

COMMUNICATIONS

Community Consultation Report Malabar Outdoor Gym

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1. Summary

Randwick Council is proposing to install an outdoor gym near Malabar Beach at Cromwell Park.

The following report outlines the consultation program undertaken to gather feedback from the community to help determine the best location for the gym. Two possible locations have been identified by Council staff in consultation with the Malabar Precinct. Both sites have good access, visibility, and views over Malabar Beach.

The consultation was promoted using digital and social media, mailbox drop and posters around Cromwell Park.

The Your Say Randwick webpage had over 1413 unique visits. 152 surveys were completed, and 4 submissions received.

The survey results and comments on Facebook indicate that location 2 is the community's preferred location.

Taking into consideration the community's feedback, Council will finalise the design for the outdoor gym and determine the most appropriate location. Construction is expected to commence in April 2021.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background and objectives

A community consultation program was undertaken to gather feedback from the community to help determine the best location for the Malabar outdoor gym.

The consultation program aimed to:

- Inform the community about the planned installation of an outdoor gym in 2020/2021
- Obtain feedback from the community using their local knowledge and experience of Cromwell Park to determine the most suitable location for the outdoor gym.

2.2. Consultation period

The consultation was open 26 August to 22 September 2020.

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

IAP2 consultation level: Consult

The community were asked to view the proposed locations and complete a short survey to indicate their preferred location for the outdoor gym.

2.3. Consultation activities

Community engagement activities undertaken:

- Dedicated consultation website to view the proposed locations, view the gym design and tell us their preferred location by completing a short survey
- Flyer drop around Malabar
- Posters around Cromwell Park
- Email to Your Say subscribers (5317 residents): 26 August 2020
- Randwick News (weekly email): 26 August 2020
- Facebook post: 27 August 2020 (10,494 people reached and 1,849 engagements)
- Listing on Randwick City Council's *Current Consultations* webpage
- Email to all precincts
- Councillor notification

3. Consultation outcomes

3.1. Your Say Randwick website

A dedicated Your Say Randwick website was created to inform the community about the proposed outdoor gym and determine their preferred location.

<https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/malabar-outdoor-gym>

The website was launched on 26 August 2020. The consultation was open for 28 days, closing 22 September 2020.

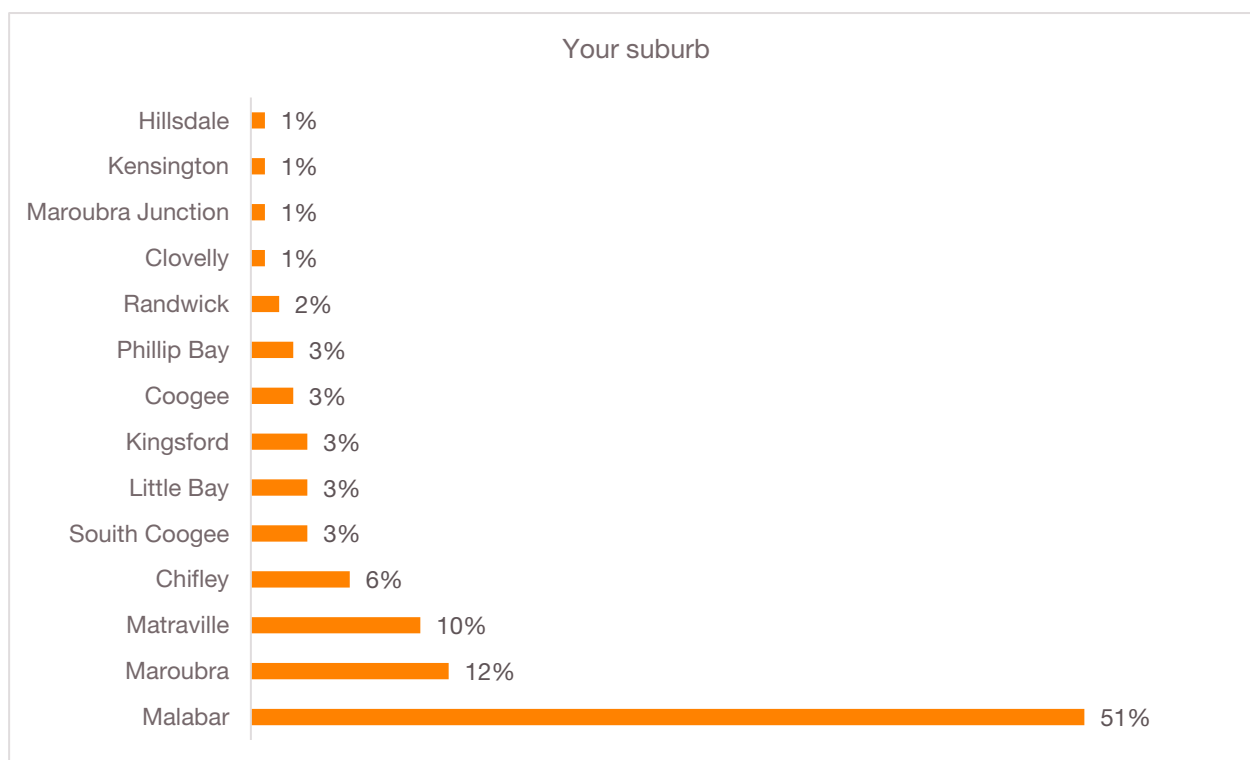
During this time, the site experienced the following:

- 1413 visits to the Your Say Randwick webpage
- 152 survey responses
- 268 downloads of the gym design and 347 views of the gym layout image

3.2. Survey results

A total of 152 surveys were completed. All graphs below represent the 152 responses unless otherwise indicated.

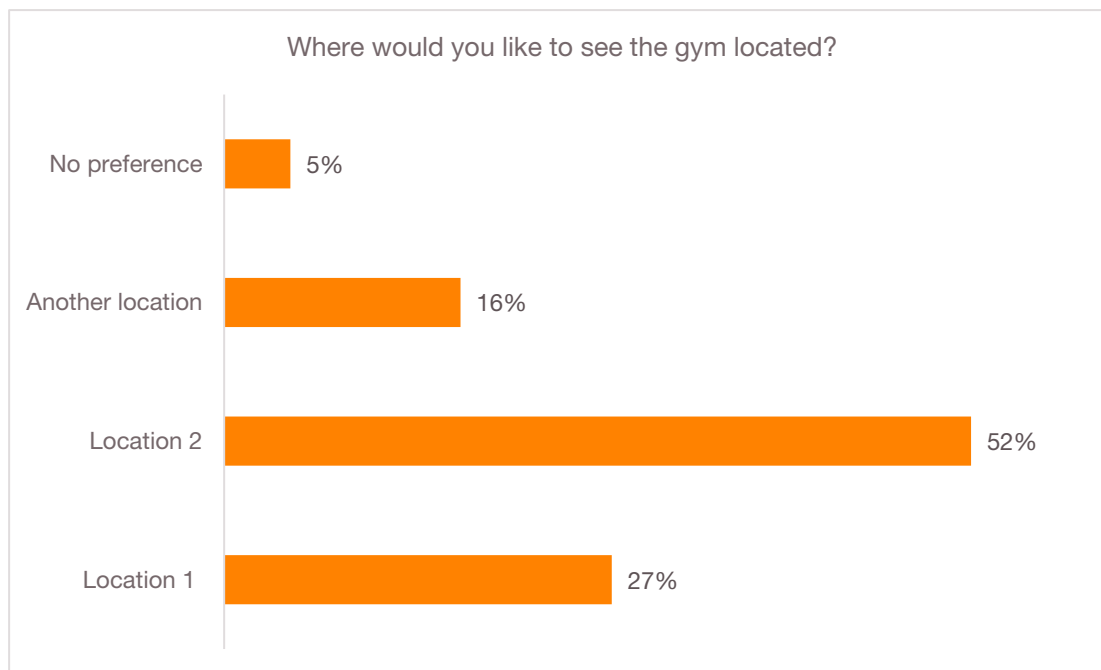
3.2.1. Your suburb



Graph 1: Your suburb

This graph shows that most respondents, 51%, live in Malabar. This is followed by 12% who live in Maroubra and 10% in Matraville.

3.2.2. Where would you like to see the gym located?



Graph 2: Where would you like to see the gym located?

The graph shows that the most popular location for the outdoor gym is location 2, with 52% of respondents preferring this option. Location 1 was preferred by 27% of respondents. 16% of respondents prefer another location and 5% have no preference.

See **Appendix A** for the list of all other locations proposed by survey respondents.

3.2.3. Why did you choose this location?

Where would you like to see the gym located?	Why did you choose this location? (optional)
Location 2	Both these areas are very heavily populated by families during the summer months. Location 1 is right in the middle of picnic spots where location 2 is a little further away and doesn't interrupt the most popular area
Location 2	Leave room for sitting and picnics - which is what it is used for now
Location 2	out of the way, farther off the path. I personally don't want one. they do not age very well and look ugly very quickly...
Location 2	Its out of the way
Location 2	Maintains more open space
Location 2	Close to the beach, away from picnic area
Location 2	Not on the path so a bit less exposure to those walking through, in the kids playground or going to the loo.
Location 2	space 1 is better for lying about, space 2 does not put gym front and centre. space 1 would effect the view from that hill
Location 2	location 1 is too close to the picnic area and kids' playground
Location 2	Great view over the beach, but a little out of the way of passers by. The whole area requires a landscape plan - it could be beautiful.

Where would you like to see the gym located?	Why did you choose this location? (optional)
Location 2	Sunny but not in front of the toilet block so that using the toilet block will be more private and for that matter the exercise session can be a little more discreet.
Location 2	Leaves more space for people to sit on the grass.
Location 2	Location 1 is too close to the children's playground I can see the kids will be using the gym and the adults won't get onto the equipment
Location 2	That area never gets crowded like Option 1
Location 2	It's away from the beach access, no need to overcrowd the pathway & no one in Malabar wants it to turn out like Bondi with exhibitionist everywhere, it's a family beach, we don't want to attract the wrong type of people down there.
Location 2	Location 1 is too close to the footpath. All the human traffic from the beach, the toilets, and the parking etc will be a distraction to the onlookers and the people trying to concentrate in the gym. Location 2 is great for air flow, human traffic and in general.
Location 2	Protected from the cutting
Location 2	Closer to the beach with better view.
Location 2	further away from the 'main' area of the park and the path down to the beach. location 1 will always be more crowded so the gym a bit to the side makes sense, both for people using the gym and for people using the park/beach. also further away from kids playground and main grass area to help stop kids from running into the gym area
Location 2	I choose location 2 because if the gym equipment was to be located in location 1 it would block the beautiful view of the bay and beach when you are walking down the path from Fishermans Rd.
Location 2	maintains the integrity of the beach/reserve. option 1 is too close to the path. Any trees/bushes requiring to be removed should be replaced please. It will be important to ensure a rubbish bin, accessible to the workers who empty it is close by.
Location 2	Further away from toilets and kids equipment
Location 2	Distanced from pedestrian traffic passing by.
Location 2	This will be a more protected site and out of the way. This area can be quite windy
Location 2	Location 2 is away from the children's play equipment which hopefully will give adults and persons who want to seriously workout and exercise some chance to use it instead of having to compete with children who climb all over the gym equipment and use it as an extension of the children's playground. It's also a more peaceful location than Location 1 which is too close to the pathway
Location 2	because it seems a bit further from the road and from the toilets than location 1.
Location 2	Away from pathway.
Location 2	Further away from the other many beach users -don't want the fitness area to dominate
Location 2	away from the path to the beach
Location 2	Out of the way of weekend crowds and protected from the wind.
Location 2	it's more private, you are not been watched by everyone.

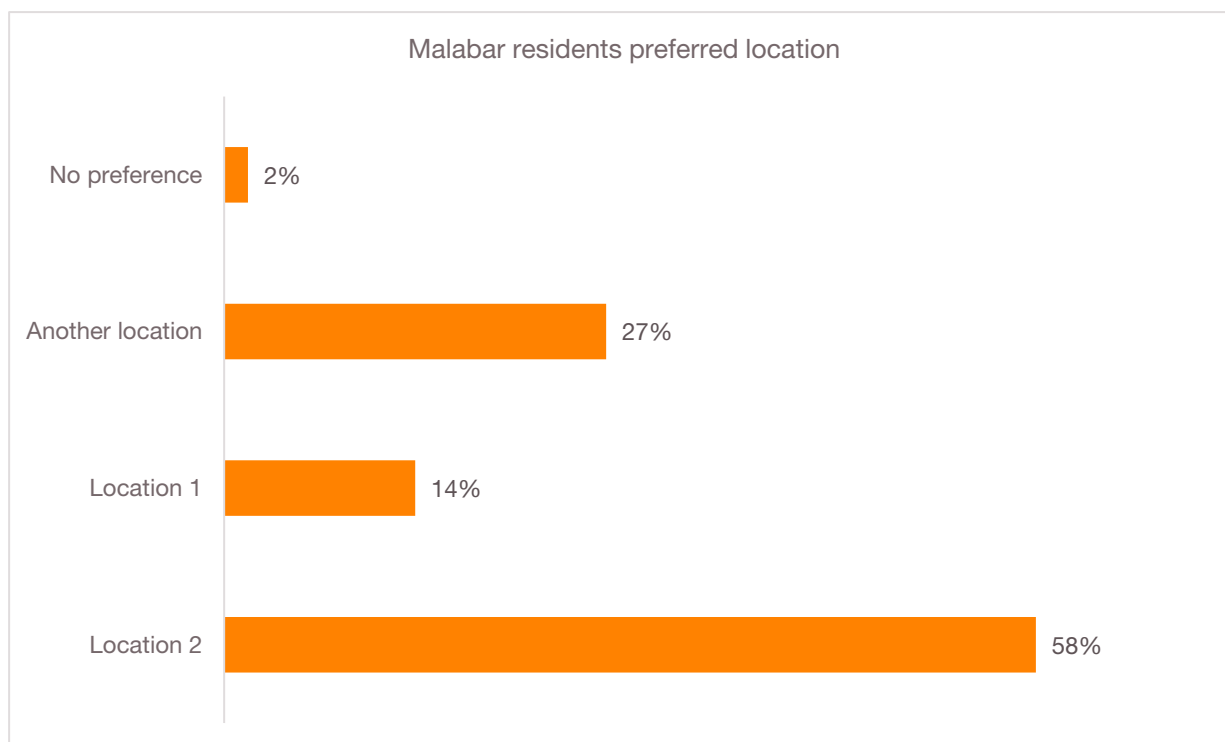
Where would you like to see the gym located?	Why did you choose this location? (optional)
Location 2	the other locations is good for sitting down on the grass for picnics and watching the water. Location 2 is a little further away from the picnic area and easy access to the water.
Location 2	Bit further away from the access road for privacy. However I am an able bodied potential user - unsure if this would suit less abled persons.
Location 2	It's away from the walk way, so only people that would like to use it can and with a bit of privacy
Location 2	It's away from the path so we can exercise without people leering at us from the path
Location 2	Location 1 is used as an overflow area for picnics and larger groups with Marquees, this year it was the Cleanup Australia base location.
Location 2	Not too close to main beach entrance
Location 2	Many people sit and relax on site 1, it would be a pity to stop this
Location 2	More independent of other areas
Location 2	I think location 1, would impact on picnic use of that area
Location 2	Take away from a higher foot traffic area
Location 2	Away from the main area
Location 2	it is slightly off to one side and not bang in the middle of the beach access and park (which I think option 1 is)
Location 2	Becasue the gym goers sweat droplets will stay further away from nearby pedestrians walkpath.
Location 2	further away from the kids playground and main grass area
Location 2	It is in a more private location
Location 2	Not too close to the toilets
Location 2	My preference as it would be further from the path (more people)and the amenities block
Location 2	a bit further from the path so it allows some privacy for non-confident people.
Location 2	More unused part of the park plus shade
Location 2	Further from the foot path to make room for children/prams & wheel chairs
Location 2	Just a little bit further away from the picnickers in Summer and fringing the beach.
Location 2	It's out of the way and location 1 is often used for park gathering and picnics
Location 2	Other option is to congested at the top of the beach access
Location 2	I think this area is more shady for summer & a bit more private & perhaps a bit flatter
Location 2	Location 1 does get used for sunbathers and general play area.
Location 2	It is further away from the kids playground. I find most fitness parks can at times get over-run with small children which can be dangerous.
Location 2	A little more isolated and private from location 1
Location 2	But more privacy and away from the path
Location 2	Out of the way. Option one is where kids run around.
Location 2	Less impact to where beach users are often in the shade in summer. More concealed and less visible.

Where would you like to see the gym located?	Why did you choose this location? (optional)
Location 2	Because its close to the beach, but doesn't disturb the nice grass area of location 1, which is often used for social gather.. Wouldn't want to displace that.
Location 2	I believe better location further away from the path
Location 2	A more private area to train in away from pathway. Less open to weather conditions
Location 2	A bit out of the way
Location 2	More secluded from playground and main path so less kids
Location 2	Looks more "isolated"
Location 2	Location 1 is often used for family picnics and close to toilets. Hence preference is location 2 which is currently an under utilized area.
Location 2	More shade, a bit more hidden.
Location 2	Its not right in the middle of the park
Location 2	It would be so much nicer to have it closer down there. People like to work out without a crowd watching them
Location 2	It is flat and shaded and
Location 2	Looks like it will have shade in the summer
Location 2	We use a park bench every week often a few days a week, located just behind location 1 that was dedicated to a family member we love looking out over the bay as we sit there and think of Sue it would be a shame to be watching people on gym equipment while having reflection and family time. Location 2 is a better placement as its a little more out of the way of beach goers also.
Location 2	It is more out of the way
Location 1	As a female, I like the idea that it is closer to passing foot traffic - it seems a little safer.
Location 1	Close to the beach & parking
Location 1	Closer to other amenities
Location 1	Close to playground and amenities
Location 1	Closer to passive surveillance near the path
Location 1	Location 2 is a bit hidden; there's more foot traffic through #1
Location 1	Easy access, particularly during inclement weather
Location 1	In the sun for most of the day and less secluded location to avoid vandalism
Location 1	Better to be near the path and not take up an open, quieter area of the beach
Location 1	Closer to the pathway and therefore quicker access
Location 1	Location 2 is too isolated. As a female resident I think I'd feel nervous about using the equipment so far from other people. I realise you are trying to capture views of the water from Location 2 but it seems too far away from the rest of the park area.
Location 1	closer to road
Location 1	I believe it would be more suitable in this location, it's a better space for it and location 2 can remain accessible to other residents/visitors socialising or relaxing in this area overlooking the beach
Location 1	more accessible
Location 1	Close to the pathway

Where would you like to see the gym located?	Why did you choose this location? (optional)
Location 1	Easier to access
Location 1	Easier to access
Location 1	Outlook and close to additional amenities....
Location 1	easier access
Location 1	Location 2 is too close to the beach, and so there may be erosion issues. Also, keeping the exercise gym just that little bit further away from the beach/sand creates a nice distance for two very different activities.
Location 1	Because it is closer to the path. It makes sense. The other location is not near a path so not as easy to get to.
Location 1	Slightly further back from the sand and wind from the beach
Location 1	This location is closer to me so I'm more likely to use it.
Location 1	As this is more open to the area so no security issues.
Location 1	Close to the amenities block
Location 1	Convenient access and close in proximity to amenities location (bathroom).
Location 1	Closer to the path
Location 1	Less likely to be damaged by vandals, closer to the toilet block and playground
Location 1	more accessible
Location 1	Closer to path for safety
Location 1	It's closer to bathrooms and bit further from the beach what makes it better for people who wants to enjoy water and beach.
Location 1	Prefer gym adjacent to path, toilets, straight walk down to the beach and think location 2 should be left as grass area.
Location 1	I think the second area is nicer for sitting for a picnic and watching the ocean
Location 1	Closer to people
Location 1	Close to the existing pathway, therefore minimal disruption to the grassed area.
Location 1	Handy to access paths, amenities and beach.
Location 1	Easy inclusive access, better natural surveillance
Location 1	Safer option for female users. Do not like the bush behind option 2.
Location 1	Because the other location is right at the beach and is used so much by us all for picnics and kids play etc. the gym there would be an eye sore and in the way....
No preference	no gym is necessary
No preference	Both lovely locations and a wonderful idea

Table 1: Reasons for choosing location 1, location 2 or no preference.

3.2.4. Malabar residents preferred location



Graph 3: n= 59 Malabar residents preferred location

This graph shows the preferred location for the outdoor gym as indicated by those respondents who identified as living in Malabar. 58% of Malabar respondents prefer location 2, 27% prefer another location and 14% prefer location 1. 2% have no preference.

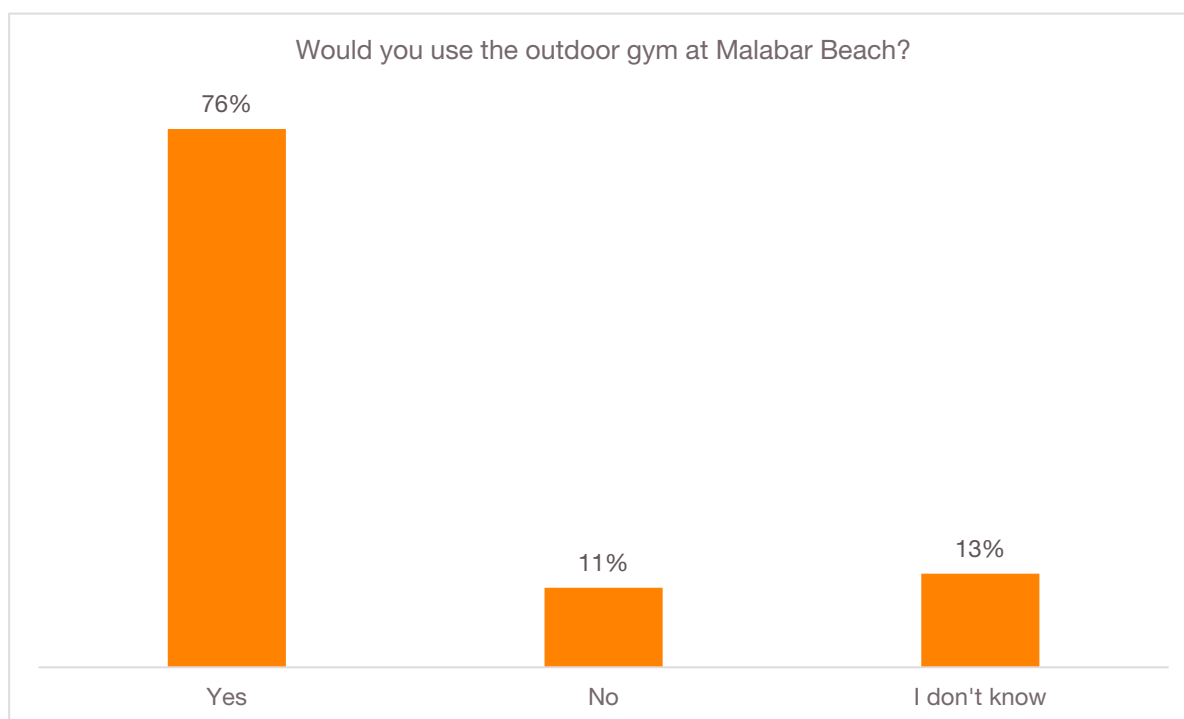
The table below outlines the other locations suggested by Malabar residents.

	Other locations suggested by Malabar residents
1	Would prefer it up at Pioneer Park as both location 1& 2 are favourite spots for families to use as picnic or areas to rest if you don't like sitting on the sand .
2	on the northern other side of of Cromwell park
3	behind the surf life boat shed
4	In my opinion Pioneer Park or the Franklin St end of Cromwell park is a much better option.
5	Away from the beach particularly the natural area you have selected. Perhaps the side of Cromwell Park near the treatment plant.
6	Next to /behind the lifeguard tower
7	Back on the other side of fisherman's road somewhere. Both the current locations are the only spots that can be accessed by the elderly and have a direct view of the beach. I have picnicked there with my grandmother Who was incapable of walking on the beach but was able to join in the fun from that area.
8	I'd like to see it is a sunny spot as the two area are cold in the shade. I don't mind the first location.
9	Open space area between the existing Playground north fence and concrete pathway - near grove of Banksia plantings - happy to attend a site meeting and detail how this area will work better then the 2 proposed options.

	Other locations suggested by Malabar residents
10	Fisherman's road car park grass area
11	<p>My preferred location would be somewhere in Cromwell park or the on the playing fields, where there is plenty of space. Malabar Beach is very small and already crowded with a surf life saving structure (unused) a wheelchair path, showers with concrete surround.etc. Both of the sites suggested are needed for the enjoyment of the general public many of whom live in units. I believe installing a gym on the best location of the beach for the use of just a small minority, is a poor decision and certainly not in the interests of the general rate paying public. It will also obstruct or block the view from families who picnic on the grass every day of the year.</p>
12	<p>The proposed location would add to an already very crowded area.</p> <p>In summer that area is full of picnickers and beach gowers. I live right across the beach on Bay parade and am there often and I see many people and families sitting there enjoying the wide open spaces and the cooking facilities. Its beautiful and already too crowded. Malabar beach area is not as big as Maroubra or Coogee.</p> <p>In my opinion and I find agreement with many other residents is that a more suitable location would be on the playing fields nearby. Every day there are already people exercising and groups doing boot camps there so it would be the natural location to install the gym where the fitness type people already gather.</p> <p>The space available on the playing fields along with the parking facilities there lend itself as the perfect location and it would alleviate to the already very crowded beachside.</p>
13	<p>Further up away from the prime beach view - a lot of families sit there, can monitor children on beach/in water, it's one of the most pristine and beautiful spots in Malabar - an outdoor gym is an awesome idea, but doesn't need such a prime view, maybe cut into the shrub further back or place it up higher in the park at the top of the hill. Malabar is a small beach, it's getting more crowded. On a hot day it's really over packed, need as much picnic space as possible. This proposed area is the best place to sit - it would be spoiled by an outdoor gym.</p>
14	In the grounds of the Sports Field
15	Not on the beach front. Cromwell park, public boat ramp or pioneers park
16	Dacre st, in front of the car parking spaces to the south of Cromwell park.

Table 2: Other locations proposed by Malabar residents

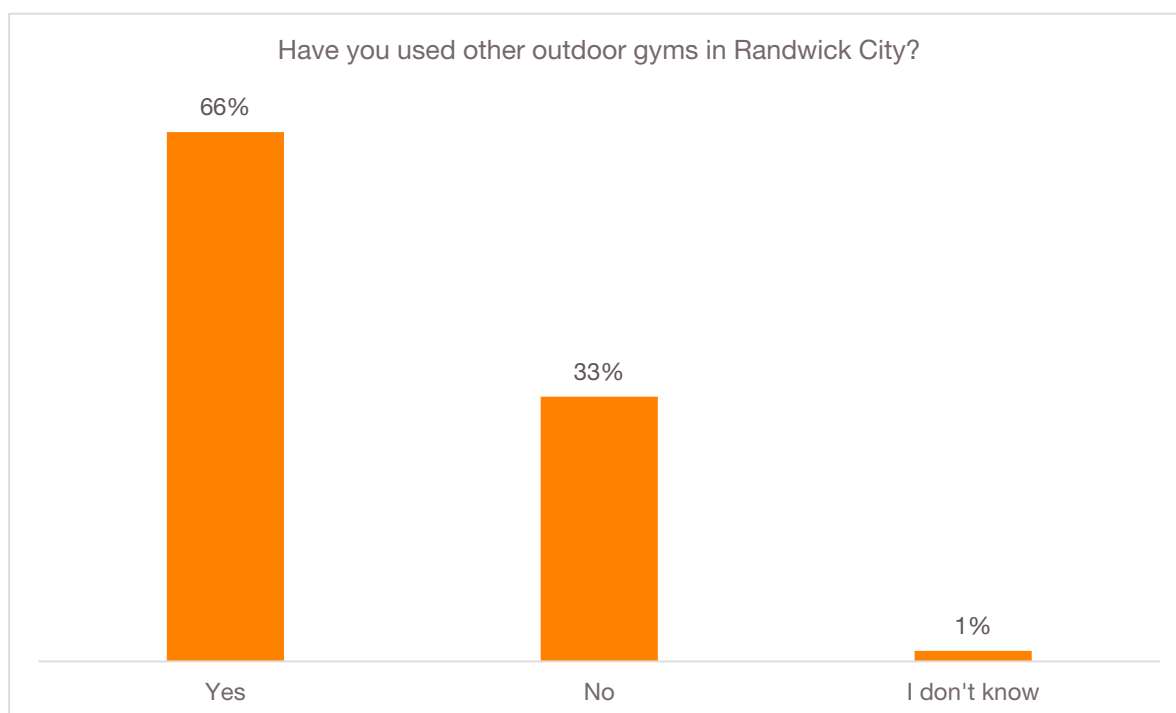
3.2.5. Would you use the outdoor gym?



Graph 4: Would you use the outdoor gym at Malabar Beach?

This graph shows that 76% of respondents would use an outdoor gym at Malabar Beach. 11% would not use it and 13% do not know.

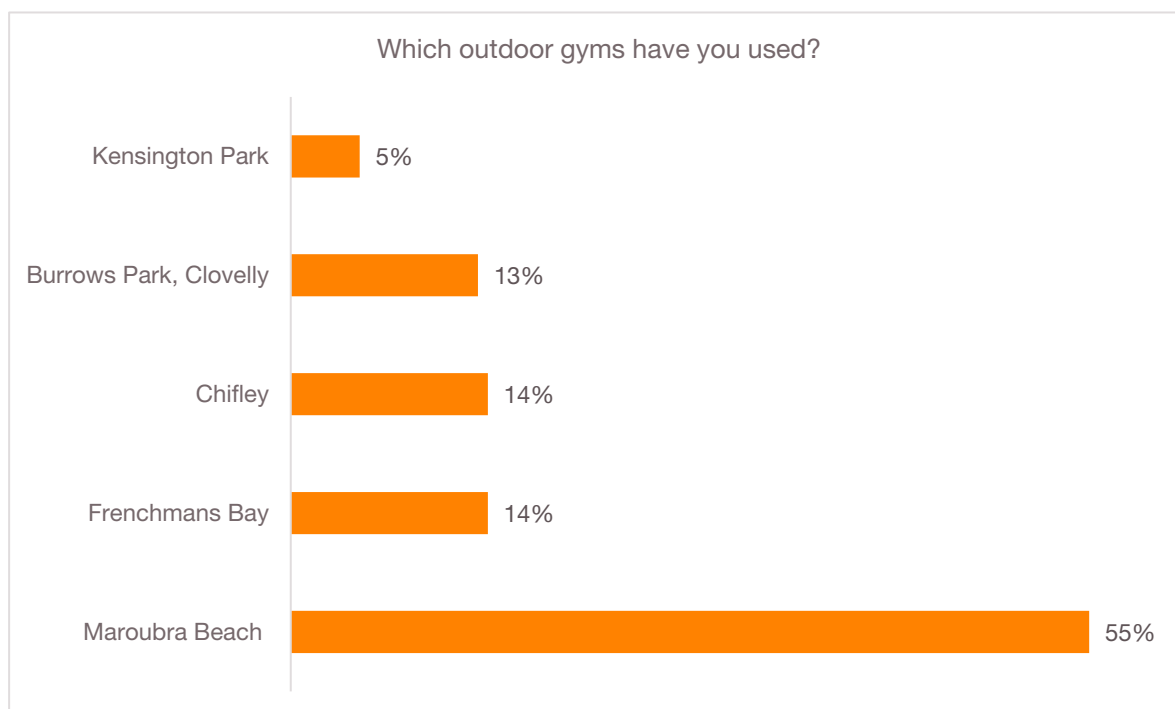
3.2.6. Have you used other outdoor gyms in Randwick City?



Graph 5: Have you used other outdoor gyms in Randwick City?

This graph shows 66% of respondents have used one of Council's other outdoor gym across the city. 33% have not and 1% do not know.

3.2.7. Which outdoor gyms have you used?



Graph 6: n=147 Which outdoor gyms have you used?

The graph shows that of the 66% of respondents who have used a Randwick Council outdoor gym, the majority have used Maroubra Beach (55%), followed by Frenchman's Bay and Chifley (14% each), then Clovelly (13%) and lastly Kensington (5%).

3.2.8. Do you have any other comments?

	Comments
1	If I still lived in Malabar I would certainly use this gym. Residents have been asking for this for years. Unfortunately too late for me.
2	Do not like the idea of outdoor gym at MAlabar. It engenders a kind of competitive gym culture which is not conducive to Malabar family friendly culture and imposes on a peaceful setting and disturbs the natural environment
3	as per above - i am against it. i have used the one in la Perouse - the equipment is hard to use as it ages. heavy, clunky. real gym people go to the gym. this is an eye sore....
4	It is a great idea and will prove very popular with the locals. If my suggestion isn't chosen I would prefer location 2.
5	Yes could you please add some more equipment to the Maroubra Beach gym - a range of three chin up bars like they have at Bondi beach would make a huge difference to its use - so different heights to encourage smaller people to also exercise and it would be easy to install as there is a space already designated. Also why is the Clovelly beach equipment so much better than elsewhere - perhaps that top end level of design should be replicated elsewhere

	Comments
6	Please do not add further built form to our immediate beach environment. The open space alongside the beach is already limited.
7	We also need a outdoor gym in Barwon Park on Franklin Street Matraville opposite the Franklin Street horse stables area.
8	Its great that council is providing this facility. Just make it work better with circulation and functioning of the park, giving the green / grass / vegetation surfaces priority
9	Would love to see an outdoor gym at Heffron Park. Covid19 has seen a huge increase in usage of this park an outdoor gym would be a welcome addition.
10	Great facility! We should have one in Nagel Park, Maroubra
11	it's a great idea. Please keep the area with nice foliage for privacy while exercising but not too much foliage that it is isolating and unsafe. a view to the beach while exercising is a great idea!
12	When will the renovation of Neptune park, i.e. the design advertised outdoor gym, play area, native garden be announce?
13	It's a great idea, design to care for all ages and needs.
14	Yes 1. allow dogs on the beach before 9am and after 6pm 2. Remove all the small rocks from underfoot in the water at Malabar beach.
15	I would like to have more detailed info on correct use of the equipment permanently accessible eg on an engraved board showing the sets and the best actions.
16	Fantastic idea
17	Bike racks please, to encourage local, short trips by active transport for health!
18	Great idea
19	It is a wonderful idea. Thank you
20	Keep Meriton out of our community!!
21	There's a piece of equipment at the Garnet Jackson reserve in Botany that I think should be added. My elderly parents love it and anything we can do to get older people to use the gym is a good thing. I don't know what it's called but you stand on it and can twist for a nice stretch. This is a link to the photo. It's the piece in the foreground of the photo http://postcardsydney.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Garnet-Jackson-Reserve-Outdoor-Gym.jpg
22	An outdoor gym and native bird habitat has been promised for Neptune Park, Coogee for approximately two years and not yet introduced.
23	It's a great initiative to have more outdoor facilities especially at this pandemic time.
24	Public access facilities should look to minimising impact upon the natural environment, and this design presents as having recognised this impact by it's sheer scale. I wonder if it could be better enhanced by a water feature, like a bubbler, with a story attached to the framework. As a pause and reflection space, incorporated within an exercise space, it could then 'house' a subtle inclusion of those who are less mobile but ever-so-willing, to be so [mobile].
25	Remember large seas hit the beach and would wash location 2 away. Feel exercise gym near monument would work.

	Comments
26	The one in rowland park
27	Have used gyms in other council areas
28	I still think siting near/within the fishermans' road car park by the boat ramp would be better....but i d rather option 2 over option 1 any day
29	What about in the other part of Crowell Park across the road, this is little used?
30	Please don't cut any trees down to put this in
31	I think it is a great idea!
32	Children play on the gym equipment at Maroubra Beach even though they have a park very very close. That is very unfair for adults and seniors wanting to use the gym equipment and exercise.
33	It's a great initiative. Please install it soon. Thanks
34	Thank you great idea.
35	Please be mindful that not all people want to use this equipment. The view and the grass bank is a favourite for locals .
36	Great initiative. Thanks
37	how will it be kept clean?
38	Pioneer Park would be a good location?
39	The gym at Rosebery is a very good model to base your design on and the equipment that gets used on a regular basis.
40	Great initiative.
41	I have used the indoor gym at Des Redford and I have been devastated not being able to go because of covid risk. I am a 57 woman who have osteoporosis, and my treatment is strength training. I would use it every other day and would be very grateful. The only thing I didn't like was the artificial blue floor you are proposing. Something more natural looking that would blend in with the natural setting would be more relaxing and pleasant for the aesthetically minded. That blue is toxic looking. This is important for me, I love nature, can you make it so it is camouflaged in the park, rather than to stand out?
42	The Matraville residents have been asking for an outdoor gym too for the last three years. An outdoor gym is wanted at Barwon Park on Franklin St Matraville can our area have one too please. It seems that the beach areas get all the funding from RCC spent in their area. Remember we pay rates too so can we have our fair share of funding in the Matraville please.
43	Yes. Ca you paint an agility ladder on the ground for extra exercises, a bench that is flat and inclines so we can bring our own weights down. I don't use the other gyms because the machines aren't designed for someone who is 6ft 3. A pole to hang a punching bag off that we bring and take our selves, step up or fixed jumping boxes. Tall rails/bar for taller people. a slam wall to use medicine ball against. Happy to talk to someone to elaborate or explain better. Most outdoor gyms are designed for older generations and smaller people. Not people in their 30's and 40's that like to train outside and do HIIT type training with both aerobic and weight and bodyweight exercises. You should be able to enhance the gym facility by bring and taking home your own equipment. And this is not for personal trainers to make money just the general community who like to be outside, train, and enjoy the water.
44	the roman rings seem to be a difficult activity and would be only used by experienced/strong athletes..something more appropriate to average athletes may be more suitable
45	Love what Randwick Council are doing to beautify our area. Keep up the good work. PS Great customer service when I call Council too

	Comments
46	Hopefully it is not put in the locations suggested as these are prime picnic spots.
47	Location 2 is a good location if the Gym is set back a little into the embankment which is mainly infested by weeds, it provides good shade during the peak sun times in summer ensuring that the Gym users are not just compressed in early morning or afternoon, provides power if needed for security or lighting and a pleasant outlook, it is not heavily used currently and is still accessible to the fisherman's road carpark and far enough from residential houses for early morning users.
48	Great idea!
49	Is this the best use of Council Funds? What is the expected usage of this outdoor gym? Are other outdoor gyms in Randwick Council used a lot? I'm not sure on any of these. Hopefully this has all been taken into consideration.
50	My Kids get me away from any gyms but soon will use them all,
51	Great idea
52	PLEASE!!!! Please build one of these in Coogee, there is so much space in both the North, South and middle sections of the beach/surrounding park areas, please build one!
53	Great collection of equipment
54	Further options for gym in Malabar beach area need to be considered . It really should not be so close to the beach
55	Great initiative!! Keep up the good work Would love a basketball hoop in Barwon Reserve or the Park in Blaxland St Also, laneways in Cunningham Park, would love this cement path. Less damage on shoes when walking down and not dangerous.
56	Great initiative!
57	Please don't put the gym in this natural area behind the beach it would ruin the unique natural beauty.
58	An outdoor gym is not needed. If people want to exercise, they will. There are many outdoor areas to exercise. If you check statistics you will find most of the outdoor and indoor gyms are declining in numbers (before corona virus) Theses exercise fads come and go
59	Love the idea. Other areas have them and we have so many local people walking, running and exercise in our area
60	A good addition to the beach park area.
61	This is a great initiative. I trust you would allow for CCTV to ensure it stays damage free
62	A good idea would be to have a personal trainer available, run morning fitness courses for the locals.
63	Thanks for considering this an option for Malabar, much appreciated by locals.
64	"Very good initiative. Comments: - Please make sure any equipment with moving parts are sustainable - is it possible to make some equipment variable eg different resistance for different abilities. - any other facilities eg drinking fountain?
65	great idea. It is my teenage children who will use this and its appreciated as many can't afford gym memberships

	Comments
66	An area dedicated to stretching, mobility and warm-up would be good. Often the parks are very tight on space to perform free-flow exercise.
67	Please consider improving Malabar boat ramp
68	<p>Make sure equipment is decent as outdoor gym at say la Perouse is not good at all. It only caters to senior public.</p> <p>So focus on equipment which can be done via body weight. Example: pull up bar is really good that you plan to add.</p> <p>Similar dip bar.</p> <p>Things like chest press, etc are pretty much a waste as no one really does it anyways.</p> <p>Things that assist in core.</p> <p>Rope climbing could be amazing.</p> <p>Also people have hrx and suspension stuff these days. So where people bring their own and then just need a pole or bar where they can use it</p>
69	It's a terrific idea, please take it seriously and do it properly, a real investment for the future.
70	It would be great to have a similar facility in Coogee.
71	This is a great idea to add it
72	Love Randwick council approach to cater to the general public. Thank you for all your hard work.
73	I feel strongly that the project and any reference should be "Exercise Equipment" or "Station" by using the terminology Gym creates a perception of loud music , robust work outs , boot camps for long periods of time. Randwick Council has to be aware of the potential impacts. What the Malabar community want is exercise equipment to enhance there overall health and well being if someone is after a higher level then Gym establishments like Fitness First and F 45 are an easy commutable option.
74	<p>I regularly use the Maroubra Beach community gym. It gets used a lot. Send someone immediately to fix the broken and loose equipment, it has been broken for months now and the bike has been faulty in the crank bearings for at least two years.</p> <p>Please keep the gyms safe and functioning after commissioning With some Programmed regular maintenance. I have witnessed A few times where a council employee or contractor appears at the gym with a notepad, writes some notes, and very little happens after that.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
75	Still looking for the gym at Chifley
76	How many people really use these gyms? I've never seen anyone use them. Is it really needed
77	Love the rings, parallel bars & pull up bar
78	It's a good idea
79	Lets get this done for summer x
80	It would be very disappointing to see an outdoor gym on the beach area cluttering the natural grass areas and outlook from the beach on the proposed location 1 and 2

	Comments
81	<p>Less impact on environment and less maintenance costs. Location 2 would better suit the Life Guard observation tower if the current tall undergrowth obstructing surveillance is not removed.</p> <p>I believe it would be fair draw your attention to the considerable increase in surfing numbers here during moderate to large surfing conditions because average surfers can get out and catch a wave here but not at say Maroubra.</p> <p>Large surf, increased surfing Numbers, surfing a small reef shelf needs Lifeguard surveillance and management for surfers. Randwick Lifeguards need better than a surf cam to do there job under Councils Duty of Care for the surfing public.</p>
82	The oval is the best place. Thank you.
83	It's great to finally see some infrastructure and benefits being delivered for Malabar/
84	I attend Des Renford gym. I agree outdoor gyms are a good idea but they should be placed in a location that does not obstruct or vandalise the view of the general public for a small minority.
85	I am fitness concious. But I am a long distance runner. I ran the Boston Marathon in 2018. I regularly run along the coast Malabar to Coogge and to Bondil .I do appreciate fitness and wellbeing and so I think installing gym equipment is a great idea but not at the proposed location.
86	Please build this as soon as possible as it is needed in Malabar.
87	How soon will this happen?! Can't wait!!
88	I think the beach park is quite rare on the coast & very special with its natural beauty. The sports park would be ideal for the gym & not be out of place
89	<p>Do not approve...I would assume most people in malabar aren't aware this proposal, as they don't regularly review and use social media....</p> <p>The people proposing these locations and suggesting they are not currently used area are being dishonest. Every weekend these areas are used.</p>
90	<p>Not against a outdoor gym</p> <p>It's a great idea just not location 1</p>
91	Great idea. Or put it in pioneer Park next to car park like daceyville.
92	It's a nice idea but just don't plonk it right in the middle of a beautiful, natural spot on our beach. Put it a little further back out of the way and sight. Thanks

Table 3: Additional comments by survey respondents.

3.3. Submissions

Four submissions were sent directly to Council and are outlined in the following table.

	Submission
1	May be we should clean the grafitti first and then think about a new health club

	Submission
2	<p>I learnt last week of the plans to construct an outdoor gym on the grassed sand dune area directly behind Malabar beach. I gather that two locations have been settled on – well just variations of the one location really, as they are both on this grassed area.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to any infrastructure in this natural area. We are so lucky to have a natural area right behind the beach and it definitely adds to the beauty of Malabar. This area is heavily used for picnics and just sitting peacefully and enjoying the view. It is away from the playground and busy picnic tables, I know there are many locals who love this spot for its views, relative quietness and accessibility. Many have family traditions of gathering and picnic here to celebrate occasions.</p> <p>The introduction of gym equipment will bring exercise groups to this area and really rule out this as a picnic spot.</p> <p>I understand that this has already been discussed at the precinct meeting and I have completed the questionnaire currently hosted by Council. I understand that the grassed area at the end of Fishermans Rd was considered and this seems like a great spot.</p> <p>I am not opposed to gym equipment if this is needed by some of the community, but surely there is another location that is not as sensitive and please not at the expense of other users of the area.</p> <p>There are very few natural (I understand it is not pristine!) areas around our beaches, please don't ruin this one for a small segment of the community.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my viewpoint. I hope Council can find a happy solution.</p>
3	Location 1. Best safe location been waiting a long time finally Thanks.
4	Not a big fan. Perhaps an option for no gym would be good? Both locations seem like poor choices and will spoil the continuity of the nice grass area. Why not simply co-locate near the kids park. Has the community requested a gym?

Table 4: Submissions

3.4. Facebook





Christine McColl How much money has been spent on Coogee over the years with very little going south of Coogee!!!! It's time a few resources were directed to Malabar and Maroubra .

Like · Reply · 4w



1 Reply



Malabar Community This amenity has been requested by the local precinct group 4 years ago on behalf of local ratepayers, we have waited patiently whilst other suburbs in the north of Randwick LGA got facilities and improvements. It's designed to be used by multiple age ... [See More](#)

Like · Reply · 4w



2 Replies



Natalie Rachel Seems a shame to spoil the natural surrounds with bits of metal at no2. Why crowd more stuff, cars and people into this small part of Cromwell? There's more space and shade on the other side of fishermans road or space on the northern part of pioneers.

Like · Reply · 4w



2 Replies



David Korpar Yep pretty smart Randwick city council both Areas are full as during summer with the beach goers ! How about the other side of the road in the park near the surf rescue shed ? Just a thought and does not take up prime beach space

Like · Reply · 4w



1 Reply



Carol O'Neill Fix the intersection coming in and out of Malabar before someone gets killed there it's always been bad but since headland walk opened it's a nightmare for us residents and it's terrible to watch kids getting off school buses dodging traffic to cross 🙄 have a look next time you are checking out the new toilet block

Like · Reply · 4w



Paulette Barahona Both proposed spots are NOT good at all as they get used for sitting, laying, picnics...etc and get crowded during the warmer weather. Perhaps closer to Dacre Street and in the shade as the equipment will get hot in the sun.

Like · Reply · 4w

2 Replies



Malabar Community Location 2 gets morning sun and afternoon shade and it not in heavily used area, towards Dacre is too close to houses and this is set back into the embankment.



Antra Kalnins further away from the picnic areas would probably be preferable as I find the serious (usually male) gym bunnies get pretty peeved kids use the outdoor gyms

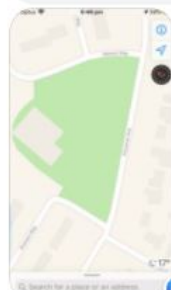
Like · Reply · 4w



1 Reply



Heath Baum When are you going to put in a decent playground/outdoor gym at this reserve, it looks like it has not been touched in 40 years.



Like · Reply · 4w



Liza Aparicio It's such a beautiful place why don't you just leave it alone! Why do we have to have things built all around our beautiful beaches! Just let nature be! If you want a gym there are plenty of gyms around FFS!!

Like · Reply · 4w



4 Replies



Bernhard Prüller At the same time you should allocate some \$\$\$ and upgrade the shower!!!



Like · Reply · 4w

-  **MT Davis Sheep** How about a bike park at Mahon pool ?
Overwhelming local support
Like · Reply · 4w  1
↳ 1 Reply
-  **Bonnie Rowsell** Neither. Get some more picnic tables going
Like · Reply · 4w   7
↳ 2 Replies
-  **Eric Huang** Snape Park in Maroubra needs one
Like · Reply · 4w  3
↳ 1 Reply
-  **Sandie Reid** How about mire parking first to accomodate the additional traffic this will bring!
Like · Reply · 4w
↳ 2 Replies
-  **Tyrone Atkinson** Location 2, but please build a real outdoor gym with pull-up bars ect.. rather than just the bodyweight bike/row machines
Like · Reply · 4w  3
↳ 1 Reply
-  **Kerry Ring** Please clean out the pool 🌊 , get all the seaweed out first !!
Like · Reply · 4w  2
-  **Jaime Pablo** Coogee needs one
Like · Reply · 4w
↳ 2 Replies
-  **Louise Donaghy-Bryan** Location 2
Only because it prob isn't used as much as location 1 for picnics etc
Like · Reply · 4w  1
-  **Vanda Ven** 2 please, great idea!
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Bryn Langdown** and what about Coogee.. what about a Gym there?

-  **Matt Jungblut** Put more chin up bars of different heights and another set of rings, we don't need more of the same stupid bodyweight chest press etc like other ones ie Maroubra, maybe move location further in Park, right near beach equipment will be boiling hot, plus as mentioned above, crowds will be ridiculous in summer in that area
Like · Reply · 4w  2
-  **Daniela Benussi**  Top Fan Actually I agree. Need more picnic tables and shelters
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Kilo Hane** Nearer to the playground would be good so parents can watch their kids while getting a little workout.
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Donna Shin**  Top Fan Location 1. Closer to the walkway.
Like · Reply · 4w  2
-  **Rinnie Brighton** Location 1. Looks like a safer location for users.
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Murray Temple**  Top Fan Definety location 2
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Cara Hickey** Can we have one in Coogee?
Like · Reply · 4w  1
-  **Jackie Carroll** Location 2 please
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Divya Sachdeva** at heffron pls
Like · Reply · 4w
-  **Giacomo Raffaghelto** 2
Like · Reply · 4w
↳ 1 Reply
-  **Kris Wonitowy** #2 for sure
Like · Reply · 4w

 **Josh Leon Fraser** 1 is closer to other facilities already, and looks like fewer trees would get disturbed

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Nicky Foster** 2 please

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Maria-Luz Abarca** Lovely idea! Number 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Colleen Blank** 2 pls ..we like to sit at 1

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Spot Anderson** 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Trent J Cohen** 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Lynda Monteiro-Wallace** Yssy Wallace

Like · Reply · 4w



1

 **Ben King** James King sounds good

Like · Reply · 4w



1

 **Valentyna Kors** 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Andriette Ellis** 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Monise Sbrissa Grimaldi** 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Klaus Savdie** How about upgrading coogee beach first

Like · Reply · 4w

👉 7 Replies

 **Deirdre Kelly-Davis Elliott**

 **Ange Taranto** Russell Catherine Tate FYI

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Mark Lee** Jordan Barta

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Daniela Benussi** Location 1.

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Roger Teofilovic** Location 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Jodie Earnshaw** Location 2

Like · Reply · 4w

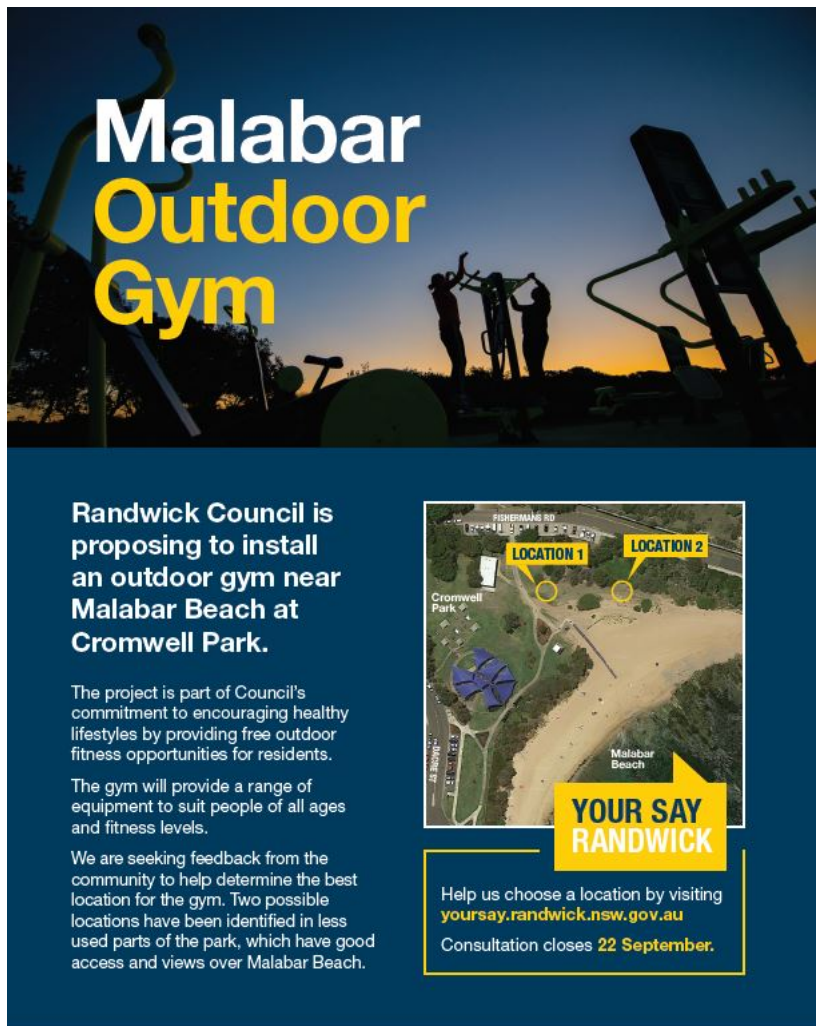
 **Heath Baum** 2

Like · Reply · 4w

 **Carley Broad** Location 2

Like · Reply · 4w

4. Communications material



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Image: Poster and flyer promoting consultation

5. Next Steps

Taking into consideration the community's feedback, Council will finalise the design for the outdoor gym and determine the most appropriate location. Construction is expected to commence in April 2021.

A. Other location suggestions for the outdoor gym

	Other preferred locations
1	In the section of the park on the other side of Fishermans Road, behind the boat shed.
2	Alongside the surf rescue compound
3	In front of the Surf Club area behind the public picnic areas, bbq areas.
4	Avoid plonking into a space which is valuable for picnicking and sitting on the grass - this is a small park and the grass is scarce enough. Suggest link to an existing feature eg playground area or into a triangle surrounded by footpaths, or near the carpark - utilise existing access rather than creating more
5	I would like to see gym opposite where the monument in the park is. It's close to fisherman's road but far away enough from huts
6	Would prefer it up at Pioneer Park as both location 1& 2 are favourite spots for families to use as picnic or areas to rest if you don't like sitting on the sand .
7	Further back away from the beach somewhere between the bbq area and the toilets
8	Up towards the helicopter rescue base, on a grass area that isn't used often.
9	on the northern other side of Cromwell park
10	behind the surf lifeboat shed
11	In my opinion Pioneer Park or the Franklin St end of Cromwell park is a much better option.
12	Away from the beach particularly the natural area you have selected. Perhaps the side of Cromwell Park near the treatment plant.
13	Next to /behind the lifeguard tower
14	Back on the other side of fisherman's road somewhere. Both the current locations are the only spots that can be accessed by the elderly and have a direct view of the beach. I have picnicked there with my grandmother Who was incapable of walking on the beach but was able to join in the fun from that area.
15	I'd like to see it is a sunny spot as the two area are cold in the shade. I don't mind the first location.
16	Open space area between the existing Playground north fence and concrete pathway - near grove of Banksia plantings - happy to attend a site meeting and detail how this area will work better then the 2 proposed options.
17	The park on the otherside of the road behind the surf club. Its a place that is not often used and a large area. It would be perfect!
18	Fisherman's road car park grass area
19	This park already gets overcrowded. Please, please consider moving the gym to the next park behind this one or to the oval which is where people exercise. Please don't spoil the natural beach environment more or add to overcrowding. There is so much space around the oval. You do not need to look at the water while using gym equipment. If people must, then it could be near the boat ramp or on the way to the pool. Anywhere but Cromwell Park. Thank you.
20	My preferred location would be somewhere in Cromwell park or the on the playing fields, where there is plenty of space. Malabar Beach is very small and already crowded with a surf life saving structure (unused) a wheelchair path, showers with concrete surround.etc. Both of the sites suggested are needed for the enjoyment of the general public many of whom live in units. I believe installing a gym on the best location of the beach for the use of just a small minority, is a poor decision and certainly not in the interests of the general rate paying public. It will also obstruct or block the view from families who picnic on the grass every day of the year.

Other preferred locations	
21	<p>The proposed location would add to an already very crowded area.</p> <p>In summer that area is full of picnickers and beach gowers. I live right across the beach on Bay parade and am there often and I see many people and families sitting there enjoying the wide open spaces and the cooking facilities. Its beautiful and already too crowded. Malabar beach area is not as big as Maroubra or Coogee.</p> <p>In my opinion and I find agreement with many other residents is that a more suitable location would be on the playing fields nearby. Every day there are already people exercising and groups doing boot camps there so it would be the natural location to install the gym where the fitness type people already gather.</p> <p>The space available on the playing fields along with the parking facilities there lend itself as the perfect location and it would alleviate to the already very crowded beachside.</p>
22	<p>Further up away from the prime beach view - a lot of families sit there, can monitor children on beach/in water, it's one of the most pristine and beautiful spots in Malabar - an outdoor gym is an awesome idea, but doesn't need such a prime view, maybe cut into the shrub further back or place it up higher in the park at the top of the hill. Malabar is a small beach, it's getting more crowded. On a hot day it's really over packed, need as much picnic space as possible. This proposed area is the best place to sit - it would be spoiled by an outdoor gym.</p>
23	In the grounds of the Sports Field
24	Not on the beach front. Cromwell park, public boat ramp or pioneers park
25	Dacre st, in front of the car parking spaces to the south of Cromwell park.

