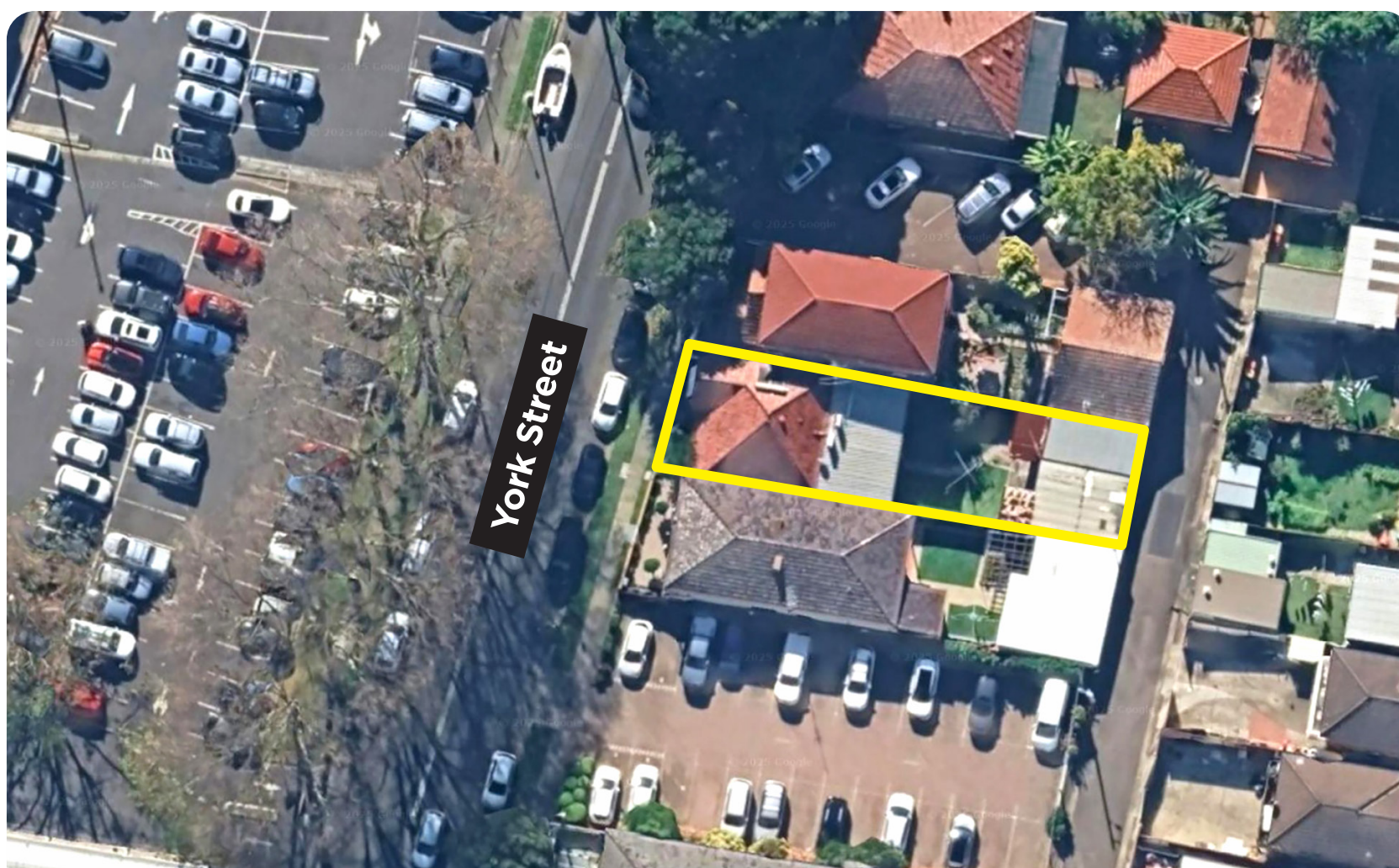
Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council hereby provides notice of a proposed resolution that Council intends to make in accordance with Section 31 (2) of the same Act to classify Lot 17 Sec B DP 2099 being 22 York Street Rockdale, as Operational Land. The proposed resolution can be viewed on Council's website.

Written submissions can be made to Council up to the close of business Friday 16 January 2026, via:

Mail: 444-446 Princes Highway, Rockdale NSW 2216

Email: council@bayside.nsw.gov.au

For more information, please contact Coordinator Strategic Property, Eli Cowley on 02 9562 1792.



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19 December 2025

Our Ref: SF24/7222

Our Contact: Eli Cowley

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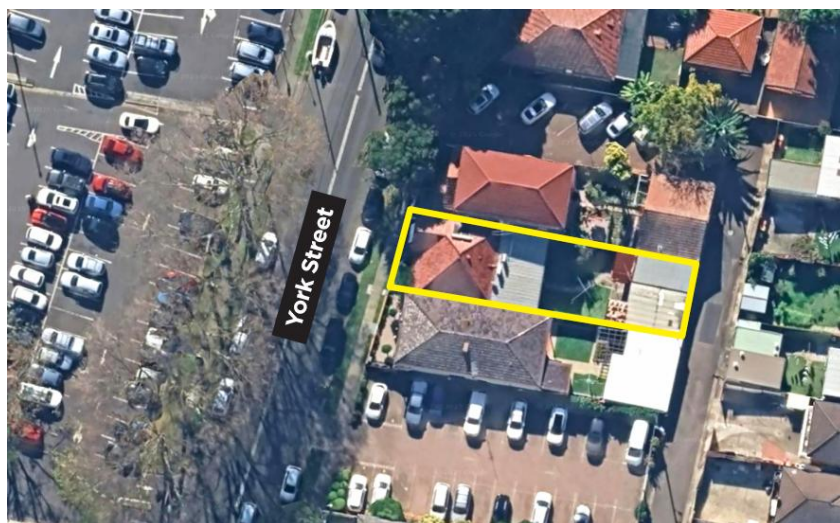
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City Works & Assets Committee

4/02/2026

Item No	CWA26.002
Subject	Engagement Outcomes for Gujaga Park Skate Bowl Lighting
Report by	Peter Barber, Director City Futures
File	SF25/8842

Summary

Community consultation was undertaken to understand local interest in enhancing lighting at Gujaga Skate Park, Rockdale. The consultation centred on the key question: "Would you use Gujaga Skate Park after dark?"

A dedicated Have Your Say project page was created to share project information and collect community feedback from 10 October 2025 to 10 November 2025.

This report summarises the feedback received.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That Council notes the results of the Community Engagement process and response to feedback received including lighting of the skate bowl until 9pm.
 - 2 That Council notes that the draft works schedule of the new Contributions Plan under preparation includes funding for improved lighting in Gujaga Park.
 - 3 That an update is provided on the Have Your Say page advising of Council's decision.
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Background

Council at its meeting of 28 May 2025 resolved:

That to enable use of the Gujaga Skate Park (West Botany St, Rockdale) after 5pm outside of the summer season, this motion resolved:

- a to engage with park users, such as families and skateboard riders, through a Have Your Say, to get feedback on their needs for use of the park after dark*
- b to engage in community consultation with nearby residents for proposed lighting of the skate park*
 - Until 9:00 pm in evenings*
 - And/or a time equivalent to the use of Ador Reserve soccer fields*
 - and/or a time that the residents feel would not be disruptive*

- c that the results of the consultations come back to the relevant committee to determine next steps for proposed lighting at Gujaga Skate Park.*

The skate park at West Botany Street, Rockdale is a well-used and valued community asset that supports youth activity, physical health, and social connection. However, its use is significantly restricted after sunset due to the inadequate lighting—particularly during winter months when daylight hours are shorter.

Improving lighting would extend safe access, reduce peak-hour congestion, and bring the facility in line with other nearby Council-managed infrastructure, such as the adjacent floodlit soccer fields and comparable skateparks across Sydney that support extended, safe night-time use.

Results of Engagement

A dedicated Have Your Say project page was created to share project information and collect community feedback from 10 October 2025 to 10 November 2025 (32 days). This project page was viewed 531 times, and 206 contributions were made by viewers. A total of 500 flyers were distributed, signs placed on site, 9 social media posts made, and the engagement appeared twice in the Talking Bayside e-newsletter, to which there are over 46,000 subscribers.

A comprehensive report on the engagement process and outcomes is attached to this report (**Attachment 1**).

Feedback was collected using two online survey methods:

The first method was a quick poll survey asking if lighting is supported or not. This had 128 contributions.

- 94.1% of respondents voted yes
- 8.59% of respondents voted no

The second method was a feedback form that divided respondents into skaters and non-skaters, and it sought to gauge community support, identify potential concerns and gather suggestions for improvement. This had 78 contributions.

- 92.3% of respondents were skaters
- 7.7% of respondents were non-skaters

An explanatory text box appeared for respondents who did not support the installation of lighting. The raw qualitative data is in Attachment 1.

Community feedback highlighted a few concerns regarding antisocial behaviour, increase noise for nearby residents, and concern that the facility will contribute to light pollution and energy consumption. To address these issues, participants suggested practical measures such as limiting lighting hours to between 9:00 and 10:30 p.m., using directional or shielded fixtures to reduce light spill, and considering energy-efficient or solar-powered options.

Response to results of engagement

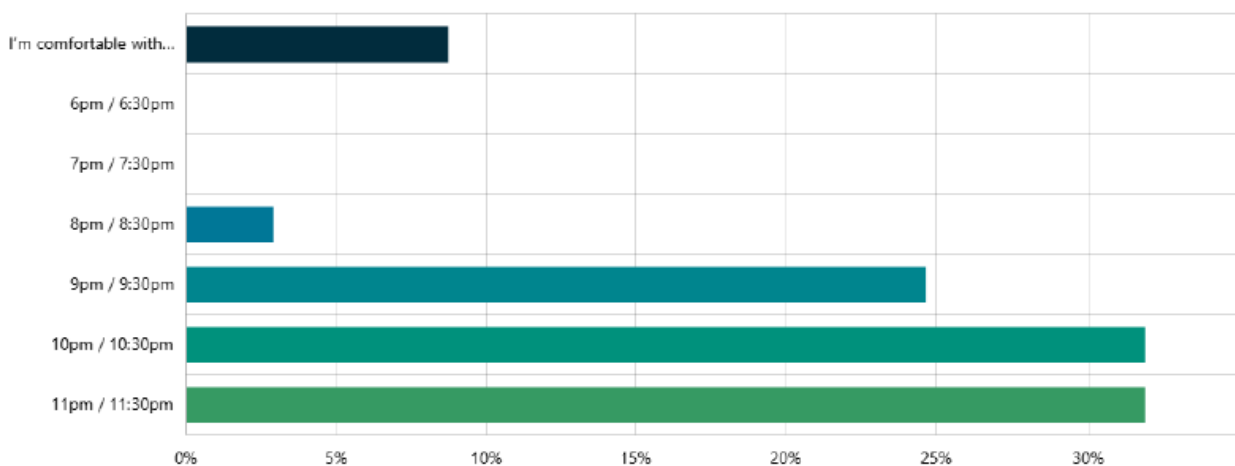
It is evident that users are very supportive of better lighting at this facility to improve safety for skaters.

Specifically, any lighting improvements are to address the quality of the lighting available within the skate bowl to remove dark areas created by overshadowing by picnic shelter roofs and to provide even lighting.

Lighting within the park and alongside walkways appears to be generally adequate however lighting maintenance is essential to ensure all lights are working.

The other consideration is the timing for turning off the lights to discourage antisocial behaviour and inappropriate usage. The below chart shows the response to the question about what time the lights should be switched off. Based on the feedback it is recommended that the switch off time should be no later than 10pm and preferably consistent with the switch off time for the sports fields adjacent to the skatepark.

Q. What time should the lights be switched off? (69 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 8.70% of skaters answered – **I'm comfortable with any option**
- 0% of skaters answered – **6pm / 6:30pm**
- 0% of skaters answered – **7pm / 7:30pm**
- 2.9% of skaters answered – **8pm / 8.30pm**
- 24.64% of skaters answered – **9pm / 9.30 pm**
- 31.88% of skaters answered – **10pm / 10.30pm**
- 31.88% of skaters answered – **11pm / 11.30pm**

Financial Implications

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| Not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Included in existing approved budget | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Additional funds required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Budget will be required to implement lighting improvements at this location in a future financial year. The draft works schedule of the new Contributions Plan under preparation includes funding for improved lighting in Gujaga Park. |

Community Strategic Plan

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| Theme One – In 2035 Bayside will be a vibrant and liveable place | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

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| No risk | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Community Engagement

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This project page was viewed 531 times. A comprehensive report on the engagement process and outcomes is in Attachment 1.

Attachments

- 1 [Gujaga Skate Park - Community Engagement Outcomes report](#)



Gujaga Skate Park After Dark

Community Engagement Outcomes Report



Communications and Engagement Team

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1. Project Background

Bayside Council conducted a community consultation to understand local interest in enhancing lighting at Gujaga Skate Park, Rockdale. The consultation centred on the key question: "Would you use Gujaga Skate Park after dark?" This was in response to increased after-dark use of the facility, highlighting the need to consider upgraded safety measures such as improved lighting. Specialised lighting is particularly important to reduce shadows across ramps, rails, and angles, ensuring the park can be used safely at night. Not only will this minimise the risk of accidents, it will also reduce anti-social behaviour and support passive surveillance.

Key stakeholders which Council sought to hear from include the skating community, who use the park regularly, nearby residents, and the wider community, to help understand the level of interest in Gujaga skate park after dark.

Future improvements would aim to provide more recreational opportunities by creating lively community spaces which promote exercise and social connection, particularly for young people.

This engagement period was open for 32 days from 10 October until 10 November 2025.

2. Community Engagement Purpose and Scope

Council facilitated a community engagement at the 'Consult' level of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum. Public feedback was obtained to analyse and evaluate. While maintaining a promise to keep the community informed, to listen and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how their input influenced the outcome. - (IAP2)

To guide this engagement, a Communications and Engagement Plan was established, outlining the process for the online consultation methods. The plan included a "Have Your Say" page, which exhibited two digital surveys, where feedback was primarily collected. The community was notified about this survey via our communications channels, letter to residents and on-site signage. A QR code was included in the letter and signage, for direct access to the Have Your Say survey.

From this engagement, Council gathered valuable input from the community to understand levels of support, identify any concerns, and preference for equipment.




3. Engagement and Communication Methods

The table below outlines the methods used to advertise and gather feedback on 'Gujaga Skate Park after dark' from the Bayside community.

Engagement Methodology	Communication Channels
Online 'Have Your Say' project page	Council website information page
Short Survey (Have Your Say)	Bayside Council e-News 'Talking Bayside'
Feedback Form/survey (Have Your Say)	
Distribution letter/flyers to residents	Social media (Instagram, story posts, Facebook & LinkedIn)
On-site signage	



4. Dashboard Demographics

Have Your Say page	
Days on exhibition	32
Project Page Views	531
Contributors (the total people heard from)	206
Targeted Notifications	
Number of flyers distributed by Council	500
Social Media	
  	
Total number of posts	9
Reach (The number of users who saw the content)	25,690
E-News	
Number of Editions	2x Talking Bayside
17 & 31 October 2025	96 Clicks
Subscribers	46,087



5. Have Your Say Engagement Outcomes

A dedicated Have Your Say project page was created to share project information and collected community feedback from 10 October 2025 to 10 November 2025.

Feedback was collected using two online survey methods.

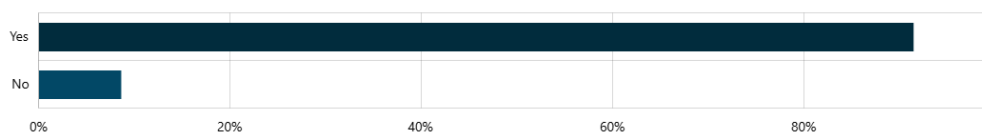
- **Option 1 Quick poll survey**
- **Option 2 Feedback form.**

This project page was viewed 531 times. Below are the Have Your Say survey tools and results.

Option 1: Quick Poll Survey Results

The short survey has 128 contributions.

Q. Do you want to use the Gajaga Skate Park after dark?



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 94.1% of respondents voted – **Yes**
- 8.59% of respondents voted – **No**



Option 2: Feedback Form – Survey Results

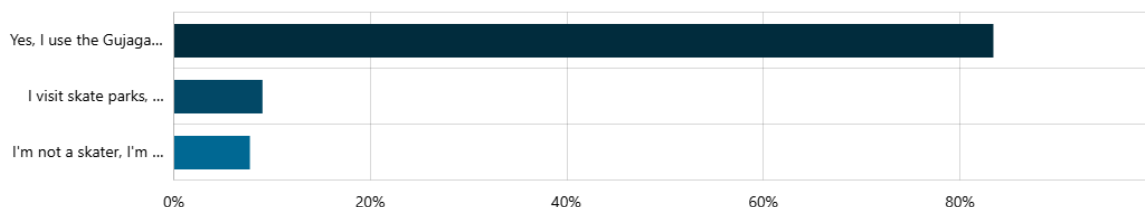
This feedback form sought to gauge community support, identify potential concerns, and gather suggestions for improvement.

The short survey has 78 contributions.

Below are the Have Your Say feedback form results.

Q. Have you used the Gajuga skate park? (78 answered)

Depending on how respondents answered the first question, determined which set of questions they were asked next. This question divided a section of the form into two answer categories, these were 'Skaters' and 'non-skaters'.



The first two response options classified respondents as 'skaters', with the third option representing 'non-skaters'. Summary of Community Feedback:

A) Skaters

- 83.33% of respondents answered – **Yes, I use the Gajuga skate park**
- 8.97% of respondents answered – **I visit skate parks, but haven't used the Gajuga skate park yet**

B) Non-skaters

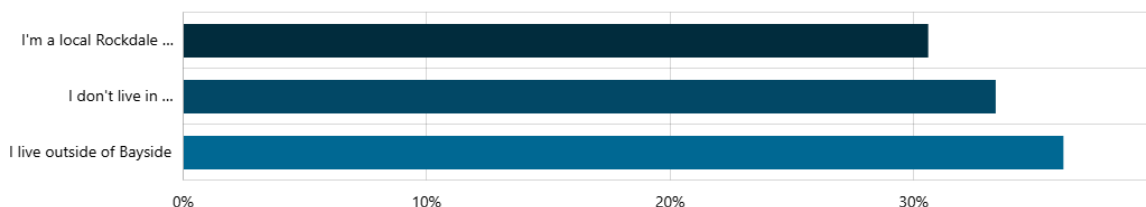
- 7.69% of respondents answered – **I'm not a skater, I'm just interested in this initiative**



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Question Set (A) - Skaters

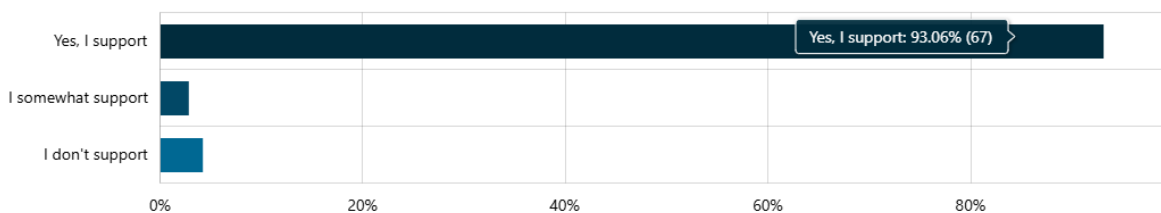
Q. As a park user, what is your connection to the park? (72 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 31% of skaters answered – **I'm a local Rockdale resident**
- 33% of skaters answered – **I don't live in Rockdale but I live in Bayside**
- 36% of skaters answered – **I live outside of Bayside**

Q. Skate Park use in the evening requires appropriate lighting. Would you support installing additional lights at Gujaga Skate Park? (72 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 93% of skaters answered – **Yes, I support**
- 3% of skaters answered – **I somewhat support**
- 4% of skaters answered – **I don't support**



Q. Please tell us why you chose this answer.

An explanatory text box appeared for skaters who answered, 'I somewhat support' and 'I don't support' to the before question. A summary from these responses appears below, with the raw qualitative data displayed in appendix B.

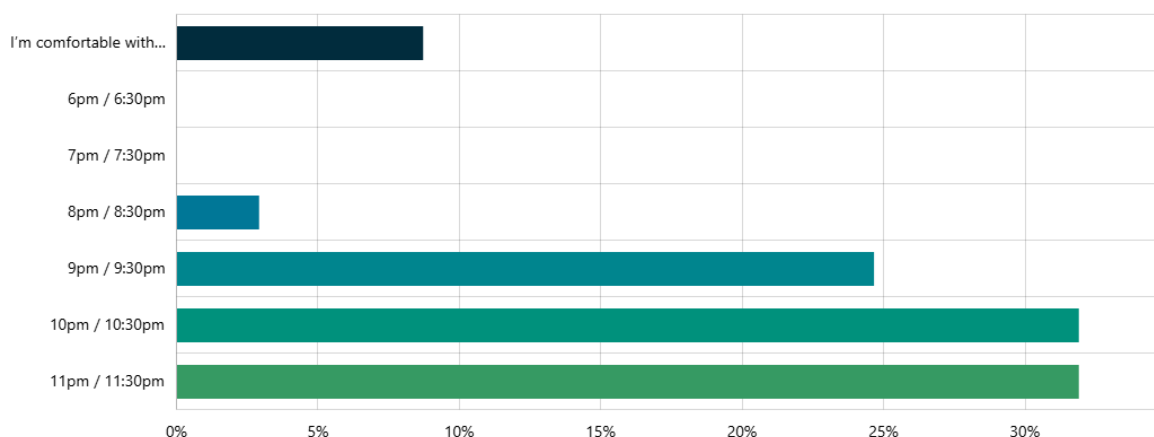
- **'I somewhat support' (2 answered)**

Skaters supported limited lighting hours, suggesting lights remain on only until around 9 pm, preferably on weekends, with directional lighting focused on the skate park to avoid disturbing nearby residents.

- **'I don't support' (3 answered)**

Skaters expressed concern that additional lighting would attract loitering and antisocial behaviour, particularly from youths using electric bikes or skating late at night. Many suggested limiting lighting hours, such as switching off main lights by 8 - 10 pm to reduce noise impacts on nearby residents while maintaining minimal path lighting for safety.

Q. What time should the lights be switched off? (69 answered)



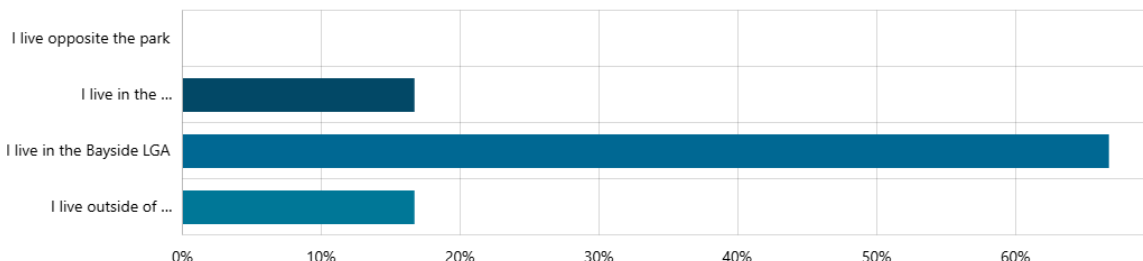
Summary of Community Feedback:

- 8.70% of skaters answered – **I'm comfortable with any option**
- 0% of skaters answered – **6pm / 6:30pm**
- 0% of skaters answered – **7pm / 7:30pm**
- 2.9% of skaters answered – **8pm / 8.30pm**
- 24.64% of skaters answered – **9pm /9.30 pm**
- 31.88% of skaters answered – **10pm / 10.30pm**
- 31.88% of skaters answered – **11pm / 11.30pm**



Question Set (B) – Non Skaters

Q. As a community member, what is your connection to the location? (6 answered)

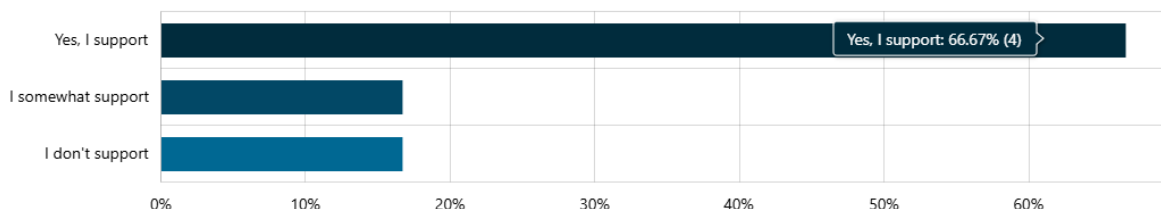


Summary of Community Feedback:

- 0% of non-skaters answered – **I live opposite the park**
- 16.67% of non-skaters answered – **I live in the surrounding streets**
- 66.67% of non-skaters answered – **I live in the Bayside LGA**
- 16.67% of non-skaters answered – **I live outside of Bayside, but I'm interested in this project**

Those who answered, 'I live opposite the park' or 'I live in the surrounding streets' were asked to specify their street address. (0 answered)

Q. Skate Park use in the evening requires appropriate lighting. Would you support installing additional lights at Gujaga Skate Park? (6 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 67% of non-skaters answered – **Yes, I support**
- 17% of non-skaters answered – **I somewhat support**
- 17% of non-skaters answered – **I don't support**

Q. Please tell us why you chose this answer.

An explanatory text box appeared for non-skaters who answered, 'I somewhat support' and 'I don't support' to the above question. A summary from these responses appears below, with the raw qualitative data displayed in appendix B.

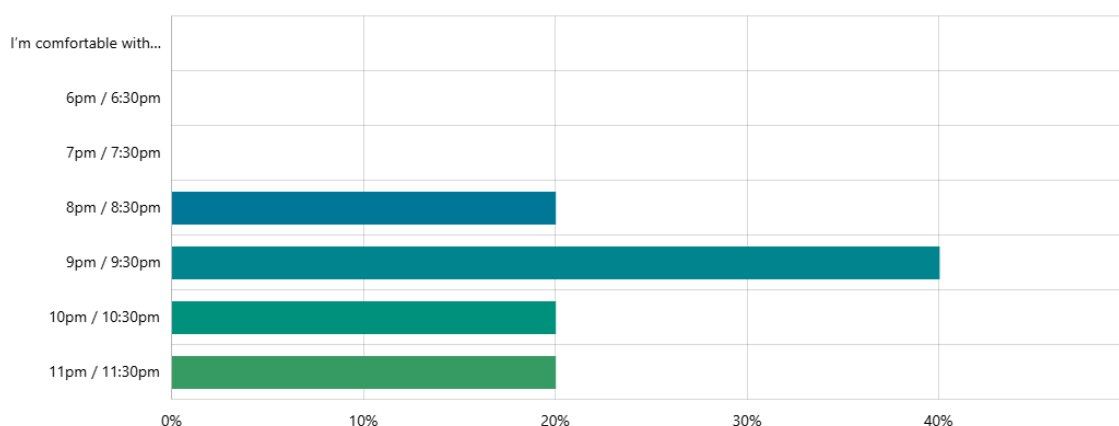
- **'I somewhat support' (1 answered)**

A non-skater supported improved lighting to encourage safe evening recreation and social connection among young people, while recommending the use of shielded, low-light-pollution fixtures.

- **'I don't support' (1 answered)**

A non-skater raised concerns that increased night-time use of the skate park would amplify noise and safety issues caused by skaters riding along local footpaths on their way to the park.

Q. What time should the lights be switched off? (5 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 0% of non-skaters answered – **I'm comfortable with any option**
- 0% of non-skaters answered – **6pm / 6:30pm**
- 0% of non-skaters answered – **7pm / 7:30pm**
- 20% of non-skaters chose – **8pm/8.30pm**
- 40% of non-skaters chose – **9pm/9.30pm**
- 20% of non-skaters chose – **10pm/10.30pm**
- 20% of non-skaters chose – **11pm/11.30pm**



Question Set (C) – Nonsegregated feedback

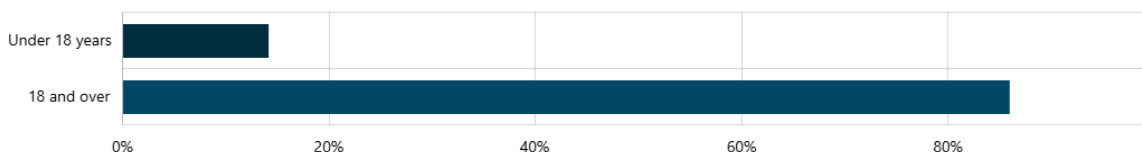
The following set of questions were presented to all participants in the feedback form.

Q. Do you have any other feedback. (46 answered)

This was an open text field. A general summary from these answered is below. The complete qualitative data from this question is displayed in appendix B.

Community feedback showed strong overall support for improved lighting at Gujaga Skate Park, with many respondents highlighting safety, accessibility, and social benefits, particularly for those who skate after work or during warmer evening hours. Many felt lighting would make the park safer, encourage exercise, and create a positive, inclusive space for youth and families. Some suggested energy-efficient or solar options and recommended limited operating hours (e.g. until 9–10 p.m.) to balance recreation and residential amenity. A small number of respondents raised concerns about potential noise, light spill, and energy use.

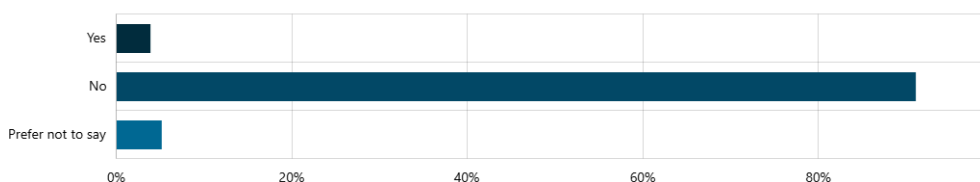
Q. What is your age? (78 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 14.10% of respondents answered – **Under 18 years**
- 85.90% of respondents answered – **18 and over**

Q. Do you have a disability? (78 answered)



Summary of Community Feedback:

- 3.85% of respondents answered – **Yes**
- 91.03% of respondents answered – **No**
- 5.13% of respondents answered – **Prefer not to say**

6. Next Steps

The review process includes:

- **Review of the collected community feedback:** Analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, Community Engagement Team to report to strategic planning.
- **Adjustments:** community feedback informs future consideration towards funding, resourcing and planning concept designs to enhance the skate park.
- **Allocation:** Funding is allocated, and the project is progressed to the design stage for further development.



7. Appendix A – Engagement and Communications Collateral

Snapshot of Have Your Say - Project Page

Gujaga Skate Park After Dark

Council is assessing the community's interest in using the skate park after dark

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ENGAGEMENT CLOSED

Would you use the Gujaga Skate Park after dark?

We want to hear from skaters and residents to ask; would you use the skate park after dark?

Opportunities for after dark use

If there is strong demand for after dark use, Council will explore ways to implement this through specialised lighting and other potential safety measures. We'd like to hear from everyone – the skating community who use the park regularly, nearby residents, and the wider community to help us understand the level of interest in Gujaga skate park after dark.

What are potential benefits of after dark use? ✓

What skate parks are open late in Sydney? ✓

Did you know? To safely use skate parks at night, specialised lighting is needed to reduce shadows across the ramps, rails, and angles

Related Links

NSW Best Practice Guide for Adventurous Spaces

More Ways to Share Your Feedback

Accessibility and Translation - Need help accessing this page or require language support?
Click here for assistance.

Online - Use the feedback form or contact us via the details at the bottom of this site.

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Have Your Say

Feedback closes 10 November 2025

Begin Feedback

Short on time? Do the quick poll

Do you want to use the Gujaga Skate Park after dark?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Lifecycle

Feedback Opens
10 October to 10 November 2025

Under review
Contributions to this consultation are closed for evaluation and review.

Final decision or outcome
As the project progresses, this project page will be updated. If you have used the Follow+ key you will be automatically updated.





Who's listening



Community
Engagement Team

Email:
haveyoursay@bayside.nsw.gov.au

Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.



Snapshot of Have Your Say – Distribution flyer to residents & onsite signage with QR code

Onsite signage - A1 Scale



Would you use Gujaga Skate Park after dark?

We want to hear from skaters and residents.

If there's strong demand to use the park after dark, Council will investigate specialised lighting and safety measures to support after-dark use.

Comments close: Monday 10 November 2025

Scan the QR code above to share your feedback online or visit Council's website at:
haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au

For further information, contact us via:

Email haveyoursay@bayside.nsw.gov.au
Mail Have Your Say, PO Box 21, Rockdale 2216
Phone 1300 581 299 or 02 9562 1666



500 flyers were distributed to residents surrounding the park. Preview of A5 scale flyer below.



Gujaga Skate Park After Dark



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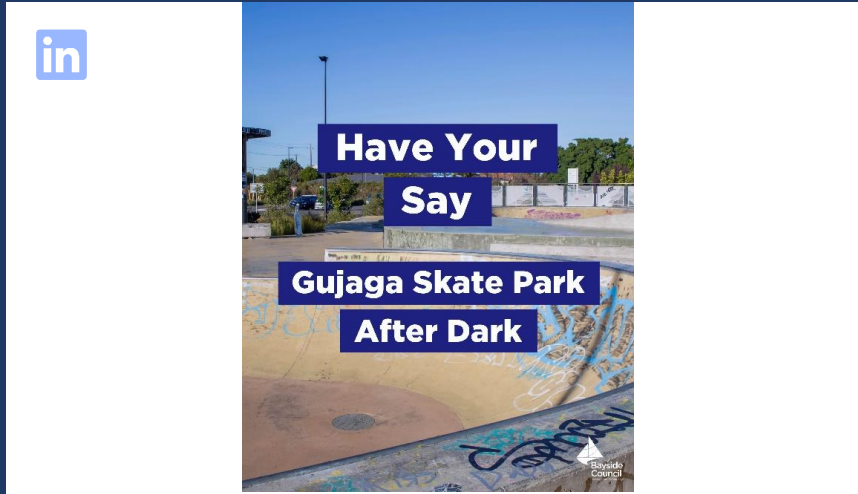
Distribution zone:





Snapshots of Social Media Posts – Instagram, Facebook & LinkedIn

Instagram		
Preview of shared content		
		
Dates Posted: 13, 20, 29 Oct & 6 Nov 2025		
Number of posts	Total Reach	Interactions (Likes/ comments/ shares)
4	1,751	5
Facebook		
Preview of shared content		
		
Dates Posted: 13, 20, 29 Oct & 6 Nov 2025		
Number of posts	Total Reach	Interactions (Likes/ comments/ shares)
4	23,348	198

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LinkedIn		
Preview of shared content		
		
Number of posts	Total Impressions	Clicks
1	787	37

Snapshots of Inside Bayside Newsletter

E-News		
Preview of Article		
<div>  <p>Gujaga Skate Park After Dark Council is asking skaters and residents if they would you use the skate park after dark.</p> <p>More info</p> </div> <div>  <p>EV Charger Rollout Comment on a proposal to install 21 new electric vehicle (EV) chargers across Bayside.</p> <p>More info</p> </div>		
Dates Posted: 17 & 31 October 2025		
Number of Editions	Total Clicks	Subscribers
2	96	46,087



8. Appendix B – Table of Qualitative Responses

HYS Survey Qualitative Data	
Answer Set (A) - Skaters	
Q. Please tell us why you chose this answer. 'I somewhat support' (2 answered)	
1	For me, it is okay depending on the time. If it is before, for example, 9 p.m and then lights off after, I would support. This is because if lights are on any later I believe this would encourage young troublemakers to meet there and disturb the local residents. Maybe, certain days would be okay to keep the lights on until 9p.m such as a Friday and weekend only with some youth workers present.
2	Lighting must not affect local residents. Directional down towards the skate park
Q. Please tell us why you chose this answer. 'I don't support' (3 answered)	
1	It attracts the wrong crowd of people such as teenage boys on there illegal electric bikes and also the residents you have to keep in my skateboards aren't a quiet thing imagine that at night with no cars going past, I just personally think there should be a cut off at 10 for the main lights but the path lights can go dim all night for pedestrian safety.
2	I walk my dog of a night time after dark and I feel the extra lighting will just encourage more young kids to congregate at the skate park causing excess and unnecessary noise. There is enough hours in the day for skaters to skate without adding lighting. We live opposite the park and have heard plenty of noise well into the night from the park and fields. We have a young family and would not approve of the lighting.
3	It would likely create issues unless the lighting would cease after a few hours only say 8pm.
Question Set (B) – Non skaters	
Q. Please tell us why you chose this answer. 'I somewhat support' (1 answered)	
1	Although I am not a user of this skate park, I definitely know there would be many children/ teens who are interested in skating during evening hours. Having proper lighting would definitely encourage more exercise and safe hangouts with friends - building stronger friendships. However, if this is not a consideration already then I would like to suggest that the lights installed are shielded fixtures (light pollution friendly lights). Thank you.
Q. Please tell us why you chose this answer. 'I don't support' (1 answered)	
1	Skaters accessing the park ride down local footpaths on Bay Street. The skate park concentrates the number of users skating down local footpaths on route to the park. This is very noisy at night (click clack sounds over footpath joints) and is also dangerous to pedestrians. Increasing use of the skate park at night will only increase these issues for surrounding residents.
Question Set (C) – Nonsegregated feedback	
Q. Do you have any other feedback? (46 answered)	
1	We have been wanting this for so long it would be awesome 🥰🥰🥰
2	The lighting there is not adequate
3	Later lighting helps people feel safer if they're walking past the skate park in the evening. Since the average time when the sun sets during the summer is around 8pm lights might not be even needed until then
4	More bins required.

5	We live in South HURSTVILLE but regularly visit Gujaga Park. Lighting would make it more enjoyable to use. Regards, (name redacted)
6	It's great for the kids and late lighting would be beneficial for the kids
7	I can't believe the skatepark doesn't have lights?! This is a basic oversight and thankyou bayside for going about correcting this. Most people ride/skate outside of school and work hours. Often the best times are in the evening when it's cooler and less crowded with kids on scooters. People want to be able to
8	This is a great opportunity to have our children and youths engage in an outdoor healthy activity.
9	I worry about energy usage. Would it be an option for the lighting to be solar powered?
10	I am a dad and a skater and regularly use the skatepark at Rockdale. I do bring my son during daylight hours on weekends but because of my full time work schedule and weekend family schedule I would like to have the opportunity to skate after hours. I currently either go to Sydenham or Greenhills as they have lights on after hours. I very rarely see any behaviour which I would class as anti social. Giving not just over 30s skaters an opportunity to access the park later in the day but also teens I think honestly boosts social activity, so many young people are bored out of their minds with nothing to do but loiter, whereas if they can focus themselves into social exercise I think there would be benefits for all. Also as skating is resurging in people my age the range of different ages at the skatepark would likely dissuade any bad behaviour. I should also mention that obviously in the middle of summer during the day it can be very hot, so it seems like a no brainer to skate at night once it cools down a bit.
11	Great idea. A safe space for young people to hang out is always appreciated.
12	It's an excellent park. I have been avoiding skating here as the lighting is so poor. Increasing the lighting so that the minimal required luminosity for a public skatepark is met is a no brainer,

13	<p>1 Gujaga is a great skatepark but the current lighting makes it unsafe.</p> <p>2 The surrounding sports grounds are very well lit and a similar standard should be applied to the skatepark - otherwise it seems council accepts or condones skating in unsafe conditions</p> <p>3 I am an adult. For people like me (there's lots of us) who have work and family responsibilities we often only get the time to skate at night. Better lighting and extended hours at Gujaga park would be great for us.</p> <p>4 Extended lighting hours also helps during hot weather and heat waves when it's too hot during the day. Climate change probably means many recreational facilities will need to adjust hours of use.</p> <p>4 Better lighting with extended hours also helps make the park and car park feel safer for women and families.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this issue.</p>
14	This would be great for the community
15	This is the best skate park locally . Myself and my mates always skate as late as possible as we are older and find it more comfortable without the young ones .
16	I am a resident across the road. Give the kids a safe place to skate and ride.
17	I love this skate park in the more opportunities to use it with my kids the better
18	Strongly supportive of safe lighting until about 9pm to strike the right balance between use of the amenity and avoiding noise issues for residents in the immediate vicinity. At the moment a mixture of age groups use the park after dark but increased lighting would improve safety and parents' ability to keep an eye on their children.
19	Love the park as an after dinner activity. Kids are 5 and 10. Everyone super friendly at the park
20	Extended hours, especially on Fri and Sat evenings would be useful to residents with teens (like me) to support family-oriented activities beyond just dining options in the local area.
21	The current lighting isn't sufficient to light the park safely. I like to use the bowl and the level of lighting is dangerous as it doesn't light the bowl enough. In winter the lights need to turn on before dark as currently the lights turn on later than the sunset. It would be fantastic to use the park year round after dark.
22	Lighting will improve safety a lot not just for skaters but provide a kind of safe zone for people in the case of an emergency
23	<p>The skate facility is fantastic, but the lighting is definitely an issue, especially in non daylight savings times. The lighting is too poor to skate safely I find.</p> <p>The gardens are unkept, with weeds growing which I find disappointing. With nice landscaping and a little pulling out of weeds it keeps it looking appealing, and I believe if it looks run down, people will take less care of it.</p> <p>I have skated here for many years, often late when it's cooler in summer, and in the darker months of winter after work.</p> <p>I have never had any people hanging around that made me feel unsafe or attracting delinquents.</p>
24	Definitely needed
25	I visit many skateparks and it makes a real difference to have lights and to be able to skate after work. Areas that are well lit and well maintained do not tend to attract noisy troublemakers. Skating is a healthy activity for people of all ages (Im in my 50s and have many older friends who skate).

26	I support the initiative to provide another possible activity for older kids, teenagers and adults at night. The skate park is so popular with young children during the day that allowing older, more advanced skaters to visit at night allows for better shared use of the facility. It's location is highly suitable with good passive surveillance and residential neighbours some distance away.
27	I am a regular user of the park from the innerwest. I do often skate there at night but it currently dark and an accident waiting to happen. Most skate parks have night lights and it means less anti social behavior as they are in use. In winter it encourages more activity, as an older skater who works this is my main exercise after work. Thank you!
28	This is a great facility that attracts daytime workers in the early evening. The current challenge at this park is that there is some light (safety lighting and over flow from other nearby facilities) which tempts skaters to exercise. There isn't enough however to do it safely, resulting in injuries.
29	The current lighting is dismal & makes it extremely difficult to see while skating. This greatly increases the risk of injury for skaters. Adequate lighting needs to be installed.
30	It would be greate to have good quality lights as it adds lots of safety and really help skating it is a public space that does not have the same lighting as netball courts and the soccer or oval
31	I use the skate park daily with my kids and it is dangerous at night to skate due to the insufficient lighting. I suggest that better lighting would limit bad behaviour .
32	It would be great addition to the area and make the park safe for use especially on those warm summer nights
33	Skaters deserve a safe and well-lit place to train and exercise. It's unfortunate that after hours some of the best lit places are roads - which is dangerous! A well-lit park in the evenings is extremely important for safety not only of youth but of adults too.
34	Too many little kids during the day. Makes it nearly impossible to actually skate here. Need lights to skate after little kids bedtime.
35	Buff the skatepark and do the artwork like they did at Mutch park
36	A good idea to get kids out of house and away from screens and be able to spend time with Dad after work.
37	Its currently unsafe in the dark and very hard to use, needs lighting as other parks around sydney do, most till 10pm some later. This will also eliminate some of the graffiti and vandalism in the area by deterring these people from hanging around the skatepark when dark.
38	hi team, there are currently 2 lights out at the park. i would love additional lighting but for the time being can we please get these lights replaced as it is abit scary as a female(honestly anyone) with only half the park lit thank you :)
39	Current lights are out and need to be fixed
40	I often ride my bike through the area on my commute to and from work and I'd like for the area to feel more safe and lively at night
41	Excellent news

42	<p>I'll find it quite evident that skateboarding is not a priority. We've one multiple gold medals In the sport in the Olympics and still it gets no recognition to the public. Next door you can see the lights of the soccer field are very bright. It's clear to see where everybody's priorities are and what the area seems to prioritise. Skateboarding is an avenue for creativity and culture Not a sport is not a sport but a place for people to come together and express their selves. There is a place for community to come together and teach each other skills and tell each other life experiences.</p> <p>Please also bear in mind that shiftworkers use this park there may be a case where people are on afternoon shift or a night shift and are only able to use the park at certain times.</p> <p>It is of my opinion that to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on lighting and have the lights shut off at 9 pm is absolutely ludicrous and defeats the purpose of putting the lights on at all. Especially considering that in the summertime the sun stays out till 8 to 830.</p> <p>We need more skate parks in the area as I come from kogarah and it still takes me 15 minutes to get to the skate park probably one hour in traffic after work.</p> <p>We also need to consider having undercover skate parks to protect people from the sun at midday and also the rain. As some people are very competitive with this hobby and take it very seriously and it could be impacting The future generations of our Olympians.</p>
43	Great idea, and so good to encourage youth to utilise community parks safely and to get outside
44	I chose 10-10:30pm for lights out but worst case at least 9pm so that particularly out of daylight savings time the skatepark can be used at very reasonable hours where people who work 9-5pm hours can enjoy the facilities after work
45	Lighting is not needed
46	Lighting is so important especially in the winter months- us older riders can't skate during the week with no light when we finish up work and get to the park

7 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

City Works & Assets Committee

4/02/2026

Item No	CWA26.003
Subject	CONFIDENTIAL - Golf Driving Range at Riverine Park - Tender Finalisation
Report by	Peter Barber, Director City Futures
File	F25/1062

Confidential

It is proposed that this report be considered in closed meeting, with the press and public excluded, for the following reason:

In accordance with section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report relate to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. It is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with.