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Moir Landscape Architecture would like to acknowledge the Darkinjung people, traditional custodians of the lands where the Tunkuwallin Oval Skate Park is located. We acknowledge their contribution to the community and their deep connection to the land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to collate the feedback and outcomes from community consultation for the Concept Design proposals for the Tunkuwallin Oval Skate Park. The findings are based on responses to the Concept Options that was provided for design workshops and the associated questionnaires that were posed by Central Coast Council.

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Project Background

Tunkuwallin Oval is located on Kanangra Drive, Gwandalan. In 2020, the Tunkuwallin Recreation Precinct Plan was finalised as a guide for the layout of the future infrastructure to be built at Tunkuwallin Oval. As part of the Precinct Plan, Central Coast Council (CCC) propose to remove the current skate park at Tunkuwallin Reserve that has reached the end of its functional life and is no longer serviceable. Replacement with a new skate park and relocation within the reserve aligns with the objectives of the Central Coast Skate Park Action Plan 2020.

Moir Landscape Architecture (MoirLA) have been engaged by Central Coast Council to prepare concept designs that apply the layout of three local Central Coast skate parks, including Kariong Skate Park, Banjos Skate Park (Terrigal), and Berkeley Vale Skate Park to the Tunkuwallin site. These Concept Plans illustrate the potential outcomes for different styles of skate park. The Concept Plans have been prepared to seek feedback from the Gwandalan community regarding the preferred layout and style of skate park.



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The Consultation Process

The consultation process involved the following;

- Community engagement workshop - held on June 12.
- Internal stakeholder workshop - held on June 25.
- Online survey on CCC's 'Your Voice Our Coast' website
- Internal Council review and comments by Council staff members

The primary source of data collection was through the community survey. The survey were curated by the Central Coast Council's internal team and asked the following questions.

- **Q1.** If you are a parent/caregiver, what is your child(ren)'s age group? OR, if you are the user, what is your age group?
- **Q2.** Does your child(s) have any special needs that could be catered for in the design and choice of equipment? Please list these accessibility requirements
- **Q3.** How often have you visited Tunkuwallin Oval Skate Park, Gwandalan in the last year?
- **Q4.** What time of day are you likely to visit the park?
- **Q5.** Which park features are important to you?
- **Q6.** If you or your child(ren) ride, how experienced are you/they?
- **Q7.** What activities would you or your child(ren) like to participate in?
- **Q8.** What is your preferred style of skate park?
- **Q9.** What equipment/features would you like included in the skate park?
- **Q10.** Of the three (3) skate park ideas shown in the concept plan, which do you prefer?
- **Q11.** Do you have any comments or ideas that you would like Council to consider?



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Part 01 Public Survey Outcomes Summary

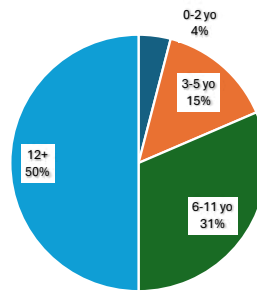
4.1 'Your Voice Our Coast' Survey

The survey was completed on Central Coast Council's 'Your Voice Our Coast' website. The results of the survey questions are summarised in the following information.

The survey was open to the public between May 27 and June 24 and received a total of 91 responses.

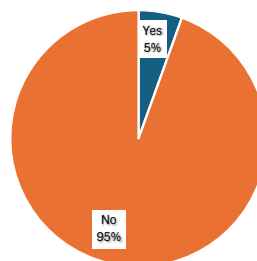
Q1. If you are a parent/caregiver, what is your child(ren)'s age group? OR, if you are the user, what is your age group?

0-2 years	4%
3-5 years	15%
6-11 years	31%
12+	50%



Q2. Does your child(s) have any special needs that could be catered for in the design and choice of equipment? Please list these accessibility requirements.

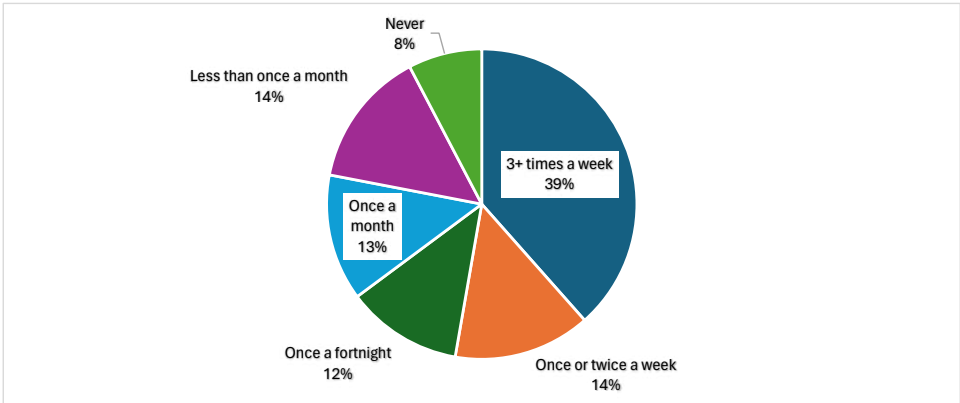
Yes	5%
No	95%



Listed requirements include Autism-friendly design and zebra crossing on Kanangra Drive.

Q3. How often have you visited Tunkuwallin Oval Skate Park, Gwandalan in the last year?

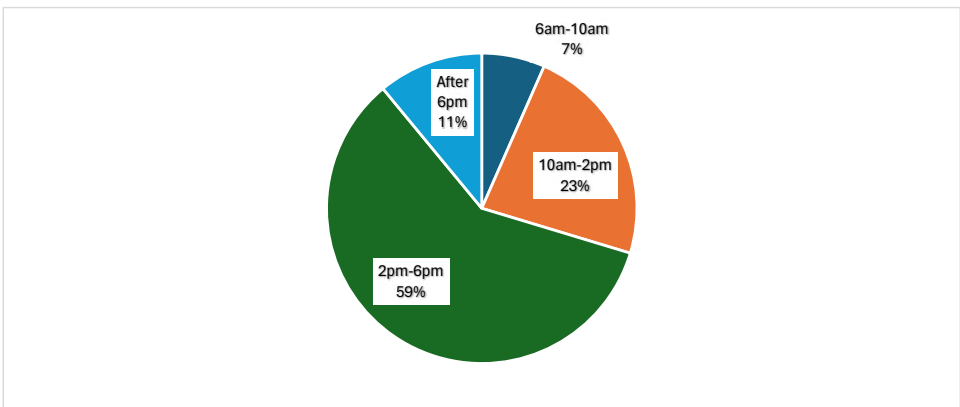
3+ times a week	39%
Once or twice a week	14%
Once a fortnight	12%
Once a month	13%
Less than once a month	14%
Never	8%



The data reveals that 53% of the people would use the park several times a week, and 78% would use the park at least monthly.

Q4. What time of day are you likely to visit the park?

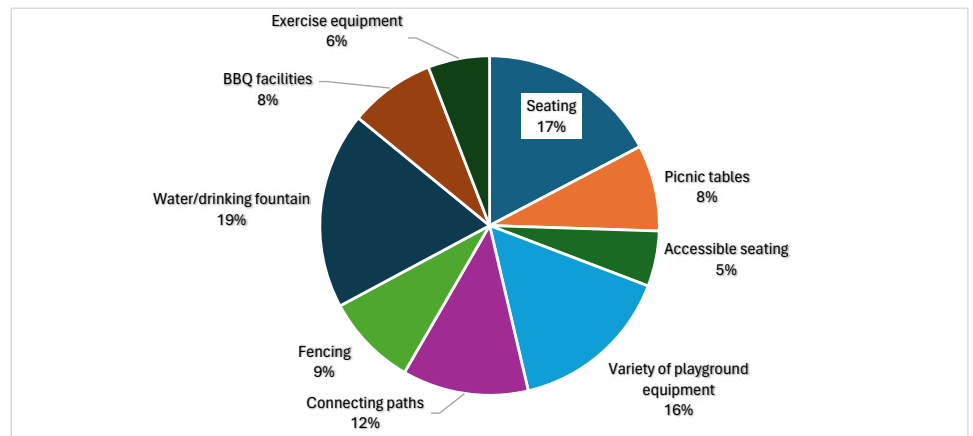
6am-10am	7%
10am-2pm	23%
2pm-6pm	59%
After 6pm	11%



As shown by the data, 59% of the participants prefer visiting the park from 2pm-6pm, followed by 10am-2pm(23%).

Q5. Which park features are important to you?

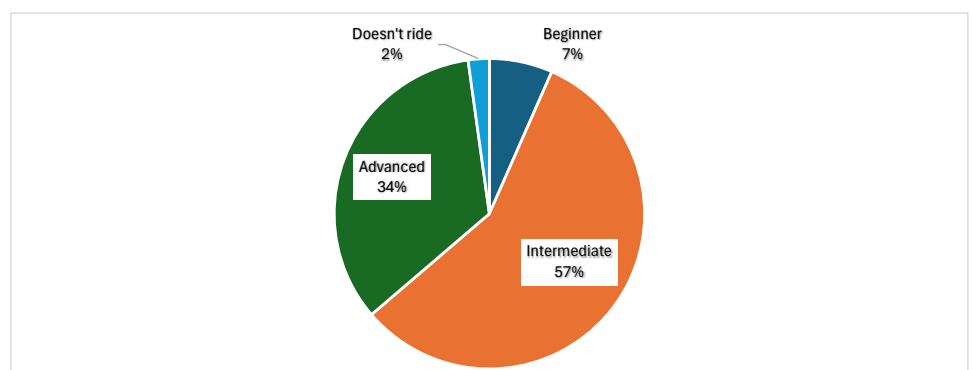
Seating	17%
Picnic tables	8%
Accessible seating	5%
Variety of playground equipment	16%
Connecting paths	12%
Fencing	9%
Water/drinking fountain	19%
BBQ facilities	8%
Exercise equipment	6%



According to the data, most people listed water/drinking fountain as their highest priority, and seating as the second, followed by playground equipment and connecting paths.

Q6. If you or your child(ren) ride, how experienced are you/they?

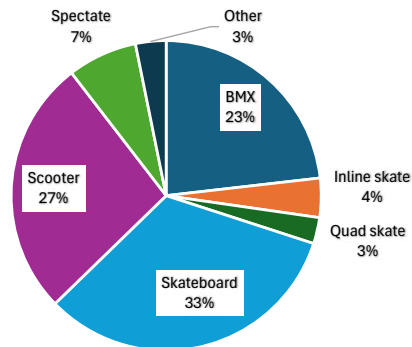
Beginner	7%
Intermediate	57%
Advanced	34%
Doesn't ride	2%



The data indicates that the majority (91%) of participants have some riding/skating experience.

Q7. What activities would you or your child(ren) like to participate in?

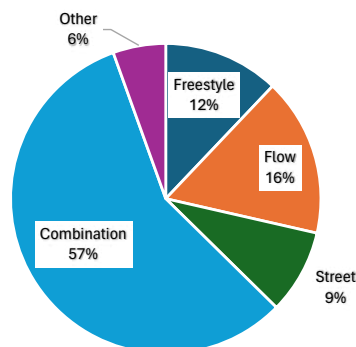
BMX	23%
Inline skate	4%
Quad skate	3%
Skateboard	33%
Scooter	27%
Spectator	7%
Other	3%



The data shows that skateboard riding is the most popular activity with a percentage of 33%, followed by scooter (27%) and BMX (23%). When considered as a whole - the spread between skateboards, scooters and BMX riders is not significant and all should be catered for in any proposed design.

Q8. What is your preferred style of skate park?

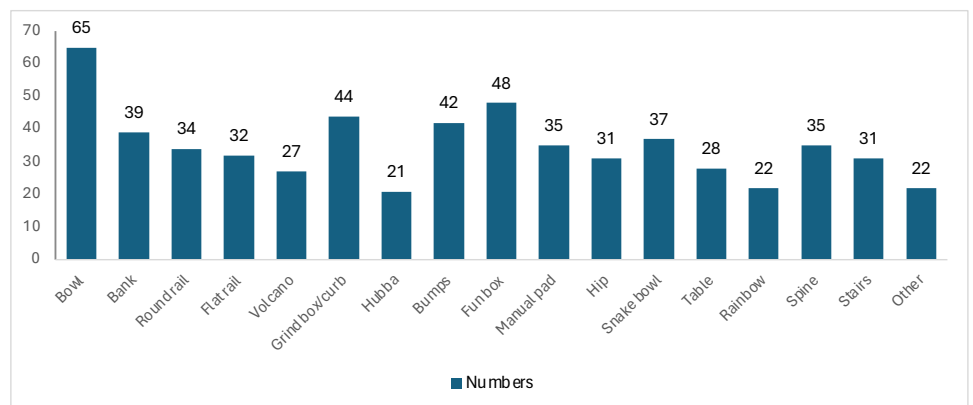
Freestyle	12%
Flow	16%
Street	9%
Combination	57%
Other	6%



From the data, it can be seen that a combination is the most preferred style, with a percentage of 57%.

Q9. What equipment/features would you like included in the skate park?

Bowl	11%
Bank	7%
Round rail	6%
Flat rail	5%
Volcano	5%
Grind box/curb	7%
Hubba	4%
Bumps	7%
Fun box	8%
Manual pad	6%
Hip	5%
Snake bowl	6%
Table	5%
Rainbow	4%
Spine	6%
Stairs	5%
Other	4%



As shown by the data, the result of this question is very scattered with a slight preference for a skate bowl. A skate bowl is normally part of a larger scale skate installation and is not likely to be supported by the indicated budget available for this project.

Q10. Do you have any comments or ideas that you would like Council to consider? Please write them below.

Full list of comments received

- Pump track for skateboards
- Please can it be lit at night. Perhaps a graffiti wall. Ensure it caters for all ages.
- I think rather than letting parents pick and choose what is decided, you should give more of an opportunity to the experienced skaters. I've skated this park for 15 years and there never been any development between skaters there. Needs to be more street park
- Better toilet facilities and CCS camera in area would be great
- I understand that the parks referenced offer some idea of the scale of what can be built, but these parks exist already and it would be a real shame to just replicate one of these in to this existing spot. Hopefully its just to gauge what people want to skate/ride, but please be considerate of the lack of knowledge that most scooter riders have of any type of quality park design, as they don't use skate parks in a manner that helps with flow or space or even room between obstacles that a skateboarder would naturally understand. Lights lights lights, there are no skate parks on the Coast that offer night time facilities and lighting discourages anti social behaviour
- Noble park in Melbourne
- Bowl and street area please
- Avoid putting novelty obstacles in places you need to generate speed. For example Narara has a steep 2ft quarter that drops straight into the run up to the stairs. Kariong also has a bump straight into the curved quarter pipe. Additionally, if you engage CSP it is worth noting they still make quarter pipes too steep for anything smaller than 10ft. The same transition principles don't transfer to building smaller ramps. You can't build very into mini ramp obstacles
- My kids want to train for surfing. So surf skate appropriate ramps, which I am lead to believe come under flow style?
- No bigger then 4foot half-pipe. No big rails or ledges keep it small scale! No bowls!
- Please no pump track just a solid park some vert ramps a good half pipe spine and street sections but we need flow
- Please consider shading for hot days, security/safety measures and the amount of leaves that build up around the area.
- Big bowl and small bowl.
- Love to see some mix of advance and intermediate, also allow for young kids to learn how to skate and ride, so if you build one with a pump track, be wise to separate it from the main park, or have a section where the younger kids can be away from the more experienced ones. This will reduce the risk of accidents
- Best skate park for all ages is Bato skate bowl at Bateau Bay
- Please paint surfaces with anti graffiti clear coat sealer. Remove any graffiti promptly.
- A cafe or food trucks would be great!
- Please have the meeting in Gwandalan or Summerland Point not Mannering Park

- *A zebra crossing is desperately needed on Kanangra drive near the oval hall and skate park*
- *Pump track*
- *CCTV cameras pointing to skate park to keep an eye on antisocial behaviour in the general area and for council to act on complaints made by residents*
- *Lighting for evening/night skating. Maybe on a timer to shut off at a set time on certain days and times of the year.*
- *Please make sure the park has toilets access.*
- *A mix between Kariong and Berkeley would be good. Different skills on the quarter pipes and bowls differing heights. One thing we don't like at Berkeley is the park feels full without a lot of people skating, flow in the park with multiple options solves this which Kariong appears to have*
- *A pump track like at Red Head would be great and some jumps for mountain bikes so the kids don't have to build them on council land and then they get destroyed so some jumps would be good. I've seen the council do it before in places like Melbourne*
- *Fix the shit roads b4 you waste anymore money*
- *A skate park like the one at Bateau Bay would really benefit our community. There is currently nothing in our area for our growing population of kids leading them to no good*
- *Make it a pump track, more kids ride bikes these days*
- *Have the park designed so it can flow for small grass-root competitions*
- *Security*
- *Pump track. Areas for different ages*
- *Create shade areas for breaks or even ride in summer*
- *Build Lake Munmorah skate park before Gwandalan. Yous have take Lake Munmorah away*
- *Bowls and mini ramps*
- *Small fun half pipe*
- *Great place for a vert ramp like Mona Vale!!!! Please make a space good for skateboarders, without thinking of scooter riders! Speak to professionals! The Central Coast is has nothing compared to Newcastle, QLD or Melbourne. Advanced skateboarders need to travel to train!*
- *Make it unique and more like Bateau Bay's. Bring all the ideas together from all major parks and make one unique and stands out for the area*
- *My kids would love a bowl!*
- *Please ensure the skate park is a decent size for all kids to enjoy.*
- *Pump track please*
- *Make the skate park a progressive park meaning beginner safe right through to advanced experience fun!*
- *Please have a mini ramp*
- *Lights on until 8pm*
- *Useable toilets and/or current toilets updates and kept unlocked during the day*

4.2 Summary

Below is a summary of responses that address the overarching sentiment of community consultation feedback.

Comments around equipment and features

Many participants mentioned building bowl, mini ramp and pump track, despite one person does not support a bowl. Some are willing to see intermediate/advanced features to ensure it caters for all age groups, but need to separating younger kids section from the main area to avoid accidents.

Some concerns were raised there are not sufficient shade especially during summer and toilet upgrade is required.

Comments around security

Concerns were raised included existing issues around anti-social behaviours and graffiti issues. Suggestions include adding CCTV cameras and lights that can be switched off automatically.

One person suggested adding zebra crossing on Kanangra Drive near the oval hall and skate park.

5.1 Meeting with Community Members and Central Coast Council Staff

A meeting was held with Central Coast Council staff and community members. The meeting was open to all members of the community and was free to attend. The meeting was held in person at the Mannering Park Hall on June 12 at 6pm. A suitable venue was not available in Gwandalan or Summerland Point during the consultation period - so a nearby venue was selected.

5 adult members and several children in care of guardians attended to the meeting and the opportunities for the development of the Tunkuwallin skate park were discussed.

5.2 Summary

Below is a summary of responses that address the overarching sentiment of community workshop feedback.

Comments around finance

Participants are informed that the construction budget is approximately \$400,000. The scale, equipment and features of the park is subject to budget limit.

Comments around equipment and features

Some people concerns that the current park excludes younger kids, therefore bowl and pump track are welcomed as they are more friendly to younger users.

Participants are also keen to see a variety in barrier height/difficulty to ensure the park caters for all age groups and allows for the progression of skills and ability. They also suggest the design should informed by demographics to decide the overall difficulty level. And it is important to functionally separate older and younger kids to avoid accidents.

It is suggested that the amenities should be open for longer hours. And participants would like a shelter that provides table and chairs.

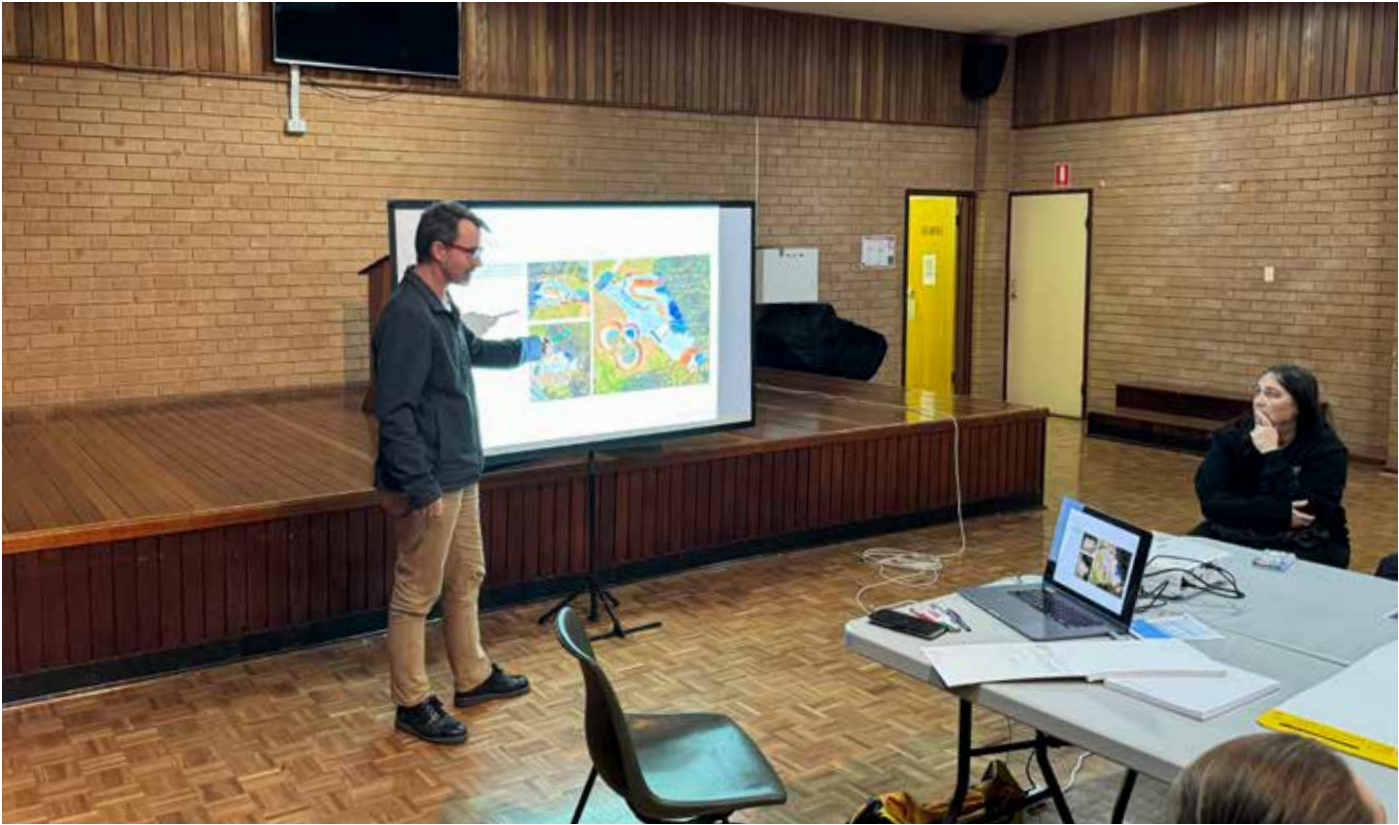
Lighting is not supported due to maintenance issue, budget and potential security issues.

Comments around maintenance

Participants prefer rubber softfall surrounding the facility to traditional organic mulch due to the impact of mulch particles on skate-ability, safety issues and the recent news about contaminants found in mulch materials.

Comments around security

The design should encourage passive surveillance from surrounding areas. One participant suggests adding pedestrian crossing on Kanangra Drive.



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Part 03

Internal Council Stakeholders Workshop Summary

6.1 Meeting with Internal Stakeholders of Central Coast Council

A meeting was held with Central Coast Council internal stakeholders. The meeting was held by video-conference on 25 June 2024 and was attended by a variety of Council staff including Parks, Recreation, Project Management, Events Management and Youth Engagement officers.

6.2 Summary

Comments around finance

The construction budget is approximately \$400,000. The proposal to add lights is not supported at this stage as more budget will be invested in Skating.

Comments around equipment and features

Internal stakeholders are in favour of including a pump track, and they have cited Wadalba Skate Park as a positive example for this project. The capping material will be galvanized steel, and the end caps need to be end-welded. Rubber softfall will be used on the ramp edges.

Expansion joints are to be fully documented and approved prior to construction. All expansion joints must be fully grouted.

When designing the layout, it's important to consider functional design and risk management for events. The equipment and features for events should include water, shade, seating, power, and space for a marquee. It is also recommended to consider providing a GPO and a wall-mounted water fountain from the Tunkuwallin Hall

Comments around maintenance

All ground surfaces are left unpainted to reduce maintenance costs. Oxidized concrete is preferred for adding colour to ramp/vertical surfaces, while all flat surfaces are to be finished with plain concrete. Only vertical walls of non-skate elements are to be considered for painting.

Comments around natural elements with the park

Protect the roots of existing trees that are to be preserved. There should be no overhanging tree canopy above the park. Avoid using mulch materials to prevent the surface of the Park being compromised by twigs, seeds and mulch particles.

Comments around security

Security and anti-social behaviour is an issue that needs to be managed so effective CPTED design is critical. (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). The nearest Police Station is a 30-minute drive from Toukley. To prevent concealment, the park should be well-oriented, and all high elevated walls should be filled behind to prevent opportunities for concealment. The design should incorporate CPTED considerations and provide visual access to the park.

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Conclusion

7.1 Key Issues and Responses

The table below provides a summary of the key issues/concerns raised during the consultation process and the proposed responses and methods for dealing with them.

Key Issues/Concerns	Proposed responses/methods
Current park excludes younger kids.	Providing pump track or similar equipment that is friendly to younger players.
Community members have diverse preferences on the equipment/features to have.	Adopting 'Combination' style and creating variation in barrier difficulties to cater for all age groups if budget allows.
The park becomes hang spot for teenagers if it is too basic.	Creating variation in barrier difficulties.
Accident between younger kids and older kids/adults.	Separating younger kids section from the main area if possible.
Mulch might be contaminated and compromise the surface.	Avoiding mulch materials if possible.
Insufficient shade especially in summer	Incorporating shade structure/shelter in the design
High maintenance cost of paints on skate surfaces.	All flat surfaces are to be finished with plain concrete. Only vertical walls of non-skate elements are to be considered for painting.
Skate surface compromised by twigs, seeds and mulch particles.	No overhanging tree canopy above the park. No mulch materials.
General concerns on players' safety	All capping to be installed properly. All expansion joints to be documented and approved prior to construction, then fully grouted. Rubber softfall to be used on the ramp edges.
Risk management for events	Considering functional design. Providing the equipment and features for events should include water, shade, seating, power, and space for a marquee
Existing issues around anti-social behaviours and graffiti issues	Incorporating CPTED considerations and providing visual access to the park.
Adding pedestrian crossing to Kanangra Drive	TBC by CCC traffic team



7.2 Next Steps for the Project

Moir Landscape Architecture actively listened and collaborated in partnership with the Central Coast Council and other stakeholders throughout the Community Engagement process. We followed the comprehensive engagement process outlined in the Central Coast Council Engagement Framework (2017).

During the Community Engagement for Tunkuwallin Oval Skate Park, valuable information, ideas, issues, and opinions were gathered from stakeholders. We tested proposed ideas and directions to refine recommendations and to engage and inspire stakeholders, fostering momentum for the project into the implementation phase. Additionally, we established partnerships with relevant coordinating partners.

Central Coast Council will review and evaluate the outcomes summarised above to compile a design brief that will guide future design work.

