



# Parks and Open Spaces Survey Report

2021



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# Section 1

## Introduction

With the vision of a growing, confident and sustainable Shire, Mareeba Shire Council recognises the strategic importance of providing affordable quality public spaces and facilities to encourage active communities and to improve the visual appeal and liveability of the Shire's towns and districts. Over time, the aim is to deliver parks, open spaces, paths and trails that are affordable to ratepayers, are planned and managed for a growing community and informed by community input and relevant data.

Mareeba Shire Council conducted a community survey over two months from 1 December 2020 to 1 February 2021 to gain a better understanding of who is using the parks and open spaces throughout the Shire, identify those which are most used and how they are used (frequency, for what purpose and with whom) as well as community views on the most important aspects of parks and open spaces. The findings will inform future planning for affordable parks and open spaces in towns throughout the Shire. Further details on the survey method are at Appendix 1.

## Survey Respondents

- ❖ 481 respondents participated in the survey with 479 questionnaires returned and written comments received from 2 others.
- ❖ Responses were received from residents living in all towns throughout the Shire with numbers proportionate with town size.
- ❖ Most questionnaires were received from residents in Mareeba (315 or 65%), Kuranda (41 or 8.6%), Outside the Mareeba Shire (25, 5.2%), Julatten (23, 4.8%) and Dimbulah (17, 3.5%).
- ❖ Overall, the most common type of respondent was a Mareeba resident aged 35-49 years living in a household with adult/s and young children.



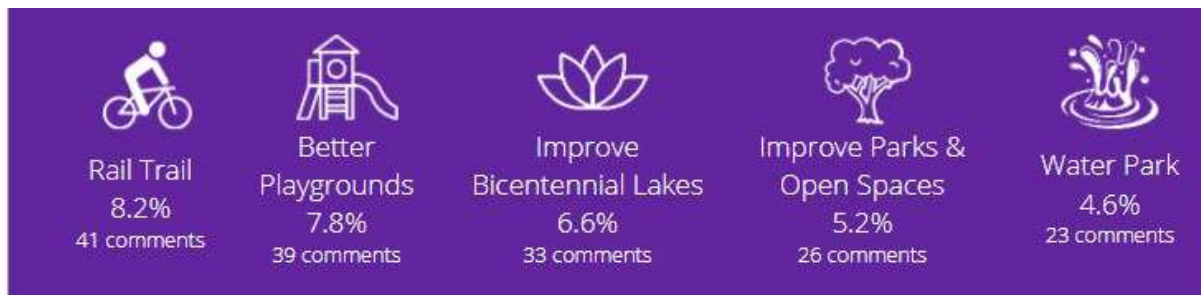
## Section 2

# Community Feedback Summary

## 2.1 Most Common Comments

A total of 498 *other* comments were received from 481 respondents with the most common comments identified. These were then grouped according to *type* of comment and the results are presented below.

### ➤ Most frequently reported *other* survey comments:



\*The Rail Trail is an undeveloped former rail corridor, not an existing Council facility. The survey results have treated the rail trail comments as calls for a new off-road trail for cyclists and pedestrians even though many respondents commented about 'upgrading' the rail trail.

### ➤ Most common *type* of survey comment

#### Upgrades

- Most common *type of comment* was about upgrading and improving existing facilities, either for unspecified parks and open spaces or for identified parks (216, 43.4% of comments) with 26 comments calling for improved parks and open spaces in general.
- Playgrounds was the most common *type of upgrade/improvement* commented on - more and/or upgraded play areas for children that are fenced, shaded, safer and age specific (39, 7.8% comments).
- Bicentennial Lakes attracted the most comments about improvements (33, 6.6%) with 7 comments made about needing better maintenance and 26 regarding upgrades - more facilities, clear waterways, safer and accessible.

## New

- Nearly twice as many comments were made about developing new paths, trails and footpaths for exercise, recreation and commuting (99, 19.9% of comments) than for creating new parks (53, 10.6% comments).
  
- The most common new parks and open spaces commented on were:
  1. More pedestrian and cycling paths and trails (unspecified) for recreation and commuting including circuits in the Shire, but especially in Mareeba (55, 11%)
  2. Mareeba Rail Trail (41, 8.2% comments)
  3. Water park (23, 4.8% comments)
  4. Park with a playground at Amaroo Park Estate/eastern side of town (17, 3.5% comments)



Mareeba Rail Trail

## 2.2 Use of Parks, Paths and Trails

Almost half of respondents reported using parks and open spaces at least once per week (43%) and the most common reasons for using parks and open spaces were for recreation (72%) and exercise (49%).

### ➤ The most commonly reported important elements of parks and open spaces were:

1. toilet amenities (58%)
2. picnic tables / BBQs / shelters (54%)
3. trees and natural surroundings (50%)
4. playgrounds (45%)
5. rubbish bins (38%)
6. trails/paths/cycleways that link parks and open spaces (32%)
7. trails/paths/cycleways within parks and open spaces (28%)
8. drinking water (28%)

### ➤ The most frequently visited parks were all located in Mareeba:

1. Centenary Park (47%)
2. Mary Andrews Gardens Park (35%)
3. Bicentennial Lakes (18%)

➤ In other towns, there is very low use of parks and the most visited parks were:

1. Kuranda Barron River Esplanade (7%)
2. Geraghty Park Julatten (5%)
3. Town Hall Park Dimbulah (4%)
4. Wetherby Park Mt Molloy (4%)

### ➤ The most frequently used paths and trails were all in Mareeba:

1. Bicentennial Lakes (17%)
2. Mareeba Rail Trail (12%)
3. Ceola Drive, Sunset Park Estate and Sunbird Park Estate Pathways (10%)
4. Anzac Ave footpath to the CBD (6%)

## 2.3 Maintenance

- The survey comments indicate that Council's current level of parks maintenance is adequate across the Shire, apart from the Bicentennial Lakes, Mareeba.
- Some comments were made about paths, trails and footpaths not being safe, not suitable for people with mobility issues and not being in good condition.

## 2.4 Planning for Parks and Open Spaces in Shire Towns

The community feedback indicates:

1. It is important to consider the primary type and age of the users in each town and how these change over time, the most important features, and the specific upgrades and new facilities identified by residents. (Refer Section 3.5 for details)
2. The current levels of maintenance for parks and open spaces seem to be adequate, except for the Bicentennial Lakes Mareeba.
3. The most common type of comment was in relation to upgrades/improvements to parks and open spaces, especially for improving the Bicentennial Lakes in Mareeba and unspecified playgrounds in Mareeba.
4. There is support for the development of the Mareeba Rail Trail and other new paths, trails and footpaths for exercise and recreation in the Shire especially in Mareeba, a new water park, and a new park with a playground in Amaroo Park Estate/eastern side of Mareeba.



Upgraded playground equipment  
Mareeba Centenary Park

## Section 3

# Survey Results

### 3.1 Use of Parks and Open Spaces

Almost half of respondents reported using parks and open spaces at least once per week (207, 43% respondents) and the most common reasons for use are recreation (346, 72% respondents) and exercise (237, 49% respondents). Respondents most commonly use parks and open spaces with friends and family (321, 67% respondents) and almost half with young children (219, 45% respondents).

### 3.2 Important Elements - Parks and Open Spaces

The most commonly reported important elements of parks and open spaces were:

1. Toilet amenities (280, 58% respondents),
2. Picnic tables / BBQs / shelters (259, 54% respondents),
3. Trees and natural surroundings (243, 50% respondents),
4. Playgrounds (218, 45% respondents), and
5. Rubbish bins (183, 38% respondents).

### 3.3 Parks

#### 3.3.1 Most Commonly Visited Parks

The three most frequently visited parks were all located in Mareeba:

1. Centenary Park (223, 46.6% respondents),
2. Mary Andrews Gardens Park (166, 34.7% respondents),
3. Bi-Centennial Lakes and Basalt Gully (86, 18.0% respondents).

Centenary Park was most visited by Mareeba residents (192, 86% of park visitors) and then by those from outside the Shire (8, 3.6% of park visitors) as well as residents from a range of other areas within the Shire especially Biboohra residents (6, 2.7%) and Julatten residents (5, 2.2%).

Mary Andrews Garden Park was most commonly visited by Mareeba residents (166, 90.4% of park visitors) and then by those from Biboohra (7, 4.2% of park visitors). Bicentennial Lakes was mostly visited by Mareeba residents (86, 90.7% of park visitors) and then by those from outside the shire (3, 3.5% of park visitors).

All other parks were selected by less than 10% of respondents. A small number of respondents reported using none of the parks listed (29, 6.0% respondents).



In other towns, the most visited parks were:

1. Kuranda Barron River Esplanade (34, 7% respondents),
2. Geraghty Park Julatten (24, 5% respondents),
3. Town Hall Park Dimbulah (21, 4.4% respondents),
4. Wetherby Park, Mt Molloy (20, 4% respondents)

### 3.3.2 Maintenance and Upgrades in the Most Visited Parks

Even though Mareeba's Mary Andrews Gardens Park was the second most visited park in the Shire, there were only two comments about the need for better maintenance and two comments calling for upgrades or improvements.

The most visited park in the Shire, Mareeba's Centenary Park, attracted comments from 7 respondents (1.4%) regarding upgrades and more frequent maintenance. Of these, six respondents or 1.2% commented that facilities could be upgraded including: replacing unsafe play equipment, replacing soft fall mulch, upgrading toilets, providing more tables and seating, planting more trees and replacing donated trees. One respondent commented that the toilets need to be cleaned more regularly (1, 0.2% respondents).

It was the third most used park, the Bicentennial Lakes in Mareeba that attracted the most comments (33, 6.6% comments) about the need for upgrades and better maintenance and these are detailed in the following sections.

### 3.3.3 Park Maintenance

A similar number of comments were made about parks and open spaces being good/well maintained (20 comments, 4%) as were made about the need for better maintenance of unspecified parks and open spaces (19 comments, 3.8%). A further 20 comments (4%) were made about the need for better maintenance of identified parks, with Bicentennial Lakes receiving the most (7 comments 1.4%).

The park that received the most comments about maintenance was Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes (7, 1.4% comments). It was reported that this park needs more frequent and improved maintenance, including rubbish and glass removal, weeding, pruning and irrigation.

The park receiving the second highest number of comments about maintenance was Dimbulah Heritage Railway Park. Although it was the second most visited park in Dimbulah (16, 3.2% comments), it received the most comments about needing better maintenance (4, 0.8% comments) including cleaning play equipment and issues around green ants and magpies.

The relatively low number of comments about the need for improved maintenance overall indicates Council's current level of parks maintenance is adequate across the Shire, except for the Mareeba Bicentennial Lakes and perhaps the Dimbulah Heritage Railway Park.

### 3.3.4 Park Upgrades

The most common *type of other comment* was made about upgrading or improving existing parks and open spaces, either in general or about identified parks (216, 44.9% of comments). Of these 216 comments about upgrading parks and open spaces, 129 or 25.9% were about upgrading parks.

The most common type of park upgrade commented on was more and/or upgraded play areas for children that are fenced and shaded (39, 7.8% of all comments). These comments regarding playgrounds also represent just over one third of the 129 comments about upgrading parks.

The most common comments made about *upgrading identified parks* were:

1. Bicentennial Lakes upgrades (26, 5.2% comments)
2. Borzi Park upgrades - more parking and toilets required (17, 3.4% comments)
3. Upgrade Barron River Esplanade Mareeba - access, walking tracks, parklands (9, 1.8% comments)
4. Kuranda Skate Park upgrade - safety concerns (6, 1.2% comments)
5. Centenary Park Mareeba upgrade - replace and increase play equipment, upgrade toilets, more tables, seating and plants (6, 1.2% comments)

### 3.3.5 Bicentennial Lakes Upgrades

Of all the parks and open spaces in the Shire, Mareeba's Bicentennial Lakes attracted the most comments about the need for upgrades/improvements to the existing facilities and features (26, 5.2% comments). Comments were coded into this category primarily if they related to providing new facilities:

- More or new facilities - BBQ's / picnic areas / shelters, lighting, Water Park, seating, rubbish bins, playgrounds, shade, trees and plants, event spaces, family friendly amenities, equipment for older children, exercise area, bike track, dog park, gardens.
- Comments relating to the waterways were also regarded as an upgrade rather than maintenance. There was a small number of divergent comments including - returning the lakes to natural seasonal water flow, ensuring a continuous flow of water all year round and general cleaning (rubbish removal) and improvement of water quality.
- Improvements to safety and accessibility, especially for older people and for people with a disability, were also regarded as an upgrade rather than maintenance, for example, remove steep bridges and improve condition of pathways so that they are safe.
- Upgrade comments were often made within the context of: (a) making it more inviting, (b) an attraction for locals and visitors, (c) increase utilisation and maximise potential for range of activities and purposes, (d) improving personal and physical safety.

### 3.3.6 New Parks

The most common new parks identified were both located in Mareeba:

1. A new water park (23, 4.6% comments), and
2. A park with playground at Amaroo Estate/eastern side of town (17, 3.4% comments).

#### *New Water Park*

Of the 23 comments about a new water park in the Shire, they were primarily received from Mareeba residents (20, 87.0% respondents) and from families with young children (19, 82.6% respondents).

Comments primarily related to:

- It would be good to have a water park for young children.
- Water park could be located at Mary Andrews Park.
- Suitable for hot climate and drier towns such as Mareeba, Dimbulah, Mt Molloy.
- Providing additional recreation facilities / options for children and teens.
- Free water park facility could have BBQ, seating, playground, toilets.
- Water could be recycled from the Barron River.
- Water park should be funded by the State as promised.

#### *New Park at Amaroo Estate/Eastern side of town*

Of the 17 comments about a new park at Amaroo Estate / eastern side of town, these were all received from Mareeba residents and primarily from families with young children (10, 58.8% respondents).

As part of this new park respondents requested: playgrounds, shaded areas, fenced dog area, walk/cycle paths within the park.

Other comments about new parks included a nature playground (6, 1.2% comments), need facilities/park for older children/teens (6, 1.2% comments), need a park in Kenneally Estate/Marinelli Estate (4, 0.8% comments) and need all abilities playground and facilities (3, 0.6% comments).

## 3.4 Paths and Trails

### 3.4.1 Most Frequently Used Paths and Trails

A large range of footpaths, paths within parks, off road paths and trails and National Park trails throughout the shire were reported. The four most used paths and trails reported were all in Mareeba:

1. Bicentennial Lakes (83, 17% respondents),
2. Mareeba Rail Trail (58, 12% respondents),
3. Ceola Dr, Sunset Park Estate & Sunbird Park Estate Pathways (48, 10% respondents).
4. Anzac Ave footpath to CBD (29, 6% respondents)

### 3.4.2 Paths and Trails Maintenance and Upgrades

Few comments in the survey were made about improved maintenance or upgrades to paths and trails. Only 3 or 0.6% of 498 'other' comments were about the need for better paths and trails maintenance and no comments were made about upgrading trails or paths. However, at Question 8, nine respondents (1.8%) reported not using paths and trails as they were not safe, not suitable for people with mobility issues and not in good condition.

### 3.4.3 New Paths and Trails

More comments were made about developing new paths, trails and footpaths for exercise and recreation (99, 20% of comments) than for developing new parks (53, 11% of comments).

By far the most common paths and trails comments were about the need for more paths and trails for exercise, recreation and commuting including circuits and loops, more footpaths and cycling options. This accounted for nearly one fifth of the 498 other comments about parks and open spaces. Three comments were received about new trails for horse-riding.

The most common new path or trail commented on was the Mareeba Rail Trail (41, 8.2% comments).

#### *Mareeba Rail Trail*

The most common 'other' comment in the survey was to 'upgrade' the Mareeba Rail Trail. As the Rail Trail isn't an existing Council facility and is an undeveloped former rail corridor, the survey analysis has treated the rail trail comments as calls for a new trail facility even though many respondents used the word 'upgrade'. Comments suggested upgrading the Rail Trail to allow off-road cycling, walking and running.

The survey demonstrated that the de-commissioned former rail corridor is well used for walking and cycling as it was identified as the second most used trail/path in the Shire, which helps explain the calls to 'upgrade' the trail as it is currently used in its undeveloped state. Most comments about the rail trail were from Mareeba residents (27, 66% respondents) and 13 (or 32% respondents) by those from outside the shire, indicating that a developed rail trail would attract users from both within and outside of the Shire.

Approximately 70% of rail trail users are in the 35 - 64 years age bracket and almost half (41.1% respondents) are from adult couple households. This suggests that rail trail users are a slightly older age demographic. Of those who commented on the Rail Trail, the majority are frequent users (25, 61% respondents).

### 3.5 Planning for Town Parks and Open Spaces

#### *Biboohra (11 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by multi-generational families and use of spaces for events. The most important features reported by Biboohra residents are toilets, picnic amenities, rubbish bins and drinking water. Biboohra currently has one park (Tom Mahon Park), and no frequently used paths or trails were identified. Biboohra residents primarily report using parks in Mareeba, especially Mary Andrews Garden park.

#### *Chillagoe (6 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by multi-generational families and use of spaces for events. The most important features reported by Chillagoe residents were toilets, picnic amenities and rubbish bins. Chillagoe's most frequently used Council park is Ten Acres Reserve and no specific Council paths or trails were identified as frequently used.

#### *Dimbulah (17 respondents) were*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by families with young children and use of spaces for events. The most important features reported by Dimbulah residents were picnic amenities, toilets, playgrounds and rubbish bins. Town Hall Park and Heritage (Railway) Park are the most frequently visited parks and there is some suggestion that the latter requires upgrades (4, 23% respondents) and maintenance (4, 23% respondents). Residents' report using unspecified town footpaths and roads for active recreation.

#### *Julatten (23 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by an older age demographic, a range of family types and use of spaces for recreation and environment. The most important features reported by Julatten residents were trees and nature, toilets and picnic amenities. Dog parks were more important to Julatten residents than overall results (8, 35% respondents). Geraghty Park is the most frequently visited park in Julatten and several roads were identified as frequently used for recreation (including Black Mountain Road). Developing horse riding trails was suggested by Julatten respondents (3, 13% respondents).

#### *Koah (9 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces in Koah should consider use by families with young children. The most important features were trees and nature, rubbish bins, trails and paths that link places. Koah has one park (Musumeci Park) and several roads were identified as frequently used for recreation. Koah respondents most common 'other comment' was to create new / extend existing footpaths and trails (4, 44% respondents.)

*Kuranda (41 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by an older age demographic, particularly adult couples and use of spaces for recreation and environment. The most important features reported by Kuranda residents were trees and nature, toilets, picnic amenities and rubbish bins. The most frequently visited Kuranda park / path was the Barron River Esplanade, where upgrades such as improving accessibility, walking tracks and parklands were suggested. Safety upgrades to the Kuranda skate park were also identified (5, 12% respondents.)

*Mareeba (315 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by families with young children for recreational purposes. The most important features reported by Mareeba residents were toilets, picnic facilities and playgrounds. Centenary Park is the most frequently visited park in Mareeba and Bicentennial Lakes is the most frequently visited path / trail. The most common type of comment was about upgrading existing facilities. Upgrades for specific parks were most commonly identified by Mareeba residents for Bicentennial Lakes (26, 8% respondents) and Borzi Park - parking (15, 5% respondents). The most commonly identified new facilities were the Rail Trail (28, 9% respondents), water park (20, 6% respondents) and a park at Amaroo Estate / eastern side of Mareeba (12, 4% respondents).

*Mt Molloy (11 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by an older age demographic and use primarily for recreational purposes. The most important features reported by Mt Molloy residents were trees and nature and toilets. Directional signage was more important to Mt Molloy residents than overall results. Wetherby Park is the most frequently visited park in Mt Molloy and Babblers Hill / Tall Gums and Labyrinth was the most frequently visited path / trail.

*Speewah (12 respondents)*

Planning for parks and open spaces should consider use by an older age demographic, particularly adult couples and use of spaces for recreation. The most important features reported by Speewah residents were trees and nature, and trail and paths that link parks. Dog parks were more important to Speewah residents than overall results. Speewah has one park (Roscommon Park) and hiking trails within surrounding national parks are most frequently used.

*Other towns*

There were very few responses for other individual towns (Irvinebank, Watsonville, Mt Carbine, Mutchilba) and it is difficult to draw conclusions about parks and open spaces in these towns.

## 3.6 Most Common Types of 'Other' Comments

The 'other comments' have been grouped according to type of comment and the results presented below.

<i>Comment type</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percentage of respondents (N=481)</i>	<i>Percentage of responses (N=498)</i>
<b>UPGRADES</b>			
Park upgrades	129	26.8%	25.9%
Parks and open spaces upgrades	46	9.6%	9.2%
Playground upgrades	39	8.1%	7.8%
Pool upgrades	2	0.4%	0.4%
Paths/Trails upgrades	0	0	0
<b>Total Parks and Open Spaces Upgrades</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>43.4%</b>
<b>NEW</b>			
Paths/trails new (cycle, pedestrian)	96	20%	19.3%
Paths/trails new (horseriding)	3	0.6%	0.6%
Parks new	53	11%	10.6%
Playgrounds new	9	1.9%	1.8%
Parks and open spaces new	7	1.5%	1.4%
<b>Total New Parks and Open Spaces</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>33.8%</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>			
Parks need better maintenance	20	4.2%	4.0%
Parks and open spaces better maintenance	19	3.9%	3.8%
Paths/trails need better maintenance	3	0.6%	0.6%
<b>Total better maintenance required</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>8.40%</b>
<b>Parks and open spaces are good/well maintained</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
Other comments	52	10.8%	10.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# Appendix 1 Survey Method

## The Survey

Council sought community feedback regarding the current use of parks and open spaces within the Mareeba Shire to inform the development of the Strategy. A community survey was conducted over two months from 1 December 2020 to 1 February 2021 to gain a better understanding of who is using the parks and open spaces throughout the Shire, identify those which are most commonly used and how they are used (frequency, for what purpose and with whom) as well as community views on parks and open spaces.

A questionnaire consisting of eight closed questions and two open questions was made available online on Council's website and social media platforms and in hardcopy from Council Libraries and the Customer Service Centre.

479 questionnaires were returned, and written comments were received from another two residents and these were analysed to present the most common results from all respondents and the key findings are presented in this summary.

A total of 498 comments were made at the free text Question 10 inviting 'other' comments and the results include the comments made by the 479 survey respondents as well as the written comments of two other residents.

## Survey Respondents

Responses were received from residents living in all towns throughout the Shire with numbers proportionate with town size. Interest was particularly high in Mareeba (315, 65% respondents) and Kuranda residents (41, 9% respondents) had the second highest number of surveys returned.

Respondents were most commonly from the household types of family with adults and young children (181, 38% respondents) and adult couples (139, 29% respondents). There were some differences when respondents place of residence was considered with some of the smaller towns having other household types such as multi-generational families as most common.

Overall, the most common type of survey respondent was a Mareeba resident (315, 65% respondents) aged 35-49 years (171, 36% respondents) living in a household with adult/s and young children (181, 38% respondents).

Survey respondents in the respective age cohorts of 20-34 years and 35-49 years were over-represented with those aged up to 19 years and respondents aged 80+ years significantly under-represented compared to the proportion of Shire residents in the respective age cohorts. Survey respondents aged 50-64 years more closely represented the proportion of Shire residents in this age cohort.



# Survey Questions



PARKS AND OPEN SPACES SURVEY

## Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Survey

Mareeba Shire Council recognises the importance of providing quality public spaces and facilities to encourage active communities and to improve the visual appeal and liveability of the Shire. To support this vision, Council is developing a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy to ensure that these public spaces are planned and managed for a growing community using sound asset management principles.

Mareeba Shire Council maintains a variety of parks and open spaces such as recreational parks, waterway esplanades, streetscapes, footpaths and cycleways. Your feedback is important and is the starting point for community engagement which will assist with informing the development of this Strategy.

Please return to a customer service office or library by Monday 1 February 2021.

### 1. Where do you currently reside or is your closest town?

*Tick one that applies*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biboohra   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mareeba               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chillagoe  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Carbine            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dimbulah   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Molloy             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irvinebank | <input type="checkbox"/> Mutchilba             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Julatten   | <input type="checkbox"/> Speewah               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Koah       | <input type="checkbox"/> Watsonville           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kuranda    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Mareeba Shire |

### 2. Which parks do you most frequently visit in Mareeba Shire?

*Tick up to three options*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Mahon Park - Biboohra                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Abattoir Swamp Environmental Park - Julatten        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balancing Rock Picnic Area - Chillagoe           | <input type="checkbox"/> Musumeci Park - Koah                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ten Acres Recreational Reserve - Chillagoe       | <input type="checkbox"/> Centenary Park - Kuranda                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Park - Chillagoe                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Kuranda Esplanade                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Park - Dimbulah                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Gregory Terrace Park - Kuranda                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool Park - Dimbulah                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Bartley Park - Kuranda                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Park - Dimbulah                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Anzac Memorial Park - Kuranda                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eureka Creek Rest Area via Dimbulah              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrights Lookout - Kuranda                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dimbulah Heritage Park (Railway Park) - Dimbulah | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumrum Creek Environmental Park - Kuranda           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barooga Gardens Park - Dimbulah                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Harris Park, Road Reserve, Black Mt. Road - Kuranda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raleigh Street Park - Dimbulah                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kowrowa Park  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Newburn Park - Irvinebank                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Borzi Park - Mareeba                                |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Geraghty Park - Julatten                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Centenary Park - Mareeba                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Creek Park - Julatten                     |  |

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**PARKS AND OPEN SPACES SURVEY**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arnold Park - Mareeba                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceola Drive Park - Mareeba                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doyle Street Dog Park - Mareeba                | <input type="checkbox"/> Dunigan Park - Mareeba                          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset - Sunbird Park - Mareeba                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Leinster Park - Mareeba                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaughan Park, Vaughan Street - Mareeba         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetherby Park - Mt. Molloy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anzac Memorial Park - Mareeba                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Creek Rest Area - Mt Molloy               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barron Esplanade - Mareeba                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicentenary Park - Mt Molloy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Centennial Lakes and Basalt Gully - Mareeba | <input type="checkbox"/> Vains Park Recreation Reserve - Mt Molloy       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Bethel Park - Mareeba                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mt Molloy Main Street Park - Mt Molloy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Park - Mareeba                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Masterson Park - Mutchilba                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary Park - Mareeba                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Roscommon Park - Speewah                        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                                   |

**3. Which trails, pathways or cycleways do you most frequently use in Mareeba Shire?**

**4. How often do you visit Mareeba Shire Parks or Open Spaces?**

*Tick one that applies*

- Daily
- At least once per week
- At least once per month
- Occasionally
- Never



**5. How do you currently use Mareeba Shire Parks and Open Spaces?**

*Tick all that apply*

- Events
- Commuting/Travel
- Environment
- Recreation
- Exercise
- Other *(please specify)*

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**6. Who do you use parks and open spaces with most often?**

*Tick all that apply*

- Seniors
- Young Children
- Teenage Children
- Friends or Family
- People with a Disability
- Mostly by myself
- Club or Group
- Other *(please specify)*

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**7. What are the five most important elements of any park or open space?**

*Choose up to five options*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Areas                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Tables / BBQs / Shelters                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails, Pathways and Cycleways (that link parks and open spaces) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking Water                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trees and Natural Surroundings                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish Bins   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Abilities Access                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Information and Directional Signage                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Amenities                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Spaces / Lawns  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails, Pathways and Cycleways (within parks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Parks                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Sites  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i>                 |   |

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**8. Which option best describes your household?***Tick one that applies*

- Single Adult
- Adult couple
- Unrelated Adults / House Share
- Family - Adult(s) and young children
- Family - Adult(s) and teenagers
- Family - Multiple generations / extended
- Other family type

**9. Into which age bracket do you fall?***Tick one that applies*

- Up to 19 yrs
- 20-34 yrs
- 35-49 yrs
- 50-64 yrs
- 65-79 yrs
- 80+ yrs

**10. Do you have any comments about Mareeba Shire Parks and Open Spaces?**

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