



# Community and Recreation Facilities in Gungahlin

## REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

As our city grows, we're planning for the future needs of the broader Gungahlin community and considering how we can better provide community facilities in the area.

The ACT Government has committed to building a new community centre for Gungahlin, which was outlined in the [Parliamentary and Governing Agreement for the 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly](#).

Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) are currently investigating potential sites that would be suitable in the Gungahlin Town Centre. We will have further conversations with the community specifically about this facility and which site and purpose might best meet community needs.

### COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ASSESSMENT

We are currently completing a Community and Recreational Facilities Assessment for the Gungahlin district to further inform how we can provide facilities across the district. Findings from the YourSay conversation will feed into the broader study by SGS Economics and Planning which is expected to be completed in late 2021. Once completed, further information about SGS' Assessment will be provided.

In the immediate future, the outcomes from the assessment will be used to inform decisions around:

- developing a community centre for the Gungahlin Town Centre, and
- the sale of two sites in the Casey Group Centre which are being released for community, residential and commercial uses.

Further information about each item can be found on the [YourSay Community Conversations website](#).

### THE CONVERSATION

In our initial round of engagement, we invited community members to participate in a survey and mapping activity online through the YourSay Community Conversations website. The two engagement activities were open from **Tuesday 15 June 2021** to **Monday 19 July 2021**.

These activities were chosen to consult Gungahlin community members on what community and recreation facilities might be missing in their area, and what facilities they might see a need for into the future. The design of the survey and mapping activity considered input already provided by a range of community organisations across Gungahlin who were interviewed as part of the assessment undertaken by SGS Economics and Planning.



## WHO WE ENGAGED

The YourSay activities were open for community members from across Canberra to participate, however they were targeted at people residing in the Gungahlin district.

We received almost 300 individual pieces of feedback through the YourSay engagement activities. This included 258 submissions to the survey, and 39 submissions to the mapping activity.

A summary of the demographics of those who contributed to the activities is provided below.

	Survey	Mapping activity
Most frequent age range	40 – 44 years old (23%)	25 – 34 years old (40%)
Gender	Male – 47% Female – 49% Other/No disclosure – 4%	Male – 60% Female – 24% Other/No disclosure – 16%
Most frequent suburb	Casey (21%)	Gungahlin (98%)*

Note: The mapping activity captured the location of contributors based on district, not suburb.

Prior to commencing engagement through YourSay, several local community organisations were interviewed by SGS Economics and Planning to have their say on what community and recreational facilities they saw a need for from their work in the community. These organisations included:

- Gungahlin Community Council
- Communities@Work
- Barnardos
- Belco Arts

SGS attempted to contact PCYC and ACTCOSS a number of times but did not receive a response. Input from these conversations provided the framework for designing the online engagement activities so that individuals in the community could also have their say.

A Tennis ACT submission and a joint Gungahlin Community Council, Northside Community Service, Barnardos, ACT Dragons and Wheelchair Sports ACT/NSW submission formed significant input in the considerations of the report. Additionally, ACT Sports and Recreation provided valuable input based on their engagement with the sporting community which helped inform the study. Further engagement with sporting organisations will be part of the next phase of the project.

## WHAT WE HEARD

The statistical results of the survey and mapping activity are attached at [Appendix A](#) below. The below table summarises the key findings from those results.



## Key insights from the community

### Sporting facilities

1. There is strong support for both indoor and outdoor sporting facilities across Gungahlin, both in the immediate and long-term future of the area.
2. Suggestions for the types of facilities to be considered included a tennis centre, basketball and netball courts and biking facilities.
3. There was suggestions for sports facilities to be located in the areas of Casey, Amaroo or the Town Centre.

### Community space

4. There is support for multipurpose community space to be available, allowing individuals and organisations to share small meeting rooms and larger function areas.

### Future needs

5. Community health facilities and aquatic facilities will be needed in the future as the population ages.
6. There will also be increased need for schools, libraries and arts and cultural facilities.

### Location

7. There is strong support to have facilities located in Casey, and opportunities to well utilise land available for community facilities.
8. Other locations identified for facilities now and into the future include the Gungahlin Town Centre, Throsby and Amaroo.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Outcomes from the survey and mapping activity are being incorporated in the broader consultancy report being undertaken by SGS Economics and Planning that is currently on agency circulation and will be finalised by the end of the year.

In the short-term, what we've heard will assist to determine what facilities could be prioritised for inclusion in the multipurpose community facility to be located in the Gungahlin Town Centre. The report will also inform what community facilities could be suitable for the Casey group centre taking into consideration the needs analysis, the outcomes from the YourSay survey and consultation with other ACT directorates.

EPSSD will come back to the community for further discussion in the coming months (noting that the ACT is currently under a Public Health Emergency) on planning for community facilities in Casey and the town centre.

To find out more and stay up to date with this project visit: <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/gungahlin-community-facilities>

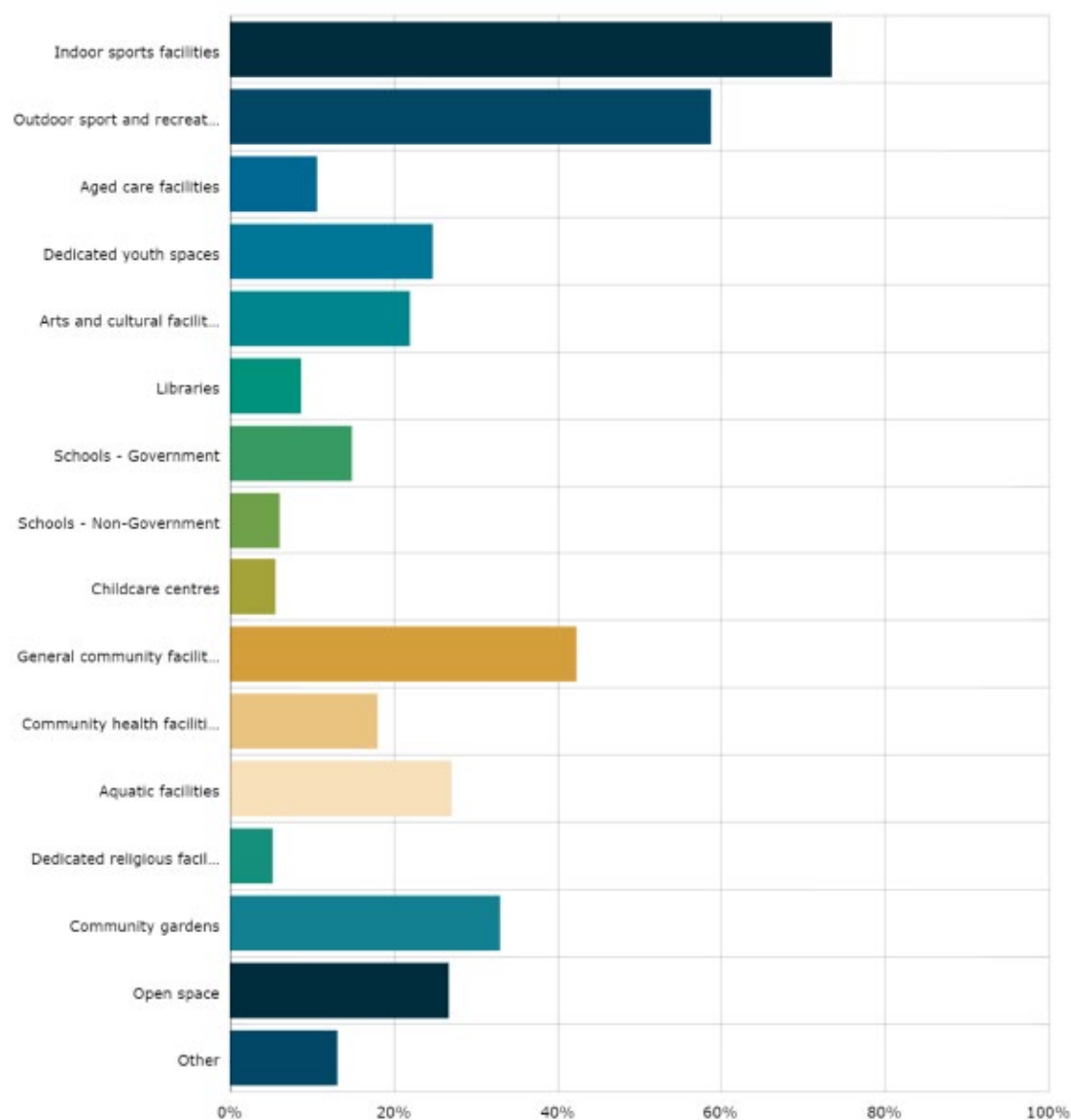


## APPENDIX A – SURVEY AND MAPPING DATA

### SURVEY RESULTS

#### 1. What facilities or recreation spaces would you like to see more of in your area?

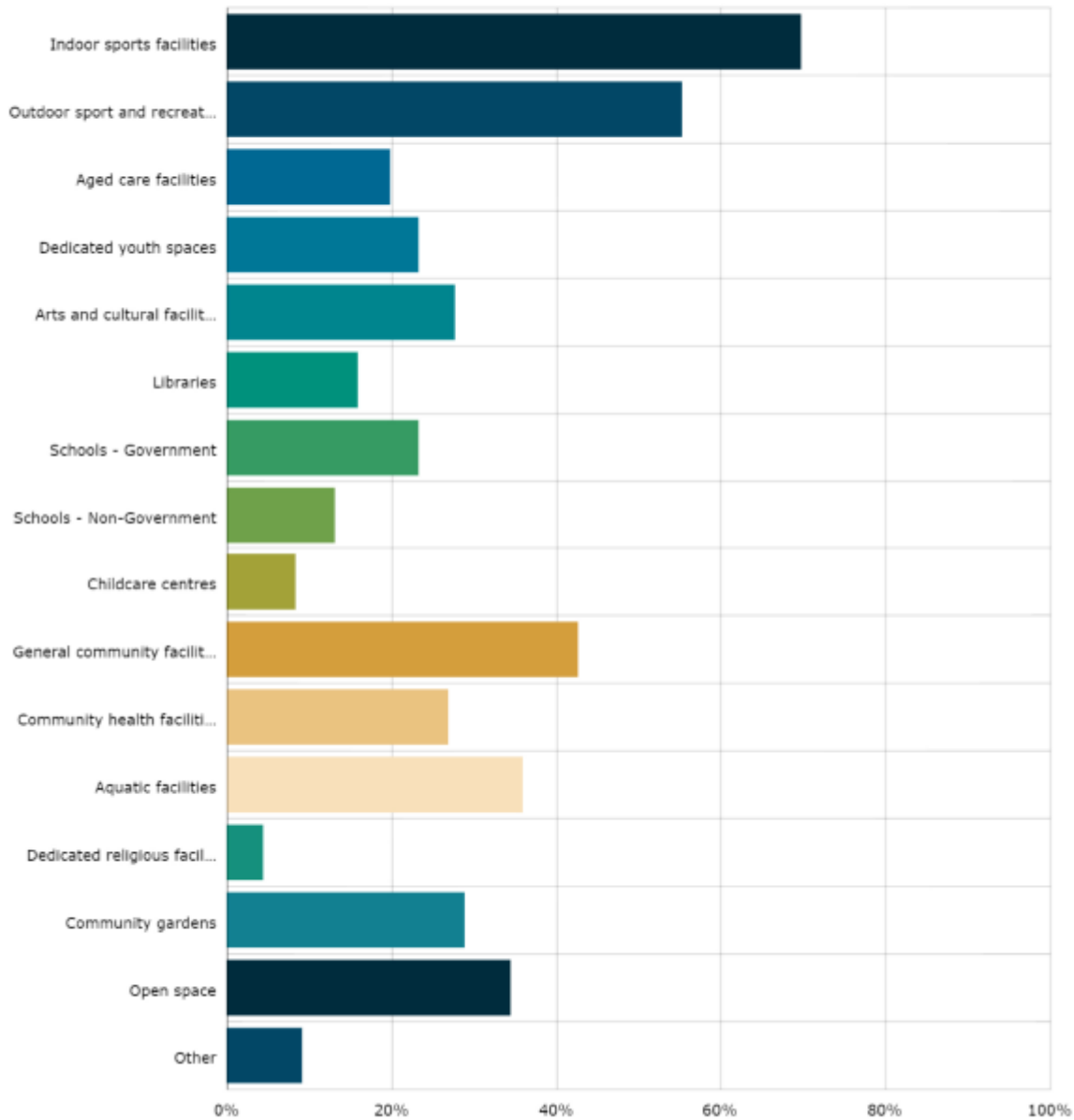
Multi Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 256 (99.2%)





**2. Thinking about the next 5, 10 or 15 years and your evolving lifestyle, what types of venues, facilities or spaces do you think you will have a need for?**

Multi Choice | Skipped: 4 | Answered: 254 (98.4%)







### 3. What types of venues, facilities or spaces do you currently use and how often?

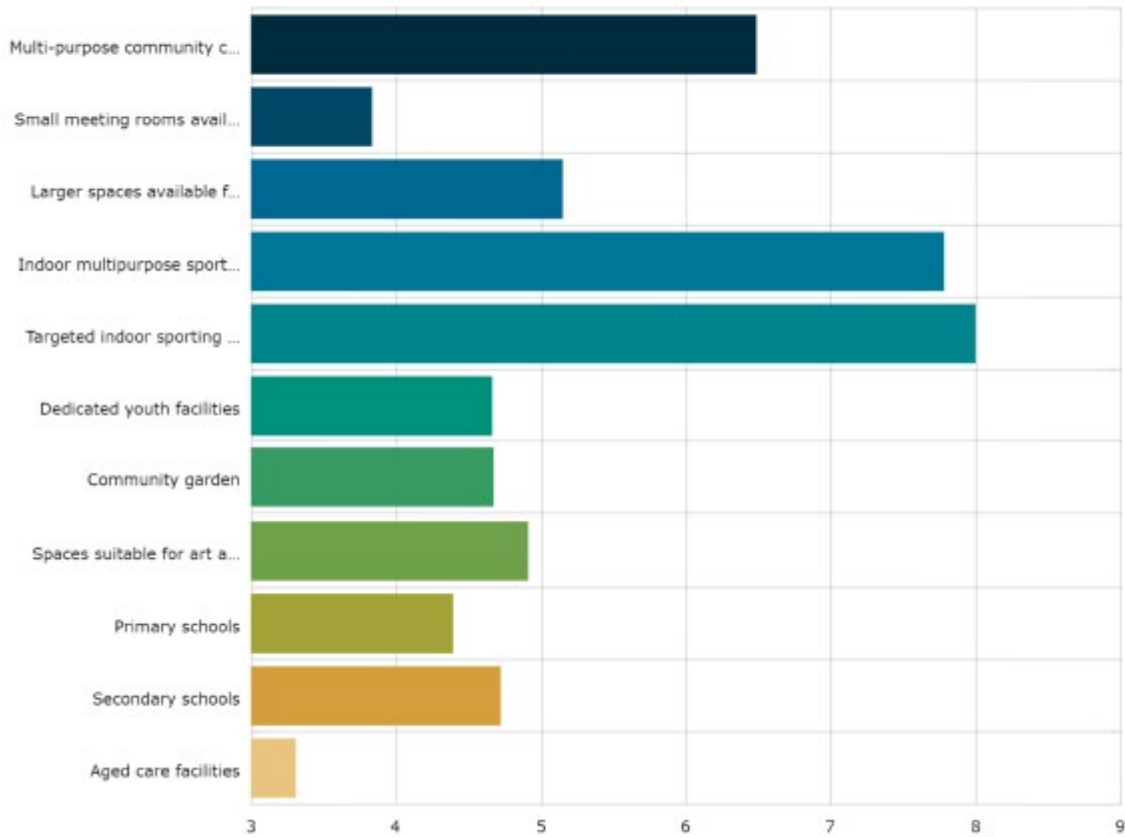
Matrix | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 257 (99.6%)

	I use regularly	I use occasionally	I do not use
Indoor sporting venues	40.94% 104	36.61% 93	22.44% 57
Outdoor sports and recreation spaces	58.96% 148	31.47% 79	9.56% 24
Childcare facilities	21.52% 51	5.06% 12	73.42% 174
Aged care facilities	2.15% 5	2.58% 6	95.28% 222
General community facilities (such as multipurpose halls and community rooms for hire)	16.33% 40	43.67% 107	40.00% 98
Libraries	19.67% 47	39.33% 94	41.00% 98
Dedicated youth facilities	9.01% 21	14.59% 34	76.39% 178
Schools - Government	35.93% 83	4.33% 10	59.74% 138
Schools - Non-Government	27.16% 63	5.17% 12	67.67% 157
Open space	68.03% 166	24.59% 60	7.38% 18
Aquatic facilities	33.33% 81	39.92% 97	26.75% 65
Community gardens	17.09% 40	31.62% 74	51.28% 120
Community health facilities (such as maternal or geriatric health clinics)	11.54% 27	32.91% 77	55.56% 130
Arts and cultural facilities	12.66% 30	45.57% 108	41.77% 99



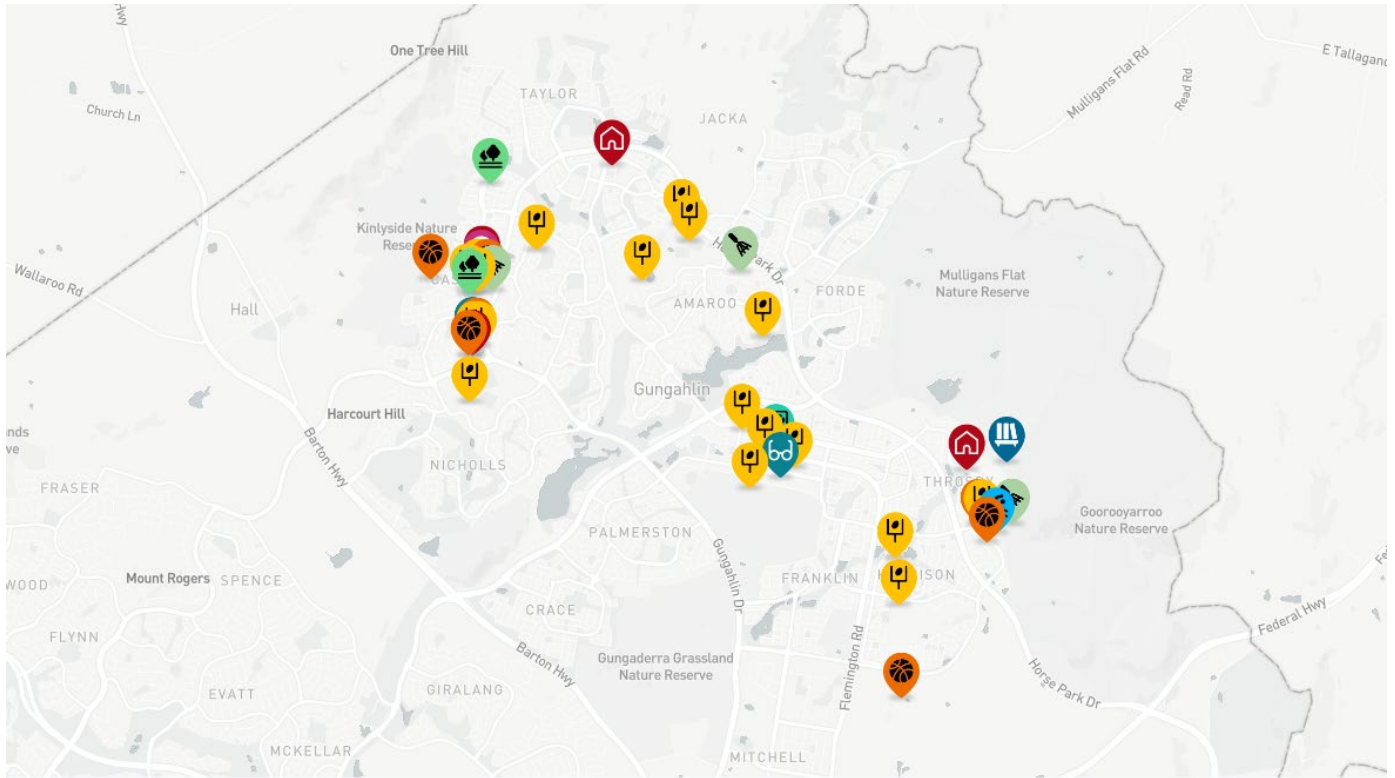
#### 4. How important are these facilities in Gungahlin?

Ranking | Skipped: 21 | Answered: 237 (91.9%)





## MAPPING DATA



### Comments received on map locations

Disc Golf Course - any location in Gungahlin OK

Mountain Trail - Local scale

With Gungahlin's growing population it would be great to have an opportunity to play tennis and for coaches to run a centre. With the location it has the potential to not only be just courts but a centre to bring a high level of Coaching, players and tournaments

These sites need to be community use and not more apartments!! With Casey Market Town this would be ideal place for sports facilities. Tennis club and basketball would be great. Allow kids to play and parents can get shopping done. The next Ash Barty or Patty Mills - could come from here with all the families around!

There are plans to have a tennis facility in Amaroo but with Gungahlin's growing population it would be great to have more within the region, especially at this location.





An actual tennis club with multiple courts would be a great addition within the Gungahlin Town Centre. I'm not sure on where the specific location should be, however with what we have seen over the past year in regards to COVID-19 having access to a safe, non contact sport with a community feel within my local area would be fantastic.

Netball facility for daughters

Previously committed tennis facility

There are no medium to large performing arts venues in Gungahlin. This would be a good location close to the Town Centre.

Casey would be a good location as it can service Gungahlin and parts of Belconnen

Cycle access to Gungahlin Town Centre is very poor to non-existent. This means that active travel is extremely difficult in Gungahlin to the core of the Town. Active travel is a central factor in the ACT Government's strategy, and is essentially being ignored. There is little infrastructure to allow safe and easy access and suitable storage of bicycles etc.

With so many young families in the area it would be great to have a dedicated sports facility that bring the community together. More Tennis and basketball courts would be great here

A tennis facility is set to be built somewhere near here and was announced during the election. When is this going to happen? There still needs to be more tennis courts in the whole Gungahlin region.

There are no tennis courts or netball courts anywhere near here. Recall tennis courts were discussed as part of Throsby District Playing Fields but never happened.

Currently 4 tennis courts here which are good to use but no clubhouse or rooms etc. Plenty of space here to make this a larger tennis facility with maybe 8 courts and clubhouse. Car park already in place and would work in well with the school.

Desperate need for various outdoor sporting facilities in Gungahlin. There are no tennis clubs. This area would be ideal for tennis courts. Netball courts as well.

There is open space here but it is poorly maintained and so it is un-usable. The grassed area needs to be re-turfed so that kids with no backyards (ie, all the kids in the suburb) can get outdoors and kick a ball around.

The old development building could be a space for youth - could we get community services to help run a youth centre here with indoor video games, and outdoor space for sports (basketball?)



A community micro-forest as is being discussed would be well placed here (or opposite Casey market town).

Huge opportunity here for structured sports facilities for the community. Half basketball courts, maintained oval, table tennis. Youth need to have things to do in Casey as the increase in crime and graffiti is showing

There are not enough community facilities in Casey. We need a multipurpose community centre with more facilities for the growing population. This could include meeting spaces, flexible work spaces, a youth centre (including basketball court/safe hang out space with youth workers) or similar. We need to think more creatively than simply residential development here.

community space that can integrate with the Hindu Temple being proposed nearby

An opportunity to provide aged care living in a town centre environment, close to shops and other activities while ageing in place.

Fantastic opportunity to integrate aged care with the local shops. Easy for people as they age in place to have access to shops and community activity

A multipurpose indoor sports centre would assist in building community connections (basketball, cricket, badminton).

I would like to see an outdoor sports area, a tennis court, a basketball court, or a community activity center, community gardens. The Community Irrigated Park(CRIP) proposed before would be great.

Currently a dilapidated snake infested field and could be used as a playground for children. Currently if kids want to play on a sporting field they have to cross the dangerous Claries Hermes drive.  
Original plans of Casey showed an outdoor sporting pitch including tennis courts, basketball courts and more. Currently all that is true is the dog park. It is important for the future development and safety of my children and others for playing in the suburb of Casey.

A multi-sport indoor facility is needed for Gungahlin's growing population.

Indoor basketball, multi-use courts and an aquatic centre would be highly valued by the residents of this area

Local shops and cafe's like those which already exist in other suburbs such as Forde, Franklin and Amaroo are vital to support the growing population of this area.

A public library provides much needed resources for the community members which may otherwise be difficult to access. Improves connectivity and education within the surrounding areas



Community garden in Throsby would promote connection in a growing community and balance out some of the industrialisation of this area.

Provide a multi-use sporting facility for community sports

There is a big patch of green grassland between houses and blocks, opposite the community housing.

The garden will get the vicinity to life, along with participation from all age groups to enjoy the garden with children playing facilities.

No badminton facilities available near by

An outdoor half court basketball area at the open space on Bindugan Crescent would provide a great place for teenagers to play close to home.

Acquire the old building beside the Lake and turn it into a Community type space for All.

Casey is a growing area and if I remember rightly it was alluded to ten years ago that we would have an Indoor Sports facility. Be good for the local youngsters as well

A wheel sports facility with lighting.

A facility close to the Town Centre to cater for all different forms of wheel sports.

Skate / Freestyle BMX / Scooter Park.

BMX Track.

Flat 400 meter by 6 meter wide hot mix asphalt track for people to learn to ride with shade structures for Parents to sit and watch, BBQ's, toilet facilities, play and outside exercise equipment.