

Bellara Skate Park Upgrade

Engagement Summary

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New skate park for Bellara

Bellara skate park is getting an upgrade. Council consulted with the impacted community to find out how we can make this park legendary. This work is part of Council's program to upgrade existing or develop new skate parks that will create an exciting and inclusive space for both riders and other park users.

The Bellara skate park is located at Sunderland Drive, Bellara. This is the largest skate park on Bribie Island, with a second smaller park located at Woorim.

After completing a city-wide detailed BMX and Skatepark Facilities Audit in 2019 we found many facilities could use some love and Bellara skate park was one of them.

Between 30 September and 28 October 2024, we invited community feedback on the skate park redesign and other ideas for the space. We encouraged current skate park users especially to share their ideas. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback online or came along to a drop-in session at the park.

Overwhelmingly, upgrading the skate park is supported.

Engagement snapshot



72 people provided feedback online or face-to-face



Urban street and transitional are the top styles



Lighting, shade and additional seating would improve the space



Strong support for a pump track and mountain bike jumps as a future project



Future activities at the park should include skate/ride competitions, food trucks and teaching young riders park etiquette



Participants at drop-in session

“Skateparks that have been built in the area feel more like training facilities that feel dry and boring rather than somewhere to have fun.

Consultation participant

How we engaged

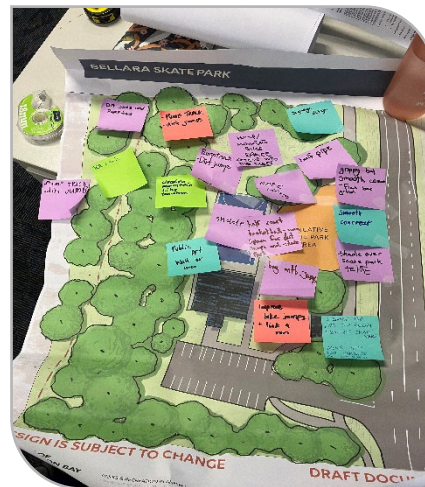
Two drop-in sessions

On 12 October and 25 October 2024, drop-in sessions were held at the Bribie Island Community Centre.

Sessions were held after school and on the weekend and included a DJ and free sausage sizzle cooked by the Sandstone Point Lions Club.

The sessions were promoted:

- via Facebook by the Divisional Councillor
- on corflutes around Bribie Island
- through local schools and youth service providers.



Feedback captured a drop-in session.

Online survey and ideas tool

Information about the project and online feedback tools were hosted on a Your Say Moreton Bay project webpage from 30 September to 28 October 2024.

Face-to-face

42 people attended a drop-in session.



Online survey and ideas tool

28 surveys submitted

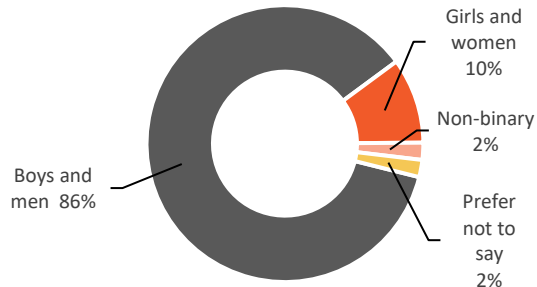
2 idea contributions

205 visitors to webpage

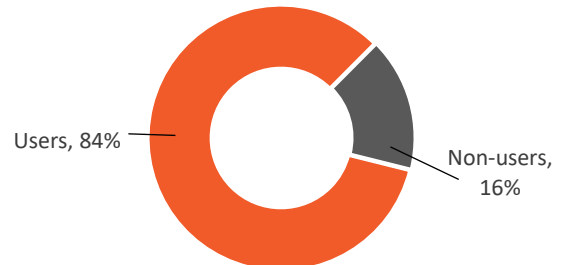


Who participated

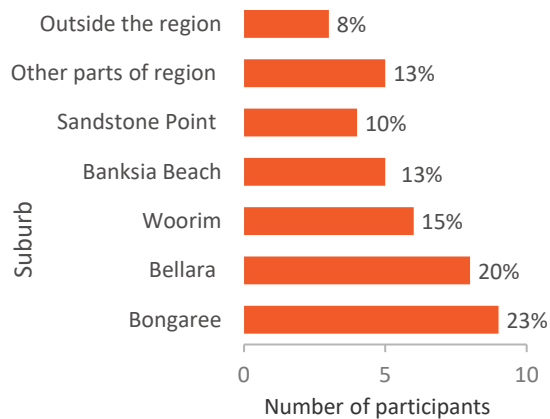
Over **75%** of the participants were male.



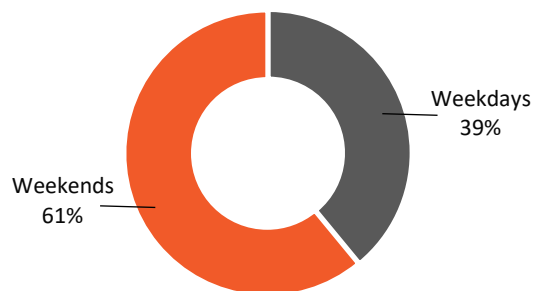
Almost **85%** of participants currently use the skate park.



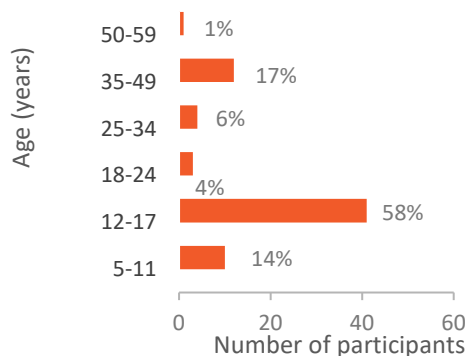
70% of participants live on Bribie Island



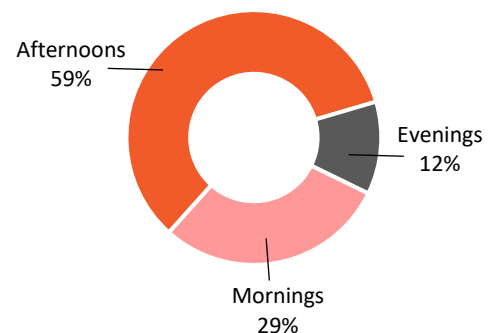
61% of participants visit the skate park on the weekend.



Almost **75%** of the participants were 17 years older or younger.



Almost **60%** of participants visit the skate park in the afternoon.



What we heard



Skate park style

Feedback about the skate park style told us:

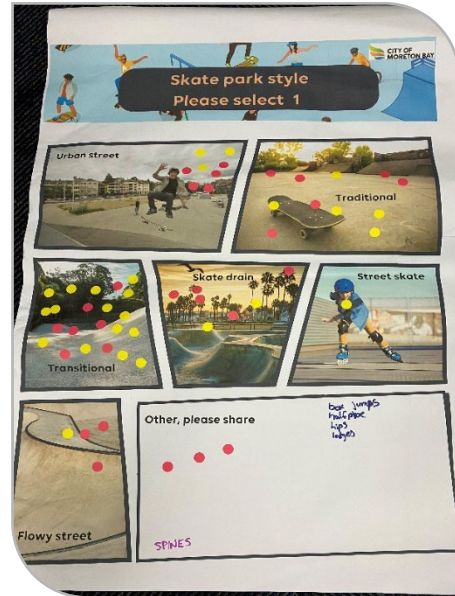
- *Urban Street* was the top style of park chosen by participants
- the second most popular style of park was *Transitional*
- smooth concrete is essential
- adding a pump track and dirt jumps to the space was desired
- separate areas for beginners and experienced riders were important.

“Something like the skate parks in the Olympics.”

Consultation participant

“Spend the money on smooth/polished concrete above all else please!”

Consultation participant



A dotmocracy about skate park styles was used at the drop-in sessions to capture feedback.



Ride elements

The top three skate park elements were:

1. bank into long ledge
2. hubba and down rail
3. grind rail.

Other desired elements included:

- BMX and scooter elements
- jumps for mountain bikes
- spine
- a wall ride for vertical tricks
- mini halfpipe, mini bowl and foam bowl.

“A combination of ramps, ledges, spines and rails maybe a bowl too.”

Consultation participant



‘Extras’: lighting, shade and seating

The top three ‘extras’ participants wanted us to prioritise were:

1. lighting for night use
2. shade and water
3. seating and hangout areas.

Other desired extras included:

- places to kick a ball e.g. soccer net, futsal goal or rebound wall
- signage to explain skate park etiquette.

“Community brooms and shovels to maintain park”

Consultation participant

“More seating, less trees so leaves don’t fall”

Consultation participant



Activities at the park

The top activities participants would like to see at the park included:

- competitions for riders
- educational sessions for riders and caregivers about park etiquette
- food trucks.

Other feedback

There were some notable differences between the females and males that provided feedback. Some females participants who attended the drop-in sessions indicated they would like more natural spaces and areas to hang out in the park. This feedback highlights the importance of ensuring the park design meets the diverse needs of all young people and creates an inviting space where everyone feels welcome.

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who shared ideas with us.

We will now consider your feedback alongside best practice design principles, site constraints, project budget, and market quotes to determine what can be designed and delivered in the future.

A draft Concept Design will be developed and shared with the community for feedback, before the project moves to detailed design and then construction.

Any updates, plans and other opportunities for input will be provided on the Your Say Moreton Bay project page. Visit moretonbay.link/bellaraskate-park-upgrade

