

OPEN SPACE AND CONNECTIVITY

Open Space and parklands was the highest preference from respondents who participated in the initial community engagement activities and internal discussions. Many of the responses indicated that they would like the PRG site to remain open space for the community. The Penguin Urban Design Guidelines also indicated that the relocation of the clubs provided key opportunity for the provision of space for active and passive recreation.

The Guidelines suggest removing the imposing fences to promote passive recreation and connectivity. The location of the PRG provide opportunity to improve the key entrances to Penguin through street scape and better design.

Connectivity and walkability was also a key issue identified in the Urban Design Guidelines for Penguin. The location of the PRG also enables the site be better designed to promote connectivity between the commercial hub, markets, residential area and the foreshore.



Additional parking had also been identified as a potential use for the site.

UNMET DEMAND FOR OPEN SPACE & CONNECTIVITY

The Central Coast Open Space & Recreation Plan 2012-2022 found that “local open spaces are reasonably well distributed throughout the Penguin precinct and are located within 400m of where most people live however some areas are over serviced in Penguin and others are under-serviced. There is an opportunity to create a more centralised and coordinated civic space for the township.

There is a network of footpaths in the business district and surrounding residential areas in the precinct as well as access ways and off-road trails along the foreshore. However, there are few local trails in the residential areas.” Of significance to Penguin and the Central Coast is the North West Coastal Pathway Plan that identifies 85km of continuous linear shared cycling pathway which connects the coastal zone communities from Wynyard in the west to Latrobe in the east. Additional 24km of connecting links creates greater opportunities for active transport and tourism opportunities.

Maps showing the pathways and the open space provision in Penguin accompany this Summary Information sheet.