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## BACKGROUND

Central Coast Council are proposing a new Recreation Facility within the Lake Munmorah area for the growing youth population and wider Central Coast community. The site is located on the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Tall Timbers Road between the Lake Munmorah Shopping Centre and the Gumbayah Football Oval, in close proximity to Lake Munmorah Town. Easily accessible by vehicle and public transport, the space is available to all demographics and provides the opportunity to lift the public profile of youth.

The site has been selected as the preferred site for the Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility as:

- It is adjacent to a highly active street frontage with potential for active and passive surveillance.
- It will complement existing recreation activity in the region.
- Adequate offset from local residents can be achieved.
- It has access to public transport on Tall Timbers Road.
- It can accommodate a district scale skate park, playground active and passive recreation, accompanying amenity and car parking.
- There are significant existing stands of native trees to utilise for shade provision and natural amenity throughout the space.

The Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility will assist to activate the young people of the region and embrace youth within this key community space. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants within the local and wider community including families and people of all ages, abilities and all cultural backgrounds. As one of the foremost Youth spaces within the area it will be a strategic public realm hub for Lake Munmorah and the wider Central Coast Area area, becoming a destination within the region.



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## PRE-DESIGN CONSULTATION

**THIS RECREATION SPACE WILL BECOME A DESTINATION FACILITY FOR LAKE MUNMORAH AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL COAST. IT WILL PROVIDE A DIVERSE FACILITY LEADING THE WAY FOR ALL USERS, AGE GROUPS AND ABILITIES. IT WILL BE INVITING, FAMILY FRIENDLY AND CELEBRATE THE LOCAL YOUTH CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE REGION.**

### CONSULTATION SUMMARY

The pre design consultation in 2018 comprised of community workshop sessions as well as an online survey. This page summarises key responses received during discussions and through online feedback, which led to the draft concept design.

### SITE INTEGRATION

The design was developed as a site specific approach that celebrates the local natural environment. Key considerations were incorporating and highlighting the existing native vegetation and the scenic coastal / lakeside that is specific to this region of the Central Coast.

### TARGET USER GROUP

The consultation feedback highlighted that participants were interested in both the active and passive recreation opportunities for the recreation facility. The space should cater for all ages play and skate from young children to more advanced older users. The layout should aim to create a social, fun hangout space and form a family friendly environment for either getting involved with the action or relaxing and taking in the spectacle.

### SKATE SKILL LEVEL PROVISION

The majority of users were of beginner and intermediate skill level. The skate design should aim to cater for beginners and skill development, ensuring many of the 'building blocks' of street and transition features are available to learn the basics. It is, however, key to provide for skill progression within the facility. This will allow for beginner users and future generations to learn and continue ongoing progression up to an advanced skill level and for advanced users to continue to be challenged.

### SKATE TYPOLOGY

The community consultation had an open forum for the skate typology discussion, with the majority of riders favouring a combination of street and transition skate style. The facility design responded to community desires, offering a variety of features that cater to all styles of skate with street design being incorporated as a key design consideration. Flowy street, a beginner to intermediate bowl and snake / pump tracks became popular outcomes for the skate design consideration.

### PLAY TYPOLOGY

Features highly favoured by community members included; slides, swings, climbing features, flying fox and water play. Other more imaginative and interactive features included light and colour, sensory interaction, planting, hanging and spatial play. An overall theme was to provide an all-inclusive facility for all ages and abilities with variety that is unique and imaginative, reflecting the local region.

### USER + SPECTATOR AMENITIES

To ensure a central community space that can be used by a variety of different user groups, the facility should offer a number of social opportunities. The provision of areas of refuge and shade throughout the day was considered of high functional importance within the design. Safety, accessibility and inclusivity to all users and age groups was a key outcome highlighted by the majority of participants also.

### ICONIC DESIGN + LOCAL IDENTITY

Community members were encouraged to suggest ideas that are special or iconic to the local area. Many people mentioned elements from the natural environment as well as the interesting combination of vegetation, ocean and lake specific to this one area. Other responses referenced local art, history and bird life.

# 03

## DESIGN EVOLUTION

### DRAFT CONCEPT DESIGN

Information from the pre-design consultation was used specifically to create the draft concept design of the Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility.

Incorporating play elements, walking trails, a new carpark and access road, amenities, and a skate park and pump track, the facility works with the natural slope of the site and sits nestled amongst the existing trees.

The play space is designed for everyone, and is fully accessible



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## CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

### AIMS

The draft concept consultation process is an integral component of the development of youth spaces and recreation facilities. In order to ensure the success and longevity of these key community assets it is crucial to engage with the future users of the space.

The draft concept design consultation process aimed to:

- Engage with community members and key stakeholders before the final concept design of the new skate space.
- Inform stakeholders and community members of the current status of the project.
- Have community and users take ownership of the consultation process outcomes.

### PROMOTIONAL SCOPE

The consultation aims to increase the community awareness of the proposed Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility and to do so in a public, open and transparent process. Promotional tools to encourage involvement and comments included online advertising targeted toward play ground and skate park users, local schools, youth groups and local residents.



**HAVE YOUR SAY**

### Lake Munmorah Recreation Facility

#### Concept Design Community Consultation

Central Coast Council has listened to your opinions and ideas during the first round of community consultation and has used this feedback to develop a draft concept design for a Recreation Facility for Lake Munmorah.

This exciting new development will be located opposite the shopping centre on Tall Timbers Road and will incorporate a skate park and regional playspace so everyone can join in, play, connect and get active!

Now, it's time to check out the draft plans and give us your feedback so this space will become what you want to see!

Go online to view the draft concept plans and have your say by completing the online survey [yourvoiceourcoast.com/lake-munmorah](https://yourvoiceourcoast.com/lake-munmorah) survey is live 11 to 30 June 2020



[yourvoiceourcoast.com](https://yourvoiceourcoast.com)

Draft Concept Design Flyer

### DATA HANDLING AND ANALYSIS

The data handling and analysis has been carried out by Convic. The workshops and online survey were designed to increase inclusiveness and generate data for analysis into themes and direct design response. All participants were initially informed of consultation objectives and how the information provided will then be used.

All responses are treated in confidence, to ensure the anonymity of respondents. In line with our privacy policy no identifying information is included with any responses for this report.

### REPRESENTATION

The views collected in this report are not statistically validated, however they represent the views of user groups and community members. Themes presented in this report are derived from online survey contributions.

### METHODOLOGY

Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, the Convic design team were unable to travel to Lake Munmorah for face-to-face community consultation. Instead, a fly-through video was produced, which discussed in detail the various elements of the recreation facility. Participants were then directed to an online questionnaire, where they were asked in detail about their thoughts on the design.

### QUESTIONNAIRE (DEVELOPING USER PROFILES)

- Develop an understanding of the participant's demographic.
- Understand key concerns, wants, needs and requirements.
- Provide opportunity for user feedback.
- Collate feedback analysis into representative outcomes.

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## DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

### QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY RESULTS

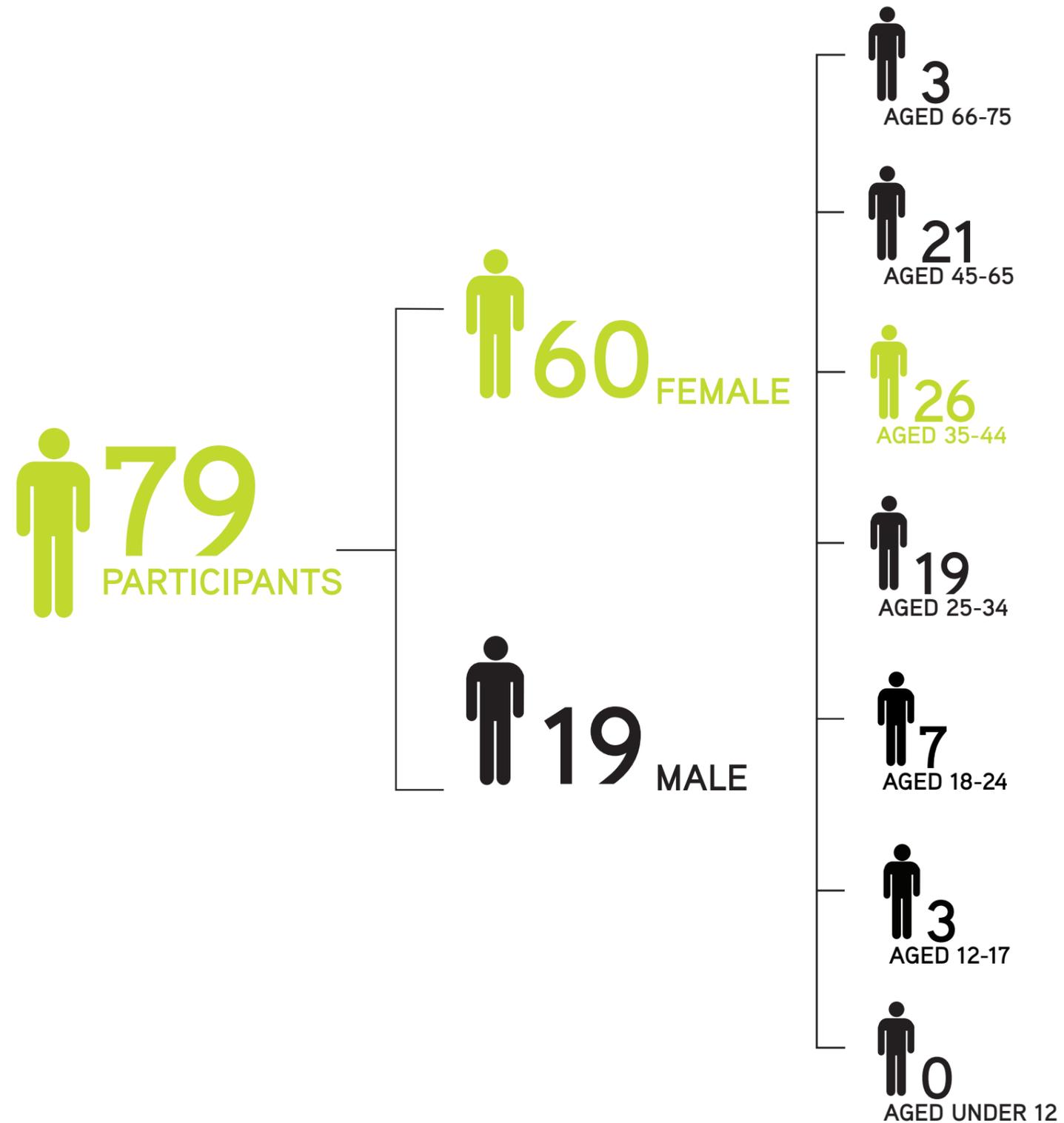
The following pages summarise the key results derived from the questionnaire and feedback received through the online survey.

The results are an overview of the community profile of participants. Understanding the demographic patterns and trends within the community via the analysis of this data helps to inform the vision and typology of the proposed skate facility.

The questionnaire was available online from the 11th to the 30th of June with a total of **79** responses.

The following infographics represent the information collected through both hard copy questionnaires distributed during the consultation sessions and the online survey.

The majority of responses were between the ages of 35 and 44.

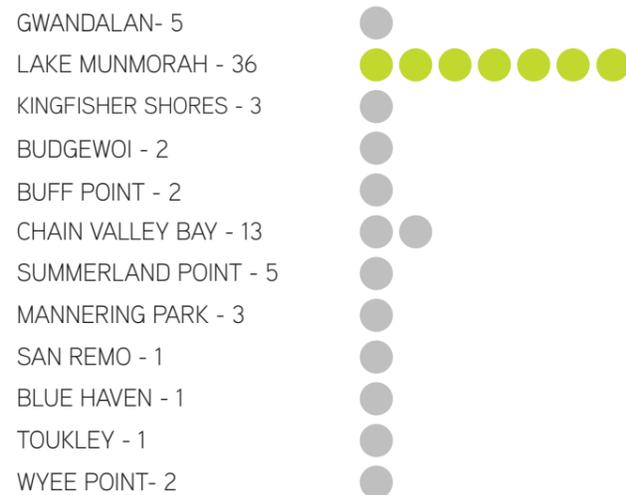


# DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

### SUMMARY:

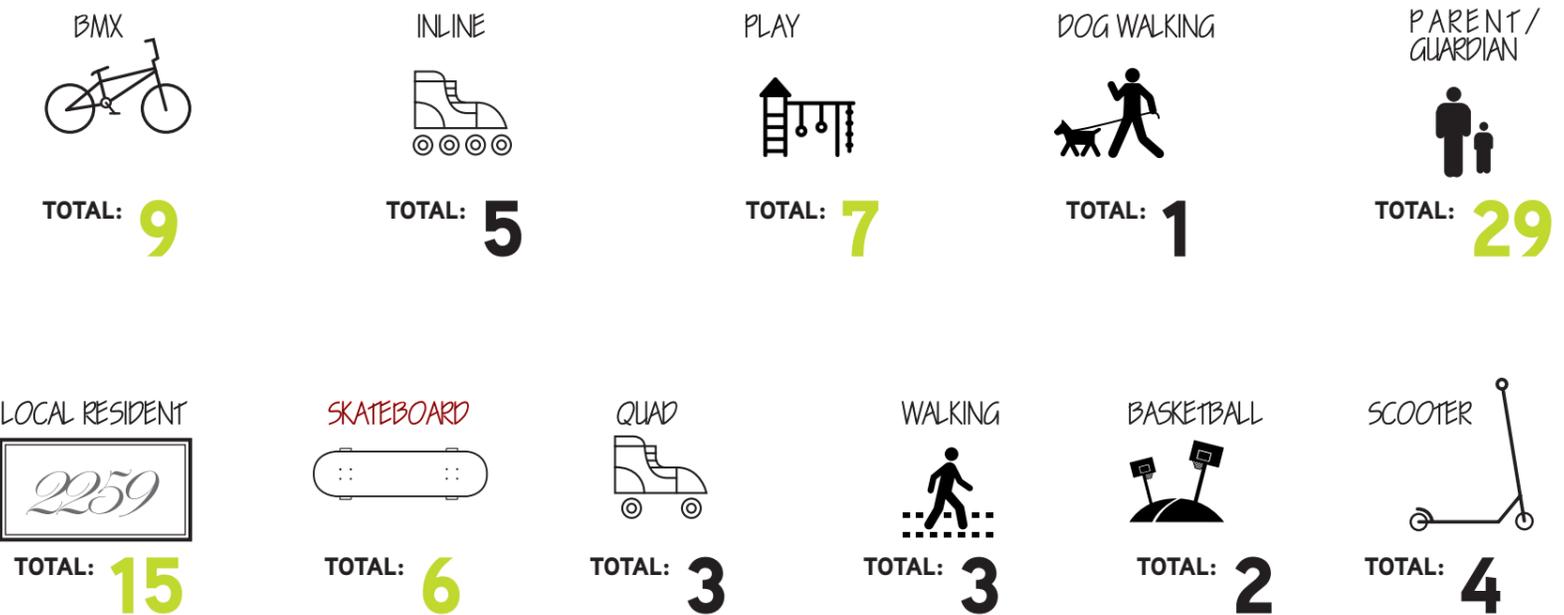
The majority of participants live within Lake Munmorah and Chain Valley Bay, in close proximity to the site. There is also an even distribution of participants spread throughout the Central Coast all within a 30min drive from the proposed recreation facility.



## WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN THE FACILITY?

### SUMMARY:

The majority of participants were local parents and guardians who were interested in taking their children to the facility. The respondents indicated that the play and skatepark features of the facility were of the most interest.



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## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - PLAYSPLACE

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE PLAY AREA? WHY?

#### SUMMARY:

This section of the survey was aimed at participants interested in the playspace area.

There were a large number of responses to this question, with most respondents providing an answer.

The play space was deemed to be the most popular part of the facility, with responses adding that it would provide a family friendly environment and would cater to children of all ages. The separation between playspace and skatepark was seen as favourable, and the variety of play options was popular. The majority of the responses indicated that this was a much needed facility in the shire, particularly in the Lake Munmorah area.

The feedback highlights the most valued areas within the draft concept design that should be maintained as the design evolves.

### COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK?

#### SUMMARY:

Participants were asked to provide general comments on feedback on the playspace area. This helps to prioritise individual features and inclusions within the design, when moving forward into final concept.

This response saw many different unique responses, although some responses began to show trends:

- Some participants expressed concern over the increase in traffic on Tall Timbers Road, the capacity of the carpark, and the safe entry and exit of the facility.
- Natural bush land and vegetation to remain as much as possible.
- Shaded play areas are required.
- All inclusive access is desirable
- Concerns about maintenance and vandalism.
- Some participants were opposed to the facility in the current location.

### WHAT'S MISSING?

#### SUMMARY:

Many participants were incredibly positive and felt as though the draft concept encompassed the majority of inclusion they would like the facility to have.

Popular items that participants thought had been missed in the design included:

- More shade
- More picnic, seating, and BBQ areas
- Water play
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Lighting
- Musical play items
- Parkour items

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - SKATEPARK

## COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK?

### SUMMARY:

This section of the survey was focused on the future skatepark users of the facility.

Feedback was generally positive, with a small number of respondents opposed to the skatepark being constructed at this location.

In terms of skatepark design and functionality, participants indicated that the skatepark should increase in size, and include some larger ramps more suited to BMX riding and the older high school aged demographic of children.

In addition to this, some participants proposed separating the pump track away from the skatepark to allow for a more beginner focused area that is away from more advanced users.

## WHAT'S MISSING?

### SUMMARY:

Many participants felt as though the draft concept encompassed the majority of inclusions they would like the facility to have. However, with all skate and youth spaces it is very subjective to riding and user styles, level of ability and intended use.

Responses to this question highlighted that there is an older demographic of active wheeled sports users that will be using the facility.

The majority of participants indicated that the skatepark is missing the following features:

- Spine ramp
- Bowl
- Box Jump
- Larger sized quarter pipes
- Lighting

## WHAT WOULD BE ONE UNIQUE/CREATIVE OBSTACLE YOU WOULD ADD?

### SUMMARY:

The majority of the respondents included similar responses to this question as the previous one.

Some stand out suggestions included a deep bowl, vert wall / wall ride, a layout more suited to BMX riders, and a set of BMX dirt jumps.

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - SUPPORTING AMENITIES

## COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK?

### SUMMARY:

The final section of the survey was centred around the supporting amenity of the facility. Less than 50% of respondents provided an answer to this segment.

The majority of responses were positive, with most respondents reiterating their points from previous questions.

Some common suggestions were additional shade, more BBQs, drinking fountains and toilets, and the opportunity for local artists to provide decoration to the space.

## WHAT'S MISSING?

### SUMMARY:

Participants supported their suggestions from previous questions in this section of the survey.

Common suggestions were:

- Additional shade
- Security / CCTV / Lighting
- Picnic tables on the grassed areas
- Additional BBQ areas
- Street Art Wall
- Access to power for future events

## DO YOU, OR THE PEOPLE YOU WILL VISIT LAKE MUNMORAH RECREATION FACILITY WITH, IDENTIFY AS HAVING A DISABILITY?

### SUMMARY:

Responses highlighted that some participants, families and people associated with participants are living with different forms of disability, highlighting that the final design response will need to be comprehensive. and inclusive to all users.

**NO**  
TOTAL:  
**62**

**YES**  
TOTAL:  
**16**

## MOVING FORWARD

The next steps for the project will involve Convic preparing a final concept design. Convic will consider feedback from the online forum and the Central Coast Council brief, ensuring that, where possible, the community's input has been accommodated in the design of the facility.

This continued involvement connects the community with the project design process and ultimately having a vested interest in the final outcome. This engenders community pride and ownership in both the process and the public facility, creating a strong sense of stewardship over what will become a key community public open space.

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