



# CASEY COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK

## REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

**Canberrans were invited to have their say on the future community recreation park in Casey from 28 March 2022 to 8 May 2022 to ensure it meets the needs of the community.**

The Casey community recreation park will be located at the open space bounded by Plimsoll Drive and Yeend Avenue. A concept plan was developed to show what's possible on the site but the final design will be informed by community feedback. The concept plan features a mix of facilities including a basketball court, a fitness equipment circuit, grassed amphitheatre and shade trees, an all abilities play space, picnic shelters and barbecue facilities.

The community recreation park will be an important high-quality addition to the recreation facilities currently available in Casey, which includes six modern playgrounds and an off-leash dog park. It will also complement existing and future recreation facilities in the Gungahlin region and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation for people of all ages and abilities.

## THE CONVERSATION

### Online survey

An online survey, via the YourSay website, was open during the consultation period for the community to provide feedback on the future community recreation park in Casey. A total of 307 surveys were completed. The community was also invited to provide feedback via email and Facebook.

### Community pop-ups

Two pop-up sessions were scheduled in Casey for Wednesday 13 April 2022 and Saturday 30 April 2022 to promote the consultation and provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions. We spoke to over 100 people during the 13 April pop-up. The second session on 30 April was cancelled due to wet weather.

## WHO WE ENGAGED

**The consultation targeted Casey locals and residents from the broader Gungahlin region.**

We promoted the consultation via:

- a letterbox drop to Casey residents
- the Gungahlin Our Canberra print newsletter and electronic newsletter
- signage at Casey playgrounds and the Casey dog park
- postcards and pop-up at Casey Market Town
- ACT Government Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages
- City Services website
- an email to key stakeholders including the Gungahlin Community Council.

76% of survey responses were from Casey residents with the majority of other responses from residents in neighbouring Gungahlin suburbs, including 10.5% from Ngunnawal and 5.5% from Nicholls.

Submissions were also received from the Canberra Organic Growers Society and the Friends of Grasslands.



## WHAT WE HEARD

The key insights below represent the most common themes raised across all feedback channels.

### Key insights from the community

#### Support for an accessible and inclusive community recreation park

1. There is a high level of support overall for the future community recreation park in Casey. Survey respondents rated the proposal 4.82 stars out of a possible 5 stars.
2. You told us the future community recreation park should cater to people of all abilities and ages including older children, teenagers, adults and seniors.
3. We also heard that you would like to see wide, wheelchair and pram accessible paths connecting facilities within the park with lots of seating. A fenced playground was also supported by some.

#### Recreation facilities

4. You told us it's important to have toilet facilities and irrigated open space in the future community recreation park. There's also strong support for shade structures, trees, picnic tables, barbecue facilities and bins.
5. Drinking fountains, a grassed amphitheatre and a community garden/micro-forest are a lower priority but still widely supported. We also heard there's strong demand for community garden plots in Gungahlin.
6. Some people would like to see a running/walking circuit around the perimeter of the community recreation park. CCTV security cameras, lights and on-site power to support events were also requested by a small number of people.

#### Play priorities

7. Your top three priorities for play are a basketball court, nature play and all abilities play equipment. There's also support for fitness equipment a BMX track and climbing equipment.
8. We received a wide variety of suggestions for other play elements you'd like to see in the future park. The most popular suggestions were multipurpose courts (futsal, tennis, netball and volleyball), skateboard facilities, cricket practice nets, water play and a flying fox.
9. Some people would also like to see learn to ride facilities, trampolines, ping pong tables, swings, monkey bars, Ninja Warrior play elements, a tennis wall, disc golf and an orienteering course in the future park.

#### Trees, nature and culture

10. We heard that protecting the existing trees and natural landscape is important to you due to the many benefits they provide including shade, maintaining existing flora and fauna habitat and the opportunity to connect with nature.
11. There's also support for planting more shade trees as well as indigenous plants and incorporating indigenous culture in the design. You also suggested we engage with Traditional Owners on the design.

#### Impact on residents and traffic

12. We heard neighbouring residents are concerned about the proposed location of the BMX/dirt bike track and community garden/micro-forest due to their proximity to homes and would like them relocated within the original park boundary.
13. You also told us that you would like careful consideration given to how increased traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, and demand for parking is managed safely.

#### Dog park improvements

14. A number of people provided feedback about the existing Springbank Rise Dog Park. While this feedback is outside the scope of this engagement it will be considered as part of future improvements to the dog park.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

Feedback from this engagement will help shape the final design for the future community recreation park in Casey. We look forward to sharing the design with you later this year.

Updates will continue to be provided via the YourSay page. If you have any questions about this project or would like to be kept updated on its progress, please email [communityengagement@act.gov.au](mailto:communityengagement@act.gov.au).

### Key Timings

**28 March 2022:** Community consultation starts on Casey Community Recreation Park

**8 May 2022:** Community consultation closes

**22 June 2022:** What We Heard Report released [**we are here**]

**Mid 2022:** Casey Community Recreation Park design phase

**Late 2022:** Final design released for Casey Community Recreation Park

**2023:** Construction of community recreation park underway

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

**363**

we received 363 items of feedback in total via YourSay, Facebook and email

**307**

a total of 307 people completed the YourSay survey

**100+**

we spoke to more than 100 people at our pop-up at Casey Market Town

**11**

we received 11 submissions via email

**3,500+**

we received 3,534 page views on YourSay

**1,500+**

a total of 1,538 people visited the YourSay page

**23,500+**

we reached 23,596 people via ACT Gov Facebook and received 45 comments

**91%**

the majority of survey respondents (91%) were satisfied with the engagement experience