

CAMBRIDGE RESERVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES SUMMARY

Cambridge Reserve (Concept Design) – Engagement Workshops Findings and Outcomes Report

Background

Cambridge Reserve is nine hectares of passive open space (recreation) which falls under Local Planning Scheme Zone: Local Open Space Planning (passive recreation reserve). The City of Kalamunda (the City) may, with approval from the Minister for Lands and Department of Planning, transfer recreation reserves for development purposes and apply the proceeds from rezoning and development to capital improvements in the general locality.

In 2012–2013, the City undertook a series of technical investigations to explore the opportunities for developing a portion of Cambridge Reserve, for the purposes of residential development and improved open space. The findings of these investigations indicated that portions of the site were suitable for urban development. Preliminary consultation with the Community found that the community was not receptive to the proposal and the Council decided not to continue with the process.

The City has since undertaken a number of further investigations, which has culminated in the development of Aged Accommodation Strategy 2016 (the Strategy). The City has identified an opportunity to action some of the recommendations of the Strategy and deliver broader community outcomes by delivering a mixture of residential, aged accommodation and improved Public Open Space (POS) on the site.

This aligns with Objective 3.1 – To plan for sustainable growth, and strategy 3.1.1 – Plan for diverse and sustainable housing, community facilities and industrial development to meet changing social and economic needs.

The Cambridge Reserve Community Enhancement Project seeks to transform Cambridge Reserve into an improved open space, which will include development of aged care housing opportunities and amenities. Community consultation was undertaken in early 2018 with surrounding residents and the broader community, to assist gathering an understanding of their vision for the area and POS improvements on the site.

The City received input from 67 community members. The process identified that the community would like to see more and improved facilities such as seating, play equipment, shelter and barbeques. The process also showed that the community values the environmental aspect of the reserve, such as its bushland feel, the walking trails, quietness and waterbody. As planned, the feedback was collated and incorporated into the Concept Design.

The Concept Design, developed in conjunction with Urbis, was released to the public for comment in early July 2018.

Community members were invited to provide their feedback in three ways; by completing the survey, writing a submission to the City or attending the community workshop. The Findings and Outcome Report summarises the finding of the community workshop.

Overview of the Workshop

The Community Workshop was held on Wednesday 1 August 2018 from 5.30pm to 7.15pm, at the Woodlupine Family and Community Centre in Forrestfield.

The workshop was promoted via newspaper advertisements, social media, letters to residents within a 2-3km radius of Cambridge Reserve, flyers at City locations (i.e. recreation centres etc.), pop-ups at the Forrestfield Library and Hawaiian's Shopping Centre, the City's website and engagement portal.

38 community members attended the workshop including Councillors Allan Morton and Margaret Thomas.

Upon arrival, attendees were invited to sit at one of the six tables set up around the room. Each table was allocated a City staff member to assist with facilitation of workshop activities.

Director of Asset Services, Peter Veralis, provided attendees with background information on the project and clarified the process involved when transferring a reserve to public open space.

Manager of Customer and Public Relations, Nicole O'Neill, provided an update on the community consultation process, highlighting the findings from the engagement undertaken in early 2018 and how that feedback had been used to develop the concept design for the reserve.

Attendees were then invited to participate in four group discussions and activities relating to the draft Concept Design:

- 1) Identify three features that would be most beneficial to you and your family;
- 2) Identify an aspect of the plan you would change if you could;
- 3) Identify an example of public open space that has been done well; and
- 4) Identify the benefits the plan will bring the community as a whole.

Attendees were able to identify more than the designated number of features should the table not be able to reach a consensus.

Following each activity, a spokesperson from each table shared the results with the room.

The results from each activity are detailed below.

Results

Activity 1) Identify three features that would be most beneficial to you and your family.

Feature	Number of Times Identified	Reasons Why
Managed bushland	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love the natural feel of walking through the bushland • The location • Natural bushland retention
Aged care	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating elderly with the rest of the community is excellent • Help overcome aged crisis • There is infrastructure and space for this
Wetland	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will improve the attractiveness of the area during summer in particular • Prevent dumping • Essential for community, somewhere to go without leaving their own suburb
Activity hub	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good for local families • Integration of sporting facilities • Playgrounds lacking in the area
Pedestrian path	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Walking/cycling • Provided it is well lit and accessible
Over 55's	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides funding • Integration of aged demographics
Fenced dog area	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love the segregated dog park
Total	21	

Activity 2) Identify an aspect you would change and why.

Feature	Number of Times Identified	Reasons Why
Residential development	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban development is removing bushland • Anti-social behaviour • Loss of view from Cambridge Road for existing residents
Parking	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough parking for dog park • Not enough parking for activity hub
Aged care	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will cause loss of environmental values • No buildings
Pedestrian path lighting	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide lighting
Fenced dog area	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separating dogs from water
The whole plan	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the park as is • Trees and vegetation are returning
Total	10	

Activity 3) Identify good examples of public open space.

Example	Reasons Why
Cambridge Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
Tomato Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment
Moon Pool (Kings Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water feature
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well maintained
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café
Cairns Waterfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterpark
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial beach
Kings Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open space
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-use
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassed areas
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water feature
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View
Wendy Whitely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous references
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community feel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
Whitegum Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog friendly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family friendly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways
Southbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play areas
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational
Lake Macquarie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational
Garvey Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-use
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational
Jorgensen Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carparks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathways
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment
South Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible
Lesmurdie Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog friendly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental values
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viewing platforms

Activity 4) What are the benefits or otherwise of the plan.

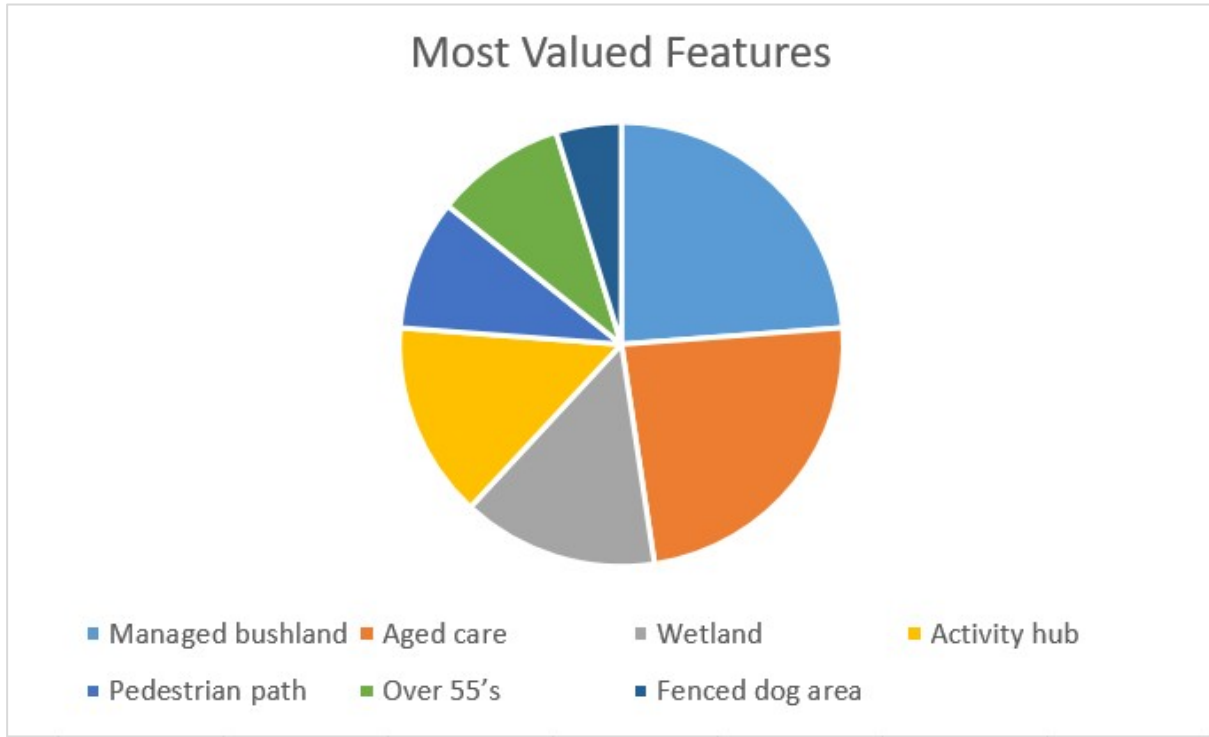
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of aged care in the City • Ability for aged to interact with community • Quality play areas • Fencing of bushland for protection • Park/picnics • Recreation for everyone • Enhancement of bushland • Family friendly • Intergenerational • Attractive • Improved safety • More utilisation • Established tracks • More young people • Revegetation of degraded areas • Better access • Better pathways
Otherwise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing properties will lose their view of the park with the construction of the residential areas • Potential for anti-social behaviour • Public space reduced • Biodiversity interrupted • Traffic increase • Lack of parking • Dense housing • Not enough lighting • Loss of bushland/habitat/native flora and fauna • Dog exercise area is too small • Grassed areas replacing bushland • Potential loss of species

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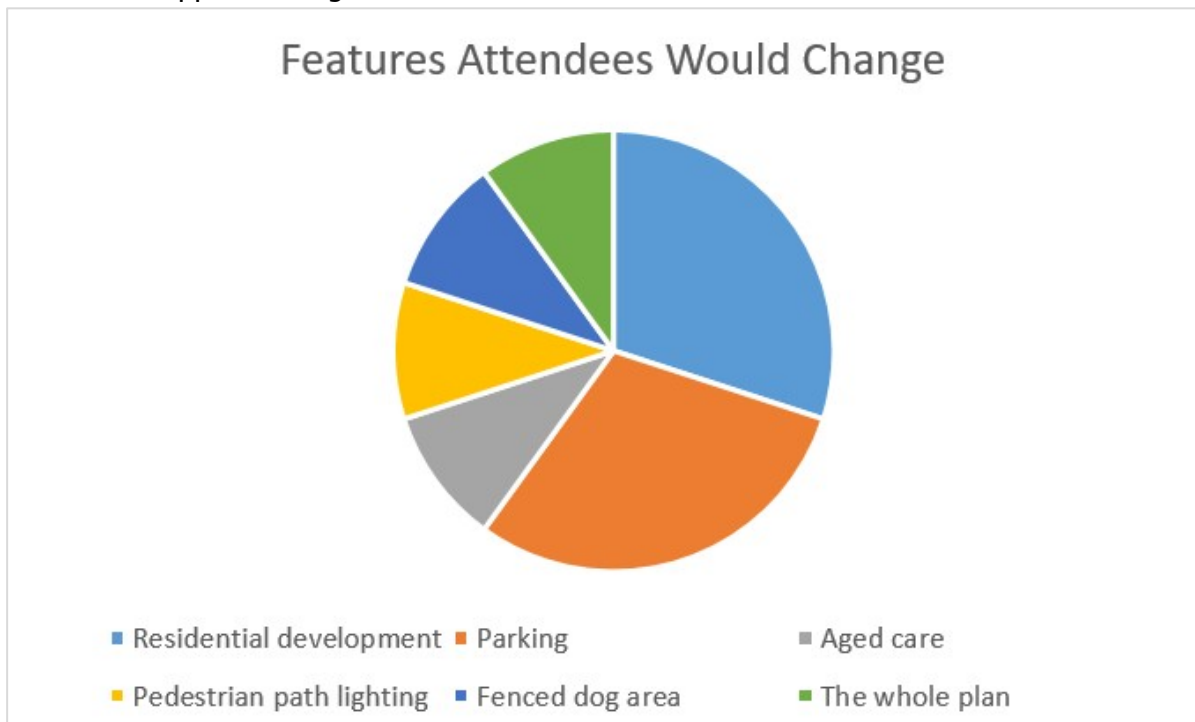
- Consider changing the half basketball court to a mini soccer pitch, or having both.
- Instead of residential, enhance the existing reserve.
- Some residents on Cambridge Road, adjacent to the residential housing, are concerned they will lose their direct view of the park.
- Some residents are concerned about the removal of vegetation to facilitate development.

Summary

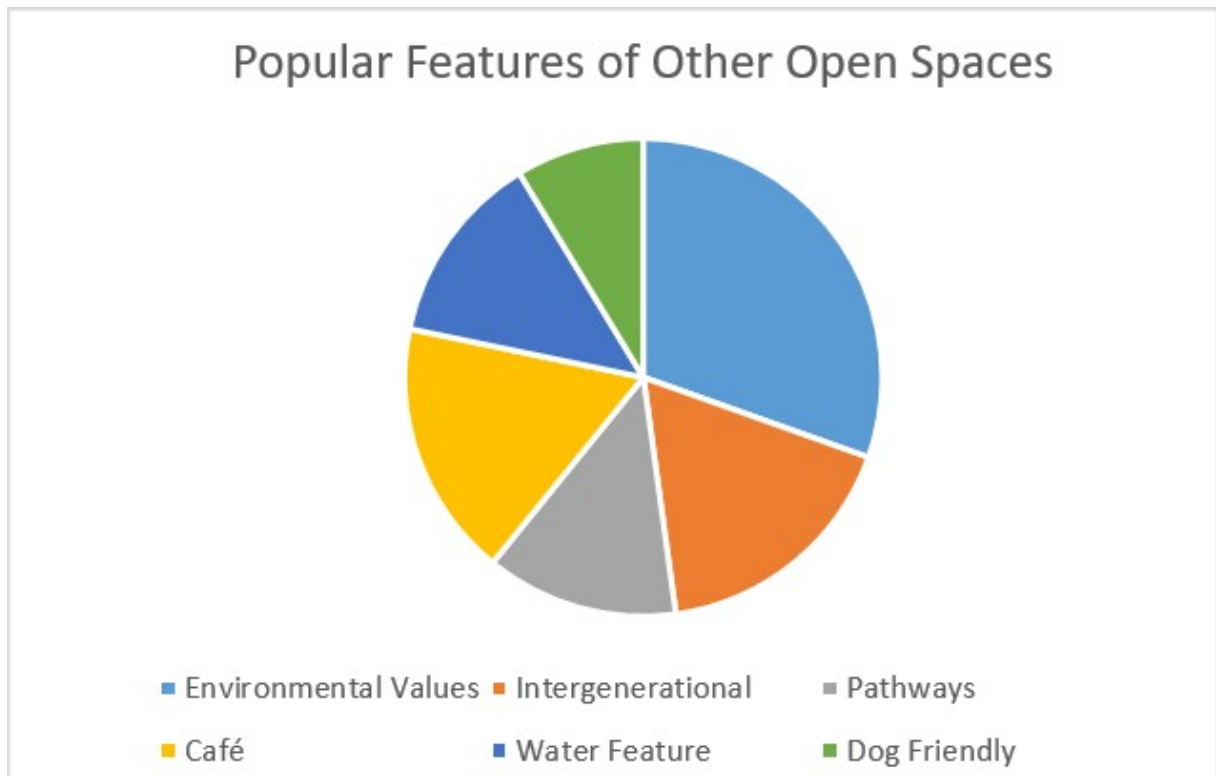
Results from Activity 1 show that the aged care facility and managed bushland were the most valued features of the plan, followed closely by the wetland/water feature and activity hub.



The feature the attendees would most like to change was a tie between the parking and the residential development, however these were not supported by the majority, receiving only 33.33% of support amongst the other tables in the room.



Identifying what the attendees believed were good examples of public open space and why has revealed some trends in features. The reason why attendees rated their spaces as a “good example” was most likely due to the space being intergenerational, holding environmental values, a water feature, pathways, café or being dog-friendly.



Activity 4 highlighted a clear divide in opinion between workshop attendees (i.e. supports the concept design vs. does not support the concept design). Those that supported the concept design were eager to see more aged care facilities in the City and a more family-friendly/intergenerational and usable space, whilst enhancing the existing bushland features.

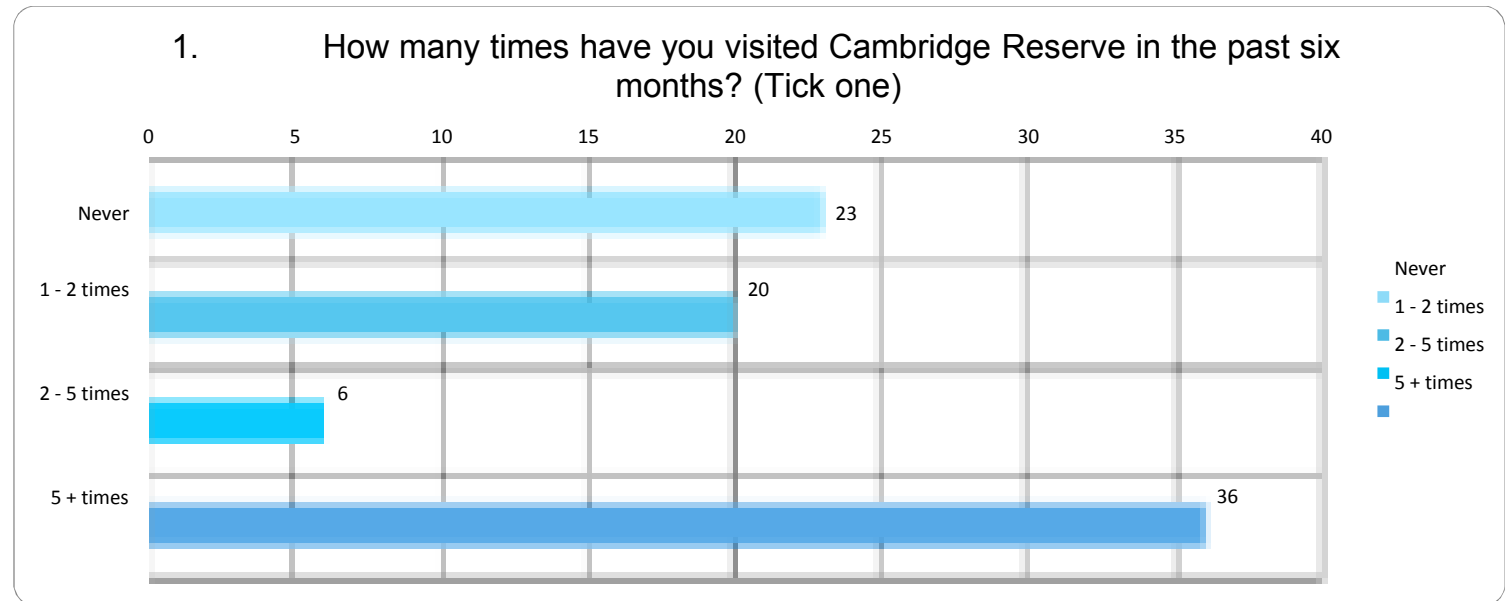
Those that did not support the concept design appeared to be concerned about the impact on the enhancement would have on them (i.e. increased traffic in their neighbourhood, loss of their view of the park, loss of property value, anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood) or the impact on the park’s environmental values (i.e. removal of vegetation/bushland for the purpose of development).

Overall, the workshop has highlighted that the provision of aged care and maintenance of environmental values are both equally important to the community. Looking at the concept design, lack of parking and the residential feature of the plan were the aspects that most groups would like to be considered further, though there was no clear consensus within the room on what feature of the plan was the least desirable.

The workshop also showed that open spaces are desirable when they have strong environmental values, are intergenerational (or have something for everyone), have pathways (or provision for exercise), water features, are dog friendly or have a form of entertainment (i.e. café).

SURVEY SUMMARY

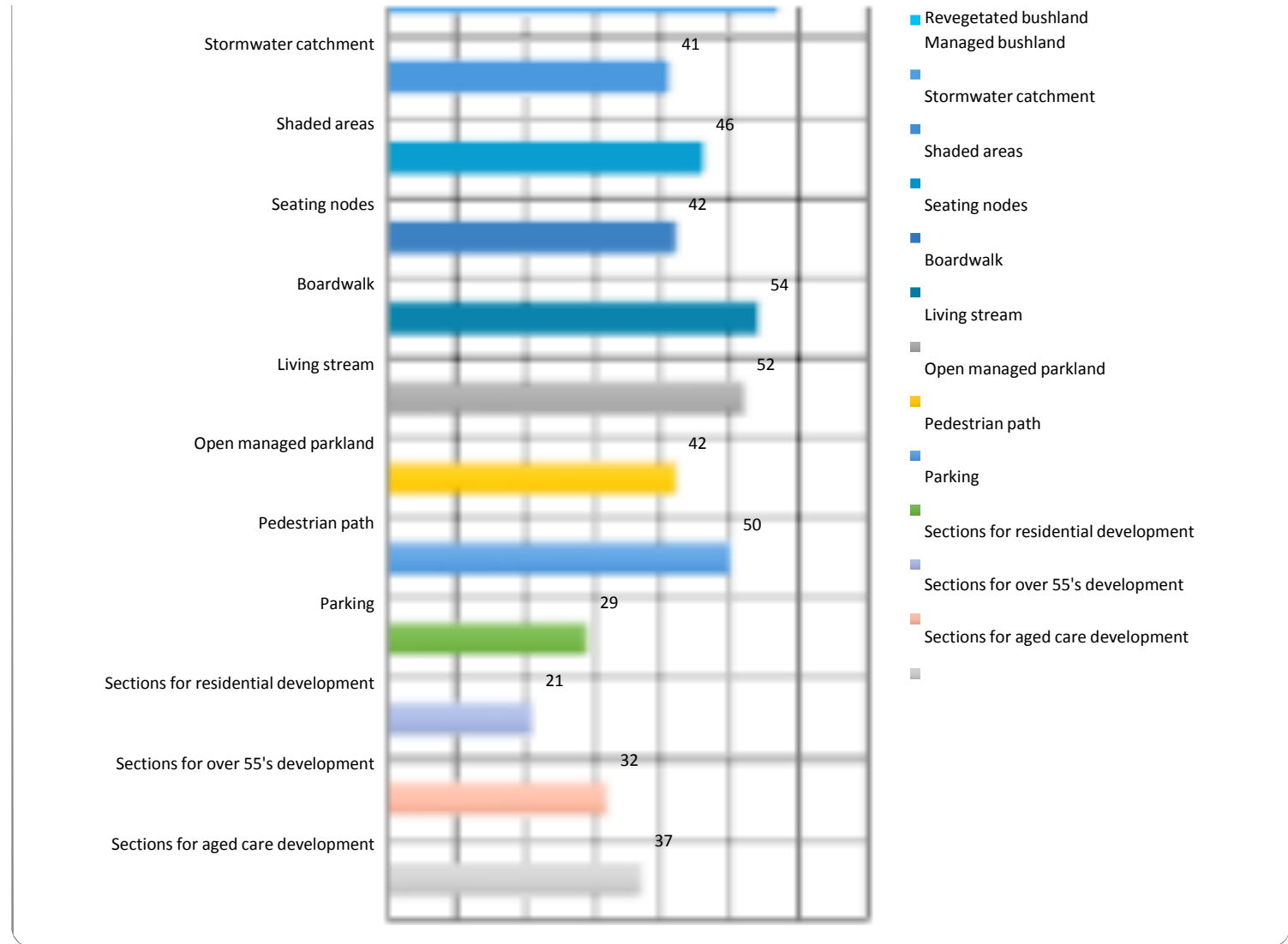
1. How many times have you visited Cambridge Reserve in the past six months? (Tick One)	
Never	23
1 - 2 times	20
2 - 5 times	6
5 + times	36



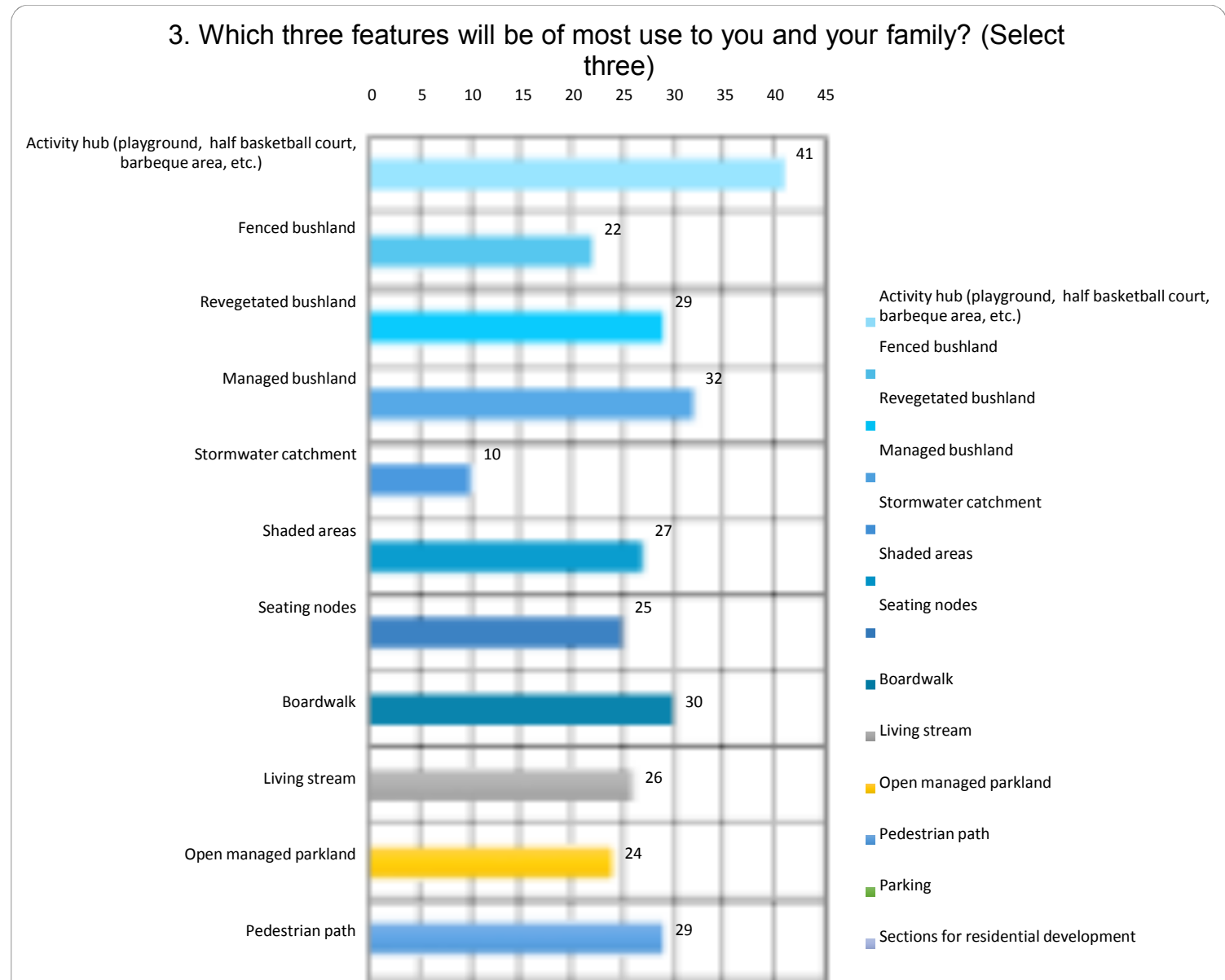
2. Which key features of the draft Concept Design for Cambridge Reserve do you like? (Select all that apply)	
Activity hub (playground, half basketball, barbeque area, etc.)	52
Fenced bushland	41
Revegetated bushland	61
Managed bushland	57



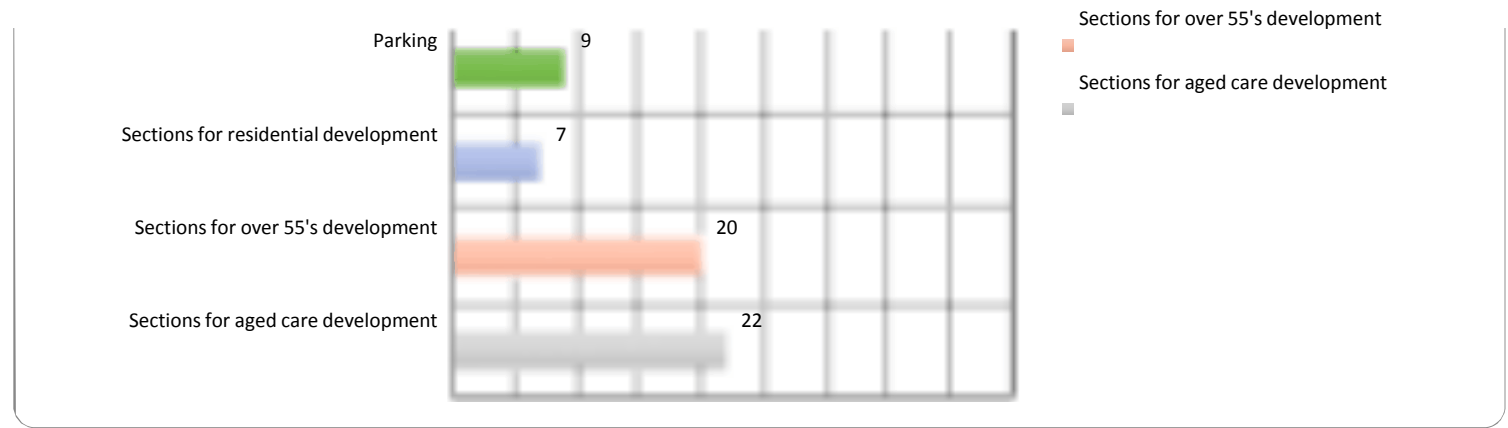
Stormwater catchment	41
Shaded areas	46
Seating nodes	42
Boardwalk	54
Living stream	52
Open managed parkland	42
Pedestrian path	50
Parking	29
Sections for residential development	21
Sections for over 55's development	32
Sections for aged care development	37



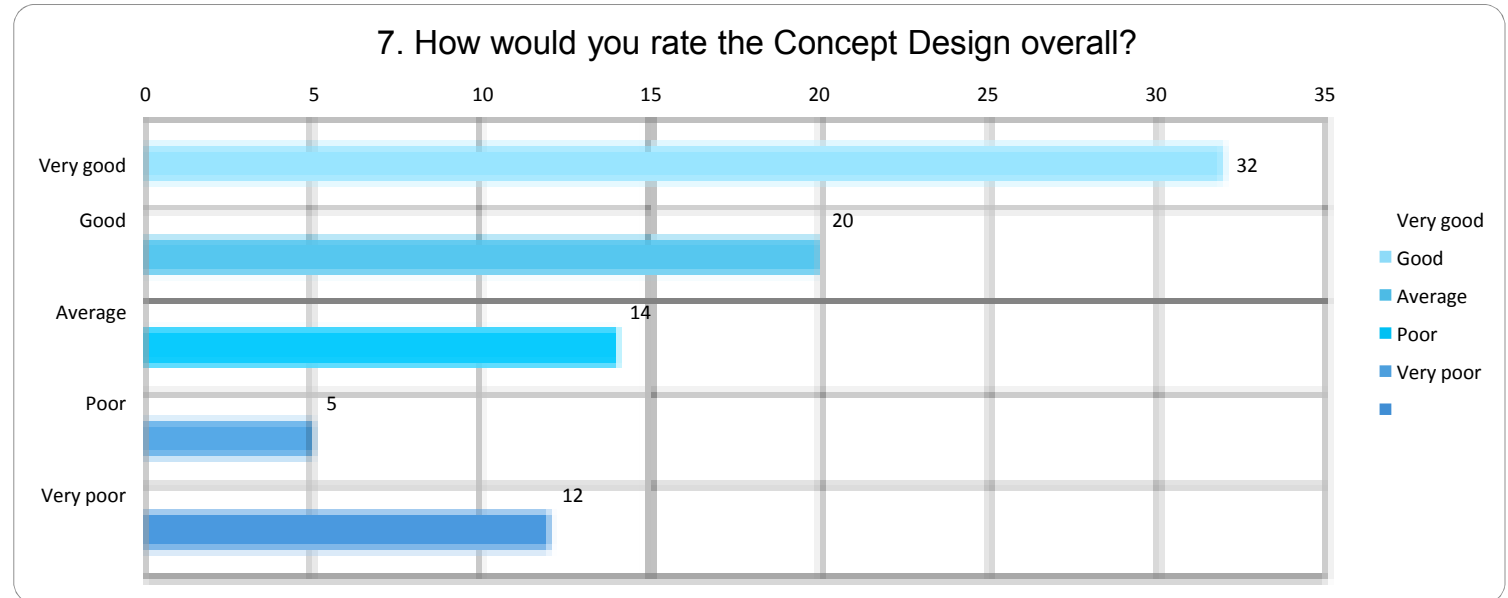
3. Which three features will be of most use to you and your family? (Select three)	
Activity hub (playground, half basketball court, half barbeque area, etc.)	41
Fenced bushland	22
Revegetated bushland	29
Managed bushland	32
Stormwater catchment	10
Shaded areas	27
Seating nodes	25
Boardwalk	30
Living stream	26
Open managed parkland	24
Pedestrian path	29



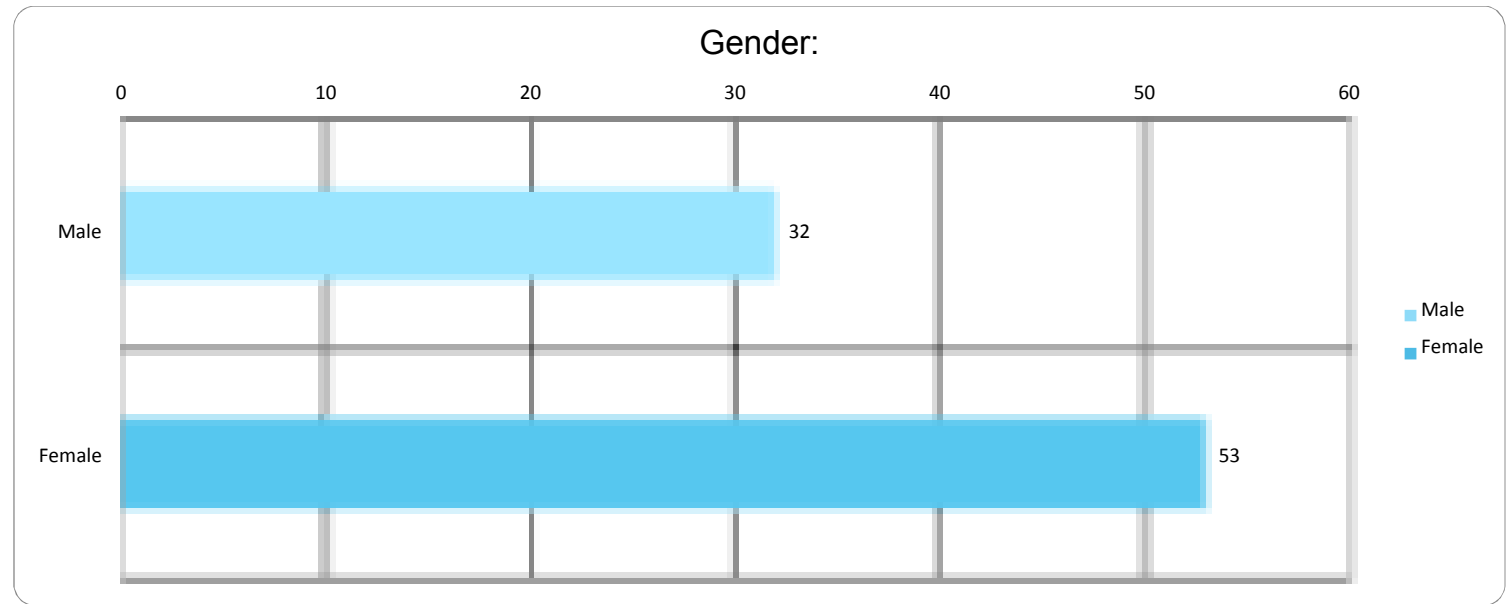
Parking	9
Sections for residential development	7
Sections for over 55's development	20
Sections for aged care development	22



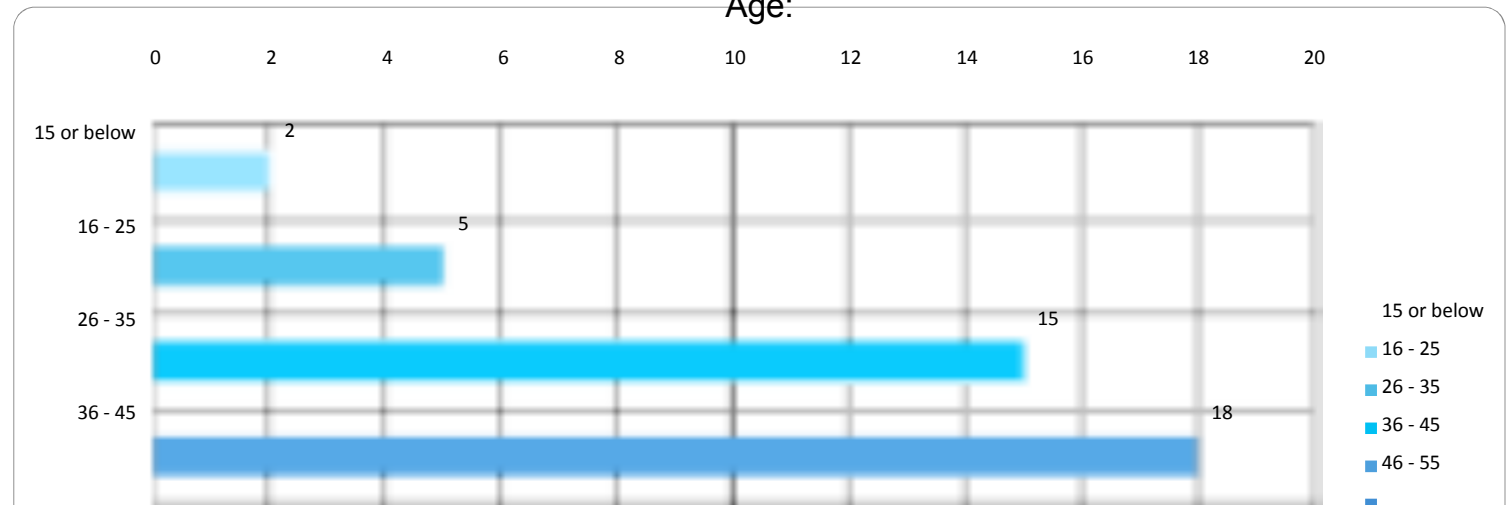
7. How would you rate the Concept Design overall?	
Very good	32
Good	20
Average	14
Poor	5
Very poor	12



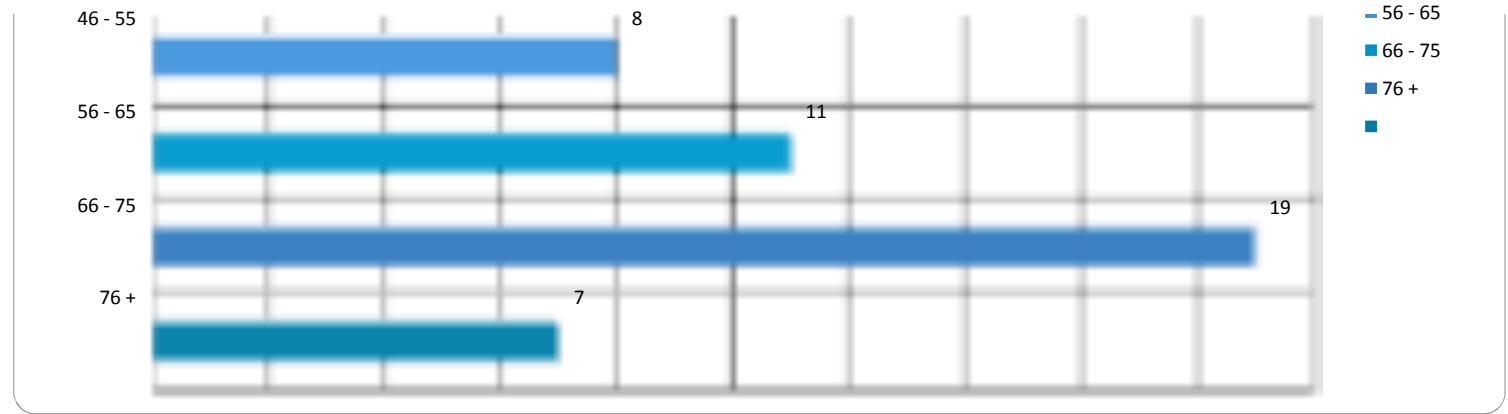
Gender:	
Male	32
Female	53



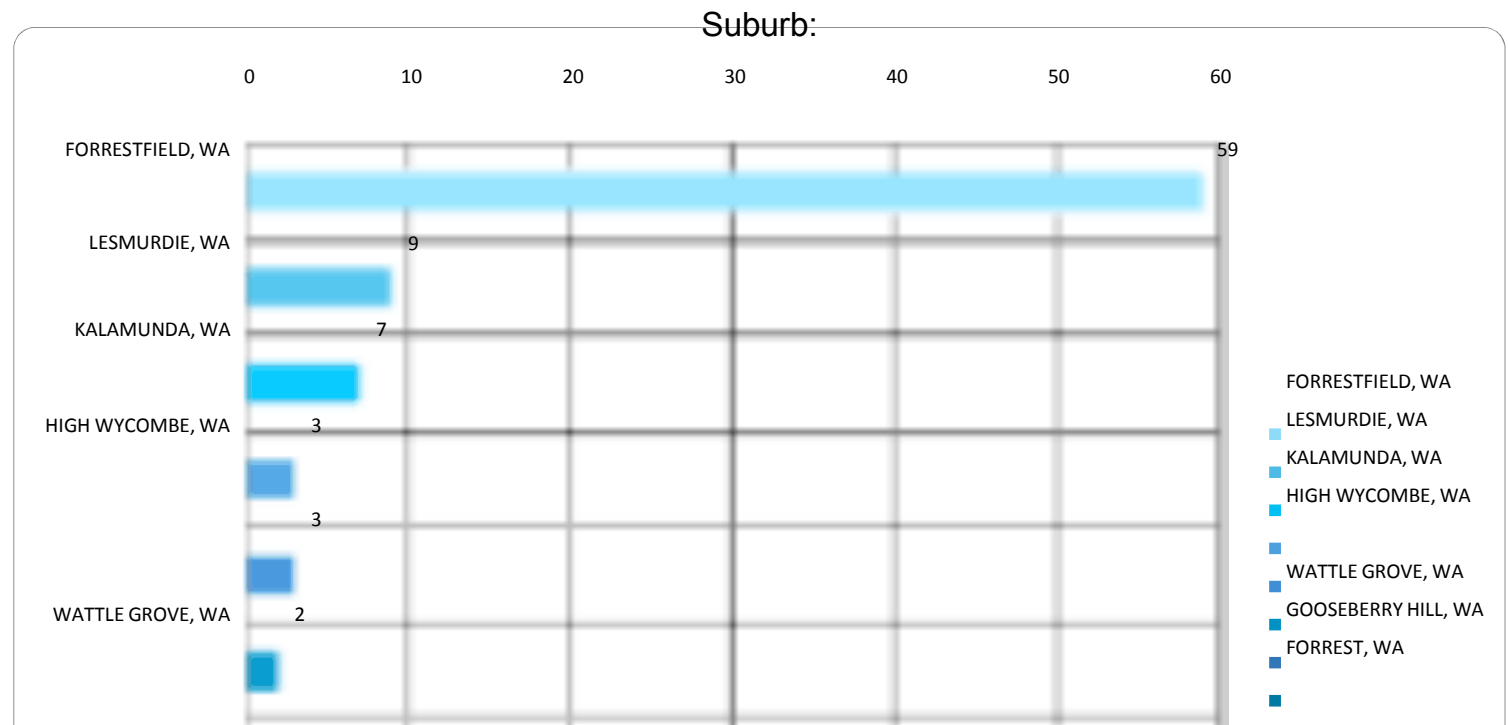
Age:	
15 or below	2
16 - 25	5
26 - 35	15
36 - 45	18



46 - 55	8
56 - 65	11
66 - 75	19
76 +	7



Suburb:	
FORRESTFIELD, WA	59
LESMURDIE, WA	9
KALAMUNDA, WA	7
HIGH WYCOMBE, WA	3
WATTLE GROVE, WA	2



GOOSEBERRY HILL, WA	2
FORREST, WA	1
MAIDA VALE, WA	1
BICKLEY, WA	1

