



Brightwater Community Facility Community Engagement Report

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1. Introduction

As part of an agreement with Stockland and Sunshine Coast Council, land has been set aside at Brightwater to accommodate a community facility for use by the local community.

The Brightwater Community Facilities Land comprises 5000m², and was dedicated to Council in 2010 after the creation of the 500th lot in the Brightwater Estate. This land dedication was in accordance with the terms of an Infrastructure Agreement executed in November 2004, which dictates that "council will use the land for Community Facility Purposes".

Community Facility Purposes was defined in the Infrastructure Agreement as "a public purpose such as a community hall or public meeting room". Broadly, the Community Facility Land was intended to be used for community purposes, not additional open space/commercial land such as swimming pools or skate parks.

In December 2011, at the sale of the 500th lot, the original community survey was administered to the 540 Brightwater residents, with 34 responses received.

As Stockland approaches the sale of the final lots in the Brightwater community it was deemed an appropriate time to reengage the Brightwater community. There are now 2000 residences housing 5000 people.

The second community survey was administered in December 2015 to understand the community aspirations and vision for the proposed community facility. This report presents the findings of the survey.

The survey was administered online through the Survey Monkey platform as well as hand delivered to all residences, by local community partners.

The survey posed two questions about the vision for and functions of the centre:

Q1. What is your vision for this community facility site? (Community garden, men's shed, youth space)

Q2. If a facility was to be constructed and become a base for the delivery of local community services and programs, what should they be? (E.g. a focus on young people or disadvantaged groups, neighbourhood meetings, events, other)

There were 239 responses to the survey, with responses allocated to key categories. Some of the responses covered multiple categories and do not fit with the purpose of the land, however these responses help to demonstrate that with further information about the park and community infrastructure in the local vicinity (up to 5kms), local residents can have these needs met.

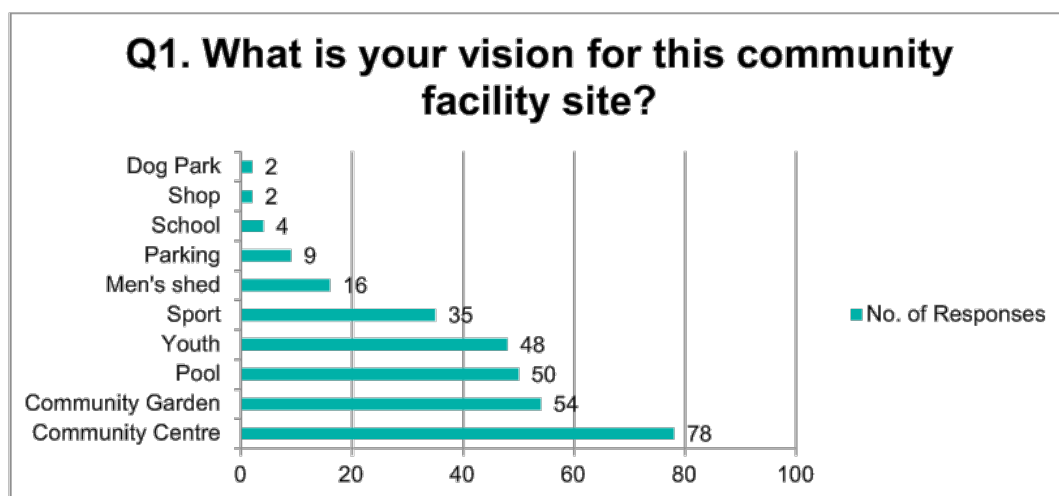
2. Key Findings

2.1 Question 1

Q1. **What is your vision for this community facility site?** (Community garden, men's shed, youth space)

The majority of the responses; 82% or 196 responses, supported the establishment of a community facility as defined in the survey brief as for community facility purposes (Community Facility Purposes was defined in the Infrastructure Agreement as "a public purpose such as a community hall or public meeting room". Broadly, the Community Facility Land was intended to be used for community purposes, not additional open space/commercial land such as swimming pools or skate parks.)

Additional responses that did not specifically meet the purpose of the land were well represented including pools, water play areas, indoor sport and recreation facilities including PCYC, tennis, squash and table tennis centres and skate parks.



Quotes

"I would like this site to be multifunction so the whole community can use it. I do think having somewhere for youth to meet would be fantastic, having children myself who are entering into their teenage years. It is a family based community so something that could serve everyone would be ideal. A skate park and water play area would be great."

"Adult playground with giant slide, monkey bars swings, flying fox etc. A facility for teens and adults to use. A large covered shelter area also for congregating under in rain or sun."

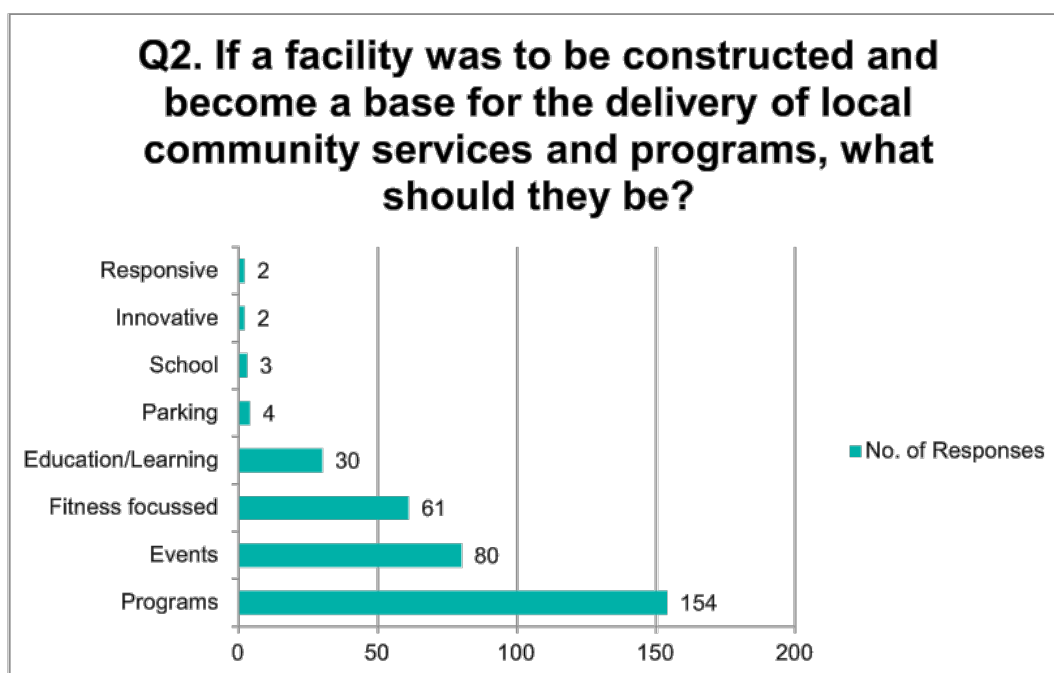
"A combination of men's shed and youth space would be beneficial to both age groups. Part of the men's shed goal is to use their skills to help others, so having youth around who may need help with e.g. jammed skateboard wheel or broken cricket bat or chain off a bike or even a male role model to talk to would in turn help the whole community in so many ways. It can also work as a security measure in that as they get to know each other you would find the youth develop a respect for the men and therefore probably behave a little better knowing there's a watchful eye, even if the shed is not open at the time there becomes a standard expected. In reverse, having youth around who need/want them can serve to "keep the men young". Who knows they may even start up a program where they can put on say monthly "how to" sessions for youth to attend: How to change a tyre on my bike, or my car, or how to build something with timber, or how to get stuck things moving again..."

2.2 Question 2

Q2. If a facility was to be constructed and become a base for the delivery of local community services and programs, what should they be? (E.g. a focus on young people or disadvantaged groups, neighbourhood meetings, events, other)

The majority of responses; 64.4% or 154 responses, stated that if a facility were to be constructed it should have a programmed function, operating classes or structured activity that people could chose to attend as relevant.

Additionally, survey respondents would like the events that Stockland have used to bring the community together to still have occur and that whatever were constructed upon this site would not inhibit or limit these further event opportunities.



Quotes

"Brightwater is characterised by young families so the area should be used to operate programs for young people/youth."

"Perhaps it can be spread across a range of groups, not for profit associations whose primary purpose is to help and grow the abilities of youth in programmes. It might be possible to have a separate smaller room available for local meetings/neighbourhood watch etc."

".....men's shed, neighbourhood meetings, playgroup, yoga, tai chi, senior's activities etc."

"Community centre with space for events, youth group, playgroups, library, water play park, community gym, pcyc."

"The Brightwater Estate already has a large amount of community facilities and space. Parking in this area is already a problem so that will need to be considered."

"Supporting young families and encouraging more young families to move to the coast"

"Brightwater already has great parks and BBQ area for local gatherings."

"Or tweens and teens need something close to keep themselves out of trouble."

"Young people to give them something to do, teenagers."

"Young people... And families as that's the majority of the residents."

3. Conclusion

Overall, survey respondents continue to be supportive of a new community facility in Brightwater which can be used for a variety of activities, however as the community matures it is becoming evident to local residents that the young people in the community are not having their needs met in the existing park and community infrastructure networks.

An Expression of Interest process, would allow the local not-for-profit organisations to propose a localised solution to meet the needs of the Brightwater community, now and into the future.



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