

Waterlily Playscape Community Survey – March 2018

[Waterlily Playscape](#) is an initiative by North Byron Shire locals to develop a public space, Waterlily Park to provide active community place for all ages and abilities in Ocean Shores.

As an ongoing engagement process, the Waterlily Playscape committee consult with residents of all ages and abilities regarding required and desired developments in the park.

During March 2018, locals in Byron Shire were approached and completed a survey relating to Waterlily Park, its facilities and future plans. 225 people completed the survey.

Below is a summary of survey results.

Park Facilities

207 (92%) of respondents indicate they think more facilities are needed in the park. Only 8% of respondent indicated no more facilities are needed.

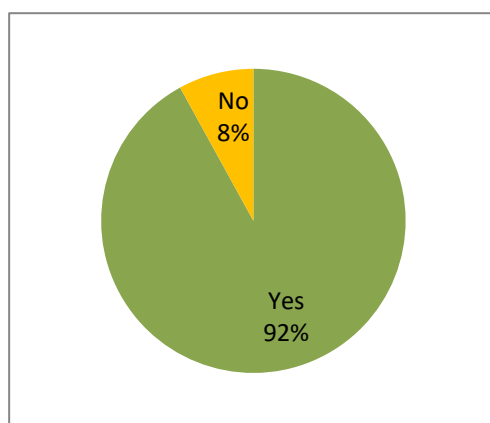


Figure 1: Do you think more facilities are needed in the park? (n=225)

When asked to choose priorities for four planned facilities in the park, most respondents prioritised the shade sail, second – footpath, third the tree house and last the flying fox.

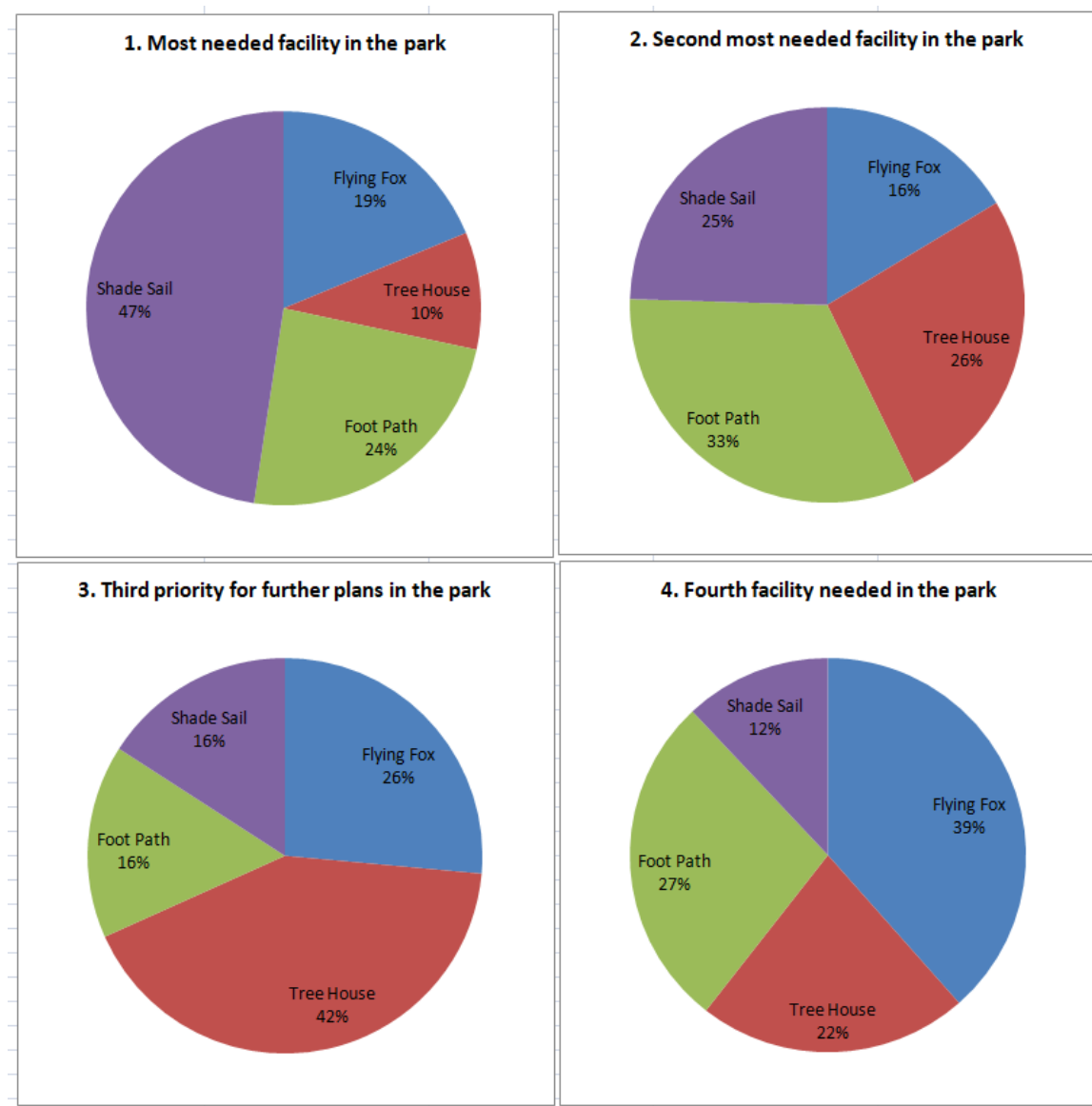


Figure 2: What are the priorities for planned facilities? (n=207)

Activities in the park

Most popular activity for park visitors is watching the children play. 129 respondents chose this activity. Other activities by number of respondents include: play on equipment (83), walk a dog on a leash (74), free play (65) and using the BBQ (28).

Other activities mentioned include: walking, tennis, social & events, and the outdoor gym.

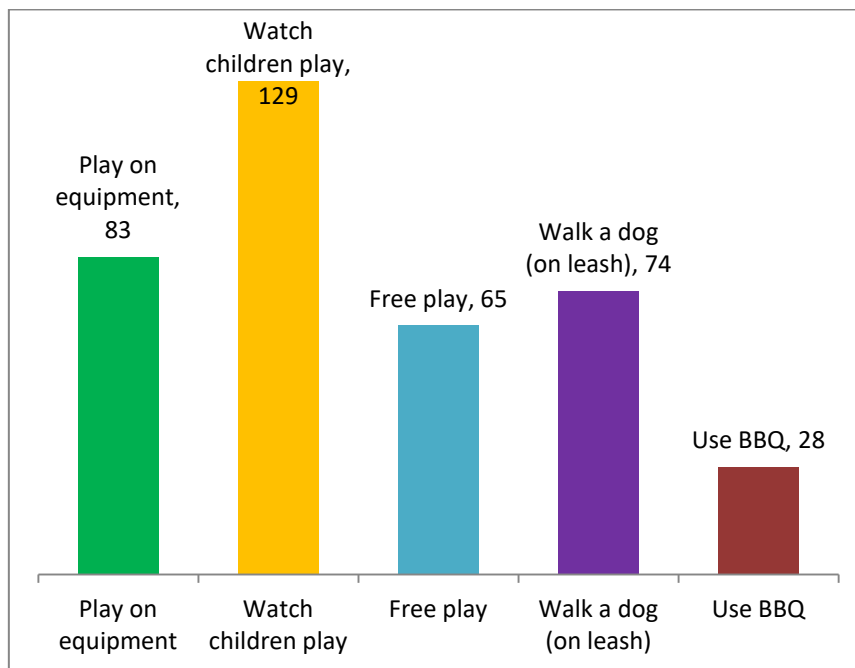


Figure 3: Frequent Activities at the park (n=225)

Respondents mostly like the natural environment at the park (180 times selected), followed by children's play equipment (156), the work out equipment (78), the new BBQ equipment (73) and the tennis facilities (42).

Other features people like in the park include: the mural and dog walking.

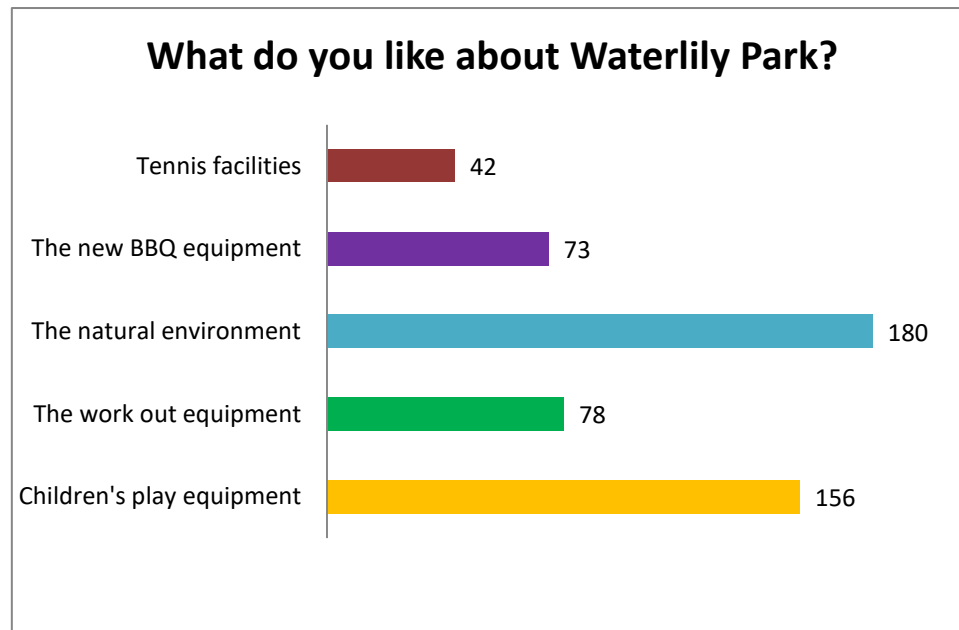


Figure 4: What do you like about Waterlily Park? (n=225)

The most notable change in the park since new facilities have been installed was more people visiting the park (160). To a lesser extent, respondents also indicated more social events in the park (79) and more people having BBQs and picnics (53). 26 respondents didn't spot any change, while 21 locals reported a rise in antisocial activity.

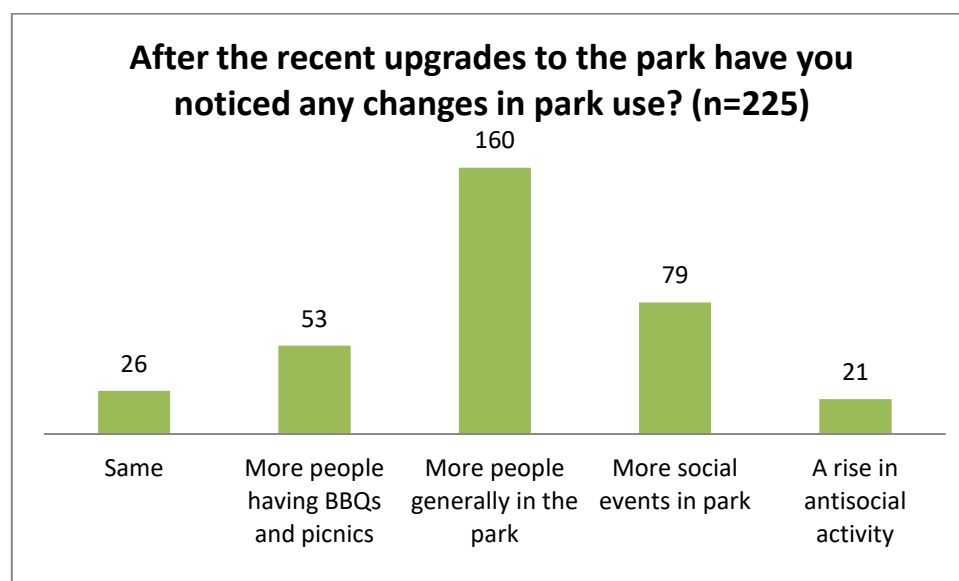


Figure 5: After the recent upgrades to the park have you noticed any changes in park use? (n=225)

About Waterlily Park Users

Almost a fifth (18%) of respondents reported living on the same block as the park, a third (33%) were easy walk away, while almost half of the respondents mentioned living a short drive from the park.

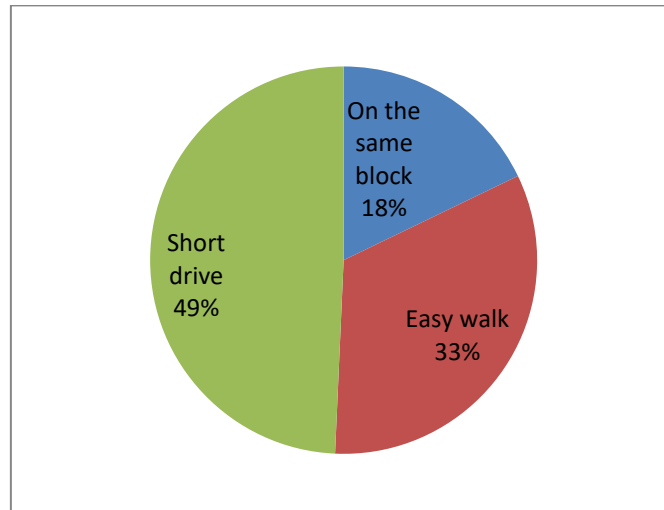


Figure 6: How far away do you live from Waterlily Park? (n=213)

Most commonly (32%), respondents indicated visiting the park on a monthly basis, 29% indicated visiting the park on a weekly basis. More locals mentioned visiting the park daily (21%) than fortnightly (18%).

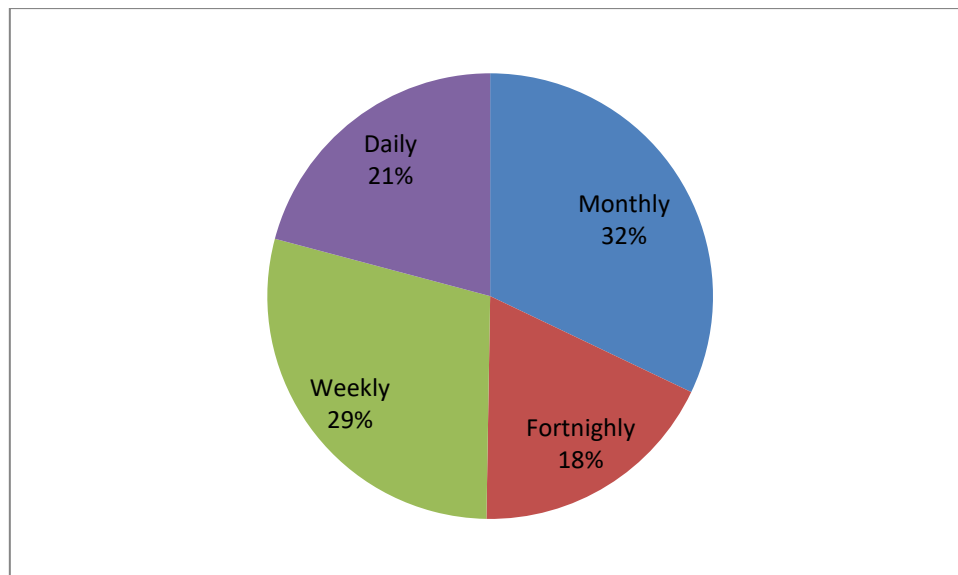


Figure 7: How often do you use Waterlily Park? (n=187)

86% of respondents visit the park accompanied with others. 32% of them visit the park in groups of 3 people or more. 27% go with one or two others. 13% respondents indicated going solo to the park.

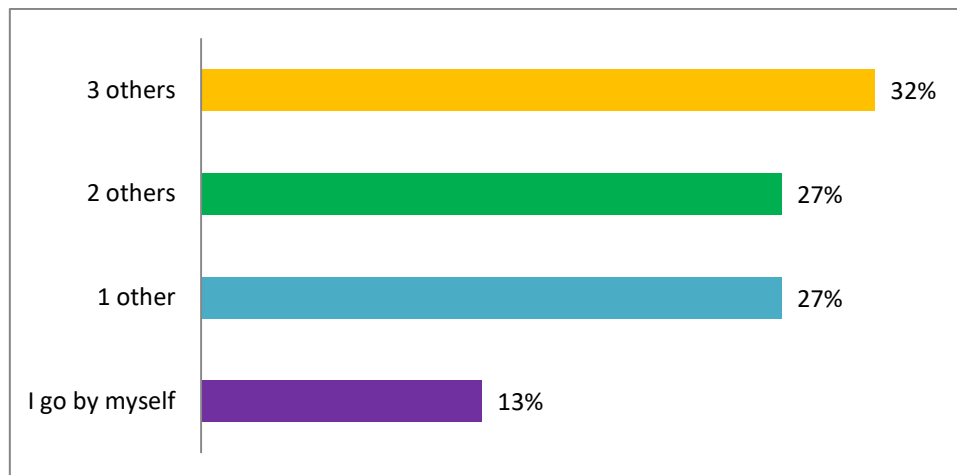
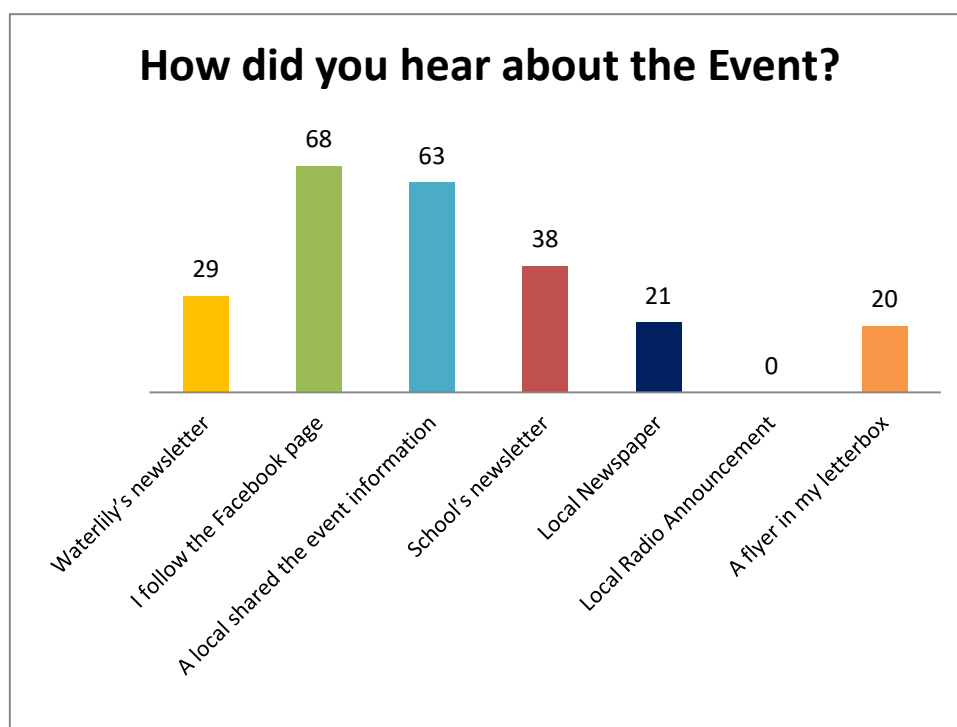


Figure 8: Company when visiting the park (n=226)

Waterlily Community Celebration

We also asked how did respondents hear about the community event that was held at the park on 18 March 2018. Most commonly, people heard about the event via facebook (68) or a local (63), school newsletter (38), Waterlily newsletter (29), or a flyer in their letterbox (20). The last option focused mainly at the park's neighbours and was performed sporadically, as it was dependent on volunteers. No one reported hearing about the event via local radio (we had community announcements in two radio stations and one interview).



Getting involved

We asked the community whether and in what way they could get involved in the park initiative. 78% said no. The other 22% expressed interest in joining the newsletter (9%), becoming a member (2%), volunteering (3%), joining the committee (2%), and contributing in other ways (6%).

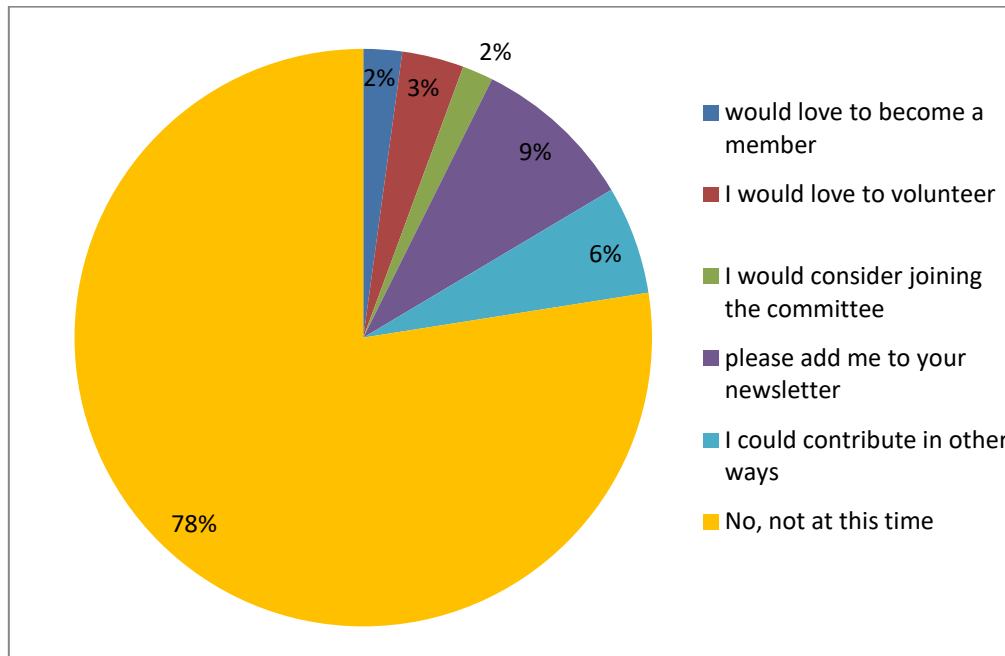


Figure 9: Interested in getting involved? (n=225)

Community Comments

Quite a few of the respondents left comments relating to the park. Check Figure 10 for a list of most common comments. Suggestions marked in green have been allocated budget via the Stronger Country Community Fund and will be installed in the next 12 months. Comments marked in red need to be addressed.

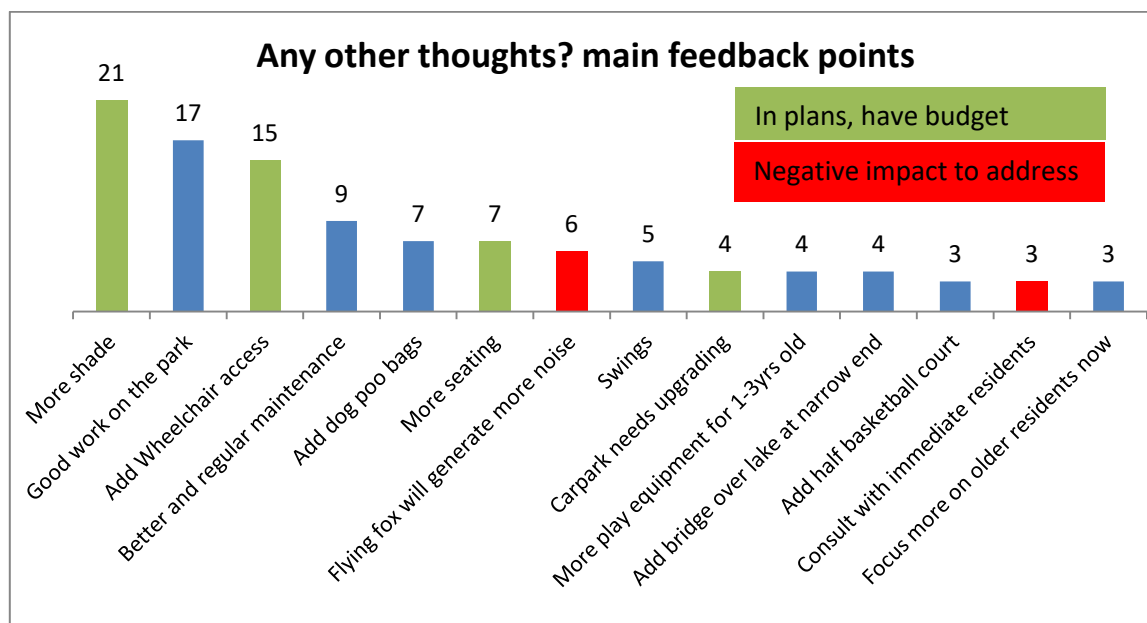


Figure 10: Any other thoughts? Main feedback points (n=95)

Comments are presented below also as a word cloud:



Figure 11: Word cloud created based on respondents' comments