Currumbin Eco-Parkland

Community meeting

Meeting information:

Date: 2 June 2022 6:30-8:30pm
Location: Elanora Community Centre, Main Hall
Attendees: 47 community members

Economic Development Queensland (EDQ)
Development Team:
Lisa Timoney, State Development Manager
Dianna Lynch, Principal Engagement Officer
John White, Executive Director

Lat 27:
Andrew Neighbour, Director
Stephen Orr, Associate

Articulous Team:
Tanya Neville, Facilitator
Jesse Wright, Facilitation support

Meeting summary:

Tanya Neville, Facilitator, opened the meeting by introduced herself as an independent facilitator from Articulous, engaged to guide the discussion. Tanya thanked all participants and expressed her gratitude to participants for making time for this event. Tanya then introduced the project team.

Tanya then provided an overview of the meeting purposes to:

- Provide an opportunity for the sport and recreation groups and the Project Team to meet
- Share a project overview, the work regulation and election commitment guiding the work
- Share the draft options plan
- Share the community feedback and work completed to date.

Tanya then invited attendees to participate in the live polling to ensure the project team could respond to what the meeting participants were most interested in.

Live polling question: What are you interested in sharing or learning about this evening?

Note: All live polling responses are provided as they were received from community. For transparency reasons, these responses have not been edited or modified.

Participant responses:

• "The long term plans and use of the land within the parkland and ensuring that all groups and ideas for parkland use are considered.	• Whereis the funding coming from when we have so many other issue in need of funding like hospitals.
• Ie Trail running, family areas, maintaining the natural feel of the parkland"	• What ideas our community have and what progress has been made
• Wildlife and environment conservation vs human usage balance	

• Timeline for next draft of master plan? Has any new info been added since the last 2 community consults	• I'd like to know and understand who EDQ are consulting with on the environmental impact of developing this area
• How the Eco Parkland will impact residents in terms of traffic and noise	• Interested in knowing how you plan to protect biodiversity
• Balancing walking trails with MTB Single-track and equestrian trails all while protecting remnant vegetation and revegetation cleared areas of the site	• Koala safety areas
	• What the Eco Parkland will have to offer for early childhood education. Bush kindy spaces
• Hearing community aspirations.	• General over view and mountain biking aspect of the parkland that will be available
• The placement of equestrian and horse riding facilities	• "Management of :
• Whether there is the possibility of mtb trails being part of the development	• Weeds
	• Fire drainage security trees public access"
• I am wanting to know more about trails that I can ride with my mountain bike	• Time frame and plans so far
• Landscape concepts. Hope for sensitive low impact development. Wildlife habitat a focus. Some bushfire management particularly on PiggabeenRd	• What the initial plan involves and how it will impact the local community and wildlife.?
	• Keen to understand the proposed use for the site, how it may impact me as a local and potentially seek to influence the direction positively
• Has horse trails been considered?	• Timeline
• Sharing the sport of disc golf and seeing the prospects of the park and what it has to offer	• What site investigations have been/ will be done to inform the design
• What the community wants to see the area used for	• Progress to date
• "Progress since last meeting	• Cycling tracks
• About the other user groups interest and hopes for the space!"	• Will horse agistment still be available and will trails for horse riding be available?
• Learning more about what is planned for the parklands so far, and what is on the site at present, vegetation, water etc	• Keeping it natural and not a theme park.
	• When the public can start accessing the land for bushwalking
• Interested in learning about the intended revegetation of the space.	• An amazing site! Would love to see a great balance of land & ecology
• Heritage of the land and capture the story of the farm and in particular Waters Family and Marist Brothers dairy farm history and correct name 'Austral Park' . Play spaces for children and families.	• Regeneration of native bushland
	• Are you going to ensure there are areas not open to the public to allow natural areas and

associated fauna and flora to exist without negative human interaction	• Who will manage the site
• Native animal and community impacts	• How will the water / flooding be managed
• Does this development trigger federal environmental approvals. If so is this one of the reasons for the long project duration. Infrastructure traffic is already chaos.	• Were those set up questions?????
• Whether the roads will be upgraded in particular Piggabeen road	• Don't you think it is premature to start raising expectations of specific interest groups before undertaking the full ecological study. Sure the location of threatened species could and should severely limit the use of the site
• What is the budget?	• Natural values of the site
• Humans shouldn't have access to everything, or is this purely yet another development with no care for the actual environment	• Scenic amenity
• Can we include an indigenous cultural learning centre to help educate the community.	• Natural and cultural heritage
• Have traditional owners been consulted and how will they be involved	• Wetland enhancement and forest rehabilitation

Tanya read the live polling responses to the group acknowledging there were a range of sporting and environmental interests and common areas for the session's discussion.

Tanya then welcomed Lisa Timoney, EDQ to provide an overview of the project and the Work Regulation guiding the master planning process.

Project overview and work regulation: Presented by Lisa Timoney, EDQ.



Lisa Timoney, EDQ started with an Acknowledgement of Country. Lisa introduced the EDQ team and explained that when participants were interacting with the Have Your Say website, emails to the EDQ Engagement email address, or any correspondence regarding the project, it goes to their team.

Lisa then introduced the Lat 27 consultants as the appointed landscape architects who were developing the options analysis and the master plan and Articulous as independent facilitator's throughout the stakeholder engagement program.

Lisa explained to the participants there has been 2 previous community and engagement forums. One for environmental issues and one sport and rec based forums.

Tonight is a great opportunity for the EDQ team to meet the people who have previously written into us with any questions or enquiries.



Lisa clarified acquisition of the site was completed under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act* to deliver the eco-parklands. Lisa explained the Act guides the planning under State legislation.

The background of the project report states that there are opportunities to provide the preservation and rehabilitation of the natural environment including flood plain storage and endangered ecosystems.

Lisa outlined that the Works Regulation states the concept planning for the 148 hectares of parkland once completed will include:

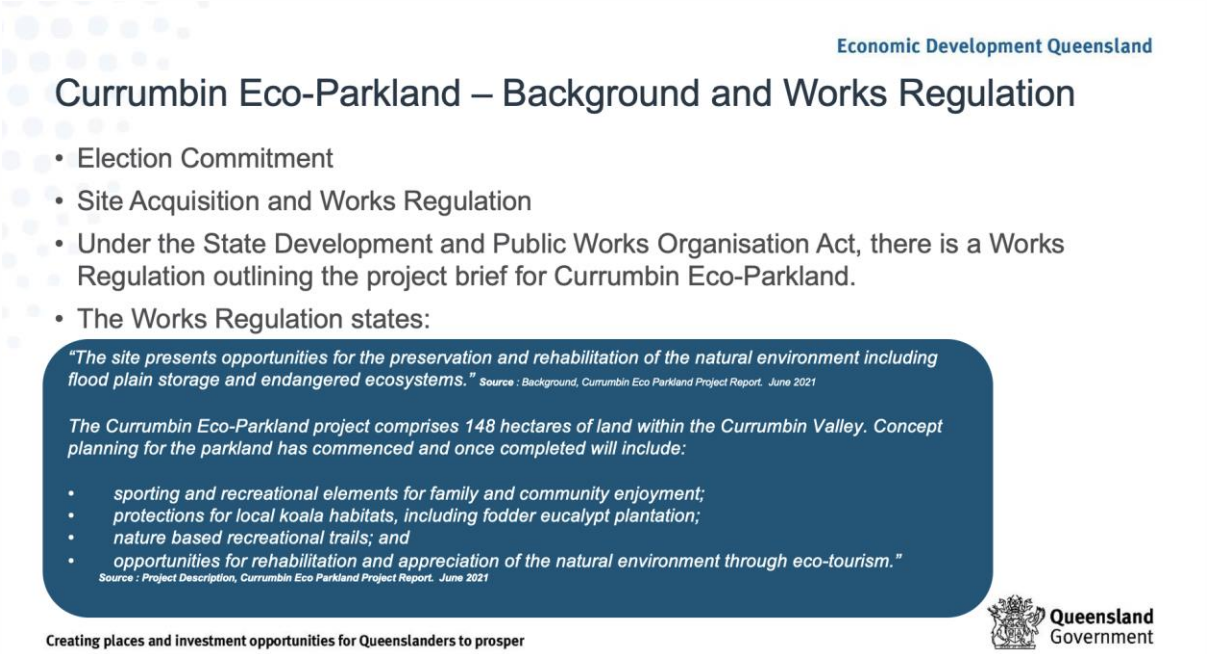
- Sporting and recreational elements for family and community enjoyment
- Protections for local koala habitats, including fodder eucalypt plantation
- Nature based recreational trails; and

- Opportunities for rehabilitation and appreciation of the natural environment through eco-tourism.

Lisa explained the Currumbin eco-parklands was acquired 30 November 2021 and was an election commitment of the Palaszczuk government, who committed to developing an eco-parkland.

Lisa noted the community has a long history with the site and this community engagement process is about working with the community and how to move forward.

Lisa then provided a more detailed overview of the current community and engagement process, noting that engagement with traditional owners is being kept private for now.

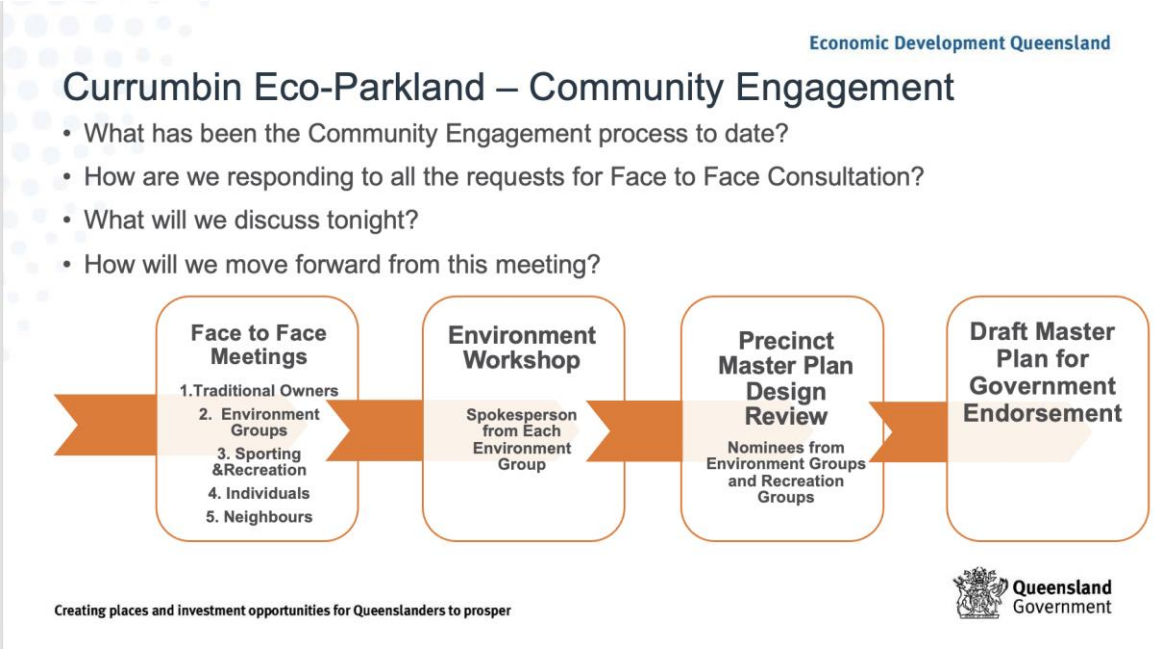


Lisa outlined the next step after the face to face meetings, is the Environment Workshop to confirm further information. Lisa note that the Sport and Recreation groups also outlined their needs for environmental protection throughout the site and will have further conversations with these groups, along with neighbours.

A desktop ecology report has been completed however the ecology onsite report and technical review are still required to be completed.

Lisa explained an enquiry by design process has been identified throughout community feedback, as the community's desired method to create the draft master plan. If approved, this process would include representatives from each group to collaborate and talk through the master plan together, however this process could not be done until the ecological studies have been completed.

Lisa confirmed the draft master plan will then be required to go through Government approvals and that she is unable to confirm the exact timing, as this is dependent on the community feedback and ecological constraints identified in the onsite ecology report.



Lisa outlined that on 22 December 2021, the EDQ Have Your Say project website was launched to gain early feedback from the community. This website also provided a public forum for people to leave questions which EDQ could answer. An options plan was placed on this website and Lisa clarified that this was not the draft master plan, however an options plan created by Lat 27 to allow people to envision the space and what potentially could be completed and included in the future of the site.

Lisa then shared more detailed findings from the online engagement process. She also noted this survey has been reopened and the information is slighty out of date however has been kept consistent throughout the community engagment.

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Overview

Have your say…

Two tools launched on 22 December 2021 to gather community ideas:

- "What are your thoughts?"
  - 151 surveys completed
- Interactive Options Plan, providing opportunity for the community to comment:
  - 242 comments pinned to the plan

Survey findings top 5…

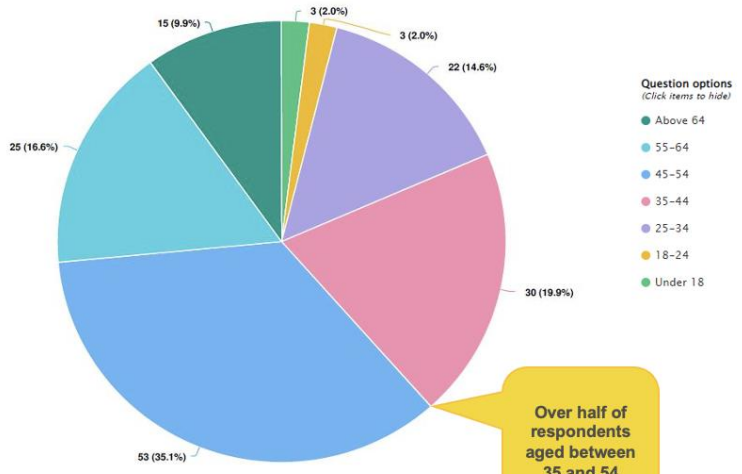
- Protection for koalas
- Nature based recreational trails and facilities
- Sustainable and disability access public toilets
- Walking trails
- Boardwalks and bird hides around the wetlands

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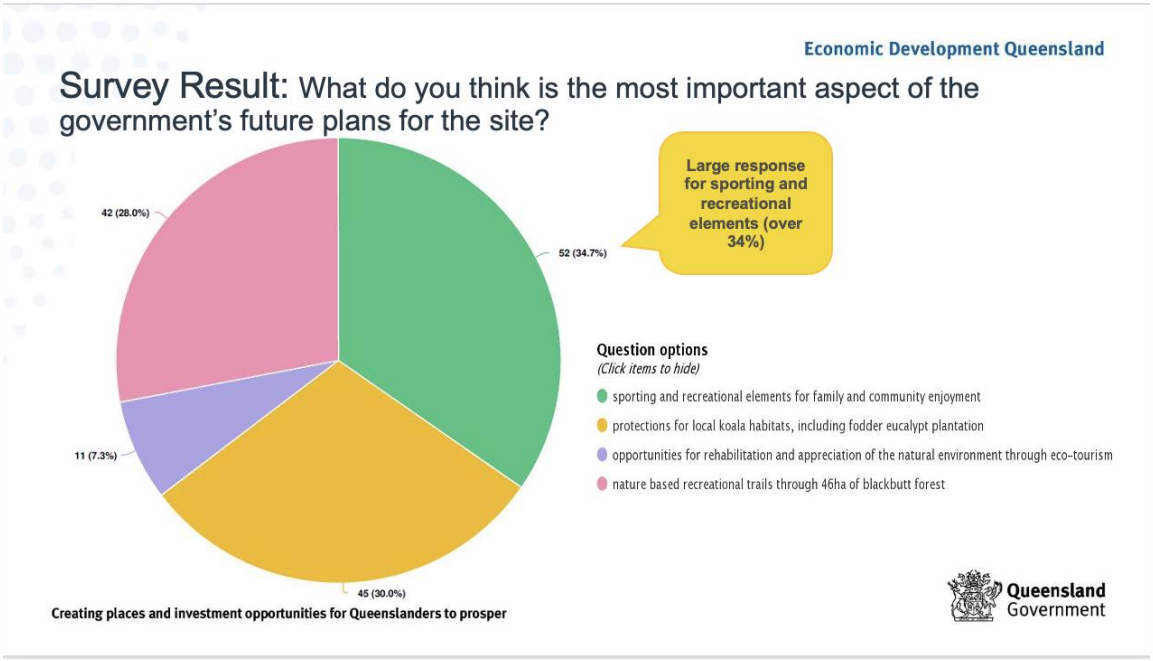
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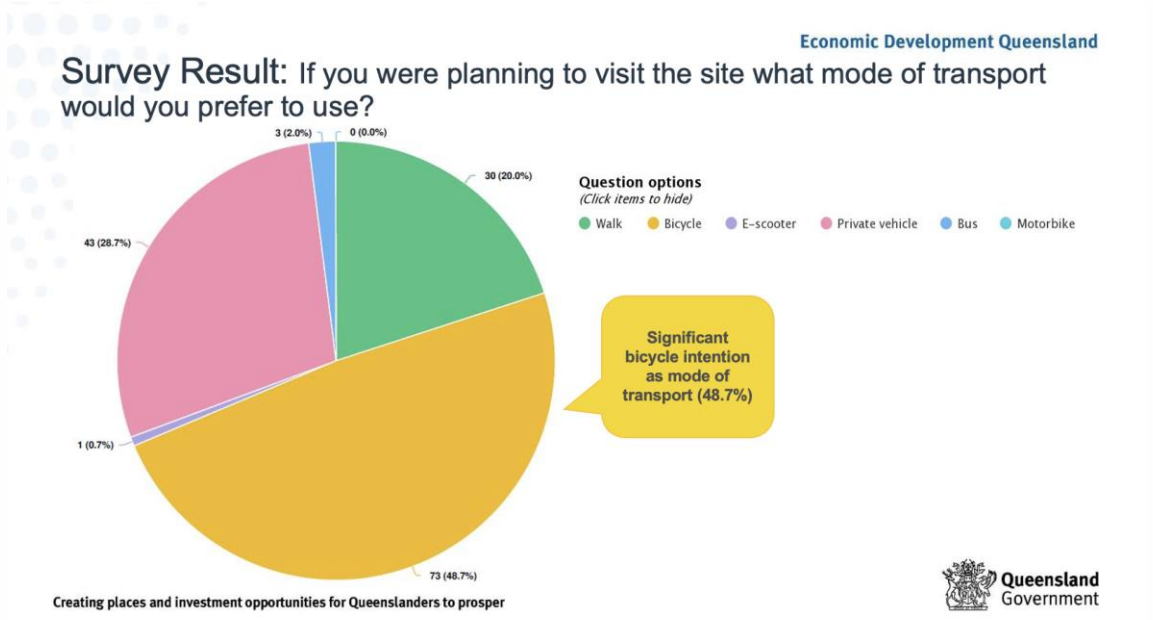
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Lisa noted under 25 years were not represented as much as the other groups and EDQ will continue to engage this age bracket.

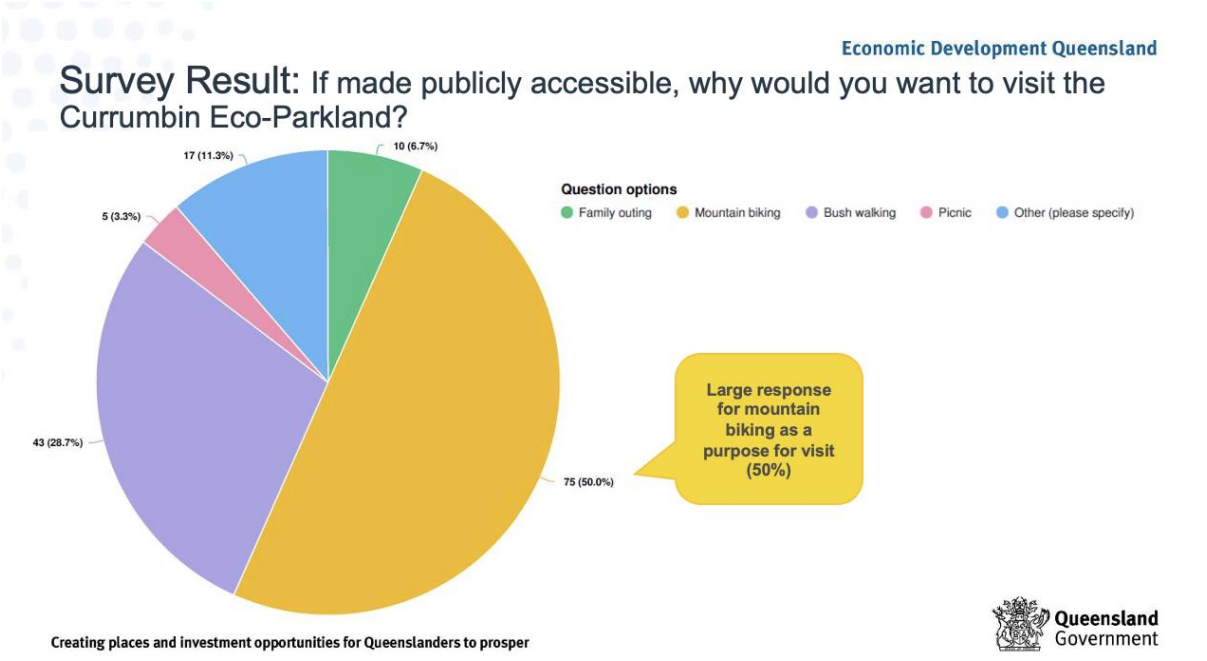


Lisa clarified these four options were from the election commitment and the works regulation that defines how the site can be used. Sport and recreation, protecting wildlife and Nature based Recreation trails were largest supported as the most important aspects.



Lisa noted cycling to the site received a high response and this was an important finding. Tapping into the cycle way as a method of transport could raise opportunities to reduce carpark requirements. Lisa further noted that Currumbin Creek Road and Galleon Way are both very busy road and would represent a design challenge.

Member of the public Noted that cyclists come from the buffer trails (border trail) and not just from the roads.



Lisa outlined the Koala rehabilitation facility was highly supported throughout the survey response. Lisa explained that Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary has asked for a large area to assist with the rehabilitation of animals. The koala rehabilitation will likely be a hospital where the koalas can be rehabilitated and this will not be a public facing facility.

Lisa explained how the rehabilitation works and the different stages of rehabilitation required.

Member of the public noted they haven't seen a koala in 35 years.

Member of the public noted they currently have a wild koala on their property.

Member of the public mentioned that he was the previous care taker of the site and previously had Currumbin Wildlife come to his property until they had a wild dog problem. The wild dogs issue will need to be address.

Member of the public There are wild dogs and cats in the area, how will the Department tell them apart from Dingoes.
Lisa confirmed she would need the Department of Environment and science to explain that however they have processes.

Member of the public continued to confirm Currumbin Valley have dingoes and they are apex predators. There are also powerful owls which are a threatened species. There are also likely to have ring tails, glides – large and small and other species.

Comments: Koala Rehabilitation Facility – Yes!

- #71 I like the idea of koala rehabilitation and expanding the koala habitat and wildlife corridor. 47 agree, 0 disagree
- #76 Koala rehabilitation facility is a great addition. It should allow access for community involvement though to help increase awareness. 38 agree, 0 disagree
- #132 I want the parkland to be fully dedicated to maintaining koala habitat. In the Moreton Bay region, the koala habitat is destroyed by massive developments. the koalas have nowhere to go. Keep the parkland for the koalas please or it will be the end for the koalas. 30 agree, 0 disagree
- #165 Don't allow dogs within area to ensure native animals such as koalas are truly protected. Plenty of dog walking areas around the Gold Coast already 30 agree, 1 disagrees

Dec 23 2021 at 11:56AM Suggestion

The priority of this park must be Koala habitat and the planting of gum forests. Walking trails would compliment this.

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Dec 30 2021 at 10:35PM Suggestion

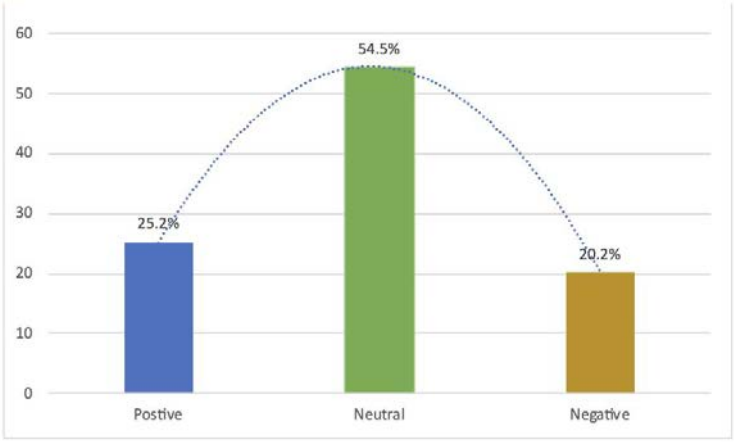
agree. Ensure no access for trail bikes

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Positive support from survey responses, which showed 79% would be very supportive of the protection of koala habitat



Comments: Overall sentiment towards the proposed precincts/uses



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Comments: Day uses

Carparking and entrance - Maybe

- #158 The plans show almost 350 car parking spaces. There is nothing eco-friendly about encouraging people to arrive by car…Ensure the bike network to the park from local suburbs supports safe travel to the park by bike. 32 agree, 0 disagree
- #226 Keep the parking to a minimum, please. The last thing we need is an oversupply of asphalt and gas-guzzling vehicles in a space that ought to be reserved for revegetation and ecological regeneration. Cars are koala killers. 14 agree, 0 disagree
- #184 Yes we really need to realise that this will be a popular area for recreation and parking although ugly is necessary. 0 agree, 23 disagree
- #140 Eliminate this park entry point between Galleon Way intersection with Currumbin Creek Road and the northern boundary of the park… Keep all park access further along Currumbin Creek Road west of Galleon Way intersection. 34 agree, 1 disagree
- #111 I am not keen on having a road bisecting the parklands. A couple of entries from C. Creek Rd should be sufficient with parking areas. 49 agree, 1 disagrees
- #157 ….Perhaps a main entrance about 1/2 way between Galleon Way and Piggabeen Rd? 25 agree, 1 disagree

Sustainable transport connects – Yes

- #154 It would be great if, in the development of this eco parkland, the cycle access to Currumbin Valley be improved. In particular cycle lanes need to be added to the section between Bienvenue Avenue and Galleon Way (the eastern end of the ecoparkland) 29 agree, 0 disagree
- #139 Theres enough car parking and infrastructure to turn it into a mini metropolis !! I would strongly re consider the intended foot traffic here - If people want to get here it should be encouraged by bike or walk from near by 29 agree, 0 disagree

Positive support from survey responses, which showed 48.7% of respondents' preferred mode of transport would be bicycle.

BBQs - Maybe

- #66 Any barbeques should be solar, but why bbq? Surely people can picnic. 18 agree, 0 disagree
- #137 Bbq not here please - Go to the beaches and 1000 other parks on the GC - Minimal footprint please 23 agree, 1 disagrees

Positive support from survey responses, which showed that 45% would be very supportive of picnic tables and BBQ facilities

Less support for BBQs in the comments.

EV charging - Maybe

- #93 NO EV Charging station at the park. No shops or cafes, support the already local business and take your own food and then leave when you have run out of food, just like other eco parks in the world. Security would be good you are building car parks and parks in a area where cars do burn outs every time it rains. 36 agree, 0 disagree

Low support for EV charging station in comments. But a third of survey responses said they would use a charging station if available.

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Comments: Mountain bike skills

- #70 Mountain bike trails, as in properly built trails by a professional trail building company, as opposed to a 'mountain biking skills precinct', whatever that might be. (Sounds like a pump track for BMX). 2 agree, 29 disagree
- #83 it is great there is to be the inclusion of mountain biking in the area. I think the MTB park model at Sugarbag Rd, Caloundra would a great starting point to replicate / build on locally 11 agree, 40 disagree
- #126 This would be an excellent area to start a single direction network of mountain bike trails, graded for different skill levels 11 agree, 40 disagree
- #131 Its good to see a MTB skills park proposed. However it would be ideal to have this paired with mtb single track throughout the natural areas to compliment this… 7 agree, 35 disagree
- #133 Not just a mountain biking skills area, we need to have actual trails/single track for mountain bikers…Beginner, intermediate and advanced trails should all be added to account for all types of riders. 5 agree, 36 disagree
- #151 Totally in support, some single track trails green and blue in level built in harmony with the environment would provide a fantastic opportunity for family's to enjoy exercise in the outdoors together. 2 agree, 30 disagree
- #192 Mountain biking has become a major issue when used in protected areas due to the damage caused. Here on the Gold Coast they already have 174km of trail not including fire trails. 16 agree, 1 disagree

Jan 17 2022 at 12:19PM Suggestion

I couldn't agree more - mountain bike trails are enjoyed by many and are growing steadily in popularity - if planned and managed effectively, the precinct will represent another excellent reason to travel to the Gold Coast.

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Jan 19 2022 at 10:54AM Suggestion

Sounds good, as long as illegal trails aren't created that would mean hudreds of trees cut down along with vital wildlife habitat (like rock habibat for reptiles and insects) destroyed to make way for MTB

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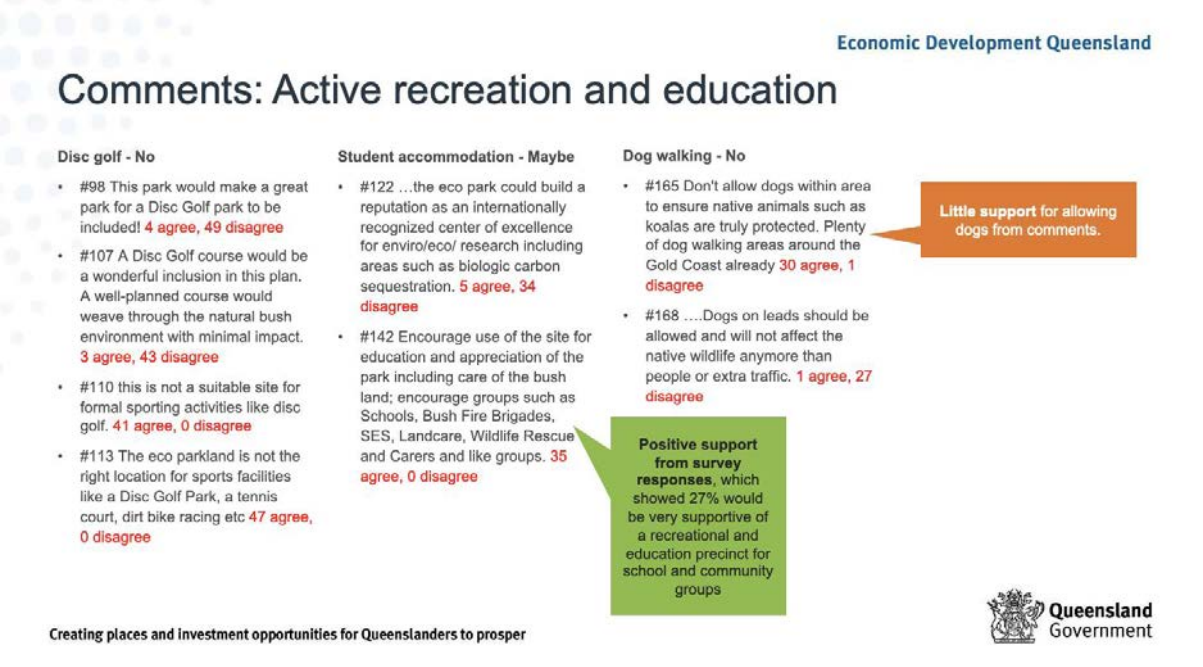
Mixed support for MTB trails from plan comments, with many in support of the idea, but just as many comments calling for responsible use, or no more trails on the GC at all.

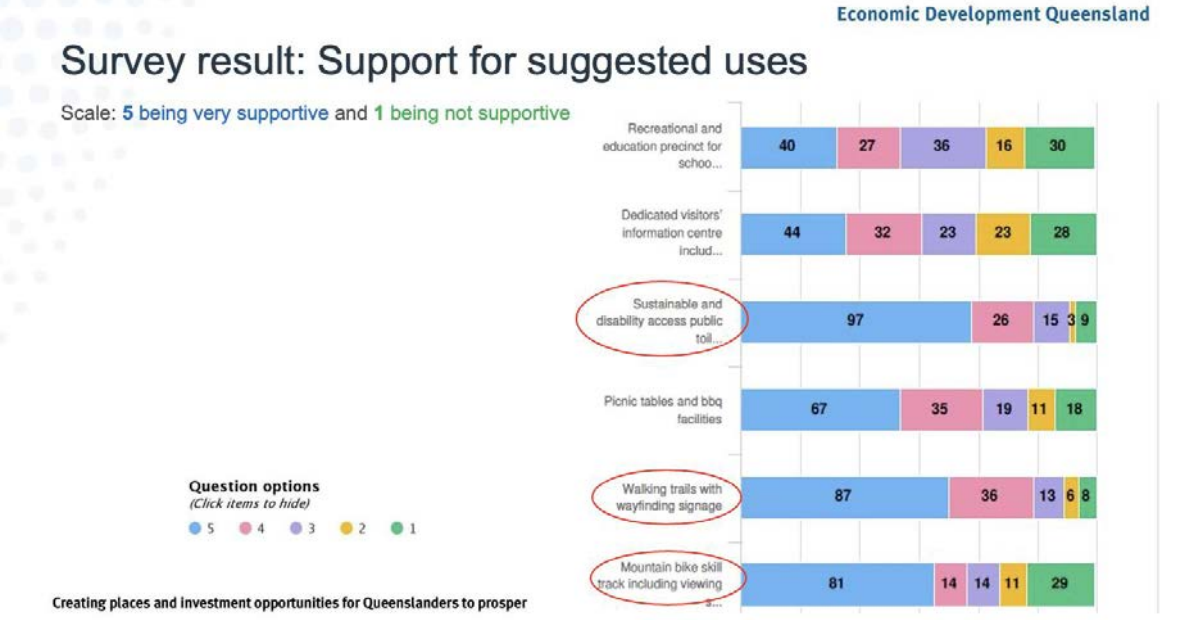
Positive support from survey responses, which showed that 54% would be very supportive of mountain bike skill track, including viewing shelter.



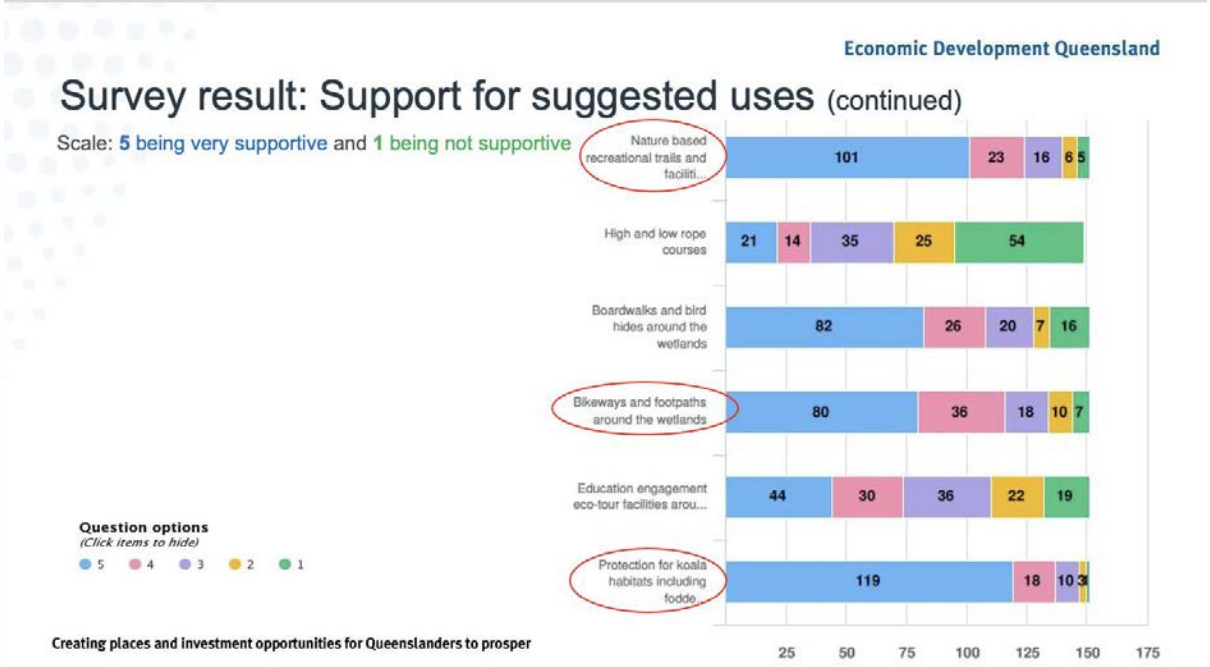
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Lisa summarised that mountain bike, horses, disc golf and running and walking were the 4 activities that stood out in the previous engagements.



Lisa explained how there wasn't much support for an educational precinct.



Question from the member of the public: Can you clarify the difference between a mountain bike and trail bike.
Lisa explained there has never been an intention to have motorised bikes onsite, an exception may be with the maintenance team who may require a quad bike for care taking purposes.

Question from the member of the public At the far end of the property, motor bike riders have been cutting the fence.

Lisa explained that the policing of the site will need to go through to DES investigate this / is a police issue.

Question from the member of the public Who is going to manage the site?

Lisa confirmed EDQ have been asked to complete the project**,** however the maintenance and long-term goal will be working with other Government agencies.

Question from the member of the public What is happening with that triangular piece of land next to the site?

Lisa confirmed that the previous owners still owner that parcel of land.

Question from the member of the public The block of land, which was originally part of Martha's Farm, who owns that?

Lisa confirmed that it was privately owned.

Question from the member of the public How do people currently access the border site? If people access it they will try and find a legal way to get to the buffer track in the future.

Lisa confirmed this is not the intention and is currently illegal. This is an opportunity to confirm entries to clarify the site.

Statement for the member of the public It is a nightmare with the NSW border track, it is a no go zone and people should not be using it. It is a buffer zone for the tick. There are strict regulations by NSW DAF and EDQ should get in touch with them.

Lisa confirmed she can get in touch with them.

Question from the member of the public Will be open for 24/7 and how will be policed?

Lisa confirmed that it is not the intention for it to be open 24/7. However we are still in the planning process so cannot 100% confirm this at this stage

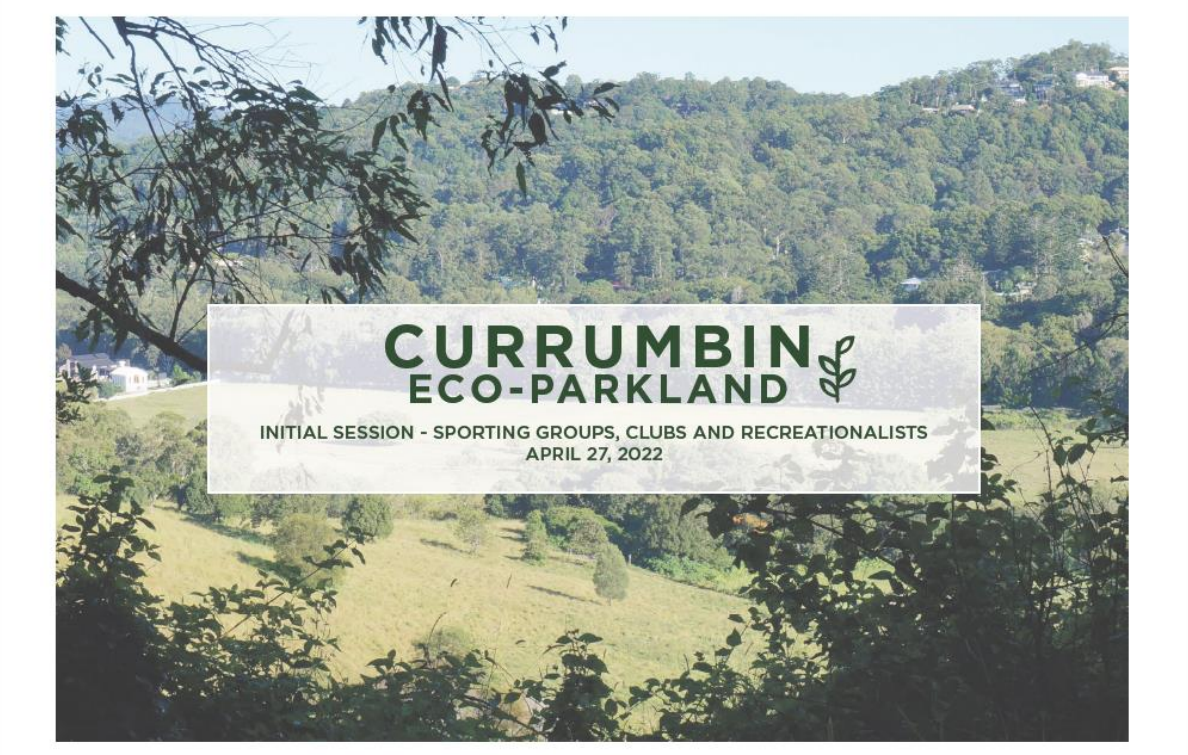
Tanya thanked Lisa and welcomed Andrew and Stephen from Lat 27 to share more information on the environmental work that has been done to date to inform the draft options plan.

Overview of the draft options plan: Presented by Andrew and Stephen from Lat 27

Andrew introduced himself and Stephen as the lead consultants from Lat 27.

Andrew confirmed that it is the same presentation so everyone has the same base level of understanding. He then confirmed that Jesse is writing the meeting notes from tonight and they will be made available.

Andrew explained that this project is a journey and the option plan is just the start.





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Master Planning Currumbin Eco-Parkland



Andrew explained the engagement stage is a key element of creating the master plan to ensure the community feedback is incorporated into the site.

Andrew outlined the brief that the Lat 27 team received and the opportunities. He then reminded attendees that this is a starting point in the project.



The Brief

The site presents opportunities for the preservation and rehabilitation of the natural environment including flood plain storage and endangered ecosystems. *Source : Background, Currumbin Eco Parkland Project Report. June 2021*

The Currumbin Eco Parkland project comprises 148 hectares of land within the Currumbin Valley. Concept planning for the parkland has commenced and once completed will include:

- Sporting and recreational elements for family and community enjoyment;
- Protections for local koala habitats, including fodder eucalypt plantation;
- Nature based recreational trails; and
- Opportunities for rehabilitation and appreciation of the natural environment through eco-tourism.

Source : Project Description, Currumbin Eco Parkland Project Report. June 2021

Andrew outlined that Lat27 have been working together with other specialist firms including Design Flow, S5 Environmental, Inertia, Mewing Planning Consultants and Bitzios Consulting. They have studied the attributes of the site including flooding, natural flow of water on the site, elevation, road capacity, car parking, bush fire reports and overlays and other design elements. Andrew noted their brief was to respond to the four election commitments.

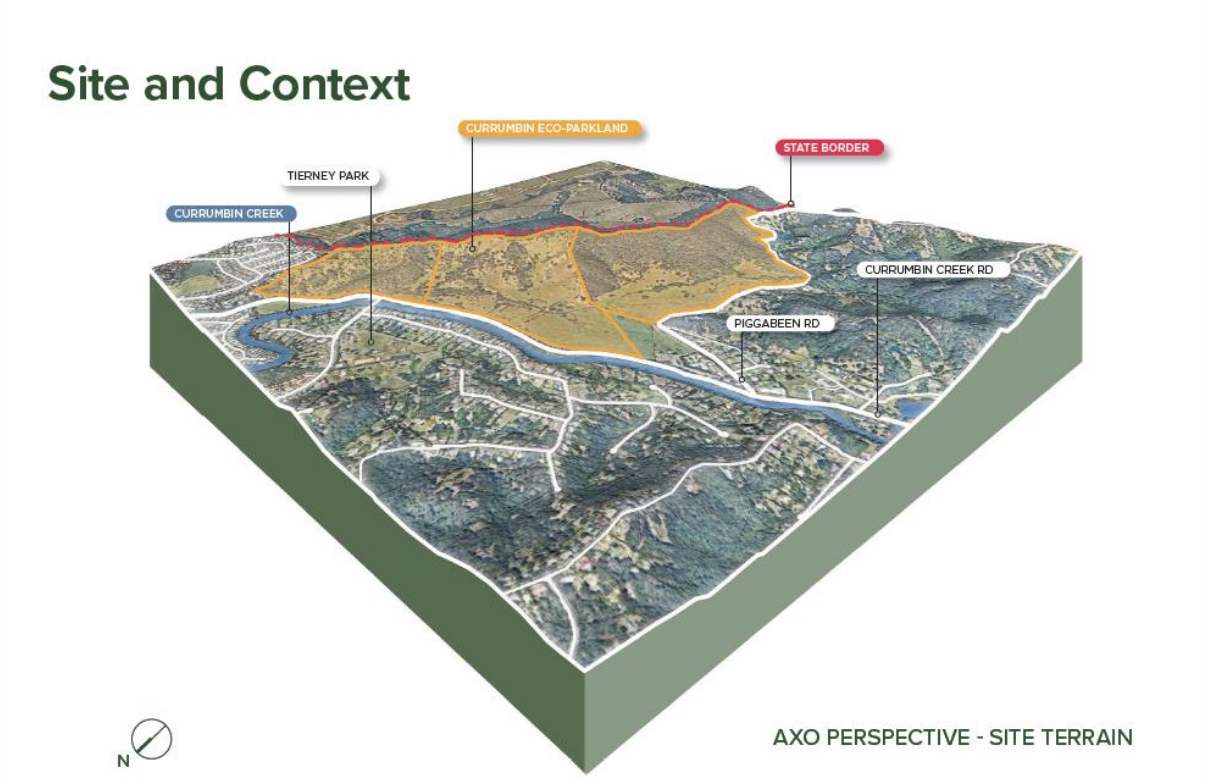


Consultant Team

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CIVIL ENGINEERING	TOWN PLANNING	TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Stephen provided a detailed description of the site, noting that Currumbin Creek runs through the site and lower areas can experience significant flooding. Respecting the natural flow of the site will be a prime importance when considering the planning phase.

Stephen noted the draft options plan is just a starting point and further studies are being completed to gather information on ecological maters, what is important to the community and what they value. The following options are not an official draft master plan.



Stephen outlined the first step for Lat 27 was to understand the challenges and opportunities. The below mapping is available online on the Have Your Say website. The information supplied on the maps needs to be 'ground-truthed.' Further studies and data are required including on fauna and flora.

An Ecological Master Plan was prepared through desktop review of the following:

- Relevant International, Federal and State legislation,
- Online Database Species Records and Mapping,
- Geology and Topography
- Vegetation Communities and Habitat,
- Ecological Function.

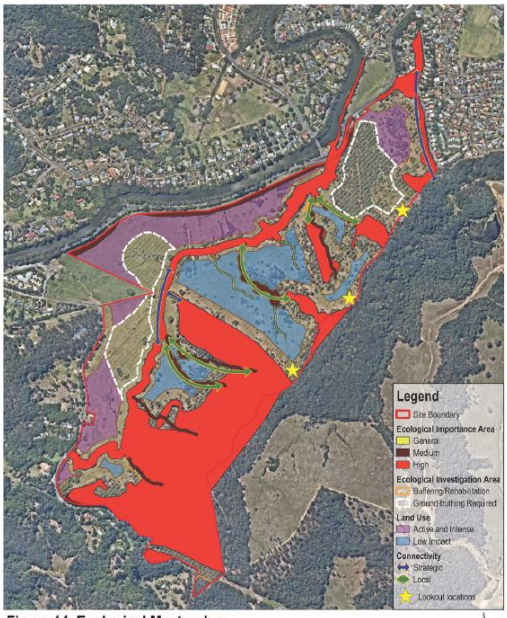


Figure 14. Ecological Masterplan

Currumbin-Eco Parkland, Currumbin Waters
Lots 1 & 247 on RP854934, Lot 2 on RP168012

Note: Mapping based on desktop review only and subject to further refinement and ground truthing.

The site was also considered through the lens of Bushfire risk. Preliminary opportunities and constraints were established through desktop review of:

- Mapped bushfire hazard (SPP Bushfire Prone Area Map and CoGC Bushfire Hazard Overlay Map)
- Topography
- Vegetation Assessment and likely fuel loads

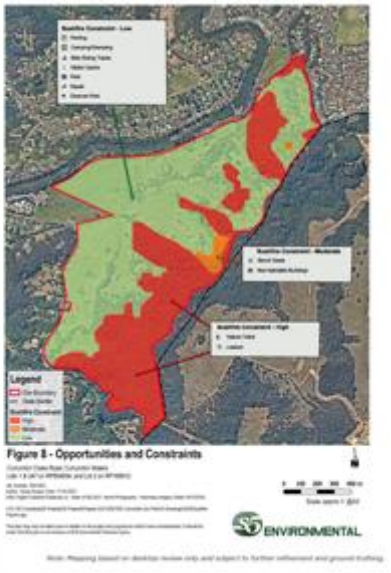
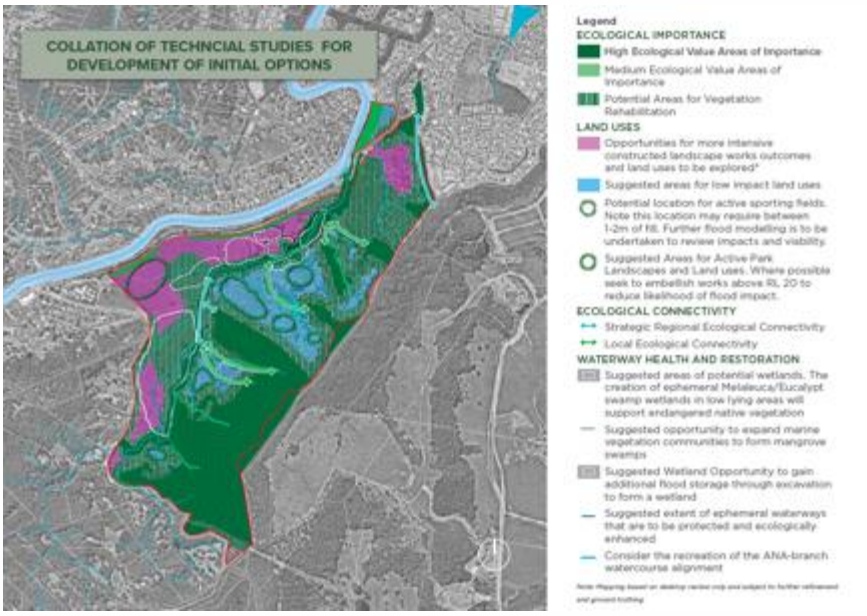


Figure 8 - Opportunities and Constraints

Stephen explained the red highlights the bush fire risk.



The next step was to take this information and see how it could be used to achieve the overall goal while taking into account the no-go zones.

Stephen also explained the areas in the lower existing farm lands may be more suitable for recreation activities on the lower slopes. Opportunities for creek or water line improvements have been identified and have been outlined on the map along with areas for potential connectivity of vegetation on the upper slopes. Flood storage has been identified due to the natural flooding and is in white outlines. The blue colour represents areas for potential low impact uses, these areas would be subject to further ecological investigations for uses like the visitor centre, natural play area and mountain bike skills zone.

What is an Eco-Parkland for Currumbin?

Defining an Eco-Park



Andrew noted there is no definition of an Eco-Parkland. The above examples were investigated and didn't fit the brief of the Currumbin site. Lat 27 looked at all the individual concepts, elements and ingredients the site contained, that could be considered in a draft options plan. Andrew confirmed that they looked at these examples and established they needed further information from the community and what they required.

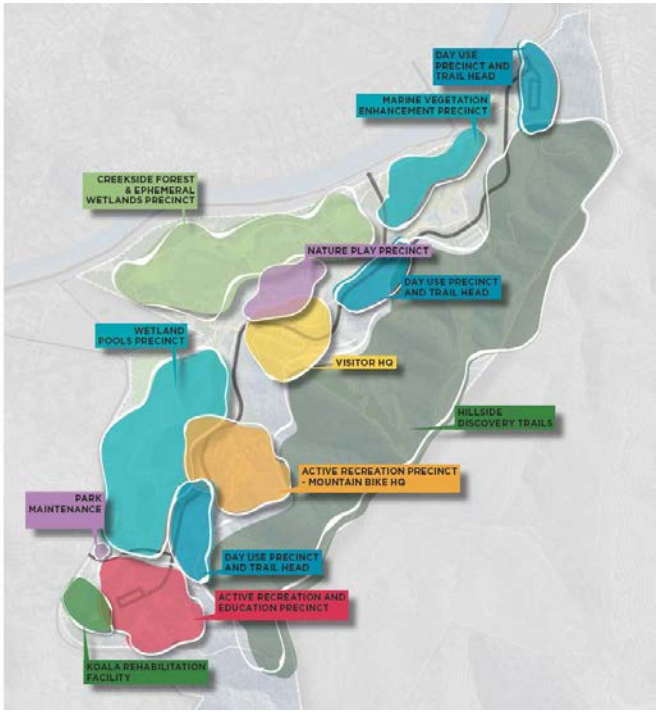


Andrew addressed the opportunities above and outlined these could all be possible elements of the Currumbin eco-parklands, however we are testing these elements with the community feedback and some may not be desired.

Andrew noted the greater Lat 27 studio team were involved with creating the elements map through an internal design review process.

Lisa noted that this is just the throught process, however the opportunities mentioned are up to the community. Andrew added that the community opportunities will be added during the subsequent master planning processes.

Draft Precincts



Andrew highlighted that flooding is a key consideration with access to and around the parklands. If access is required to the majority of the site e.g. for maintenance, carparking or day use, the roadways or gravel road will be designed to be above a certain flood level.

An option to include a visitor centre in the middle of the eco-parklands, shown in yellow, to provide a location with information on what's on in the eco-parklands, a place where you can get food, safety assistance, power or refreshments.

Andrew pointed out the Koala rehabilitation facility is located in dark green and will not be public facing, the education precinct is pink, mountain bike is orange and nature play is purple in an area with less access

The black line is site access and the design team are still investigating how to access the site safely and to what extent vehicle access is necessary. It is noted that while flood free access is desirable, due to flooding of local roads such as Currumbin Creek Road and Piggabeen Road, it may not be feasible.



Andrew explained the photos on the above slide, and slides to follow, show the quality of the each of the potential spaces. The photos show a visual that the areas will have as little disruption to the area as possible and they will not be overdesigned, it should feel similar to a National Park. Lat27 draw upon experience with designing in sensitive environments such as Nation Parks and acknowledge how this context would benefit from a lighter touch.



Andrew noted that mangroves are encroaching the site, creating habitat and this will be supported during the design phase.



Andrew noted Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary have been previously engaged and will continue to be engaged throughout the process. Andrew noted the koala facility is purely for hospitalisation and rehab and will not public facing.



Andrew stated there has not been desire for the education precinct.



Andrew acknowledged that there is flooding, and they will design the wetlands in a resilient way to work with the natural flow of the landscape.

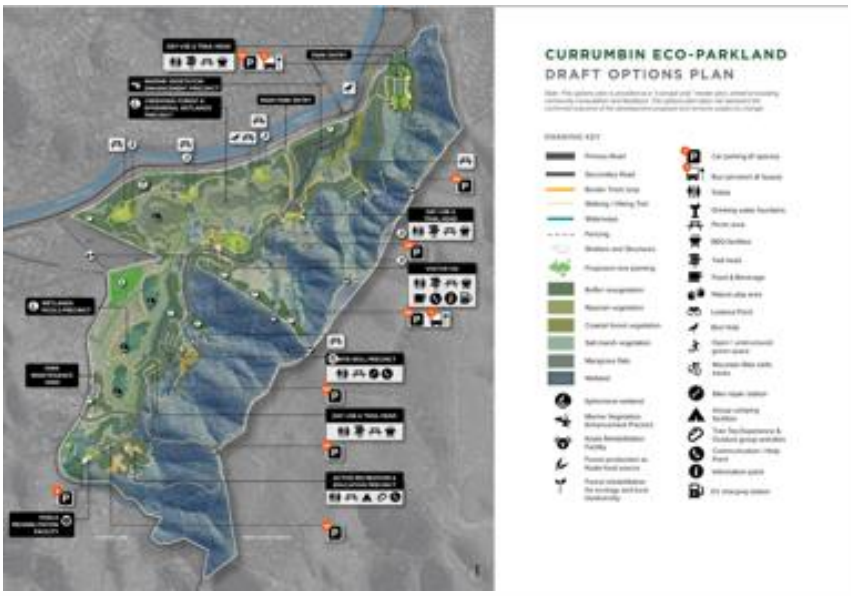






Andrew confirmed that these images are on the Have Your Say website to create feedback.

Andrew went through the options plan and explained that half of the site, if not more will be restoration and there is no plans for sport fields.



Question from the member of the public What was the level of the '1 in 100m flood' that you based the reporting off?
Stephen stated that he believes they worked to 5.5m was identified.
Member of the public stated that the levels of this year's flooding should be investigated and taken into account.

Another member added that this weather is typical for 80- years cycle, this wet cycle it is typical.

Question from the member of the public Regarding the wetland being put into the flood area, these will be destroyed and washed out if you construct something.

Andrew and Stephen confirmed that feedback was that this area will be constantly inundated, it will not be built in there however allow a natural landscape that is used to inundation to allow it to flourish. Another thought around constructing the wetlands was to have flood storage within the site to mitigate impacts.

Question from the member of the public Car parking areas, storage area will require to be build up.
Andrew confirmed that this will be taken into consideration during planning. Understanding of the site and matching the type of uses and access will be completed.

Statement from member of the public Because we have had such a wet year, there has been an influx of royal spoonbill (waterbird), haven't seen any in 8 years. They have started to reappear in areas of protection. Another member of the public confirmed that they had seen Jabiru back in the area.

Andrew noted that the ecological reporting will happen over a long period of time to understand the cycles of the fauna and flora.

Statement member of the public I want to confirm about the access – the vegetation along the road reserve contribute to visual entry to the valley. Any entry from Currumbin Creek road or road widening will impact important trees. Your should have this investigated before considering doing that.

Stephen advised that this would be noted.

Statement member of the public A member of the public explained that there is a cultural dream time story of Two tribes who battle on either side of the valley, and this is the local story of why the valley is so wet.

Tanya thanked Andrew and invited participants to respond to the live polling.

Live polling questions: What do I value most about the site or this project opportunity?
Note: All live polling responses are provided as they were received from community. For transparency reasons, these responses have not been edited or modified.

Participant responses:

• Trail running opportunities for all levels (single track and open trail), wildlife preservation, family spaces
• Improving wildlife habitat
• The diverse landscape
• The wildlife that already exists on the land.
• Cultural, Community & ecological opportunities. MTB and trail running Single-track
• Opportunity to use slopes for disc golf
• The site is unique in itself and should be used as it stands for horse riding, mountain biking,walking & disk golf
• The oportunity to ride my mountain bile through nature.
• Preservation of natural landscape
• Disc golf has a chance to flourish on the gold coast, with potential opportunities for the younger generation to utilize the sport for exercise and raising awareness of the ecology.
• Trail running opportunities

• Nature and wildlife
• Helping in the rehabilitation of koalas.
• "Culture - history of the land and use
• Nature play opportunities for children and Early Childhood. Wildlife reserve"
• The protection of environment, fauna and flora
• The old trees and natural vegetation of the high areas.
• Rehabilitation and ecology, educational opportunities
• The sport and recreation available but also as an educator the availability for kids to learn about the Kombumerri peoples and their stories.
• Nature
• The ecology of the site.
• The native wildlife and to minimise impact upon it
• Conservation and rehab of natural environment:

• Maintaining it in its natural state but be able to maintain a rural aspect horse riding grazing
• A special piece of land which can add an asset to preserve bushland in a area where it's shrinking
• Excellent opportunity to preserve shrinking bushland in an area becoming overpopulated.
• Cycling thru varied bushland and hills
• The fact that you need to keep it pretty much as it is now.
• The opportunity to preserve native flora and fauna and to recognise the first nations people and learn from their culture
• The natural environment, a space to enjoy and help preserve nature, a place for nature play with my kids A place to evolve and get better in time
• The opportunity for us to rehabilitate and protect our shared culture and history - giving us a place to decompress and unwind in our green spaces .-A place to see our beautiful wildlife !
• Trail running opportunities along the ridge line
• The opportunity to be able to explore the land
• Opportunity for local, regional & global users
• Perimeter and fire trails for horse riding slopes for mountain biking and equestrian
• Nature trails
• Listening to First Nationa people around education for people about the history of the area

• The cultural importance of the site and the area
• Natural environment
• Maintaining the quiet natural space without creating noise and traffic.
• The nature of the land anytime it rains makes it extremely difficult to establish precints
• Walking precincts should not be "shared pathways". Walkers shouldn't have to keep avoiding bikers and horses.
• Horse riding because you have moved into a very horsey area.
• The preservation of nature
• "Wetlands that are able to thrive after floods?
• Nature play, natural as possible. Sorry but a big no to the disc golf or golf of any kind.
• It's just not aligned with a nature environment - a big net to stop them hitting people? Go to top golf."
• Linking trails with the current border trail and beyond
• The wide open spaces
• Opportunity for mixed uses
• Eventing & cross country courses for horses
• Restore cultural value of the land
• Giving locals the opportunity to use the land freely
• Horse riding
• Horse riding trails
• Coffee vans then

Living polling question: What precinct layouts and their uses can work well, and why?

Participant responses:

- Koala rehab, family BBQ areas, trail heads as access to the various trails
- Rare opportunity for koala rehabilitation centre within 10 kms of Currumbin Sanctuary and to grow fodder for them
- Wetlands area to help catch and direct the flow of water over the land
- "MTB skills park is a great idea, could be moved to connect with Single-track trails.
- Southern area could have ecological focus"
- Wetlands improve water quality, fauna
- Meandering nature trails suitable for riding that crosses through all precincts
- Wetlands in flood prone areas. Forest preservation in highland areas
- Shared use trails, single tracks for trail running
- Natural paths and tracks native vegetation werlands cafe
- Using the natural flow of the land.
- Selective felling in the blackbutt Forest to allow the young growth to develop
- Love the koala rehab plan,. What about use of the creeks and streams for water play by children
- Nature play precinct, wetlands and water monitoring sounds like great education and awareness for communities living here
- Definitely no coffee shop… there are so many around the area that people can access on the to and from. An indigenous learning area
- Softly softly
- Walking tracks to help see wildlife for wetlands and blackbutt forest
- Minimise access points
- Walking trails, light touch approach, viewing platforms. Indigenous information and culture sharing.
- Wetlands and forest rehabilitation
- The nature of land when it is wet makes it very unsuitable to establish precints
- Good call re koala rehab place. Walks through Bush to get a close feeling about our natural environment without extraneous noises etc.
- Smooth gravel paths
- Whatever works with the land . Understanding it's a high flood zone , think about mosquitoes when the warm season is in! But that's the natural ecology . Whatever restores the ecology for All our wildlife as all have a part to play ! Culture !
- Lookouts along the trails
- Retained & enhanced forests improve ecology
- Longer mountain bike trails aside from skills precinct
- MTB gathering area
- Preserved natural areas
- Lay out is great so far
- Have you considered doing selective harvesting of the black but Forest to allow the young growth to develop
- All layouts are great. Except sport field and camping.
- Ensuring there are running trails for all abilities - single track, open trail and shared walking paths - so that all abilities can benefit
- Connecting to border trails
- Precincts where horses can be tethered and water

Live polling question: What draft precinct layouts and their uses could be improved, and why?

Participant responses:

- Variety of native food plants and trees to accomodate all wildlife species
- Precincts that are located at end of Piggabeen Road would need better access. Upgrade to Piggabeen road would be required.
- Cultural education precinct needed
- Disc golf is not considered, & can use sloped & treed areas harmoniously
- Implementation of trails and areas for equestrian trails and facilities
- Maintenance area is poorly located at remote part of site generating long traffic flows. It is also next to an existing house and a flood channel. Would create too much traffic on Piggabeen Rd
- Makikg sure the trails connect to the border trail so access can be achieved from Tugun area
- Road access bike access needs to be safe and protects existing trees
- Ensure all hollow bearing trees are retained
- No access between the eastern end of the park and galleon way
- Looks very good so far if it works with how wet the site is.
- MTB precinct should connect to the border trail.
- No MBTrails
- Botanical gardens.
- Grow coffee beans on hillside
- Not sure that a mountain bike skills area is a good idea for an eco park. What is going to keep riders on the tracks and out of other areas?
- Connection with Cobaki estate
- Do the ecological groundtruthing first
- No access from Hoffschildt Drive
- signalise Galleon CCR snd TCR/CCR for safety and reliability
- The precincts look generally ok but from a wildlife point of view and a cultural point of view (which are the same) the plants and wildlife need spaces away from foot traffic /people to rest. Remember : the green spaces are shrinking!
- Shared use trails could be multi use with good design - walking, running, MTB & equestrian
- Coffee vans can fill any need if no shop provided
- All interest at this stage should be all done
- Do not use Led lighting as disturbs wildlife
- The traffic issues snd cyclists using CCR already problematic! Must
- Ban on overnight camping, prevent litter that will lead to introduced and pest animals and birds
- Layouts to be designed to prevent noise travelling to nearby dwellings.
- Cultural and education, a site for bush are groups. If it's no to high ropes, no to other 'sport' disc golf is not supported by most people sorry.
- Show of hands for who plays disc golf.
- Nothing specific at this stage except that provision for people with disabilities to enjoy this site is important

Live polling question: Are there any other sport and recreation opportunities to consider or priorities in the future?

Participant responses:

- Linking the existing border trails with the new running trails to provide the opportunity of longer runs
- Consider uses that can work with challenges of site
- MTB & trail running Single-track network
- All current interest should be all that needs to be considered
- A native food garden
- Currumbin Fair is just around the cnr, improve paths between for access to shops
- Consider bushfire management in Blackbutt forest area
- Lookikg at ways to engage young people aged 12-25 as they eill be using the area in future. The have your say website is not mobile friendly which limits the input of young peoplr
- Community garden
- Protection of Ophioscincus truncatus...
- Bush tucker trails
- Nursery for native plants
- Cultural learnings
- Natural heritage information/ education centre
- Information for visitors to learn about the flora, fauna and indigenous culture
- Connect ion to Cobaki estate
- Hmm ! How will we police /do compliance on rubbish /illegal camping / illegal trail construction?
- Further access from Piggabean Road. Bushcare, native plants, nursery
- Make sure there's staff for it ! No Damage Mitigation Permits either for our wildlife or 1080 bating.

Live polling question: Considering the diverse range of interests and uses, how might we get the balance right when drafting the Master Plan?

Participant responses:

- With consultation meetings like this and consistent and open communication with all parties
- aim for highest possible user base with low impact
- More opportunity for community to ask questions in an open forum as opposed to you asking us questions to answer.
- Robust discussion
- Agree with enquiry by design. Excellent process
- All currently interested groups should all work together
- Examine the dominant demographics.
- Keep it all low intensity low impact and very natural
- Have a discussion with the people who propse recreational activities and the potential area that they may require.
- Consultation at all key stages
- Protection of environment first and foremost
- Talk to the people that have worked the land to gain more understanding on its use.
- Give more weight to the environment, not the sport and recreation groups.. People don't have to access everything
- Prioritise the non humans over the humans!
- Work with the land. Be respectful. Don't over do it
- Different groups realising they won't get everything they want. Respectful communication is key
- Don't destroy any of the vegetated areas
- Keep it natural and low impact
- These types of forums
- If in doubt favour light touch. Put flora fauna and culture ahead of specific interests.
- Be guided by the ecolgical values and constraints
- Remember the first word - ECO
- Not allow large noisy groups
- Keep it NATURAL!!
- "What's good for the land must come first .
- Eco before the ego."
- Animals don't vote but need the greatest voice
- No birthday parties with balloons!
- Security of the area particularly at night
- Save it as a wetland
- Show this to Tom tate
- Noise. Traffic access.
- I like the structural suggestions to provide shelter, will be beautiful to provide accessibility for all to enjoy.
- No noise after 5pm

Live polling Question: What other questions or things come to mind that need to be addressed in a future master plan?

Participant responses:

- Drone use: impacts wildlife
- Impact on neighbours and on nearby roads
- Piggabeen Road Upgrade full of potholes and terrible to drive on as it is.
- Who/how it will be managed?
- Ticks in NSW
- All groups to make the final plan
- For mountain biking, speak to the lacal GC MTB Club. A wealth of knowledge.
- Impact on neighbours and traffic management Piggabeen Rd
- The potential for litter in regards with activities and the impact of activities with nature.
- Tourism impact
- Areas of the site regarding naming of areas. Such as Austral Park not Martha's Farm. History to be valued and restored and retained.
- fauna and flora have no voice, but they need to be given the greatest weight in decisions
- No parties that monopolise the space. No balloons.
- Emergency service access esp for trail runners hikers and MTB
- Bird watching sites
- Overnight campers and littering
- Impacts on local CV amenity and traffic

- Access for people with disabilities
- How to co-exist with a 5000 house estate next door.
- Allowance for larger flooding in the future
- Currumbin Creek Road - it's the biggest elephant in the room
- "Will this eco project be protected if there is a change of State Government for the next election cycle?
- Toilet blocks on site how will they be managed at night time. Drugs crime etc…
- Active travel options
- Wild dogs & children
- About 20km + of moutain bike only trails would be nice. MTB is a big demographic.
- The natural plan so far is gold star - accessibly, keeping it enviro focused. Let's not detrimentally affect the community, accessing the site will create traffic, it's already a traffic hazard with multiple fatalities. Tread carefully!
- Cultural significance must be a key import
- Safety of public walking through site
- Are the users local, regional global or all?
- Teenagers using it for late night parties
- Also : Dingos are not wild dogs so don't label as such ."At what point can the public access the site? Can we use it now?

Tanya thanked participants for their time this evening and outlined the detailed summary notes have been captured and will be made available along with the presentation.

Lisa thanked participants for coming and acknowledged the contributions that were shared. The enquiry by design will further draw out this knowledge. Lisa noted the EDQ email address and encouraged participants to email with any questions or concerns.

END.