

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION RESULTS



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Snapshot of the Numbers

324 community conversations

91 online surveys completed

53 paper based surveys

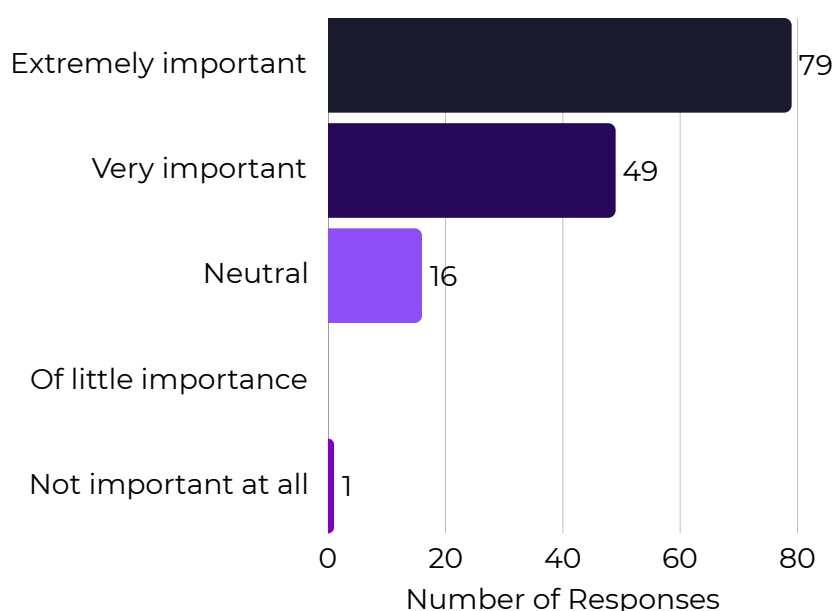
233 location pins dropped

Community Conversations

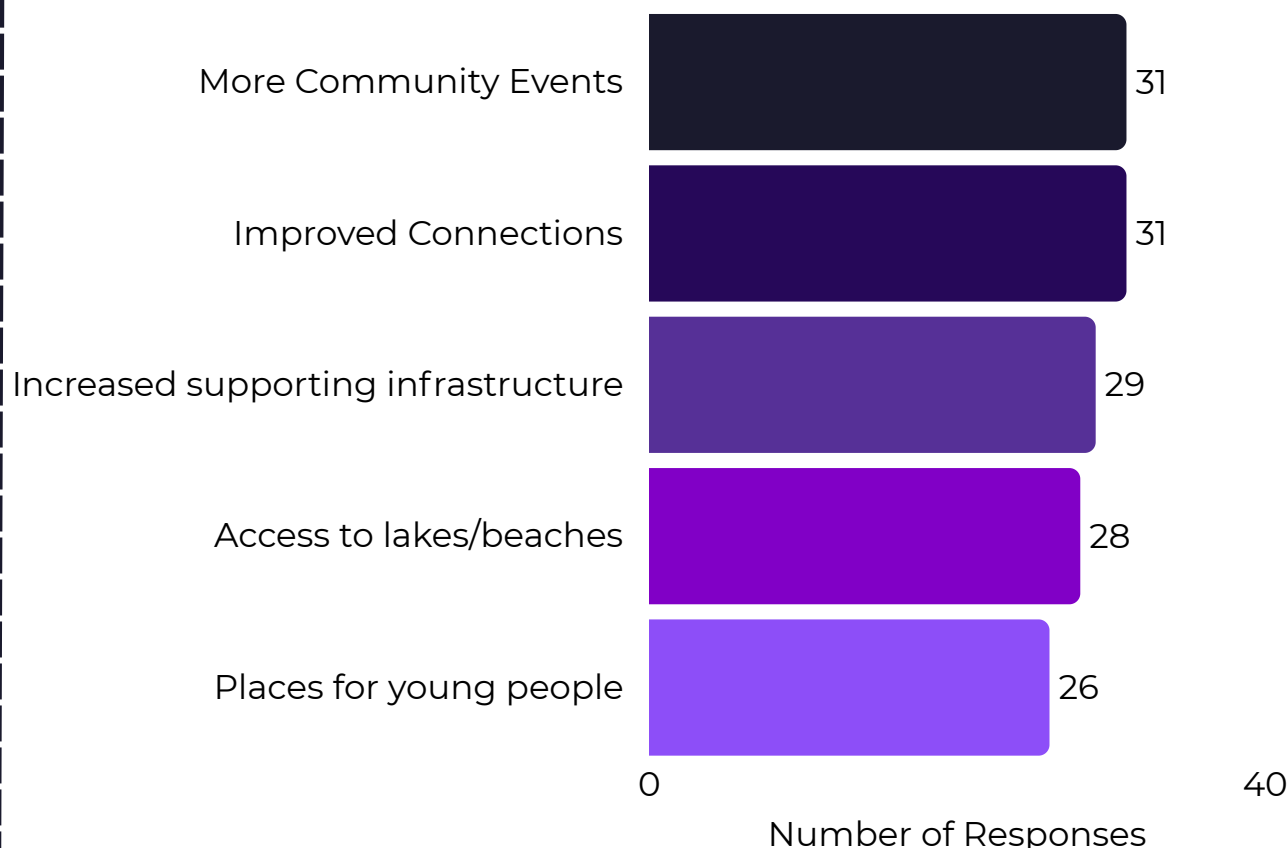
Throughout August and September, our community had the opportunity to attend one of 17 separate Drop-In sessions held at:

- Apex Park, Heyfield
- Memorial Park, Yarram
- Memorial Park, Stratford
- Visitor Information Centre, Maffra
- Prince Street Reserve, Rosedale
- Lions Park, Loch Sport
- Golden Beach Community Centre Reserve, Golden Beach
- Seaspray Foreshore, Seaspray
- Rutter Park, Port Albert
- Gippsland Centre, Sale

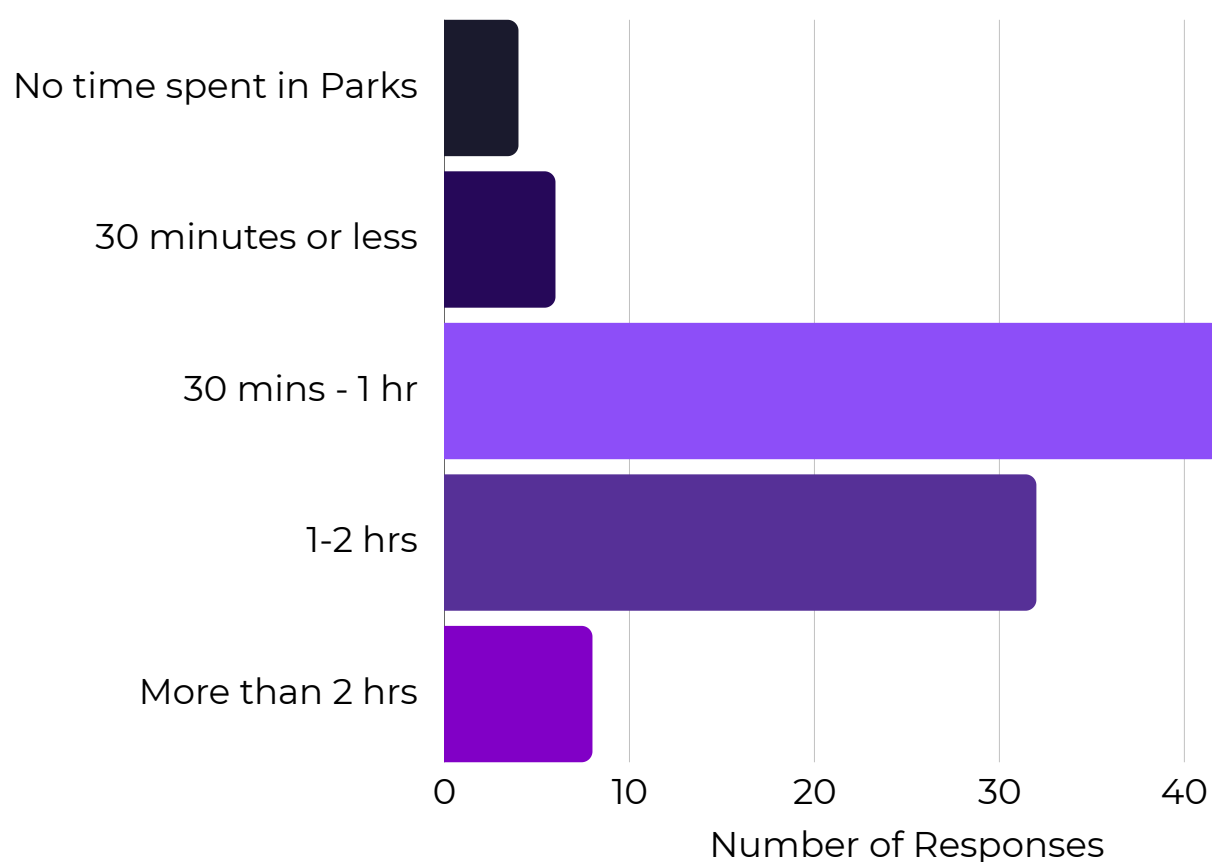
How important to you and your family is open space for recreation?



If you could change open spaces across Wellington - what would be your top 3 features you would focus on over the next decade?



Typically, how much time do you spend at a park on each visit?



How often do you visit a park, reserve, or open space?

47% of respondents say they visit weekly

38% of respondents say they visit daily

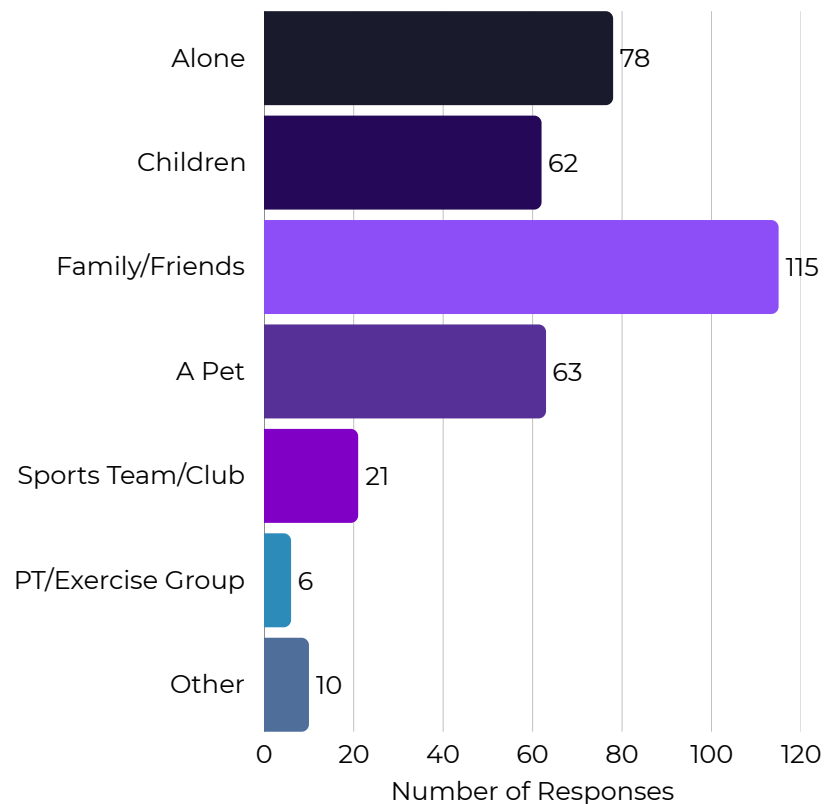
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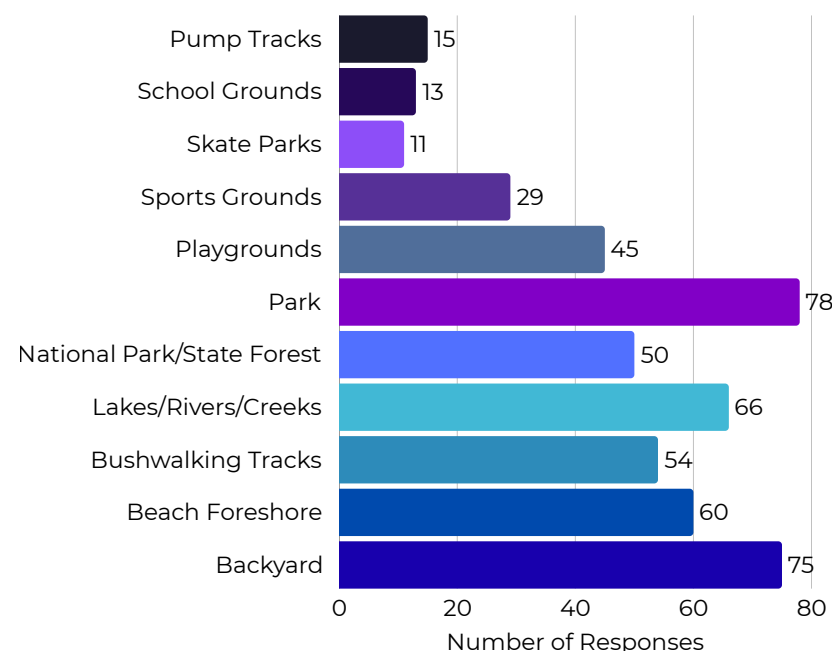


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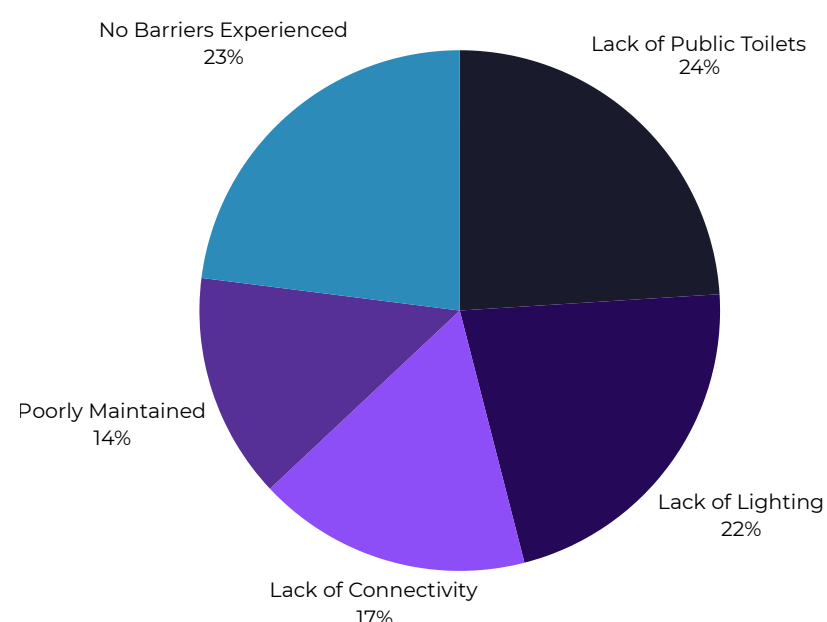
Who do you visit a park with?



Which open spaces does our community use?



Barriers to using open spaces in Wellington Shire



Community Feedback

Aligning with the new Council Plan, below is some feedback received from the Community Conversations & Surveys.

Strategic Objective One:



**Healthy
Connected
Communities**

- Improve local path connections to reserves, schools, and community facilities with safe crossings and accessible design.
- Ensure adequate lighting, signage, and accessibility upgrades for prams, wheelchairs, and scooters.
- Increase safety through lighting and CCTV in priority locations
- Maintain open spaces that support a sense of security
- Community support for more walking and cycling paths

Strategic Objective Two:



**Dynamic
and Diverse
Economy**

- Encourage more free community events, festivals and cultural activities in open spaces
- Support tourism through improved signage, pathways and activations of key precincts
- Spaces for cultural experiences and community gatherings

Strategic Objective Three:



**Infrastructure,
Spaces and
Places**

- Expand supporting amenities eg. drinking fountains, picnic tables, shaded seating and family friendly facilities
- Expand recreational facilities including outdoor gyms, dog parks, nature based play, risky play
- Call for more inclusive spaces and facilities for young people, seniors and all abilities
- Improved waste management in open spaces eg. Litter Bins

Strategic Objective Four:



**Natural
Environment**

- Enhance natural areas through tree planting, weed management, and habitat protection along creeks and waterways
- Increased biodiversity across spaces, with more trees and native plants
- Emphasis on open-air environments that provide escape from urban sprawl

How would you rate the overall quality of these open spaces in the area?

