Summary of Feedback to Linda Vidler Draft Masterplan

Is There Anything Else That Should Be Included in the Masterplan?

Community listed a variety of elements considered required within Linda Vidler Park, these are listed below. Consideration of many of these items, such as seating, exercise equipment, trees, nature-play and pathways has been included in the draft plan, with positioning and quantity of items subject to future funding and detail design.

- More seating
- Bubblers
- Rubbish bins
- Exercise equipment
- Streetlights on footpaths
- Dog exercise area
- Pavilion for community activities
- Staging for movie nights and music
- Bicycle stands
- Trees
- Bush tracks
- CCTV
- Two-way bike / pedestrian paths
- Allotment gardens for individual use within community garden management
- Arawkal indigenous theming.
- Small soccer-field-sized, multi-use area
- Lights for the Soccer fields.
- Tennis rebound wall
- Nature play
- Pickleball
- Coffee cart / Cafe
- Farmers or other markets

Thinking Ahead - What Do You Think Needs Upgrading?

Community identified existing areas within Linda Vidler Park that they feel require upgrade or renewal works. This feedback can be used to guide future decisions on prioritisation of funding and also in support of potential grant funding opportunities.

- Community garden (five submissions)
- Drainage (three submission)
- SPFC club house extension (three submissions)
- Sports field lighting (two submissions)
- Tennis courts (two submissions)
- Skatepark (two submissions)
- Toddlers playground
- Pétanque area
- Public Toilets
- Picnic shelters
- Road.

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Other Feedback

General comments were in the majority positive however a number of concerns were identified, such as ongoing litter and antisocial behaviours. It is hoped that through park upgrades community use will increase and this will allow a natural deterrent to antisocial activities.

- I think it all looks great!
- I am against another football field as they already have a big area.
- No markets please as it will create more congestion and noise.
- Mosquitoes are bad at times. Better drainage solutions needed to reduce this.
- Dog owners walking dogs off leash.
- Litter issues where the skate park is.
- Etiquette signage to encourage sharing of facilities between little kids and big.
- Exercise equipment needs to meet needs of seniors.
- The table tennis is never used for table tennis and could be moved
- Excellent idea to be able to block the access road to stop campers.
- Please do not restrict the community the gardens and plant more trees.
- I wish the outdoor exercise equipment could be spaced out around the park, and not so tucked away.
- Pump track looks good!
- Will be so happy to have some improvements and some shade. It's so underutilised as is.
 Thanks!
- I am concerned about the number of people that this will attract to our ""quiet"" suburb.
- I like the design its great.
- I love the park and the pump track already and this is going to make it even better.
- The community garden planning could think more about northern aspect and some earthworks to better capture northern sun and micro climate growing spaces in winter.
- Overall looks very nice
- The general gist of the plan is great I wholeheartedly support all the proposals
- The additional inclusion of a small-soccer-field-sized multi use area should not impact any of the other projects
- The existing bushland should be protected. There should not be paths through this bush area.
- Cars drive to fast into the car park area. Eliminate parking at the entrance in the grass. People and kids walk and ride bikes their cars reversing in and out is very unsafe

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Feedback on Linda Vidler Park Draft Masterplan

Your Say Byron Shire

Project: Linda Vidler Park Draft Masterplan



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Respondent No: 1 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 08, 2021 10:26:22 am **Last Seen:** Jun 08, 2021 10:26:22 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

No

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

WSUD maintenance

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Mosquitoes are bad at times. Better drainage solutions to reduce this. Dog owners walking dogs off leash - more patrols? Litter issues where the skate park is. Think about good litter solutions and collection/patrols for the whole of site as litter-bugs will now be at the pump track too. Etiquette signage to encourage sharing of facilities between little kids and big. E.g "Remember when you were a grommet? Don't forget to give each other space and take turns."

Q4. Would you like to be kept up-to-date with this project? Please provide your email address.

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 09, 2021 16:54:58 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 09, 2021 16:54:58 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

I'd like to see benches for people watching the pump track action, senior citizens will be taking the grandkids and need somewhere to sit. (I think there's a bench at 9, but another somewhere else around the track would be good.) Rubbish bins are important. The pumping is thirsty work and there will be a lot of discarded containers, with a shop so close.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

I think the skatepark could be improved in the future. It is a much loved space but seems shabby compared to the ones you see in other small towns. The pétanque is nice but too small, only 1 game can be played at a time. Could be widened if funds are available one day, all the way to the fence. Also, kids dig holes in it thinking it a sandpit, don't know how that can be helped unless we fence it off. Ballina has a great court at Pop Denison, so successful they are putting in another. I think we could get a group going if we had more room to play, as it is we keep it confidential. There are not many things to do for seniors and this is definitely one.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

A tennis rebound wall would be fantastic. Will you consult the community about the exercise equipment? I have seen some stations in NSW which are useless unless one is young, strong and fit. I'm specifically thinking of senior access. The table tennis is never used for table tennis and could be moved to Gaggin or one of the little parks. I saw a sheep (boulder with ears and iron stakes for legs) in Federal park. Would be great to have some of these in the nature play. Love Bangalow style nature play. Excellent idea to be able to block the access road to stop campers - though they may be happy to be locked inside such an amazing park. The new game of the day is pickleball - a little court somewhere in the park would be awesome. Smaller than tennis and doesn't need space around it.



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 10, 2021 13:19:19 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 10, 2021 13:19:19 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Fix ecercise machine for adults

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Community garden. It was there long time ago. Master plan is reatrictung the natual sun for plants as trees will grow and no sun will arive to community garde. It was always thining to grow towards the small street where yhw sun will be in couple of years.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Council consultatiin for pump truck was a joke. Progress association and council team up and leave all the neighboor out of the decition. Also progress association was hiding information to others community members and sneeke their plans knowing the plans for example of the community garden. Great lack of vision from council and support for community garden. Community garden was created as an educational space running by community for the community and for no proffit. If we offer cocacola kids will love us, if we offer sustainable education with the whole area and spaces looking, with positive imput to the environment and people, then is council that have to ponder what is best to do... Now council decided to give them cocacola(read pump truck), pay for the cocacola and pay to the place to sell it... Also council put the original project((educational place that include in one of their items a community garden) on a corner, on a shade, fix, with a lot of restriction and also missinforming the community garden members in the process... Shame...



Respondent No: 4 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 10, 2021 19:39:31 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 10, 2021 19:39:31 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

What kind of survey is this???

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Seriously? Please make an effort to work a bit better with the community!!

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

This is disappointing..

Q4. Would you like to be kept up-to-date with this project? Please provide your email address.

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 10, 2021 20:01:44 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 10, 2021 20:01:44 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Consideration for Neighbours living behind it We now have skateboarding starting at 5.30 Am No consideration for anyone trying to sleep

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

not answered

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

I live right behind it I'm all for it but we have kids being noisy from 5.30 am most days And now we have gangs of kids hanging around the streets Glad u thought of people trying to work and pay rates who are now affected with no consideration I tried to speak to mal one for the council He was the rudest man I've ever spoken to



Respondent No: 6 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 11, 2021 12:34:34 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 11, 2021 12:34:34 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Plant more trees..forget about another football field. The rest of the area should be planted

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

More trees and seating areas.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Please do not restrict the community the gardens and plant more trees...there is already way to much noise and traffic from the new pump track..we need more parkland with lots of tree planting



Respondent No: 7 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 11, 2021 21:13:38 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 11, 2021 21:13:38 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Street lights to light up the footpath access

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Security cameras

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

More rubbish bins



Respondent No: 8 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 12, 2021 01:54:36 am **Last Seen:** Jun 12, 2021 01:54:36 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Please ensure that the area is dog friendly. Even if it is leashed only.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

not answered

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

not answered

Q4. Would you like to be kept up-to-date with this project? Please provide your email address.

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 14, 2021 20:42:05 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 14, 2021 20:42:05 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Space for a coffee cart? An area suitable for birthday parties (children). I've always thought the mums watching their kids play deserve more than a hard picnic table too. Hammocks?! Or an area of seating more communal and comfier, even if just curved benches and a 'shopping mall' seating vibe.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Toilets, soccer club has no changing rooms. The tennis courts possibly.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

I think it all looks great! I wish the outdoor exercise equipment could be spaced out around the park, and not so tucked away. It would be fantastic to have a couple of areas of equipment and different machines. Pump track looks good! Will be so happy to have some improvements and some shade. Its so under utilised as is. Thanks!

Q4. Would you like to be kept up-to-date with this project? Please provide your email address.

not answered



Respondent No: 10 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 15, 2021 11:33:50 am **Last Seen:** Jun 15, 2021 11:33:50 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Sound protection between pump track and the existing access lane. Also more trees as people on the pumptrack can look straight into people's homes and gardens next to the lane.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

We need a large fenced in dog park and people have not been heard! I am against another football field as they already have a big area. No markets please as it will create more congestion and noise.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Yes! More community consultation and protection before you build noisy projects! After all these are our homes!



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 17, 2021 14:59:15 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 17, 2021 14:59:15 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Dog exercise area. Already many people walk their dogs in this area. It is a social and community aspect of the lake and surrounds. Why has this not been icluded?

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

There is always rubbish (including broken glass) around the skate park and BBQ area. There are bins provided but they are not used. How do you propose to manage the litter issue with even more people coming to the area?

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

I feel for the people who live adjacent to this and have their peace and quiet affected by the pump track. Already people are breaking in through the security fences and making noise at all hours of the day and night. And then a security guard appears a few days later. Also I am concerned about the number of people that this will attract to our "quiet" suburb. Already we are overrun with Air BNB tourists. Is this pump track for the locals or for people from bike clubs in the Northern rivers?



Respondent No: 12 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 19, 2021 21:00:16 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 19, 2021 21:00:16 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

not answered

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

not answered

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 20, 2021 17:02:21 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 20, 2021 17:02:21 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Watering options for the Community gardens... Rubbish disposal bins .

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

A tool shed for the Community gardens that is very sturdy and secure from theft .A plant nursery and propagation/teaching area for the Community gardens.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 20, 2021 23:31:43 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 20, 2021 23:31:43 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

First of all the numbers are hardly readable so it's hard to know where things are. My feedback - there should be the possibility along the road under the trees to allow for a local farmers or other markets - there should be a pavilion (not sure if the meeting shelter can be used for this) to offer yoga and fitness classes (esp for young Mums) outside but in shade - on the slope at the left ends of the soccer field would be great to have a small timber stage for movie nights and music Please put up some lights for the Soccer fields so the team can play also when it's darker in winter. Please add fitness stations all around the lake so that area gets used as well. Please don't make the community garden so formal - it looks like there are lots of concrete path ways, which would be a shame. The foot paths along the road is great and safe! Maybe add at the skatepark/ playground a bicycle stand as many people ride there. Please also incorporate the bush track in the back of the playground leading to the lake. After all rubbish bins and CCTV are vital to keep everyone safe! I have been picking up glass and sweeping the skatepark too many times to keep small children safe after some teenagers held parties there at night. Please add benches around the pump track so children can leave their things there or maybe even add some lockers.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

The shelters at the soccer field where the barbecues are. The baby play ground and water dispensers.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 21, 2021 06:56:55 am **Last Seen:** Jun 21, 2021 06:56:55 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Think about bike lane connection routes - eg could the new path through to broken head road be a two way bike / pedestrian path with a linked crossing on broken head road to the existing bike path on east side of road; could the the path on the east side of the lake be widened to a 2 lane bike path through to the roundabout. I think the community garden should have an additional area for allotment gardens for individual use under the community garden management similar to allotment gardens in the UK (and Mullum!) I feel like there should be more Arawkal - indigenous theme. I'm not sure what this would look like and needs consultation with Arakwal people. But maybe some kind of enrichment planting of local biodiversity with signage acknowledging cultural use or some kind of spaces (maybe the new created wetland drainage areas) that acknowledge what was a massive wetland and how this area was and is used by indigenous people.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

The path around the oval and down to the skatepark could have marked lanes (2 directions) and be clearly signed as shared bike/pedestrian path and potentially widened in parts. Similarly would be great if the road to the car park had lines for 2 direction bike path with bollards to allow just one land of traffic flow - priority to pedestrians and bikes not cars.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

I like the design - its great. I love the park and the pump track already and this is going to make it even better. The community garden planning could think more about northern aspect and some earthworks to better capture northern sun and micro climate growing spaces in winter.



Respondent No: 16 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 21, 2021 09:56:23 am **Last Seen:** Jun 21, 2021 09:56:23 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

not answered

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

The drainage along access road and behing tennis courts

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Overall looks very nice

Q4. Would you like to be kept up-to-date with this project? Please provide your email address.

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 21, 2021 11:00:06 am **Last Seen:** Jun 21, 2021 11:00:06 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Inclusion of a small-soccer-field-sized, multi use area - as detailed on the "STAKEHOLDERS DESIRED USAGE" page of the Master-Plan. i.e. A simple open flat area that can be used as a small soccer field, family picnics, markets, etc.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Sports field lighting & club house extension - as proposed by SPFC.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

The general gist of the plan is great - I wholeheartedly support all the the proposals! The additional inclusion of a small-soccer-field-sized multi use area should not impact any of the other projects in a meaningful way - and just extend the usefulness of the area to existing users.



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 21, 2021 11:22:15 am **Last Seen:** Jun 21, 2021 11:22:15 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Shade, seating and bubblers near the pump track.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

The skatepark, community gardens and tennis courts.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Concerned about the water gardens and mosquitos, will the water be flowing? As well a proximity to areas where basketballs may bounce into.



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 21, 2021 14:40:02 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 21, 2021 14:40:02 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Protection for the existing bush area

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

More trees need to planted around all areas of the park.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

The existing bushland should be protected. There should not be paths through this bush area as it is a very sensitive habitat for native animals, snakes, echidnas, possums, bandicoots, water dragons and other lizards and many birds live there. I note that at the other end of the park the bush area is protected by low impact fencing. It could very well happen that bikes will be ridden through this area, if paths are built, and cause damage to this sensitive area.



Respondent No: 20 Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 23, 2021 20:22:33 pm **Last Seen:** Jun 23, 2021 20:22:33 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

A 2nd small size football field for the SPFC.

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

The SPFC requires an upgrade to the clubhouse to include proper dressing sheds and a proper canteen facility.

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

not answered



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jun 26, 2021 05:45:35 am **Last Seen:** Jun 26, 2021 05:45:35 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

A bigger and safer cafe area. Off leash dog area

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Night lights. Drainage

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Cars drive to fast into the car park area. Eliminate parking at the entrance in the grass. People and kids walk and ride bikes there cars reversing in and out is very unsafe



Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Jul 04, 2021 18:40:15 pm **Last Seen:** Jul 04, 2021 18:40:15 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. Is there anything else you think should be included in the Draft Masterplan?

Love for the environment

Q2. Thinking ahead - what facilities do you think need upgrading? The information you provide will help us when we apply for grants.

Community garden

Q3. Do you have any other feedback?

Comunicacion, consultation and respect for all your

Feedback on Exhibition of Linda Vidler Park Masterplan

From:

Sent: Tuesday, 6 July 2021 10:22 AM

To: Robertson, Malcolm <mrobertson@byron.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Feedback on Linda Vidler Masterplan

Hello Malcolm,

I am cognisant that I may have missed the deadline for community feedback by a day, hence I am trying my luck in providing feedback.

The idea of an Exercise Station strongly appeals to my partner and I. We enjoy keeping fit and strong and have found since we moved to Suffolk Park (4 weeks ago), there really isn't a gym conveniently located. We prefer to either walk or ride our bike to a gym rather than drive.

Hence, an exercise station would be of great benefit.

Best wishes with it all.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: Thursday, 10 June 2021 9:28 AM

To: Robertson, Malcolm <mrobertson@byron.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: CM: Hello Malcolm

You might remember me from the few community planning meetings that were held around this time last year

You & I need desperately need to have a conversation about Linda Vidler Park. Nobody now trusts Suffolk Park Progress Association, to the extent I have now over 100 members in my group Community Regeneration of Open Spaces Suffolk Park since your pump track decision making.

Gonna be a very fun conversation. Wondering why you think SPPA is valid community consultation, wondering why me or my community group has never been consulted, many other things.

Please call me Thanks

(Meeting was agreed and arranged but respondent did not attend. They advised they would send their concerns in via email, but this did not eventuate).

