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Upgrading Centenary Park, Croydon

Engagement Outcomes Report

25 February to 25 March 2026



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Summary

From 25 February and 25 March 2026, the community was invited to provide feedback on what improvements they would like to see at Centenary Park, Croydon and was informed of plans to upgrade the field with hybrid-turf technology in high-wear areas.

During the engagement period, 1,278 people visited the project page. A total of 45 participants completing the online survey, 6 emailed, and 30 comments were received at an on-site pop up on Saturday 21 March 2026.

Suggestions for improvements included:

- Additional seating, particularly shaded seating
- Improvements to pathways and active transport access
- Enhanced recycling and waste facilities
- Increased tree canopy cover.
- Improved sports field drainage
- Cricket net upgrades, including raising the roof height, additional nets and fencing improvements.

Feedback was also received on the proposed use of hybrid-turf technology:

- General support due to:
 - A balanced approach to support multiple sports
 - Improve field durability
 - Support social, health and community benefits
- Did not support due to concerns:
 - Potential environmental impacts
 - Microplastic pollution
 - Injury risks
 - Reduced natural green space
 - Urban heat effects

Ashfield Cricket Club and Burwood Football Club both submitted support in writing.

Project background

In August 2025, Council resolved to consult with sporting clubs and the broader community regarding upgrading Centenary Park, Croydon.

In December 2025, Council staff met with sporting clubs and presented a proposal for the installation of hybrid turf in high-wear areas of the sporting grounds, including the goal boxes and centre circle, while retaining natural grass across the remainder of the fields.

As part of this consultation, Council informed the community of the proposed upgrade to the field and sought feedback on any other improvements that might be needed.

Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on Your Say Inner West	1278 people viewed the project page 1399 times
Emails to key stakeholders	1282 registered members on the Your Say Inner West platform with 35 following on to visit the page
Council's social media	419 people reached on Facebook and Instagram
Posters	5 posters in the park
Letter	Letterbox drop to surrounding properties in Croydon

Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Online digital map	45 surveys completed
Emails	6 emails received 2 emails received from Ashfield Cricket Club and Burwood Football Club
In-person pop up	30 people (approximately) attended and 40 comments were received at Centenary Park, Croydon on 21 March 2026 between 10am-12pm.

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Who did we hear from?

Council collects basic demographic information as part of the participant registration process on the Your Say Inner West (YSIW) platform. This information assists Council in understanding who has engaged with the consultation and whether additional or targeted engagement may be required.

Of the survey respondents:

- 50% were aged between 25 and 45 years, 38% between 45 and 65 years and 12% over 65 years.
- 50% were male and 50% were female
- Most lived in Croydon (44%) or Ashfield (20%)

Summary of feedback

A total of 81 comments were received through the online survey, via email and at the in-person pop-up held on Saturday 21 March 2026.

The online survey invited participants to suggest improvements, while attendees at the pop-up provided feedback using post-it notes.

Staff have reviewed all comments and themes mentioned twice or more are listed below. The feedback has been separated into two sections:

- Suggestions for improvements
- Feedback specific to the hybrid-turf proposal

Suggestions for improvements	Total mentions
Sporting ground drainage upgrades.	13
Additional seating including shaded seating, seating for spectators, additional seating at the amenities and under natural shade.	12
Improved waste facilities including additional recycling bins, fixed bin bays and dog waste dispensers and bins.	6
Additional tree cover and shade including along the perimeter of the park.	4
Additional fencing for safety around the existing cricket nets.	4
Additional cricket nets to support.	4

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Previous upgrades to the amenities were welcomed and appreciated by the community.	3
Timed dog off leash area	3
Concerns regarding light spill, additional use associated with upgraded lighting and energy use of lighting	2
Additional lighting for evening cricket/basketball courts	2
Higher roof line to cricket nets	2

Feedback specific to the hybrid-turf proposal	Total mentions
Concerns about impacts on the environment and wildlife	15
Concerns about injuries from playing on synthetic turf (trips, twists, falls, breathing in fibres etc)	10
Importance of access to natural green spaces in the community	9
Concerns raised about microplastic pollution from synthetic fields	9
Concerns raised about the additional heat from synthetic surfaces	6
Concerns about the longevity of hybrid materials and ongoing long term costs with renewal of hybrid turf	4
Support for the hybrid turf proposal*	2

*Emails received Ashfield Cricket Club and Burwood Football Club.

Council response to hybrid-turf concerns

Council acknowledges and appreciates the range of views expressed by the community regarding the proposed installation of hybrid turf in high-wear areas at Centenary Park.

In December 2025, sporting clubs supported hybrid turf as a practical middle ground. It helps fields cope better with use by different sports while keeping most of the surface as natural grass.

Council also understands the concerns raised by residents about the environment, player wellbeing, heat in urban areas, and how the turf would be managed at the end of its life.

Concerns	Council response
Limited and target use	The proposal involves the installation of hybrid turf only in high wear areas (such as goal boxes and

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	centre circles), with natural turf retained across the remainder of the fields. This approach seeks to balance durability and usability with the preservation of natural green space.
Environmental concerns	The project will progress to a detailed design and assessment phase, which will include environmental investigations to assess potential impacts, including microplastic management, drainage performance, and heat mitigation. Findings from these assessments will inform final design decisions.
Player health and safety	Hybrid turf systems proposed for consideration are designed to meet relevant sporting and safety standards. Council will continue to consult with sporting bodies and consider best-practice guidance to minimise injury risks.
Urban heat concerns	Urban heat impacts will be considered as part of the detailed design, including retention of natural turf, tree canopy, and other shade and cooling measures within the park.
End-of-life and disposal	Long term maintenance and disposal requirements will be assessed as part of the project’s lifecycle planning to ensure responsible management consistent with Council’s environmental objectives.

Next steps

Where possible, suggestions for improvements will be included in the upgrade to Centenary Park.

The upgrade is scheduled to take place in 2027/28. Those who provided feedback and nearby residents will be kept up to date as the project progresses.

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Robyn Webster Sports Centre Upgrades



Engagement Outcomes Report

April – May 2025



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Executive Summary

From Tuesday 29 April to Monday 26 May 2025, the community was invited to share their ideas and opportunities for upgrades to the Robyn Webster Sports Centre.

During the engagement period 798 people visited the Your Say project page.

- 37 Ideas were shared through the Your Say Platform and
- 18 community members attended a public meeting
- 12 community members attended a current and future users Roundtable



Project background

The Robyn Webster Sports Centre is a large indoor sporting complex located at Tempe Recreation Reserve. It is available for hire by schools, clubs, sporting teams, cultural groups, and members of the public for activities such as netball, indoor soccer, pickleball, roller sports, volleyball and badminton.

In the late 1990’s, the building and site was a concrete batching plant for the Airport railway Link. Then in the early 2000’s, the building was retained and became the Robyn Webster Sports Centre.

The Centre has become the long-term home for a number of community groups representing a unique variety of sports. As the Centre does not have the ability to host the popular sport of basketball, sports like roller derby, German wheel, roller-skating, pickleball and badminton have enjoyed finding their feet and becoming regular users.

The Centre has not enjoyed the benefit of significant upgrades until 2022/23 when Council invested \$900,000 into a new floor, roof insulation and a reception area.

At its meeting on 3 December 2024, Council resolved to engage the community and local sports clubs on the specific needs and opportunities for upgrades to the Robyn Webster Sports Centre.



Promotion and engagement methods

Promotion method	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on Your Say Inner West	798 people viewed the project page
Invites to community	1,410 invites delivered to Tempe residents
Emails to key stakeholders	1,143 registered members on the Your Say Inner West platform 49 emails sent to current hirers at Robyn Webster Sports and Debbie and Abbey Borgia Recreation Centre
Council's social media	3 posts on Instagram - 12,333 total views - 4,184 total reach - 72 total interactions - 63 total likes/reactions 3 posts on Facebook - 12,481 total views - 8,359 total reach - 47 total interactions - 25 total likes/reactions
Posters	4 posters at Robyn Webster Sports Centre 2 posters at Debbie and Abbey Borgia Recreation Centre

Engagement method	Stakeholders engaged
Online ideas and opportunities	37 ideas and opportunities shared 286 'up votes'/likes to the ideas shared
Direct contact from residents	9 emails from individuals 1 email from a community group
Community meeting attendees	18 people attended the meeting



Current and potential user's roundtable	12 people attended the meeting
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Who did we hear from?

The current hirers of the Centre made up most of the attendees at the community meeting and at the roundtable. These community groups reflect a variety of sports, and the club contact was speaking on behalf of the club’s members and participants.

No demographic data was collected as part of this engagement.



Summary of feedback

Online Sharing of Ideas

The project was listed on Council's Your Say page, with submissions opening Tuesday 29 April and closed Monday 26 May.

The community was invited to 'Write your ideas and opportunities for upgrades to the Robyn Webster Sports Centre'. These ideas were then listed allowing others to 'like' or 'up vote' the idea.

37 ideas were shared, and these received a total of 327 'likes'. A summary of the themes, how many times the theme was posted and how many 'likes' they received is indicated as follows (See appendix 1 for full details)

Theme	Number of times posted	Number of likes received	Total number of support
Add basketball	10	252	262
Upgrade current provisions*	13	32	45
Add figure skating circles	4	9	13
Open 24/7	1	10	11
Add seating	2	6	8
Add shade	3	3	6
Add café	2	2	4
Add vending machine	1	3	4
Add bike path	3	0	3
Add more courts	1	2	3
Add meeting room	1	2	3
Add solar panels	1	2	3
Add covered, outdoor, multisport courts	1	1	2
Add kids play area	1	1	2
Add squash courts	1	1	2
Bike lanes to the Centre	1	1	2
Accessible building	1	0	1
Add futsal	1	0	1

*This includes items as follows – better insulation/ventilation/temperature management, more effective screen between courts, toilets and showers, water fountains and external toilet



Emails received

Council officers received 10 emails relating to the project during the engagement period.

The suggestions raised in the emails have been summarised as follows.

Suggestions received	Times mentioned
Improved temperature management of existing building	3
Addition of roller hockey facilities	2
Addition of basketball facilities	1
Addition of multiple changerooms	1
Addition of large community room	1
Addition of gymnasium	1
Addition of café and retail space	1
Addition of administration offices	1
Addition of team benches and officials' facilities	1
Install water fountain	1
Upgrade amenities	1
Upgrade carpark	1
Addition of café	1
More indoor courts	1
Additional clock to be installed	1
Add pickleball lines	1
Open the Centre longer	1
Addition of skate rink	1
Upgrade outdoor courts	1



Onsite and Face-to-Face Engagement Activities

Community meeting

A Community Meeting was held at the Centre on Thursday May 8, 2025. 18 community members attended the session. Councillors Mat Howard and Olivia Barlow were also in attendance.

The community members represented themselves and the Centre user groups they are affiliated with.

The meeting was an open forum for attendees to express any ideas and thoughts regarding the venue. Mentimeter was used to capture written responses, and all attendees were given the opportunity to speak.

Two questions were asked on Mentimeter:

What amenities would you like to see at an upgraded RWSC?	Times mentioned
Additional courts	7
Addition of a gym	6
Addition of a cafe	6
Improved temperature management of existing building	3
Improved outdoor courts	2
Addition of pickleball 'kitchen' lines	2
Addition of vending machine	1
Addition of Code access for the Centre	1
Improved security around Centre	1
Addition of pole dancing studio	1
Improved changerooms	1
Addition of stadium seating	1

What do you consider the opportunities to be for the future at RWSC?	Times mentioned
Additional courts	5
Addition of a gym	3
Addition of a cafe	3



The meeting moved away from the formal online questions to an open conversation led by the Councillors present. The key takeaways from this were:

- The Centre is at capacity and current users require more court space and time
 - o Roller skating, pickleball and Sydney Uni cannot satisfy the current demand within their allocated times
 - o The Centre currently does not cater for basketball, but the sport is desperate for more space
- Addition of space/seating for spectators
- Crossing the Princes Highway can be a deterrent
- Sports are happy to share courts
 - o Roller derby and roller skating need the courts to be side by side as opposed to end on end to be able to better use the space
- Improved temperature management is required
 - o Current building gets very hot and very cold – impacts enjoyment and floor
- Improved netting between courts is needed
- Addition of a gym
- Addition of a café
- Additional non gendered changerooms
- Create a comprehensive sport and recreation hub for the community
- Addition of an outdoor gym
- School use to be supported
- Debbie and Abbey Borgia Recreation Centre is also at capacity
- The site's existing parking capacity is a valuable asset and should be considered in future planning
- Addition of an indoor skate park



Onsite and Face-to-Face Engagement Activities

Current and Potential Users Roundtable

A current and potential users round table was held at the Centre on Wednesday May 14, 2025. All current hirers and groups that have recently expressed a desire to use the centre were invited.

The community members represented themselves and the user groups they are affiliated with.

The meeting was an open forum for attendees to express any ideas and thoughts regarding the venue. Mentimeter was used to capture written responses, and all attendees were given the opportunity to speak.

12 groups/sports were represented:

- German wheel
- Sydney Inner West Pickleball
- Basketball
- Roller Skating – RollerFit
- Volleyball – Sydney Uni Volleyball club
- Football (soccer)
- Sydney Uni Sport
- Roller Derby – Inner West Roller Derby League
- Netball
- Sydney Uni Sport
- Canteen operator with interest in basketball and volleyball

14 questions were asked during the night. All 14 questions appear in the Appendix 2. The key questions and answers were as follows:

What do you currently like about the Centre?	Times mentioned
Car parking	6
New floor	5
Location	3
Non-leaking roof	4
Storage	2
Netting	1
Office space	1

Multiple sports	1
Space to develop	1
Large changeroom	1
Day time availability	1

What do you currently dislike about the Centre?	Times mentioned
Bathrooms and changerooms	3
Lack of temperature control	3
No basketball	3
Court separating barriers	2
No ventilation	2
Storage	2
Not enough courts	1
Parking with large attendance at soccer fields	1
Lack of seating	1
Distance from fields	1
Allow access with no staff	1
No community rooms	1

How many multi-sport <u>indoor</u> courts would you like to see in an upgraded Centre?	Times mentioned
5 courts +	9
4 courts	1
3 courts	1
2 courts	0

How many multi-sport <u>outdoor</u> courts would you like to see in an upgraded Centre?	Times mentioned
0 courts	0
1-2 courts	0
3-4 courts	2
5-6 courts	4
7-10 courts	1



11+ courts	3
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What activities/sports would your club use covered outdoor courts for?	Times mentioned
Competitions	7
Training	6
Open days	3
Markets	1

What unique features would you like to see in an upgraded Centre?	Times mentioned
Showcourt	6
Cafe	4
Gym	4
Basketball	2
Changerooms	2
Community room	2
Dance studio with mirrors	2
First aid room	2
Spectator seating	2
Indoor skate park	2
Officials changeroom and technical space	2
Physiotherapist	2
Bar, children's space, divided courts, storage, function area, futsal courts, media room, rehabilitation space, running track, pickleball training area	1 each

Do you currently have the demand to expand your usage at the Centre?	Times mentioned
Yes	8
No	2



Any further comments?
Ability to rent by badminton court is excellent
Is there budget for interim improvements to the existing centre?
Our sport doesn't work well with basketball or volleyball - so nets separating spaces helps
Separate locked storage areas are great
A unique opportunity to future proof the sports demand of the area for the next 20 years. To do so the community will need as many indoor multi-sport courts as possible. They won't go to waste
The demand for Basketball courts is extremely high. It is a sport that appeals to all genders and ages.
Drive in area to parking needs to be updated. External drainage is an issue with overflow onto courts.
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Having suitable barriers between courts
More space around courts and would be nice to have.
IWC is in a perfect position to use this development to support the growth of roller skating and roller derby in NSW. This could be a centre that is dedicated to providing space for roller sports
I am sure schools need more sports space during the day
Storage space for rental skate range and pads
Good (cool) water stations and better toilet facilities



Next steps

These insights gathered from the community will help inform the upgrades to the Centre.

Council staff will now analyse other similar venues, collect and investigate relevant data and utilise existing Council documents – such as Recreation Needs Study – A Healthier Inner West and Tempe Recreation Reserve and Tempe Lands Plan of Management & Master Plan.

A report will be given to Council’s Capital Works team to then compile draft plans.



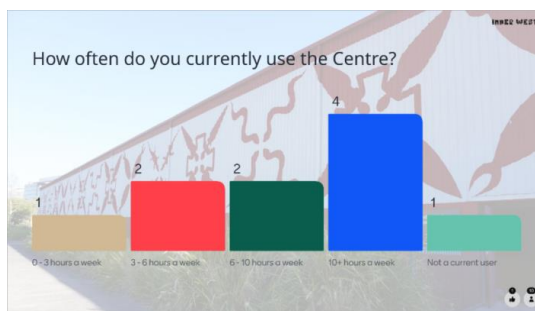
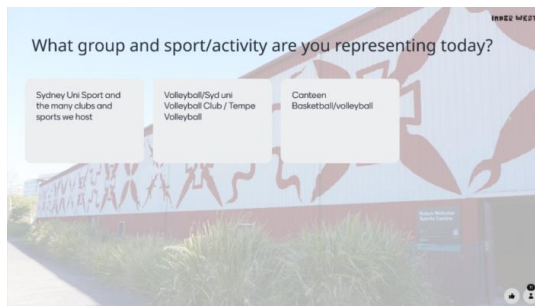
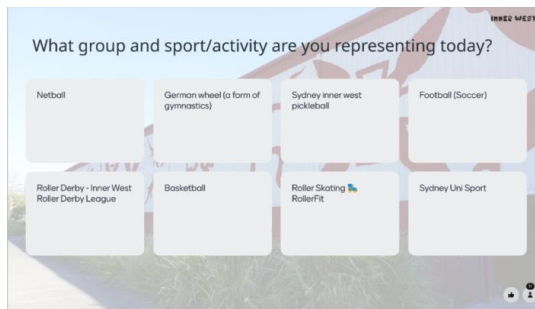
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Appendix 1 – Online submissions

Response	Up Votes
BASKETBALL courts, please! Ideally, a multi-court complex designed to host a range of local basketball competitions for all ages & abilities	95
I would love more basketball courts in this area! BBALL IS LIFE!	35
We would love more basketball courts!	31
Indoor basketball facilities would be appreciated here.	22
More basketball courts please 😊	20
Some basketball courts please 🙏	14
A indoor basketball would be great! The only one in the area is poyc and that is always full.	11
More basket ball courts please!	11
Open up for Basketball	
Run local basketball competition and youth training.	
Upgrade toilet	
Open 24/7	10
We love having the space for rollerskating. The nearest rinks in Penrith and Campbelltown-this is an amazing /needed space for our Community	5
The building gets really hot in summer - add big fans and insulation on the walls (Perry Park is a good eg). Figure circles for skating.	5
I've been attending rollerskating classes at Tempe for many years - Please upgrade with rollerskating in mind!	3
Roller skating has to be a priority. Dedicated seating area for spectators. Railings for beginner skaters. Figure circles are a must	3
Vending machine with snacks and fans/ insulation for summer: winter	
We love having this space for skating	3
To create a new home for an nbl basketball team with seating for 5000 people	3
I play netball on the outside courts and I would like to see an upgrade to the outside toilets, and some kind of shelter for when it rains.	3
Insulate the walls to manage internal temperatures. Install solar on roof.	2
Include a community meeting room	2
Functional bubblers, bathroom upgrade. Bins!!!	1
Support outdoor roller sports with a multi use covered court suitable for roller hockey. Street Roller Hockey League Sydney, Thanks	1
Better ventilation- too cold in winter; too hot in summer. A more effective screen between courts. Figure circles on the floor for skating.	1
Bigger venue 4 more courts & insulation- keep venue cool. Gym, cafe, showers, more seating & some outdoor pickleball courts with cover	1
Increase the size of reception area to add a cafe.	1
Dedicated pickleball courts indoor and outdoor.	1
1. Could we please add squash courts to the centre? 2. Please make sure bike lanes connecting to the centre!	1
Include an area for toddler play with soft play, indoor swings, imaginative play toys to expand use like kincumber indoor sports centre.	1
renovate expand numbe toilets	
more bubblers	
improve indoor insulation ventilation	
large ceiling fans	
indoor courts multi sports	0
Bike path would be good, upgrade to the kids playground and waterplay even	0
Better insulation, ventilation and fans are needed, it gets so hot. Also figure circles on the floor for roller skating would be amazing.	0
Adding a dedicated Gymnastics Centre to Robyn Webster Sports Centre would meet high community demand, fill a local gap. It would be amazing to have more courts for pickleball. The toilet and shower facilities need an upgrade. Better ventilation in summer	0
Good plan	0
Strong Aboriginal presence in design development naming place. accessible for people with disabilities.	0
The Centre could be an excellent place for bicycle related programs, much like CoS in Sydney Park, but needs a shaded outdoor space.	0
5 or 7 aside football caged astro turf behind the centre where 1 of the netball pitches is.	0
A shaded area outside. This is also one of the few areas safe and appropriate for adults to learn to ride a bicycle in the inner west.	0
Can you rename it Inner West (Tempe) Indoor Sports Centre?	
I've never heard of it but this tells me everything. Would help promote it.	0

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Appendix 2 – Roundtable questions and answers



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What do you currently like about the Centre?

- Multi sport venue
- Close to public transport
- Location, parking, potential to develop the sports facility the area needs. The basketball line!
- New indoor courts, large changerooms. Roof much improved.
- Car parking Storage Daytime hours for schools

What do you currently dislike about the Centre?

- Bathrooms are woeful
- Lack of ventilation
- Storage
- The lack of basketball rings.
- Heat in the summer, cold in the winter
- It would be great if there were many more indoor multi sport courts.
- Gets overcrowded with massive soccer tournaments
- Seating

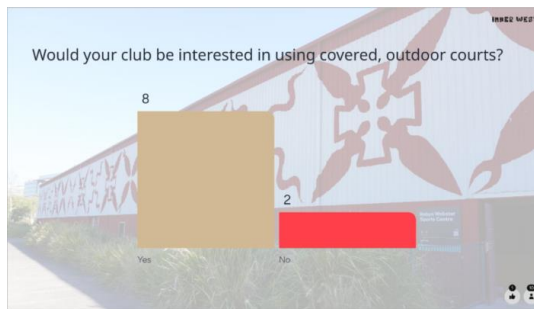
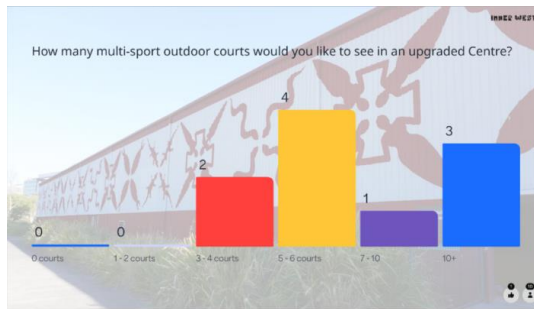
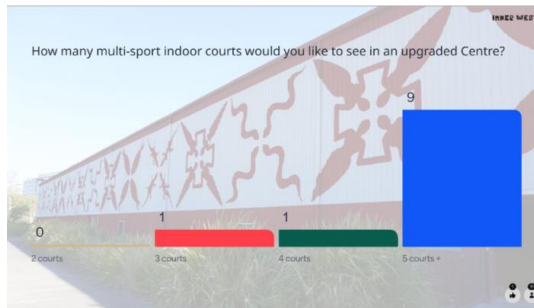
What do you currently dislike about the Centre?

- Distance from other sporting fields
- Changeroom/bathrooms. Lack of storage No basketball.
- Hot in summer Security/access could be better when staff not here Nets in the way.
- Lack of proper ventilation in summer and how cold it gets inside the centre in winter.
- No change rooms
- No basketball rings
- Ventilation Lack of suitable barriers between sports
- Community space

What do you currently like about the Centre?

- The new floor and non leaking roof
- The new wooden floor
- Easy access from the car park
- Storage for our wheels Good floor Available when we want it (usually after hours)
- Parking is great, new floors and office is very nice. Sports netting is effective.
- Car parking!
- Location
- Parking, multi sports

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What activities/sports would your club use covered courts for?

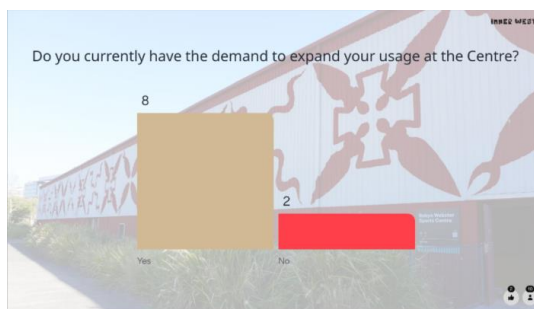
Outdoor volleyball social leagues for u/18 juniors also adults.	Netball camps and training sessions.	Learn to skate programs	Training
Club celebration events	Social as well as competitive. We do social every day and comps 4-6 times a year.	small sided football competitions	Social leagues for juniors and adults and one day tournaments.

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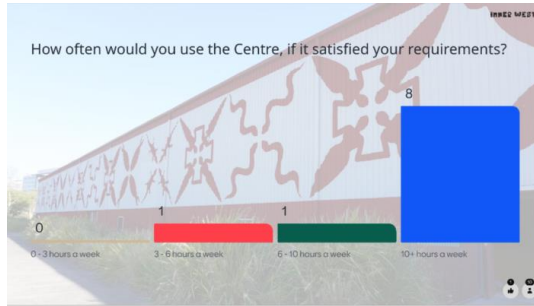
Public roller skating sessions	Basketball trainings, summer camps and tournaments.	Training/wet weather back up option Roller skating/skateboard section. Kids play area Abbig	Great for all trainings. Tennis and pickle could be popular in addition to other court sports. Could be used for market days as well.
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What unique features would you like to see in an upgraded Centre?

Word cloud features include: media room, match official/tech team, better change rooms, roller court wet skating, show court/water acoustic grand stands, basketball facilities, cafe, referees room, multiple change rooms, physio, show court, gym, bar, childrens spaces, gymnasium, gym facilities, equipment storage, dance studio, wash mirrors, indoor skate park, training area, basketball room, and basketball shooting lanes.



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Any further comments?

- The ability to rent by badminton court is excellent
- Is there budget for interim improvements to the existing centre?
- Our sport doesn't work well with basketball or volleyball - so nets separating spaces helps
- Matt rule!
- Separate locked storage areas are great. Used to store the PVC storage space with dozens of people and our equipment was always getting damaged or misused
- This is a unique opportunity to future proof the sports demands of the area for the next 20 years. To do so the community will need as many indoor multi sport courts as possible. They won't go to waste
- The demand for Basketball courts is extremely high. It is a sport that appeals to all genders and ages. It can be played casually as an individual or 1 on 1 up to formal competitions and esp basketball
- Drive in area to parking needs to be updated. External drainage is an issue with overflow onto courts.

Any further comments?

- I find ventilation pretty good on court 2D
- Having suitable barriers between courts Storage space for rental skate range and goods
- More space around courts and Would be nice to have good (good) water stations and better toilet facilities.
- SWC is in a perfect position to use this development to support the growth of roller skating and roller derby in NSW. This could be a centre that is dedicated to providing space for roller sports
- I am sure schools need more sports space during the day