

Akers Road Park

Engagement Summary

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Shaping a new future recreation park

Creating vibrant and healthy communities is a key priority for City of Moreton Bay.

Akers Road Park is an exciting new addition to open space for the local community. It will replace the smaller Allsop Park and provide ten times more green space for the community to use for play and recreation.

Located on Akers Road, Lawnton, Akers Road Park will be a new local park within convenient walking distance of approximately 350 homes.

We sought feedback from park users and neighbours to inform the future design of the new Akers Road Park. We asked about the types of activities, recreation and events that the community would like to see in the future park. Your feedback will help us plan for growth and make Akers Road Park a place that can be enjoyed for generations to come.



Community members visiting the park pop-up.

Engagement snapshot

Between 28 May and 25 June 2025, we invited feedback on the Akers Road Park project. During the consultation period, we had:

-  1600 + webpage visitors
-  63 surveys completed
-  13 contributions to the online vision board
-  1 email submission
-  100 + visitors to our community pop-up event.

The focus of engagement was to hear from community members on how they want to shape the new park at Akers Road.

Generally, we heard:

-  Protection of flora and fauna, particularly for koala habitat, is important to many community members.
-  Park spaces and facilities are important to the growing community.
-  Participants' top priorities were pathways for scooters and bikes, and play for younger children.
-  Most attendees at the pop-up were immediate neighbours who had questions on what future development in the area would look like and other considerations such as access, traffic and drainage.

How we engaged

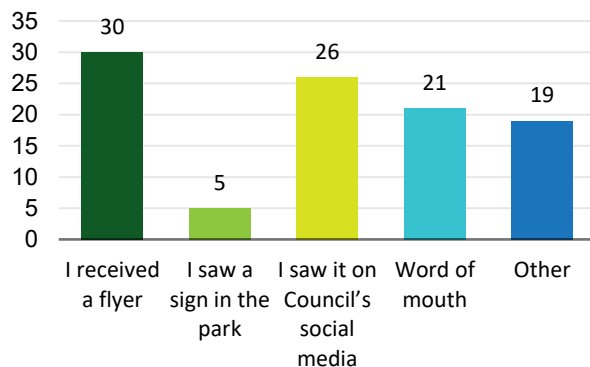
We invited community feedback on shaping the new park over a four-week period between 28 May and 25 June 2025.

Promoting opportunity to have a say

Opportunities to have a say on the future Akers Road Park were promoted via:

-  dedicated project webpage on Your Say Moreton Bay
-  435 project flyers mailed to residents and property owners in area
-  signage displayed in Akers Road Park
-  email to Your Say Moreton Bay subscribers living in Lawnton and surrounding areas
-  social media posts geo-targeted to Lawnton and areas.

This mix of tools was effective in reaching more than 100 local residents and park users.



Responses from online survey question on how people heard about the survey.

Collecting feedback

Community members shared their views by:

-  completing a short online survey
-  sharing ideas on the online vision board
-  attending 'The Akers Road Park Imaginarium' pop-up event on 7 June 2025, 9 am to 12 pm, to speak with the project team.
-  emailing feedback to yoursay@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

We received 63 survey responses, 13 idea contributions online, 1 email submission and spoke to more than 100 people at the pop-up event at the park.



160+
Community insights given



1,600+
Your Say webpage views



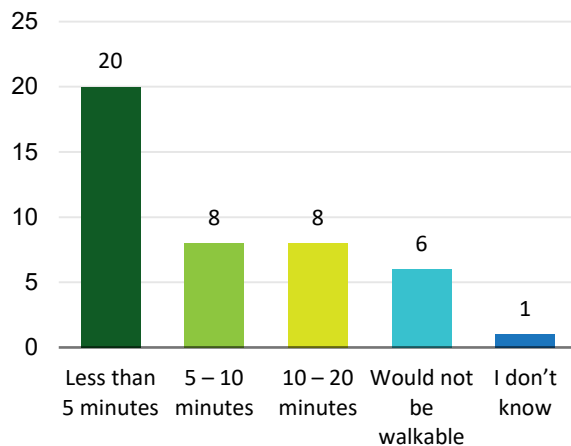
100+
Attended pop-up at Akers Road Park



63
Survey responses

Who we heard from

Nearly half (47%) of participants who completed the survey are living within 5 minutes walking distance of the park.

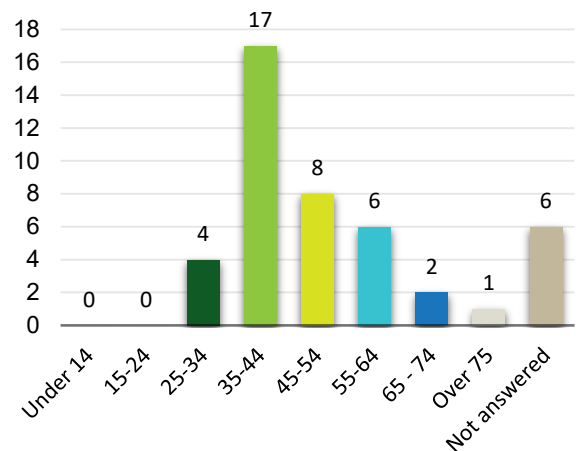


Responses from online survey question on proximity to the park.

“Please retain the large trees. They provide shade, habitat & character. Given all the infill, this park should be a leafy green oasis whilst also providing for play.”

Resident submission

Participants ranged in age, with the median age being between 35-44 years old.



Responses from online survey on demographics.

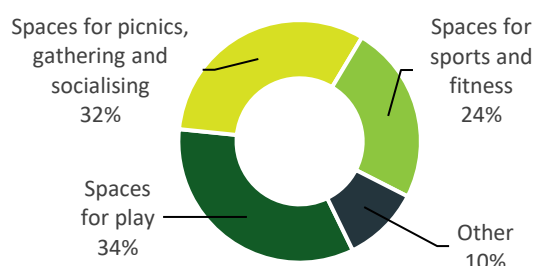
“I'd like to see pump tracks that are accessible and fun for every age. Have areas for different levels of abilities, but next to each other.”

Resident submission

What we heard

Park and recreation activities

We asked participants what type of public space they felt was most needed within the area. The top three responses were spaces for play (34%), spaces for picnics (32%), and spaces for gathering and socialising (32%).



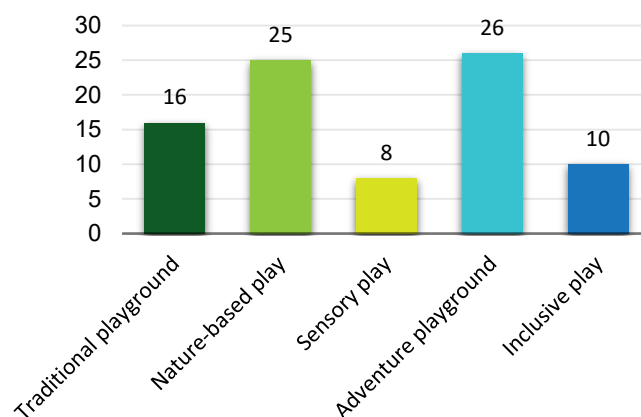
Types of public spaces participants would most like to see.

Other suggestions for park activities were:

-  Environment retention and protection (21%)
-  Dog-related recreation (21%)
-  Community garden (11%)
-  Quiet/restful spaces (11%)
-  Walking/running track (11%)

“Dog park and some nice open space, all ages play.”
Survey respondent

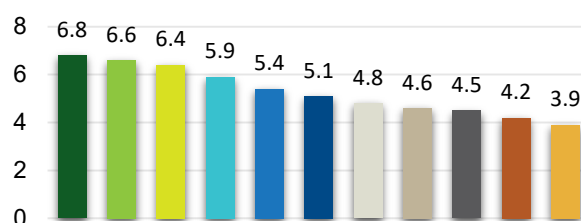
Participants were also asked what type of play they would most like to see in the local park. The highest ranked responses were nature-based play and an adventure playground.



Types of play participants would most like to see.

When asked to rank the recreational activities for the park in priority order, the top four answers were:

-  Have pathways for bikes and scooters
-  Spend time with friends and family
-  Feel connected to nature
-  Have play for 5-12s.



- Bikes and scooter pathways
- Spend time with friends and family
- Feel connected to nature
- Have play for 5-12s
- Relax in quiet spaces
- Have things for teens to do
- Host celebrations
- Work out and keep fit
- Sit at tables to socialise and eat
- Play sports
- Have play for under 5s

Recreational activities participants would most like to see.

We asked participants to rate how much space should be used for different activities on a slider scale. The results showed participants prefer more space for structured play, which is slightly higher than open green area and seating and socialising.

Space for structured play:



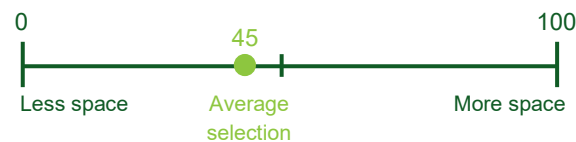
Average space wanted for structured play.

Space for seating and socialising



Average space wanted for seating and socialising.

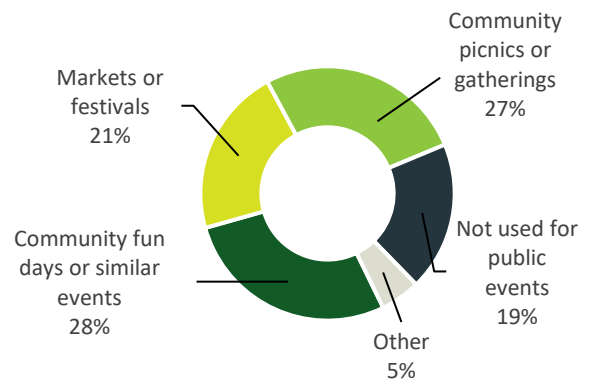
Space for open green area



Average space for open green space.

Park event activities

Participants were asked what types of events they would like to see in the future park.

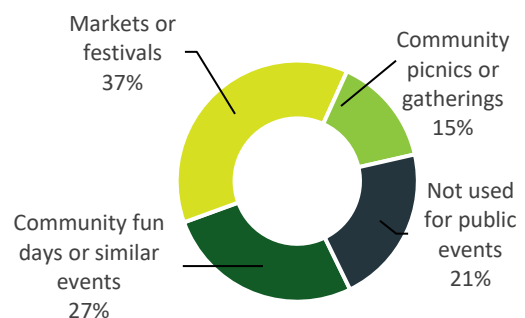


Park events participants would most like to see.

Other suggestions for park event activities were:

-  Community garden
-  Small educational events
-  Events which are considerate of others
-  Big and small dog park.

Most community members who attended the pop-up participated in an activity where they could vote on the preferred event types for the park. Over a third of participants were in favour of markets or festivals (37%), however, there was a significant number of participants who preferred not to use the park for public events (21%).



Event types participants would most like to see.

Big ideas for the future park

Community members who attended the pop-up event spoke with the project team, asked questions and shared their insights. Many attendees also completed the survey.

At the pop-up, they were invited to vote for their top recreation priority for the park. Out of 253 total votes, the top-ranked priorities were:

Voting activity outcomes



Have pathways for bikes and scooters



Have play for 5-12s (cycle paths, skate)



Have things for teens to do (basketball, netball, kickabout)

At the pop-up, community members could also write down a big idea for the future park.

'My Big Idea' themes



Amenities such as playground, toilets, shade and seating



Play and recreation activities such as walking track, fitness trail, scooter paths and rugby goals



Flora, fauna and environment protection for a nature park



Community garden to commemorate the cultural heritage of the QLD Acclimatisation Society.

Participants were also asked to write down other themes.

'Things I love' themes



Community spaces and amenities, such as a community garden and dog park



Scooters and bike pump tracks



Provisions for sport such as multicourt, kickabout space, gym area and yoga.

'Needs improvement' themes



Koala vegetation corridor for protection



Parking, road safety and footpath access



Exercise facilities.

"Koalas, native trees and plants – community feel."

Pop-up attendee



Prompt cards for pop-up activity.

Community priorities

Comments and conversations held at the pop-up event identified insights into the needs of this community:



The local area has a mix of older residents and families with young children and teenagers.



Older community members would like to see amenities such as walking trails that provide greater accessibility for people with limited mobility, seating and shade availability.



A desire for protection of the environment, particularly flora and fauna, to provide more opportunities for retaining mature native trees and protecting koala habitats.



Suggestion for a recreation or play space with opportunities for immersive nature play, that could use existing trees for natural shade.

“Do a survey on what wildlife live and move into this parkland and make habitat for them”

Pop-up attendee

Other park considerations

Through conversations at the pop-up and from one community member's email submission, other considerations for the park were raised. These included:



Considerations for traffic and parking, such as road connections for Allsop Road and limitations of Akers Road



Drainage concerns in the park that need to be addressed



Questions on neighbouring fencing



Questions about what future development will look like in the area



Safety concerns around anti-social behaviour



Road safety concerns for children playing at the park.

“All great ideas, but parking will be a nightmare if it is on Akers Road. It is not wide enough to host on-street parking, especially if there are going to be community days.”

Survey respondent



Next steps

Thank you to everyone who participated during the engagement period.

Your feedback will help us plan the future design of Akers Road Park, so it meets the needs of the local community.

You can sign up for future updates by clicking the **+Follow** button at the top of the project page at moretonbay.link/akers-road-park.

