

Woodburn choices community survey

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Why complete this form?

Council is seeking your views and priorities on Woodburn’s future while the 2019-2020 budget is on public exhibition.

Please return to: General Manager Richmond Valley Council
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Submissions and surveys must be returned by Wednesday 19 June.

Your privacy is important to us. The survey will only be used for the purposes of informing Council and not be used for any other purposes.

Name:
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Do you currently use the Evans Head pool?

- YES
- NO

Address:
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Council has \$270,000 to spend on renewing the Woodburn pool or investing in other facilities in Woodburn.

What is your age

- Under 18
- 18 – 30
- 30 – 50
- Over 50

Please tick your preferred option

- Maintain the Woodburn pool
- Invest in stage two of Woodburn Riverside Park
- Undertake upgrades to Woodburn Recreational Oval

Do you currently use the Woodburn Pool?

- YES
- NO

Please include details about how you would like the money spent:

If so, how often do you use the Woodburn Pool each summer season?

- Once or twice
- Between three and 10 times
- More than 10 times.
- More than 20 times

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If not, when was the last time you used the pool?

- One to three years ago
- Three to five years ago
- More than five years ago

Let your voice be heard in planning Woodburn’s future

Richmond Valley Council is holding a public meeting on **Wednesday June 12, from 6pm in the Woodburn Memorial Hall**, to hear the community’s views on long-term options for the future of the Woodburn Swimming Pool, as well as other development opportunities for the Woodburn community.

Public input is an essential part of Council’s planning process and crucial to its ability to address the unique needs of the area’s many communities.

Council recently undertook an assessment of the public usage of the Woodburn Swimming Pool to better understand its value to the community. Under the current contract for the operation of the pool Council pays \$45,300 for the facility to be opened 27 weeks of the year from 3pm to 6pm Monday-Friday and 12pm-5pm Saturday and Sunday.

The pool was open 188 days of the 2018-2019 spring-summer season with a total of 2451 individual visits. Of the 188 open days, 80 days had no visits, 30 days had less than five visits and a further 53 days had less than 10 visits.

The main users of the pool were local schools, who used it on 25 days with 1593 visits (65%) during that period. Outside of that, the pool had 858 visits by other community users with an average of 4.5 visits per day.

Before the Woodburn Swimming Pool can be opened for the 2019-2020 season, Council must spend an estimated \$210,000 for a new filtration system. A further \$60,000 of essential maintenance works must be spent the following year. These funds are the bare minimum required to keep the facility operational in its current state.

Two other options could be considered. One is to allocate \$210,000 to the second stage of the Woodburn Riverside Park. This would provide a substantial portion of the total \$630,000 required to complete the second stage of the park, which includes an extension of the boardwalk and landscaping of the eastern end of the park around the war memorial.

The other option is to enhance the recreational facilities at Woodburn Oval. This might include an upgrade of the tennis club, an expansion of the skate park, or a new grandstand for the main soccer field.

We encourage residents to attend the community meeting on Wednesday June 12. Please also take a few minutes to complete the survey on the back of this letter.

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Option 1: Maintenance of the Woodburn Pool

COST:

- \$210,000 for new filtration system
- \$51,448 to run the facility 27 weeks of the year in 2019-2020
- A further \$60,000 of essential maintenance required in 2020-2021

Community usage in 2018-2019

- Open 188 days during summer season
- No visits 80 days (42% of days open)
- Less than five visits on 30 days
- Less than 10 visits on 53 days
- Total individual visits: 2451
- Woodburn school students visited 1593 times (65% of the total)



Option 2: Woodburn Riverside Park stage two

The Woodburn Riverside Park is a key project to support Woodburn as an attraction following the bypass of the town by the Pacific Highway upgrade.

The staged project aims to establish an iconic space which takes advantage of Woodburn's position on the Richmond River to continue to draw traffic to the town following the diversion of the highway.

The first stage of the project, worth \$2.162 million, included the construction of a new community building, jetty, 23m boardwalk, new playground, beach, and western lawn.

The second stage has been costed at \$630,000 and includes the extension of the boardwalk from 23m to 100m plus additional landscaping at the eastern end of the park around the war memorial.

Allocating some funds would support Council's efforts to secure Federal or State funding for the remainder of the project.



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Option 3: Upgrades to Woodburn Oval

Council has also been approached by the Woodburn Business and Community Chamber to discuss options for the Woodburn Oval precinct.

These could include a renewal of the tennis club, an expansion of the skate park, or a new grandstand for the main soccer field, or other amenities.

