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Kellaway Park Community Feedback

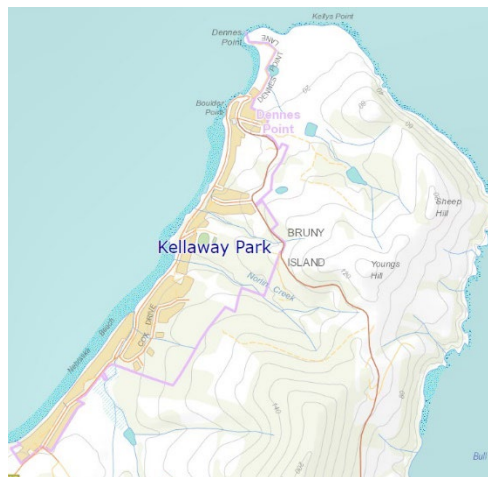
Dennes Point
North Bruny

Friends of North Bruny

KELLOWAY PARK ACTIVATION

INTRODUCTION

In late 2022 Friends of North Bruny (FONB) was approached by some young families who suggested that we investigate the level of community support to revitalise Kellaway Park, Dennes Point, and explore what facilities are lacking on North Bruny which could be included in this space. It was agreed that if there is enough interest FONB will develop a proposal to present to Kingborough Council. This could form the basis of funding through various community grant programs.



The Park is located in the centre of the village off Sports Road above Nebraska Beach. It's named after Percival Wallace Kellaway who donated the land to the people of North Bruny for recreational use. This public open space, now owned by Kingborough Council, has a tennis court, cricket pitch and clubroom. Part of the land is wooded. The Park is also used by the emergency helicopter. There were discussions about the Park in 2016 as part of the [North Bruny background and future directions plan](#). The North Bruny Hall Management Committee assumed responsibility for the day-to-day coordination of the Club Room at the beginning of March 2023.

METHODOLOGY

To engage with the community, an online survey was developed which was promoted through social media and a letterbox drop across North Bruny. A pleasing number of responses was received positive input during the period in which the survey was open (December 2022 – January 2023).

An article of the project was also published in the February edition of *Bruny News* with a link to the survey.

A community barbeque and general discussion was held at Kellaway Park on Saturday 14 January. This was an opportunity for residents (permanent and part-time) to inspect the site, visualise what could be achieved and discuss options in an informal setting. It attracted about 40 people many of whom said that had never or rarely been to the Park. It also afforded a chance to inspect the Club Rooms which had not previously been possible. Guests were canvassed about possible use of the club rooms and responses included: quilting group, book clubs, cards nights, meditation, small talks.

RESULTS

SURVEY

- 78 responses were received representing 149 individuals, couples, and family groups. All provided contact details.
- 95% of respondents were ratepayers.
- The majority of respondents came from **North Bruny** (80%): Apollo Bay (1), Barnes Bay (2), Dennes Point (47) Great Bay (4), Killora (5), North Bruny (3). **South Bruny** was also represented: Adventure Bay (5), Alonnah (3), Cloudy Bay (2), Lunawanna (4). South Bruny (2), No responses were received from the Kingston/Channel area despite posting on relevant social media pages.
- 80% of respondents indicated that they were aware of Kellaway Park prior to the survey but, with the exception of those people who play euchre in the club rooms or tennis, the answer to 'how often do you visit' was universally 'occasionally', 'rarely' or 'never'. The response 'only once when we heard about this initiative' is perhaps indicative.
- The vast majority (93%) of respondents indicated that they would like to see the Park upgraded and if it was, they would use it once a week (28%), once a month (54%), once a year (17%).
- Respondents were asked to prioritise the improvements they would like to see. The top 5 priorities were.
 - Upgraded tennis courts (56%).
 - BBQ facilities (47%)
 - Picnic area (38%)
 - Playground for 6–12-year-olds (34%)
 - Toddler playground (26%)
- Respondents were given the opportunity to make further suggestions. These can be summarised as
 - Bushland conservation trail and native plantings
 - Areas for bike riding for children
 - Soccer goals

- Shade cover
- Fenced dog friendly area.
- Pump track
- Community Garden
- Improvements to club house.
- Suggestions for activities within the park included:
 - Community sports days
 - Markets & fairs (multiple responses)
 - School holiday activities
 - Tennis social afternoons
- There was also an opportunity for respondents to supply additional comments. Most of these fall under the *Considerations* heading which follows or add detail to previous suggestions. Those which stand alone are summarised here.
 - Currently lack of infrastructure for young children at Dennes Point
 - No motorised bikes or e bikes
 - Development of the Park important for community wellbeing, relevant to all age groups
 - Appreciation of the opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

CONSIDERATIONS

Throughout the survey and in person discussion process the following issues were repeatedly brought forward for consideration and will need to be factored into any decisions and future planning.

- Kellaway Park is the site for emergency helicopter retrieval and any developments need to be done in consultation with Ambulance Tasmania and cannot impact on this essential service
- The overwhelming sentiment from numerous discussions and survey responses is that Kellaway Park is primarily for the Bruny community and any development is with the intention of improving facilities for the local community. Many expressed specific comment that the area should avoid development that will attract tourists and especially overnight campers.
- To activate the space public toilets, need to be available and properly maintained. This includes an accessible toilet. The capacity of the current toilets at the club house is limited by the existing water supply which would need to be increased, possibly by extending the roof area of the clubhouse.
- A barbeque and picnic facilities were seen as a high priority for this area. Many feel that this in turn would attract campers to the Park. Residents whose lands adjoin the area spoke forcefully against any development that would encourage camping and used the example of the Bruny Ultra Marathon and the subsequent rubbish and sanitation issues as a basis for this argument.

- Sports Road needs considerable work to improve access to the park. It is currently difficult to navigate.
- There is a need for delineated parking on site
- Some of the suggestions offered through the survey process could be incorporated into plans for other areas of Dennes Point/North Bruny.

NEXT STEPS

1. A report on the survey results will be circulated to the FONB members and those that provided responses to the survey. As well a report will be provided to the Kingborough Council on the findings of the survey.
2. FONB will meet with the Hall Committee to agree Stage 1 priority projects based on the community responses to the survey.
3. FONB will then meet with Kingborough Council to develop a plan for the Stage 1 priority projects. The plan will determine likely grant programs that FONB can make submissions to; determine what components Council can provide and seek advice on what formal council processes are required to execute specific projects.

Survey Results

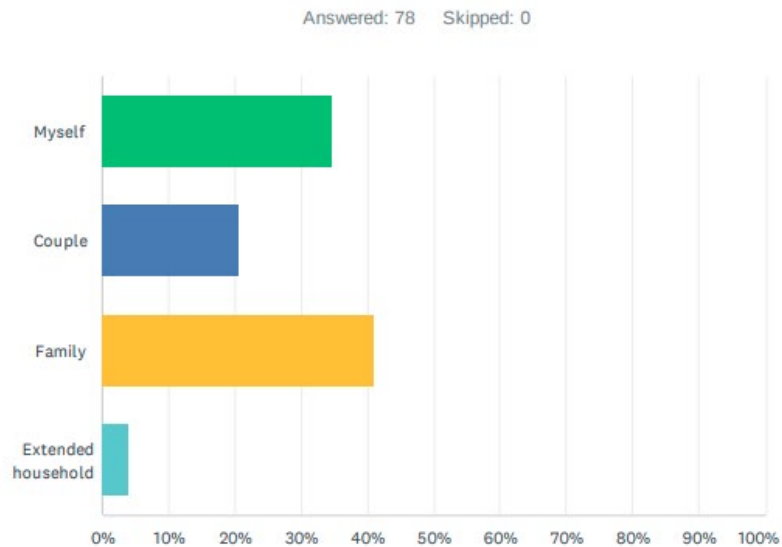
December 2022- January 2023



Q1 CONTACT DETAILS

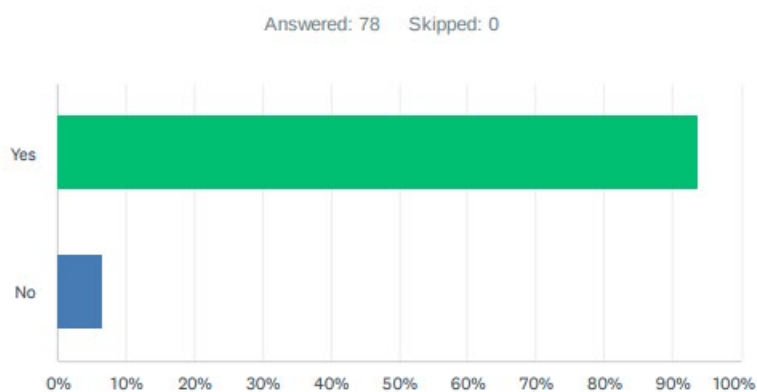
All respondents provided contact details.

Q2 I AM COMPLETING THIS RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF:



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Myself	34.62%	27
Couple	20.51%	16
Family	41.03%	32
Extended household	3.85%	3
TOTAL		78

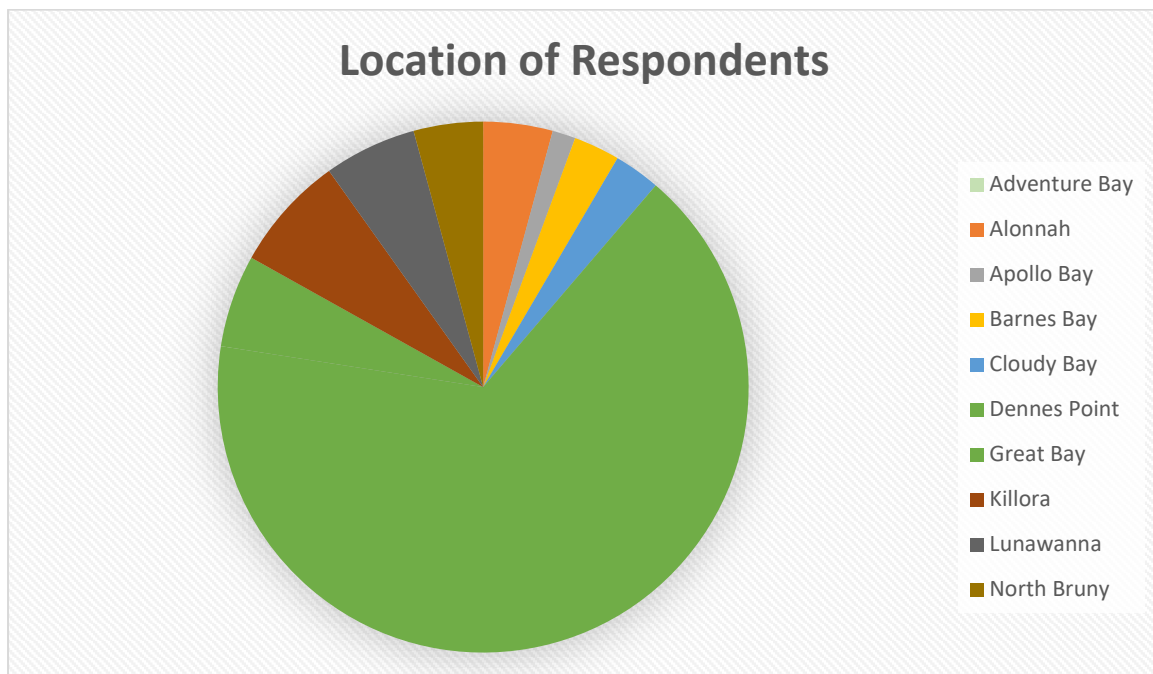
Q3 ARE YOU A RATEPAYER?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.59%	73
No	6.41%	5
TOTAL		78

Q4 IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' TO QUESTION 3 WHERE ON BRUNY IS YOUR PROPERTY?

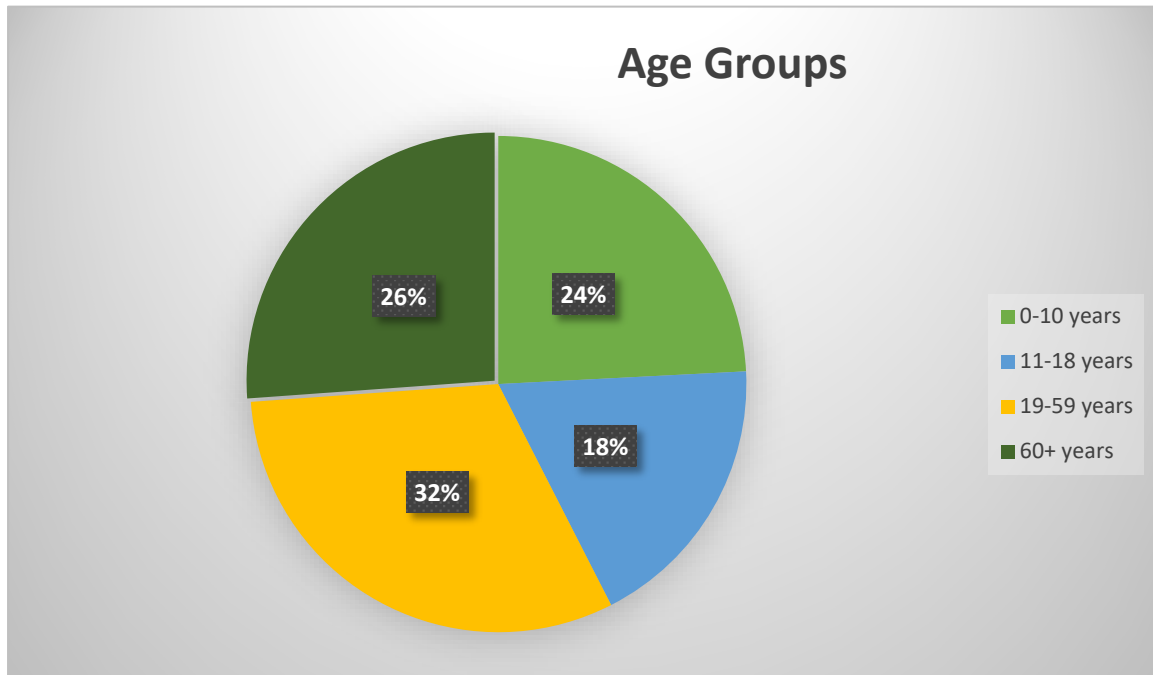
LOCATION	RESPONSES
NORTH BRUNY	
Apollo Bay	1 (1.28%)
Barnes Bay	2 (2.56%)
Dennes Point	47 (60.25%)
Great Bay	4 (5.1%)
Killora	5 (6.4%)
North Bruny	3 (3.8%)
SOUTH BRUNY	
Adventure Bay	5 (6.4%)
Alonnah	3 (3.8%)
Cloudy Bay	2 (2.56%)
Lunawanna	4 (5.1%)
South Bruny	2 (2.56%)
Total	78



Q5 HOW MANY OF YOUR INDIVIDUALS FALL INTO THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS?

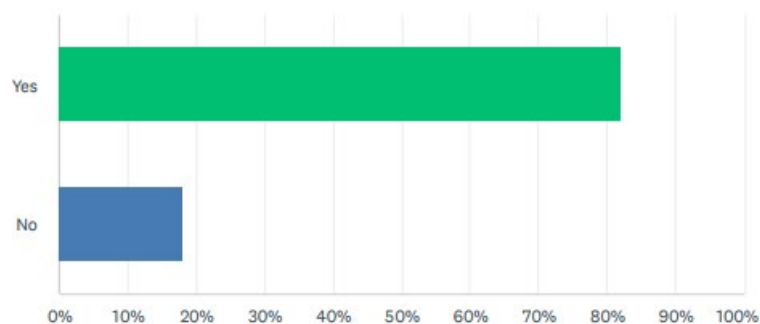
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10	48.05%	37
11-18	36.36%	28
19-59	62.34%	48
60+	51.95%	40



Q6 BEFORE TODAY DID YOU KNOW KELLAWAY PARK WAS THERE?

Answered: 78 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.05%	64
No	17.95%	14
TOTAL		78

Q7 IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES TO QUESTION 6 HOW OFTEN DO YOU/YOUR FAMILY VISIT AND WHY?

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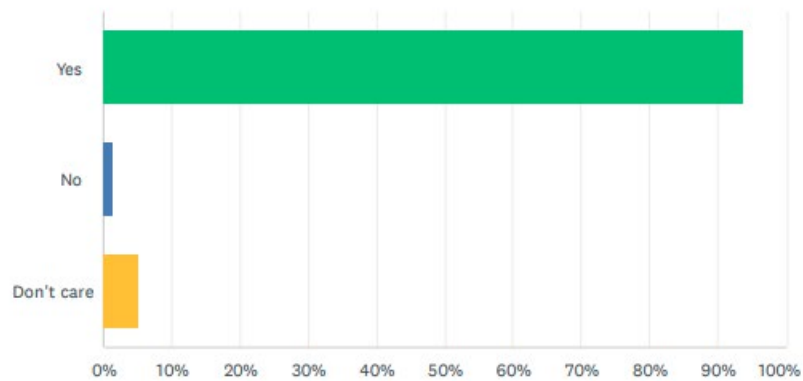
- rarely
- never
- X2 per year
- twice in 10 years
- Once or twice in 20 years to play tennis with grandchildren
- Never. Not of interest
- Don't visit
- Walk through a few times a year, weeding as we go, don't know how the tennis club works, struck by how derelict and unappealing it is, obviously a historic social effort in need of maintenance and development via all the usual community development grant opportunities.
- We don't
- Never visit but would like to see it revitalised so that individuals and esp families can visit - play tennis, cricket, make use of a healthy games space.
- Never except once to help weed it with Landcare group.
- Once or twice in 7 years to hit tennis balls around
- We don't, it's run down and the oval is uneven and tennis courts usually locked
- Not very often, a few times a year. The park is a great space but needs to be upgraded.
- Every few months
- Haven't been there for a long time but used to go there when my kids were growing up
- Occasionally when walking with my dog in the past
- Occasionally to play tennis
- Occasionally while fishing for squid on area
- Only twice
- Every month for the last 20 odd years to play Euchre
- Play tennis when we stay at shack
- We have played tennis on the courts most years we are there.
- Rarely - once or twice
- Once a month for euchre in club rooms
- When visiting friends in North Bruny
- Tennis
- Once every 6 months, to ride bikes and play catch
- only once when we heard of this initiative
- Never
- A couple of times a year for tennis court
- Looking for bone seed to pull out - about 10 years ago.
- Many years ago to play tennis.
- Frequent Tennis years ago
- Rarely.... we sometimes go for a walk up there however there is not a lot for the children to see so we tend to stick to the beach.
- Annually
- When we go to our property adjacent to the Kellaway Park, we traverse our ROW through the park and sometimes use the tennis court. We also suffer the consequences from illegal camping and

have to clean up the rubbish and human waste left by illegal campers. We have also experienced trespass and vandalism as a result of this illegal activity. We actively do not support any infrastructure that encourages more of this.

- We currently don't because there isn't the facilities there that we can use
- Only helicopter use We used to play tennis there in the 90's
- We don't because the lack of infrastructure for families
- Aware of tennis courts and have been there possibly five times in 20 years- but did not realize it was a whole park. Simply aware of an amount of vacant land.
- Daily when on Bruny. We run our dogs on the oval and throw frisbee
- Heard of area and looking forward to have a safe place for our children to play.
- When we lived on north Bruny, we visited often but not so often now, but if more facilities were available, we would visit
- Never
- Monthly - holiday. Escape. Weekends away
- Husband plays cards at the hall once a month we occasionally play tennis on the court
- Card night- monthly; used to use tennis court but now in very poor state.
- Every time we are at the shack at Dennes point. (About ocean every 3 wks)
- We don't use the facility but my grandmother use to play tennis there alot
- Do not visit.
- Visit park 3 times per year to play very casual tennis, bocce, finska, frisbee
- used to go and have a game of tennis often when Mrs Barrow looked after it
- Play tennis frequently
- almost never
- Not often yet would love to use it more
- a few times a year
- A few times for play dates with friends

Q8 DO YOU WANT TO SEE KELLAWAY PARK UPGRADED?

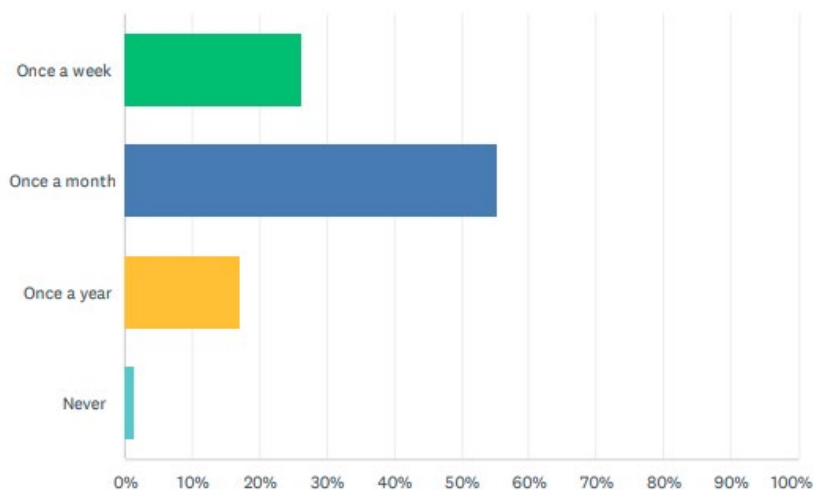
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	93.51%	72
No	1.30%	1
Don't care	5.19%	4
TOTAL		77

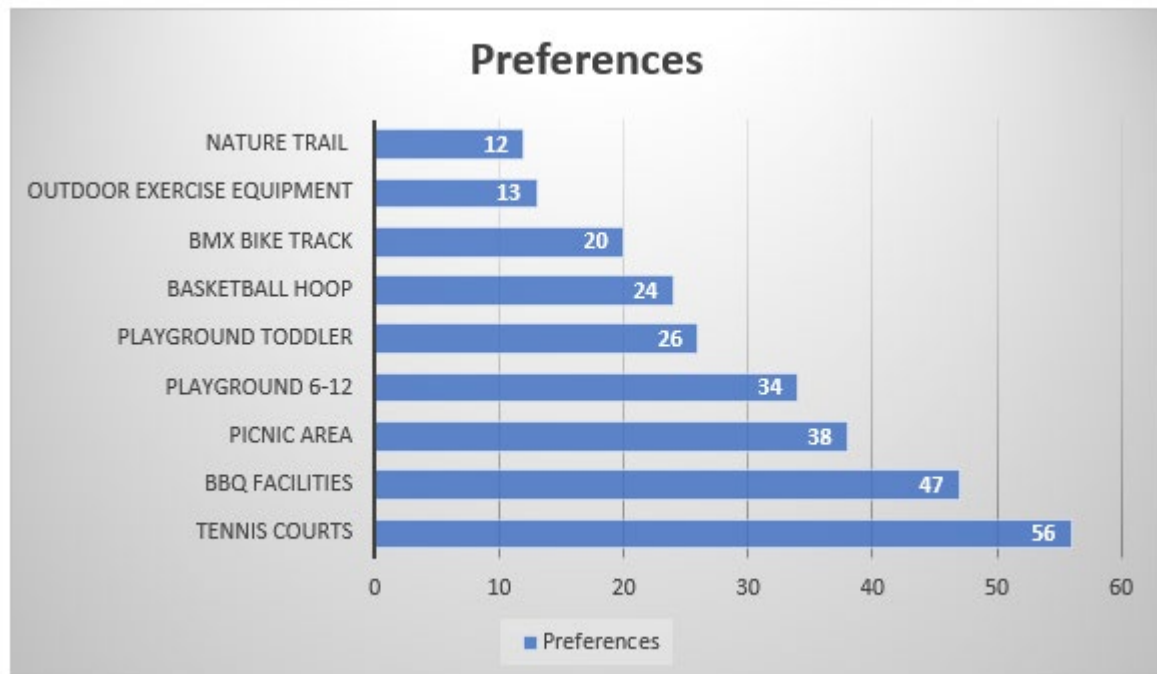
Q9 HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU USE THE PARK IF IT WAS UPGRADED?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Once a week	26.32%	20
Once a month	55.26%	42
Once a year	17.11%	13
Never	1.32%	1
TOTAL		76

Q10 WHAT FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THE PARK? HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS. PLEASE NUMBER THOSE THAT YOU THINK ARE IMPORTANT IN ORDER OF PRIORITY (YOU DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND TO THEM ALL)



Q11 DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR FACILITIES AT THE PARK OR ALTERNATIVE WAYS WE COULD INTEGRATE SOME OF THESE SUGGESTIONS INTO OTHER AREAS OF DENNES POINT?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 44

- An upgraded tennis court can also provide a croquet court. Croquet can be played by all ages, from young to old, so much fun
- Tall swings x2. (Perhaps an all abilities swing chair) Roofed shelter
- Community Garden Staged exercise equipment along nature trail. Nature trail would encourage local dog owners to walk their dogs but need to be dog poo bags and bins provided.
- Outdoor roofed stage area, with possibly to be powered to allow for celebrations, community gatherings, Christmas carols (Carols at the Park), music and other performances
- Just keep it as a fire break and helipad.
- We live in Hobart but are regular visitors to our house at Dennes Point for the past 12 years. On our infrequent visits to the park area, I have yet to see anybody in the Park. Something radical needs to be developed that will attract visitors. The longest slide, the biggest swings, the most exciting pitch and putt etc.
- The Council Block At The Bottom of Florence St (currently an incendiary fire-hazard in need of fuel-load reduction) would also be a lovely spot for play-equipment and shady seating particularly since it sits above the steps down to the beach. We might as well claim it and set it up before the new Suburb gets installed.
- On-site supervision of children be imperative in relation to children's facilities.
- A shelter shed near the BBQ, with a tank to harvest rain from the roof and a fireplace made of local beach rocks.

- All of the above would be wonderful!
- Soccer goals at the Park. Improve and upgrade the existing BBQ/picnic area near the toilets. Weekend activities in the hall.
- Use of the tennis club rooms
- Skateboard bowl & some shade trees deciduous
- Shade cover. A toilet. Bench seats
- ? need toilets and BBQ with shelter, seats and tables
- Nesting boxes and tree planting for pardalotes and swift parrots
- Separate toilet facilities from the club rooms
- Football goals
- We'd really love a playground in Dennes Point! A fenced dog friendly area would be great too.
- Pump track. Performance amphitheatre
- Plant native trees on western boundary for wind break
- Think that playground could be combined for both age groups no need for two ...
- A playground anywhere in Dennes Point would be fantastic for families that live here.
- set aside a space for campers ... we have nothing in the North for this purpose
- It'd be good to have a largish brick hut with the BBQ facilities inside, with table and chairs inside and out.
- Community enclosed garden
- I think an older children's playground and safe space to ride bikes is important. At the moment with exception to the recently widen road near the point there is very little space on the side of the road to walk and cycle. I'm hesitant to let the children out on their bikes as the road is too narrow. A cycleway connecting the Point to Stiffys Creek would be great however obviously nit within the control of the Committee. However, something at the Sports Ground would be great for older kids to enjoy.
- Ensure it is appropriate to the LOCAL community and not a tourism venture. Perhaps rename it with a local aboriginal name
- Dog park
- Our preference for facilities at the Kellaway park is to: 1. Plant out the cricket pitch with native shrubs and local white gums to encourage growth of the local bird life, some of which is rare and endangered. This should be done such that the local landowners view, noting there is private land directly behind the park (this is not our land). 2. Throughout the re-vegetated cricket ground, a pathway to admire birdlife could be scattered with a few path-side seats where wildlife and birds could be viewed. Critically, this also provides locations for natural child's play and encouragement with connection to and respect of the environment. 3. Carparking should be minimised and encouraged only at the bottom of Kellaway, away from resident access (south west side of the park) 4. The tennis court is existing infrastructure, often used in summer and could do with a resurfacing and new nets. Alternative ways to integrate some of the FONB preferences into the Dennes Point community area: 1. Extend the playground at the Cafe - help the Cafe encourage more business by keeping the kids entertained and supervised, noting there is always an adult and a phone around if kids want to go up there by themselves; 2. Fix/extend the public toilets at the beach; fund pumping it regularly to ensure it is in constant good state of order; 3. Extend the beachside BBQ area to cater for additional parking and a decent seaside undercover BBQ facility. This encourages families to use the end of the beach where toilets are available and may present as a good option for day trippers to the area who may also provide some custom to the Cafe. We feel it important that any 'upgrade' of the area maintains the natural amenity of the area. Parks can be natural and visually camouflaged which is far more fitting with the area, noting rare and endangered birdlife exists on the fringes of the Kellaway park, notably the forty spotted pardalote.
- New club house for sport activities. Toilet block!
- Swimming pool

- Creating a pleasant open space would allow family gatherings year-round. There is level ground with good capacity for parking. Shelters such as those at Dru Point would allow for BBQs and gatherings when there are higher visitor numbers.
- People camp there now, and we had to clean up their faeces and toilet paper and rubbish after the Bruny marathon that was on our land and on the oval. It was truly revolting. Developing it for bogans not the answer.
- Our family of 6 travel from Alonnah to North Bruny once a week for music lessons, play dates and the occasional pizza at the Cafe. We would love to see increased facilities for the terrific kids of North Bruny. They are a growing cohort and appear to be forgotten about when planning public infrastructure on North Bruny. The kids and families need to be a top priority when considering future uses of the park and other public areas at Dennes Point.
- Keep all activities very natural - dirt based tracks and wild play style play areas
- Children's playground would be good somewhere at Dennes point
- Maximising the use of the club rooms for smaller community groups to meet in...these alone will bring good usage as specialty groups form
- Ideally It would be good to be able to walk from the park at Sports Road up to the main road. I have walked through once & was told off by angry person.
- Upgrade club rooms
- Additional toilet block. Possible small parking area for s/c motorhomes. Improve cricket pitch.
- Pump track for mountain bikes (like bmx but sealed). MTB trails. Lights for upgraded courts. Netball ring. Seating to watch sports.
- We should plant more native trees and shrubs that are tolerant of dry conditions, and that will attract birds. Including grevilleas and banksias for honeyeaters.
- Community needs focus and a positive committee that responds to the needs of residents.
- Flat grass area to play Bocce and futsal, too many divots at moment makes it challenging
- safe landing site for helicopter to evacuate patients to the RHH

Q13 ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Answered: 32 Skipped: 46

- Accessible toilet. Let 2 years trial of "informal" activities BEFORE spending lots of money
- Just keep it as a fire break. Possibly as a helipad.
- As above. Something radical or recommend sell the land with a firm agreement with Council that the proceeds are spent on enhancing activities on North Bruny.
- Kellaway Park is a safe play and meeting area for children (unlike the tourist BBQ site on Nebraska Road) and is obviously ideal for the standard physical-development play equipment existing in every town/village in Australia. Dennes Point is conspicuous in its neglect of resident families, and this should be rectified as a priority.
- Absolutely no motorised bikes or e bikes
- It is a complete waste not to develop and use this space constructively as it will undoubtedly enhance the whole community, especially providing a safe and friendly space for socialising and outdoor activities for families with children.
- Community garden.
- Specific areas for bike riding for children would be good and signs to get drivers to slow down and watch out for children riding their bike or walking.

- Enjoy using the tennis courts, an upgrade would be great!
- Would be great to see this area revitalised
- I was only aware of the tennis court that I did clear ~ 20 -30 years ago. Is the water table too high for it. Please send details of the park. size and natural attributes
- Improve road access
- Well done to those committed community people getting this initiative up and running
- Percy Kellaway was a shady character. Ring me if you want to know more - 0420 224 704. I urge you consult with the Weetapooona Indigenous Corporation at Murrayfield and invite them to provide a new name for the park that links it to its nuenonne heritage.
- I think it is important to keep the helicopter access in emergencies.
- Thanks for all your work.
- We are strongly opposed to any development that encourages camping, BBQ facilities, markets or any activities that generate rubbish, facilitate large gatherings and/or attract overnight camping. There are no staff to provide clean up and no one locally who is paid and available to manage the facility. Over the years (we are long time landowners - nearly 20 years) we have suffered trespass from illegal campers and had a to clean up human excrement and toilet paper left by campers in the ferns at our front gate on numerous occasions. We are conscious to ensure our right of way is not parked on or traversed by children on bikes which presents as a safety issue for council on the parkland. I welcome discussion and engagement, noting we are some of the more impacted landowners by any development. My details are above. I may not be able to attend the gathering on the 14 Jan so I welcome a call and seek your engagement.
- Bruny needs a swimming pool
- Helicopter has to land there and frequently does. It would be a safety risk and liability issue if it landed at a children's playground
- Great to have the opportunity to participate in advocating for the kids of North Bruny. Don't let the NIMBY minority get you down :)
- Thank you! I'd love to see this place activated!
- Bigger tank water supply (toilets and kitchen) to enable small group use of the club rooms by community groups (eg cards, book discussion, sewing, mahjong, etc etc) . I strongly belief a number of interest groups will now form given access to the club rooms
- Need a bin for dog waste & dog bags near the existing toilet block or somewhere along the beach. Maybe near the jetty or at Nebraska.
- How big an area is Kellaway Park? Will there be another follow up meeting- or a report on the outcome of Saturday 14 Jan meeting? (I was unable to attend but happy to join FONB group).
- Many municipalities around Australia are providing these sort of facilities for free - understanding the importance of an active, outdoor lifestyle. It would be fantastic to keep the courts free for use rather than locking it up, adding a booking system, over-complicating and restricting the use. Please keep it free.
- We would very much like to see a space created for the bruny community. It was Percival's intention for such, let's honour his gift of this land with a space locals can utilise for park plays, play dates, catch ups, picnics and bbq's. It's these 'third spaces' in life that are so essential for connection in our communities. A place which facilitates a base for interaction and between north and south and all in between!
- Thank you for doing this.
- For me personally I would like the Tennis court upgraded. I have recently moved to Bruny as a resident and want to invite my Hobart tennis friends for a social game on a regular basis.
- I think better awareness of the park and its facilities would see it used more by locals
- I believe North Bruny needs a designated area for families to gather in a safe, inspiring environment. I believe it is vital for the well being of all ages!