



Community Engagement Summary

Kingston House Reserve Court Upgrade

Engagement period 24 August 2023 – 14 September 2023

Overview

In 2022, a \$200,000 election commitment was made by the South Australian Labor Government to refurbish the Kingston House Reserve courts. The election commitment was made as a special purpose grant to the City of Holdfast Bay to deliver the upgrade.

Key items proposed in the court renewal includes:

- New court surface and fencing
- Proposed multi-sport line-marking and infrastructure
- A drinking fountain

As part of the project, Council commenced public engagement on a court layout, and the types of facilities to include in the court design. Options available were two tennis courts, or a tennis court and a multi-sport court with offerings based on community preference.

This engagement ran from 24 August and closed at 5pm Thursday 14 September 2023. This report provides the participation levels and findings.

Engagement was promoted through the following channels:

- onsite signage with QR code to Your holdfast project page at the Kingston House Reserve tennis courts
- letterbox drop to nearby residents
- an email to interested registered users of our engagement website www.yourholdfast.com,
- a Facebook post
- Holdfast News e-newsletter
- news article on the council website
- feature article on the home page of YourHoldfast.

Feedback was collected in the following ways:

1. Completing an online survey at www.yourholdfast.com/court-upgrade. Participants were provided with the option to either vote for their design preference via a quick poll or complete an online feedback form
2. Email
3. Phone
4. Writing

Participation

Information regarding how people participated in the engagement:

- 31 people participated in the quick poll
- 22 people completed the online survey
- 3 contributions to questions and answers section of the project web page
- 231 views to the YourHoldfast project page (Passive participation)
- 4 Email responses
- 2 Hardcopy responses

Engagement of project

Participation Results	
Online Participation	
• Page views	231
• Number of visits	210 visits from 173 participants
Followers to the YourHoldfast project page	30
Online Interactions	
• Online quick poll contributions	31
• Online feedback form contributions	22
• Online Q&A contributions	3
Total Online Contributions	56 contributions made by 45 participants
Other Responses	
Hardcopy feedback	2
Emails	4

Feedback Results

Combined Results

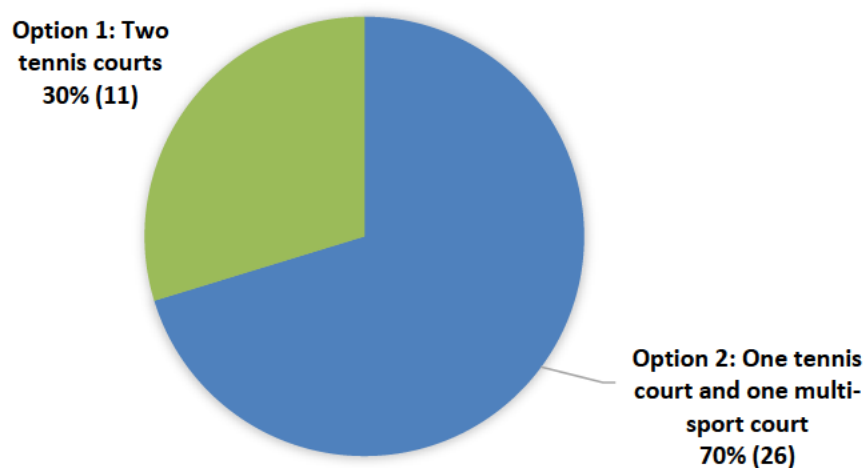
The following chart shows the combined results of the quick poll, survey results, and feedback received via email. (Note where participants responded both in the quick poll and the survey, their preference vote has been recorded once in the 'Overall Results' chart)

A total of 37 participants told us their preferred option.

- 11 opted for two tennis courts
- 26 opted for one tennis court and a multi-sport court

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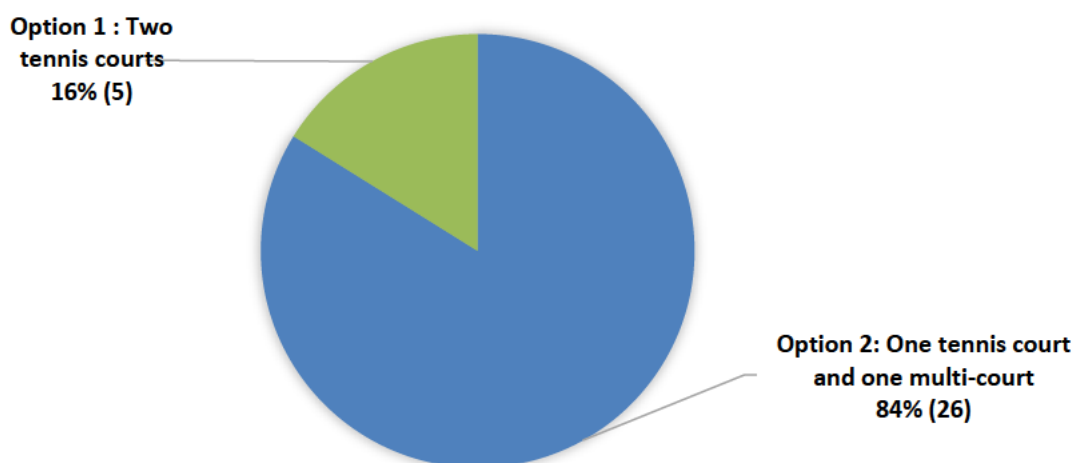
What is your preferred option?



Quick Poll Results

31 people participated in the online quick poll in YourHoldfast.

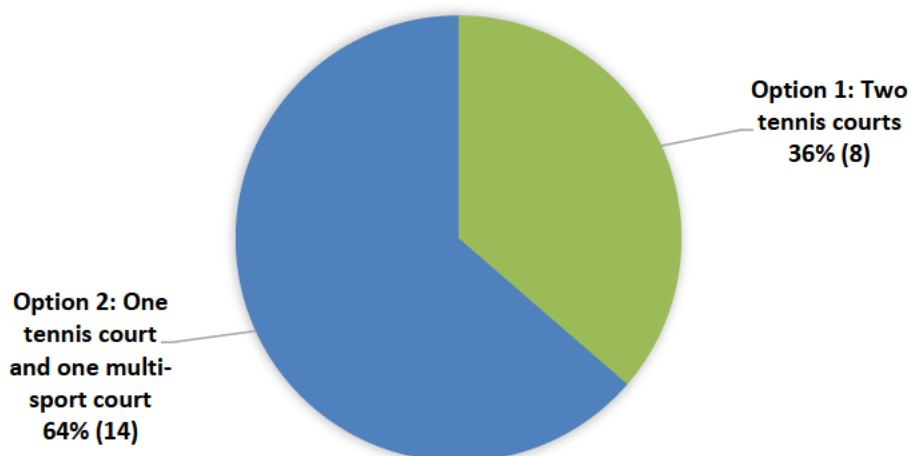
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Feedback Form Results

22 people participated in the online feedback form in YourHoldfast.

1. What is your preferred option

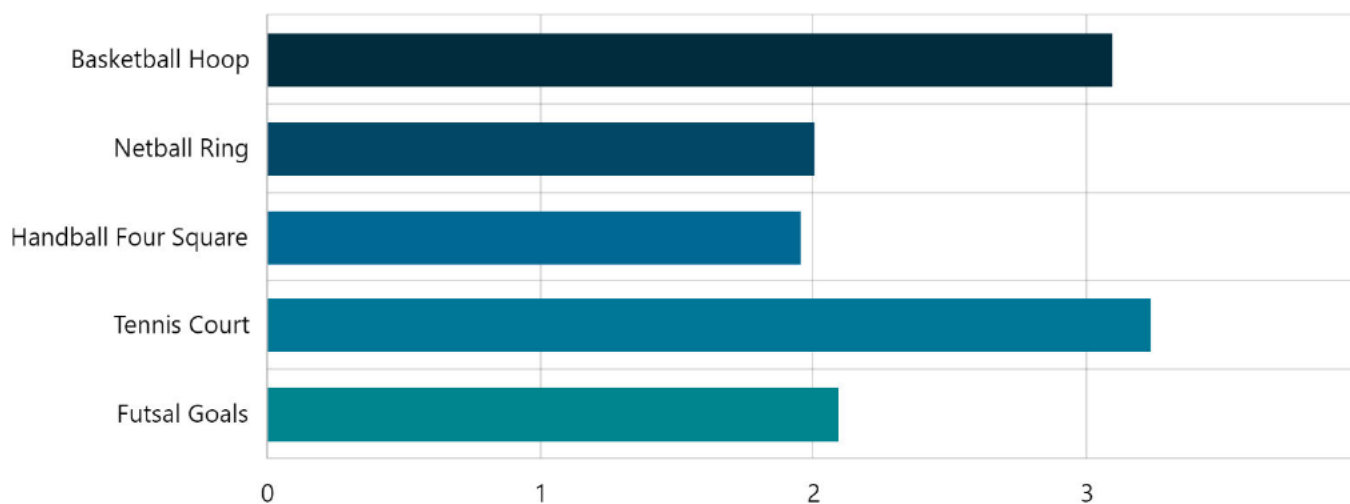


2. In order of preference, rank the options for the multi-sport court.

Comments provided regarding choice preference regarding the multi-sport court:

- Could we get an outdoor table tennis table (concrete) in the outside area of the tennis court please
- An enclosed dog off-leash exercise area
- Leave the tennis courts as they are. No change is required.
- Soccer Goals

3. The participants were asked to rank their preferences for the types of sporting options on the multi-use court



4. Comments

The comments provided are verbatim

<p>1. 1. Can an arborist give advice on how to prune back the olive trees on the north side of the courts. This to stop olives etc contaminating the courts as they are at present.</p> <p>2. Re the pine on the west side outside the courts: Can a narrow trench be cut outside the courts and cut any tree roots which it appears are cracking the court surface?</p> <p>3. Can the court net posts be set in concrete to stop net tension from pulling the posts inwards?</p>
<p>2. Considering there are 12 tennis courts at the Kauri Drive Sports Complex tennis players appear well catered for. The courts located at Kingston House in my opinion should be multi-use to serve for casual picnickers at Kingston House Reserve. At present a number of local dog owners also use the courts to exercise their dogs, it being a secure area. They use this because of the high volume of vehicular traffic that use Cameron Avenue and Strickland Avenue and the lack of fencing to prevent animals running onto the road. In light of this, there is an urgent need for the Holdfast Bay Council to provide an off-leash dog area within the Kingston House Reserve.</p>
<p>3. There are many tennis courts close by and no areas where there are any fit sap goals despite popularity</p>
<p>4. We would strongly prefer that the two tennis courts remain. We live just next to the courts, with visibility over them, and see how they are very often used. It is important to retain them as they are more accessible than the Seacliff tennis courts, which often hold training sessions or matches, and through which the majority of courts are closed to the general public when not used for this purpose. Given the popularity of the current courts, it would be difficult if only one court was available as there is a much greater chance people arriving at the courts would miss out if already in use. This may also deter people in coming to the courts if they know only one is available. Further, given the relatively small overall size of the two courts, it would feel a bit of a squeeze to have this space as a multi-use space and respective sports players are likely to get in the way of each other ie balls travelling into the opposing sports designated space. This could be particularly frustrating for tennis players.</p>
<p>5. Please keep 2 tennis courts as the community is currently using these responsibly without much disturbance to surround houses. We live in one of the houses across from the courts and are concerned that basketball or other team sports will draw more noisy crowd to the area.</p>
<p>6. Because we have lost access to many local tennis courts over the past decade, I think 2 courts is good. Having 2 tennis courts doesn't stop families accessing a court for other purposes, eg learning to ride a bike. Only other court to consider, may be what I think is called a pickle ball (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pickleball.) Apparently very popular in USA and a game more appealing to younger and older players. Also uses less space than tennis court</p>
<p>7. 2 tennis courts have been great thus far and for family tennis days, basket ball will be noisy</p>
<p>8. Hi There</p> <p>I think the two tennis courts as per true current structure wld be great, quite often both courts are being used and players wait or look elsewhere so one court wld limit that opportunity further, picnic days are also perfect with two courts to play on !!</p> <p>I am concerned about basket ball rings for the noise factor with residents living very close by on the fringe of the park (yes me being one of them 😊) bouncing basketballs are pretty noisy and are often used at night time also (even without lights) hope I don't sound like a grumpy old man !!</p> <p>Cheers [REDACTED]</p>
<p>9. The Kingston House Reserve tennis courts were resurfaced not long ago and do not need any further changes. It's a waste of tax payers' money.</p> <p>This survey form is biased and forces people to make choices they may not want, in this instance I don't want to preference a multi-sport court. You need to include an option for leaving the facilities as they are.</p>
<p>10. We feel that the provision of upgraded tennis courts is more in fitting with the building & surrounding heritage. Basketball etc. is a more noisy sport & may detract from other using the house or ground facilities.</p>
<p>11. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Our area is desperate for more court space for children to play soccer, netball and basketball. These are games that can</p>

involve up to 10 children or adults (playing 5 v 5) on 1 multi-sport court. As soon as a court becomes devoted to tennis with a net through the middle, it can only be dedicated to tennis and handle up to 4 (often adults) playing singles or doubles.

We have so many new tennis courts in the area including at the Kauri Community and Sports Centre, Seacliff and McConnell Avenue Reserve Marino.

Thanks

12. [REDACTED]

I welcome the proposed upgrades to the Kingston House Reserve Courts. I have completed the online poll and feedback form on the holdfast bay website.

I would like to enquire whether the old tennis courts on the seacliff esplanade will also be upgraded? This area is now completely unusable for any sports or recreation and seems a waste of valuable space in this popular picnic spot.

Looking forward to hearing more,

13. Thanks Julia for the opportunity to comment.

Well could it be one tennis court and the other a hybrid of basket ball etc.

If not then I'm ok with either option.

Also what is the time frame for the works on the tennis courts in Kingston Park coastal reserve?

Also time frame for the updating of that reserve in general

The stairs down to the reserve need re landscaping for example.

What is happening in the old kiosk area now the fish van is sadly gone?

14. I am a keen tennis player and for many years in the distant past hired the Kingston Pk. Reserve courts many times for large group events when they were well maintained. My preferred option is to upgrade the 2 courts for tennis at Kingston House. I have previously hired the courts there and my only issue was the net height could not be altered to the correct height, which defeats playing a good standard of tennis.

Given the courts at Kingston Park Reserve will not be upgraded then the ones at Kingston House are the only ones close to the beach in a park like setting. Whilst there are courts for competition on Strickland Ave. they do not provide the same amenity for casual tennis get togethers in a park setting.

I think multi court marking would be very confusing for serious tennis players. If Council believes there is less demand for tennis, then it would be better to have one tennis only court and the other for non tennis activities, but the issue is room. You would need to enclose a single court to stop other court use encroaching and interfering in the flow of the game and it defeats the purpose to enclose a tennis court with very narrow side and backstops as players can't run off court to hit balls without colliding with a fence.

Please get in touch if you would like further feedback.

15. Hi there,

Surely this \$200k funding commitment relates to the Kingston Park **Coastal** Reserve tennis courts that have been in a derelict state in the 13 years that we have lived in Kingston Park!

As absolute eyesore in the jewel of Holdfast Bay.

Hopefully we're not looking at another 65,000 years before something gets done.

This is especially so seeing as the Kingston House Reserve tennis courts have only recently been resurfaced!

That said – my preference is for 1 tennis court & 1 multi-use court.

16.



DEAR COUNCIL,
① ✓ DRINKING FOUNTAIN, GOOD IDEA
② ✓ UPGRADE OF COURTS
③ LINE MARKING FOR MORE ACTIVITIES
PLUS
COULD COUNCIL PLEASE PUT IN A WORKOUT
GYM AREA.
THERE IS ONE AT SOMERTON BEACH
PLUS A FEW MORE MACHINES THAN SOMERTON

17.

This has provided Council with an opportunity to engage with the community regarding the recreational offering that could be created as part of this project, whether it be two new tennis courts or a hybrid of basketball, netball, handball facilities.

preferred option

You can share your view on your preferred options from Thursday 24 August to Thursday 14 September 2023 by:

- Completing the online survey at www.yourholdfast.com/court-upgrade or scanning the QR code provided below
- Emailing mail@holdfast.sa.gov.au with the subject header: **Kingston House Reserve Courts**
- Calling us on 8229 9999

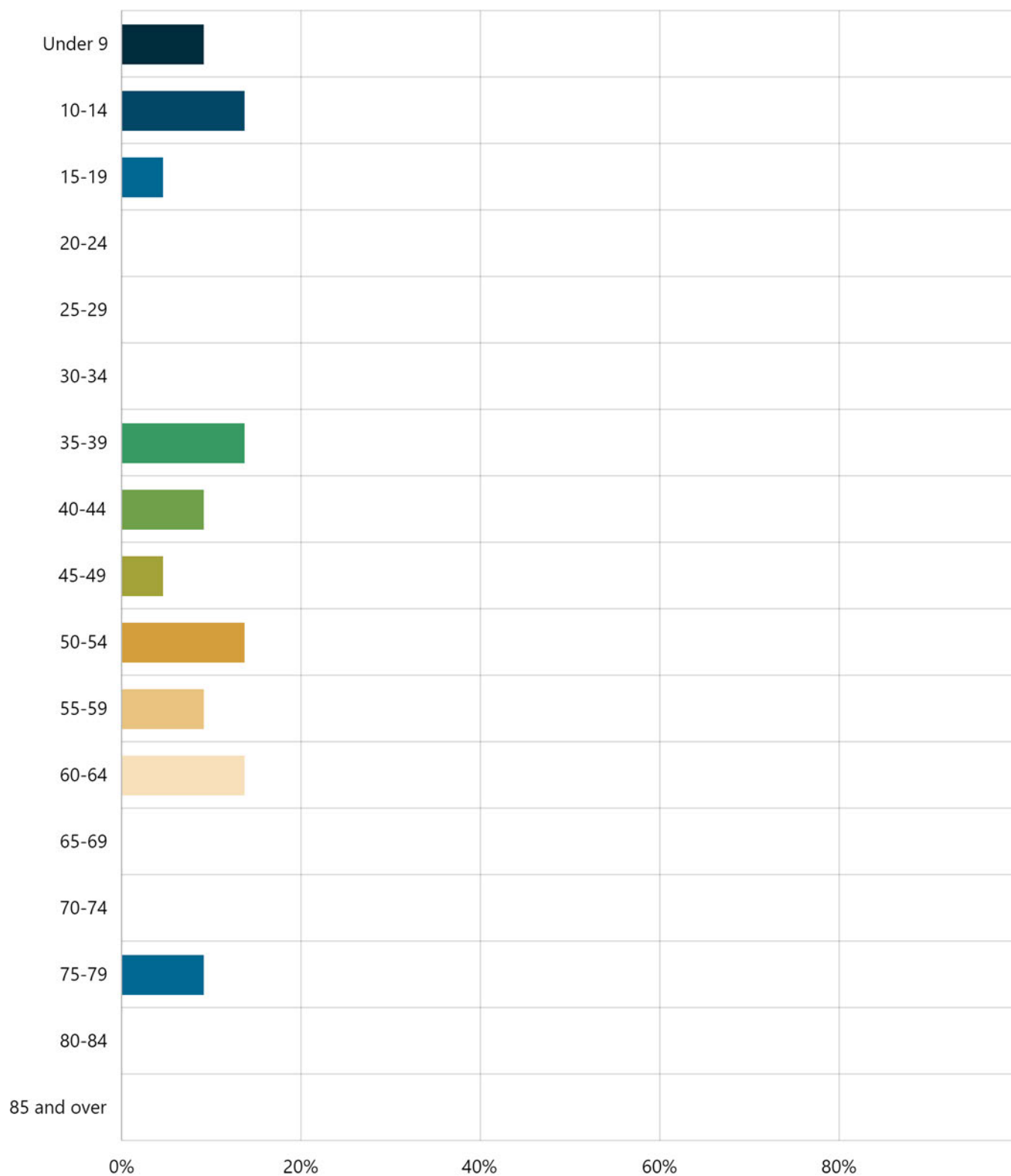
Demographic Information

Location (online feedback only)

- 3 participants from postcode 5048 (Brighton, Dover Gardens, Hove, North Brighton and South Brighton)
- 19 participants from 5049 (Kingston Park, Marino, Seacliff, Seacliff Park, Seaview Downs)

4. Age Group (online feedback only)

Select Box | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 21 (100%)



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