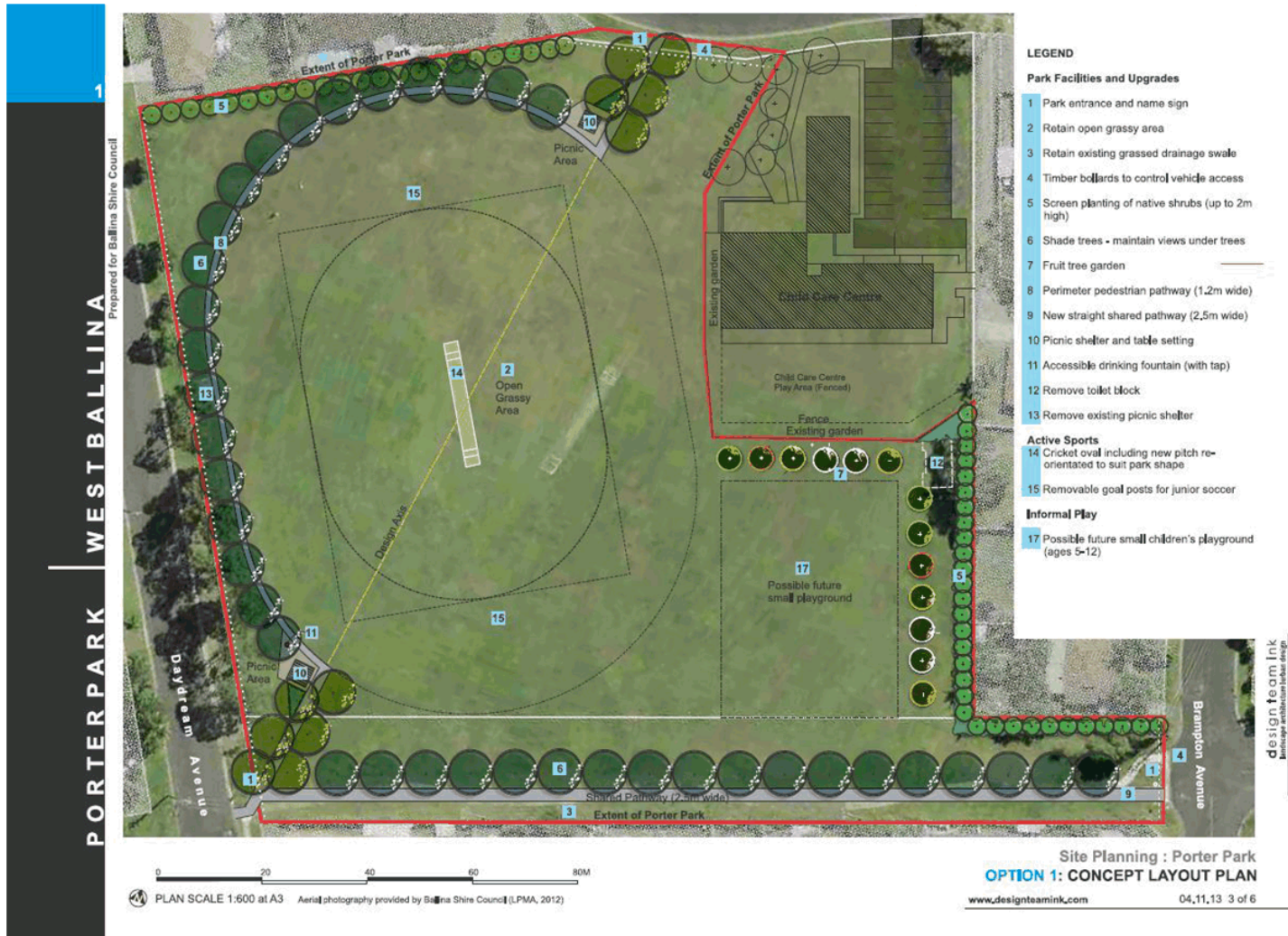


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Porter Park Embellishment - Table of Submissions received

Date	Received From	Address	Preferred Option	Option 1	Option 2	Specific Comments	Comments Re Toilet Block
20/05/2014	Terry Ann Hodgson	27 Daydream Ave		YES		"The Children's playground will provide an environment that families can use for all ages." "happy to be on a garden roster if that is what is required for the upkeep of the park."	
20/05/2014	Paige Wallace	Sunnybank drive		YES		"The trees along the pathway will bring a nice touch as well as I often take walks along there and it is so bare and can be very hot."	
21/05/2014	Ken Johnston	On Behalf of Residents?	YES			"Improvements should be kept to a minimum ie any playground structures would likely be vandalised. People would like the open spaces to remain as much as possible"	Retain Toilet Block
22/05/2014	Lynette Greene	Not Supplied				Interested to know if the removal of the existing toilets means that new ones will be built in the same area. I am unable to find any reference to this on either of the design concepts	
22/05/2014	George Young Via Ken Johnston	Not Supplied				Poem received only - complaining about loss of toilet block only	Retain Toilet Block
26/05/2014	Ross Pickering	10 Daydream Ave	YES			Nil	
26/05/2014	Seth Carden - Via Sarah Carden	1/4 Waterview Court, Ballina				Please install play equipment	
26/05/2014	Zayne Carden - Via Sarah Carden	1/4 Waterview Court, Ballina				Please install play equipment	
26/05/2014	Sarah Carden	1/4 Waterview Court, Ballina	Yes			PLEASE install play equipment Numerous - Drainage, concrete surfaces for kids play, against fruit trees in area. Does not see need to remove existing picnic shelter "if it is to be used for picnic, games area, with a drinking fountain, family play space, how could there not be a toilet? No. 7 do not think the idea of fruit trees, would be very practical in this area."	Toilets required
27/05/2014	Bill & Judith Williams	9 Waterview Court	Yes			"I took a long time to get the toilet block. Why is it being removed on both plans? Where do the cricket players, spectators and the picnickers (at the new picnic area) go to the toilet?"	Toilets required
28/05/2014	Rob Perrin	0447987023				"option 1 sounds good without removing the toilet block, its there now so why remove it"	Toilets required
28/05/2014	Lyn Balzer	Daydream Ave	Yes			"A variety of Citrus Trees would be fantastic". "Something else that I would love to see would be an area set aside for a communal vegetable garden. Wicking garden beds would be ideal as they can save 40-50% more water than conventional garden beds"	Retain Toilet Block
28/05/2014	Melanie Dame	Unit 2 Waterview Court	Yes			Nil	
29/05/2014	Geoff Elliott	Not Supplied	Yes			Numerous comments on each item supplied - "Option 2 with the exception of Point 12, which I strongly disagree"	Retain Toilet Block
29/05/2014	Rosalyn Mayberry	Not Supplied	Yes			Nil	
30/05/2014	David Gale	19 Daydream Ave	Yes			Numerous Comments - Specifically around Drainage, Shadows into yards form trees, Security, Lighting, Rubbish and views against the concrete court	
30/05/2014	Jennie Taverner	Waterview Court	Yes			"option 2 with the exception of the spinning disc as it looks like there is no where for children to hold onto"	
30/05/2014	Rita Roberts	Not Supplied	Yes			Both Proposals look fine but option one shows the drinking fountain and tap on the western side near the road which I believe to be more sensible so that passers by can also access these."	Toilets required
01/06/2014	Michael Williams	Not Supplied	Yes			"I would like to see the multi goal play equipment incorporated into the park, so long as it is at a proper height basketball ring and has a concrete surface in front of the ring."	
03/06/2014	Kase	Not Supplied					

Jason Vidler

From: TerryAnn Hodgson <Terry.Hodgson@fac.s.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2014 1:34 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Comments on the proposed plans for Porter Park

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Orange Category

Good Afternoon,
I am very happy to here that the park will be beautified.

The option I personally like is OPTION 2.
The Children's playground will provide an environment that families can use for all ages.

I live at 27 Daydream Ave, I am happy to be on a garden roster if that is what is required for the upkeep of the park.

Thank you for given me the opportunity to comment.

Warm Regards Terry

TerryAnn Hodgson | Caseworker
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Jason Vidler

From: Paige Wallace <paige.wallace@escapetravel.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 May 2014 4:00 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Two Concept Plan
Categories: Orange Category

Hello,

As a residence of Sunnybank drive with a young child i would much prefer option 2. The trees along the pathway will bring a nice touch as well as i often take walks along there and it is so bare and can be very hot.
I look forward to the start of construction.

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Kind Regards,
Paige Wallace
Team Leader

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FROM :

FAX NO. :

Jan. 01 1999 12:01AM P1

Forward: Mr. Willebrandts
 Manager Open Spaces
 Civil Services Group

May 28th. 2014

Dear Mr. Willebrandts,

Concept plans are one matter,
 produced in offices much distant
 from urban situations. Brompton

Avenue (Avenue!) - West Ballina has
 a notorious hard drinking population;
 theyr children roam often after dark
 through the streets and fire works
 will make you jump of your seat
 late at night.

How long, until planted trees
 or playground items will be
 vandalised? I assume: approx.

1 Month.

The only way to save garden
 such investments is by installing
 Video Surveillance, otherwise
 the money spent may as well
 being thrown out your window.
 Realistic assessments safe
 Council Money -

Friendly Greetings

Elfriede Ecker
 1/17 Sunnybankdrive
 West - Ballina

RECEIVED
21 MAY 2014

HELEN M. ATTA-SINGH (1/3)
21 DANDREEM AVENUE
WEST BALLINA NSW 2478
21-5-2014

BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNTER
ATTENTION: CHEYNE WILLEBRANDS
REFERENCE: PORTER PARK

UPON RECEIPT OF THE CONCEPT PLANS PREPARED BY DESIGN TEAM/INK, AND PREVIOUS INTERACTION BETWEEN BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL AND LOCAL RESIDENTS, I AM OF THE OPINION THE TWO OPTIONS LOOK GOOD ON PAPER, BUT FAIL TO RECOGNISE THE SAFETY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

AS ALREADY NOTED FROM ILLUSTRATIONS, A SECTION OF PORTER PARK HAS BEEN RE-DEVELOPED INTO AN ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE. THIS DWELLING ALREADY HAS AN EXTERIOR FENCE AND GARDEN TO ENHANCE THE BUILDING AND PROVIDE SECURITY AND SAFETY OF ALL ATTENDING THE CENTRE.

THE LOCAL RESIDENTS, POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ARE ALL AWARE OF THE ONGOING PROBLEMS OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT, FOR IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE, WOULD BE JEOPARDISED FIRSTLY, BY PLANTING TREES ALL AROUND THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARY, AS IT WOULD DEFINITELY RESTRICT VISIBILITY. THIS IN TURN WOULD PUT ALL RESIDENTS SAFETY AT RISK OF ENDANGERMENT.

AS A LOCAL RESIDENT, WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO PORTER PARK, I RESPECT THE LOCAL COUNCIL IS AT LIBERTY TO FINISH WHAT WAS STARTED BACK IN SEPTEMBER 2010.

WOULD APPRECIATE RESPECT TO ALL RE-COMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD TO DESIGNERS PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH ORIGINAL 2 OPTIONS.

Yours SINCERELY
H.M. Atta Singh

OPTION 1H.M. Arora - Singh
01-5-2014

23

① I Agree With No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 17.

② No. 5 = 2m Native Shrubs

MY CONCERNS INVOLVE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP AND ALSO THE RISK FACTOR FOR ADJACENT HOMES AS A RESULT OF THE SCREEN. [LOCATION]

③ No. 6 = SHADE TREES

AGAINST RISK FACTOR TO PUBLIC UTILISING THE OPEN SPACE, BEING RESTRICTED VISIBILITY DUE TREES ESTABLISHED. CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE NEW PATHWAY AND ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO SUCH FROM THE ROOT SYSTEM. SEASONAL WEATHER AND WEAR AND TEAR OF OPEN SPACE.

④ No. 7 = FRUIT TREE GARDEN

CONSIDER THIS IMPLEMENTATION TOTALLY IRRELEVANT TO EMBELLISHMENT OF PORTER PARK.

⑤ No. 8 = PERIMETER PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE NEED OF WALKWAY, BUT FEEL IT WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL ALONG THE INSIDE OF BOUNDARY AND SCREEN MARKED NO. 5, BETWEEN DAYDREAM AVENUE AND HAYMAN STREET ADJOINING MAIN ENTRANCE AT NO. 1 AND CONTINUE PARALLEL TO RED OUTLINE ALONG DAYDREAM AVENUE TO MEET UP TO NEW PEDESTRIAN SHARED WALKWAY AT NO. 9.

⑥ No. 11 = DRINKING FOUNTAIN

BOTH PICNIC SHELTER SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH FOUNTAIN.

⑦ No. 12 = REMOVE TOILET BLOCK

TO MY KNOWLEDGE, IT IS LOCKED 24/7 WITH NO PUBLIC ACCESS. THIS BUILDING SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. BEING COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE TO BE MADE MORE USER FRIENDLY, WE ALL NEED THIS SERVICE ESPECIALLY IN A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

⑧ No. 13 = REMOVE EXISTING PICNIC SHELTER

TOTALLY DISAGREE AS THIS BEING ONLY STRUCTURE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY OF PORTER PARK ACCESS WHICH PROVIDES SHELTER FROM ALL WEATHER.

⑨ No. 15 = REMOVABLE GOAL POSTS FOR JUNIOR SOCCER.

AGREE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, BUT WHERE ARE THEY TO BE STORED AND WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAILY ACCESS FOR PUBLIC USE, MAYBE THE TOILET

COULD BE ALTERED TO ACCOMMODATE THE STORAGE PROBLEM. COUNCIL STAFF ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GROUND MAINTENANCE AND COULD POSSIBLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAILY GRASS POST IMPLEMENTATION AND REMOVAL WHILST SECURING TOILET BLOCK.

Ⓢ No. 16 = NONE PRINTED

3/3

OPTION 2

Ⓢ Agree With 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 + 10.

Ⓢ No. 5 = REFER COMMENTS ATTACHED TO OPTION 1.

Ⓢ No. 6 = " " " " " "

Ⓢ No. 7 + 8 = " AS ABOVE "

Ⓢ No. 11 = IN OPTION 1, LOCATED AT PICNIC SHELTER, MAYBE CONSIDER ADDITIONAL FOUNTAIN ONCE PLAYGROUND IS ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED.

Ⓢ No. 12 + 13 = REFER COMMENTS ATTACHED TO OPTION 1.

Ⓢ No. 14 = AGREE WITH INCLUSION, BUT IF FOLIAGE OMITTED, MAYBE RE-ALIGN.

Ⓢ No. 15 = REFER COMMENTS ATTACHED TO OPTION 1.

Ⓢ No. 16 = BASKETBALL HOOP AND BACKBOARD BUT NO NEED FOR COURT SURFACE AND SEATING. THIS IDEA WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COMMUNITY TO A NEW SERVICES CHANGEOUT LOCATION.

Ⓢ No. 17 = CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC SWING, SLIDE, SPIN, AND CLIMBING APPARATUS SAFE FOR AGES 5 TO 12.

Ⓢ No. 18 = A PATHWAY WOULD PROVE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WITHIN A PLAY AREA, COMMUNITY ART PROJECT - REALLY THE ORIGINAL BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL INFORMATION SHEET WAS HIGHLIGHTED WITH THE BACKGROUND OF "CLOSING THE GAP", TO CONSIDER THIS INCLUSION [IN MY OPINION] WILL ONLY LEAD TO OUTRAGE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND WOULD ONLY DISCOURAGE ALL ADVANCEMENTS ACHIEVED.

SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED MAJORITY OF COMMUNITY PARK IN OUR DAYDREAM AVENUE TO ACCESS PARK AND ONE OF THE MAIN PREFERENCES FROM MEMORY, WAS AN AREA FOR DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS.

21-5-2014

H.M. ATTA-SINGH

Jason Vidler

From: Ken Johnston
Sent: Wednesday, 21 May 2014 9:38 AM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park

Categories: Blue Category

Hello Cheyne Willebrands

I have spoken to a few of the local residents and the general view is that any improvements should be kept to a minimum ie any playground structures would likely be vandalised.

People would like the open spaces to remain as much as possible therefore OPTION 1 would appear the preferred choice.

One point raised was the possibility of retaining the toilet block.

I like the trees and the cricket pitch

Thanks

Ken Johnston

Sent from my iPad

Jason Vidler

From: Lynette Greene <lyneth51@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 22 May 2014 8:46 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: porter park

Categories: Yellow Category

Hello

Just interested to know if the removal of the existing toilets means that new ones will be built in the same area. i am unable to find any reference to this on either of the design concepts

Regards
Lynette Greene

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26 MAY 2014
Doc No.
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J Skimmings
25 Brampton Av
West Ballina
20-5-2014

To & About

Proposed Embellishment of Porter Park

My husband and myself welcome you proposal of park plans. There is many children all around this area with nothing much to do, although what ever is put there it will have to be very strong in workman shift. We think option 2 would be great also it would look nice for the area a lot in day dream would probably be very negative with this because over that side there is a very many children in that side of park we have been here in this house 29 yrs & seen many things come & go this is the best so far wish I had it when I had my 5 kids at home

Just a matter of interest there wasn't anything proposed re lighting we do need light in the park rather bad

Thank you for chance to put my opinion across

Judy Skimmings

Jason Vidler

From: Ken Johnston
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2014 3:04 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Fwd: Document1
Attachments: Document1.docx; ATT00001.htm
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Begin forwarded message:

From: George Young <gyo19449@bigpond.net.au>
Date: 22 May 2014 9:34:31 PM AEST
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Subject: Document1



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OH SHIT

ROSCO PICKERING , IS A REAL GOOD BLOKE ,
CARES A LOT , FOR WEST BALLINA FOLK ,

THEIR INTERESTS , ARE HIS NUMBER ONE ,
LIKES TO SEE KIDS PLAYING , IN THE SUN ,

SITE PLANNING , FOR NEW PORTER PARK ,
HAS LEFT US , THINKING IN THE DARK ,

THE TOILET BLOCK REMOVAL , MAKES NO SENCE ,
YOU'LL HAVE TO PEE , UPON THE FENCE ,

THE TREES , WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GROW ,
THEIR TOILET SUBSTITUTION , WILL BE SLOW ,

BUT HERO ROSS , JUST A STREET AWAY ,
HIS TOILETS THERE , MIGHT SAVE THE DAY ,

NO CHANGE ROOM , OR EVEN JUST ONE LOO ,
THE AMENTIES , ARE NOT THERE FOR YOU ,

THE CLOSEST PUBLIC TOILET , TWO BLOCKS AWAY ,
DO YOU JUST HANG ON , AND HOPE AND PRAY ,

THEY'LL NEED SOME SIGNAGE , AND DIRECTIONS TOO ,
TO GET THEM TO , THE NEAREST PUBLIC LOO ,

PREPARED BY GEORGE YOUNG. 22.5.2014

AND IF YOU JUMP , THE CHILD CARE FENCE ,
YOU WILL BE CHARGED , WITH AN OFFENCE ,

COUNCILLOR KEN , IS A LOCAL MAN ,
WE NEED HIS HELP , TO AMEND THIS PLAN ,

PREPARED BY GEORGE YOUNG. 22.5.2014

Jason Vidler

From: Bigpond <rpi71902@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2014 3:54 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Proposed enhancement of Porter Park

Categories: Blue Category

Att - Cheyne Willebrands

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of May 19. My preference is for option 1 as outlined in your letter.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Pickering
10 Daydream Ave
Ballina 2478 NSW.

Jason Vidler

From: Sarah Carden <sarahjcarden@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2014 5:28 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park Submissions
Attachments: Porter Park Submission Seth Carden.jpg; Porter Park Submission Zayne Carden.jpg
Categories: Yellow Category

Please see attached submissions to proposed embellishment of Porter Park.

I am 7 and I live near
porter park. I really like
the climbing equipment.
Please put a playground
on the park so I have
somewhere to play.
from Zayne Carder.

23.5.14

Jason Vidler

From: Sarah Carden <sarahjcarden@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2014 5:28 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park Submissions
Attachments: Porter Park Submission Seth Carden.jpg; Porter Park Submission Zayne Carden.jpg
Categories: Yellow Category

Please see attached submissions to proposed embellishment of Porter Park.

I am nine and i really want some climbing
equipment. ~~on port a park porter park~~
ire never had a play ground behind my house
I would use it every day. and I think lots of
other children would too. thank you for
listening from seth carden

23.5.14

Jason Vidler

From: Sarah Carden <sarahjcarden@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 May 2014 5:57 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Proposed Porter Park Embellishment - Option 2

Categories: Orange Category

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on the proposed embellishment of Porter Park. I strongly support Option 2 of the Concept Layout Plans.

I have lived in Waterview Court, West Ballina for 14 years and am raising my family here. I am fully aware of the dire need for interesting recreational areas that contribute to the wellbeing of all residents, especially families and children. My children use Porter Park as their back yard on an almost daily basis and we appreciate the open space as we only have a very small yard, like many other families in the area.

Thank you for addressing the need for replacing the footpath/bike path area through the park, the current path is very rough and not suitable for riding scooters, skateboards etc. As West Ballina has no footpaths, most of the children in the immediate area of the park currently use the road for playing ball games, riding bikes etc and it is of great concern that there will be a disastrous accident in the near future, as their traffic awareness is not the best (take a drive down Brampton Avenue any time after school hours to confirm). A smooth concreted area suitable for handball/scooters/skateboards that is not under water after a light shower would be much appreciated. Please note there are drainage issues in the park with the grass becoming waterlogged and turning into a mud bath for days after any rain, so please ensure any pathways are built up high enough to be usable without walking through permanent puddles that exist on the current pathway.

While I am concerned that adding a playground and basketball element to the park may make a noise impact on my property, as it will be situated right at my back fence, I feel the benefits far outweigh the negatives and strongly support the addition of a playground area as this is sorely needed (for example, I currently have a basketball hoop in my driveway for my children to use and often we will come home to a driveway full of unknown teenagers/children making use of this facility, which of course is on private property and is not intended for just anyone to use without permission). So I know a public basketball hoop would get much use (and hopefully save my property from being damaged by uninvited guests).

I am aware that there are many elderly residents nearby that don't see the value of adding a playground area to the park but would prefer to keep it just open space because they have no use for a playground and think it would be vandalised. But again, the positives of adding a constructive area for local children to play instead of using the road and neighbours front yards would surely be of benefit to all. When considering responses in opposition to a play area, please take into account whether the respondent has a family or not. As to vandalism from young people in the area, I have personally observed graffiti taking place on the empty McDonalds building, I have seen rocks being thrown at property, trees damaged and plants being removed, but if the area is kept well maintained and gardens are well established without any stones or gravel, I don't foresee vandalism being any worse here than in other Ballina Shire playgrounds.

As to Item 6, I would assume the choice of large shade trees would not overhang adjoining properties when they are fully grown and that maybe the number of planned plantings could be reduced as it looked like the

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plans showed too many trees for the area. Also the fruit tree garden mentioned at Item 7 would not be of benefit as I can foresee fruit being used as missiles into neighbouring properties, and also becoming a noisy roosting area for bats.

Items 8 to 11 will be much appreciated, but I don't see the need to remove the existing picnic shelter at Item 13. Bollards will also be a welcome addition to deter access for the vehicles that regularly tear up the oval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to seeing the positive changes to Porter Park take place soon.

Regards,

Sarah Carden
1/4 Waterview Court, Ballina

Jason Vidler

From: bill williams <lliwbill78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 27 May 2014 1:54 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park

Categories: Blue Category

Bill & Judith Williams,
9 Waterview Court,
Ballina N.S.W. 2478

Cheyne Willebrands,

Porter Park

Dear Sir/Madam,

Option 1 for the proposed embellishment of Porter Park, but, there has to be toilets!! if it is to be used for picnic, games area, with a drinking fountain, family play space, how could there not be a toilet??

No. 7 do not think the idea of fruit trees, would be very practical in this area.

Yours faithfully,

B. & J.M Williams

Jason Vidler

From: Lynette Balzer <bernard.lynette@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 May 2014 12:37 PM
To: porterpark

Importance: Low

Categories: Blue Category

hi just a comment on porter park as locals we don't see any reason to remove the toilet block, as all parks need toilets, the cricket oval should be retained, does the picnic shelter include a bbq the option 1 sounds good without removing the toilet block, its there now so why remove it lyn balzer daydream ave Ballina 2478

Sent from Windows Mail

Jason Vidler

From: Melanie Dane <mdane@freespiritgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 May 2014 3:15 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Proposed Embellishment of Porter Park

Categories: Blue Category

Dear Cheyne,

Congratulations on the wonderful proposal you have put forward for Porter Park and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Both plans that have been presented look great – I especially like the allocation of a fruit tree garden in both of them so my favoured concept layout plan would be Option 1 as it allows for more fruit trees. A variety of Citrus Trees would be fantastic.

Something else that I would love to see would be an area set aside for a communal vegetable garden. Wicking garden beds would be ideal as they can save 40-50% more water than conventional garden beds – but that can be optional. It would be wonderful to see the children (young and old) experience and learn the benefits of gardening and be inspired by the simple pleasure of growing food.

This does not necessarily need to be constructed immediately and the veggie garden concept could be implemented at a time that would be most suitable. There are quite a few people in this area that have their own home gardens that I am sure would be more than willing to help with this project – myself included.

Please consider including the above in your Porter Park embellishment project.

Many thanks again for inviting my comments.

Best regards,

Melanie Dane
Unit 2
Waterview Court
West Ballina 2478

Jason Vidler

From: Rob Perrin <robperrin@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 28 May 2014 10:37 AM
To: porterpark
Categories: Yellow Category

It took a long time to get the toilet block.
Why is it being removed on both plans?
Where do the cricket players, spectators and the picnickers
(at the new picnic area) go to the toilet?

Rob Perrin
0447987023

Jason Vidler

From: Geoff Elliott <rdgelliott@bigpond.com>
Sent: Thursday, 29 May 2014 2:05 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park

Categories: Blue Category

Ballina Shire Council
re Porter Park
Cheyne Willebrands
I have studied both options for Porter Park and would much prefer option one.

Thank you
Geoff Elliott

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Jason Vidler

From: Roslyn Mayberry <roslynmayberry92@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 29 May 2014 6:42 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: COMMENTS ON EMBELLISHMENTS
Attachments: Porter Park Embellishments Comments.doc
Categories: Orange Category

To Whom it May Concern

I have attached my comments on a separate document for ease of printing.

I thank you for your time in reading my comments.

Yours faithfully

Roslyn Mayberry

PORTER PARK EMBELLISHMENTS

Overall Comment

Both options provide a significant sense of openness and green space and allow for continued informal play, as well as formal games, activities and family get together.

My Preferred Option – Option 2 with the exception of Point 12, which I strongly disagree. I have provided comments and suggestions below.

Comments on the Various Embellishments OPTION 2

1. **Park entrance and name sign – agree. Comment** -I believe there needs to be “Porter Park” signs on Daydream Avenue and Brampton Avenue sides of the park.
Reason – opposition teams will probably park in Daydream Avenue for junior cricket and soccer games. During carnivals, a number of different teams will arrive. Parking is limited in Hayman Avenue. Also the Ballina bike track goes through Porter Park.
2. **Retain open space – agree**
3. **Retain drainage swale – agree. Comment** – existing swale is effective.
4. **Bollards – agree. Comment** - Last weekend a car drove through Porter Park doing considerable damage when the wheels dug in.
5. **Screen planting – agree. Comment** – provides privacy and will enhance the boundary of the park as there are currently many different fence styles and colours.
6. **Shade trees – agree. Comment** It is important to maintain vision through onto the fields and playground from the adjoining streets for child protection.
7. **Fruit trees – agree. Comment** Fruit trees grow extremely well in the Porter Park environment. A consideration will be the cost of pesticides and fertilisers to maintain the quality of the fruit.
8. **Footpath around the perimeter – agree. Comment** – this is important when there are no footpaths on Brampton or Daydream Avenue. Children can ride, walk or scoot safely and parents can push children in a pram and elderly people can walk on a safe surface away from traffic for exercise. Wheelchairs and wheelie walkers can also be used – there are several elderly people in the immediate area on gophers, wheelie walkers and walking sticks. Quite a number have carers who take them for a walk but it is currently this on the roadway.
9. **Straight path – agree. Comment** – The existing path is usually inundated with 5-10cm of water after a shower of rain. The path forms part of the Ballina bike network. It needs to be built a few centimetres higher than the existing path. It would also be advantageous to have two lights on the pathway – the type used in residential bike/foot paths which shine down and not out to annoy residents.
10. **Picnic areas – agree. Comment** – good location.
11. **Drinking fountain – agree. Comment** – the toilet block is usually locked unless a club is using the field. We need to encourage young people to drink more water. These fountains are numerous in most parks in Australian towns.
12. **Remove toilet block - DISAGREE. Comment** – this building is a sturdy construction that cost rate payers a considerable amount of money. When cricket games are played and when there are carnivals such as the state junior cricket, all fields are needed to cater for the number of games. The cricket club holds a key and opens the toilets for these events. If the toilet block is removed, the toilets in the adjacent centre would need to be made available for park users. I believe they should remain locked but responsible people holding games or family get togethers in the park, should be able to access the toilets. It would be an untenable waste of public money – the cost to build it and then the cost to demolish
13. **Remove existing shelter – agree**

14. **Cricket** – agree **Comment** - realigning the field is a worthy concept and I am sure the local cricket clubs will welcome the continued provision of a ground.
15. **Removable soccer posts** – agree
16. **Half court basketball** – agree. **Comment** – recently I have been volunteering at the BSC Visitor Information Centre and three times now visitors have come into the centre and asked where there are basketball facilities in the Ballina area. The only one currently is at Wigmore Park but in the school holidays it was used constantly, even when it was raining! All over Australia towns have combined this sort of facility near playgrounds in parks and this seems to cater better for the range in age of family members and local children. In particular, the Redcliff and Scarborough parks in Queensland have numerous basketball half courts in parks that can be used for a range of activities.
17. **Seating** -agree. **Comment** – parents and onlookers need somewhere to sit. The style and construction of seating seems adequate.
18. **Playground** – agree. **Comment** – On the southern side of River Street in West Ballina there is only one playground – in Riverview Avenue. It would be a welcome addition for families in the densely settled eastern side of the park. The corner where it is proposed is perfect as it would not interfere with the open grassed area. The plan in the concept looks excellent. If the amount of use the playground in Fawcett Street gets, this would be something that should happen in the early stages of the embellishment. This is the main reason why I support Option 2.

Roslyn Mayberry

Jason Vidler

From: David Gale <david.gale65@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 30 May 2014 2:21 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park

Categories: Orange Category

Hi

I am the owner of 19 Daydream Ave adjacent to the park.

I would like to see council go for option 2

Thanks

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Jason Vidler

From: Jennie Taverner <jennie.tav@gmail.com>
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To: porterpark
Subject: Fwd: PROPOSED EMBELLISHMENT OF PORTER PARK.

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From: Jennie Taverner <jennie.tav@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 30, 2014 at 5:25 AM
Subject: PROPOSED EMBELLISHMENT OF PORTER PARK.
To: porterpark@ballina.nsw.gov.au

. My first concern is the drainage situation.I have lived in Waterview Court since the end of 1995 my property backs onto Porter Park & when we have heavy rainfalls the water from the park flows into the backyards of residents in Brampton Ave.(I believe these yards have drainage grates for the run off)The rest of the run off covers the footpath from half way across no 8 the full length of no 6 & part no 4 Waterview Court & pools several inches deep near the telegraph pole causing my back yard to also become supersaturated as well.Depending on how long this takes to dry it at times smells & also increases mosquitoes.Only last week ruts were left in the park where the mowing tractor had run over wet soft areas.

Over the years I have complained to council about the drainage problem but to my knowledge they have only ever done remediation work up to the other side of no8.

On page 2 & 3 of my letter dated 31st October 2011 Addressed to Mr Hickey & copies also to Councillors P.Silver, S.Meehan & R.Hordern I mention the drainage problem at length. I also rang council around this time as well as we had a lot of rain & there was very large volumes of water across the eastern side of the park contrary to the NSW Public Works documents. I rang Council & spoke to I believe Bob Thornton to advise that they should send someone out to assess the situation as in all the Public works documents they were admitting there IS NO RECORDS ,NO CORRESPONDING RAINFALL-RUNOFF OR STREAM GAUGING RECORDS, I

In my conversation I mentioned that as there was no official records & the overland assessment was wrong someone needed to actually observe the situation.I did not observe anyone come out that day or the next. I did mention this to one of the members of saver Porter Park Ken Johnston at the time.

:* Therefore I feel Remediation of drainage works will need to be carried out in the area in the park & also surrounding properties effected.

We have a big problem of the children playing football & cricket on the road in Brampton Ave .The kids say it is too wet to play on the park or there is bindies.

: My second concern is no6 Shade trees -maintain views under trees .As these trees sound like they are going to be quite tall, will there be a problem of them casting shadows into our backyards?

:As this park is extremely dark at night & over the years there have been bashing's rapes & several years back a man was stabbed to death.

The trees will make it darker still to overcome this problem the installation of Solar lights would be very beneficial & more cost effective to electrical. Also the installation of Remote CCTV Security cameras possibly linked directly to the Police station.

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;It is not uncommon to find beer bottles & cans & other alcoholic drink empties outside my property & also thrown over fence. Other youth problems have decreased a lot since Mac Donald's moved .

My concern is if the half multi -court were to be installed. 1. Would we have the noise of bouncing balls all day & possibly at all Hours of the night (As I personally suffer from migraines & I know a few other in the area do also) Would there be some sort of sound barrier to overcome this problem. 2. I also worry if the court is there will we get all the unsocial activities back again.

;With the angle of the cricket field change will it be necessary to have screening for the cricket balls?

The Concept Layout Plan I choose is Option 2 but have reservations about the court for the above reasons. I feel if I were to choose 1 it says "POSSIBLE FUTURE" so that is not to say it will actually ever go in. One should have gone in almost 20 years ago when the Richmond Cove Estate went in as per the rule with new estates as I remember at one stage we had over 20 children under 12 in this estate alone.

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Jason Vidler

From: Support Officer <supportofficer@jalilalc.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 30 May 2014 5:00 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park Embellishment
Attachments: Porter Park Letter 2014.pdf

Categories: Orange Category

Hello
Please find attached letter in regards to upgrade of park

Thanks

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30th May 2014

Re: Porter Park Embellishment


To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of west Ballina and would like express my opinion of the upgrade for Porter Park.

I agree that the park does need up grading as there are other parks within the shire that have been done. It is time that West Ballina with its large families that live in the surrounding area has somewhere they can go to play and sit.

My preference is option two with the exception of spinning disc as it looks like there is nowhere for children to hold on to. Also I suggest that a bbq be installed, bins and another seating near the park to greater appeal to community to use the park and have pride in the area, to look after it properly.

Yours Sincerely



Rita Roberts

Resident

Jason Vidler

From: Michael Williams <micadr17@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 1 June 2014 12:05 PM
To: porterpark
Subject: Proposed embellishment of Porter Park

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Cheyne Willebrands

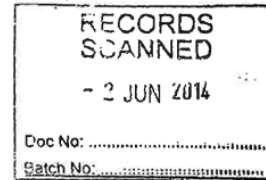
Both Proposals look fine but option one shows the drinking fountain and tap on the western side near the road which I believe to be more sensible so that passers by can also access these.

The biggest gripe is the mention of removing the existing toilet block without any mention of replacing or relocating them.

If this is to be picnic/sporting/recreational ground then surely there is a need for toilet facilities for an area such as this, especially when the infrastructure is already present.

Thanking you
Michael Williams

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29/05/14



MANAGER OPEN SPACES &
RESOURCE RECOVERY CIVIL
SERVICES GROUP

DEAR CHEYNE,

RE: PROPOSED EMBELLISHMENT OF PORTER PARK

THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING ME (AS A RESIDENT)
YOUR LETTER & PROPOSED PLANS FOR PORTER PARK.
I HAVE LIVED IN APSLEY PLACE NOW FOR NEARLY
29 YEARS AND I FEEL THAT I NEED TO GIVE YOU
SOME FEEDBACK ON THE AREA IN WHICH I HAVE
LIVED FOR SO LONG. PLEASE CONSIDER:

- ITEM 6 SHADE TREES - WHAT COUNCIL MAY NOT BE AWARE OF IS THE FACT, THAT WE RESIDE IN WHAT I CALL "TORNADO ALLEY" - OVER THE PAST 29 YEARS WE HAVE HAD AT LEAST (6) X "SUPER CELL" DESTRUCTIVE STORMS THAT HAVE RIPPED THROUGH THIS PARTICULAR AREA - THE LAST BEING ON 25/9/11.

N.B: ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN SELECTING THE HEIGHT AND TYPE OF TREES THAT YOU INTEND TO PLANT - AS LARGE TREES CAN BE DESTRUCTIVE DURING STORMS, EVEN TO SURROUNDING PROPERTIES; AND ALSO COUNCIL WOULD BE LEFT TO CLEAN UP THE HUGE MESS THAT WOULD BE LEFT BEHIND AS A RESULT OF ONE OF THESE DESTRUCTIVE STORMS.

- ITEM 7 - FRUIT TREE GARDEN - THIS SOUNDS GREAT IN THEORY - HOWEVER, WHO IS GOING TO CLEAN UP THE STINKING, ROTTING FRUIT ONCE IT HAS FALLEN ON THE GROUND ??? YOU MIGHT SAY THAT THE FRUIT WILL BE EATEN BY PEOPLE VISITING THE PARK - BUT I

CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT NOBODY WILL WANT TO EAT THE FRUIT AFTER THE BATS AND CORELLA'S HAVE HAD THEIR FARE SHARE - FOR WHAT THE COUNCIL IS PROBABLY NOT AWARE OF - IS THE FACT THAT A COLONY OF BATS AS WELL AS FLOCKS OF CORELLA'S ARE CURRENTLY STRIPPING EVERY "FRUIT" BEARING TREE IN THE AREA
 e.g. PALM TREES, AFRICAN TULIP TREES etc.

NB: PLEASE DO NOT PLANT FRUIT TREES IN THIS PARK - DO NOT ENCOURAGE THE BATS IN PARTICULAR TO BRING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS VIRUSES INTO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

- ITEM 10 - PICNIC SHELTERS & TABLE SETTINGS
 ARE YOU GOING TO PROVIDE GARBAGE BINS FOR ALL THE RUBBISH TO BE PUT IN ??? WILL THE BINS BE EMPTIED ON A REGULAR BASIS ???

- ITEM 12 - REMOVE TOILET BLOCK
 IF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE USING THIS PARK FOR CRICKET, SOCCER, BASKETBALL & PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES - WHERE ARE ALL OF THESE PEOPLE GOING TO GO WHEN THEY HAVE THE NEED TO URINATE OR DEFECATE ??? - AS YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE PROVIDED FOR A NEW TOILET BLOCK ! ???

NB: PLEASE LEAVE THE EXISTING TOILETS WHERE THEY ARE - CLOSE TO THE PLAYGROUND AND JUST SERVICE THEM EACH MORNING AND LOCK THEM UP EACH EVENING.

- ITEM 14 - CRICKET OVAL INCL. NEW PITCH
RE-ORIENTATED TO SUIT PARK SHAPE

IS THIS CRICKET OVAL ONLY FOR USE BY JUNIORS, IF IT IS FOR SENIOR USE THEN YOU WILL POSSIBLY HAVE COMPLAINTS FROM THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURS - WITH REGARDS TO CRICKET BALLS BEING BELTED INTO NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES, WITH THE POTENTIAL OF BREAKING WINDOWS etc.

- ITEM 16 - HALF MULTI-COURT SURFACE WITH BASKETBALL HOOP + MULTI-GOAL (PLUS SEATING)

NB: I DO NOT THINK THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE ACTIVE SPORTS FOR THIS PARK.

- WITH THE CRICKET + JUNIOR SOCCER YOU WOULD EXPECT THAT THESE SPORTS WOULD TAKE PLACE WITH PROPER SUPERVISION FROM ADULTS. HOWEVER, WITH THE BASKETBALL COURT THIS WOULD POSSIBLY BE USED DAY AND NIGHT, AND WITH THE CONSTANT THUMPING OF THE BALL ON THE COURT + ALSO ON THE BACKBOARD OF THE HOOP, TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR eg. ARGUING, SWEARING + FIGHTING BETWEEN PLAYERS + SPECTATORS - ALL OF THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE RIGHTS TO PEACE AND PRIVACY OF THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURS WOULD BE INTERFERED WITH AND WE DON'T NEED ANYMORE ANIMOSITY IN WEST BALLINA THAN ALREADY ~~THAT~~ EXISTS.

Q WILL BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK i.e. THE TREES, GARDENS + ALL FACILITIES? HOW OFTEN WILL THEY BE MAINTAINED?

I THINK YOUR CONCEPT IS GOOD, BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST YOUR CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE TO THE PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA - NOT TO THOSE WHO COME + USE THE PARK, WHO THEN RETURN TO THEIR HOMES OUTSIDE OF THE AREA OF PORTER PARK - LEAVING BOTH THAN GENERAL RUBBISH AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR COMPLAINTS BEHIND FOR EITHER OR BOTH THE COUNCIL AND POLICE TO CLEAN UP OR SORT OUT.

KIND REGARDS,
JANELLE MOSS.

Jason Vidler

From: kase <kase@exemail.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 3 June 2014 6:49 AM
To: porterpark
Subject: Porter Park

i would like to see the multi goal play equipment incorporated into the park, so long as it is at a proper height basketball ring and has a concrete surface in front of the ring.