

FUTURE USE OF FRANK SMITH PARK – YOUR SAY ONLINE SURVEY COMMENTS - JUNE 2022

To what extent do you support the increased use of Frank Smith Park for organised sport?	Please tell us why
Strongly disagree	too many community parks being stolen for organised sport.
Strongly agree	There is a strong need for more tufted playing surfaces in the northern region of the Onkaparinga Council & teams for organised sport is already exceeding the number of ovals available
Agree	Having known and spoken to him many many times about the park his main wish was that the park be left for the benefit of the children of the district.
Strongly agree	Frank Smith is a great space that is under utilised. We encourage the wider community to be healthy and sport is a great way to accomplish that.
Strongly disagree	Frank Smith is home to an incredible variety of wildlife. Further developments to Frank Smith would be of the detriment to the wildlife that live here. We regularly spot Southern Brown Bandicoots living here - these are endangered species and need to be protected. The wetlands in Frank Smith are an important area that we need to keep undisturbed - we've spotted an orange-bellied parrot here before, which is a highly endangered bird. Increasing cars and foot traffic right next to the wetlands, on the oval, would be of a huge detriment to these animals, especially if there were night games to be held due to the influence of light pollution.
Disagree	It will lead to further development that impacts on the rural nature and aesthetics of the surrounding landscape.
Strongly disagree	The area should be able to be used by the locals and the wildlife should not be disturbed for a sporting club
Strongly disagree	Absolutely not. There are endangered species in this beautiful area, this sort of activity will drive them and other nocturnal animals away. My children attend Coromandel Valley PS and many families enjoy the park. Needless to say, if this goes ahead, we won't be enjoying Frank Smith with our children and I dare expect an uproar from families at CVPS.
Strongly disagree	It's a beautiful nature reserve and community dog walking area. As a parent of two ps. the traffic is already terrible. Acklands Hill rd is difficult to navigate now
Strongly agree	Frank Smith Park is a gem that is very much underutilised. Frank Smith was a sports lover who intended for the oval to be used for sport.
Strongly agree	It needs to be upgraded and we need more areas for junior sport that is all sports not just soccer

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Agree	Good to see people there using the space, and this potentially encourages people there to use the other facilities of the park. Would be great to see more people connect with the gorgeous nature of the location.
Strongly agree	<p>There is a current shortage of turf playing fields in this area of the Onkaparinga Council suitable for organised sport. Council identified and acknowledged this in strategic sporting and recreation report only a couple of years ago. Its vital that kids and future generations, plus the wider existing community gain additional upgrade playing field surfaces.</p> <p>Local sporting clubs have increasing junior participant numbers in the area and as result, demand outstripping supply.</p> <p>I have grown up in the Coromandel Valley area my whole life. I used Frank Smith Park while schooling at Coromandel Valley Primary School as kid for school sport over two decades. Unfortunately, it has not changed much since. It has been an under utilised precinct which can deliver benefits to the whole community, who can user it side by side.</p> <p>When Frank Smith donated this parcel of land to Council, his vision was to develop it into a sporting precinct. It is long overdue for a playing surface upgrade to alleviate pressures on other sport fields and to help attract and importantly retain kids in sport.</p> <p>Now is the time to bring Frank Smith's sporting precinct vision to life!</p>
Strongly agree	It's such a wonderful area that should be opened up more for the broader community
Disagree	Every time I've seen it used for sport the whole surrounding area is packed with cars. It makes not just the oval unusable but the whole area leading up to the oval.
Strongly agree	There are limited spaces with it the area with such clear surroundings and open space that is available for local sport and residents to use. Significant investment in parking, toilets and the playground is required to assist in future use.
Strongly agree	<p>The park should be used instead of it sitting there idle. It is looking to be used for junior sports and they need somewhere to play.</p> <p>Game on!</p>
Agree	Increased usage is good. Don't urbanised it too much. One of the most picturesque Ocala in the state. Leave the big him tree alone.
Agree	The oval needs more maintenance. Organised sport will help facilitate this.
Agree	It's a lovely park with good facilities that are often not over used. It builds community
Strongly agree	Community club coupled with school would provide a fantastic facility away from residential occupancy
Strongly agree	Organised sport increases community value and builds our youth

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Disagree	This would reduce the extensive use of the park by other users. This informal use is so extensive and valued that increasing use for organised sport would reduce the benefits of this facility to the community.
Strongly disagree	Poor road access Noisy
Disagree	Increased formal sport use will preclude the public from this open space more often. Also, the road access and available parking is not appropriate for large group 'at a time' use.
Strongly disagree	It would be a shame if the oval cannot be used for private recreation because private clubs are training every night of the week.
Agree	Fantastic location, great size for all sports
Strongly agree	Bring more interest and action to the area, bring the community together
Disagree	I think the local school using the facilities is fine but allowing outside clubs using it will cause it to lose it's country feel that we all love. I assume the upgrades will include carparking which will mean less green space
Disagree	FS Park is one of the few parks where you don't have to know a schedule of organized sports to avoid the crowds. There are so, so many ovals in our area that can be used for that purpose
Disagree	Peaceful and beautiful.
Strongly agree	This is why Frank built the oval and diverted the creek
Strongly agree	To keep up with the demand of spaces where kids can play organised sport. To facilitate community connection and increase health and well being for users.
Disagree	It is a safe space to have dogs off the lead and this is not really possible if there is lots of sport happening.
Strongly agree	Great for the community and for the surrounding sporting clubs.
Strongly agree	Not enough sports grounds in current Blackwood area, makes sense to make better use of ones we have
Strongly agree	With increase in participation through kids sport there is a shortage of playing space for them.
Strongly disagree	Many people utilise this park for leisure, dog walking, kids nature play. There are plenty of other oval/sports facilities with better vehicle access in the area. There will be problems with noise also, because of the location of frank smith in the valley, noise any activities on the oval travels far.
Strongly disagree	There are so many other locations for sport in the area. Frank Smith oval has been a great place to walk or take the dogs for an unleashed play without worrying about interfering with the sports.

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Strongly agree	It's a suave that should be utilised by kids
Agree	Improved sporting facilities drive improved health outcomes, and using existing facilities can achieve this outcome without damage to the environment.
Disagree	I would be concerned about the impact on the surrounding environment caused by people and in particular vehicles
Strongly agree	Because it's under utilised
Agree	Under utilised space.
Strongly agree	It's a great location. Wide open space. Picturesque and perfect for soccer.
Strongly agree	Because I can't think of a single reason why not!
Agree	It's not used much so could be of benefit to the community as long as the wildlife is not impacted
Strongly agree	It's a brilliant facility in a perfect location and should be used as much as possible for everything!
Strongly agree	Good use of an existing asset
Strongly agree	Keeping kids active is really important and providing local facilities is also a priority. There seem to be so many sporting developments out north and not so many around here.
Strongly agree	Since it is very well setup, enclosed from the public, sewage system exist, power is at the site, rhe playground is dated, and overall can be a better utilised part if land in comparison to what it is being used for now
Strongly agree	Such a beautiful location that would benefit from for maintenance
Agree	There is a lack of oval space in the area for local sporting teams. As the chairperson of a small and low fee soccer club we find it very difficult to find grounds to train/play on. Unfortunately the bigger clubs seem to get first dibs. Hopefully more grounds would lead to better access.
Strongly agree	As the club using Frank smith can help look after it, and the community of children get more space which is much needed to play on.
Strongly agree	Better facilities for organised sport are absolutely needed in the community. Organised sport is currently far too centralised in Adelaide, and it needs to be better distributed. Frank Smith Park is an existing oval so it makes complete sense to allow people to enjoy it?.
Strongly agree	An existing oval so I don't see any significant impact.
Strongly agree	Kids need to be kids and roam free. Using it for sports entices kids out from behind the screen and outside playing with their mates. We need more space for our kids. Please do not take this away from them!

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Strongly agree	It's an oval - that's what it's for. It's important that our children have adequate space for sporting activities
Strongly disagree	Frank Smith park is an amazing community facility for kids nature play and is highly used by dog walkers. This is so restricted when sports are on and it makes the park almost become private.
Agree	Son attends Coromandel Valley primary who uses it for school cricket
Strongly agree	I only walk down there during the week to walk my dog. I think it would be good to be used for organised sport on the weekend as long as it is still left in the pristine manner it is now during the week.
Strongly agree	Kids need endless options for sport!
Strongly agree	Ovals are for sport!
Agree	I think it is under-utilised at present
Strongly agree	More sporting grounds are needed for Sturt lions soccer club now that the golf course plans fell through
Strongly disagree	Additional parking and facilities will encroach on existing green land and habitat - which is the exact opposite of what we need to be doing in order to address climate change. The area will become more dangerous to drivers at the T junction of main road.
Strongly agree	We use it for school soccer and cricket. It's a lovely ground with tranquil landscape and lots of parking. Just needs better upkeep.
Strongly disagree	Affects my local amaneity and Bility to use it as an off leash dog area
Strongly disagree	Infrastructure and parking doesn't support this use.
Disagree	<p>The oval should be available for all members of the community and the grass area be available and suitable for all uses. The current surface is in poor condition. I support the use of the oval for school sport, enabling all children to play sport at little or no cost.</p> <p>I do not support sporting clubs to also access and use the area so that other community members can walk dogs or enjoy the natural environment on a sunday morning. These sporting clubs take over a number of other local ovals in the area and becoming overbearing. In addition, both school sport and club sport on the oval will further degrade the condition of the surface.</p>
Disagree	We need free space for walkers, bike riders, dog walkers. And there is not enough parking to support sports events
Strongly disagree	There are already enough areas dedicated to organised sport. Open areas like this should stay as such to be enjoyed at anytime, though especially on weekends which is often the only opportunity many have to be able to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the area.

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Agree	The more people that can enjoy the park
Disagree	Eventually it will become restricted for dogs. Currently it is one of the few places where dogs can still run free everywhere. Once there's more sports, dogs will not be able to run free anymore.
Agree	It's good for the community
Disagree	It's a quiet area to take the kids and dogs for a run and play
Strongly disagree	It is a beautiful spot for general community use. Having increased organised sport there will inevitably spoil the area with noise, infrastructure and traffic.
Disagree	Noise and traffic increase, locals can't use the field when being used by external parties, increased rubbish in the area, external users have no interest in keeping the place special
Disagree	Leave it as it is, its a wonderful and natural space currently
Strongly agree	We are finding it harder and harder to find enough sporting grounds to support children and sports. Ovals need to be considered for all types of sports cricket, soccer, running, family fun.
Disagree	Not enough parking, will impact wildlife.
Strongly agree	Any physical activity should be encouraged. We often have to travel outside the area for training as no spaces are available
Strongly agree	There is a shortage of quality playing grounds in this area
Strongly disagree	Excellent place for kids and pets alike. If organised sport monopolises use we won't be able to use it. No alternative nearby
Agree	I think it's important to encourage young people in there passions and pursuits.
Agree	I know Frank Smith granddaughter, and she has always said to me that her grandfather gave this land for people to enjoy and I know he would be happy to know that children playing sports on that oval would make him so happy. As long as it is being looked after.
Disagree	I enjoy walking there and don't want it to turn into a busy high traffic area
Strongly disagree	this is a leisure spot where numerous dog owners walk their dogs. there is a large amount of soccer and sporting areas near by, but NO dog play areas. this will impact on the environmental area which is unnecessary.
Disagree	Results in sections of the area being close to general population use. Require more carparking. Roads will become too congested with lots of blind corners close by.
Strongly agree	It is a great park for everyone to enjoy and there is room to do everything without being on top of others

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Disagree	I have concerns about increased traffic on Magarey Road, as well as the need for more land to be used as parking space and thereby removing animal habitat. I enjoy the multi- use aspects of the park atm (school use- covering all aspects of the curriculum, bike riding & jumps, family picnics, dog walking, & limited organised sport- ie for the local school. I would not support the development of further grounds by a sporting club at this stage.
Strongly agree	Good for the community and bring people to different areas
Strongly agree	Providing space for children and teenagers to be active should be the utmost priority.
Strongly agree	Currently under used in summer and the perfect place for more sport
Strongly agree	<p>I have lived in the area for almost 40 years. I have used the area of Frank Smith Oval for various activities across that time including bike riding, walking and soccer games. With increased residents across the council areas listed, green spaces and organised sporting facilities are not adequate enough to meet the needs of local residents - kids and adults alike... both male and female! (and others...)</p> <p>I would love to see state of the art facilities to support any sporting activities to encourage a positive, active and healthy community facilitating all to achieve their dreams.</p>
Disagree	Depends on what you mean by organised sport. It is fine for school events and such, but there is limited parking. It is also used for walking and other activities and it is a lovely green space - too much use by events that need cars in the reserve would be quite detrimental
Strongly disagree	Because it's amazing the way it is
Strongly agree	It is already being used for soccer and all that is being proposed is improvements of the sporting surfaces. It is not disrupting the climate or getting rid of greenery. Why not utilise the facilities that is available to the community even more so that it is not being wasted! Sturt lions football club supports the community and they are very inclusive, providing and allowing anyone to play regardless of skill level but because of this level of generosity towards the community there is not enough room for everyone to get to play. Especially with the development and growth of the girls teams, the numbers of players are so high. You would expect that the community would support the development of the grounds as it is not going to be a privately owned area and it is going to be better for everyone. And for the people saying to leave it because it is a school ground, I am a referee for coromandel soccer games and the players frequently complain about the quality of the pitch.
Disagree	The area is heavily used already. More organised sport may prevent this use. There are already many many sports facilities available.

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Strongly disagree	It's a great facility that should be open for public use as much as possible, organised sports would greatly reduce the publics access during popular (Saturday and Sunday) times.
Agree	It's a beautiful open space that should be used to its full potential. Even with it being 'lent' to sporting teams for some hours, there are plenty of other hours and areas for walkers etc to enjoy it sport free. Sporting teams crave beautiful open spaces with good parking and ultimately good surfaces, Frank smith has the potential for all of these!
Disagree	Keep sundays free of sport like it is now
Disagree	It's such an amazing community park where groups of people walk & unitise with their families. If organised sport is on & we don't have access regularly, our community will suffer. Also, it is used by coromandel valley primary for school soccer as this is our home oval.
Agree	As long as it's still usable for non sport participants in The game days I don't see why not as there's heaps of space
Disagree	Concerns about impacts on the wetlands. Retain public green space.
Disagree	This is a peaceful place in nature for dog walking and for families to enjoy without crowds and litter.
Strongly disagree	How many more open spaces where dogs can run and play will get taken over for another sport. When will this area get an ex loses dog park. This park is perfect for one.
Strongly agree	Better use of this beautiful open space and lot's of room for facilities, carparking and other development
Strongly agree	To continue to develop the community involvement
Strongly agree	More playing surfaces for children to play sport on. I can only see positives with this development
Strongly agree	A very good oval that needs upgrading to be used all year by a variety of sports.
Strongly agree	As clubs grow and rely on their juniors, the resources for adequate spaces are becoming less and less when a lot of governments and councils are looking at housing, I believe that children and involving them with sport will engage them with other members of their communities.
Strongly agree	Area is currently underused. Increased use for organised sport will benefit the local youth population.
Strongly agree	The redevelopment of Frank Smith will of course assist Coromandel Valley Ramblers with a 3rd playing ground but also be of a benefit to the local Primary School and other sports group who might be looking to use the facility
Strongly agree	Oval was left to the council for organised sport and has never seen an upgrade



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Agree	My kids went through Belair Primary school and played cricket a few times at Frank Smith. It's a stunning spot and really only needs a better cricket pitch to be a fantastic location for organised sport.
Strongly agree	The location and condition of the oval will strongly support local/community sport in the area
Strongly agree	Club sport is so important to the community and anything that can be done to increase accessibility to it is a huge positive.
Agree	Good community space
Disagree	The oval is used for private and community recreation, organised sport could drive away the many family groups that use it for quiet recreation
Strongly agree	We live locally and my son plays cricket for the Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club. The club could really benefit from improved pitches for the junior teams to play on, and Frank Smith could offer these facilities.
Strongly agree	It's an underused area in coromandel and we need to be encouraging ongoing usage of outdoor areas and keeping children/adults active
Strongly agree	With the increase of sport participation in the area, local sporting clubs and schools require the use of additional ovals.
Strongly agree	It is a nice place for an oval out the way and would be very good to play at if the ground was upgraded
Strongly agree	I regularly travel to use parks like this one, I would spend more time in the area if mtb trail access was increased.
Strongly agree	Kids need opportunities to play sport very supportive of this proposal. Frank Smith Park has been under utilised for decades and needs a well overdue upgrade.
Strongly agree	The lack of areas to undertake sports in area
Strongly agree	under utilised facility that,with proper management could be used every Saturday and Sunday in the summer
Disagree	Frank Smith is used by Coromandel Valley Primary , Belair primary and Eden hills primary for primary school use for soccer season and in cricket season. On Saturday's,,and this has been in place for many years. This must remain an option for the school otherwise it is unfair. It cannot be given to the Ramblers during soccer season on Saturday's . Sturt lions has the monopoly on use of most ovals during soccer season including the use of Blackwood high school, Karinya, Manson oval, bowler street and others . Frank Smith needs to be prioritised for use by community groups and primary school nearby. If bigger clubs like sturt are to use it on a Sunday , they need to invest some money in the supply of better goals . The current soccer goals are unsafe. It is a peaceful park which is why so many people enjoy it.

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Strongly agree	More valuable ovals and open space will help getting more people active and reap huge health and other benefits
Disagree	It's a good spot for sport.
Strongly agree	Shortage of facilities in the area
Strongly agree	It's an open space that should be upgraded to cater for increased sport involvement in the area .
Agree	Young kids belonging to local sports groups and clubs need facilities to be able to play sport. These areas should be shared with locals and also catered for sports
Strongly disagree	This is a beautiful, natural space that many of us use to walk our dogs and spend time with families. It is also one of the few places we can comfortably have our kelpy dog off lead. Please don't flood the space with people every weekend! We will lose this as a place for exercise, family time and appreciation of nature.
Strongly agree	Space could be better utilised. Needs some work/an upgrade
Agree	I do think it's a great location and probably under-utilised
Strongly agree	Bike jumps and trails
Agree	It is currently used for sport, an upgrade would make it better for that and useful to more members of the community.
Disagree	As a former resident of Coromandel Valley, I'm aware that the development of Frank Smith Park and dam has been a contentious issue since the 1970. The entrance and exit are problematic. To change the present facilities and development would distract from what has become a valuable community asset. It has been a joy to see the whole area along the rivers and into the Valley now being used by families and walkers in general. There is so much more to do than soccer! Not everyone enjoys these sports.
Strongly agree	It builds and brings together the community
Strongly disagree	It's a lovely place to just visit at any time without getting in the way of a match or feeling displaced by an organised event
Strongly agree	We need more areas / ovals in the area for kids and adults to enjoy playing sport and being involved in recreation in the outdoors
Strongly agree	<p>There has been a massive increase in sporting participation rates in the area, but a dire shortage of acceptable playing surfaces for sport.</p> <p>The Ramblers require a 3rd oval to support our growing club. Frank Smith Park is perfectly located between our other two ovals, Hawthorndene and Weymouth Ovals.</p> <p>Playing cricket in Frank Smith Park would allow the Ramblers to run junior teams coordinated with the Coromandel Valley Primary School and have all our teams playing on acceptable surfaces.</p>

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Strongly disagree	Kids love using it on weekends for recreation.
Strongly disagree	There are already numerous sports facilities around Blackwood. FS is full of wildlife which will be disturbed. Birds, bandicoot, roos, koala, etc It would be lovely to see it stay as it is for limited sports.
Strongly agree	The space needs to be upgraded so that as many people can use the space as possible. In this day and age we should be encouraging as many children and adults to play sport as possible. People also want facilities such as a modern club house, toilets and somewhere to get a coffee or relax in nature.
Strongly agree	Children and youth in our community should have access to as much opportunity to participate in the sport of their choice as is possible.
Strongly disagree	Frank Smith park is an absolute gem. We can take the dogs & the grand kids there. It is quiet and has wonderful 'natural' areas. The only chance our city grandkids get to paddle in a real creek. No where else they can do this! Any increased access will have to have a detrimental impact. Its not big enough to fit organised sports and keep the native flora & fauna section going.
Disagree	Lots of cars, as I use it to walk my dog which makes it hard due to lots of cars and people
Strongly disagree	It is a beautiful community spot, once organised sport come in the average person will be excluded. My children have been playing soccer there with school for years organised sport will stop this from happening. The lizards that live there I don't see in many other places in the area. The area is generally clean (not the loos) and with organised sport this will not be the case. It was a gift to all of the community not just a select few.
Strongly agree	Great space for sport of any kind, should be used more extensively.
Agree	We need more recreational parks for kids sport
Strongly agree	Live behind frank smith and would be good to see it go through an upgrade. In desperate need
Strongly agree	Its perfect for the community
Strongly agree	It is a great place out the way from busy streets.
Agree	Would rather it being used by kids for sport and giving them something meaningful to be a part of rather than an off leash dog park that makes us feel scared to go there.
Strongly agree	I currently play cricket for the Coromandel Ramblers Cricket Club, who currently doesn't have it's own clubrooms. Having a clubroom would provide a place where all players senior and junior to call home. A place for all members to mingle after a game whether you played at Frank Smith Reserve or any other ground. It would help strengthen the bond between senior and junior players in a quality safe undercover environment. The club currently holds a lot of club functions under the outside pergola at Waymouth oval, whilst it is a ok environment, if it rains or is

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	cold or hot, it can be uncomfortable. This is where clubrooms would provide cover and comfort.
Strongly agree	Encourages sport and participation by the local community.
Strongly agree	To cater for increased demand for community cricket.
Strongly agree	More playing fields needed in area especially for primary aged childrens sports
Strongly disagree	because it will be a lot harder for everyday people to use it and enjoy using the ground. it will also be bad for local school soccer teams since there is about three or maybe more schools who use it for games and possibly trainings quite regularly.
Strongly agree	There are limited quality sporting facilities in the Adelaide Hills for community sports, especially cricket. Upgrading Frank Smith oval facilities will benefit the community and promote sports and a healthy lifestyle for future generations whilst maintaining the beauty of our wonderful Adelaide Hills.
Disagree	Impact on other recreational users of the space
Strongly disagree	The space as it is a valuable one. There are many facilities suitable for sports. To develop this area would change and impact it greatly. It's currently multi purpose and success as that. The water way is a rarity and a natural habitat that is living alongside the level of use now.
Strongly disagree	It is well used by the community for a number of things, from walking, exercising dogs, taking the kids to the oval for a casual game of cricket or football, meeting friends and so on. It is a park used by the community for the community, as it was intended. Organised sport would ruin the uniqueness of the area, increase traffic, cause undue noise and disturbances to the local community, cause restrictions and override the needs of the local community. It's a very bad idea to have organised sport there. There are enough areas around the district without imposing on our community asset.
Disagree	The space is for the entire community. Organised sporting clubs are increasingly taking over COMMUNITY spaces or school spaces. They are loud and powerful. The community is much much bigger than organised sporting clubs. We actually need MORE non-organised activities in our world and community ... nature walks, picnics, sitting, kicking a ball, running, kids playing cricket whenever they feel like it.
Agree	Would like to see usage by school kids for soccer games and training sessions through winter months and cricket matches and training through summer months. No large-scale adult games which would create traffic & parking issues.

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Strongly agree	Great location for the home of the Ramblers Cricket club. Shared with other organisations this would be an excellent addition to infrastructure of the local community, and the primary school.
Disagree	As it currently stands it offers a wealth of alternative uses to the public and is easily accessible. Perhaps more parking and an upgrade of the road and toilets would be good, but no more than that, in my opinion.
Disagree	Impacts of cars, etc
Strongly agree	There are challenges with accessing suitable grounds for sporting community and this space also encourages nature play.
Disagree	If organised sport is to happen it needs to accommodate the current users of the space eg families with children, dog walking etc
Disagree	Frank Smith Park is one of few areas that has not been taken over by sporting organisations. It is used daily as a peaceful area to walk dogs, have picnics and enjoy nature. Magarey Road is a narrow residential street that would not fair well to a large increase in traffic volume. Noise and potential light pollution( from flood lights) would be an issue to residents. I am a resident of Magarey Road. I am also concerned about the impact it would have on the natural environment.
Strongly agree	To make it more suitable to all people who want to play sport
Strongly disagree	Disrupt the tranquility, the opportunity access for all, and also could have impacts on surrounding biodiversity as has happened with many of these sorts of developments
Agree	As long as it doesn't impact on the use of recreational visitors.
Disagree	It is much to nice to start moving more people into the area.
Strongly agree	We need to encourage our younger generations to get outdoors and play sport. Good for mental health and development and fitness when you are young.
Strongly agree	Its a small patch of land that is tucked away and not used for much. To have it being used regulalry makes total sense of the space but also to support local sporting groups that have a huge postive impact in the community.
Strongly agree	The community needs more ovals for organised sport. This is a perfect venue for such an opportunity.
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Strongly agree	Long overdue for an upgrade with a better playing surface to cater for all sports
Strongly agree	Great location and big area with a lot of potential. Not being used much at the moment and deserves to be used much more.
Strongly agree	It would be great to have another cricket oval and it will help the community

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Strongly disagree	<p>Frank Smith Reserve was gifted for the use of people to enjoy the environment. Frank Smith has trout in the river system, it has nesting Tawny Frogmouths in the trees surrounding the soccer pitches, it has kangaroo's freely roaming within the orchard and reserve, echidna's walk through the reserve coming from the orchard and numerous koala's using the reserve trees as homes. Magarey Road will need to be widened as it can't handle school traffic, how is it going to cope with 50 plus cars? You have noise pollution on the people living on Magarey Road as well as the exhaust fumes on the home owners and fresh fruit growing around Frank Smith Reserve. Not forgetting the disaster the intersection at Ackland Hill Road and Main Road will become. As you can only have 3-4 cars move out, there is going to be congestion along Magarey Road causing further noise pollution for the residents and the inability for them to leave their houses. You have dog walkers, you have walkers using the reserve. The poor residences on Magarey Road will have increased traffic throughout the week on a skinny road. If I was to budge, only allow weekend activity with no training facilities during weekdays. Will you have to bituminize the park to handle extra traffic? The reserve is going to need lots of money to resurface grass as it is basically weed with kikuyu grass growing around it. Is the gate going to be unlocked 24/7, allowing hooners to drive over the surface and potentially killing wildlife. You only need to look at current vehicle movement due to primary school closing front entrance. Magarey Road has struggled with cars getting in and out.</p>
Strongly agree	<p>Increased sport at the park does not concern us as a resident of the street so there is no need to reject the proposal</p>
Strongly agree	<p>Sport is essential for our young people's health. So important!</p>
Strongly disagree	<p>2 main reasons - living on magarey rd, i simply cant see how the street and adjoining intersections can handle the increased traffic. you only need to observe the chaos at after school pick up to see this. magarey rd can barely have 2 cars passing in opposite directions as it currently stands, and if one of the magarey orchard trucks comes down then it is definately a one-way street.....so do you propose to widen the entire street for a soccer club? secondly, the dirt road used to access the oval currently has restricted access due to the boom gate, which means that kids, dog walkers, bike riders all can use this area without fear of being run down by a car. put simply it will greatly affect all the current users of this reserve if there is sport both on saturday and sunday, as this will mean the boom gate will need to be open all the time - thus turning the dirt track into a public thoroughfare.</p> <p>long term, if a sporting club such as sturt lions wants to use the reserve, does this mean week night trainings as well as all weekend? again, the increased traffic on magarey road and access to the oval via the dirt track would be an issue for every resident on magarey rd and the many hundreds of park users over the weekends and after work. in summary, i strongly oppose the idea.</p>
Strongly disagree	<p>Use of the franksmith park as an industrialised sporting facility will not only damage the environment surrounding the park but also diminish a ground used for a large community of dog walkers. Furthermore Magarey Road will be flooded</p>

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	with traffic making this area unfit and unsafe for nature to thrive, dogs to run and kids to play./
Agree	The encouragement of more active lifestyles.
Strongly agree	I regularly visit Frank Smith as a local and love to watch sports and see the community being active .
Strongly disagree	The park is very well utilised by school sporting teams and informally by a huge number of local residents. To provide 'exclusive use', or close to, by one particular club would be a travesty. This particular club is well known for attempting to take over open space that is currently utilised by the community, for their own exclusive purposes. Onkaparinga Council would do very well to look at this particular club's attempt to take over open space in the Belair National Park (old golf course), and the subsequent community response to that. Over 85% of respondents objected to that. In essence, this is a club with exorbitant fees which financially exclude many, that is trying to gain exclusive use of a community resource. Mr Frank Smith himself would never have envisaged that when he sold it to council for community use, that it would then be allowed to be used for exclusive use.
Disagree	I do not want the local wild life disturbed by increased people and noise
Strongly agree	Great place, close to school
Strongly disagree	Beautiful and quiet as it is now.
Agree	Its a lovely safe place to take my grand children to play
Agree	I think having sport there, particularly cricket, will benefit the use of the park during summer and will mean that the park can be irrigated and kept green for other users.
Agree	Sport is important. It's already played there, why not further develop it. As long as the parking area is increased as parking is already an issue on our streets with very limited parking and a lot of illegal parking on our road which sometimes blocks paths and even the road, particularly during school drop off and pick up. We need safe access to driveways and a slower speed limit...maybe some speed bumps with many houses having small children on our street.
Strongly disagree	It is nice to have an open space to use on the weekends with our kids and dogs. If it is always being used for sport on both days of the weekend we would loss that.
Strongly disagree	Needs to open for all for flexibility
Strongly disagree	Parking is horrendous increased volume of traffic it's already difficult to get onto main road from magarey road as it is leave it alone find somewhere else

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Strongly agree	With the former State Governments selling off school land (eg Springbank Secondary College losing half its open space to housing and Hamilton Secondary College losing one third of its open space to housing) there is a shortage of ovals etc. for junior sport.
Strongly agree	As a retired teacher, I see a great need to provide healthy outdoor activities for young people to prevent obesity and other health disorders.
Agree	There is a lack of ovals for cricket
Strongly agree	Community sport very important
Strongly agree	The park shows incredible potential to be used reguarly for local sport and support the local sporting community.
Strongly agree	Due to the lack of suitable grounds in the area available to the local sporting teams. Restricting clubs numbers and community social activities.
Strongly agree	There is a major need for another quality oval to be used with the growth of clubs in the area from a variety of sports.
Strongly agree	Exercise is an important ingredient in a healthy life. Every endeavor should be made to assist sporting clubs.
Strongly agree	I believe that sport is a very important part of the local community, and opening it up for sport would be a boost to local clubs.
Strongly agree	Creates more interest in the area and community spirit
Agree	It's a beautiful space and it is a sport field that should be used. Any surface upgrade would be wonderful, I would not support any changes to the surrounding areas though (creek or carpark)
Disagree	Noise during games, rubbish left behind, unable to walk dogs
Strongly agree	Great for the community
Strongly agree	Great for the kids and the community
Strongly agree	Upgrades for sport will presumably benefit everyone that uses the space, and encourage locals to engage in community sport, which further strengthens community.
Strongly agree	Sport is great for the community!
Strongly agree	Will be great to maximise the usage of the area
Strongly agree	Will be great to maximise the usage of the area
Agree	It is important all parks are usable to the community
Strongly agree	I have used the park many times for primary school sports activities. The community would benefit greatly from improvements that majesty the reserve an all purpose sports and recreation facility.



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Strongly agree	sporting clubs in the community are growing rapidly each year and there simply isn't enough room for these clubs to expand, hence the reasoning the use of frank smith makes sense
Strongly agree	It will bring the community together
Agree	I like to see facilities used. I walk there with my dog but this wouldn't affect us. It is good to encourage sport.
Strongly agree	Fantastic opportunity for another shared space while promoting children playing sport and working with locals clubs to grow junior sport involvement.
Agree	It will assist to encourage safe use if the area and maintenance of facilities
Strongly disagree	It's a quite, peaceful reserve that is loved by locals and other visitors for low-impact recreation. The flora and fauna that live here are beautiful. Let's not ruin that by making it a high-impact sporting area. This is exactly the same issue that was rightfully quelled nearby at the old Belair golf course site. I love sport, but how many old farm paddocks are there in the onkaparinga area you could develop on, but instead you want to ruin a beautiful nature reserve?
Strongly disagree	Thin end of the wedge. Similar to potential issues that would occur at BNP and why that was objected to by the community.
Strongly disagree	Disruption to the natural landscape of the park, increased traffic, noise and potential security issues.
Strongly agree	Coromandel Ramblers deserve a place to call their own
Disagree	Unfortunately, I believe the lack of parking is a primary concern. Despite opening the gates for parking within the park, people often park along the road, prior to the usual bitumenised carpark, which is a hazard in such a narrow road. They also attempt to park on our property (the orchard), which can damage our land. I'm not sure if there's an ability to fix this issue.
Agree	For children sport only
Strongly agree	Would like to have another baseball diamond available for Winterball
Agree	Under utilised and the surface is in desperate need of an upgrade
Strongly agree	Love for my kids to be involved in sport and any upgrades to this is a great initiative
Strongly agree	I love the community spirit that organised sport brings
Strongly agree	My grandkids love sport and it's great for the community
Strongly disagree	Frank Smith is a know area for families,dog owners and their pets, bush walkers and bird watchers.. This will increase traffic and create more risk of harm and injury to those who use it. Increased human usage will also disturb the natural vegetation and fauna that have been a focus of protection over the years. It will also increase the amount of rubbish from the general public who will frequent the

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	area. I strongly disagree with this move as this area is one that should be preserved for the future.
Strongly disagree	<p>It's only one of two off leash dog areas.</p> <p>It's very frequently used by young families and the elderly local community as it is flat near the car park.</p> <p>The grass is well kept and the local native plant garden team work hard to maintain its environment.</p> <p>Most of all, more cars, more people and sport means a beautiful natural space that is so valued in our community, is likely to be ruined. The flora and fauna suffer under increased human impact.</p>
Agree	It is a nice park for families, it has a relaxed feeling with places around it for non organised sportin events that can run concurrently with organised events making for a nice time for everyone.
Strongly disagree	There is no need for this as the schools are using which is fine. Fixing it making it better it good but making it a club facilities is not good idea.
Disagree	<p>The area does not have the space to accommodate the number of cars that would be travelling down Magarey road. It is a narrow road used by people walking and with dogs.</p> <p>Frank smith is a wildlife reserve and increasing the traffic to this area risks damaging and changing the nature of this resource. It may also have an impact on the wildlife encouraged there.</p>
Strongly agree	It provides a wonderful space for CVPS school sports
Strongly agree	Community space that is under used.
Strongly disagree	Will increase traffic to an area that already becomes very congested at times. The space is perfect fine as it is. There are plenty of spaces already allocated to sporting clubs. We don't require more. The flora and fauna in our area is what makes it unique. If having access to (more) sporting facilities was our priority, we would move. We don't need our area to be the same as other areas on the plains.
Strongly disagree	I like the way it is currently used and feel more sport would disrupt the natural beauty and damage flora and fauna
Strongly disagree	I believe the land was bequeathed to the community to be used as a place of natural beauty and should remain so for people wishing to walk/nature pursuits to be carried out there. It will thoroughly spoil the area if it used more frequently for sport - it will get busy, noisy and cars will be parked everywhere (which is already the case on a Saturday morning when the local primary school use the oval), people will be unable to exercise their dogs on the oval and if there is money spent on playing surface improvements, the next thing will be club-houses and changing rooms! No, please don't spoil Frank Smith Park. It is beautiful as it is and should remain so. I'm sure the person who bequeathed the land did not intend for it to be used frequently as a training ground for soccer players!

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	No, please, please, please do not spoil Frank Smiths Park by making it a training ground for sport.
Strongly agree	Beautiful oval
Disagree	<p>It is my understanding that the soccer club is the same that tried to get hold of 10ha of land of Belair National Park. It might be their intention to use political muscle to try and establish it as a second home base and develop the site longterm for their exclusive use. As with their failed bid at Belair National park they admitted in several interviews that they do not have the funds to develop the site yet will rely on election sports funding grants.</p> <p>The immediate area which the oval sits on is well known for Bandicoots and an important wildlife corridor.</p> <p>One weekend day should be set aside for public use and not organised sports.</p>
Strongly disagree	<p>This park was designed and accepted by the community as a people friendly park and a low use sport facility, mainly for use by school children.</p> <p>Long before the Onkaparinga Council existed the Happy Valley Council set up a Park Management Committee which did in fact ask the community how they wished to see the park used .I know this to be fact as I was Chairman of that committee and President of the Coro Valley Community Association, before becoming the local Councillor. The response was strongly against its use for major sporting activities</p> <p>I deplore the way this questionnaire is constructed and the lack of genuine consultation. There is a clear indication that the council believes all people are computer literate and have no memory of past events. Even the assumption that most ratepayers actually visit the council web site is open to question</p> <p>Although Frank Smith is long dead, there are those still around who have vivid memories of events that governed peoples thinking at that time, including his wishes for the park.</p> <p>Bearing in mind I personally drew up the original concept plan in 1982, I show my age, but I would I have little doubt that there are people now involved in Councils proposal who where not even born at that time . I therefore suggest that your officers and those pushing this proposal show more respect to Frank Smith and those who fought and worked to make the FSP a place which people want to visit and enjoy</p> <p>It appears to me that the proposal is a knee jerk reaction to a clubs perceived need. I on the other hand who have seen the intrusion of such activities followed by, lights, club houses and car parks, all of which are deemed necessary by modern sports clubs, see the proposal an unwarranted intrusion.</p> <p>I do recognise that needs change over time, that populations grow and the need</p>

	<p>for changes do occur . I have been delighted by the many changes which have encouraged walkers from outside the area to enjoy the ambience of the Valley .</p> <p>The community of Coromandel Valley has vastly changed over the past 20 years and I find on talking to recent arrivals that they came because they liked the Valley as it is and what it has to offer, where changes have occurred slowly and generally with sensitivity</p> <p>If the people on Council, its staff and the proponents are confident that the proposed change of use is what the community want and need then I strongly advise Council to have the courage to call a local public meeting, so the issues can be publicly debated, instead of hiding behind the Computer questionnaires</p> <p>People involved with making council decisions really do have to recognise that the public are becoming increasing sceptical about the intentions and capabilities of people working in the public arena and those who are supposed to represent our views</p>
Agree	To Make the most of the great facilities
Strongly disagree	Plenty of sports areas nearby. This is still one of the remaining untouched areas in the valley. I've lived here for 35years and the place just can't handle the traffic or parking. Magery road is narrow and cars lines in the winter for winter sport is terrible. When the gates are open, people get bogged on the grass and dig it up. The school on the main road is bad enough. Leave it as it is.
Agree	Use of the park for all should be welcomed. But we still should be able to walk the dogs and visit the stream with the kids.
Strongly agree	It's a lovely area and underutilised. But can't be better used without significant investment into the area.
Agree	It seems like a good space for it.
Strongly disagree	I love to be able to walk my dog off lead anytime I choose and have Made many new friends walking around frank smith. Would hate to see increase in traffic and damage done to our wild life park.
Strongly disagree	"organised sport" inevitably means a significant increase in vehicle traffic which is already problematic with school sports use. Congestion at Main Road and disruption to wildlife/ general environment. Clearance of any vegetation and habitat would also be an absolute tradgedy at a time when the global climate crisis requires us to do absolutely everything we can to increase biodiversity at a local level. It is too precious a resource to redevelop into yet more sports facilities, when so many other dedicated sports ovals already exist.
Disagree	<p>No night games</p> <p>Day kids games ok</p> <p>Local micro bat population would be greatly affected by flood lights.</p>

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	<p>Parking an issue.</p> <p>Dangerous intersection entrance</p>
Strongly agree	<p>It's a family community and most kids are playing sport. Would be nice to stay local and have the ability to get coffees and socialise in local businesses rather than have to go all the way to Unley or Marion because we don't have the facilities for local sport.</p>
Strongly disagree	<p>The site is not suitable for traffic or crowds of that size. The high impact of the activity negatively affects the local environment, including protected bandicoots</p>
Agree	<p>It is an excellent local facility to use for this purpose</p>
Strongly agree	<p>Make use of the area</p>
Agree	<p>Frank Smith Park is a great place for kids sport, as a local resident I love seeing kids active in team sports. More kids in team sports help mental health and helps grow the leaders for the future.</p>
Agree	<p>This is an under utilised sporting oval and I've s</p>
Strongly agree	<p>There is a current shortage of turf playing fields in this area of the Onkaparinga Council suitable for organised sport. Council identified and acknowledged this in strategic sporting and recreation report only a couple of years ago. Its vital that kids and future generations, plus the wider existing community gain additional upgrade playing field surfaces. Local sporting clubs have increasing junior participant numbers in the area and as result, demand outstripping supply. I have grown up in the Coromandel Valley area my whole life. I used Frank Smith Park while schooling at Coromandel Valley Primary School as kid for school sport over two decades. Unfortunately, it has not changed much since. It has been an under utilised precinct which can deliver benefits to the whole community, who can use it side by side. When Frank Smith donated this parcel of land to Council, his vision was to develop it into a sporting precinct. It is long overdue for a playing surface upgrade to alleviate pressures on other sport fields and to help attract and importantly retain kids in sport. Now is the time to bring Frank Smith's sporting precinct vision to life!</p>
Agree	<p>kids in team sports help mental health and helps grow people, would be great for more kids/people to have access to this under utilised oval space.</p>
Strongly agree	<p>These areas are already here why not use them I walk my dog there often and there is never anybody here Let's get some sports being played on an already existing oval</p>
Agree	<p>I'm a local and this space is under utilised for sport, so much demand for sport in this area and not enough ovals. This pretty much ready to go.</p>

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Agree	Not many people use the space and more sport would be great for the area. Great space to give kids and adults a place for exercise and team sports. All for this, has been under used for generations.
Strongly agree	If it's used for soccer why shouldn't it be acceptable to use for cricket! Our great Aussie sport!
Strongly agree	organised sport within the community provides an opportunity for individuals to exercise. It also gives younger members of the community another outlet for healthy social connections.
Strongly agree	It is incredibly underused, particularly when there are so many possibilities - for example, a large play area, undercover barbecue facilities, BMX track, regular junior footy and cricket games. Perhaps set aside a dog play area; the faeces is a real issue.
Disagree	I like to walk through the park on weekends, and my young children like riding their bikes and scooters. More sports means more noise, people and cars. That means it's not very relaxing for a walk and is more unsafe for my kids
Strongly agree	It is such a wonderful space that could be better utilised, expanded and improved.
Agree	Increasing kids playing sport is always worth supporting in my eyes
Agree	It's always great for more areas to explore use
Strongly agree	Decline in facilities kids need sport supports their growth and development
Disagree	I believe it is in conflict with its current use
Strongly agree	Think the soccer pitches could be an improved standard whilst maintaining the natural surrounds
Strongly agree	I played sport as a child here and it was just a magic and memorable way to spend Saturdays
Agree	Team sports at a community level supports young people to work within groups, improves health and well-being and can connect with friends
Strongly disagree	If the park is changed such that it has more lighting, more buildings, more noise, upgraded turf, and a more sterile/manicured appearance it will take away many of its current unique features and feel that make it so attractive to its current users, and may also have a detrimental impact on the local flora and fauna. It's also hard to see the need for a facility like the one proposed, as the local area already has several facilities similar to what is being proposed (including Hewett Sports Ground, Blackwood Football Oval, Hawthorndene Oval and Weymouth Oval), which makes the need for a facility at this location hard to justify, especially if it is at the cost of removing much of what makes the existing facility so wonderful.
Strongly agree	It's perfect for sport and recreation , sheltered, distance from residential properties etc.

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Strongly agree	My Grandfather Frank Smith purposely built this for the community so there would be no residential housing on which was his land
Strongly agree	Organised sport is a valuable community asset.
Strongly agree	It's been a sporting facility since I played soccer on it in the 1980s. It's designed to be for sport and is well positioned for greater participation and activation.
Strongly agree	The Coromandel Ramblers are an integral part of the Coromandel Valley community and are one of the largest community cricket clubs in the state. They have won numerous awards for the work in the community and need a third oval.
Strongly agree	Great for the community
Strongly agree	Local sport is a vital part of growth and development for kids in the community
Strongly agree	It's a great family friendly area and I would love to see my kids play cricket there
Strongly agree	Great for the community and bring more young kids out into the outdoors in organised sports with friends or making new friends.
Strongly agree	Better facilities opens opportunities for kids to play sport. There are countless benefits for a child's development being involved in team sports!
Strongly agree	Community sport is important in childrens development and a great environment for friends to meet It helps combat mental health and gives people somewhere to belong
Strongly agree	What a great location Frank Smith park is! With such a wide expanse of open ground and the creek and wetlands it is an area that should be fully utilised by the community. I think developing it for more community activities could only be considered an asset to the greater area.
Strongly agree	SO it can be used more, especially by kids. Its more important than ever before to encourage kids to play outside.
Strongly agree	Ideal location for the development of a sporting hub away from all those who get offended by teams/clubs encroaching on their perceived Space
Strongly agree	Would love to see more use out of that oval, it is in a great spot and more clubs and teams would benefit from it being upgraded
Strongly agree	I like the idea of more sporting grounds for use to promote a more physically active community.
Strongly agree	It is a beautiful spot and that should be seen by more people. In some ways the ovals are wasted at this point.
Agree	important that organised sports are local so there is no need to travel far, good for community and to meet and sport with local people

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Disagree	To the extent that current use would be impacted for dog walkers exercisers, school sport
Strongly disagree	<p>* Environmental impact would be profound. Known endangered species live here, e.g. southern brown bandicoot. An untouched pocket of nature that deserves protection for our children to enjoy.</p> <p>* Not fit for purpose - the oval has very poor drainage in winter. Artificial turf would contribute significantly to micro plastics polluting the creek and adjacent wetlands.</p> <p>* Currently used by locals every weekend for leisure, walking, kids exploring the creek. Leasing it out to a club would mean the locals no longer have access to it. A community park should be for all to enjoy, not just those associated with a club.</p> <p>* The car parking is insufficient and expansion would require considerable tree removal. The increased traffic on such a narrow, minor road is unsafe, especially next to a school.</p> <p>*One road in and out to this area makes it difficult to get out of in the case of fire emergency... additional vehicles make this problem even more prevalent</p>
Strongly disagree	<p>* There is only one road in and out. Increasing traffic in the area would make it extremely dangerous on a bushfire alert. The road into *Environmental impact would be devastating. Known endangered species live here, e.g. southern brown bandicoot. The impact of large numbers of people coming into this little pocket of nature would be disastrous. We need to protect nature for our kids to enjoy.</p> <p>* This park is not suitable for purpose - the oval has very poor drainage in winter. Artificial turf would contribute significantly to micro plastics polluting the creek and adjacent wetlands.</p> <p>*This park is a community park thoroughly enjoyed by the little community of people who live here. We use it for family activities and enjoyment. Leasing it out to a club would mean the locals no longer have access to it. A community park should be for all to enjoy, not just those associated with a club.</p> <p>* The car parking is insufficient and expansion would require considerable tree removal. The increased traffic on such a narrow, minor road is unsafe, especially on weekends when local children are out and about exploring the beautiful natural environment which surrounds them.</p>
Strongly agree	It is an underused space with plenty of land. It could house numerous sporting clubs and bring communities together.
Agree	Seems like a good use of a space
Strongly agree	We need to encourage physical activity for the health and wellbeing of the community, especially young kids.



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Strongly disagree	<p>Frank Smith park is community open space.</p> <p>It was the intention of Frank Smith that this land was put aside for the community to use as open space. Mr Smith declared the land as "open space" in 1969 under Section 61 of the Planning and Development Act. He developed the oval, the dam and BBQ facilities and allowed the community to use the space when the land was still under his ownership. (See South Australia, House of Assembly, 13 August, 1975 p. 236). The land is currently classified as "Open Space" on the current Mitcham Council Community Land Register. Restricting access to the park by allowing organised sport to use the facilities would appear to be at odds with both the definition of "Local Open Spaces" as described in the Mitcham Council Community Land Register" as being an area that "provides easy access to the local community" and with the original intent of Mr Smith in making the Park available to all members of the community without restriction.</p>
Strongly agree	It will be a great community space for the Coromandel ramblers to use and all those that live nearby to use.
Disagree	This oval is currently very highly used for other recreation purposes (dogs off lead, children playing) and to limit its use to only particular members of the community is not fair. The use for informal trainings and games is ok, but making it a dedicated ground for multiple sporting clubs will restrict or remove its use for other recreation. It is a lovely ground and increased use would potentially lead to carparking, club rooms, lights, sports nets and potential restrictions on dogs (ie not allowed or on lead only).
Strongly disagree	Frequently use to walk dog and allow to play with other dogs
Strongly disagree	With no dog parks in the area we use this to exercise our dog off leash, not being able to do this on a Saturday or Sunday morning as it is extremely frustrating
Strongly disagree	Wet lands and a river flowing all year where else is South Australia? The native animals that live in this area. Australia's history with frogs is appalling. To have hundreds of people yelling cheering the club house open into the evenings? Why? There are many suburban parks that are more suitable.
Disagree	The original intended purpose, I believe, of the site was for the community to enjoy an open space around how it's currently being used. Casual use by Coro Primary for cricket and soccer and a public space for horses (no longer) and walking. A club using the space changes that usage and restrictions will no doubt follow for the public using the space if a club is allowed to set up there.
Strongly disagree	We don't want of need a club sporting club taking over our park, disrupting existing use and negatively impacting on the natural surrounds, I strongly oppose a change in use which is not for for purpose. This is a disturbing development and they are not welcome.
Agree	excellent environment to play sport in

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Strongly disagree	<p>Frank Smith Park currently balances sport and leisure with nature and is unlike any other park or reserve in the area. We go there almost daily to walk our dog, use the play equipment and bike tracks, and also enjoy the wetlands and creeks. My two young children play soccer on the oval during the winter months and with the amount of sport that currently gets played on there the oval turns to a swamp. I don't think it can sustain any more. The park is also home to native wildlife including Kangaroos, Koalas, Tawny Frogmouths, Snakes, Lizards and Potoros to name just a few, I don't think they would survive the increased traffic that would result.</p> <p>The only entry to Frank Smith is on a dead end road which already struggles to cope with school traffic, I can't see any way of accommodating the number of cars safely without destroying the bike tracks that the kids have worked tirelessly to build and maintain. The increased traffic would also pose a danger to the children and adults who use it to access the school.</p> <p>As I understand it, the land was a gift to the community from Frank Smith to be used for recreation and I think any expansion of the car park or other work to facilitate additional sporting clubs would undermine his wishes and be detrimental to the natural environment.</p>
Agree	Sport and recreation is important for physical and mental health
Strongly disagree	Frank smith is the only park around here where you van let dogs of lead
Strongly disagree	This park is a home for a lot of wild life and the only park where you can let a dog off lead
Strongly disagree	Because they have a home ground on shepherds hill road already being established. If they go a head with it will effect the environment.
Strongly disagree	<p>This a small and peaceful park with limited parking and road access,. In particular, the junction of Magarey Rd with Ackland Hill Rd and Main Rd becomes very congested currently at school drop-off pick-up times and if FS Park is opened up on Saturday and Sunday morning then this area will be congested 7 days per week. I hasten to add that I'm not a resident on any of these roads.</p> <p>I also do not believe that the track into the park should be opened up when the oval is in use, it should be only an access track for maintenance IMO, in deference to walkers, runners, and cyclists using the track. Once the surface is improved, what next? There must surely be more appropriate places for organized sport and this park can be left for those of us that organize their own exercise.</p>
Strongly agree	Any help to the increase of sport & sport participation in the area is a win
Disagree	Even with only soccer on Saturdays, the oval quickly becomes extremely muddy from soccer boots and the grass takes all summer to regrow
Strongly agree	Not enough facilities for sport in the area

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Strongly disagree	After approximately 13 years of walking in Frank Smith's every day, I have just starting seeing bandicoots. I've never seen them there before but they have just started to come into the area. I think more sport, noise, cars, building works etc will frighten them away again, as well the kangaroos and possums etc.
Strongly agree	Sport is very important to keep residents fit and healthy
Strongly agree	Was a great spot to watch junior soccer
Disagree	<p>Increased traffic volumes on roads and the residential area not designed or intended for such.</p> <p>People bought their houses expecting quiet natured type activities in the park. Increased risk of injury to public and animals as well as amenity of area due to cars on grass and getting bogged on the grounds.</p> <p>Carparking could be developed on the upper level, to mitigate risk but at great cost. The costs of getting this done properly would be astronomical! and still ruin the place. Roadways are still not designed for the volume of traffic that would develop in time with the Club.</p>
Strongly disagree	sport tends to exclude the local community by taking ever more of the space and time available. It's a members only fee based system that mainly prioritises sport for young men. Older people and women get the second rate time slots and facilities and residents who aren't members get excluded from their park.
Strongly agree	Lack of sporting facilities in blackwood area in relation to people looking to use the areas.
Strongly disagree	No parking, access road is not suitable for heavy volume of traffic, Noise, traffic problems in the area already.
Strongly disagree	<p>This reserve is currently used by a large number of visitors who enjoy the diverse range of self paced activities available. Visitors can enjoy year round relaxed activities without the need to restrict others. Casual sports, fishing, picnics, family walks, environmental education, wildlife watching, dog walking and social gatherings can all be enjoyed concurrently in a natural setting.</p> <p>To reduce access to this site for the benefit of relatively few, who probably wouldn't visit otherwise, would be a retrograde step. This area should accommodate any and all who wish to enjoy the activities this reserve has to offer.</p> <p>To establish a permanent sporting facility here would require a reduction of the natural environment to construct facilities, fencing, carports, lighting etc. There would be traffic issues to be resolved. The negative impact on the habitat of wildlife and natural waterways would be significant.</p> <p>I believe that the current community use of Frank Smith reserve should be maintained. There are new sports fields being developed on Shepherds Hill Rd . There are schools in the district with established sports fields.</p> <p>The Frank Smith reserve is a unique environment and should be preserved in its current state.</p>

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Strongly disagree	It isn't needed. It will increase vehicle traffic. Sports fields require expensive maintenance, water, fences. Just walking about is exercise. Organised sport favours men. Organised support favours those able to afford the 'gear' needed. When these groups take over a space for their exclusive use, they exclude other users; we can't take the kids for a wander in the middle of a match. Open spaces can be just open spaces. They don't need to be a business, and organised sport IS a business.
Strongly agree	It's a great location and yet seems underused. Hewitt Oval sees very high use, but we have this great location and asset and are not using it.
Strongly agree	This is a great shared space, it would be good to see it used more. Local sport is so good for the community
Disagree	The native regeneration at the creek-end will be for nothing if they can't be enjoyed as a peaceful, quiet space away from cars and noisy activity. My kids run like crazy across the lovely flat area, we're not dodging footballs or feel like we're in anyone's way. The reason locals choose to live here is because they want to enjoy the big green spaces. Not worry about their toddler running into a car park or club game.
Disagree	Saturday sport at FS park is extremely noisy and disruptive of the tranquillity generally enjoyed by other users. The admission of traffic between the main gate and the oval can be quite dangerous to other park users, especially to those with small children or dogs.
Strongly disagree	I think the current capacity is substantial for the park, any more would offset the balance in users and decrease the beauty that is captured at Frank Smith.
Agree	I feel it is great for the oval to get used but I would very strongly disagree if there was some space cleared (eg trees being chopped down) to make a carpark or for the lovely natural grass which is so good for the ecosystem, animals, birds etc to be replaced with artificial turf.
Strongly disagree	I am writing to you to express my concern over the future plans for Frank Smith Reserve. I am very much against any major development of this piece of land, which was donated to the Community, by a local farmer many years ago. The land was donated so that the local Community could enjoy the peace and tranquillity that this Reserve offers. A walk through this Reserve provides a stroll like no other because the Reserve is still very much in its natural state there are kangaroos grazing on the oval, koalas in the trees and birds of all different types. I am aware of people who just like to sit in the Reserve and enjoy its tranquillity as well as being able to walk their dogs without the multiple rules and regulations that are found elsewhere. Groups of people gather on the oval to enjoy morning walks and talks with their dogs. The Coromandel Valley School enjoy the oval for their Saturday sports amongst other things but on a small scale. There are so many local families who just enjoy the lake and feeding the ducks! If this Reserve was to become home to a much larger sporting group or other there would be

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	<p>cars, clubrooms and other infrastructure plus the huge amount of noise that usually is associated with sporting events. All of this would drive the fauna away. What we have is a “real gem” one that is almost impossible to find given that everyone wants to establish, develop and subsequently ruin a natural wonderland.</p> <p>Please leave our Reserve alone to be enjoyed for generations to come just as it is. If you do what you plan to this Reserve, I for one will not return to use it because it will be somewhere I would not wish to visit like so many other areas that the Council has so called "developed"</p>
Agree	Do not object to organized sport being played at this facility, however Parking and the provision of appropriate facilities needs to be made, given current lack of these.
Strongly disagree	<p>I am ok with sporting use itself, however, not if this comes with car parking, buildings and other permanent infrastructure which detracts from the unique setting.</p> <p>We have plenty of more established sporting grounds in more ideal locations (even two on main rd close by), however there are no other places like Frank Smith.</p> <p>Once this is disturbed, It will never be reclaimed.</p> <p>In the noisy, fast paced environment that our families live in today, the quiet, natural and peacefulness of places like Frank Smith is so important and should be protected.</p> <p>Furthermore, while less easily quantified, there is a trend away from organised sport to recreation such as that which is enjoyed in natural settings. This should be considered.</p> <p>Thank you for the chance to have a say.</p>
Disagree	I am concerned that with increased use, there will increased traffic requiring increase parking, there will be increase in littering and general lack of nature respecting activities. The local wild life already have to share with us and by dramatically increasing the usage of the park, there is increased chance the habitat will be disturbed. We also do not want any further loss of trees and we suspect that with any development plans, there often is a cull of trees.
Strongly disagree	It is a local park used by local families, and has native wildlife. It is not in keeping with the area.
Strongly disagree	Should be kept a place ALL of the community

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Agree	A great area which is currently under-utilised by the community. More and varied activities would enhance the value of this asset but coordination of the various interests will be necessary otherwise we will get into one another's way.
Strongly disagree	I do not want a sporting club to have a permanent lease because they would want to make changes to the area which would ruin it for the community users and wildlife (eg chopping down trees for car parks and will want to make more changes in the future like putting in lights and artificial turf which I do not support).
Strongly disagree	If a sporting club had a lease they would exclude the other community users and wildlife from the space - it needs to be kept as an open, natural space. I do not want any trees to be chopped down, concrete paths or bridges put in, lights put in or artificial turf used. Once a sporting club gets a lease they would want to make those changes.
Agree	It's a public space that should be available and shared by everyone. It allows another space where children can be active and outside .
Agree	There is a shortage of space for junior sport in the area. I agree to a limited increase in use of the park for junior sport
Disagree	Our family have lived in this area for 15 years and frequently visit Frank Smith reserve. We are concerned about the safety implications due to increased traffic, especially for families using the bike tracks and walking in the area. The grass surface struggles to cope with the weekly use during a short school soccer season. The additional use this season on Sundays for a longer club soccer season will ruin the grass surface. Also there will be impact of increased parking on the grassed areas adjacent to the road, this will compact the ground around the trees. The road into the oval is already of poor quality and will be further degraded by the traffic. The increase in usage by organised sport will restrict access for other visitors to the area and reduce the amenity of the natural environment. Also we are concerned about the degradation of the Sturt River if that water is used to irrigate the oval.
Disagree	There is no where near enough parking. The oval is used for dogs so, unfortunately, will have faeces on it. I say this as a local mother who's children play sport but also as a dog owner who uses the oval. I pick up after my dog but not everyone does. I also worry about younger children not being properly supervised during a game as the dam is a drowning hazard.
Disagree	Worry about the increased unmonitored traffic & children coming to & from school, riding bikes around the jumps, school sports trainings etc. Worry that school sport will be pushed out by club sports.
Disagree	Fsp one of few areas of natural own space which can be accessed by local residents and others

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Agree	If it is just in winter for the Saturday and Sunday, not all day either, then that is understandable. If it helps with improving the wetlands and caring for the wildlife that try to live there then this is a good outcome. It has a small haven for birds etc there, though it is so busy a lot of the time that they can be disturbed.
Agree	Organized or social Sport is so important for people in our community for physical and mental health
Agree	Non destructive sport is great for the community. Existing amenities should not be compromised
Strongly disagree	It's perfect as it is now
Disagree	There are plenty of playing fields already available
Strongly disagree	There are already so many ovals for sporting events everywhere. This is one spot left for nature and dog walkers. There is nothing left for the dog walkers to roam freely.
Agree	It is under-utilised currently, but sport should not be prioritised over walking and dog exercise.
Agree	Hopefully it will mean that Smithy's will be more of focus for restorative native planting and upkeep.
Strongly agree	We need more sports parks for the local kids in the area to be able to access. It gives them a purpose and sense of belonging.
Disagree	Disturbing the peace and ecology of the wetland area
Strongly agree	Local soccer club which is bursting at the seams needs space to continue to grow into
Disagree	I fear that the wetland would be disturbed. It is also the roosting place for a cockatoo flock and a multitude os birds.
Disagree	Don't want to lose the natural feel of the park and have More car traffic coming through. It is a nice quiet park
Strongly disagree	There is a sensitive wetland, limited parking. It's too small for a proper field of any sport without destroying the local environment.
Disagree	It should stay a nature area. Lots of beauty wildlife including special bird species there at the moment.
Disagree	There are lots of other sporting facilities near by. The park, especially the parking is not suited to such use
Disagree	Enough already, more biodiversity and nature ruquired
Agree	Adds to the sense of community
Strongly disagree	The space should be available for the community, including family sport; not sports clubs

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Disagree	Are not may public space ovals left that don't have sport played on them leaving them free for family use
Strongly disagree	Other places to play sport
Strongly agree	Blackwood AFL Masters have lost our training and playing field at Blackwood football club due to the increase in girls football. We are a small club needing a home for 35 to 76yolds to participate in a sport they love
Agree	'-It is an under utilised space in an idyllic setting. -Any increase in use needs to show sensitivity to the natural setting it is in adjacent to Sturt River.
Strongly agree	Not enough sporting fields in area
Agree	I am a volunteer with DEW with Craighburn farm mtb park, and FRANK SMITH would be an amazing area for this experience to expand the network.
Strongly disagree	Open free space shouldn't be taken away. There's sports fields all over Onkaparinga.
Strongly disagree	Diminished access for the general public.
Strongly agree	There is a demand on ovals which should be celebrated, due to the increase in girls sport. Therefore more ovals need to be available.
Agree	It seems under-utilised if the oval is not being used for sport. It should be considerate of how often and what time do day though
Strongly disagree	It should stay open to all, and not reserved for a few privileged sports club
Strongly disagree	This park is for recreation, families, walking pets and for the benefit of our local flora and fauna. Increased foot traffic, cars noise etc will be detrimental to the space for all of the above. I have used this park for over 20 years please please do not build here.
Strongly agree	Unused space
Disagree	It's a beautiful tucked away area and would be a shame to have increased cars present.
Strongly agree	Great parking and great area which is not being used to its full potential
Strongly agree	We need more football ovals for sports
Strongly disagree	Retain the park as its intended use
Strongly agree	There are no other parks nearby that can cater for soccer teams.
Agree	Good to see the space used



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Disagree	Because the development of the area for further use would be detrimental to the environment.
Strongly agree	Great location for my childrens sport and also foresee some good opportunities for it to be extended to AFL as well
Strongly disagree	It is lovely to have a peaceful walking area with wide open spaces and peace and quiet. . Increased difficulty parking, large crowds, likely increased rubbish in the area and possible destruction of habitat is not welcome here.
Strongly disagree	The park is perfect as it is.
Disagree	Required infrastructure for sport ie floodlights would conflict with the needs of the community. I support it -if- we don't conflict with the needs of local wildlife (and nighttime stargazing)
Agree	Low impact sports some of the the time would be fine.
Agree	Agree with school sport only, clubs have no need to be here not enough facilities and no need to install them.
Disagree	So long as it doesn't become club owned type scenario
Strongly disagree	It's a peaceful place full of wildlife, not enough areas are left like this anymore. It will disrupt the wildlife, when they are already struggling and become a burden for the people who need a place to escape the everyday stress of life
Strongly disagree	It's a tranquil place for locals to take walks and enjoy the wildlife there, increased traffic come with increased polluting of the creek and grounds, noise and car congestion in the area.
Agree	Currently underutilised and I take my son to Saturday morning Soccer there, and would be nice to see that it's cared for more than it is.
Agree	Having regular organised sport would result in improved upkeep of the grounds, which would improve facilities for CVPS and the general public.
Agree	If sport is played there, parking should also become available which is what is needed for Coromandel Valley primary school.
Strongly disagree	Increased traffic. Small side road not set up for high traffic volume. Also terrible intersection at the bottom of Ackland hill road. Will make a terrible bottle neck if increased traffic. Park not set up to use as regular sports field but rather a nice place for locals to visit and walk their dog or just get some quiet exercise. If you take that away, where would we go?
Strongly agree	kids needs outdoor activities and this is a great location
Strongly agree	Sport is so valuable for the community, and upgrading Frank Smith is a great way to get more people involved.

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Strongly agree	It would benefit the community and school sport which is currently using a very sub standard facility
Strongly agree	As a community we need to offer our children choice and a place/clubs to be a part of, for any sport. Creating that now will set it up for generations to come.
Disagree	Scared that it take away the original reason for why Frank Smith set up this land, for anyone, especially kids to have an area where they can enjoy this space and if organised sport grows this kind of freedom might get lost.
Strongly disagree	The park is an important environmental area that needs protecting and needs to remain open for all community use
Strongly disagree	There are very limited spaces left in the city of onkaparinga that haven't been touched and modernised, it should be left as it is and kept in its most natural state. It should be protected from any further development.
Agree	It has always been a place for school sport/sports days and has been neglected for too long
Disagree	Being used for school sports in the mornings during the winter is enough. The facility should be left for other users, dog walkers, and the general public for the rest of times. It can become very congested when traffic is going up and down the narrow road.
Strongly agree	It will be great to provide lights when it is dark for safety.
Strongly disagree	I grew up above frank smith park and as kids it was the best thing we would all go exploring. Looking for fairies was one of my favourite things we would also play footy and cricket but I liked best exploring and chasing. If it is used for sport the kids of coromandel valley can't enjoy themselves as kids should.
Agree	Sport is good for the community and it's nice to have more available locally
Disagree	The space is not large enough for an increase in activities at this site. The roads would struggle to support this also.
Agree	I would support Frank Smith being used for sport but it needs parking issues sorted first. Perfect place for a nature playground for younger ones too
Agree	It seems under-utilised
Strongly agree	Increasing activities for local residence will increase the sense of community and expand the park use beyond the select scope of its current use. The park is for everybody to use.
Strongly agree	I believe The increased use of Frank Smith Park for organised sport will further encourage young people and families to join local sporting clubs, be more involved and be more active.
Strongly agree	Green spaces sit vacant for most of the week .
Disagree	The park should be accessible for all.

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Agree	Increasing outdoor connection across the community
Agree	I support community spaces being used by the community
Strongly disagree	Increase in traffic, it's a lovely natural area.
Strongly disagree	To maintain the flora and fauna in its natural environment the unique park has always been intended to enjoy these aspects. The only way to preserve this park is to protect it against intrusions of any developments like you propose.
Strongly disagree	Local school sports. NOT SPORTS CLUBS!!
Strongly agree	It has an oval which was built for sport. I am happy to walk around the rest of the park regardless
Disagree	Unsure of what organized sport would mean. I use the park daily to walk with my dog. It is beautiful and interconnects with Blackwood Forest. During the life of my kids at Coromandel Valley Primary school we used the park for the kids sport, soccer and cricket, often as a referee, raising money for the teams etc. "Organized" sport may disrupt this community spirit and the beauty of the walks.
Strongly disagree	Oval is used by the community. Children play and ride their bikes on oval. Only open flat space in area. Would like to be able to use when the want/need arises.
Strongly disagree	We use it for the dog, and for its quiet appeal.
Disagree	This is a unique area and best left as it is now.
Disagree	It's a beautiful relaxing 'untouched' treasure where ALL can go to enjoy knowing at all times. It's important to have spaces such as these in suburbia for mental health and the eco system.
Strongly disagree	At the moment it is a peaceful place to walk, take children to explore and enjoy the beautiful wetlands. We would not be happy if we can no longer do this and also if there was increased traffic in and around our street.
Agree	I fully endorse more use of the park, but only without damaging its environment. Taking out trees and installing car parks will only ruin the wonderful area
Agree	I am a teacher at Coromandel Valley Primary School and as a parent belonging to a sporting club, I understand the benefits and necessity for using community ovals to supplement club/school ovals for weekend games.

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Strongly agree	There is a significant demand for an increased number of cricket ovals in the southern metropolitan area. This is outlined in the South Australian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy and throughout the Southern Metropolitan Tennis Netball AFL and Cricket Facility Strategy. The level of participation is growing alongside growing population. The South Australian Cricket Association strongly supports the use of Frank Smith Park for cricket into the future.
Disagree	It is a fantastic area for walking/family play. Organised sports would take away this use during prime time (weekends) as well as likely some weeknights for training.
Strongly disagree	Frank Smith Park is a wonderful open space in its present form. Once sporting clubs are allowed to take it over the very features that make it so appealing will be lost forever. I am completely against vested interests being allowed to take it over.
Strongly disagree	I use the park 3-4 times a week to walk my dogs, relax among nature and relish in the peace and quiet. Additional traffic to the park will push out the ability for locals to relish in peaceful nature. I moved to this area 2 years ago, and the access and freedom the park provides was a draw card. The freedom to walk in nature without chaos and disruption of hectic sporting events would remove the tranquility and connection to nature that this area brings.
Agree	I'm aware of a shortage of playing fields
Strongly agree	I think it's a great community space and I love seeing organisation utilise great spaces in our community. Frank Smith could be so much more!
Strongly agree	Organized use of the space will promote that it exists and therefore more people will make use of it and benefit from it.
Strongly disagree	As a Coromandel Valley resident with a dog, Frank Smith Park is our go to for walks/play time with our dog, especially on weekends. It is the only place close by where we can exercise our dog off leash as there are not many dog parks that are close enough within either the Onkaparinga or Mitcham council areas and Sturt Gorge and Blackwood Forest are both on-lead only recreation parks. We love to explore the park and it is the perfect place for our dog as there is so much space to run on the oval but its also nice to explore through the wetland area and the creek as well as the walking trails over the creek. It is a very enriching environment for our dog and ourselves and we love that we are able to experience the beauty and nature of the area on our visits. We often see many species of animals and birds too and it is a very peaceful environment. There is a real sense of community here and whenever we visit there is always other dog owners around and it is the only place locally that we have made connections with others from the area and we know all of the dogs that frequent the park and their owners. We don't yet have children but know that when we have a family, that this is the perfect place for kids to explore. We have brought our nieces and nephews here to engage in nature play and they absolutely loved it. On the other hand, there are plenty of sporting ovals, complexes etc in the area and those areas are obviously unable to be used for exercising our dog during their use for sporting activities so by allowing sport to go ahead at Frank Smith, you would be

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	taking away an option for us to take our dog to and there are no suitable back up locations in Coromandel Valley, Blackwood and surrounds if we are unable to use the park.
Disagree	Concerning about increasing infrastructure, i.e. carpark, lights, clubhouse, stand etc. That will have a big impact on the nature and animals living in the area.
Strongly agree	kids deserve a place to play all sports more frequently
Strongly disagree	It's a community facility utilised by many residents of both local council areas.  By formalising this area as a sporting ground it will restrict use by residents and also discourages casual walks and meet ups.
Strongly disagree	It is a place that I visit with my family and our dogs, most often in the weekends. It is a public open space that is beneficial for my, my families and many others well-being. Both physically and socially. It is a very peaceful place and an increase of organised sport at Frank Smith would have a negative impact on this through the increased number of people that would be there for sport. I believe there would also be a negative impact on the environment there, including the creek system. I am a member of Sturt Lions soccer club but I do not agree with the way they try to acquire land and public assets for their use without proper consideration of other users. Their bid to use they old golf course at Belair is a good example of this. They seem very greedy and unable to read/measure the tone and or values of the local population.
Strongly disagree	I am happy to allow the Coromandel Valley Primary School to use the Frank Smith Park for soccer, cricket, school sports day etc. as they have a very small oval, which was made even smaller by BER construction of the school hall. Most of this use is Saturday mornings and during school time. As a regular user of the park, which includes walking a dog, I do not want to have my and my family's use of the park restricted. We are often there with grand children as we are very active in their lives. Please note that in addition to being a regular user of the park, I am a local resident living nearby in The Knoll Crescent.
Strongly disagree	The traffic will be disturbing.
Strongly disagree	This area is an invaluable natural space for the local, and broader communities. People come from further afield to use the area where the Sturt River flows through a natural setting. Pudna Wirra forest plantings happened decade ago by Coro Primary School students. The grassed area is OK for occasional sport e.g soccer but NOT to have large structures. The beauty is nature and areas like this once built over are gone forever.
Disagree	Because I don't want any changes made to the area, I enjoy walking and running through the area and I don't want any changes to effect the animals living in the area. The increased traffic and the possible loss of animal habitat worries me as it will negatively affect the animals that live in the area.

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Strongly agree	It would be great to see some investment in upgrades to the oval, driveway (resurface and widening), playground and facilities at Frank smith - if this is what needs to happen for those improvements to occur, then I support it.
Strongly disagree	because I like to take my dogs here. This is one of the limited places I can go to let my dogs have an off leash run, of which has many walking paths so I can enjoy my exercise too.
Strongly disagree	This is one of the only natural walking/ off leash dog exercise areas available in the Adelaide region. Myself and a number of friends regularly meet and use this space for socialisation and exercise of our dogs as well as personal walking/ running for fitness and enjoying the natural space. Increased sport in the oval area would limit the accessibility and use for our meetups and dog walks.
Strongly agree	It a wonderful area that should be used to its potential
Strongly agree	sport plays an important role in the health of our community
Strongly agree	Frank Smith himself donated the land to Council with the wish that it be used for sport. That should not be ignored.
Strongly agree	To provide the increasing number of people in the community a facility to play sport To give the kids 4 upwards a place to play sport and channel their energies, learn social skills and responsibilities Provide a joint facility to be used by clubs and local schools
Strongly agree	I understand there is a lack of surfaces in the area & the population continues to grow
Strongly agree	Having played sport in the past, appropriate facilities for growing clubs is important. FSP provides a fantastic location to have both community and sport access
Strongly agree	Sport contributes to a healthy community
Strongly agree	The more appropriate sporting facilities we have in the area, the greater chance we have of developing healthier children. Sporting clubs can only offer the number of teams it has appropriate facilities for. If there are not upgrades we then deal with added unnecessary injuries plus children missing out on sport. When families have multiple children, decisions need to be made on the logistics of getting children to their sporting practices and games. The more appropriate facilities we have close by the easier it is and the more likely parents can make it work.
Strongly agree	I am a local resident as well as a member of a local cricket club. I believe that Frank Smith Oval could be utilised more by local sporting clubs and the school if it was it was to be upgraded. It is about having a space where girls and boys from sporting clubs and the school have somewhere where they can play sport safely.

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Agree	Reliable, safe spaces for our kids to play sports especially in winter are lacking in the area. Fit for purpose facilities will encourage kids to be part of community sport, boost community participation and create connection.
Disagree	I would hate to see the natural environment damaged in any way by the encroachment of sport - seating, buildings etc It is, at present, a shared use area, more sport will make it single use.
Strongly agree	the current oval being used for under 10s cricket at hawthorndene primary school is incredibly dangerous. how a child hasn't broken an ankle is very lucky. why wouldn't a club want to use an oval if it provides a safer environment for children. aren't we as parents supposed to encourage our kids to play outside in safe environments?
Strongly disagree	There is limited parking facilities for one. Also the road is extremely narrow. It is barely wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass in places and if cars are parked on the side of the road it would be impossible. The increase of noise (vehicular and players / umpires whistles / barrackers, would be intolerable for nearby residents. It would completely destroy the serenity which this park currently offers. It is always busy on weekends with walkers / dog owners etc who can't use it during the week. Suggest you have a look at what it is currently like a school drop off and pick up times so that you can get some idea of what it is like. If you have say 3 games in a row there is no way there would be enough parking spots for the next teams while the previous teams "linger" before departing.
Strongly disagree	Our natural environment and tree cover is disappearing at a remarkable rate. We need to maintain these increasingly rare public spaces for use by everyone, not just for paying members of sporting clubs.
Strongly agree	Wonderful for the local community
Strongly agree	Beneficial for kids, teenagers, adults, families. Create a healthy lifestyle options
Strongly agree	This is a beautiful ground that should be utilized more regularly by organized sports in the local community.
Strongly agree	Great for community
Strongly agree	It should be utilised more for recreational sport
Strongly agree	hardly used oval
Strongly agree	If club or recreational sports need extra grounds, then Frank Smith Park is a good location.
Strongly agree	Because is very beneficial for the community to promote sports and use all available facilities
Strongly agree	It would be great for Sturt Lions to have access to another purpose built space and cricket clubs able to use it too. Coromandel Valley PS would also benefit too!

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Strongly agree	Upgrading the facilities to increase the usability
Strongly agree	It's good to see kids playing soccer games, not computer games
Strongly agree	The area is an existing open recreation area that is well suited to organised sport. There are no residential properties adjacent so will have no impact. There is also plenty of space to accommodate other users eg walking, dog walkers, jogging running etc.
Strongly agree	it is a great location for sport and i have seen school sport been played there over the years. there is need of an upgrade in the surface to make it a nice place to play on
Strongly agree	The grounds there are patchy and need better maintenance. Upgrading would allow more local sport to play there
Strongly agree	The area need updated facilities to accommodate sporting clubs in the area
Strongly agree	Great to see kids keeping fit and playing sports. Urban infill is going to see sporting areas become
Strongly agree	Supporting community sport and making the most of such areas
Strongly agree	With teenage health issues such as mental health and obesity of considerable concern, we should maximize every opportunity we have to engage our kids in highly beneficial activities like organized sport, and make this a top priority (above some aversion to having a few more lights on at night at a sports ground, etc). We should take maximum advantage of currently underused assets such as this sporting ground.
Strongly agree	Need to make better use of the very few available facilities in the area.
Strongly agree	Why not!
Strongly agree	Where else is there to go in the area?
Strongly agree	It is a perfect big space for soccer playing and for families and visitors to get to see the beautiful hills when they come up to balckwood
Strongly agree	As a paid member of the Sturt Lions Football Club, and as a supporter of kids' involvement in sport, I am supportive of its use for games. The more facilities that are in excellent condition are made available for use, the more kids will want to play and that can only be beneficial to their health and well-being.
Strongly agree	Increasing the use of the park will allow more people to participate in organised sport increasing the health of the community
Strongly agree	Sport is very good for people of all ages but team sport is particularly important for young people.
Strongly agree	Anything that keeps kids active is great
Strongly agree	Encourage active lifestyles for local children and families



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Strongly agree	Kids need pitches to play soccer.
Strongly agree	Its will help our youngsters to keep fit.
Strongly agree	It's a wonderful natural asset. It provides the unique environment of sporting fields and natural bushland / creek for nature play, bird watching and walking.
Strongly agree	It's a beautiful oval in a lovely area I would love to see it used more
Strongly agree	I enjoy seeing the youth of our area being fit and healthy.
Strongly agree	We need grounds close to where we live, Belair national park got opposed by the community, they can't over rule everything . Encouraging kids to keep fit and spend time outdoors is so important. Let common sense prevail
Strongly agree	Organised junior sport is a cornerstone of the community and crucial to the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of our children. Club memberships are growing at increasingly rapid rates. Finding suitable venues to hold competition matches is becoming ever more difficult to accommodate the number needed.
Strongly agree	Local sporting clubs are getting bigger and bigger but the availability of grounds are so Limited. The promotion of sport in our children cannot be underestimated and it makes sense to utilize an existing ground in a local area for a local sporting club. The fact that Frank Smith Park is surrounded by lovely nature trails also promotes a outdoor play and exercise for everyone.
Strongly agree	Club sport has been fantastic for my son. It has given him leadership skills and keeps him busy in a positive way. This park helps give positive activities for everyone.
Strongly agree	It will benefit local kids in the community, another great local oval the kids can use with facilities & location key
Strongly agree	It's a perfect environment for beautiful outdoor sports
Strongly agree	I have lived in the area for over 45 years and seen this space used sparsely. I think it has a great deal of potential, and a beautiful environment t which the council can encourage more people to visit
Strongly agree	Sport is a healthy way of enjoying life. It gets the community together and keep kids out of drugs and other illegal activities.
Strongly agree	It's a great space to increase participation in sporting activities.
Strongly agree	Encourage healthy lifestyle and community engagement via sport (Soccer)
Strongly agree	I live very close to the ground. I have used it as community member and as coach of one of the junior Sturt Lions team.
Strongly agree	As a family of initially twelve local residents our children and now our childrens children have enjoyed the facility that The Frank Smith Oval has provided for their chosen sport which as it happens is Football (often referred to as Soccer) for close to 42 Years now, improvements to the playing surfaces are considerably overdue,

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	remedial works and upgrades would ensure a reduction of injuries and would also help to provide a safer environment for young children associated with the Coromandel Valley Primary School. Our growing population of young children are deserving of better facilities to ply their skills.
Strongly agree	The more support for young people having access to sporting facilities the better.
Strongly agree	Because we need to put our parks to good use otherwise they are just wasted!
Strongly agree	Children keeping active is important
Strongly agree	It is vital for children to have dedicated spaces for sport.
Strongly agree	It's a great space that is already used to a certain degree for sport so it makes sense to put some energy into upgrading it to make it viable for more organised sport.
Strongly agree	It's of benefit to the local community to have a space that's consistently utilised and maintained, one that can be used for organised sport and general recreation
Strongly agree	This is such a beautiful space, we first came across this place during primary school cricket over 10 years ago and have been regular visitors since. The positive mental and physical benefits from getting our family involved in sport and recreation is invaluable. Getting kids interested in nature and conservation of the land is good for communities moving forward.
Agree	I think that being active and outdoors is to be encouraged in these days of screen time. Physical activity is vital for health and well-being and a feeling of belonging to a community or sporting organisation is really healthy. Let's encourage people to come and be active in our beautiful spaces like Frank Smith Park. Hopefully people who come here for sport will come back and use it for recreation.
Strongly agree	It's a great open space that deserves the respect of an upgrade
Strongly agree	It's a fantastic venue and has so much potential to be an wonderful sporting facility as well as a great recreational space.
Strongly agree	Ability for children to play organised sport locally
Strongly agree	It gives more young people the chance to participate to organised sport. That's always a good thing!
Strongly agree	Great for the community
Agree	Nice location and surroundings
Strongly agree	Improved facilities for junior sport. The area needs more fields to encourage activities and team sports. I am heavily involved with CVPS sports and the school needs a better facility.
Strongly agree	Growing community needs more space for kids to be outside playing sport, not couped up indoors playing video games

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Strongly agree	Additional sporting grounds are required in the area due to increased demand. Frank Smith is a great option.
Strongly agree	For local sport
Strongly agree	Great for the community and support an active lifestyle for young people in the area
Strongly agree	I've grown up in the area and sport is important
Strongly agree	Young people need sports desperately or they may become a nuisance in the community. Parks are there for everyone's pleasure
Agree	Frank Smith Park needs improvements to its surface to allow rain to run off. It's a great venue for school soccer- 4 teams already use it. Frank Smith bequeathed the ground for purpose of sport being played on it.
Strongly agree	Great for the community
Strongly disagree	Frank Smith is a beautiful park used by many including myself and young family. The proposal to allow organised sport to utilise this park would be detrimental to current users and the park itself as a result of increased traffic, noise, rubbish and development to cater for organised sport. The access to the park is physically limited which means access routes would need to be expanded and developed to allow for increased traffic. Allowing organised sport to take a community oval would also mean the access to this area would be limited to the general community which is not appropriate – this beautiful park should be available to all the community not just dedicated to use by organised sporting clubs. Sturt Lions in particular already has the following facilities: Karinya Reserve, Manson Oval, Hewett Oval, Blackwood High School Oval, Flinders University and Adelaide Shores Football Centre which Mitcham Council has only just provided funding for the recent upgrades at Karinya Reserve. My question is why are we now having to give up more community space for a Club that already has a number of facilities which have already been dedicated and upgraded with public money?
Strongly agree	The large number of people living in the area need better facilities for kids
Strongly disagree	This is not an appropriate location for organised sport. The need for club facilities, parking, improved road access is not acceptable for a park that is enjoyed by many locals and is home to valuable flora and fauna. Organised sport will take away the ability for the community to use the area and will bring a lot of other issues including traffic, noise and rubbish. I am a father of two young boys and I am not against sport but I am against organised sporting clubs taking over community space. There are more appropriate, already established locations including school ovals which would be much better suited.
Strongly agree	Clubs are growing in size due to residential development and population increases. It's important for kids and adults to have access to these open spaces for their chosen sport.

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Strongly agree	Having used the oval and practice nets whilst attending CVPS it would be a great asset if further developed for the community.
Strongly agree	Sport facilities are lacking, the community club is growing. This seems like a good option. Dog walkers can still use all week, and use the surroundings and trails when cricket game is on.
Agree	I am happy to see the venue used for (more) organised sport, and for the surface to be upgraded for that purpose. My concern will arise if the organised sport means significantly more vehicles (parking/traffic) OR requires substantial additional buildings on site.
Strongly agree	Underutilised currently
Strongly disagree	It's fine as it is, there is no need for further development which will polarise users and detract from the current site.
Strongly agree	Not enough spaces for community use and with all sports opening up to both genders, there is definitely a need for more playing fields to allow equal access for all.
Strongly agree	More access to sport provides children and adults more opportunities to socialise and better the community.
Strongly agree	It's good for the community
Strongly agree	Insufficient recreational grounds for the population growth in the area. Current surface unsuitable for multiple sport uses and requires a durable upgrade. I have several friend who play cricket here and frequently attend matches, it is clear an upgrade is needed to ensure it becomes sustainable for multiple purposes in the future
Strongly agree	Not enough sporting fields in area to support the major population growth in all surrounding suburbs
Strongly agree	The surrounding suburban area has grown substantially over the last 30 years. This sporting oval is one of the few in the near area. It needs development to assist in the demand for sporting ovals in the area.
Strongly agree	Growth of population means more requirement for open space particularly organised recreation . Floodlighting would increase uses and opportunity
Strongly agree	I grew up using frank smith both for organised sport and personal leisure. It's a wonderful location and deserves investment to expand its services and attract further attention from those from suburbs all across Adelaide. The expansion will help do this
Strongly agree	More Ovals are required to meet the needs of sporting clubs in the community.
Strongly agree	My children go to Coro primary and we play there after school riding bikes and around the lake/ creek and have school sport there. The car parking is very busy and tight, the ground is uneven and boggy in winter and there is no shelter.

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Strongly agree	I think it will add to the area for families
Strongly agree	Brings the community together
Strongly agree	local sport is great
Strongly agree	Using this venue will increase participation in sport in the area
Strongly agree	It's a beautiful space that can be used for so much more. A space where communities can come together
Strongly agree	There are currently not enough oval available for sports clubs
Strongly agree	An oval is there to be used for sport as originally intended
Strongly agree	Availability of facilities for organised sport reduces delinquency.
Strongly agree	Sport creates a strong community bond. It also brings more business to the local shops
Strongly agree	There are currently a lack of facilities for young people and adults to play organised community sports, with more people than ever before resident in our local council areas. Community sports clubs play an important role in providing meaningful pursuits and supportive environments for our young and adults alike. Without playing fields, clubs must limit memberships, and people lose access to that vital community support and involvement that many of them need. As a junior sports coach for several years I have first hand evidenced the benefit of club involvement to individuals. Our club, Coromandel Valley Ramblers Cricket Club, seeks only to use the facility for cricket matches, nothing more.
Strongly agree	It's what sporting ovals are designed for.
Strongly agree	You know why.. there are not enough ovals for football and soccer as well. common sense really.. but we all know there's is not much of that in the council's theses days..
Strongly agree	Sport brings people together. Better facilities assist in growth of sporting communities and bring more enjoyment
Strongly agree	More play areas for my kids
Agree	Increases opportunity for physical activity options and community connections.
Strongly agree	Lack of sporting facilities in this area
Strongly agree	Sport is an integral part of the community.
Strongly agree	The Coromandel Ramblers are a pillar of the community and are one of the largest and well run Sporting organisations in the state. They have been in the area for almost 100 years and provide an excellent service to young people in the Coromandel Valley and surrounding areas.

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Strongly agree	Organised sport is just as important as recreational use. So long as the sports are not taking over large amounts of time this is a win win, ovals are diminishing (schools and some reserves) and grounds for organised sports are becoming few and far between as populations grow
Strongly agree	I am the president of a local cricket club and I believe it's use would be a great asset to the Ramblers and other clubs in the ASCA.
Strongly agree	Sport is the backbone of a healthy community. Not just for adults but children. To encourage them off the couch and out into the sunshine and fresh air
Strongly agree	A couple of reasons with me. Firstly I watched the growth of Coromandel Valley population and associated facilities for the population (large child care centre and home care centres) without associated facilities expansion or upgrading as there seems to have been in other Onkaparinga suburbs. Secondly, I like to exercise on Saturday and Sunday afternoons walking at the park. That joy could be increased in summer by having cricket to watch while I walk. Soccer is that experience in winter, I would love cricket to be same experience in summer. It would also provide an opportunity to take my grandchild watch cricket and encourage them to get involved in team sport activities and social interaction outside of school. BTW, AFL is the professional league, the sport is Australian Rules Football.
Strongly agree	Obesity is a growing problem globally, any support to get people of all ages away from the sofa or electronic device would be a major benefit. Sport also helps participants learn to be team players and help the local community. Ovals should be a community area for the all locals to enjoy. It would be very disappointing for the local council not to support a very welcoming and supportive local sports club.
Strongly agree	I will always stringly encourage sporting clubs for family participation, health and well being of our community.
Strongly agree	Lack of quality sporting facilities in the area
Strongly agree	Need to be utilised for future generations
Strongly agree	I believe there needs to be more encouragement for kids to get outdoors, be involved in sport and have community involvement.
Strongly agree	Sport is vital to the community. It provides an inclusive environment, where you have a sense of belonging and youth are mentored by and form respectful relationships with the elders in their community. The health benefits of physical activity, as well as the social and mental health benefits are imperative to young and old community members.
Strongly agree	Need more places for community sport. More activity an opportunities are vital
Strongly agree	It has always been an area for the public to use. Encourage it

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Strongly agree	The oval needs an upgrade. It has so much potential but is currently under utilised.
Strongly agree	Sporting organisations bring happiness to children
Strongly agree	To get the kids off Xbox
Strongly agree	The use of the park for organised sport would be an asset to the community bringing people to the area and creating an inclusive atmosphere for interacting with the park
Strongly agree	It would be great to see it developed
Strongly agree	Encouraging young people to be active in sports is key to healthy, active and positive members of our community. Use of the Frank Smith park space should be for all- including organised sport. I cannot understand why people are opposed, would we rather our young people roaming the streets or sitting at home on a device??
Strongly agree	The community needs to be encouraged to get out more, mix with more people. Providing facilities that facilitate this can only be beneficial.
Strongly agree	Facilitating private upgrades of the playing surface to allow increased use of the oval would be a wonderful investment for the future of our youth
Strongly agree	It is a big space and it would be great to see it used more often - it deserves it. I have noted other parks that are used for sporting purposes are in better condition as they are looked after as surface is required to be. Frank Smith oval at the moment is full of weeds and possibly a mud bath with all this rain - uncared for. Plus I would love to go and watch some local sporting games from a walking distance.
Strongly agree	The oval is currently in very poor condition. In summer it is a park full of bare patches and weeds, and in winter it becomes a muddy bog whenever it rains. It is so underused at the moment, and the only care it gets is a regular mowing. If there is the opportunity to improve the ground with irrigation and drainage, why wouldn't people jump at it. It's a sports ground, let them play sports there.
Strongly agree	It's a great area to take kids and they would have so much to do while siblings are playing sport! Just makes sense!
Strongly agree	There has been huge growth in the local area, however no new ovals created. This oval is wasted space being left unused, or only used only by dog walkers and kite flyers currently. It would be great to allow local sporting clubs to access it
Strongly agree	The more kids and adults in sport the better. With a growing population they need more ovals to support local sports
Strongly agree	It's great to use this fantastic space for the local sporting teams. Making it a family day out with the beautiful surroundings too.
Strongly agree	Has fantastic potential in a beautiful setting.

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Strongly agree	My grandson plays soccer with a club that utilises Frank Smith Park.
Strongly agree	My grandson's club would like to use the park as one of their home grounds for matches.
Strongly agree	Providing safe, well lit and maintained outdoor spaces where children can move, play and learn either recreationally or as part of organised sport is of utmost importance in a society which is increasingly geared towards indoor sedentary pursuits
Strongly disagree	You are isolating its main user of dog walkers, the reserve offers unique experience in the Adelaide area by offering a large recreational area for dog walkers
Strongly agree	We have used Frank Smith for school sport for years both soccer and cricket.. it's a great area and one of the few flat spaces left to upgrade for kids sports in the area...I grew up playing soccer there and it hasn't had much done to it over the years.. if done right would be a great asset to the community and for numerous schools and clubs to utilise a beautiful part of the area.
Strongly agree	We have lived in the area for over 10 years and often walk our dogs around Frank Smith. It is a lovely large flat area which is in short supply in the area and I can see the attraction in utilising it more for organised sporting events. Our son played school soccer there as their school's oval wasn't big enough.. I'd be more than happy to see some work done on the fields and could see it getting well used by numerous clubs in the community all year round..
Strongly agree	Sports is needed for our kids and families after covid
Strongly disagree	Loss of access by the community from far and wide who want it to remain natural and off-leash for dogs.
Strongly agree	Not many left in the area!
Agree	Provision of sporting grounds for kids sports as there are huge shortages of available space!!
Strongly agree	Further opportunities for young residents to participate in organised sport.
Strongly agree	There is good parking, a good open space for sports, use of the park for organised sports will not detract from other uses of the area - walking, etc.
Strongly agree	The area needs more sporting facilities
Strongly agree	The area needs could be better used for kids sport
Agree	I'd like to see the grounds improved so our school can use it on rainy days. Currently gets too waterlogged.
Strongly agree	To keep our youth healthy
Strongly agree	It's an awesome spot under used and one of few facilities in the area.



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Strongly agree	Sport promotes health, teamwork, community spirit and volunteering, teaches young people good values, and keeps adults involved. There are few facilities in our council area focused on this. We can't afford to lose any. We need more.
Strongly agree	Health benefits and habits for life for young locals competing in organised sport. Social benefits of bringing parents Together.
Strongly agree	Minimal impact on residents. Sport should be encouraged and there are never enough suitable facilities. I am a dog owner but open spaces such as this are not just for letting dogs run free.
Strongly agree	The local area needs more open space to cater for increased demand at sporting clubs such as soccer clubs like Sturt lions where junior and senior women are seeking to play and add to a large existing member base.
Strongly agree	Lack of sporting facilities in the area
Strongly agree	Greatly beneficial to the community at large. :o)
Strongly agree	Outdoor active recreation is good for physical and mental health, including both informal and organized activities.
Strongly agree	More facilities needed in area
Agree	Currently underutilized facility. Plenty of other open space within Frank Smith location to accommodate other activities at same time. School sport will also benefit from upgrade of surface and additional facilities
Strongly agree	Because organised sport is one of the few ways kids today get exercise
Strongly agree	Not enough ovals in the area for number of residents. Needs to be maintained.
Strongly agree	Most sports can only be played at large grass ovals. dog parks are able to be smaller as well as organised sport cannot be played on walking paths or in smaller green spaces where dogs can be.
Strongly agree	We should promote more organised sport. It has advantages for mental health, deducting pressure on the health system
Strongly agree	Because it's available
Strongly agree	Great for kids and locals to access for sports as there aren't enough ovals in our area.
Strongly agree	This area is a great asset for our community and children to be active both in sport and recreational walking.
Strongly agree	This is a community facility and should be better utilised. Council needs to enable use of the facility for the benefit of all rate payers and not just listen to the minority against its use. Land use is not changing and amenity changes should always have been expected by residents adjacent a community park. Organised sport is getting more popular and local clubs, that involve local people, should be based locally (rather than having to hold 'home games' on the plains).

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Strongly agree	We need more sporting facilities for kids and adults Let make our peoples health a priority
Strongly agree	We need more areas for growing sporting clubs(Sturt lions)
Strongly agree	Beautiful space, feels like it is wasted.
Strongly agree	Sports brings life to any area. In this age of electronics, it's imperative to create facilities that support and attract juniors to join sporting clubs
Strongly agree	The Oval should be shared use for the whole community
Strongly agree	Community sport is of very high importance for young people
Strongly agree	More playing surfaces in the area is crucial to kids sport, and sport is crucial to kids development and the community.
Strongly agree	The area is already being used for school sort and only recently some club sport but it requires upgrades to facilitate this effectively
Strongly disagree	Will stop dogs and family's using the park for recreation.
Strongly agree	Beautiful spot. Already has plenty of space and existing pitches.
Strongly agree	Supporting children and youth sports
Strongly agree	such a large catchment area there is simply not enough pitches available to support all the teams
Strongly agree	Population growth in the area without increased places for sport and organised physical activity has restricted space and could lead to people being unable to participate, rendering them unable to gain the physical and emotional benefits of organised community sport.
Strongly agree	The Oval would definitely benefit from and upgrade. It is unusable in Summer and dirty and dusty. As well As allowing cricket surface upgrades would make it safer for those playing football on it.
Strongly agree	All sport should be supported and encouraged for health and community wellbeing
Disagree	I am concerned with increased traffic use of this area and the difficulties with parking. Also, I have hesitation about damage to the local environment
Strongly agree	More playing areas desperately needed for school/kids sport
Strongly agree	We don't have enough grounds available for kids' sport, particularly soccer. It encourages health and wellbeing, teamwork and collaboration.
Strongly agree	I think it's a great idea
Strongly agree	Allows for school soccer and community soort

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Strongly disagree	Have been walking my dog in the area for a long time.
Strongly agree	We need to provide healthy opportunities for our community and increase engagement
Strongly agree	Sense of local community
Agree	For the sporting club to have full capacity of sporting usage for the children of the future in this community
Strongly agree	Our children need more facilities for sport in this area, if we want to keep them off of the lure of the electronic devices we cannot fail them with the lack of facilities.
Strongly agree	My sons started playing cricket with CRCC 12 years ago. The supportive and mentoring roles of many club individuals and the club as a whole has been outstanding. The club needs a supportive base to play cricket.
Strongly agree	Limited quality sporting facilities in the area
Agree	sporting events in open fields that attracts small crowds for only part of the day are a good use of open space. the good thing about Frank Smith part is there is a lot of other open and vegetated space adjacent that can be used for picnics and exploring in the situation where people visit to picnic or relax at a time when sports are on.
Strongly disagree	Narrow entrance and extra traffic in weekends/ litter/noise pollution/
Disagree	It's a beautiful space, great for school soccer but this is only on Saturday mornings during winter. Free for anyone after that. I would not like to see it being taken over by club soccer all weekend
Disagree	We love that it is mostly left & not upgraded, particularly the surrounding park & wetlands. We live in the hills because it's wild and natural. Not everything needs to be developed & 'made safe'. Exploring overgrown areas & tracks is fun & good for developing balance & confidence in kids. Better to climb a log than walk over a man made bridge.
Strongly agree	Ovals are put in for sport. If just recreation only a grassed area

Please tell us how you use the park (Responses to "Other")
My kids love exploring the wetlands after school (Coro Primary). We love the wildness of it and would hate to see too much structure.
My children also walk/ride to school through Frank Smith Park
Our children play on the oval every weekend, we do the bushwalks around the park, we regularly spot important wildlife that inhabit Frank Smith including multiple endangered species such as the southern brown bandicoot with which there are at least a few living there. Further development in Frank Smith would be dangerous to the wildlife here.
Our children attend the primary school adjacent. We would love if the park could open up more to improve parking accessibility to the school also.
Visit for walking, dog walking and social gatherings several times each week.
Children used to play sport there
Take toddler there to run around
Kid Play Area, nature walks before and after school, playing in the creeks and natural environment
With kids at Coro primary we go there for excursions, school sport etc. we also take our dog there to exercise and our son also uses the bmx track.
CFS volunteer training
Used to attend to watch my kids play soccer when they were young.
Our kids like to ride their bikes there, walk and explore etc
Not using it currently, but would do with the Ramblers CC
Currently a non-user
School sport
Biking, birthday parties
I walk through the bush areas and around the oval, pick blackberries along the creek, collect native wildflowers, have a picnic lunch or dinner when the weather is good, go star-watching on clear nights (the lack of nearby lighting makes this an ideal spot), and participate in firefighter training with the CFS (this includes bringing firetrucks through the park).
Daily walks, exercising our dog, using the play equipment, playing in the creek and building dams with rocks and fallen branches.
Teaching young children sporting activities. Bike riding , dog exercising, nature walks. quite time, fishing.
Like to connect with nature and natural living things. Like to walk dog on lead.
Meditation

I enjoy walking with my dog or alone. Listening to the birds and even sometimes to just the quietness. A chance to walk in nature and enjoy exercising my dog in a relatively uncontrolled environment. The oval adds a lovely space to play with my grandchildren (and children before them). I meet and walk with friends, enjoy the wonderful clean running water at the back of the park. My dog loves to swim. It is currently a park that is safe for children without cars coming and going except on sporting day Saturday.
As a family we use the area to walk and explore the natural environment, use the bike track and also park in the car park at school pick up.
Walk around look at the creeks and see the ducks Take dogs for a walk They love it
Everything listed above plus more.
Feeling connected to this part of historical coromandel. Although it feels disconnected as I don't believe it has been truly treasured or showcased. It needs lots of improvement!
Walking, picnics, nature and wildlife watching.
We are Frank Smith's family and use it regularly.
In our fast, busy life full of much stress it is proven to walk in nature has benefits for calming the nervous system. So I walk to enjoy all it has to offer, breathe the clean air and listen to all the beautiful sounds of nature. A place I have enjoyed other activities like picnics, the playground for my children and a quiet space to sit and meditate. For the health and well being of all the community and visitors to our beautiful neck of the woods it is our responsibility to hold strong and keep as is for everyone to enjoy now and into the future.
RC models
We go for walks, take to footy, soccer ball and have a kick
play soccer
Don't currently use it
Other - Watching our Grand Children Playing Football (soccer)
I don't currently use the park
Don't currently use it as the park is not set up to host cricket.
Dog exercise and the daughter enjoys the limited amount of playground equipment on offer
Currently don't use ground but am part of a local soccer club which has more teams than facilities.  Young local children who want to play organised sport.
We've been to school soccer games in the past
Not a frequent user, have been twice in last 10 years



Please list / describe the main things to consider (Responses to "other")
Making better use of the wider park land. Potential for natural development and acknowledgement of its story/heritage value of the place.
<p>Upgrade of parking in the park and along Magarey Rd to stop illegal and dangerous parking.</p> <p>Slow speed restrictions for cars along Magarey Rd as multiple children walk this route for school access.</p> <p>Upgrade toilet facilities.</p> <p>Improve playground for children who wait for siblings playing sport.</p> <p>Improve lighting to reduce vandalism at night.</p> <p>Add bridge for creek crossing at rear of wetlands.</p> <p>Impact study on vehicles exiting Magarey Rd onto Auckland's Hill Rd.</p>
<p>It is a beautiful unspoilt area in Coromandel Valley and used as a community off lead dog park. Children go and play there, dogs and people socialise and families picnic.</p> <p>It would completely ruin what is an incredible spot in the area.</p>
A lot of snakes in the watercourse and oval at times
creek edges need work in places
Allowing organised sport to take over the oval every weekend would prevent locals (who currently go there every weekend) from being able to go there and enjoy the area.
Increase building pollution near a river and orchard
<p>Waste management of people using the space that could impact the natural areas around. Don't want to see grass replaced with artificial playing surfaces which will impact the delicate temperature balance of the spaces around.</p>
It's one of the only spaces I feel safe taking my dogs off the lead. They love it there
There is a very diverse bird population in the park representing something quite rare in the Mt Lofty Ranges. Impacts on it should be considered
<p>This was left 'to the people', not to a club. It's important that this park which is casually used by many in the area honours the intent of Frank Smith by remaining open and available to all, not put aside for a club or clubs</p>
As previous, keep it available for all, not just those involved in organised sport.
<p>It would be sad to see the park over used/developed as currently the quiet natural surroundings are the most attractive feature. I don't think I've ever been through the park without running into dog walkers and it would be incredibly unfortunate to ruin the amenity for this group. I think a good balance could be easily struck. I would hate to see open access to vehicles as I think the current arrangement of access to limited groups when using the facility works well.</p>
Safety of children walking on surrounding roads
Playground
It is an ideal venue for family picnics and reunions, and community activities such re-enactments and fairs.

<p>Magarey Road impacts and increased traffic hazards to children riding bikes. Many senior citizens also use this area for gentle walking and socialising with their dogs.</p> <p>Environmental concerns.</p> <p>Access and traffic flow problems, particularly regarding Main Road.</p> <p>Sports clubs demanding exclusive use, or feeling entitled to exclusive use.</p> <p>Anti social adult behaviour linked to sport club culture and drinking.</p> <p>See more comments below.</p>
Dogs to be on leads at all times would be better for the wildlife.
Playground upgrade and public toilet upgrade.
Fence to stop ball going in creek would be useful.
There needs to be an off leash dog area somewhere
Access/Egress of Emergency Services Vehicles and the ease of evacuation for park users and surrounding residents in the event of a bushfire.
Unable to exercise dogs off lead when sport is on
The adverse effects on the people living nearby and the safety of its current users.
prioritise time for the local residents to use, including after school hours on week days and most of the weekends. Org sport might be ok for two week nights and one day on the weekend a fortnight. More than that is not fair and equitable.
Water that is hidden from the oval. I feel it is a drowning risk.
Respect for the environment. Some outdoor sports spaces are constantly littered with bandages, strapping, food litter, empty bottles, cigarette butts etc.
Biodiversity
Vehicle access should remain at the current level.
<p>Waste management/Capacity to entertain visitors. Opportunity exists for either mobile food truck, clubrooms or community sausage sizzles on event days- all of which will have power needs which do not yet exist, and most importantly, waste creation which won't be supported by current facilities.</p> <p>Disabled access to facilities is non-existent.</p>
<p>Uphold the promise to Frank Smith who generously donated this property for the community to enjoy. One of the most significant benefits of having parks in your community is that they make a positive contribution towards the environment. One of the many ways they do this is by conserving trees, plants and wildlife. Parks provide as a home to native birds and other small wildlife.</p>
<p>It is a super popular dog play spot where people have been meeting up for years on weekends and its important and valuable that people still get time and space to walk their dogs &amp; let them swim in the creek</p>
<p>Availability to general public.</p> <p>The intersection of main road and Acklands hill is dangerous enough already, increased traffic to</p>



Margaret road to access frank smith will require infrastructure support. School children cross here frequently.
The probable supporting infrastructure will take away from the natural feel of the area and the spontaneous use of the oval and its surrounds by the many people whom I see there each time that I go.
More people using the facility will make me feel safer when I go for a walk.
Not limiting the use of the area for dog walkers/exercise, considering only the use of one oval for organised sport
Interesting question.  There are no concerns using a sporting ground for sport.

Do you have any additional comments about the use of Frank Smith Park?
<p>Frank Smith is a beautiful natural reserve. It has an abundance of wildlife and provides shelter to a number of species threatened within an urban habitat (eg bandicoots). The wetlands provide a natural filter for the water that runs into Sturt Creek and the whole area provides local families and the school with a beautiful learning environment. Organised sport should be kept to a minimum so as to not disturb the nature of the area. The area itself is not suitable for any further development (the grassed area atop the hill is not suitable for parking). It cannot support extra parking, or infrastructure without significant impact on the delicate ecosystem and it's surrounds. Please respect the wishes of the local community over the wants of a homeless sporting club who continually push to develop over nature for their own gain and greed.</p>
<p>A bridge over the river in the north eastern corner of the grounds is a REQUIREMENT if any development is to take place. The crossing is impassable in winter and dangerous at other times.</p>
<p>I am heavily involved with school sport at CVPS which uses Frank smith for cricket and soccer. It is a wonderful setting however the grass is often far too long for a junior game of cricket - mowing more often would make a huge difference to the playing surface for what would be minimal cost in the short term. I believe if clubs want to use the ground they could contribute to an upgrade of the playing surface.</p>
<p>The land was donated for horse riding and is now mainly used for walking, fishing, picnics and dogs socialising. Please do not ruin this by having more sporting events. Belair National Park was not allowed to nor should Frank Smith Park.</p>
<p>Being a resident of Coromandel Valley for over 50 years and growing up and knowing Frank Smith and family, the land was left for the community to enjoy. it was sad to see the current oval being installed, even worse was the upkeep of the facility disappear to leave an unusable surface. If the oval can be improved and maintained with little change to the parks current 'ambience' it would be ideal. Being aware of the lack of sporting ammenities available I think if no improvements are done it won't make any difference to the situation. If it gets improved it will be an eyesore of fences and signs and the usual council moves to protect them from being sued. Such as the installation of signage and life rings at the dam..... Shame mitcham council.</p>
<p>The boundary fencing is inadequate given its use as an off lead area for dogs and the neighbouring livestock.</p>
<p>Consideration for maximising amenity for people use (beyond sport). This might also include identifying future expansion (if opportunity arises ) during adjacent property sub-division(s) Deliberate exclusion of motorcycles (off road) and intent to limit excessive noise should already be in place. Link to Blackwood Forest should be marked (and promoted). A link path south to Ackland Hill should be considered as a future possibility.</p>
<p>Upgrade of ovals would be good but leave be the natural environment out the back. It doesn't need sanitizing or suburbanizing. Its beauty is in naturalness</p>
<p>Parking is already an issue, particularly around school drop off/pick up times. Not sure how, but definitely need improved access and more parking in this area.</p>

<p>The park was saved from development to create a peaceful environment for the community and nature to enjoy.</p> <p>Any development or impact on the Park will be strenuously rejected.</p>
<p>Path lights would be useful</p>
<p>We have been a regular at Frank Smith Park for many years and enjoy catching up with all the other people and their dogs that use the park on a regular basis ,There are many people who use the park to socialise their dogs as we haven't got another park nearby.</p>
<p>I have enjoyed Frank Smith Park for nearly 50 years. It was my childhood playground. There are already more than enough ovals and sporting infrastructure facilities in the local and wider area that are under used that can accommodate all organised sports. Leave our open spaces and natural environment alone. People need somewhere they can go where they can have some peace and quiet to experience the sounds of nature, birdlife, fauna, flora etc. Enough is enough!</p>
<p>The park is fantastic as it is, nature play for kids is fantastic. Creek crossings without sterile bridges make it adventurous and fun.</p>
<p>I would be concerned if the gate off Magarey Rd (which is currently locked outside of the times the oval is currently used for sport) was to remain permanently open. This area is a lovely safe place for the kids to ride their bikes and play after school.</p> <p>If the oval is to be used for more organised sport, it would be helpful if there was some sort of advanced notification as to what days/times etc so I can be sure to avoid riding my horse on the adjacent Tom Roberts trail at those times.</p>
<p>Access across the water course at the back of the oval.</p> <p>Very difficult to negotiate safely and dryly.</p>
<p>I would love the addition of a nature playground at Frank Smith Park</p>
<p>There are plenty of ovals in City of Onkaparinga, so why take a popular local facility away from the locals? Let it be an informal area for picnicking, dog walking and enjoyment!</p>
<p>Existing amenities support organised sport until a later time when funding can be sought for new, first priority should be the upgrade of the playing surface.</p>
<p>At times the soccer parents get rather loud especially with a southerly wind. We back onto the north side of the Park</p>
<p>Organised sport is supported but the primary purpose of the park should be as a natural native environment. Therefore limited infrastructure and more flora and fauna care.</p>
<p>Please reconsider allowing increased sport in this area from these large sporting clubs. These clubs already have sufficient facilities to meet their needs - for example, the Sturt Lions Football Club has recently gained commitment from the government to have a \$275,000 upgrade made to Manson Oval in Bellevue Heights, and this is on top of their \$2,750,000 Karinya grounds!</p> <p>When you give these grants to these massive clubs to use these beautiful public spaces in this way (for their own financial gain), you are actually taking the spaces away from the local kids to be able to use them on their weekends. If there are sporting games on every Saturday and Sunday at Frank Smith, when can our school-aged kids go and play here? We regularly go here to kick the footy around on the lawn, our toddler runs around, dogs enjoy the free space. If the grounds will be</p>

occupied by the Clubs during this time, the community can't go and play on the oval, there will be a huge number of cars going up and down to the oval, damaging the paths. The increased traffic will have a flow-on effect on the wildlife here, which is a very special and untouched little area that deserves to be left alone. We currently take our children to Frank Smith every weekend and have done for years - surely you can't think it is right that we suddenly have to stop using this beautiful public spot, so that a soccer club that already has a \$2.75 million dollar grounds (among MANY other grounds) can take over it and have it cordoned off for their own use?

Further development to Frank Smith would be to the detriment of the incredible wildlife that are living in this small but undisturbed area - Southern Brown Bandicoots and orange-bellied parrot have been spotted here, which are both highly endangered. Increasing cars and foot traffic right next to the wetlands, on the oval, would be of a huge detriment to these animals, especially if there were night games to be held due to the influence of light pollution.

Lastly - please - keep Frank Smith open for ALL of us to enjoy over the weekend. These clubs have ample facilities and have no respect for the environmental damage they cause. If you allow them to take over Frank Smith for their own financial gain, the next thing they'll be asking for is to cut down trees for carparking, then flood lights, then bigger toilet blocks, then a massive clubroom, and then - our treasured area of undisturbed nature will be lost forever. Areas like these are the reasons why people move to the Adelaide Hills. Please keep them natural for our children to enjoy as openly and freely as it currently stands.

Also, if you go ahead and allow Frank Smith to be taken over by organised sport, you won't hear the end of this. There will be larger community uproar than what you seen when Sturt Lions tried to do this to Belair National Park.

Please encourage this club to look elsewhere. We protected Belair National Park and now we must protect Frank Smith.

Play ground upgrade is all that is needed, but don't remove the metal equipment- no old school playgrounds around any more!

So long as the park is still available for other users I don't see any problem with more organised sport on the oval.

An upgraded playing surface is urgently required for growing sporting clubs in the area to ensure new kids/players are attracted to sport, but of vital importance to retain existing kids/players. Also of great importance is the building supporting facilities, which include public toilets, changerooms, canteen and all weather shelter. These could be completed in separable stages. Other upgrades or improvements should include; BBQ shelters, seating and upgraded playground facilities.

Parking would be a major problem. There is not enough parking to support increased use and trees and the environment would need to be damaged or destroyed to increase parking. Margary road could not handle increase in traffic, it's practically a single lane track as it is.

Leave it as it is please.

Accessible toilets with baby change facilities are a necessity

## FUTURE USE OF FRANK SMITH PARK – YOUR SAY ONLINE SURVEY COMMENTS - JUNE 2022

Grew up on adjoining property and relative of Frank Smith. All for improvements but do not support synthetic surfaces.
The wetlands area is so special with abundant small bird life and I am concerned about the negative impact of concentrated and additional activity surrounding the playing field
Do not touch the gum tree. You know the one. Leave it and all others alone. You can improve this oval without making it look like a. Urban carpark with an oval.
It's currently very popular with dog walkers off leash. It's great to see all the dogs run free whilst friendly people have a coffee and a chat. I would hate to see it change to on lead only if sport becomes the main use.
Why wasn't this done earlier
<p>The social value of the park is enormous, especially for people who are socially isolated and/or not included in formal sporting organisations.</p> <p>A large number of people use the park for dog walking and nature time, often forming friendships with other casual users.</p> <p>Dogs should be allowed off lead. If this is a problem for other users, it could be limited to particular times and/or areas.</p>
Should be advertised more, unless you grew up in the area it is well hidden
Fantastic space being under used in our council area
Please leave it as is, it is so popular at the moment for the natural feel it has don't mess with it.
It is one of the best parks around with a nature walk part, a creek etc. it is the best park to go to to have dogs socialize off leash without being contained in a small fenced dog park. The entire area should have a fence around and be declared a dog park
I would use this space more if dogs were on leash. I have had issues with dog aggression and muddy dogs jumping on me. I do not think this is a suitable off leash area.
The area needs this, a very welcome proposal.
While I support community sport, I really appreciate the quiet nature if the park. I'm not sure what the correct balance should be.
<p>I think of Frank Smith like it's my own backyard. I have lived nearby for the last 19yrs, and depending on my availability have walked there daily to currently a few times a week.</p> <p>I have formed networks of fellow dog walkers which grow into friendships. There is a community of people who are equally passionate and appreciative of Frank Smith as it is.</p> <p>The only upgrades I see Frank Smith needing is better management of the dam intake output flow and a crossing of sorts for the creek in the far back corner behind the wetlands. I would prefer something less obvious as a proper bridge, large heavy stones similar to what is used in Sturt Gorge is my thinking.</p> <p>My joy at Frank Smith is the old scrub and the new plantings that are replenishing the cleared areas.</p>

<p>This of course brings a great variety of birds to the area, including a Tawny Frog mouth family we have been following since 2009. More recently a kingfisher has made the creekline his home.</p> <p>I have concerns for the increase in use of the oval to outside sporting groups. My observations so far have not given great confidence that consideration is given to the community who already use this space. Cars speed in, probably lost and late. Parking is haphazard along the grassy edges, no care for the damage it creates. Kids are often unsupervised in vulnerable areas.</p> <p>I'm not against sports groups using the oval, I am against this concept that to do so upgrades must happen and particularly at expense of the natural environment and those who use the space more passively.</p> <p>I'm preparing myself that Frank Smith as it is will be lost to the locals and handed over to the ever demanding needs of vocal sporting clubs. If this happens it will be a great loss to those who have enjoyed it as it is for many many years.</p>
<p>If this is due to Sturt Lions wanting yet another field to take over then it should be rejected, while I am also a member of Sturt Lions I am a member of the CV primary school and Blackwood Forest FC too. Sturt have taken every available pitch with no consideration of true grass roots sports, they dont share with other local groups either.</p> <p>Blackwood have been forced to relocate to Springwood because Sturt have been allowed the privilege of all the local pitches (they wouldn't share one of their pitches as one extra match might have been too much for the grass)... but obviously money talks!</p> <p>Put the money into Frank Smith for the true local sports and schools (CVPS, BelAir etc)...and leave the Sturt Lions monopoly out of it.</p>
<p>Can we stretch the budgets to lights for winter?</p>
<p>I believe it makes more sense to work with current use and enhance the park to facilitate that use.</p>
<p>Please leave it as is- a quiet space for people to take their kids and dogs without too much sport going on. There is no where else nearby for local residents that is suitable to let bigger dogs off lead to play and socialise with each other.</p>
<p>Perhaps council could spend sometime getting the top pond up to scratch again given the Reid's have taken over and there is no water flow.. I remember a great little jetty that led to clear water.</p>
<p>While I agree with using the space, sports take up all available outdoor recreational space. Some of us need outdoor space that is peaceful as with infill housing, you can never get away from the noise/busyness of an increasingly fast pace life. The area is trying to rebuild the habitat for native flora and fauna, increased sports/vehicles is not in keeping with this agenda. Support the use for Quiet peaceful activity like outdoor yoga classes etc</p>
<p>I don't understand why there needs to be a consultation when it was clearly established as a sporting and recreation park. The local area is full of kids needing an outlet.</p>
<p>Increased use of the sporting fields would appear to be a reasonable use of the facility. Changing the infrastructure by redeveloping any of the area would be an awful shame. The majority opinion on social media appears to preference leaving the area alone. Users enjoy the natural aspects of the area and don't want to see bridges, paved areas, increased vehicle access or other development. They enjoy the park as it is.</p>

<p>The major potential conflict I see with increased use of the sporting fields is with dog owners. As a dog owner myself, I am not concerned by this as there is ample space elsewhere in the park. Increased vehicle access, if this was being considered, would be inappropriate with the number of school children crossing from Coromandel Valley Primary School, and park users running, riding and walking their dogs through this area or using the adjacent cricket nets and jump tracks. Increased car parking would be a good idea if it were confined to Magarey Road.</p>
<p>I don't think this could go ahead without sorting out the parking and making access easier at busy times out of the road. It's a nightmare just at school times.</p>
<p>Surface could be better for sport. Upgrade toilets for everyone. Minimise built infrastructure. We have too many areas being spoilt by this policy. Keep in mind that it is for everyone to use not just sporting clubs. If the public can't use it then what's this point?</p>
<p>I daily use Frank Smith Park to walk the dog. There is a large group of people who attend to let their dogs play often. This is great for community engagement, social activities, and leisure. I believe that consideration needs to be had for a dedicated dog play area at Frank Smith. There is loads of room with water features. There is NO dedicated dog play area in the local area.</p> <p>Simple fenced area that is not associated to the sporting grounds would be ideal. If you increase sporting activity, then there will definitely be conflict with local dog owners who need to get out of the house to walk the dogs. If sporting is increased, dedicated dog or mutual off-lead areas need to be designated also.</p>
<p>It works fine as it is as a playing surface</p>
<p>There is a lot of activists who send out false information especially on Facebook to provide a perception the public don't want change but this couldn't be further from the truth</p>
<p>Community veg garden space would be great</p>
<p>Please do not take this away from the kids. This is a fabulous space that can be shared with everyone.</p>
<p>There are so many other locations organised sport could occur. Why are we always encroaching on the valuable natural green space we have?</p>
<p>Keep it as it is - green space &amp; natural habitat. A great place to exercise and be in nature.</p>
<p>It is a beautiful place to visit anytime of year on the fringe of suburbia..a natural playspace.</p>
<p>Prioritise the natural environment over commercial gain, these spaces are disappearing quickly and it is such an asset to the community.</p>
<p>Young families and sport need to be considered.</p>
<p>There should be another bridge connecting the hill path and the path around the wetlands</p>
<p>You will have to have rubbish bins there.</p>
<p>It's a wonderful area for wildlife including koalas. Koalas are a threatened species. Too many vehicles and people in the park would have a negative impact for them.</p>

<p>don't turn this into a sporting area.</p> <p>it's a busy area as it is with the school nearby. Magary road can't cope with increased traffic</p>
<p>It would be very disappointing to see action taken to make any significant changes without a lot more community consultation. My mother was one of a number of locals who stood in front of the bull dozer that was contracted to fill in the damn many years ago. As a result of their protests, which were against council wisdom at the time, we have an amazing community park that balances sport, nature, local industry (the orchard) and our local primary school - enhancing the quality of life for people, pets and wildlife.</p>
<p>Under used increase in cricket would be good</p>
<p>I said it all before</p>
<p>During the current sporting activities, the gate is opened and cars have access to the park, often parking on the grass near the oval. In winter, this causes the stone-surfaced road to deteriorate into a muddy slick, and the grass parked becomes degraded. There remains water-filled mud-holes to the east side of the oval during the winter, which were pointed out to council TWO CUSTOMER SURVEYS AGO and with no rectification. How hard is it to fill these minor stretches with a trailer-load of earth? I am concerned about additional activities due to the impact of more cars using the park each week.</p> <p>The wetland area has deteriorated over the past 7 years, and the park as a whole would benefit from a volunteer "management committee" representing all stakeholders to liaise with council.</p>
<p>There is rubbish on the North side which needs moving for safety. Iron on and bribed wire. The top area is less used.</p>
<p>Turning these spaces into private club use is a terrible use of public space.</p>
<p>Our family often uses the park for walking and exploring on weekends. It would be nice if the organised sport didn't interfere too much with other recreational users of the park on weekends.</p>
<p>Please don't let this park be taken over by another sports club. Sports clubs are taking over everything. In this area.</p>
<p>We should be encouraging the community to enhance this under utilised area and not let it be wasted</p>
<p>The Wetlands are an amazing but neglected space with access across the creek damaged since floods occurred some years ago. I would like to see investment here.</p>
<p>it is a very nice place for an oval that is going to waste and with an upgrade it can be used to its full potential, and it would be nice to see it upgraded and used for more sport.</p>
<p>Everywhere has an oval you can kick a footy, the best places have space for traditional sports and the new age sports that actually attract new money spending people to an area.</p>
<p>Hopefully more sport can be played at Frank Smith Park and an upgrade of facilities can take place soon, especially for my young kids and others is the local and wider community.</p>
<p>I think it's currently underused but would need to consider environment as it's a very natural space</p>



## FUTURE USE OF FRANK SMITH PARK – YOUR SAY ONLINE SURVEY COMMENTS - JUNE 2022

A great location in the community
Remember it backs onto a primary school where children regularly walk and ride. Parents use Frank Smith to park and walk their children to school through the back gate. With increased use of traffic coming to use the park, comes more risk of children being run over by idiots etc. It would need to be managed carefully and priority given to the primary school which uses it for nature play and sports.
There needs to be some development to the area to improve the oval surface and surrounds and somewhere to place change rooms and club rooms to allow for increased sporting participation but not take away from the natural appeal of the area
its a beautiful space. leave it how it is
Would be great to have the existing dirt jumps maintained and more bike trails installed.
Please do not take over and destroy the natural beauty of this environment. Increased people just means increased rubbish and destruction and noise.
The growing needs of the community need to be considered. The area can still remain beautiful and also be used for sport
Frank Smith is an incredible park, my family's favourite park to visit. We use FSP for walking, exercising and spending time in nature. Use of this park is of great benefit to my mental health. I would prefer my family's use of this park wasn't impacted but do understand the importance of sport for others. It's a matter of the details which haven't been provided in this consultation enough - how much increased use? What does resurfacing mean (I assume it will stay as real grass)? Will the club who collect fees be required to invest in the park to ensure ongoing use for everyone not just their players? Will bins be emptied more to accommodate greater use? Will no trees/green space be removed? I'm happy to share the park and see physical activity encouraged but use should be balanced.
Please leave it as it's is.
Be good for the local community to upgrade & increased useage
I think it's really important to maintain our green spaces and protect the wildlife so would not want to see major building and roadways to impact this. I also think it's a consideration that a lot of people and families us the oval for open play, picnics etc and this may be limited with any significant development. I strongly believe it should remain a public space and not given over to any particular sporting club.
More bike jumps and trails and toilets
I am all for upgrades and increased use so long as it does not impact unduly on the natural environment there and any upgrades to turf are NOT artificial turf. Real grass only please.
Needs an Upgrade
We are seeking upgrades to the oval surface that would allow cricket to participate on the oval. Offering acceptable playing surfaces and oval facilities for kids play sport is a fundamental. Kids playing sport is a right for life, not a privilege.  Would welcome urgent upgrades to the playing surface to retain existing kids in cricket (and all other

sports) and for future generations to be provided with opportunities. Not only will the local community benefit, but so will the wider community. Look forward to improvements going ahead.
Weekend use for sport okay, but keep it available for recreational use on remaining days.
Please don't change what's great as it is
We hope it will be left as is
Sturt lions can go some where else. enough already. This was a gift to the community, to be honest school soccer is as much as the beautiful area should be imposed with.
Trailsapes are your best local builder that would build a great addition to the park
The intersection of Main Road, Margaret Rd and Acklands Hill Road is extremely dangerous. Thought would need to be given to this if increased traffic. It is dangerous to cross, hard to tell which direction cars are going and a hard corner to see around. Cars also park all the way down the street turning it basically into one lane but two way traffic and there is no where easy to turn around if you can't get a park. Also there are great bike tracks within the grounds and thought would need to be put in around safety of extra cars entering the grounds with small children on bikes
Frank Smith Park is an iconic part of Coromandel Valley. The land was originally donated for community use. As I have grandchildren living in the area, I can think of no better way to encourage it's use by young people than to encourage local sporting groups.
make sure that local school teams can use the ground like they use to and let other people who just walk around with there dogs or do something else, can still use it freely.
Leave the space as is. It is a valuable and limited asset as is. It has a diverse and natural value. A more suitable, accessible area should be found.
Leave our local environment and recreational areas alone, they are for the community to enjoy and are an asset.
I have been visiting fsp for over 40 years. Firstly to watch my kids playing soccer & cricket at weekends & attend training sessions during week. Daily visits to walk dogs and regular walks with a walking group throughout the year. I have enjoyed watching t h e wetlands and all the tree planting beautify the area. Now downsized from large home in Coro to courtyard home in Craighburn but still walk in fsp regularly. Hopefully will not be spoiled by overdevelopment.
This is a perfect spot for recreation and sport. Not too close to residential properties, large in size as well.
Frank Smith Park would benefit from some improvements and upgrades to areas such as toilets, picnic benches, childrens' play area and the addition of outdoor gym equipment.
I think it's fine to increase use of Frank Smith Park for organised sport as long amenities at provided for the scale/frequency if use of he park and as long as current use of the park is not significantly impacted (e.g. ability to walk the dog, bike on the dirt tracks, etc are not significantly impacted).
It will turn a sanctuary into another loud space where the environment will be lost in the cheers.

I would like to see this area remain s shared use facility
I can think of a better use for this space than supporting local community groups.
See earlier comments. Don't ruin a good thing, the infrastructure spend is going to be in the millions of dollars, but for how long? I'm talking about resurfacing roads and oval, lights if training is proposed, building of change rooms, possible upgrade to play equipment, better toilet block, water for oval as there is no current irrigation, noise reduction for residents i.e. high fences or window alterations. Who is paying for electricity, water if soccer goes ahead? Alterations to intersection at Main Road and Ackland Hill Road. Weekends only, no training Monday to Friday.
I would like the playground to be updated :-)
Parks need to be used to be valued
If the park is designated for increased use by sporting groups the parameters for usage should be clearly defined, understood, monitored and adhered to. In particular the times of day, for example only from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Also with a maximum number of hours per week and per day allowed, for example 10 hours per week and no more than 6 hours per day for a single organisation. The intent being for community access to continue as the major use.
Please, please, please keep this beautiful and very important open public space just for that - open public space. To grant exclusive use to one particular club that has very high fees excluding many, would be terrible and would go against the intended use of this space and indeed, the use of this space for many decades. Why should the community lose out to one particular club?
I enjoy the park and i would like to see a nice bbq and tables
<p>I dont think soccer should be there. For multiple reasons.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. They have just completed a multi million dollar facility in Blackwood and have use of another oval nearby which has been given money in the recent election to improve. Also there is a big difference between using an oval during winter and summer. Summer won't require lights. Winter will and will also damage the ground more as the ground will be softer.</li> <li>2. Sturt Lions have the facility on Coromandel Parade already.</li> <li>3. I think there are better options to provide opportunities for different sports to use grounds in the area considering they are so few and far between.</li> </ol>
Please add further street lighting to the entire road. And speed bumps to slow down extra traffic. Keep opening the gates to the oval when the games are on to help with parking.
<p>My wife and I live in The Knoll Crescent, only a short distance from the park and use it regularly ourselves as well as bringing our seven grandchildren there regularly. I bring dogs there regularly there too. I do appreciate the doggy bags and bins.</p> <p>I feel strongly that use of the oval by any club must be secondary to any use by the adjacent primary school. In other words, any AFL, cricket or soccer etc. by local junior teams from the Coromandel Valley Primary school must come before the Sturt club. The school is very old and built on a very small site, so needs access to the Frank Smith Oval.</p> <p>Over the years children, teachers and parents from the school have planted and maintained the</p>

many trees that have been planted over a 20 year period or more. Many of us pull weeds and clear sticks from paths as we use the park.

As a retired teacher, I see a real shortage of ovals for junior sport since the last two governments sold off open space at a number of secondary and primary schools.

Any use of the oval must prioritize use by the Coromandel Valley Primary School which is on a very small site and since the BER, much of the oval space at the school is taken by the new school hall. It no longer is able to be used for junior football.

Primary school students, parents and teachers have for many years planted the slopes around the oval and looked after the new plantings. I remember helping our children and grandchildren take many many containers of water to water the young plants summer after summer to keep them alive.

Make sure there's play equipment for young children

Frank Smith Wetland is a hot spot of biodiversity for both flora and fauna in the area. It is secluded from busy areas and offers protection for animals in an otherwise relatively urbanised area. It is currently abused by some dog owners treating it like a dog park with little to no regard for the local native plants and animals. I do not have an issue with increased sporting events on the oval, however the wetlands and surrounding area needs to be safe guarded first. Keeping dogs on leashes would be a fantastic start as well as better signage about the importance of places like Frank Smith in urban areas. The Onkaparinga Council has spent thousands on revegetation and conservation who have done a fantastic job at holding back weeds and encouraging local plants to thrive. I am concerned that an influx of visitors would undermine this great work done by contractors and the council.

Furthermore, if there is funding available to invest on sporting grounds I would hope there is sufficient funds to reconstruct the wetlands into a functioning wetland. The wetland was badly damaged from the 2016 floods and to the best of my knowledge nothing has been done to restore it to a working wetland.

I hope that the council can continue to recognise the importance of biodiversity and protect Frank Smith from further damage.

Its a fantastic opportunity for this park to not only be used by local sporting teams, but to also attract attention that could lead to the uplift of the park and its facilities. This would benefit the local sporting community (sporting clubs, school sports etc) and the surrounding community who visit the park regularly.

Love the area. Would be good to see something done on the area to make good use of the available space and the fact it is located a good distance away from any public housing.

Due to the heritage of the area it is very hard and unusual to see any new structure or facility in the area. Which is incredibly disappointing as it prevents the area from growing with the rest of the community's. I love the area and I love the quiet nature but it's time we finally have some wins to the local clubs in the area which can have great affects for unlimited amounts of people and not just the residences near by who may be mildly inconvenienced by the situation from time to time.

I think it is a perfect space for community sport, away from houses and traffic. Plenty of walking trails around Frank Smith dam and the surrounding area so community sport should be allowed access to a quality oval.
Frank Smith Park is a delightful and peaceful feature of Coromandel Valley. It would be disappointing if there were a significant increase in the level of use for organised sport as that tends to limit access by the general public.
Can't wait to see it upgraded!
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i think the use of frank smith should be expanded, sporting community's need this land i. order to grow and survive, the general pubic can also be using frank smith at the same time as there is plenty of space around the area
Fantastic suggestion
The creek and wetland space is so beautiful and highly valued by locals that it would be best to maintain that. Also the bikes jumps are used regularly and all weekend by young teenagers. It would be ideal to maintain the safety in the area and not have to compete with increased traffic for children or dogs off leash.
Go back to the drawing board. Use some common sense and stop ruining natural areas. Residents love this area because of what it is currently, don't ruin that!
I support the use of Frank Smith park for additional sporting commitments. My main concerns however are the current lack of 'ownership' on who is responsible for maintaining the park to ensure lawns are mowed, fields are marked, QR codes are easily available to sporting associations/school sport organisers. If an increase in sporting occurs here there needs to be a clear understanding/commitment from either Mitcham or Onkaparinga council about who's responsibility it is for the ongoing maintenance and to ensure grounds are ready every week for sports.
Please do not disrupt what is one of the last relatively "untouched" parklands left in the area, I don't want to see the natural landscape restricted and developed.
I have no problem with it being used for sports but the right infastructure needs to be considered with consideration for the surrounding flora and fauna.
Support for allowing children's school sport as already occurs, on Saturday mornings. No upgrades to turf that prevent other users..ie. astroturf for soccer which excludes other uses. No permanent goal posts which impact other sports. No support for increased adult sport clubs or club houses due to likely increased partying and alcohol. The area is already being used for illegal activities such as letting off fireworks and there is regular drinking and discaeding of bottles. A serious bushfire risk and evacuation concerns for the entire area. Its very difficult getting onto Main Road during rush hour, let alone in a bushfire. The surrounding natural environment was being damaged by increased visitation during COVID lockdowns, giving an insight into potential damage with increased use. Many snakes in the area which should be allowed to have their habitat protected, and many nesting birds in adjacent trees and shrubs. No support for sport at night activities.

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Use of this area has already increased greatly over the last 10-20 years. This area should be preserved as one of the last remnants of native bush land and a safe place for locals to explore and enjoy without worrying. We live in the street and also have huge concerns over the increased traffic with cars regularly speeding down the round with no concern for the locals. This will no doubt become worse with this change!
This space was gifted to council by a local family, and is enjoyed by many everyday as it is.
Please put the "dogs must be on a leash sign" back up.
I love sport and it's good for everyone. But changing the nature of Frank smith park is not a good idea. I support the use of it for school and on weekend only. The road to the park is so narrow and dangerous for many cars going in and out of that road.
I think it needs to be kept to minimal sport use so that this doesn't take over from nature activities. There are other sports facilities recently created in Blackwood and o'hallaran hill. I would think that housing sports away from nature reserves would be more sensible.
I walk there every day and I have tried numerous times to get a bridge built over the creek but neither council wants to pay for this! I have even met somebody down there from Onka. council to discuss this - but it all goes quiet. This has been going on for years. As soon as a soccer club wants to use the oval (and pay the council presumably), the council snaps their hand off! Perhaps in June 2022 when both Onka. council staff meet with Mitcham council, this can be discussed? Surely the councils can share the cost of this?
Open space and nature are becoming rare commodity in our ever expanding residential area. This particular soccer club has currently has multiple locations in the immediate area. Hewett Oval, Manson Oval, use of several schools in the area as well as their \$3million development on Shepherds Hill Rd. There is a site next to Women's Playing Fields at corner of Ayliffes Rd & Shepherd's Hill Rd. That site could accomodate all their needs and not impact the environment, better traffic flows and zero impact to residents.
It's the only place left that you can walk a dog off the lead. Lets keep it that way. There are plenty of sports ovals near buy.
Develop flagstaff hill where it's already built up. Leave the valley as one of the last natural areas
It makes sense to use it for sport (and expand its current usefulness to include other sports), however no one sport should dominate, and most importantly the park needs to continue to cater for walkers, including those with children and dogs.
Please leave it as it is.
Please listen to the science and start prioritising biodiversity before it is too late.
There are plenty of other less sensitive area where sport can be played
Parking will be an issue at this restricted site, and I fear that trees will be cut down and the natural environment will be at risk of damage if hundreds of cars are allowed to park on the site.
More sport and improved facilities at Frank Smith Park are long overdue, the playground for the children is tired and basic (couple swings). The public toilets need a spruce up. The oval needs new grass and watered during summer, also gets wet during winter so that needs fixing also. Plenty of space for parking already and adequate.

This is a space the entire community can share.
<p>Welcome any upgrades to Frank Smith Park;  No major money has been spent here for generations.  Public toilets tired  Playground poor and tiny  Oval surface needs watering during summer as it gets bone dry and floods in winter under heavy rain.  Area needs adequate shelter building to keep out of the hot and cold/wet weather, BBQs and outdoor shelters.</p>
<p>An upgraded playing surface is urgently required for growing sporting clubs in the area to ensure new kids/players are attracted to sport, but of vital importance to retain existing kids/players. Also of great importance is the building supporting facilities, which include public toilets, changerooms, canteen and all weather shelter. These could be completed in separable stages. Other upgrades or improvements should include; BBQ shelters, seating and upgraded playground facilities.</p>
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<p>Please let's use it  Lots of natural spaces in the area already for those that don't like sport</p>
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<p>As one of Frank Smith's Grandchildren I remember article in the paper and he described this park as his Paradise. A place where everyone would come and have fun.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 : I would like to see the cricket nets moved next to the oval.</li> <li>2: Increase the oval size at Southern end by 10 metres</li> <li>3: Put in 2 Tennis Courts.</li> <li>4: A running track around the perimeter of the oval</li> <li>5: Fence off the Northern end to stop cricket / soccer balls ending up in the creek.</li> <li>4: Electric BBQ's</li> <li>5: Plant out southern embankment to hide the cut into the hill  - Please refer to early photos of the "BUTCHART GARDENS IN CANADA" and how they turned a quarry into a spectacular garden.</li> <li>6: New playground equipment</li> <li>7: New watering system for the oval</li> <li>8: A lookout in the South Eastern corner of the oval where the hill was cut into facing west and across the playing field and into the the 3 ponds.</li> </ol>

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It would be amazing if the Ramblers could use this site as their home and could be utilised by others.
Would be great for the Ramblers to have a home where the community can come together respecting and complementing nature
It is currently used for school sport but pitches are more paddock like , they need improvement but need to be mindful of surrounds and the rustic environment
I live in the area which has some outspoken people who want nothing to change. I have lived here 40years and recognise the need to give both adults and children the facilities to play sport without the need to pollute the world by having to drive away from the area to partake. It is a vital provision in line with government ideals and medical advice to get outside off electronic devices and exercise. Providing amenities for sport is very important and maybe will involve more young people and stop them going around being disruptive and a nuisance taking up police time.
Frank smith park should never be over developed but utilise and maintain what is there. I have been going there for 35 years and played in the creek as a child. It's a very special place to me and my family.
There are few locations that dog owners can take dogs off lead to explore and enjoy natural surrounds. Whatever is developed needs to enable this to continue and keep road traffic away for safety of children and pets.
It helps the community to be active with minimal impact.
My Grandfather just built it originally with all his life savings just for the community to enjoy
Communities need more availability for organised sport. It's a great way for children to be healthy and for adults to be part of their local community and build strong friendships.
Better sporting and recreational facilities can only be a great thing for the local community!
I would love to see cricket played at Frank Smith park, it's such a relaxing game.
Support strongly the increased use of this ideal amenity and also the potential for further development and expansion to   Service many sports at all levels
With the road access you need to take into account the residences on MAgarey Road and the fact that you have a working orchard at the end and their needs with their access and   customers etc
This is a little park used extensively and with great respect by the locals in our Little community. It is suitable for this purpose only. Leasing it out for soccer will have devastating effect on local environment, hinder local family's ability to enjoy it for simple family activities and create a very real and dangerous situation in fire emergency. This plan must not go ahead!
There are some relatively new local business' in the area that can benefit from increased traffic to the area
Frank Smith park is one of Mitcham Council's woodland reserves and as per the City of Mitcham Open Space Strategy (2001), this area needs to appropriately managed by considering "regional as well as local habitat protection objectives". It further states that where there are watercourses, poor land management can impact habitat downstream therefore the "involvement of the Patawalonga Catchment Water Management Board in this regard is essential." Additionally, "it is also necessary



that dialogue with natural resource planners from adjoining Councils is developed and maintained".
As such, I would expect that the City of Onkaparinga has done due diligence in consulting the Patawalonga Catchment Water Management Board as well as engaging Natural Resource Planners from adjoining councils to ensure that the introduction of organised sport and its associated infrastructure does not have a negative environmental impact on the natural habitat of Frank Smith park and surrounding areas including habitats downstream from the watercourse.
There are enough sporting facilities in the Onkaparinga area, would like to keep Frank Smith for casual dog use and social community outings
Please leave this small oasis alone
As much as I understand that a club needs a space, surely there are other spaces already available to the clubs. It would be a shame to see the site change into something developed and made clinical by car parks and infrastructure that is not where the space is now. It is an open area full of nature and developing it will only encroach on the space we have now.
Leave it as it is, stop trying to exploit the natural environment and displace existing users.
many people enjoy the seclusion and privacy of the park - it's always free and a little community spot
The park in its current form brings the community together through a shared appreciation of the environment and surrounds. It would be a terrible shame to lose that.
We need the park to be left as it is for the wild life and people that use it to exercise their dogs or just enjoying nature
Please keep the park as it is for the wildlife and the people that enjoy it as it is
Leave Frank Smith park as it is for the wildlife
A small wooden bridge over Sturt Creek in the vicinity of the wetlands would be a great improvement. At the moment it is unsafe to cross as I am reluctant to risk balancing on the logs which have been arranged there by others to try to get across.
For many years I have asked BOTH councils for a bridge over the creek as it is greatly needed but nothing ever happens. Please give consideration to this. Also in the winter when it's wet, there are two wooden bridges which are very, very slippery. Would it be too much to ask for some chicken wire on them to aid walking and not slipping? Thank you.
I haven't seen a horse there for years :)
With more people it is expected that they will respect the park however I would hope that council will implement infrastructure for parking, toilets (as boys will pee everywhere, ) as well as waste management as where there is people there is always waste
This survey seems very biased in the response options available. It is very focused on more organised sport. There are no questions about accessibility for older people or the very young. Or for sports that aren't competitive.

Use it for coromandel valley primary school parking & stop the drop off area in the school. There are traffic problems on main road when picking up & dropping off children. It has become very difficult & dangerous to use the road around the school area.
Even though I support its use for organised sport, I would like to see the natural and wild feel of the space preserved. That is, any developments being really sympathetic to the environment, and parking not too far into the park.
While some increase in use by sporting clubs may be balanced with current use, I do not think any building works or substantial change to the area should be considered. The value of the park for walking, bike riding and nature play should be preserved. The constricted nature of Magarey Road does not allow for any significant increase in traffic.
More cars, more noise, more dogs off leash. Please leave our park alone! Main road can barely handle the traffic we already have.
I have enjoyed the peace and quiet of FS park for 49 years, since what is now the oval was covered in pampas grass and full of rabbits, and hope to do so for many more years.
As a parent of 2 children that use frank smith for school sports and recreational activities which include nature walking, exercise, dog walking and many other activities, the park is as Frank intended it would be used. It would be a shame to over use or redevelop this nice park.
No objections to more organised sport as long as it does not change ability to exercise dogs there
Please do not chop down any more trees or change the grass to artificial turf. The "wetlands" behind the oval also is no natural and lovely. I do not want that area to be changed, added to (bridges etc) or "opened up" in any way. The wildlife have so few areas where they can be and I would not like to see this area get changed in any way.
Please leave the park as it is. It is a rare gem for the local community to enjoy. There are so few areas left like this one. Not everyone wants concrete/bitumen/barriers/signs/noise/infrastructure. There are plenty of sporting areas available for use already.
Please leave the park alone
Please leave it alone. It is a local family oriented park, not suitable for mass arrival of vehicles and people that would come with being used by club sport.
Special place for ALL of our community
<p>We have used Frank Smith Park for many years to exercise and socialise our dogs. Our dogs are jumping out of their skins when they realise we are turning into Magery Rd....to go to the park!</p> <p>It may be good to utilise this wonderful area for sport provided it is not overdone &amp; consideration is given to the other current and future uses of this wonderful area.</p> <p>It appears parking on Magarey Rd and also the nearby inside areas beyond the boom gate are sometimes used by parents of Coromandel Primary children, this is understandable due to limited parking facilities but a more organised approach perhaps involving more clearly defined parameters would render the practice safer for all concerned.</p>

Please never put in artificial turf, lighting, new bridges and concrete paths, chop down more trees, add buildings or car parks. We moved to the hills to be able to enjoy the trees, open spaces and natural environment. The animals have so few places left to go (I believe there is a Brown Bandicoot that is native to this area). A sporting club will want to make these changes and I do not support this.
Please never add buildings, concrete paths, bridges, lights, car parks, artificial turf or cut down any more trees. The animals have so few places left to go, if these above things were added it would be bad for the them and push them out (I believe there are Southern Bandicoots there). We moved to the hills to be able to experience open spaces, trees, and our natural environment and so do not want any changes or anything added to this previous and unique and rare area.
The primary use of the park is as a nature reserve. I would strongly disagree to any changes in use which would impact on this. Specifically I oppose any major infrastructure changes which would impact on its natural environment and wildlife. The park is an open space amenity for the general public and no sporting club (s) should have any exclusive use age which will reduce the use by all sectors of the community.
Even though we are members of Sturt Lions soccer club we do not support the increased use. The school soccer season is of short duration, whereas the club soccer season is much longer. I have already witnessed the chaos and reduced safety associated with cars arriving for a Sturt Lions trial game. It is a narrow no-through road, with limited parking. There would be limited access for other visitors during games. Frank Smith reserve is a fantastic place for multiple activities and connecting to nature, we don't want that to be negatively impacted.
I'd love to see more revegetation of the hill and upper field to support wildlife and biodiversity
Beautiful open space area which should be preserved lots of wild birds and animals so close to urban areas
The environment must be strongly considered. It is right on the Sturt River and that is important. It is very popular for dog owners and their needs must be met.
A basketball court in conjunction with other sport facilities would be ideal. Lights on a timer for after dark use would be great. Other SA parks have this facility which creates a safe environment for teenagers to use in early evenings in winter months
I would really like to see the woody weeds controlled and some replanting of the local flora. It's a fantastic space and wouldn't want to see it over done in terms of redevelopment. The area has a unique feel and it's a nice little hidden gem.
It's such a beautiful park that just feels right
Please just keep it as it is
Increased use will depend on the amount of time it is used by sporting clubs, ensuring that there are times for general use and dog walking activities. Ensuring that artificial turf is not planned to replace natural grass.
Keep the focus on weed eradication and native restoration. As most use is informal recreation, it must always remain the priority. Smithy's is a local treasure, do not exclude the humble dog walker or kite flyer.

Regards Tamara
There needs to be a bridge over the river above the wet land area to allow walkers to safely cross the river. At the moment it is a loose collection of stepping stones and loose tree branches that children put there and move almost on a daily basis. Sooner or later someone is going to get hurt trying to cross. Also moving logs and rocks around cause the alteration of the water course and subsequent erosion of the walking trails through there. I find it unfair that sporting clubs get permission and approval for use of public areas while all the other day to day users are overlooked. Also the main dam behind the primary school need to have correct water flow through it so it does not silt up .
As long as the natural surroundings are not tampered with and are kept intact for the bird life/wildlife and to keep its tranquillity for our leisurely walks then the community will be happy.
What a badly put together survey! Why can I only put in 1 use of Frank Smith when I walk; run; exercise dog; bike ride; ...in fact the only thing on your list my family haven't used it for is horse riding! I'm/we're strongly against sports clubs having any rights of use over any part the park over the general public....this is not why it was donated in the first place. Will improving the playing surface lead to a creep of development...lights...more regular vehicle access to oval surrounds...paving the parking areas..changing rooms/club house..fencing off the oval... Why does the council not just maintain the oval more? You cut the grass why not just top dress to level and give it a roll occasionally?
This is a rare peaceful natural environment, please don't ruin this, it's so important to me that it doesn't get overrun by extroverts.
I am concerned about the impact of increased organized sport in an area that has such significant environmental value, and is used regularly by casual recreation. Any increase in use by sporting associations must be done in such a way to minimize the impact on the surrounding environment and public use. This means NO new sport or public lighting and investment in both natural and hard infrastructure to mitigate potential negative impacts from increased organized sport use. No synthetic turf, natural turf only and restrictions on hours of use etc
Not every open space needs to be taken over by organised sport. Please leave space for enjoyment of nature. We have too little public open space. I dont want it taken over with car parking, change rooms and other sporting infrastructure. If anything it needs more planting of native vegetation. It looks rather bare around the oval.
There are plenty of better areas to build something like this. The people driving this plan should be ashamed of themselves. Losing yet another green space when you can do the same thing in an unused field is ridiculous.
Should consider lighting for security and night training and improved vehicular access
Frank smith should not be used for increased formal sports. There are other more suitable (and currently used) areas

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It's so lovely don't let more people ruin it
'- A really under utilised space. - Do not want to see it exclusively leased to any organisation without it remaining free and open space to other users. - No use or implementation of artificial turf.
Hawthorndene oval is used for sport on weekends but also available for walkers, dog exercise and seems to be a good balance. Perhaps consider a similar schedule to there.
This is our community green space, please don't build here
Hidden gem that more oval use will bring families to the area
Maintenance of this area would be appreciated but making it appealing in a nature focus way would be preferable over hidden away access for cars. Very vulnerable to vandalism as tucked away and more use would have an impact on the wetlands etc that already exist.
No
I am very concerned about the potential loss of trees and habitat for native animals.
Getting in and out is difficult. As someone local who walks down to the oval it's very hard and often unsafe to cross at the bottom of Nicolle Drive due to the traffic, curve of the road and poor visibility due to the trees
used for the current residents
Frank smith park is a beautiful part of our area. People who use it currently are mindful of the space and the native species that call it home. Any increased use should consider the environmental impacts - it would be a shame to see the waterway clogged with litter. I am Also concerned about the safety and impacts on Margery Road.
Please leave it just as it is!
Under no circumstances should this park be developed for the use of the Sturt Lions at the expense of the environment, current users and locals. I will fight to stop this development with everything I have.
The current toilets have no soap or sanitiser in this covid world, and barely enough toilet paper. To accomodate increased usage modelling of community needs is critical- especially as there is no disabled access to any facility whatsoever.
I hope frank smith park can be used informally and formally. This place needs regular landcare, particularly the wetland area. It could be really special if someone looked after it. New playground there would be amazing.
Please reconsider. There are numerous places for humans to play their sport. What people want is some last remaining pockets of wildlife and nature to visit.
Well it's my favourite park, so if we need to share it more with other people that's great. Everyone should be outside more having a good time. What a wonderful place to play sport. I don't mind the ovals, sometimes we bring a ball and have a kick, but most of the time we wander up to the ponds and the kids muck about in there for ages.

Locals love our area because of its natural serene environment, we don't want it developed for profit, leave it alone.
It's a wonderful park with great mixed use at the front with the bike jumps, the creek and pond are beautiful and it really adds to Coromandel Valley Primary school and the OSHC to have access to such a great place close by. But I've seen that private residents need to bring their own lawnmowers from home to cut the grass before weekend soccer. That seems ridiculous for a council maintained park. This space doesn't need lots of upgrades, but a regular mowing cycle, better/more parking and some commitment will see this used by the regular dog walkers from 8am-midday weekdays be happy and the weekenders for sport also be happy. I'd hate to think that a few dog walkers will ruin any chance of even minor upgrades because they see it as their space. Grandstands, change rooms etc I think might be too far given the secluded nature of the park but if it does win funds to upgrade the grounds for weekend sports, the toilet facilities will need to be expanded given the increased volume of people attending at any given time.
It's an extremely valuable resource for the community, and highly valued by the school as a natural resource to be used for Science and other lessons. It is very important to me and many others that the integrity of the natural environment is maintained, and that at least some times on the weekend are left free from organised activities.
There are already many sporting ovals around the area. At the moment finding somewhere to exercise a dog when sport isn't on is quite difficult. If it were to be used for sport, it would be great to have a timetable available online so people can see when not to take their dogs there / use it for general rec.
Increased parking availability would be a huge asset and support to Coromandel Valley Primary School, where parking is very limited and causes major disruption and road rage along main road during pick up and drop off times.
This is not a suitable site for increased traffic and use. Please do not go ahead with proposed plan it will have a huge impact on our community.
I wholeheartedly support this initiative and hope it gets off the ground.
Frank Smith is a very large tract of land, which could easily incorporate all uses eg organised sport on the weekend, dog/horse exercise and nature areas
CVPS has long utilised the Frank Smith Reserve for both sporting and educational purposes. Any development should ensure such use is not negatively impacted. There is significant lack of parking for any increase in Club use of the location & as such increased use would negatively impact those living close by including myself.
As a neighbour and frequent user of Frank Smith Park, one of Coromandel Valley Primary School's volunteer soccer coordinators, and parent of 2 kids who also both play school and club cricket, I really hope a reasonable compromise can be reached here.  As it currently is, Frank Smith is a wonderful, safe, natural environment through which I can ride my horses, my kids can safely walk or ride to school, and play with their friends after school and on weekends. It (just!) holds up over the winter soccer season with the number of games the local schools play on it without turning into a complete mud pit! (Frank Smith is also the home ground for Belair and Eden Hills primary school soccer teams).

Unfortunately, I feel that under its current maintenance program it is unsuitable to be used for school cricket. As council currently classifies it as a recreation ground, not a sporting ground, it is on a 6 weekly council mowing schedule. This is highly insufficient over the summer months when the grass is actively growing. We were out there with our own lawnmowers and whipper snippers over the cricket season to enable the kids to play on a surface where the ball could actually be seen, let alone make any sort of progress across the ground surface after it had been hit!

I would be in favour of improvements to the oval surface, even if it's just in the form of more regular ongoing maintenance, but I would not like to see an increase in organised sporting use if that, in turn, is going to lead to a significant increase in vehicular traffic within the park and along Magarey Rd. The impact this would have is very evident at school drop off and pick up times at present, while the school is using the park as a kiss and drop zone whilst repairs are done to the wall near the usual kids and drop zone at the front of the school. I am quite strongly against the area directly inside the first gate being used long-term as either a drop off/pick up or parking area. It feels quite unsafe to me as it is being used at present.

Hopefully there is a compromise to be reached somewhere? My suggestions would be:

1. The gates remain locked at all times when the oval is not in use for organised sport
2. The use of the oval for organised sport to be scheduled to always avoid the hours around school pick up and drop off times
3. More frequent maintenance of the oval surface, gravel roads and parking areas directly around the oval itself
4. No parking allowed near the bike track or on the grass next to the gravel tracks

Maintain natural focus and atmosphere for all people to enjoy equally, not just a specific sporting organization.. No open space should be lost to new developments. No artificial surfaces should be used either.

The playground, bike track, cricket nets, dam and creek need a lot of TLC and upgrades

Facilities for drinking water

Yes when mr smith died he left that area to the Children of Coromandel Valley to be enjoyed now and in the future. Every one is fine with the school using it for sports because they are the children of Coromandel Valley but they only play once a fortnight on it and how are kids supposed to use their imaginations if they have no where to go and explore.

I support more use of the park, but hope it could be done in a way that is sensitive to the local environment and residents.

The only upgrade I would like to see is a slight expansion on parking, and widening of access gates for emergency services

Would be great if the school could use to more often too.

Coromandel Valley PS uses this park for orienteering while after school orienteering is also provided including students from nearby schools.

People shouldn't be selfish and share the use of the park

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It's a beautiful space and needs to retain that beauty but I think enhancing the area with better facilities will ultimately ensure the longevity of the park as open but usable space
This is a highly used area for parents of Coromandel primary to use for before school and after school pick up,so any organised sport should be after 4.30 pm to give parents time to collect their kids. Also, the primary school uses Frank Smith weekly on Saturday during soccer season and cricket season so they should be given priority since Sturt already have use of several other ovals and pitches. Main road is extremely clogged at school pick up time do again, if it is to be used by other clubs it must be after 4.30 pm
It is good to know the oval is getting good usage. I know Frank's main desire for the land was for children to enjoy it. As long as there won't be some restrictions or the like (say, if a club wanted to block off an area, etc), then I think any turf upgrades, financial assistance would be good.
As long as it is a well- thought- out plan, I agree in principle to this plan. The use by the community for leisure and the engorgement I environmental impact need to be considered
An extensive nature playground for families
National parks in Australia protect areas of natural beauty including the plants and wildlife that live there, and provide access, recreational opportunities and educational programs for people to learn about these natural habitats. Think of our future generations and protect their future as well as all the flora and fauna. Consider how trees lower greenhouse gases and considerations for planting more trees should be of priority rather than developing an area for just playing sport when there is already numerous venues in the area available.
The park is a beautiful natural environment for the last 50+years. We remember as children when it was given to the community by Frank Smith. Leave it alone!! School sports YES!! Sports clubs NO!!
The facilities in the park now are adequate but need improvement. The park is peaceful and is a joy to be in. Improvement is needed to the drinking fountain. Non slip treatment to the bridge to the pond, and wet area. I small bridge at the East end. Proper connection to Archibald Park if possible. Repairs to the fences. Improvement of the oval grass, watering in time for cricket and school sports day, and Primary School kids sport.
Not against increased sporadic use. Not organised, every weekend use so that the community can not use it.
I think the bike tracks (BMX and Jumps) could be extended, improved, and maintained to a higher level to include Frank Smith Park with the ever growing range of bike tracks and trails available in the Adelaide hills.
this is a unique area and does not need to be spoilt.
Please leave it!
It's a great open space useful for so many things! I am open to changing the oval, please keep the paddock at the top and the wetlands!!!! It's good to see the park getting some love. Please don't ruin one of the nice spaces where we can do recreation.



The South Australian Cricket Association strongly supports the improvement of Frank Smith Park for cricket to be played at the site into the future.

The overuse of FSP will ruin this beautiful open space.  
The access is simply not suitable for continual sporting events. Vehicles picking up students from Coromandel Valley PS already fill the roadway twice a day. Magarey's heavy vehicles have had their access blocked. Sporting clubs will obviously want to build lots more infrastructure and it will soon take on a commercial appearance regardless of whatever promises to the contrary are made to council.

My children attend Coromandel Valley Primary school so we are regularly at Frank Smith Reserve and Park to enjoy nature and play after school and for school soccer on weekends.

I think improving the quality of the turf for the current and future users would benefit the community and would be a good thing. Some of the other facilities would also benefit from improvements such as the toilets and playground area. Improvements such as these could be easily carried out without impacting on the look and feel of the place as it is currently.

My main concern in opening up the park to sporting clubs and making it busier is that any developments need to be sensitive to the natural environment.

For example, if it is decided additional parking is needed, I am concerned this will be at the expense of some of the green reserve area leading up to the park (near the cricket nets area).

Additionally, I think adding amenities such as seating and change room facilities could damage the look and feel of the park/reserve.

Also access should be a consideration, in some sections access is narrow and challenging (room for one car only). This can also be an issue near the entrance gate especially when people are parked on the road due to limited parking spaces. If the demands on the park are greater, improvements may need to be made for vehicle access but this should not be done at the expense of some of the beautiful trees and natural areas.

While the park is used for school sport, it is also largely popular due to its natural beauty and the surrounding reserve. It is a very popular spot for walkers, nature lovers and for families due to the natural aesthetics of the park. Therefore, any development must take the needs of these users into consideration as well as those using the park for sport.

Preserving our natural environments is of the upmost importance and so if a development does go ahead it needs to be a very careful and sensitive balance.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading this.

Please don't change it. We love it just how it is and the community of people who use the park just how it is. It will be a real shame to lose the community we have.

<p>Frank Smith Park is a little gem with beautiful birds and animals. A lot of people including us use this area for walking, off lead dogs with control, bird watching and just simply playing. This is a little communal place to get to know locals also. I would like the council to put more effort in conservation - bringing back biodiversity but allowing people's access rather than building up new infrastructure for sporting clubs. Increasing car access, lighting (if Sturt Lions puts up lights for winter soccer training like they did at the soccer pitch recently developed on Shepards Hill Road and Hewett Oval on Coromandel parade) will have a massive impact on the animals live there. Ongoing noise will be carried through to the residential area also. Increasing car access will have a big impact on the plants and animals - I have seen a koala on the tree in the area recently opened up for parking. Coromandel Valley Primary School children for example use this space for nature play during the school hours. It can be a place to care and nurture the natural environment. I would like to see Frank Smith Park to be a beautiful nature reserve rather than sporting facility.</p>
<p>we support the ongoing development of our area that benefits all people and future generations. the proposal to upgrade / utilise frank smith for sports is a fantastic idea.</p> <p>in order for this to be safe, the road into and parking needs to be considered as bitumen. and better bollarding to be installed to prevent hoons from driving onto the oval.</p>
<p>There are enough soccer pitches and other sporting grounds around our area. Leave this park alone.</p>
<p>The exit from Magarey Road onto Acklands Hill Road is so close to the Main Road intersection that it can be quite dangerous as so many people who access Acklands Hill Road from Main Road take that corner at a high speed. In my opinion, the extra traffic leaving Magarey Road from organised use of Frank Smith Park will lead to many potentially bad accidents.</p>
<p>Stop organised sport use of Frank Smith Park!!!</p>
<p>The traffic coming onto Acklands Hill Road from Magarey road and waiting then to join Main Road will be a nightmare and create a very dangerous situation. That corner is bad enough now with drivers whizzing around from Main Road to Acklands Hill Rd. Also many pedestrians use that intersection to cross and a safety refuge has already been needed due to the busyness of that intersection.</p>
<p>Strongly opposed to using this special space as another sporting facility. There are many other facilities around for sport, and Frank Smith Park is one of the rare natural walking areas I can enjoy with my friends and our dogs on a daily basis where we can exercise (for us and our dogs), enjoy our dogs and enjoy nature. Changing this park into a sport facility would significantly impact my quality of life, as proximity to the park is one of the main reasons I live in the region.</p> <p>I also have concerns about increased use/ traffic and the limited parking, natural plant/ bird life being impacted negatively during sport events.</p>
<p>The space can be uses by the community and sporting clubs in harmony</p>
<p>cricket on the oval is not going to stop other dog-users like me use the oval when cricket is on, or, use the walking trails at anytime.</p>
<p>This is a facility that is way under utilised and that could be used by the casual user and organised sport in harmony</p>

It is unfortunate to see a small number of community members so vocal spreading misinformation about the proposal for an improvement to the oval. This should be considered by council
An increased turf surface is of great benefit to the community
No thanks
I cannot see how sporting activities will impact negatively on the current environment at the reserve. Currently the toilets are horrible, the surface not safe enough and dog poo left. Nothing surrounding the grassed area should be impacted due to development. I feel more people will utilise the area - surely that is what the council wants? Are those who are making negative comments and spreading lies just wanting to keep the area for themselves??? How selfish! As an educator, the nature play opportunities for children watching parents and older siblings is endless - how amazing is that!! Those who come and play sport will learn about the park and then possibly come back to the area and spend money at cafes & shops on their way to or from the park. I cannot understand why there are any negative outcomes.... it's a reflection of those who have nothing better to do than complain.
I believe if the current surface was upgraded it would great space to play any sport on. I do not think it is used enough and if it was many more people would use the oval as well as going to walks etc.
Surely if it is for school sports, once a week is enough, Primary schools do not need to play more than one game at a weekend. Clubs have access to other facilities.
It is bad enough being accosted by jumping dogs / wet dogs & their angry owners when I suggest they control their dogs, while trying to enjoy gentle exercise and a quiet walk. There is no way that anyone would be able to use the park if sports were being played there.
Better playground facilities to entertain kids would be great
Would love to see the upgrade and have more families involved in sports
Allowing organised sport seems like a sensible use of an existing open space. Community sport is often unnecessarily seen as the villain however there is no reason organised sport and informal recreation cannot work happily together!
This area is under used and needs better maintenance. My so. Plays for sturt lions so I have to declare that. But the club is bursting and needs more facilities. The golf course upgrade was canned and we have grounds scattered all around the suburbs.
It is a beautiful spot and made all the more fabulous when it is being used.
I think it's a wonderful natural resource that is currently under utilised. I've witnessed my kids play school sport there and have seen so much potential. We regularly go bird watching and walking there as a family. I think it is a perfect fit for further development and improved ground quality to enable a greater resource for the community. It has plenty of open space, natural bushland and would provide a great place for both formal and informal recreational use
Its a great idea so just get on with it.
Sturt lions are not asking for it to be theirs they are happy to share with the community. I don't think this is unreasonable.

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<p>Whilst I totally support the current environment for local sporting clubs so that the current ground is a suitable environment for all sports, promoting sport and healthy behavior in all I also respect its current use and realize that development must be done tastefully so as to respect nature and ensure the upgrade benefits all. Ensuring traffic and car parking etc. is developed respectfully.</p>
<p>I would love to see the ground upgrades. There are many parks and reserves that aren't usable for sport as the grounds either have significant ruts and/or no goals (footy and soccer).</p>
<p>Better to have girls and boys involved in sport, fitness improves the ability to study.</p>
<p>I'm a birder and always sit on the side of the environment but I see this is a good thing for kids and families, with minimal environmental impact.</p>
<p>Any open space that can be developed for kids healthy activities in this day and age deserves respect . Get the kids off the couch !</p>
<p>We love Frank Smith Park and would enjoy spending more time there with sporting matches / events.</p>
<p>This is a great proposal for our local community which would only improve children's chances of being involved in sports due to having good facilities to utilise. The local primary school is screaming out for improved playing surface and on a number of occasions parents will mow and whippersnip the surface so it is acceptable to play junior sports on.</p>
<p>Let the people play</p>
<p>It is a beautiful spot that should be used as much as possible but retain it's natural charm</p>
<p>As a school sport organizer I worry about the safety of the ground. Car parking isn't marked out and the road is unsealed. The education department is also a stakeholder- at least 3 schools use the ground for soccer.</p>
<p>Frank Smith is a beautiful park that is environmentally valuable. Frank Smith is one of Mitcham Council's woodland reserves and as a result needs to be appropriately managed and protected. I urge the Onkaparinga Council to reconsider the use of the park by organised sporting clubs. This is not an appropriate use of this park and I would ask that the clubs in question which have approached the council review other more appropriate areas including school ovals. This is a park that should be enjoyed by all the community and not just sporting clubs. The Council needs to ensure the preservation of our parks as community space is vital for the mental health of people, the enjoyment of environment by the community and essential in protecting our local fauna and flora (keep in mind a climate emergency has been declared in South Australia.)</p>
<p>Frank Smith park needs to be protected and preserved. I understand one of the clubs, Sturt Lions, is requesting the use of this park and I question how much community space this club needs? Mitcham Council have already given this club Karinya Reserve, including major upgrades - leave this park alone and leave it for the enjoyment of all the community in its natural state.</p>
<p>With a growing population in the area it would be great to further activate community space for the greater and wider community. Participation in sport and recreation has a hugely positive flow on to the community.</p>
<p>Frank Smith donated the land with the intention for it to be used for sport..... local community cricket club has a need for extra ovals. Makes sense.</p>

<p>I would hate to see any development that adversely affected the ducks on the lake. It was sickening to see visitors (not locals) early in the COVID period encourage their dogs to chase the ducks. Unfortunately I was not able to stay long enough to get vehicle regos.</p>
<p>Best to make sure the open spaces are being used by all people - casual, organised sport included</p>
<p>I would like to say that a 'Master Plan' without any defined proposal or scope is difficult to comment on and could be viewed as a disingenuous exercise in asking a leading question looking for a favourable answer.</p> <p>Frank Smith Park (FSP) is currently well-used and equitably shared by members of the community for various pursuits. It works well to this end, in it's current state.</p> <p>Any development or improvements need to consider the vagaries of the intended proposal such as access, egress, parking and impact on built, educational, agronomy (Magarey's Orchard) and natural infrastructure.</p> <p>The volunteer historians at Watchman House, run by the National Trust, has detailed an 1840 'Native Reservation' (apologies for the antiquated pejorative) near the site, similar to the site at Weymouth Oval (at the junction of the Chambers and Sturt Creeks). I respectfully ask if there has been Kaurna input into this proposal?</p> <p>The proponents of developing FSP would decry NIMBY-ism and a lack of foresight should this get knocked back, those of us that value a quiet, shared-secret, of high community value would disagree. Once it's gone, it's gone.</p> <p>Any time a change in management of a community space is proposed it is polarising, yet we all have the same aim to use a community space. It should be maintained as a shared space, not metaphorically fenced for exclusive use that excludes us as ad-hoc users.</p> <p>In the short term, those that propose to develop FSP would seem dismayed if nothing happens. In the long term, with hindsight as a benevolent ally, here's hoping we say we've done the right thing by leaving it as it is.</p> <p>Alan Peters</p>
<p>The oval can be used in conjunction with respecting the environment around it. Better facilities mean more sport and more active community members of all ages.</p>
<p>Let coromandel ramblers use it.</p>
<p>Listen to the current users of the oval. Don't listen to the misconception, misinformation and misleading crap offered by the near neighbours.</p> <p>There is absolutely no need to test the sentiment of the community with “consultation” surveys, as these only turn into a popularity contest, instead of addressing the needs.</p> <p>The Adelaide &amp; Suburban Cricket Association has relied on this oval for decades, for one of its clubs to use this oval. The cricket club using the oval do not use it during any other time (only Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings for playing cricket). The cricket club do so currently with very poor toilet facilities. There is absolutely no impact on the surrounds or wildlife.</p>
<p>We need spaces for our young people in particular to participate in sport - think it is fitting with the intent of this community gift</p>
<p>5 hours on a Saturday afternoon and 3 hours on Sunday morning for Cricket, would still leave plenty of time for other users in the week.</p>

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I think this will be a perfect venue to sporting clubs
it's great opportunity for the City of Onkaparinga
I have previously used Frank Smith Park for after hours Primary School Cricket.
An opportunity to creatively and sensitively enhance a fabulous community facility for current and future users.
What the Coromandel Ramblers want to do and what some people are saying they want to do are vastly different. The lies being said about the club are simply disgusting.
Wouldn't want any changes if it affects the off leash dog availability
Permanent matting on the cricket pitch would also be extremely beneficial.
Let's not let a vocal minority ruin our community for a fit, active and healthy majority
Many parks/reserves in Adelaide have adult or aged folk exercise equipment . As an older tax and rates payer I would like to see that equipment installed at Frank Park or the nearby Weymouth oval for use by the people of my age bracket in the district that would certainly make great use of it.
I think there should be no second thought about not being allowed to use the park for sporting use it's just common sense.
The Coromandel Ramblers are a fantastic local sporting club and I wish them all the best.
It's a good idea to support physical activity for kids
Use of the park for sports is nothing other than an asset to the facility
I would love to see this beautiful space being used more. I definitely would use it more. I currently don't as oval not a great place go for a run/walk. Oval and surrounds unkept.
I have lived in the area for 30 years and love walking/running through the park with my dogs. I would happily see the ground used for sport on Sat/Sun mornings if the trade off was a much better ground that can be used year round.
Use of a nature play area to negate the current negative effects on the creekline by kids
I (we) support junior sport and I have been involved in coaching same but recent activity by adult soccer players produced LOUD crude language from the oval that could be heard as far as Winns Road. Not good enough!
kids need to have sports grounds to enable participation and there are huge shortages in grounds and please make sure the grounds are of a decent quality as the current grounds are not up to sporting standards!!
Sport doesn't need to equal a problem! It brings community together and encourages exploration of the natural environment too.
We need to spend money on these projects before it is too late
Thanks for the opportunity to have a say as long term residents of the area. :o)

Let people play
Sport brings the community together and enjoyment to participants and spectators
If it is used for organised sport it is likley supporting infrastructure is going to accompany it such as car parks, toilets etc. I think it is just as critical that adequate and safe bicycle parking is also installed to reduce the load on cars in the space.
Our local children need decent facilities to encourage activity and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Organised sport will bring in others with potential to spend money at local businesses. If the facilities (including the playground) at the park were better, then we would use the park more. Make brave decisions Council and elected members, for the benefit of all rate payers and the local community. That is what we expect and why you are in those positions.
Sturt Lions is a community club which offers playing time and training for children of all abilities.
Hopefully this progresses but should it not and it only be available for school sports Saturday mornings, regular mowing and maintenance of the oval should be implemented
The car parking there at the moment is very poor. Only a small number of car parks on the street and a very difficult off-road parking area, especially when it rains. I'm not sure this site is well suited to more formal sporting use. I think the kids using it on saturday morning is probably its limit.
Please don't develop this beautiful space.
1. staggering start times might assist with parking 2. encouraging car-pooling and ride sharing might be a good strategy 3. a compromise for people for and against would be to limit the time it's used for sport (i.e before 3pm only on weekends) 4. kangaroo poo on soccer pitches isn't great - but unavoidable. will this be an issue? 5. I attended a pre-season game earlier this year and parking was very tricky - there will need to be parking made available nearby
Plant more trees
The grounds (oval surface & road) are both in poor condition but this is part of the charm! Always chaotic for school soccer home games. Easy to get bogged parking. Road could do with Keep left signage (we have done home made previously)
Magarey rd is not capable of constant traffic. The local houses will lose their tranquility. Wildlife is always present - needs protection. Hard copy - entered by staff
There are not many peaceful & wild spaces left. I'm happy for it to be used for sport but only if everything but the oval is untouched. Keep the hills scrubby and wild! Hard copy survey - entered by staff
It is a beautiful,natural area and it would be a shame to spoil it Hard copy survey - entered by staff