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Community Consultation Report

Velodrome Precinct Proposal
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Executive Summary

City of Darwin is working with Cycling NT and Triathlon NT on upgrades to the Velodrome at Bagot Park to improve facilities for community use and the sport of cycling. In developing the scope of works for the Velodrome upgrade the sporting bodies have presented a proposal to Council for three additional elements to create a Velodrome Precinct. Council resolved to consult with the community to understand community views on the Velodrome Precinct proposal.

The proposed additional elements to create the Velodrome Precinct are:
- Relocating the bike skills park — a flat track course with jumps and slalom style activities (navigating turns and bends),
- Adding a new criterium track — a closed circuit cycle path surrounding the proposed Velodrome Precinct, and
- A new pump track — a continuous loop with banked turns and mounds that you ride without pedalling, the 'pumping' motion is used to maintain speed.

This report outlines the consultation process and the feedback received through various channels. The consultation ran for over six weeks from 20 March to 5 May 2019.

The consultation included several methods to promote the consultation and engage with the community. This included a media event, media release, social media, radio interviews, mail out, door knocking, corflute signs onsite, Engage Darwin online platform, survey, community drop in sessions and meetings.

The following feedback was received:

A strong message through the consultation was support for improvement or development of the open space area at Bagot Park, with a lot of people supportive of the space used for the additional cycling facilities, however a number of respondents have alternatives views for how the space should be used. The survey showed that although 90% of respondents indicate they use Bagot Park only 25% indicate they use the open space area.
Support
There is a strong desire in the cycling community for additional cycling facilities that can be accessed by the community at all times. 41% of survey respondents indicated they use the Velodrome as members of Triathlon NT, Cycling NT or Darwin Cycling Club. A further 22% of respondents use the Velodrome for casual use. Key points in support of the proposal include;

- Great central location accessible to all
- Provides safe facilities for a growing sport rather than being on-road
- There are limited facilities available in Darwin for cycling
- Will help to grow the sport of cycling
- Darwin needs more to do / more casual recreation facilities open to public, particularly for young people
- Promotes healthy activities and provides an additional attraction for Darwin and encourages retention of residents
- The more diverse facilities available the more chance of people getting into the sport and continuing

59% of survey respondents were not members of Cycling NT, Darwin Cycling Club or Triathlon NT and 36% of respondents indicated they don’t currently use the Velodrome at all. Of the respondents that don’t use the Velodrome 65% were supportive of the Criterium Track and 59% were supportive of the Bike Skills Park and Pump Track with comments that they would like to use it if it had the additional facilities.

Opposition
There are community members that are opposed to the proposal and would prefer the open space area to be left as is or developed for alternative use. The key points raised in opposition to the proposal include;

- Traffic management and parking issues
- Opposed to one community group being able to make plans/proposals for an area of public space over all other groups
- Will only get used by cyclists not whole community, too big of a development for a small membership, not value for money
- Given the velodrome is a full rebuild it should be moved to a more appropriate location (Marrara), this could be better scoped to provide facilities that fully meet cyclists needs
- Concerned about impact on wildlife
- Value the area as parkland, don’t want to lose parkland area for the community
- There should be an overall master planning process for Bagot Park with all relevant stakeholders involved rather than just the cycling groups

Local Residents
The consultation was designed to ensure a good understanding of the views of the local residents adjacent Bagot Park as they have local knowledge of current use and will be most closely affected by the changes.

Door knocking along Old McMillians Rd engaged with residents at 76% of the properties. Amongst these residents there was a higher level of support than opposition for the proposal with a lot of residents welcoming the opportunities the facilities would bring for them and their family. However, there are some residents strongly opposed to the proposal.

23% of survey respondents indicated they live within 1km of Bagot Park. The survey responses from the local residents is included in the overall survey analysis and has also been extracted to
show the local residents views. Although there was still more support than opposition to proposal there was a higher level of opposition compared to the overall survey results.

There were some consistent messages from local residents both in support and opposed to the proposal;

- Concern about traffic management issues with current and increased use of the area, concerns included;
  - Blind corner at Old McMullans Rd and Chin St, gets congested and unsafe with volumes of traffic,
  - Limited access roads to the area and issues created with the right turn only onto Bagot Rd, ends up a rat run through the back streets, all traffic comes along Old McMullans Rd,
  - Regular speeding along Old McMullans Rd,
  - When cars park on-street it creates difficulty accessing driveways,
  - Requests for a traffic assessment of the area,
- A lot of local residents value the area as parkland, some want it fully retained as parkland and others support some facility development so long as some parkland is retained, and
- The area gets very dusty in the Dry Season, requests for irrigation.

**Bike Skills Park**

The Bike Skills Park received the highest level of support and lowest level of opposition through all engagement channels. There is a high level of support for the program currently run for children on the existing Bike Skills Park and majority of respondents wouldn't want this to cease. Amongst respondents opposed to the overall proposal this element was generally more accepted. The main concern raised with the Bike Skills Park is whether it will create more dust as it already gets dusty in the Dry Season.

The following chart shows the level of support indicated through the survey and door knocking:

**Bike Skills Park**

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**Criterium Track**

Respondents in support of the Criterium Track advocate for adding this facility to the Darwin cycling scene as it is an important dimension to cycling and has been gaining popularity for training and racing. Cyclists see it as an important element for people to gain confidence and skills without having to be on-road. The Criterium Track received a slightly higher level of opposition than the other two elements, with some cyclists also concerned it wasn’t the appropriate location. There were a number of concerns raised regarding the Criterium track by both residents and cyclists;

- Safety of the Criterium track in this area, particularly with some Criterium tracks having cyclists at speeds of up to 60km/h,
• Concerns that this would be dangerous in an area with a lot of children, particularly with children needing to cross the Criterium track to access the other two facilities,
• The dimensions do not meet the standards for racing, therefore it would not adequately meet the needs of cyclists, or it will be used for high speeds that are inappropriate for the dimensions of the track, and
• Need more information on how it will be used and managed considering it is a smaller track than recommended for Criterium tracks, and what are the safety requirements / management if it's used for racing.

**Criterium Track**

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**Pump Track**

There was a lot of excitement for this type of facility, it is a versatile facility that can cater to a wide audience including cyclists, skaters, scooters, and in particular the Darwin Mountain Bike Club were very keen for this facility. There was also opposition to the Pump Track, with the main concerns raised including:

• Majority of local residents want some area of parkland retained and it looked as though this was not possible with the pump track included,
• There is a view that this type of facility could become a ‘hang-out’ place that could attract anti-social behaviour,
• Concerns that the existing car park is too far away from this facility so people won’t park there and walk, they will park on-street and create more traffic management issues. Questions about the impact on parking, and how to resolve the issue, and
• Concerns about the proximity of the property at 8 Chin St.
Background

Bagot Park History

- In 1960 the Darwin Motorcycle Club constructed a flat track circuit on what was a disused gravel pit. The gravel pit had previously supplied gravel to stabilize Rapid Creek Road and the new subdivision of Milner
- 5 March 1966 the first race was held
- Bagot Park Speedway was officially opened on the 28th of May 1966 by the Lord Mayor NH Cooper and Alderman Ken Waters
- March 1968 – RAAF approved installation of lighting providing that shading & screening of the lights is sufficient to prevent glare from becoming a nuisance to the operation of the airport
- The Velodrome was built before 1970, the land was vested in Council 23/6/1971
- The Velodrome was resurfaced in 1994 with bitumen and then again in 2000
- 1981 – Bagot Park Speedway closed and was converted to a park
- Officially Named Bagot Park 10 March 1986

Velodrome Upgrade Project Background

- In April 2015 the NT Government announced an allocation of $1.5M toward the upgrade of the Darwin Velodrome
- Council endorsed the scope of works consisting of re-surfacing and re-banking of the track, drainage and landscaping works as required, and the addition of lighting, the latter item subject to budget availability. The scope of works was established following extensive consultation with all stakeholders in the cycling community and NTG
- The allocation of $1.5M was insufficient to meet the full scope of works
- In June 2018, following the announcement of an additional $1M from the NT Government for the Velodrome project, Cycling NT and Triathlon NT commenced discussions to determine a compromise solution for upgrade works
- The stakeholders presented a proposal for additional elements for inclusion in a prioritised scope of works in order to deliver a multi-use velodrome precinct
- Council determined to consult with the community to seek community views on the Velodrome Precinct proposal

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Objectives

The objectives of this consultation were:
- To identify community values associated with Bagot Park and the Velodrome Precinct site
- To gain an understanding of the current use of the site
- To understand community views, concerns and aspirations associated with the proposed additional three elements to create a Velodrome Precinct
• To gain a better understanding of community views to help inform a decision of Council about the future usage of the site

**Approach**

The consultation process was delivered in accordance with City of Darwin’s *Community Engagement Policy 025*. The process was delivered at the level of ‘consult’ to obtain feedback on different options, plans or proposals. The consultation process was planned for a four week period between the 20 March to 21 April 2019. Following a community request the consultation period was extended to conclude on the 5 May.

**Stakeholders**

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| **Lauren Moss**  
**Elected member**  
**Casuarina**  
**Minister for Tourism and Culture** | Local member for Casuarina  
Interest in capacity as Minister for Tourism and Culture (includes sport and recreation). | Opportunity to promote through electorate office | |
| **Department of Tourism and Culture (Sport and Rec)** | Alignment with Sport Master Plan Funding | Email | |
| **City of Darwin staff** | Future management and maintenance  
Understanding views of the community | Email | |
| **Elected Members** | Understanding community views to inform decision making  
Promote through professional and personal networks | Email | |

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| **Media** | Photo and interview opportunities  
Community views  
Transparent process and decision making | Media launch  
Media release  
Radio interviews | |
| **APM Darwin** | Representing and advocating for the needs of people with disability | Meeting | |

**Methods and material**

The engagement process included a range of communication material and methods to promote the consultation to the community, as well as providing a variety of ways for people to provide feedback.

**Engage Darwin**
The Engage Darwin site was the online platform for the consultation. The following information was available on the Engage Darwin site:
- Velodrome Precinct concept design - Appendix C
- Fact Sheet - Appendix D
- Frequently Asked Questions

Survey
A survey was available on the Engage Darwin site to capture community views on the Velodrome Precinct proposal. Feedback could also be provided via email, phone, mail or in person.

Door Knocking
Door knocking was carried out on Old McMillans Road to understand the views of these residents most directly affected by the proposal.

Mail out
A letter with a fact sheet was mailed to 710 residents and property owners in the surrounding area.

Community Drop in Sessions
Two community drop in sessions were held at Bagot Park. These sessions provided the opportunity for community members to find out more information about the proposal. Council officers and representatives from Darwin Cycling Club, Cycling NT and Triathlon NT attended.
- Sunday 24 March 4.30pm – 6pm
- Wednesday 3 April 5.30pm – 7pm

Media Launch & Media Release
A media launch was held on Wednesday 20 March at the Velodrome to commence the consultation. Lord Mayor and representatives from Cycling NT and Darwin Cycling Club presented to media. A media release was sent to media outlets following the launch, with a story published in the NT News, a story on Nine News Darwin and multiple interviews and discussions on local radio.

Social Media
Two Facebook posts achieved a reach of 18,337 with the following analytics:

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Facebook Events were used to promote the Community Drop In Sessions.

Meetings
A meeting was held with Friends of Bagot Park and APM Darwin.

Corflute Signs
Corflute signs were erected at Bagot Park around the Velodrome and at the soccer entrance.
Feedback

The following feedback was received through the consultation:

Door knocking

The full feedback received from door knocking is provided at Appendix E.

Door knocking was carried out on Old McMillans Road to gain insight from residents closest to the park about current usage, issues and opportunities. 28 out of 37 premises were spoken to (76%).
Summary of door knocking feedback

Bike Skills Park

- Supportive: 68% (15)
- Opposed: 9% (2)
- Unsure / don't mind: 23% (5)

Comments supporting the Bike Skills Park included:
- Lots of kids use it on Sundays, great to see
- It's better for the space, the kids will love it
- So long as parking issues addressed

Comments opposing the Bike Skills Park included:
- Too big a development for too small a membership
- Don't want to lose the parkland
- Concerned with additional dust

Criterium Track

- Supportive: 55% (12)
- Opposed: 27% (6)
- Unsure / don't mind: 18% (4)

Comments supporting the Criterium Track included:
- So long as traffic is managed
- It's something for kids to do that's close by
- It's better use for the space, the kids will love it

Comments opposing the Criterium Track included:
- Concerned with the safety of kids with speeding bikes
- Does not comply with national standards, it won't even suit cyclists' needs so it will be a waste of money, if you're going to do it do it somewhere where you can do it properly
- They will still race on it even though it's only 3m wide and not meant for racing

![Pump Track Pie Chart](image)

Comments supporting the Pump Track included:
- It's something for the kids to do that's close by
- Good place to have young ones hang out rather than breaking into houses

Comments opposing the Pump Track included:
- It will become a hangout area and create anti-social behaviour
- Not the appropriate location for this
- I'd like to see some parkland retained
- Want traffic issues resolved

General comments door knocking:
- Traffic management issues with limited access roads to the area / needs a traffic assessment (in particular concerns with intersections at McMillans Rd / Chin St and McMillans Rd / Bagot Rd) x 8
- Parking on-street creates access issues to driveways (particularly when soccer is busy) x 7
- Value parkland / retain some parkland x 6
- Speeding along Old McMillans Rd x4
- Irrigation and plant more trees / already dust issues x 3
- There are issues with itinerants that hang out in the park, activating the space would be good x 3
- No study for overall usage of the area / would like to see a master plan for park x 2
Survey Summary

The full survey results are shown in Appendix F

209 people completed the survey.

Use of Bagot Park
- 90% of respondents use Bagot Park. Of those that indicated they use Bagot Park:
  - 13% use it often (everyday)
  - 35% regularly (once a week)
  - 18% Occasionally (once every two or three weeks)
  - 22% Sometimes (once every few months)
  - 12% Rarely (a few times a year)

When asked why people use or their interest in Bagot Park (could select more than one option):
- 39% casual use of the velodrome
- 35% casual exercise/walking/jogging
- 29% use the velodrome as a member of Cycling NT or Darwin Cycling Club
- 24% use the velodrome as a member of Triathlon NT
- 23% live in the local neighbourhood (within 1km of Bagot Park)
- 20% soccer player/spectator/coach/administrator
- 17% use the playground
- 15% take pets to the area
- 9% socialise/picnics

Use of open space area next to the Velodrome
- 75% of respondents do not use the open space area next to the Velodrome and 25% do use it. Of those that indicated they use Bagot Park:
  - 48 use it for casual exercise/walking/jogging
  - 20 take pets to the area
  - 11 use it for picnics/socialise

Site Development
Respondents were asked if they would like to see this open space area developed to provide recreation/community facilities, 84% were supportive of this.
Do you support the relocated Bike Skills Park Flat Track Course?

Comments supporting the Bike Skills Park included
- The current track in the middle of the velodrome gets high use with over 100 kids in the weekend program, it’s a fantastic program for kids and would be a shame to lose it
- Fundamental to continue to provide this facility given the velodrome is going to be upgraded and this will no longer fit
- Great for young and older riders to develop skills in a safe location
- Great for mountain bikers, supports a vibrant mountain bike community in Darwin
- Frees up space in the middle of velodrome for warm up / cool down and preparation area

Comments opposing the Bike Skills Park included
- I think it will be underutilised, the level of use doesn’t justify the upgrade or expense
- Would end up an unsightly dustbowl, particularly as the park is not reticulated
- It appears to cover a very large area, much larger than the existing
- May attract anti-social behaviour in the evenings
- Will require ongoing maintenance

Unsure
- Would like it to be irrigated and planted for noise buffer and shade
- Would need to be able to access safely across the criterium track
- Concerned about extra traffic, dust, crime

**Do you support the new cycle path / Criterium Track?**

![Pie chart showing survey results]

- **157 (7.2%)**
- **133 (15.8%)**
- **254 (77.0%)**

**Comments supporting the Criterium Track included**
- Criterium racing is an important dimension to cycling, need facilities for different cycling streams
- Criterium track will provide a free place for people to do circuit training and club training
- No other criterium track in Darwin
- Criterium training and racing has been gaining popularity and a purpose built track would be a great asset to the cycling community during events as well as benefit park users outside of event use
- It starts the process of NT catching up with the rest of the country

**Comments opposing the Criterium Track included**
- The proposed track is not wide or long enough for proper criterium track, doesn’t meet standards for racing so doesn’t meet the needs of cyclists, do it where it can be built properly
- It will have people going at high speeds (up to 60km/h) which will be dangerous for other park users, particularly with so many children around
- The footpath exit points onto the footpath are dangerous

**Unsure**
- Great if monitored for foot traffic to reduce risks to pedestrians
- At 3m wide it’s not enough for an effective criterium track
- Safety concerns with children around
- Needs more parking nearby

**Do you support the proposed new Pump Track?**
Comments supporting the Pump Track included:
- Fun tracks and good exercise, good to practice bike skills, balance, strength, coordination
- Good for young community members, it gives young people options for activities to do
- Turn an underutilised area into a new and exciting cycling precinct
- Currently nothing like it in Darwin
- As a capital city we lack these facilities
- The one in Charles Darwin National Park is good but not centrally located, particularly hard for young people to get to, it washes out in the rain and not always accessible
- Great for all ages and abilities, the best all-round facility you can get

Comments opposing the Pump Track included:
- Don’t want riders and youth hanging out next to homes to increase crime rates
- The car park is too far away, people will park on old McMillans Rd causing more traffic issues
- Zoned ‘open space’ should be left as open space for all community members to enjoy not just a select group
- There will be people there day and night, too much noise for a residential area

General comments in support of overall proposal:
- Great central location accessible to all
- Good use of an underutilised area
- Provides safe facilities for a growing sport
- Will help resolve anti-social behaviour issues currently at the site
- There are limited facilities available in Darwin for cycling
- Will help to grow the sport of cycling
- Promotes a healthy and active lifestyle
- Darwin needs more to do / more casual recreation facilities open to public, particularly for young people
- The area is zoned for recreation so local objections should be viewed in this context that it was always a possibility
- Promotes healthy activities and provides an additional attraction for Darwin and encourages retention of residents

General comments opposing overall proposal
- Traffic management issues – access roads surrounding Bagot Park are not adequate, speeding regularly occurs on Bagot Road, blind spot at corner Old McMillans Rd and Chin St, concern with car lights
- Traffic access / egress issues with right hand turn only at Bagot Road
- Not enough parking, parking is too far away, cars will park on-street, car park needs upgrade
- Will only get used by cyclists not whole community
- The area is meant to be a buffer zone for residents
- Given the velodrome is a full rebuild it should be moved to a more appropriate location (Marrara), this could be better scoped to provide facilities that fully meet cyclists needs
- Concerned about impact on wildlife
- The area already gets dusty, don’t want an increase in dust
- Too big of a development for a small membership, not value for money
- Concerned repair and maintenance won’t be adequate as maintenance of Bagot Park in the past has been poor
- Value the area as parkland, don’t want to lose parkland area for the community
- There should be an overall master planning process for Bagot Park with all relevant stakeholders involved rather than just the cycling groups

Suggestions
- Support an alternative development of Bagot Park more suited to the residents that are generally older
- Lights for safety
- Shade so facilities can be used during the day / shade trees
- Also have BBQs, power, picnic benches, water bubblers, exercise stations, bike racks
- Ensure it’s weather proof and drains properly
- Avoid black asphalt due to heat sinks, use heat reducing devices
- Consult local mountain bike club in detailed design
- Ensure wheelchair access and participation
- Consider local indigenous community if this displaces them
- Can there be an exit from Bagot Park onto McMillans Rd to ease congestion on Old McMillans Rd?

Other types of recreation / community facilities
Respondents were asked if they supported other types of recreation / community facilities for this open space area:
Survey Summary – Local Residents

There were 47 surveys completed by people that indicated they lived within 1km of Bagot Park. These survey results have been extracted to show the views of the local residents:

Do you use or visit Bagot Park?

- Yes: 3 (6%)
- No: 44 (94%)

If so, how often do you visit?

- Sometimes (once every few months): 3 (7%)
- Regularly (once a week): 7 (16%)
- Often (Everyday): 17 (38%)
- Occasionally (once every two or three weeks): 17 (39%)

Do you use the open space area at Bagot Park?

- Yes: 22 (47%)
- No: 25 (53%)
If so, what do you use it for?

Would you like to see this open space area developed to provide recreation / community facilities?

Do you support the proposed Bike Skills Park Flat Track Course?
Comments supporting the Bike Skills Park included:
- From my understanding these tracks are predominately for the use of younger riders and anything that encourages young people to get out and exercise is a great thing.
- Providing a dedicated skills training area, particularly one within a nominally social setting would be a great benefit for the sport in the Darwin area.
- Its an improvement to the area and hopefully would reduce the terrible mess, fighting etc that the itinerants do there daily

Comments opposing the Bike Skills Park included:
- The land area is large, way too big for the Darwin Cycling Club who has a very, very small membership
- The proposed area is not reticulated and so there will be a huge area of dirt and gravel which is not enhancing for a public park
- The 4-metre x 8-metre wide dirt track with humps and hip jumps will absorb a significant portion of parkland
- Parking is too far away, people will park on-street causing dangerous traffic conditions

Do you support the proposed new cycle path / criterium track?

![Pie chart showing support for cycle path]

Comments supporting the Criterium Track included:
- Any activity based facility would be an asset to the community, the area is presently underutilised and could be better landscaped
- It would bring another recreational activity to our front door
- Because it won't impact on the current use and will improve the existing facility and complement the proposed velodrome

Comments opposing the Criterium Track included:
- I feel it will be a waste of money as the length and width is below standards for competing.
- I would like to see the park developed in such a way that it gets more use by everyone, not just cyclists. I don't see dogs and children are a good mix with a Criterium Track as the bikes will be going at speeds where collisions with other users would inevitably occur.
- A feasibility study should be undertaken for more appropriate use of the land. Also additional facilities to support social use as picnic, walking path and BBQ.
Do you support the proposed Pump Track?

4 (9%)
17 (36%)
26 (55%)

Comments supporting the Pump Track included:
- I have young kids and they would love it. Along with many other young people in the area.
- This is a fun activity for riders. Active outdoor spaces are needed.
- Nothing like this in Darwin! These are everywhere in other states. Need to encourage outdoor activities for kids in safe environment

Comments opposing the Pump Track included:
- Please send me your address and I will recommend that a skateboard ramp is built with 30 metres of your front door, see if you like the idea
- The remaining open space, up to Sabine Road should be openly reviewed for a wider community project such as community hall, multi use, day retreat and transport hub for seniors and pensioners
- Younger people may use this track during all hours of the day and night hence safety issues arise with older residents living adjacent the park.

What other types of recreation / community facilities would you support for this open space area?
Community Drop in Sessions

Approximately 50 people attended the two community drop in sessions. There were people in attendance that supported and opposed the proposal, which provided a good opportunity for community members to hear each other's view and have questions answered.

Key points:
- A strong message from residents is that they value having public open space/parkland, majority that attended are not supportive of this parkland area to be completely taken up with cycling facilities.
- Upset that one community group has been able to make plans/proposals for an area of public space over all other groups.
- Some residents were opposed to all three elements, however some were open to the relocated Bike Skills Track.
- There were safety concerns with the Criterium Track due to the speed of cyclists.
- A group from the cycling club also stated they thought the Criterium Track would be better located at East Point Reserve.
- Concerns with the Pump Track that it would become a 'hang out' space for youth and attract anti-social behaviour.
- Concerns that the asphalt from the Criterium track and pump track would damage tree roots, would create heat, and would make drainage issues worse.
- Concern with parking and traffic management. Concern that speeding already exists on that road and the corner into Chin St is a particular problem.
- Concerns that there is limited entry / exit points to the area which contributes to traffic issues, questions about whether it's possible to have an exit from the car park that goes next to the Velodrome and out onto McMillans Rd?
- Some residents said the space is used a lot for people walking dogs, exercising, picnic etc, whereas others said that it's not used much at all.
- There were some residents that are supportive of the proposal but just had concerns with the impacts to traffic and parking.
- The cycling groups presented their views that it enables the community to be fit and active, and particularly helps children with bike skills and getting involved in the sport of cycling.

Written and Phone Submissions

The full copies of the submissions is provided at Appendix G.

Key points:
- I am concerned that the development and use of the velodrome and other bike facilities may encroach on the car parking in the area particularly.
- I would suggest that it would be better to have this development where the majority of the sporting activities are held at Marrara.
- I want to say that the proposal looks interesting for a section of the community but my main concerns of this proposal is the traffic problem that will be created from the extra vehicles to the area. Should be a traffic control plan with the proposal.
- Also the idea for a criterium track is fantastic. I don't like the idea for the jumps or pump track. Reasons being that they usually attract groups of kids messing around and causing trouble.
Stakeholder Feedback
Feedback from stakeholders is provided at Appendix H.

APM Darwin
A meeting was held with APM Darwin who represents and advocate for the needs of people with disability. APM were excited at the opportunity to have cycling facilities accessible for people with disability and were going to contact the sporting bodies to look for opportunities for development in this area. They requested accessibility best practice in the detailed design particularly with access ramps and car parking.

City of Darwin Parks Team
CoD Parks team provided a number of recommendations including a drainage and landscape plan and to add seats, bins, and water bubblers. Ensure ongoing maintenance requirements and costs are factored in to proposal.

Mindil Aces Football Club and Football Federation NT
These two stakeholders were consulted prior to release to the general public and indicated support of the proposal.

Friends of Bagot Park
Friends of Bagot Park are a group of local residents that formed during the consultation for Bagot Oval lights. They are passionate about the future development of Bagot Park and advocate for a master planning process for the whole of Bagot Park. Friends of Bagot Park provided two submissions; an alternative option for Bagot Park and a response to the Velodrome Precinct Proposal.

The alternative option the Friends of Bagot Park suggest for the area includes an ‘Age-friendly approach to planning that would provide long-term benefits to the entire community of Milner with a specific focus on older persons.’ The proposal includes an age-friendly community facility for community groups to use, open parkland with exercise facilities, landscaping and a relocated car park.

The submission from Friends of Bagot Park responding to the Velodrome Precinct proposal includes the following key points:
- Retaining the open space area for full community use rather than just one sport
- Opposed to the reduction of parkland
- Concerns about environmental impact
- Alignment to the NT Government’s Mid Suburbs Plan
- Concerns that the ongoing maintenance won’t be adequate
- Concerns with public safety, particularly with the Criterium Track
- Advocate for a scoping study to consider if there are more suitable locations than Bagot Park for the proposal
- Traffic management and parking concerns with additional usage of the area
Appendices

Appendix A: Door knocking area
Appendix B: Mail out area
Appendix C: Velodrome Precinct concept plan
Appendix D: Consultation fact sheet
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Appendix F: Full survey results
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Appendix H: Stakeholder feedback
Appendix A Door Knocking Area

Appendix B Mail Out Area
Velodrome Precinct Proposal

Community Consultation

Bagot Park has seen many changes over the years, from a gravel pit to being the home of Darwin speedway in the 1960’s, to becoming a park and sporting facility today.

Bagot Park, on the corner of MacMillans Road and Bagot Road, now caters to a range of recreation activities including a playground, soccer grounds, velodrome and a large public open space area.

City of Darwin is working with Cycling NT and Triathlon NT on upgrades to the Velodrome to improve the facilities for community use and the sport of cycling. There are some upgrade elements that have been approved by Council and some elements that are open for community consultation.

What is approved?
The following upgrade elements have been approved by Council:

- A 250m concrete track upgrade with 30-35 degree bank with safety fencing
- Replacement lights for the velodrome track

What is open for community consultation?
Cycling NT and Triathlon NT have proposed three additional elements to create a Velodrome Precinct.
The three additional elements would be located in the open space area next to the Velodrome.
These proposed elements are:

- Relocated bike skills park flat track course
- New cycle path/criterion track
- New pump track

These additional three elements have not been approved by Council at this stage. Council wants to hear the views of the community on the proposed elements.

Community consultation closes 21 April 2019
To complete the survey or find out more information visit engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/velodrome

City of Darwin engage Darwin Phone: 8930 0197 Email: engage@darwin.nt.gov.au
**Proposed Elements - Velodrome Precinct**

**Relocated bike skills park flat track course**
- The bike skills park is currently in the centre of the Velodrome, the upgraded Velodrome will have a smaller area in the middle and therefore it is proposed to relocate the bike skills park next to the Velodrome.
- The bike skills park would have a dirt track ranging from 4m to 8m wide in different sections of the track.
- It would have jumps and slalom style activities.

**New cycle path / criterium track**
- The new cycle path would be a closed circuit for riding or training.
- It would be approximately 3m wide, 780m long and made from concrete or asphalt.
- It would have connection points to the paths along Old McMillans Road and McMillans Road.

**Pump track**
- A pump track is a continuous loop with banked turns and mounds that you ride without pedalling; the "pumping" motion is used to maintain speed.
- Pump tracks can also be ridden by skateboarders, in-line skaters and scooters.
- It would be approximately 370m in length and 2m wide.

For more information on each of these elements, go to engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/velodrome
### Appendix E Door Knocking Feedback

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<td>No</td>
<td>No, my house directly adjoins the parkland so I overlook it every day. I don't want to overlook concrete and skateboarding. My yard would be right next to the pump track. I don't want break-ins and anti-social behaviour right next to my house.</td>
<td>No, object strongly to this. I've been told there will be regularly monthly race meets on the track by independent clubs. It does not comply with national standards so why do it at all, it will be half baked, and therefore a waste of money. If you're going to do something, either do it properly or don't do it. Do a full 10km wide criterium track at Marrara so the cyclists have a proper criterium track to meet their needs. They will still race on the track even though it's only 3m wide, it's not the right place for this. 50% of things not being done properly in the first place and then they cost twice as much to fix down the track.</td>
<td>As a whole I don't support the proposal, but I do understand this already exists and is important for junior sport.</td>
<td>No, definitely not. Similar reasons to criterium track response. It would be right next to my yard, it will become a hang out area and create anti-social behaviour.</td>
<td>Trees, green spaces.</td>
<td>Mow the whole thing to Marrara. Do it properly the first time in the right location so it doesn't cost twice as much in the future.</td>
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<td>Not yet</td>
<td>I have little kids and we go over there to play. It doesn't seem to get used a lot. A few people walk dogs.</td>
<td>Unsure. I am concerned about speeds and if it impacts access. We wouldn't want it to be fenced. And we wouldn't want our access across the road to King Pin etc impacted so wouldn't want a fence.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes. Good place to have young ones hang out rather than breaking into houses.</td>
<td>Traffic is a concern, there is a blind spot on the corner of Old McMillans and Chin St. This is made worse with parking on street. I'd like some open space/parkland retained. Don't want it fenced.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes, use it for dog walking and kick footy</td>
<td>Yes. Although I have safety concerns with having a racing track that little kids need to cross to get to the bike skills track.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No – I'd like to see some parkland retained, so keep that area parkland</td>
<td>Irrigated – it gets dry and dusty</td>
<td>Keep some open space/parkland. Irrigation and plant more trees. Don't want to lose any of existing trees. Traffic is an issue, can there be an exit on to McMillans Rd? The corner of Old McMillans and Chin St ends up a bottle neck. Parking on Sunday is an issue. Put extra sealed car parking next to the cycling facilities.</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>My husband rides on the velodrome every morning. We walk around the park. The grandkids use the area and play soccer</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes. Lots of kids use it on Sundays, great to see</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>These are issues with itinerants that hang out in the park, activating the space would be good. Not concerned with traffic. Love to see kids enjoying these things. Dust is main concern, especially in the dry season. Have seen people driving around park in Wet doing burn outs.</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes a lot. We have little kids and they love watching the cycling, we use the park and playground.</td>
<td>No – concerned with the safety of kids with speeding bikes.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Traffic on Sundays. They park out the front and we can’t get the car out. More concerned with safety, itinerants in the park, there are break-ins, we had one last week.</td>
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<td>Yes, use for walking dog</td>
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<td>Happen with it so long as some parkland is retained to walk the dog/etc. Traffic doesn’t worry me, it’s busy on Sunday but it’s not a problem.</td>
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<td>Yes so long as traffic is managed</td>
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<td>Progress is good, lots of people don’t like change but once it’s happened they accept it. Lots of traffic on Saturday and Sunday – so long as they don’t park near my driveway it’s ok. Hard to get in and out. Just keep the parking away from houses, keep the street clear.</td>
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<td>Not enough room to fit both soccer and cycling. Too many cars from soccer already, it’s been neglected for 20 years. Would prefer it is somewhere else more appropriate.</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>No — this is the one I am most concerned about, safety risks.</td>
<td>Unsure – concerned about dust and taking up all the space.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>There are better places to have all three elements, no study for overall usage of the area. Even the velodrome, if it’s re-built then put it in a better space. lots of green open space a concern. Would like to see a Master plan for the whole park.</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes it’s something for the kids to do that’s close by.</td>
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<td>Only concern is when people park on the street and block the driveway. It’s too narrow near intersection of Chin Rd.</td>
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| No | Only see indigorious using the park drinking, I think in general it’s underutilised. I walk through to get to shops. See some dog walkers. | Yes | Yes | Yes | The traffic is an issue and needs to be planned. The Chin St corner is dangerous. It’s not designed big enough for the volume of traffic, especially if it continues to increase. I particularly worry as there are lots of little kids around. Could the old McMillo Rd continue through to Sabine Rd? Would a mirror on the pole on Chin/Old McMillo’s intersection help? One that allows you to see what traffic is coming around the corner. The intersection onto Bagot Rd is also really dangerous, people use it as a u-turn to get back to Burnings and don’t give
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<td>No, but it will if the tracks are built.</td>
<td>Yes this would be better for the space, we can go and use it and the kids will love it.</td>
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<td>Attended drop in session</td>
<td>I used to hit golf balls there. Would be great for Flikkein.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Ok with this</td>
<td>I don't think this is the right place for this. Have it somewhere more appropriate.</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes I know some people are against it but it's been a sporting zone forever so I don't see what the issue is. I'm all for people being active, sport is great for community.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Rollards so people can't drive off verge</td>
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There isn't enough car parking, so people park on street which creates dangerous issues. You can't see to get out of your driveway and there's no traffic management when people enter/exit the car park. Sunday is the main issue but also some evenings. Could you make it no parking on the residential side of the road?

The traffic is busy, but only really on one day so I don't mind.

There aren't cricketers in the park are a big issue, they hang out under the Velodrome shelter and soccer canteen. Tails stop them off there. It makes me feel unsafe. If activation helps this it's a good thing. Could there be a caretaker for the park? There is a lot of speeding along Old McMillans Rd. It would be good to put things in place to stop this. Stop people being able to park on the road. The car park is not an issue for me, I'm across the road and work shift work, I don't even hear the cars.

People use Old McMillans Rd as a short cut / rat run and speed along. It's very concerning especially with so many kids around, very dangerous. It needs traffic calming at each end. Perhaps a roundabout at Bayley St. Retain some space for dog walking etc.
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<td>Didn’t comment, will review fact sheet</td>
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<td>New to the area, will check out the information and survey</td>
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<td>Will talk to partner</td>
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Opposed = 6  
Supportive = 12  
Unsure / don’t mind = 4  
No response = 6

Opposed = 2  
Supportive = 15  
Unsure / don’t mind = 5  
No response = 6

Opposed = 6  
Supportive = 13  
Unsure / don’t mind = 3  
No response = 6

28 out of 37 properties spoke to (76%)

**RED – OPPOSED**

**GREEN – SUPPORTIVE**

**ORANGE – UNSURE / DON’T MIND**
Appendix F Full Survey Results

Survey Report
29 January 2018 - 08 May 2019

Velodrome Precinct Proposal
PROJECT: Velodrome Precinct Proposal
Engage Darwin
Q1  Do you use or visit Bagot Park?

100 (50.0%)
21 (10.5%)

Question options
- Yes
- No
(200 responses, 8 skipped)

Q2  If so, how often do you visit?

25 (12.3%)
41 (21.0%)
44 (18.1%)
66 (33.0%)
21 (10.5%)

Question options
- Often (Everyday)
- Regularly (once a week)
- Occasionally (once every two or three weeks)
- Sometimes (once every two to three months)
- Rarely (a few times a year)
- Optional question (51 responses, 21 skipped)
Q3 Please select the options that represent your use or interest in Bagot Park

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<td>Soccer player / spectator / coach / administrator</td>
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<td>I use the Velodrome as a member of Cycling NT or Darwin Cycling Club</td>
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<td>I use the Velodrome as a member of Triathlon NT</td>
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<td>Casual use of the velodrome</td>
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<td>Use the playground</td>
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<td>Casual exercise / walking / jogging</td>
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<td>Take paths to the area</td>
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<td>Picnics / socialise</td>
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<td>Live in the local neighbourhood (within 1 km of Bagot Park)</td>
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<td>Jack S</td>
<td>Hopeful new user of Bagot Park.</td>
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<td>BGeorge</td>
<td>If the velodrome was in good condition I would use it</td>
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<td>Weleknt</td>
<td>I use the skills park within the velodrome. DORG member. Under Tim Ellis's Movement program</td>
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<td>GraySquirrel</td>
<td>Interested in using the facilities.</td>
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<td>Boulder</td>
<td>I would use it most days if it included a good quality pump track and jump set</td>
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<td>byrne</td>
<td>I cycle in the area but do not use the velodrome</td>
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<td>dixon</td>
<td>Interested in facilities for mtb riding</td>
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<td>GRI</td>
<td>Enjoy family Pushbike around that whole area when we cycle to Jennings across the road.</td>
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<td>NelsonK</td>
<td>Answered no to first question</td>
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<td>JR</td>
<td>At the moment I don't use this space since my children are grown up but depending on what is being done I may use it in the future.</td>
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<td>Rando54</td>
<td>Kids bike skills/leams</td>
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<td>ChrisAsh</td>
<td>I don't use it now, but if the pump track and skills area are built I will use it in the future.</td>
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<td>SK</td>
<td>Walk and recreation</td>
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<td>Suse</td>
<td>participate in the community MOV3 program-BRILLIANT fitness/activity program for ALL ages!!!</td>
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<td>TP</td>
<td>I don't use the area at present, but I would use the area if a pump track facility was built.</td>
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<td>andyj</td>
<td>just like to see improvements for the people of Darwin this is something that would be used by myself and many others, gets everyone alive.</td>
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<td>Nola</td>
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Q5  Do you use this open space area?

- Yes: 52 (24.9%)
- No: 157 (75.1%)

Q6  If so, what do you use it for?

- Casual exercise/walking/jogging: 48
- Take pets to the area: 20
- Picnics/socialise: 11
- Other: 7

Total responses: 69 (100%)
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<td>GR</td>
<td>Looking at and enjoying the green and tree landscape when cycling past</td>
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<td>NelsonPK</td>
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<td>Nathan</td>
<td>Play with the kids. Cricket, footy etc</td>
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<td>DE</td>
<td>I like to walk through it on my daily walk because it's a peaceful place.</td>
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<td>Looking at the small plants that grow in the sand and bird watching</td>
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**Optional question** (6 responses, 204 skipped)
Q8. Would you like to see this open space area developed to provide recreation / community facilities?

**Question options**
- Yes
- No
- Unsure

27 (12.0%) Yes
7 (3.3%) No
175 (83.7%) Unsure

Q9. Do you support the proposed new cycle path / criterium track?

**Question options**
- Yes
- No
- Unsure

161 (77.0%) Yes
35 (16.8%) No
18 (7.2%) Unsure

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<td>The more riding activities available, the better.</td>
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<td>That grass area now can be full of antisocial behaviour. Changing it to use it as a recreational area will improve this. I will use it; my husband, so will my 2 kids.</td>
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<td>Great improvement of a tired facility</td>
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<td>Additional safe criterium racing and training option for Darwin cyclists.</td>
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<td>Current area not really being utilized. I’d use the area to roller skate in.</td>
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<td>No other criterium track in Darwin</td>
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<td>Other options are open roads or hidden valley.</td>
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<td>My family and I are cyclists and would use it often. Also, I believe this would provide great training opportunities for our young cyclists as well as a recreational option to kids in the area. This would be a good safe place for criterium racing and allow new riders and juniors a safe place to learn to ride without having to use roads (vehicle traffic) or bike paths (pedestrian and animal traffic). Offers a great opportunity to promote the sport while remaining separate from car traffic. This will be a fantastic safe facility for cyclists to use. To race and train on.</td>
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<td>Deano646</td>
<td>Would provide a new facility more centrally in Darwin (than Hidden Valley) for both amateur bike racing (appropriately managed by the Darwin Cycling Club) and also for safe bike skills development for children (both organised and spontaneous/ incidental). More facilities for cycling.</td>
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<td>Cater for more cycling events in a centralised area whilst giving cycling a “home” in Darwin.</td>
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<td>JT</td>
<td>Local point for community use. Encourage healthy lifestyle. Consistent with velodrome and creates a cycling hub.</td>
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<td>This would provide extra space to train without traffic. There would be no</td>
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Fibursy

This would be a fantastic cycling resource for Darwin and one that enhances safety. Cycling is a fast growing sport that promotes health and wellbeing and the area is a patch of good quality dedicated road cycling infrastructure in Darwin.

S.Jane

It will be a great area for all Darwin cyclists as there is no area like it currently. It would also allow more people to get into cycling.

Smiley_1910

It starts the process of NT cycling catching up with the rest of the country.

Keryg

Develop existing activities for everyone. A good use of space. For my grandchildren.

Connor13

I am a keen cyclist and believe it would create a safe riding and racing circuit.

Bglisson

Criterium training and racing has been gaining in popularity and a purpose built track would be a great asset to the cycling community during events as well as benefiting other park users outside of event use.

Matt46

It would bring more cyclists to the area. For a safe fun enclosed social racing.

Ribament

Great use of space, complements the velodrome facility, easy accessibility.

Alesha

Provides more opportunities for cyclists.

Pete

As a cyclist I would love to see something like this in Darwin and would use it frequently.

Sdavis

I am a little bike riding.

In

Cyclists are getting more and more hated by motorists. Take it off the streets and have a purpose built area for crits like the east coast does. Clubs will benefit due to not hiring out hidden valley to currently hold the races.

monkthamson

More recreation infrastructure for Darwin.

kgear55

Provides and appropriate safe and skilled track for criterium racing and junior rider development.

Nhubbad

Safe off-road cycling.

Molina

Safe place to train with a group of cyclists away from traffic problems.

EH

There simply aren’t enough cycling facilities in Darwin. An incredible sport for inclusiveness and health yet there a few places to ride. Cycling is for people...
of all ages and like swimming, is a go to sport for people with previous injuries or ailments due to its low impact nature. The environmental and social benefits are huge. Please give us somewhere where the community can ride safely, build fitness and have fun, not to mention put Darwin on the map for visiting cyclists.

gives riders a safe option free from traffic to ride without the boredom of going around in circles.

Because crit training is currently expensive and not that accessible

gives people an extra cycling experience I would also like to see a bit more
width included for a running lane... triathletes may want to zoom around the
velodrome then run (brick workout)

Firstly - no concrete - bad riding surface - if you don't understand this please
take a ride on the concrete paths that border the park Great idea but the
distance is not very long - would be better to try to include the whole park if
possible

Off road cycling infrastructure would be useful in Darwin suburbs

I have done occasional criterium training with the Cycling club and would like
to be able to do it on my own or with the club in the open space. Also
somewhere safe for me to take my children.

Any better cycling infrastructure is a good thing for Darwin. Darwin needs
more sporting opportunities.

There is a huge community who can benefit from this

It will further invigorate cycling in Darwin and provide a thought out criterium
circuit

Safe controlled environment for cycling training

It would be a great option for cyclists, and provide an everyday option/ training to improve criterium fitness to make the hidden valley crits more fun

It may provide a safe place for social and competitive cycling. It will aid in
training for competitive cyclists who wish to represent the NT Interstate and is
likely to have a huge positive impact on cycling in DARWIN. Would provide a good place for pre or post work cycling activity. The location makes it accessible by bike by a large proportion of the Darwin community

This would provide a safe place for community and cyclist to ride bikes
safely. It offers the community a fun recreational precinct for kids, adults and
people with disabilities. People can ride to the park. It will contribute to a
healthy lifestyle and is open to the public. The criterium track would offer a
free place for cyclists to do circuit training and club training. I would like to
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<td>see the criterium track being wider which will allow it to be suited for racing and for wheelchair sports.</td>
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<td>Currently using hidden valley race track - this would be more suited for road bikes.</td>
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<td>Phil</td>
<td>Improves fitness, improves cycling skills. Educates cyclists about group riding. Raises public awareness about cycling. Fun.</td>
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<td>K Roberts</td>
<td>Need an off-road facility to train on.</td>
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<td>Dodge</td>
<td>Great athlete and spectator sport.</td>
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<td>JK78</td>
<td>A good safe criterium track away from traffic is definitely needed in Top End as currently we use the Hidden Valley V8 circuit which is great but does cost the Cycling Club too much. Length sounds good however I would suggest width is a bit narrower compared to other criterium tracks. Should be over 4m wide and even up to 6.8m wide in start/finish straight. Looks like fun. I ride my bike at least 3 times per week and would definitely use it. Looks great for kids riding development too.</td>
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<td>IL’l be a good, safe track for cyclists to exercise and practice on that’s not on the road and doesn’t need to be shared with pedestrians. And its in the middle of suburban area so a lot of people will be able to have easy access to it.</td>
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<td>Any activity based facility would be an asset to the community, the area is presently under utilised and could be better landscaped</td>
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<td>This would be a little more appropriate than Hidden Valley, also easier access.</td>
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<td>a good option for people to gain cycling skills of the road. Also I like the idea of holding races there and creating a bit of a social vibe</td>
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<td>Good constructive use of community land.</td>
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<td>I think it would be a great way to support the health of the community by providing a safe place for people to cycle &amp; hence would promote the participation rate of cycling &amp; hence improving the health of the community. It would also be another small step towards changing the way cyclists are viewed in the community, &amp; hence would improve cyclist safety out on the roads.</td>
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<td>Good for the development of cycling and triathlon in the NT. Moreover, it will provide a safe place for cycling, away from cars and pedestrians, which is of mutual benefit to all.</td>
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<td>Because it’s a good idea. I strongly agree with DCC encouraging and</td>
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facilitating people to participate in outdoor activities.

More family orientated Darwin open air spaces with activities for all ages are more fun given a lot of people cycle; from young to senior ages in Darwin.

Would give those involved in the sport or those who just enjoy it a lot more opportunity to greater their skills.

Supported as it would add to the value of the precinct. Allowing for the precinct to cater for a range of people and their respective abilities.

Increasing accessibility of the precinct for a broader spectrum of participants.

I enjoy mountain biking and it is a sport that is getting more popular all over the world and is cheap and healthy.

Efficient Use vacant space

There is a community for the facility.

Several friends and family members are cycling enthusiasts and would make use of it.

Great space to exercise especially if safe to do so.

Whole family use it for multiple reasons. It is a safe place to train and to learn in a safe environment.

I support all facility upgrades that encourage a healthy activity and lifestyle.

There are plenty of other open spaces for people to walk dogs etc., not so many designed purely for recreational bike riding.

Not specific to cycling, providing a fixed distance track is useful for walkers, runners, cycling and a range of exercise activities (provided it is prioritised as open public use and cycling does not have or even believe they have some type of monopoly over it).

allows for increased use of the area without changing the overall nature of the park.

It would be a great idea and another great way of training.

Anything that helps support exercise and bike riding is very good for the community.

Great to add off road cycling options.

There are few other places, and none in the vicinity, for regular fitness work.
on a bicycle, that don't involve risking your life with traffic.

At the moment it's just dead space, might as well have available for use by people.

Because Darwin doesn't have a purpose built Criterium track and the park is under-utilised at present.

It will give purpose to the area and provide a great new opportunity for cyclists, upcoming athletes to train and kids to enjoy the area.

Darwin cyclists can always use more cycle paths/tracks.

Great place for people to get fit and spend time outdoors.

Cyclists and motorists have a long history of safety incidents on the road. This would be a big relief to have somewhere for bike training without worrying about safety issues with cars. Also great place for juniors to develop confidence away from walkers and cars.

Having this facility will give existing cyclists a place to train but also encourage more people into the sport.

There is over one hundred competitive cyclists in Darwin. Criterium racing is an important dimension of bicycle racing. We used to crit race on open roads in the past but the current permits now make this difficult to plan and organise. Hidden Valley is really not a crit circuit and we have limited access to it. I will use it most weeks.

Safe place for all to cycle and exercise and open and free.

My kids would get a lot of use and enjoyment out if it.

I commute to work by bike everyday. I think if Darwin has more facilities for the community to gain confidence, skills and fitness in cycling this would be a great outcome.

It is a required safe place to use not on public roads. There are a large amount of avid riders in Darwin that would use this.

The quality of current velodrome is pretty average. It needs an upgrade. I don’t use it much anymore due to the state.

Because it won’t impact on the current use and will improve the existing facility and complement the proposed velodrome.

I am a cyclist and would love to see improved facilities that could be used by all. The criterium tract is of particular interest to me as there are few other places where these activities can be undertaken without potential vehicle or
itemb

APM CCBC Team

joolie

herran.

ChrisA9X

JD

peDESTrian interactions.

It would create a comprehensive cycling hub and off an option where you don’t have to worry about cars.

Great idea to give people a good area to exercise or just to ride their bikes.

It’s a good safe place for people to ride.

It will help keep cyclists safe and off the road.

For safe cycling and training that is not a the shared road with cars. My uncle was killed when he was struck by a car while training.

Whilst I am not a member of Cycling NT/Darwin Cycling Club, I am contemplating membership. I cycle both recreationally and as my primary mode of transport. I think that the availability of a wide variety of bicycle-centered activities would be an apt aspiration for Darwin, given that this is essentially the cycling capital of Australia (I understand that Darwin has the highest uptake of cycling of all Australian capital cities). Variety in cycling activities is critical to engage and attract engagement. For instance, certain bike owners may only be interested in pump tracks or off-roading, whereas others are more attracted to road racing or touring. A criterium track, if done correctly, would be a step in the right direction in stimulating participation in the sport (with enormous health benefits for those that do).

Cycling is a growing sport in the Darwin and Palmerston area with a number of impressive juniors. It has not had any significant funding support in a long time, evident by the state of the velodrome.

I am a cyclist and a father of kids that love cycling. This sort of facility creates safe riding for everyone.

I would use the area even more regularly if there were other options for training away from roads.

It appears to be a good area for cyclists to use a safe riding path.

It is an under utilized area of land. A criterium circuit would be a complimentary feature to the existing velodrome.

Cycling is a fast growing pastime and source of outdoor fitness and suitable for all ages and abilities. A dedicated track would suit this large section of the population.

More options for training and recreation, better use of the vacant land.

Because it promotes community health, fitness and social participation. It is also a safer place to ride bikes away from traffic.
Looks like a good place for kids to ride

It would be a great place for cyclists to improve their skills

It provides a safe riding environment; it is within easy reach of most northern suburbs; it is extremely overused; easily accessible;

Free or affordable physical activity areas are highly important for physical and mental well being. I'm in favour of any and all improvements to park and rec facilities.

It will make use of a space that is currently underutilised. It will allow cyclists a safe place to ride away from the road. Riding on the road is dangerous with cars giving little time or space for cyclists.

Will be popular amongst cyclists, essential for ongoing development of junior / youth cycling activities

Would be a great benefit to the community

Often need to travel a distance to use similar facilities. Excellent location and safe place to ride without fear of traffic

Safe Offroad cycling space for children

Safe (away from roads) place to ride.

It’s an improvement to the area and hopefully would reduce the terrible mess, fighting etc that the itinerants do there daily

Cycling is a growing sport. Developing safe areas to cycle is imperative.

Due to the lack of cycling facilities in Darwin and the velodromes disrepair from decades of neglect.

Having a number of cycling specific facilities in the same area will promote more use of the facility so the more variety of cyclists that can be put together the better the area will be utilised.

Provides a safe and enclosed area to ride for kids and training purposes.

It’s fantastic to see an upgrade on facilities which will allow further development and skills for anyone who uses it.

I believe it would add to the amenity of the area, as well as further integrate cycling and so activate the space.

It would bring another recreational activity to our front door.
Support it to improve amenities in the area. On the proviso that the car park be sealed and correctly laid out to improve orderly parking. Has not changed in 40 plus years. Accessible for all cyclists.

Provides an opportunity for safe training.

My daughter is a cyclist and it provides a safe place for her to train.

I want most of the children now a days to be active in sports and not on electronic games. Get fit and healthy.

More stuff to do.

Good for local cycling, all road so provides safe environment. Especially for kids.

Great for the community.

Cycling is an awesome sport and should be supported but just not in this location.

Cycling is becoming a popular sport in other interstate areas. Are one-historic track does not accommodate for development in this area.

Awesome do it. We need more ideas like this that promote good living options in the territory and provide a great social option.

More facilities to get people and children exercising in a safe environment can only be a good thing.

Optional question (155 responses, 54 skipped)
Q11  Why don't you support it?

Katherine

Because of traffic management issues, I support an upgrade of the velodrome, however, I do not support extending that area. Also, there are large numbers of frilled neck lizards living in the area and I am concerned about them.

Dana

Should be kept as green parkland and buffer zone for local residents. Birds and wildlife need areas. Too much noise and lighting already from new zoning which is attracting undesirable youth and more break ins. Too much traffic on McMillans Road and other small narrow streets. Don’t want increase in dust. Not enough car spaces. Wrong place to have - should be in Marrara sports complex area away from residents who have been here along time. Too much encroaching developers already and less natural habitat.

Leave our green areas alone.

Cathwood

I don’t think it is wide enough, nor long enough to use as a proper pro track for racing and training. Whilst some people may casual ride around it, it would better put this else where, where it can be done properly.

The land area is large, way too big for the Darwin Cycling Club who has a very, very small membership. The velodrome is also poorly placed for most Darwin Cycling club members and recreational bike users as they are now using the Hidden Valley Raceway as a safe and secure facility for professionally organised and community rides. The Darwin Cycling Club is a not for profit organisation that has only been successful for one major event, the Grand Fondo. The event relies heavily on community sponsorship and attracts up to 500 recreational riders only and uses major roads for participation. The velodrome receives very light use, and has only been consistently used by for profit entities to teach cycling and safety skills. And relies heavily on its association with the Triathlon Club. The Velodrome should be dismantled and the open space area used for a large sporting body, namely soccer who has a large membership and regularly use the space. The space where the velodrome is situated now, could be developed into a soccer clubhouse with appropriate male and female change rooms.

The remaining open space, up to Sabino Road should be openly reviewed for a wider community project such as community hall, multi use, day retreat and transport hub for seniors and pensioners. A feasibility study should be undertaken for more appropriate use of the land. Also additional facilities to support social use as picnic, walking path and BBQ.

A bike path around the parkland yes I support, just like what exists now along McMillans Road. But definitely DO NOT support the criterium track. Criterium track is for people who ride at rather fast/high speeds and would be dangerous to other park users.

Sure

I feel it will be a waste of money as the length and width is below international standards for compelling. Exists on the footpaths are a safety risk particularly when races are being held. I understand this will only occur once a month but would need all exits off the footpath closed. There will be a reduction of open spaces.
I would like to see the park kept in its current state to be used by the public as they wish. It is a lovely open space and particularly dog owners use it a lot.

- Criterion tracks are racing tracks. Cyclists can reach speeds up to and over 60kph. The criterion track does not meet Cycling Australia championship event criteria so why build it? It is not known what the criterion track would be used for. Cyclist representatives at consultations were unsure of what it would be used for racing? riding for pleasure? encouraging healthy lifestyles for Miler residents? Why call it a criterion track if it is not going to be used for racing?
- The proposed track has four (4) connection points to the pedestrian footpath. Exit and entry points onto a footpath would be a very real safety risk.
- The criterion track would be dangerous to pedestrians, cyclists and dogs. They do not mix. Members of the public and residents could possibly be banned from exercising their dogs in this area due to risks to both dogs and cyclists. This could mean fencing it off in the future for safety reasons.
- A fence is not suitable for the parkland and excludes public use.

This extension to the velodrome development will result in loss of open space for pet exercise and public enjoyment. Dog walking and cycling are somewhat incompatible, so we would anticipate that the criterion, pump and flat tracks would require fencing to prevent interaction with members of the public and their pets strolling the open space.

The velodrome proposal is too big a development for too small a membership the green space currently offers a barrier to traffic from the nearby roads. The development of the space would reduce the intended benefits.

I would like to know more information in particular how many members the velodrome has at the moment. I didn’t realise the area in the proposal was public space and that we were allowed to go on it.

1. Too big a development for too small a membership; 2. The velodrome proposal has grown into a significant development (or acquisition) of public green space; 3. If the velodrome is to be upgraded, move it to Marrara Sports Precinct where all Peak Sports are based.

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I support the idea of a criterion track being built in Darwin, however with the size (width) of the track I think it would get limited usage. Instead I think the NT Government should look at building a wider track which will enable the Darwin Cycling Club to host regular races, rather than using the Hidden Valley Racetrack (which is too long and wide). It a wider track could be built.
at the location then I would support it, otherwise I suggest the NT government look at building the infrastructure elsewhere.

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See below

Our house is right across the road, it will create additional traffic and noise.

I would like to see the park developed in such a way that it gets more use by everyone, not just cyclists. I don’t see dogs and children are a good mix with a Criterium Track as the bikes will be going at speeds where collisions with other users would inevitably occur.

- What is it? A criterium track or a bike path? No-one seems to know. What has been identified and described as a Criterium track was at the last consultation being called a bicycle path for all cyclists and Millner community residents for general exercise and for keeping healthy! • However it is listed as a criterium track so that’s what I am responding to. It does not meet Cycling Australia Champion event criteria. It is too narrow and it does not meet the distance required for a criterium race. It would have connection points to the footpaths along Old McMillans road and McMillans Road. This would pose serious safety risks to the public. The pedestrian footpath at this stage along Old McMillans road and across the park to Sabine Road is only 1 metre wide. Exit and entry points onto this pedestrian path would be extremely dangerous. The footpath/shared path on McMillans Road is used by many walkers and cyclists going to and from work. Indigenous persons also like to gather at the Sabine end on the small hilltop and claim it is Larrakia Land. Exit and entry points along this section is dangerous. The Old McMillans Road pedestrian path is used by many older persons and, families with their children/grandchildren and also students who catch the bus on Sabine Road to the university. There is also a gentleman who uses a gopher along this path as well as an older woman with her disabled son. People also walk with their dogs on these paths. Combining these persons and pets with cyclists is not safe. There are also these questions to be asked: • What would this proposed criterium track be used for? Official, organised racing? Causal racing? Local persons racing for recreation/ fun? • What speeds could be expected along this criterium track?. I believe that cyclists can get up to 80 km per hour. At 20 km per hour this would still be dangerous. • During a criterium race would there be spectators gathered along the edges of the criterium track? How safe would this be? The Sabine Road end is also a place favoured by Indigenous people to gather. These people claim it is Larrakia land. Has anyone thought to consult these people or Larrakia Nation?

Carrusay

The proposed track limits access to the local shops from my residence on Old
McMillans Road. Cycling NT has alternative venues to use and do use Territory Wildlife Parks. The area is a corridor for local wildlife. The area is suburban and is a buffer to a 6 lane major arterial roadway to Darwin City. The proposed precinct is the product of a select lobby group and does not benefit the residents who pay taxes and rates.

1. The 3 metre concrete track in the small Open area closest to Sabine Road detracts from the area currently designated an Open area for recreational use. a. People use this area to exercise and walk their dogs b. Students use the footpath to access bus transport c. Local residents walk through this area to access Sabine shops d. Residents walk across the park at night to access the service station on McMillans Road. 2. The Open Area - Sabine Road The track t ies in a small area where there will be little or no area for anyone to walk or play a. The 2 x 3 metre concrete tracks will absorb most of the park area b. The boundary on the corner of McMillans Road and Sabine Road will further restrict the amount of land available to construct two 3 metre tracks running on Sabine Road in the Open area. 3. Repair and Maintenance of the Criterium track a. In consideration of past decades of parkland neglect, repair and maintenance issues relating to the ongoing upkeep of the 780 x 3 metre concrete track may be problematic for the council. Examples include Potholes, Depressions/Poor Water Drainage, High Spots, Cracks, Catch Basins and Prevented Decoration b. Council must forecast a future repair and maintenance budget for the track. 4. Safety of other users of the parkland is of significant importance. Cyclists are known to ride at speeds of 60-65km per hour. What protection is offered to other users and who will monitor the speeds of cyclists using the track? 5. The Criterium Track should be located in a Bicycle Precinct in the Northern Territory-designated sporting area at Marrara. I do not support the construction of a Criterium Track. As the soccer ground is used for matches or training and there is no where else to walk your dog or exercise safely. There would be more traffic on old McMillan Rd which is already a nightmare when soccer matches are on.

Criterium tracks are 8m wide. This is just another bike track when we already have a serviceable path for walking and riding around the Bagal park area. Having seen the Velodrome, park and paths be so haphazardly maintained this will either be an ongoing expense or become an eyesore.

Fast moving bikes in this area is dangerous for other users of the park, bikes paths reduces green space and increasing users to area will increase traffic to area which again increases danger. This type of development should be located at Marrara or other non suburban park.

I like it as it is, relaxing.

I Would like to see water features, a place that is quiet and peaceful.
Q12  Comment

BG

I would not use it but I certainly think it would be an asset.

Welsknt

I think it’s a great idea if its monitored for foot traffic while in use. People wandering on to the track while someone’s riding 40 plus kmh is not a combination. Also great for the club when there’s no access to hidden valley. Would be expensive due to being so long (although there is no point building a shorter version). The upgraded velodrome can be used for criterium rides as well as hidden valley track. At 3m wide and with access to footpaths it could not be used as an effective criterium track. Money would be better spent elsewhere.

Skoobiepep

Needs to be longer and less likely to be used by walkers, unsupervised children etc as bikes will be moving fast.

Colin

The width of the track is not wide enough and slightly too short to hold criterium races. From my research a criterium track should be no less than 800m and no more than 3km in length, with a minimum width of 7.5m with a finishing straight of a minimum of 200m (length) and 8m (width). It would be worth reviewing the Ballarat Regional Criterium Track Feasibility Study: https://www.cycingballarat.com.au/uploads/70137/03/37/00338125/1854_urbanscale_cyclingclu081116.pdf

jaci76

It needs to be longer and a bit wider at the finish. I’d like to see it at least 800m long and about 6m wide towards the finish for at least 50m.

Emark

Would this be fully open to the community 24/7 not just club riders? Would it reduce speeding cyclists on the normal shared path?

wombat180

Kat

I would be concerned for people/children crossing over this track to get to the bike skills track. I would want to see more sealed surface parking possibly Salbine road side of velodrome to accommodate people using the area. I would like to see no trees lost and more trees planted. I would like to see the area irrigated. I would like for this area not to be locked access.

I am concerned how the increase road traffic will be managed. Could there be access to Baggot Park constructed off McMillans Rd???

Nathan

Am concerned about the extra traffic & crime activities this may bring as I live on Old McMillans Rd

WM

derek

It would be a good off road area to ride with young kids but not if people are racing around it. Not sure if it is particularly useful.

Optional question (11 responses, 198 skipped)
Q13  Do you support the proposed Bike Skills Park Flat Track Course

Question options
- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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<td>It would be good to have more man-made tracks in Darwin. The more diversity in riding locations, the more likely a person is to continue with the hobby. Fantastic facility for DARWIN kids! Cycling is a hugely popular sport here.</td>
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<td>Riking</td>
<td>It would be great for juniors and training them</td>
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<td>DivineU</td>
<td>Develop riders skills</td>
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<td>Northernblue</td>
<td>We use the current track in the velodrome (together with ever a hundred other kids who participate in the Mov3 program) and believe a new track would attract a greater number of kids for the training sessions as well as provide a fantastic recreational option. The current Super Saturday/Sunday bike skills session is immensely popular and enjoyed by children of all ages as well as adults. It is fundamental to continue to provide this facility given the velodrome is going to be upgraded and will not fit this course inside the track. Having a central location for all the relevant facilities makes logistical sense.</td>
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<td>MTGH</td>
<td>This facility will be used a lot by young and older cyclists to develop their skills. It is safe and off road. What a great idea and use of our money.</td>
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<td>Daan646</td>
<td>The current Bike Skills course has proven to be a very popular amenity for junior cycling skills development through both the Darwin Cycling Club and through Triathlon NT. If it is not possible to continue within the rebuilt velodrome, it should be developed next to it. To expand and cater for a wider range of cycling involvement events.</td>
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<td>Taylor</td>
<td>Essential skill development for children. Consistent with use of space for cycling. Promotes activity and healthy lifestyle</td>
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<td>JTh</td>
<td>This gives children and families a space to practice bike handling skills. It would be better to have a larger space to do this.</td>
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Give people a safe place to learn skills

Well used facility suited to building mountain biking off road confidence and skills

Great skills builder. Great for all levels of rider. A place for Tim Ellison and his program to continue.

I have used the current track for approx the last 6 years and it would be a shame to see it go. Relocation is great and plenty of people use it on a Saturday arvo. It’s great for riders of all ages. For junior and up and coming rider development.

Again the area is unused but the development of the velodrome means the loss of a great resource that is used by 100s of kids.

As mentioned in my response to the criterium track. It would provide a fantastic spot for family’s to go to to practise their riding. It would greatly assist the various junior clubs with junior skill development.

All cycling is good exercise. Anything that encourages exercise is good.

Improves facilities for cycling.

See above

I like cycling

I feel it will just be an nice upgrade! Who doesn’t like an upgrade. Darwin sometimes can be a little behind the times. Let’s get with it!

As above

I am a regular participant in the currently running bike skills program run by Tim Ellison. My son is also a regular participant. Having more quality facilities will teach my son the quality of a good outdoor lifestyle with regular exercise. These tracks are get to help new cyclists gain confidence, learn bike control skills and generally have fun. We take our two children to the current facility however the new location provides for new and exciting elements. It’s more for the younger children as the cycling and triathlon teaches the bike handling skills needed for this sport.

Love cycling and provides DARWIN with more options, which it needs.
Skodabetep
I use the one currently in the centre of the velodrome and it is inadequate. It is great for kids to learn skills.

NunoCalado
Essential for the development of future athletes

Fibussy
Similar reasons as above except this time more for BMX and Mountain biking participants

eMcLachlan
It provides benefit to all types of cyclists in Darwin as there is not an area like this currently

Smiley_1010
Allows for improved bike handling skills and safer riders.

Kerry
great espansion for these growing sports

Connor18
As a mountain biker I believe it is of great importance to all riders to have somewhere to improve their skills

jgibson
My soft uses the existing bike skills area but a purpose built course would be a great improvement.

Matt48
Great for kids and families

Colin
This is used by all ages and levels of riders on a casual basis but also as a social fun hub for organised training. The no. Of people using the current facility is increasing.

Same as above

Aleasha
Great for kids to practice skills

Fete
As above

Sdavis
I am a mountain biker and see a skills course as beneficial in terms of personal improvement and encouraging people to engage in exercise

jallison
Sanfordson school jumps are a perfect example how good these parks are. You build them, people come out of the woodwork to ride their bikes - experienced or not. I want to use it

slansorn
Would be a great improvement to facilities & skills for the children participating in the rider skills sessions held weekly at the venue.

kgear55
The one that is currently set up is used by so many people, as if it is outside
the velo, there would be a lot more use of it

The free community program run by Triathlon NT is great for all ages. It will be disappointing to see it cease due to the loss of space/track.

We don’t have a single trail in Darwin where riders can learn new skills that doesn’t get closed for weeks at a time due to rain/fall. We need something robust, that can be altered and moved in the event of extreme weather because it’s brilliant fun.

Great introduction for ppl who want to get into the tracks at lee point and CDNP in a controlled environment.

Sounds like a good idea!

It will leave the middle of the track free for flat grassed activities will allow users of the velodrome and flat track ability to operate at the same time with more safety.

Great for riders to learn at all ages, great for young people to connect with the sport - connect with cycling clubs.

It seems like a nice addition to a cycling park.

As someone who has recently taken up mountain biking, I would love something like this for honing my skills on and somewhere safe for me to take my children.

Great for crossover sports. MTB/cycling/BMX. Could lead to cyclecross development over time.

There is not enough cycle space for kids and adults in Darwin.

For kids to enjoy

Helps to improve safety and remove risk by having the flat skills located inside the high speed velodrome.

Great for grass roots cycling

Mountain bike skills training is essential to support a vibrant mountain bike community in Darwin. Providing a dedicated skills training area, particularly one within a nominally social setting would be a great benefit for the sport in Darwin area.

As it is a facility that the community would use and it will keep people active. The dirt track only needs to be 2-4m wide but 8m at the start and finish.

Much better location than the middle of the velodrome.
CraigM

Improves cycling skills Educates people new to cycling, young and old

Phil

I have grandchildren just learning to ride and this will be great for them soon

good infrastructure to engage young people in physical activity

Krob

The Bike Skills Park Flat Track Course needs to be away from Velodrome to
free up the space in the centre of Velodrome so it can be used as a warm up
and warm down and preparation area for teams, athletes etc. during events
and training.

Same answer as above.

Dodge

I know a lot of people who benefit from the training and practice they get
from the current course. A dedicated course would be a great step forward
with continuing this activity.

great sessions supports bike skills and my kids have a huge amount of fun
from the activity

As above

JK7B

Jason

Sounds great, would be good to have somewhere to take the kids!

The ditches

I think the Darwin mtb scene could really benefit from a course like this

Zdx

Sounds awesome fun.

backj01

Yet another great way to support cycling and the health of the community.
Many people may not like the whole road cycling style & would find the skills
track to be a less aerobically intensive but fun way to cycle.

Freelancer000

These sorts of development will provide more opportunities for kids to get
involved in cycling and triathlon, and sport overall. This is good for a healthy
and active community.

GR

Because it's a good idea. I strongly agree with DCC encouraging and

TD

facilitating people to participate in outdoor activities.

Em

More family orientated Darwin open air spaces with activities for all ages are

The current one already gets lots of use by the kids. Building a new and

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improved version can only be a good thing for kids activities.

The mobile bike skills program is fantastic and provides an opportunity for kids to develop their skills prior and whilst participating in competitive activities. The site would increase the accessibility so that families could use the site to practice skills outside of formal training. It would be a well used facility and the loss of the current course would be a real loss of skills development opportunities for kids.

Great way to improve without having to build dodgy obstacles on public land.

Efficient use vacant space

Community need

Any additional physical activity facilities are a good thing.

Exercise

Upgrade of facilities Activates a vacant space that has antisocial behaviour

I support all facility upgrades that encourage healthy activity and lifestyle

There are plenty of other open spaces for people to walk dogs etc., not so many designed purely for recreational bike riding.

Great for kids to try riding and build confidence in an out of the way area not in other parks.

To improve skills

Anything that helps support exercise and bike riding is very good for the community

Great to have more options for cycling off road - get more people involved

The existing one is too small and gets little use. A new one would provide a local resource encouraging more users and complement the BMX track at Marrara.

Again might as well use the space.

It would be a great use of the land adjacent to the velodrome. And solves the problem we have currently. The problem being that the velodrome is not...
Jake I

Jana

Rand054

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Netgelt

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GR

PD

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traebl

FO

Altham77

dh

CS

suitable as a velodrome and the skills course is limited by the inner dimensions of that velodrome. I live 2.5km away and would go out of my way to use this new skills course.

Same as above. It will give purpose to the area and provide a great new opportunity for cyclist, upcoming athletes to train and kids to enjoy the area.

I have nine grandkids and they currently use the bike skills once a week. A new bike skills and park flat track course will be awesome.

This is one of our weekly highlights for kids and adult activities using this track. It would be very disappointing if we lost this.

Great for Juniors to improve bike confidence and handling.

I have three sons who regularly use this bike skills flat track so if they are redeveloping the velodrome it would be great to have a new bike skills track built. So great for kids skills and confidence building.

Skills training for children and adults facilitates confidence and safety and gets more people active and healthy.

I will use it regularly and take friends there to hone their skills.

I would use it weekly.

Currently use the skills track for kids cycling, free and fantastic use of the space and would be a loss to not have the opportunity. A dedicated track would be if great use to cycling and general users.

Again our kids would use it frequently.

I think it’s great use of space, I don’t see this space ever being used for much else. So great to have a track like this in the close vicinity to where kids and adults live.

Same as above, I’ve helped Tim with his MOV3 program and he is awesome. When I have kids I would definitely send them to learn the skills provided by the program.

Another great opportunity for people to practice and take training skills development from experience riders and trainers. We need these facilities to be developed to create a richer life for locals. If we want people to stay we have to build a future and bring fun into the town.

My kids would start using this with the various cycling initiatives.

Because it will complement the proposal and it will improve the use of existing area. It will not limit existing dog walkers just as the soccer oval does not except when in use.

This would be great for teaching my kids to ride in a safe and purpose built
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environment.

labc

It offers excellent recreational and educational activities.

APM CCBC Team

Will be good use of available resources

jcombi

My kids love the bike skills track, and would love a new dedicated facility. It also gets people outside and being active.

ChrisASX

I would love to use this facility! I currently ride Mountain Bike trails and see this as very complementary.

JamesD

To ensure that the developments cater to the broadest possible audience, I fully support the Bike Skills Track. Such a Track appeals to young children, and perhaps those who are not adept cyclists. I think that in order to encourage uptake of cycling, that such a Track would be a fantastic addition (given that it allows for a gentler introduction to cycling than criterium or velodrome racing).

As above.

AH

Bike skills are essential for safe riding both on paths and on road, recreationally and racing.

RC

Proposal makes sense.

bonz007

Have participated in the bike skills in the velodrome and kids love it. Great to be able to learn fundamental bike skills in a safe environment.

derek

It is an under utilized area of land. The current situation of having a bike skills flat track course in the middle of the velodrome does not make sense from an accessibility or safety perspective.

nattimouse12

Cycling is a fast growing pastime and source of outdoor fitness and suitable for all ages and abilities. A dedicated track would suit this large section of the population.

kingpe

Because it helps to encourage all ages of people to take up cycling which has multiple benefits for individuals and the whole community.

Richard R

I have used, and my kids have used, the existing flat track for skills training. I would like to see such a facility continue.

molling

It would be a great place for cyclists to improve their skills.

FK

This would definitely appeal to younger riders who would enjoy a challenging well-maintained course rather than “going bush” and manufacturing their own jumps.

digger

The MOV3 program is a brilliant program that is FREE, and it encourages

Suee

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ALL ages get to get active. Given the rise of obesity, it's CRITICAL that programs that combat this, esp targeted at kids early, are funded and supported! If the velodrome goes ahead, there NEEDS to be funding allocated to create this flat track as well. Otherwise, the community loses a FANTASTIC program that so many people in the community use, and its numbers are growing! It's so popular and so many people rave about how great and well run it is. My KIDS LOVE IT and look forward to it every week! It's a highlight of our week and they get such a sense of achievement out of participating! It's BRILLIANT! Can't speak highly enough of it!

As above and a safe area away from traffic is ideal for teaching people to ride better/properly and to hone skills.

The upgrades to the velodrome as necessary to create a facility that is fit for purpose. However, the group that currently use the middle of the track should not lose out. This can be achieved with the use of underutilised space.

No where else has these facilities

Safe riding space for children especially if it has shade. Good to separate from multiple use spaces such as skate park where there are children and youth of all ages, and on occasion things going on (eg music with obstructions and themes which are not child friendly/other language) which make it uncomfortable for children to remain.

The existing facility is already widely used, as it will no longer be available inside the velodrome then a new facility outside the velodrome should be built to accommodate the current users.

Bike handling skills are important especially for kids. Gaining confidence and skills helps them to be better cyclists and road users.

It's an improvement to the area and hopefully would reduce the terrible mess, fighting etc that the itinerants do there daily.

There are no BMX facilities available to Darwin residents outside club hours.

A dedicated skills development course will promote more kids to get involved in cycling.

Not anywhere this can currently be done in Darwin that I know of.

It's in a central location and the upgrade will help further development and skills for those who use it.

Same as above.

Accessible for all cyclists

Didn't even know this exists already in the velodrome. If it's kid/youth friendly
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<td>Would be great to offer more exercise but fun activities.</td>
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<td>Rim</td>
<td>It provides a safe place for people to enjoy the outdoors.</td>
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<td>Miocra</td>
<td>To have more space and more exciting track.</td>
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<td>Jnow</td>
<td>Nothing like this in Darwin! Need to encourage outdoor activities for kids in safe environment</td>
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<td>Borne</td>
<td>Youth and children activity</td>
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<td>Mkmag</td>
<td>Providing a purpose-built track for young and old to develop their bike skills is important but not at this location.</td>
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<td>Havier</td>
<td>Great activity for child/youth development</td>
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<td>andyt</td>
<td>Same as above - just do it!</td>
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<td>Billy3790</td>
<td>It's important to have somewhere for people and more importantly, children to learn to ride safely</td>
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<td>MK</td>
<td>From my understanding these tracks are predominately for the use of younger riders and anything that encourages young people to get out and exercise is a great thing. I believe tracks like these should be developed in more parks.</td>
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Optional question (155 responses, 54 skipped)
Q15  Why don’t you support it?

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<td>Katherine</td>
<td>Please see above</td>
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<td>frederickmorije</td>
<td>Removing an openly accessible grassed area to replace it with a very limited use space makes no sense at all.</td>
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<td>Dana</td>
<td>Don’t need more development- leave it alone as parkland.</td>
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<td>henriette</td>
<td>I think it will be underutilised.</td>
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<td>SK</td>
<td>The land area is large, way too big for the Darwin Cycling Club who has a very, very small membership. The velodrome is also poorly placed for most Darwin Cycling Club members and recreational bike users as they are now using the Hidden Valley Raceway as a safe and secure facility for professionally organised and community rides. The Darwin Cycling Club is a not for profit organisation that has only been successful for one major event, the Grand Fondo. The event relies heavily on community sponsorship and attracts up to 600 recreational riders only and uses major roads for participation. The velodrome receives very light use, and has only been consistently used by for profit entities to teach cycling and safety skills. And relies heavily on its association with the Triathlon Club. The Velodrome should be dismantled and the open space area used for a large sporting body, namely soccer who has a large membership and regularly use the space. The space where the velodrome is situated now, could be developed into a soccer clubhouse with appropriate male and female change rooms. The remaining open space, up to Saxon Road should be openly reviewed for a wider community project such as community hall, multi use, day retreat and transport hub for seniors and pensioners. A feasibility study should be undertaken for more appropriate use of the land. Also additional facilities to support social use as picnic, walking path and BBQ. See above.</td>
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<td>chrisand6</td>
<td>Bike-Skills • The concept design only shows a winding track throughout a green space. It looks very pretty but the base of the proposed Bike Skills track is gravel. The width of the track ranges from 4 to 8 metres (ie that is wider than Old McMillans Road!!) The length of the Bike Skills Track is unknown. It appears to cover a very large area. The proposed area is not renegotiated. • The width of the current bike skills track inside the velodrome is 1 metre. There’s a lot of difference in size. It is not just a “re-location” of the existing bike skills area, it’s a whole new design. I’ve been told it is used as a “for profit” • This area would end up as an unsightly and ugly dustbowl. Refer above comments.</td>
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DMs
The velodrome proposal has grown into a significant development (or acquisition) of public green space

as above, furthermore it may lead to increased activity in the evenings and expose residents to anti social behavior at unreasonable times.

Refer to feedback

I don’t understand the need is the current track outgrown because too many people using it?

As above.

1. The velodrome proposal is too big a development for too small a membership;
2. The velodrome proposal has grown into a significant development (or acquisition) of public green space;
3. If the velodrome is to be upgraded, move it to Marrara Sports Precinct where all Peak Sports are based

See below

Too close to Irawisse, this area is meant to be a buffer to McMillans Rd. The track will create traffic, and noise and potentially antisocial behaviour if it opens.

• The current bike paths within the velodrome are about 1 metre wide and wind in and around a series of flagged posts. Often there are tyres around the track to create some sort of obstacles or distraction for the cyclists to maneuver around. The proposed bike skills track is dirt/gravel and ranges from 4 metre to 8 metres wide in different sections of the track. This is wider than 3 vehicles and so is much bigger than the existing bike skills area. The proposed area is not reticulated and so there will be a huge area of dirt and gravel which is not enhancing for a public park. Questions: Not enough detail has been provided. • Will this area be available for use by anyone at any time? • Will there be plans to fence around the bike skills area? • What will the new design look like? Tracks of 8 metres and 4 metres are very wide. • How much space will this track cover? Would like to see it stepped out. • How long will the track be? • What are slalom style activities? What do they look like? • Will this area be reticulated? • Will the flagged poles and tyres be left on the track? • Will residents and community members be banned from exercising their dogs in this area due to safety risks?

The bicycle skills area only has to move because the velodrome is being
upgraded which means that the lobby group cannot maintain this element within its current confines.

1. The 4-metre x 8-metre wide dirt track with humps and hip jumps will absorb a significant portion of parkland used by persons for the purpose of walking their dogs, allowing their dogs to run free on open parkland, and persons using the area to exercise or practice their golfing skills. 2. Constructing this course in a designated recreational area used by many people for general exercise restricts public use of parkland. 3. Parking areas currently provided are located farther away from the current bike skills area and it is highly likely that if the project proceeds, more vehicles will be parked on Old McMillan Road, adjacent the proposed track, thereby entering dangerous traffic conditions. 4. Dirt tracks on open parkland changes the aesthetic view from green to brown which is unpleasant. 5. Grounded and parkland adjacent the track will require ongoing costly and regular maintenance to maintain irrigation to reduce soil erosion and dust pollution. 5. The Bike Skills Park Flat Track Course should be relocated in a Bicycle Precinct in the Northern Territory designated sporting area at Marrara.

Comment: I understand that the track will be used for monthly competitive events. However, research revealed that the proposed track does not comply with National regulations to conduct competitive events.

Hauling a dirt track will cause neighbours to have dirt in their yards and will take up the whole area making it for cycling only and not the ride-paying.

The level of use of the original structure does not justify the increased expenses or upgrade. This will also take up a large portion of the area used for exercising pets from the area. The bike skills area was either not well maintained or simply ugly from the beginning. Making it larger and more visible will reduce the aesthetics of the area and again be expensive to maintain each wet season.

Same reasons as above. Believe this type of development should be located at Marrara ... for the safety of all.

I like it the way it is, a relaxing environment, although more trees would be nice.

I do not want to see hectic activity. I like it peaceful.

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<td>I would not use it but I certainly think it would be an asset.</td>
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<td>Kat</td>
<td>I would like to see sealed surface off street parking, not enough room on Old McMillans Rd for parking, is a residential street. I would like to see the area irrigated and planted for noise buffer and shade. It would need to be able to be accessed safely crossing the proposed cycle path.</td>
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<td>WM</td>
<td>Still my concern is the extra traffic plus the duel, extra crime activity as I live on Old McMillans Rd.</td>
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<td>Pamela M</td>
<td>As this will be a dirt track constant maintenance will be necessary to maintain it. The area could attract young people who are prone to commit vandalism. The track area would need to be relituated to keep the dirt settled and provide some shade.</td>
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Optional question (4 responses, 205 skipped)
Q17  Do you support the proposed pump track?

**Question options**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Total valid responses: 209, 0 skipped
Q18  Why do you support it?

Jack S
They are fun tracks which are good exercise. They are also a good place to practice bike skills, balance etc.

Lucyb
Another fantastic facility for DARWIN kids

Walle
Great facilities for Darwin

Swese
Looks like hella fun

Fiking
I will use it with my roller skates

Divenhow
Be good for young community members

Northernblue
Why not ??

MTGH
Same as above. The proposed development would essentially turn an underdeveloped area into a new and exciting cycling precinct.

Deano546
As a complete cycling venue this facility would complete the picture but if we had to lose any of the three this would be it.

Taylor
A new piece of infrastructure which is crucial to skill development as well as promoting the sport

JT
This will give young people an good activity to get them off the streets.

FLOT
Both attractive to junior cyclists (whether recreational/occasional or more regular amateur cyclists) and so valuable to junior cyclist skill and confidence development (again, at all levels).

Luke H
Great type of skills area for all ages and skills for all types of cycling.

rj
Great concept and currently nothing like this in Darwin. Essential skill development for children (balance, strength, coordination). Consistent with use of spaces for cycling and rolling activities. Promotes activity and healthy lifestyle

AK
It would be another space for lesser riders to gain bike skills in a safe environment. It would also be a companion space to the Jingili skate park for scooter/skateboard riders and their families.

Fun, fitness and a great thing to have
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<td>DebH</td>
<td>As a mountain biker it would be brilliant to have an all weather pump track to practice skills in a convenient location.</td>
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<td>Weiskirt</td>
<td>Because seeing the popularity of the one constructed at Charles Darwin and how many people it brought to the park. As a major city we are lacking this. Small councils, regional towns etc have all invested in these.</td>
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<td>MTBer</td>
<td>The one at the national park is great but does get washed out with rain, a bitumen one would be fantastic as it wouldn't deteriorate and I think it will bring a lot of fun and laughs to an unused park.</td>
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<td>N1</td>
<td>Again the area is unused but the development of the velodrome means the loss of a great resource that is used buy 100s of kids.</td>
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<td>KC</td>
<td>The one out at Charles Darwin National Park is a good Pump track but it's not close to the suburbs.</td>
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<td>Disco</td>
<td>All ages and all abilities can use the pump track. The best all round facility you can get!</td>
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<td>GraySquirrel</td>
<td>Improves facilities for cycling.</td>
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<td>Dabe</td>
<td>See above</td>
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<td>Matthew</td>
<td>I like cycling</td>
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<td>Carley</td>
<td>Why wouldn't you? What a great opportunity this is for young children and adults! Let face it, it hot out there! Give us a reason to go and have fun somewhere safe, fun and convenient.</td>
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<td>Fgman</td>
<td>Pump can improve all types of cycling skill and develop strength and technique.</td>
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<td>Ian</td>
<td>I regularly use the current pump track at Charles Darwin National Park, however this facility sometimes does not hold up well during the weather conditions. Having a good quality local pump track, and riding a pump track is fun and more exercise than you'd think.</td>
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<td>melanca1</td>
<td>Provides area for youth enjoyment!</td>
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<td>Jpdc</td>
<td>Again its in keeping with the cycling facilities it's a one stop shop. Makes it easy to drop your children to different types of training in one location rather than driving to several locations.</td>
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<td>Aovans</td>
<td>Love cycling and provides DARWIN with more options, which it needs.</td>
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<td>Stuartstep</td>
<td>There is no other all weather pump track in Darwin</td>
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<td>NunoCaledo</td>
<td>We have to cater for everyone in the community</td>
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Fibrous

would be very popular - good for skills building and has multi sport opportunity

as there is no area in Darwin like it currently and it would benefit all cyclists in the Darwin area

Kerryg

Great new idea

Connor13

As a mountain biker I believe it is of great importance to all riders to have somewhere to improve their skills

Matt46

A great way to bring kids into the sport

Colin

No sustainable track in Darwin currently exists. The one in crip is well used but is small and inconvenient to access on a casual basis. Young people who are potentially the largest user segment have to travel thru the industrial area and cross flegel street to get there. Not ideal. Pump tracks are increasingly popular way for bmx and mtb riders to hone their skills and to do high intensity training.

all of the above

Roament

Great alternative to skate parks

Alexha

This is a great way to improve BMX and MTB skills which I do both of and would use it often as we can't use the BMX tracks unless they are training days

I am a mountain biker. Pump tracks are a great way to develop skills. Also an asphalt pump track will not be damaged in the wet season

Excellent starting point for people that are interested in bmx however don't want all the stress of going to a proper track. Experts can refine their skills here as well.

I want to use it. Children for safe training environment

kgaer55

Great facility for the general community to enjoy

Moisa

Would be used by such a wide variety of people

pboj

Pumping is commonly used in the sport of BMX. In Darwin, there are no BMX tracks open to the public to use at any time. Building a pump track will assist riders with training at times that will suit them.

You only need to see the washed away pump track in Charles Darwin lo
know this is a good idea. That one and only dirt pump track literally gets used
until it is unusable from rain or wear and tear. Money is thrown at rebuilding
it and use wears it out. Surely that is evidence that a facility like this will get
used
again, brilliant fun

Multi discipline. Good use of area. Exercise is good.
gives another option for activities in the area. this is not as important as the
off and skills tracks.
Great for youth and clubs to connect with each other

It seems like a nice addition to a cycling park and can also be used by
skateboards, scooters etc
As someone who has recently taken up Mountain Biking, I would love
something like this for honing my skills on and somewhere safe for me to
take my children.
Great for crossovers sports. MTB/Cycling/BMX could lead to cyclo-cross
development over time.
Pump tracks teach valuable bike skills. It gives kids something to do that is
constructive
Fun for the kids
Helps to improve both opportunity for cyclists and skateboarders

Great for grass roots cycling and building confidence in children in a safe
place
As above, MTB skills training is something that supports a vibrant off road
riding community. Pump tracks form part of any MTB skill training
progression, and providing one in an area that is easily accessed by children
and non-enthusiast riders is a good way to introduce a wider population to the
sport
My children will use it on a regular basis

would be a great place for kids activities.
great infrastructure which will engage young people in physical activity
Great idea and good for kids to get them active and outdoors.
This looks like the most fun and will help to develop bike skills. I would definitely use this!

Pump tracks are fun! And are good for training and exercise on the bike as well. The only one in Darwin is in Charles Darwin NP and it’s a bit of a trek for people in the northern suburbs.

as above

Fantastic skills progression for all ages and just good plain fun.

They have great potential for honing skills and they do not suffer from erosion and are good all year round.

See above response for flat track.

Yet another great way to support cycling and the health of the community. Many people may not like the whole road cycling style & would find the pump track to be a less aerobically intensive but fun way to cycle. Multiple use pump-track again of benefit for an active and healthy community.

Because it’s a good idea. I strongly agree with DCC encouraging and facilitating people to participate in outdoor activities.

More family orientated Darwin open air spaces with activities for all ages are more fun given a lot of people cycle; from young to senior ages in Darwin.

It is usable by all riders and skill levels

Again a great after school activity for the kids. This can only be a boom for the community!

It would be well used and provide an addition to the skate park in Jingili. Having all the sites Co located allows for kids to develop into the different sports as gain confidence. It provides inspiration for all age levels and capabilities to get involved and participate.

Great for all ages, promotes fitness and bike control

Community need

As per both answers above.

Great for kids to exercise and be outdoors
PTTrig 300000 x 1000000
T C 3000 000
wombat180 300000 000000
Billish 300000 000000
Archie 300000 000000
Chris 300000 000000
Smarlin 300000 000000
thul 300000 000000
darwin62 300000 000000
coffe3nbikes 300000 000000
Jake I 300000 000000
Rando54 300000 000000
BoOime 300000 000000
Netgall 300000 000000
hannah 300000 000000
pblurn 300000 000000
Robbo 300000 000000

I support all facility upgrades that encourage a healthy activity and lifestyle

a valuable different kind of recreational space.

Something different for young people to become active and try different types
of riding activities.

would support my kids in developing confidence on their bikes

Improve skills and speed

Anything that helps support exercise and bike riding is very good for the
community.

Better not be asphalt but I guess will have longer life than dirt track

Looks like a great thing for local kids.

As above.

Because it's a deceptively fun and efficient form of exercise. Especially for
youths.

Pump tracks are just super fun for everyone and every skill level. Kids, adults
and experienced riders can all enjoy and again will give the area some
purpose and attract kids and families to the park.

People will love this pump track.

Because anything to provide a place for activities outside is good.

Not something I would personally use, but it would give skateboarders an
option that should keep the cycling tracks free for cycling, improving safety.

A safe and fun way for kids and adults to improve skills and stay active.

An important part of skills training for MTB. An all weather pump track is
needed in Darwin. The current one CDNP is not constructed to tolerate wet
season weather.

I will use this several times a week, the current pump track gets washed out
and is very small.
I would use it weekly. Being sealed it won’t erode or have grass growing on it, like other pump tracks in Darwin.

Not enough options around Darwin for this. Would also add to the tourist opportunities as mountain bikers visit the north and can play and train on the pump track. We had these in Adelaide and they were awesome! My kids would love to have one up here. I’m sure many of us would visit with the kids frequently.

I think it’s a great track for kids and adults to be able to use all year around. The current one in Charles Darwin is dirt and washes away each wet season.

Same as above.

Kids need options in Darwin. This signs be excellent.

For reasons outlined in the above. It complements existing proposal.

These types of facilities will cater for a greater number of riders with differing interests. I personally would probably not use this much, but my kids would probably love it as would many others. Another faced to a comprehensive cycling zone.

Good area for activity for kids.

Pump tracks are great fun, and again, it encourages people to get outside and be active.

I would love to use this facility! I currently ride Mountain Bike trails and see this as very complementary. I think it would be excellent for kids and teenagers. Again, in order to appeal to the broadest cross-section of the community, a pump track is an excellent idea. Such a track is accessible not only to cyclists, but rollerblade users and skateboarders. More ‘fun’ and ‘things to do’ will provide an outlet for youth, and ensure that idle hands do not become the devil’s playthings (in contemplation of the level of youth crime in Darwin and the NT generally).

As above.

My kids would love this! I support anything that provides kids an opportunity to excel in sport. A pump track helps cyclist develop great bike handling skills.

A challenging track for multiple users.
Something different for kids to do and will be easily accessible.

This would be a novel addition to the area and mean that the area is not exclusively for cyclists, but would appeal to a wider range of sports and age ranges.

Cycling is a fast growing pastime and source of outdoor fitness and suitable for all ages and abilities. A dedicated track would suit this large section of the population.

Mainly because it provides another recreation option for young people in our community.

Would be a useful facility for kids to develop skills and to hang out.

It would be a great place for all cyclists to improve their skills.

Because it looks like a fabulous course and isn’t solely for the use of bike riders which means you are increasing options for younger people and broadening the appeal which is especially helpful if you have children of various ages - there is something to interest each level of expertise/age in the one area.

provide teens/children somewhere to be active and it’d free. There are always discussions/debate around providing activities for teens/kids to keep them occupied and out of mischief, this would perhaps help, and there’s the growing obesity issue in our kids, things like this keep them active and combat obesity! Make sure it’s shaded and has facilities to shelter to make the most out of the area. Perhaps local youth groups could hold gatherings/camps here… a playground next to it would cater for kids of all ages.

As above and they are common in every city around the world. They are an expected facility for locals and tourists.

Again another positive use of a underutilised space.

Pump track at Charles Darwin National park gets washed out during the wet every year.

Safe off road path for young children including those on balance bikes and small pedal bikes. Good to separate from youth activities.

I definitely support the idea of a pump track being built, it would be a great benefit to the large mountain biking community based in Darwin. Although I support the idea of the pump track being built at this location, it is not possible then the NT Government should look at other locations to build this facility. Other alternative suggestions would be to build it at: - Casuarina Coastal Reserve, above Didjimunung Cliffs, to tie in with the mountain biking tracks which have been built in the Coastal Reserve. - Jingili Water Gardens
- A pump track built at this location could be in with the existing skate park facilities. This is a fun activity for riders. Active outdoor spaces are needed.

It's an improvement to the area and hopefully would reduce the terrible mess, fighting etc that the itinerant do there daily.

There are no safe facilities other than bmx clubs for practice.

A pump track can be used by a variety of riders - bmx, mountain bikers, scooters, skateboarders etc. Further activating the space.

Would be a great to have this addition to the Darwin sports and recreation.

It's in a central location and the upgrade will help further development and skills for those who use it.

I have young kids and they would love it. Along with many other young people in the area.

Accessible to all users.

Something different. Outdoor sports, low costs and fun for youth.

It will benefit more then just the cycling community.

Something different for riders.

To develop more skills and excitement using the track.

Nothing like this in Darwin! These are everywhere in other states. Need to encourage outdoor activities for kids in safe environment.

Another valuable addition for all to develop their bike skills but not all this location.

Good track

great fun

Safe facility to practice mountain/bmx riding.
Q19 Why don't you support it?

Kath

Please see above.

fredelje

The only people who would support this is the very same few individuals who are pushing so hard for it, just a massive waste of open space (and money).

Dana

Don't need riders and youth hanging around next to local homes to increase offfense rates. Leave parkland for local residents and wildlife. No necessary there are other places. Who wants bitbathm and hills, dust, noisy youth, more traffic. Time to stop.

I think it will be underutilised.

henratre

The land area is large, way too big for the Darwin Cycling Club who has a very, very small membership. The Velodrome is also poorly placed for most Darwin Cycling club members and recreational bike users as they are now using the Hidden Valley Raceway as a safe and secure facility for professionally organised and community rides. The Darwin Cycling Club is a not for profit organisation that has only been successful for one major event, the Grand Fondo. The event relies heavily on community sponsorship and attracts up to 600 recreational riders only and uses major roads for participation. The Velodrome receives very light use, and has only been consistently used by for profit entities to teach cycling and safety skills. And relies heavily on its association with the Triathlon Club. The Velodrome should be dismantled and the open space area used for a large sporting body, namely soccer who has a large membership and regularly use the space. The space where the velodrome is situated now, could be developed into a soccer clubhouse with appropriate male and female change rooms. The remaining open space, up to Sabine Road should be openly reviewed for a wider community project such as community hall, multi use, easy transit and transport hubs for seniors and pensioners. A feasibility study should be undertaken for more appropriate use of the land. Also additional facilities to support social use as picnic, walking path and BBQ.

wallyboi25

Please send me your address and I will recommend that a skateboard ramp is built with 30 metres of your front door, see if you like the idea. The council currently does nothing to move drunks from the site and now you want to put a skateboard ramp immediately across the road from residential housing, are you kidding NO SKATEBOARD RAMPS ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING again this does not meet international standards so is a waste of money. It will be very hot and could become a dust bowl in the dry season unless the area is rectified and maintain.

See above.

FM


chrismad6

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Attachments

27 August 2019

Velodrome Precinct Proposal: Survey Report for 25 January 2018 to 08 May 2019

- The area proposed for the pump track is zoned as "Open Space". It should be left as open space. Open space is for a range of community pursuits to enjoy not to provide for a select group of people. This open space must remain as open space/parkland for community members to enjoy.
- Residents and community members use this area for exercising their dogs.
- Young people and adults using the pump track and criterium track combined with people exercising their dogs and pedestrians would necessitate the need for the pump track to be fenced off for the safety of community members, cyclists and dogs. This would exclude walkers and community users of the area zoned "open space."

Refer above comments.

DMs

Kev007

Feedback

FoldingCrbl

Refer to feedback

Cheems

gp

The velodrome proposal is too big a development for too small a membership; 2. The velodrome proposal has grown into a significant development (or acquisition) of public green space; 3. If the velodrome is to be upgraded, move it to Marrara Sports Precinct where all Peak Sports are based.

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S De

See below

K

As above too close to houses creating additional traffic and noise and cars parking on the street.

shapjared

DE

The future proposed pump track is located in a zone classified as Open Space. This should be left as PUBLIC SPACE. Re-zoning is NOT an OPTION.

Pump tracks can be ridden by skateboarders, in-line skaters and scooters. Associated with these types of tracks and locations and activities is a graffiti and tag culture (See Jingili skate track) it wouldn't be long before the pump track, its hills and curves are covered with graffiti and tags.

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Item 14.3 - Attachment 1
This is unsightly right next to a residential area and encourages further graffiti and tagging within the community and shopping centre. Once again I make the point that this area is not reforested and an asphalt pump track set amongst dead grass with additional wear and tear by the cyclists would be unsightly. - Residents and community members use this area for exercising their dogs. I do not want the pump track to be fenced off from the community for cyclist safety and thus exclude walkers and community users of this area. - Will the pump track surface be asphalt? This is what I have been told. The pump track surface is beautiful and green. I doubt very much if the proposed pump track would be as attractive given the City of Darwin's poor performance in maintaining Bagot Park and keeping it attractive over the last 20 years.

These facilities are already available.

The proposed Pump Track will attract an element of persons who do not currently use the park. Younger people may use this track during all hours of the day and night hence safety issues arise with older residents living adjacent the park. Who will monitor cyclists use and behaviour? The track will absorb a large area of the park and restrict its use by residents and other park users. The asphalt track will require ongoing, costly maintenance. Aesthetically unpleasant by comparison to a potentially green parkland. Noise is also a safety factor with the noise from the bikes as well as the noise from participants and supporters of the track. The Pump Track should be located in a Bicycle Precinct in the Northern Territory-designated sporting area at Marrara.

It isn't fenced so looks dangerous. We also don't need skate boarders and cyclist there at all times of the day which would also cause more noise.

The track appears to be proposed on land not allocated to anything but park use. These tracks are designed for mostly young users and the area is primarily older residents. Price, maintenance, micro-climate. The combination of so much concrete/areas replacing greenery always affects the temperature of the surrounding area. Something like this should be placed somewhere it is guaranteed to get use and be well maintained. Ideally somewhere close to other sporting facilities or younger residents. These seems exceedingly tucked on because there is a little space. Same reasons as above. This type of development should be located at Marrara... for the safety of all.

Same reasons as above. This type of development should be located at Marrara... for the safety of all.

I want a relaxing environment, with more trees.

I do not want to see hectic activity, I like it peaceful and relaxing.
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<td>Will this actually get used? There is something similar in Howard Springs, which gets very little use.</td>
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<td>As fun as it would be and I personally would like it, I would rather the money spent on the off and skills circuits as that would benefit the most people.</td>
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<td>Don't know a lot about this but if it improves bike skills then I am all for it.</td>
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<td>There are two existing community skate parks. Maybe more bike dedicated facilities.</td>
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<td>Would need safe access across the cycle Path.</td>
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<td>Am concerned about the extra traffic &amp; the extra CRIME that this will bring. I live on Old McMillans Rd.</td>
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Optional question (9 responses, 260 skipped)
Q21 What other types of recreation / community facilities would you support for this open space area?

**Question options**

- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Additional cycling facilities
- Facilities to support social use such as picnic benches and barbeques
- Leave as is
- Other

Optional question (133 responses, 13 skipped)
Jack S

Bike hose-down area, bubblers.

WeIlsknt

Toilets and bbq facilities for sure. Clubs could have fundraiser events. Especially with the pump track.

Dabe

A shared club house for the various cycling clubs in Darwin.

Rlament

undercover area for spectators, upgrade toilet facilities, bike wash down area, better car parking surface

pbaej

Constructing a playground BBQ area where the new bike park is to be built will be beneficial for families with children of varied ages.

rmay

Running path around the outside. Nothing special needed, just some thought consultation with local runners. It looks like it would be approx 1 km around the new section and 1 mile around new and soccer fields. Outdoor exercise equip along path.

shade

Dog Park with agility equipment - bigger than muirhead agility section its too small for larger dogs

instead of wasting money on these additions which will significantly limit those who will use the area. put some decent lights on the open space and create a free dark hours recreation area. Darwin is in dire need of lighted active recreation zones.

just maintain it as green parkland - plant more trees.

Dana

Plant more trees to create a shady reserve with foot paths, bbqs, picnic benches

fmonje

Community hall, pensioners senior transport hub, multi use facility

SK

Parking facilities

FK

Designated areas for exercise such as Tai chi. Dance square. Large chess board. Shaded areas for casual walking

PK

Lighting for Mindil Aces Football Club

PM

A basketball hoop.
Email
Shade!!! Plant shade providing trees. Using those tanks in the heat without any shade... mihhh...likes not. Obstacle course would be great as well.

Jimow
Decent playground

Note
Community garden and native garden

dechmyre
Replanting additional trees (beautification), creation of a small public gardening or farming space

Optional question (20 responses, 189 skipped)
Q23  Do you have any other feedback or concerns regarding the proposal?

Lucy

The sport of cycling is exploding in DARWIN we have the perfect year round weather for it. It caterers from 1 year olds to 100 year olds. We need to support it.

I think this development is a great idea. From my observation that area is not used much by the public so it will bring people to use the park. Very close to the population of the Northern Suburbs. Also fantastic to have a safe off road facility for cyclists to use.

H

Great proposal only hope it goes ahead to further benefit our amazing cycling competitors and participants. We have numerous Australian champs in our midst and further development will be greatly assisted by this proposal.

Lighting for safety would be good. It would also be good to have a shared space available for groups to hire use e.g. a space with barbeques/power/night/kitchen facilities where public groups can host functions/meetings/events for clubs or organisations.

Cycling is massive in Darwin in all forms, why not create a velodrome. The space is there and I never see people sitting and using the area.

Makes sense to develop this area with a cycling theme

Michael

There are 230 members of the DORC mountain bike club who would love to see a dedicated track, for all weather use, pump track to be constructed.

Charles Darwin National Parks has proved popular but is built from dirt and subject to wear from our wet season.

In the 6-7 years of using the velodrome up to 3 arvo/nights a week, I have only ever seen intoxicated people in the park where the proposed plans are. I think it would be fantastic to see the park be used for sport and recreation proposes rather than just and empty park.

That the velodrome will becomes unusable to casual visitors and that it will only be accessible by key.

As a member of a local mountain bike club (Darwin Off Road Cyclists) This is a fantastic idea, and one I have envisioned the many times I have ridden this area.

Please make sure its weather proof and drains properly, Shade is always good. Good luck.

No

Nir

No

K C

No

Disco

No

Dabe

No

Car
A good set of jumps with a roll in ramp

The availability of good recreational facilities for bike riders of all ages and skill levels is clearly a great public asset. A good case is the usage of the skate parks nearby at Rapier Creek and Learoyd. These facilities are well received and well used. Cyclists are a larger demographic than skaters, many of whom would welcome a diverse, family friendly recreational facility. We need to be encouraging local development which provides recreational space, grows cycling within the Territory, provides venues for youth activities and provides great outdoor activities area.

I was born in Darwin in 1968 this area has always served the community well. I have trained and raced in the velodrome, now my four children are also doing the same. Darwin has produced so many great cyclist over the years, to many to name here. Give John Scott a call his history and knowledge about the Darwin cycling champions will absolutely amaze you. The city of Darwin can be proud of a cycling complex of this nature. Here is a name look up Shane Bannon Darwin boy see what he has done for Australian Cycling.

No

To be an effective sporting area for cycling it needs to be totally cycling related otherwise it will end up like every other park and be of no use to the development of young and competitive riders

None for now

A dedicated high quality cycling space next to a new improved velodrome is strongly supported. From years of observation the area is poorly utilised and the proposed projects would be heavily used would promote healthy activities and would provide an additional attraction for Darwin and encourage retention of residents. Go for it. Make this happen, as well as lights at gardens and night off oval

No

I have been involved with cycling in Darwin since I was 5. I spent many years at the velodrome and racing the MTB course on the inside. Would love to see the plans actually commit as these proposed plans have been around ever since I can remember. Bringing a world class outdoor velodrome could see propper track events held in the Anakura games

I think it has exciting potential

Avoid black asphault, due to heat sink affects Use of heat reducing devices. Make criterium track 4m with separated walking track. Elevate tracks by
108mm above natural ground level with convex profile so dror is naturally runs off. Council powered chilled/refrigerated water stations/bubblers.

Local clubs like CCRC do not have a physical location to store equipment. Why not make it a hub for clubs like them to build the social aspect of riding there

none.

Go for it!

great to see it finally progressing. Bike racks around the facility would be good.

Maybe add shade stands, picnic tables, fixed bike repair stand with tools as found in Melbourne cycling paths

Nil

It's about time the council allowed the strong cycle community to build spaces like this in Darwin. I come from Vic where this space is very beneficial to kids growing up

No

Safety fences/gates for access paths onto the criterium and around the facility to avoid injuries from pedestrians walking straight onto it.

This space is an excellent opportunity for cyclists and other users and can become a significant area on the DARWIN Map if the proposals are implemented.

As much of the infrastructure proposed is directly applicable to mountain bike riding and skills teaching, why does it seem that the council has not consulted with the local mountain bike clubs?

I would like to see that the proposal considers wheelchair access and participation. I think the proposal is great as it gets kids, families and everyone out participating in a healthy lifestyle.

thanks for the opportunity to comment

I would hope that it's done it is accessible to the public at all times. I am retired and train on my own. I like to pop into the velodrome to do a few laps at times when no one is around, such as mid morning or afternoon on weekdays. I would not want use restricted to specified times or only for organised activities.

Would be good to see this area tidied up and well used and utilized.

I have no concerns regarding this proposal
Great idea to make use of public space. My only concern is how you will keep the area clean and tidy as you don't want a lot of rubbish in the area for the safety of the riders. Shade is a large factor which needs to be considered so that facilities can be used during the day.

Potential for increase vehicle traffic and need for more parking space, not everyone will ride or walk to the park.

The flat track course really interests me. I would especially like to see varying sizes of drops and jumps to practice these skills. A nice progression from beginner to advanced. There is very little of this type of riding in Darwin.

No, I definitely think this should go ahead. There is a good amount of walking paths & outdoor exercise equipment very close by on the nightcliff foreshore but not much for cyclists.

Do it.

Facilities to enjoy watching family use the bike facilities would be great.

Please do it.

The criterium track is a great idea. If possible though about moving it to East Point where there's more room and it could then be longer and wider? Still if it can only be built at Bagot Park then that's better than nothing at all. Fantastic opportunity for kids and wheels enthusiasts in Darwin!

I support the idea but please don't screw it up with politics or designers who aren't experienced in the field. Talk to actual track builders from around the world not business people/policitians/wannabe's.

Cycling and activities of similar nature have been neglected in terms of a facility of this nature.

I am concerned about the traffic management issue.

As long as all areas are open to the whole community not just select clubs I support the redevelopment.

All though I only occasionally visit the space currently, should these proposals go ahead, with the exception of the open-to-all Criterium track, I will be one of many who currently visit but never get foot on the space again as it will be useless to me.
Chris

Need to complement with good shade trees and suitable lighting so it can be used safely outside of daylight hours.

Dana


th

Ji

Picnic benches and shade will be essential. I think for families to enjoy the park more often.

Netgal

Please ensure toilets and water fountains are provided.

hannah

I think having a cycling precinct is such a great idea. Maybe we could even have a café or pop-up coffee van there on the weekends.

phil

Darwin has the highest per capita bicycle use in Australia. Huge amounts of money spent at Maratua, oh yet more stadiums. About time we built some reasonable facilities for cyclists.

I believe this is a great use for a piece of land that doesn’t see much use. This will encourage people of all ages to get out and exercise in a safe environment which is a major draw card for the NT.

This is a great addition to the velodrome upgrade. The velodrome will upgrade will limit the ability of Triathlon NT to hold the super Saturday skills cycling, it is a fantastic exercise opportunity and teaches kids cycling skills.

There is nothing like it anywhere else in Australia, a reason to live in Darwin.

I think the proposed plans are a great use of space whilst still being able to keep plenty of green areas for those not interested in cycling to enjoy. I think the area will be well used by all. Cyclists do get a tough gig. Many non cyclists don’t like cyclists on the road or on shared bike paths. So creating these spaces create great areas which cyclists can use with out being abused just simply for wanting to ride a bike.

I’d like outdoor exercise park for calisthenics.

Cath

lmare1991

Althom77

di

Craig

joshb

Picnic tables would be great too. If some people are using the facilities, then often others have come along to support. Just tables would be fine, no need for BBQ facilities.

No... Please go ahead with it. Dog walkers will still be able to use the facility and it may improve the existing management of the area just as the soccer oval does.

Support facilities other than cycling related in this area as long as there is separation. The cycling community would also use picnic/BBQ facilities as well as exercise stations.

I have visited this area around 10 times in the last few months and have
never seen anyone using the vacant park area, so why not develop it.

I just don't see these projects having good return for investment.

This is a brilliant proposal! :)

Currently, I believe the area is underutilized. I ride past Bagot park and the proposed development area several times a week, and rarely do I see that area using the area for recreation (with the exception of Bagot Oval itself). The area also seems to be a popular nighttime hangout spot for some of the local indigenous population - this something that would need to be considered in order to ensure that these persons are not displaced/have nowhere to go.

Go for it!

Will the general public have access to the extra cycling areas?

Picnic tables good idea to complement this proposed area. I would ideally like to see it a new traffic access point from McMillans Rd can be done so to keep Old McMillans Rd residential.

Will the velodrome still have free access to the public???

I enjoy living opposite Bagot Park to use for my leisure & the activities that are already in place. Obviously the extra traffic & crime that will come won't be good so yes the parking & speed limits should be addressed!!! Plus if I wanted to live in a noisy traffic filled area I would have bought in another area! Why not take your pump track & the bike skills flat track to Hidden Valley & just leave Bagot Park as is.

A car park upgrade is probably in order.

I believe this will make good use of the outdoor space, is centrally located and provides a safe location for recreational and race cycling and exercise for many areas of the population. If constructed to national or international standard it would become a terrific drawcard for high level competition and could stage events in conjunction with Gran Fondo and Top End Tour in addition to other dates during the year.

These developments are long overdue and will help to attract people to Darwin. The cycling community in Darwin over the last 5 to 10 years has grown significantly and will continue to do so as people seek to keep fit and engage socially. These developments help this to happen.

I like the idea of social use but why would you do that there? Jingili Water Gardens would be far more pleasant than between McMillans and Bagot Rd.

That said, facilities to aid parents hanging out while kids were on the tracks would be useful.
The Velodrome is outdated and diminished and the amount of money required to refurbish it is not productive especially considering the actual numbers of cyclists and cycling membership that would use the facility for specific use. It is also in the wrong location and should be situated at the Hidden Valley Sporting Complex, between Darwin and Palmerston. If built properly, this could be a fantastic asset to the cycling community.

There is some concern regarding the lack of parking in the area as it is. I think any upgrades must include parking for both the soccer and cycling facility to make it viable.

This is a long overdue upgrade - these facilities have desperately needed an upgrade for years and have been overlooked with preference going to the core sporting codes receiving upgrades - there is an upsurge in riding and this needs encouragement. The facility is in a perfect position for public access and I wholeheartedly endorse this going ahead and will be very disappointed if it does not. How often do we hear - “there is nothing to do” from the younger generation. It’s a fabulous idea and should proceed. If picnic benches are included that will require some type of shade.

I am extremely concerned that you are dishonestly trying to sneak a skateboard ramp in a park under the guise of a pump track.

A smaller, more steeply banked velodrome only caters for a handful of people in the community, and only those people would have the skills required to ride such a steeply banked track. I don’t think it’s wise spending millions on only a handful of people, and I mean LITERALLY a handful! The money needs to be spread to give the MOST benefit to the MOST number of people in the community! Perhaps leave the current velodrome as is and resurface it, and plan budget for a specialized velodrome and criterium track elsewhere in the community where a ‘specialized’ cycling facility can be built to include clubhouse, velodrome and criterium track with adequate lighting that won’t annoy the neighbours, perhaps out near flight path golf and archery?? Also by resurfacing the current velodrome, more general public people would be able to use it and the surface will be better and safer, and there will be no need to move the MOVA program track, and therefore will be less encroaching on the adjoining parkland. Basically, keep this facility as a ‘general’ purpose one and upgrade to make safer, and then plan for a specialized facility in the future, when government is more financial, and look into access commonwealth grants to assist with funding this project. Do it properly. BUT IF the smaller velodrome goes ahead, funding MUST be allocated to ALSO ensure the other flat and pump and general bike tracks go ahead too!! Otherwise you’re excluding the majority. Also incorporate SHADE SHADE SHADE!!! what ever the outcome!

Any development of this area will attract more people here. The parking and traffic are already a concern. The bend at the end of Old Mclarmans is a blind spot and is a disaster waiting to happen when there is a lot of traffic in the area. I hate the the loss of open space, although in the dry season it is dry, brown and neglected. Gum trees are presently self seeding in the middle of the open space. Looking at recent articles in the newspaper it appears that there will be a duplication of amenities which highlights the need for a
master plan and consultation between all interested groups, in the near future. The area will only serve the cycling groups and not local residents and other groups wanting to use it for recreational activities.

This land is zoned for the purpose that is being proposed. Therefore, local objections should be viewed within this context that when they brought/tried in a use for the space along these lines was always a real possibility. This is a really positive development and a good use of an underutilised space that should not be held back by any shortsighted, not in my backyard objections.

It is understood from the cycling representative at the community consultation drop in, that the "re-surfacing" of the velodrome requires the lensing and light poles to be removed and the current banking to also be removed to construct the proper banking. This is not a "re-surfacing," it is a re-build. Given this "re-build" of the velodrome, the City of Darwin Council needs to undertake a scaling of the Velodrome/Cycling Precinct requirements and consider more suitable land for this sport. In doing so it could possibly provide cyclists with better facilities and greater flexibility in provision of recreational cycling activities such as a proper criterium course that allows safe racing, bush tracks, pump tracks, bike skills tracks alongside the re-built velodrome.

Bagot Park is not the right place for a velodrome and the proposed cycling elements. Traffic remains a continuing issue for the residents of Millner estate bordered by Bagot Road, Sabine Road, Old McMillan's Road and Jape complex. There is currently insufficient parking space for the vehicles of the soccer crowd. Traffic around the park is problematic. The roads are narrow residential roads and do not allow easy flow of traffic. Increased use of the proposed "Bicycle Precinct" will result in more vehicles, more traffic problems and traffic chaos on busy sport days/nights. I have counted 85 vehicles at a triathlon meet. Add this to 500 soccer vehicles and there lies the problem. The City of Darwin needs to undertake works to control traffic and create more parking spaces. This could include a slip road to exit onto McMillans Road. In re-looking at different locations for a Cycling Precinct, opportunities are created for an alternative approach to the development of Bagot Park that is more suitable for this neighbourhood and its residents who are generally an older group of people. It is understood that Cycling NT and Triathlon NT are envisaging future clubrooms, storage facilities, change rooms and toilet facilities and additional car parking spaces. So is Football Federation NT who use the adjacent ovals for soccer training and matches. Football NT have already been funded for this additional infrastructure. Surely there are not two sporting groups who are endeavouring to house their own facilities on one single piece of land? two kiosks? two change rooms and toilets? two storage facilities? two clubrooms? for one Bagot Park. Surely one set of infrastructure facilities would be a better use of money. This proposal has not been well thought out. It is ad hoc and a thought bubble that has been given credence by a concept plan that does not provide details of use and that is not backed by considered thought of the suitability of land use. There needs to be far more considered thought and planning given to the future of Bagot Park and its Millner community. A Master Plan developed for Bagot Park is essential. It is a large tract of community use land divided
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<td>I think it is great that the NT Government is looking at building cycling infrastructure in Darwin. I would love for the Government to build a tarnac pump track within Darwin. I do have some concerns that the area isn't big enough to adequately accommodate the facilities which are proposed, particularly the criterium track.</td>
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<td>It's exciting to have cycling activities closer to home - presently Sandstone is the closest - too far for the kids to go regularly.</td>
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<td>I have reservations with the proposal, particularly with regard to the annexation of public open space to the East of the existing velodrome, bespeckled: 1. The velodrome proposal is too big a development for too small a membership; 2. The velodrome proposal has grown into a significant development (of acquisition) of public green space; 3. If the velodrome is to be upgraded, move it to Marrara Sports Precinct where all Peel Sports are based.</td>
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<td>- Clean up the binetans, the filthy mess, crap, urine etc. - For Lening Court finalise the upgrade of the footpath. One side was removed and not replaced. It is a mess, muddy and all us who live there are very annoyed and disappointed. Do a letter drop to the 12 or so houses on Lening and you will realise how badly they feel about this stupid decision.</td>
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<td>By providing these areas and others like it will give residents more options for recreation and cycling is a good activity for fun if included with other facilities it could be great destination.</td>
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<td>Ignore the haters. We are trying to reduce the obesity levels in Australia, by having more free to use exercise areas will encourage more people to use and lower the levels.</td>
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<td>Offering enhanced cycling facilities such as shed/garage space or handstand for these would be useful (I am not cycling club but thinking of their use of the space). Smart lighting throughout the area for casual/recreational users including walkers and joggers, alongside some CCTV would be an absolute must to protect both people and the investment.</td>
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<td>Urgent need to. Formalise the car park, including stealing it and line marking, improved entry and exit to ensure neighbours are accommodated.</td>
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More recreational park will encourage everyone to get fit and healthy physically and a chance to socialise with the community.

I support all these proposed developments but at another site. There is no room for parking and Bagot Park and the adjacent Off McMillans Rd are already overwhelmed just when soccer is on. This should be considered for somewhere within Marrara Sporting Complexes with consideration also being given to expanding traffic options within that space. It too is also a bottleneck when events are on.

No.

Mainly that the houses are very close to this proposal and antisocial groups may be attracted to the area and lots more traffic problems to be added to the already busy traffic from the soccer field and velodrome.

Overall I think it is a very good idea and will only enhance the area. My only concern is that it does not negatively impact the soccer field and subsequent parking area as these are heavily used most week days and at weekends. I know this comment is probably too late but I think it a shame someone didn't have the vision to expand the soccer area and move the "Cycling Precinct" to another area where it is possible to have a Velodrome and Critérium Track that are up to National Championship Standards and include other facilities like a Skills Track, Pump Track, etc. There is no room in the current proposal for expansion and if Darwin's population is to grow in the long term, as predicted, this area is too small. I know this area is currently greatly underused but if there is some development to encourage people to go there, they will go. Think of the numbers of people who go to the Nightcliff Foreshore and East point areas. I've been around long enough to remember when there were very few people using these areas prior to development. Having a Bike Skills Track and Pump Track next to a soccer field would be a great asset and encourage greater use of the area. Older children could be playing soccer, or using the Pump Track and younger ones using the Bike Skills Track and the Picnic/BBQ area could be put to use at the same time. In this case the Skills track and Pump Track could be a smaller structures. The view that more people will NOT use the area because lights are going up on the soccer field I believe is incorrect and the same applies to any development that encourages people to use the area. There are two areas in this proposal that need to be addressed. One is toilets and the other is parking. It seems neither of these have been considered. If there is an event on such as one I recently witnessed on the soccer fields I believe the current toilets would have been totally inadequate. Assuming the Velodrome upgrade is going ahead, I would like to see the Bike Skills Track and Pump Track take up less area to allow for a greater area to be dedicated to public use.

Major Concerns: Fall into 2 areas First — the traffic, parking, and future infrastructure and the resultant intrusion into the properties and roads of Milner. With two sporting bodies utilizing the Bagot Park, the Park will no longer be an effective buffer zone. Initially planned to be a buffer zone to protect the local community from McMillans Road traffic noise, the proposed
development at Bagot Park actually brings additional traffic and other associated sporting noise into the community. It is noted that from Sabine Road right along McMillans Road there is a Service Road and buffer zone from McMillans Road traffic for residents. This service road is not available to residents of Old McMillans Road but we do have an incredible amount of traffic from the Sporting oval. • With additional users from the Cycling and Triathlon sporting groups there will be a significant increase in traffic along Old McMillans Road and surrounding roads. • Both the Velodrome and Bagot Park soccer fields will be used at night, potentially increasing the number of vehicles in excess of 500 vehicles each and every night, Monday through Sunday, with each vehicle shining their headlights into residential homes as they exit the current car park. • Current parking facilities are insufficient to accommodate this number of vehicles • Increased street parking will cause access and exit difficulties for local residents • Residential roads are narrow, restricting the easy flow of traffic. With street parking two cars are unable to pass • Traffic risk factors will increase at the corner of Chin Street and Old McMillans Road • There is not sufficient parking to meet the demand of additional sporting facilities, in particular the volume of cars if competitions are held at the velodrome and cricket ground • There are already traffic issues on Old McMillans Rd and surrounding streets when there are large crowds at the soccer, particularly Sunday and Wednesday. There is even an issue with people using back streets through Harris St to get onto Bagot Rd as there is no right hand turn onto Bagot Rd from Old McMillans Rd • People are driving through the easement at the end of the Park onto Sabine Rd • People won't park in the existing car park and walk up to the velodrome and bike skills area, they will park on verges and side streets which will create issues. • Old McMillans Road is not wide enough to support street parking. It is difficult for two cars to pass at same time • Securitly: Increased Infrastructure The City of Darwin Sport and Field Plan 2016-2028 classified Bagot Oval as a District Oval that enables development of Infrastructure at Bagot Park that may include: fencing construction of club rooms, storage facilities, shelters and kiosks signage and advertising billboards spectator seating and grandstands Such infrastructure impacts negatively on the peaceful and visual amenity of the park surrounds. With two sporting bodies both advising that they want increased infrastructure such as kiosk facilities, change rooms and toilets, storage facilities and no doubt in the future club rooms, it is apparent that Bagot Park could not house two sets of infrastructure for two sporting groups. It would be a waste of money. Bagot Park is suitable for only one sporting body. An idea: Locate the Velodrome and its additional elements elsewhere where the cyclists can have the space and an environment more suited to their physical requirements. Put in a car park where the velodrome is now and thus create space where there will be enough room for facilities (change rooms for females and referees, storage area and possibly at a later stage a club room for the Mindil Aces Football club. Bayshawn Crescent could then be extended into the Carpark with a slip road exiting onto McMillans Road. This would assist greatly with improving traffic management and reducing headlight intrusion into properties.
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Jensen
seems extremely tone deaf.

I sincerely hope the concerns of local residents will actually be heard and not dismissed lightly. We have to live here and increasing traffic affects us all and the safety of ALL should be the highest concern.

Jason21
Darwin needs more trees, the world needs more trees. Peaceful space, that is what we need.

Suky22
I would like to see a peaceful water feature. I like it as a quiet public space. Take your hectic bike jumps etc elsewhere.

Optional question (128 responses, 81 skipped)
Appendix G Written and Phone Submission

Respondent #1

I am a new parent to soccer with Mindil Aces at Bagot Oval. Bagot oval is a well-positioned soccer ground with ample tree shading for families on games and training days. The car park is just sufficient size for these events. There is scope for improvement of the soccer ground facilities.

I am concerned that the development and use of the velodrome and other bike facilities may encroach on the car parking in the area particularly. It is also not clear from the picture I have seen on Facebook whether there will be loss of land from soccer facilities and ground to the bike project. Darwin certainly would benefit from an improved and dedicated bike activity area. Whether this is the most appropriate location is debatable. I would suggest that it would be better to have this development where the majority of the sporting activities are held at Marrara.

Respondent #2

Is there any chance a proper Olympic size steel half pipe with a shade structure be included in the bagot park cycle proposal.

Respondent #3

As you would know the residents around this area will be impacted one way or another. I want to say that the proposal looks interesting for a section of the community but my main concerns of this proposal is the traffic problem that will be created from the extra vehicles to the area. I live at Harris Street Millner, home is on the tight corner/bend of Harris Street and the current traffic is enough to manage with vehicles passing on a very tight bend with NO REDUCED SPEED in a residential area.

There is no right turn entrance into Harris St from city end of Bagot Rd. Also there is no right traffic onto Bagot Rd heading to Casuarina from Old McMillans Rd so traffic goes to Brayshaw, Shoobridge then Harris to turn left on Bagot then U-Turn at McMillans Rd junction.

As a 12 year resident in the area, I'm concerned about traffic as we are blocked in without easy escape roads. Having a proposal for extra activities is one thing but there must be consultation about traffic control. Would a road linking to and from McMillans Rd be an option or my preference would be traffic lights at Bagot/McMillans so vehicles can turn right and not using the residential area around my home?

I would be very interested to know if there is a traffic control plan with the whole of this approval and proposal?

Respondent #4

I couldn't complete the survey as I no longer live in Darwin. I believe though that the velodrome upgrade is needed. Also the idea for a criterium track is fantastic. I don't like the idea for the jumps or pump track. Reasons being that they usually attract groups of kids messing around and causing trouble just like the area near the school. That sort of riding should be in a controlled area like the 2 BMX parks Darwin already has. Let's keep this area to a particular type of cyclist. Bringing in the jumps aspect will only ruin it. Plus there are many of these dirt area surrounding Darwin for this type of riding.

Respondent #5

The new lights will draw more cars, residents can't get their own cars out. People use it as a rat race through the streets behind Bagot Park. They should build an additional facility at Pine Lands to spread the numbers out so there isn't too many people using Bagot Park. Bagot Park is only used by people drinking, there's anti-social behaviour there. It needs a full traffic review as the access is limited so there's too much volume of traffic on the streets that aren't designed for it. Particularly don't support pump track.
Respondent #6

Feedback provided after attending community drop in session - lived in Milner for 23 years and never seen a number of people that were objecting to the proposal. The space rarely gets used, other than cars hooning in the space, which this might actually stop. And it also might help with the noise from the anti-social behaviour that goes on in the park.
Appendix H Stakeholder Feedback

APM Darwin – Disability Services
- APM works to build capacity and understanding in the community of accessibility for people with disability
- Include accessibility best practice in detailed design
- Gradients of access ramps can be an issue even when built to standard as the gradient often ends up too difficult for people with wheelchairs
- Ensure disability car parks are wide enough for loading a wheelchair
- Excited about possibilities for inclusion of people with disabilities, could work with the sporting groups to introduce hand cycling
- Disabled Sports Australia run a program called RaceRunning that is usually held in velodromes, looking for opportunities to expand, Darwin could be perfect
- The proposed pump track could be good for people with wheelchairs

City of Darwin Parks Team
- Could be issues with tree roots next to the velodrome and Old McMillans Rd
- Drainage plans – the water goes to the corner where the criterium track is
- Do a drainage and landscape plan
- Add seats, bins, water bubbler for better use of the facility
- Need to factor in maintenance requirements and costs – mowing, rubbish, litter
- If it was to be irrigated it would increase costs for mowing
- Suggest not having connection points from criterium track to footpaths as you might get children going on to criterium track without realising it
- There is some coffee rock compacted areas that don’t grow grass well, try to make tracks on these areas

Mindil Aces Football Club
Have reviewed the plan and can see no issues affecting operations of Bagot Park football areas. In fact would suggest it will improve the amenity of the area.

Football Federation NT
FFNT likewise concurs.

Friends of Bagot Park
A meeting was held with Friends of Bagot Park and they provided a subsequent written submissions below.
The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Darwin  
Kon Vatskalis JP  
City of Darwin  
GPO Box 84  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Lord Mayor

Further to discussions with your staff in relation to the proposed Velodrome Precinct, and our deep interest in the process, we submit the reasons for our objections as outlined in the attached document.

Our primary concern is that no Feasibility Study was undertaken to collect and explore all available alternatives to the proposed project.

We strongly recommend that a Master Plan be developed involving all stakeholders in the planning process to formulate future development plans for Bagot Park.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Co-ordinator  
Friends of Bagot Park

Monday, 13 May 2019

Cc Scott Waters, Chief Executive Officer, City of Darwin  
Aldermen Robin Knox, Peter Pangquee and Emma Young for Chan Ward  
Aldermen Sherry Cullen, Simon Niblock and Mick Palmer for Lyons Ward  
Aldermen Andrew Arthur, Justine Glover and Gary Haslett for Waters Ward  
Aldermen Rebecca Want de Rowe, Jimmy Boukiris, George Lambrinidis for Richardson Ward

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Submission to the Darwin City Council

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BICYCLE PRECINCT AT BAGOT PARK

Date Submitted Sunday, 12 May 2019

Submitted by Cynthia Last

for

The Friends of Bagot Park
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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED CYCLING PRECINCT

A. Executive Summary

Friends of Bagot Park are opposed to the development of a Cycling Precinct at Bagot Park.

The purpose of this report is to outline the reasons for opposing the project.

The suburb of Millner is zoned as Medium Density Residential (MR) and the City of Darwin Council proposes to construct a Velodrome Precinct on vacant parkland zoned Organised Recreation (OS) and Public Open Space (POS) adjacent an established residential area.

B. Background Information

The Council has approved, in principle, pending community consultation, the development of a Velodrome Precinct on parkland at the eastern end of Bagot Park in the suburb of Millner. The Velodrome Precinct includes a rebuild of the existing velodrome, a proposed criterium track, bike skills area and a pump track.

The park boundaries align with Bagot Road, McMillans Road, Sabine Road and Old McMillans Road. Old McMillans Road is a residential street. Bagot Park provides a visual and noise buffer from McMillans Road which is a four-lane regional transport corridor.

C. Current Situation

Football Federation NT Inc. currently uses two ovals for football (soccer) training and competitions. The velodrome and vacant parkland zoned OS and POS are adjacent to the soccer fields.

Users of the parkland include older Millner residents, persons who walk their dogs, exercise and practice their golfing skills. Families with young children walk during the early evening. On the weekends, parents play with their children in the open area. Students cross the park to access public transport, and residents walk through the open parkland to access the Sabine Road shops. People also cross the park to access the service station after the Millner shops close at night.

D. Identified Concerns

a. Public Open Space Zoning

As the current parkland is open space and zoned for public use, it must be retained for general public use and should not be developed for an individual sport. Once developed for a specific use it will not be available for public use as open parkland.

b. Reduction in Public Space:

The proposed plan absorbs all of the current vacant parkland for the development of a bike skills area, pump track and criterium track thereby excluding residents and community members from freely using the open parkland.

c. Environmental impact - Parkland, Vegetation and Green Space

According to the Darwin City Council’s Darwin Mid Suburbs Plan 2016: 2.2 The Vision/Goals for Darwins Mid Suburbs, states, “There needs to be landscape responses that increase the canopy cover in open spaces to cool the environment and improve the ecological function of the area.”

Tonnes of concrete, gravel, asphalt and dirt will be used to construct the bicycle precinct which is not conducive to an environment that would improve the ecological function of Bagot Park. The proposed area for the cycling precinct is not reticulated. The original irrigation tubing lies in disrepair throughout the park. As a consequence, during the dry season, except for the soccer
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fields, the land is dry and brown. As an entry point to Darwin from the Darwin International Airport, the park is not indicative of a green, cool, tropical city.

Darwin Mid Suburbs Planning – Residential

Darwin Mid Suburbs Area Plan outlines Planning Principles for the mid suburbs. The proposed Velodrome Precinct does not reflect these principles.

Bagot Park serves as the visual and noise buffer zone for Old McMullens Road and must be retained as a visually attractive landscaped area that respects the character of the adjoining residential area.

The proposed Cycling Precinct development will bring more traffic into the community and this does not respect the character of a residential suburb.

The proposed Cycling Precinct elements do not provide an aesthetically appealing streetscape for local residents especially those residing on Old McMullens Road.

d. Bagot Park – Park Maintenance

The sporting ovals and velodrome surrounds have been neglected for more than 20 years. Based on past experience, the maintenance and the cost of park maintenance required to maintain the proposed bicycle precinct, may be problematic.

The car park is degraded, full of potholes. Trees have been neglected and many have lost their canopies. More than 23 trees in the car park have also been removed and not replaced.

Due to continued vehicle parking and erosion caused by heavy water flow, verges are denuded of grass. Erosion next to pedestrian paths poses serious safety risks. There is no footpath from Bagot Road to the velodrome.

Since Mindil Aces Football Club has used the oval as their home ground, it has remained green and well maintained. However, in the dry season, the oval perimeter and surrounds remain dead and brown interspersed with dusty, dirt motor vehicle tracks.

The velodrome and its surrounds have also been neglected for decades. The lights appear not to work, shaded spectator seating has never been repaired and the velodrome track was last repaired in 2000. Lack of maintenance has resulted in declining usage and a costly rebuild of the track.

The grassed area and parkland which is proposed for the bike skills track, pump track and criterium track has no reticulation. Previous requests by Millner residents to reticulate this area have been rejected due to costs associated with landscaping and park maintenance.

Historically, the City of Darwin has not provided adequate maintenance of Bagot Park. The proposed Velodrome precinct will require ongoing maintenance.

e. Infrastructure - Cycling and Football Sporting Bodies

The City of Darwin Sports Field Plan 2016 - 2026 classified Bagot Oval as a District Oval that enables development of infrastructure at Bagot Park that may include:

- fencing
- construction of club rooms, storage facilities, shelters and kiosks
- signage and advertising billboards, and
- spectator seating and grandstands

Such infrastructure impacts negatively on the peaceful and visual amenity of the park surrounds.
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OBSERVATION TO PROPOSED CYCLING PRECINCT

Research revealed that Football Federation NT Inc. has been promised funding of $3.3m, part of which will be used at Bagot Park for kiosk extensions, building a new female and referee change rooms and toilets, as well as additional storage facilities for the soccer oval. (NT News 26 March 2019).

Lights are also being installed at Bagot Park for an approximate cost of $1.2m ($3.5m in total for Bagot, Nightcliff and Gardens Ovals).

Local Government has set aside $2.5m for upgrading the velodrome.

Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis advised Friends of Bagot Park that Council is seeking another $4m for further development of Bagot Park, also reported in the NT News Media Release of 26 March 2019.

During discussions at consultation meetings, and from media releases on 21 and 26 March 2019, Cycling NT and Triathlon NT sporting bodies envisage building storage rooms, kiosk facilities and upgrading toilets and car parks.

Bagot Park cannot reasonably accommodate two toilet blocks, two change rooms, two storage areas and two kiosks, one for each sporting body.

Such infrastructure does not meet the ‘Acceptable Responses for Social Infrastructure’ as itemised in the Darwin Mid Suburbs Area Plan 2016, that states, “development within public open space areas is to be limited to low scale public amenities associated with the public open space function of the land” (3.4 Social Infrastructure; Public Open Space; Acceptable Responses p27).

Duplication of facilities and infrastructure is impractical and wasteful of funds.

A purpose-built cycling precinct located at the Marrara Sporting Complex is deemed a more appropriate option. Greater space and planned use of available funds would provide a quality cycling facility that would be compliant with National rules and regulations and Cycling Australia championship event guidelines.

An alternative would be to further invest the money into necessary improvements for the soccer fields i.e. new club house and amenities to be located where the velodrome is currently, including relocation of the car park and rehabilitation of the existing carpark into a green buffer zone - between residents and the sporting oval. The need to provide vehicle entry and exit access via McMillans Road is a more appropriate pathway for heavy vehicle use.

Sporting venues and facilities have attracted a total of $13.3m of funding. There is a need for facilities to be made available which benefit a range of community members not just those with sporting involvement.

f. Public Safety Risks - Cycling Precinct

Safety signage is essential. Members of the public and users of the park must be aware of safety matters. According to the Toowoomba-based Peter Watts Criterium Track in Queensland, the following safety rules apply:

- All cyclists must obey the following track rules when using the venue
- All cyclists must wear a helmet
- All tracks are to be ridden anti-clockwise
- Give way to cyclists on track 1
- Always overtake on the right
- Take care when overtaking children or inexperienced cyclists
- Early morning users must consider noise levels affecting nearby residents
- Walkers/joggers are prohibited from the track
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- Pedestrians must give way to cyclists and use extreme caution when crossing the track
- No motorised vehicles are permitted
- Dogs must be kept on a leash

A criterium track can be dangerous to cyclists and other park users and requires a high degree of awareness and adherence to safety rules. Monitoring young cyclists, skaters and scooters using the facilities on a casual basis poses many difficulties.

The general public who use this park should be able to walk and enjoy the surrounds. Park users, particularly older persons, families with children or persons exercising with their dogs can feel fearful of, and intimidated by cyclists travelling at speeds up to 60kph, making unexpected turns or entering or exiting via the connection points.

People with hearing or visual impairments are exceptionally vulnerable when exposed to cyclists using the same space as park users.

Developing cycling routes through the park centre, as per the proposed bike skills area and pump track plan, create potential conflicts between park users and cyclists and detrimental to the safety of all users.

It is of concern that in the future there may be a need to fence off areas to protect and ensure safety for cyclists and other park users. Fenced off areas are not suitable for parkland and fencing is not currently represented on the proposed plan.

**g. Location - Cycling Precinct**

The velodrome will be upgraded to comply with National standards. However, we understand that "resurfacing" of the velodrome will be a total rebuild. Fences and light poles will be removed, banking razed and the velodrome rebuilt to meet national standards, i.e. with the required gradient for national competitions. The velodrome perimeter will be smaller.

The velodrome project therefore represents a major rebuild and development and an alternative site should be considered to best provide:

- a criterium track that complies with Cycling Australia championship event rules, and
- a bike skills area and pump track that provide quality and safe cycling experiences that do not pose safety risks to pedestrians and organised and active recreational users.

The velodrome is in poor condition and appears to have minimal use. A scoping study should first be undertaken to establish if the velodrome should be located elsewhere. It appears Darwin Cycling organises recreational rides for club members at the Hidden Valley Raceway which provides a safe and secure facility for professionally organised and community rides.

Residential areas in the Darwin suburbs may not be suitable locations for club elite, top level sporting facilities.

It would be more productive to divert the current approved refurbishment funding to a new project for the Cycling Club at Hidden Valley Sporting Complex, a shared or multi-use facility with the BMX club or alternatively, a purpose-built cycling facility located at the Marrara Sporting Complex.

**l. Traffic and Safety Issues**

Old McMIllans Road and adjoining residential roads must cater for the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

Currently there is insufficient parking space for the soccer participants’ vehicles. Parking needs to accommodate in excess of 600 vehicles. Currently vehicles fill the available car park spaces
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and overflow onto verges, the gravel tracks dividing the oval from the velodrome, the surrounds of the velodrome, and on the kerbsides. Increased street parking causes access and exit difficulties for the residents.

Future planning will need to include the increase in numbers of football participants at Bagot Oval. Vehicle traffic on Old McMillan’s Road and adjoining roads will further increase major congestion and road safety risks throughout the football season. Residential roads are narrow and unequipped for heavy traffic conditions.

Additional infrastructure and cycling sporting facilities at Bagot Park will as well increase parking, traffic use and road safety issues.

On numerous occasions, after application to the council to review traffic conditions, council representatives have assured residents that the traffic and parking situation will be addressed. However, to date, no action has occurred.

A Master Plan needs to be developed to alleviate traffic congestion, parking inadequacies and to improve traffic flow.

E. Additional Cycling Elements

Bagot Park is not a suitable location to add cycling elements

a. Criterium Track

Criterium tracks are racing tracks and cyclists can travel in excess of 60 km per hour.

A feasibility study undertaken by Humu City Council and the Victorian Government in March 2015 reported that the capacity to meet Cycling Australia championship event criteria includes:

— Not less than 800 metres and not more than 3 kilometres
— Minimum width of 8 metres except for the finishing straight which shall be a minimum of 8 metres for the last 200 metres at least before the finish line.
— The proposed criterium track for Bagot Park does not meet the Cycling Australia championship event criteria as it is 780 metres long and only 3 metres wide for the full length of the track.

The proposed design shows five connection points to the existing pedestrian footpaths along Old McMillans Road, McMillans Road and Sabine Road.

Exit and entry points onto shared paths would pose serious safety risks to the public using these shared paths around the perimeter of the park. These paths are used by many older persons, families with children and prams, walkers, joggers, school and university students who catch the bus on Sabine Road, people with disabilities and cyclists.

There is insufficient detail in the proposal to the purpose and use of the criterium track. It appears it does not comply with National standards and poses questions that would need to be answered as follows:

1. What would this proposed criterium track be used for? Official, organised racing? Casual racing? Local persons racing for recreation?
2. What speeds could be expected along this criterium track? At 20 km per hour this would be dangerous. How will these speeds be monitored?
3. During a criterium race would there be spectators gathered along the edges of the criterium track? What safety procedures would be implemented? Who would be responsible for monitoring safety regulations?
4. Would the track need to be fenced to protect the public?
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5. If it is to be used for organised racing, how many cyclists would be racing on the track at any one time given that it is half the recommended width for championship racing?

6. Has there been a scoping/feasibility study for the suitability of this area for a criterium track?

7. Will members of the public and residents be banned from exercising their dogs in this area?

**b. Bike Skills Area**

The proposed bike skills track is identified as gravel and ranges from 4 metres to 8 metres wide. The plan does not inform the length or area and shows the proposed track winding around green space. The photograph on the DCC website looks attractive but this will not be the case if there is no reticulation.

**Questions**

1. What is the likelihood of the bike skills area being fenced?

2. What will the new design look like? Tracks of 8 metres and 4 metres are very wide. The plan does not appear to be to scale.

3. How much space will this track cover? Would like to see it marked out.

4. How long will the track be?

5. What are slalom style activities? What do they look like?

6. Will this area be reticulated?

7. Will this area be open and available to anyone?

8. Will the flagged poles and tyres be left on the track?

9. Will residents and community members be banned from exercising their dogs in this area due to safety risks?

10. Will there be plans to fence around the bike skills area?

**c. Pump Track**

The proposed pump track is located in a zone classified as Public Open Space which would require reclassification/re-zoning.

The following concerns are raised:

- Millner is a Medium Density residential area. Residents have a right to use public open space for leisure activities of their choice without it being taken from them by cycling facilities.

- Potentially could become a teenage hangout at night attracting anti-social behaviour.

- Pump tracks can be ridden by skateboarders, in-line skaters and scooters. Associated with these types of tracks and locations and activities is a graffiti-and-tag culture. It wouldn't be long before the pump track, its hilts and curves are covered with graffiti and tags. This is unsightly in a residential area and encourages further graffiti and tagging within the neighbourhood and shopping centre.

- Future community and cyclist safety may require fencing off of this area thus excluding walkers and community users of the area.
F. Conclusion

Whilst acknowledging the cycling fraternity's intent to upgrade the existing velodrome and develop other cycling facilities, a scoping/feasibility study should be undertaken. The proposal must be fully explored, its impact on the Millner community and the environment investigated and alternative options, considered, reviewed and costed.

Following the completion of a feasibility study, the development of a Master Plan for Bagot Park which provides for the short term and longer term is recommended.

Recommendations

1. Conduct a scoping/feasibility study to the Velodrome Precinct Proposal
2. Investigate alternative locations to establish a Cycling Precinct
3. Retain both vacant areas of land zoned as Public Open Space and Organised Recreation for parkland with scoping/feasibility to focus on active recreational development and community infrastructure for people of all ages to enjoy
4. Establish a green aesthetic-buffer for Old McMillan's Road and McMillan's Road
5. Develop a Master Plan for the future use of Bagot Park
6. Concentrate any future development and funding for improvement for Football NT for club infrastructure, amenities and car parking and vehicle access improvements
7. Retain high quality, publicly accessible open space as a feature of Bagot Park

G. References

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**Velodrome Precinct Proposal**

**Community Consultation**

**What is proposed for community consultation?**
- Cycling NT and Toddler NC have proposed four additional elements to create a Velodrome Precinct.
- The three additional elements would be included in the open space west of the velodrome.

**What is approved?**

The following elements have been approved by Council:
- 35m mixed use track equipped with SD-50 degree bends with safety banking;
- Replacement lights for the main track;
- New greenspace for the back oval;
- New skate park;
- New pump track.

**Community consultation closes 21 April 2019**

To complete the survey or find out more information visit: engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/velodrome.
Proposed Elements - Velodrome Precinct

**Relocated Bike Skills Park - Flat Track Course:**
- The bike skills park is currently in the centre of the Velodrome, the relocated Velodrome will move to a newer area to the middle and therefore it is proposed to relocate the bike skills park near to the Velodrome.
- The bike skills park would have a flat track winding from electric kites to different sections of the track.
- It would have jumps and slalom style activities.

**New Cycle paths / criterium track:**
- The new cycle path would be a closed circuit for riding or training.
- The path would be approximately 300m long and would be curved or straight.
- It would have connection points to the paths along Old Darwin Road and Mitchell Road.

**Pump Track:**
- A pump track is a continuous loop with banked turns and curvatures that you ride without pedaling, the "pumping" moves is used to maintain speed.
- Pump track can also be ridden by electric kites, in-line skates, and cycling.
- It will be approximately 1km in length and 2km wide.

For more information on each of these elements go to engage.darwin.nt.gov.au/velodrome
2. Darwin City Council: Bagot Park Proposed Redevelopment
Darwin Velodrome's $1.5m upgrade dubbed a Band-Aid solution by cycling body

AN expensive plan to re-lay asphalt at the Darwin velodrome is pointless, according to cycling's NT peak body.

Darwin council committed $1.5 million to upgrade the track on McMillan Es four years ago. That work looks finally set to commence, with a plan to re-lay the asphalt and install new lights and fencing.

But Cycling NT consultant Paul Mead said an entirely new surface was needed.

Mr Mead said cyclists needed a velodrome at a steeper gradient. Elite riders have been unable to use the track because of safety concerns.

Mr Mead said re-laying the asphalt was a Band-Aid solution, and the track would degrade within months.

"Darwin is recognised as having a greater participation rate than the national average. Since this issue started our membership has grown 280 per cent," he said.

"We do well at getting people on bikes and our people enjoy riding."

Cycling NT approached the NT Government for extra money for the project. That request was knocked back and the original $1.5 million budget retained.

Lord Mayor Ken Vatsalis said he hoped for a solution welcomed by all parties.

"I am looking forward to meet with the stakeholders asap and get a final decision about what the users and the community want the money to be spent on," he said.

"At the end of the day it should be their decision."

NOTE

FRIENDS OF BAGOT PARK UNDERSTAND THAT AN ADDITIONAL $1M WAS RECEIVED BY CYCLING NT FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT. CYCLING REPRESENTATIVES AT THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION ADVISED THAT THE CURRENT VELODROME WILL BE DEMOLISHED AND REBUILT.
Friends of Bagot Park

PROPOSAL for a 'BICYCLE PRECINCT' at BAGOT PARK

The Darwin City Council proposes to change the area from the Velodrome to Sabine Road from open parkland to a Bicycle Precinct which would include a criterium track, pump track and bike skills area.

The Friends of Bagot Park have expressed their concerns to the Council.

Criterium tracks are racing tracks. Cyclists can reach speeds up to 60kph. The proposed track has four (4) connection points to the pedestrian footpath.

The Friends of Bagot Park do not want a criterium track because they believe it would be dangerous to pedestrians, cyclists and dogs. We do not want the area fenced off.

The base of the proposed Bike Skills track is gravel. The width ranges from 4 to 8 metres is wider than Old McMillans Road. The length of the Bike Skills Track is unknown. It appears to cover a large area. The proposed area is not reticulated.

The Friends of Bagot Park are concerned this area will end up as an ugly dustbowl. We want more information about the design to ensure the area is reticulated and kept as a green and pleasant area which can be used by the general public.

The area proposed for the pump track is zoned as "Open Space". The pump track will be either dirt or asphalt and will occupy most of the open space at Sabine Rd end thus removing parkland where many dog owners take their dogs for exercise.

The Friends of Bagot Park do not want this open space to turn into a gravel or asphalt dustbowl but to remain as open space/parkland for community members to enjoy.

We would consider features that enhance this area and encourage more usage by persons who live in the neighbourhood.

There is currently insufficient parking space for vehicles of the soccer crowd. Traffic around the park is problematic. The roads are narrow residential roads and do not allow easy flow of traffic. Increased use of the proposed 'Bicycle Precinct' will result in more vehicles, more traffic problems and traffic chaos on busy sport days/nights.

The Friends of Bagot Park want the City of Darwin to undertake works to control traffic and create more parking spaces. This could include a slip road to exit onto McMillans Road.
The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Darwin
Kon Vatskalis JP
City of Darwin
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Dear Lord Mayor

In relation to the proposed Velodrome Precinct, and our deep interest in the process, we submit an alternative option to the current plan.

We support the Age-friendly approach to planning that would provide long-term benefits to the entire community of Millner with a specific focus on older persons.

We strongly recommend that a Master Plan be developed involving all stakeholders in the planning process to formulate future development plans for Bagot Park.

In consideration of our proposal, the Friends of Bagot Park would support a meeting of all stakeholders to review all alternative options to the development of Bagot Park.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Co-ordinator
Friends of Bagot Park

Monday, 13 May 2019

Cc Scott Waters, Chief Executive Officer, City of Darwin
Aldermen Robin Knox, Peter Pangquea and Emma Young for Chan Ward
Aldermen Sherry Cullen, Simon Niblock and Mick Palmer for Lyons Ward
Aldermen Andrew Arthur, Justine Glover and Gary Haslett for Waters Ward
Aldermen Rebecca Want de Rowe, Jimmy Boukouris, George Lambrinidis for Richardson Ward

Promoting, Protecting and Enhancing the environmental, cultural and aesthetic values of Bagot Park.
Submission to:
The Darwin City Council

Submitted by:
Friends of Bagot Park

The submission focuses on the need for recreational facilities and green park area for Millner residents, in particular, residents over the age of 50 years who are permanent residents and families in the Millner vicinity. Demographics of the area reveal that 30% or 682 residents are over the age of 50 years and families comprise 64% of Millner residents.

Recent announcements by the Council and interested sporting bodies to adjust the green park area from parkland to an area of concrete and asphalt tracks across the majority of open park, significantly alters the aesthetic parkland view, prompted our group to action. Tons of concrete and asphalt will be poured onto our green area resulting in massive upheaval to our undulating and what could be a beautiful parkland.

The views in this submission are based on the views of Millner residents and other interested persons who frequently use the park for recreational use. We envisage this as a 5-year project to be funded by the Northern Territory Government and the Darwin City Council.

Our vision is to develop Millner as an age-friendly community. To achieve this vision, we envisage establishing a meeting place for Millner residents, accompanying gardens and walkways through a landscaped area of native bushes and trees. The article on the website of the World Health Organization, Ageing and life-course, Towards an Age-friendly World, suggests that in an age-friendly world, when older people actively participate in community events and activities, they stay healthy and active.

The Greater Darwin has an increasing population of aged persons. Compared to the 2011 census to the 2016 census more than 8,000 persons over the age of 50 years settled in the Darwin area. The 2016 ABS population comprised 24.5% or 54,523 persons in this age category. The Millner statistics are similar in percentages to the Greater Darwin area.

We need to inspire change by setting an example to other Australian cities. Structures and services need to be adapted to accommodate the needs of our ageing population. The goal is to promote an environment, both social and physical, where older people are engaged in their community and continue to feel like they belong to their society, and to value-add in a local context.

The City of Melville, located 16km from Perth in Western Australia established an Age-Friendly Plan 2017-2021. Their priorities include housing, transport and social participation. Social participation involves ‘respect and inclusion, including working to combat social isolation, support for older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to participate in the community’. The age-friendly approach is now embedded in their strategic corporate and community planning, which is continually reviewed with input and collaboration from many different stakeholder groups. Aboriginal Australians are also engaged in the age-friendly planning process.

Cota NT has celebrated 50 years of service to the aged community in the Northern Territory, providing many valuable services to our ageing population, many of which were also established by the City of Melville through its Age-Friendly Initiative. Friends of Bagot Park plan to establish a local Millner network of aged persons in conjunction with and through consultation with other service providers to our ageing population.
Potentially, Millner has an opportunity to apply an age-friendly plan to residents of Millner and surrounding suburbs. However, this plan should be embedded and endorsed by the Darwin City Council and local members.

Darwin is proud of its reputation as being a diverse, multi-cultural society. Our ageing population includes many people from many different cultures, language and values.

We envisage an established age-friendly community facility at Bagot Park, located between the Velodrome and the border of the Open Park.

In the short term, Friends of Bagot Park shall seek the support of Council of the Ageing (Cota NT), Association of Independent Retirees (AIR) Darwin, Chung War Society—Seniors Group, Coconut Grove Seniors, Darwin Bowls and Social Club, Darwin Bridge Club, Darwin Seniors Computer Club, Evergreens Senior Club NT Inc, Fannie Bay History and Heritage Society, Men’s Shed Australia, National Seniors, Pensioners Workshop, Playford Plus English Country Dancing, Probus Top End = Probus Clubs of Darwin, U3A Darwin Inc and Larrakia Nation.

Council of the Ageing NT (Cota NT) conducted a Northern Territory Seniors’ Survey in 2018. Darwin senior Territorians comprised 60% and the majority of those persons (59%) were aged between 60 and 69 years.

68% of respondents thought that they would still be living in the Territory in 5-years-time and 64% of those persons indicated that they would continue to live in their current community. 82% indicated that they ‘feel very safe or relatively safe in their community’.

The results reveal that the ageing Darwin and Millner population plan to stay in Darwin, remain in their own suburban homes and continue to enjoy a relaxed Top End lifestyle with family and friends.

No longer are older residents moving to southern climates to retire. As a consequence, local and Territory planners should strongly consider this aspect in their long-term vision of Darwin and accommodate the needs of our ageing population.

Daily physical activity for older persons and the entire community benefit from regular exercise that strengthens heart muscles, preventing heart disease and stroke, lowers blood pressure and helps in the fight to reduce the obesity problem. Keeping weight under control to fight obesity is a significant point in enticing groups and encouraging individuals to use facilities at Bagot Park.

In consultation with Deakin University, in summary, the Better Health Channel website states that ‘around 62% of Australian adults do not meet the recommended physical activity guidelines and suggests that just 30 minutes of activity each day provides significant health benefits. Although walking is the most popular physical activity, Friends of Bagot Park have identified other small exercise groups that may benefit from an open parkland with exercise facilities and a designated meeting place that all groups would use, especially during the ‘wet’ season. We envisage a building adjacent to a relocated carpark for easy access for older and disabled persons.

Clubs that may frequent facilities at Bagot Park include yoga, fitness instructors, aerobic dance, fast dancing and other dancing groups. Other groups that may use the building include bridge and chess clubs and locally-based interest groups, for example, gardening and historical interest groups.

Whilst facilities at Bagot Park must accommodate the needs of older Millner residents, the entire community would benefit from a well-maintained, landscaped park, and a building to meet the needs of interest groups, developed in consultation with all stakeholders.
The first step is to identify the need to develop a Master Plan, without which there is no future direction to the long-term use of the park.

Investigate and consider all alternative options.

These options may include a facility to accommodate aged persons, a bike path through the park joining other riding paths, moving the entire Bicycle Precinct to Marrara, moving the carpark to the area where the velodrome currently stands, building a road through the park to exit on McMillans Road. Landscaping the entire area similar to the Nightcliff foreshore.

Other considerations should include maintenance costs, repairs to concrete tracks with cracks and depressions, environmental effect of removing trees and creating dirt tracks with no irrigation, the aesthetic appearance, noise and dust pollution, graffiti and anti-social behaviour that may have negative impacts of the proposed Bicycle Precinct.

Choose the most suitable option. Implement the planning decision. Review the outcome.

In conclusion, the Friends of Bagot Park envision the Darwin City Council embracing the Age-friendly community approach to long-term planning, to meet the needs of older persons and the wider community. Darwin could be seen to lead and set an example to other Australian local governments.

Friends of Bagot Park need the Darwin City Council to reconsider its proposal to develop a Bicycle Precinct on open parkland and develop facilities to meet the entire community.

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THRIVE: PUBLIC ART PROJECTS 2019-2023

PURPOSE

This document provides an overarching framework for the development of a series of 6 public art projects over 4 sites for the City of Darwin over the next 5 years. It provides a considered response to the expressed interests of Council and the community in public art developments, incorporating many of the ideas, suggestions and desires offered to the Arts and Cultural Development Program over the past 18 months. It contains a clear and coherent vision for the delivery of public art and provides project guidance and information to all internal stakeholders including council, the project sponsor, leadership team and project team.

It specifically seeks to deliver City of Darwin’s core commitments in Public Art:

- **Darwin City Deal**
  - State Square Precinct
  - Civic Precinct

- **City of Darwin’s Public Art Pilot Plan**
  - Pilot 3 – Stand Alone Art: Limited Competition Model
    - **Opportunity 1:** A significant scale artwork through nationally advertised expression of interest for a highly experienced artist incorporating a mentorship. *This opportunity will incorporate a mentorship of:*
    - **Opportunity 2:** A smaller scale lower risk opportunity for young and emerging local artist with mentorship from the Commissioned Artist for Opportunity 1.

CONCEPT/THEME

This project brief proposes an overarching theme for the delivery of public art at sites across the municipality. This strategy is critical to raising the profile of public art in Darwin through:

- Representing a coherent collective vision that reflects the community values in the City of Darwin strategic plan
- Increasing recognition and community support for the public art program through
consistent messaging and narrative

- Amplifying the social and cultural benefits of public art through projects that engage the broader community via cross sector collaborations.

This theme is based on the City of Darwin’s current, past and future environment, heritage, demographics, aspirations and development objectives. This theme ensures that artists and the community have a clear understanding about what City of Darwin’s public art aspires to reflect and provides thematic inspiration whilst still allowing for a diversity of creative responses.

City of Darwin’s public art overarching theme is:

**THRIVE (Working title for internal use)**

Darwin and its people thrive. From its rich Indigenous history and extraordinary diversity, to its luscious green surrounds, the city is a place of growth and possibility. Despite, indeed, because of the challenges and adversity Darwin has faced such as war and conflict, cyclones and extreme heat, the peaks and flows of industry and geographic isolation, Darwin is profoundly resilient.

Darwin thrives because of a pride and respect for its **history**; its resourceful, skilled and talented **people**, its diverse, connected and supportive **community**, its rich and rewarding **lifestyle**, and its extraordinary capability to adapt and **innovate**.

The public art program will celebrate and amplify the qualities of Darwin that will ensure it continues to thrive into the future through the following site specific sub-themes:

- **History**: To thrive, we understand and learn from the past. This sub-theme celebrates the strong history and heritage of this city and its foundations. It highlights the profound value of connection to this land, the significance of enduring local knowledge systems and their contemporary usage.
  - Link to Strategic Plan Community Value: Diversity and Acceptance
    - Embrace our identity through building on our multicultural and local heritage, creating a sense of belonging.

- **People**: Individuals and societies that thrive are inclusive, drawing on the strengths of the whole community for collective benefit. This sub-theme celebrates the power of community participation and inclusion.
  - Link to Strategic Plan Community Value: Equality
    - Leadership that is collaborative and transparent in its decision making, involving listening and responding to the community as a whole.
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- **Community**: Darwin thrives through its strong sense of collective identity as a community. We do this through celebrating and respecting our diversity where there is space for everyone to belong and participate in the community.

  - Link to Strategic Plan Community Value: Sense of Community
    - Recognize, enhance and celebrate our identity through active participation within the community.

- **Innovation**: Thriving into the future requires adaptation to the challenges ahead through sustainable innovation and smart development.

  - Link to Strategic Plan Community Value: Environment
    - Integrated long-term planning, including sustainable and renewable energy sources, recycling and economically sound initiatives.

- **Lifestyle**: To thrive we gather, we celebrate, we invest in our relationships with family and friends and enjoy our community, lifestyle and environment.

  - Link to Strategic Plan Community Value: Choice of Lifestyle
    - Maintain our unique laid-back lifestyle, through a connected, active and safe community.

NOTE: These sub-themes will be further developed into full artist briefs for each site including site history, project vision and development objectives.

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<td>Larrakia and local Darwin Aboriginal and Torres Strait community Heritage NT Archives NT Library Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority</td>
<td>National Competition Model (commissioned curator expected to realise the vision of multiple Larrakia and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists)</td>
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## BACKGROUND TO PROJECT SITES

These 4 sites Jingili Watergardens, Bicentennial Park, Mindil Beach and Civic Precinct have been strategically identified for public art development through a considered curated approach to the delivery of a series of public artworks across the city. Site selection is critical to this approach as City of Darwin has a modest budget for public art relative to other capital cities. To achieve high impact with available resources the following considerations have been applied in site selection:

- Leveraging off existing City of Darwin asset replacement projects through integrating public art into infrastructure and/or landscaping.

- Leveraging funding opportunities through territory and federal government grants and initiatives.

- Strategic site locations:
  - Aesthetic environments: urban, parkland, and coastal
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- Highly visible
- High existing visitation
- Accessible to the community
- Clustered in groups

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The project will deliver outcomes for key strategic actions across all three tiers of government.

Commonwealth Priorities

The project will deliver on the key economic and social objectives through the economic and social objectives of the Darwin City Deal directly.

In addition, the project will develop the capabilities of the local arts and cultural industry. In doing so it will assist to deliver on the Federal Government’s commitment to “realising the potential of northern Australia”. Developing Darwin’s creative workforce to support growth and development strongly aligns with the Developing Northern Australia agenda.

Northern Territory Priorities

The project will deliver on the key economic and social objectives through the economic and social objectives of the Darwin City Deal directly.

This public art project will deliver on all facets of the Northern Territory Government’s vision for a Prosperous Economy, Strong Society, Confident Culture and Balanced Environment. In particular, the project will provide cultural infrastructure and contribute to the broader tourism agenda.

City of Darwin Priorities

The project is instrumental in delivering on the Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour City of Darwin Strategic Plan and the Arts Plan 2015 - 2020:

**Darwin 2030: City for People. City of Colour City**

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<td>5. A Vibrant and Creative City</td>
<td>By 2030 Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</td>
<td>Deliver events and activities that recognize Darwin’s rich and multi-faceted history</td>
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<td>Deliver programs and services that create a cohesive, connected and culturally enriched community</td>
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Arts Plan 2015 – 2020

Theme 1

Public Art

Commitments:

1. To develop a strategic Public Art program that builds on our cultural heritage through high quality contemporary public art commissions both permanent and temporary, integrated with master planning and major infrastructure developments.

2. To professionalise the approach to public art commissioning in the city

3. To promote the cultural histories, strengths and characteristics of the city.

4. To provide a program that is accessible and provides a number of opportunities for local artists.

5. To inform, educate and support interest in public art and facilitate professional development opportunities for local artists, through forums, residencies and workshops.

SCOPE OF WORK

The project scope is multi-staged allowing for project delays and options to shift focus and flexibly advance projects that are highly dependent on internal and external forces outside of the control of the project team. As time progresses, Darwin City Deal development timelines will be clarified. City of Darwin will be prepared with fit for purpose projects pre-planned for delivery. The project management details in this brief are outlined in detail for Stage 1 only.

Stage 1 – This project stage includes 2 elements:

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The scope of activity of the City of Darwin’s THRIVE public art initiatives program stage 1 is outlined in the GANTT chart attached and budget (see Project Budget – Stage 1).

Out of Scope

The following are not part of the scope for this program:

- Costs incurred by stakeholders in contributing in-kind to the project including
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- community engagement activities and event volunteering
- Promotions, marketing and communication activities
- Landscaping
- Asset replacement projects that form the foundation for Public Art development
- Ongoing asset maintenance for the life of the new assets

Please note, Stages 2 and 3 timelines and expenditure are outside of the scope of this project brief. This project brief recommends a funding application to the Building Better Regions Fund is made for the delivery of Stages 2 and 3 in the 2nd half of 2019.

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<td>Innovation</td>
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<td>Science Art</td>
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**PROJECT GOVERNANCE**

The project will be sponsored by the Executive Manager Environment and Community. The Project will be managed by the Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator with Stage 1 project delivery coordinated by a consultant. City of Darwin will call for expressions of interest for a consulting creative/creative team to provide project management and curatorial services to deliver the suite of 2 public art initiatives over the next 12-18 months.

The Project Control Group will be allocated per project and include involvement from multiple business sections across Council including Community Engagement, Recreation, Project Delivery Team and Infrastructure Maintenance.

**ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Project Sponsor – Executive Manager Environment and Community**

The Project Sponsor is responsible for the overall successful delivery of this project in accordance with this Project Management Plan. The roles and responsibilities of the Project Sponsor include:

- Providing progress and status updates to the General Manager, Lord Mayor and
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Elected Members

- Leading and providing strategic direction to the project
- Approving changes to project scope, schedule and budget specification
- Providing the financial and human resources to deliver the project
- Resolving issues beyond the Project Managers responsibility
- Entering into external funding agreements

Project Manager – Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator
The Project Manager is responsible for the successful delivery of this project in accordance with this Project Management Plan. The roles and responsibilities of the Project Manager include:

- Approving changes that are non-contractual and do not impact on the project plan, schedule, budget or deliverable specifications.
- Approving all project documentation
- Providing progress reports and status updates to the Senior Development Group and Council
- Authorising project expenditure in accordance with the project budget
- Reviewing the project at finalisation stage including approving any finalisation reports to meet any funding agreements.

Project Coordinator – Contracted Position

- Leading the project team to meet the project objectives
- Managing the day to day functions of the project to ensure the project deliverables are met within the approved scope, schedule, budget and quality
- Identifying, analysing, allocating and overseeing the resolution of project issues
- Ensuring all relevant internal and external stakeholders are kept up to date on project progress.
- Coordinating and chairing Project Team meetings.
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Project Team – as per requirements of specific project
There are 3 Project Teams for Stage 1. The Project Team will involve and internal Project Control Group including Engineering and City Services as well as the creative team for each project. The roles and responsibilities of the Project Teams include:

- Undertaking the relevant project tasks assigned to them
- Reporting to the Project Coordinator on any deviations in the planned project scope, schedule or budget
- Identifying and reporting risks, issues and proposed changes as they arise
- Attending all Project Team meetings when scheduled

The Project Teams will include the following positions:

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The Project Sponsor will attend Project Team meetings from time to time in order to assist with meeting reporting requirements as required by external funding agreements.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT
Internal Stakeholders

Internal stakeholders essential to the success of this project include:

*Lord Mayor and Elected Members*: the conduit between council and the community; the Lord Mayor and Elected Members are ultimately responsible to the community for ensuring the most efficient operations of council and outcomes for the city.

*Strategic Directions Group (SDG)*: have oversight of the project to ensure Council is meeting community need and elected member expectations.

*Assets and Infrastructure Maintenance*: are responsible for council’s asset management planning which is a dependency for successful ongoing management and maintenance of Public Art. They are also responsible for ensuring compliance for permits and advising on WHS.

*Community Development, Youth, Libraries, Children and Families, Climate Change and Environment*: are project collaborators and will participate in identifying social and cultural considerations for specific sites, advising on external stakeholder engagement and consultation, endorsing participant and design selection, and sector specific advice.

External Stakeholders

Varied. Please see External Stakeholders identified for each site in **Background and Project Sites**.

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<th>Community Engagement Plan</th>
<th>Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee</th>
<th>Public Art Panel</th>
<th>Public</th>
<th>Consultation and engagement regarding project elements and timeframes, future programming</th>
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## FUNDING STRATEGY AND PROJECT BUDGET

### Funding Strategy

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<td>Stage 1 – Darwin Community Arts (ILA Funding) <em>Confirmed</em></td>
<td>$130,000</td>
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<td>Stage 2 and 3 – Building Better Regions Fund <em>Unconfirmed</em></td>
<td>$316,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$446,000</strong></td>
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### Project Budget (Internal) – Stage 1

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<th><strong>Public Art</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Annual Capital</strong></th>
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<td>Overall Budget</td>
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### Program Management Budget

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<td>10% Contingency</td>
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<td>15% Program Management</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### Allocated Projects Budget

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<td>$280,000</td>
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PROCUREMENT

The procurement process for the project will require consultancy expenditure. These consultancies will be sought through a competitive EOI process. These components of the project will be delivered in accordance with City of Darwin’s procedures and ensure that all purchasing of goods and services comply with Council’s statutory obligations.
PROJECT COMPLETION

The key criteria that demonstrates project completion includes:

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<td>Project Financial Audit completed</td>
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RISK MANAGEMENT

This Project Risk Management Plan has been developed in line with the City of Darwin’s Risk Management Framework which is in accordance with the International Standard for Risk Management, ISO31000:2018. Through the adaption and implementation of the City of Darwin Risk Management Framework and practices, Council aims to ensure that the potential for exposure to risk is identified, risks are assessed for severity, quality of internal control mechanisms are evaluated, treatment plans are implemented and risks are monitored, managed and reported on. This will be pursued with particular regard to:

1. compliance with applicable legal and legislative frameworks, and with Government policy as it impacts on the operation of Council;

2. compliance with the requirements of the project funding agreement;

3. the effective delivery of services to ratepayers, clients and stakeholders;

4. exercising prudent financial and asset management, ethical conduct and meeting community expectations;

5. management of workers’ safety, consistent with legislation, standards and defined guidelines;

6. management of environmental issues, consistent with legislation, standards and defined guidelines;

7. the management of Council’s corporate responsibilities and the
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<td>Withdrawal of key partners</td>
<td>Early confirmation of key partners prior to community engagement. As a contingency, the public art projects are designed to also operate as stand alone. The collaborators value add to the outcomes and impact but the program is not dependent on their support.</td>
<td>Unlikely</td>
<td>Minimal</td>
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<td>Failure to manage safety – WHS and Public safety</td>
<td>Contractor WHS requirements articulated in project documentation and contracts. Project is supported by appropriate personnel to effectively mitigate risk and follow internal policies and procedures (see attachments). Additionally, as a core part of the project workshops on safety, risk and the effective management of worksites will be delivered. Project scope worksites in the public domain are low risk, on ground level with limited road closures.</td>
<td>Unlikely</td>
<td>Substantial</td>
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<td>Failure to deliver project within available funding</td>
<td>Ensure project scope is well-defined and consistent with the budget. Regular progress reporting and tracking of project against budget and milestones.</td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>Insignificant</td>
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Insignificant/Minimal
Moderate/Substantial/
Severe
## Failure to deliver project on time and within scope

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## Failure to generate public support for Public Art expenditure

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The projects Risk Management Plan, has been developed by using the risk assessment tool below and taking into account the context in which the specific project related activities are to be undertaken during the delivery of this project. Within this plan the City of Darwin commits to identify and manage risks which have the potential to impact upon the successful delivery of the project in order to produce positive economic and social outcomes for the Darwin Region in a responsible and strategic manner.
### Concept Brief

**Thrive: Public Art Projects 2019-2023**

#### PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

Implement 20 private/semi-public art projects to enhance the visual and cultural identity of the City of Darwin.

#### STEPS TO REALISATION

1. **Conceptual Design**: Develop initial concepts with artists and stakeholders.
2. **Detailed Design**: Refine concepts with detailed designs and specifications.
3. **Construction**: Implement the artwork according to the designs.
4. **Monitoring**: Ensure the artwork is maintained and functioning as intended.

#### Table: Consequence Matrix

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**Levels of Risk**:
- Low: Minor impact, no significant change in status.
- Medium: Moderate impact, potential for minor issues.
- High: Significant impact, major issues could occur.

#### Diagram: Hierarchy of Controls

- Elimination
- Substitution
- Engineering Controls
- Administrative Controls
- Personal Protective Equipment

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