

COMMUNICATIONS

Community Consultation Report

Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall

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1. Summary

Randwick Council has allocated funds in Council's Budget for 2020-21 to build a new hall at the site of the Matraville Youth & Cultural Hall on Knowles Avenue, Matraville. The existing building dates from the 1960s, is in poor condition and is not serving the community well. It will be demolished, and a new building constructed on the same site.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to consult with the community to help inform Council's design for the new hall. The community were asked to share their experience with the current hall and offer suggestions for what they would like to see in the future. The community were invited to complete an online survey or make share an idea.

The consultation was promoted using digital and social media, posters on site and mailbox drop to around the local area.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had over 1179 unique visits, 109 surveys were completed and 14 ideas shared.

Overall, survey respondents were supportive of upgrading the hall, primarily as a hall for hire for dance or exercise classes, youth programs and indoor sports. There was little support for the hall being used as a boxing facility. In relation to the adjoining pocket park, there was majority support for improvements, especially more landscaping.

The outcomes of the consultation will be reported to the Ordinary Council meeting on 8 December 2020.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background and objectives

A community consultation program was undertaken to help inform Council's design of the new hall by gathering feedback from the community in relation to the current hall and explore what they would like to see in the future.

The consultation program aimed to:

- To obtain feedback from the community using their local knowledge and experience of the hall and adjacent open space to determine future use of the building and surrounds
- To determine the community's aspirations for the hall and adjacent open space
- To determine the perceived impacts that refurbishing the hall will have on neighbouring residents
- To determine the key features/elements required as part of the building refurb to suit current and future hirers.

2.2. Consultation period

The consultation was open for 21 days from 23 September to 13 October 2020.

The project was assessed as having a low-level local impact.

The community was asked to complete an online survey or share an idea.

2.3. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to complete a survey or share an idea
- Letter to adjoining residents
- Mailbox drop around Matrville and Chifley
- Posters on site
- Email to Your Say subscribers (5521 residents): 23 September 2020
- Randwick News (weekly email): 23 September, 30 September and 7 October 2020
- Facebook post: 30 September 2020 (3324 people reached and 150 engagements) and 10 October 2020 (4374 people reached and 248 engagements)
- Email to current hirers
- Email to Ausgrid
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Digital display screens at all Libraries and Customer Service Centre
- Email to all precincts
- Councillor notification

3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to gather feedback via an online survey and ideas board: <https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/matravilleyouthhall>

The website was launched on 23 September was open for 21 days, closing on 13 October 2020.

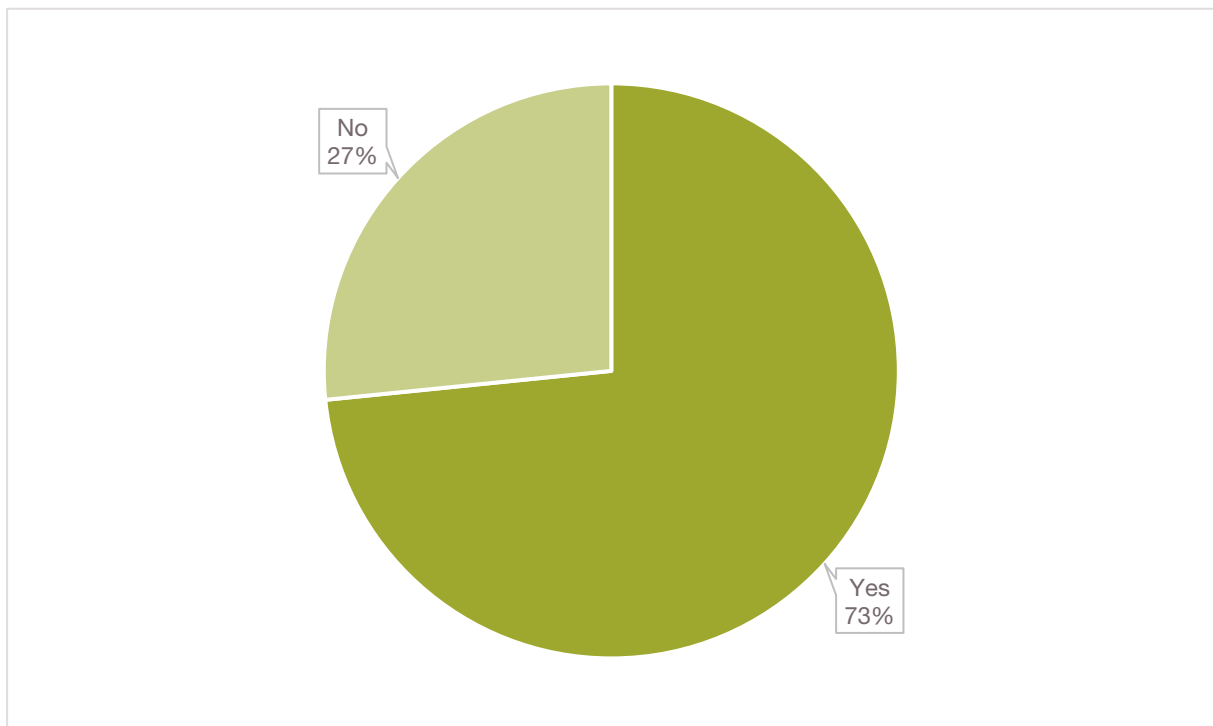
During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 1179 visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 109 surveys completed
- 14 ideas shared
- 3 submissions were sent directly to Council

3.2. Survey results

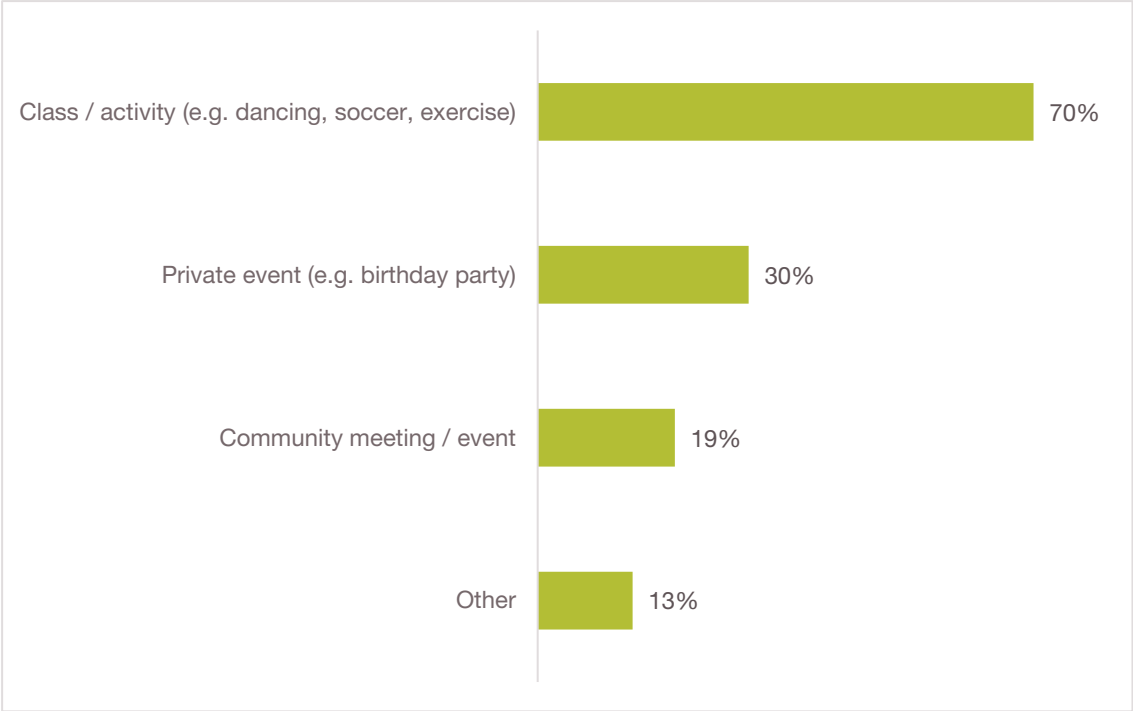
The online survey received a total of 109 responses. All graphs represent the 109 responses unless otherwise indicated.

3.2.1. Have you ever been to the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?



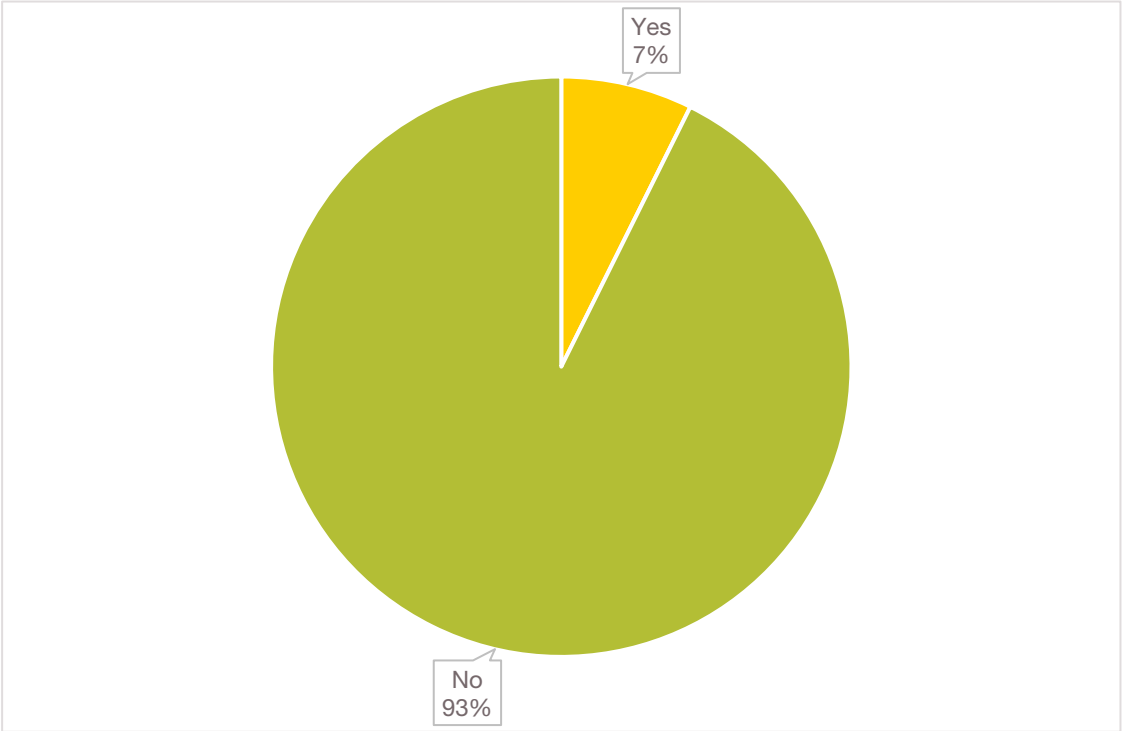
Graph 1: Have you ever been to the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?

3.2.2. What was your reason for your most recent visit to the hall?



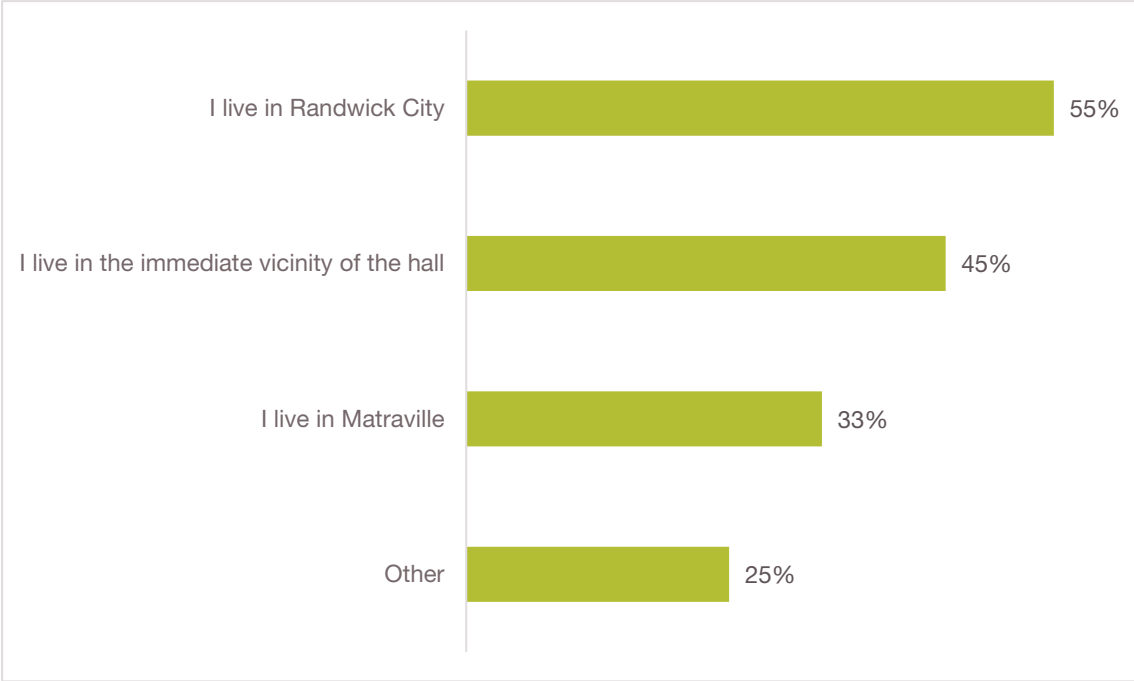
Graph 2: n=67. What was your reason for your most recent visit to the hall?

3.2.3. Have you ever hired the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?



Graph 3: Have you ever hired the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall?
Reasons for hiring are shown in Appendix B.

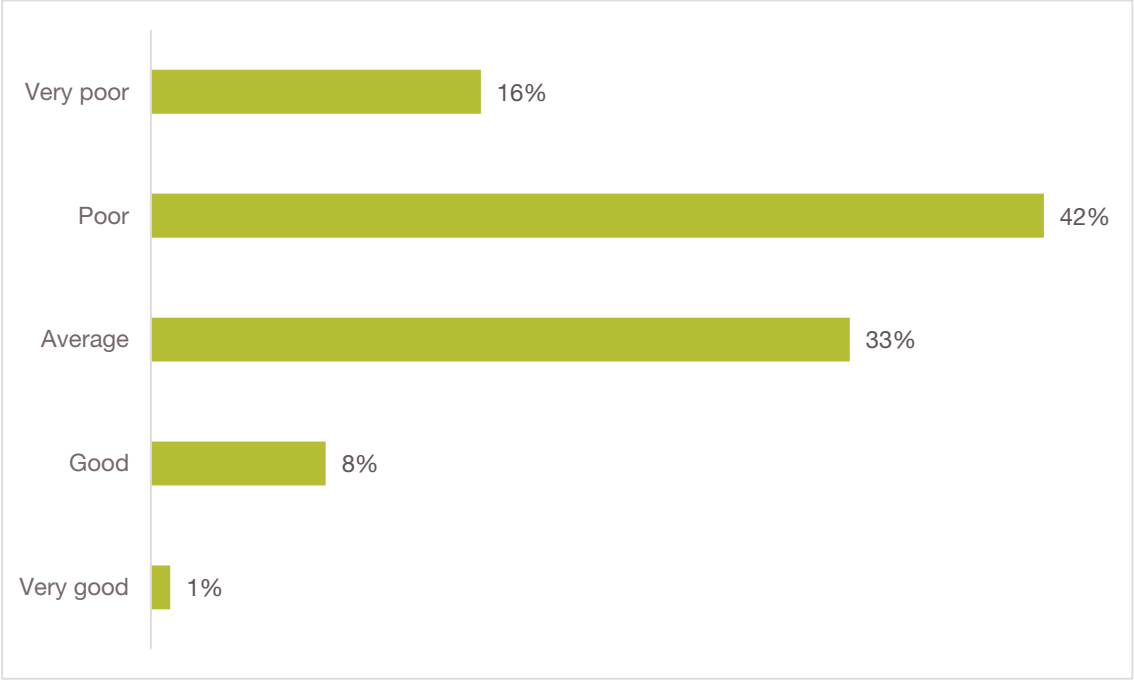
3.2.4. What best describes you?



Graph 4: What best describes you?

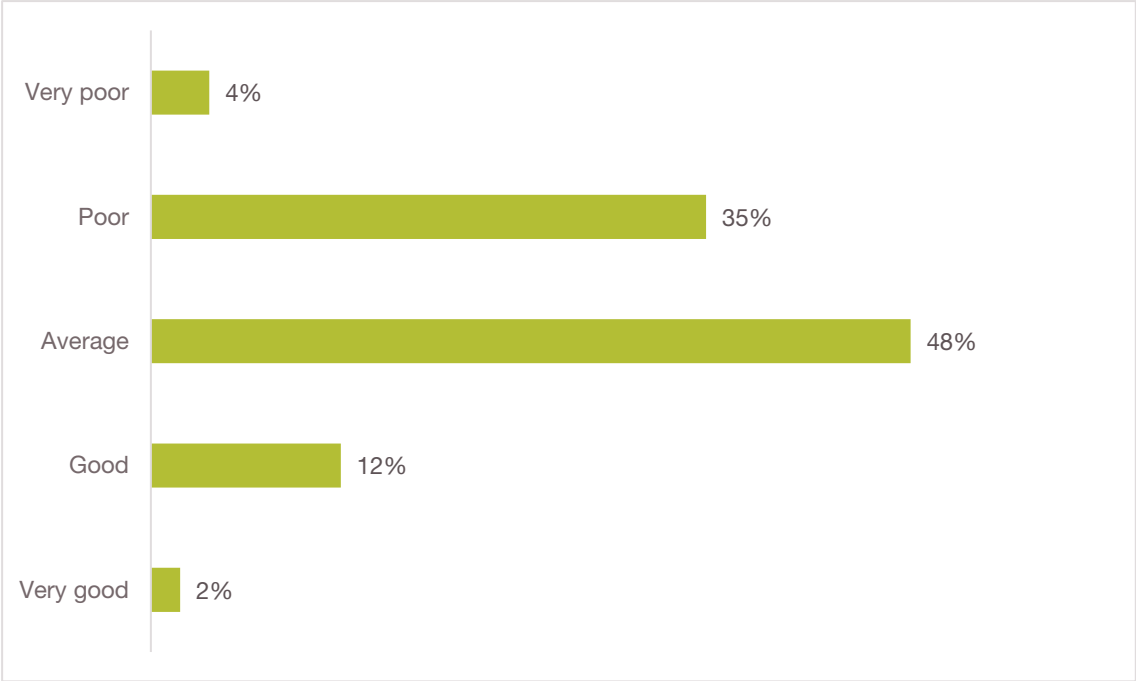
‘Other’ responses are shown in Appendix C.

3.2.5. How would you rate the current appearance of the hall?



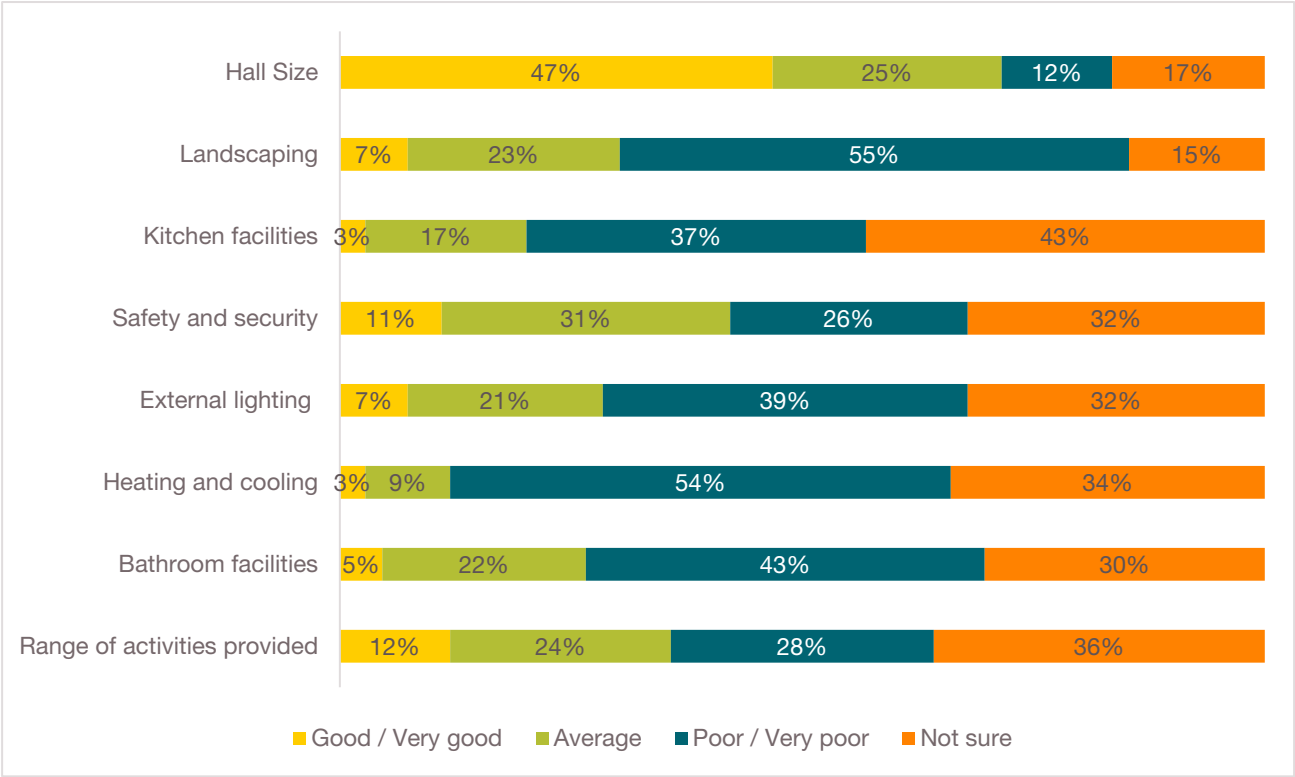
Graph 5: How would you rate the current appearance of the hall?

3.2.6. How would you rate the current functionality of the hall?



Graph 6: How would you rate the current functionality of the hall?

3.2.7. How would you rate the current facility in relation to the following?

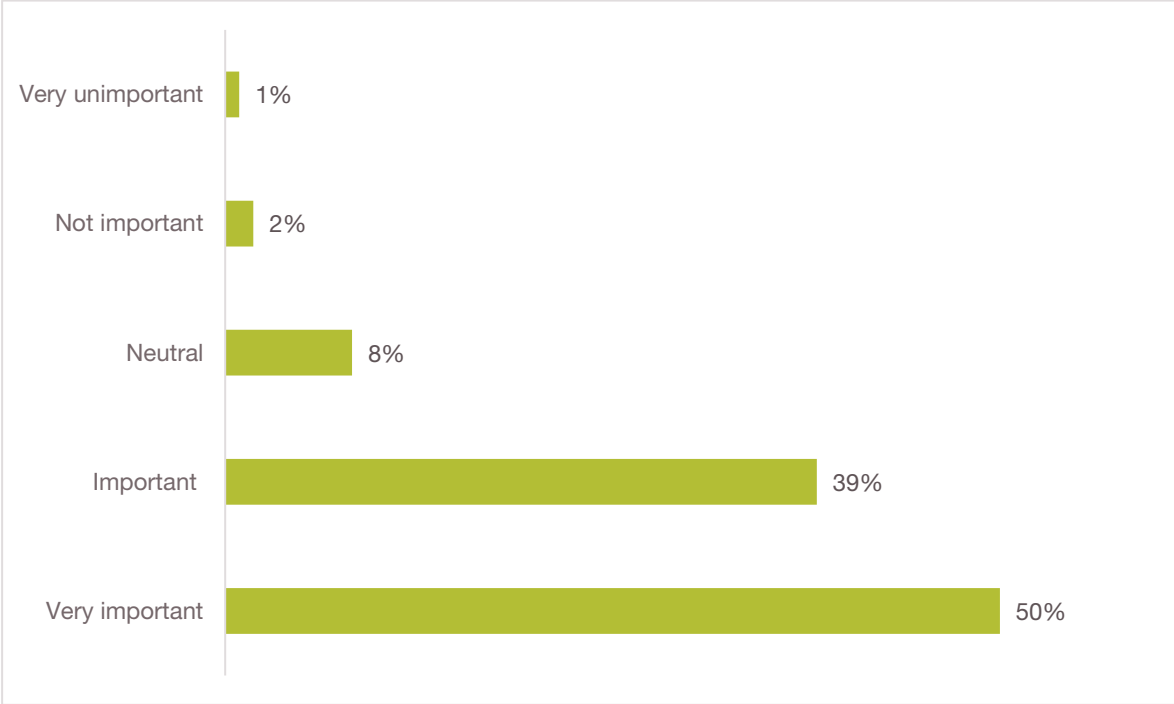


Graph 7: How would you rate the current facility in relation to the following?

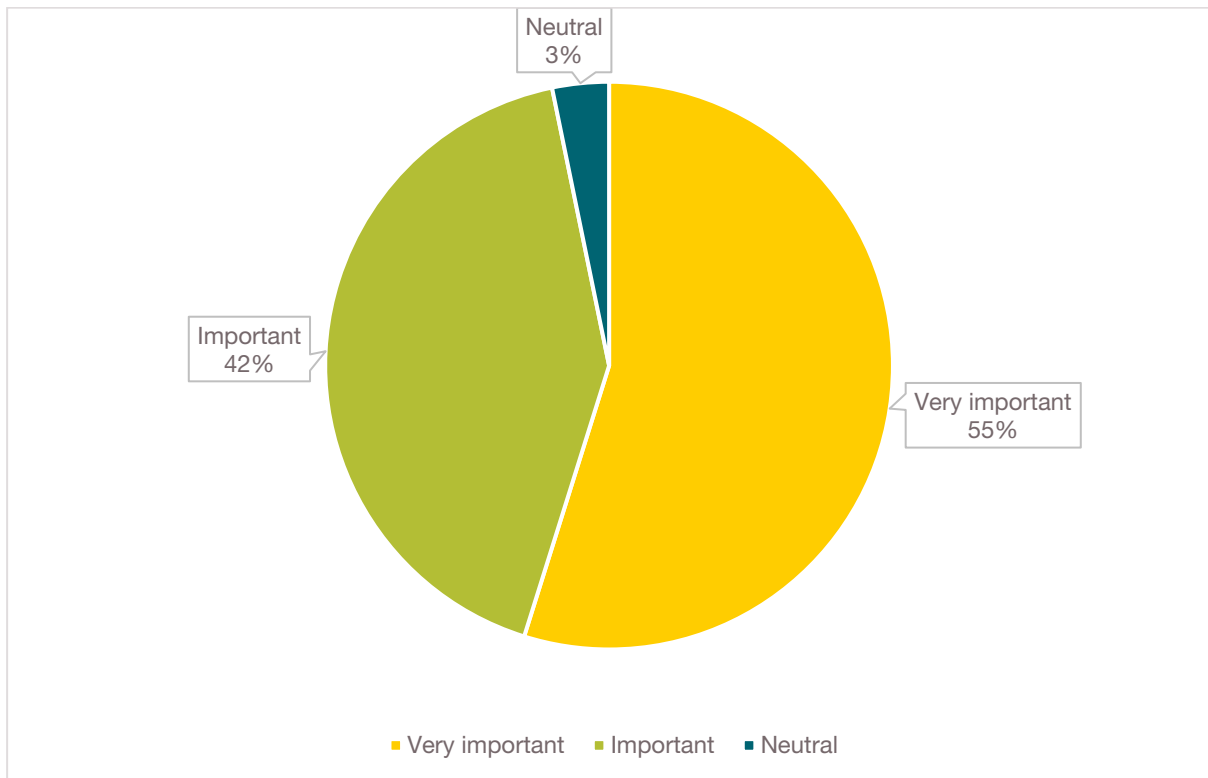
This graph shows how respondents rate the current hall in relation to several key features. Hall size: 47% good/very good, 25% average, 12% poor/very poor.

Landscaping: 55% poor/very poor, 23% average and 7% good/very good.
 Kitchen facilities: 37% poor/very poor, 17% average and 3% good/very good.
 Safety and security: 31% average, 26% poor/very poor and 11% good/very good.
 External lighting: 39% poor/very poor, 21% average and 7% good/very good.
 Heating and cooling: 54% poor/very poor, 9% average and 3% good/very good.
 Bathroom facilities: 43% poor/very poor, 22% average and 5% good/very good.
 Range of activities: 28% poor/very poor, 24% average and 12% good/very good.

3.2.8. How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?



Graph 8: How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?
 Free comments for “Why do you say this?” are shown in Appendix D.

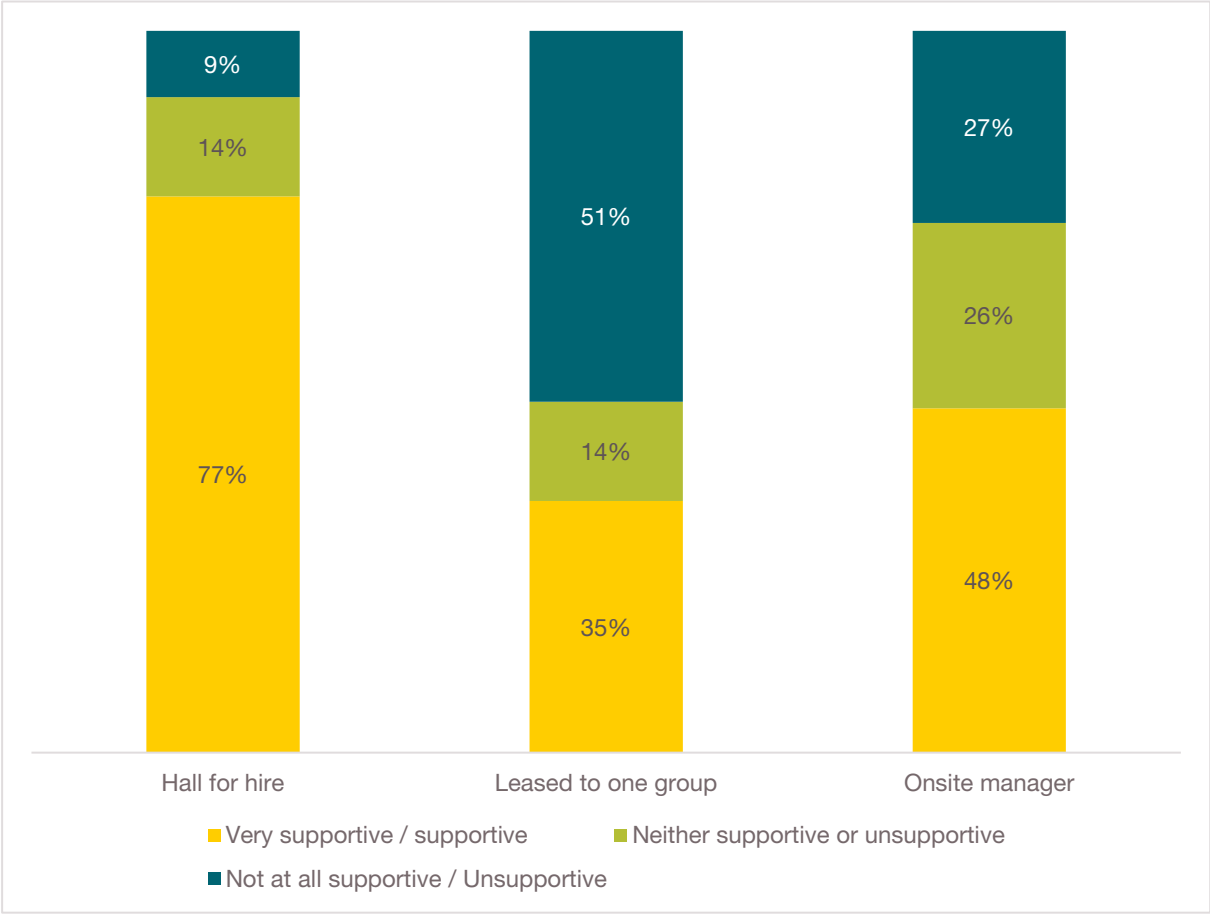


Graph 9: *n=31. Respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall and perceived importance of upgrading the hall.*

This graph shows the perceived importance for upgrading the hall by respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall.

No respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall perceive the upgrade as not important/very unimportant.

3.2.9. How supportive are you for the facility being managed in the future with the following options?



Graph 10: How supportive are you for the facility being managed in the future with the following options?

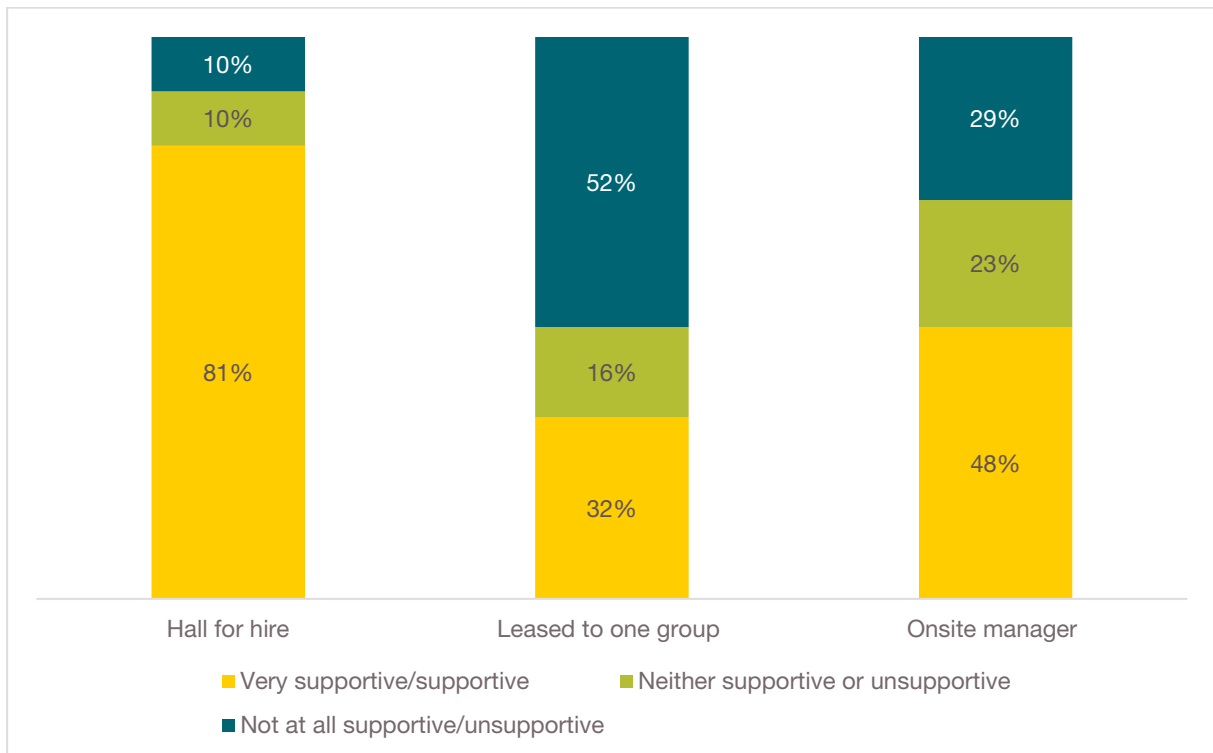
This graph shows the level of support for how the hall should be managed in the future.

Hall for hire (e.g. by community groups, dance classes, private parties): 77% are very supportive/supportive, 9% are not at all supportive/unsupportive, and 14% are neither supportive nor unsupportive.

Leased to one group (e.g. provider running youth programs): 35% are very supportive/supportive, 51% are not at all supportive/unsupportive, and 14% are neither supportive nor unsupportive.

Onsite manager with activities programmed by Council: 48% are very supportive/supportive, 27% are not at all supportive/unsupportive, and 26% are neither supportive nor unsupportive.

This indicates that most respondents are supportive of a hall for hire (77% support), followed by an onsite manager with activities programmed by Council (48% support), with leased to one group receiving the least support (51% unsupported).



Graph 11: *n=31*. Respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall and support for how the hall should be managed.

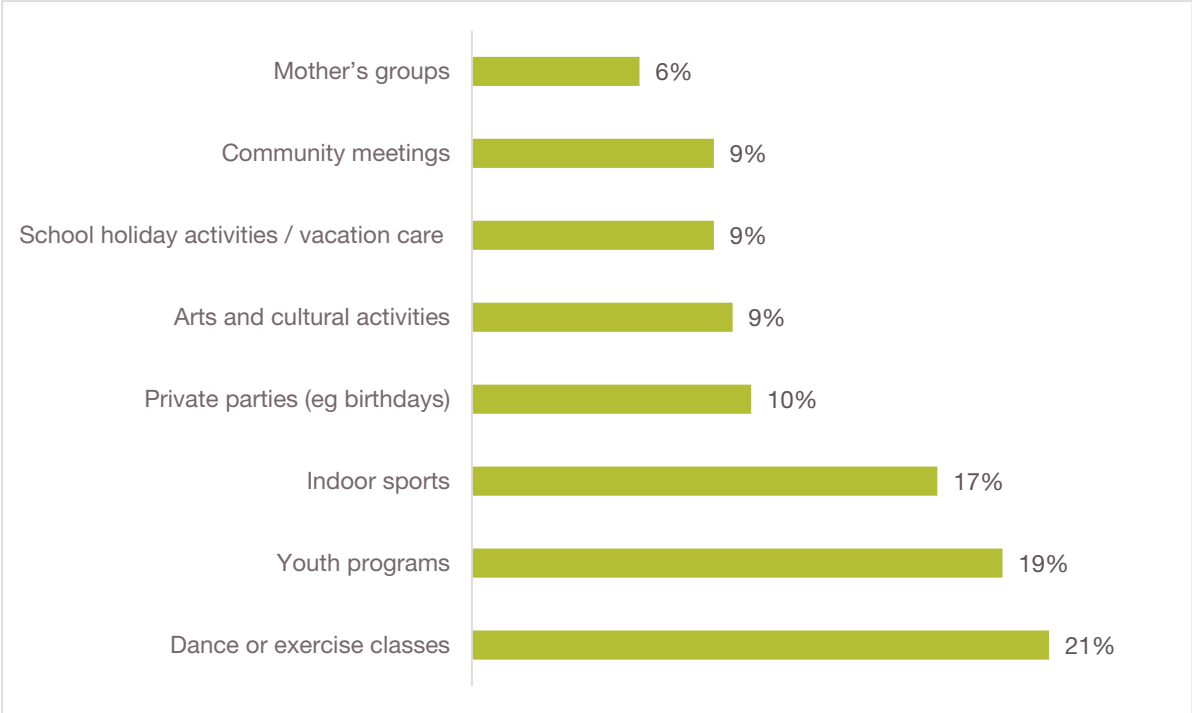
This graph shows the varying levels of support for how the hall should be managed by respondents who live within the immediate vicinity of the hall.

There is strong support for a hall for hire, with 81% of respondents being very supportive/supportive.

There is less support for the hall being leased to one group, with 32% of respondents very supportive/supportive, 16% neither supportive or unsupportive and 52% of respondents not at all supportive/unsupportive of this option.

There is also considerable support for the hall having an onsite manager with activities programmed by Council, with 48% of respondents being very supportive/supportive, 23% are neither supportive or unsupportive and 29% are not at all supportive/unsupportive.

3.2.10. What types of future activities would you most like to see offered at the hall?



Graph 12: n=297. What types of future activities would you most like to see offered at the hall? (choose up to 3)

The graph shows majority support for dance or exercise classes, followed by youth programs and indoor sports.

3.2.11. What best describes you and preferred future activities

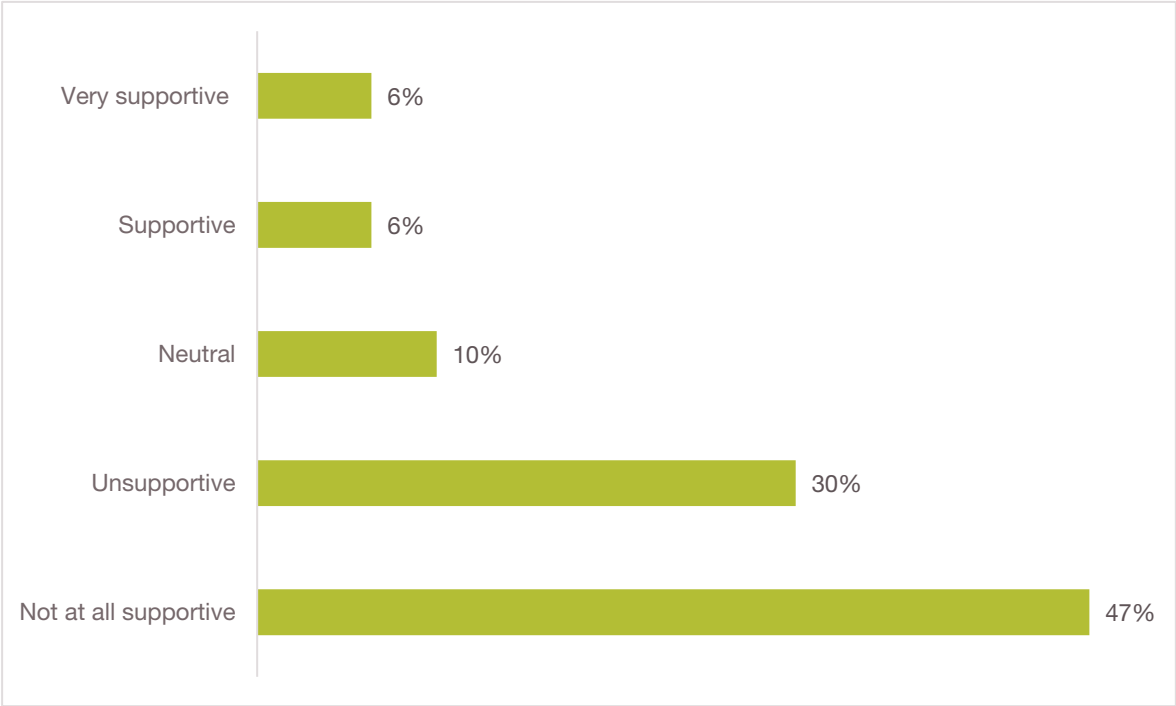


Graph 13: n=31. Respondents who live in the immediate vicinity of the hall and future activities they would most like to see in the hall.

This graph shows the preferred future activities of those respondents who live within the immediate vicinity of the hall. Most of the respondents would prefer dance or exercise classes, followed by indoor sports, then youth programs and private parties.

3.2.12. Boxing Facility

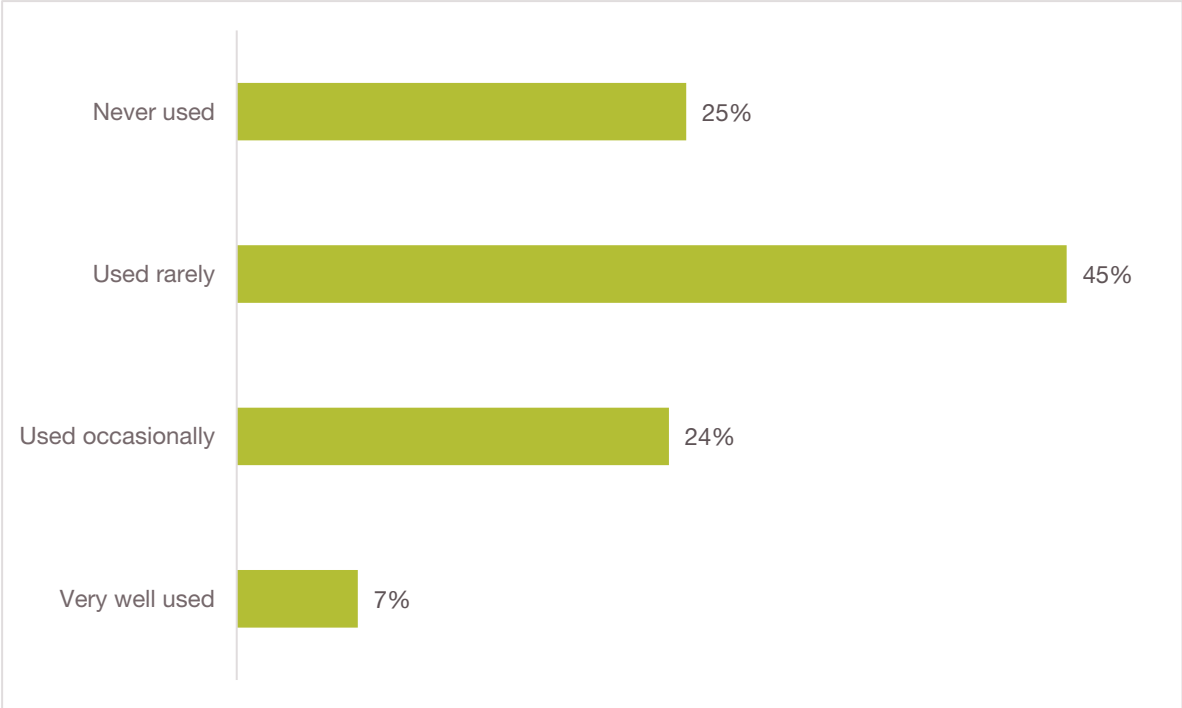
Council has been approached by a local provider requesting that we consider using the hall for a boxing facility to support local young people in the area...How supportive are you of Council exploring this as an option?



Graph 14: Support for a boxing facility

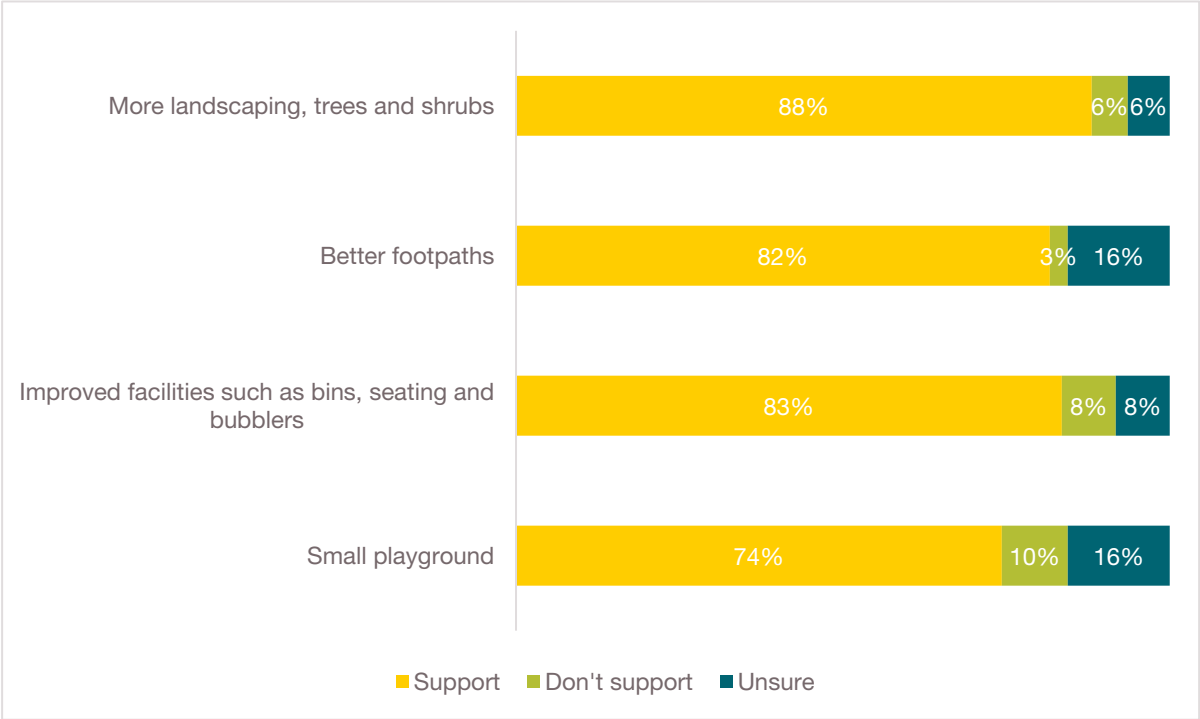
This graph shows that most respondents do not support the hall being used as a boxing facility, where a total of 77% are not at all supportive/unsupportive. Only 12% are supportive/very supportive.

3.2.13. In your opinion, how well used is the pocket park next to the hall?



Graph 15: n=106. In your opinion, how well used is the pocket park next to the hall?

3.2.14. How supportive are you of the following improvements for this space?



Graph 16: How supportive are you of the following improvements for this space?

This graph shows majority support for all the suggested improvements to the pocket park adjoining the hall.

More landscaping: 88% support, 6% do not support and 6% unsure.

Better footpaths: 82% support, 3% do not support and 16% unsure.

Bins, seating, bubblers: 83% support, 8% do not support and 8% unsure.

Small playground: 74% support, 10% do not support and 16% unsure.

3.2.15. Do you have any comments you'd like to make about potential improvements to this pocket park?

	Comments
1	Whilst I support the idea of a boxing hall, there would need to be an alternate space provided for the other providers who provide low-cost sports options for local children. Low-cost options for equity are vital!
2	Way more trees, shrubs and community garden?
3	Extremely supportive of the concept! A nice mix of play equipment for ALL aged kids would be nice, and some exercise equipment.
4	Integrate it with the hall to allow easy access from the hall to the park. This would be great for use with a playgroup in the hall. Make it a creative space to explore.
5	maybe a community garden
6	Happy with idea of boxing gym for youth club. Against hire of hall for parties . Hall next to malabar library on mondays always has rubbish stacked up empty alcohol bottles people organise parties never clean up own mess I would hate to see that happen we are already dumping ground for trucks trailers caravans.
7	Make it look nice & people will use it. Eg seats for people to read ; maybe an outdoor chess board.
8	It needs to be integrated with the use of the hall so it is one multi purpose indoor and outdoor venue for the youth in our area.
9	Would be a good idea to improve
10	Clean open space
11	For the needs of the people!
12	Should not be for a single private group. How about a range of community or club events, or a men's shed.
13	Plant natives to support wildlife
14	Make it visible, advertise it, have a council launch of the space.
15	A park aimed at adults and seniors would be a refreshing change in our area, so no childrens play equipment. A shaded garden with seating, relaxing area to enjoy some quiet time, enjoy the garden, the shade, the birds, maybe read and chat
16	open community garden, where the youth from the hall can grow food & prepare & share it.
17	Landscaping is always good.
18	It is useless at the moment.
19	Community gardens are viable and create a positive space for community interaction
20	A basketball hoop is popular. Skate park? How busy is the centre at Kensington? Certainly there seems to be a premium for centres for dancing. All depends on the demand.

	Comments
21	I am not sure of the intended benefits or desired outcomes from this project. Let's not just do it because the hall is already there. If it doesn't make sense or is not well used, then it is perhaps better to leave this project & focus on other projects.
22	Add a playground, seats and bubblers so the whole community can use it
23	Love to have a basketball hoop for kids to utilise. Open area for teenagers to play. We have enough younger areas open
24	It would make sense to integrate the facilities if at all possible for larger community events (eg Christmas carols, community in formation events, family movie nights) potentially integrating landscape to further facilitate this (e.g. amphitheatre grading to space)
25	please, please, please plant native plants that attract the amazing birdlife in the area- black cockatoos, parakeets etc
26	Addition of a community garden, or veggie patch, or an open green space that allows more plant variety and improves the park and facilities aesthetics. This allows for another use not only to the park but to the proposed facilities.
27	Fenced dog walking area, this is great for locals to connect, make friends, exercise their dogs safely, some dog owners are disabled or need closed fences for safely training their puppies. Randwick council has no fenced dog parks, Botany council has 4.
28	I grew up around the corner & I used this facility for Youth Club & exercise in my youth. I also used it for Mothers play groups. I am very pleased it is being upgraded.
29	Maybe the park could contain a combination of children's stimulation toys and adults exercise set ups as well as a few benches with rubber flooring and flat grass around to create an open style setting
30	I would like to see the hall used as a youth support location for mental health. We have nothing available locally and a venue to support our youth with one on one & group conversation would be invaluable. I'm sure the local schools & police would be supportive & interact . 'Rise Foundation Australia' is a locally Matraville based foundation offering Mental Health services.
31	a small waterplay park would be a great addition
32	Bbq facility may complement the improved community hall well
33	Would love to see it being used. Child friendly (with a small park) with seating and landscaping would be very inviting. Thank you
34	Perhaps a community garden
35	Expand the hall if possible as there is a park nearby. A gym room with machines for use by youth, adults and elderly will be excellent as there are no such gyms with private training room (for yoga) in the heart of a neighborhood. A provider with training expertise is required to teach the youths for better exercising concepts and proper use of gym will be fruitful for their development.
36	if playground equipment is being installed please use as much recycled material as possible e.g. table and benches made from recycled soft plastics

	Comments
37	There wasn't an opportunity to comment on use of the Hall itself but I'd love for local mental health organisation RISE Foundation to be given responsibility for running the hall. They are all trained in evidence based mental health programs, have coaching experience and strong ties with the community when it comes to mental health and suicide prevention for young people and people around young people. You would be missing a trick if you simply gave this space to a sporting organisation as someone like RISE could introduce mental health education as well as links to sports clubs, fitness clubs, barber shops, financial literacy volunteers, other charities like R U OK? and Movember, etc. They could offer a full service to your community with the style and spirit of community led not council led initiatives - in partnership with the council but not driven by council.
38	There is plenty of small playgrounds around the area, but a well maintained grass space for ball games etc or bbq's
39	A space open to everyone in the area to use. Park benches, water fountains and a nice open area
40	Improved amenity is needed.
41	I understand RISE Foundation is interested in this site. They would be a tremendous partner to help mental health and youth in the community.
42	would be used more if it was mowed more frequently and people were stopped from dumping rubbish there (including the trailers, caravans etc)
43	All upgrades will be welcomed and I am sure that all users - particularly operators of the hall - will protect and maintain it with care and pride. MORE IMPORTANTLY I believe any operator of the Hall should provide a community service. The suggested use of the Hall as a boxing gym is exclusive and would serve only a minority.
44	Landscaping would make the park a much more desirable place to visit.
45	Presentation is everything so if you had a beautiful garden would help rent the space for private events, as well as a decent sort of kitchen.. council is responsible for upkeep so renting/leasing would provide that financial need!
46	If the improvements do not benefit seniors like me then I would not support them.
47	Any improvements would make it better than it currently is
48	There is so many parks around already why not expand the cultural hall?? There is so much land there.
49	Any improvements to the pocket park need to be designed to service the local neighbourhood. We would not want to see the enhancements result in the pocket park becoming a destination and generate further parking and traffic in surrounding streets. The intersection of Knowles Avenue and Flanders Ave is becoming increasingly unsafe from a traffic safety perspective with near misses becoming increasingly frequent. It is requested that enhancements to the park be designed in accordance with CPTED principles and ensure good passive surveillance so as to prevent antisocial behaviour.
50	Play ground with shade would be a good idea
51	No buildings on it. Need open space.
52	The pocket park is fine as it is. It should not change. It is a great open space.
53	We live in Flanders Ave and have to look at the park daily. It is usually overgrown and an eyesore. Would be good to see some trees to break up the barren landscape. People don't use it as a play area as there are two playgrounds in close proximity

	Comments
54	The hall itself is often an additional noise source in evenings and on weekends to nearby neighbours I don't feel those living close to the hall/ pocket park would appreciate another source of noise in addition to busy pozieres avenue, and at times lack of parking on knowles avenue/ Flanders Avenue/Windsor.
55	It would be very disappointing to see this facility go to one user. This should be left open to different groups servicing the community at affordable cost.
56	Definitely landscaping as it looks barren and hot. I would not like to see any portion used as a carpark but if there is scope to widen the street for parking in that area that would be greatly appreciated as the dance lessons and parties create a jam in busy times. Thank you.
57	Outdoor training facilities would be good too.
58	As a part of southern cross Tae kwon do we would like a functional hall for all, not just one party
59	Taekwondo is an important activity for the community and it requires adequate space. It is a popular activity that attracts many to the centre.
60	All upgrades would be very supported.
61	To keep the site well groomed and something like an outdoor gym would be good.
62	Make it accesible from the hall, and add a small security fence. That will make it a connected functional space
63	Consider an outdoor soccer or basketball pitch
64	The cleanest place is very poor!! Little kickers please turn lights off!!! Every Saturday same thing!!! 3 week The hall light on until Tuesday (karate turn off all the lights always thanks guys!!) the cleaners spend just 15 min inside.... cleaning??? I live In front of the hall I think 10-15 min is not enough!!! (yellow bin is the 3 week on street!!) please come and check! Thanks so much!!

Table 1: Comments regarding the pocket park.

3.3. Ideas Board

14 ideas were shared on the online ideas board, outlined in the following table.

	Idea	Upvotes
1	Surely the hall can be refurbished and the money saved spent on the homeless in our area new build absolute waste	
2	The new building should have better flow between the indoor/outdoor spaces. Events that flow between inside and outside spaces are very disjointed due to the small doors in the corner.	2
3	Better acoustics. The current building is very echoy, it can be hard to enjoy events with music or lots of people talking. Less echo in the acoustics would make it more enjoyable.	

	Idea	Upvotes
4	<p>Local Youth Hub. In addition to the idea about the boxing facility, it would be wonderful to incorporate a range of services for local youth. With a spate of youth self harm and suicides in the area recently to have the ability to have a hub that brings qualified counsellors, trainers and other self management services in one location would be amazing. The gap in help available for 12 - 17yrs olds has been highlighted to me by a friend with a troubled teen. A local hub that kids will actually want to go to and where they we can help in a positive and inviting environment and help them become strong productive members of the community would be an asset the community and the rewards reaped for generations to come.</p>	1
5	<p>More creative arts needed in the area. This is a neighbourhood area so I think more passive activities would serve the local community. We have many sporting facilities and Heffron Park is the ideal area to expand any of these activities but there are few cultural activities such as Art and Drama classes, yoga etc.especially for children. There is limited parking in the street and this needs to be considered. And for council to support local artists to teach interested creative local community members of all ages.</p>	3
6	<p>Rise Foundation Mental Health Hub. I'm fully supportive of Rise Foundation Australia being able to use the hall to create a hub for mental health education and support in the Eastern Suburbs. Coming out of Covid I feel that it is absolutely essential that people have a place to go for support in this area!</p>	1
7	<p>Pre and post work hours Yoga classes. Supporting mental and physical wellbeing for those working And new parents. It would be super to have a mums and bubs yoga. As there currently isn't classes in Coogee.</p>	
8	<p>A venue to hire by the public and organisations. An online platform allowing local residents and organisations to book the venue for short periods of time.</p> <p>Allow the public to hire the venue to host socially beneficial events: e.g. meet-up events, pop up shops, fundraisers, children's parties, plays, children's events, talks, meet the MP Q&A, Garage sales to local residents to both buy and sell, bike servicing, fitness classes, elderly teas and games, First aid classes, cooking classes, group therapy, workshops, Girl guides, Cubs and Scouts, Toast masters, Women's Institute, Martial arts, Craft workshops and groups, meditation...</p>	1
9	<p>Eco build and carbon natural. Create the first sustainable village hall of the future. Solar cells for power, thermal mass heating, permaculture, Dry toilet. Support Australian businesses that manufacture and supply eco building products buy using and promoting their products during the new build.</p>	1
10	<p>Low cost quality daycare. Support women to get back to work. The system has become unaffordable.</p>	
11	<p>Spoken with a lot of youth in the area, they all said they want a basketball hoop area closer to home (Matraville/Chifley/La Perouse). Outdoor basketball hoop/handball area for youth, similar to the Heffron Park one. Indoor space suitable for practical skill sharing between all generations in the local area. Please can the new space become an actual community centre, not a glorified corporate venue to generate hall hire income for council (re; what happened with the Prince Henry Centre as it was opened and launched as a 'Community Centre').</p>	1

	Idea	Upvotes
12	Cultural and recreational hall. Keep the hall open to all members of the community. Allow local members to continue to use the hall for recreation activities such as Tae Kwon Do.	
13	<p>In talking with local youth, it was interesting to learn that non of them were aware of the facility. Suggestions they said they would like. Cultural mural to represent the diversity of local area, youth mentoring, community garden, art classes, tutoring, music classes, cooking classes, yoga classes, netball/basketball court, soccer field, table tennis, air hockey, video games (arcade), volley ball court, TV, Pizza Oven, Kitchen (Microwave, fridge, oven), USB ports, pool table, couch/furniture/tables, bathroom, handball court, outside seating, reverse cycle air condition, Donation center (cloths, books), library, sport area, movie room, dance studios, music room, indoor/outdoor games.</p> <p>Also suggestions made from the group on how to create greater awareness of what is available - these include: Social media, posters, local news publications, website, radio, bus stop posters, APP. TV commercials</p>	
14	As a local youth mentor I feel the hall needs areas Indoor for kitchen, TV, Art, games, reading, music, dancing, Outdoor basketball, food garden, gym. Targeting youth 10-17 in the area, I believe they would engage in growing food-fruit/veg garden, cooking, Learning Art & Languages, playing games, watching a movie, Outdoor basketball, handball & gym areas. Talks on life skills. A chill out-quite area. A variety of things they may not have available in their own homes or lives.	

Table 2: Your Say Ideas Board

3.4. Submission from Matraville Sports High

Council received a submission from a group of Year 8 and 9 students of Matraville High School, who gathered feedback from their school community on what activities they would like to see offered at the new Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall. The students designed a digital survey and promoted it through the school, receiving a total of 71 responses.

The survey found strong support for youth programs, art and cultural activities and a community kitchen in the hall. Outdoor activities included a basketball hoop, community gardens, mini-soccer field and landscaping. See Appendix F for full results.

3.5. Submissions

Table 3 below lists the three submissions received via email to Council.

	Submissions
1	<p>Following suggestions for possible activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids fitness programs - Adult fitness programs - Basketball/soccer for the outside <p>Basically making it a place for the whole family to go and be active. Thanks for reading my suggestions</p>

	Submissions
2	<p>What about a life size bronze sculpture of Randwick local legend Little Pattie Surrounded by many small dancing figures “Stomping at Maroubra”?</p>
3	<p>Apologies for being a little bit late with this proposal, but it’s only just come to my attention that the proposed upgrade could dovetail with an idea I have been pursuing.</p> <p>I believe that in the COVID and post-COVID era we need to be thinking about building structures that allow for safe (outdoor) large group meetings, rehearsals and performances. In the long term there will be a shift in the way we, as a community, have large meetings, attend performances and so on.</p> <p>Choirs and bands in particular are unable to meet, rehearse or perform indoors due to COVID. This situation is likely to continue for at least another year, if not indefinitely.</p> <p>There are really no bespoke structures in the area that cater to this need, but a lot of potential to do so, and these structures are relatively inexpensive to construct.</p> <p>I would like to propose that a structure be designed with the following in mind :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acoustically resonant for the purpose of meetings, and musical and theatrical rehearsals Very open to the outside for COVID safety Protection from the weather as much as possible (including position, orientation) Adaptable to be used a performance stage (choirs, bands, theatre) Preferably position adjacent to a natural amphitheatre, or with (open) raked seating adjacent.

Table 3: Submissions

3.6. Facebook

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We're upgrading this old hall in Matraville and we want to hear your opinion on what you'd like to see here. We've developed a short survey - if you can take a second to complete it, we'd appreciate it. Here's the link:
<https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/matravilleyouthhall>

Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall Upgrade YOUR SAY RANDWICK

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John McCarthy Jasmine McCarthy Caoimhe Mulhall
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Heath Baum I hear that some of the housing commission is being sold off in Matraville and along Anzac Parade can you share a link to the redevelopment plans/proposals, I can't find much on google about it.
Like · Reply · 1w · Edited

Tim Pham Vu Any chance for Matraville seniors to play table tennis in this new upgrade?
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Image: Facebook post and comments 30 September 2020.



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We want to hear from you! This hall will be torn down and upgraded. What are your thoughts on what is needed here? How would you like to use this community space? Take our survey or let us know what you think.

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Gerry Constantinou A kitchen with an outdoor BBQ and a pizza oven ...could be used for cooking lessons ...combine cooking with other activities and you have a winner ...

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Maria Teresa Castellanos Create an art space for painting, ceramics and sculpture where classes can be run and studio groups can use the space. This should be available for seniors and all ages as a creative space. I have so many people asking about spaces and art groups, where they could do ceramics or learn how to paint. This could be run by retired art teachers and volunteers as not for Profit groups that are funded by council.

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Gary Roscoe Some great memories as a kid at that place 🙌🙌🙌

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↪ 2 Replies



Fiona Pearson Something like the buildings in Kensington Park please

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Image: Facebook post and comments 10 October 2020.

A. 'Other' responses for reason for visiting the hall

What was your reason for your most recent visit to the hall?

Inspection of premises.

I was a member of the Matraville Youth Club in the late 1960. We had meetings there.

My visit was many years ago.

Cultural meeting many years ago.

I have not attended the hall for maybe 45 years. I used to go there when I was about 10 and 11 years old for the Matraville RSL youth club

Child pick up

Playgroup

Learning Taekwondo

B. Responses to Why did you most recently hire the hall?

Why did you most recently hire the hall?

Birthday Party

Teakwondo training

Kids birthday

Regular hirer

I teach Taekwondo twice a week, and found this hall to be perfectly located for my students of all ages who live in a 3-5 km radius .

Birthday Party

Birthday party for children

Birthday party

C. 'Other' responses to What best describes you?

What best describes you?
Have lived in Matraville & Maroubra for 60 years
Coogee
I live in Malabar
I live in Pagewood but have attended the hall for classes
I regularly visit family and friends in Matraville and am connected to local mental health advocates in a professional capacity.
I work in the region
Often in Matraville
I work in Matraville
I am dedicated & passionate Taekwondo teacher who believes in keeping the art alive and ensuing that everyone of all ages has access to learning Taekwondo. Taekwondo is art which can be traced back 300 years and has meaningful behind it which what my students learn
I live in La Perouse (2036) and often visit the Matraville area, including the Youth and Cultural Hall.
Training at the hall 2 times a week
Parent of child who uses the hall
I live in mascot
I live in Randwick city and I am a regular user of the hall
I visit the hall for training/activities.
I use the facilities and am an eastern suburbs local
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D. Free comments (all respondents): How important is it that Council upgrades the hall?

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Very important	<p>Live in the area my whole life, and have only been there for parties as a kid (25 years ago), and it wasn't in good shape back then.</p> <p>Would be nice for the venue to be completely redone (new everything), enlarged, and to continue to be of use by the community. Landscaping is definitely required, and a playground/basketball court/exercise equipment park next door in the vacant land would be nice.</p>
Very important	it should be used for assisting the local community . like play groups.
Very important	Its outside appearance does not encourage its use.
Very important	There is a current shortage and a definite need for recreational space for the youth in the area.
Very important	I would like to use the hall again in the future. It should be upgraded to serve the community better
Very important	History and should be made available for community services
Very important	It is essential that local community spaces are maintained, upgraded and made available to local residents.
Very important	Randwick Council is very short on arts and cultural space and spaces for adults to enjoy
Very important	Our local youth needs a safe, fun, exciting place to visit, with activities & sports to interest them.
Very important	For many years it has seemed just to sit there, unused on a huge block of land.
Very important	This area could do with a center that would act as a community for support and service referrals. Youth, AOD, DV and mental Health support center would be beneficial.
Very important	There seems to be a premium on space for exercise and other activities in the Municipality
Very important	Great opportunity to ungrade the hall, for local groups to utilise this space with a improved functioning hall
Very important	A local hall is a great place to bring people together, for people to hire for events and celebrations (in a COVID safe way), as many cannot entertain big groups at home.
Very important	By upgrading this facility, there will be potential for much better community usage.
Very important	I think that people need to have access to community spaces for small events, that are not profit making centres.
Very important	It looks derelict from the outside. It could make a fantastic venue for the community if upgraded

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Very important	<p>My daughter takes Tae KwonDo classes there twice a week but the facilities are very substandard and the floor is always filthy. They used to use the Malabar memorial hall but the price to rent almost doubled overnight.</p> <p>If you increase rents substantially small sporting groups etc will not be able to survive and have no where else to operate.</p> <p>If the rents are going to increase we would rather the filthy, dirty, hot in summer and freezing in winter hall that is currently there.</p>
Very important	The community needs more local places and resources
Very important	The hall is very old and of course inside is old. The flooring need replacing and the bathrooms need an upgrade as well as heating/cooling. I am unaware if there is a kitchen, but would recommend one be installed. Thankyou
Very important	The community hall is a great asset if utilised to its full potential. Spaces such as this hall are integral to the continuation of community-based sport, recreation and events. This space is already used but an upgrade would see this opportunities improve and new ones flourish.
Very important	Matrville is attracting many young families that would benefit from an upgraded community hall. It would bring people together and help create a stronger sense of community. I think it would be used extensively when upgraded to the appropriate standard.
Very important	Matrville has a lot of families. They need a centre for events and activities.
Very important	There are limited public facilities for Matrville's local neighborhood.
Very important	I would like to see the community hall used by people who really need the space. In its current form it is not utilised to its full capacity or seeing the community engagement outcomes for the council.
Very important	Our community is lacking in spaces that people, especially youths, WANT to go to. Spaces that provide proactive services
Very important	We would love to be able to provide the community a safe space area. We at The Rise Foundation would love a headquarters as such to be able to have a drop in centre for youths. A space to facilitate mental health courses. And spaces for our team for community training, yoga, and learn basic life skills and mentoring.
Very important	Community spaces must be supported and utilised. Eg the RISE foundation which provides so many currently needed services to the community.
Very important	It would be a great facility to house the Rise Foundation

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Very important	I would really like Rise Foundation to be set up there. Their work has helped with a lot of organisations to deal with mental health. I think this should be something that is considered seriously as we need a safe space people can find out more information to support themselves or others.
Very important	Community needs the space.
Very important	The spaces available for use by community members and larger community groups is very limited. I often here of community activities where people are unable to find a space.
Very important	It is a well known building central to the community!
Very important	The Community's safety and amenity should come first. If Council is to retain this asset, why not make it a high quality one? Or no asset at all?
Very important	It is an asset to the community and if upgraded will be more widely used than in its present condition
Very important	community means people participation and I've never seen anything happening there!
Very important	The building is old and dilapidated and is in need of a refresh
Very important	<p>I own a dance studio. We have limited spaces or places to actually lease due to zoning.(we are not allowed in industrial areas)</p> <p>I would love to be able to hire this hall for my dance school. Why does Randwick council support other sports and build new premises for gymnastics when dancing is one of the main activities for children?? Yet so limited in space our businesses are going under? And we have been around for 34 yrs.</p> <p>If we hire retail spots they become so Expensive and not big enough!</p> <p>During this year I have had to move due to covid and now been told can only be at new place for 2 years as again been demolished due to new gymnastics and fields for the Rabbitohs.</p> <p>I would like to see it been hired to one person and opened to art and cultural classes and school holiday workshops. We are in need of more space especially for dance studios. Even with halls hired out by Randwick council, halls are so limited as and no space in any of them as I have been trying for 1.5yrs in these halls!</p> <p>Please consider a dance studio. As this was what it is set up as.</p>
Very important	It is important for local communities to have halls and spaces for the community to come together
Very important	Its been in need of an upgrade for a significant period of time.
Very important	I would like to see the Hall upgraded with better flooring (tiles) and better toilet facilities with more room in them. The size of the hall is good.

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Very important	<p>I have seen this hall deteriorate over the years. I have attended the hall as a guest for a few birthday parties and noticed the neglect then - dirty and cracked floor, poorly maintained kitchen facilities, run down bathroom and overgrown vegetation to name a few things.</p> <p>My children have been attending classes at the hall twice a week for the past 2 years. They always come home filthy so I have always questioned the upkeep of the place. Their instructor now cleans the floor himself and that has already made a difference!</p> <p>It's unfortunate that a venue that has so much potential has become the way it has.</p> <p>Community halls like this, that have reasonable hire charges, are the reason why local families can afford extra activities for their children.</p>
Very important	For the community to use the facility
Very important	My children attend the facility twice a week and would prefer if this is upgraded
Very important	It would be great to see trees planted in the adjacent park. Normally the grass there is overgrown and it is an eyesore. We live in Flanders Ave and have young kids but have never once used the park in its current state.
Very important	So that all activities and hiring capability benefit from the space
Very important	It plays a key role in the community
Very important	Th current building is out dated and in dire need for upgrade and renovation. So that more and all community members can use and enjoy it.
Very important	The youth in the local community are vulnerable and need a place where they can gather, feel safe, and feel welcomed.
Very important	This will allow instructor Avallone continue his great work for the community in providing affordable Taekwondo lessons for people who cannot afford those fancy schools which are so expensive. But what is in important that this hall remain affordable for all hirers in the future and that the council does become greedy
Important	Under utilised - could do with better insulation and facilities to service arts community
Important	<p>This is a valuable community resource that could be used for many activities in the community. In this area of the Randwick municipality we have few organised activities for the residents. It would be wonderful to see the arts represented- with affordable drama, music and art classes as well as other activities such as yoga, pilates, dancing and classes etc for young and old. I used to go to a playgroup with my granddaughter and this was a great use for the hall. It definitely needs a revamp! I would strongly object to allowing one group to monopolise its use. It must be run by the council so it can provide a broad range of community activities, certainly not the same activity every day, minimising its use to others. (eg after school activities must have variety, not cater to only one group)</p>

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Important	The site could be more useful
Important	It's a resource that suits this community.
Important	Youth need this kind of facility. It's good for the surrounding community.
Important	It is a community asset which when used by the community will aid those organisations and individuals that need it.
Important	This venue is a community hub and modernising it will provide additional, much needed activities for children, young people and adults.
Important	It looks very tired and is unappealing to hire as a space.
Important	It would be good to have a nice hall in the area. I have used the hall for Little Kickers Soccer only. If it was nicer then I would consider using it for other activities and functions.
Important	It's important to provide facilities that allow smaller organisations, not for profits, and individuals in the area to book the facility for activities Whether that's club events, training, performances, or simply an affordable venue for larger gatherings (eg family celebrations). To add to this, I think it's important that facilities like this are designed by young and emerging architects, allowing them to introduce new and interesting ideas, helping to develop their experience and portfolio while creating a great asset for the broader community.
Important	Community spaces are very important
Important	There isn't really any other of this type of facility in the immediate area. It's been here for many years which shows that it is an important part of the community.
Important	It is an asset and should be maintained to a good standard for local groups to use. The hall should be able to be used by a group and then left is basically empty for a next group to a tend the hall and not be dedicated to one venture
Important	Had a funny smell but I liked the hall because it was bright and airy and it had mirrors. There were loads of spiders and bugs/cobwebs in the windows and got hot during class.

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Important	it's important to have a facility like this that is local, easy to get to for people who don't drive or do not want to have to leave their local community
Important	It's very outdated. Great space but no cooling/heating. Bathrooms are a mess and kitchen area is tiny
Important	It's rather tired and run-down, with poor sound and thermal properties.
Important	Our kids and community need places to go and be part of the community.
Important	As this would be a great asset to the community if it was used for our members
Important	I would prefer the Council moves this to a more appropriate area, not in the middle of residential area - for instance, as part of Heffron Park, where there is parking available.
Important	If it benefits seniors like me
Important	It is very important that this community hall be updated, I emphasize community hall for access to all people at anytime especially like myself as a teacher who provides affordable activities for ages. I don't want to see this hall be upgraded and access given to one group... I refer to it becoming a boxing gym which is not inline with what a community hall is all about
Important	We regularly use the hall, twice a week for the last 3 years for taekwondo. It is an underutilized asset. Pretty sure we are the only tenant. The floor is always dirty. Bathroom stalls are tiny. Heating/cooling not existent. If improved I'm sure more community groups such as taekwondo, dance and kids sports would hire the hall.
Important	Very concerned that this will be a single purpose facility. Need to be multi purpose and with various groups able to use it. Living in Flanders Ave have serious concerns for increase traffic as a result of any changes that are to be made to this centre. . It is quite hard to safely exit Flanders into Knowles because of parked vehicles on Knowles Ave . Hoping whatever changes are made to this facility that this is taken into account. Quite unsafe at times.
Important	It is important for community sport/health activities. The council should also ensure that existing users of the hall will still have the same access after the development.
Important	The hall is not in the best state it could be. It looks old and dated. The toilets are not in good condition. During summer it gets unbearably hot and classes move outside to the park.
Important	This is a valuable community resource
Important	For safety and to allow cooling. In summer many of the sports in the hall go onto the nearby grass
Important	Concrete floor and heating/ cooling are the biggest issues

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Important	It gets used by groups, especially the Tae Kwando that we attend
Important	The hall is used by different groups of all ages and has not been upgraded or maintained in a very long time. It should be for the community and not for one group only. Also if the cost of hire is increased then it will be out of reach of the current groups that use it. There are members of Southern cross taekwondo that are indigenous and the non profit sports group is for all ages. Also I attended mother's group there with my children and having run various mothers and multiple birth groups in the past , fully understand the difficulty in finding affordable facilities. I am not against any group using it but it is a 'Community' hall and should remain so.
Important	The community should have the better resources for activities but it should under no circumstances be taken away from the community and have it hired to one single user. Having current agreements cancelled to favour one single user is not good for the community.
Important	The hall is a great space for a range of community uses but really needs updating so that it continues to cater well for the whole community.
Important	Places like these have a very important bonding role for the community.
Important	Pity to see an asset with such potential (location) wasted
Neutral	<p>I think it would be important to ask the youth directly for what they would want, before you design and use the resources to upgrade a new hall. I am sure the outcome would be more successful if you consult directly with them as they would be so appreciative if their needs and wants are heard. You might want to outsource this consultation but if well done the new hall will be used and loved.</p> <p>Thanks for consulting us oldies.</p>
Neutral	I don't know enough about who uses it.
Neutral	Minimal construction when completing the project, the use of pre fabricated buildings or re used shipping containers. Also the addition of community gardens, veggie patch or a open green space that the community can also use.
Neutral	I really like doing my Taekwondo training in this hall. It has really helped having the hall cleaner and free of concrete debris
Neutral	<p>I think it's important to look at building structures and there practical life span and make changes when necessary.</p> <p>My concern is that there is less and less options for our community to hire places at affordable rates. We currently use the hall 2 times a week and although not ideal but is about all we can afford. Will the cost of the hall be out of the communities reach if it gets upgraded? I'm really not in favour of the hall being only accessible to 1 group. That's not a community hall.</p>

How important do you believe it is that Council upgrades this community asset?	Why do you say this?
Neutral	It is important to have a facility like this in a community for hire but I have only been in there twice. I drive past daily.
Neutral	It is used by local community members for recreational use. Without the hall local groups will have to find an alternative. Why propose a boxing hall for youth when they can learn to defend themselves by doing tae kwon do on Tuesdays and Thursdays night with a great community.
Not important	I don't think people will hire this hall for extravagant events and probably use it for community or birthday or similar functions and therefore upgrading it won't justify the return the council will get for hiring it out.
Not important	Do we need this facility and how will it be used moving forward? Is it perhaps better to sell off this asset to invest in better & more relevant projects for the community?
Very unimportant	Its good for its purpose

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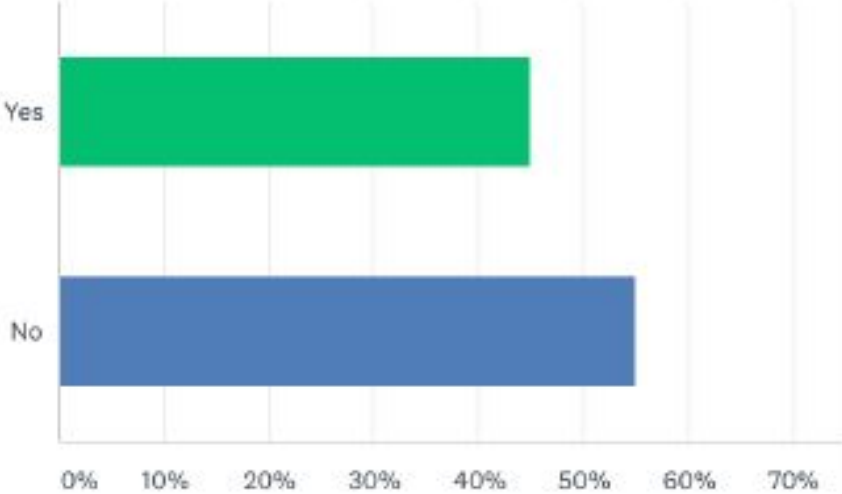
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F. Matraville Sports High survey results

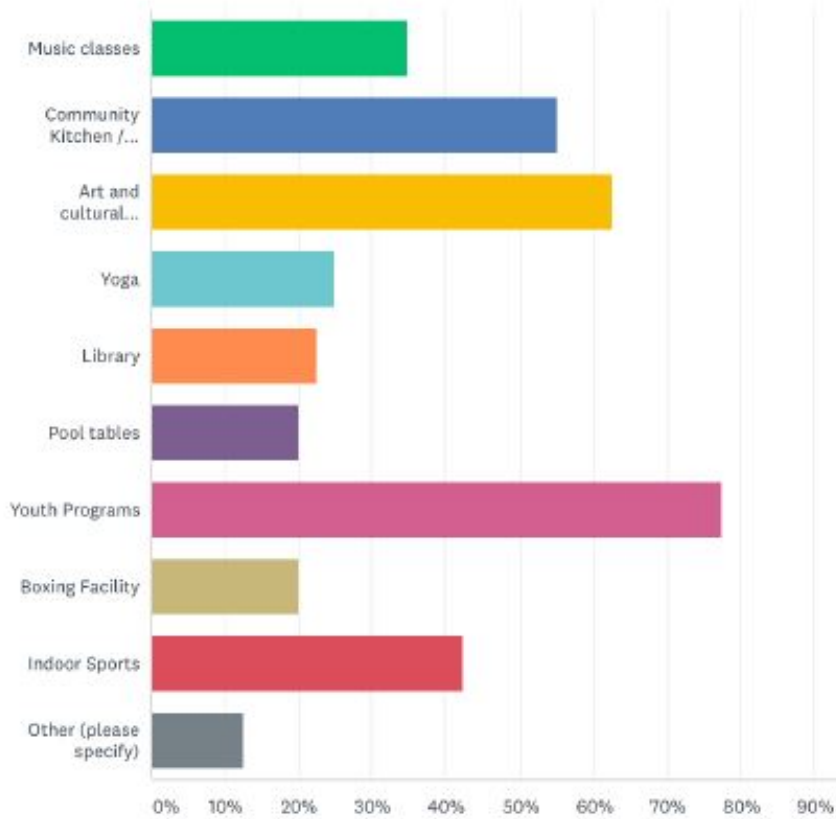
MATRAVILLE YOUTH AND CULTURAL HALL- COMMUNITY INPUT

To help inform Council's design for the new hall, a focus group of year 8/9 reached out to the students of Matraville Sports High School to ask their input on what activities they would like to see offered in the new building to be constructed.
Key findings are as followed:

Have you heard of the Matraville Community Hall?



What activities would you like offered inside the hall?



What activities would you like for outdoors?

