



*Spencer Amenities Block*

## **Survey results**

26 June – 23 July 2020



## Data collection

The online survey was available to be taken from 26 June to 23 July 2020, inclusive.

In total, **86** participants took part in the survey.

## Survey results

**Figure 1: Council has identified several possible sites for an amenity block, listed on the map below. If Council were to go with site one, and replace the existing toilet block, would you have any concerns with this?**



Concerns raised about its current location (site one) included:

- it being too close to the river, swimming area and the playground
- it being too far from the village centre, eateries, bus stop and public wharf users
- access to the current site requires walking on the road as there is no footpath

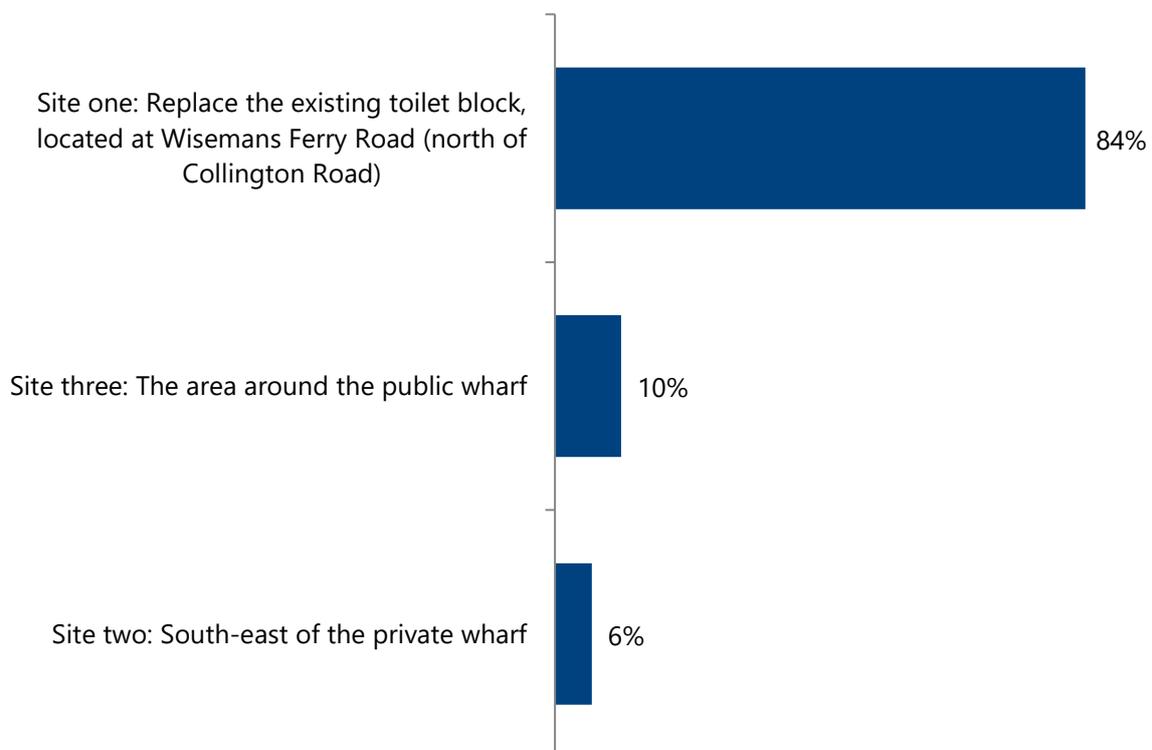
- limited parking to access the toilet block
- loosing public amenity and the view to the river
- the current amenity block often being overlooked by some who instead use the river as their toilet
- informal scenic spaces are in short supply – the addition of a disabled ramp would greatly reduce the size of the grassy area adjacent to the jetty and stone wall.

Additionally, one participant flagged their concern around the toilet block being relocated to the centre of town, with the centre of their concern about its location being too close to eating localities.

Suggestions raised within these concerns included:

- the new site should be closer to the public wharf and away from the store
- the new site should be closer to the water
- site three (around the public wharf) would be more appropriate as it is closer to the public wharf, has better access to users of the river and is also closer to the more populated areas of southern Spencer
- the new amenity block should include a shower facility.

**Figure 2: Please place these sites in your order of preference (where one is your most preferred and three is your least preferred)?**



**Figure 3: Do you have an alternative site you would like Council to investigate for the proposed amenity block in Spencer?**



Alternate sites provided for Council to investigate for the proposed amenity block in Spencer included:

- The fire shed/community hall area
- The playground area at the old school
- The boundary of the caravan park
- The hills area

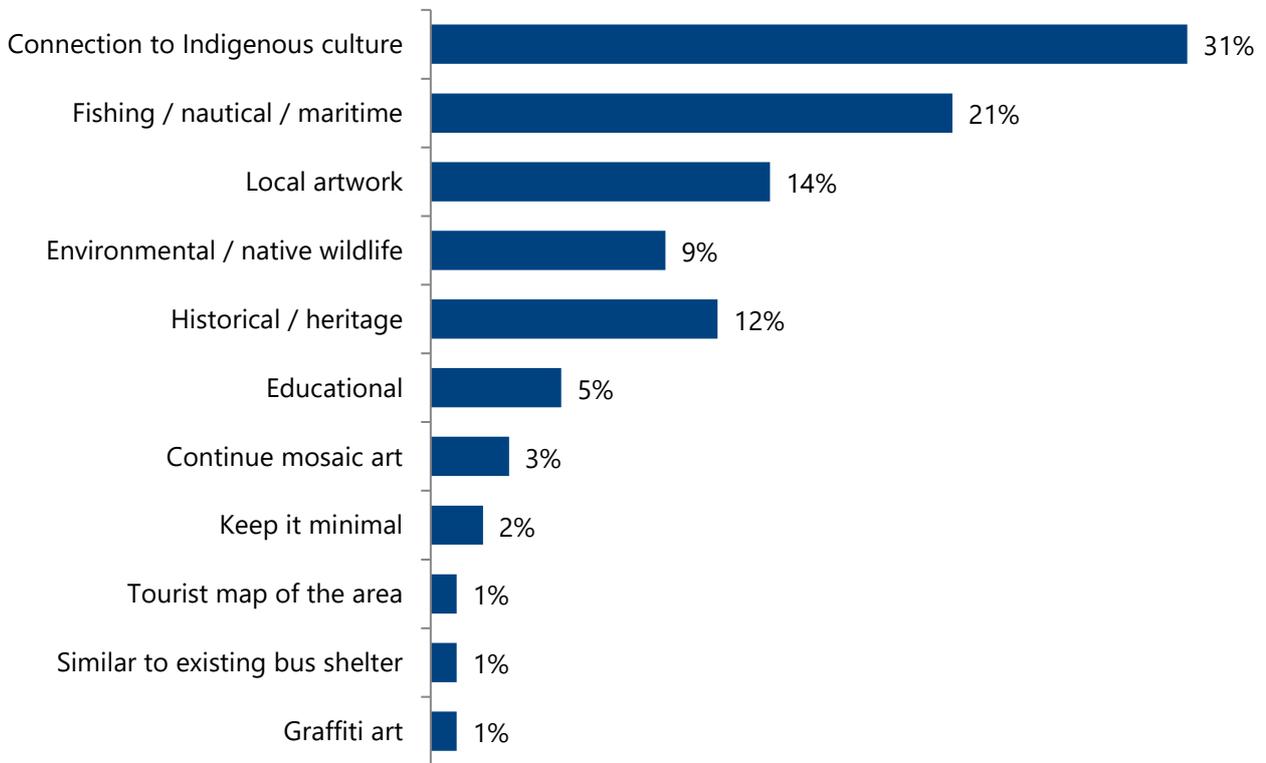
**Figure 4: When considering the look of the proposed amenity block do you think it should be bright colours, neutral colours or other (please specify)?**



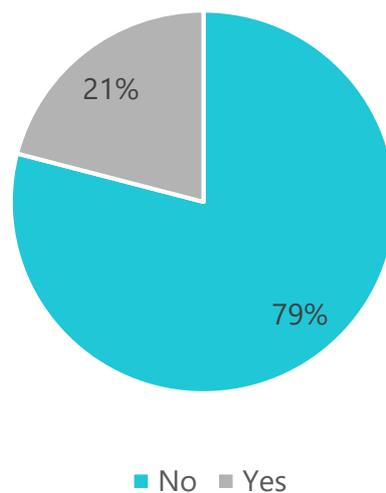
Other responses included:

- Use timber or colourbond
- Use sandstone
- Add an art feature
- Include a national Mangrove theme
- It shouldn't look urban - it should suit a riverside village

**Figure 5: Do you have any ideas on a theme that could be integrated into the amenity block (such as local artwork, educational, environmental, nautical, connection to Indigenous culture etc)?**



**Figure 6: To prevent vandalism to public amenity, Council usually installs security gates and locks. Do you believe this is required at your preferred site? (please note that providing a gate and lock means that the building would be unavailable to the public at night).**



## **Do you have any other comments or suggestions you'd like us to consider for the amenity block?**

All feedback we have received from this question as part of the consultation period has been shared with the project team and any other relevant departments within Council.

Some of these comments about the proposed amenity block included:

- I look forward to having new facilities in place so that more people can enjoy the foreshore
- At present the block is not cleaned very well and this should be addressed – a proper cleaning should be done weekly.
- As there is VERY limited parking along the foreshore, site 2 and 3 would NOT be suitable
- CCTV camera 24/7
- Perhaps solar self sufficiency
- I believe if done correctly, composting toilets are the most environmentally sustainable option, and would be my preferred design. To ensure there are no odour problems, sawdust is important to add after use of the amenity.
- I would also propose that both stalls are unisex. Gendered bathrooms are unnecessary and can cause harm to non-binary or transgender people. There are no urinals being proposed for these amenities, so I see no reason they should be gendered.
- The foreshore and public wharf are an important part of community events such as the community market days, ANZAC Day, fishing competitions and community gatherings for birthdays, funerals etc. To position the toilets in the middle of the foreshore or the wharf would remove all usable community space next to the river.

Additionally, some other comments we received not relating to the proposed amenity block, but about Spencer in general included:

- Revise the play area with suitable and safe play equipment, including a designated picnic area.
- A rusty, broken wire fence remains part way along the foreshore posing a risk to children and adults. The wire fence currently serves no purpose, just poses a hazardous risk and may cause an injury to someone OR obstruct access to the river if a person / child needed to be rescued after climbing behind the fence.
- The boat ramp is dangerous as it requires a car to turn across the main road to reverse down the boat ramp which is extremely slippery.

## Demographics

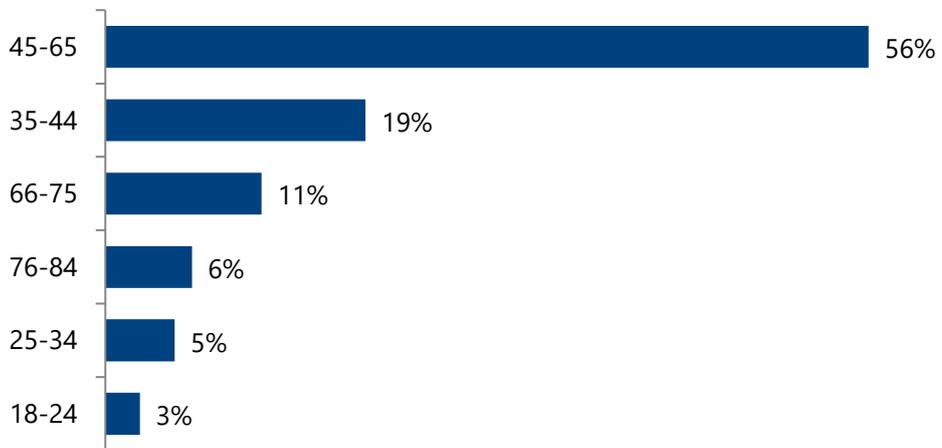
**Figure 7: Which suburb do you live in?**

Within Central Coast local government area	Count	Outside Central Coast local government area	Count
Bar Point	1	Bucketty	1
Empire Bay	1	Lane Cove	1
Greengrove	1	Warriewood	1
Gunderman	2	Wilberforce	1
Jiliby	1		
Killarney Vale	1		
Lower Mangrove	3		
Mangrove Creek	3		
Mangrove Mountain	4		
Marlow	2		
North Avoca	1		
Ourimbah	1		
Spencer	53		
Spencer Heights	1		
Umina Beach	1		
Woy Woy	1		
<b>Total within LGA</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>Total outside LGA</b>	<b>4</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>

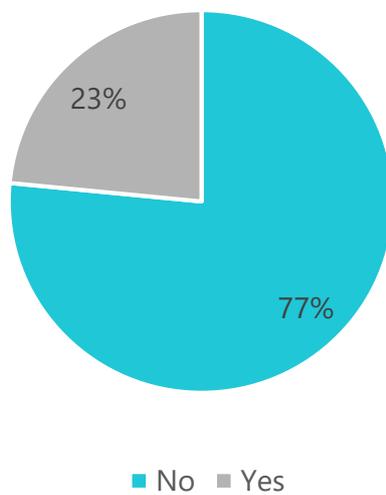
**Figure 8: Which gender do you identify with?**



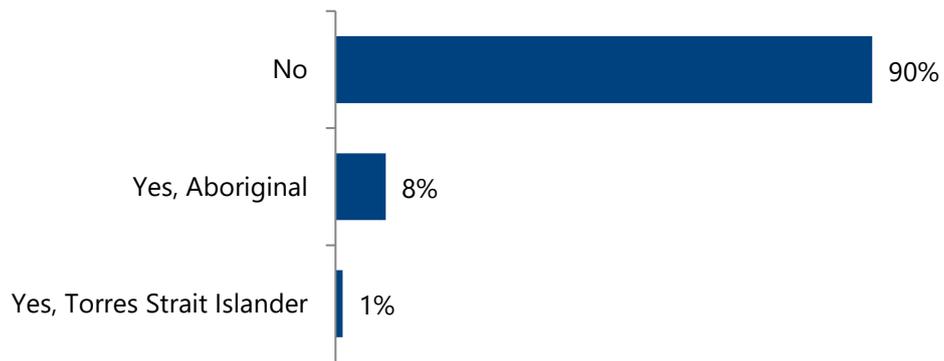
**Figure 9: How old are you?**



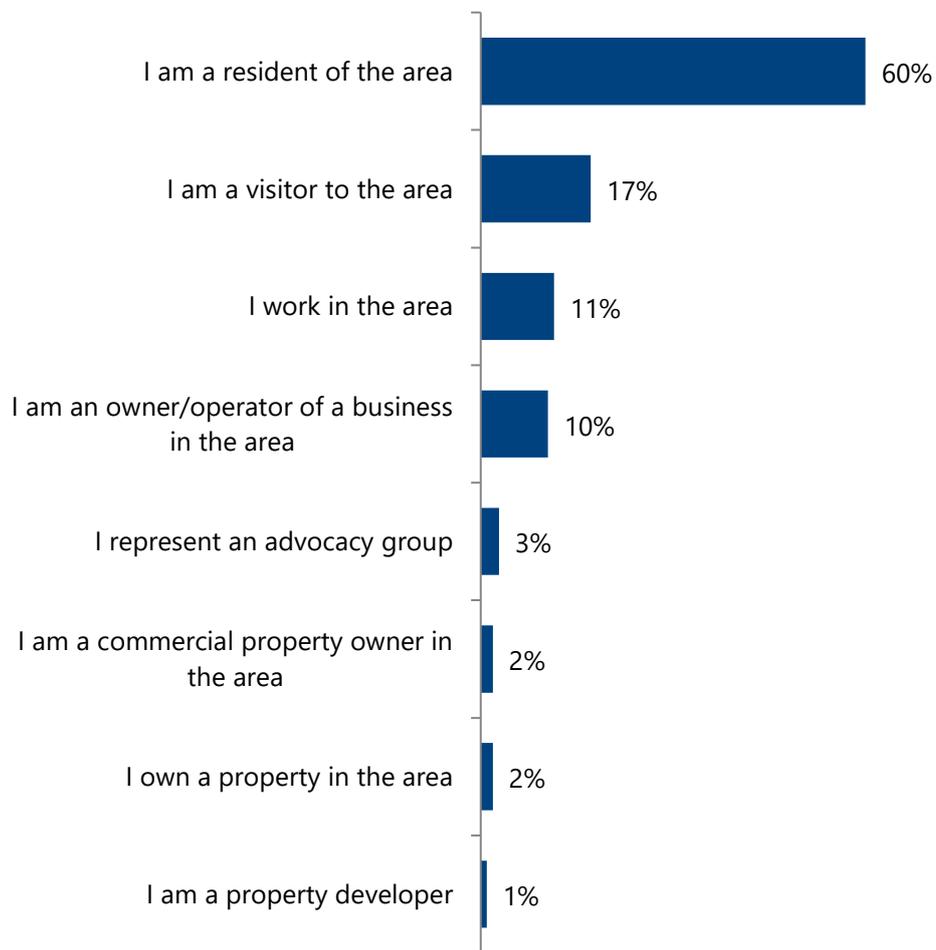
**Figure 10: Do you, or the people you use the amenity block with, identify as having a disability?**



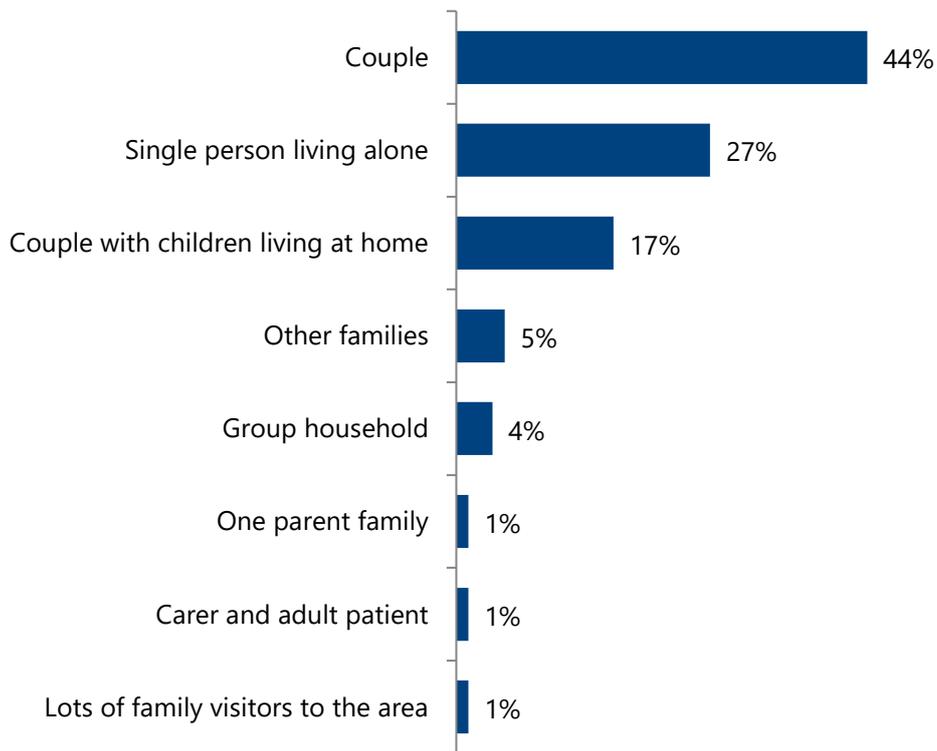
**Figure 11: Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin?**



**Figure 12: What is your interest in this proposed amenity block?**



**Figure 13: What is your household type?**



**Figure 14: How did you hear about this survey?**

