Survey of Buggy Parking at Catherine Park, Scotland Island, September 2023

The Survey

All Scotland Island residents/households were invited to respond to the survey. A total of 243 responses were received. It is not known how many households this represents because potentially more than one householder member could respond. However, given there are approximately 350 households the responding sample could be considered to represent 69% of the island households.

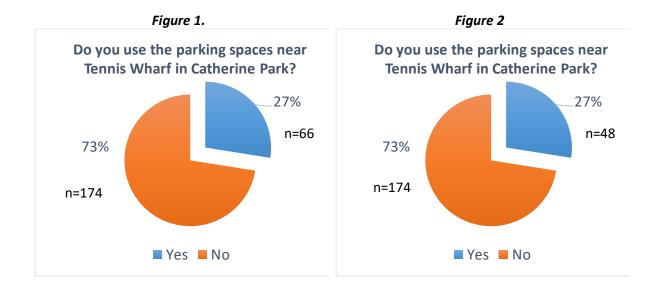
Responses to Questions 1-4

1. Use of parking space near Tennis Wharf

Sixty six respondents (27%) replied yes, they used this space and 174 (73%) replied no. See Figure 1.

2. Use of the parking spaces on the road opposite the Fire Shed

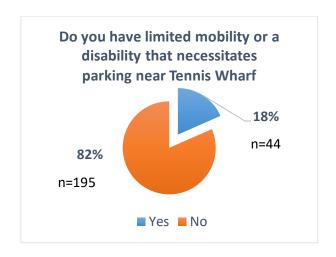
Fewer drivers use the spaces near the fire Shed: 48 (20%) replied yes and 192 (80%) replied no (Figure 2).



3. Limited mobility or a disability necessitating parking near the ferry or a boat

Forty four respondents (18%) replied that they had a mobility or disability issue that necessitated parking near Tennis Wharf (Figure 3).

Figure 3.

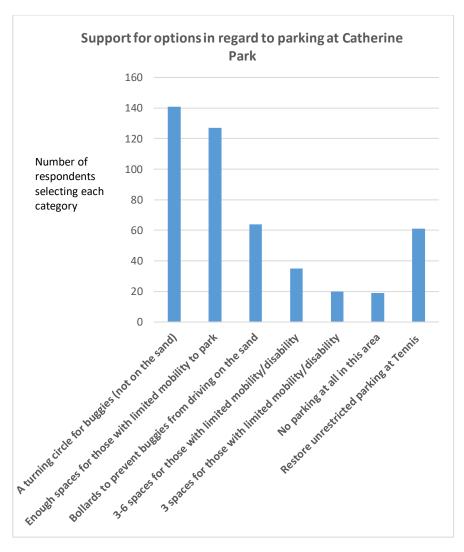


4. Preferred options for parking near Tennis Wharf

Respondents were asked to select one or more of a set of options regarding parking at Catherine Park. Responses are shown in Figure 4. Included in this figure is an additional response from the open ended question 5. That additional response was "Restore unrestricted buggy parking at Tennis". Analysis of this additional response was that:

- 35 of the 61 skipped Question 4 or only selected the option for a turning circle
- 26 of the 61 selected 'Enough spaces for those with limited mobility/disability to park'.

Figure 4



5. Additional comments received

Table 1 presents additional comments where 3 or more responses reflected similar concerns. The largest number of comments for this question were included under the heading 'Restore unrestricted parking at Tennis'. These responses are not included here but instead shown in Figure 4 above. This is because these respondents noted that the option should have been included in question 4.

Table 1

Additional comment mentioned 3 or more times	No. of
	mentions
1 Buggies should be allowed on the island	15
2 Disability parking vital	14
3 Buggies are illegal	10
4 Proper turning circle needed	9
5 Survey biased	9
6 Parking only for those with disability sticker	7
7 Find/use alternative options for disability access	5
8 Parking opposite fireshed would be too full	5
9 Will now need car parking at tennis	5
10 Roads need improving	4

11 SIRA not pro buggy	3
12 I support Pitt Street parking	3
Total number of other comments with only 1 or 2 mentions	14

Source: Major open-ended responses to question 5

Full text of all responses with coding

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