

Focus on Community Facilities



Engagement Summary

Background

Lake Macquarie City Council owns and operates about 80 community facilities across the City, including community halls, multi-purpose facilities, preschool and childcare facilities, meals on wheels centres and libraries that include community meeting rooms. It's time to refresh and upgrade them to ensure they meet the current and future needs of residents.

We asked

During April and May we asked the community to provide their suggestions for how they thought their local community hall or facility could be improved, by either completing a reply paid postcard, which were displayed at community facilities across the facility, or by completing an online 'suggestion box' form on the Have Your Say Lake Mac engagement website.

Have Your Say online engagement website

378 total visits to the page

152 informed visitors (viewed various information and tools on the page)

102 engaged visitors participated in the online feedback survey tool

Reply paid postcards

136 completed postcards were returned to Council

Total 255 Submissions

Next steps

Council will use the feedback and ideas to develop a draft program of works to upgrade community facilities across Lake Macquarie City over the coming years. Funding for these improvements has come from the actions carried out in the Lake Macquarie City Council Community Facilities Strategy (September 2011).

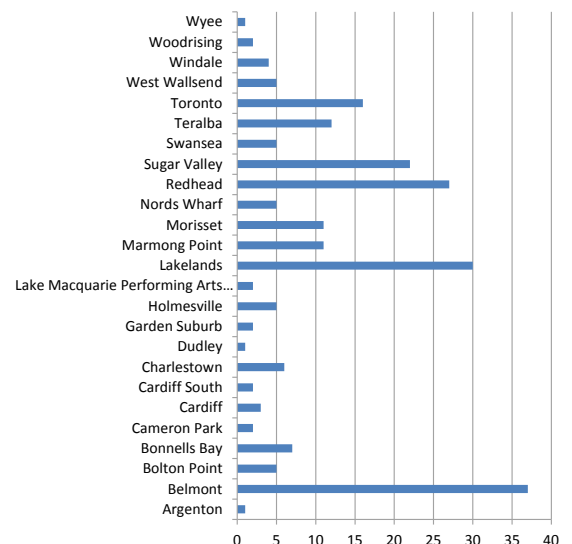
You said

Some common suggestions:

- Playground equipment and outdoor play areas
- Air conditioning and heating
- Covered/seated coffee areas
- New flooring and new floor coverings
- Parking improvements
- Outdoor bbqs
- Solar power
- Kitchen upgrades
- Storage solutions
- Undercover/shaded outdoor areas
- Garden sheds
- More meeting/office rooms
- Toilet upgrades and water saving cisterns
- Audio visual and IT equipment
- Lighting/power improvements
- Better signage and promotion of activities
- Wheelchair/disabled accessibility and facilities
- Blinds repairs/replacements
- Soundproofing/acoustics
- Smartboards
- Landscaping
- Whitegoods



Submissions by suburb



Top 5 facilities to be nominated for upgrade works:

1. Belmont Neighbourhood Centre
2. Lakelands Community Hall
3. Redhead Community Library
4. Sugar Valley Neighbourhood Centre
5. Toronto Multipurpose Centre