

# Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

## Shared Path Wingara Reserve, Belrose

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# 1. Summary<sup>1</sup>

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Shared Path Wingara Reserve, Belrose project.

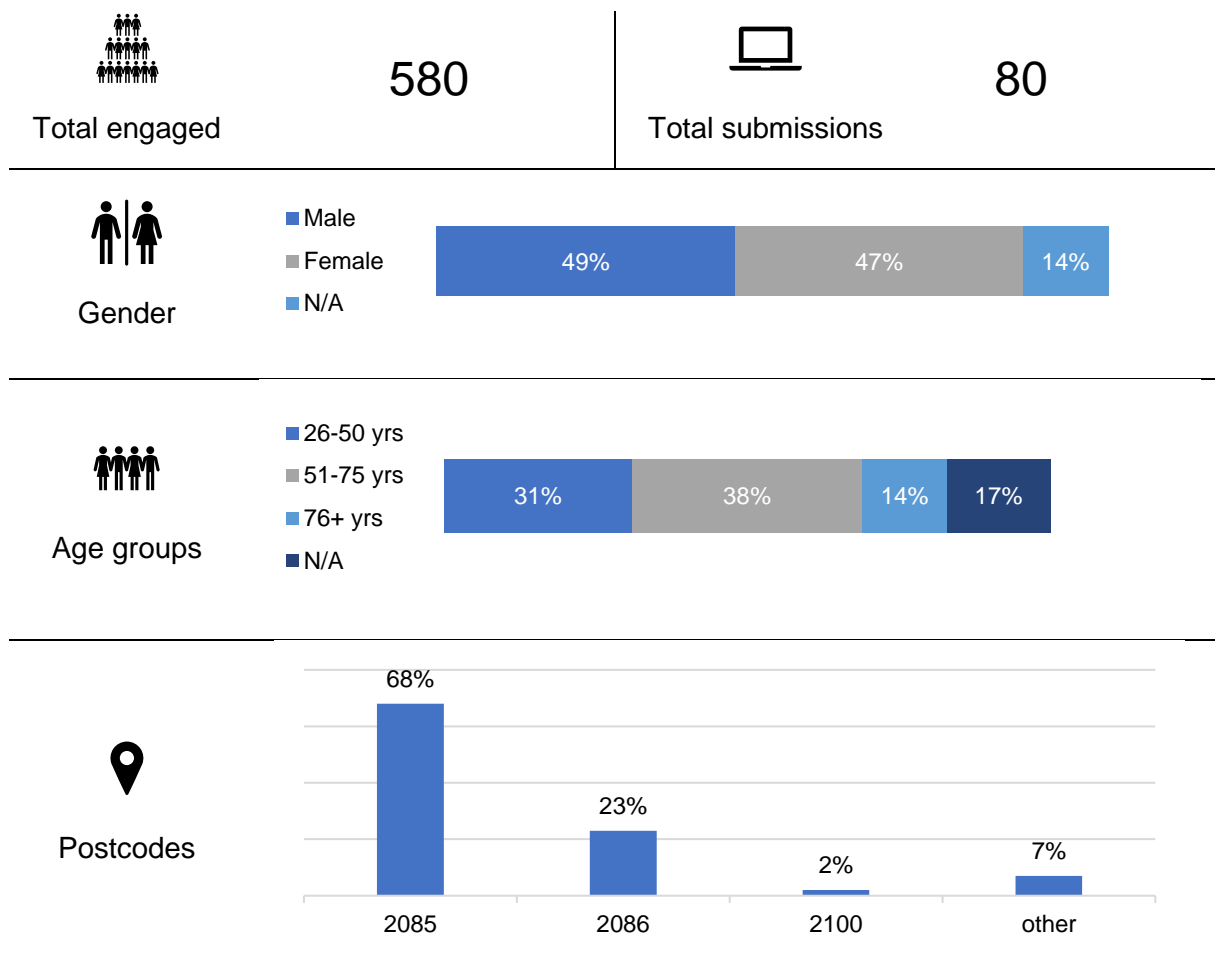
The community consultation revealed that the majority of respondents were supportive of the concept of a shared path through Wingara Reserve Belrose, describing benefits to the community including a safer, more accessible walking and cycling option connecting neighbouring streets with Glenrose Shopping Centre, recreation facilities, transport and schools.

The key themes that emerged during the consultation included safety and access benefits, preferred alternative path route and alignment, impact on open space and privacy and the potential for conflict between users of shared paths.

## 1.1. Engagement date

11 September to 11 October 2020


## 1.2. Who we engaged<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.


<sup>2</sup> No demographic data was captured for respondents who contributed feedback through direct emails or letters.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community benefits</li> <li>• Safety and access</li> <li>• Open space</li> <li>• Privacy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Path alignment and materials</li> <li>• Unnecessary allocation of funds</li> </ul>
Feedback themes		

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### 1.3. How we engaged

	Visitors: 580	Visits: 714	Av. time onsite: 1 minute 40 seconds
Your Say			

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	Mail out to properties adjacent to reserve and in immediate vicinity: 1	Distribution: 299
Print media and collateral	Site signs: Yes	Number: 5

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	Community Engagement newsletter: 2	Distribution: 20,000
Electronic direct mail (emails)	Council eNews: 3	Distribution: 150,000

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## 2. Background

This fully funded project is part of the implementation of the Bike Plan to provide a safe and connected active transport network on the Northern Beaches.

We are planning to build a shared path through Wingara Reserve, Belrose, connecting local streets and the Glenrose Shopping Centre.

The path would be approximately 400m in length and have a typical width of 2.5m. It will provide a safer walking and cycling route, allowing greater accessibility for prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

## 3. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder consultation for the Wingara Reserve shared path project was conducted from 11 September to 11 October 2020, and was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

Project information and an opportunity to engage was included on the Council's Have Your Say project page. Behavioural economics principles guided the development of the online content to ensure clear and consistent information was provided to our community. A concept plan was used to support the page content.

Feedback was primarily collected through an online comment form with email and written responses also accepted.

To promote the engagement to local residents, a notification email was sent to 299 people adjacent and in the vicinity of the proposed shared path in Belrose.

The project was included in the Community Engagement and Council's newsletters to reach the broader community.

### 3.1. Engagement objectives

- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult)

## 4. Findings

The key themes that emerged from the feedback were community benefits, safety and access, privacy, path alignment and materials, open space and allocation of funds.

Many respondents supported the plan, agreeing that it would improve access from nearby streets to the Glenrose Shopping Centre, be safer and easier for prams, scooters and mobility scooters and would encourage walking or riding instead of driving. It would also get foot traffic off the neighbouring streets and allow access in all weather.

Some comments suggested path extensions, widening or additions to improve connections with the playground, tennis courts and Wingara Grove or changes to the path alignment away from houses. A couple of comments didn't want the path to be constructed of concrete, preferring crushed rock or 'pebblecrete'. There were a few requests to add lighting along the path for safety purposes and requests for seating, bins and a toilet.

There were multiple comments that the path through the reserve was not necessary as there is already access to the shops via the road, along Wingara Grove or Coora Avenue. A few respondents wrote that they didn't want to see a path through the reserve as its used by children for play and is enjoyed as open space and grass. Some felt the money could be better spent elsewhere.

A few comments did not want any trees removed or disturbed and worried about the disruption to wildlife. Others see it as an opportunity to plant more trees to create a 'bush' feel.

A few comments thought the path would encourage anti-social behaviour and be used by skateboarders as a ramp and 'speedway'.

The feedback revealed concern from some respondents of possible conflict between shared path users – pedestrians, dog walkers and cyclists, with a couple of comments saying the path should be for pedestrians only, there needs to be instructional signs for users and cyclists should use a bell.

A summary of the main themes, comments and Council's response is included in the table below.

Theme	What we heard	Response
Improved access and safety	The path will enable convenient, all weather access to the shopping centre and recreational facilities and improve community safety.	Noted
Preferred route through Coora Avenue or Wingara Grove	There is already access to the shopping centre via Wingara Grove and Coora Avenue so there is no need for an additional path.	Noted and will be considered in the finalisation of plan.
Lighting	Lighting would improve safety of the reserve after dark.	Lighting is not included in the scope of the current project but may be investigated in the future.
Retain open space	The reserve is enjoyed in its 'natural state' as open space. A path is not necessary.	Noted. Council have heard that connectivity could be improved
Loss of trees	Our green spaces should be maintained and protected. Don't chop down any trees.	No trees are identified for removal. New tree plantings to enhance the existing native trees will be included in the project.
Privacy concerns	Noise from increased traffic on the path will disturb residents adjacent to the reserve and path alignment will reduce the privacy of these properties.	Council does not believe there is significant risk to privacy of neighbouring resident and that noise levels are not expected to be beyond existing/acceptable levels.
Materials used	Not concrete, prefer crushed sandstone for a natural look or pebblecrete to deter the skateboarders	Concrete will provide the safest and most durable path in this location. Other options such as crushed rock will erode quickly and not provide the accessibility required by less able bodied people. Eco concrete is proposed to be used for this path. Eco concrete requires less carbon dioxide and energy to produce without compromising durability, compared to traditional concrete.
Other suggestions	Requests for toilets near the playground, rubbish bins and seating	An additional park bench seat will be included adjacent to the path.
Conflict between users	There is potential for collisions between cyclists, mobility scooters and pedestrians.	The path will be clearly marked as a share zone. Cyclist are encouraged to maintain lower speeds on shared paths.
Antisocial behaviour	The reserve is used for drug taking and parties	Noted and passed on to our Parks and Reserves Team

## 5. Appendices

### 5.1. Full summary of community responses received online

No.	Comments
1	<p>I had previously commented saying the path is a good idea but requested it was closer to the tennis courts rather than houses when it passes through that section of the reserve. However, upon reflection &amp; discussion with other members of the community, we feel that the path would be better placed along the side of the street of either Wingara or Coora Ave. Building the path along the reserve is likely to disrupt a lot of native wildlife.</p>
2	<p>Please put some bench seats adjacent to the path as it would be a lovely place to sit and have lunch etc.</p>
3	<p>I support the delivery of a shared pathway for Wingara Reserve, Belrose. The path will provide improved access to OpenSpace in reserve, create a safer path for walkers and cyclist and improve functionality of corridor.</p> <p>Essential improvements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The path above the Tennis court is a goat track and full of trip hazards - this is a must.</li> <li>2) A "Y" intersection is essential where path joins Haigh Avenue.</li> </ol> <p>Optional Improvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A temporary path should be laid at Glenn Place (old library entrance) as this will be renewed as a part of proposed old library site DA.</li> </ol> <p>Other suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The existing path on western side of Wingara Reserve Playground should be joined to new path. Creating a loop around reserve and tennis courts.</li> <li>2) The northern entrance to Glenrose shops needs to be activated - water fountains, bike rack, passive lighting.</li> <li>3) The area between Ashworth Ave path and tennis courts needs some TLC. The area may become a popular walking/cycling route to playground, tennis court and shops if made more visually enhancing.</li> <li>4) The whole area needs lighting - ground up lighting will improve safety of path and reduce possible complaints from residents backing onto reserve (many thinks it is their exclusively). Thank you for considering my comments. Cheers</li> </ol>
4	<p>Proposed shared path Wingarra Reserve, Belrose.</p> <p>Wingara Grove and Coora Ave are in very close proximity to the reserve so therefore absolutely no need to spoil the reserve by adding a pathway.</p> <p>With regard to wheelchairs and mobility scooters - I have never seen either in this part of Haigh Ave. During COVID there has been a considerable number of cyclists using the Reserve (all ages) with no regard to pedestrians - especially older people may be taking their dog for a walk.</p> <p>It is also a concern where the path would join Haigh Ave. There is a very dangerous corner between Coora and the Reserve - a very bad fence at No 23 Haigh Ave which blocks the view of people using the footpath and the road - the footpath also has quite a slope which means anything on wheels - especially children on scooters or boards can be moving quite fast.</p> <p>Coming from the back of the shops there is a path to the right to access Coora but no path to the left to join the path going past the tennis courts to access Wingara. This would be a far better way to spend money.</p> <p>Several years ago 2 houses in Coora were purchased with the plan to provide accommodation for over 50's and people with disabilities. This did not happen.</p>
5	<p>Dear Sir, I totally support the concept of a pathway through the reserve.</p> <p>As per my phone call, I would advise that over recent times, there have been a number of picnics in the open area below my place, plus it's often used for ball games, frizbee</p>

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	throwing etc. With that in mind, may I suggest the pathway keeps to the western side of the reserve through this large open area below my address - [REDACTED]
6	<p>Thank you for the invitation to comment on the proposed pathway through Wingara Reserve.</p> <p>As the residents [REDACTED] Glenrose Village Shopping Centre, we are not in favour of constructing a 2.5metre pathway through the length of the Wingara Reserve for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council may not be aware but since the opening of Glenrose Village, skateboard and scooter riding within the loading dock area and at the back of the shopping complex by both children and young adolescents has been an ongoing problem. This occurs mainly after 3pm and can continue until late (eg 2nd Oct 9.15pm; 4th Oct 4.pm and 7.00pm) and has been associated with the regular vandalism of the shops fence perimeter. The construction of a 2.5metre walkway, given the fall in terrain would provide an excellent skateboarding ramp and speedway from the shops to the Haigh Avenue exit and provide a dangerous precinct for anyone walking from Haigh Avenue up to Glenrose Village.</li> <li>2. Council should be aware that Wingara Reserve has been and still is a favourite location for drug taking and alcohol related parties. In our immediate area this has lead recently to – the continued cutting and stealing of neighbourhood yard watering hoses for making “bongs”; the ripping out and destruction of 7 mailboxes, and three weeks ago, the breaking into and ransacking of a neighbours car parked in their yard. Police are aware of these activities.</li> <li>3.The logic for constructing a 2.5 metre pathway is difficult to undersand, especially when the existing pathways (eg Coora Avenue, Wingara Avenue and Pindrie Place, Ashworth Avenue and Lowanna Street) are approx 1.5 metres wide. Also, given that (a) the tributary areas for people walking to the shops come from residential areas feeding off these and nearby streets and not from Haigh Avenue, and (b) that these streets and current pathways are easily accessed and well surfaced, it is unlikely people would be encouraged to detour to Haigh Avenue in order to use the Pathway to get the Glenrose .</li> </ol> <p>In conclusion, if a pathway through Wingara Reserve were to proceed we would ask that Council seriously consider the inclusion of “pebblecrete (or similar) in the construction to reduce its attractiveness to and use by skateboards and scooters and thereby enhancing Public Safety, and that the width of the pathway be reduced substantially. Can we leave the path in shackel Av alone as parking is bad enough in the st it will only make it worse if we widen it</p>
7	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I fully support the planned path. I would strongly recommend a seat be provided at third points and plus a table where residents could picnic on or play a game.
8	Walk on the street instead... not that hard. Spend the money putting in footpath up Kens rd instead... still waiting after 20yrs living in the street.
9	I think that this is a good initiative and I support it. Having this walkway will encourage people to get out and about. The value of wide walkways is well demonstrated by the excellent work done at the Frenchs Forest Showground and Lionel Watts Oval.
10	This is a wonderful idea
11	Great Any extra places where I can ride safely with my grandkids is a bonus. Thank you Great idea
12	<p>I think its a waste of money, considering there are two streets no more than 50 mtrs on either side of the proposed footpath. I walk my dog there every morning and the only other people there are doing the same.</p> <p>I do agree with the proposed footpath around the tennis courts which will join up to the footpath to Wingara Grove when leaving the Glenrose Shopping Centre, this would compliment the footpath going in the opposite direction towards Coora Ave.</p> <p>These two footpaths are sufficient enough to cover any suggested prams, wheelchairs etc access to Glenrose Shopping Centre</p>



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13	Good access to shopping centres and much needed infrastructure
14	EXCELLENT idea -- EXCEPT please don't allow cyclists or skate-boarders to use this!! A lot of elderly people use it walking their dogs and the vision of over-enthusiastic cyclists (of all ages) and skate-boarders hurtling down the hill from the back of the shops to Haigh Avenue is scary!! There WILL inevitably be collisions and injuries if these two groups use it. If these issues can be avoided then this pathway has my (and my wife's full support). However if it leads to irresponsible use -- and probable injury -- then, reluctantly, we would be against the pathway. We do hope that the potential misbehaviour of a small fraction of the community does not prevent the addition of a good amenity to the suburb. is.
15	Not sure why you need a path here. I have used Wingara Reserve to take my dogs for a walk and to get to & fro Glenrose. It is one of the few open areas in Belrose that seem like a park rather than a development. Adding a path would detract from it's open & "green" feel and render it as just more suburban infrastructure. Unnecessary expense that takes away from Belrose forest-charm.
16	The only problem I envisage is conflict with existing links in this area, particularly that from Glen Street to the rear entrance of Glenrose which are not 2.5M and are currently well used by both pedestrians and bicycles as well as prams. I have to now step off the path for these other users.
17	Looks like a great idea to open up more pleasant and slightly shorter options to be able to walk to the shops rather than around the streets on footpaths which cyclists aren't supposed to use unless they are young
18	We live [REDACTED] and to read of the proposed Wingara Reserve pathway is excellent. At our age we would have liked to move closer to the shopping centre and transport. We have lived in Belrose for 46 years. There is no alternative housing/units close to Glen Street. At present we are able to drive our car but in the event we are unable to drive ourselves walking to Glenrose Shops and hoping onto a bus has concerned us. After 46 years we wish to stay in Belrose. A pathway from Haig Avenue to Glen Street Shopping centre will certainly be beneficial to us. We often walk the length of Wingara Reserve as a reminder of the days we walked our dog.
19	I've always said it'd be great if there was a path there! You may want to consider extending the path over to the playground too because a lot of people cut through that way. And that reserve would be a great place, a great opportunity to plant more trees and make it a really leafy forest type walk. Also that playground is in desperate need of a bin, its always covered in rubbish.
20	I think this is a great idea. There is a distinct lack of shared paths in the Belrose area generally and this will help encourage people to walk or cycle to Glenrose Shops and the newly renovated Lionel Watts Oval. I would suggest that the path be maintained by Council and lined with some bins to discourage litter on neighboring houses. <b>Has to be done asap</b>
21	I'm very much in favour of this proposal. The more shared paths the better !
22	This path is a great idea and much needed. By enabling active transport easy access to the shopping centre access for short trips, it will help reduce motor vehicle movements , ease congestion, make for a more pleasant environment and improve community safety, all of which helps with placemaking. People on bikes spend more too! While spending less each trip, they make more trips because they don't have to fight for parking. If we could have security lighting - maybe solar powered LEDs - it would help people feel safer after dark, especially females who tend to be more security conscious. Female utilisation tends to be the canary in the coal mine. If they don't feel safe, it's not safe enough. It will need to be sensitive to the needs of the neighbours but this should be easily achieved.
23	Great idea! I hope it's a wide pathway to allow bikes and pedestrians to use it.
24	If it means chopping down trees, then I'm against the proposal! We need all the green areas and trees we can get and keep, to help us deal with current

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	<p>and future liveability issues all living beings are facing. Caused by government and council already chopping down too many trees and clearing to many green areas! Cyclists, pedestrians and mobility scooters sharing a path doesn't work, it causes too many accidents. Therefore, I am against the proposal!</p> <p>I regularly visit this area and find this suggested path not really necessary, it's not something lives depend on. Local streets don't really need another way of connection. It definitely won't minimise the amount of people using their cars to do their shopping. And the shopping centre won't exactly attract more residents with this path. Everyone who needs to go there for whatever reason, already does. Therefore I am against this proposal!</p> <p>Looking at the Social Sustainability Strategy 2041 of Northern Beaches Council, and basically the whole of Australia, we need all the green areas and trees we can get and keep, for creation of rain and storage of CO2, for exercise (physical and mental) and relaxation, for shelter and shade against continuously rising temperatures, for habitat for our unique flora and fauna...For livelihoods and liveability, present and future!</p> <p>Maintenance of green areas is one thing, destruction a complete different thing. Leave our reserves as they are now!</p>
25	Great idea. Will be looking forward to using it. This planned path will be an excellent addition to the reserve and will be well used.
26	Please don't add the path as it is such a beautiful natural spot that a concrete path in it would ruin its beauty. There are enough paths and cut throughs already in that small area that provide access to and around the shops.
27	No brainer. Tick...However pls don't put new unnecessary and potentially hazardous poles on the path - as happened recently on the brand new shared path on Allambie Rd. Suggest use existing poles or yellow lines.
28	We think that the proposed path is a very good proposal as it increases accessibility to Glenrose (and hence the library etc) for mums with prams, disabled people and so on. Our only reservation is to do with the colour of the concrete paving: we hope that it will be environmentally sympathetic, ie, green preferably. We would like the edges of the pathway to be something like fluorescent yellow for evening time access and preferably lit with embedded solar-powered lights at ground level.Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
29	I think this would be a really well utilised path. Parents with prams, kids taking short cuts to and from school, people exercising. I personally always avoid it when it's wet but I would definitely utilise it even when wet. It would be a great asset to the area!
30	Hello - I am very pleased about the proposal for the footpath between the tennis courts and the shopping centre. We have started walking along that way, from Ashworth Ave, to gain entry to the shopping centre because pedestrain pathways in Glenrose Place are not ideal. This proposed footpath will remove the trip hazards from the roots and other sections of uneven ground . Which is really important for my father!.
31	Amazing idea. Go for it and thanks. Maybe add some small lights along the path too. Looks good.
32	<p>I think this is a waste of council resources when there are other areas that are in need of attention, such as toilets at the Wingara playground. It is infeasible to expect kids to be able to hold on for the length of time it takes to walk to glenrose shops on order to be able to relieve themselves. Additionally, the slope on the proposed path will be ripe for kids to speed down the path, which defeats the idea that this path will be a safer route to glenrose shops. There are no safety issues at present for any type of person - mums with prams, elderly, kids in using existing roads to reach glenrose shops.</p> <p>Again I belive council resources could be spent better elsewhere. Another idea is the creation of a community clinic in Frenchs Forest to service locals in need of support.</p>
33	I think this new shared pathway is a positive and important improvement that will allow easier access to Glenrose shopping centre for all concerned, especially those who require mobility scooters or wheelchairs. This area lacks footpaths in general which forces people

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	with a disability out onto the roads which is very dangerous. The additional of this new pathway will hopefully make life a little easier for for everyone that uses it.
34	It seems a shame to run a concrete line through the middle of such a nice nature strip. Why not improve the sidewalks along one of the adjacent streets? There are very few nice strolls left in Belrose like this one, and it seems like this is for convenience, not pleasure? Why not put funds into stopping the hoodlums racing on Haigh and Pringle!
35	I feel that additional "urbanization" of one of the few remaining green reserves is unnecessary. Residents already have access via Wingara Grove which runs immediately parallel to the reserve and leads directly to an existing pathway that runs besides the playground and tennis courts and directly to the Glenrose shopping centre, which is more than sufficient for wheeled access. I would be keen to understand what studies or surveys were done to quantify the need for this additional access. I would expect that those who travel on foot are more than happy to walk through nice green grass as they cross between the expanses of faceless grey concrete. As there is a continual gradient I also feel that it will likely encourage bike/scooter/skate board users to descend at speed towards Haigh Avenue, a busy bus and commuter route. So if safety really is a consideration here then this should be accounted for. And concrete seems like a thoughtless choice of material. Why not consider a 'softer' , more environmentally friendly surface - perhaps finely crushed granite gravel like sections of the paths around Narrabeen lagoon. As long as the gravel is not too coarse and packed down correctly, then it is perfectly fine for wheelchairs/prams/bikes/scooters with small/unforgiving wheels. It would be cheaper then concrete too. Regards,
36	Excellent idea. More paths (and good quality ones) are needed in Belrose to help the community walk more than always jump in the car.
37	I am very supportive of this proposal. My 6yo daughter is in a wheelchair, she has an assistance dog as well as a younger 2yo sister. We struggle to find safe footpaths in this area to walk together as a family. Thank you for working to make our community more accessible for ALL.
38	Great idea - save getting wet feet and will be much better for bike riding.
39	I believe this path would be very popular. I regularly walk this track to and from the shops and currently it is like a goat track which gets very muddy in the wet. It would also remove foot traffic from Coora Ave and Wingara Grove and therefore a safer walking route.
40	I'm all for a safe shared footpath from Haigh Avenue to connect with Glenrose Village Shopping Centre and the Glen Street Theatre/ Library complex. Keeping green space is imperative for all to enjoy and the footpath will allow residents to traverse safely. What I would like is for a footpath, West from the junction of Haigh and Hakea Avenues BELROSE, which would connect with the network of footpaths in existence. I have been a resident of BELROSE for 53 years and my 'neck of the woods' has not had a safe pathway to reach the bus stop in Haigh Avenue (near Waniti Road). The nature strip is uneven in sections due to the liquidambar, paperbark tree roots and at times seed pods which can cause an injury.
41	What a waste of money. Questions 1. There are 2 streets that run parallel to the reserve, one within 10m in one direction and 20m in the other that people and bike riders already use to access the tennis courts and the shops, so why the need for yet another concrete path? 2. Why are you getting rid of green space that provides a temperature reduction for the area and putting in a concrete path which stores heat? Problems 1. This area is also known to flood in heavy rain, of which we have had a lot recently, with more to come if we are going into a La Nina event as predicted, and water runs down the reserve from the shops and off onto Haigh Ave, causing traffic problems and accidents, as the drains were placed too high to be effective.

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	<p>2. From what I can see in the plan, the path will go across an area that is locally known to be a bog after any rain towards the Haigh Ave end, and so will then be a danger to all users particularly if the path sinks or breaks up.</p> <p>3. There is also no lighting in this area and so will be dangerous at night.</p> <p>4. This area has a lot of children and adults that ride bikes as well as elderly people who walk to the shops. If you do insist on making yet another path it needs to be wider than 2.5 m taking out more grass area to allow for both pedestrians and bike riders, so that pedestrians don't need to walk in single file while bike riders go shooting past, as bike riders don't like going around pedestrians onto the grass on footpaths in the area as it is.</p> <p>Alternate solution for the Reserve You should be planting more trees and putting in seating in this area not getting rid of the grass area that kids use to play on and where people walk their dogs. You can't play ball games such as footie on a concrete path and dogs prefer to walk on grass and around trees.</p>
42	Great plan, hoping that cycling is also provisioned for in this shared path.
43	<p>Having looked at the proposed Share Path I cannot see the logic of erecting a path through this beautiful tranquil bush area. What is the purpose of this Share path? There is already a path in close proximity for the people living in this area which takes them to the Shopping Centre why disturb the delightful bushland area where families can go for respite.</p> <p>As there are proposed Units being build in this area surely leaving this Park as it is gives those living in Units a place to go and be surrounded by nature which is psychologically beneficial..</p>
44	Rather than putting more concrete into a green area suggest connecting the two existing paths on the section that runs between the tennis courts and fencing for the shopping centre. Also could widen the Wingara path.
45	<p>Sounds great. Putting a dedicated path here will give people a safe option to walk and ride along. Please do put markings on the path to separate the users. All too often one group will use it without consideration for others, for example; walkers should not use the entire width and expect kids on bikes to leave to path to go around, rather walkers, prams, bikes etc should stay in their respective lane or go single file when they cross another user.</p> <p>Markings saying keep left etc would help.</p>
46	All sound great, very thing is about the town along the water, but inland towns are forgotten. Towns like Beacon Hill, Frenchs Forest, Cromer High, hardly to have a nearby coffee shop or corner shop.
47	This is well overdue and is fantastic it may finally be happening!
48	<p>Please do not destroy this green space with a footpath! The area immediately behind Glenrose shops needs remediation however the path right down the centre is unnecessary, maybe a path from Glenrose to the new children's park is sufficient?</p> <p>The reserve is used for free play by the community for activities such as soccer, cricket and peaceful activities such as reading and meditation, and a path will make the area unusable for these types of activities. Maybe more funding could be allocated to improving the existing substandard footpaths in the vicinity to create a multi use path around the loop of Pringle, Haigh, Hakea and Lockwood. The northern end of the path will stop at a very dangerous part of Haigh Avenue where cars come around a blind corner often at speed through the dip in the road, a young child on a bicycle etc would be at significant risk if they were to ride onto the road.</p> <p>Not every green space in the area needs a path right through it!</p>
49	As we live near this reserve and do use it to access Glenrose shops , we would really appreciate a path there. When it has rained or the grass is long using this area is unpleasant. Therefore a path this wide would allow easier access.

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50	This is a great idea that will benefit all residents, young, old, disabled etc. to allow us to walk safely to Glenrose from Haigh on what is already an unmade path. Another great initiative from NBC.
51	Good idea. However, may I suggest that signs be erected where the pathway crosses the entrance to the lower carpark of the shopping centre clearly stating "give way to pedestrians". Also, some people will use that spot as an entrance to the shopping centre and some thought could be given to ensuring the internal access is safe, especially for prams and mobility scooters.
52	Definitely need the link across the back of Glenrose. Perhaps the money for the path down to Haigh would be better spent on footpaths on the adjoining roads, allowing safer journeys to and from those streets? Or do both.
53	There is already a quiet parallel street that is used- Wingara Grove. I think sharing with bicycles is a dreadful idea. It hasn't worked at Narrabeen Lake or the Showground at Belrose. People on bicycles zoom around Narrabeen Lake, some are very rude and dangerous. Skate boarders and bicycles take over the path, speeding around the Showground at Belrose now that is open. Wingara Reserve is a quiet reserve that is pleasant to walk through. There is a very quiet parallel Street that cyclists, prams, wheel chairs and accessibility scooters can use which already connects up to the shopping centre. Total waste of money and loss of a lovely quiet park that families use for picnics and parties now that it has been cleaned up. There is no need to urbanise it further.
54	<p>I absolutely do NOT approve of this.</p> <p>Having public filtered through, past the back of our property, for easy access to Woolworths &amp; Aldi, seems not fair in the slightest. We were told the Wingara reserve was NEVER to be built on when we purchased the property.</p> <p>This path will be in a flood area. What will the council do to prevent the shifting of soft ground, making the path move and crack?? Will the flood planning level be adhered to by council, as required by development applications in our street?</p> <p>This path will greatly reduce our privacy. Bedrooms at the back of our house will hear noise from increased traffic on the path, disturbing study &amp; sleep for my children. Our beautiful grassy green view will be replaced with concrete seen from every angle Of the back of our house. This is not the idea of a gorgeous nature reserve!!</p> <p>As the path will be on a downwards slope, we can expect skateboarders and bike riders to be constantly screaming down it, which won't be peaceful at all. Already one neighbour is talking about the kids being able to use it all weekend for their bikes. No peace!! Who else has to put up with public at both the front and back of their house at all times! It's not fair!!</p> <p>Years ago the fire brigade had to drive through the reserve to put out a fire in a pine tree, that youth had lit via letting off a firework. How will a path effect emergency access? I'm assuming there will have to be a fence at the bottom of the reserve on Haig, so that bike riders &amp; skate boarders don't go flying out onto the road after gaining speed down the hill. We already have large groups of skateboarders flying down Wingara Grove and using it as a hill to do their slides on. A path will encourage them into the reserve, where we already have groups of teenagers making trouble, littering and doing drugs. Refer to the photos and email sent in by my neighbour at number [REDACTED] to the tree management team just recently. This shows their bongs, cut up hoses (which we already get in our street constantly!) and rubbish.</p> <p>We were also told by Jeremy Smith from council tree management team, that the trees in that reserve would not be trimmed back as it is not a thoroughfare for the public, so they pose no danger. (Even though the council trees drop branches the size of our back yard. I have photos of multiple times this has happened.) I'm assuming due to the size and nature of the trees in the reserve, that if the path goes ahead, will be continuously assessed and maintained to avoid harm to path users? If you look at the trees right now, particularly the largest in the reserve behind [REDACTED], you can see that council does not maintain them by taking the huge amounts of dead wood out of them.</p>

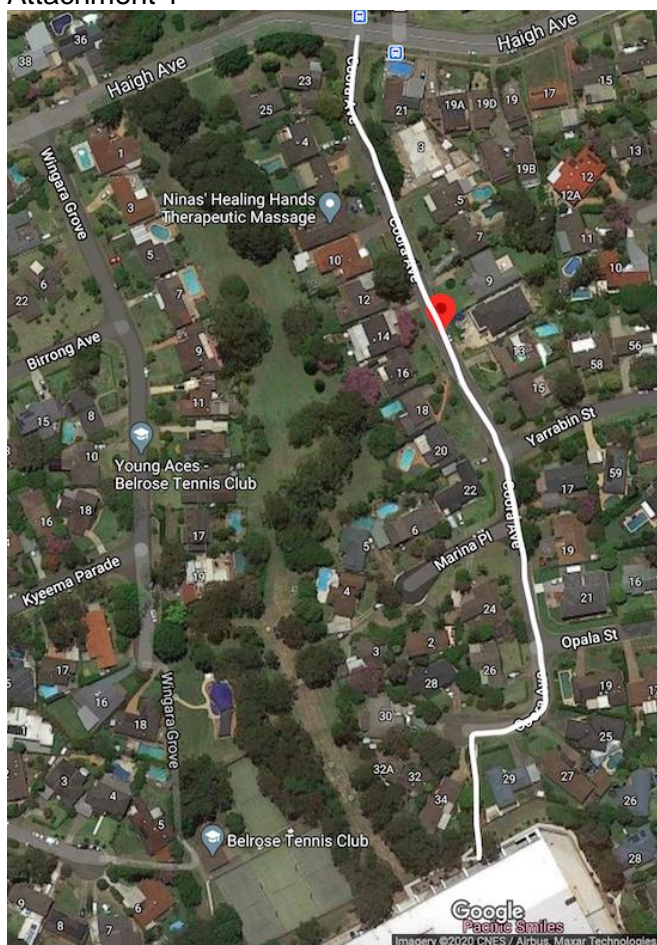
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	<p>These so called endangered trees will have roots disturbed if a path goes in, they are already dangerous. They are so big that a path through the middle would make it impossible to miss building over the roots.</p> <p>I would also assume that the council is ready to handle all the graffiti on our back fences, that will ensue from teens hanging in the reserve at night on the path. The reserve is a largely undisturbed quiet area, perfect for teen hang outs. This is not to mention the impact it will have on the nature that we have in the reserve. We see echidnas, pythons, ducks, possums and so much more that will suffer. What will be done to protect these creatures? If people are constantly going through the reserve, our back bedrooms will have to always have blinds down if we are to get changed in them. Or at our cost get the windows glazed over. Again, not fair!</p> <p>Often families who back onto the reserve play games of football or other sports in that reserve. A big concrete path will not allow for this type of activity.</p> <p>There are just so many negatives to putting a path in here. Both in terms of privacy and peace for our family, in terms of environmental impact and in potential cost of maintenance to council.</p> <p>My suggestion would be to put a foot path on the front of the houses in Coora and / or Wingara. This seems reasonable and falls inline with what other houses in the area have and will allow easy access for pedestrians in turn.</p>
55	We think this an excellent plan. Many people use the area at present and a shared path would make it so much easier for bicycles, wheelchairs, prams etc.
56	In support
57	Why destroy more parkland with a 2.5m wide strip of concrete, at considerable expense, when Coora Avenue runs parallel and has a footpath to the rear of Glenrose. It seems like a pointless waste of money and further ruination of the local natural habitat. What are we concreting over everything for? On the attached photo, (See attachment 1) I've outlined the existing hard paved route in white, in case you had not noticed it.
58	In favour of proposal..
59	There are so many beer bottles smashed and teens 'partying' under Glenrose shops. I think there is ample access with surrounding streets and a path will just encourage more unruly behavior. The green space is so nice and would be lovely to keep. When the grass is mown, kids play on it and I really think a path is a waste of money and will cause more problems.
60	Looks like a good idea. Not very long but a good start and many more local people are walking, cycling since COVID so it's a safe option.
61	Wonderful proposal. The area is used informally as a path but is often overgrown and wet. A path would be great for walkers, prams, cyclists and encourage use of the centre from the back entrance. Also would be a key improvement for the Oxfam 100km event that traverses this area.
62	An excellent idea. It should have been done years ago.
62	Excellent proposal with benefits for many Belrose residents.
63	Great idea!
64	Excellent idea, it is a lovely green area to be shared .... Today there are more mobility vehicles in the area, so I am sure this will be appreciated .... Hopefully children on bikes will respect the elderly that may use the path .... A lovely walking track in the past , many native birds ...
65	I think it should be left as grass. There is already a path from Glenrose down past the playground into Wingara.
66	I think having the path along Glenrose shops behind the tennis courts has value, since it is used now and is just a dirt path. I dont think the other part of the path from Glenrose through the reserve to Haigh is required - its a good nature strip as it stands and I would prefer not to have a path cut through the middle of it.

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67	<p>This is great and will make it much easier for young families, particularly those with prams, to get from Glenrose to the playground, and will give the many pedestrians who currently walk along Ashworth to Glenrose an alternative pathway into Glenrose via the lower rear entrance door/lifts. Would council please also consider adding to this project a paved pathway between the back of the old library and house/preschool (who street address is on Ashworth Ave), in order to safely connect with the pathways at the end of Ashworth Avenue with Lockwood Avenue? This access way is lumpy, often muddy and difficult to negotiate with a pram or child's scooter/bike. This longstanding accessway provides many school students (mostly attending Mimosa/Davidson) who walk/ride to/from the Lockwood pedestrian crossing toward Wingara Reserve with a safe route home. This pathway is far safer than the alternative route where children must navigate and negotiate their way across the two busy petrol station driveways on Glen Street. Giving children a far safer alternative path will prevent the accident that is waiting to happen. Thankyou for your consideration.</p>
68	<p>While I think the path is a good idea to increase accessibility, from the diagram it appears that after being in the approximate centre through the bottom half of the reserve, it then deviates towards my [REDACTED]. This will significantly encroach on our privacy as the pathway will be so close to our low fence that looks directly into our property/house. Assuming this deviation is to avoid the drain in the centre of the reserve, could the path instead deviate to the other side (ie closer to the tennis court)? This would be much appreciated. Thank you.</p>
69	<p>A great idea to formalise and improve this heavily used route! All for it.</p>
70	<p>Great, we have been asking for a pathway behind the Glenrose shopping centre since it was built. Good to see it will extend down to Haigh Ave.</p>
71	<p>This is great. Much safer than walking through the back streets to get to the shopping centre.</p>
72	<p>We welcome this plan as it will assist with safety and accessibility to and from the shopping centre and recreation facilities. Thank you.</p>
73	<p>I'm all for the pathway, it is a bit of wasted land at the moment. I would suggest using the space as an off lead dog zone as well, making the land not just a thoroughfare from Haigh Ave to Glen St shops, but also a destination for local residents to socialise and walk their dogs. It a beautiful natural, tree lined reserve and would add a lot of value to the culture and land value of the Belrose area as another great public space. I worry that as a pathway to the shops alone it will just be a means to get somewhere, not enjoyed to its full potential. I'm obviously aware of the great dog park we already have in Belrose, this would just create another destination for people to socialise. Finally, it would be great to think of more ways to get kids outdoors more. I wonder if there are other uses of the reserve, particularly with its natural decline, to get kids outdoors. I know when I was a kid we would have turned that hill into a great billy cart track, but now I am sounding old! But, all good for the pathway, thanks!</p>
74	<p>Great Thats much more than we expected thank you much safer for families and older people on scooters</p>
75	<p>My house [REDACTED] backs on [REDACTED] Wingara Reserve and I feel that the way the proposed pathway is positioned at the moment it would significantly impinge on my privacy. From the concept plan, it looks as if the pathway would run almost along the back fence of not only my house but several others on that side of the reserve. The proposal seems to envisage the pathway will run on the eastern side of the existing drain line, whereas my view is that it would more appropriate for it to run on the western side of the drain line i.e. nearer the eastern side of the tennis courts. Another possibility would be to run the new pathway along the northern side of the tennis courts (between the courts and the playground) in order to join the existing path on the western side.</p>
76	<p>We reside in [REDACTED] and believe that this shared pathway will be very beneficial to the accessibility of the shopping complex. We access the shops via the entry adjacent to</p>

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	the tennis courts after having to negotiate a narrow dirt track behind the courts. This proposal will result in a much safer (and drier) access for us and the many local residents who also use this track to the shops.
77	We are very pleased to hear of this proposal. I use a mobility scooter occasionally due to a medical condition (and likely more so in future) so would welcome the path behind Glenrose to be paved, currently the tree roots are problematic. We also have young kids who use scooters and bikes and this would be much safer and more convenient for them too. Thank you!
78	My wife and I do think it is a very good or necessary investment of Councils Money. Currently you have very quiet roads, Wingara Grove and Coora Avenue giving safe access from Haig Avenue to Glenrose shops if you wish to walk/cycle there. The walking/cycling traffic currently is very small as there are not that many houses the other side of Haig. Currently the Reserve is used by many children as a play area, we believe this will spoil it for them. If we end up like the track round Narrabeen Lake with cyclists using it, it will become dangerous...just like Narrabeen walking /cycling way with cyclists speeding round it! It is also used by many dog walkers. Again it will spoil it for them competing with cyclists. In addition when we have heavy rain the centre of it gets flooded. How do you propose managing this? As we said we believe it is a waste of Councils Money. It is unnecessary and I believe could end up being dangerous to the children that play there. There is little enough area off the road where they can play as it is.. you are making that worse for them. We strongly state it is NOT to anyone's advantage and should NOT be proceeded with.

## 5.2 Submission attachments

### Attachment 1





### 5.3 Email submissions

1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed concrete walk way down Wingara Reserve. As residents of [REDACTED] we have some concerns we would like to raise, namely:
    - The majority of people using the reserve are using it as an off-leash dog park (which shouldn't happen) and if more people are encouraged to use a concrete pathway down the reserve there is an increased risk that someone could be attacked by a dog. Therefore , it is our suggestions that the off lead dog walking should be addressed before consideration for a pathway.
    - Does a reserve really need a big concrete pathway running down it to spoil the natural element of the reserve? Isn't that the point of a reserve to walk in nature?
    - There are two quiet roads either side of the reserve which be used as walkways if a member of the public does not wish to walk/push prams etc on the grass.
    - The pathway behind the tennis courts is a great idea for people exiting the shopping centre.
    - As our lounge windows and backyard look directly onto the reserve we would like the pathway route (if it goes ahead) to be maintained as proposed i.e. away from our property.We are more than happy to talk through our concerns.
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2. Hi Cameron, what a good idea, should have been done years ago.
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3. That's great, thank you.
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4. Basically we agree it would be a great idea to have a path - PROVIDING that a great deal of thought was put into the height of the path. This is a water course when heavy rain happens. We have lived here for 52 years therefore we have witnessed this area being changed from a gully carrying a large amount of water to having it piped.

This has basically been a success except for the fact that the level of the ground has been heightened which means our back yard, on occasions gets flooded as a great amount of water flows down this path to Haigh Ave.

Please ENSURE that the path is level or lower than the present path as when it rains there is still a lot of water flowing above the ground as well as in the pipes.

When the work, which took place a couple of years ago was being done we tried to explain to the so called 'expert' that this would be problem. The first lot of heavy rain that we had flooded part of our yard and the yard and garage next door. Hence they had to come and change some of the original ideas.

So it would be very much appreciated to have a path but with considerable thought to the height.