Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development

1A Burra Road, Artarmon

Community Consultation Summary Report
March 2020

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Communication Methods

The purpose of this round of community consultation was designed for the local community to be involved in potential future uses and design features for the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion. Architect designers will develop two concept design options based on the community feedback. The community will then be able to review and provide feedback on the two design options (below) in April 2020. Both options will then be submitted through a design excellence panel process.

- Option A – Demolition
- Option B – Partial demolition and adaptive re-use

Consultation was undertaken over a three week period between the 17 February and 9 March 2020. Consultation was extended by an extra week, to the close on 16 March 2020.

Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development – Community Consultation

Stakeholder	Communication	Date	Responses
1. Community	Online survey - Have Your Say	17 February – 16 March 2020	43 submitted
2. Community	Notices for HYS survey at the - Community Library Branches - Progress Associations - Local Schools (Artarmon Public School) - Community Contact Database - Dougherty Community Centre - Willoughby Leisure Centre - Willoughby City Council website - Willoughby City Council Facebook page - Willoughby City Council Twitter	17 February – 16 March 2020	-
3. Community Sessions	Notices for Sessions at the - Community Library Branches - Progress Associations - Local Schools	- Saturday 29 February 2020, 9am – 11am - Monday 9 March 2020, 4pm – 6pm	

	(Artarmon Public School) - Community Contact Database - Dougherty Community Centre - Willoughby Leisure Centre - Willoughby City Council website - Willoughby City Council Facebook page - Willoughby City Council Twitter		
4. Intercept Surveys		- Saturday 29 February, 11.30am – 1.30pm - Monday 9 March, 2pm – 4pm - Tuesday 10 March, 10am – 12.15pm - Tuesday 10 March, 2pm - 4.30pm - Wednesday 11 March, 2pm – 4.30pm	-

Method

The presentation and analysis of the data has been collated via a summary of the online survey with a combination of option choice and open-ended comments in conjunction with the consultation sessions feedback. This survey was available on the Councils Have Your Say website between 17 February and 9 March, extended to 16 March 2020.

Data from the online survey and information session submissions has been presented in tabular form. This data has been themed and tallied.

Respondents

- 43 people completed the online survey.
- 3 written submissions.
- 186 people present at community sessions and intercept surveys.

Have Your Say Survey Results

(Edited from respondents own words)

There were 43 respondents in an online Have Your Say survey. The survey did not require registration to encourage increased participation. An email question was added on 26 February to monitor for multiple individuals submissions. Twenty one respondents provided email addresses as individual participants.

Survey respondents were asked for any additional ideas on potential future uses and additional design concept features for the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion. The survey also asked for the suburb of the respondent, how often they access the parklands and how they accessed the venue.

Q1. Which suburb do you live in? (required response)		
• Artarmon	31	72.1%
• Willoughby	6	14%
• Naremburn	3	7%
• Chatswood	2	4.7%
• Lane Cove North	1	2.3%
Q2. How often have you visited the Artarmon Parkland in the past 6 months? (required response)		
• Weekly	25	58.1%
• Monthly	10	23.3%
• Once or Twice	4	9.3%
• I haven't visited recently	4	9.3%
Q3. How would you travel to the site? (Choose as many as applies) (required response)		
• Drive	• 16	
• Bus	• 2	
• Walk	• 42	
• Cycle	• 25	
• Taxi/Uber	• 3	
• Train	• 3	
• Other	• 4	
Q4. If you chose 'other' form of travel please tell us more: (optional response)		
• Scooter	• 1	
• Wheelchair	• 1	
• Run	• 1	
Q5. The proposal is to construct a pavilion of approximately 400sqm on the footprint of the former Artarmon Bowling Club House. In addition to passive recreation and amenities, the pavilion will host a range of public uses including but not limited to: • **BBQs and picnics** • **Outdoor exercise classes** • **Children's birthday parties**		

	• **Concerts** • **Markets** • **Festival events** • **Workshops / Community Education** • **Public meetings** • **An undercover retreat from the sun and rain**
Can you suggest any other uses for the venue?	
1.	• Several undercover retreats.
2.	• Adult birthday parties such as 18, 21, 30, 40, 50 • Indoor exercise classes
3.	• Venue hire for private meetings and/or functions • Ability for food and beverages to be sold to park patrons by a commercial operator eg a cafe or coffee or food truck
4.	• No
5.	• No
6.	• Small weddings and events (with bookings)
7.	• Bicycle self service and repair mini-workshop e.g. http://www.rubbersidedown.net/ • Small stage for musical and other performances.
8.	• No I think it will be very limited, especially when exercise groups take part of the pavilion with music playing.
9.	• Solar panels to provide power for the entire site including a pump to get water up to the community gardens. • Water retention facilities. e.g. a rainwater tank to provide water for the community garden. • The Pavilion may provide unintended use by vagrants as a shelter; a site for drinking/drug parties at night; attraction of other undesirables as a convenient meeting place away from public scrutiny.
10.	• It would be wonderful if we could get a kids bike track, like the one at Hallstorm Park. • BBQs and bathrooms would be a bonus too.
11.	• No, but I really like all the suggestions above!
12.	• Indoor Yoga and exercise classes, • Community garden activities - indoor, • Repair cafe sessions, • Community free library swap cabinet, • Movie evenings, • Adults birthday parties, • Multiple undercover retreats from rain & heat
13.	• Fully enclosed space able to be opened via sliding or stackable doors onto play area (e.g. like the incredibly functional and multipurpose North Sydney community centre behind Stanton Library. • Being open to elements in this area is no better than having a shaded picnic table otherwise. An onsite cafe operator like the incinerator would be great too. • Toilets should be separate self-cleaning pods like in CBD - better to maintain cleanliness and odour. Cheaper to maintain long term.
14.	• It should be designed to meet the existing use cases for the Artarmon bowling Club site. I agree with those listed but believe you should not lose the functionality that the old Bowling club provided during this upgrade.
15.	• The pavilion will be built to be level with the community garden / upper green. This means there is a basement level under the cordia way side and this should house a Men's shed.
16.	• Nil specific; the above are all great ideas
17.	• No
18.	• Would be great to make this a food destination especially with the community garden that has been developed. A comprehensive food and beverage offering, potentially a social enterprise would be a welcome addition to the community.
19.	• Anti-social uses are possible so making it unattractive for graffiti is important.

20.	• Cafe/kiosk
21.	• No
22.	• Early learning children and parent networking.
23.	• No but like all the uses in the list
24.	• A bar/restaurant in the style of the Greens at North Sydney.
25.	• Outdoor exercise equipment - pull up bars etc.
26.	• No but hours for noisy activity should have limited times I.e. no group except use classes before 8am as local houses are very close
27.	• Shelter from the wind (i.e. NOT open on three sides) • Dog-friendly (hooks to attach leashes to, water source)
28.	• No
29.	• Underage drinking. • Repair Cafe. • Cinema in the park • Theatre in the park.
30.	• An educational facility providing a resource to all levels of education, and focusing on climate change, recycling, sustainability and research.
31.	• I think the above list covers everything if it's to be a covered outdoor space.
32.	• Water play area or sightseeing tower
33.	• Collection and storage of rainwater for the community garden from roof.
34.	• A bigger enclosed room for indoor yoga classes and exercise classes and dance classes. A space that can be utilised in the evenings. Majority of uses proposed are daytime uses.
35.	• You have covered it well.
36.	• Keep as simple recreation. No sporting or fitness facilities.
37.	• Table tennis or indoor sport gathering.
38.	• No
39.	• Cafe/ restaurant.
40.	• Theatre, plays, open air cinema
41.	• Indoor exercise classes • Bridge classes and games • After school hours and vacation childcare • Tea Room / Cafe operated by a charity or community organisation • Storage for the community gardens • Dance classes
42.	• The Repair Cafe would welcome an enclosed space. I understand their statistics for last year show an average of 44 visitors and 20 volunteers, with an average of 65 repairs done in the two-hour session. Last year the repairs prevented over 1560 items going to landfill. • Other uses for a room: Local interest group gatherings - e.g. craft groups, gardening clubs, English as a second language conversation groups
43.	• No

Q6. Concepts to date have included:

- **The pavilion to be open on at least three sides**
- **Design to complement the parkland setting and enhance amenity for users particularly in relation to shade, toilet facilities and picnic facilities**
- **Publicly accessible toilets**
- **Outdoor BBQ facilities**
- **Seating / picnic tables**
- **Consideration of a small meeting room of up to 50m2 that is able to be opened up onto the pavilion's internal space**

What additional features would you like to see included in the concept design?	
1.	• Several undercover retreats with tables and seating.
2.	• A larger indoor meeting room/space to facilitate noise sensitive meetings and workshops (e.g. yoga and meditation classes) with kitchen facilities for cooking demonstrations and other similar education purposes. • Audio visual and IT facilities to support the above suggested functions.
3.	• Small kitchen
4.	• This area is called Artarmon Parklands indicating an outdoor area. A big NO to a 50m2 meeting room. Keep it as an outdoor area only & learn to cope with weather vagaries. If meeting rooms are included, next is kitchens will be required, heating, hot water etc. etc.
5.	• In addition to my previous submission: • Water drinking bubblers are required in the playground area. • Regarding the building of a 50m2 meeting room to which I strongly object, there no parking available on site and limited parking available on adjoining streets. • The site is in parkland and should not be used for any other purpose. The pavilion and/or meeting should not be rented to any business, small or otherwise, full stop. The cost of the meeting room should be allocated towards a community centre on the old library site. • Complete demolition of the old building - do it once, do it properly.
6.	• Electronic security and CCTV that can control access via online bookings • Performance space
7.	• See above
8.	• Another 3 walls. • More than one "meeting room". • Full kitchen facilities. • Storage for regular users
9.	• Solar panels to provide power for the entire site including a pump to get water up to the community gardens. • Water retention facilities. E.g. a rainwater tank to capture runoff to provide water for the community garden. • It should have some form of protection for the 3 open sides for days when it is cold or very hot or for when there is driving rain. • Cycle parking facilities that will include facilities for tricycles, cargo bikes and cycle trailers.
10.	• Kid's bike track like the one at Hallstrom Park.
11.	• Lots of shaded areas so that it truly is an all seasons venue.
12.	• Secure lockable cupboards for community groups to store equipment on a regular basis. • Multiple Picnic tables with good wide/deep roof areas for rain & heat - placed in various locations • Electricity for boiling kettles & recharging phones • Free Wi-Fi • Play equipment and exercise equipment for all age groups - children through to disabled & adults water bubblers, • Dog watering stations
13.	• Consider using cafe outsourcing and enclosed area rental fees to offset maintenance. Many people out of area or in high rise short term rental use these facilities too and do not contribute as locals do for these amenities, having small income stream can help offset this.
14.	• An Internal space that is weather proof and contained to allow for community bookings though out the year. It needs to be sealed and able to be heated in winter providing the same functionality as the existing bowling club site.
15.	• The pavilion will be built to be level with the community garden / upper green. This means there is a basement level under the Cordia Way side and this should house a Men's shed.
16.	• Nil specific
17.	• Please don't omit the gym facilities. • Security remains import for me

18.	• Space for regular food trucks as a substitute for the above mentioned F&B options. • Co-working space to attract more people to the area.
19.	• A water tap and a bubbler to drink from. • Garbage and recycling bins. • Push button timed lighting for twilight BBQ eating. • I'm not convinced that a room 7m x 7m is large enough for a public meeting, so suggest that these events be encouraged to book Philip Norman Hall at the Library, or Kid's Cottage - pending a determination of plans for the old library site south of Wilkes Ave. • If you want to hold a concert, ask the Principal to use the Artarmon Public School Hall or WCC to use the Concourse.
20.	• Small kitchen that can be hired out for parties that would include a microwave, kettle, sink, small fridge. No oven/stovetop. Or a small kiosk to buy a coffee would be great.
21.	• Can't think of any other features needed.
22.	• Impact of the facility on the broader area, especially parking provision. • Authentic consideration of disability access and access by older citizens. • Emission neutral strategies for use of site.
23.	• Happy with all of the concepts in the list
24.	• Coffee stall.
25.	• Accessible toilets for people with mobility impairment • Drinking fountain/ water bottle fill up tap
26.	• Designed to minimise impacts on surrounding residential properties including no lighting at night (to reduce late night use) and soundproofing as much as practical. • Wash up sink facilities would be good near the BBQ area.
27.	• Timed lights so people can use it after dark • Re-use of bricks in honour of existing building • We prefer Option B - adaptive re-use of the building (environmentally friendlier)
28.	• Low VOC/ natural materials • Natural aesthetic to suit the parklands bush setting
29.	• Deck overlooking playground.
30.	• I just need to STRESS the importance of providing fully compliant accessible toilet facilities.
31.	• It would be great to have a room that the community could use for yoga, dance, kids parties, sewing groups etc.
32.	• Water play area or climbing/sightseeing tower
33.	• The retention of the building based on Council's motion to declare a climate emergency. On Thursday 17 October 2019, Willoughby City Council passed a motion to declare a climate emergency. Council also agreed to write to the federal and NSW governments calling on them to act urgently to address climate change and its impacts. Acting on Climate Change includes making decisions taking sustainability into consideration. I had assumed that all previous council decisions that hadn't been acted on would be revisited to look at their sustainability in light of Council's stand on Climate Change. The decision to demolish the Artarmon Bowling Club Clubhouse would therefore need to be looked at again in this new light. A paper I found recently outlines the arguments for refurbishment rather than demolition of historic buildings far better than I can. This is Ding G (2013) 'Demolish or refurbish – Environmental benefits of housing conservation', Australasian Journal of Construction Economics and Building, 13 (2) 18-34. I have reprinted pertinent excerpts from the paper below. I have included the author's references but not the full citations of those papers. These can be found by accessing this paper online. "Over the past decades, many countries have attempted to reduce energy consumption to mitigate the impact of global climate change. Some have proposed demolishing historic buildings because of their supposed deficiencies in environmental performance. However, an alternative view is that many historic buildings have the potential for sound environmental performance, and that retaining and upgrading them produces better results not only for energy use but also for social and cultural well-being (Power 2008). Historic buildings are important assets as part of humanity's cultural capital; they record historical development, social and economic advancement, scientific progress, collective memory, and

	culture-history (Silberman 2011). Silberman (2011) goes on to state that heritage can be a driver of local and regional development. Although the conservation movement worldwide has helped to preserve some historic buildings, many are still under threat. There are claims that such buildings are old-fashioned, expensive to maintain, offer poor user comfort and are energy inefficient. If the challenges of climate change and reduced GHG emissions are to be successfully tackled, there is potentially enormous benefit to be gained from maintain and refurbishing the historic building stocks in order to make the current built environment more environmentally-friendly and energy efficient (Bromley, Tallon &Thomas 2005; Bullen 2007). The historic building stock has the greatest potential to lower the environmental load of the built environment significantly within the next 20 or 30 years (Bullen 2007). Mickaityte et al. (2008) in developing a conceptual model for sustainable building refurbishment suggests that sustainable maintenance and refurbishment of historic buildings uses 23% less energy than new construction. Moe (2007) further suggests that it will take approximately 65 years for a green and energy-efficient building to recover the energy and resources lost in the demolition of an historic building, even if 40% of the building materials from the demolition are recycled. Power (2008) further states that building, demolition and renovation waste make up about one-third of all landfill that is detrimental to the environment. Consequently, sustainable maintenance and refurbishment of historic buildings may be a more practical way to respond to climate change and other negative impacts on the environment. There has been research into the environmental value of historic housing and results have demonstrated that the maintenance and conservation of historic housing stocks help to achieve environmental gains as these buildings represent a major investment in natural and human resources (Sustainable Development Commission 2006; Ireland 2008). A research project undertaken by the Empty Homes Agency, UK, reveals that refurbishing historic homes can save up to 35 tonnes of CO2 per property by removing the need for the energy locked into new build materials and construction (Ireland 2008). Research undertaken by the UK Government reveals that the energy produced from non-renewable sources consumed in building accounts for about half of the UK's emission of carbon dioxide (Cabinet Office 2000). Over 90% of non-energy minerals used are needed to supply the construction industry with materials. However, each year, about 70 million tons of construction and demolition materials end up as waste landfill. This paper compares performance between historic and modern buildings in order to investigate an argument for conservation rather than demolition. If historic buildings perform as well as modern buildings, then conservation will be an important consideration to achieve the goal of ecologically sustainable development in the construction industry. Building conservation will achieve saving in terms of embodied energy, virginal building materials and reducing the negative impact on the environment in the form of emissions and waste."
34.	• A BIGGER INDOOR (FULLY ENCLOSED) ROOM. Bigger than what is currently proposed.
35.	• All sounds good.
36.	• The small meeting room should not be part of the pavilion. The money will be better spent on a community centre on the old library site. Parking is a problem at the park. No parking on site (ex ABC land). Parking is at a premium in the area (local streets) for commuters. The meeting room encourages small businesses looking for cheap accommodation. Next will be a demand for kitchen facilities within the pavilion. Keep to the original concept of pavilion only and public toilets.
37.	• Weekly market
38.	• Nothing
39.	• Undercover area for ball games.
40.	• Podium blocks, • High ceiling, • Heating, • Fans, • Solar roof panels/tiles
41.	• A larger enclosed space with timber floor, similar in size to the existing clubhouse hall • Outdoor entertainment/theatre space • An exemplary example of sustainability with passive heating in winter. • Rainwater tank for gardens' water supply • Kitchen facilities

	• History of bowling club displayed
42.	• Sink and hot water. • As well as openly accessible spaces I support an enclosed room that can be used for meetings, workshops & community education, social gatherings and community activities such as the Repair Cafe. A room provides a controlled area, security and weather protection, particularly from wind and cold, which an open sided pavilion will not provide. I believe this area needs to be larger than the 50m2 room suggested. - Mention has been made that the Kids Cottage is available for meetings. I believe this building has restrictions on time of use and access to the playground. The Artarmon Parklands provide more variety and an enclosed space at the Artarmon Parklands will be more flexible and useful to support indoor and outdoor activities. This enclosed space should be provided regardless of any future community spaces at the old library. - It is good to see that Option B is being considered from a sustainability viewpoint and to recognise the history of the Artarmon Bowling Club and the generosity of the club in the sale price to council. - Some timber flooring as this is becoming less common but is desirable for many social activities such as dancing and exercise.
43.	• No

Consultation Sessions Feedback

Community Sessions were held in the Artarmon Parklands at 1A Burra Rd Artarmon on the following dates:

- Saturday 29 February 2020 9am – 11am
- Monday 9 March 2020 4pm – 6pm

Intercept surveys were conducted within the Artarmon Parklands Playground, the Wilkes Rd shopping strip and the entrance to Artarmon train station (Hampden Rd side) on the following dates:

- Saturday 29 February, 11.30am – 1.30pm
- Monday 9 March, 2pm – 4pm
- Tuesday 10 March, 10am – 12.15pm
- Tuesday 10 March, 2pm - 4.30pm
- Wednesday 11 March, 2pm – 4.30pm

The community were consulted in regard to design concepts and usage for the proposed Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development.

Council staff spoke with the community about the various Artarmon Parklands community engagement phases to date.

Local community members were presented with two large boards. One that featured the designs concepts and the other with future uses for the pavilion.

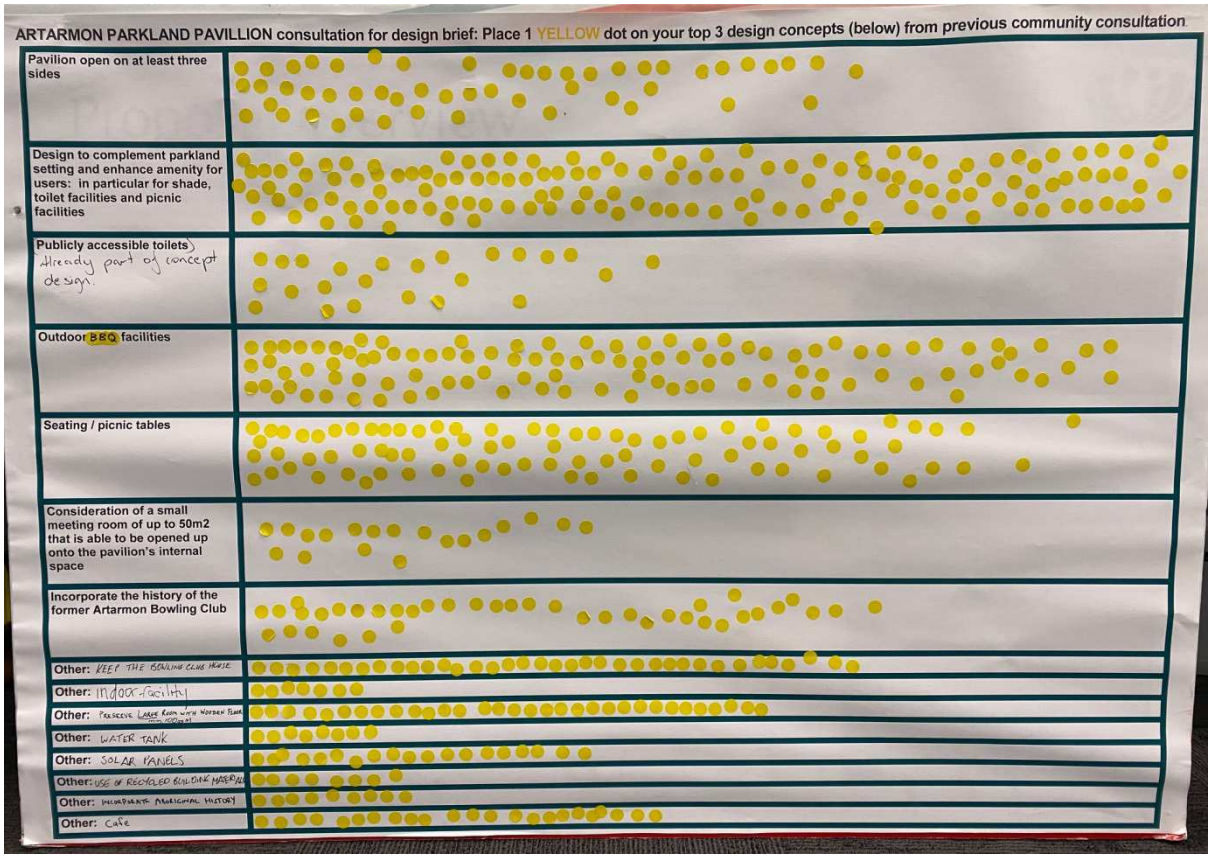
Email addresses were recorded to validate allocation of the dots to elect their top 3 priorities in each category and for council staff to keep the interested parties informed of future engagement. A total of 186 community members signed up to have their say on the design concepts and pavilion uses boards.

The Community were asked to place 1 YELLOW dot on their top 3 design concepts from previous community consultation. There were blank spaces for the community to nominate other design concepts if so desired.

The Community were asked to place 1 PINK dot on their top 3 pavilion uses from previous community consultation. There were blank spaces for the community to nominate other uses if so desired.

Top 3 Design Concepts

186 community members were given 3 YELLOW dots giving a total of 558 yellow dots allocated. The Community were asked to place 1 yellow dot on their top 3 design concepts from previous community consultation. There were blank spaces for the community to nominate other design concepts.



Picture 1 – Design Concept Board

The below table outlines the results of the voting on the Design Concepts board.

Design Concept	Number of dots	%
Design to complement parkland setting and enhance amenity for users; in particular for shade, toilet, facilities and picnic facilities	140	25%
Outdoor BBQ facilities	103	18.45%
Seating / Picnic tables	87	15.59%
Pavilion open on at least three sides	52	9.31%
Incorporate the history of the former Artarmon Bowling Club	40	7.16%

Publicly accessible toilets (noted as already part of any concept design)	24	4.30%
Consideration of a small meeting room of up to 50m^2 that is able to be opened up onto the pavilions internal space	19	3.40%

The community were asked to add any other design concepts they may like to see incorporated into the pavilion.

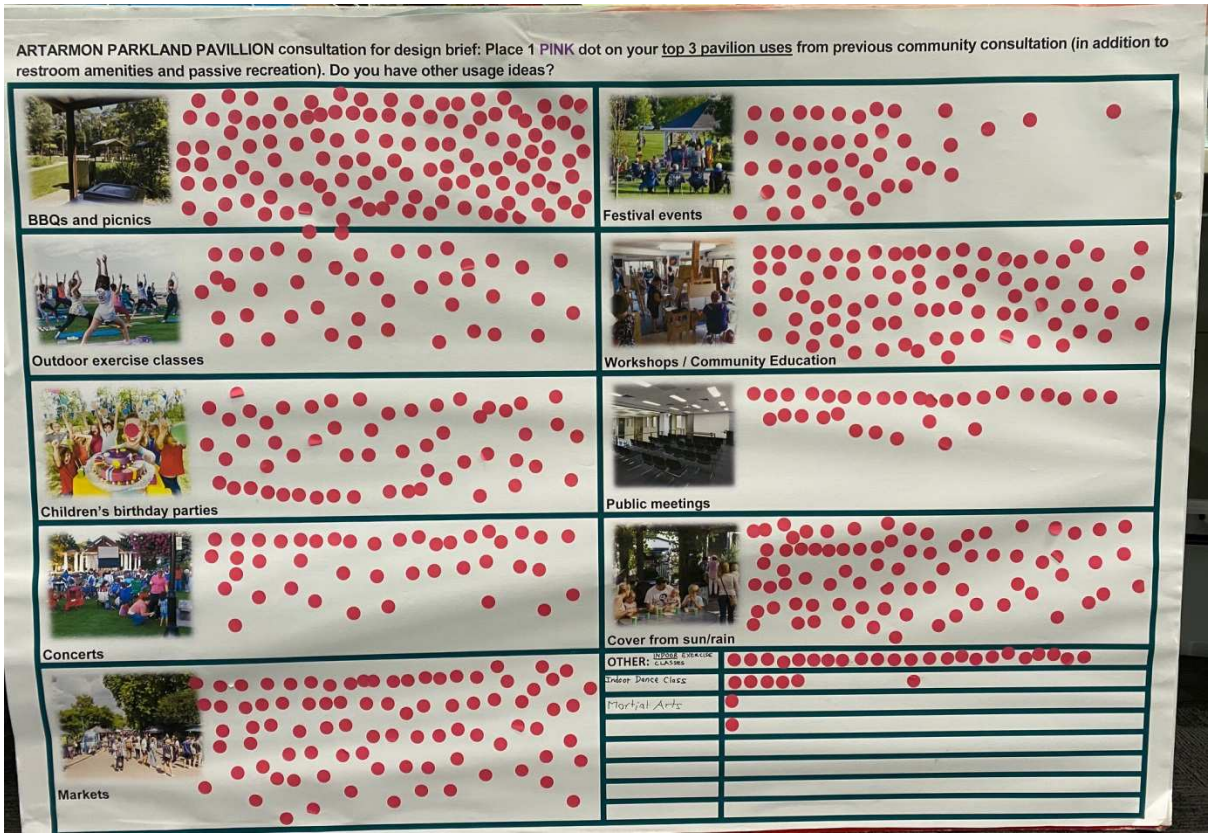
Design Concept	Number of dots	%
Other: Keep the Bowling Club House	36	6.45%
Other: Preserve large room with wooden floor minimum 100m^2	31	5.55%
Other: Café	24	4.30%
Other: Solar panels	19	3.40%
Other: incorporate aboriginal history	9	1.61%
Other: Water tanks	8	1.43%
Other: Use of recycled building materials	8	1.43%
Other: Indoor facility	7	1.25%

Summary

The majority of community support was for the design of a pavilion to complement the parkland setting and enhance amenity for users; in particular for shade, toilet, facilities and picnic facilities. Outdoor BBQ facilities and shaded seating / picnic tables also had high support from the community.

Top 3 Pavilion Uses

186 community members were given 3 PINK dots giving a total of 558 pink dots allocated The Community were asked to place 1 pink dot on their top 3 pavilion uses from previous community consultation. There were blank spaces for the community to nominate other uses.



Picture 2 – Pavilion Uses Board

The below table outlines the results of the voting on the Pavilion Uses board.

Pavilion Uses	Number of dots	%
BBQ's and Picnics	123	22.04%
Markets	86	15.41%
Workshops/Community Education	84	15.05%
Cover from sun/rain	78	13.97%
Childrens birthday parties	56	10.03%
Outdoor exercise classes	45	8.06%
Festival events	44	7.88%
Concerts	42	7.52%
Public meetings	31	5.55%

The community were asked to add any other uses they may like to see the pavilion used for.

Pavilion Uses	Number of dots	%
Other: Indoor exercise classes	23	4.12%
Other: Indoor dance classes	6	1.07%
Other: Martial arts	1	0.17%
Other: Senior classes	1	0.17%

Summary

The majority of community support for uses was for BBQ's and picnics to be held in the proposed pavilion. Proposed pavilion usage for Markets, workshops and community education was also a high priority.

Written Submissions

Progress Associations

Progress association within the Artarmon Parklands site were invited to take part in the Have Your Say survey on the feedback for usage and concept designs as well as sending written submissions in. These associations included:

- Artarmon Progress Association
- Chatswood East Side Progress Association
- Naremburn Progress Association
- Willoughby Progress Association
- Willoughby South Progress Association

We received 2 written submissions from:

- Artarmon Progress Association
- Willoughby South Progress Associations

Artarmon Progress Association Submission

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10 March 2020

Mr Michael Cashin
Community Life Manager
Willoughby City Council
Level 4, 31 Victor Street
Chatswood NSW 2067

Dear Mr Cashin,

Willoughby City Council – Artarmon Parklands Development

The Artarmon Progress Association welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Artarmon Parklands Development.

The Artarmon Progress Association advised members of the Have Your Say survey on the Willoughby City Council website and invited their input to help shape the Artarmon Progress Association response.

Our community has expressed the strong desire to preserve and build on the features and benefits of the existing clubhouse facility. Many would prefer to retain the clubhouse, and many believe the facility should be redeveloped. Three strong and consistent themes have come through in the feedback: ecologically sustainable development; historic preservation; and social, connected communities.

Design Features & Uses

Ecologically sustainable development

There is strong community support for the facility to adhere to the concept of ecologically sustainable development. Members stressed the importance of reducing consumption of non-renewable resources, minimizing waste, and creating healthy, productive environments. Key design features requested for the site include:

a. generate renewable energy
b. dispose of waste onsite including environmentally friendly composting toilet system
c. incorporate greywater systems
d. preserve and reuse Clubhouse structural components and materials
e. allow rainwater harvesting
f. use solar & LED lighting
g. durable and beautiful, in keeping with its setting

Historic preservation
Preserving the history associated with the former Artarmon Bowling Club is of critical importance to many in the community, particularly the important role women played during the formation and patronage of the bowling club c1957 and the post-war architecture. There are a number of heritage items that require preserving such as the large honour board. A story board that reflects the women's contribution to the social and cultural development of our community was also requested.

Of equal importance is acknowledging and capturing earlier histories. The Cammeraygal clan, and potentially the Wallumedegal clan, are the original habitants of the area and held strong associations to the land. This aspect of our history must also be recognised.

Social, connected communities
All responses from members highlighted the critical importance of an inclusive facility that provides space for all ages and all walks of life.

Members stressed the need for an all-weather fully enclosed space for community groups to gather for:

- Recreational purposes including dance, fitness and exercise classes. Members are keen to preserve and reuse the clubhouse's wooden floorboards to reduce injury and improve comfort during classes.
- Educational purposes including a "Repair Café" and classes focused on renewable energy, bush care skills, organic gardening and ecology/threatened species.
- One-off hire for low key private functions, social events and workshops (noting restriction on noise and time curfews were important).

A weather protected space for larger gatherings was also a popular concept to service larger community meetings, neighbourhood gatherings and celebrations.

Accessibility features were considered essential and non-negotiable. These included accessible toilet facilities and an accessible entrance to the Artarmon Parklands facility and playground.

The former Artarmon Bowling Club was designed to overlook the 'lower green'. Maintaining the panoramic view over the existing playground maintains the historical design features and offers a wonderful connection between the facility and the playground.

The site also has an eye to the newly established community garden. Although still in its establishment phase, the community garden is proving to be a popular destination and place of interest. Developing a facility that complements the community garden and playground environments and meets the needs of a growing and diverse patronage is a challenge and wonderful opportunity.

The Artarmon Progress Association looks forward to working with the Willoughby City Council to develop a facility that achieves the optimal outcome for the Artarmon community and visitors to the area.

Yours faithfully



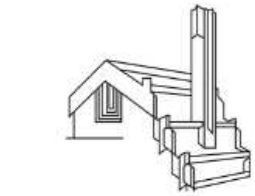
Georgina Roussac
President

Who we are

The Artarmon Progress Association, Inc. was founded in 1906 as a not-for-profit group and our objectives are to promote the welfare, physical and intellectual advancement of the suburb of Artarmon and the City of Willoughby, to protect the interests of the residents, and to encourage a keener spirit of citizenship and mutual help amongst residents.

Our newsletter, the Artarmon Gazette, is distributed quarterly to over 5,000 homes and businesses in Artarmon. We regularly communicate with residents and act as a conduit between local residents and elected representatives on matters concerning our local community.

Willoughby South Progress Association Submission



The Secretary
C/- 18 Chiltern Rd
Willoughby NSW 2068
wspassociation@hotmail.com

Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development

Submission by Willoughby South Progress Association
16 March 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Have Your Say on the above development.

The Willoughby South Progress Association held its General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March, 2020 and the Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse was listed for discussion. The following was moved and supported unanimously:

WSPA objects to Council's proposal to construct only an open pavilion on this site, and that we wish to have a proper say in the design of this facility

It was noted that the Willoughby Planning Panel has required Council to engage with the community over the terms of the brief for a new community facility. It was pointed out that we have many times and in many ways expressed our preference for a community centre which respects the social and cultural values of the building and its history, adaptively reusing that which is sound. With this in mind it is disappointing to note that the current Have Your Say Survey form makes no reference to adaptive reuse of the existing building.

It is our view that the facility should have an enclosed space of at least 100 sq. mtrs, have good natural lighting and a timber floor.

We are open to the idea of incorporating pavilion-like elements to accommodate those who have alternate needs not requiring a fully enclosed space.

We look forward to the next round of community consultation when we understand that two alternative designs will be put forward by Council, one based on an adaptive reuse of the existing building and the other, a new building to replace the existing clubhouse building.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Tully
President

Individual Submissions

We received 1 written submission from a member of the community.

Willoughby City Council
PO Box 57
CHATSWOOD NSW 2064

10 March 2020

Re: REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER ARTARMON BOWLING CLUB CLUBHOUSE

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the proposed concept design for a community facility at the former Artarmon Bowling Club clubhouse. I oppose the entire demolition of the existing structure and believe that many existing structural elements could be retained and incorporated into a remodelled structure on the existing footprint. I refer, in particular, to the wooden-floored hall (see below).

Design of the Building

I object to the proposed redevelopment being labelled as a pavilion rather than a building or facility. The Determination and Statement of Reasons paper from the Willoughby Local Planning Panel (29/10/2019) referred to a community facility, not a pavilion. As Council is calling for uses and features, this input should then inform the resulting design. There is no reason for the design for a community facility to be constrained by the pre-existing concept of a pavilion.

The design of the facility should be strongly informed by the design of the current building. I draw your attention to the Heritage Interpretation Strategy by Artefact commissioned by Council.

> "Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse… is largely intact and [has] a high level of integrity and authenticity. Unlike the other bowling clubs discussed in this comparative analysis, Artarmon Bowling Club was designed to replicate its surrounds, largely built in post-war style while incorporating several elements of the Inter-War Californian Bungalow, such as low-pitch roofing, wide eaves, a street facing gable. Artarmon Bowling Club is the only club within this assessment to represent the Post-war architectural style and/or Californian Bungalow elements."

The position of the building, seated between the two former bowling greens, calls out for deliberate reference to original design.

Community Meeting Room

I was pleased to see the inclusion of a community room in the proposal as it is most important that the redesigned facility can be used for workshops, community education and small exercise and passive relaxation classes. In many circumstances, especially in the use by senior residents, an open area is highly unsuitable for these activities.

Retention of part of the current hall with wooden floorboards should be strongly considered. The support beneath the floorboards is sound according to the documentation supplied by Council. This retained area would be ideal for the community room. The yield given by floorboards compared with concrete is very important for joint injury prevention in movement classes. Concrete flooring with vinyl floor covering is unforgivingly hard and cold as I have experienced in the modern renovation of Willoughby Park Centre. Retention of part of the wooden floor is also an environmentally sustainable alternative to concrete flooring and vinyl covering, as well as being aesthetically pleasing.

Small community meetings, workshops and educational functions require seating that is comfortable for all ages. To allow the greatest versatility of use of the room, the seating should not be fixed to allow a variety of configurations fit for purpose. The proposed area of 50m2 will not be large enough to allow for versatility of use and should be increased to a minimum of 60 m2. As there is an existing covered pavilion next to the community gardens as a "break out" from the proposed open part of the concept design, a decrease of 10m2 in the open area of the design is an acceptable compromise considering the advantage gained.

The community room should be self-contained and not open into the building's internal space as proposed in some of Council's documentation. Smoke, odour and grease from BBQing will linger and movement in and out of the opened room will transfer dirt onto the floor of the room, requiring higher maintenance. Additionally there would be a problem of sound insulation between the room and the outer area.

The lower ground floor of the current building should be retained and put to good use. The large area could accommodate accessible toilets, water tanks and community gardens equipment.

<u>Additional features to include in the concept design</u>

- Retention of the honour boards and incorporation into the design
- Reinstatement of the plaque featuring the Channel 9 tower at the entrance of the facility.
- Sustainability: The roof should be used for water collection, the toilets could be composting models, and solar panels should be incorporated to generate renewable energy.
- Any new materials used in the design should reference the original materials used in the former clubhouse, for example using a modern take on weatherboard cladding.
- The colour palette used in the original building should be employed to enhance the reference of the new facility to the old.

Thank you again for undertaking a renewed and thorough community consultation on the community facility on the grounds of the former Artarmon Bowling Club. I look forward to following the development of the concept design as consultation continues.

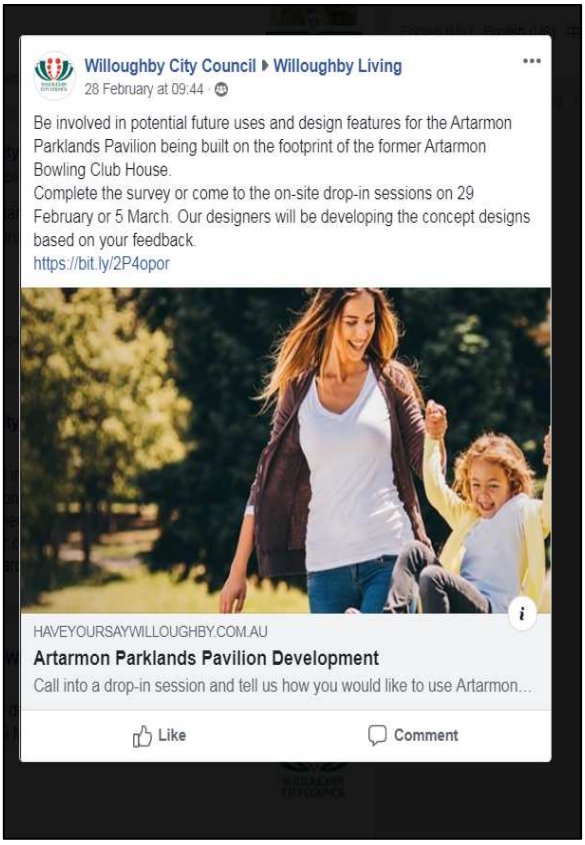
Kind regards

Social Media Advertising Campaign

Facebook Campaign

Facebook marketing was done to engage the community and complete the survey. The Facebook advert reached 4,324 people.





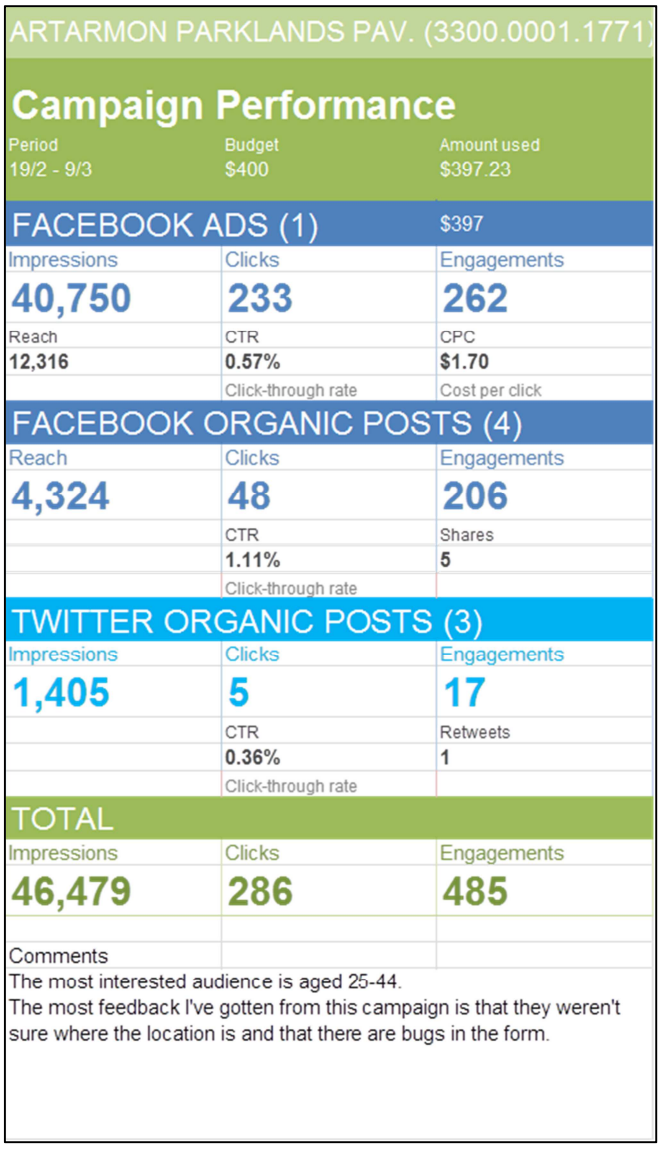
Twitter Campaign

Twitter marketing campaign was done to engage the community and complete the survey. The Twitter advert reached 1,405.



Social Media Campaign Results

The below table outlines the results of the social media campaign through Facebook and Twitter.



ARTARMON PARKLANDS PAV. (3300.0001.1771)

Campaign Performance

Period	Budget	Amount used
19/2 - 9/3	$400	$397.23

FACEBOOK ADS (1) — $397

Impressions	Clicks	Engagements
40,750	233	262
Reach	CTR	CPC
12,316	0.57%	$1.70
	Click-through rate	Cost per click

FACEBOOK ORGANIC POSTS (4)

Reach	Clicks	Engagements
4,324	48	206
	CTR	Shares
	1.11%	5
	Click-through rate	

TWITTER ORGANIC POSTS (3)

Impressions	Clicks	Engagements
1,405	5	17
	CTR	Retweets
	0.36%	1
	Click-through rate	

TOTAL

Impressions	Clicks	Engagements
46,479	286	485

Comments

The most interested audience is aged 25-44.
The most feedback I've gotten from this campaign is that they weren't sure where the location is and that there are bugs in the form.

Appendix

Have Your Say Website Survey

Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development

Tell us how you would like to use Artarmon Parklands Pavilion

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Complete a survey below.

Be involved in potential future uses and design features for the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion **before consultation closes Monday 16 March 2020.**

Architectural plans will be developed to provide two concept design options, based on your feedback and will consider incorporation of the history of the former Artarmon Bowling Club.

You will then be able to review and provide feedback on the two design options (below) in April 2020. Both options will then be submitted through a design excellence panel process (External link).

Option A – Demolition and new build

A new pavilion that meets the desired functional needs of the community and respects the architectural character and heritage of the Artarmon Conservation Area.

Option B – Partial demolition and adaptive re-use

A pavilion that meets the desired functional needs of the community and utilises parts of the existing structure for adaptive re-use. A preliminary structural assessment for potential adaptive re-use has been commissioned to test feasibility and future detailed design phases will clarify viability.

Background

In February 2016 Council acquired the former Artarmon Bowling Club site. A condition of purchase was that the Bowling Club site remains a community recreation facility. A project has been undertaken by council to create a new Parklands precinct on the grounds of the former Artarmon Bowling Club which incorporates a community garden, open space, outdoor exercise area and children's playgrounds. On 24 June 2019, Council approved the demolition of the former Artarmon Bowling Club House and construction of a community pavilion on the same site. This consultation phase is to understand the desired functional community needs which will feed into the architect designers brief for the new pavilion.

The primary purpose of the Artarmon Parkland Pavilion is to complement the recently completed Artarmon Parklands and enhance amenity for parkland and recreational users. To this end, Council is taking a place making approach to ensure the pavilion will deliver social value and amenity to the Artarmon community as a place to gather and hold small-scale events.

The proposal is to construct a pavilion of approximately 400sqm on the footprint of the former Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse. Concepts derived from previous community consultation to date have included:

- The pavilion to be open on at least three sides
- Design to complement the parkland setting and enhance amenity for users particularly in relation to shade, toilet facilities and picnic facilities
- Publicly accessible toilets

- Outdoor BBQ facilities
- Seating / picnic tables
- Consideration of a small meeting room of up to 50m2 that is able to be opened up onto the pavilion's internal space.

In addition to passive recreation and amenities, the pavilion will host a range of public uses including but not limited to:

- BBQs and picnics
- Outdoor exercise classes
- Children's birthday parties
- Concerts
- Markets
- Festival events
- Workshops / Community Education
- Public meetings
- An undercover retreat from the sun and rain.

Before sharing your ideas please take the time to:

- Read through the FAQ's to the right of this screen
- View the Heritage Interpretation Strategy
- View the Preliminary Structural Assessment Report.

You can Have Your Say by:

Reading the information available and completing the Have Your Say survey below

Or sending a submission via email to email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au(External link) or post to Willoughby City Council, PO Box 57, Chatswood NSW 2057.
The community consultation summary will be available here later in the year.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Your Privacy

Willoughby City Council takes the privacy of the participants using this site very seriously.

Please note that the contents of your comments made may be made available or reproduced in Council reports.

All personal information collected will be kept in strict confidence. For further information regarding your privacy please refer to Bang the Table Privacy Policy at https://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/privacy or Willoughby Council at http://edocs.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/DocumentViewer.ashx?dsi=3085645

Concept Design Survey

This survey will also help us better understand what you believe the priorities should be for the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development.

Please complete the following survey.

1. **Which suburb do you live in? *required**

2. **How often have you visited the Artarmon Parklands in the past 6 months? * required**
   - Weekly
   - Monthly
   - Once or Twice
   - I haven't visited recently

3. **How would you travel to the site? (Choose as many as applies) * required**

How would you travel to the site? (Choose as many as applies)	Yes	No
Drive	☐ Yes	☐ No
Bus	☐ Yes	☐ No
Walk	☐ Yes	☐ No
Cycle	☐ Yes	☐ No
Taxi/Uber	☐ Yes	☐ No
Train	☐ Yes	☐ No
Other	☐ Yes	☐

4. **If you chose 'other' form of travel please tell us more:**

The proposal is to construct a pavilion of approximately 400sqm on the footprint of the former Artarmon Bowling Club House.

In addition to passive recreation and amenities, the pavilion will host a range of public uses including but not limited to:
- BBQs and picnics
- Outdoor exercise classes
- Children's birthday parties
- Concerts
- Markets

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5. Can you suggest any other uses for the venue? *required

Concepts to date have included:

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- Consideration of a small meeting room of up to 50m2 that is able to be opened up onto the pavilion's internal space.

6. What additional features you would like to see included in the concept design? * required

7. Your email *required

Please note that comments made may be made available or reproduced in Council reports.
Thank you for helping us improves your community facilities.

Notifications

Letter to Residents – Community Sessions

COMMUNITY, CULTURE & LEISURE DIRECTORATE
Community Life Unit

25 February 2020

Dear Occupant, Rate Payer or Business Operator

Re: Proposed Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development

Council invites you to a drop-in session regarding the design process and future use of the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion.

To be involved you can complete a survey at www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au **before Monday 9 March 2020** or call into a drop-in session on-site at Artarmon Parklands 1A Burra Rd, Artarmon on:

- **9am to 11am Saturday 29 February 2020**
- **4pm to 6pm Thursday 5 March 2020**

Council has conducted extensive community consultation since acquiring the site in 2016. The Artarmon Parklands are now completed based on community feedback.

A nomination for listing the former clubhouse on the State Heritage Register by the State Heritage Register Committee in 2019 was unsuccessful. Council is currently consulting on the design and future use for a multipurpose Community Pavilion to replace the former clubhouse and compliment the new Artarmon Parklands.

It is important that Council hears the voices of all interested stakeholders. Please tell us about how you would like to use the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion. Your feedback will inform the architectural design brief to develop two concept design options.

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A new pavilion that meets the desired functional needs of the community and respects the architectural character and heritage of the Artarmon Conservation Area.

Option B – Partial demolition and adaptive re-use

A pavilion that meets the desired functional needs of the community and utilises parts of the existing structure for adaptive re-use. A preliminary structural assessment for potential adaptive re-use has been commissioned to test feasibility and future detailed design phases will clarify viability.

What is proposed for the pavilion?

The proposal is to construct a pavilion of approximately 400sqm on the footprint of the former Artarmon Bowling Clubhouse. Concepts derived from previous community consultations include:

- The pavilion to be open on at least three sides
- Design to complement the parkland setting and enhance amenity for users particularly in relation to shade, toilet facilities and picnic facilities
- Publicly accessible toilets
- Outdoor BBQ facilities
- Seating / picnic tables

- Consideration of a small meeting room of up to 50m^2 that is able to be opened up onto the pavilion's internal space

In addition to passive recreation and amenities, the pavilion will host a range of public uses including but not limited to:

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Further background information

In February 2016 Council acquired the former Artarmon Bowling Club site. A condition of purchase was that the Bowling Club site remains available for community recreation. The Artarmon Parklands project has been completed by Council on the grounds of the former Artarmon Bowling Club incorporating a community garden, open space, outdoor exercise area and children's playgrounds.

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Before sharing your ideas please take the time to view the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development survey on the Have Your Say Website www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au and:

- View the FAQ's
- View the Heritage Interpretation Strategy
- View the Preliminary Structural Assessment Report.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the project, please contact Stuart Gibb – Community Development Team Leader on (02) 9777 1000 or email@Willoughby.nsw.gov.au

You can Have Your Say by:

Completing a survey at www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au or send a submission to email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au or PO Box 57, Chatswood NSW 2057.

A feedback summary will be available later in the year at www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au

Community consultation on the two design options will be available in April 2020.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Yours faithfully,

Tania Stark
Community Engagement Specialist

Resident Letter Distribution Area

320 letters were distributed via a letter box drop to the residents highlighted in the map below.



Memo to Progress Associations

Correspondence was sent to the following progress associations, Artarmon Progress Associations, Naremburn Progress Association Chatswood East Progress Association and Willoughby South Progress Association to engage the progress associations in the Have Your Say survey and community sessions.

From: Walker, Tracey
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2020 4:21 PM
Subject: Artarmon Parklands Pavilion - Have Your Say Consultation

Dear Progress Association President,

Willoughby City Council is conducting a Have Your Say consultation to gather community input on the potential uses and design features of the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion. The information gathered during this consultation will be used to inform the architectural design brief for two design options:

Option A – Demolition and new build
A new pavilion that meets the functional needs of the community and reflects the architectural character and heritage of the Artarmon Conservation Area.

Option B – Partial demolition and adaptive re-use
A pavilion that meets the functional needs of the community and utilises parts of the existing structure for adaptive re-use.

Council is currently seeking feedback via the Have Your Say website at
Haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/ArtParkPavDev2020
This consultation will close on **9 March 2020.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Tracey.Walker@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Kind regards,
Tracey Walker

Memo to local schools

Correspondence was sent to Artarmon Public School to engage the community in the Have Your Say survey and community sessions.

From: Walker, Tracey
Sent: Thursday, 20 February 2020 12:25 PM
To: Artarmon Public School
Subject: Community Consultation – Promotional assistance required

Dear Principal,

Willoughby City Council's Community Development team are conducting consultation on the Artarmon Parklands Pavilion Development for the Artarmon Community.

As a local public school you have an extensive reach within this community and your assistance to promote this consultation through your school newsletter and/or through electronic distribution to your families would be greatly appreciated.

I have attached the promotional poster which outlines the consultation information.

If you require printed copies to be sent to you please let me know.

It would also be appreciated if you could keep me updated as to which newsletter edition it will be included in or if you have distributed it to your families digitally, so I can monitor our reach.

Thank you for your continued assistance,
Tracey Walker

Community Session Notification



Rescheduled Community Session Notification

