

## Community Insight

### A shared vision

The Sippy Downs community has a vision for its parks to provide places for the community to enjoy.

Sippy Downs parks are inviting, vibrant, safe and pedestrian friendly with places for activity, fun, nature, tranquillity, play and shade.

Parks in Sippy Downs offer varied landscapes, community facilities and leisure experiences to be enjoyed by everyone.

### Park user survey and questionnaire

The Sippy Downs Park User Survey was undertaken to understand the community's use of parks, and to ensure park planning addresses the concerns and diverse needs of park users.

The outcomes of the survey summarised in Appendix 2 - Sippy Downs Park User Survey Summary Report provide an overview of statistical and written feedback received.

### Community insight

Overwhelmingly local people love the parks and lakes and what they contribute to the lifestyle of residents.

People choose to live in Sippy Downs for the parks, family friendly aspects, access to services and the sense of community. Residents like being close to parks and many residents use parks regularly.

People connect in Sippy Downs through their use of parks, paths, and play spaces. Younger residents enjoy scooting, riding and skate parks, while lakeside parks are enjoyed by all for walking, sitting, jogging and cycling.

### Challenges at Sippy Downs

There are a number of issues for residents:

- Provision of engaging community spaces with suitable park activities, facilities and paths
- Maintenance, aging park assets, and renewal
- Population growth and providing park facilities
- Lack of local play opportunities
- Poor legibility and park signs
- Limited car parking
- Management of dogs.

### Opportunities

Outcomes of the park user survey provide insights into the opportunities and aspirations for improvements in the park network:

- Park facilities that encourage local recreation
- Creation of better community spaces and a lively village heart
- Providing civic park spaces, active play and exercise areas
- Accessible play areas suitable for mixed ages
- Addressing aging park assets and park renewal
- Improve pedestrian and trails networks
- Providing adequate shade and seating.
- Improved lighting of path links and activity areas
- Car parking, legibility and signage improvement
- Appropriate provision of toilets and amenities
- Improved management and regulation of dogs.

### Community vision

The community vision (right), provides a visual summary of key words from feedback collected in the park user surveys.



Our Parks  
Our Future

## Community vision

**spaces for community**  
activities and group gatherings

**landscaped areas for active group fun**  
places for families with space to run and play

**well used and maintained parks**  
a community place to enjoy

**Inviting park environments**  
bush tucker or community garden  
wildlife in parks and around lakes  
park volunteers

playgrounds with shade offering activities for children of all ages  
parks and places that encourage youth to be active and engaged  
natural shady parks and paths with lots of beautiful trees  
accessible and connected path network for walking, jogging and cycling

**parks that encourage activity, community and an outdoor lifestyle**  
community interaction  
community gardens  
facilities and bbq's for multiple families and groups to gather and use parks

**skate parks**  
facilitates and recreation without having to leave Sippy Downs  
well lit and usable park areas and paths  
fenced areas for children to play safely

**parks that provide usable spaces** that promote health, wellbeing and relaxation  
goal posts, courts and nets to encourage participation in sport  
parks where people feel safe walking, or sitting relaxing

**places for people to exercise**  
provide places for families to come together

community centres  
**shade, trees along paths**  
larger dog walking areas and bags for doggy business  
place for the elderly to relax  
well maintained paths, seating and shaded areas to enjoy the lakes

**open green space**  
for recreation and enjoyment of people of all ages

**clean lakes for wildlife and recreation**  
natural bushland  
and reserves for trees with walking trails