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Community Consultation Report

Neptune Park

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1. Community engagement strategy

1.1. Background and objectives

A community consultation program was undertaken to determine the extent of community interest in improving Neptune Park, Coogee. The consultation program aimed to:

- Find out how residents currently use Neptune Park
- Uncover what might prevent them from using the park
- Gather ideas for improving the open space
- Determine how supportive residents are to building an outdoor gym and/or planting more native vegetation.

1.2. Consultation period

The consultation was open for 35 days from 16 January to 19 February 2019. The project was assessed as having a low level local area impact.

The community were asked to complete a short survey online or in hard copy (available at all libraries and the Customer Service Centre). Submissions were also accepted via email, letter or telephone.

1.3. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

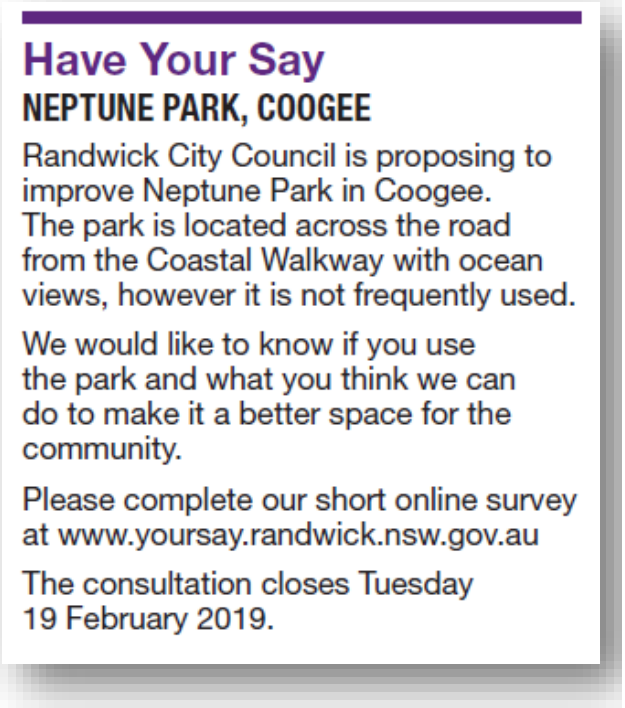
- A dedicated consultation website including an online survey
- Flyer drop to surrounding properties on Neptune, Dudley, Beach, Oberon, Rainbow and Dundas Streets and Wolseley Road
- Posters on site
- Randwick Council advertisement in *Southern Courier* on 22 January 2019
- Targeted email to eNews subscribers in Coogee and South Coogee
- Content in Council's Randwick News email sent weekly to 43,000 subscribers on 16 January 2019
- Facebook post on 19 January 2019, 4275 people reached, 97 likes, shares and comments. See Appendix A for all Facebook comments.
- Email to all Resident Precinct groups
- Hard copies at all Randwick City Libraries and customer Service Centre
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage

2. Examples of community engagement material

2.1. Advertising

Image 1: A5 Flyer and Poster

Image 2: Southern Courier 22 January 2019



Have Your Say

NEPTUNE PARK, COOGEE

Randwick City Council is proposing to improve Neptune Park in Coogee. The park is located across the road from the Coastal Walkway with ocean views, however it is not frequently used.

We would like to know if you use the park and what you think we can do to make it a better space for the community.

Please complete our short online survey at www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au

The consultation closes Tuesday 19 February 2019.

2.2. Digital Communications

Image 3: eNews article 16 January 2019

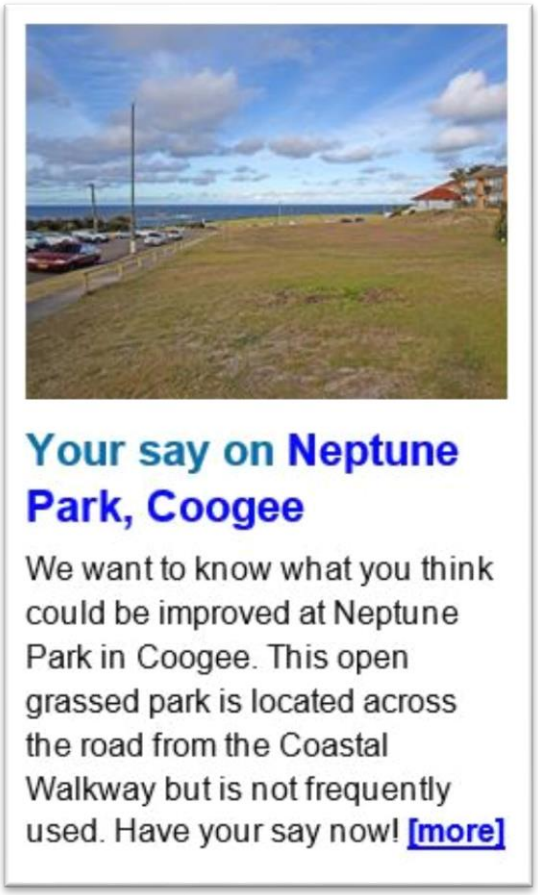


Image 4: Facebook post

3. Dedicated consultation website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to inform residents of the consultation and complete a short online survey.

The website was launched on 16 January 2019 and was open for 35 days, closing at 9am on 20 February 2019.

During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 2474 unique visits to the YourSay Randwick webpage
- 604 surveys completed

4. Survey results

Question 1: Do you visit or use Neptune Park?

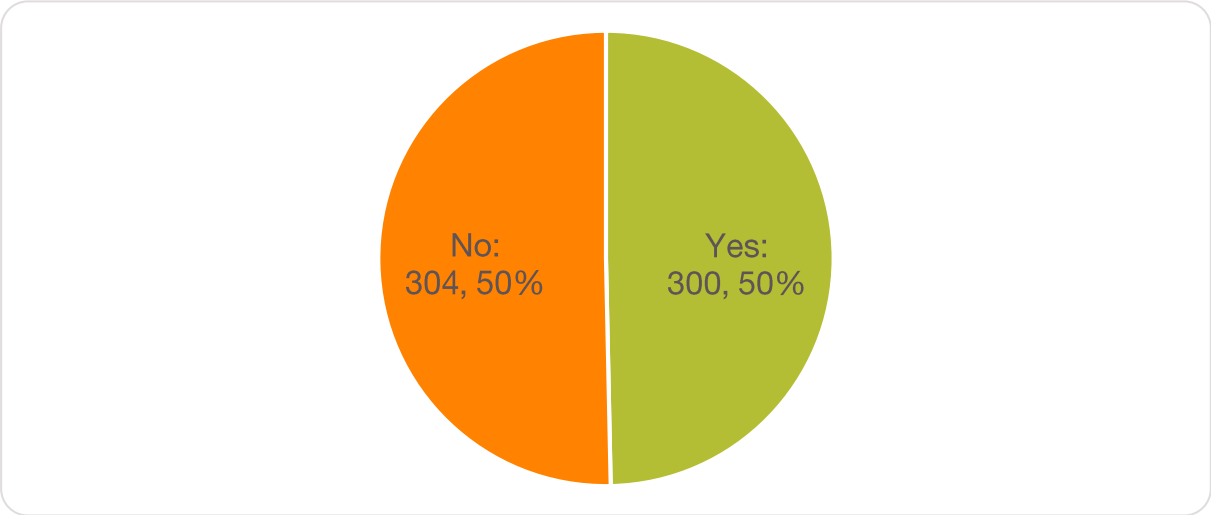


Chart 1: All survey respondents (n=606)

This chart shows that the number of respondents who have visited Neptune Park is only slightly less than those who haven't. 304 respondents have not visited Neptune Park compared to 300 who have.

Question 1a: If yes, how do you use it?

The top responses for how respondents use Neptune Park are outlined below. See Appendix B for a full list of responses.

Theme	Tally	% of total mentions
Cut through	77	26%
Walking	54	18%
Walk past	52	17%
Reflection/relaxation	35	12%
Dog exercise	34	11%
Personal Exercise	19	6%
Picnic	15	5%
Ball games	14	5%
Totals	**300**	**100%***

* Multiple reasons from respondents have been counted

Question 1b: If no, what is stopping you?

The top responses for why respondents do not use Neptune Park are outlined below. See Appendix C for a full list of responses.

Theme	Tally	% of total mentions
Nothing there	163	50%
Looks unappealing	53	16%
Walk past it	35	11%
No trees or shade	29	9%
Didn't realise it was a park	18	5%
Access/parking	14	4%
Do not live near it or visit	13	4%
Thought it was a dog park	4	1%
Total	**329**	**100%***

* Multiple reasons from respondents have been counted

Question 2: Do you think the park should be improved?

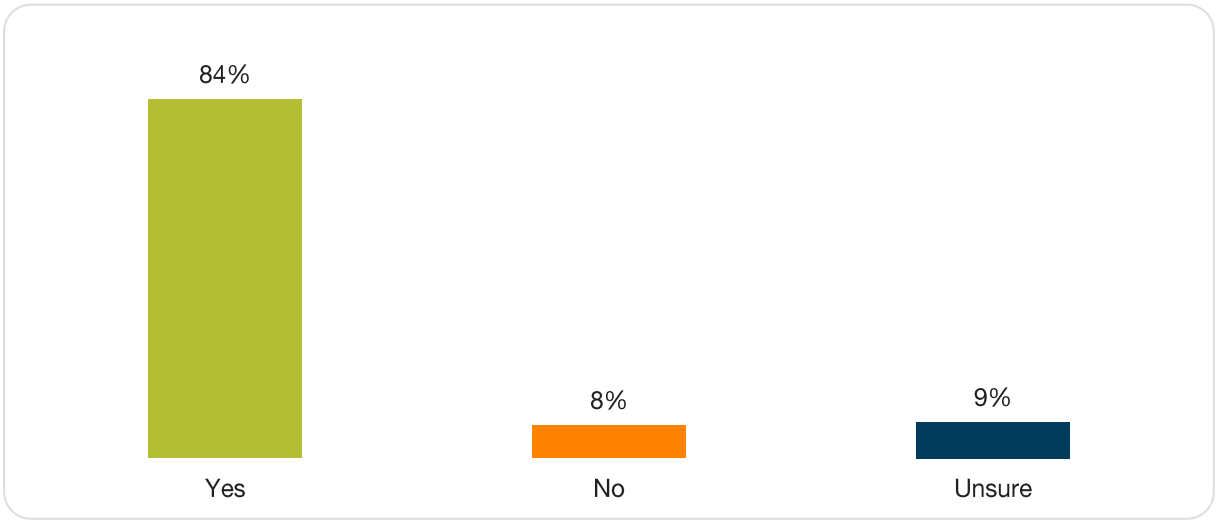


Chart 2: All survey respondents (n=606)

This chart shows that the majority of respondents do think Neptune Park should be improved, with 507 responses (84%). 9% of respondents were not sure and 8% did not want the park improved.

Question 3: Do you have any suggestions for how the park could be improved?

The most common suggestions for how the park could be improved are listed below. See Appendix D for a full list of all responses received.

Theme	Tally	% of total mentions
Native garden/trees	292	33%
Outdoor gym	129	15%
Seating	105	12%
Children's playground	72	8%
Picnic/BBQ facilities	71	8%
Shade	71	8%
Maintain the open space	58	7%
Dog park	29	3%
Basketball court	23	3%
Bike track kids	21	2%
Water play	18	2%
Totals	**889**	**100%***

* multiple ideas from respondents have been counted

Question 4: How supportive are you of building an outdoor gym in the park?

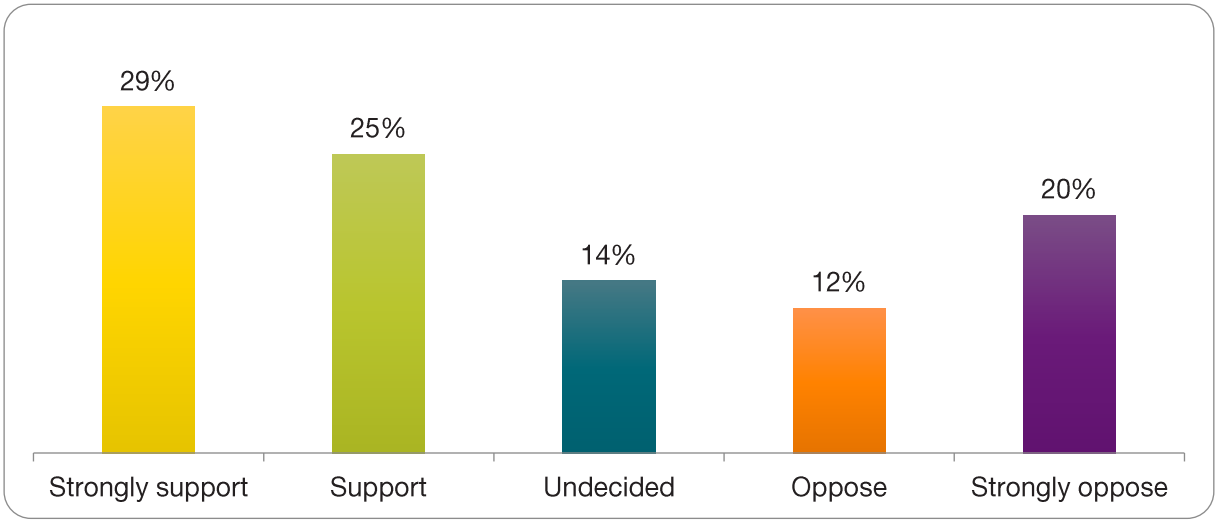


Chart 4: All survey respondents (n=606)

This charts show that a total of 54% of respondents support or strongly support building an outdoor gym at Neptune Park. A total of 32% are opposed or strongly opposed and 14% are undecided.

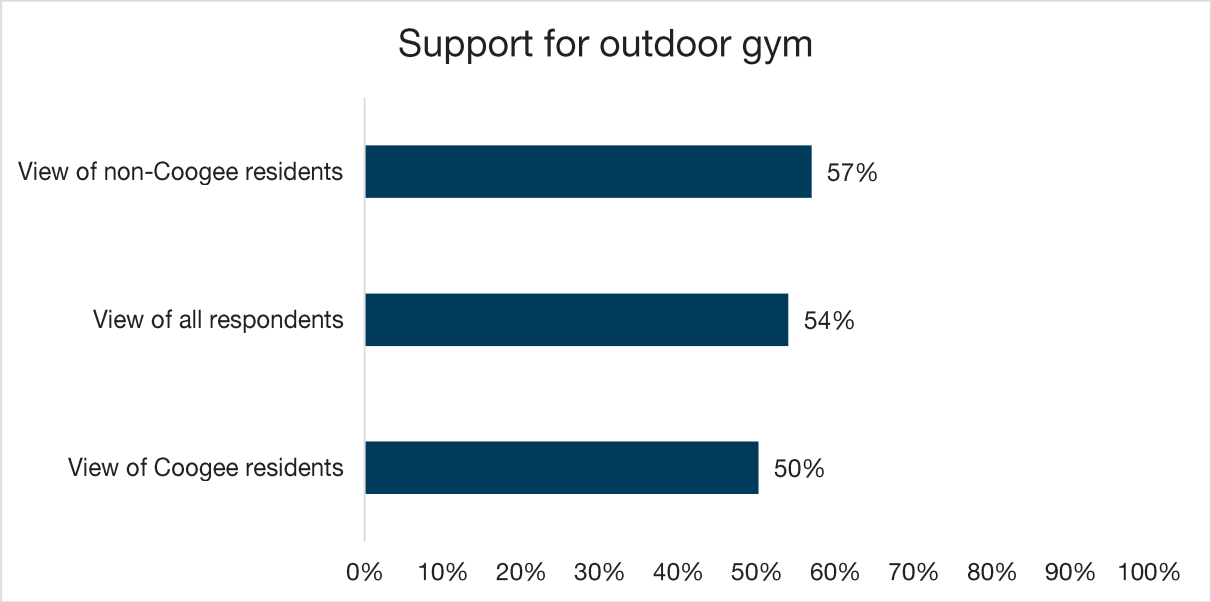


Chart 4a: This chart shows the views of respondents on building an outdoor gym based on where they live. 50% of respondents who indicated they live in Coogee or South Coogee support or strongly support building an outdoor gym at Neptune Park. 57% of respondents who indicated that they live outside Coogee support or strongly support building an outdoor gym.

Question 5: How supportive are you of planting low-lying native shrubs and plants?

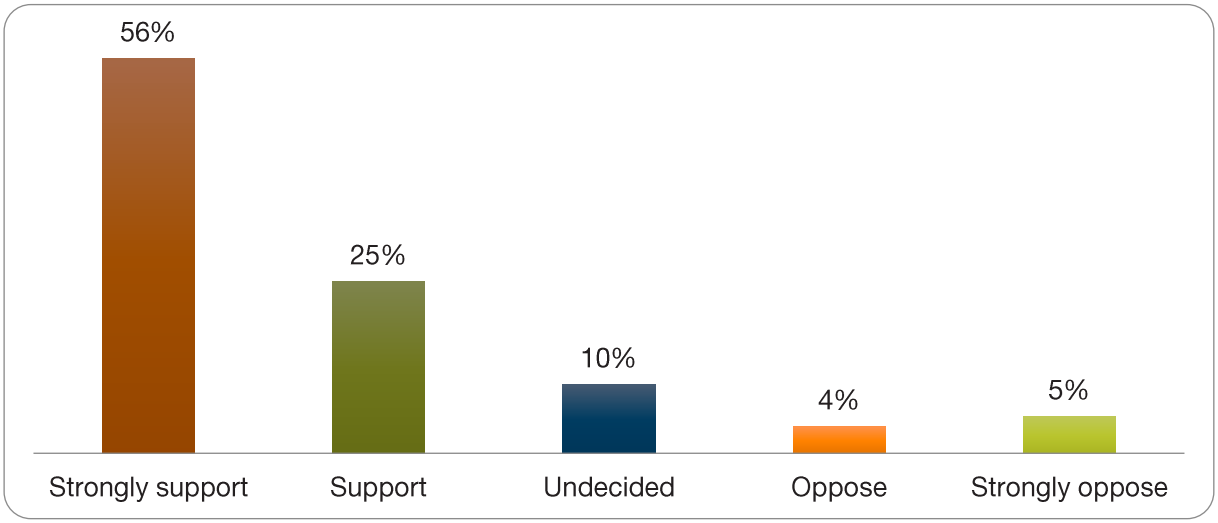


Chart 5: All survey respondents (n=606)

This chart shows that a total of 81% of respondents support or strongly support plating low lying native plants at Neptune Park. 9% are opposed or strongly opposed and 10% are undecided.

5. Submissions sent directly to Council

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I believe Neptune Park should be left as an open space. As the numbers of visitors and residents increase there is activity all over Coogee.It is good in the landscape to have somewhere untouched for the eye to rest. With the building of statues, worthy as they are, I believe Coogee has reached its limit. Surely we have all come here for the natural environment and hopefully this will be maintained.

I think outdoor gym a good idea and cant see why it couldn't it be combined with some native vegetation?

There are plenty of parks in the area and a large park almost adjacent to Neptune Park. The adjacent park is a large park with children's recreational facilities, BBQ pits etc. There is also a park across the road which is largely used for walking dogs.

Given the popularity of the beach and the walking track (which council is promoting) there is far to often a problem with parking. This area (Neptune Park) could prove a valuable convenient parking area for the electorate. This type of parking is used opposite Maroubra beach, where the Park is open on Hot days and proves very successful and convenient for the locals who are able to find parking.

I think this outweighs the need for another Park, as even the large park adjacent is not heavily used and is often quite unused, probably because people cant find parking.

I have already responded to the survey regarding Neptune Park. However, I had an additional thought which fits in well with my vision of a quiet, shady and green spot of contemplation. Why not add a (visually pleasing) information board on the background of the naming of the park (Neptune, Roman god of the seas etc) with a drawing. This would add another point of interest. Maybe also small signs naming and drawing the plants (and possibly expected birds) would be helpful. I image a park where people can sit in quiet contemplation and parents and grand parents can take children to explore the meaning of the word Neptune as well as the plant and bird life (which will come following the planting). The park can easily become a small local jewel.

Hello and thank you for the opportunity to present ideas/suggestions as to the redevelopment of Neptune Park.

I put in a suggestion to add an adequate fenced-in area for cats to be able to enjoy the park. At this time it is limited to dog owners only.

Cat owners I am certain would enjoy taking out their cats into nature. But at this time there is no such space either in Grant Reserve or Neptune Park.

Hopefully you will consider this unfair omission and set up such an enclosure.

Submissions sent directly to Council

Generally I think the area Neptune Park Coogee could benefit with some native trees, or at least quite a bit of low, flowering native bushes at the edges, for small birds, insects, bees and butterflies to be attracted.
It should have some shade provision near the wooden benches for elderly walkers who need frequent seating possibilities to encourage them to move outside regularely. Possibly outdoor gym would also be good, but should only take up a corner section, so free running space for dogs and children and small handheld glider plane activities and similar can still be kept active as is at the moment and please keep the lawn, too much concrete everywhere.
A couple of water drink outlets would be highly appreciated at different corners.
Please NO more monuments, it's saturated as is for Coogee beach area.
A reminder:
Dogs on leash for the rest of the Coogee parks on the south side, including Grant Reserve, Children's playground, Goldstein reserve , Wylie's Bath and the stretch of coastal walk from there to the north end of the coast walk stretch and promenade to the and around the north end of the beach parks – is treated as a "JOKE" by many dog owners and I and many others find it most unacceptable and selfish and annoying.
A couple of 7 day in a row every now and then – covering daylight hours 6am to 8pm – monitoring and warnings to 'dogs off leash – in wrong area' – or /and penalties for reoffenders is really urgently needed and would most likely catch the regulars, especially also the early morning ones along the children's playground edges and upper beach promenade.

Thank you for taking note.

I have always loved the idea of an outdoor gym but I am really concerned at the proposed location. Particularly as it will be metres from where I live.

I know inevitably I will have to deal with trainers screaming at the crack of dawn and drunken kids during the weekend. Guaranteed.

Of all the places along the coastline, is this really the ideal spot?

Noting the direct implications this has to me and my household, I would appreciate you keep me up to date with progress.

Submissions sent directly to Council

I visit Neptune Park and enjoying sitting under the shade of the banksia trees.

I think the park could be improved by more tree planting.
I think installing a labyrynth similar to the one in Centennial Park would be better than an outdoor gym.
The natural environment around Neptune Park facilitates well being more than a man-made gym. For example, chin-ups on the tree branches and running up the Dundas St Hill and stairs!
And then what better way to warm down by mindfully walking a labyrinth?

If the low-lying native shrub planting could include some bush food such as Warrigal greens that would be a bonus.

I very strongly oppose an outdoor gym in Neptune Park.

I have thought for quite some time that Neptune Park is a fabulous place for a Community Garden. A place where people young and old can come to enjoy the beautiful views and other local ammenities such as Wylie's Baths, Grant Reserve, Trenery dog Park and of course the famous Cliff Walk.

As a local resident I realise that Neptune Park has recently required extensive access from contractors accessing cables under the sea and as such anything developed on this site ideally would not be permanent sold hard surfaces or infrastructure. Not to mention the local residents would be concerned at potential loss of views or noise. In this regard a Community garden is ideal. They are very cost effective and easily moved. The standard height of all the plants grown never impede views of locals, it is a relatively quiet community pleasure of tending gardens and occurs during very civil hours between dawn and dusk. If access to anything under the garden beds is required it is very easy to remove the raised beds and replace them again when access requirements to the land are over.

There are so many benefits to community gardens. The first most obvious one is bringing people of all ages together in their outdoor Community. Meeting other local residents and seeing them on a regular basis builds stronger healthier communities and reduces the incidence of mental illnesses such as loneliness, isolation, depression and gardening is shown to reduce anxiety as well. It gets people outdoors and connected in a healthy way and can be done as a family or as an individual. The local Randwick council could run workshops on composting, native bees, flora and fauna information and seedling development. The local Schools could visit for outdoor class experience and ‘kitchen garden’ ideas.

As a local resident I would be very happy to be a regular volunteer to support the Community garden. I have mentioned this idea to other residents over the years and have received very positive feedback at the thought of a community garden in this location.

Some may say that it is not an ideal site due to the strong coastal salt laden winds that the reserve has, however Community gardens by nature create wind barriers and actually reduce erosion. They increase organic matter and provide habitat for local birds, lizards and bees. I have completed the Urban Bee keeping course at Centenial Park and would be happy to monitor and maintain Bee hives if approved and we could have a local Eastern Suburbs Honey. The list really is endless of the

positive benefits a Community garden can bring to a Community.

I hope you will consider this beneficial Community idea. I am happy to be contacted at any time to discuss the possibility further and even to be included as a volunteer to get the project up and running.

The greatest gift Randwick City Council could give the community would be to leave Neptune Park as open space free of any designation for any specific activities. However some improvements are sorely needed such as the following.

• Stabilising of the embankment which runs alongside the pathway leading to 1a Wolseley Road
• more low vegetation and some shade trees
• random seating.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I was a little disappointed that I couldn't answer this survey without creating a file on myself for the council to use. I don't wish to do that, but I do wish to give my views on Neptune Park.

The answers below are in order of the questions in the survey referred to below.

1) I don't use Neptune Park, but I live close to it….

2) I think the park could be improved with landscaping

3) I strongly oppose an outdoor gym

4) I strongly support the planting of low lying native shrubs and plants

I am a resident in coogee and i noticed you were soliciting comments about Neptune park. I think more people would use the park if it was not so much focussed on dogs. Whenever i have tried using the park for picnics or sport i have had to navigate a lot of dog faeces, to avoid stepping in it. Perhaps some pull up bars etc would really help a broader section of the community to enjoy the park.

I use this park frequently on way to wylie’s baths...every day in fact....
Would like to see a monthly markets set up for locals as we lost our Kingsford markets....
Otherwise to keep it as parkland with perhaps some more trees to sit under on hot days when a delightful breeze comes up from the sea.
Could be a bit more of a designed landscape which would be pleasing....no structures. And don’t want to attract too many additional cars when parking is at a premium.
Sorry to be late with this....

Submissions sent directly to Council

Sorry for a late response.
The park could provide a sun smart exercise/activity facilities/programs for people in the 50+ age group.
There sent any shade over seated areas… And there's no drinking water.

The recreation area could connect with the heritage pool by providing an accessible lift (or ramp access) down to the recreational deck level of the Wileys, and then down to the pool level.

Most of the members of that club are +65 plus… And as their mobility is deteriorated, they're less able to reach the pool deck.

I hope you've received some great ideas.

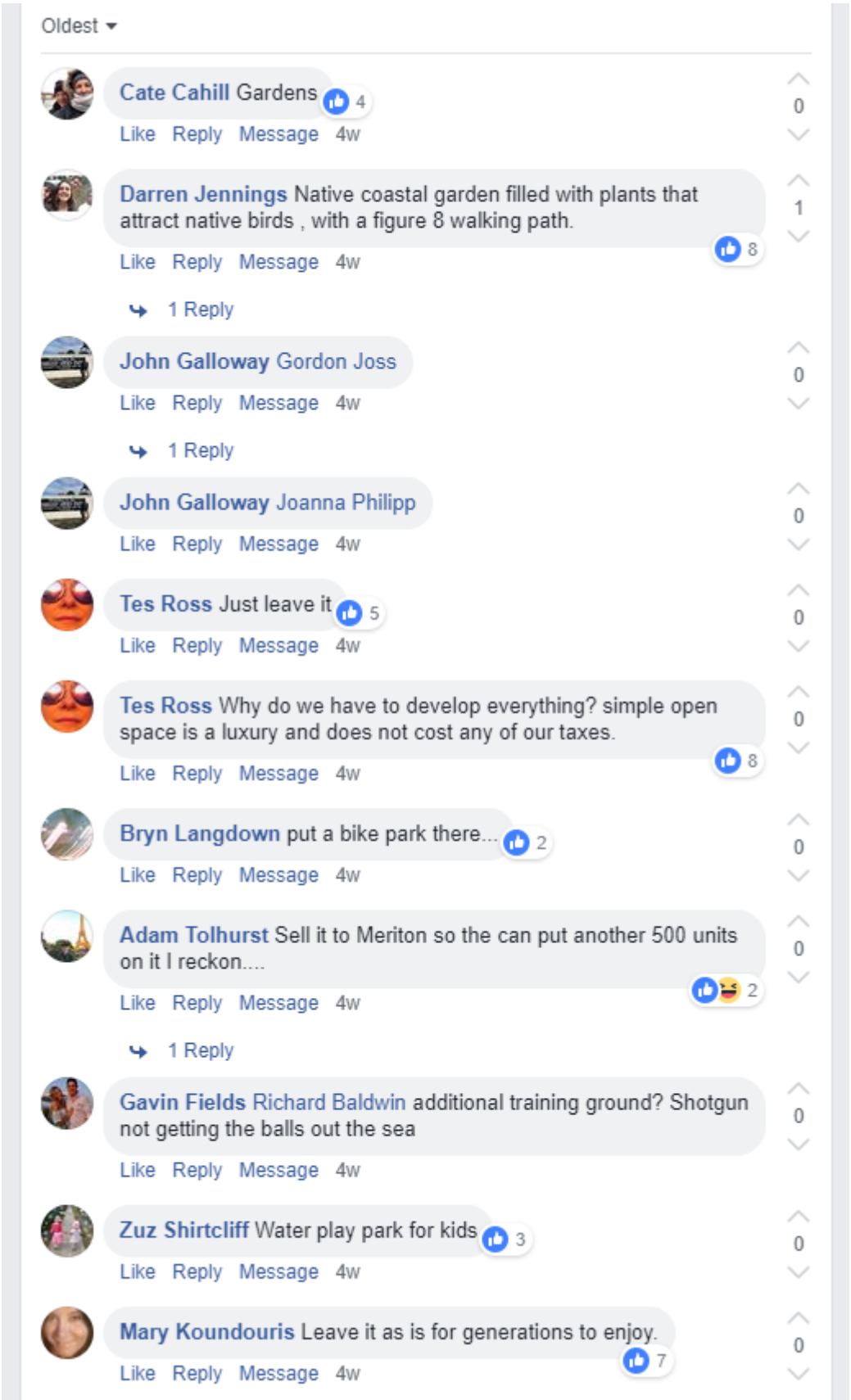
I hope you don't mind me contacting you directly, I somehow missed the sign requesting feedback for Neptune Park on my daily walks. I know I've missed the cut off date, but I really wanted to write. I had no idea that the land was a public park! I'm sure others feel the same. Why does it have the bunting around it? I assumed this was to deter people from using the space.

I'm sure if you simply removed the orange bunting, people would start to use it. I wonder if it would be at all possible to get some more gardens planted around the edges to make it feel less barren too? Some shade and picnic structures built both in Neptune park and in Trennery park would be so wonderful! Anything simple that blends into the landscape unobtrusively would be perfect. Neptune Park would make a fantastic skate park too! But I'm not sure how the neighbours would feel about that.

As well as a Coogee resident, I'm also a recent design graduate and looking to get involved in projects like the development of these kind of natural community spaces. If there is any opportunity for me to come and be involved in the design process that could take place, I'd love to hear more!

Thanks for your time, I look forward to seeing what you decide to do.

A. Appendix: Facebook comments



Like Reply Message 4w

Kelly Widdowson Natural, wild play area/garden for kids. Using trees, rocks, sand, water, native plants etc.. No plastic or bright colours. Use the beauty of nature. It has a great view, add some seating for people to take their time to enjoy it.

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Like Reply Message 4w

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Onan Günöz Some shade would be lovely, and nice grass to sit/lie on.

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Like Reply Message 4w

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Joanne Boufous Leave it alone! 3

Like Reply Message 4w

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Corinna Pierce put some trees on it for a bit of shade

2

Like Reply Message 4w

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Steve Ausling

Like Reply Message 4w

Neil Mullaney Give it to me to build a home on for my wife and kids... it'd be the only way we could afford to buy rather than rent!

Like Reply Message 4w

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Mel Hunter Leave it empty, like it has always been!

Why do we have to fill everything with "stuff"? Empty, open space.. that's what we need!... See More

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Like Reply Message 4w Edited

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Donna Holten Louise Brincat Richard Brincat

Like Reply Message 4w

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Jens Grovermann I like the idea of a natural playground without artificial bright colored play stuff. A natural adventure park for kids of all ages.
Otherwise just leave it as is. Don't build on it.

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Like Reply Message 4w

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Naomi Jacobs Agree it should be left as is. Why do we have to fill every square with things to entertain us?

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Like Reply Message 4w

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Emily McSkimming A few trees for shade and then nothing!!!

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Like Reply Message 4w

1

Ashleigh Jessica Missy Moo 1

Like Reply Message 4w

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Michael Hooper Low-lying native shrubs and plants! I'll happily volunteer my time to help.

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Like Reply Message 4w Edited

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Christopher Parish I agree nothing it's fine

we have a dog park and a playground across the road … See More

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4 Replies

Laura Smilovic Nothing. Just leave it as is. We don't have to change everything 👍🏻

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Like Reply Message 4w

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Carmen Gloria Plant more trees 3

Like Reply Message 4w

1

Jay Finn A good pub.
Badly needed.

2

Like Reply Message 4w

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Narelle Cogin Leave it be 2

Like Reply Message 4w

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Cathy Frank A beautiful garden 1

Like Reply Message 4w

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Emily Leeson Nothing ! We don't need more of anything

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Emily Leeson Nothing ! We don't need more of anything
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Alanrhonda Franklin Parking
1
Like Reply Message 4w
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Wendy De Graaf Alice and Stephen
Like Reply Message 4w
0
Lesley Nash Leave it how it is
6
Like Reply Message 4w
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Tanya Raath Just a well maintained lawn with some trees would be lovely. Something that tells people how lucky we are to live here
2
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Eloise Lindebäck More non-affordable apartments please!!!
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Nicole Sanderson Rugendyke Nothing!
Like Reply Message 4w
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Bobsy Smalls Crazy golf. Badly under represented.
1
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Jeremy Simons Build a native garden with low lying shrubs and grasses- don't want to upset those lucky few with those incredible views.... or a community garden.
2
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Jo Mackenzie Leave it as it, green, open space!
3
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Marie Banfield What about nothing!
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Kristal Harrison Make this the dog park and put sufficient fencing around it so it's safer than the one adjacent to it
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Charmayne Genninges Shirley Teenan
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Iain Kirkpatrick An outdoor gym
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Tes Ross Spend the money on a decent school holiday program for locals kids instead.

Like Reply Message 4w

Anthony Bosch Putt putt course.
Knowing Randwick council you need a seperate levy though

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Like Reply Message 4w

Wayne Simmonds Nothing

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Like Reply Message 4w

Christine Pingot Plant trees 🌲 🌲 🌲 🌲

Like Reply Message 4w

Zara Tai Embellish it with landscaping pathways and seating

1

Like Reply Message 4w

Robyn Harrigan Could we just leave it ! A lovely Green uncluttered view just leave us a clear space pls.

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Like Reply Message 4w

Matty Rubes High rises. Lots of frigging massive overpopulated high rises. Ones with pools and gyms and intercoms that no one from Australia can afford. Don't even bother with the roadworks and add no car spaces for those Landrovers, McLarens or Porches. That'll do!!!

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Kayleigh Rose Leave it alone ❤️

1

Like Reply Message 4w

Lydia Martel Leave it, leave us some green to breathe!

1

Like Reply Message 4w Edited

Katarina Hagglund Leave as is! We love flying our kites there! 🥰

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Like Reply Message 4w

Laetitia Desmons Mini golf managed by the council like in Napier Nz.

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Like Reply Message 3w

Apodimos Tserigotis public artists to display artwork. Like all public parks...children form schools.....communities like the festivals.....not permanent items.....so every body showcase their skills.

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Like Reply Message 2w

Write a comment...

B. Appendix: All responses to “How do you use Neptune Park?”

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Just walk on it occasionally
Coastal walk with guests, morning walks with dog
Walking the dog
Walking
Walking past only
Walk through it
A twice a month
As an open space adjacent to my home
As an open space adjacent to my home
Space open environment Walking
Walk past on daily walk but don't stop
Walking dog
Kicking around a football
Occasionally run across it or use it to get to houses.
Weekly
To walk our dog
Walks
Weekly
Occasionally
Passive recreation with children.
Dog park
I live close by and use the park for recreation. Picnics with friends, sitting under the trees reading.
sitting and watching the ocean
Pick nick, bird watching
More trees for the birds. This park is full of native birds.
Picnic
I walk through it sometimes on the coastal walk. I never stop to enjoy it as there is not anywhere to sit and enjoy.
Running, walking, walking dog
Kicking a ball around
Daily
Walking coastal walk.
Picnic with family and friends .Ball games eg:boce cricket ,hitting tennis ball.Reading under the trees.
I primarily walk past it on the coastal walk and occasionally walk through it.
Walk through it
On New Years Eve and occasionally on a few Sunday afternoons my daughters have had oztag training there
Dog park
Coastal walk

Appendix B: All responses to “How do you use Neptune Park?”
We walk through it on our way to and from the beach.
To relax in the shade at the top of the hill and walk my dog on the way to the dog park
To relax in the shade at the top of the hill and walk my dog on the way to the dog park
my family sits there to enjoy the quiet.
sit and enjoy the quiet with my family
Ground-handling my paraglider
I practise with a paraglider on the ground. It upsets me to see bushes grown on the north-east face of the park that incombers the ocean view and hinders the cool breeze. The gym is ok as long as it is put at the back of the park.
Enjoy the peace during the week with my husband , meet friends there for coffee. Coogee is over run with trainers with equipment and people pounding the boardwalk and beach area doing exercises Including Cairo and Rainbow Sts stairs. There are enough gyms in Coogee let them go there, Majority not ratepayers in the area. Just leave some open spaces for families to enjoy. Have you ever been there on weekends?it's crowded with families enjoying themselves. After school hours/office hours there are young people playing ball games. Council needs to spend more money fixing up the surrounding streets, keeping them clean for a start. The Council has put up rates to which ratepayers get nothing, Also noted parts of Beach St to Neptune are now 2hous parking. How did that happen? used to be 4hrs more money grabbing by a greedy Council.
It’s across from where we walk our dog
I walk across it to Wylies Baths
I walk past it when walking backwards up Dundas St. to see the view
I walk past it whilst walkingbackwards upDundas St. to see the view
Twice a month
No particular use as there’s quite nothing but I pass by when walking past
I admire the vista and sit on the fence, thinking isn''t it wonderful Randwick Council hasn't built anything here YET!
Recreational Picknicks
Cut through it to get home from the dog park
Often walk around to the South Coogee Steps in the morning
I walk through on my way to Wylies/beach,Coogee Bay and often like to rest there before tackling the hill! When my nieces visit we sometimes have a picnic under the tree adjacent to Dundas St
Weekly
I walk across it with my dog
Only passing through as at the moment it is not an inviting space
Only passing through as at the moment it is not an inviting space
I live on Malabar Road and I walk past the park on a daily basis whether for a casual walk or for fitness (run, swim).
I live on the boundary of it and walk through it several times daily to travel to work and the beach as well as having picnics with my friends and occasionally hit a tennis ball or play cricket on it
We walk across it, and sometimes sit under the trees to admire the views.
walk passed it when visiting the caostal walk, and the adjacent parks

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For walking by, and sitting appreciating its open space.
We walk past it regularly when walking along the coastal park and have often said more could be done with it.
Its the only open park space on the southern side of Coogee bay that allows you the openness to sit and relax and have the kids play without the fear of the cliff edge and most importantly take in the view of the water and Wedding Cake Island. It should be noted that although Trennery reserve provides the openness as well, most parents are very conscience that the reserve is being used as a dog park and as such do not want their young children rolling around and playing on grass that dogs constantly defecate and urinate on.
Walking my dogs
I believe the wide-open space is a lovely contrast to the coastal scrub elsewhere. I walk across it as part of our coastal walks.
Walking
Walking the dog
infrequently
I walk/run past it
Admire the views, relaxation, reflection
walking
coastal walking, dog walking
Have played used it for fitness training / sprints. Good place to stretch etc after attempting the Coogee steps
Dog walking
Pick nicks
my eyes enjoy the open space
Mostly to walk through to and from Trenerry
I just walk through
I walk across it about 5 times a week
I walk past it when doing a coastal walk
Walking through it
relaxing
Picnics, gatherings and dog walking.
I walk through it while training... sometime chill out there for a bit
To walk through and as a picnic spot.
Wander through occasionally.
Passing by, usually when walking or running
Running walking visualing pleasing open space
Just walk across it at times, as there is nothing there now but dirt and grass
Passive relaxation during walks.
Just wanted walk past it....
It's on my regular jogging course.
Just walking through
Exercise the dog
When running
Walking and playing with kids
Walking on coastal walkway from Coogee to Coogee steps and back.
walking
Walking
walking with dog

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Walking
I take my small dog there when the dog park across the road has dogs there that are unleashed and are large or dangerous looking dogs. It can get very agressive there between the dogs and I few safer at Neptune park.
Walk through it on the way to Wylie’s and occasionally sit under the casuarinas.
I take my dog there as well as the reserve opposite
I visit that area.
running
As part of my coastal walk/jog.
Walking past it alongside Coastal Walkway
Weekly
Monthly
I walk past it daily and love the open space and fresh air and no noise. It's a perfect amenity as it is and should not be altered to bring in more noise and disturbance and certainly now buildings.
Walks! But would take my nephews there if there was more to it.
1-2 week
Walk around the park, sit and take in the atmosphere
Frequent visitor to Whylies
Occasionally
Dog walking
Recreational
I walk through it some times walking my dog
walking around or running on it.
I run regularly along the coast and use the park as part of my route.
I walk past it while doing the coastal walk
We walk our dogs in the park opposite and sometimes walk through the park.
Passive recreation
WEEKLY
I have had a picnic in the park as it can get quite busy across the road.
Running the kids around.
I walk past it when I often walk along the coastal walkway, from Clovelly to Maroubra, especially in autumn, winter and spring. At present, it is a hot, barren, uninteresting area, so I don't actually use Neptune Park. There are nicer places to stop, such as in the shade of banksias along the coastal walkway, or under the Norfolk Island Pines in the Coogee Beach foreshores park.
I walk through it
Walk through it
Mainly just to sit on the grass and enjoy the view when I’m walking
To eat lunch when on a break, run along it or ride by it
Walk across it to go to beach and for walks
walks, recreational activities, fitness activities, picnics
Walking through on the way to the coastal walkway
i walk through in on my daily walk and
As a short cut to Wylies Baths
walk across it

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Walk past it on the coastal walk
Walk by it.
Walking
Running
1. Walking and recreation. 2. Local schools often utilise the park with athletic activities, ball games, etc. 3. Families often relax on a blanket which is impossible in the dog park opposite, ie.Trenerry Reserve.
Sometimes part of my walk
Walk through
I walk past, I have often stopped to wait for people along the railing as it isn’t as busy as the other side. The walking trail or the dog park.
I just walk past it when going for a walk along the coast.
Just sit on the grass and look at the sea without noise and interruption
I walk across the park to enter the gate to the back of the building in Oberon st. I sit to watch the fireworks at Christmas
Walking, picnic, area for kids to play in
only walking past
I walk past it and have walked across it many times
I like to take a short walk around and then sit back and people watch
Walk my dog through the area
I walk by. Please don’t underestimate the need for open green spaces to leave Coogee feeling uncluttered.
Run through it
I walk across it as a shortcut to my friends' place.
I walk the coastal path regularly and appreciate no encroachment - the space is welcome.
I enjoy waling down and seeing the expanse of "openness" as you approach Trennery reserve - it is an open feeling. I have often sat near the bush there waiting for a friend to do our walk Its a nice clear open area that does not require "congestion" or beautifying - beauty is in the openness.
This may seem obscure but its for the visual delight of looking across at an uninterrupted expanse with the low rise dwellings in the background and the hill rising behind.Years ago in the suburbs there were vacant allotments and visually they were an escape from wall to wall housing.I love the peacefulness of Neptune Park.
Walk my dog. Enjoy view.
I like to read a book on a blanket.
Walk, run
walk by it when going from home to the morning walk near the sea shore
I walk past it or through it while exercising or walking my dog. Didn't realise it's a council park
walk across grass as shortcut!
Walk thru it

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We sometimes sit under the trees after a walk but walk across it to get to Wylies at lease 2 x weekly
Walking through to beach, performing fitness exercises and playing with grandchildren.
running round it
Walks
I walk or run across it to get to the coastal walk. I don't use the space itself specifically but would if it had a suitable function.
Walk past it and through it
Part of my coastal walk
walk past
recreation and walking space
More parking
I walk past it.
Cut through
Walking
Simply walk through or past it on the way to other parks. It’s quite unsightly and bare.
Walk the dog and ball games with the kids
Coffee with friends
Run through it
To watch coogee fireworks
Exercise
Walking, I like the open space it provides to an otherwise built up area.
Part of exercise walking route
Picnic
On our walking route.
Soccer with the kids
Dog run
Walking.
I walk past it every day with my dog and I used to fly my kite there.
Walk past 4 times a week
Walk past it
Only walk around outside when parking in the area to visit Wylies
Weekly
I live right next to it. So kick the soccer balls around, and friends bring their dogs.
We take the dog there and let him run off lead and throw the ball. He plays with other dogs. We walk around that area it has a great view
Just walking
Walk across it.
I walk past it or through it 3 times a week
I walk across it to a property we own, or to vary my walk between South Coogee and the beach
Walk
For outdoor exercise
Once a week

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outdoor games
Sporting activities such as kicking a soccer ball or throwing a frisbee
just really walk by it
I walk every day and walk across the park as part of my route.
To watch the fireworks on New Years Eve
I walk by it. It's not really possible to use.
Walk my dog
Walking through to go to pool
Bring children to play.
Walk through as a local resident
Daily walks
sometime kick a ball there with son
Walk through only
Walk
I walk past it on my walks.
Walk by
walk through it
Walking to coastline
Running + walking few days per week
Daily
Walk past it every day
Walking past regularly
Watch fireworks and walk through with dog
Run through it
Walk past it.
I love to take my three kids there. We play ball games and have picnics. It is a great open area for kids with great views. It is free from dogs which is the case with Trennery Reserve and it is away from all the sporting/exercise group activity which takes place at Grant Reserve.
I visit Neptune Park approximately every two weeks. I enjoy some quiet time, reading whilst having a picnic.
I walk past it/around it up 2-6 times a day as live near it.
Walk through the park to get to Wylies or dog park
I live next door so I go and sit under the trees almost every day to chat with my partner of an evening, watch the full moon, read a book etc.
Walk my dog through it briefly while heading on to the coastal walk
Walk through
Walking and occasionally sitting and relaxing. For personal safety reasons I believe the park should remain open to minimise the risk of undesirables frequenting the area. An outdoor Gym will increase parking congestion for nearby residents and possibly noise nuisance.
walk through it and do stretching exercises
I do my morning workout in this park, usually 1 hour 3-5 mornings per week.
I often use Neptune Park to do exercise and workout.
Leave nearby and regularly walk through the part. Also, play games with grandchildren in the park.
Walk through as shortcut to Wilies
Daily exercise.

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Workouts/fitness
A short cut. Or for watching the Coogee Sparkles from it.
Walk through
Run through it.
I sit under the trees at the top of the park - the grass in most of it is unapealing and rough to sit on.
Cross when walking the dog or coastal walk run. I do some clean ups as well with local associations.
I walk down the coustwl walk and sometimes walk through the park. It is sadly not well utilised and lacks proper vegetation and seating in order to make the space useable.
I walk past it daily
Mainly look at it as I'm going for a walk
I walk across the park with my dog on the way to the dog park
We often use it on big wave days to watch the surfers on Wedding Cake Island. We also have taken the family there for moon rises, supermoons and other "sky" events around Coogee.
Daily
Walking our dog
Occasionally we may walk on it to relax, chat and see the sea. This useage is in keeping with the south side offering respite, and more direct experiences of nature that are not impeded upon as much by the built environment or noise or light pollution. We also really liked being there checking out the submarine cable install. We enjoy the sense of calm atmosphere it has as a simple, open public space adjoining the coastal area.
access to Beach from unit behind
play there with my dog
walking through, sitting
Children play and kick a ball
Kids play in it
My mums view and use it to get from her apartment to the beach/walkway
Walk past there during the coastal walk also like to sit on the park bench
Occasionally visit. Sometimes walk through as I live nearby. I used the park with many others for viewing the Coogee fireworks on NYE.
I walk my dog there daily
Walking and I live across the road from it.
Relax in the sun
Off leash dog park
Walk my dog through it. Walk past it while exercising / walking in the mornings along the coastal walk.
Walking past it.
I walk my dog across the road and sometimes walk through the park
i always walk past the park along the costal walk , theres currently no reason to use the park
I walk through it on my walks.
occasionally look at the bush remnant, especially on bushcare days at Wylies.
When visiting Wylies or following the Coadtal Path.
I walk through there about 4 times a week on my morning walks. I enjoy the fact that it is a little space of untouched green amongst all the development that is happening in the area. I love the uninterrupted view it allows down to the dog park and wedding cake island.

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Walk along it most days.
Walking down Dundas St on the western side of the reserve is lovely. The sudden opening of the wide ocean view over this reserve and Trennery Reserve is beautiful. The sense of openness of this land continue with the footpath along its northern and eastern boundaries.

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I walk past it often and wonder why it has not been planted out with native plants.
Nothing attractive about it.
There is nothing to do : no beanch no fence (if we want to bring our dogs) no trees for shade no pic nic table nothing ....
I live a fair way away
Nothing there
No shade ... No trees..
No advantage over other parks
Nothing to do there
I walked through it yesterday and thought what a shame it is such an empty unappealing space in such a great location.
There is nothing there. Its a lovely spot but the landscaping is bare, there is no facilties, no shade, no plants
it s too barren and exposed, no shade
I walk past each morning on my walk but have no need to stop
I walk past it frequently but it doesn’t offer any appeal.
It's a barren wasteland with little grass.
I walk past it frequently but don’t use it as it has no appeal.
There are better parks very close by, e.g Trennery and Grant Reserves.
Not appealing in its current form
There's nothing there
There’s nothing there
Land is currently not devolved for community use and I am not aware of any significant use by residents currently.
No shade, no greenery, no seating
Nothing there
Nothing there
Nothing there
There’s no facilities there. Just worn grass that looks like it’s awaiting another development
Nothing there
Lots of similar park nearby my place
There is nothing there and the surface is terrible
No useful shade No protection from busy traffic
Barren piece of land. Not really inviting to do anything.
There are better equipped parks in the area
Sorry, not sure if my previous response made it through: Too barren, not inviting to do anything there.
Nothing there
Walk by on coastal walk but nothing there to attract me

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It’s bare grass
It is just open space
Lack of car parking
It isn’t very appealing
nothing there
Barren and uninviting. The park near the car park at Clovelly beach is the same and would benefit greatly with planting with low and shade natives.
There’s nothing to do there
No trees
Nothing there
It is not very attractive....just a barren stretch of land.
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Parking
There is nothing there e.g. no shade, no seats, no amenities.
It’s a great bit of grass to leave untouched and vacant.
It’s that grass space which you know is there but never use.
No fencing to prevent accidents with pet
I live in maroubra, and only visit Coogee occasionally
There is nothing there to use & there are no trees to shade you
I didn’t know it was a park
I did not realise this was a park and actually thought it was a privately owned block of land. It is just barren with no facilities and was used as a construction site for a long time for a major telco. There is no point visiting this park.
I used to live close by and used the park for picnics & played games.
I thought it was unused land as it is uneven, sandy and totally uninviting. It looks like barren sand paddocks that have not been improved or made useful for public use.
It is boring and totally uninviting with sand and weeds mostly.
Let’s leave it as a sanctuary for birds.
It’s a Blanc area nothing there
I always park opposite as there is disabled parking for my husband We look at it as our car is facing it and often say that it is a waste as it is or that we hope that it is not over developed in the future There is no reason to visit it as we are walking down to the beach along the lovely coastal path
There is nothing there to use? There are plenty of nice parks around it, it would seem strange picnicking on what seems to be an extended nature strip of the adjoining properties
There's nothing there and Im usually running past
It has no focus. It looks like barren ground,
There is not adequate shade in the park
It's barren and not inviting in the least.
More attractive park across the road

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It's a bit of a dead space, quite uninviting, overshadowed by Trenerry Reserve.
There's nothing worth visiting yet. I pass by frequently.
No trees for shade
Lack of trees and shade, poorly grassed, unfenced (danger of dog getting run over cars)
There is nothing there, only pass through
There are parks, better serviced, closer to home.
I always go for a run, and I notice nobody uses it... I guest because it does not look like a park that the public can use. If amenities like Bbq, benches or a kids swing is on it, then the public will realise it be can be used as a park/picnic area.
I walk past it every day. Didn’t realise it was a park. Assumed it’s council access land for use for things like offices for / access to under water cable infrastructure.
Needs more trees
While I don't use the park, as I drive by I think it could be improved. It could incorporate more parking for the area, with landscaping. For such a lovely outlook this area needs improving. My family use Wylies Baths regularly & parking in summer can be very difficult on weekends.
nothing to do there for my family
I do walk past it on my Maroubra to Coogee walk but don't actually stop there. No need. I see it as a dog park.
It doesn't seem like a park
At the moment there is nothing really to do there. I would like to see shrubs and trees planted
Do not live in the area.
it's not very appealing
The park is barren and hot in summer
Limited native vegetation and tree cover. No seating or tables. Too open.
It is on the wrong side of the road.
There's nothing there! The grass isn't well looked after, there are no benches or tables, and it makes it difficult to complete activities there.
It's always looked unfinished. For a while I thought it was a construction site for apartments - VERY glad it's not. For a place to do things, it's hard to compete with the nearby dog park (Trenerry Reserve), oval or playground at Grant Reserve. For a place to sit and contemplate life and love, it's hard to beat the nearby cliffs. We're spoilt really.
barren
I never attracted to that area
I never knew it was a park. It is a spare grassy area. The other areas are beautiful, so no need to visit a strip of grass. Having said that, something natural is quite pleasant.
Only go near that area to go on coastal walk, so Park not on route
It's not a very nice park. The adjacent parks are much nicer.
It looks abandoned, and there is not enough shade or seating
Don’t walk that way very much

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I walk past Neptune Park regularly. But there's nothing there and no reason to go into the park.
While i use the coastal walk there is no reason to cross the road to use or access the park.
We take our dog to the park across the road. I use to own an apartment in 251 Oberon st and walk across that park to the beach. Would be great to see something done with that land. It was dug up for a longtime with the laying of the cables out to sea so would be nice to see some love put back into the grass and gardens.
It is cut off from the Coastal walkway by a road and lots of parked cars.
Just a bare park
Nothing there, I walk past it every day but there's nothing there to do , sit, shade
There is nothing there to visit.
its not worth visiting in its current state.
There's nothing there. We go to Trennery all the time with our dog, though.
There is nothing there to attract me
I run past it but I don't need to use the park.
There is nothing in the park.
nothing to do there this area i visit the park further down enrolee on the walk to Maroubra
No obvious way to access it. Very 'open' to the road and so if used for exercise everyone would see you. There are also nicer parts to visit very close by. Its also uneven.
Other locations more convenient
Nothing there!
I live about a 1 min walk to Neptune Park … I walk by this park all the time and didn’t realize it was a public park!
There is nothing in this park plus there are other parks with better facilities.
I didn't even know it existed. And I am 82 and wouldn't be going there.
Parks next to it are better.
It seems pretty neglected and I didn’t actually even really know it was a “park”- I walk past and often look at it wondering
Not much there .. I usually walk past it walking from Iurline to Coogee
no atmosphere
I walk past when taking the dog to the dog park. I didn’t realise it was a park. Thought it was vacant unused land.
Because it does not look nice to sit there and enjoy the view.
It isn't on the ocean walk that i walk along every day, i have no reason to visit it.
No amenities or facilities.
There isn't much there.

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No parking
Nothing there
Nothing there to attract me
It seems like an empty space waiting to be turned into something. I just pass it on my way to Trenery Rsserve and the coastal pathway
Nil facilitiesB
I walk past the park to the beach or down to Coogee.
There is nothing interesting in it
I go running along the coastal walk and sometimes come back through the dog park, but this section has always just seemed out of the way (and a bit neglected).
There's no reason to use the park as the park closer to the coastal walkway is nicer and has better views.
Do not frequent area
We walk past the park on the Coastal Walkway, but there is nothing on Neptune Park at present to divert us there. It's in a prime location for walkers and exercisers. Perhaps an outdoor gym and a small, but interesting coffee/snack shop would appeal to the walkers and visitors?
There is nothing there but an open plot of ground. However I walk past it on a daily basis.
Nicer park across the road
Not at all inviting
no reason to go there - i regularly walk past it.
I bit out of my area
There is nothing there
I hadn't really thought about it and sadly I have a torn meniscus in my right knee, which is getting better, but it restricts where and how far I can walk
I am often nearby and use the Grant Reserve, but Neptune Park just does not look inviting or attractive.
Nothing to do there.
Just walk past so nothing is stopping us
Nothing there
There is not much there
No activity
Usually walk on the other side of the road to continue the coastal path.
The park is generally being used by dog owners
It's totally barren
I always thought it was a dog park and I do not own a dog.
I didn't even think about this being public land. Put something there and people will use it.
No very interesting
there is nothing there, was not aware it was a park
Neptune park in its current state is a waste of land full of bindii and weeds that knowone wants to use.
Nothing there to attract me to it

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There is nothing there to attract me to it. I walk through it on occasions.

We were actually walking by Neptune Park on the weekend and commented on how wasted that space was. We were expecting it would be sold off for a new apartment block.

Well isn't it obvious? :) It's not very pretty and doesn't offer anything more than what you have across the road. Apart from dry patchy grass, I'm not sure what it could be used for in its current state.

nothing to do there

There is nothing there. I walk past it frequently.

It’s just grass - there is nothing inviting to encourage me to use the area.

I do not live close by.

There is nothing about the open space to attract me.

Nothing there

There's nothing to do around there.

There is no shade or drinking fountains there. I tend to just run past.

I have parks closer to me

walk past, its not somewhere on my bucket list

It’s a patch of grass beaten by the sun, with no shade, benches, or amenities. I’d rather go to grant reserve or Coogee beach.

It has nothing there to use

I only walk past when using the coastal walk.

We walk past but don’t use- nicer areas adjacent

It is not very usable.

It is a little bare and featureless - especially the area with exposed ground.

Nothing there?

There’s a lot of people with dogs so you can’t sit without being “in the way” even though they are supposed to be on Trenerry instead.

Nothing to do there

Bare & unpleasant looking

Nothing there

Nothing there to do and it is so close to other parks where there are things

There’s nothing particularly exciting there for my kids

Not much there to tempt people, the beach is a lot more enticing. Also there is no shade and you’re surrounded by cars!!

Often walk past, but currently not a very attractive area to stop.

Nothing there

it's just a patch of brown grass and if I am around there I usually visit the other two parks

I have often walked/run passed thinking how barren it looks

It is uninviting. I always walk my dogs in Trenerry Reserve instead.

Just walk by it. Don’t use as there is nothing there to attract me.

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Too far away but I have been there
It doesn't look like a park and there's no shadw
It's not very inviting
No reason to use it
no relevant activity or interest there
its unappealing
No interest at the moment
There's nothing there
There is nothing there except grass
I live in Canberra
It is a barren empty space that needs improvement. I walk past it every day but it is no mans land.
It is not an inviting space. There is no shade or seating. It just looks like an empty block of land with no vegetation.
Not so appealing.
It isn't a 'site' any of the locals really want to use - it is far from attractive in its current state
Its not located anywhere useful - we walk past.
It's not an inviting area to visit and there is a more pleasant park across the road.
Nothing there
There is nothing there from what I can remember.
There is nothing there.
Access/ parking
Nothing there!
Nothing to do
It not on a direct route to anywhere I am going and there is nothing there to visit
The park has no appeal . It is a flat weedy dry space with no charm despite its proximity to the coast. In 17 years living nearby I’ve never seen anyone use the park
It’s a dull patch of green grass. Trenery reserve is much more inviting
The parks across the road have more facilities and better outlooks
nothing there for me.
Nothing there really I walk past it regularly at one stage it was being used for the sea cable installation
I didn't actually know it was a park, I walk by there every single day with my baby in the pram.
The park across the road on the water side is flat so perfect for dogs who we have taken here in the past and also kids sports and picnics. Neptune Park is on an awkward slope which descends onto the roadway.
It looks dead and Barron Not appealing at all
Not attractive
There’s no reason to visit.
Nothing happening there

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There is nothing really there to attract visiting...
Nothing there. Opposite dog park yet can’t take dogs there for no apparent reason
Not near my house
Nearby parks are much more pleasant.
There is nothing there. We stand there to watch the fireworks on NYE
I use Trennery Park across the road. There is currently nothing drawing me to Neptune Park.
I thought it was an undeveloped block of land, not a park
It does not have any facilities
Nothing there to attract my family
There is the more attractive dog park pathway to walk around.
Nowhere to park round there and it is just an empty stretch of grass. We are usually going to Wylie’s or the beach when we are in that area.
Nothing to attract me the park
Off the coastal walk Way with Neptune St parking making it not attractive. It’s barren and uninviting.
It is piece of land with no connection with to the parkland opposite it. It seems like a private wasteland for the buildings to the south and west of it. In fact I often walk along the coastal walk and have never seen anyone use Neptune Park. I have been a resident in Coogee for 20 years and have owned property in Coogee since 1986.
Theres plenty of park space across the road
No trees for storage attract people.hade, no facilities, no amenity. It's just lumpy grass with nothing inviting
There is nothing there
there's nothing there to attract you
There is no shade, no obvious use to this space
No where nice to sit under shade
Its not very inviting with the other lovely spaces around
I live close but it just is not a good park, e.g. most of the grass is sand, it is very uneven ect
not much to do there, across the road is better.
It’s an empty space, we generally go to the dog park or the kids park near by.
It is not an appealing park to use for recreation. At the moment it resembles a vacant lot with no trees or equipment. I live on Beach Street and never see this park being utilised.
Quite bare without any nice grass to sit on.
it is a barren wasteland
No shade, did not realise it was an area that could be used by community
Nothing to enjoy there
it's a barren dustbowl cut off from Trennery Reserve and Grant Reserve by two roads

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I use the path on the beach side. The park isn't very attractive for walking.
no need to use it
I walk past it on the coastal walk, but there's no reason to stop there.
There is nothing there
There's nothing there. I actually didn't realise it was a council park. I thought it was a private block.
'- doesn’t look very appealing - You need to cross the road
Its not very user friendly
Nothing there, sandy, no trees to sit under or pleasant areas to use
To be honest because it looks like a vacant piece of private land I don't feel like I can go on there and use it or enjoy it.
This was my front yard a child. 50 years ago...We used to build huge bonfires here every cracker night. We used to keep pigs in a pen. We played endless chicken matches, fly kites. I love the view from the park. The way it slopes up at the western side is a great opportunity. It used to have long grass and Sandhills. Today it is stark. If there was shade in a position with ocean views I would use it. It has a lot of history that park…
no attractions
there's a good dog park across the road
There is nothing there, the grass is not appealing and there are many other parks around it.
It has nothing of interest
too barren i go there to park when i am walking
No shade. Uneven surface. Patchy grass coverage.
I park adjacent to Neptune Park to attend work at Wylie's Baths. Neptune Park is basically a giant ant mount. When you trod on it, you are covered in ants immediately!
Nothing there except grass
It’s condition!
There is nothing on Neptune Park so I do not visit, just walk by.
It’s dead space
No facilities , benches, recreation areas.
there is no shade and the grass is quite dry / patchy. It is uninviting as a space and is quite exposed to the harsh sun and wind.
not close to my house
I walk past it regularly on my way to the coastal track. Neptune Park is not inviting, it almost looks like private property. It looks dry and unloved.
no facilities. too small to walk dog. poor grass quality. better park across the road
Walk right past it to Trenerry or Wylies - it is a desolate and isolated bit of land
It is barren and unappealing

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I walk past regularly but don't use that particular patch as there are limited current potential uses
I know the park having lived nearby some years ago - I am now resident at Rwk and do not have a car, occasionally I swim at Wilies.
There is nothing there....walk past it on daily walks
There’s nothing there. It’s pretty barren and exposed.
no shelter(trees)
It is bleak and unattractive

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Yes a protected native garden area to provide a safe habitat for small birds such as blue wren which used to be a feature of Coogee but as the once dense plantings along the pastel path have been replaced with grass and lamandra, the blue wren have largely disappeared. Added to that I would like to see an outdoor gym such as the one at Clovelly which is so popular you often have to wait to use it.
Yes see below
Better turf. A few more trees. Make it kid friendly but not with equipment (spider park is nearby) - more natural playing ground. Wooden tree-like climbing spaces. Create some natural shade. Something that gently seperates it from the road - like small native bushes - but doesn’t cut out the view of the ocean
my preferred choice 1) fence it to be a fenced dog park - as there are no "fence" dog park in Coogee or the surrounding 2) plant trees to have some shade 3) install some picnic table / bench 4) the improvement I read is an outdoor gym which is good however how about an outdoor gym fenced (to include doggos and humans ?)
Half basketball court and hoop with backboard should be installed. There are every few of them around. Planting shrubs and the outdoor gym is fine too, but a basketball court is better. Moore Park is full all the time!
Children’s play equipment
Planting Play equipment Benches
Plant lots of trees, native shrubs, and MAINTAIN them. One corner could have a Children’s playground, Picnic/BBQ facilities. Dog free!
Children’s playground, gated with shade cover
building an outdoor gym and planting low-lying native shrubs and plants to attract native birds and to beautify the area.But the openness of the space must be maintained to allow dogs to run and chase balls.
Plant it up , create a path through it.
Put a ban on development for the site. Keep it natural.
Ban development.
Remove the dog area. I would prefer that it was an outdoor gym area, with more seating to enjoy the view and more of a garden area to sit within. It would be nice to have somewhere to read a book outdoors with plants breaking up the area to provide more smaller private areas for more people to enjoy at once.
More shade and shelter, bbq and picnic tables
Planting of shrubs and trees to offset all the cenent and tree felling going on

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BBQ's, playground, shade, landscaping. An avenue of trees, a tiered garden, transform it just like you did the oval, that was in even worse state years ago. If nothing else, plant bushes and trees for local wildlife. Its a huge area, would be a great spot to sit for hours if some shade was provided. Whatever it is used for, make it australian native animal freindly
low bushes, bird freindly, child friendly
Plant native garden with trees. Erect a building that would be used as a temporary exhibition space.
I would like to see it become a green space, an extension of the beautiful gardens adjacent to the park and Wylies.
A green space, an extension to the adjacent parks.
It would be great to make it into a great area for groups - maybe a big chess set, tables and chairs under cover, snakes and ladders, or another community garden
It would be good to have another play area for the kids with some trees or a community garden like Environment park or a combination
Put in a children’s water playground!! The area desperately needs one!
TREES! Plant plenty of trees and allow it to be a green space for people to relax and admire the views in the shade.
Put in a children’s water playground - the area desperately needs one!
Fenced area for dogs Small Playground for kids with shade sale Benches to sit
My preference is that additional parking is provided for the other parks and the beach. Parking at Coogee is very limited when compared to the other Randwick beaches (Clovelly, Maroubra etc) which can take away from the experience of visiting a beautiful beach and parks.
Cricket nets! We have none anywhere in coogee or Randwick!
Some patches of coastal vegetation. At the moment its mostly a waste ground.
Maybe some benches and definitely plant some native shrubs and plants
We have Trenery and Grant Reserve fit wide open grassy spaces so something different would be better. Given the amount of fitness conscious people in the area, an outdoor gym for circuit training would work well. A mini soccer field with goals would be popular too
aesthetically pleasing greenery
Make it more interesting with something different like a maze or a natural amphitheatre! A second playground. If nothing is done put up a fence & make it a leash free dog park (I know it’s dog friendly but not sure if it’s leash free)
Children have limited exercise/sport facilities in the Coogee area and for example there are no cricket nets with entry onto Coogee oval discouraged.
Coogee need a outdoor gim. Maroubra and clovelly have one already

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Definitely no gym! A gym could go in the space in front of Wylies where people currently exercise anyway. We need a passive and quiet recreation area for individuals and SMALL groups with a meandering path, native shrubs and a few trees for shade. We also need small benches, not picnic tables. My vision is for a reflective and meditative space as that‘s what we‘re lacking. Maybe even a small pond or so.
Picnic table out door gym
Outdoor exercise equipment
Outdoor gym equipment
I really like it as it it’s. a lovely open space with not too many tourists!
Outdoor exercise equipment
Benches, bbq facilities, some trees, some cover
An outdoor gym like the one at Clovelly would be great
Definitely some planting of native vegetation would be very welcome. I would prefer some children's play equipment and shade cloth rather than an outdoor gym.
Improve the grass area and clean up under the trees. There is an opportunity to make it more inviting for people to use and enjoy. Planting natives would be a great start.
There should be some trees planted to have shaded areas also some seating and tables for eating. Also some barbecue facilities. Maybe toilets. Some minimal tasteful landscaping, not too much though.
Fitness area
Create dog park with fence would be great
More trees for the birds. This park is full of native birds. I don’t want to see any construction such as kids playground or showers.
No construction. More plants. More trees. No kids playground. No outdoor gym. No bbq. No toilets.
Install bbq's, benches and trees for shade
More shade trees and seating Bbq and garden beds
Some shade Scooter circuit for kids
More trees, more native plants/vegetation, please do not lay concrete!
Outdoor exercise equipment, improve the turf
Turn it into a showpiece native garden with lots of tall trees for shade, and to bring some greenery to the otherwise bleak and urban used skyline of coogee
Needs to be watered and cared for.Re turf the middle and land scape around the boarders. Make it an area where it is family friendly .

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I'm strongly opposed to creating another area for high-energy activities like an outdoor gym which I take it may be similar to the one near Clovelly Bowling Club. Public places around Coogee Beach are already extensively used for fitness, including the use of public land by private operators (particularly in the morning for early fitness classes), Nippers (which take over the beach on Sunday mornings), Beach Volleyball and other ball sports on grassy areas surrounding Coogee Beach to name but a few of the activities practised around the area. In my view there's a place missing in Coogee that provides people with a quiet area. I'm thinking of a place that provides sitting areas (and specifically no BBQ facilities) that are shaded by lovely native trees and invites people to chill out. Neptune Park is an ideal place for this as it is a bit removed and out of the way, but close enough to just sit and enjoy the breeze from the ocean.
Make a playground and splash pad for children
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Returf the middle regular watering .Tidy the garden
It would be a great place to have additional children's facilities. There are some great areas across the road (behind wylies baths) but additional playgrounds would be great - particularly if there is shaded areas.
Trees, maybe bike park
Picnic area, seating, pop up market
Plant some trees. It is too hot in the summer. Trees would also provide a wind break and help both soil structure and wildlife
Level it and put synthetic grass or the soft surface that is on the kids playground that allows for soft falls and fix soccer nets to either end and have a multi purpose field for kids to come and play soccer, footy afl and allow for a more structured sport. The fences around should be increased in height and speed humps introduced along Neptune and Wolseley road near the dog park to slow traffic. An outdoor gym would be amazing!
BBQ areas with seats to enjoy the view Gym equipment or basketball courts to get people active
Plant more trees such fig trees and other native trees so people can stop and enjoy the shade.
Build a function centre, somewhere that could be rented out for weddings or functions on weekends & rented out as a hall mid week to help ease the stress of finding an available hall
Fill in the sandy holes No gym because it is a dog park and people using the gym may get annoyed if dogs keep coming up to them.

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Add playground, shelter etc
I would like some free to use netball / basketball / tennis courts, including an outdoor gym. A community garden. No off leash dogs.
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sandstone rock gardens with low level native plants, a gym will destroy the peace and quiet the area provides.
rock gardens with low level native plants, outdoor gym will destroy the peace of the area
Planting trees & shrubs to attract & create homes for native coastal animals & birds which also creates shade. Seating under trees with views over the road to the ocean
plant a flower garden & add seating
Garden with shade trees .
Put the power lines into the ground. They are dangerous and an eye-sore. If you can't, put them at the back of the park, not on the North East side.
Put the power lines in the ground. How could anyone have the lines strung so amateurish across a park. Why are they so close to the water?
I’d love to see a playground for teenagers. Skate park or some gym equipment. Something teenagers could do in the winter would be great.
Plants some more native trees, with a few benches. Leave it open for people to relax and enjoy with there families. We need open spaces. We have Heffron Park where you can put more equipment, Maroubra Beach is another area with equipment. Not everybody in the area iwants their oparks with equipment.
Petanque facility (maintained ‘gravel’ facility) shaded by trees, benches on side overlooking Petanque game and facing ocean view AND an outdoor basketball court on western side
Yes an outdoor gym as suggested. It would need to be quite useable ie decent equipment and shade cloths.

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Why not change to dog park so oceanfront park can be otherwise used. The suggestions of gym etc should be in the current dog park. I don't mind to much so long as there's enough space for the dogs.

Some trees and palyground equipment would make the park more appealing.

Some trees and playground equipment would improve its appeal greatly.

Ordinarily I would say yes but it is very close to the walkway and there are facilities across the road e.g. seats, tables, barbecue facilities.

Possible options include:
- a community garden
- a bike track/park for kids (like the cycling area for children in Centennial Park)
- a site for monthly markets
- a community hall - this could also be rented for events

Plants? Herb garden for locals?

Outside gym and low lying plants and seating

LOW native shrubs, replanting of grass

Plant LOW native shrubs & grass

Secure fencing for keeping off leash dogs in training or young ones safe and not incur accidents if trying to leave the park unattended. Council should run free dog training obedience classes in a secure area. City of Sydney have always offered this service

Fencing

Plant some local trees, bushes and plants please. There's not much in Randwick compared to other councils.

Small trees and shrubs for fauna planted and seats installed. No dogs please!

Improve the green space. More trees, shrubs and ground cover. Get rid of the grass, or keep to a minimum. Wondering paths.

An outdoor gym with decent chin up bars (better than Bondi!). But not the expensive resistance gear in Clovelly that no one uses.

It's a great spot, unobtrusive and it'd be used all year around guaranteed!

I think it should be kept fairly open but you could add more vegetation such low shrubs and a few trees (not too high as the local residents will winge) for some shade areas. It is good to have this park as a quieter area however, as other park areas closer to the beach can be very busy so I don't think you should have picnic/barbecue areas. Not a good idea to have a gym - people can sort out their exercise freely without a gym in public.

More shade trees

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This would make an ideal spot for an outdoor gymnasium. Most beaches now have one but Coogee seems to have been overlooked
A small fenced native garden abutting the outdoor gym would beautify the area and the natural habitat.
A solid proposal I would suggest to both beautify and benefit an otherwise under-utilised area

By landscaping it & installing seating.

Seats
Outdoor gym like the one in clovelly
Shaded area with trees

Signicant landscaping and facilities, but no fencing. I would like to see some netball rings or baskeball hoops for the local kids to play. Please dont make this another dog park - as Trenerry Park opposite is unusable due to the number of dogs. It is not safe for kids and there is always a lot of dog poo left in the park - which is quite unpleasant. I dont want to see a gym either. Just mostly passive play.

Landscaping & making it more attractive for people to use. ie BBQ pit, Picnic Tables etc.
I do like the idea of an outdoor Gym. The one at Maroubra beach is used by the young and old.

Play equipment, trees, levelling and proper grass with seating and shade would make it much more friendly and inviting. This is a prime location for a park yet it seems to have been neglected and undeveloped in the urban environment.

Play equipment for kids with shade. Trees and seating would be nice as well as levelling and turfing with proper grass not the weeds that are mowed now.

More plants and trees. Could be a beautiful garden.

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Plant natives that are habitat for the Blue Wren and th New Holland Honey Eater and other bird life that is stressed from loss of habitat.

For years I have thought that it would be great for Coogee to have its own outdoor fitness equipment.
The equipment at both Maroubra and Clovelly have been a resounding success and given Coogee's reputation as a fitness hub (i.e. Coogee Stairs) I strongly believe any installation will be heavily welcomed and used by all residents.
Personally myself and my Partner would use it almost daily.
I also believe this will increase Randwick council's reputation (& Sydney as a whole) as a council that offers its residents cost free and practical outdoor activities that improve both mental and physical health.

There is only ONE way and that is - trees that will provide shade, shrubs, plants and lots of seating

Not really, I guess some picnic tables and a BBQ - there would need to be a reason to sit there. Some shade and some plants would be nice.

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The park would make a great family picnic spot with tree shaded slopes improved to better support picnics, The slopes along the property lines of the residences could be terraced to support some wonderful low level gardens with seating areas for people to take in the park space relax and enjoy a meal. The oversized Australian Hibiscus can be removed to lessen the impact of mosquitoes in the shaded areas and improve the look and use of the park, The northern and eastern boundaries could have a low-level hedge lessening the sight of cars and provide a more inviting space, the eastern slope could have a low level garden highlighting some beautiful australian natives and attracting local birds. the flat area could be better grassed to support people playing games such as Cricket, Boce, Football, etc.
I am against the Gym in the park as it is away from the coastal walk and would only attract more personal trainers crating noise very early in the morning nd late at night disturbing local residents. I do support the idea of an outdoor Gym but suggest it would be better located in Grant Reserve in the open space near Wylies next to the Ocean Walk. This would allow it to be better utilised by those using the coastal walkway as part their exercise regimen. I would very much like to be part of the planning process for this reserve as it has a great opportunity to provide a space to cater for families visiting the area as well as local residents.

Fitness equipment and trees

The Council could plant attractive bush shrubs and bird-attracting plants, plus put in a few low-profile picnic tables and bench chairs so people could enjoy the park. IT SHOULD NOT BE DEVELOPED ANY FURTHER THAN THAT, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR PARKING OR MORE SPORTS ACTIVITIES. This southern part of Coogee is a relatively quiet residential area and is a well-established bird and wildlife habitat. Neptune Park should therefore be part of that approach to be an area protected for birds and wildlife. In fact, what a great opportunity to extend the bush vegetation to Neptune Park and make this a haven in much the same way that Grant Reserve is such a wonderful peaceful place (most of the time).

create a native flora coastal garden, with space for sculptures to be exhibited. These sculptures could be designed by students from art academies in their graduation year, and be rotated each year.

This park is one of the few remaining open spaces that hasn't been "overdone" with improvements. The huge park opposite has been over-planted with trees that have blocked the view of the water that previously existed. "Low-lying native shrubs and plants" that Council is suggesting can soon become overpowering and once again remove the splendid openness of the park.

I believe all the park needs are seats, some with a roof such as the picnic table and seat , and others simply park seats.

The beauty of this park is its naturalness. When it comes to parks it's unique feature is its beautiful, uncluttered openness, with its stunning view of the ocean.

It should remain open space. An outdoor gym would be good. Why not a specialty garden like the maze in centennial park? Something that actually attracts people there. The low-lying shrub idea is good as it could connect the shrubs along the cliffs into gardens in the area, for the small birds.

It should be turned into an urban forest with heavy planting of tall trees (not just low-lying shrubs) and native garden plants.

Please plant some native trees to provide shade

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The overgrown shrubs on the side of the units (as shown on the right of your image of Neptune Park) should be trimmed back and maintained better… I dont want to see the planting of "low lying shrubs". What was planted on Neptune St side of Grant reserve, whereby most of the ocean views the homes possessed in the passed have virtually been obliterated by the overgrown plants and trees that are their now. it was exceptionally poorly planned and managed .
Trees and shrubbery to provide shade and habitat for native flora and fauna. Picnic areas could be nestled into the area similar to those adjacent to Coogee SLSC.
More plantings to attract more birdlife in the area.
What is wrong with it remaining as it is. What do you mean by 'improvement'? Nothing wrong with an outside gym if it not too large and damages any views. If such a thing were to go in tuck it away in the far left corner when walking south.
More native vegetation
Fitness equipment. IT's probably under-utilised and would therefore be out of people's way if they didn't want to use such equipment.
Replant it with native trees to attract more native birds and to create a really shady place for picnics.
Levelled. Fitness stations. Sprinting track.
Shading through native flora Signage regarding the value of the local area - natural and community connections.
no dogs more trees such as Banksias and other native vegetation
Landscaping. Plants and flowers attract wildlife (birds and bees). Gardens for community to enjoy. An outdoor gym would be good as we don't have one in the area. Randwick City Council is terrible at gardens/landscaping so I hope that some effort will be made here. City of Sydney is far better. We're a big, wealthy council so we have no excuses.
New grass surface needs to be laid. Not sure if any additional facilities are required given how close others are new by. I think if the grass wasn't so worn away that more people would come and spend time there.
Fencing
Trees for shade and seating and tables
leave it as it is,keep it green for the next generation as well
As above, more shade, trees, improved grass. Shade is particularly important. Also need seating
Seating, shade and potentially the planting of an edible forest as they have done in San Francisco and also bee/pollinator friendly plants.
Do we have budget? Perhaps use this for dogs and owners and install the gym and planting across the road,

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I think the park should have some shade- so only one or two larger trees for shade and then low native vegetation- as well as some water- so at least one bubbler- and places to sit in the shade- so at least two or three seats.
An area for gym equipment is fine too but shouldn't be the dominant feature of the park. With a couple of trees, seats, water and an outside gym equipment, you are providing for the many users. There is still some views over Trenerry reserve as it was planned to only have low shrubs to preserve the views across the ocean and beaches. I think there is a need for access to the marine cable from this park too, somewhere? Not sure.

A garden or playground? Maybe an outdoor adult gym (like at Maroubra beach)

Children's playground equipment is always a good place to start? Although I believe there is a comprehensive collection closer to Coogee Beach?

More seats and shading.
Keep dogs on a leach.

I would love to see a mini eco park of flora and raised walkways with occasional benches to sit and relax. A refuge from the bustle of the beach and tourist areas

Benches, bbqs or kids play area set.

Seats and shade, perhaps a pathway and some plants.

Low lying native shrub planting and small scale outdoor gym.

More seats for the amazing views.
Better play area for kids.
Can you hook up a watering system to a srorm water gross pollutant trap to irrigate the park?

Maybe with some seating or plants.

Shade trees, landscaped contours, planting, seating. Especially shade trees.

An outdoor basketball basketball court/half court.

Whilst an outdoor gym would be good, an outdoor basketball court or half court would be even better and would prove to be more inclusive with children than an outdoor gym. Basketball is hugely popular across both genders and all ages, however there are no places in Coogee to play.

Any improvements to the park that encourage use and also encourage healthy living would be excellent. If an outdoor court isn't deemed suitable for Neptune Park, it would be great if somewhere else in Coogee could be considered at some point.

Nothing to indicate that it is a park. Patchy grass, no benches, it's uphill from the pavement on one side so not easy to access. It's realky sandy/dusty. There's a sign on the Neptune street side which says no camping (or something like that) which is fine but the perception seeing the sign is to stay off it because there's nothing else welcoming about it / to indicate that you should actually use it. Perhaps an area for yoga, meditation for the folks who tend to get irritated by the dogs in the dog park next door?

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Plant some trees

As stated above, I think more parking should be considered.

Leave the open space

No, although I have seen some cars parked there at times

outdoor gym for adults and kids, "wild play" playground for children, skateboard park

I'm not sure if it's the unleashed dog area or next to it. But if it's the dog area, leave as is.

I'd sell the land (there's a big park opposite) & use the money to improve the walk eg by addressing the part where you have to leave coast & walk on streets.
Failing that I'd either make it a native plant park & add a restaurant/cafe or hostel for older people.

plant many trees and landscape . turn it into a nature reserve . A rainbow lorikeet reserve

I strongly support the idea of having trees and shrubs to beautify the area and also think that a small outside exercise area would be used by people in Coogee. However, for these two activities there would need to be fences around the shrubs if we are to provide habitat for birds. Otherwise, it will end up being trashed by dogs. This area should not be used for car parking.... we need to encourage visitors to use public transport.

The outdoor gym and bird attracting vegetation is a positive suggestion. However, in addition, multi-use options must be considered, e.g, an area set aside for family friendly activities (with playground equipment), a dedicated dog exercising section (with doggie poo bag dispensers), tree-shaded seating and sunny area seating for quiet enjoyment of the views in all climatic seasons. strategically placed drinking fountains are required. Include a new toilet block or install clear signage to indicate the nearest public conveniences.

Little cycle of path for the kids..groovey shape
A few kids playthings, soft ground area under
One or two sheltered seating area, not too big

Low maintenance materials to be used

More plants to make it look inviting, friendly and somewhere you want to go for a little while.

Budget limited..maybe 100k approx.

A native plant garden

Just landscaping - i think it should still be open space for peeps to kick a footy or fly a kite, but it looks v drab + uninviting. Some shrubs or native garden beds would make it more appealing.

Improved landscaping ie more shade = more trees

Playground with shade, paths, benches, water taps.

connect it to the coastal walkway, plant trees, put in benches and seats, shad areas

Water fountains.
Benches and partly shade area

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Plant some trees as well as shrubs etc. This would attract birds and make the park a piece of nature. Keep it natural - there are plenty of parks with "facilities" for children etc in Coogee. Trees also provide shade for picnics and would be a useful addition to this park rather than picnic booths. There is limited parking near here so you don't want to make it too popular.

More native trees and vegetation and pathway

Create a low-key natural area with native trees and shrubs.

I would suggest a bench at the very least; a picnic table or two would make it easier to enjoy the views; an outdoor gym is a great idea, but please make sure that there is other seating in this area.

'- Community garden. Native foods (bush tucker) would be amazing. Ask Costa from Gardening Australia, he's great at that sort of thing. Seems like a nice person too.
- Vegetation is essential. Something which doesn't obstruct the view but gives the park a sense of life.
- Sure, why not exercise equipment? Give the place a sense of purpose.

Side note... a water drinking station would be very handy in that area. One to drink directly from or fill water bottles - with a built-in dog bowl would be great. Although, probably more suited to the dog park (Trenerry Reserve)

Planting trees etc, a small cafeteria, and / or even, dare i say it, parking for beach visitors to relieve residents parking woes in summer!

planting trees and shrubs to provide shade in summer and support birds

I think that the open space is great, we don't need more clutter. It's a visually beautiful spot

needs trees and shrubs

May be some tall naive tree planting may be useful

I think plantings that can survive the sun, wind and salt could be the way to go.

planting

Consider what local residents need, in conjunction with nearby park between Rainbow and Oberon streets.

The park would be better with a purpose. For example, a kids bike track, play area. Similar developments in Centennial Park like the Wild Play area or the Grounds Cafe/Bike Track have been great ways to increase use of unused areas.

Playground, shade, BBQs picnic spots, splash pads.

Make it specifically for small dogs which would be less intimidating

seats (NOT BBQ), some shade - residents may not want to have tall trees that hide the view, so perhaps fixed awnings or other roofing or small trees that provide shade but don't grow too tall. Provide bins and water

Outdoor gym
playground
seats

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The road around the park is a barrier that prevents it's use and effectively turns it into an island. Neptune park needs to be incorporated into the coastal walk by removing that section of Neptune St and Wolesely St on it's boundary and turning this road into parkland. The integrated parkland could be kept as a grassed area or partially returned to it's natural habitat thereby enhancing the coastal walk.

Some water would be good. if the grass was in better condition more people may use it for picnics or playing with kids.

Definitely NO buildings.
Plenty of room all around Coogee for outdoor gym activities .. we don't ned any more!
Definitely plant some low flowering native shrubs.

Plant more trees and add a few seats. Suggest banksias for the cockatoos and bushes for the lovely blue wrens who need small compact bushes to escape the foxes and currawongs.

Remove the road altogether (making two streets with dead ends at one end, but with turning circles to allow cars to turn and exit) … this would link the park with the coastal walkway and allow more open space - which is so desperately needed around Coogee. Also include walking paths connecting to the coastal walkway, seating, U-shaped bike racks and landscaping. Thanks!

Dog lover facilities

Shaded areas, children's playground or BBQ areas and some garden. Outdoor gym would be great.

Not any improvement that would make the park attractive to "gathos" as has happened at North Bondi

Make it fit in with the surrounding natural landscape.

Outdoor gym and rest area

Construction of a Japanese Garden with small café that would serve as both a community space for locals as well as an attraction for visitors and users of the coastal walk.

Some decent landscaping and tree planting to create areas that can be used. Its a big piece of land so you could easily fit a couple of different 'zones'. I like the idea of an outdoor gym and think it would be well used. You could even put in a 20m astroturf interval track for circuit/sprint training. No dog park please.

How about a bocce court or two? They are nice for the community to gather around as many do in Mediterranean countries. Perhaps barbecues and shelters as well.

Facilities for the local community

Better grass. More shade with some trees. Hedges/shrubs to shield views of roads/cars and attract birds. A water fountain.

Split it in two, half for the dog walkers who use it daily and leave poo everywhere and the second half put a outdoor exercise station like Clovelly beach outdoor gym. Plus a kids bike park like Heffron bike park. Then plant native trees around the parks outside to give shade and to aid slower water drain off and reduce soil erosion.

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It's a large area and provides space but not every open space needs construction on it.

A fenced playground and shade cloth!

more trees park benches maybe an outdoor gym

Well we need more parking...

I think these specific improvements are not a high priority for the Council and other projects are more important at this time.

It's perfect as it is. Please don't tamper with this rare amenity of open quiet space.

Seating, playground/swings, BBQ space included covered area (like the one at North Clovelly), maybe a basketball/netball court or at least hoop, adding more greenery.

Perhaps set it aside as parkland where alcohol can be assumed and leave the Coogee Beach precinct for NO alcohol consumption. Families should not be disadvantaged (or pushed out) by the swarms of party goers that take over the beach area during weekend and holiday periods.

Plant trees for shade and to attract native birds, give alternative to BBQ locations by increasing no of BBQ's and tables. x

Add some signage as a start to let people know it's a public space. The amenities at Grant reserve would be a good start: picnic tables, grill, some sunshades, benches. More vegetation would be nice as it's very sparse. A small community garden would be good. A small nature trail with educational signs to teach about native plant life, animals, how it's being affected by changing climate and weather. Small arboretum. Small amphitheater to hold local theater groups.

Whatever happens, keep the park 'green' and environmentally friendly!

If you want to provide a benefit to the people , parking is very difficult in this area particularly on hot days. Sometimes one cannot find parking and one leaves the area out of frustration. Botany council opens the large park opposite the beach at Maroubra for parking, which has been very successful to allow people to attend the beach when all the parking in the street is full.

There are plenty of parks near Neptune park and there is no need for another. If you chose to ignore these suggestions, Trees may attract people placed around the perimeter, as there is no shade. Shade could attract people to picnic in this area, plus some BBQ facilities and covers.

Planting, barbecue areas, seating.

Plant lots of trees!!

Great spot to enjoy, more plants would be a good improvement

Mass indigenous planting, paths and seating

trees and seats

Out door gym is a great idea. Tennis court (half with brick wall) or basketball courts would be great. No basketball facilities for the young kids around the Coogee area. Skatepark. Will need lighting or other methods to ensure no loitering. Shading facilities.

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I would like to see some benches and native trees so walkers and pass byers can stop and relax. The trees would give shade in summer time.

The reason I do not support outdoor gym as it will only be used by selected group of people not everyone.

Yes - a harvest market with organic food stalls and food trucks - either on one evening a week or day Saturday morning

If you were to create something it needs to be of use, i love the idea of an outdoor gym. Currently i run to the Maroubra gym to use it.

General tidy up and introduction of an outdoor gym and associated equipment.
Allow for dog friendly periods of time.

The park should be designed for community use and include plenty of shade, fenced play area including water play for children etc.

Perhaps some picnic tables and BBQ's to make it more useable.

I like the idea of an outdoor gym. There isn't really one in Coogee. I'd use this for sure as I often run across the headlands and beach

Skate Park or basketball court

Shade and attractive planting - space and apparatus to encourage use by fitness groups and individuals as an alternative to other parks and the beach. Shade is important!

Turn it into a terraced garden with picninc area, BBQs, shaded sections, flat sections where people can do yoga/exercise. Or make it an amphitheater for outdoor concerts given other one is so small.

Children activities,seats benched ,cover from sun

I think it should be planted with trees and shrubs that are native to the area, creating shade and habitat for birds and other wild life, and leaving spaces around for small groups of people to have picnics and gather around. It would be a good meeting place for families to enjoy the coastal surrounds.

A new play area for the children as the other playground is very busy. Or more BBQ facilities / picnic area.

There needs to be more bush / woodland in the area. There are some examples of native landscape nearby. We should be fostering regeneration of bushland in the area.

Kids play equipment
Sun lounges and shade

Large enclosed childrens playground or waterplay park

The park could be better utilised by providing bench seating, playground equipment and small hedge like shrubs that don't interfere with residents views but make the area a more appealing and habitable place.

Many more native bushes & trees, park benches. Preserve fenced in area containing pond & wild life.

Outdoor gym and an interesting coffee shop, dog friendly. Part of the park might be used for eco-education with posters and pictorial demonstrations about maintaining healthy gardens and pot plants for home and unit dwellers.

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Fence the park off and use it for a safe dog playing area instead of the park opposite. Trennery reserve is really unsafe for some more adventurous hounds and it’s a wonder a few haven’t fallen off the cliff or been run over. Plant a few shade trees and put in some tables and benches. This would free up Trennery reserve for family recreation and picnics. Also Trennery is crying out for some more trees.
It is a valuable, and currently underutilised, piece of ground that should be improved for the benefit of locals and visitors, and made a bit more attractive. The ideas of an outdoor gym in one part, and replanting with low lying shrubs and plants at the western end both appeal to me.
improve grass quality and plantings, some play equipment and shade.
Landscaped and native trees,shrubs planted similar to the coastal walk.
it could become multi purpose allowing playing fields / open space but also available for parking on very busy nights eg christmas carols, NYE - just a few times a year (as it used to be unofficially). Also some areas returned to native bush may be good.
Synthetic Grass
Outdoor gym
I think the park should be heavily planted with local native species and have paths for passive recreation
BBQ and picnic space, some more shade, outdoor gym
Bench seating and Outdoor gym equipment would be great
To build a community centre and to showcase local aboriginal art and history. The surrounds of the centre would be designed to grow local shrubs and plants. There is nowhere to buy local and original aboriginal art in the area and this is a great way to promote tourism and culture.
Landscaping and a water park for kids. Nothing fancy, maybe an interactive water feature.
Kids play area or water play area
Outdoor gym equipment Planting and seats
There is not much there but you want to try and keep some of the open space. I think something like an outdoor gym with low lying plants etc could be a good thing as it would bring people in to use it and also put something in the bare park. At the moment there is nothing there to attract anyone.

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It needs more vegetation, other than introduced grass! It needs plants that once grew in the local area, and remind people that there were indeed shrubs and grasses here, for millennia, before it was cleared and turned into barren, mowed grass. I know people generally cannot cope with trees along coastal viewing areas - they haven't yet developed the sensitivity required to understand that views of the ocean are really lovely, glimpsed through tree canopies. Yet some shade is needed in Australian parks if we are to counteract our "world's best" performance in skin cancer rates. People with children obviously appreciate the shade of the Norfolk Island Pines at Coogee Beach - these areas are usually packed out with family groups. A really good alternative to provide shade, without blocking views, is the use of a structure like a pergola, set at about 3 m high, or a network of interlinked pergolas, with a native climber like Hibbertia scandens (yellow flowers) growing over them. Coastal conditions are tough on non-indigenous plants, so "traditional" climbers like Wisteria just don't survive. (Or you could try a few different locally native climbers, and see which ones survive best.) Japanese gardens often use such pergolas for areas to sit in the shade, or as a shady tunnel to walk through, rather than out in full sun. I think the area would work well as a picnic / sitting / passive recreation area, to take some of the obvious pressure off the Norfolk Island Pine picnic areas of Coogee foreshores. Not sure about an outdoor gym as we are losing more of our passive recreation places in favour of active recreation, but it might be OK if it were to be placed at the more "urban" end of Neptune Park, leaving the rest of the park for passive recreation.

Landscaped with indigenous plants to meet the needs of local wildlife although I have noticed the plover birds like the open space as it is.

Restaurant

Much more greenery please; shrubs, natives. Use as a community garden, child friendly activities like a mini Wild Play area. Play equipment, maze...stepping stones, mini sculpture garden amongst plants. Outside gym a really good idea as long as well maintained and not allowed to rust.

It’s a great spot for a view of the pacific. However it doesn’t have much shade.

I think An area similar to centennial parks kids bike track would prove quite popular. I personally have also seen basketball court have the potential to attract wide range of users and offer casual passive surveillance and public safety benefits.

It’s great park with a great view. I’m looking forward to what might be offered there.

Possibly an outdoor gym

If this is an off-leash dog park it would be interesting to know how many pet owners make use of the space. Shaded tables for picnickers would be a nice option similar to the huts closer to the beach.
Low-rise landscaping with edible native plants including information on how to use the fruit or leaf would be lovely. This would also be a bee and bird attractant.

Addition of Norfolk pines, outdoor gym and seating.

You can definitely make it more nteresting. This part of the coastline is not very well. It would need toilets. Then you can think about adding pic nic tables. You can a playground area for children but will have to make it different to the one closer to the beach. You can make have roads for children to learn to bike/scoot safely.
You can also use that part to educate the population about recycling, nature as well as gardening.

outdoor gym

Don't put up any buildings!

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Picnic spaces, playground, outdoor gym, etc. But whatever you put there, please plant lots of native shade trees. Scrub is fine but Coogee needs shade.

a bike track for kids, something similar to the 1 at Sydney Park where there are little bumps/jumps. As Coogee has so many hills there are not many places where kids can ride their bikes

To have a sports facility for fitness, a mini basketball court, exercise equipment a mini soccer field or tag. Also have general seating around the park to take in the views. Kiddies cycle track like the Heffron cycle track. Facilities for the young, the old and the families to enjoy. Native gardens around the facilities with name tags on or around the species to educate everyone especially the school kiddies, have a disabled play area for the handicapped. Also excavate underground and have a car park for the ever ending population that is arriving in Coggee to use all the wonderful coastal amenities, i

A lot of trees and pick nick area would be nice.
Perhaps even a space where people would be tempted to play informal games (eg football or cricket).
Perhaps a similar structure to Grant Reserve?

Native shrubs and low trees. That is, native to the Sydney coastal region. Shaded seating. Low trees so they don't get poisoned by those who feel their view is being disrupted. Some seating could be set on the higher south and west sides of the park to take advantage of the sea view.
Almost all of the native vegetation along the Sydney coast has been erased, I feel we should take every opportunity to replace at least some of it, unfortunately very little though this may be.
Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

This is a perfect area for an exercise park. I have been a huge advocate for an outdoor gym in Coogee. I'd prefer it to be closer to or at the main beach (like in Bondi), but a fitness park would be ideal for this absolutely wasted space. Definitely worth the investment. We as a community should be encouraging healthy living, so I could not think of a better way to utilise this space.

some exercise equipment would be great , so i can exercise while looking at the ocean

A decent outdoor gym with chin up bars, etc. would be GREAT and the fact that there isn't something like it in Coogee. NOT like the one at Maroubra Beach (which is useless) but something practical like at North Bondi beach.

landscape the place, put some benches, trees. Add anything that would attract people to go and sit there

maybe fitness centre or older children playground (beyond swings etc).

1. Low-lying spikey native planting that will attract and protect small native birds
2. Planting to attract butterflies and native bees.
3. Some bush tucker plants
4. Include some large rocks for relief.

plant trees nothing more

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Plant a few trees for shade. Install seating so older people can rest. Install a modest sized children's playground or outdoor exercise station.

Plantings and maybe an outdoor gym

Level the slope. Sun shades and bbq facilities. No reason why I can't go there as compared to the center of the beach or even the northern side.

* a cafe cart
* a children's playground
* historical signpost - why is it called Neptune Park anyway?
* notes on the underground telecommunications cable
* historical artifacts in a mini museum eg from the past, Coogee Fun Pier
* outdoor gym - not too big
* water bubbler - and drink bottle water source

Shade, good lighting at night, some seats and some drinking fountains. An outdoor gym is a great idea! But some taller trees are needed for shade.

not sure

Planting on barren/worn areas, update seating.

trees, seats,

Whatever you do don't sell it to developers. Green space is so valuable to people. I'd love to see an outdoor activity centre for adults. The gym in Clovelly is nice but very static. Imagine a space with greenery and fitness areas that are all part of the scenery. Like WILD in Centennial but for adults as well as kids.

https://killscreen.com/articles/park-liberate-all-its-citizens-children-too/

1. Maintain as open space the grassed area that currently exists.

2. Maintain the tree-shaded area bounded by Dundas Street.

3. Do not under any circumstances consider an outdoor gym adjacent to all the residential properties which face the park.
There would be a hostile backlash from residents in respect of noise issues and loss of peaceful amenity.

This has already occurred with issues relating to the hiring of Wylies Baths which resulted in strict application of operational controls by Council.

4. The park was designed as open space, not as a nursery for plants.
Such corridors are already widely spread and established locally.

Park has limited use as open and too hot in summer. Could be useful for a large garden/rock garden with wide winding paths; both tall and low trees to offer shade and buffer wind; a children''s play area. Its use as an arrival/departure site for Trans-Pacific undersea data cables will limit some uses. Will need seating which would face sea at road between it and Trenerry with possibility of road closure. Also perhaps seating at children's play area for comfort related to Child supervision. An outdoor gym in embayments might align one side of wide path. Low scrubs are inadequate for local environment. Most fail in such sites

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Native plantings
Some shade and some plants. Thank you
Maybe plant some trees and install some seats as all there is now is grass. Some kind of outdoor gym might be good as it is not a flat surface.
I like the green space but we also need facilities for kids who are too old for playgrounds perhaps basketball hoop, tennis wall, scare ramp?
gym equipment to be set up in one corner - as same as Clovelly and Maroubra with seats and a garden, water tap. haha just read the below.....great idea !
There is no natural reason to use the park because of the location of the adjacent parks. So, council needs to add elements to the park to attract people - plant trees, gym equipment, children's playground, half-court basketball etc.
Get rid of the grass and have mass planting of endemic species, with gym equipment and watering facility for walkers.
Outdoor gym
Plant large shady trees and have facilities such as gym, skate park or picnic tables with shade
Turn it into a carpark.
Plant some Moreton Bay Figs. Build a man-made but natural-looking pond with similar native grasses/lillies/frogs as are seen at South Coogee Wetlands. Set up a community garden. Create a garden with terracing/pathways & native plants.
The park is very bare and gets eroded at times. It could be vastly improved by planting low lying native vegetation to attract birds and bees.
Outdoor fitness equipment
Water play park for kids
Seats, shade, landscaping, outdoor gym
Another playground for kids as the nearby ones are crowded
Water play area or sensory play area like sandpits, water troughs with ‘rivers’ to float toys down, cubby houses, interactive panels, flying fox, supersized train track to push big trains around on that are big enough for children to sit on while they get pushed around
Perhaps some picnic tables and play equipment but shade/sun protection is a must.
Leave the park as it is , as a natural piece of greenery instead of going through the motions of a community survey to then say to the community "as result of our survey we found "that people didn't use it so we decided to sell it to a developer" There is FAR TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT WITHIN RANDWICK! WE DO NOT NEED MORE UNIT BLOCKS BUILT!

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Some plants and perhaps some seating - there are good views
Plant nice trees and flowering shrubs to attract wildlife and picnic tables for humans Tree suggestions Sydney fig , paperbarks, bottle brush, grevillea and flowering gums
We need more trees/bushes. An inclusive, all ages/abilities therapy garden like the one being developed in Rhodes Park would be ideal. It would be great to have a community space. I am opposed to just putting in another outdoor gym but if it was sonerhing more innovative (all ages) built using natural materials incorporated into a therapy garden would be a different story.
Additional picnic facilities or perhaps a kids area, anything other than a bare piece of grass
Just lay new turf and stop card from being able to drive onto it. Maybe some new bushes about the edges.
Introduce many native plantings with grassed areas to enjoy for picnics perhaps. No commercial (coffee) stalls please just a nice re vegetated environment. Possible a kids playground.
Build an outdoor gym along with some shade & landscaping. Would then make this a useful & much more attractive area as it is currently wasted space.
Keep the grass and put more native trees and shrubs
Shade sails! Picnic tables? Rubbish bins, more gardens
I know it is difficult in the this drought but some plantings would make it more inviting.
No suggestions except to say that any expenditure should be covered by existing council rates (i.e. no levy)
More trees and tables for picnics
Planting of vegetation. Would be lovely to see it green and bushy and attracting the birds. Some seats too perhaps. As all the Coogee parks are used as outdoor gyms in one way or another I don't see the need for another one.
play area for kids outdoor gym
some plantings and seating to look at the view
signage to invite public use more shade and facilities, eg bbq, water outlets, toilets public art stuff for kids coffee shop
The park provides good viewing and has minimal encroachment. Many of the seating areas north of Wylies Baths no longer have the intended views because of the tree growth. This could be a 'back stalls' to viewing the ocean and activity in the adjacent park along with observing the users of the coastal walkway. It could be a design opportunity to provide a restful area with seating and shade provided for optimal viewing, and surrounded by the particular vegetation associated with the seaside environment.

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We are quite devoid of a few park seats as you have in Trennery and many older people walk that way so a couple of park benches, - not intrusive concreted areas like the area near the "memorial to the lifesavers" - we could have done a lot better with our money than add concreted areas that so detract. I would support low lying natives but why would you bother - who has said this area is an eyesore - and why is an open space a problem for you?? Let the dogs run there too, they love investigating round shrubs. A gym would certainly be an eyesore - keep Coogee as open and beautiful as possible, Concrete you can find anywhere and Randwick has a very bad track record of removing our Green space - leave it alone and spend our money on proper environment needs.
I would like it to stay as it is.
Exercise equipment for seniors and adults like at Maroubra beach with shade cloth. Please no children's play ground next to exercise equipment. So often at Maroubra families with young children are playing on the equipment and will not leave when politely asked. It is not taken seriously as a adult space with a playground next door. Maybe fenced for extra space for dogs to play. Especially small dogs which can get driven out of lower dog park by very active and sometime aggressive big dogs. So a designated small dog area. I am a very regular dog park attendee and many many small dog owners complain about this. Bench seating with shade is also needed. Please keep sport and barbecues out of this park as the nearby oval is better suited . Develop a proper native garden with seating .
Extensive plantings of native trees and shrubs, to provide much-needed shade and food for native birds. In consultation with the Elders at La Perouse and the Randwick Historical Society, a meaningful commemoration of this site's first inhabitants (not a statue!) would be appropriate. The surrounding areas cater for bbqs, ball games, dog exercise and fitness. Neptune Park should be a quiet, green, shady oasis!
Building an outdoor gym
add trees with large shady canopy and an outdoors gym
I'd ask myself: How can this space be linked via design to Trennerry and Grant Reserves? What function can it be that's different to surrounding spaces?
walk through bird sanctuary and native garden
This park should become the sole doggy park while the current park across the road should be improved by landscaping/planting of shading trees and improved picnic/BBQ areas for humans to enjoy by the seaside.
Toilet block, BBQ, children's play equipment
Perhaps plants, table and chairs, a shelter for picnics as it has great views, a piece of scupture. Just no selling it off!!
A sensory garden and picnic area that would be suitable for people with disabilities
Gardens to sit, children's area, greener shady space.
Trees, native plants, BBQ areas etc - Coogee is so popular and needs more good park areas
Maybe cafe / playground area combined - the nearby Coogee beach playground is a good favourite - maybe more of the same but a cafe too?
More shade trees planted and grass laid
Design and construct a children's adventure playground.

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Add shade trees, shrubs (not just low lying shrubs as indicated in the survey question below).
Add a children's playground.
Add a children's cycling track.

Sports training, sprints
Marked out 100m track
Outdoor gym

the park is known amongst my peers as 'dogshit park' as it is currently only used for exercising dogs and many owners dont clear up. It should be policed more actively and there should be more options and reminders for owners to clear up their mess. That would then drive usage for other people as they wouldnt have to worry about excrement. Not sure that a gym is what is required there but it does need improvement from scrub land -maybe some division to make it partly for dogs (they do need somewhere for them to go in order to keep them out of the other nicer parks and the beach) and partly for community enjoyment.

The outdoor gym is a good suggestion, but needs to be well equipped to make it an attraction. Small, simple set ups have proven to have low patronage in the eastern suburbs. If it's going to be built, make it something that people will really be drawn to and rely on as a part of their outdoor lifestyle.

Other options:
- giant outdoor chess set,
- multiple stylish park benches,
- educational water park (good European examples where children can channel water with dams, levies and water mazes and the water recycles back upstream.
- large natural looking water feature with benches to attract wildlife, enhance amenity as area currently not in use.
- unobtrusive mini golf (putt putt) course

More plants and trees. Seating.

Planting and some seating to take in the view. Add a low stone wall to prevent cars from coming into it.

On my walks I witness a great many dogs from the area run about. I have an indoor cat. I would not mind taking her out in nature. Neptune Park would be a convenient and great location. However, cats and dogs don't mix well. Can you please create an adequate fenced-in enclosure so that cat owners can enjoy the park with their cats.

Children's playground. Some trees for shade.

A water park play area for kids. Like what’s been done at pyrmont or other suburbs. Lots of plants and interactive water play

communal veggie garden

Outdoor gym

Coogee needs an outdoor gym similar to north Bondi, not Like clovelly or Maroubra.

Something for older kids like a skatepark or interesting playground aimed at 10+ age group

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1. Improve the soil, with the addition of clay, such as was done at the beach front park. 2. Plant more trees- Norfolk Island Pines along The Wolsley and Neptune Street sides. -Medium sized wind breaks. 3. Construct a waterfall and small stream on it's western-side hill. Possible inclusion of a fish pond. 4. A small children's play area at it's eastern end. 5. Seating to enjoy the view.
Oh yeah the outdoor gym would be great. The one at Clovelly is great too. Such good robust and effective equipment which uses intelligent design & self weighting exercise. I used to go there but my usual walking route is southward to swim, not north so it had to be a planned trip. How much do the Clovelly residents use the outdoor gym at Clovelly? If its high volume I think the Neptune park would get at least the same if not more use.
I agree an outdoor gym with landscaping in keeping with the coastal walk.
You could make it a car park and it would be better
Perhaps a community garden for food, a wild play garden for kids, fruit trees for shade with seating would make it a more attractive space to relax and read or picnic.
Coogee would benefit from an outdoor gym.. I just came back form Broadbeach at the GC and they have a great one along the walking track..
Seating, native plants perhaps some exercise equipment
Car park with motorcycle parking. 4 hr limit. INCLUDES RESIDENTS. NO METERS
BBQs and covered seating picnic areas would be wonderful. Trees and gardens would be great to offer shade and beautify the place. I think it needs more than just shrubs. I do not like the idea of an outdoor gym as I don’t want to hear people making noise early in the morning from my place.
It needs shade, water fountains, and clean bathrooms. There are not enough flat areas with shade around Coogee. I'd love to have mother's group meet in a shady, grassy area in Coogee so our little ones can roll around and play but shady areas are sooo hard to find or always occupied!
A monthly farmers market to activate the space with the community or attract outside visitors.
Advanced trees with a central amphitheater for yoga or other outdoor group fitness/ or even outdoor performances
Outdoor gym & native shrubs
Landscaping and fitness equipment
A community garden More tree canopy cover
Outdoor gym tables and bbq
Please do not install new features here. If anything is add please only trees for shade or perhaps low line gardens - nothing high that will over take the open nature of the space.

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An exercise park similar to the one at North Bondi and Clovelly and the Central Coast
I’d like to see it as a bush regeneration space. Perhaps a site for an ambitious ESBS project?
Better landscaping, picnic tables and benches
A natural discovery park for visitors and children to learn about the cultural heritage of COOGEE.
See lots of dog owners there so maybe an official dog park. Wild bush garden
Kids adventure park, obstacle course down
Enclosed dog area and outdoor gym equipment
Some park benches. Perhaps some trees or shrubs
Trees/shade, benches, native plants/garden.
It should have a return and earn as well as a community garden and modern play ground. Barbecues and picknic tables as well so family’s can easily spend the day there, as well as shade above the table ang some trees around.
Exercise equipment
plant trees for shade, plant natives to beautify the area. Add some seating & a drinking fountain. It could be a quiet reflective space.
A combination of increasing parking for those accessing grant reserve, Wylies and dog park and provide picnic tables with more trees to provide shade
Shade is required, interesting meandering pathway, seating and can be used as another area for off leash dogs.
Planted out with local endemic species particularly for local birds and bees.
Levelling the park as much as possible, including some chairs and tables, and possibly even a cafe.
Plant it. A gym or play park would be good
Landscape improvements for family use, picnic etc.
I really like the idea of building an outdoor gym at Neptune Park. The other side of the road, Trennery Park, is a valuable open space that I would not like to lose to such equipment. But the Neptune Park land is underutilised and would be a good spot for it. On the steeper terrain I'd be supportive of planting native shrubs and plants.
Imrpove the grass and add a tree or two. Create a barrier between the road and the park with shrubbery.
Install a small basketball ring and half court, good grass with two small sized soccer goals for 5 a side soccer and improve the gardens.

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Plant trees and native species indigenous to the area. Add ponds, etc for frogs and lizards. Although a small area, we have lost so much habitat with all the development in the Randwick area, I would welcome less roadkill of the species I have been increasingly finding dead on our roads (Kingsford and Randwick), such as ring tail and brush tailed possums. I assume these have been run over by the removal of large trees with many hollows in those suburbs and the possums have been struggling to find safe hollows. Consider ways of improving this situation by adding nesting boxes for the interim.

Why do you only suggest low-lying native shrubs and plants? I think it is important to grow larger trees.

Yes. Convert it to a dog park and make the existing dog park open to the general public so that we can enjoy it without having dogs around you or stepping on poo (even if they pick it up, remnants are everywhere).

Add Native trees and shrubs?
Street furniture - an occasional bench looking north.

Because it is unconnected and rather out of the way, il do not think an outdoor gym at this site would attract a great number of visitors. The flat dwellers residing in the buildings immediately to the south and west may find that they have a personal park gym and I don't think it would attract anyone else.
I note that Bangor Park between Oberon and Rainbow Streets, has huge numbers of visitors compared with Neptune Park and I am sure an outdoor gym would attract a large number of users.

Better waste management -more clear recycling and landfill bins. Some more seats and tables.
Maybe a public toilet?

Build a small cafe where residents around the area could get coffee/breakfast, or perhaps hold fruit/veg markets.

Cafes, markets

Could be a kids play similar to Entertainment Quarter or Council water parks in QLD with the water that fills up. Small kid, teenagers and families love it.

Paint some small trees/ shrubs for birds, landscape it, put some seats & tables in (with shade). Make it more inviting & a place for sitting, reading & reflection rather than for noisy picnicking .

A playground, picnic area, covered/sheltered area, bike/scooter park.

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Outdoor gyms are stupid. people just play on them they're not a series feature. You should take inspiration from ST PETERS park. It's got off lead dog friendly play areas and a great kids bike and skate park. it's amazing and it attracts families from far and wide. It's always busy. It would have a big shade area and bike track along with mini traffic lights and lanes etc. **** You could also take for inspiration from Centenial Park kids skate park. This might in fact be a little more suited to nelson park ******* A WATER PARK would be awesome. See centenial park water park for inspiration. This is absolutely packed in summer. Kids play and learn here. They run around under waterfalls, sprinklers etc. It compliments the near by play area where you can then walk through to play on the equipment. This is what we do at St Peters. It's a great day and families could then go into Coogee for lunch
seating and planted spaces
It would be nice to be landscaped with park benches and pergola no barbecue area
Benches and tables so people can eat and enjoy the view.
Skate park or basket ball Court Needs shade and seating
Big trees as well as small, picnic tables with benches
Trees, seats, could be another dog park
improved vegitation cover with plants native to the region.
Because of the pipeline under the park, any improvements will need to be careful about where any digging is done! I agree we could have some low-growing vegetation and even paths and interesting features to 'beautify' that bit of parkland, but there could be dangers if there is a big increase in people crossing the busy Neptune Street or Wolseley Road. If anything, we should therefore discourage people from crossing on to the park. There is already a ban on practising golf or other activities. I'd be strongly opposed to having a building on the park. The roadway up to 2a Wolseley Road should be made into a proper driveway; there has been building work that has prevented access by vehicles for the last year or two, and the only access for a vehicle if there was an emergency (e.g. needing an ambulance or fire engine) would be across the park, so that should be borne in mind if intending to plant up the park. When I say low-lying, I mean bushes and plants up to 1 to 2 metres, NOT Banksia or other trees!
Outdoor gym eg clovelly
Outdoor gym
I have always wanted a skatepark there. I think it the perfect position for one. Not a large skate park just one ramp / skate bowl as well as some exercise equipment close by. This would definitely bring me to that park often!

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People do use the space for games, particularly children, since Grant Reserve is often used for sport and the dogpark is not ideal for children. We think the best improvement would be a small playground on the western end under the trees, and perhaps some bbqs, as there are only two bbqs down at Grant reserve. The main reason it is not used as much is that the ground is uneven and the grass-growing efforts have not been effective.

It is desperately in need of re-turfing. It has low grass quality with e.g. big ant beds sections and sand pit sections. The sloped sections near the residences are not properly maintained with pot holes and the like.
Letters written to the council about this in the past have been such that: "we have some agreement but there are no funds for improvement". The low-lying native shrub and plant question below is too vague since it does not say anything about how the flat grassy area for sporting activities would be affected.

a bike/scooter circuit would be cool similar to what's available at Centennial park or Heffron park (with traffic lights, traffic signs, pedestrian crossing, roundabouts...

We could also steal some ideas from "Wild Play" and have some play area for older kids with more challenging structures and activities.

Benches and sun shade maybe would make it appealing for picnics? Might be great as just a green space

Perhaps it could be a mini water sprinkler park for kids or a scooter park?

I think the suggestion of an outdoor gym and planting vegetation is a really good idea as the park space nearby already caters for children playground, ball games on the oval and dog walking.

other suggestions in the surrounding parks that aren’t as close to residences would be to have the space for food truck/coffee wagon, more picnic tables and trees trees trees.

I feel it is a shame that this park is really just a barren reserve and has been for years. I rarely see anyone on it. It is an under utilised asset that desperately cries out for beautification. I am in favour of a couple of uses. One being, an outdoor gym. Similar to the ones at Clovelly and Maroubra. This is the perfect place for people to get fit, admire the view and enjoy the coastal walk. I would also like a low lying native garden being planted to encourage small native birds. In the past few years with the plague of non native Indian Myna birds the smaller native birds are struggling to survive as the Indian Myna birds eat their eggs, their young and are very aggressive. We need to provide a safe and inviting habitat for our smaller native birds. Thank you for this opportunity to give my feedback about this matter.

New turf and extensive landscaping.

Ensure cars can't park within the park area where families picnic on New Years Eve, plant more trees/ shrubs, outdoor gym and basketball/netball rings

Community garden would be lovely on part of it. Some trees for shade, and perhaps a few benches or picnic tables. Another possibility is an outdoor area that could be used for performances.

WE DONT NEED AN OUTDOOR GYM. PLEASE DO NOT BUILD AN OUTDOOR GYM. There are plenty of people happily doing fitness all over Coogee. They have the beach, they do recreational activities in the field across the way. DO NOT DO AN OUTDOOR GYM PLEASE.

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Outdoor gym Sun shades Landscaping
Yes I have a few in no particular order Underground parking BBQ and picnic facilities with tables and covers Monthly market area for produce, arts and crafts
a community garden, picnic spot, shade with bbq and tables
I think the park is great as is. We already get attacked by local/native birds, now that we don't attract them. This problem will get worse with additional shrubs. Also, planting shrubs will make playing and exercising at the park very difficult.
A more aesthetically pleasing reserve with native flora and benches/tables for seating and relaxing. Would like to see a Kids trail/track with educational stops for fauna/flora and local area knowledge & historically important learning.
Plant some shade trees
I like the idea of revegetation to attract birds
I like the Coogee Precinct proposal
i would suggest seating for picnickers as there is a large demand for the other park facilities across the street.
Yes, adopt the Coogee Precinct proposal
Basketball / netball / ball game courts Kids bike track
clean up as an open kid friendly space.
fenced children's playground, tree planting on all it's boundaries, benches why would planting be low-lying? why not natives that may provide shade one day?
Creating a sanctuary for small birds as Coogee Precinct has suggested seems ideal. I've lived in the Coogee area since the late 70s and have witnessed first hand how wrens and other small birds have diminished since then.
Intensive and varied planting of low height australian natives (they are hardy and coastal natives) including flowering plants for the birds. Some edible indigenous plans could also be included as a feature of the landscaping with labelling like that done at the Sydney Botanic Gardens. The POW has built a small and popular indigenous garden on the LHS of the High Street entrance which is worth a visit.
outdoor gym great idea, bird attracting shrubs excellent idea
Lots of planting for birds. Most have disappeared sadly.
I'm happy with the suggestions below (outdoor gym and more greenery)
It is completely barren, how about some plants. There are so many native birds in the area, it would be a wonderful bird sanctuary.
Provide some sort of activity for the community or usable playing surface
Seating, planting, shade and wind breaks, drinking water, ground leveled in places.

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Outdoor gym with shade please.
The one in Clovelly is quite good

Regular patrols by council officers to fine the litterbugs and people with dogs who give "Dog Poo Park" it's name. It would also be good if the council ranges actually picked up rubbish when they walked past if or requested maintenance people pick it up. There are so many items of rubbish here.

I would hate for a huge fence to be installed here, but given the incident over the weekend perhaps spikes along the cliff would deter selfie takers from getting too far towards a potential fall location.

Plant it out as a sanctuary for small birds; put up signs next to common species to educated people about local flora and fauna.

The grass should be maintained. Watered.
The bush trimmed as we have lost many balls etc in that overgrown unmanaged bush.
I would NOT like to see the view restricted as it has been in Grant Reserve. You can not sit and enjoy the views nor can you walk to Coogee Beach and enjoy the views.

I strongly believe that there is ample space in Grant Reserve for sporting endeavours. In the mornings and afternoons the park is filled with people doing exercise. So I would not like to see another outdoor gym area in this quiet space. It is the only quiet space in this section of Coogee Beach. Trennery Reserve has become a dog park so I do not like to sit there and enjoy the views on the grass area,.

A diagonal pathway to be able to walk cutting the corner without getting shoes sandy or wet. Greenery and some trees or other shade. Food growing allotments and community table and chairs (with shade) for gardeners or volunteers.

More trees, exercise area or running track,

One of the Coogee features I love is how natural and green it is, and my local friends also share this view. I think the wetland reserve is magnificent and all the parklands and trees make Coogee a very special unique part of Sydney. I would hate to see the space 'over-cultivated', over-populated or turned into a carpark. Because of this I would recommend planting more native trees in the park with contemplation benches sprinkled throughout, where the ocean views can be admired (similar to the northern end of Coogee beach). Alternatively, a small botanic garden of native coastal flowering ground cover varieties with walkways throughout would be unique to the Sydney coastline, informative and absolutely beautiful. It could be a real feature for the coastal walkers.= and the open sunlight would lend itself to this kind of planting.

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An outdoor, all weather basketball court to provide a great recreational area for member of the local community. There are no outdoor basketball courts in Coogee. It is a social and safe game, neighbouring properties are set back and protected from balls or noise. Basketball is one of the most quickly growing sports in the world and there are many local people who participate in basketball comps but have no recreational, public facilities to play on. It could also potentially be booked for large groups for 45 minutes or more.
Alternatively, it could be a multisport pitch.
It is low cost to install, easy to maintain and will be well loved and used by the community.
Outdoor gyms are quite plentiful and readily available nearby or other areas.
Whilst, we very much support planting of native trees and shrubs, there are already many areas locally to Neptune Park that are well planted with natives and passive recreational areas.

Leave it natural

It's currently an empty verge so it could be improved with trees, gardens and possibly some outdoor furniture, BBQs etc.

An outdoor gym or water park for kids, learn to bike ride pathway or cricket nets/pitch in middle

My suggestion would be for a bike park (think BMX with mounds and dips) for the kids similar what is at Sydney Park. Or skate park.
Not one of those mini road bike parks, we have enough of them.

it's quite nice to see big stretches of open grass for a change and people use it to do exercises (especially since the next park is dog friendly so if you lie down dogs take it as an invitation to play).
The council should consider the maintenance and upkeep of whatever is decided. For example, the outdoor gym near Clovelly bowling club is corroding quickly and one of the bike's doesn't work anymore. The native planting at Gordon's Bay is in much greater need of attention before there is a new planting anywhere else as the lantana and morning glory have completely overtaken the natives, which is very sad.

Yes. I think the park should be developed. I think an outdoor gym would be great to install in this park as there is no outdoor gym in coogee. The closest outdoor gym in on the north end of Clovelly. I think it would be a great development and would mean more people would use the park.

I live on Wolseley road and never see people using this park, it is mostly used as a thoroughfare.

I think that building an outdoor gym would be the most useful and practical improvement to the park. I feel that residents of Coogee are very fitness and exercise orientated, and that an outdoor gym would be enjoyed and respected by not only locals but also visitors to Neptune Park. A Basketball court/or half-court would also be a nice addition to the outdoor gym.

Make a focus for outdoor health and fitness individuals and groups

Option 1: Move the dog park from Trenerry Reserve to Neptune Park (i.e make Neptune Park a fenced dog park and Trenerry Reserve a park for people).

Option 2: Install outdoor exercise equipment at Neptune Park, as well as other locations close to the coastal walk.

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Area for family BBQs.
Outdoor gym including Basketball hoops.
Surrounds of bush and shrubs to attract native birds.
A couple of shelters near the BBQ area. None in near by reserves near Wylies Baths.
Signs to identify different park areas.

Outdoor gym

Yes, as suggested below. Parking is impossible, so nothing that would encourage more cars, like an outdoor gym! And certainly NOT a carpark. Please keep it green.

Increase natural habitat for birds

Seating, a commercial use such as cafe that could generate revenue for council.

I live directly across the road from the park … And I look out into it every day.

It is such a lovely spot but people don’t use it as it’s not appealing but think this is easily fixed with some landscaping.

A few observations

The small grass area across the road in front of Wylies is used all the time. The grass itself is soft and comfortable to sit on and it’s always green and a few small trees offer a bit of shade

My thoughts about Neptune park and how to make it more user friendly

Plant nice soft grass

Landscape it so there are nice pockets of areas planted with a few shrubs or bushes that make a few zones for groups of people to sit.
Keep it well maintained.
The area at the top of the park is used by Picnicers and people reading books under the trees.

Neptune park has one of the best views in the city and is a beautiful park and it just needs some love

I’ve no doubt it could become a lovely quiet place for people to come once it’s given some attention.

By the way what we don't need is:
Another playground (great one on beach st) or skateramp - wrong demographic- as this would take away from the quiet nature of it which it is obviously made to be.

More flower patches to attract more insects. Why not put some protected bee hives as well?

I have the. Loge Precint suggestion on an area designed for native birds and very much like this idea however I think this may not work with the outdoor gym proposal as surely lots of people will scare birds away. But I am open to suggestions on how this can work. I think some seating areas so people can use it as a picnic area, like an extension of Grant reserve would be good.

Install some exercise equipment

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Yes, absolutely. What the eastern suburbs area needs is an enclosed dog park. This piece of land would be perfect for this project.
Would be great to have some more native trees / bushes and a multi-purpose court for both netball and basketball marked up. Not many of those facilities in Coogee as far as I know.
I think this would be a great space to plant trees and create an edible food forest for the enjoyment of the local community. A denser garden feel would be amazing as there's already open spaces for dogs and exercise across the road. Neptune Park should be a place of shady retreat to read a book or take a break and be surrounded by lush garden and wildlife.
I'd like to see more native planting so it becomes more of a bird sanctuary
Better quality grass - during summer, it’s full of bindies. (As is the dog park!!) Perhaps some benches could be added. Happy with plantings, but in a way that doesn’t encourage weeds to grow.
Trees for shading. Or a cricket pitch like in baker park. Or a netball ring. There is nothing like this in this area. Utilise the hill at western side to make for views. Re grass as the turf is in bad condition. Definitely gets some natives growing.
The quality of the ground/grass isn't good, and it's quite unattractive (especially considering what nice vantage points it offers). It would be nice if there were picnic tables or bbq's so people could gather there. Or perhaps even a sports field for soccer and/or rugby. Right now, it just appears as an undeveloped and barren plot of land.
Leave this lovely green space alone and stop wasting rate payer money pursuing frivolous, unnecessary change.
build an outdoor gym
Maybe a pond or some landscaping and some benches would be great

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We'd love it to be improved as a safe, welcoming space with some better native plantings.
Creating a dedicated nature reserve in Neptune Park, with some natural history interpretation, in keeping with a quiet residential facing area would capitalise on the natural beauty and sense of healing and respite to found around the south side of Coogee. This focus on mental and not just physical well being, and the enjoyment and appreciation of nature and it's rewarding properties is what this south side of Coogee is renown for, and is why it appeals and is much loved by visitors, tourists and local alike. The experience of Australian nature is strongly identified with and forms the better part of South Coogee as a unique offering and experience for locals and visitors alike. People are awed by the beauty of the nearby rock platforms, bush care, birds and the vistas to the sea and down the coast. The native bush plantings, heritage elements and natural aspects of the south side parks, there are Randwick's Councils and every resident and guests greatest asset, joy and attraction. This is luckily a contrast to the lively, happy but crowded use at the North end, which unfortunately, now has the added, often extreme noise pollution that pumps out from the Coogee Pavillion. If Neptune Park was to include an outdoor gym it needs to be commissioned and installed so it suits and supports those who will most benefit from the use of it but are unlikely to be able to use an ordinary one: it needs to be for the elderly, the very young, and mother and carers, in large part. The fact is, standard outdoor gyms attract and are dominated by men. Unless specifically designed to favour inclusion, most others in the community, get pushed out or don't get a chance to establish themselves in these spaces. Male dominance and assumed privilege overwhelm standard shared outdoor gym spaces. Evidence and documentation supports this. Installing an outdoor gym, requires it be designed to favour those with varied abilities, time and capabilities, from small to the elderly and less able. Neptune Park might be good for dog owners off leash exercising pets, instead of this occuring at Trennery Reserve, or there be social space on Neptune Park, for family, elderly and women too, through the provision of tables and chairs, terracing for seating or whale watching. If the park development is to feature outdoor gym equipment it must be tendered out to be provided for the elderly, women and children rather then the very fit and able who are in less need of it. A point to consider regards increasing popular sports use, is joggers crossing to and from Neptune, inevitably cutting across at the shortest most direct point to Trennery, which is at the corner intersection of the streets here.
But no matter what is decided, nature reserve, an INCLUSVE outdoor gym or site for indigenous interpretation, we suggest priority be given to ensuring clearer and far more direct signs such as 'if your dog does a poo pick it up' or 'pick up your dog poo or we fine you' signs to be installed around Neptune Park and Trenerry Reserve. Lack of notication and encouragment is becoming a matter of neglect. Many owners do the right thing, but the community are definitely in need of clearer directives in and around this area with respect to health, safety and dog poo, this is almost entirely due to the popularity of nearby Trennery Reserve with dog owners. Neptune Park and surrounding area also features disgusting dog poo experiences where it is often left lying, trodden in, spread around it, which ruins casual enjoyment, is a hazard for those getting in and out of cars, children and those on foot.
Perhaps Neptune Park be considered as a casual dog park, in place of Trenerry Reserve. We suggest it as a replacement to Trennery, certainly NOT in addition to it, which we would oppose.
We love being with our puppy in the parks, interacting with others, but it's true that dog owners with active dogs, off leash, monopolise the open space at Trennery Researve, at the expense of everyone else. We would be very happy to see Trenerry Reserve become an 'on leash' area, if Neptune Park replaced it as the off leash dog park. This would help deal with dogs let off leash by some owners, who let them run into the beautiful and unique coastal fringe and bushcare land next to Trenerry footpath, while they turn a conveniently slack blind eye and letting their dog poo near the footpath and bush edge. There are large dogs who trip, frighten other people or fight with other dogs there. To manage matters, and support everyones right to enjoy the open spaces, could Neptune Park become an off-leash dog area instead of Trennery Reserve. Neptune Park may then be off leash so dogs and poor ownership does not intrude on the freedom of all, to enjoy the coastal edge. This may also

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lessen risk to council and public. Trennery Reserve maybe able to become a space dedicated for the enjoyment of everyone, while Neptune Park could serves a greater social purpose as the off leash dog space and an inclusive, multi ability outdoor gym, designed for those of all ages and abilities to interact with, that does not simply favour the already fit and strong. Or Neptune Park may feature clumps of low growing, native plantings for Australian birds, this direction builds upon the south area being renown for it's visitor and local attractions which are it's well maintained and designed natural features and experiences.

More family oriented recreational facilities. Landscaping and design. Removal of overgrown trees that attract mosquitoes, and affect soil movement

'- Signage
- benches
- picnic tables
- grills
- sun shades
- community garden
- native plants
- small nature walk with educational signage
- more trees
- mounted binoculars for look out
- mini amphitheater for theater productions
- art installations
- game tables; eg like with chess boards

I think the outdoor gym is a great idea. I would also like to recommend a half basketball court. We have lived in South Coogee and Coogee all our lives. I now have 4 children who all love playing basketball. This is a sport that has become more popular in recent years. Unfortunately there is nowhere in the coogee/south coogee area with facilities for the kids to play. Other suburbs have recently upgraded or added courts. This may be a great opportunity to give the kids another outdoor activity. Thanks.

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Car park
There is a massive influx of cars during summer which take away street parking for residents. I believe making the surrounding streets permit holder parking and forcing visitors to use the paid carpark

make more parking spots close to the road and higher up some chairs to sit and watch the view of the sea plant some shade trees and bushes without blocking the view of the unit residents. a gym would make it a noisy place and be quite confronting for most people to enjoy the view.

Seating. Shady trees. Outdoor gym.

more trees, plants, gardens etc.

Wylies is interested to start harvesting storm water off the nearby reserves to use for flushing toilets, watering the gardens, and pressure washing the walkways of the pool. This is perhaps an opportunity to review stormwater flows from Neptune Park and nearby Grant Reserve for this purpose.

Grass better maintained.
Overgrowned Trees trimmed
Sittings

Please leave the park as it is - it's beautiful as an undeveloped green space.

trim the existing overgrown tree. Keep the grass cut

I Would like to see an Under 10 bike track - a mini version of the bike track in Centennial Park. A facility where parents and grandparents can take their kids/grandkids to learn to ride their bikes, scooters, roller etc - with the safety of a circular track. Where young families can gather and parents can socialise with each other whilst the children are playing safely with each other wound the track. The park area should include
• a smooth circular track with some basic traffic/road courtesy educational opportunities
• Some shade trees
• Sweating
• Drinking fountain
• Basic picnic facilities and rubbish bins
• Interpretative signage (e.g. where the nearest toilets are in the park opposite

We have many playgrounds in Randwick, but other than Centennial park, no small local bike tracks.

There is no reason why outdoor gym equipment couldn't be incorporated into the bike track project.
The project could also include some lo plantings shrubs.
But let's take this opportunity to create more than the above.

I will happily be involved in the design and creation of a bike track project.

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The park itself is fine. I don't believe adding anything else would make it nice. Specially any structures like gym, cafe shop etc as it would increase noise and more traffic. Hard enough getting parking in the area. At the moment it's a dog park and it works fine.

Shade trees or summer houses, some parking. A perimeter walking track for exercise that elderly residents could use.

I think a community / shared gardening space should be provided. I believe there is a high interest in sustainability in the area, but there are very few options for growing food. With so many apartment dwellers, there should be more dedicated areas where residents can grow food, and of course compost!

Please PLEASE do not build an outdoor gym. It will not be used... all of the people who exercise already go to the beach or parks alongside the beach, so that they have the view and quick access to the sand and ocean.

I thinks they should build some basket ball courts or half courts
They could possible put a hand ball wall as well. Also have some shaded seating -

One part may be a gym, a larger part may be used for children being a circuit for prams and children's bicycles to travel on and have small structures like a pretend ice cream stand, animals, a tractor, truck, car etc. The entire surface should be spongy so it is safe and easy on peoples knees.
Another use may be large sign boards detailing the Aboriginal history of the area, the history of the area since 1788 and tourist information such as a map of the entire coastal walk.
With the above a pedestrian crossing would be necessary.
Finally, if more cars can be accommodated by changing the current parallel parking to angle parking, this should be done, and if room permits a small part of the park may be used for new parking.

A playground for children!!!

As it is a dog park it needs features for dogs. They like trees to run round and owe on, hills, grasses. A water feature would be amazing as they are not allowed at the beaches and get very hot out walking in summer.
I believe as the environment is stale owners stand round in a circle and watch their dogs this causes angst and sometimes fights (with the dogs). If they had a more interactive playful environment they would not have such intense interaction with each other.

Move the leash free dogs from Trenerry Reserve to Neptune Park and deliver Trenerry Reserve back to the people with it's stunning location and world class views. Develop Trennery Reserve in a tasteful way and make Neptune Park dog friendly.

Community garden

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This space could be a beautiful secret garden. A space to relax and have some peace and quiet - away from the hustle and bustle of the beach and the coastal path. Planting hedges or shrubs to create shade and shelter from the wind - and also to create some privacy from the road and buildings - whilst maintaining a sea view where possible. Planting new grass to make it more inviting to sit on and putting in some benches - but not picnic tables or barbeque facilities. I have a 9month old baby and would love to be able to bring him here and let him play outside on the grass.
I wouldn't use an outdoor gym.

no

1. Install a low, unobtrusive retaining wall (about 1.5m high?) along the two street perimeters and build up those edges with three inviting entrances into the park.
2. Consolidate the existing native vegetation on the west end with additional native plantings, and perhaps including one or two eucalypts for shade, down the slope and around the perimeter, but retaining significant open areas.
3. Add two picnic shelters on the high side, perhaps recessed into the slope, with a BBQ facility. There is a strong demand for the existing picnic/small family party facilities in Grant Reserve. These would have pleasant ocean views.
4. Add a significant high piece of sculpture in the NE corner overlooking the ocean. There are often pieces in Sculpture by the Sea which would be suitable. There was a dramatic structure about 4m high in solid hardwood several years ago which would have been ideal.

Would be good to see a section of it become a well lit, safe ground skate park for kids in the area (not a huge Bondi one!), just small learner ramps.

A part should always stay as dog park as it is known!

Garden beds and seating area facing the view combined with diagonal walk way across it. Community veggie plots could be an option like near the scout hall in Coogee.

too small for passive use so would be good to have exercise equipment, landscaping with native vegetation, seats, kids playground, etc. needs some recreational infrastructure and smart landscaping to attract use. small cafe would also be good

It should be heavily planted with thick native bushes and low level trees and grasses to attract native birds. A native bushland perhaps with an education walkway for locals and schoolkids to learn of native birds and insects. No tall trees as it will break the views of the apartments on the southern side, but thick bushland making homes for birds should be supported by everybody.

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Improve landscaping with native plants.
Create an exercise area. There are lots of people exercising in the mornings so it would be great to be able to spend a bit of time using free equipment. However, personal trainers etc should not be allowed to use it. It should be for public use only.
Children's bike track - under shade.

Utilising it properly, as it is currently just wasted space that could be used for a variety of things. A playground, an area for outdoor events, etc. I literally never see people in the park so it could definitely go to good use.

I really like the idea of building an outdoor gym in the park, i think its perfect for the space and will not be intrusive on surrounding residents. Something like a fitness circuit with outdoor weight/stretch/mobility equipment.

An outdoor gym like the ones in Centennial Park, Queens Park and Burrows Park would benefit the community greatly

Any of the following could be useful and enjoyed by a variety of people: A community veggie garden; A set of very large swings, suitable for bigger kids and adults; a half-size basketball court; shade with more tables and chairs for picnics.

Yes i would love to see a designated area for mobile vendors coffee/ice cream or something long those lines , i have seen this in parks across the world and it really encourages ppl in

It looks unloved and a bit bare. I miss the small birds that used to be in my back garden many years ago, like the blue wren and red-crested bulbuls. I do see them occasionally when I walk along the coastal path if there is sufficient low scrubby bushes to give them protection. it's such a treat.
I love the park at the top of Carrington Rd Coogee where I can walk through a lovely cool grove of trees and flowers to St Pauls St and on to The Spot.
How about a maze of flowering shrubs and an outdoor gym under largish shade trees?? With a few benches or seats.

The bush remnant in Neptune Park could be expanded along its west and south sides, and along the west side of Trenerry Reserve, to link the bush around Wylies in Grant Reserve to the bush in Trenerry Reserve. With tunnels under Neptune Street and Wolseley Road, this would provide a continuous wildlife corridor.

some landscaping would be appreciated - it does not have to be 'flash' but trees and seats.

Would be the perfect spot for an outdoor gym/fitness area with exercise stations....particularly if planted up with additional trees for shade..

An outdoor fitness circuit with gym equipment/exercise stations.

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I don't understand why anything that is not heavily trafficked or 'utilised' needs to be 'improved'. In this era of overdevelopment, especially in the Randwick Council area, it is lovely to have that small space left alone. Developing it, particularly for any commercial purpose, will just worsen the parking in the surrounding streets and add more physical and building congestion. If anything were to be done in the park I would not object to one of its proposed ideas: to plant it out with low growing native vegetation that will attract birds. I strongly object to any plans to put a gym thee. There are alr Andy enough gyms in the area. That space should be fiercely protected for free public space and native species.

It desperately needs more planting to enhance its appearance and attract and encourage the return of wildlife, especially the local birds.

Make some more car parking plus add trees

We have so little open public land. This southern end of Coogee, along with Trenerry Reserve, balances the openness of Dunningham Reserve to the north. This reserve at Neptune Street must have a fairly fragile surface, with its sandbase. Presumably encouraging heavy use would require ongoing and constant care. There would not seem to be any sense in having paths through it.
The term 'low lying' confuses me. Is this because the open exposure of the reserve at Neptune Street may not allow for unstunted growth, or to maintain ocean views? In all of the habitat areas, even overlooking Gordons Bay, there are tall shrubs and trees well used by small birds.
A school planted a section of native species in the reserve at Neptune Street. It has not had constant care. A lot of work is involved in maintaining (and nurturing) even native plants. Given that we seem to be in an ongoing drought situation, I would think that the exiting low maintenance area, with its open view, is possibly the most suitable approach.

Restore to bushland. Water bubbler

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