

NEW KINGSCLIFF PARKLANDS COMMUNITY SURVEY



RESULTS AND RESPONSES

NOVEMBER 2020

1. ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Gales-Kingscliff proposes to create new public parklands on land that is currently in private ownership. The parks, Sugar Mill Park and Quigan Park, are shown in the images below and in Section 4 'Website Survey Extracts'.
- A website **www.kingscliffbeautiful.com** and online survey was created in order to allow the Kingscliff and surrounding communities ('Kingscliff community') to provide feedback on this issue.
- Tweed Shire Council declined Gales request to seek community comment on these areas as possible public parklands in the exhibited Kingscliff Locality Plans (KLP 2016-2020) and the Open Space Strategy (TSC 2019) community consultation.
- **The aim of the Kingscliff Beautiful Parklands website www.kingscliffbeautiful.com and online survey was to:**
 - Present the proposed parklands to the Kingscliff community;
 - Allow the Kingscliff community to comment on whether they prefer the areas currently in Gales ownership to be parklands (as favoured by Gales) or bushland conservation (as favoured by Council); and
 - Give residents the opportunity to express their preference for or against new parklands in Kingscliff.
- The online survey ran from 29 July 2020 to 9 October 2020 and 242 individual survey responses were received. This is the largest community response on any issue undertaken as part of the KLP, Open Space Strategy and planning for Kingscliff.
- The majority of responses provided suburb, age and email or phone contact giving increased credibility to the survey.
- This report presents the survey results and comments received.



Sugar Mill Park South



Rainforest Track



South Mill Park North



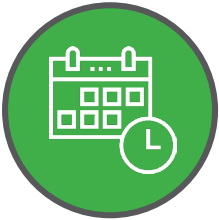
Quigan Park

Images above: Graphic superimposed on actual photo of parkland trees and location

2. SURVEY DATA



METHOD OF SURVEY
WEBSITE: www.kingscliffbeautiful.com



DURATION
29 July 2020 to 9 October 2020

DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENT

DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Kingscliff Chamber of Commerce
- Kingscliff Residents and Ratepayers Association
- Casuarina, Seaside and Salt Residents Association



MEDIA:

- Facebook campaign 23 September – 1 October 2020 was limited to Kingscliff, Chinderah, Cudgen, Seaside, Salt and Casuarina and surrounding areas
- Subject of the article ‘Developer launches public survey’, Tweed Valley Weekly 3 September 2020, which included a response from Tweed Shire Council opposing the new parklands proposed by Gales
- Subject of advertisement in the Tweed Valley Weekly 1 October 2020 titled ‘Gales Community Survey – Do you want new parklands for Kingscliff?’

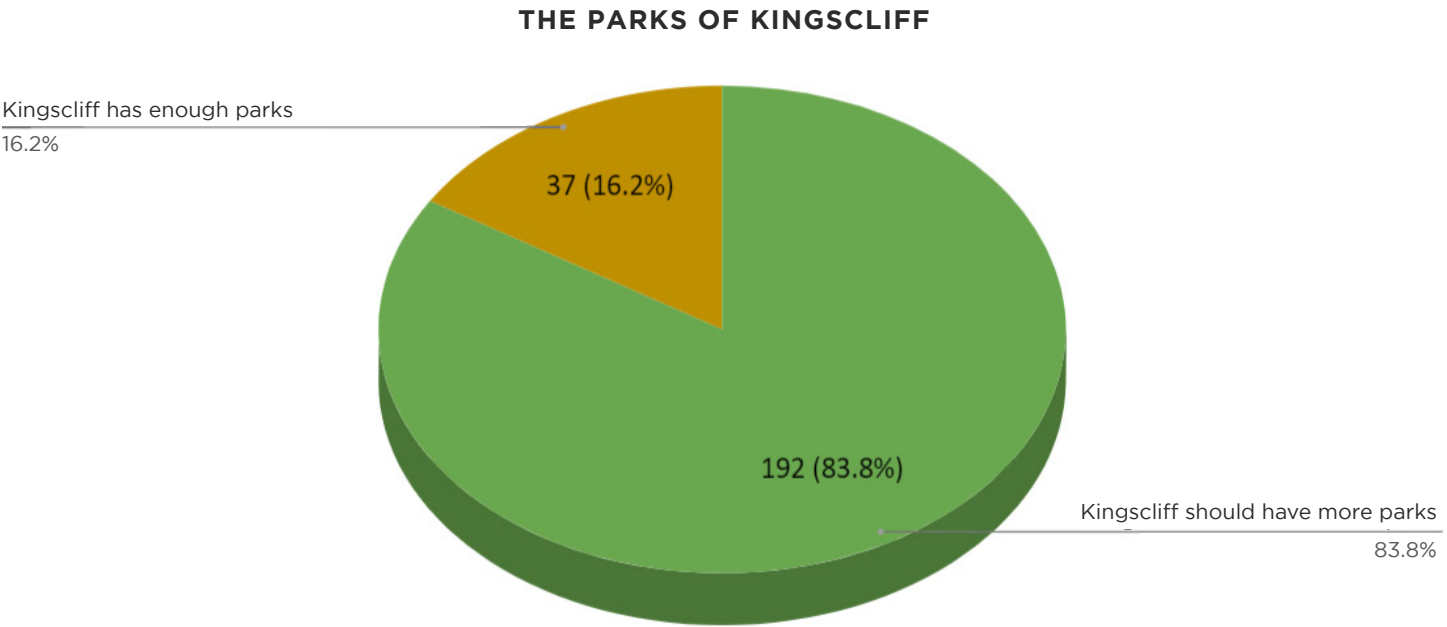


NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES
242 responses received
As some respondents did not answer all questions, survey responses add up to less than 242 for separate questions

3. SURVEY RESULTS

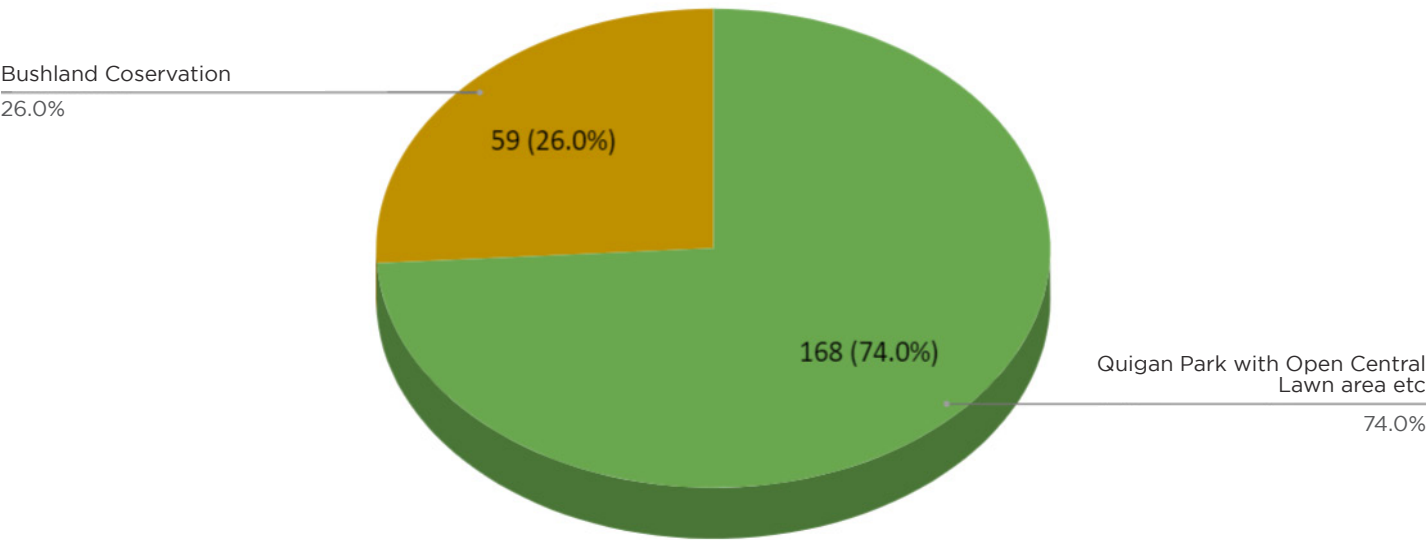
THE PARKS OF KINGSCLIFF	
Kingscliff should have more parks	Kingscliff has enough parks
84% (192)	16% (37)
QUIGAN PARK	
In favour of a park	In favour of bushland
74% (168)	26% (59)
SUGAR MILL PARK	
In favour of a park	In favour of bushland
81% (185)	19% (43)

() above indicates the number of individual responses

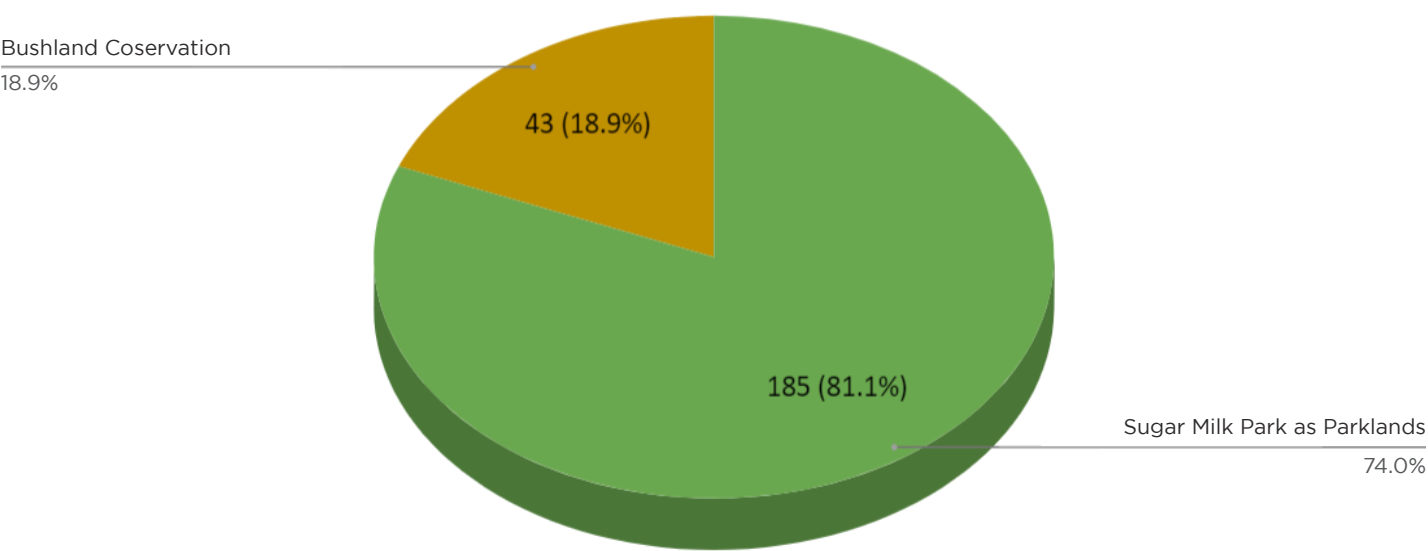


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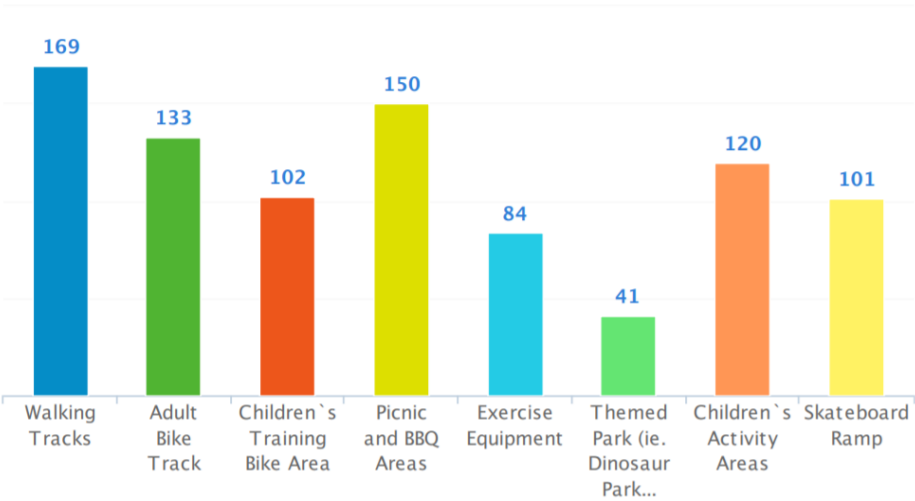
QUIGAN PARK OR BUSHLAND CONSERVATION AREA -
DO YOU PREFER THE AREA SHOWN AS “QUIGAN PARK” AS:



SUGAR MILK PARK OR BUSHLAND CONSERVATION AREA -
WHICH DO YOU PREFER?



IF YOU PREFER SUGAR MILL PARK AS PARKLANDS,
WHICH FACILITES YOU WOULD LIKE IN THE PARKLANDS?



Kingscliff Parklands Survey

Please fill out this Survey and help plan the future of Kingscliff.

Each household member can fill in this survey but must provide a separate response.

Providing an email or phone number is optional but will verify authenticity of survey results. Your details will not be used for any other purpose unless you mark that you would like to receive updates and an invitation to view the parklands.

The Parks of Kingscliff

- ☐ Kingscliff should have more parks
- ☐ Kingscliff has enough parks

Sugar Mill Park or Bushland Conservation Area

Which do you prefer?

- ☐ Sugar Mill Park as Parklands: open central grass area, walking and bike tracks, activity, picnic and BBQ areas, linked with rainforest walk and bounded by Bushland Conservation
- ☐ Bushland Conservation with limited track access

If you answered that you prefer Sugar Mill Park as Parklands, which facilities would you like in the Parklands (you can make multiple selections):

- ☐ Walking Tracks
- ☐ Picnic and BBQ Areas
- ☐ Children's Activity Areas
- ☐ Adult Bike Track
- ☐ Exercise Equipment
- ☐ Skateboard Ramp
- ☐ Children's Training Bike Area
- ☐ Themed Park (ie. Dinosaur Park)
- ☐ other:

Quigan Park or Bushland Conservation Area

Do you prefer the area shown as "Quigan Park" as:

- ☐ Quigan Park with Open Central Lawn Area, Children's Bike Track, Kid's Play Area, Picnic Areas
- ☐ Bushland Conservation with limited track access

We would love to hear your comments.

Residential suburb or postcode*

Age or age range*

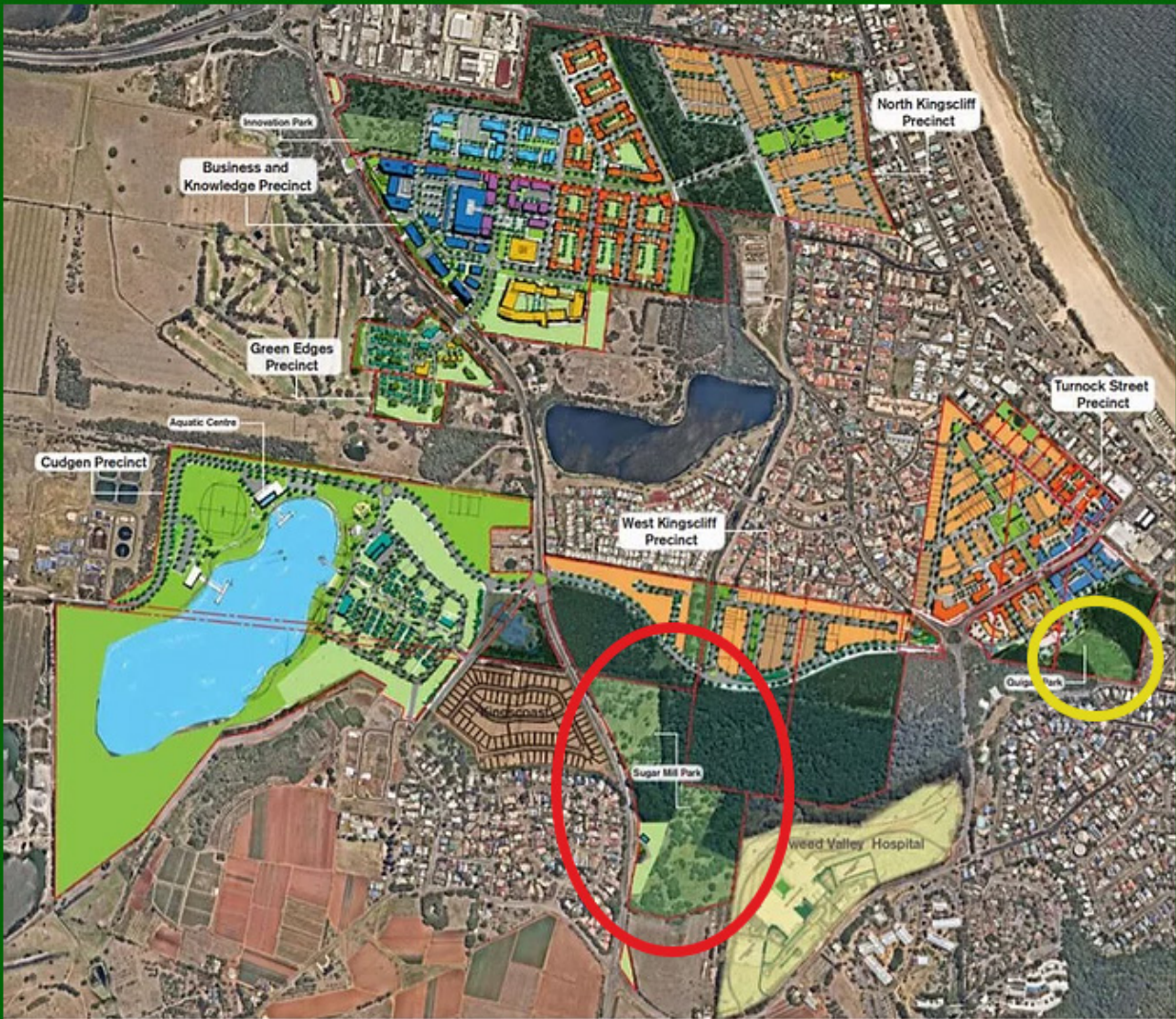
Email and/or phone number (optional)

**Would you like to join a walk through the Parklands or to receive updates about Gales plans and survey results?
If yes then can you please provide your email.**

- ☐ Yes please (email required to send updates)
- ☐ No thank you

Email

CREATING A BETTER, GREENER KINGSCLIFF



Gales Masterplan for Kingscliff with Sugar Mill Regional Parklands circled in red and Quigan Park circled in yellow

SUGAR MILK PARKLANDS

Sugar Mill Park is situated east of Tweed Coast Road between Cudgen Village and the new Tweed Valley Hospital. The concept underlying the parklands is a series of trails for walkers and cyclists, exercise stations, central grass areas, pocket parks, picnic and seating opportunities.

The parklands will retain existing trees and the adjacent bushland will be protected as Ecological Conservation lands.

The idea behind the name 'Sugar Mill Park' is to acknowledge the historical importance of the Cudgen Sugar Mill Archaeological site on the adjacent high land, which is a point of significance weaving in the earlier history of Kingscliff and can provide a café and car parking.



QUIGAN PARK



Quigan Park is located between Quigan Street and the proposed town centre extension along Turnock Street. This park will enhance the liveability and amenity for the new residential and mixed use development and for current residents in the area. This park, with shaded open space, a kickabout area and adjacent dense rainforest, will provide a quiet retreat from the bustling main street and coastal foreshore.



This park, which is currently slashed grassland, will not require the removal of any vegetation and will create a fire break from the otherwise continuous vegetation to Tweed Coast Road thereby reducing the fire hazard to the Kingscliff CBD and residences.

WEBSITE SURVEY EXTRACTS

CLICK THROUGH PHOTOS OF PARKLANDS AS THEY ARE TODAY





GALES VISION

- ACTIVE PARKLAND 
- and
- BUSHLAND 

Nature for people to use and enjoy
Parks such as Gales are rare to non-existent in the area.
Gales envisions wonderful parklands, with adjoining bushland conservation areas.

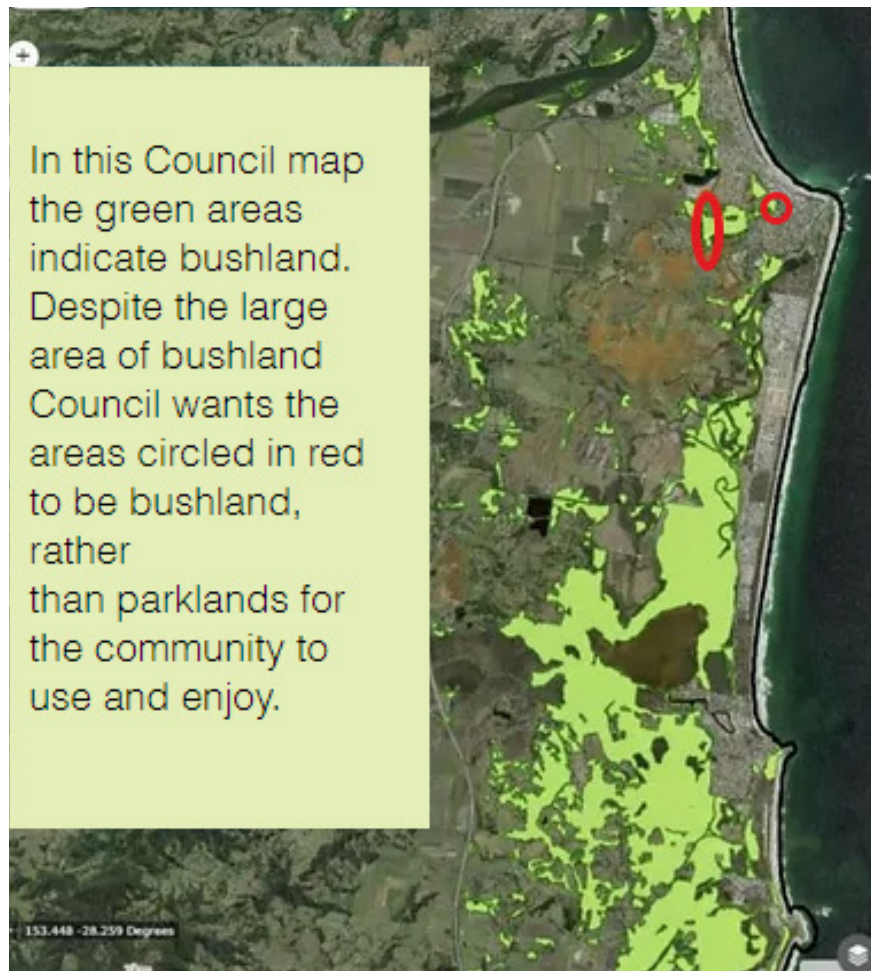
COUNCIL'S VISION

- BUSHLAND 
- but no
- ACTIVE PARKLANDS 

Access restricted to paths, no open vistas
Council's Kingscliff Locality Plan envisions more bushland, which is already extensive along the Tweed Coast.

WEBSITE SURVEY EXTRACTS

MAPS BELOW SHOW LIMITED PARKS AND EXTENSIVE BUSHLAND IN THE AREA



5. COMMUNITY COMMENTS*

1	28/07/2020	Parking around Quigan street would be an issue and there are a number of endangered species living there such as the Wollumbin frog and Mitchell snail.
2	29/07/2020	What you have presented is fantastic. We need to be careful that the area provided doesn't become "The wrong area" given that some areas are remote. A flat area linking the hospital would enhance patient and visitors stays. Well done
3	29/07/2020	Quigan park is a great idea and asset for the town.
4	12/08/2020	It would be great to include a fenced dog agility park area, like Musgrave Park Agility Dog Park near Southport on the Gold Coast.
5	12/08/2020	Fantastic vision!
6	13/08/2020	This would be so lovely, and inclusive for the whole community.
7	13/08/2020	A shaded park area for kids would be amazing. Plus a skate ramp for the older kids. Easy walking tracks that are wheelchair and pram friendly.
8	13/08/2020	Parklands would be wonderful
9	13/08/2020	We urgently need an off leash dog park, with shade and water. We have nothing at this end of the coast with off lead areas constantly reduced by council on beaches please include this in your plan
10	13/08/2020	A wave park would be a great addition.
11	13/08/2020	<p>This sounds good but I feel I'm only being told part of the story. More information on why you are promoting this concept and why Council is against this concept would be helpful. I think the area should be made more accessible than it currently is and its natural aesthetics enhanced and showcased.</p> <p>The addition of connective walking tracks and cycle paths is a lifestyle benefit and may reduce the region's reliance on cars. The idea is good but needs to be improved on. I'd like to see it framed as a botanical gardens similar to Brisbane, Melbourne and Cairns with a focus on accessibility for families and fauna preservation. It should not be simply a flood prone open park with a basic level of feature and embellishment.</p>
12	13/08/2020	I would prefer to see bushland in our area preserved. Swings and skate parks do not help to maintain the unique biodiversity in the Tweed. Please keep the trees, put cycle/walking tracks so people can enjoy nature. To me it was devastating enough to see most of the trees along the hospital site been felled, please don't sacrifice any more.
13	14/08/2020	I hope these parklands are a place to take visitors and a place to explore.
14	15/08/2020	A skate park is needed in our community
15	15/08/2020	Gale group want to develop housing on their land the rest is a way in
16	15/08/2020	Kingscliff needs a skate park
17	15/08/2020	Make use of and conserve native bushland and create much needed jobs in our community.
18	15/08/2020	Natural beauty is being torn up and turned into unnecessary park space. This causes loss of habitat for native species and increased human door traffic just furthers the destruction. Our recreational areas in Kingscliff are best left as natural as possible.
19	15/08/2020	With new development means more people. This is a young and upcoming area and our open space area needs to reflect the ever increasing population. A skate park would also be beneficial to the vast growing area of young people.
20	15/08/2020	The area needs to cater for a larger range of children and young adults ages rather than only parks. Skate park, pump tracks and paths would be a great addition.

21	15/08/2020	Sugarmill Park is on State Significant Farmland, this cannot be built!!
22	16/08/2020	Kingscliff and Cudgen need to retain some of the beauty that attracted people to the area. Retain some of our natural environment. Enough parks for locals and visitors along the foreshore.
23	16/08/2020	Fantastic idea for both areas. A beautiful bush walking track & picnic areas at Sugar Mill Park & lots of Children's activities in the other area.
24	16/08/2020	Skateparks & exercise equipment is missing from local parks
25	17/08/2020	The area needs a skate park somewhere
26	17/08/2020	100% agree with the concept, the area needs better parks, areas to ride and play equipment. I live in Cudgen and while we have an amazing field up here, we have no play areas for kids. With the new kingscoast development happening and no doubt further land development, the new additions to the area will require this. We currently have to drive in Kingscliff to use the equipment or even go for a ride as its too dangerous to ride on the roads with our 2 yo. The proposed area is currently wasted and with increased population we will just see it turn into a rubbish dump no doubt. If this allows for the Turnock Street addition, then again all for that. The hospital is going to make the drive into Kingy horrible.
27	17/08/2020	Parklands encourage outdoor play which I think is vital for every child's development and wellbeing. The more parklands the council provides the better for our future generations.
28	17/08/2020	If it's to be done, it needs to be done properly. Don't have nice Artists impressions and then end product looks nothing like it.
29	17/08/2020	A park for residents is a great idea
30	21/08/2020	Kingscliff is lacking a skatepark and also mountain bike / pump track. Links (trails) through all these parks for walk and cycle are needed to improve permeability between Tweed Coast Road (Cudgen) and Kingscliff. Opening parks to activity and connections to the east will improve active travel and recreation for residents away from the coastline.
31	26/08/2020	I think they are awesome concepts, well done
32	28/08/2020	Kingscliff is growing and so then is the need for more areas for residents to engage in positive activity such as what is being offered at developed parkland.
33	03/09/2020	These type of parks that encourage active outdoor recreation in nature are desperately needed in Kingscliff and the rest of the Twee Shire. The Quigan Park is the perfect space for skate park, bike pump track and children's bike track. This should be supported with infrastructure such as picnic areas, shade structures and toilets. There are many proven business cases and feasibility studies showing the positive social and economic impacts of this style of development.
34	03/09/2020	The more outdoor activity driven parks the council can create intended to get kids and adults outside exercising and having fun built together merged with the green of the surrounding bush land the better chance for a happy and healthy community engaged in staying active forever. That's a win for us as the people that live here and less burden on our health system which we ultimately pay for anyway in our taxes.
35	03/09/2020	Finally the parklands can be an area of wellbeing for adults & children to exercise & gather
36	03/09/2020	Would be awesome for all the young families to see a skate park and pump track in our area.
37	03/09/2020	There are literally no mtbike trails near Kingscliff, yet so many parents and kids that I know absolutely love mtbiking. It would be amazing to have a place to mtbike.
38	03/09/2020	We desperately need a skatepark for the youth. Presently many young people have to travel to Qld eg Pizzey Park.
39	03/09/2020	Yes yes yes we need more parks for kids! A bike park for kids would be great too. Let's keep trees for shade if possible
40	03/09/2020	Bike tracks
41	03/09/2020	If funding is not there for everything, just a sealed walking track would be great.

42	03/09/2020	Make Kingscliff a healthier place to live by putting time and effort into something that will last for generations of people.
43	03/09/2020	There should be more natural bushland near the hospital end less parkland because parking will be difficult there which will make it hard for people and families to access. Also the area lacks a natural appeal. Kingscliff has many ugly man made structures on the foreshore like the rock walls and the pathway along the beach without any trees. The Caravan cabins are the ugliest on the Tweed. I had overseas friends stay and they were horrified how the natural beauty had been lost. I would like the park with the facilities to be built further away from town so that it is easy to park and families can access it. It is good to have it away from the beach. Everything gets crammed in at the beach and families want outdoor space away from the beach and away from crowds. Please don't place skateboard park near the beach. It is too hard to park. I want to be able to access facilities without driving around and around trying to find a park near the bah just so the kids can play at the park or at the skateboard ramp. We need lots of natural bush too. Especially close to town for wildlife. We need to balance everything. Therefore bushland close to hospital, Recreational areas away from town. Please!
44	03/09/2020	Kingscliff has enough greedy grubby developers. Too many locals have already been priced out of the area.
45	03/09/2020	I would love to see recreation areas built with as many natural products and maybe (timber frame play areas, slides embedded into hills) and natural features and water features, centennial park and darling park Sydney did a great children nature, play park with play water features. a sensory play area (for special needs) and cafe would be a great community facility for parents with children to relax, meet and play safely away from roads. A skatepark would be good but needs to be positioned in clear public view near a road to deter youths from congregating, littering drinking and smoking.
46	03/09/2020	Something for the kids
47	03/09/2020	A skate park please
48	03/09/2020	Keep it simple
49	03/09/2020	none of the above options work for the ecosystem.. since the hospital development i have notice tawny frog mouths etc displaced and other fauna due to all the vegetation clearance on that site. why cant this be revegetated for the flora and fauna of this region??
50	03/09/2020	We have plenty of open space and parkland already. The more we impinge on bushland, the more stress we place upon our environment. Leave things as they are please.
51	04/09/2020	That would be an amazing bonus for the health of residents in the area.
52	04/09/2020	I think that parkland with bbq facilities and picnic space close to the beach but away from the beachside would be fantastic for a change of scenery and especially for those windy days when you need to seek an alternate picnic location.
53	05/09/2020	Over development is ruining the earth and causing pandemics, fires, drought, global warming, protect Bushland please and save the earth and existence. save our planet and leave things alone.
54	09/09/2029	I would love to see more parks and designated walking/cycling tracks developed especially from Cudgen to the Tweed River to join up to the existing walking/cycling path out to Fingal Headland. I agree that keeping SOME bushland is important, but also feel that creating beautiful outdoor spaces for individuals and families to get outside in our wonderful climate to exercise, or just enjoy nature is vitally important. We have bought a block of land in Kingscoast and look forward to the area developing so that we can walk/cycle safely without having to buy a second car or use our existing car. I really do hope Gales can get these ideas up and running, with the expansion of residential development happening further away from the coast - parks, and safe exercise areas are a must.
55	22/09/2020	We are blessed & surrounded by lots of bush & forests We do need more bush land areas that are managed, groomed & available to be used & enjoyed by all not just a few who are allowed & capable.
56	22/09/2020	Parklands so near the new hospital would be a wonderful idea
57	23/09/2020	As a Kingscliff resident I worry that the small central area will become too busy and over crowded with tourists. Prefer to keep expansion projects to the north of Kingscliff central.
58	24/09/2020	There has been enough development and people-focused facilities built in Kingscliff. Lets just let the flora and fauna have a chance to thrive too.
59	24/09/2020	The more open spaces means healthier and happier people

60	24/09/2020	These areas contain many endangered species and should be protected. "Sugar mill park" would be dangerously inaccessible along Tweed Coast Road and should remain as is to protect the species living there. "Quigan park" is essential habitat for the endangered local rainforest snail and it would be criminal to render this species extinct for an unnecessary park.
61	24/09/2020	A lot of the bushland around here is just scrub and untidy, I would love to see more parkland for our residents and visitors to enjoy
62	24/09/2020	Should make better use of the bush / scrub in the area
63	24/09/2020	Having trouble selling on the Island Hwy Gale. Need a new selling point and want the community to pay. Have you no shame.
64	24/09/2020	With the increase in development in / around Kingscliff it is essential that we conserve areas for wildlife. Even if you build a park that is linked to a rainforest walk and Bushland Conservation, this creates noise pollution that can potentially disrupt the way animals communicate and breed. This new scientific research is called "sound ecology." When considered "beautification efforts" and "entertainment" we need to look at the bigger picture and the lasting and irreversible impacts of our actions. Although I would LOVE to have a beautiful place to walk nearby, the health of our local eco-system is WAY more important. As a concerned citizen, I urge you to please consider this vantage point when developing bushland.
65	24/09/2020	There is enough cleared open space, sporting facilities in the north and again at South Kingscliff. What we don't/won't have enough of is preserved natural bushland and habitat.
66	24/09/2020	This park would be a complement the coastal parks we have already have - being away from the coast. It is a lovely area for families while a family member is in hospital. Yes from our family.
67	24/09/2020	I have suggested this to Councillor Cooper on more than one occasion. But have received no positive response
68	25/09/2020	Can you add a wildlife observations/boardwalk track?
69	25/09/2020	Kingscliff is a growing family community which needs to be family focussed with activities for children to keep them fit and active. The current parks are so overcrowded as there are just not enough of them. Children's favourite thing at a park are the swings. Please provide multiple swings at a park so children don't have to fight for a turn. Thank you
70	25/09/2020	Maybe a pathway to hospital for family visiting. Keep some bush area & a high fence near Tweed Coast rd.
71	25/09/2020	I don't need developers to be telling Council what is best for our shire especially where it involves removal of more koala and other native habitat.
72	25/09/2020	Hurry up and do it
73	25/09/2020	Kingscliff needs parks as the population grows
74	25/09/2020	I believe the Park linking the new Hospital is a wonderful idea
75	26/09/2020	Natural bushland is absolutely essential for plant and animal biodiversity, which currently exist in your proposed locations. Your proposed urban developments including 'Kingscoast' and 'West Kingscliff, (which you have conveniently failed to mention in your promotion) should be incorporating active park spaces within the developments, with space for mature trees. Both of these would have untold long term environmental and economic benefits for your developments and would not require families and their children to cross main thoroughfares. The huge scale of the hospital precinct must be balanced with natural bushland. Not every tree and blade of grass has to be manicured and managed. The appeal of this area is indeed its natural beauty. We would not have bought here otherwise. Who would you propose would maintain your 'parklands'? To be well maintained would require considerable expense. I assume Gales, not the rate payers (via Council), would be footing the bill.
76	26/09/2020	I would love walking tracks through native bushland
77	26/09/2020	Have a community men's shed to enhance security.

78	26/09/2020	Bring a skatepark to Kingscliff. You can have bbqs an open space with trees for shade, a small park for kids, a lovely area for families to come together and spend a whole day having something for everyone regardless of age, even could keep an area for a "rainforest walk"
80	27/09/2020	This is only to promote your own interest of property development in Kingscliff to line your own pockets. What is this Aquatic centre built across the road and land accessing council sewerage treatment plants. You do not need to ruin a region such as Kingscliff for your own greed. You should be very ashof yourself. [sic]
81	27/09/2020	Bush land conservation should be the priority so that people can share the environment with our endangered fauna
82	28/09/2020	More activities are needed to cater to 8-16 yr age groups
83	28/09/2020	Kingscliff and the Tweed has already lost so much bushland. We need to protect what is left.
84	28/09/2020	What area are these proposed parks going to be at. Will more natural, native bush be destroyed for it?
85	28/09/2020	More parks that have locked toilets at night to stop the tidal wave of people illegally camping and sleeping in vans at night in all our parks.
86	29/09/2020	The parks in the middle of no where and hard to get to. Conservation area for sure.
87	29/09/2020	Support the proposal by Tweed Shire Council to retain and restore as bushland. Council has provided high standard parkland with play areas, seating etc along the Kingscliff foreshore and at Cudgen Creek. These areas would be used in preference to an inland parkland. Bushland and a nature walk would be more attractive to locals and tourists.
88	29/09/2020	Active park areas encourage active people. Look what happened during COVID19 lockdown (April/May) when people where allowed out to 'exercise', people did!
89	30/09/2020	More parklands needed in kingscliff, the current parks are massively over utilised and populated with only 2 playgrounds on opposite end of the town for children. Kingscliff is known for its beautiful parks, let's grow this!
90	30/09/2020	Leave our town alone
91	30/09/2020	There is not enough park space to cater to the needs of Kingscliff particularly once the hospital is ready.
92	01/10/2020	It would be nice to be able to unleash our dogs in more locations
93	01/10/2020	Would like a dog park
94	02/10/2020	The above survey is faulty (captcha) and I can't submit it. My comments are: We are in desperate need of more multi-use parks in the Northern Rivers, that allow the integration of off-leash dog areas. At the moment, off-leash areas are beaches, and these are not suitable for use by the old or infirm. Sydney Park in Sydney is a perfect example of a successful multi-use park, combining wetlands, bird and wildlife breeding sanctuaries, entertainment areas, a cafe and the other areas suggested above, and is completely off leash. The park is used by running and treasure hunt groups on the weekend, and dog walkers, children and adults all share the same zones without any issues.
95	02/10/2020	I live in Boomerang Street adjacent to Gales Holdings and would like to see the bush conserved and limited track access. Maybe a few hiking trails would be appropriate but definitely not a childrens play area which will ultimately bring noise and rubbish to the area. Keep it as natural as possible please.
96	09/10/2020	There is a lot of wildlife that live in bushland around the hospital site and I would like to see it conserved.
97	09/10/2020	I want to keep the trees because they are homes to lots of animals.

* Spelling errors in responses have been corrected for ease of reading such as 'Easy walking tracks that are... prawn friendly' corrected to 'pram friendly' / 'These aeas' corrected to 'These areas' etc