

"The playground is very very basic

There is no shade for children playing in the middle of the day

Mullum deserves a large adventure playground with a range of challenging equipment for all ages.

My two year old cannot access the slide as the bar ladders are dangerous and challenging.

My 4 year old is bored of the basic slide and bridge and swings, and the ropes are far too challenging.

A big playground like at the byron bay foreshore would be appropriate for the high number of children and family's in Mullumbimby. The Brunswick heads playground is terribly basic. A big playground could put Mullum on the map. Also bathroom facilities with a baby change table as no public restroom in Mullum has changing facilities. "

Hopefully the park will remain an off leash dog area?

Mullumbimby needs a boatramp has for many years, taking this away will not be good for the community who uses it now, Brunswick ramp is already to busy and often cannot get a park there.

"I especially support the rejuvenation of the area east of the playground and the exclusion of vehicles from the park.

Any viewing points near the river will need to be resilient in the face of frequent flooding by fast currents. The river edge of the park has and will continue to be shaped by flooding and I suggest any infrastructure there needs to be able to survive floods intact. That would suggest any boardwalks or pats being firmly fixed and with low profile and probably not any balustrades.

The most frequent users of the park are probably people walking and playing with dogs and yet they are not mentioned at all in the plan. Is this an oversight or intentional? I think that the plan should include what will be done to maintain and enhance their access and responsible utilisation of the park."

"I am concerned that the dog lease free area has been removed from Heritage Park. This area is much used but should be retained but fenced to keep dogs from the Playground, Arboretum and the riparian zone.

I am more concerned with the path in Heritage Park West. It is planned to go under the Bunya Pines but this is dangerous between January and March when the very large and heavy Bunya cones are known to fall. Council does fence this area off most summers. The Path needs to be constructed away from the trees through the grass area. These Bunya Pines are on the Significnat Tree register in Mullumbimby and deserve to be permanently fenced with Interpretive signage educating the public of the aboriginal heritage of Bunyas as an important food source -and also for the locals who scour this site each year searching for Bunya nuts.

It is also important to note that Palm Park is an arboretum also. The Palm trees were planted in the 80's ( I have photos) and were once labelled but over the years these signs have deteriorated and

been removed. I know how to access to a map of palm trees planted and it has been on my list of things to do to follow this up. This PalmArboretum could be a significant part of the Masterplan."

my main concern is the amenities block question.. does this include toilets this is critical for the people using the park and mothers and kids using the play ground ,,so many people use the river side bushes as a toilet ..it is too far to go to the toilets near the tennis courts

I'm unsure what soft access is but being a regular kayaker, the 2 boat ramps are invaluable to me for easy access to the river. I believe the ramps should be more than a beach area as accessing rivers by kayak is difficult when muddy after lots of rain or depending on the tide so a hard surface of some type, without harming the environment of the river, is helpful.

"I think power boats should be discouraged because of the damage their wake does to the river banks. If they obeyed the 4 knot rule, it may not be such a problem.

My only concern is on any restrictions to surface drainage. From the past it is obvious that surface drainage needs to be improved.

Good report and clearly set out."

How dare you take away the small dog walking area. and install toilets. Most of the visitors just poo on the grass. Get rid of the enormous campers that camp there all the time illegally.

The removal of the dog park and replacing it with one on virtually inaccessible land is a crazy waste of money. Choose a better location for the replacement. Public conveniences should be included in the plan. I don't use the boat ramps but I can imagine relocation some distance away would not be popular. Beautification of the park is desirable but not at the expense of facilities the residents would choose to retain and enhance.

It all sounds great!

Where is the play equipment for the children. I would like to see what playground changed you will make. The current park is poor. What swings and slides, modern play equipment will be included. The shelters are challenging in this space due to the homeless, so unless you make the park more inviting to the community it will be left unused and then inaccessible. Can you clear some of the trees to improve the mosquito issue down there.

Where is the dog park? Where are we supposed to take our dogs for a run off lead? There is nowhere to throw a ball for a dog in Mullumbimby now and it's unacceptable

"Iv only been in Mullum 35 years and used the boat ramps since I was 10 years old

And I use the ramp at least once a week

Why would you get rid of both ramps and not have any at all for people to launch their boats

The boat ramp at Heritage Park is the same depth as the boat ramp in Brunswick heads on any tide I can launch my 5m fibreglass boat at the Heritage Park boat ramp

How about you start with the campers they block the access to the ramp in their vans and leave shit laying around "

"There is not enough parking at the Brunswick Head ramp as it is now with the 2 ramps in Mullumbimby get rid of them 2 it will be even more conjecture in Brunswick Heads why would you get rid of the only 2 boay ramp in Mullumbimby and not provide with 1

The heritage park ramp is as deep if not deeper than the Brunswick heads ramp "

There needs to be a ramp in Mullumbimby for the local residents

Don't get rid of the boat ramps in Mullumbimby. In fact stop doing silly developments in a small town. And yes I'm talking about the god awful "apartments" on station street. Absolutely ridiculous.

The boat ramp needs to stay why not upgrade it as well as the bruns ramp we need more ramps not less with the increased traffic I've been using it since I could drive a boat and I often use the Mullum ramp when the bruns ramp is congested

it all looks great!

We need a proper boat ramp in Mullum. The ramp near federation bridge is under utilized because of the river level and no parking. We need a proper boat ramp in the town Centre which we have had for decades. Refurbishing or creating a proper ramp at the informal ramp with proper planning will reduce erosion and be more utilised.

It is not clear on the masterplan what is happening to the space currently allocated as a dog off leash area. if you intend to remove that, you need to allocate a new area. Many dog owners rely on this space for their daily dog exercise! And to my knowledge, there is no other off leash dog area in Mullumbimby town area.

would be good to begin the work to turn the peninsular area behind ross industrial estate into a park as mentioned in the mullumbimby master plan ... this area would be fantastic as a natural park for dogs off lease and also for a boat ramp with its approx kilometer of water frontage ..it is a extremely flood prone land so not suitable for anything other than a park

"My primary concerns are in regard to the environmental impact of the selected materials to upgrade the park, as well as the necessity to enhance and celebrate the connection and accessibility of the sculpture park.

In regards to the materiality of the upgrade: the Byron Shire is perhaps THE most environmentally aware and responsible community in the country. Let's start practicing what we preach by incorporating THE most radically sustainable materials available. Concrete is responsible for almost 9% of global carbon emissions! With so many more sustainable alternatives out there, it is mere laziness to continue utilising this material to such excess. It is imperative that we nominate materials that are renewable and non-toxic wherever possible. I urge you to do thorough research on the alternative options out there for non only concrete but ALL material selections - utilising LOCAL, SUSTAINABLE and WASTE materials as much as possible.

As for the sculpture park: Improving visibility of public art, supporting and providing opportunities to exhibit, and the accessibility to engage with public art, is incredibly enriching and can be a potent tool for healing for your local community. Please support the continued thriving of local artists through continued financial support, exhibition opportunities, creative playgrounds, and supporting the furthering of site-specific public art in Mullumbimby."

Please upgrade and keep the boat ramp.

"It look good however, I'm anxious about losing the dog park area - will this remain open to dogs?"

Will there be any amenities eg public toilets?"

Please don't take the boat ramp away- Its been a great boat ramp for small boats and we use this all the time to go fishing

I launch my boat there and taking all the boat ramps out of mullum is unfair to boaters and people who use the rivier system this way.

"Having no boat access in so unfair. For years and years families including myself have used that ramp to launch light vessels into brunswick river. Some older people might not be able to drive all the way to Brunswick heads to launch . A lot of parents also launch kids in small tinnies there

Taking away this access is a huge loss for the community "

Why has it been proposed to remove the boat ramps for boats? Where is outside the town centre exactly?

Leave heritage park ram !

You can't take away the boat ramps

I've been using the boat ramp since I wad a kid this is a discrace to our towns people who use this ramp for there boats. How can you say it's now only for kayaks and conoes this is not right and discriminating to boat uses

Need to provide and maintain a boat ramp

Leave boat ramps and dog exercise areas alone , look after locals for a change, leave Mullumbimby heritage to the local residents not the blowing, leave it to the people who made Mullumbimby

Hi, I live on West Brunswick Terrace at [REDACTED]. I feel very grateful for the beauty of the area, the Aboretum and the Bunya Pines. As I have a small "tinnie" I'm not sure I agree with limiting access to small boats at the ramp next to the tennis courts. But I can see that the traffic with boat trailers etc is not conducive to a "soft" enjoyment of the Heritage Park. My only strong comment is that I believe the Bunya Pines have particular significance to Indigenous people. The trees are not Inidgenous to this area but the story of their meaning is important. When the fruits are dropping from the Pines, many people come and collect the Bunya nuts to boil and cook for their protein content. It would be fantastic to consult with the local Traditional Owners to see if there is a way we can place an information board in the park to explain the significance of the Bunya Pines, in particular their importance as a gathering area for certain ceremonies. Thanks [REDACTED]  
Brunswick Terrace, Mullumbimby

"The removal of any boat using this ramp is just ludicrous. Many people with boats use this ramp all year round. Come summer I use this ramp to get away from the Brunswick Heads ramp because it's packed and I can't get a carpark for my car and trailer.

We have VERY LIMITED access for boat ramps here under Byron Shire Council so taking away this ramp will only hinder access to the river.

If I wanted to fish for bass that would mean I have to put in at Brunswick Heads ramp and run back up the river to Mullumbimby. If tye Byron Council would clear the river of old floating tree's making this easier to navigate it might make it a little easier to make that run up and down the river."

My suggestion is to move the new proposed amenities block (3.2 Heritage Park: 13) closer to the children's playground. As a parent with multiple young children, it is challenging to gather all the children and make a group toilet trip when one child needs to go to the toilet. If the amenities block is within view of the playground, this will be much more useful for families and children to access.

Larger boats cannot access the river at heritage bridge due to the fact that the river is long over due for dredging, leave the boat ramps as they are.

Tinnies should also be catered for. There should still be the dog area. With all this plan to upgrade it for public recreation and enjoyment there are no public conveniences in the plan.

Make the boat ramp better

Don't take away the only boat ramps you morons

Mullum has always had boat ramp access. It would be a huge mistake to remove the boat ramps!

Boar ramp history. The brunswick river was once the life blood of the area. Up to the point where the loins club installed a boat ramp adjacent to the tennis courts. There are a number of disadvantages of this position. These being the angle of the ramp,erosion of bank adjacent to the ramp, restricted parking for trailers and vehicles and last but not least the build up of gravel bed down streaming adjacent to the ramp.This means if you need to use the ramp at low tide is rather difficult. The existing and most used boat ramp for boating is located at the northern end of Stuart Street. This resulted in 1966 when the rising sewer main was installed to the original sewerage works. It should be noted that the only other boat ramp on the Brunswick River is at Brunswick adjacent to the boat harbour. This becomes congested most weekends. The existing boat ramp in Stuart St. could be easily upgraded. It has a genital sloop into gravel river based from this point with a little care one can navigate the river without grounding ant low tide. I have had a small river boat since 1975 and used it in the top end of the river all the time and launched from the top end of Stuart Street. I hope this facility is not removed, I and other local small boat owners would appreciate any upgrade.Maybe the MSB would assist with the cost as this would help with congestion at Brunswick Heads We all pay fishing and boating licences to use this recreation area. Those who use this facility are small boat owners, not ocean going boats. Please reconsider retaining this launching facility in the present location. It should be noted that during the recent mullum to burns paddle the Brunswick Surf Club used this ramp to launch the surf boat.

"I think its important to improve the connectivity from town down along Stuart Street in line with the concept of the ""Green Spine"" - not sure why the new pedestrian crossing near Daley Street isn't located closer to the Stuart Street intersection with Tincogan Street to facilitate this?

Also, I think it would be great to incorporate some public exercise equipment into the park areas - they are used a lot in other areas but there are none around here."

Great to see Council involved in the improvement and maintenance of this ( potentially),extremely beautiful part of Mullumbimby's physical environment.Thank you..

"I would also like to sue a dog off leash area somewhere if possible as there is now where in Mullumbimby that has this. Also to allow access for dog walking on lead throughout the Heritage park.

Thank you

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"It is currently unclear where people can walk their dogs throughout this park, and if people are allowed to walk dogs off leash or only on leash. It's difficult to get better signage on this because there are so many access points to the park, but it would be great if signage could clarify where dogs are and are not permitted throughout the park.

Otherwise looks great."

"Please please please. A good kids play park with a fence all the way around!!!!

Check out the parks in any other shire (Ballina Tweed) for inspiration. Please do not use the same designer that was used for the new park in Bruns it's so useless, not fun and not safe for kids. "

Would love to see toilets and a fence around any play parks that are upgraded

"I'm wondering if there are plans to restore the creekbank along the Casuarina Drive section of the creek. It is very weedy and will continue to impact any nearby good bush -wind and waterborne seeding. The riparian area on that side of the creek is very accessible for any regeneration work.

The arboretum is a treasure and should be supported by proximate regen.

Best wishes,

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I am not sure that the proposed changes to the Tincogan Street / Brunswick Terrace intersection would be enough to ensure pedestrian safety. Many vehicles drive very fast along Tincogan Street at that point. Has a pedestrian crossing been considered?

I am happy for pathways to be upgraded in all areas EXCEPT through the Maslen Arboretum. Put a pathway down on the flood plain but leave the mulched path through the Arboretum. Reason being it was designed to imitate a walk through a forest. Putting in a raised path or any type other than what is there will not be true to the original plan. Also leave the existing down beside the covered picnic shed in the Arboretum.

"Missing from the plan is any detail about the track that is on the river side of Maslen Arboretum.

This track currently runs from the boat launch in Heritage Park west then in a northerly direction alongside the river at just above high tide level for about 250 metres and finishes near the northern end of the heavily treed part of the arboretum, where there is a clamber up the bank to the grassed area.

Could you consider in the plan:

\* Flood-resilient path base - this area will go underwater in a flood

\* Steps or otherwise at northern end of path to enable convenient access up bank"

I would love for a section of the parkland to stay dog friendly and perhaps even be fenced for dog play.

"Tincogan Street / Brunswick Terrace intersection: Crossing will still be dangerous and difficult because the cars often come too fast around the corner.

I propose a walkway that takes pedestrians to the other side of the road by a walkway that goes under the bridge. The area under the bridge will become public which will also stop people from dumping and sleeping there."

In general, the plan if implemented, will improve the amenity of the river side of Mullumbimby. The main changes recommended is to ensure the original objectives of the Maslen Arboretum are respected and rigorous adherence to CPTED principles do not degrade these objectives as detailed in the attached submission. The objections to the proposed pathway upgrades are explained in the attached submission.

"I'm very happy that council is reviewing the Heritage Park area, illegal camping, rubbish dumping and using the riverbanks as a toilet have created an eyesore and disrupts the amenity of nearby neighbours.

The removal of the Heritage Park east boat ramp is not acceptable, every town deserves a safe usable boat ramp.

Upgrading of the Federation bridge boat ramp would not be an acceptable option as the water depth downstream is not deep enough for the average boat, that's why Heritage Park east ramp is used by everyone.

The Brunswick Heads boat ramp is already heavily congested, closing of Mullumbimby ramp will only make this situation worse.

If the Heritage Park east boat ramp is to be removed an alternative site needs to be developed before the closure.

Possible alternative sites that would require further investigation are:

1. Mullumbimby Leagues Club. Manns Rd, Mullumbimby. Council owned land.
2. Lot 4 Station St, Mullumbimby. Leaf land council owned land.
3. 125 Vallances Rd. Council owned land.
4. 49+51 Casuarina St, Mullumbimby. Decommissioned sewer plant site.

Another aspect not considered is that Mullumbimby does not have an historical flood height marker anywhere in town. Heritage Park would be an ideal site.

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The Plan suggests that the boat ramp be relocated to 'river areas outside of the town centre', but does not identify where a suitable area might be, when a new boat ramp would be built, or who would pay for it. The only riverfront public land that I am aware of that could be suitable is Casuarina Street, but the bank here is higher which would make it both difficult and expensive to build a safe ramp there. The obvious place for a formal ramp is the site of the present 'informal' ramp. The bank is low, it gives access to deep water, and the current 'road' access is ideal for a boat ramp access, having the necessary circular form. The Plan proposes turning most of this into grass, which is of no great public value when there is more grass all around. A well designed and landscaped boat ramp and parking for say two cars and boat trailers would I suggest be of greater value to the community, and would not exclude the proposed kayak facility and picnic tables. To propose removing, and apparently not replacing, the present, certainly unfit for purpose and unsafe, boat ramp would deny many people access to the river which is a major part of Mullumbimby. Council should be encouraging use of the river, not just providing 'viewing platforms'.

"I live opposite Heritage Park █ Gordon St █ so I see the current usage firsthand on a daily basis.

There are several important items I would like to address.

Firstly, Heritage Park (East) is currently a dog area which is used by the community to exercise their dogs and has become a very positive meeting place for local dog owners. It is important that this remains the same as it fills a vital role for the community.

Secondly, parking. The proposed parking by the tennis courts maybe too far away for families wanting to go the playground, which is a high use area. Parking can be in demand.

Thirdly, people are frequently driving over the park to have their cars near the river to either hang out or fish. This has been a real issue as it's not safe and it has caused damage to the grass and tension with the locals.

Will there be any planting to prevent people accessing the park in their vehicles?

Finally, illegal camping is rife in Heritage Park and is not being policed by the council even though it clearly states no camping. The same campers have been there for months. At present, there are no toilet facilities and Brunswick River tree-line is being used as a toilet. Often children are seen playing around these trees and my dog has on several occasions come out of the tree-line with soiled toilet paper in her mouth.

Can this be addressed?

Thanks,

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Please see uploaded Word Document (attached)



I am concerned with question of accessibility that bicycles will be allowed uncontrolled access. While there ought to be some places for bicycles, there ought to be - particularly in the Arboretum - an area where people can walk without the fear of bicycles running them down.

"It's great to see Heritage Park getting some love. It is a valued, shared community space where kids, older kids/teens, older people, families, dogs can all meet up.

I hope the banks near the big trees, near the playground can be stabilized or closed off some how. The steep slopes are perilous to young kids. It's scary when they run near there.

The Tincogan intersection is an accident waiting to happen. It's great that connectivity is finally being thought about. Too many footpaths/bike paths in Mullum suddenly hit dead ends or lead your kids to the busiest road in town. "

I love the idea of a safer Tincogan Street / Brunswick Terrace intersection however would it be possible to make it even more safe, and linking the two halves of Heritage Park? I long to start a Parkrun in Mullum but this intersection always has thwarted my plans to have the 5km fun run from the top of Heritage Park to the high school and back, as it would not be safe to run across. What about a zebra crossing, or a path that goes under the bridge? Or even an elevated stairway crossing. And also, on the green spine of Stuart St matter, I do feel that the new zebra crossing on Tincogan St at Dalley St could have been much more useful if moved closer to Stuart. Is there not a way to do so? It would make the Green spine feel much less disjointed. Overall love the draft and I'm so excited for everything to come with the updates you are planning, thank you!

If you are taking away the northern boat ramp where do you intend to put in a boat ramp on the outskirts of the town. To go to the Brunswick Boat Ramp it is hard for new boaties to launch there as it is used by larger boats and more experienced fisherman. I have family that use the boat ramp as they are a young mother and child that are learning to use a boat. There are a lot of people that use the ramp as they find it difficult to launch a boat at Brunswick as it is so busy.

"The riparian regeneration is the most important, especially the zone located directly next to Federation Bridge.

Several metres has been lost since camphor removal and flooding. "

It's imperative that the park remain an off leash dog exercise area from the arboretum to Stuart Street.

"Tincogan/Brunswick Terrace intersection I'd like to see a speed hump/cross walk similar to the one at St Johns school and/or noise strips in the lead up to the crossing. The plan looks insufficient to slow down traffic travelling from Mullum around the corner. Be good to have a safe crossing for families to be able to walk/cycle the entire length from north to south.

The kayak ramp also needs to have boat ramp access."

"1. Kayak launch area with accessible ramp and stairs down to river. River bank protection works and terracing also required. Detailed investigations and design required.

With accessibility assess to river will there accessibility launching bay for kayaks

Which could also be included downstream at Brunswick Heads "

"I do not support the changes to the Brunswick Terrace / Tincogan Street intersection. As a long time (25+years) resident of Brunswick Terrace I do not want to be forced into diverting via Gordon and Tyagarah Streets in order to gain access to my property.

Safety of the intersection could be improved by firstly reducing the speed limit to and from Federation Bridge as well as improving signage of turning vehicles so that cars coming from town are aware that vehicles may be stopping/turning ahead. There is also the potential to put a small roundabout at the intersection which would aid in traffic flow and also reduce the speed of vehicles travelling to and from Federation Bridge. I do not certainly support just sticking a concrete barricade in the middle of the road to block access, it seems like an easy fix option adopted by the council. The state of Tyagarah Street is in disrepair and not suitable to force cars to use this street - the street is too narrow meaning passing cars must move to the side to allow others to pass. The draft masterplan mentions community consultation has lead to the proposal to block right hand turns into Brunswick Terrace from Tincogan Street. Interestingly residents of Brunswick Terrace were not consulted about the changes - these are the people who would be most affected by the change yet have no say in the decisions that are made."

"I would like to comment on the important issue of the off-leash area within the Park. Dog walkers are the most frequent users of Heritage Park. I have counted and one third of homes in the area north of Tincogan Street have dogs. We need more off leash areas for dogs in Mullumbimby – one is not enough.

Too many people currently walk their dogs off-leash around town – we should be encouraging them to obey the rules by ensuring there are off-leash areas that are within walking distance for them. A new off-leash area near the skate board park is good but it is too distant to replace the Heritage Park off-leash area. It will also not have access to the river – an important issue in the hotter months.

Off-leash areas need to be close to people's homes or they will end up adding to the traffic by driving their dogs to the other side of town or just disobeying the rules.

As someone who spends time in Heritage Park almost every day I have seen very few problems, and lots of positives, with the off leash area however there are a number of options available including fencing the off-leash area and/or moving it to the eastern end of the park.

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"The Heritage Park boat ramp is the only suitable site for launching boats in Mullumbimby. Another boat ramp needs to be built further downstream before it is closed.

Council needs to talk with Roads and Maritime NSW in regard to this matter as they will confirm that the Brunswick Heads boat ramps are already congested.

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Please see attached document from Brunswick Tce (southern end) residents.

The plan identified riparian management as a major aim. Boat wash and increasing boat numbers on the river is one of the major causes of loss of mangroves, erosion and loss of riverbank. The soft access supports suitable management of the riverbanks.

I do not support the proposed changes to the Brunswick Terrace / Tincogan Street intersection as highlighted in my submission below.