

**15. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**15.3 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (22/08/16)**

**Presentation of Report by Chair – Member G J Haslett**

The Corporate & Economic Development Committee resolved the following items under delegated authority.

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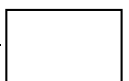
**3. Resolved Under Delegated Authority**  
Common No. 2752303

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THAT Council receive and note the following decisions which were made by the Committee under delegated authority.

- 1. Financial Statements 2016 - Revaluation of Land & Buildings**  
Report No. 16A0095 MC:je (22/08/16) Common No. 2251082
- 2. Register of Elected Members' Professional Development Expenditure 2015/2016**  
Report No. 16TC0045 MB:sv (22/08/16) Common No. 315321
- 3. Register of Invitations Accepted and Declined by the Lord Mayor and Representative from April to June 2016**  
Report No. 16TC0050 MB:sv (22/08/16) Common No. 1381402

DECISION NO.21\() (30/08/16)



**16.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)**

ENCL: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN AGENDA ITEM: 16.1.1  
 YES

### VESTEYS RESERVE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

REPORT No.: 16TC0051 SJ:ph COMMON No.: 3296270 DATE: 30/08/2016

**Presenter:** Senior Community Engagement Officer, Sheree Jeeves

**Approved:** Executive Manager, Mark Blackburn

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the findings from the Vesteys Reserve community consultation.

#### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the City of Darwin 2012 – 2016 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

#### **Goal**

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

#### **Outcome**

5.3 Good governance

#### **Key Strategies**

5.3.4 Encourage community participation by engaging, communicating and working in partnership with the community

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- A community consultation process was carried out by Michels Warren Munday to hear from the community and stakeholders on their experiences, views and aspirations for the future use of Vesteys Reserve.
- There were 405 online surveys completed, 45 written and verbal submissions, a community workshop with approximately 50 participants and one-on-one discussions with 19 stakeholders and local residents.
- The consultation findings have been categorised into three key areas:
  - Knowledge and values
  - Issues
  - Future vision
- The strongest message from residents and stakeholders was that any future development on Vesteys Reserve must be in line with the current public open space zoning (so no residential or large scale commercial development), and that the public should maintain access to this valued open space.

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- The key findings from the consultation are provided in this report with the full details of the consultation process and feedback received provided in **Attachment A**.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- THAT Report Number 16TC0051 SJ:ph entitled Vestey's Reserve Community Consultation, be received and noted.
- THAT Council consider the views and aspirations from community members and stakeholders, as contained within **Attachment A** to Report Number 16TC0051 SJ:ph entitled Vestey's Reserve Community Consultation, in assessing the future use and decisions involving Vestey's Reserve.
- THAT Council write to those who participated in the community consultation to inform them of the consultation outcomes with a link to the report available on Council's website.

## **BACKGROUND**

*DECISION NO.21\4288 (12/04/16)*

### **Response to Vestey's Beach Proposal**

*Report No. 16A0053 LC:mp (12/04/16) Common No. 3296270*

- THAT Report Number 16A0053 LC:mp entitled Response to Vestey's Beach Proposal, be received and noted.*
- THAT Council conduct a level 2 community consultation process utilising level 3 tools on the future of Vestey's Beach based on the identified actions in the Strategic Land Holding Document that Vestey's Beach is considered suitable for future community based recreation facilities integrating with the nearby Mindil Beach, between May and July 2016.*
- THAT Council advise the consortium that expressed interest in a proposed recreation project at Vestey's beach that it is unable to negotiate with them further without proceeding through an open public process in accordance with Council's Policy No. 083 – Long Term Lease.*
- THAT a further report be brought back to Council following a community consultation process in August 2016.*
- THAT an amount of \$50,000 be referred to 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2016 budget review process to fund the community consultation process.*
- THAT this decision be moved into Open.*

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## **DISCUSSION**

Council has received a number of proposals over the years for the development of Vestey's Reserve. Given the previous interest in the Reserve and the importance of this piece of public land to the community, Council decided to consult with the community and stakeholders on their experiences, views and aspirations for Vestey's Reserve. The findings of this consultation are to assist with Council decision-making on the Reserve in the future.

Michels Warren Munday was engaged to deliver the community consultation process. The consultation ran for eight weeks from 17 June to 12 August 2016 and included letter box drops, door knocking, stakeholder meetings, online survey and community workshop.

The full details of the consultation process and outcomes are in **Attachment A**. The findings from the consultation have been categorised into three key areas of Knowledge and values, Issues, and Future vision. This report provides the key findings from each of these three areas.

### **Knowledge and values**

The feedback from the community on their values associated with the Reserve fall into the categories of environmental, social, historical and cultural.

#### **Environmental Values**

- Vestey's Reserve is a unique natural environment, and an important habitat for birdlife and wildlife.
- The 'ribbon of green' from Darwin city to Lee Point is seen as integral to the coastal chain that supports animals and birdlife in Darwin.

#### **Social values**

- The semi-natural environment and open space provided by Vestey's Reserve is unique to Darwin, with a strong value placed on the protection of green space in Darwin's growing urban environment.
- The peaceful ambience of Vestey's Reserve is valued, with the ability to be 'at one' with nature.
- The simple activity of walking and cycling in and through Vestey's Reserve is valued with the Reserve being seen as the ideal location for this type of passive activity.

#### **Historical values**

- The rich and diverse history of Darwin and Fannie Bay is valued, as is the value in better commemorating it in the future.

#### **Cultural values**

- The importance of recognising and celebrating Larrakia cultural connections to the land and sea is also seen as important in planning for the future of the Reserve.

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### **Issues**

There were a number of issues raised by the community which they felt detract from the ability to fully enjoy Vestseys Reserve:

**Social issues** include the presence of itinerants camping on the Reserve and the consequent problems of mess, rubbish, fighting, noise, alcohol-related crime and the feeling of being unsafe. Many of these are Aboriginal people visiting from communities.

**Maintenance issues** include the poor state of some of the vegetation on the Reserve, some of it not appearing native to Darwin or not being properly cared for.

**Inappropriate development of public land** includes residents 'fearing the worst' and being concerned about large-scale development being undertaken on public land.

### **Future Vision**

The strongest message from residents and stakeholders was that any future development on Vestseys Reserve must be in line with the current public open space zoning (so no residential or large scale commercial development), and that the public should maintain access to this valued open space.

The community's aspirations for the future use again fell under the themes of environmental, social, historical and cultural:

#### **Environmental**

- Enhancing and protecting the natural values of Vestseys Reserve including the vegetation, wildlife and birdlife.

#### **Social**

- Improvements to existing social infrastructure and some new infrastructure that support the enjoyment of the area.
- More effective management of itinerants and illegal camping.

#### **Historical**

- Recognition and commemoration of the different layers of history of Vestseys Reserve and the surrounding area.

#### **Cultural**

- Better recognition of the Aboriginal culture and connection to land and sea in and around the Reserve.

It is recommended that the next steps made in relation to this consultation report are:

- Council consider the consultation report, including the submissions made by community members and stakeholders.

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- Council write to those who participated in the community consultation to inform them of the consultation outcomes with a link to the report available on Council's website.
- The next stage of the decision-making process on Vesteys Reserve be communicated back to the community and stakeholders, with due reference to the information gathered during this consultation process and how this guided Council's decision-making.

### **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Michels Warren Munday

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The community consultation was carried out in accordance with Level 2 utilising Level 3 tools from Council's Policy 025 – Community Consultation. The commitment of a Level 2 community consultation is to *'keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.'*

### **BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the community consultation process was \$50,000.

### **RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There would be a risk of community backlash if Council were to make decisions on the future of Vesteys Reserve which were not in line with the findings of the consultation process.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

The consultation process has shown that the natural environment of Vesteys Reserve is valued by the community and should be considered in any future decision making involving the Reserve.

### **COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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**Attachments:**

**Attachment A:** Vestey's Reserve Community Consultation Report





# Vesteys Reserve

## Consultation Report



August 2016

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## Executive Summary

Over the years Vestey's Reserve has attracted attention from a range of interests, given its prime location on the coast and its proximity to popular sporting and cultural venues.

City of Darwin has previously considered the Reserve for a new skate park (2006) and scenic helicopter flights (2011). Both of these were met with community opposition, particularly from local residents who were concerned about developing public land. A clear message from the community at that time was that more consultation was needed on decisions affecting such an important piece of public land.

Given previous interest in the Reserve and community expectation for more thorough consultation, City of Darwin decided to consult with the community and stakeholders on their experiences, views and aspirations for Vestey's Reserve. The findings of this consultation will inform Council decision-making on the Reserve in the future.

City of Darwin engaged Michels Warren Munday as an independent consultant to design and manage the consultation and report back to Council on the findings of the process.

In line with the Core Values of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), the consultation was designed with transparency in mind, including a commitment to provide a copy of the consultation report to the public.

Consultation sought feedback from a range of targeted stakeholders, local residents and the general public on their knowledge, values and vision of the Reserve.

The aim was to capture rich insights from the community and stakeholders to inform decision-making by Council. This includes how the Reserve is used and perceived and what the community and stakeholders would consider acceptable and unacceptable at Vestey's Reserve in the future.

### **Consultation**

Michels Warren Munday proactively approached stakeholders, neighbouring residents and those with special knowledge or a strong interest in the area to participate in the consultation.

Residents in the immediate area were informed by a letterboxed flyer and City of Darwin sent a letter and fact sheet to ratepayers in Fannie Bay, Parap and The Gardens. A media launch occurred at the beginning of the process and a public notice was placed in the Northern Territory News to advertise the community workshop. The itinerant campers who use Vestey's Reserve were also consulted through the City of Darwin's Safer City Program.

A webpage hosted by City of Darwin contained all the information needed to participate in the consultation, including a fact sheet and a link to the online survey.

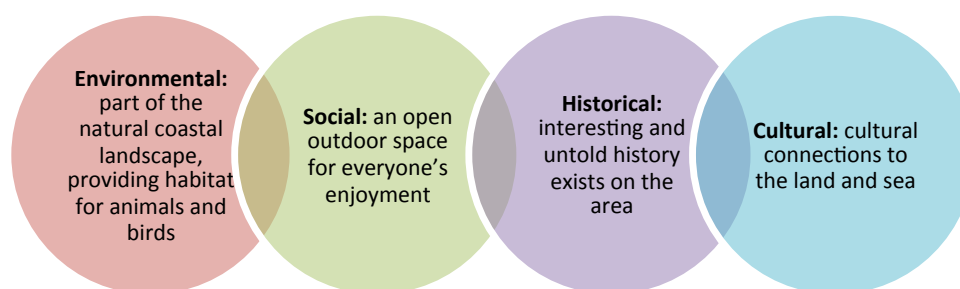
In total, 405 people completed the online survey, and 45 written and verbal submissions were received. A community workshop attracted about 50 participants and the consultant had one-on-one discussions with many stakeholders and local residents.

All stakeholder comments included in this report have been faithfully recorded and not edited in any way, other than minor grammar or spelling corrections.

### ***Knowledge and values***

Eliciting local knowledge and values associated with Vestey's Reserve was a big part of the consultation process, as this knowledge informed people's vision for the future.

The local knowledge and values identified during the consultation can be themed as follows:



#### **Environmental values:**

- Vestey's Reserve is a unique natural environment, and an important habitat for birdlife and wildlife.
- The 'ribbon of green' from Darwin city to East Point is seen as integral to the coastal chain that supports animals and birdlife in Darwin.

#### **Social values:**

- The semi-natural environment and open space provided by Vestey's Reserve is unique to Darwin, with a strong value placed on the protection of green space in Darwin's growing urban environment.
- The peaceful ambience of Vestey's Reserve is valued, with the ability to be 'at one' with nature.
- The simple activity of walking and cycling in and through Vestey's Reserve is valued with the Reserve being seen as the ideal location for this type of activity.

#### **Historical values:**

- The rich and diverse history of Fannie Bay and Vestey's Reserve is valued, as is better commemorating it in the future.

#### **Cultural values:**

- The importance of recognising and celebrating Larrakia cultural connections to the land and sea is also seen as important in planning for the future of the Reserve.

## Issues

Community and stakeholders reported a number of issues that they felt detracted from their ability to fully enjoy Vestey's Reserve. They fall under three categories:



**Social issues** include the presence of itinerants camping on the Reserve and the consequent problems of mess, rubbish, fighting, noise, alcohol-related crime and the feeling of being unsafe. Many of these are Aboriginal people visiting from communities.

**Maintenance issues** include the poor state of some of the vegetation on the Reserve, some of it not appearing native to Darwin or not being properly cared for.

**Inappropriate development of public land** includes residents 'fearing the worst' and being concerned about large-scale development on public land.

## Future vision

The strongest message from residents and stakeholders was that any future development on Vestey's Reserve should be in line with the current public open space zoning (so no residential or large scale commercial development), and that the public should maintain access to this valued open space.

When asked about a future vision for Vestey's Reserve, a number of aspirations were raised, that again fell under the themes of environmental, social, historical and cultural:

<p><b>Environmental</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing and protecting the natural values of Vestey's Reserve including the vegetation, wildlife and birdlife.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements to existing infrastructure and some new infrastructure that support the enjoyment of the area.</li> <li>• More effective management of itinerants and illegal camping.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Historical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition and commemoration of the different layers of history of Vestey's Reserve and the surrounding area.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cultural</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better recognition of the Aboriginal culture and connection to land and sea in and around the Reserve.</li> </ul>

A number of submissions (both written and verbal) were made during the consultation. This included specific proposals for consideration in the future planning of Vestey's Reserve. Submissions were received from the following:

Local residents	Chamber of Commerce
Darwin Off Road Cyclist	Darwin Outrigger Canoe Club
Darwin Ski Club	Training Ship Darwin, Australian Navy Cadets
Fannie Bay Community Clubs Precinct	Bicycle NT
Surf Life Saving NT	Landcare NT
Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory	Darwin Sailing Club
Planning Action Network (PLAN)	Fannie Bay History and Heritage Society
Darwin Crystal Lagoon	Department of Health
Northern Territory Planning Commission	Darwin High School
Parap Primary School	Northern Territory Police
Friends of East Point	Urban Development Institute Australia, Northern Territory

### **Next steps**

This report has been prepared following an eight-week consultation process on experiences, values, views and opinions regarding Vestey's Reserve.

It is recommended that the next steps in relation to this consultation report are:

- Council consider the consultation report, including the submissions made by community members and stakeholders.

- Council authorise the public release of the report by placing it on City of Darwin's website, and authorising Michels Warren Munday to provide a copy to those who made a submission or requested to be kept informed.
- The next stage of the decision-making process on Vestey's Reserve be communicated back to the community and stakeholders, with due reference to the information gathered during this consultation process and how this guided Council's decision-making.

## Background

Vestey's Reserve is a 204,900 square metre area of public open space situated along Atkins Road, just north of Mindil Beach. It is an open recreational area with an artificial lake - Vestey's Lake - which captures storm water and flushes it out on the high tide, which provides a good habitat for birds. There is also a car park, walking and cycling track, playground, seating and BBQ area.

It is a well-known area given its position between popular sporting clubs and its proximity to the city. It is a place with strong cultural, historical and emotional values for the people of Darwin.

With a public open space zoning, Vestey's Reserve provides public areas for recreational activity, with the zoning restricting development to activities consistent with recreational use and with minimal impact on existing land uses and nearby residential areas.



Vestey's Reserve Aerial



Vestey's Reserve Map

City of Darwin previously considered the Reserve for a new skate park (2006) and scenic helicopter flights (2011). Both of these were met with community opposition, particularly from local residents who had concerns about developing public land. A clear message from the community at that time was that more consultation was needed on decisions affecting such an important piece of public land.

To inform Council decision-making on the future of Vestey's Reserve, City of Darwin commissioned consultation to seek input from the community and stakeholders on their experiences, values, views and opinions regarding the future of the Reserve.

To demonstrate its commitment to the integrity of the consultation program, City of Darwin engaged an independent consultant to design and manage the consultation and report back to Council on the findings of the process.

In line with the Core Values of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2), the consultation was designed with transparency in mind, including a commitment to provide a copy of the consultation report to the public.

IAP2 Core Values for the practice of public participation are:

- the public should have a say in decisions about actions that could affect their lives;
- public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision;
- public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognising and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers;
- public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision;
- public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
- public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way; and
- public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

A key issue during consultation was tension between two key user groups - nearby residents and illegal campers. The natural and recreational values of the area, strongly held by local residents, are largely incompatible with its use by itinerants and backpackers as a retreat and place to camp. Residents complained about feeling excluded, unsafe or deterred from visiting the area due to the presence of large numbers of itinerant campers, rubbish, antisocial behaviour and occasional fights. A common theme in feedback was pressure to better manage alcohol consumption along Vestey's Beach to combat these social issues.



### Brief history of Vestey's Reserve

Vestey's Beach is named after Lord William Vestey, the English cattle baron who built a meatworks on Bullocky Point that operated from 1914 to 1920. Lord Vestey owned cattle stations and the area that is now Vestey's Reserve. During its time of operation the meatworks was a major employer in Darwin and many local Aboriginal people worked there.

The Larrakia people have a strong connection to the Vestey's area, being an area once rich in bush and sea tucker. "A seasonal fresh water paperbark swamp used to lead to a stretch of mangroves extending to the sandy beach (now Vestey's Beach). Aboriginal people enjoyed fishing, hunting for crabs, collecting shell fish and camping under the black wattle trees."<sup>1</sup>

Vestey's Beach also has a connection to 'old Darwin' for many people, particularly long-time Darwin families who may recall when Vestey's Beach was a popular swimming and picnic location.

The Fannie Bay area in which Vestey's Reserve is located is known to contain some of the oldest and most valuable residential land in Darwin. Many of the residents that live there come from long-time Darwin families and are known to be actively engaged in public debate and hold strong opinions about matters that affect them.

## Consultation Process

### Level of engagement

Using the IAP2 principles that guide good community engagement, consultation was conducted at the levels of **inform** and **consult**.

Level of engagement	Promise to the Public
<b>Inform</b>	We will keep you informed.
<b>Consult</b>	We will keep you informed, listen to your concerns and provide feedback on how the public's input influenced the decision.
<b>Involve</b>	We will work with you to ensure your concerns are reflected in the alternatives developed, and provide feedback on how the public's input influenced the decision.
<b>Collaborate</b>	We will look to you for advice, ideas and solutions and incorporate those into the decisions as much as possible.
<b>Empower</b>	We will implement what you decide.
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<sup>1</sup> Bauman, T (2006). *Aboriginal Darwin – A Guide to Exploring Important Sites of the Past & Present*

## Consultation objectives

The **objectives** of the consultation program were to:

- develop and share information on the Reserve, including zoning and limitations, to create context and allow for informed input and discussion;
- gather feedback from stakeholders and the community on their values, aspirations and issues regarding the future use of the Reserve;
- adopt a range of consultation methodologies that suit the needs and interests of a range of stakeholders;
- build confidence and trust in the consultation process and maintain that trust through feedback to all stakeholders on how their input will influence the final outcome; and
- work to build productive relationships with stakeholders and the community.

The consultation approach centred on developing an understanding of stakeholder and community values, concerns and aspirations for the future use of the Reserve. The information sought through the consultation included:

- the values and connections people have with Vestey's Reserve (historical, cultural, environmental, recreational etc.);
- how people have used the Reserve in the past;
- how people use the Reserve now;
- any current concerns about the Reserve;
- future aspirations - suggestions on improvements to the Reserve;
- uses of the Reserve that would be considered unacceptable in the future; and
- any areas within the Reserve that should or should not change.

## Approach

### Tools and tactics

The eight-week consultation program ran from 17 June to 12 August 2016 and incorporated a number of methods, including door knocking local residents, one-on-one meetings with residents and stakeholders and a community workshop. A number of mechanisms were established to enable feedback to be received, including an online survey, email and phone.

The approach was proactive in seeking out stakeholders with a vested interest in the Reserve and listening to their views, rather than assuming they would read about the consultation and get in touch.

There was a focus on one-on-one meetings to gain a deeper appreciation of the community's views, many of which were deeply held. All up there were 19 one-on-one meetings conducted, with around half of these being with local residents.

<b>Tools</b>	Interviews, community workshop, online survey, website, centralised phone and email, media, public notice for community workshop
<b>Materials</b>	Fact sheet, letter to Fannie Bay, Parap and The Gardens ratepayers, public notice for community workshop

City of Darwin hosted the Vestey's Reserve Consultation webpage, with all information on the consultation made available on the page. This included information on the consultation, a fact sheet, link to the online survey, information on the workshop and details of how to make contact or provide a submission.

**Vestey's Reserve**

The community is being asked to share their views and vision for the future of Vestey's Reserve, with an eight-week consultation program running from 17 June to 12 August 2016.

**About Vestey's Reserve**

Vestey's Reserve is an area of land 204,900 square metres along the coast near Mindil Beach and zoned public open space. It has recently been identified as potentially suitable for future community-based recreation facilities, integrating with nearby Mindil Beach.

All options are open for discussion, from doing nothing (leaving the Reserve as is) to exploring recreational opportunities into the future.

**Community Consultation Now Open**

City of Darwin has engaged Michels Warren Munday to manage the consultation process independently. A consultation report will be prepared for City of Darwin on the findings of the consultation process, which will be made available on this website.

There are a number of ways to participate in the consultation:

- Read the fact sheet to find out more
- Complete the survey
- Come along to the **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**:

**WHEN:** Saturday 6 August 2016

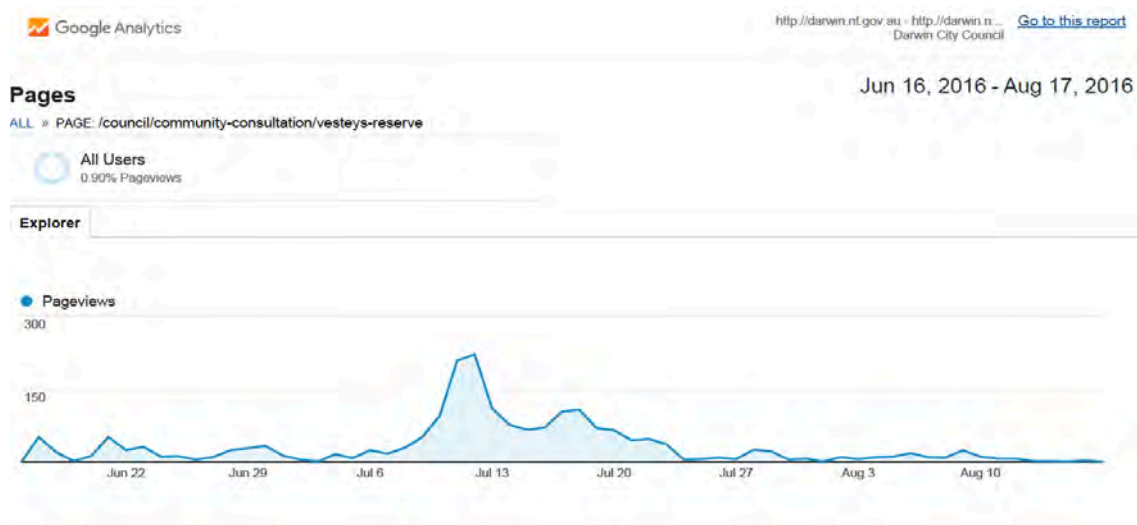
**WHERE:** Darwin Ski Club, 20 Conacher Street, Fannie Bay

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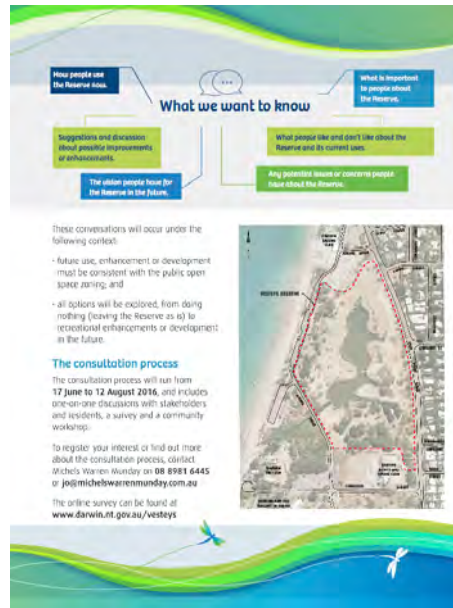
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- Shoal Bay
- Pet Registration
- Fees and Charges
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- Council Meetings
- Council Policies

^ [www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/community-consultation/vestey-s-reserve](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/community-consultation/vestey-s-reserve)

Over the eight-week consultation program, there were **2,012 page views** of the webpage.



^ Google Analytics report of page views for [www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/community-consultation/vestey-s-reserve](http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/community-consultation/vestey-s-reserve)



^Vesteys Reserve Community Consultation Fact Sheet

Online survey

An online survey was created, with a link provided on City of Darwin’s webpage. The survey sought answers to the following questions:

Where do you live?	Where do you work?	Do you visit Vesteys Reserve?	If yes, how often?
If yes, what do you do when you visit the Reserve?	What are the factors that bother you or stop you from visiting the Reserve?	Is Vesteys important to you?	If yes, why is the Reserve important to you?
Would you agree or disagree to Vesteys Reserve being further developed for recreational use in the future?	If you disagree to the Reserve being further developed recreationally, why is this?	What type of recreational development / activity would you consider acceptable?	What type of development, activity or use would you consider unacceptable in Vesteys Reserve?
Would you like to be kept informed?	If yes please provide your details	Statistical information	Length of time in the Northern Territory

^Vesteys Reserve Community Consultation Survey Questions

### Letter box drop and door knock

There are many residential properties close to Vestey's Reserve. To promote the consultation and encourage involvement and feedback, a fact sheet was dropped in nearby letterboxes, with about 100 homes door knocked and letterbox dropped. In addition, about 1600 ratepayers in the suburbs of Fannie Bay, Parap and The Gardens were sent a letter along with the fact sheet explaining the process and inviting participation. The diagram below shows the areas included in this process.



^ Letterbox drop and door knock and ratepayer mail out zones

### Interviews with key stakeholders

One-on-one meetings and interviews were offered to stakeholders who were identified as likely to have an interest in Vestey's Reserve. The discussions were documented and some chose to provide a written submission. Stakeholders engaged in the process included:

Nearby organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Darwin Ski Club ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Trailer Boat Club ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Sailing Club ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Bowls and Social Club</li> <li>•Surf Life Saving Northern Territory ✓</li> <li>•Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory</li> </ul>
Historical groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•National Trust NT</li> <li>•Historical Society of the Northern Territory</li> <li>•Fannie Bay History and Heritage Society ✓</li> </ul>
Aboriginal groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation ✓</li> <li>•Larrakia Development Corporatio</li> </ul>
Community and interest groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Environment Centre of the Northern Territory</li> <li>•Landcare NT ✓</li> <li>•Friends of East Point ✓</li> <li>•Planning Action Network (PLAN) ✓</li> <li>•Bicycle NT (Pedals NT) ✓</li> <li>•Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory (AFANT) ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Off Road Cyclists ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Outrigger Canoe Club ✓</li> <li>•Training Ship Darwin, Australian Navy Cadets ✓</li> </ul>
Development and business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Property Council of Australia</li> <li>•Urban Development Institute of Australia NT ✓</li> <li>•Chamber of Commerce Northern Territory ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Crystal Lagoons ✓</li> </ul>
Territory and local government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•NT Planning Commission ✓</li> <li>•Department of Health ✓</li> <li>•Department of Land, Planning and Environment</li> <li>•Northern Territory Police ✓</li> <li>•Local electoral candidates</li> </ul>
Local schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Darwin High School ✓</li> <li>•Darwin Middle School</li> <li>•Parap Primary School ✓</li> </ul>

^ Stakeholders engaged as part of the consultation

Some stakeholders were approached but did not provide a submission, either because they did not have the time or capacity. The ✓ above indicates the stakeholders who were interviewed and / or provided a submission.

Extra attention was paid to seeking out the views of hard to reach stakeholders. Aboriginal people, most of them visitors to Darwin, regularly camp at Vestey's Reserve, and are therefore an important stakeholder group. As City of Darwin's Safer City Program officers have regular contact with these people, it was decided to use this channel to communicate with the campers. A report on these conversations was provided to Michels Warren Munday at the end of the consultation period.

### Broader consultation

Local residents and the general public were invited to participate in the consultation in the following ways:

- filling out the online survey;
- attending the community workshop; and / or
- providing a written or verbal submission.

Some residents made contact and requested a meeting, as they were unable to attend the workshop or preferred a one-on-one discussion.

The online survey was made available on the City of Darwin Vestey's Reserve Consultation webpage, with 405 surveys being completed.

About 50 people attended the community workshop on 6 August, most being local residents. Not surprisingly, given the nature of the nearby suburbs, stakeholders taking an interest in this workshop came from a largely older demographic and were mostly long-term residents of Darwin, many of them retired. However, many young professionals took part.

The workshop included an early walk to Vestey's Reserve to create context for the discussion and share ideas and concerns. This was followed by an interactive session where participants were asked to explore the following questions:

What do you think about Vestey's, what knowledge do you have or values do you hold in the Reserve?



In five years time, what do you hope Vestey's Reserve might look like?



What would you consider as unacceptable development or activity on Vestey's Reserve in the future?



The format for the workshop was as follows:



Walk to Vestey's Reserve  
8.30am



Introductions and questions  
9:00am



People were asked to work in  
groups 9:15am



Discussion on values,  
concerns and vision for  
Vestey's Reserve



People reported back on their  
discussions 10:15am



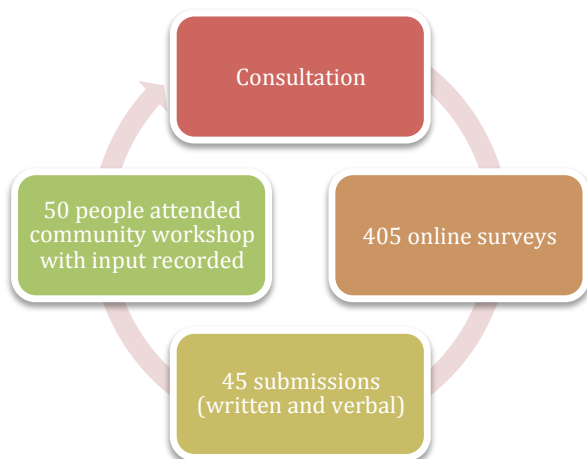
Significant feedback gathered

^ Community Workshop, 6 August 2016



## Feedback

Feedback on this consultation was provided through written and verbal submissions, the online survey and the community workshop.



The feedback section of this report is presented as follows:

- survey findings;
- local knowledge and values;
- issues; and
- future vision.

**Appendix 1** contains a summary of the submissions received. The raw submissions (with attachments) has been provided to City of Darwin separately, to ensure anonymity.

**Appendix 2** contains the survey data report. The survey results highlighted below include a snapshot of the survey findings. For complete statistics and all comments provided in the survey, refer to Appendix 2.

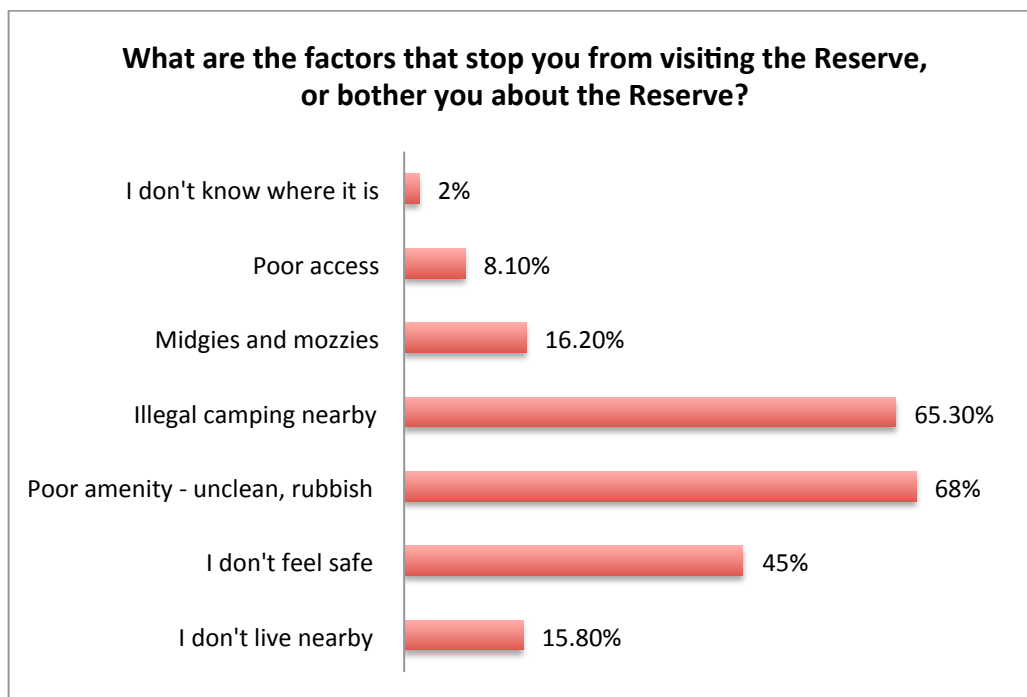
**Appendix 3** contains summaries of comments from the community workshop.

## Survey Results

Survey respondents were asked to identify where they live, with 32% being from Greater Darwin, 21.1% from Fannie Bay, 13.4% from Parap and 6.5% of respondents were from Darwin's rural area.

85% visit Vestey's Reserve with 26.1% visiting monthly, 24.4% visiting weekly and 23.8% visiting rarely. Of those who said they had visited the Reserve, 63.1% were walkers, 48.6% watched the sunset, 40% cycled in the area, 16.3% watched birds and 5.7% were engaged in other environmental activities such as enjoying nature.

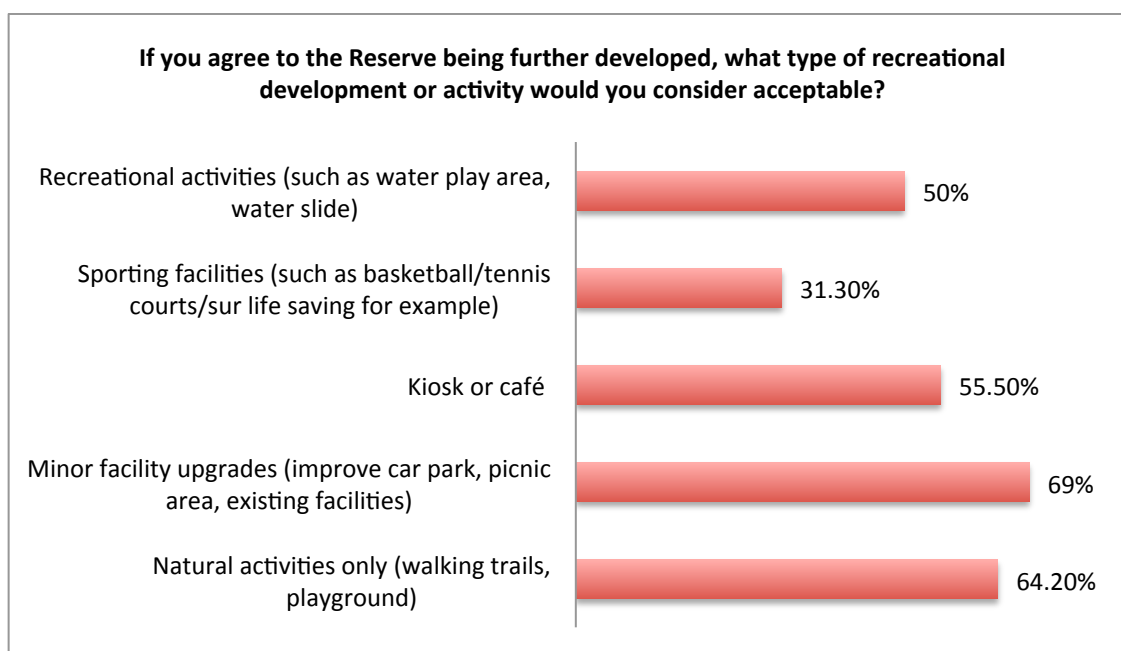
Factors that stop people from visiting the Reserve or bother them about the Reserve are poor amenity (68%), illegal camping (65.3%) and not feeling safe (45%).



Of the 404 respondents, 83.4% of people feel that Vesteys Reserve is important to them.

Asked whether Vesteys Reserve should be further developed for recreational use in the future, 76.2% of respondents agreed and 12.4% disagreed.

Of those who agree with future development, 69% nominated minor facility upgrades, 64.2% nominated natural activities, 55.5% nominated a kiosk or café and 50% nominated recreational activities. It is important to note that some people nominated more than one of the choices (indicated below).



When asked what would constitute acceptable development, responses included:

- 'Anything to reengage with community and remove itinerants'*
- 'Don't change what it is, just improve what is there and maybe more people will use it'*
- 'Water orientated facilities would be great'*
- 'Better cycle paths and cycling connections'*
- 'I hear Navy Cadets would like a boat shed, great idea to improve Navy Cadet opportunities for all teens in Darwin'*
- 'A restaurant or café would be great to increase visitors to the area. This would also make it feel safer'*
- 'Sailing, youth development groups and activities'*
- 'I would like to see spaces that are clean and shady'*
- 'I would agree to a transportable café and food, temporary car parking for the dry and repaired environmentally for the rest of the year like Mindil, for the magpie geese'*
- 'Please retain the ability for dogs to go there for exercise'*
- 'A large adventure playground ... would make good family use of this space'*
- 'Short term caravan and camp ground (no permanents)'*
- 'It depends on the type of development. I don't believe in commercialising public space. We need a 'blank space' to walk in and to 'be' with'*
- 'Improve management and preservation of natural features while improving facilities for the general public'*
- 'More vegetation and habitat creation'*
- 'Bike trails for teaching kids to ride'*
- 'It would be important not to replicate activities already provided nearby such as East Point Reserve and Botanic Gardens Precinct / Mindil. Retaining and enhancing its current qualities'*

When asked what would constitute unacceptable development, 44.4% nominated private sector development and 21.2% nominated any development. A further 35% nominated 'other' with various ideas being put forward:

- 'Anything that depletes or harms the natural surroundings'*
- 'Development that removes or limits public access and doesn't retain some green space'*
- 'Anything that takes the nature completely away and concretes it'*
- 'Large buildings or bitumen areas'*
- 'Large development which stops public access'*

*'I would like to see it remain public space, but not opposed to improvements, exercise equipment, playgrounds or low scale / temporary establishment of businesses'*

*'Any type of development which compromises the natural beauty and appeal of the place'*

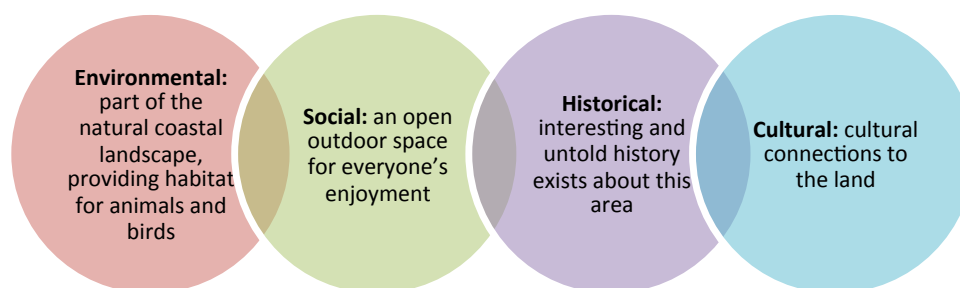
*'If it aided in better development of the public space I would support small private development'*

*'I wouldn't want to see anything tall or big built, or anything out of character with the area'*

*'Anything that would make it more desirable to itinerants and backpackers'*

## Local knowledge and values

Eliciting local knowledge and values associated with Vestey's Reserve was a big part of the consultation process, because this knowledge informs people's vision for the future. A substantial amount of local knowledge received from local residents and stakeholders, through the survey, submissions and community workshop, has been categorised into the following four themes:



### Environmental

People talked a lot about the natural environment at Vestey's Reserve. Many people mentioned the varied birdlife as an important value, and protecting natural wildlife and migratory birds through a healthy habitat was considered important.

The 'ribbon of green' that exists from Darwin city to Lee Point is seen as integral to the sense of living in a tropical, outdoor lifestyle, and Vestey's Reserve is a critical part of a coastal chain that supports animals and migratory birds.

The original landscape plan by Ecosystems Landscape Architects in the mid 1980s included a master plan for Vestey's Reserve. A number of community members felt that understanding this work would be beneficial for future planning of the Reserve.

The man who originally excavated Vestey's lagoon was consulted during this process and his insights are documented in Appendix 1.

*'I value open green space, we have lost too much to development'*

*'I value the area as an irreplaceable, precious community space'*

*'Native vegetation is precious and should be protected'*

*'I value a beautiful green land with parks, trees, wildlife and birds'*

*'This is an important natural environment and habitat for wildlife'*

*'Great environment for birdlife (many finches and owls)'*

*'I watch the tides come and go, look at the trees, watch the seasons of flowering with the trees and the birds eating from the trees, watch the fish, look at the native birds in the water, there is so much to look at ... it is the most wonderful magic place to be'*

*'It complements the coastline and is visited by migratory birds'*

*'It's a pretty lagoon and important ecosystem'*

*'It is a haven for wildlife in the urban environment. Has remnant vegetation that should be protected'*

*'I am a keen birder and regularly take international and Australian birders to Vestey's because of the beach and mangrove / grassland habitats'*

*'It's a local area of ecological importance as well as one of the few open untouched spaces left to enjoy'*

## **Social**

Some people felt that the semi-natural environment and open space provided by Vestey's Reserve is unique to Darwin, as more sanitised and structured public open spaces are developed (Darwin Waterfront was provided as an example). There was a strong value placed by many on the protection of green space in Darwin's growing urban environment.

The open space, with unlimited public access to the beach, ocean views and walking tracks makes Vestey's a valuable place to many who visit.

People also valued the peaceful ambience that Vestey's Reserve offers, as a place to contemplate and meditate. Some of the people consulted also enjoyed mingling with the itinerants who camp there, cautioning against stereotyping all campers as drinkers or troublemakers, while expressing concern at undesirable aspects of the site's use as a camping spot by itinerants.

Some people felt that itinerants should be accommodated, as many are homeless, but that undesirable aspects, such as alcohol use and the associated anti social behaviour, be curbed. The problems caused by the presence of the itinerants at Vestey's Reserve are discussed further in the 'issues' section below.

Some people liked walking and riding at the Reserve, while others felt that the ever-present social issues detracted from its natural beauty.

*'The volume of public space on our city foreshore is a stand out advantage that Darwin holds over many cities with water frontage'*

*'I value Vesteys as an open recreational area for all community'*

*'Significant area of open space in an area with a growing population / increased density'*

*'It is an iconic spot to enjoy the beauty of the Territory - a nice little walking track and beautiful to drive along on my way to the Mindil markets'*

*'A sanctuary in our neighbourhood, one of our last open spaces that we need to preserve'*

*'It is a lovely big open space with beautiful views'*

*'Great spot for walking the dogs'*

*'The thing I love most about the space is that it is mostly untouched. I like that it's simple. I feel free and enjoy looking at the open parklands. It is one of the few areas that has water i.e. tap and shower to wash people / dogs after playing on the beach. I love how the walking tracks are wide, I love looking at the lagoon and ocean'*

*'It is part of a green belt in inner Darwin - important for spatial, aesthetic and environmental reasons - it's part of the old Darwin that is fast disappearing'*

*'This is the ideal location for peaceful contemplation, with beautiful wide walking tracks'*

*'Connectivity by pedestrian and cycle paths to Mindil and East Point, botanic gardens, Parap school, shops, all by the waters edge'*

*'The beach and the water's edge are beautiful and accessible'*

*'Rare coastal reserve, open space with huge potential for community development'*

*'It is a living area for the homeless, any future plan should take this into account. I tolerate this because I consider myself fortunate compared to the homeless, it can be disturbing though and of course poses litter, noise, hygiene and other problems'*

## **Historical**

Fannie Bay and Vesteys Reserve have a rich and diverse history. People referred to the former brickworks, saltpans and a wireless station that are part of the areas past. Vesteys Reserve itself has an interesting past with some stories perhaps still untold. The Fannie Bay History and Heritage Society provided much insight into the local history of the area and there is value in this being better commemorated in future planning for the area.

*'I think Vesteys is steeped in history and would be useful to put up some signage'*

*'Themed playground would be good, linked to the history of the area'*

*'Signage boards highlighting historical points of interest, linked to walkways'*

*'The area is rich with history, it is important to capture it and ensure it's not lost'*

*'Historically, Vestey's has a colourful past'*

## Cultural

A number of itinerants, many of them Aboriginal, camp at Vestey's Reserve, with most being visitors to Darwin. Whilst it was acknowledged that this brings with it some undesirable elements, there is recognition that the land was traditional land, even if the people who currently camp there are not traditional Larrakia people.

Many people feel that in planning for the future of Vestey's Reserve, it is important to recognise and celebrate Larrakia cultural connections to the land and sea.

Documented history of the area shows that Aboriginal people enjoyed fishing, hunting for crabs, collecting shell fish and camping under the black wattle trees near Vestey's Beach.

*'On behalf of the Aboriginal people - it's valued as a living area. I value its beauty of coastal breezes, its flora preserved along the tidal creek and the coastal flora that can be achieved along this foreshore and hope for all to enjoy as they choose'*

*'Believe there should be some acknowledgement of the local Indigenous people and some allowances made for their continued use of the area'*

*'Has important heritage, cultural and natural values'*

## Issues

Residents and stakeholders raised many negative issues, which they believed detracted from the ability to fully use and enjoy the Reserve, including those that fall under the following categories:



**Social and safety issues:**

Social issues include the presence of itinerants drinking and illegally camping on Vestey's Reserve and the consequent problems that arise from this such as mess, rubbish, fighting, noise, crime and the subsequent feelings of being unsafe.

Consultation included passionate debate about some of these issues and how to curb alcohol abuse, while acknowledging that many itinerants are not troublesome but simply have nowhere to live while they are visiting Darwin for a range of reasons.

Furthermore, Vestey's Reserve is seen by many as a 'sleazy' place at night where people congregate, often to drink alcohol and fornicate.

Furthermore, backpackers and 'wicked van tourists' often illegally camp at Vestey's Reserve during the dry season and use the amenities there, although it was noted that Council staff usually move these people on.

A combination of these factors - itinerants, alcohol abuse and fornicating members of the public - contribute to the feeling that Vestey's Reserve is an undesirable place for families to visit.

*'The area is regularly used by visiting campervans in a similar fashion to East Point Reserve and Mindil Beach'*

*'Anti-social behaviour of current users is unacceptable - I have young children and we don't come here because I don't want them exposed to it'*

*'At the moment, with long grasser problem, Vestey's is an embarrassment, we certainly wouldn't take visitors there'*

*'Poor amenity and feeling unsafe because the campers are not moved on by the Council, even when there are more and more signs about illegal camping going up. We do not go to the Reserve. Reclaim Vestey's for everyone but don't change its natural character'*

*'I only feel safe to go to the lake when I'm with someone. Even the beach makes me feel uneasy with the drunks around'*

*'It's unsafe, it's full of drunk / drugged itinerant people. There is rubbish everywhere'*

*'Itinerants are by far and away the biggest problem'*

*'I feel safe during the day but not after sunset'*

*'Nothing really there to draw and make people want to visit and stay'*

*'It doesn't feel welcoming, often dirty and people sleeping there. I just drive by, may stop and look at the beach, but I stay in my car'*

*'The 'long grassers' give a feeling of insecurity to the whole area'*

*'The homeless people that drink and cause trouble there near the playground'*



*'The extreme anti social behaviour and the inability to use any facilities there (BBQ, seating) due to human excrement, drunks and itinerants occupying the area'*

*'Lack of engaging play equipment for children'*

*Poor design, no activity, poorly maintained'*

*'I didn't know about it or what was there, although I drive by often'*

*'The only times I've been, there have been drunk indigenous people which makes me feel unsafe (being a young female). It's a waste of a beautiful location that could better used / made available by the public with nicer facilities or a safe environment'*

However some people expressed empathy toward the itinerants:

*'I don't think trying to get rid of Indigenous people from Vestey's is the right approach. This is traditional Indigenous land even if the actual people are not Larrakia - they do have the right to be there as much as the rest of the population. They use and value the area for a variety of purposes - not always desirable to the public at large but that is not entirely an Indigenous issue and is a far more complex problem with complex causes that government needs to really acknowledge and make honest efforts to address'*

*'The results of poverty and lack of housing are a social problem that bothers me and are visible in the Reserve. The inequity in our society should bother all of us. I think camping there should be supported with amenity and not 'banned'*

*It is not acceptable to move Indigenous folk who camp around their open space. My view is they are sharing their sociability in ways they choose'*

#### **Maintenance:**

Maintenance issues include the poor state of some of the vegetation at Vestey's Reserve, some of it not appearing to be native to Darwin or not being properly cared for. It also includes the inadequate collection of rubbish and lack of rubbish bins.

A few people felt the large sections of open unattended grass are not maintained properly and require slashing or burning when overgrown. Some trees have been removed whilst other non-native trees and bushes have remained.

Other people said that with appropriate native vegetation, maintenance requirements are reduced as the area grows into a healthy and native state. Overly manicured grounds and 'sanitised' open space was for some an unappealing proposition for Vestey's Reserve, with the desire to keep it as natural as possible.

Access into the Reserve was also noted as problematic, with it not being visible or appealing from East Point Reserve. Atkins Road, at the Sailing Club entry, was perceived by some as unsafe, with some calling for a realignment of the road to avoid the road splitting the boat storage yard and beach in two.

The health of Vestey's lake was also raised as a concern. It was noted that four main drains enter the lake from the adjacent residential areas of Fannie Bay and Parap. This urban run-

off is particularly concerning from the first rain of the wet, when rubbish and debris flow directly into the waterway, as there are no traps installed.

There were comments that Council's last upgrade did something to the drainage and people feel that the area has not been so attractive to birds ever since.

*'Vegetation is run down and overgrown with weeds'*

*'Some areas are overgrown and uncared for - behind the bowls club is an example. The entrance is difficult at times, dangerous near sailing club'*

*'Clean up the majestic stand of 'coryphautan' palms at the bowling club end'*

*'Keeping birdlife means keeping trees, plant more trees, plant more native shrubs ... keeping our beautiful green habitat working'*

*'I would like to see more native plantings, i.e. mangroves, native grasses as a habitat for wildlife'*

*'Enhancement of native planting is needed to support habitat for bird life'*

*'Not enough tidal flush to effectively clean out the lagoon'*

#### **Inappropriate development of public land:**

Many local residents were concerned that development on Vestey's Reserve would result in building large structures and laying lots of concrete. Many local residents felt that strong activation of the area was not needed at Vestey's Reserve as they value the natural environment uniquely offered by the area.

Other residents and some stakeholders felt that some activation would be beneficial, as long as it was appropriate and complementary of the natural surrounds.

Some residents expressed concern about Government planning processes overruling Council decision-making and felt that any development on public land should be appropriate and not large scale.

Some felt that development on public land should be minimal:

*'Don't want to see the area overdeveloped, maintaining the natural character of the space is important'*

*'Please do not duplicate what we already have - tennis at Mindil and Parap, water park at Parap pool'*

*'Development that removes or limits public access and doesn't retain open green space'*

*'Would prefer that it cater to passive recreation. Would not like private sector development, especially commercial development'*

*'Visually intrusive development, development that erodes the green space, contributes to littering, development that excludes people'*

Whilst others felt that some development would be appropriate:

*'Improved maintenance and low key infrastructure only'*

*'I think the Reserve needs some development, to modernise the area'*

*'I'd be open to a private entity developing it into a facility or area people can use (i.e. café like the Foreshore or restaurant like Pee Wees)'*

*'It needs a proper master plan and more time to address what is there now and what the community needs into the future'*

## Future vision

The strongest message from stakeholders and residents was that any future development must be in line with the current public open space zoning, and that the public should maintain access to this valued open space.

When asked about a future vision for Vesteys Reserve, a number of aspirations were raised, that fall under the following themes:



**An environmental vision for Vesteys Reserve includes:**

*'Keep this place a natural sanctuary'*

*'Preserve the native vegetation as much as possible'*

*'Better manage stormwater and drainage into the area to protect environmental values'*

*'Leave the Reserve as is, an open area for all members of the Darwin community'*

*'Interpretive signage about migratory birds, vegetation communities and wildlife would be educational and informative'*

*'Could be taken under the management of the Botanic Gardens, enhancing flora and fauna'*

*'A credible account of flora and fauna on the Reserve is needed before a decision about its future is made'*

*'Vesteys lagoon could contain an island to afford refuge for birds from feral cats and dogs'*

*'Investigate interest in establishing a Vesteys Landcare Group'*

*'Experimental nesting boxes, eagle / osprey platform could support habitat and encourage nature and bird watching'*

*'Vesteys should remain as a natural area and not 'sanitised''*

*'Wildlife Education Sanctuary could be established there - connecting with local schools and the NT curriculum'*

**A social vision for Vesteys Reserve includes:**

*'Improve walkways, elevated platforms, viewing platform for birds over lagoon'*

*'Immediate foreshore area upgraded with lighting and provision for pop up activities on weekends'*

*'More garbage bins for recreational fisherman and Reserve users'*

*'More BBQs and seating, perhaps a children's nature playground''*

*'Better cycle paths that connect with cycle network and run along the foreshore near where sailing and trailer boat clubs are (not diverting to East Point Road as currently is the case)'*

*'Balanced decision making about Vesteys future, people in the tropics need and want space, not high density living'*

*'Continued access to boat ramp for recreational fisherman'*

*'A community garden'*

*'Bike tracks for children that is safe and off the main cycle network'*

*'Community and family areas, with shade'*

*'Local event, festival or activity such as fun run or walk'*

*'Interpretive signage with pictures and texts to help bring the place to life'*

*'Improved lighting, solar technology an idea'*

*'More effective management of itinerants and illegal camping'*

*'Allowance for the homeless, it is not a matter of just moving them on'*

*'Any development should factor in mosquito management, with Vesteys being considered a challenging area for complete management of mosquitoes given that it is flat and has low-lying areas'*

Some people want Vesteys to be a dry (no alcohol) area and support the idea of no alcohol consumption at Vesteys Reserve. The Northern Territory Police hold the position that the

current Vestey's Beach Public Restricted Area Exemptions are unworkable. This is on the basis that they currently 'provide an opportunity for a select group to participate in a range of behaviours that impact on the public and social amenity of the area'.

The itinerant campers at Vestey's Reserve were consulted using the City of Darwin's Safer City Program officers. The people who chose to comment said that more benches, another toilet block at the Ski Club end and a rain shelter would improve the quality of their stay at Vestey's Reserve.

Conversely, some stakeholders and community members expressed concern that improved amenity would attract more campers.

#### **An historical vision for Vestey's Reserve includes:**

*'Recognition and commemoration of the different layers of history of Vestey's Reserve and the surrounding area'*

*'Commemoration of historical figures including World War 1 veterans'*

*'The history should be showcased - Aboriginal, meatworks, sailing and marine are themes to explore'*

#### **A cultural vision for Vestey's Reserve includes:**

*'Recognition of the Aboriginal culture and connection to land and sea in and around the Reserve'*

*'Aboriginal ranger program could be involved in security and maintenance of area'*

*'Pursue the possibility of having Larrakia name BUNDILLA on a plaque at the BUNDILLA Larrakia site (next to Darwin Sailing Club)'*

## **Proposals for Vestey's Reserve**

A number of individual proposals were presented for the future use of Vestey's Reserve. Details of these are provided in the individual submissions, a summary is provided in Appendix 1.

The proposals include the following ideas:

- Surf Life Saving NT presence at Vestey's Reserve.
- All weather pump track (off road bike skills).
- Noiseless water sports activities such as cable skiing and stand up paddling etc.
- Art or sculpture walking trails.
- A community-based water recreational facility.
- Recreational fishing platform, pontoon or jetty to increase safety for people fishing.
- Sculptures park that links with the walkways and bike network.
- A backpacker area for 'legal' camping, to stop overnight parking.

- Schools in the area using the space as an ‘outdoor (learning) classroom’ to understand flora and fauna local to the area
- A low impact self drive accommodation area for tourists in the dry season.
- Secure boat compound for Training Ship Darwin (Navy Cadets), next to the Darwin Sailing Club.
- Realignment of Atkins Road, as it currently cuts through Darwin Sailing Clubs boat storage and beach area - there are safety concerns.
- Landscape architecture design competition could be explored if changes are proposed for the Reserve in the future.
- Water play - water fountains / spouts - under cover and shade.
- A fenced off dog recreation area similar to what is currently at Marlows lagoon
- Rectangular sports stadium.
- Review of Council’s alcohol exemption regulations at Vestey’s Reserve to address anti social issues.

## Next steps

This report has been prepared following an eight-week consultation process on experiences, values, views and opinions regarding Vestey’s Reserve.

It is recommended that the next steps in relation to this consultation report are:

- Council consider the report, including the submissions made by community members and stakeholders.
- Council authorise the public release of the report by placing it on City of Darwin’s website, and authorising Michels Warren Munday to provide a copy to those who made a submission or requested to be kept informed.
- The next stage of the decision-making process on Vestey’s Reserve be communicated back to the community and stakeholders, with due reference to the information gathered during this consultation process and how this guided Council’s decision-making.

## Appendix 1: Submissions Summary

Who	Date	How	Submission Summary
The Gardens Resident	23/06/16	Phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserve to be taken under management of the Botanic Gardens.</li> <li>Vesteys lagoon provides a good habitat for flora and fauna.</li> <li>Better walking and bike trails are needed.</li> <li>The Reserve is currently unused and unmaintained, it needs improvement.</li> <li>No buildings on the Reserve.</li> </ul>
Darwin Off Road Cyclist	27/06/16	Phone call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider building an all weather pump track on the Reserve.</li> </ul>
Darwin Ski Club	5/07/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about anti social behaviour, public safety and high crime rate. Lighting is poor at night.</li> <li>Alcohol and substance abuse is a contributor.</li> <li>The Reserve needs to be cleaned up and vegetation improved.</li> <li>Noiseless recreational activities could enhance and activate the Reserve - ideas include cable ski development or paddle boarding on the lagoon.</li> <li>More bike tracks for children, improved walkways, better lighting, art spaces and trails to draw people into the area.</li> <li>Connect into Fannie Bay history walk and in between adjoining water sports clubs.</li> <li>Pop up cafes in peak times.</li> <li>Use Reserve for local Fannie Bay events.</li> <li>No high rise development.</li> </ul>
Fannie Bay Community Club Precinct	6/07/16 & 12/08/16	Meeting and letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint submission from Darwin Ski Club, Darwin Sailing Club, Darwin Bowls and Social Club and Darwin Trailer Boat Club.</li> <li>View Vesteys area as future vibrant precinct offering recreation and family orientated activities.</li> <li>Recreational value needs to be improved - ideas include better family areas with shade, cycling tracks, quiet water sports activities, fund raising opportunities, art or sculpture walks, better lighting, seating and walking tracks, water features, community garden, local events, annual art or sculpture competition.</li> <li>Possible location for community group office accommodation such as sea scouts, navy cadets, surf lifesaving, coast guard.</li> <li>Water based event at Vesteys Beach, Fannie Bay Festival.</li> <li>The four clubs support the removal of the current licence arrangements to a no Alcohol consumption area at Vesteys.</li> </ul>

Friends of East Point	7/07/16	Email and phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park should remain as is and continues to be open to everyone.</li> <li>• Darwin needs many open green spaces.</li> <li>• Trees and vegetation create their own microclimate.</li> <li>• Vestey's provides an important habitat for birds.</li> <li>• We need more trees and sea breezes and far less heat generating surfaces and structures.</li> </ul>
Surf Life Saving Northern Territory	14/07/16 & 12/08/16	Meeting and letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLSNT is currently located in Aralia St Nightcliff. The current lease ends in 18 months, and with the space not meeting requirements SLSNT is looking for a new home.</li> <li>• SLSNT request that consideration be given to SLSNT relocating to Vestey's Reserve.</li> <li>• SLSNT require office and storage space, with potential for the building to have additional meeting space and/or café.</li> <li>• This location would support SLSNT ability to maintain quick response times in a marine search and rescue emergency.</li> <li>• Positioning SLSNT between the nearby water sports clubs offers many benefits.</li> <li>• The presence of SLSNT at Vestey's Reserve would activate area, with lifeguard services on the beach and potential 24/7 presence, enhancing safety and security of area.</li> </ul>
Local resident	14/07/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sporting venue to accommodate 'rectangular' sport - rugby league, rugby union, soccer, touch football etc.</li> </ul>
Local resident	17/07/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti social issues are an issue that need to be addressed.</li> <li>• Improved grass area, seating and BBQ facilities would draw more people in.</li> <li>• Commercial developments such as water parks and kiosks would be detrimental.</li> </ul>
Amateur Fisherman's Association of the Northern Territory	19/07/16	Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to boat ramp important.</li> <li>• A recreational fishing platform, pontoon or jetty would improve fishing safety.</li> <li>• More garbage bins are needed for fishing waste.</li> </ul>
Darwin resident	19/07/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military historian proposing the honouring at Vestey's Reserve of Captain Robert Lewis (1873-1916).</li> </ul>
Fannie Bay resident	19/07/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feels safe when walking at Vestey's Reserve, has done so for 20 years.</li> <li>• Indigenous people camping at Reserve shouldn't be moved on.</li> <li>• More bins are needed to address rubbish.</li> <li>• Activation is not necessary, enhancement of the natural environment only, more trees and vegetation.</li> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No private sector development on the Reserve.</li> </ul>
Fannie Bay residents	20/07/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ribbon of green between CBD and East Point needs to be retained and protected.</li> <li>• The Reserve provides a good habitat for birds.</li> <li>• Traffic on Atkins Road is concerning.</li> <li>• Potential partnership between City of Darwin, CDU and local schools to monitor birds and other environmental monitoring.</li> <li>• More environmental monitoring is needed so the science is better understood.</li> <li>• Water quality is concerning with stormwater entering Vestey's lagoon.</li> <li>• Indigenous people are part of the Reserve and should not necessarily be moved on. Better lighting would improve safety.</li> <li>• Nothing highly visible should be built there.</li> <li>• Elevated pathways, mangrove planking and viewing platforms are an idea.</li> <li>• Themed playgrounds - linked to history.</li> <li>• Remote control boat facility could work on lagoon.</li> <li>• Weed management needed.</li> </ul>
Darwin resident	21/07/16	City of Darwin Facebook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's a burial ground.</li> </ul>
Planning Action Network (PLAN)	27/07/16 & 15/08/16	Meeting and email (with bird list attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking a balance between planning decisions in the NT, ensuring sustainability for the community.</li> <li>• Keep the Reserve natural, local knowledge is important, bird life is significant and must be protected.</li> <li>• Trees and vegetation are important, migrating birds in the area are varied.</li> <li>• Drainage changes in the past have reduced the number of birds visiting the area.</li> <li>• Crime is a concern with better lighting a solution. Better policing of antisocial behaviour also needed.</li> <li>• No major development at Vestey's Reserve.</li> <li>• Bird list provided.</li> </ul>
Darwin resident	27/07/16	Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turn it into Lake Alexander II.</li> <li>• Grass the area, put BBQs and toilets in.</li> <li>• Current issues with Indigenous people there concerning.</li> <li>• Revegetate the area, dredge the lagoon to clean it up.</li> </ul>
Chamber of Commerce	27/07/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting would improve safety - solar powered technology.</li> <li>• Improved access and signage.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green the area.</li> <li>• Illegal campers spoil amenity of the area.</li> <li>• Pop up vans could activate the area.</li> <li>• More tourist attractions / experiences are needed in Darwin to bring visitors back.</li> </ul>
Darwin Outrigger Canoe Club	28/07/16	Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Reserve should be developed into a community-based water recreational facility.</li> <li>• Outrigger canoeing requires flat water at least 2 m deep.</li> <li>• Other sports that could benefit from the development include outriggering, dragon boating, water skiing, sailing, triathlon and stand up paddle boarders.</li> </ul>
Local resident and member of Wildcare NT Inc and member of CDU Animal Ethics Committee	28/07/16, 5/08/16, 12/08/16	Emails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any decisions regarding Vestey's Reserve should consider the wider Darwin area, to see the site's relationship to other green spaces.</li> <li>• Australia a world leader in species depletion, a major cause being habitat destruction.</li> <li>• Darwin has an amazing array of bird species and terrestrial and sea life.</li> <li>• Community health is dependent on the natural environment and enhancement of Vestey's Reserve should recognise this.</li> <li>• A recent walk through the Reserve observed a bird count of 20, and palms, mangroves, trees and other flora flourishing.</li> <li>• The Reserve is part of a green belt from the Botanical Gardens to Lee Point and beyond to Buffalo Creek and should be considered as part of this whole.</li> <li>• A credible account of flora and fauna at the Reserve is needed before a decision occurs about its future. Locating original landscape plans would be beneficial.</li> <li>• A refuge area (island) for birds would provide protection from feral cats and unleashed dogs.</li> <li>• Opposed to more built environment, bike tracks and a facility for unleashed dogs.</li> <li>• Better lighting for the immediate foreshore area; pop up activities, signage giving information on natural and cultural significance of area.</li> <li>• Aboriginal ranger program.</li> <li>• Experimental planting boxes, an eagle / osprey platform.</li> <li>• Experimental sculptural plinths.</li> </ul>
Alderman Robin Knox	30/07/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove Council's alcohol exemption area and conduct more patrols.</li> </ul>
Training Ship Darwin,	30/07/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wish to secure a boat compound for <i>TS Darwin</i> at Vestey's</li> </ul>

Australian Navy Cadets			Beach, adjacent to the Darwin Sailing Club.
Fannie Bay Resident	1/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leave Reserve as it is thank you. Darwin fauna has suffered enough.</li> </ul>
Local resident and excavated the lagoon in the 1980s	2/08/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creek was part of the design of the lagoon, to allow tidal flushing. Not enough tidal movement to effectively flush out lagoon.</li> <li>• The mangroves along the creek and lagoon were replanted from another area of Darwin.</li> <li>• The original design was a lagoon at around 1.5 metres deep.</li> <li>• No traps for the storm water run off into lagoon are affecting waterway health.</li> <li>• Unlicensed café or pop up vans could work at activating Vestey's.</li> </ul>
Bicycle NT	2/08/16	Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High cycling use through Vestey's Reserve, linked to broader cycling network.</li> <li>• Improved cycling paths would be good, along with bike racks, which would promote cyclists to stop.</li> </ul>
Landcare NT	3/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity to set up a Landcare group to help care for Vestey's Reserve if there is sufficient interest from the local community.</li> </ul>
Darwin Sailing Club	4/08/16 & 10/08/16	Letter and meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realignment of Atkins Road, safety concerns that the road cuts through the beach area and boat yard.</li> <li>• Antisocial behaviour near club boundary, significant costs to club to maintain security fencing with break ins ongoing.</li> </ul>
Local resident	4/08/16	Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep Vestey's Reserve as it is - trees, singing birds and beautiful sea breezes are calming and revitalising.</li> <li>• More paths to give extra access to some of the unused space.</li> </ul>
Fannie Bay resident	5/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about the development of Vestey's Reserve.</li> <li>• The area is beautiful as it is.</li> <li>• Main issue is Indigenous campers, resulting in fewer visitations from families because of anti social behaviour.</li> <li>• The Police need to enforce the no camping or sleeping overnight.</li> <li>• Option to zone this area no alcohol permitted. This would need to be enforced.</li> </ul>
Resident	8/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Values include open space, semi-natural environment, habitat for birds, recreational fishing in the lake.</li> <li>• It is a living area for the homeless; this needs to be taken into</li> </ul>

			account for future planning. It can be disturbing with litter, noise and hygiene problems. However, this resident tolerates this given his feelings of being lucky compared to the homeless.
Resident (landscape architect)	8/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystems did the original plan for Vestey's Reserve.</li> <li>• Landscape architecture / design competition could be held for this site. Support from the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects would need to be sought.</li> </ul>
Local resident	8/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vestey's Reserve should be left as it is. That includes the local Indigenous people who reside there.</li> <li>• No built environment at Vestey's Reserve.</li> </ul>
Fannie Bay resident	8/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous camping makes the Reserve undesirable to visit, with rubbish and mess.</li> <li>• Unsafe with fights breaking out, the Darwin Sailing Club often gets broken into and boats are slept in and damaged.</li> <li>• Better fencing is needed to stop access into the area.</li> <li>• People are drinking 100m from a licenced premise but police do not move them on.</li> <li>• A beautification program would only work if the itinerants are moved - a coffee shop and playground and water park would be lovely.</li> </ul>
Fannie Bay History & Heritage Society	9/08/16	Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current use includes sunset, surf skis, local residents walking, Aboriginal people, dog walkers.</li> <li>• Values include birdlife, the natural environment and the peace and harmony of the place.</li> <li>• Concerns include poor vegetation, itinerants, rubbish.</li> <li>• Vision includes local events, interpretive signage, improved lighting, more effective management of itinerants and rubbish.</li> </ul>
Ludmilla resident	12/08/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not sanitise Vestey's Reserve, an untouched natural environment is precious.</li> <li>• Social issues are a problem, but people should not be 'moved on'.</li> <li>• We should be asking Aboriginal people for their opinion.</li> <li>• No development at Vestey's.</li> </ul>
Local resident	10/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large palms near bowls club are not native to Darwin.</li> <li>• 'Place-making' is a key concept.</li> <li>• Local vegetation should be encouraged back into the Reserve. Vestey's could become a great place to observe and enjoy natural seasonal re-leafing, flowering and seeding.</li> <li>• More picnic spaces.</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No large irrigated lawn area, giant shade structures or plastic playgrounds.</li> <li>• An adventure playground / nature playground could work.</li> <li>• Interpretive signage.</li> <li>• Off-road bike track set in the right location and cycle pathways could work at Vestey's.</li> </ul>
Local resident	10/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larrakia name BUNDILLA on a plaque at the BUNDILLA LARRAKIA SITE next to the Darwin Sailing Club.</li> </ul>
Urban Development Institute Australia, Northern Territory	10/08/16	Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green space is valuable within an urban environment.</li> <li>• Native vegetation should be preserved as much as possible.</li> </ul>
Darwin Crystal Lagoon	10/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal for a crystal lagoon to be developed at Vestey's Reserve.</li> <li>• Other potential locations across Darwin are included.</li> </ul>
Department of Health	11/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the last 15 years the NTG and City of Darwin have worked to fix the drainage issues at Vestey's Reserve and fill low lying depressions, to assist controlling mosquitoes.</li> <li>• At present the mosquito breeding sites that remain are mostly located in the low lying area between East Point Road and the edge of the lagoon.</li> <li>• The remaining mosquito breeding sites need to be filled to minimise the need for routine mosquito control.</li> <li>• Future planning should consider better maintenance of the surrounds to address mosquito-breeding sites.</li> </ul>
Life member Darwin Sailing Club	11/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about anti social behaviour at Vestey's, it is dangerous and unpleasant.</li> <li>• Atkins Road needs to be a cul-de-sac to address traffic issues.</li> </ul>
Northern Territory Planning Commission	15/08/16	Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vestey's Reserve is an important part of the coastal foreshore area within Darwin's inner suburbs.</li> <li>• The Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan identifies that improvements to Vestey's Reserve are to remain consistent with its current zoning, Zone PS.</li> <li>• Appropriate enhancements to the Reserve could be through installation of amenities such as BBQ areas, seating, shading and toilets. Lighting could also be improved.</li> <li>• Any development should maintain the continuous green landscaped setting of the foreshore.</li> </ul>
Local resident	15/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity for a Wildlife Education Sanctuary.</li> <li>• Opportunity for partnership with nearby schools and NT</li> </ul>

			<p>curriculum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on mangrove species in area.</li> <li>• Bird species are varied; vegetation should be planted at the Reserve to foster this, along with nesting poles and boxes.</li> </ul>
Darwin High School	16/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleased that future enhancements will be consistent with its current zoning as public open space.</li> <li>• Opportunity for the area to be enhanced for education purposes.</li> <li>• DHS has a special interest in looking for ways to make best use of their proximity to eco systems.</li> <li>• Welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the City of Darwin to consider how Vesteys Reserve could include facilities that better support secondary aged students.</li> <li>• Opportunities to include areas for recreational activities that can be utilised for physical and outdoor education courses.</li> </ul>
Parap Primary School	17/08/16	Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collective input from local schools would benefit the process of planning for the future of Vesteys.</li> <li>• The Reserve could be linked with educative outcomes, ranging from creating an outdoor learning space, or creating an education program related to wildlife in the area, through to a broader project that may serve young people in the community beyond school groups.</li> </ul>
Local resident	20/07/16 & 19/08/16	Meeting and letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The volume of public space on our city foreshores is a stand out advantage that Darwin holds over many cities with water frontage. Vesteys reserve remains an important linkage along the city coastline. The bike / walking track that enters near the sailing club and extends through Vesteys Beach is a fantastic part of the public infrastructure.</li> <li>• There are a number of negatives currently with Vesteys which include, large areas not maintained during the wet, itinerants, litter, damage by itinerants and vandals, boat ramp not utilised to potential, lack of lighting and the area is used by campervans due to lack of other options for travellers.</li> <li>• Vision for future upgrade of Vesteys for potential development low impact self drive accommodation with basic facilities (power, bathroom, laundry) including minimal footprint building for small café and caretaker depot. Walking tracks, landscaping and improved lighting in area.</li> </ul>
Northern Territory Police	22/08/16	Email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are number of negative social behaviours which are unworkable, i.e. excessive alcohol consumption, sleeping in public areas, violent behaviour, rubbish and vandalism. These</li> </ul>

			<p>have an impact on the broader community in that families do not frequent this area due to these behaviours.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The removal of the Restricted Public Area Exemption for Vestey's Beach would provide Police with more options and flexibility to better deal with these negative behaviours. Other Public Restricted Area Exemptions across Darwin have been less problematic to Police.</li></ul>
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## Appendix 2: Survey Data Report

### Survey

#### Q1 Address

Q1. Where do you live?		
Suburb	Response count	Response per cent
Fannie Bay	85	21.1%
Parap	54	13.4%
The Gardens	10	2.5%
Stuart Park	21	5.2%
Darwin CBD	42	10.4%
Greater Darwin	129	32%
Palmerston	25	6.2%
Rural	26	6.5%
Northern Territory (Other)	6	1.5%
Australia (Other)	5	1.3%
Overseas	0	0
<i>answered question</i>	403	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	

#### Q2 Work

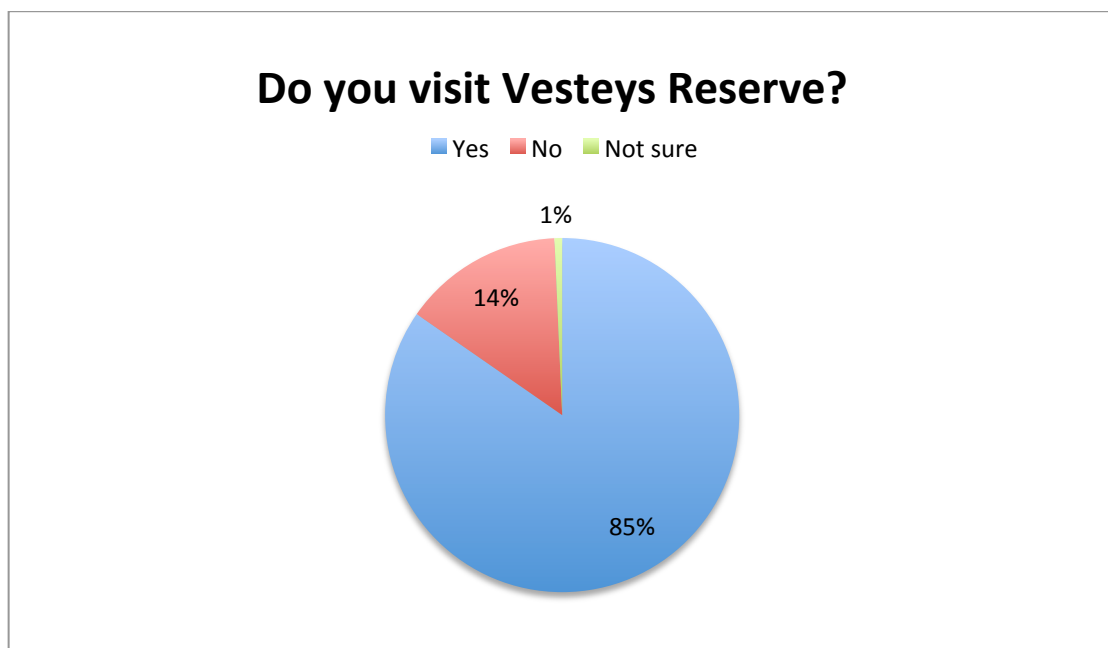
Q2. Where do you work?		
Suburb	Response count	Response per cent
Darwin CBD	187	47.6%
Greater Darwin	150	38.2%
Palmerston	22	5.6%
Rural	10	2.5%



Northern Territory (Other)	12	3.1%
Australia (Other)	11	2.8%
Overseas	1	0.3%
<i>answered question</i>	393	
<i>skipped question</i>	12	

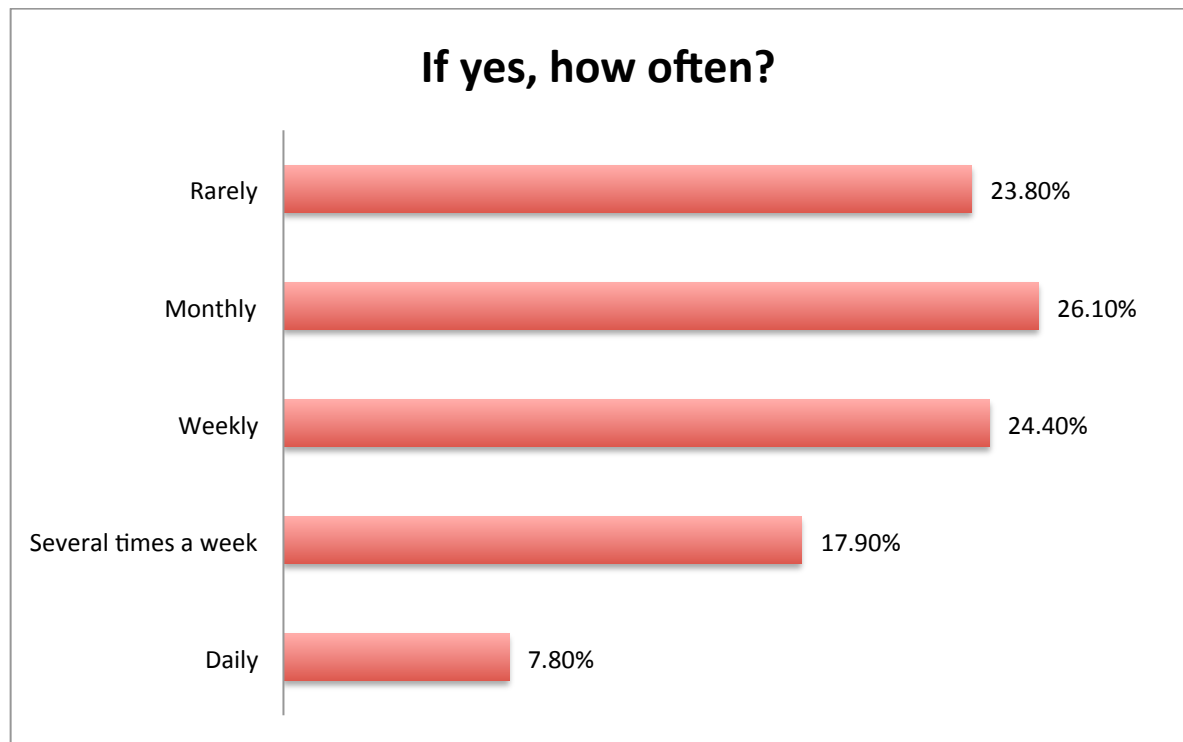
### Q3 Visiting Vestey's Reserve

Q3. Do you visit Vestey's Reserve?		
	Response count	Response per cent
Yes	341	85%
No	59	15%
Not sure	3	0.7%
<i>answered question</i>	403	
<i>skipped question</i>	2	



## Q4 Frequency

Q4. If yes, how often?		
	Response count	Response per cent
Daily	28	7.8%
Several times a week	64	17.9%
Weekly	87	24.4%
Monthly	93	26.1%
Rarely	85	23.8%
	<i>answered question</i>	357
	<i>skipped question</i>	48



## Q5 Activity

Q5. If yes, what do you do when you visit Vesteys Reserve?		
	Response count	Response per cent
Walking	209	63.1%
Jogging	50	15.1%
Cycling	132	40%
Walking dogs	87	26.3%
Ball games	11	3.3%
Picnicking	55	16.6%
Watching the sunset	161	48.6%
Bird watching	54	16.3%
Landcare or other environmental activities	19	5.7%
Cultural activities	10	3%
<i>answered question</i>	331	
<i>skipped question</i>	74	
<b>Response text</b>		
Drive through and look at the sea		
Sailing		
Sailing and boating		
I usually pick up the plastic bags and litter as it is a disgrace. Mindill beautiful and Lake Alexander as well. Why are itinerants and backpackers moved on at other locations but not disturbed at Vesteys?		
Maintain as nature as the main feature. A sanctuary for well being in our neighbourhood.		
Enjoy the beauty of our fabulous harbour and to get from a to b.		
Sailing		
Enjoying nature in general		
Walk through on the way to somewhere else		
Swim at the beach		

When in Darwin - live remote so go there regularly when I'm there
Sailing/boating from Darwin Sailing Club
Go to Trailer Boat club
Drive past week days on my way to work so I can look at the sea view
Boating looking for dugongs, turtles and dolphins
Driving
Peace and tranquillity
Check the water conditions before boating, drive through on way to ski club, drive visitors to see area
Working
Sailing and Boat Repairs on adjacent boat yard
I was cycling but was nearly attacked by aboriginal itinerant and reported the incident to the police and since then I avoid the place
Beach
Fishing in lake
Also walk around on the way to Sailing Club
Sailing
Turtle release
Fireworks territory day
Play equipment
I mainly enjoy looking into the reserve as I drive my child in/from school nearby (Darwin High). Sometimes I stop & walk the dog.
Enjoy the fact it is open space without a 'built' environment
Showing Family & Friends around
Drive through it
Drawing, sketching
Occasionally picnicking
Don't go there as seedy characters currently hang out there.
Fishing
I use the road way as an alternative route so that I can view the ocean, parkland and the wildlife therein

Sailing from adjacent Sailing Club
SAILING
We often have our lunch there. It is a great place to stop and relax and take in the sea views.
Sailing
Photography
Note, people use the lake for fishing (from the bridge) and aboriginal people collected 'longbum' mangrove snails for eating.
Drive along or walk along the reserve on the way to the bowls club
Watch the tides come and go, look at the trees, watch the seasons of flowering with the trees and the birds eating from the trees, watch the fish, look at the native birds in the water - there is so so much to look at, just look, it is the most wonderful magic place to be.
Orienteering
I drive through the area every morning on my way to work
Working - Darwin Sailing Club
I ride through the reserve on my way to and from work
Exercise activities
Enjoy the serenity of the lake and surrounding areas, check for wildlife etc.
Sailing
Driving
Sit in the car and look at the beach, sometime take my lunch.
Rarely

## Q6 Negative aspects of Vesteys Reserve

Q6. What are the factors that stop you from visiting the Reserve or bother you about the reserve?		
	Response count	Response per cent
I don't live nearby	47	15.8%
I don't feel safe	133	45%
Poor amenity – unclean, rubbish	202	68%
Illegal camping nearby	194	65.3%
Midgies and mozzies	48	16.2%
Poor access	24	8.1%
I don't know where it is	6	2%
<i>answered question</i>	297	
<i>skipped question</i>	108	
<b>Response text</b>		
Lighting at night		
Aboriginals loitering, swearing, defecating etc.		
Badly maintained (trees especially), poor parking surfaces, no lighting		
poor beach access/lack of regular maintenance with tall weeds encroaching on the path at certain times of the year/ needs a landscape master plan		
That it doesn't have its True Name highly suggest consultation with the Traditional Owners.		
I HATE THE NAME		
Besides a few chairs there isn't much there. It never feels safe or a place to go if you're local.		
Sail with Darwin Sailing Club, Regatta Days		
It is unsafe once the sun goes down as plenty of gay people head to this area to hook up, I have seen multiple times people having sex in the car park - it is disgusting and has turned me off the area		
People sleeping on mattresses and using trees as toilets. drunken behaviour, rubbish,		
Poor amenity and filing unsafe because the campers are not moved on by the council, even when there are more and more signs about illegal camping going up. WE do go to the reserve. Reclaim Vesteys for everyone but don't change its natural character		
Nothing stops me day or night.		

Packing, Unloading and Reloading Sailing Equipment and Cadets
At certain times of the day e.g. evening, I do not feel safe there.
Glass everywhere giving you flat tyres
anti-social behaviour
Poor lighting for cyclists at night. Poor weed management and lack of native veg.
Why all those non-native palms when Livistonas would work?
None
Poor facilities, needs a cafe and other facilities
The fact that I had to buy a home in a cheaper area however, I have over 30 years of memories and cultural value there. Please leave it alone. Don't turn Darwin into just another crappy Australian city.
There is nothing notable/special about it for people to go there over another reserve
Drunken itinerants
Indigenous and long grasser anti social behaviour, violence, rubbish everywhere and general poor state of the area due to long grasser occupancy. Can't believe it was not an option to select!
Nothing really. Itinerants leaving rubbish is an issue. Also seeing the creeps picking up itinerants is not pleasant.
It is beautiful, leave it alone
I was walking through today and had a bottle thrown at me from a long grassier. I will not be walking there again until the place is cleaned up and I feel safe.
The homeless people that drink and cause trouble there near the playground
It's great as it is
there aren't good reasons to go there
Its unsafe, its full of drunk/drugged itinerant people. There is rubbish everywhere. East Point is a reserve also and there is no comparison between the two. Vestey's reserve would be a lovely spot but as it is no way.
I have not lived in Darwin since 2003, but I hope to return
A lot of drunk aborigines in large groups
Unappealing
Don't get the chance
I don't enjoy seeing drunk people shouting, fighting misbehaving and fornicating.
The many local camps set up there. They never are rude or make me feel unsafe however the rubbish is appalling
Drinkers

I'm very much bothered by the itinerants and their drug habits
The disgusting mess left by homeless people and lack of clean seating, BBQ facilities or children play facilities.
Loitering
Aboriginals drinking, fighting, sleeping, littering defecating etc.
Too far to walk. When we move closer I thought I'd walk there, maybe with the dog
Drunk Indigenous people
The results of poverty and lack of housing are a social problem that bother me and are visible in the reserve. The inequity in our society should bother all of us. I think camping there should be supported with amenity and not 'banned'.
Itinerants leave rubbish everywhere. It's like a filthy town camp.
The fact that DCC have allowed it to turn into a town camp. The rubbish. The extreme antisocial behaviour & the inability to use any facilities there (BBQ, seating etc.) due to human excrement, drinks & itinerants occupying the area.
Long Fraser frequenting the area
Nothing it's fine
Lighting
Long grassers intoxicated behaviour, hum bugging,
Very little to do there
None
Paths often broken, in Wet underwater; weed infestations; sections of park are too densely treed so visibility of walking paths is obscured from roads (contributes to feeling unsafe
Itinerants are by far and away the biggest problem. More lighting. More BBQ's. Decent playground.
Poor cycle path continuation
Often not a friendly environment- a lot of loud drunken behaviour- definitely wouldn't go there after dark.
Just don't like the look of the area.
Not much to do there
Itinerants hanging around make the average goer feel unsafe
Drunken people loitering
Indigenous unrest
Its a known hang out for homosexual men
Play equipment is rundown



Nothing really there to draw and make people want to visit and stay
Itinerant activity and other antisocial behaviour
Not enough facilities to interest me in visiting more frequently.
Poor amenity - muddy, doesn't look appealing
Poor design, no activity, poorly maintained
I didn't know about it or what was there, although I drive by often.
Get dark very quickly at dusk - no good lighting
The beach is ugly. The playground is not maintained.
Play equipment in poor order and no shelter. Too many itinerants and free campers. Don't feel safe or that I won't be harassed.
None
Drunk itinerants yelling, humbugging, fighting and making a mess make it an anti-social place for the general public
I only feel safe to go to the lake when I'm with someone. Even the beach area makes me feel uneasy with the drunks around
Antisocial behaviour, a lot of people sleep out in the open and drink alcohol and don't clean up their rubbish and don't use the toilet facilities
None of the above
None
Abusive behaviour from drunks and sexual predators
Drunks hanging around and long grassers
Anti social activity
Drunk itinerants and idiots who wreck it for others
Nothing stops me. I like it the way it is
Sometimes the public toilets are not functioning, and at times there is a lot of rubbish lying around
Range of other things to do
There is nothing there that I can't do closer to where I live. There is nothing particularly different except for the lake area.
Constantly being hum bugged by itinerants when ever you park up, drinkers making a scene, leaving all their belongings hanging out all over the place and leaving a disgusting mess.
Lack of engaging play equipment for children
No factors, though lights at night would improve my access at night

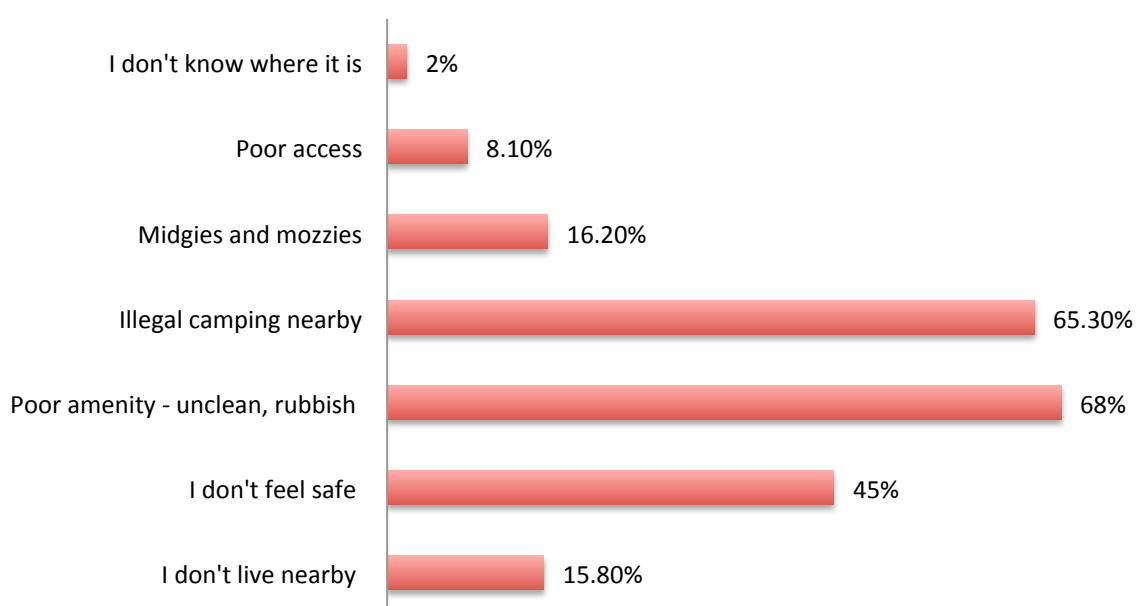
No factors stop me visiting. Although I would not feel safe after about 6.15pm and would not ever go there alone.
Efforts to vegetate it over the years seem to have failed due to fires. Hence its bare in large areas
Too many long grassers, drinking, making a mess, fighting, sleeping
It is a bit of an out of the way area frequented by a number of itinerants which makes it not an attractive and safe place to visit. It is a beautiful area that I enjoy driving by, but my family and I have never stopped by to make use of the area. It is often full of litter and iBooks unclean. Not a place I would frequent with my family in its current state.
During the Wet there have been times when some paths have become very slippery with green slime and a hazard to walkers.
Nothing there to do and itinerants tend to congregate there which has lead to anti social behaviour that has turned me away from jogging through the Reserve.
Itinerant's camp regularly over night, a lot of fighting and rubbish, please stop antisocial behaviour, which translates into nearby suburbs!!!
Feel safe during the day but not after sunset
Nothing I want to do there
The aboriginal factor is disgusting along the beach front
Prostitution
No attractions
Nil, the long grassers can make me feel uncomfortable, seeing their homelessness and consequences
It's boring
NOTHING THAT APPEALS OR IS INTERESTING
Mostly it's that it's not clean and people are illegally camping there- it's disgraceful actually
Drunken itinerants and their rubbish and behaviour
Nothing stops me visiting Vestey's, I love it very much.
Itinerants dominate the area, fighting, gambling, drinking and there have been rapes reported in the news. It does not feel safe or welcoming for local residents.
Intoxicated, violent, disrespectful, quarrelsome itinerants who verbally abuse passers by, my staff and members of the Club I work in, trespass onto the site during and outside operating hours, cause damage to the Club and/or property of Club I work at adjacent to Vestey's Beach
There is nothing to do at Vestey's reserve
There isn't any reason for me to go there
Vestey's and East Point reserves poorly maintained at present

There is nothing there. Why not have some limited commercial activity that attracts visitation.

It doesn't feeling welcoming, often dirty and people sleeping there. I just drive by, may stop and look at the beach, but I stay in my car.

The only times I've been, there have been drunk indigenous people which makes me feel unsafe (being a young female). It's a waste of a beautiful location that could be better used/made available by the public with nicer facilities or a safe environment.

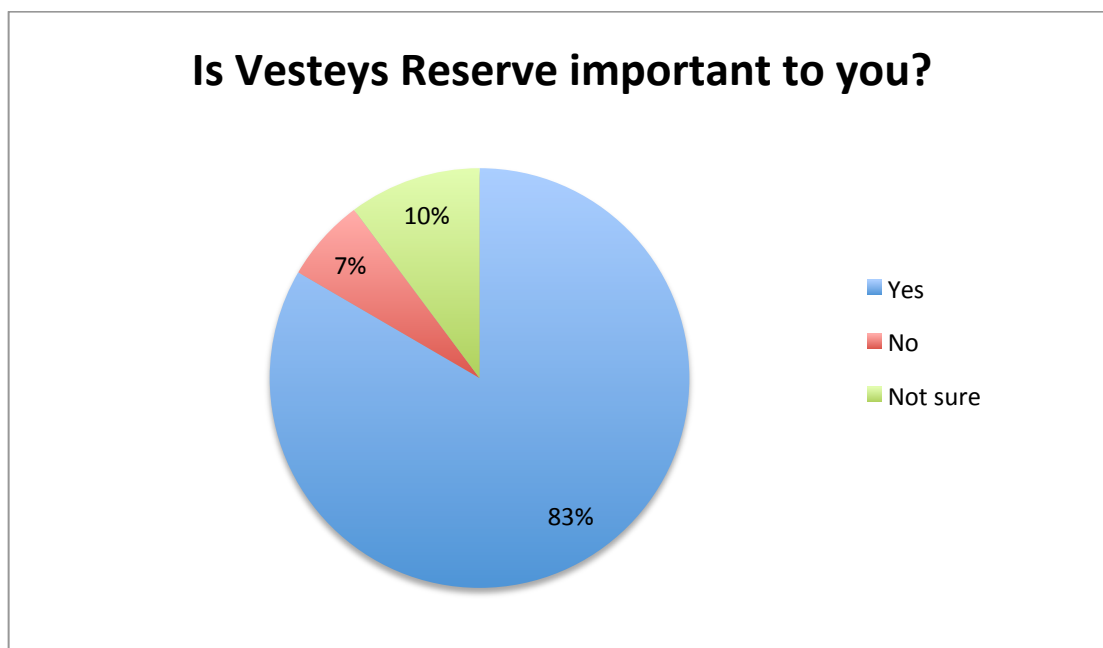
## What are the factors that stop you from visiting the Reserve, or bother you about the Reserve?



### Q7 Importance of Vestey's Reserve

#### Q7. Is Vestey's Reserve important to you?

	Response count	Response per cent
Yes	337	83.4%
No	26	6.4%
Not sure	41	10.2%
<i>answered question</i>	404	
<i>skipped question</i>	1	



#### Q8 Why?

Q8. If yes, why is Vestey's Reserve important to you?
<b>Response text</b>
A largish semi-natural open space to enjoy near home, let the dog off-leash and enjoy outdoors
I like that my home is so close to natural surroundings
It complements the coastline and is visited by migratory birds such as Oriental Cuckoo. Unfortunately the very poor management of the grassland surrounding the lagoon has meant that the previously common water edge birds such as crakes and rails are no longer there.
It's a pretty lagoon and important ecosystem.
Proximity to the coast and its natural surroundings
It has a rich history. It is a relatively undisturbed 'green' area. It is a good site for birding. Any future development should be respectful of these values.
It is a prime place of Darwin. Lovely foreshore, probably the best situated part of Darwin's foreshore.
It's an open space with a lake (although you wouldn't know from the road), and good paths for walking. It's attractive, gives access to the sea, it's good for geography field trips, it is a good location for aboriginal people visiting Darwin (although I wish more would pick up their rubbish).
Significant area of open space in an area with a growing population/increased density Connects to East Point reserve and beach Great bird habitat

It is part of the green belt in inner Darwin - important for spatial, aesthetic and environmental reasons - it's part of the old Darwin that is fast disappearing
Beautiful patch of bush and Untouched nature in what is a rapidly gentrifying and developing area. These green pockets are crucial to the liveability of Darwin.
Gives me easier access to the ocean. Age and health factor
Because it's an important Larrakia site.
I see it as a great opportunity, fantastic spot yet to be developed.
Close to home, easy to get to, great beach access for boats with its 4 ramps, one of very few beaches in Darwin like it
Darwin has a limited number of public beachfront recreational sites and Vestey's fills this category.
Community
It is an iconic spot to enjoy the beauty of the Territory - a nice little walking track and beautiful to drive along on my way to the Mindil Markets
A great beach being wasted. The land needs to be developed, cafes to attract people
Waste of valuable land has so much potential to be made a useful place for the community to enjoy.
Access to ocean. Exercise
it is on our doorstep. the entrance to our beautiful bay. designed as a recreation area for all to enjoy. strolling with young children and babies in prams. cannot use the swings or picnic our use the bbq as itinerants there. area being abused. why are campers moved on elsewhere and not at Vestey's? I pick up rubbish on my visits.
Open space
Historical, proximity and beachfront location, connection with Sailing Club, Trailer boat, and Ski Club
I think it is in a great location and has potential. Would be nice to see it more user friendly.
Beautiful part of Darwin and should be utilised more by council and other community groups.
history and heritage A SANCTUARY IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ONE OF OUR LAST OPEN SPACES WE NEED TO PRESERVE. full of trees that are shady and amazing to walk under Part of foreshore and has depth of space AND CELEBRATES NATURE .
It is a beautiful reserve with wildlife, views and with historical importance. Please do not bring in laws that will further imprison the first owners of this land. When I came to Darwin i was told not to be out before or after dark in this area. I do it almost daily and have found if you respect a person mostly this is returned unconditionally. Please do not bring in restricted alcohol laws.
It is an open green space with coastal mangroves and a salt-water lake; it is a refuge for Magpie Geese escaping the hunting season late in the year. people walk their pet dogs in the area.
Must preserve open spaces around Darwin, especially near the foreshore. No further development needed.
It has the potential to be a lovely community park. I believe this may have been the original aim. It is well situated to

the beach, coastal walk and nearby ski/yacht clubs. I use it as part of my exercise routine with my dog. However, if it were cleaned up I would definitely spend more time there. The current antisocial activity in this area spills onto the beach as well.
The thing I love most about the space is that it is mostly untouched. I like that it's simple, I feel free and enjoy looking at the open parklands. It's one of the few places that have water i.e. tap and shower to wash dogs/people after playing on the beach. I love how the walking track is wide, I love looking at the lagoon and the ocean.
This is a great place to relax and watch the kids sailing and families together outdoors
rare natural area
It's such a beautiful location that is going to waste. Disappointing and unsafe to jog/ride along there. Poor/unsafe connection with existing bike paths between east point and Mindil beach. Unclean and no facilities
Has important heritage, cultural and natural values. It is a haven for wildlife in the urban environment. Has remnant vegetation that should be protected.
It's a beautiful part of Darwin that has been over run by itinerants and their endless amount of rubbish. I am against any development in this area
Connectivity between the city, Mindil and east point. It has the potential to be a fantastic running and cycling track along the beach front but it too littered and too much illegal camping to be enjoyable and don't feel safe.
Community green space that can be used, enjoyed and shared.
Should be retained as a public recreational area; incorporating Mindil Beach & Botanical Gardens.
I was born in Darwin and have been coming to Vestey's for years, we live in Knight St, growing up so we had many adventure. I love walking through now looking at the wildlife, bird and the mangroves, natural bush and water it so relaxing.
Green space, bike paths connecting north and south, wildlife habitat, nice beach and good for watching sunsets
It provides green open space for the community and is an attractive location close to Darwin city (not found in many cities).
A beautiful natural resource.
It is an important place historically and it is a beautiful natural place located adjacent to an iconic beach. It is also an important thoroughfare for cyclists riding from ski club/museum to Nightcliff/northern suburbs.
It's a great public area and a nice way to walk to the museum etc. from Parap
Beautiful harbour side location for enjoying Darwin.
Because it provides a public area for community events in a nice location.
It's close to Darwin CBD, fertile, a nice space between houses in Fannie Bay and the Sailing, Ski, Bowling and Trailer Boat clubs.
Open space as native plant and animal habitat, absence of formal recreation like oval or courts, magpie goose refuge in the city in hunting season, variety of habitats present, low-key in low-lying area THINK sea-level rising don't waste

\$ on permanent buildings in flood-prone area
open green space (just returned from work in Singapore and the effort they put into plant life!)
It is a green space
Should be developed to provide some entertainment facilities, cafe/ restaurant , licensed bar to enjoy the sunsets and view
Please see above comments. I might be 44 however, don't write me off as "old folk". Bet many of you "monkeys" haven't lived and worked in foreign lands. Please try to appreciate how special our home is. Don't sell it out for your own egotistical or career gratification. Darwin is incredibly rich in cultural history, from Aboriginal to Anglo and all cultures throughout the alphabet. Value it.
It could be a lovely place to bird watch and see the sunset.
Potentially a fantastic community amenity for locals and visitors, but currently a haven for indigenous long grassers. Great location to meet with family and friends to enjoy Darwin harbour.
We need family recreational space that is free.
Live and work close by. Use it almost daily. Great spot for dog socialising as lots of people seem to take their dogs to this beach. It's a bit rocky for swimming and launching marine recreation equipment so is normally a bit quieter than other beaches and therefore suits dog walkers.
Limited green spaces existing in city.
Beach near home
It is a lovely place to walk, safe for kids to play , great for walking the dogs . Great sunsets, close to home.
I live in Cullen bay and enjoy the walk along the coastline up to east point. I have had a number of incidents now with people illegally camping and drinking in the area so will now walk along east point road to avoid the beach area. It's an absolute disgrace the way it is being utilised currently and totally unacceptable for a woman walking on her own. Something needs to be done urgently to address the issues there.
I am a keen birder and regularly take international and Australian birders to Vesteys beach because of the beach and mangrove/grassland habitats.
It's a prime location with water access
All open space in a built up area is important I live in the tropics and cool outside areas should be kept.
It is natural space with good walking beach. It is wonderful that it is a public space.
The reserve is important to me because of it is in close proximity to my home.
It has the potential to enhance the whole area with a facility that is surrounded by open living and clean air without impinging on established residents.
Public open space that council should do more to care for, this space needs irrigation badly, green it up plant more shrubs and clean it up.???
I think it is well positioned to be a nice recreation area. Places such as Vesteys beach should be preserved for public

use.
It's a natural fairly untouched piece of Darwin. Not overdeveloped or commercial. You can have a quiet experience there. I like that indigenous people feel they can hang out there.
A fabulous recreation area, in need of some attention however.
Important to maintain a park type place on the foreshore
Green belts and trees generally have a low value by DCC. A concerted effort by NTG and DCC is needed to beautify and upgrade wherever possible.
Open green space is getting rare around Darwin. Local plants, animals and birds will only be here if we provide the right habitat. We need to set aside places for passive recreation, not just organised activities like tennis.
The green space between the Sailing club and the ski club has always existed in my memory. It is a good space, improved by the creation of the saltwater lake.
It's a local area to me that I would like to be able to visit and enjoy. As it is I will not be visiting it.
Undeveloped
It's an enjoyable part of Darwin's coastline. I enjoy walking there.
Historical significance, and an opportunity to recognise a Territorian who has not previously been honoured.
It's good having green space close to the water walking distance from my house
Any outdoor spaces, natural reserve and opportunity for families to spend time in nature should be important
It's natural undeveloped
I like the green space, the lake when I drive along East Point Rd. The history of area. Like the bridge to ski club when riding or walking.
It would be more important if it wasn't a repository for people who behave in an antisocial manner
Seaside parks are rare and valuable
Green space in cities, especially growing ones, increase cultural and environmental awareness, and can send a city either the bad way like Gladstone or a better way like Melbourne or Cairns
Its one of the few natural reserves along the Fannie Bay/ Middle Beach area within walking distance from our pensioner unit. We enjoy walking along the pathways listening and seeing our bird life and animals waking up for another day in this beautiful area. The only downfall in this area is the rubbish, noise and drunk fighting by the aboriginals camping there every day. Many parents won't take their children to this area for that reason. This is a real shame for such a lovely area.
It is important to have nature reserves within the city and suburbs, for lifestyle balance, mental health and especially for those families who can't drive out of town to enjoy natural environs.
We used to live very close to the reserve, and would have used it much more often if it felt more safe and welcoming. In it's current state it is underutilised.



its open space
Great spot for walking the dogs
It is not crowded and very natural. I like that it has been left 'mostly' in touched. It is one of the few places you can have dogs off leash and enjoy. Casuarina is often crowded with dog lovers as it is one of few beach areas we can enjoy
Because it potentially could be a really nice reserve
Could be utilized better
Its good public land
With David Tollner's input, green spaces have been ridiculously attacked. A growing city, Darwin needs MORE green spaces, not less. Don't attack this one.
I use the area for various reasons including access on to the beach for sailing and with friends to access sailing vessels and just walking/relaxation. I am a DSC Member
It's a prime area that is currently dirty and un inviting. It's close to my home. It has the potential to be as nice as easy point reserve, the esplanade, water front or night cliff foreshore.
It's a great spot and links to many other parts
A natural environment close to the city with wildlife, bird life and beach
Could be a great recreation area for families etc.
The stand of Palm trees The billabong!!! The shorebirds. The proximity to the city. The walking. It is unique as it is.
I like it
It is beautiful.
It's been apart of my Darwin lifestyle activity since 1980's
Open reserve area in a city that seems to be giving up such space for multi story development
It's a lovely public space in a beautiful garden city. These spaces should be preserved and built in to new developments spaces. We need our green ways.
Somewhere quiet I can go to have my lunch
Or could be a beautiful community space
Because it is a beautiful place to go to relax and unwind, exercise and spend tie with family
It's one of a few natural beautiful open spaces available to be used & enjoyed by the community & visitors to the NT. We would like to continue to visit it on a daily basis.
It has amazing view of the harbour, a nice little man made lake, which could be nice to walk around, big trees for shade etc.. Basically it has everything for it to be a nice family friendly area however it has been taken over by itinerants and they are unfriendly towards the general public... if not outright rude and aggressive

It is a nice area near my work; however, it seems like more could be done with it
Great public open space near beach
Great community space
It is relatively undeveloped land, quite picturesque, close to the centre of Darwin
Part of Darwin and where I grew up. Offers kids a touch of nature to explore in a CBD - rare in most cities
It's a lovely green area close to the city that many people use to exercise, picnic or simply gather their thoughts
It is bird habitat and it is a sediment basin for treating runoff
Slowly there is more development along the foreshore, and that is OK however it makes this space more special because it remains so natural and enables my kids and I to have amazing experiences such as when the tide comes in, fishing, manta ray watching etc.
It is one of a diminishing number of green spaces in Darwin near the suburban areas.
Because it is great public space that should be used & patrolled more
Too little green space in Darwin. Historical connections. Opportunity for public connection to beach side flora, birds, and an opportunity to see and experience nature. Opportunity to walk dogs in a pleasant space unhindered by traffic.
Reserves are important for wildlife and offer relief from urban sprawl
It's a local area of ecological importance as well as one of the few open untouched spaces left to enjoy.
It's easy to access and generally enjoyable and relaxing. Not too many people either!
The reserve is important because it is a piece of natural foreshore, which provides a living environment for aquatic and bird life. It is nice to wander along the paths through the parkland of the reserve and end up at Vestey's Beach for a sunset.
Rare coastal reserve, open space with huge potential for community development. I would like to see a safe swimming area explored there. Children's activities, beach cafe etc...
It's peaceful and a part of my walk up to east point
It is part of a wonderful green belt along our Harbour Foreshore
Because it's old Darwin and still makes me like the place I moved to 12 years ago.
I walk at vestry's every day> It could be a lovely spot to have a evening picnic If it was clean and safe
Important part of Green Belt from City to East Point Reserve; important fauna refuge (esp. birds, insects); historical associations; recreational amenity/potential.
It is a lovely place to walk and exercise and I would stay and utilize playgrounds and BBQ facilities. The view out over the harbour is fantastic. It could be a beautiful location. BUT it is completely and utterly spoiled by disgusting abusive feral itinerants who need to be cleared out! There is no point wasting money on upgrades and changes unless it is made safer and something is done to remove this blight on our local area.

public coastline
Top location
the community needs public spaces to be preserved in view of the increasing density of housing and the smaller allotments, together with the growing population.
It is part of a beautiful beach / nature area that should be able to be enjoyed at any time safely by families and visitors to Darwin. We need to ensure areas like this are promoted and leave good impressions on those that use them to help improve Darwin's reputation.
Its in the city and un developed
It is an important ecological system that needs to be preserved
I went to Darwin High school in the mid to late 1970's and remember participating in school based excursions and surveys of the area.
Beautiful beach close to city and my home, yet away from "touristy" Mindil beach. It could potentially be a perfect recreation spot for Darwinians
It's a beautiful area and love access to the beach
Good place for walking dogs off leash
It is quite 'untouched' which is was is beautiful about the place. And is a nice natural space between the Ski Club and the other Sailing Clubs.
It's a beautiful historic culturally important area
It is a great space
Live locally and it could be a fantastic area to walk my dogs and take visitors to. It's a great site for development and I hope the planners have the vision and courage to do something big. Good luck.
It is potentially beautiful parkland that is highly usable for recreation. The actuality is it is a major site for long grassers and as such is not as well frequented by the public as it could be.
Because it is a natural undeveloped space close to Darwin, which should be left in a natural condition for all people to use. There are many parks and play equipment etc. within a kilometre, but we are losing our wilderness areas. Please leave it alone or improve access and then leave it. Not all land has to be developed.
It is an important eco system and its right on Darwin Harbour, an untapped area for tourists to enjoy.
The lake on one side and beach on the other, a nice place
Natural area without traffic for children to play. Makes us feel we are away from the hustle and bustle. The breeze is amazing. It also isn't over commercialised!
Open space beautiful scenery
Natural Free Open recreational space within close proximity to home.
Born in Darwin, of Aboriginal decent not Larrakia but of other nation that holds significance to all Aboriginal people.

It's always been a part of the Darwin coastline.
Open space connection along the foreshore.
I think it's a great asset to the City of Darwin, but it should be better utilised, offer more things to do in the Reserve.
It is part of the beachfront and has become a habitat for many birds. The clusters of plantings around the man made lake are interesting, particularly the palm grove.
Because it is one of the few remaining open spaces in Darwin that has not had the benefit of infrastructure
Because it preserves natural areas for public amenity and nature conservation
Valuable public asset
It's a break in the conurbation and a public area
It's a space that I could see being better/further developed into a more enjoyable space.
As it is a part of our unique coastline and is an important link to the trails that connect the CBD and East Point and beyond in the opposite direction.
Great place to walk the dogs
It has potential to be a nice area, especially being close to Mindil Beach, the Museum and the city.
Important buffer zone between beach and urban area.
We need to have good areas for the public to be able to have access
It's in my neighbourhood. It's the only local beach that allows dog-walking
Nature reserve
Public access to the coastline, link between Fannie Bay and East Point. Natural bush and animal habitat
It's a great spot that I would love to spend time in but am unable to as there aren't enough facilities for myself, the itinerants and free campers! Also the play area is uncovered and often full of itinerant, I am in that space every day but I am unable to spend anytime there.
Hard to describe.
Open green space.
Because it is a beautiful spot that could be better utilised to serve the community
Is near sons school and don't want to see it developed for housing, keep as green space, park land.
Because it is where my family grew up.
This is one of the few spots in Darwin CBD where you can go for a long walk along the beach. You can also take down dogs. Sitting around the lake would be fantastic, if there was some commercial facility (e.g. cafe).
Any open space close to a city is important

A beautiful and public open space in Darwin
As a resident I wish it was more welcoming like other parts of the beach.
Open space verge on the coast, however it could be much improved without major development
It is possibly the last area that has a tidal lake that has not been touched. It should be left alone
It's one of the most beautiful bits of coast line near the CBD
another important area of Darwin's foreshore, unfortunately not to the level of the rest of the foreshores to make it appealing to go to
Green Belt close to Darwin CBD
It's a spot in Darwin that is rich in history, but is overrun by campers and illegal activities. It is the best opportunity Council has to almost start fresh and redesign the way it looks and appears to the public. A major upgrade would be a brilliant thing to do in Vestseys
Because it is a natural extension of old Darwin. It is not developed and continues to provide a haven for bird and animal life.
It is a part of Darwin's history and a beautiful part of our city
Important green space and access to beach for everyone
It's a untouched piece of foreshore that can be enjoyed by all
A great place close to the city to walk the dogs and watch the sunset without the crazy market crowds of Mindil.
This is a valuable piece of green space very close to the CBD
It is part of a continuum of green space that links the city with East Point. It is wildlife habitat and open space with ocean frontage. It easily accessible.
Because it's a large undeveloped green space on the coast close to Darwin city
Its a lovely part of town, and I would like to use it more, but feel unsafe to in its present state
It's part of a beautiful strip of Darwin, from the ski club through to trailer boat. It's largely untouched but a lot of potential to be a great location
Open space!
It is easily accessed piece of open reserve with peaceful surrounds and birdlife
Because it's one of the few places left that haven't been made touristy looking. You don't have to spend a lot of money and make it look manicured for the public to enjoy it.
Open green space, access to beach, limited car traffic,
green space near centre of town
Green space adjacent to harbour.

I think it is a nice natural space close to the city. It has a lot to offer but is under-utilised.
It is an awesome part of the foreshore, you can park up and watch the sunset. Has so much potential.
It offers an open vegetation area for people to visit and for wildlife to live. The beach is our closest beach and provides a small local, safe beach to visit with kids and pets.
Pleasant area of coastal public area
A pleasant public open space.
It is an open green space available to all members of the community to visit. It has great ocean views.
I walk there regularly with friends to access the beachfront and bike and walking track.
Provides a good open area for the public access to the coastal area
Represents an area of non-developed land near the coast, which is increasingly rare in Darwin and Aus. generally.
It is a unique parcel of land that needs managing. It has become unsafe especially when there are large numbers of indigenous people camping there. It is dirty often with rubbish blowing around and peoples sleeping on the footpaths, a sad reflection of the tourist attractions that Darwin has to offer being between the Sailing Club and the Museum and Art Gallery.
community land on the sea front
Darwin needs to have an area for water activities like rowing sailing skiing
It's a great open space with plenty of variety
Beachfront that is an important part of joining the city to the Nth suburbs.
Always good to preserve green space
Much needed Park area
really nice place to sit (usually in the car because of the mess at the available tables/seats) from the "local" people
It's open space for everyone to enjoy
Ideal area for exercise / jogging / walking
great to have public open space beautiful spot accessible to our suburb and the population s a whole provides access to the sea and beach, boat ramp etc.
Important natural open space in a capital city.
It's a relatively large lovely natural open space with paths for walking, birdlife and aquatic life. Walking there and even driving by is a relaxing experience, good for healthy living. Its openness allows sea breezes to penetrate the nearby suburb of Fannie Bay. Its waterways are important for stormwater drainage in the Wet given that the built drainage system in Fannie Bay can't cope with very heavy downpours. It's a very valuable asset to Fannie Bay specifically, but to Darwin as a whole.
I think it is important to have open green spaces in and close to cities

It is one of the rare areas of open space left in Darwin
In its current state it is nice to walk around and see but there is nothing really there to do and draw you back to it.
It has the potential to be a world-class nature reserve buffering suburbs and sea that could include space for a multitude of recreational and commercial activities that would add significant value to the area and Darwin more generally.
Good walking paths along the water
Open space is important to preserve. It's a lovely piece of coastline.
Access to coastal area with the possibility of developing the lake area for activities.
Active for wildlife, peace and quiet Good to get away from cars Place for wildlife ,particularly important as Darwin's built form density increases
Lovely area, would be great for BBQ's but too much anti-social behaviour.
It's a lot very strip of natural land near the beach that could be developed to benefit those who live here
Open space. the estuarine lake and walkway. the Melaleuca and nypa fruticans stands including the pathway that winds past them. the seating along the foreshore and the hibiscus tiliaceus shading them. the indulgence of having a reserve fringe the suburbs and through walking tracks invite people to come and enjoy the beach and sunsets.
it provides open space in an otherwise built up urban area and is a bit wild and natural not filled with plastic equipment
Important to have recreational spaces for well being of population. East Point is becoming busy and Vestey's should be a viable attractive alternative.
It's a nice green space and is part of the "green band" but is unfortunately ruined by the itinerants. It should remain a green space with little or no development. Just get rid of the bums that live there and we would visit much more often and do more activities there. We'd even take visitors from down south for a walk around it but not if it remains as the pigsty it is currently. Wasn't the Lord Mayor elected on her stance on anti-social behaviour and was going to do something about it? How's that working out?
It is a lovely big open space with beautiful views.
It's a great spot along the beach with the freedom to walk the dogs and enjoy the cool of the evening.
I drive past daily and it is a calming view
I live on east point road opposite the reserve. Its beautiful as it is, just needs a clean up. The indigenous factor needs to be moved on as its really terrible especially for tourists who drive past and see a rubbish tip.
Its a good parcel of public open space adjoining the waters edge
It's an absolutely stunning location, practically in our back door. I think it is wasted currently and has so much potential
As Darwin, becomes denser, it important to maintain the urban parks available to public.

I use it daily for recreation, I appreciate the space.
Undeveloped public land
IT IS A GREAT BIG AREA THAT COULD BE UTILISED SO THAT ALL THE COMMUNITY COULD USE IT
It's part of our community and could be a better used asset
It's a beautiful location to watch the sunset however it's a shame about the itinerants
Green open spaces with a peaceful lagoon so close to the CBD is a priceless asset
Watch the tides come and go, look at the trees, watch the seasons of flowering with the trees and the birds eating from the trees, watch the fish, look at the native birds in the water - there is so so much to look at, just look, it is the most wonderful magic place to be. There are a pair of black butcherbirds there, which are very rare to see.
I think a lot more could be done to it and then I'd probably make the effort to visit it
It provides a link between Fannie bay foreshore and Mindil beach along with a beautiful view
Great bit of natural open space on the water
IT IS A MAJOR BEACH SIDE AREA.
It's very near where I live and I would like to spend more time there, at the beach, at the reserve but don't like to in its current state
I live very close by and the reserve I believe it has huge potential if it is developed properly. If the itinerants are moved on and people feel safe in the area, it could be Fannie Bay's answer to the waterfront... it has the potential to be a tourism highlight!
It is a fantastic green space with a beautiful lake, which is lovely to walk around. It is close to my house and allows my dog to have a run close by. It is also a safe area for my children to play and learn to ride bikes, etc.
Natural coastal strip with mangroves, fish and birdlife visible to all using walkway.
It could become a beautiful space with some careful planning
It's important because it is open public space and could be developed into a green oasis that's a more people and family friendly environment linking the foreshore from Mindil Beach through to The Trailer Boat Club.
good varied bird habitat
Darwin's many parks and nature reserves are what gives it its character. They make it possible to go walking with small children without having to worry about cars.
The reserve is located in close proximity to my family's home. We use it for recreational purposes, and certainly would not like to see any buildings (e.g. sports facilities) added to the reserve. Improvement needs to be made to the lake, as the current natural circulation is poor and makes the areas adjacent to the lake unusable.
It provides a park area adjacent to where I live.
It is a fantastic beachfront location that could be much better used for active and passive recreation similar to East Point Reserve.



Property owner in the area.
great views, open area, peaceful
Great nature area to walk the dog. Quiet, Peaceful, Beautiful because it HAS NOT been developed.
I grew up in the reserve 50 years ago, I know every square inch of it and I don't want to see its natural beauty over developed ..I have watched it's enhancement of the years and it been gradual and things have really blended in with the environment. Let lake Alexander be the main recreation area for the Darwin area and leave Vesteys as an open green belt parkland
It is an open space nature reserve area close to where I live so I can walk there, watch the birdlife and the sunset and walk along the beach and watch the differences in the tides. I also enjoy watching people fishing early in the morning and the boats on the harbour at different times of the year. Generally people, including the Aboriginals, are friendly and say hello to you as you walk along the foreshore area.
It's lovely to have untouched land so close to the city and, given how much of our city in on the coast, that this be preserved.
The reserve is directly adjacent to our Club and the level (or lack of) amenity at Vesteys Beach, which happens often directly, impacts the use of our Club facilities for sailors, especially during weekends and afternoons. Safety of the general area is important to sailors, members and the many visitors to our site as well as the general vicinity as our junior and youth programs are key aspects of our Club's focus. Finally, our members store valuable boats and sailing related equipment in a securely fenced and locked area. The general after hours safety of private property and persons in this area is extremely important to the reputation of our community sporting organisation.
OPEN SPACE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY
Potential for biodiversity. Despite the lack of resources there is still some amazing wildlife thriving in the area
it's beautiful and an amazing natural environment close to the CBD
The Reserve has the potential to be upgraded and improved to provide another attractive public area for community use. Although some pathways and bridge have been provided to link adjacent areas, the lake is hidden and I don't think many people are aware of its existence. The area has been taken over by "long grassers" as a drinking, meeting and camping place. A lot of rubbish is left behind which Council then has to remove at tax payers expense. Generally the "long grassers" give a feeling of insecurity to the whole area. I am aware that many female friends will not visit the area for this reason.
A little bit of wilderness within the concrete jungle
It's an important link between the CBD and East Point. Currently it is under utilised be cause it is unsightly and can be unpleasant - negotiating campers, litter and often social unacceptable behaviour means it is an area to transit through rather than to enjoy in its own right.
Green space in the city of Darwin is important for a healthy community.
Active sailor of Darwin Sailing Club and Vesteys beach - I have grave concerns for the future of the club due to the ongoing criminal activity at the club which is thought to manifest at Vesteys due to inconsistent and lack of policing. Drunk Itinerants frequently trespass on club property and cause offence to members. I have young children and now avoid the area completely due to the drunken behaviour and loud, foul language of itinerants.

beautiful view of Fannie bay area.
So close to the city
Great recreational place
There is very limited coastal access and coastal recreation facilities for public use for a City which is surrounded by water.
It's quiet in the sense of not having close by housing, but somewhere you can go to enjoy some cycling or other recreation (or kayaking if you're including Lake Alex)
Good location for public use
Could be a very useful area
Nice open space, great to walk/ride / run around
It's a great space in a great location and as-is, will only increase in value as a public space into the future. It's easily accessible from all over Darwin with adequate parking and good facilities. It has a diverse eco system i.e. parkland, lake, ocean etc., and provides a buffer between the coast and busy East Point Road. Easy access to harbour and beach plus a great boat ramp. It's not as popular as Mindil or East Point so offers a great location to obtain a spot of your own to enjoy great sunset views. It compliments the coastal strip from East Point through to Bicentennial Park which contains a great cycling path/walk way that can be enjoyed by all into the future. It's a bit of a hidden gem (possibly because of the long-grassers).
Yes it is important to me, but not strictly as reserve. It is important to me as it is a small piece of beach front land that could be developed into something truly remarkable for Darwin City. We need more commercial activity by the sea with beach access we don't use it enough for some reason? Cafe, restaurant, seating by the beach and on land closer to East Point Road larger commercial activities, maybe even a recreational- tourism theme park?
One of the best areas in Darwin that provides beach access, views of the harbour, safe enjoyment.
Open space
The beach is beautiful and it is great to have a natural area - the lake and trees.
I like to walk my dog there
Dog walking beach, no backpacker vans park there, has troublesome Aborigines but the majority are friendly. It is a good area for itinerants to camp, should be more facilities for them there.
It is a great open space for recreational users.
Such potential.. It could be the pride of Darwin, we have no other recreational area with beach on the doorstep
Nice spot with history
Part of Darwin and my hometown
It's somewhere to take our children to run around and doesn't have many people about.
Darwin's biggest asset is our harbour. Right now the reserve is a mess, and sometimes dangerous.

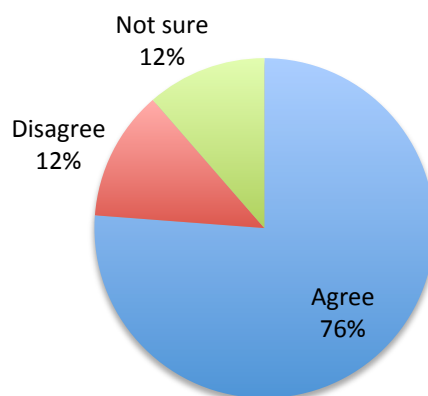
The area has a lot of potential, close to the museum and sailing club. Close to Parap markets.	
Nice area to visit close to my work (Although don't like getting humbugged for money by long-grassers or having to wait for them to stop having disagreements in middle of road so we can pass)	
Too many green spaces are being infilled with horrible unit blocks for profit. This needs to stop.	
Although it needs to be improved I think its great to have freely accessible areas for the public	
Potential for flora and fauna habitat. Great to have public space not all private lots along the foreshore.	
<b>answered question</b>	311
<b>skipped question</b>	94

### Q9 Development at Vestey's Reserve

**Q9. Would you agree or disagree to Vestey's Reserve being further developed for recreational use in the future? This could include development or activities for public use and enjoyment, consistent with the Reserves current public open space zoning.**

	Response count	Response per cent
Agree	307	76.2%
Disagree	50	12.4%
Not sure	46	11.4%
<b>answered question</b>	403	
<b>skipped question</b>	1	

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#### Q10 What is acceptable

**Q10. If you agree to the Reserve being further developed, what type of recreational development or activity would you consider acceptable?**

	Response count	Response per cent
Natural activities (walking trails, playground)	215	64.2%
Minor facility upgrades (improve car park, picnic area, existing facilities)	231	69%
Kiosk or café	186	55.5%
Sporting facilities (such as basketball/tennis courts/surf live saving for example)	105	31.3%
Recreational activities (such as water play area, water slide)	166	50%
<i>answered question</i>	335	
<i>skipped question</i>	70	
<b>Response text</b>		
Better cycle paths and cycling connections		

Natural activities would be fine, but not playground or any construction other than paths
Sea scouts, Navy Cadets
cafe, bar, anything to push out the undesirables.
Don't change what it is - just improve what is there and maybe more people will use it
skate park near the bus stop
youth group - Australia Navy Cadets
Naval cadets TS Darwin and need to be near water. They would utilize the area to its potential
Water oriented facilities (SLSC, Navy Cadets, sea scouts...)
RENAME THE LAGOON: BUNDILLA
TS Darwin Boats compound
I hear Navy Cadets would like a boat shed, great idea to improve Navy Cadet opportunities for all teens in Darwin. A restaurant or cafe would be great to increase visitors to the area. This would also make it feel safer.
Navy Cadets proposal for Boating Compound is good use of the space beside DSC. Liked the idea of a roosting island in the middle of Vestey's lake
Facility for Navy Cadets
Anything to reengage with community and remove itinerants.
Make it user friendly. The area at lake alexander is popular and there is never enough space. make Vestey's as good to visit.
Surf Club Headquarters, outdoor beach volley ball courts, Caretakers cottage, Restaurant similar to Foreshore Cafe, open grassed areas, see Cairns Esplanade
combination of all of them, but security would also have to be a consideration
The types of development you have listed are too narrow . any of these could be done if the design is relevant and in context with the community and space. The youth of Darwin wanted a skate park here many years ago and the fight between government and council left the youth out of the whole end out come. It was shelved. they had progressive ideas about nature and design and the human use between this. And a sense of adventure. the idea was to like skate to school at the time and not interfere with the existing walk ways . The community never saw the end results of oil our consultation and effort to engage at that time. At this stage Leave it alone until there is a better understanding about race and equipment for play . Please no more "dump And Run " play ground equipment that is intrusive in our playgrounds and open spaces and we have had no input about !!!WHAT IS THE RUSH AND WHY ARE WE DOING THIS NOW ???
I would agree to transportable cafe and food, temporary car parking for the dry and repaired environmentally for the rest of the year like Mindil for the magpie geese etc. Please no permanent sporting buildings.
Sailing and boating facilities
Sailing, Youth Development Groups & Activities

Please retain the ability for dogs to go there for exercise.
There used to be more toilets but council knocked them down.
More water side of things like surf life saving and sailing for navy cadets
improve management and preservation of natural features while improving facilities for the general public.
none
Doing something to improve the use of the area is important
natural activities only
non commercial development
Temporary pop up restaurants or markets. Concerts
Improved land management to enhance local wildlife
I'd be keen for developing part of the waterfront strip similar to somewhere like Palm Cove Qld. i.e. caravan park, accommodation, strip of cafes/restaurants, playground, walk/bike pathway, picnic areas. Prime location for enjoyment by both locals and tourists.
Skate Park being built
Skate park
Interpretative signage about environment, bird-hide, kids adventure trail
please do not duplicate existing facilities - Parap Pool, Public Courts, etc.; expand the range of options
A large adventure playground similar to what Melbourne has in Albert Park I think would make good family use of this space
Short term caravan and camp ground managed by council caretaker (no permanents)
Cool live music venue, better then gardens
Mountain bike trails, jumps and pump track
Look at parks like Annies landing in WA it is fantastic
Anything that keeps the thorough fare open from the main road to the beach. anything except private hotel.
Restaurant
Anything will be better than it is now, but more public facilities, greater visibility to the general public and a walking path to link mindil with east point.
Plant additional native trees to attract more wildlife and build a bird hide for the wetland
I would like to see spaces that are clean and shady. "The strand" in Townsville is a very good example, it is also alcohol free area.

No development please
Surf lifesaving facilities would be good. Pop up food vendors, more landscaping.
Sculpture Park
There is no mention in your preamble about RatePayers Funds. No kiosks or cafes, please ,rate payers have to be protected from slothful City Councils.
I would prefer to see an adventure playground space for kids to clamber over and have fun outside upon. The NT Govt plans for similar at the old hospital site seem to have evaporated since being announced.
I agree if there is minor development there but not sporting or recreational facilities.
Preserve some natural heritage in the Darwin area before it's all gone.
Outdoor permanent gym equipment for runners and joggers
Leave it alone
Make this area an open ground multipurpose public amenity. Personally i would like to see a bike skills park there and believe this would be well utilised by a range of people across age groups.
Would like to see better access to the beach at the moment we have to use boat ramps which are slippery when wet as other ways of getting to beach have eroded and sand washed away so only rocks there. A better play area for children would be wonderful.
paddleboat/bicycle hire
NO NO NO cafe. NO NO NO organised sporting groups laying claim to vast tracts of land. NO NO NO to sub-leased water slide etc. Leave it natural as much as possible.
Light recreational activities model Sail Racing & inter club sport competitions with DSC, TBC and Ski Club
All of the above would be amazing
NO COMMERCIAL REC ACTIVITIES OR WATERSLIDE ETC
It depends on the type of development. I don't believe in commercialising public space. We need natural 'blank space' to walk in and to 'be' in. It already has inherent value and Its great that the council maintains it. I would like them to put showers in to make the people more comfortable.
Surfing Wave Machine
Something like the Jingili water gardens. Planned & maintained paths & gardens. Nothing like the leanyer waterpark. Access to the beach needs to be greatly improved. Erosion control needs to be upgraded (eg the rock walls in front of the sailing & trailer boat clubs. suggest having the park lands & green belt adjacent to the foreshore (similar to the Deck Chair area) and the road/access further back. BBQs, shade structures or trees.
Off road trails for mountain bikes and Segways . Paved bike trails for teaching kids to ride
Outdoor library; Information/signs explaining Vestey's involvement with Vincent Lingiari/the Gurindji strike; More comfortable seating and shelters for shade/escape from the rain in the wet; Community garden

Just enhance the natural significance with more trees, an amenities block and in one area, picnic facilities.
None leave it alone
Water based activities such as kayaking, canoeing
Safe beach swimming area
Be great to open it up, and create the lake into a swimming lagoon where everyone could walk, have a coffee, BBQ areas and feel safe
History themed BBQ and playground (both Vestey's cattle theme and Sailing themes); sustainable botanical signage on important tree species/specimens along elevated walking trails;
Improve grass around the lake itself. Make it more attractive like around Lake Alexander.
Just leave it clean and safe- no more cafes needed. Facilities mean concrete- bad !
In honour of the contribution the chinese community of Darwin, and chinese garden would be a wonderful use for the land.
a dog park would be great. it would fit in with the area and built up developments in the area. Great for places with small back yards so people can exercise their dog
Revegetation
Could be a good spot for the tennis centre
I would hate to lose the right to walk my dogs in this area so would be against any restrictions.
Cable water ski in the lake
apartments, hotel, marina
A dirt pump track for bmx/MTB activities
I think it should be developed to attract people to use it more. People drive past it but it needs to attract as another part of Darwin that can be used like mindal and nightcliff, east point etc. Family facilities like those ticked is what i would support.
possible skate, parkour or adventure park for youth
I would like to see a tarmac pumptrack built in the Reserve, similar to the one which has just been built in Edmonton (Cairns) by World Trail ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/WorldTrail/videos/1197225160329081/">https://www.facebook.com/WorldTrail/videos/1197225160329081/</a> ). Another example of a pumptrack is the one completed in Bali by Velosolutions ( <a href="https://vimeo.com/158679565">https://vimeo.com/158679565</a> ). A pumptrack in the Reserve could be used by kids (BMX, skateboard, scooter etc) as well as adults (mountain bikers). It would bring more people into the park to use the facility, it would be the first tarmac pumptrack in Darwin and would provide the Inner Darwin region with a recreational area to rival the Jingili and Palmerston skate parks (a skatepark could also be built adjacent to the pumptrack).
It would be important to not replicate activities already provided nearby such as East Point Reserve & Botanic Gardens Precinct/Mindil. Retaining & enhancing it's current qualities - the network of pathways, beach access, visual qualities for passing motorists, sweeping foreshore views for adjoining residential area, etc. Introducing a new passive activity, such as a sculpture park, for this space would provide Darwin with something new & link it to other sculptures such as the one at



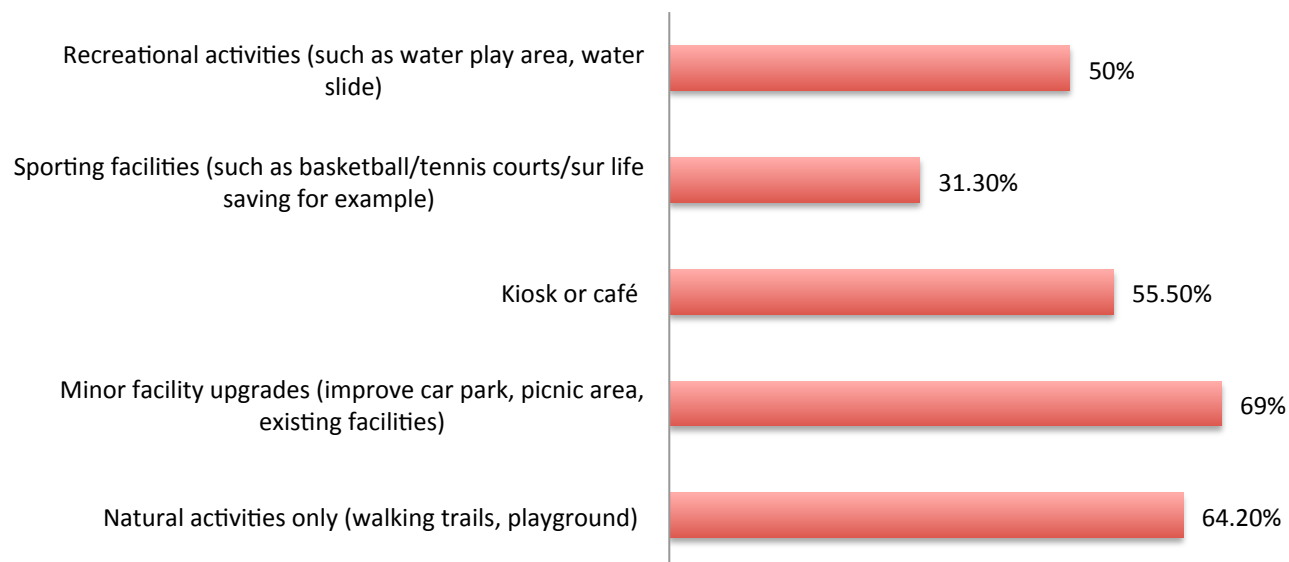
gate to East point & at the Museum - create a larger sculpture trail, retaining it's natural reserve qualities.
Skatepark, & improve for social/ community use with shady trees, seating, BBQs
Include wheelchair accessibility
Dog park where dogs can be lot loose to run around but be secure from running out and segregate dogs of different sizes. Enclosure for big dogs and little dogs. Include shade, seating, water, obstacle course/ things for dogs to do.
Establish a row of casuarina trees for shade and improved amenity
develop like the strand in Townsville
More bins for doggy poo bags
Food Precinct and Water Recreation area for families.
Would be great to be able to use this space. Would love to have a kids bike loop here so that they could learn to ride scooter/bikes.
none.
I feel the facility would need to have a caretaker, ie. a business of some sort. A tennis court alone would be a waste and become run down in no time.
Caravan park
water course for Dragon Boat, canoeing and other sports. If designed properly with consultation it could be used for local, national and international events
Families with children already have so many choices when it comes to parks and open spaces - NO to playground and water play etc.
A dog park with facilities for dog clubs and training.
Integrate the area with the nearby clubs and make the lake appealing for public benefit
It would be great to develop Vestey's into something like the Waterfront
Establish a stocked recreational fishery in the lake
community garden space, art walk featuring local artist sculptures, better facilities for itinerants - eg covered area with lines to air/dry bedding, more public toilets, more rubbish bins. If they are going to use the area, at least offer some basic facilities to help manage
More lights and a restriction on consuming alcohol in public
NOTE: I don't see natural activities as being exclusive to other uses
Get rid of the drunks
all public open space close to the city should be retained and valued for its natural condition
trees, toilets, shower, upgrade picnic / bbq facilities

definitely NO water slides, swimming pools anything else artificial
Just needs a really good clean up. Green grass, better tree species, clear out/ open up around the lagoon
I am concerned about access into Vestseys, currently the entry/exit on the northern end passes through the Darwin Sailing Club. This is very dangerous, particularly when the Sailing Club and Trailer Boat Club are at full capacity. I would like to see this entrance re-routed.
A cafe in that area might make it more attractive as a destination. Up near the seafront near the kids play area maybe. Similar plan to the Nightcliff one near the pool. Otherwise leave the rest of it alone with some serious efforts to grow trees along the paths. Don't lay surface irrigation... It will burn
boating
Dedicated dog parks. One for large dogs one for small dogs. This will have a flow on effect to more community involvement in the area but big dogs have to be seperate to small dogs
Dog park
To facilitate improvement / upgrades of any kind, something first needs to be done about the 'lagoon', which is nothing more than a smelly cesspool! Perhaps some form of fountain that aerates the water, or some other method of 'cleaning' the water, as the current tidal 'flushing' is very obviously not sufficient.
Children's playground, more BBQ's
The road needs changing. It is a thoroughfare that is not needed. It encourages hooning. Where it passes through the two Darwin Sailing Club boat yards is dangerous, we have often seen near misses with pedestrians, or vehicles coming out of the sailing club carpark, especially on the corner where an awkward situation exists with access to the sailing club, people speed where there is a lot of pedestrian traffic accessing the boat yards (including lots of child sailors), the Yacht Shop and the sailing club's main entrance. The road should go to Vestseys (either from the existing southern entrance, or a new entrance directly off East Point Road) and then you turn around and go back. Through access past the sailing club should be stopped.
All weather Pump track
All of the above can easily be accommodated, without detracting from each other that would then provide a space for all to enjoy.
more shade trees planted in barren areas with seating, vegetation improved, artistic rondaval, mobile coffee or food outlet
All of the above so long as it is low key and council is not funding any private enterprise like they did with the cafe on Nightcliff Foreshore
Water features and play area similar to The Strand Townsville or Southbank Brisbane
Trim the palm trees
It is a beautiful natural reserve that does not warrant sporting facilities or anything else. A cafe would be nice though.
Multifunction space for arts, workshops.
Rectangular Field(s) sporting complex

BAR-B-QUES AND SEATING WITH SHADE SHELTERS, FOR EXAMPLE HOWARD SPRINGS RESERVE. FOR THE ADULTS OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR EXAMPLE ROSEBERRY PARK
Would love to see this area come alive. Use the lake more. Would definitely love to see a cafe and pop up restaurants at night time like Nightcliff
Something recreational, perhaps waterbased
Seating the same as on East Point Rd left before entry gates
Marked car park, pedestrian crossing from playground to beach, safe access to beach, exercise facilities, and improve lighting
these are all good options either separately or a combination of some
Only serious development will improve this area. The car park has already been upgraded, improved footpaths/walking trails built and new toilets. But they are only used by itinerants. There is no way I would park/leave my car in that carpark at Vesty's beach, or use those toilets. I firmly believe that a substantial development would attract more tourists and locals to the area and help to make the place safer. Perhaps the lagoon could be used for a cable water-ski park (links to ski club) like they have in Cairns. Or build a Kelly Slater wave pool? Anything that brings tourists and business to the local clubs and shops and moves out the itinerants. Maybe an outdoor gym area and basketball courts would be good too! :-)
More bins please, also a footpath on Atkins dr at the conacher st end.
The reserve also proper maintaining it is quite unkept
I would love to see parts (or all) of Vestey's Reserve being revegetated. Currently the orienteering club generally avoids the reserve because it is too grassy and open. New sections of "forrest" would cut down on the grass and make for more interesting orienteering courses.
There is great potential to enhance the space for community activities (not private business such as the clubs either side). Activities might include self guided board walks or activities focusing on the birdlife etc. It is such a beautiful view that it could be activated similar to Nightcliff foreshore with picnic areas, exercise stations, food vans etc.
markets, pop up stalls, events etc
There is already a playground. There are plenty of food outlets nearby eg the Ski Club, the Yacht Club so why put in another kiosk. The existing area could only be improved by there being more garbage bins.
revegetation
Make the lake swimmable
Dirt Bmx track
Ideal as a mountain bike pump track and skills area, complimenting existing trails and providing a reason to come to and enjoy the area. The addition of a cafe would be brilliant
Cycle facilities for mountain bikes
Mountain bike pump track and skills facilities.
Any development would be desirable, but especially a covered water play area involving fountains and taps (not a pool),

and food/cafe vans would be nice.
Bike skills course eg. something similar to the pump track at Charles Darwin National Park
Cycling pump track
exercise training areas, shaded barbeque areas, convert existing water body to a fishing area with controlled seawater access
MTB Pump and Skills Track
cycling pump track. If you would like to see how one would go, you could hire one for a while <a href="http://trinityskateparks.com.au/pump-tracks-australia/?gclid=CjwKEAjwqJ67BRCzzJ7Hy-LYIFYSJABwp9PGGM5NiZbQiZfuAop6EKrWn21iPrschsOraHj3QXdQvhoCorTw_wcB">http://trinityskateparks.com.au/pump-tracks-australia/?gclid=CjwKEAjwqJ67BRCzzJ7Hy-LYIFYSJABwp9PGGM5NiZbQiZfuAop6EKrWn21iPrschsOraHj3QXdQvhoCorTw_wcB</a>
World class pump track & cafe
Bike pump track, skateboard park
Mountain bike pump track
Pumptrack/bike use area
Perhaps temporary food vans along East Point Road could activate the area. I see it being a popular picnic area in the future.
Recreational/Tourism theme park and visitor centre?
Don't meddle with it
Active engagement with a youth focus
It is a rain drainage area for Parap and tidal zone, any development needs to consider the environmental impact on this and the mangrove forest.
Picnic 'gazebo' by the water or walking plank over the water
More environmental activities and historical displays would be good!
Revegetation and habitat creation

**If you agree to the Reserve being further developed, what type of recreational development or activity would you consider acceptable?**



**Q11 What is unacceptable?**

**Q11. What type of development, activity or use would you consider unacceptable in Vestey's Reserve?**

	Response count	Response per cent
Any development	73	21.2%
Private sector development	153	44.4%
Other (please specify)	119	35%
<b>answered question</b>	345	
<b>skipped question</b>	60	
<b>Response text</b>		
Anything to depletes or harms the natural surroundings		
Don't want to see the area overdeveloped, maintaining the natural character of the space is important. Improved maintenance and low key infrastructure e.g. skate park on the East Point Road side of Vestey's will enhance the space for young people. The East Point Road side has good visibility and public transport access.		
Inappropriate developments that detract from the current amenity and aesthetics of the reserve		

Keep it free of food and alcohol eg. Restaurants
Need to be mindful of any environmental concerns. Do not want to see the land sold to private developers.
Please do not duplicate what we have, tennis at Mindil and Parap, Water park at Parap pool,
Any development will be fantastic for this area - boot the illegal campers out, clean the area up and Territorians will utilise it more often
Increase amenity but not noise or traffic
For the people all people an area to enjoy the outdoors in safety
Any development that limits the free access and use of the area by the general public
Residential apartments etc
to keep the current space open and upheld as a place for everyone ... don't use this to push a cafe... that will compete with the existing business ... then you build more care parks etc etc etc... Needs proper master plan and more time to address what is there now and what the community precinct needs.
Only community consultation and removable or repairable after flooding and or tidal surge to which this area is prone. No permanent car parking except geen.
Community groups
Pubs
Not clear what this question means
any development that harms the natural environment
Resort type development, that would reduce public use
none
Development that removed or limited public access and didn't retain some green space
None
Residential development
Any type of development which compromises the natural beauty and appeal of the place.
anything that takes away from it being a natural reserve
Open to all that has community leisure purposes as focus.
Additional road access, kiosk or cafe,no plastic playground
on its merits
Should be developed
Nil

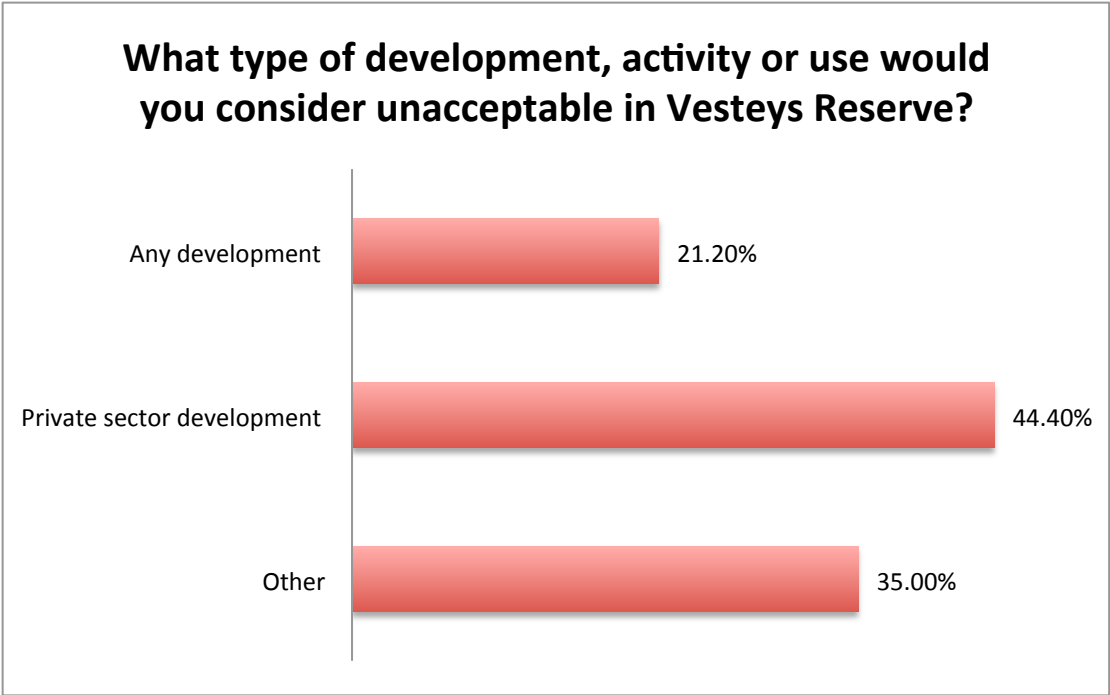
If it aided in better development of the public space I would support small private development
Anything that takes the nature completely away and concretes it.
anything above one story. any private for profit accommodation other than camping facilities.
Would welcome any development. The more use to the general public the better. Please please clean this up.
Improve the place green it up.??
You undoubtedly have no car parks, don't for the foreseeable future encourage residents to drive to this park and create another Mindless Mindil environment.
Development that detracts from natural habitat (eg strong lighting at night), large areas of bitumen or cement.
I dislike the idea of selling it off for private use.
Buildings
Private sector or infrastructure development such as cafes, that are unsuitable for the Darwin climate and culture... If development happened that was climatically and culturally aware, like troppo designers building an aboriginal art store run by local aboriginals I think that is the only acceptable development
large buildings or bitumen areas
Money making ventures that encroach on what the area represents. There are ample places for a coffee nearby. It is used by people who want that time to reflect, engage and enjoy it. Don't ruin that.
Commercial Developments such as Cafes or Coffee Shops
Private sector or anything that will detract from the area including too much built infrastructure. Base it on a combination of east point reserve, night cliff foreshore, Mindil, the waterfront precinct and the new area at casuarina for some style!
No accommodation or offices
Keep it natural, but pleasant to use. No camping, drunks.
Privatisation of public space.
Not developing it
Anything too commercial / ugly would ruin the landscape
Anything that would ruin the tranquillity of the area (e.g. playground)
None leave it alone
Anything that excludes specific groups in the community or favours a demographic. No halal bbqs, or overpriced and unfriendly hipster businesses!
Would prefer that it cater to passive recreation. Would not like Private Sector development, especially commercial development. We have enough already!
Visually intrusive development; development that erodes the green space, contributes to littering ; development that

excludes people; development that poses a risk to walkers and children's safety.
government- not private
Public development
Community, income earning, tourist attraction
Private sector development or any other food and beverage services that would compete with existing clubs in the area. Revenues from the Darwin Sailing Club are put back towards sailing, therefore providing the opportunity for my children to participate in such an amazing sport/skill
Am happy for all to be considered
Large development which stops public access
Anything that detracts from the pre-existing natural surroundings.
Don't leave it how it is
I think the area needs to be extensively developed, to modernise the area.
Water park
Council only
Any development that DOES not include local consultation and employment of our young people to get skills and employment at the end
any development that would restrict public access, the site needs to be activated to change the current antisocial behaviour and stigma associated with it
I would like to see it remain public space, but not opposed to improvements, exercise equipment, playgrounds or low scale/temporary establishment of businesses.
Public outdoor activity
N/A
Being too commercialised - ie a number of shops/restaurants
too much private sector wouldn't be good need balance
A restaurant would be fine but not housing or something that I would need to pay to use.
Residential or commercial development
Any type of residential
housing, offices
Too much of any development
Playgrounds, water activities, noisy high energy sports



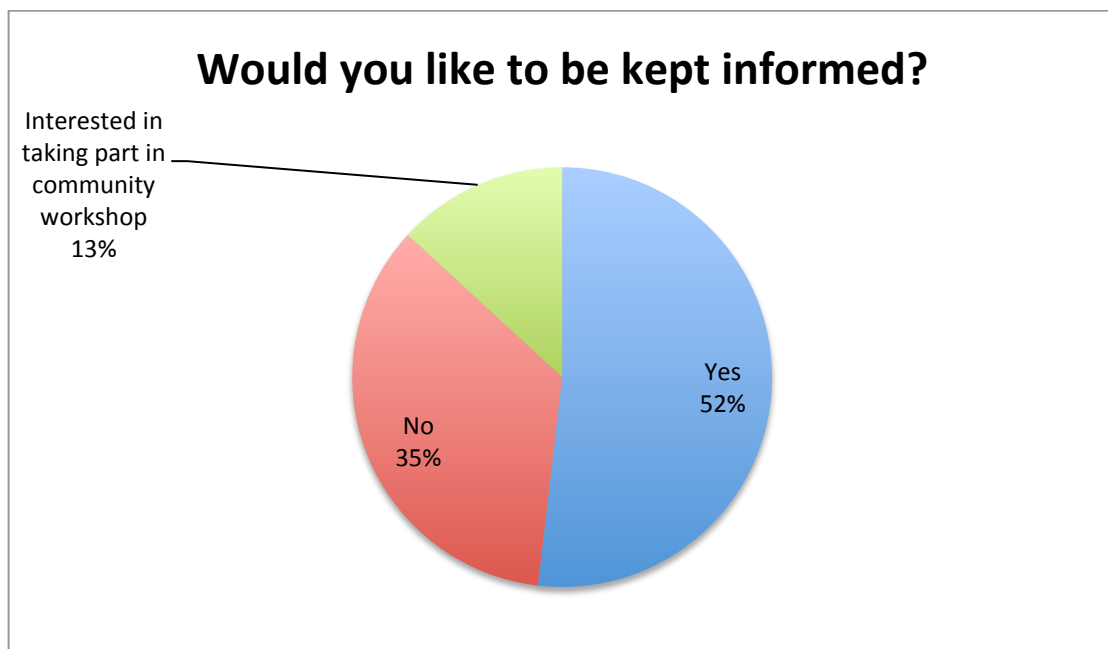
anything that overtook the natural feel of the lagoon and beach area
Anything that is too commercial
anything that would see one individual/company profit over community
significant loss of green space / open space
None, go for it!
anything larger
Anything that couldn't be maintained and was the same as every where else.
I prefer it to be kept a nature/cultural area rather than a sporting facility.
Anything large scale. Anything devised by one of Darwins rapacious developers. Anything without majority support from those who express an opinion.
Something we can enjoy with water skiing
Anything that does not maximise use of entire space. Private will be OK with further consultation like this.
Mountain bike pump track and skills area
Housing, carpark buildings, removal of more than 25-30% of the grassed space/trees
Anything that prevents multi-use and/or would impact on the elements of nature, outdoor activity, access to water and the views!
Council facilities such as seating, picnic tables, art sculptures, fountains
large scale development would not be suitable. needs to be sensitive to the recreational nature of the area
Anything that stops it being a semi natural area
the risk of private development is the drive for more lettable space will be in detriment to good space
the grove of huge palm trees should be removed - they are exotic and do not fit in the environment
Don't want new residential there and don't want government buildings. Just want to see it enhanced as per itas current zoning.
There are sufficient walking paths, facilities. Don't need another cafe with Cool Spot, Sailing Club, DTBClub and Ski Club so close and don't need any sporting activities in that location.
Not more unit blocks!
I would not like it to be rezoned for housing development
It needs to be in keeping with the natural and open environment
no development which affects bird habitat - development on current lawn areas is OK
Any development that will change the area from an open parkland and in particular which may give rise to crowds and

noise. The Ski Club and the Bowls Club already run enough events that cause late night noise and traffic issues.
I think the Vestey's area is steeped in-history and would be useful to put up some signage. I think the water should be made deeper to attract more fish in to breed
Why do you need to change what is a natural reserve? People enjoy the open space and natural environment. .
I worry that a kiosk or cafe would attract itinerants and illegal campers, which are already an issue in the area. I wouldn't want to see anything really tall or big built, or anything out of character with the area. I also wouldn't want reverse sensitivity to become an issue ie. people at a cafe or water park complaining about the people walking past. This area is regularly used by the Runners & Walkers club and other community groups.
Activities which promote the un-supervised consumption of alcohol.
Accommodation, private use that limits public access through the area and to the beach itself
Not acting to limit current undesirable behaviour would be unacceptable/
Unit complex
Non recreational activity uses
Mountain bike pump track
Recreational/Tourism theme park, cafe, restaurants.
Sporting should be at Marrara, we already have enough Sailing/Boat and Ski clubs/bowls there
None
It would be disappointing to see it developed into housing, units or accommodation. But I'd be open to a private entity developing it into a facility or area people can use (i.e. a cafe like the Foreshore or restaurant like Pee Wees). Then the locals can still enjoy the area.
None
Anything that would make it more desirable to itinerants and backpackers.



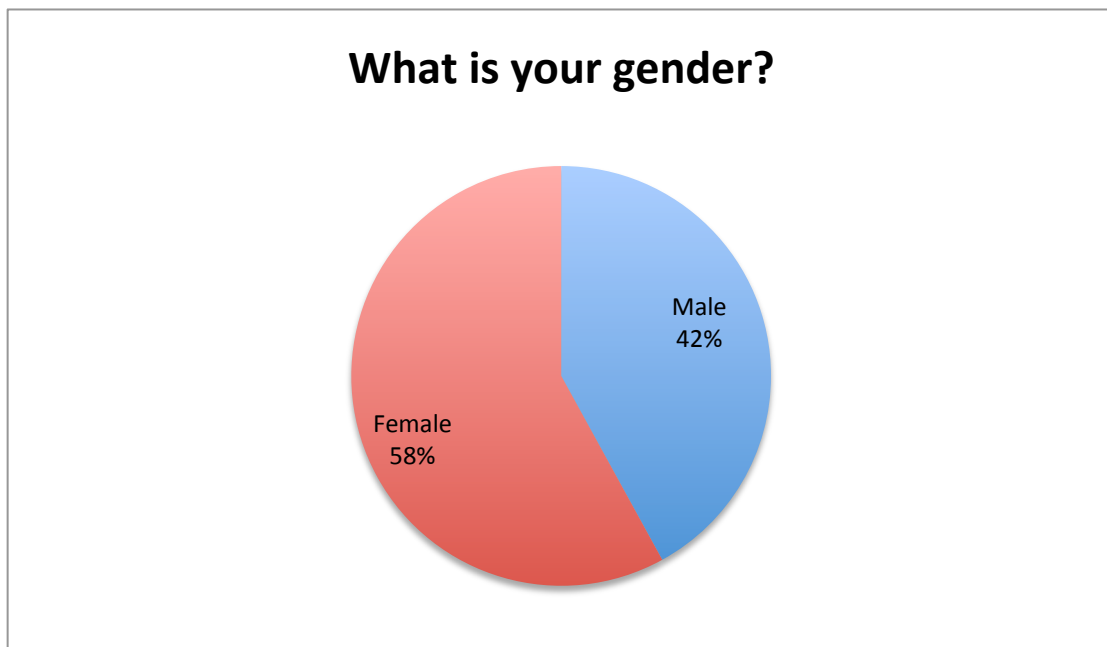
**Q12 Would you like to be kept informed?**

<b>Q12. Would you like to be kept informed?</b>		
	<b>Response count</b>	<b>Response per cent</b>
Yes	196	52%
No	133	35.1%
Interested in taking part in community workshop in August 2016.	50	13.2%
<i>answered question</i>	379	
<i>skipped question</i>	26	



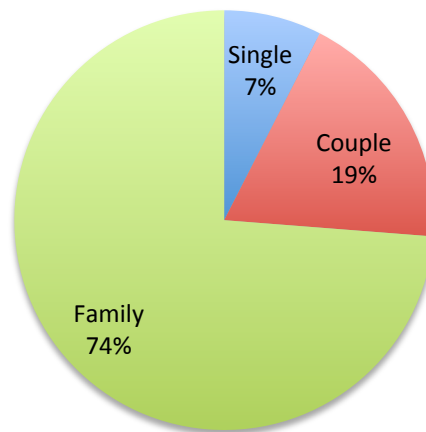
## Demographics

Q14. What is your gender?		
	Response count	Response per cent
Male	167	42%
Female	231	58%
<i>answered question</i>	398	
<i>skipped question</i>	7	



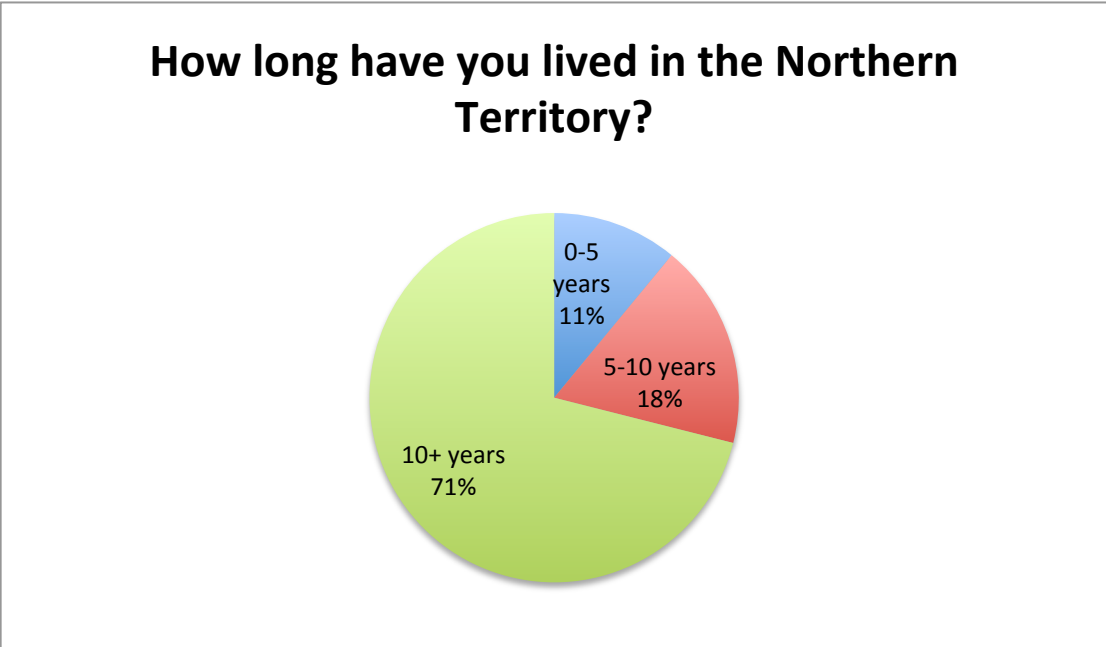
**Q15. What is your family type?**

	Response count	Response per cent
Single	57	14.3%
Couple	142	35.5%
Family	201	50.3%
<i>answered question</i>	400	
<i>skipped question</i>	5	

**What is your family type?**

**Q16. How long have you lived in the Northern Territory?**

	Response count	Response per cent
0-5 years	44	11%
5-10 years	72	18%
10+ years	285	71.2%
<i>answered question</i>	401	
<i>skipped question</i>	4	



## Appendix 3: Community Workshop Data

### Knowledge and values:

- Value open green space we have lost too much to development. Walking path / bike trails, this is the ideal location.
- I value the area as an irreplaceable, precious community space. Developers would love to have it but we have a duty of care to future residents to preserve the area as close to natural as possible. I value the area as a place - once cleaned up - to go to and unwind from the pressures of life and take family / visitors to Darwin to enjoy. At the moment, with long grasser problem Vestey's is an embarrassment, we certainly wouldn't take visitors there.
- On behalf of the Aboriginal people - it's valued as a living area. I value its beauty of coastal breezes, its flora preserved along the tidal creek and the coastal flora that can be achieved along this foreshore and hope for all to enjoy as they choose.
- I value a beautiful green land with parks, trees, wildlife and birds. I value no concrete slabs, I value the peace and tranquillity that Vestey's provides. I value Vestey's as is with no structures.
- Native vegetation and enhancement, planting.
- Green space, beach for fishing, and relaxing, bridge to look at fish, flora and fauna, and birds, locals, biking, walking and exploring.
- Natural environment and habitat for wildlife, albeit managed. Great environment for birdlife (many finches and owls). Valued for its open space.
- Natural drainage for the area in wet season, whole area floods in big rains.
- Connectivity by pedestrian and cycle paths to Mindil and East Point, botanic gardens, Parap school, shops, all by the waters edge.
- Lots of unknown history. Peaceful open space. Unique area close to city. Some areas are overgrown and uncared for - behind the bowls club is an example. The entrance is difficult and at times dangerous near the yacht club.
- Mangrove community, lake used to be saltpan, converted to lake in the 1980s - great it has bridge. Great diversity bird life visited by locals and international visitors. Value knowing what's on the site. Discussion on value of the big vagrant palm stand and whether it should be removed. Melaleuca SP stand. Open space - the feeling of open space. Sunset, coastal seating, path.
- The beach and waters edge are beautiful and accessible.
- Mangrove community. Lake was a saltpan. Saltpan vegetation still present. Magpie geese use it as a refuge during hunting season, egrets. Knowing what the plant species are on the site, suspect the big palms are not Darwin or even Australians - remove them. Having the site planted with large beds of site-appropriate vegetation = paperbarks, herminalias, carallia brachiata etc.
- Anti-social behaviour of current users is unacceptable - I have young children and we don't come here because I don't want them exposed to it. Otherwise I love the area



love the beach love the walkway, the current anti-social behaviour impedes on the clubs development / progress and the use of the area by law-abiding citizens.

- Mangrove community, saltpan vegetation and Vestey's lake, magpie geese use it as a refuge during hunting season, Identify palms. Retain variety of habitats for biodiversity or plan more bird attracting species. Retain green belts and corridors of green from city - i.e. Esplanade, Kaylin, Vestey's, East Point, Ludmilla, Rapid Creek, Casuarina and beyond!
- Value as an open recreational area for all community. Believe there should be some acknowledgement of the local Indigenous people and some allowances made for their continued use of the area. Historically Vestey's has had a colourful past. Today there is still an issue with local Indigenous women being picked up by derelict men. More protection or facilities for these women would benefit the whole area.
- Mangroves and other natives. Plant a few more mangroves (Xylocarpus and Cannonball) (Diospyros or Ebony). The site provides an ideal opportunity for the numerous nearby schools for curriculum activities, a safe mangrove learning area.

#### Vision for 5 years time:

- Interpretation signage to point out - salt pans, mangroves, woodlands, monsoon forest plants, etc. Magpie geese refuge. Replant open spaces with beds of woodland species on high ground for more biodiversity. Re route Atkins Road - for kids and DSC safety.
- East Point Road and Scott Street intersection needs some sort of safe crossing. Temporary car parking during the dry is needed. Better pathways across the harbour side. Temporary café vans. Grassed areas for family activities. Football, basketball, more bike paths. More tables and chairs and BBQs.
- Access to beach. Dune protection. It is a significant sea-grass survey area (part of an international monitoring program with over 300 sites across 17 countries). Promote the natural qualities of lake, birdlife and trees. Provide safety and comfort by controlling itinerant problems and concerns. Retain land as public open space with minimal development.
- Would like to see more paths across the lake and gardens with plants.
- Bird watching - so safe havens like an island, variety of habitats, native trees, green spaces, and picnic spaces for families. Pop-up restaurant. Bike riding spaces for kids. Knowing the history.
- Birds and other species here and sometimes uncommon and rare ones. Plant native trees that will attract more birds - for locals and tourists.
- Enhance the area with native plantings - don't develop the area.
- Cable ski, quiet water sports, water testing. Childcare, security, lighting - solar. Family bike path, connected footpaths, history walk, sculpture walks, more vegetation, limited licence - sunset only. Showers and toilets.
- Paths and benches, one or two more walking tracks / bike tracks and benches. Irrigation for more native plantings.
- Clean up majestic stand of 'coryphautan' palms at the bowling club end to provide views through to the sea from Gilruth Avenue.
- Adjacent to Darwin Sailing Club, boat component for Australian Navy Cadets Youth Development Organisation. So we can sail and boat frequently, particularly with such a

short sailing season in Darwin.

- Leave things as they are in general. Improve the drainage in and out of the lake. Improve the children's playground. More BBQs.
- Surf club and skate park.
- Remain as open space and maintain current vegetation. Consider closing the road.
- Create a sculpture park that links with the bike network from the city to Lee Point.
- There should be a backpacker area for 'legal' camping to stop overnight parking.
- Links to other open space, Kululuk proposal has merit.
- Dog park area, like they have in Palmerston.
- I do think a café wouldn't be a bad thing, similar to the idea at Nightcliff. Could be objected to by local clubs, but they are 'member only' not for public / tourists.
- Pump track and mountain bike skills park.
- Access to beach, needs upgrading.
- Well-used parkland and lake that is inviting to the community. More green grass, walk ways and playgrounds, and viewing areas. Native birds encouraged.
- No change, more shade trees.
- In five years, schools in the area using the space as an 'outdoor (learning) classroom' to understand flora and fauna local to the area. Broader path / cycle path along the foreshore so it connects to existing paths and don't need to ride / walk on the road.
- The casual walk place along our coast provides a range of uses. For locals with better lights at night around paths with more shade. The use of flora could offer perhaps more illustration of low-lying coastal region, through the creation of a tidal lake is also an example of a good beginning.
- Enhancement of native planting, bird life, themed walking trails, e.g. mangroves, bush tucker, (dream) Larrakia culture between the clubs, public open space.
- Natural, open space in between social places (clubs), better lighting in the evening, signage promoting bird life and natural aspects. Also informing on any traditional / cultural values. Grass cut all year round. Pop up coffee?
- Improved planting maintained, trees to attract birdlife and give shade. Improved lighting for safer and more enjoyable use. Improved toilets maintained, perhaps another set of toilets? Security maintained ruthlessly and relentlessly. Use of the area promoted, get families / people there, cycling, walking, charity event?
- Provide an itinerant solution for others / locals to be able to use. Enhance to bring family use in to drive away unwanted activities (itinerants and drug users), idea to create a 'pump track' (all weather and skills park for mountain biking) - would introduce higher use which would assist in surveillance. Enhance lighting for night safety. Consider Vestey's as part of the broader 'green belt' from the esplanade to Lee Point. Enhance habitat for birdlife - create islands, in lake for refuge from feral cats and dogs, increase planting etc. On leash dog area only (to be compatible with wildlife refuge). Create a sculpture park that links with broader bike network from Esplanade / Waterfront to Lee Point.
- Soft surfaces with winding paths for walkers and cyclists. Interpretative signage to point out vegetation communities and wildlife. Open areas and plantings according to location in landscape not specimen plantings in lawns. Allow spaces to go brown and green

naturally, confine irrigation to a few areas. Separate noisy active spaces from nature watching - bird life.

- Keeping the bird life means keeping trees, plant more trees, plant more native shrubs, maintain ramps for fishing, maintain bridge, keeping our beautiful green habitat working just how it also does.
- I would like to see more native plantings i.e. mangroves, native grasses as a habitat for wild life. Designated paths and bike trails. This is a great location for school groups, visitors, and historical signs. 'Vesteys land care group' would be a possibility. Aboriginal rangers to give ownership to this locality.
- Water play - water fountains / spouts - under cover and shade. Simpler than Leanyer, with spouts and fountains and pourers. Instead of big equipment, spend money on a bigger shaded area and soft AstroTurf, to run around. Pop up coffee shops, and lunch vans. Public BBQs and picnic benches. Keep as man trees as possible for natural shade. No through road from sailing club to Darwin High School - traffic is dangerous.
- Have a fenced off dog recreation area similar to what is currently at Marlows lagoon. It could have a section for small and big dogs. Have an adult play ground for disabilities. The East Coast has similar playgrounds. Maintain an open space grounds, no buildings other than ablutions. A safe space for everyone with more BBQ and under covers areas and pathways. Better use of the lake, open it up for model boat users, build a pontoon from edge of lake. Keep the picnic area and current liquor rules as is. Like to have sunset drinks.
- Picnic spots, road closure, BBQ, more rubbish bins, playground extended, additional vegetation.
- Road closure, access to ski, trailer and sailing clubs ramps only, the rest closed. Picnic spots and BBQs.
- Increased use by families from all of Darwin residences and a beautiful green zone. Safer crossings for clubs, bus travel and walkers, runners, bike at sailing club entry. Safer turning lanes into the sailing and trailer club and Vesteys beach. No racism, everyone using in harmony. Areas for pets. Areas for play, maybe younger persons bike path. Temporary overflow car parks around lake. A continuous green belt from Mindil to East Point Reserve.
- Build a surf club so kids can learn life saving skills. Build a world-class skate park to attract the international circuit. Create nesting areas in the lake for birds. Cultural centre - saltwater people. Teach traditional fishing skills, and share culture.
- An effective attractive environment for wildlife, in particular birds. This differs from East Point - readily accessible. A place where people fish in the lake, keep the lake.
- Wide paths for many people to walk and cycle in the shade. Well-used picnic area with sea views. Safe play areas for kids with water play. Kiosk / café / fish and chips, vending with access to park for picnics. Safe nighttime park areas. Similar to 2016 but improved in the sad declining areas of use. Play areas for adults and teenage kids in a safe connected environment.
- Changing the drinking laws to stop Indigenous drinking in the area will affect all of us. How many of us like to take a bottle of wine to the foreshore to watch the sunset, or have a BBQ / fish and chips with a beer? Many, many people. Lets not have a 'knee jerk'

reaction to a social dilemma.

- I don't think trying to get rid of Indigenous people from Vesteys is the right approach. This is traditional Indigenous land even if the actual people are not Larrakia; they do have the right to be there as much as the rest of the population. They use and value the area for a variety of purposes - not always desirable to the public at large but that is not entirely an Indigenous issue and is a far more complex problem with complex causes that government needs to really acknowledge and make honest efforts to address.

#### Unacceptable:

- No commercial activity beyond what already exists, no caravan park for example.
- Would not like to see any sort of intrusive commercial operating development.
- Area not to be consumed by interest groups to the exclusion of others.
- No commercial developments i.e. helipads etc.!
- Cut off access to beach or cycle path. Pedestrian unimproved dark conditions for safe travel by bike and foot.
- Hotel, casino, shops (café is ok though), camping / overnighting, rubbish, increased traffic, anti-social behaviour.
- Please - let us not duplicate what we have elsewhere e.g. develop Parap pool complex not Vesteys.
- No racism, no permanent car park (sailing club green parking okay)
- Hotel / motel, café, caravan park, car parks, concrete slabs of any kind, basically no structures of any kind, leave as is. Removing trees, removing grass, removing bridges, removing shower, removing tap.
- No coffee shop, no buildings at all.
- Large-scale commercial development, native vegetation only to be used, open space to remain.
- Increased traffic, anti social behaviour, rubbish, hotel, BMX or skate park, removal of vegetation.
- Those inappropriate, ugly and environmentally unsound (not a habitat) palms that have been planted!
- Current licenced hours, no camping, no free food, poor lighting, no foot paths all the way, no accommodation development no noisy motors.
- It is not acceptable to move Indigenous folk who camp around their open space. My view is they are sharing their sociability in ways they choose.
- Consumption of alcohol, families and people don't use the Reserve because of the drunken long grasser problem. If people and families feel the need to consume alcohol on a day / evening out then they should support local clubs / businesses which also have facilities for children. More concrete or buildings - any improvement should be carefully considered and implemented to be in harmony with the natural environment. No commercial infrastructure.
- Hotel, caravan park, buildings - permanent café, removing trees, pontoon, bridge, paths, car parks (additional).
- No commercial infrastructure. No removal of access paths from East Point Rd through to the beach.

- Unimproved beachside path and connections for access. Unimproved sand and beach connection, please recognise the seaside value.
- Underused park with sad disenfranchised people.
- Buildings, increased traffic and rubbish, anti social behaviour, noisy pursuits e.g. helicopters!
- Development, rubbish.
- Development such as hotels and restaurants.