



## **Wallsend Active Hub**

### **Engagement activity report**

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## Executive summary

City of Newcastle is delivering a \$1.5 million active hub in Wallsend to provide additional active recreation spaces and address the need for non-formal sporting facilities in the Western Corridor.

The active hub will be situated in a prime location, Federal Park, which is central to Wallsend town centre and nearby schools, sporting fields and Wallsend Swimming Centre. The project is supported by \$500,000 in grant funding from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program.

To better understand community opinion on the plans for Wallsend Active Hub, CN carried out engagement between 14 February and 1 March 2021. The engagement sought to inform the community of the project, advise of the opportunity to provide feedback and to gauge overall support of the project.

Engagement activities included a door knock of Boscawen Street to inform neighbouring residents, student workshops with Stage 3 students from Plattsburg Public School, drop-in session at Wallsend Village and an online feedback form hosted on CN's Wallsend Engagement Hub Have Your Say webpage. The drop-in session and opportunity to provide feedback were promoted by media opportunity, media release, Wallsend library digital screen advertising and in-branch display, social media, onsite signage within Federal Park and DL flyers distributed to 2,100 Wallsend households and Sonia Hornery MP's Wallsend office.

Overall, community sentiment regarding the project was positive, with 94% of online feedback form respondents recording a positive response. Feedback received via the door knock, student workshops and drop-in session was also positive, however a number of recurring concerns were also raised in relation to access to public toilets, availability of parking and flooding within Federal Park. It is recommended that future project communications address these issues.

The project team for Wallsend Active Hub will now consider feedback received during the engagement period to inform the detailed design. Construction is expected to commence in mid-2021.

## 1. Background

City of Newcastle (CN) has committed to delivering an active hub in Wallsend to provide additional active recreation spaces to address the need for non-formal sporting facilities in the Western Corridor. The location of the active hub is situated in a prime location, Federal Park, which is central to Wallsend town centre and nearby schools, sporting fields and the Wallsend Swimming Centre.

The \$1.5 million project has received \$500,000 in grant funding from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program.

A concept plan for Wallsend Active Hub includes the following components:

- Expanded playspace
- Bike track
- Access paths
- Multisports courts
- Rebound wall
- Climbing wall
- Fitness stations
- Seating, shelter and bike racks

## 2 Engagement objectives

To better understand community opinion on Wallsend Active Hub, CN carried out engagement with the community from 14 February to 1 March 2021.






More specifically, the engagement sought to:

- Inform the community of the progress of this project, and provide an opportunity to give feedback on the concept design for Wallsend Active Hub
- Gauge support for the Wallsend Active Hub

## 2. Communication and promotion

During the engagement period, a communications campaign was implemented to raise awareness of the plans for Wallsend Active Hub and promote the opportunity for community members to provide feedback.

Key communications activities are summarised on the following page, and key pieces of communications collateral are available in Appendix I.

Channel	Description	Reach
 <b>Have Your Say webpage</b>	A project webpage was created on CN's Have Your Say landing page. This page aimed to provide information and raise awareness about the plans for Wallsend Active Hub.	608 views
 <b>Flyers and onsite signage</b>	<p>Flyers were distributed to 2,100 households across Wallsend and were stationed at Wallsend Library and State MP, Sonia Hornery's office.</p> <p>Onsite signage was also installed within Federal Park.</p>	<p>2,500 flyers</p> <p>2 corflutes</p>
 <b>Social media</b>	The engagement was promoted via an unpaid post of CN's Facebook page on 18 February 2021. The post intended to raise awareness and encourage people to have their say.	15,000 reach
 <b>Doorknocks</b>	CN representatives from the Project and Community Engagement teams attended Boscawen Street, Wallsend on Monday 15 February 2021 to carry out a doorknock with neighbouring property owners. The purpose was to raise awareness of Wallsend Active Hub and encourage feedback through CN's Have Your Say webpage.	20 households
 <b>Media coverage</b>	A media release was issued on 14 February 2021, and was subsequently reported across NBN News, Newcastle Weekly, Newcastle Live, intouch magazine, 2HD and ABC Newcastle Radio	6 outlets

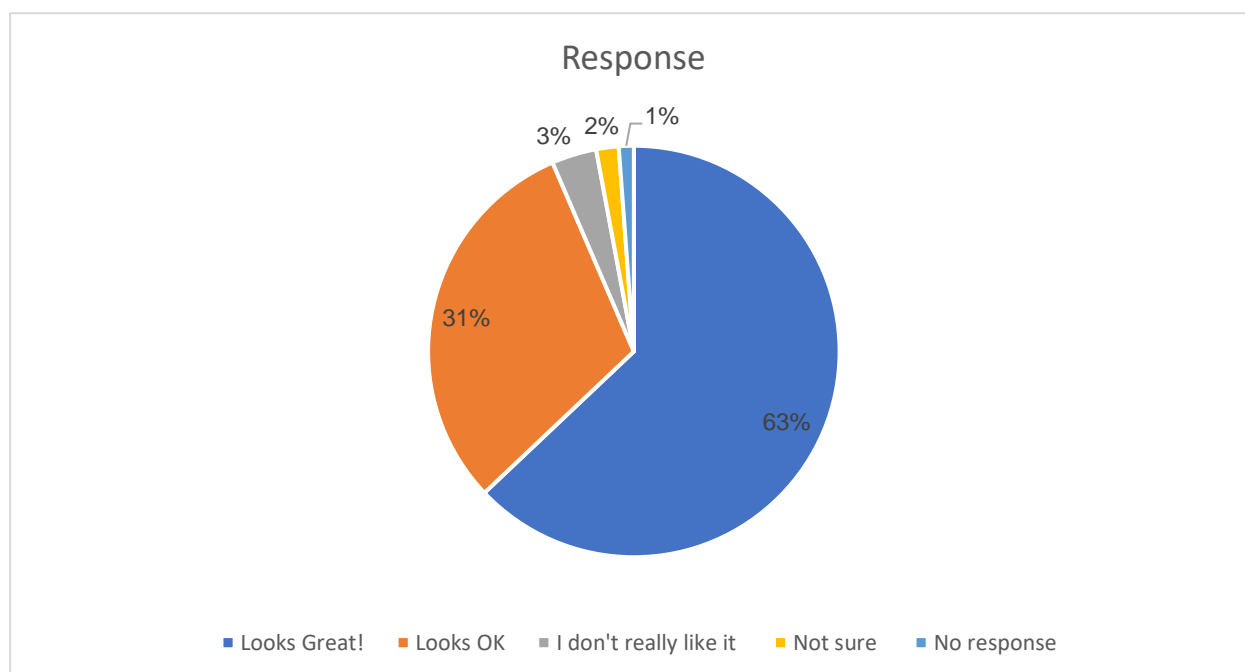
### 3. Engagement activities and outcomes

The community were invited to provide feedback on the plans for Wallsend Active Hub from Sunday 14 February to Monday 1 March 2021. The community were able to provide comment on Wallsend Active Hub in a number of ways, with over 250 community members having their say overall.

#### 3.1 Online feedback form

A guided submission form was available on the Have Your Say page. Respondents were asked to share what they thought of the plans for Wallsend Active Hub and invited to make further comments.

In total, 170 people provided feedback via the online feedback form and 94% responded positively with 'Looks Great!' or 'Looks OK'.



#### 3.2 Door knock

CN conducted a door knock of 20 households located opposite Federal Park in Boscawen Street, Wallsend. Conversations took place with about half of the households, during which the overall sentiment towards the project came across as positive. General issues raised included flooding in Federal Park, access to public toilets and parking options for the site.

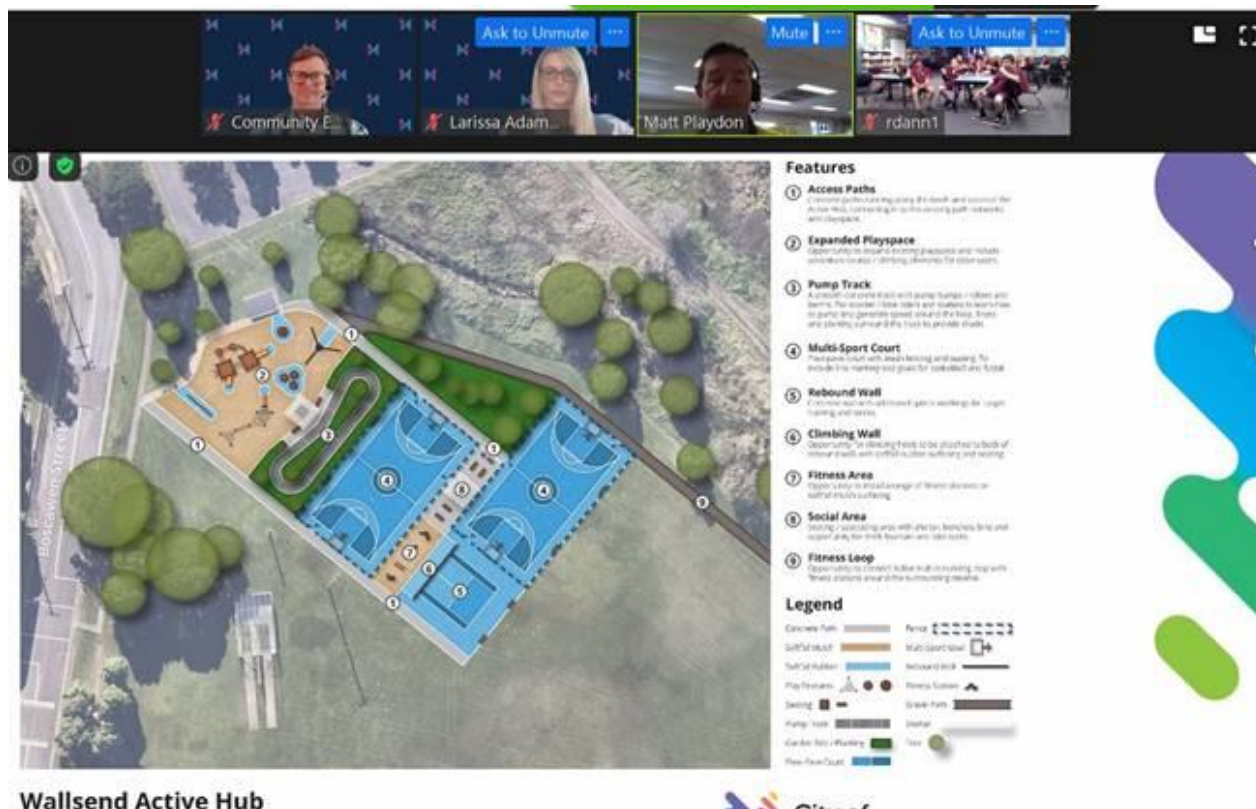
#### 3.3 Drop-in session

CN held a three-hour drop-in session in Wallsend Village on Thursday 18 February 2021. 30 locals stopped to speak about the project (16 males and 14 females), with issues raised including access to public toilets, parking concerns, flooding in Federal Park, accessibility of the pathways within and leading to the proposed active hub and fencing for small children. Generally the feedback received at the drop-in session was positive.



### 3.4 Student workshops

CN held two 30-minute workshops with Plattsburg Primary School students on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 February 2021. The workshops were held via Zoom, with the teacher provided with a kit including all required items for engagement activities during the session.



### Workshop attendance

- 23 students on Thursday 25 February 2021
- 22 students on Friday 26 February 2021

### Workshop activities

There were four activities during the workshops. These were:

#### i. Current activities

Participants were asked what they currently like to do in Federal Park. Note that during session one, the teacher interpreted this as 'What do you want to see in Federal Park?'

### Session 1

What would you like to see in Federal Park?	Mentions
Gym	1
Toilets close to playground	1
Swings	1
Bike track	1
Bubblers	1
Flying fox	1
More slides	1
New and safe skate park	1
Woodchip	1
More bins	1

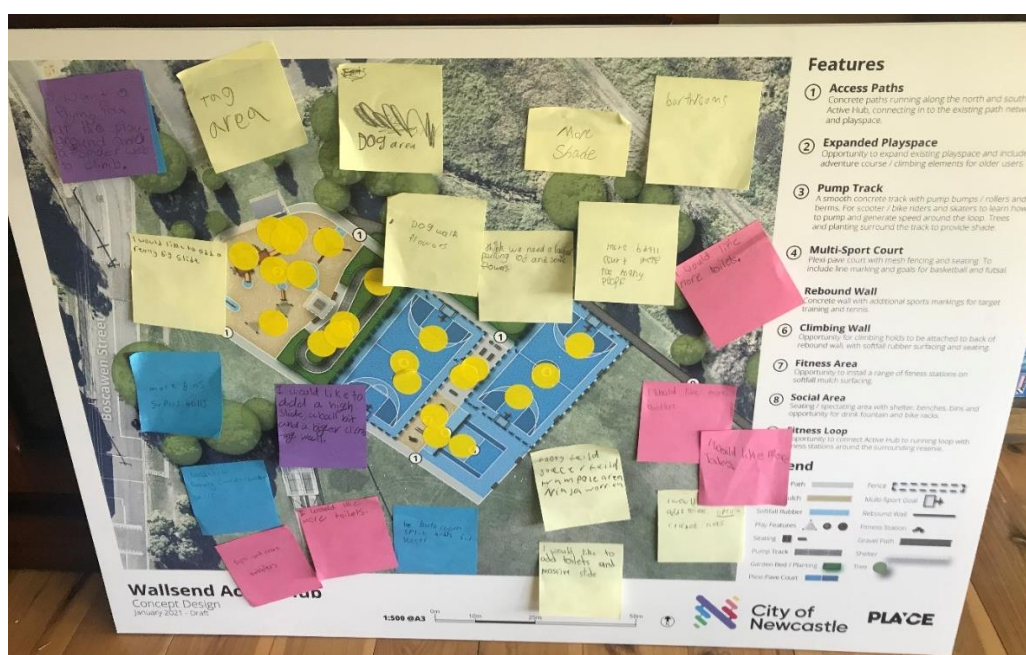
### Session 2

What do you like to do in Federal Park?	Mentions
Play on the existing equipment (swings, slide, spinner)	9
Play sport (soccer, cricket)	3
Run	1
Ride scooter	1

#### ii. Concept plan poster

Students were asked to place a sticky dot on the feature within the concept plan they liked the most. Students were also given the option to provide feedback, suggestions or elaborate on what they like and why, by writing on a post-it note and sticking to the poster.





## Session 1

Feature	Total
Playspace	8
Multi-sport courts	6
Pump track	4

Social area	2
Rebound wall	1
Fitness area	1
Climbing wall	1

## Session 2

Feature	Total
Pump track	10
Playspace	6
Rebound wall	2
Social area	1
Multi-sport courts	1
Fitness area	1
Climbing wall	1

## Combined

Feature	Total
Playspace	14
Pump track	14
Multi-sport courts	7
Social area	3
Rebound wall	3
Fitness area	2
Climbing wall	2

### iii. Report card

Students were asked to 'grade' five features of the Wallsend Active Hub concept design. The group consensus was recorded.

#### Session 1

Feature	Grade
Playspace	A
Pump track	A minus
Multi-sport courts	A
Rebound wall	A minus
Climbing wall	Not graded (missed)

#### Session 2

Feature	Grade
Playspace	A
Pump track	A
Multi-sport courts	A minus (2/3 A, 1/3 B)
Rebound wall	A
Climbing wall	A

### General findings

Across the two school sessions, general discussion was undertaken with questions raised regarding specific playspace features and amenities such as parking, toilets, bubblers and shade, which would be included in the final design. Additionally, students asked about the safety of the climbing wall and whether there was opportunity for other recreational facilities in Federal Park such as rugby posts, additional fitness loops, water play and parkour facilities. This discussion was reflective of the feedback and suggestions written on post-its and placed onto the concept plan as part of the concept plan poster activity. Media & Stakeholder Relations will share this feedback with the project team.

### iv. Community Strategic Plan

As the Active Hub engagement period coincided with CN's engagement on the new Community Strategic Plan, students aged between 10 – 11 years of age from Plattsburg Public School were

asked what would they like to have more of in Newcastle and by the year 2040 how they'd want Newcastle to be. Over 40 students participated and their valuable bright ideas will be reviewed as part of developing the new Community Strategic Plan.

## 4. Next steps

The project team will consider feedback received during the consultation period and develop a detailed design for Wallsend Active Hub. Construction is due to commence mid-2021.

## Appendix I – Promotional materials

### Have your say webpage

GET INVOLVED IN WALLSEND

## Wallsend Engagement Hub

Click on the concept design above for more information.

### Wallsend Active Hub

City of Newcastle is delivering a \$1.5 million active hub in Wallsend to provide active recreation facilities in the City's Western Corridor. The active hub will be developed at Federal Park, which is central to Wallsend Town Centre and near schools, sporting fields and Wallsend Swimming Centre. The concept design for Wallsend Active Hub is now open for community feedback and features an expanded playspace, bike track, multi-sport courts, rebound wall, climbing wall and fitness stations.

Following input from the community, a detailed design will be developed with construction due to begin mid-2021. This project is supported by a \$500,000 grant from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program. Tell us what you think by completing the form below, or drop in to Wallsend Village between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 18 February 2021 to speak to our team and have your say.

#### Projects timeline

- June - July 2020**  
**Wallsend Proposed Parking Changes**  
 To support access to local businesses in Wallsend, changes are proposed to some parking restrictions in the area (Metcalfe & Murrin Streets, Nelson Street, Tyrrell Street, William & Charles Streets; and Kemp Street).
- August 2020 to January 2021**  
**Community Local Centre Engagement**  
 Share your views and ideas
- February 2021**  
**Wallsend Active Hub Engagement**  
 Share your views on the concept design for Wallsend Active Hub.

Expand timeline

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#### Have your say on Wallsend Active Hub

##### Your feedback

Overall, what do you think of the plans for the Wallsend Active Hub?:

☐ Looks great!  
☐ Looks OK  
☐ I don't really like it  
☐ Not sure

Please write in any comments you have about the plans for Wallsend Active Hub:

Upload file (optional):  No file chosen

##### Your details

Your name:

#### Wallsend Town Planning Information

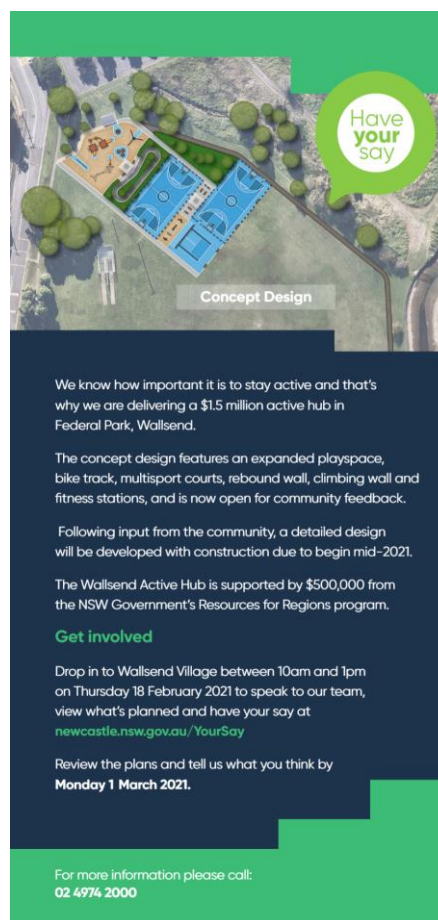
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## Flyer and onsite signage





## Library screen advertising



# Active Hub for Wallsend

Have  
your  
say

**We know how important it is to stay active and that's why we are delivering a \$1.5 million active hub in Federal Park, Wallsend.**

The concept design features an expanded playspace, bike track, multisport courts, rebound wall, climbing wall and fitness stations, and is now open for community feedback.

Following input from the community, a detailed design will be developed with construction due to begin mid-2021.

The Wallsend Active Hub is supported by \$500,000 from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program.

### Get involved

Drop into Wallsend Village between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 18 February 2021 to speak to our team, view what's planned and have your say at [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/YourSay](https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/YourSay)

Review the plans and tell us what you think by **Monday 1 March 2021.**

For enquiries please call **4974 2000**




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## Social media

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We're planning a \$1.5 million active hub for Wallsend and you're invited to have your say. The concept design for Wallsend Active Hub planned for Federal Park is now open for community feedback and features an expanded playspace, bike track, multi-sport courts, rebound wall, climbing wall and fitness stations. See more and have your say at [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/wallsendactivehub](https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/wallsendactivehub)



**Active Hub for Wallsend**

Have your say

15,520  
People Reached

819  
Engagements

Boost Unavailable

👍❤️ 78

26 Comments 5 Shares

## Media release



14 February 2021

### **Plan for \$1.5 million sports play hub in Wallsend now open for community feedback**

Construction of a \$1.5 million active hub in Wallsend is expected to get underway mid-year, with the concept design for the project now open for community feedback.

The active hub, which draws its inspiration from a similar design in Stockton, will provide a variety of recreation facilities in Federal Park which is central to schools, sporting fields and the Wallsend Swimming Pool.

Under the plans, Federal Park will be transformed into a vibrant hub of activity with features including an expanded playspace, bike track, multi-sport courts, rebound wall, climbing wall and fitness stations.

Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes said that the planned active hub is expected to draw visitors from Wallsend and further afar.

"City of Newcastle identified the need to provide additional active recreation spaces in Wallsend in order to address the need for non-formal sporting facilities in the city's Western Corridor.

"Wallsend Active Hub will become an asset for Newcastle's western suburbs and is expected to attract families from outside the area who will enjoy the mix of informal recreational spaces.

"I'm pleased to invite our community to view what's planned for Wallsend Active Hub and have their say."

President of Wallsend Athletics Club Lee Grant is pleased to have the opportunity to provide input to the new facility at Federal Park where the athletics club is based.

"Our club is really excited to see what's planned for Wallsend Active Hub which will be conveniently located near our home base. I have no doubt the broader Wallsend community will make great use of the proposed recreational facilities and can't wait to see the plans come to fruition."

The concept design is open for comment until Monday 1 March 2021. Feedback can be provided online at [newcastle.nsw.gov.au/yoursay](https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/yoursay) or in person at a drop-in session at Wallsend Village between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 18 February 2021.

Community feedback will inform the development of a detailed design for the active hub, with construction due to begin mid-2021.

Wallsend Active Hub is supported by a \$500,000 grant from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program.



## Media coverage

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Home Community

**Wallsend to welcome new active hub**

Newcastle Media • February 15, 2021

Local Mayor Natalie Holmes and Ward Councillor Matthew Byrne were joined by representatives from Wallsend British Club and W. Patrick Primary School at the new active hub.

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**Wallsend Active Hub**  
Concept Design  
January 2021 - 2021

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**City of Newcastle**

The concept designs are open for comment until Monday 1 March.

Feedback can be provided online at the [City of Newcastle website](#) or in person at a drop-in session at Wallsend Village between 12pm and 3pm this Thursday 18 February.

Community feedback will inform the development of a detailed design for the active hub, with construction due to begin by the middle of this year.

## Appendix II – Verbatim (open ended comment)

### Online submission form

<p>Concept design looks amazing. Such a good use of the space and such great variety! Wonderful for the area. Council is doing some great work in this space - keep it up!</p>
<p>Amazing! Thank you</p>
<p>I would suggest that the wall ball wall is in a bit of an odd space. I play at bar beach and people fit the ball over it all the time or to the sides. As it currently stands that would be hitting it into the other courts and social area. Also have a two court wall ball area like bar beach would be heaps better. I'm not sure how utilised a climbing wall will be.</p>
<p>Can we please have garbage bins provided and toilet and drinking water facilities. The skate park at Wallsend can look very untidy as there are no garbages there.</p>
<p>The new active hub looks good. It would become great with public toilets and water access. The current water access at Federal park doesn't work well at all and it isn't hygienic to get water from there. Adding toilets and water access would be beneficial to the users of this park, but also to the users of federal park in general (runners and team sports).</p>
<p>Will the Active Hub have lights for night use if so would they be solar lights</p>
<p>The fitness Loop will it go round the whole park</p>
<p>Will their be BBQ's their</p>
<p>Thanks CN! Our entire family are regular users of the existing park and these plans look amazing.</p>
<p>Can you please consider including seating strategically situated around the play areas to assist older carers supervise children.</p>
<p>Thank you for bringing this to our community</p>
<p>The area needs an amenities block</p>
<p>Water bottle filling station</p>
<p>Would love the courts to include netball hoop and line marking</p>
<p>Overall excellent!</p>
<p>Comment is that a full tennis court is required in Wallsend. Best to convert one of the Multi-Sport Courts into a full tennis court. If cost and space is limited then basketball is more usable as half court but tennis game requires a full court.</p>
<p>I live just near Federal Park with 3 young boys and have been dreaming of a better facility down there because its a great park and now you've done it.</p>
<p>Looks amazing! Me and my family are soo grateful to see this concept and cannot wait for the completion date. We will be there daily.</p>
<p>If there is an opportunity for me to help in the construction of the project (I'm a qualified carpenter) please let me know.</p>
<p>■</p>
<p>■</p>

surely the rest of Federal Park can do with improvements/ upgrades also. Relatively small area being catered for.
The rebound wall should be 2 sided to allow more than one game/group of people to use at a time
I'd love the adult play equipment to be adjacent to the playground, so that I can workout while I supervise my children.
There used to be a slippery dip and swing under the trees near the athletics discus area. It would be great to have play structures under the trees near the athletics area, as parents are required to stay on athletics nights, but there is nothing for their siblings to do. This equipment would help to keep the children out of the storm water and off the roads. Thank you.
No toilets
Would like to see the main Rd of Wallsend prettied up as well as better maintenance on grass cutting by Council. We are looking pretty horrible right now
Looks great, but there needs to be more car parking spaces. I live on the street and when either soccer, cricket or athletics training or game day is on you can't park anywhere on the street, so with a nice park like this going in it'll only make it even harder.
The pool car park needs upgrading and maybe another car park built down behind the canteen/ change-room of the athletics track too free up spaces on the road.
We are so excited about this project, a wonderful design for everyone in the community. Cant wait!
Just an extra comment -will the speed limit be changed along the entirety of Boscawen Street ? Currently cars leave the cbd 40 zone then accelerate up Boscawen Street and then brake again at the school zone but lots of kids and families are walking along the whole street and will be hopping in and out of cars to access the active hub. It will need a full time pedestrian crossing and lower speed limits.
The concept is good.
For kids play area, a splash pool which keeps them cool in summer would be great. Kids love to get soaked during heat. This can be switched-off in winters, an option similar to seen in Oakvale wildlife park would be great.
For adults, a badminton court or a full tennis court would be great as the families can feel charged up when taking kids for play.
Good to see some activity space for 'beginners' - maybe a few more features could be added to the 'pump track'.
Two things, one is toilet facilities for the above program.
Also the park is well used and a cycle path parallel to the road would give good access to not only bicycles but also for walkers and prams.
It could be wonderful, my concerns are: parking - Boscawen street is very busy most afternoons/weekends & has very limited parking. Toilets/amenities - the pool is available to customers & the toilets at federal park are far away. Do not use wood chip, it is not accessible for all abilities and can hide dangerous materials such as needles. If this project is planned with all parties considered and accessibility a priority this park will be a great asset.
I think its a great idea
Excellent for children and there Families
It would be good if there was some BBQ put in this lovely area



The active hub will be a good addition to Federal Park and greater Wallsend community. Boscawen St would benefit from better lighting, as well as speed bumps. Drivers often speed down the street in both directions which is very dangerous-particularly on days of high activity in the park.
Bathroom (and change table) facilities are another consideration, as the closest public bathroom is quite a distance away (unless the pool will allow people to use their bathrooms).
Can not believe you want to spend money on this project but can not even fix the bridges in jesmond park or mow the grass on the Newcastle bypass
It would be beneficial to provide shade in the social area and part of the playground. Need to be sun safe and the area would be utilised more during the summer.
Please add a good friendly skate park like at Stockton
Needs an outdoor exercise area.
It would be great to have shade in the kids' playground area.
This will be Fantastic for Wallsend. I really Love this Design. But can i please ask as i am a Paraplegic. Will there be Public Toilets in this Design? Many Thanks [REDACTED]
Please make the fitness loop nice smooth concrete so families can use it together with wheeled activities, not just jogging. Will also be better for prams. Yes roller skates too. ;p
Concrete instead of gravel
I think it would be great if the fitness loop was a concrete path, instead of the gravel path.
It looks like the path leading to the area is a gravel path. Is it the loop? It would be more accessible if it was a smooth concrete path for riding, skating and wheelchair access to the area
A flat, weather proof outdoor skate ring would be amazing. Great idea for the pump track though
Please make the pump track concrete
This would be a great idea!
thanks for the plan
Make the fitness loop concrete? Or something smooth. Not gravel
Looks great! Love that there is going to be investment in the area. My only thought would be in the social area the possibility for it all to be a covered area or some sort of shade cloth. Also BBQs with tables would be helpful.
Please concrete the fitness loop not use gravel
Hopefully it's not like the one at mayfield, they did an awesome job but no new toilets near the playground
Is there plenty of seating?
A redesign to create use of both sides of the rebound wall would be ideal. Two courts out of one wall, similar to empire park.
I like that there are basketball courts and a small tennis area
This will be great for people of all ages!
please make sure there is enough equipment for the fitness area, i like the fitness area near speers point swim centre but it feels cramped sometimes.

It is always flooded and won't see much use due to Jesmond Park being around the corner. It is a waste of money and irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars
Can there be a separate area for toddlers/preschoolers to play in, preferably fenced?
Like the idea of fitness area can it be similar to the one that goes from Speers point to W Bay?
Great to see something like this in our area. Please factor in vehicle access and parking. The adjacent swim centre car park is locked in the winter. Are the plans for a dog park in the area soon?
We would love to see a kids park similar to Rose Point Park in Singleton. It has such amazing activities for all ages and there is nothing similar in the Newcastle and surrounds.
I think the fitness loop should be a smooth path instead of gravel.
I think Wallsend would benefit in having these services
I've started roller skating recently and this looks like an amazing place, that's close to home, to go and practice :)
Wallsend needs an off leash dog park.
Link up the cycleway, imagine the use it would get from families with young children if they can ride to and from the park. Some toilets will also be a massive positive. The current ones are all back down the opposite side of the park.
Also please look at additional footpaths around Wallsend to lead you to the park safely and off the road.
Thank you for looking to upgrade the hub of the Hunter..... Wallsend!
The need for access to toilet facilities is very important current ones only opened when sports teams there or athletics on. ALSO only one garbage bin in the whole park except as above. Parking a huge issue as car park next to area closed all winter and local streets and residents suffer from no parks near their properties or get parked in. Huge problem with winter sports already. Lease back the car park in winter
Please make this happen!! It'd be an awesome space for everyone in the area to get active!
Slap an Ice Rink down surely. Make it an outdoor one if you want
Need to add toilet facilities. And ample shade
Is the skate park going to remain there? It's a great skate park and gets utilised a lot, everyday. I take my sons there at least twice a week. I think the upgrade will be good but it will be terrible to lose the skate park.
Please disregard my comments my husband advised me it was Wallsend, I have now realised it is Federal Park
I would like to see some space dedicated for younger children. What about a small play space for young children and toddlers with a shade sail or small water-play feature?
It's a great thing to have in the area....something for the children to do rather than getting into mischief
Will the area have lighting? May prevent/discourage vandalism to equipment. Is there an option for CCTV monitoring system to assist?
Will the area have lighting? May prevent/discourage vandalism to equipment. Is there an option for CCTV monitoring system to assist?
This will be so good for the Wallsend community and kids of the area
Please consider some kind of water play area, the pool isn't enough for families with children on the autism spectrum or other needs as it has its hazards of bigger water

areas for safety issues, if you had a water sensory area it would be a great benefit for the ever growing family numbers in the area .
We need more undercover playgrounds for kids, somewhere to play in the rain, or on hot days so they don't burn themselves on the equipment. Also shade from the sun this could be great if it was the first proper undercover playground in Newcastle
These are all great but can we get some upgrades to our sporting fields
Grange oval has on 2 public toilets that are coed not a male and female as well as the poor lighting on the field compared to every other sporting field in the area
While I'm all for the new can we make updates for the whole of the area
It's located in an out of the way area with only the school on one side a large car park and the swamp. It's going to attract young adults who want to do antisocial behaviours where they are nearly out of sight from the public
It looks fantastic but please use lessons learnt from other projects like this that have been damaged by vandalism and graffiti. Its so sad to see all that hard work and money go down the drain because vandals take pride in destroying public property.
CR YES FOR. Wallsend. do it
Are they planning on doing anything about the drainage on the field, when ever there is a heavy downpour the drain fills and floods the park
Concrete paths and open spaces for roller sports activities
Great idea for Wallsend. Its been along time coming and after living in the suburb for 40 years, i'm looking forward to watching my children play and enjoy this space, when we visit family still in Wallsend. Thanks!
Roller skatong
A defined well lit car park is needed, particularly for parents taking small children to the play area. Current street parking is insufficient.
Flood lighting for night use and to ensure safety, along with CCTV monitoring.
I am concerned about flooding, has this been taken into account?
Not a Newcastle resident but live on the next council area and work in Wallsend. I would utilise these facilities.
Please, please don't make the fitness stations those nasty ones that council's put along walking tracks. They are pretty much useless. Instead please look into a calisthenics style park which is far more useful!
Will need toilet facilities as kids need them as do parents. I live opposite the park and constantly see men youths urinating in trees because of no toilets
More toilets & shade. Absolutely need parking!
Excellent, if the flooding problem is resolved.
1) I always want more seating, I'm not sure how much is included here but we need to be able to sit and supervise our kids while they play, or to simply spend some time relaxing and enjoying the space if we choose
2) Can/will the multipurpose courts have different coloured line markings for each sport e.g. netball (green), basketball (red), etc?

3) Perhaps add some fencing around the tennis practice court or chasing down tennis balls will take up more time than actually using the practice wall
I think it looks good but needs toilets to be practical for families to use
Looks fantastic but please make the fitness loop concrete instead of gravel as this is great for roller skating and better for running! :)
I would really love a shade cloth over the playground/playspace area. Not enough playgrounds have adequate shade over the playground itself.
Everything looks good (a pump track!!!! Yes please!!!) but it would be even better if the fitness loop was concrete instead of gravel so skate wheels can go on it too!
Please consider some trees (like Lambton park) or at least a shade cloth (like islington park) over the kids play area. The park gets SO HOT there and in summer and it's near impossible to visit until after 5pm.
Also please consider a water play station (islington park has a simple one!). Kids LOVE it and get so much out of it.
Including interpretation including heritage signals, information regarding local fauna and Flora, and a native community garden where locals could propagate local plants to plant at home to attract native birds and insects.
Could the fitness loop be smooth concrete instead of gravel or pebble Crete? Would be way more beneficial for skaters, bladers and kids on scooters :D
The area for the active hub at Federal Park is very low and prone to flooding and slow water movement through soil layers. The area will require sufficient filling and possible drainage. ■■■
Will it be fenced because people drive their motorbikes through the park. Will it be flood proof because federal park is easily flooded. Other then that it looks great, just please consider these issues.
Would love to see a second rebound wall added to the plans.
I frequently use the walls at bar beach and they are very popular, always occupied. However, I live in Lakelands and would love to not travel into town to use a court. To have more here closer to Lake Macquarie would be of great benefit to many people.
Looks great but is there going to be adequate parking as there is not enough in Wallsend now
Roller skating has made a comeback but we need super smooth flat concrete to skate. I suggest all paths are super smooth concrete or that a roller skating arena is added behind the second court.
I would like to see some facilities for roller skaters. This could be as simple as a large flat smooth concrete area with some rink/derby track markings. Once built this is zero maintenance and would provide a great place for scooters and skaters.
Please make the fitness loop concrete
Please include facilities for roller skaters! Smooth wide long path would be great!
So many people are roller skating these days & don't have many options to skate at ! Maybe some space for roller skating would be wonderful
It would be nice to have place for roller skaters

Parking concerns, the basketball courts will require drainage underneath.
Trail bikes come down Frances Street at high speeds and might ride into the park itself - not just the bike track.
Consider decreasing speed limit of Boscawen Street.
Great concept but whole Wallsend floods, it will be under mud. Need to open up Miami Rd dam at Ironbark Creek to let the water out! Not upgrade all the other bridges.
Would like tennis courts included as closest courts are in Fletcher
Toilets needed and fences around near roads and car park, especially for small children.
It looks great BUT where are the toilet facilities. You are encouraging kids to come and play and parents to sit round and enjoy. Great to see the older kids being looked after. Hopefully with swings and slides suitable for older kids as well as for the littler kids. The only thing I can see missing is as I said before. Toilets.
Requires additional car parking, congestion already occurs if cars are parked on either side of the street.
Hi ,does this plan include public toilets? If not must have....
Need toilets and a bbq area
There is a lot of unused real estate at the park, even when it's packed on a weekend with soccer games. I think this is an excellent idea. Maybe however a small carpark should be added as well so as to not clog the residential streets nearby which already always feel at full capacity at times
somewhere for roller skates cause they have gotten very popular
Looks fantastic - Would also be great to have more trees on the western side to provide shade during the afternoon sun. In fact just plant way more shade trees! It gets bloody hot in Wallsend during summer.
Mosquito repelling plants and habitat for mosquito-eating micro-bats would be the cherry on the top :D
Love that there's something for all ages
Really like the overall concept of the hub. Provides a large range of activities in a compact yet nicely laid out manner.
Only comment would be regarding item 9 on the plan, and how this hub ties in with the rest of the park. I love the idea of a fitness loop that really utilises the space to create a functional multi training space for both local teams as well as families.
Link bike tracks to neighbouring suburbs. Upgrade to swimming pool is much needed.
Love the mix of spaces. Hope to see more (and bigger) pump tracks in these designs.
Please ensure shade above playground, either through natural means such as trees or with shade sails. It is unacceptable in Australia with our heat and UV to have no shade in parks.
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Social area should maybe look at being outside the courts than in between them
-rock wall climbing
- ninja warrior style equipment in play space
some seating /Social area to the left of playpace

Having shade over these areas as well
Really supportive. It would be great to role these out across the community so these assets are accessible by all easily.
Great to have some more outdoor facilities for the community, long overdue
The children's play space needs shade and fencing. There are so few play spaces for kids in Newcastle council that have shade and fencing. I much prefer to take my kids to Lake Macquarie council play spaces that have these basics available.
Make sure there are a lot of security cameras, there are a lot of people that I think would target and vandalise this new facility.
Would recommend thinking through where the rain water is going to go, and have good pedestrian access to the equipment as this end of federal is usual a lake! Please put in good quality basketball hoops. The one at Nobbys didn't last long. Also, having a cola over even one court would increase the usability significantly: making it more sun smart, and rain proof. The ones at the uni are always busy for this reason. Keen to use this new facility!
A great idea for this underused area. Hopefully this Active Hub can be integrated into the shared path upgrades in the area
Please make sure there is ample seating for parents watching their kids on the play area, and fencing to protect children.
Also are there shaded areas for sitting on the grass (for picnics etc)? Are there bathrooms nearby?
This needs to have a section for parents with dogs as well. There is enough space to fence in a dog run as well.
Plan for maintenance , rubbish removal and graffiti management. Mural on wall.
I suggest two Wall Ball courts and maybe just one full basketball court and a second half court to fit in the same footprint as currently drawn
Bike Track is a great idea, Fits in well with the Athletics Track and Swimming Centre already at Federal Park.
Is the park going to be fenced off completely to make it safer for children to prevent them getting onto the road and going into the swamp area. There have been people I've witnessed driving past the barriers and parking right next to the current park as well. Is anything going to be done about the mass of mosquitos in the area?
Could there be potential for a designated dog park area?
Hope that the creek/drain will be fenced off to stop young children falling in. Also that the car park will be open in winter so the space can be I
Used all year.
Love it!
I would LOVE this!! My kids and I go to Federal Park to play often and to have the area expanded would be amazing!!



need to look at more undercover areas, toilets and especially toilets for the disabled perhaps with a MLAK key to open. There are a lot of disability housing in the area now and there are not many parks to take the clients to that have appropriate toilets. I would like to see more covered seating near each area. Also continue the path all the way around the hub so that people can walk around and do laps and we can push wheelchairs around too. Wheelchair accessible parking.
No additional parking provided for the improved site, and assumed increase in use
Looking forward to playing some basketball and wallball, my kids will love the upgraded playground
My kids are very excited about the pump track! They scooter and skate board, so would be keen to use the pump track. They also asked me to say that they'd love a skateboard park in Carrington in future.
I would like to see an area with shaded seating and perhaps even a bbq, close to the play space at (2) so that parents who are watching the children have a space to sit and observe.
Need trees and gardens established similar to the park near the Jesmond roundabout and new overpass
So keen to have a place to ride the bikes with the kids, the pump track is literally the most exciting thing about this development.  Also very keen for a walking/riding track around Federal Park.  Wallsend is such a great location and this is really putting it on the Map!  When my now 5 month old boy is a professional bike rider I'll be sure to send the love back to Wallsend and the developments you guys are doing.  My family and I will be down there literally every day.
I think this area is awesome! I would love the gravel running track (9) to go around the entire field area or as long as you are able to make it with some possible distance markers (500m, 1k, 1.5k etc) that would be amazing and a foot path coming from the other end of the park up to the new facilities would be great! Having a safe path to walk up to get to these facilities would be amazing! This could possibly be part of the long distance running track to tackle two ideas in one :)
Basketball rings must have nets attached! Preferably quality glass backboard.
So are you fixing the flooding that happens at this park. My kids attend the school across the road does that mean the swimming pool car park will be open all year round for parking.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lack of access to amenities a concern. Maybe have one attached to pool building open during day hours.</li> <li>- bins as lacking in entire Federal Park where community volunteers clean almost daily</li> <li>- adequate lighting as near hidden areas of swampland</li> <li>- motorbikes often tear through that area</li> <li>- access to off street parking as pool car park not always open</li> <li>- will need regular police patrols</li> </ul>
Long overdue as the growing areas of western Newcastle seem to have been missing out on much of the funds from NCC going to inner city projects

## Direct submission

There are still no public amenities included in the plan. I understand the ongoing issue with "antisocial" behaviour in the area but a playground without toilets isn't good enough. A very small number of parks in the area have access to public toilets. The closest public toilets to this park are near the Rotunda on Nelson Street (nowhere near close enough if your child needs to go).

Access to the Carpark in Winter - Due to the Pool being closed in Winter and the pool operators having the keys to open and close the carpark this area has a significant parking issue during winter months.

If you want to invest in infrastructure to make this space welcoming, useful and frequently used it needs to include consideration for reopening the carpark year round and toilet facilities.

No Shade for the playground equipment and still only 1 sheltered table/seating area - this is an issue with the current play equipment. With such a large area several more shaded seating areas where parents can supervise children and where families can sit and eat would be great. At the moment the single seating area is often occupied by adults who choose to smoke which leaves others with only 1 seat, which is in Full sun, to sit while watching kids away from the smokers. With the much larger area several more seating areas around the hub with shade would be great.

Having seen what can be done in areas like Stockton, and knowing Brickworks Park in SilverRidge Estate Wallsend has public amenities and is a "Smaller Park" I am sure you can find ways to make it work so Wallsend can get the best facility possible with this significant project.

**NB:** A second direct submission was received, however the file was corrupt. Efforts have been made to source a copy of submission.

## Additional feedback

The below submission was received via the CN website on 11 February, prior to the commencement of the engagement period:

How do we give feedback on "A concept plan for Wallsend Active Hub to provide my community input into planning stages to include a tennis court in the multipurpose courts. Wallsend does not have a tennis court in close distance for our community to enjoy.