

**Old Mans Valley Masterplan- Deliberative Workshop
Sunday 14th March, 2010
Summary of Workshop Outcomes**

Validated and Weighted Criteria List

(Note: full list with comments, scoring and reasons attached)

Social

1. **Lowest impact on amenity of neighbours**
 - **Noise**
 - **Traffic**
 - **Security**

Weighting: L

2. **Greatest contribution to health, education and cultural cohesion of local community**

Weighting: H

3. **Maximises range and mix of activities to meet likely community needs**

Weighting: H

4. **Provides the most attractive destination for users**

Weighting: L

5. **Sensitive to heritage issues/values of the area and culture**

Weighting: L

Environmental

6. **Best addresses Environmental Issues**
 - **Minimise weeds**
 - **Restores bushland**
 - **Addresses water quality**
 - **Minimises impact on wildlife**

Weighting: M

7. **Most complementary to site topographic, bushland and visual character and minimises carbon footprint**

Weighting: H

Technical

8. Best facilitates staged development

Weighting: L

9. Best caters for the access, parking, pedestrian and cycle and other needs of visitors

Weighting: M

10: Lowest fire risk on facility and surrounding area

Weighting: L

Financial

11. Minimise financial impact on ratepayers - equity

Weighting: L

12. Optimises construction maintenance costs

Weighting: L

13. Investment optimises level of use

Weighting: M

14. Best fit with local projects and Hornsby's Strategic Planning

Weighting: L

Ranking of Indicative Options

The two indicative options being considered were scored by the participants as to how well they satisfied each criteria, and then ranked using those scores multiplied by the weighting.

The workshop participants ranked **Option 2** as best meeting the criteria by a factor of about 1.70 i.e. ranking scores of **1851** for Option 1 (more emphasis on active organised sport - two sports fields) and **3140** for Option 2 (mix of both active and passive recreation- one sports field and a range of other open space facilities)

- (Notes:
- *weightings used as H-10, M-5, L- 1*
 - *higher score better meets criteria, when compared with the other option. It does not necessarily mean the option meets the criteria particularly well, just that it better than the alternative)*

Best Fit

Participants identified modifications to the highest scoring option –Option 2- in better meeting the criteria:

- Incorporate natural amphitheatre to facilitate outdoor entertainment events (movies, cultural, musical) provides more flexibility at marginal extra cost
 - Incorporate a multi-use indoor facility for e.g. sports/musical/business events – improves flexibility and generates \$
 - Integration of heritage walking trails to adjoining parks – better meets variety of uses
 - Rename park – more attractive to users (consider requirement for apostrophe!)
 - Inclinor access from pool precinct – improved access.
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- Locate a smaller sports field in southern end of OMV (Criteria 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 10 most complementary to its topography; more range of activities for broader section of community) e.g. community garden, open meeting place for people
 - Lose the sports field (free up entire area for alternative recreation uses e.g. trails, adventure playground – better use of topography i.e. what's already there) Criteria 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10. No current provision to meet community wrt parklands, (free) recreation facilities, meeting places, outdoor classrooms, CSA, botanical food garden, local arts and crafts, community barn (storage, bush dances, theatre, meeting place, etc).
 - Locate the larger sports field in the southern area (if geotechnically feasible to criterion 3 (flexibility, of that sports field). Showcase best sustainable practices.
 - Map out cycle/walking tracks that link other parts of Hornsby to the centre; also increase Heritage links.
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How to improve Option 2 (All of these boosts Criterion 3)

- Add indoor sports facility – adds flexibility and diversity to sporting activities

- Add mountain biking, walking, trailhead facility e.g. sign, toilets, BBQ (could use existing ones)
 - Adds function and attracts more people (e.g. attractive shelter)
 - Add mountain bike trails in easy difficulty – to attract more people to area
 - Compact mountain bike features (e.g. BXM, pump, jumps) – to attract younger visitors and this only needs small space
 - Consider including an inter-active and water playground – like at New Farm in Brisbane – to attract and stimulate kids; or something like at Willoughby
 - Add a sensory trail – low impact, low size – to broaden range of visitors and attractions
 - Add a sculpture garden – to meet cultural needs and broaden range of attractions
 - Add a music bowl – for day time use (not noise at night) – increases cultural attraction.
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- Field located at south side
 - Less impact on houses in Manor Road
 - Less work to construct
 - Less congestion/safer
 - Passive space at North; BBQ; Tracks
 - Less work to build
 - No Café?
 - Less rubbish
 - Water fountains
 - More parking at entrance and “walk in” (Quarry Road end) not enough
 - Bicentennial Park
 - Disabled/Elderly spots
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- Exhibition space
 - Sculpture
- Performing Space
 - “Stage” level as part of sports field
 - Upgrade walking tracks linking to station

- Diversity of usage

- Track access – lead to bush, picnic area (under trees), complementary to bushland character (7) complementary to heritage area (6) (2)
 - Lake – Reed Bed in lake to filter run off from main oval (6)
 - To make use of sloping topography to provide viewing point (7) (4)
 - Disabled access/pedestrian path from Hornsby Park
 - Rainwater tanks – for toilets, wash basins, watering playing fields
 - Solar power to light paths and restrooms (7) (12)
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- Remove lake
 - Safety
 - Financial
 - Technical
- Include indoor recreational centre in the middle (side of lake)
 - Build is semi-underground set into topography
- Include camping ground
- Rec centre could provide all amenities for park users
- Extending main field further south – greater flexibility more fields
- Include indoor rec centre
- ○ Field
- □ Rec centre
- ◇ Passive outdoor event venue