

SPEERS POINT PARK MASTER PLAN AND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

14 NOVEMBER – 15 DECEMBER 2025

WE ASKED

- How often you visit Speers Point Park
- What you value most about the park
- How you would describe your current experience of the park
- What is most important to you about the future of the park
- Are there any barriers that could be addressed to enhance your experience
- What improvement or additions could be made to the park



WE REACHED



14,539 subscribers via Council e-newsletters



2,085 engagements via Council's social media



560 postcards delivered to local residents



359 visitors to Council's online engagement platform, Shape Lake Mac



314 online survey responses



113 people engaged at community pop-up events



WE HEARD

Four key emerging themes and community values were identified through the initial engagement process.

Themes



A scenic space

The lake, trees and natural surroundings are key features of the park. Planning should support strong visual and physical connections to the lake and improve the health of the natural environment.



A place for everyone

The park offers a wide range of experiences, from the Variety Playground and cultural facilities to walking, cycling and picnicking. These everyday uses are central to how the space functions.



A sporting hub

The park contains numerous sporting facilities used for club sports, recreational activities and elite level football. It plays a major role in supporting sports across Lake Macquarie.



An events hub

The park hosts events of many sizes, including concerts, markets, children's celebrations and cultural programs delivered through the Multi-Arts Pavilion, mima. Speers Point Park operates as a key event space for the city.

Community values



Balance uses and constraints

Speers Point Park needs to support a mix of uses, with attention given to access, parking and the amount of public open space. Planning must also consider the natural environment, historical contamination and how different organisations manage or use the land.



Meet broad community needs

The park can support a wide variety of activities and events. Its size and layout allow space for clubs, families, visitors and everyday community use.



Build recreational capacity

The park provides opportunities for quiet daily activities as well as high level sport. Facilities should be accessible for local residents, people across Lake Macquarie as well as visitors.



Protect and enhance the setting

The lakeside environment is an important feature of the park. Any improvements should help protect and enhance the foreshore and its natural qualities.

NEXT STEPS

This community feedback will be used to develop a series of ideas and concepts that will explore different ways spaces across the park could look and function in the future.

We will invite further community feedback on these concepts in April 2026. There will also be a discussion paper available at lakemac.com.au, providing more detail to complement this engagement.