Inclusive and accessible features

- Fishing platform and wharf provides for access opportunities to the water and to the reserve
- Wharf provides access to and from the ferry wharf for people with a range of abilities
- Low grade concrete walking track extends from the eastern to the western end of Ford Park
- Picnic facilities and toilets appropriate for disability access
- Children’s playground and exercise equipment design for a range of abilities.
- Accessible parking within close proximity to these features.
Key learnings

• Appropriately placed footpaths alleviate many barriers to accessing park, recreation and sporting areas.
• Location of toilets that meet accessibility standards are essential.
• Incorporation of accessibility in parklands will increase physical access independence and feelings of inclusion.
• The location of recreation activities and events influences whether people with disability can participate.
• These facilities open up the opportunity for independence and feelings of inclusion through sports and recreation participation.

Outcomes

• The low grade concrete walking track is frequently used by the community.
• The reserve is used by people out for a walk, fishing from the retaining wall, waiting for the ferry or relaxing and enjoying the open space, natural features or the river views.
• Ford Park is a reserve that is now more highly utilised by the community including monthly markets due to its location adjacent to the Clarence River and close to the centre of Yamba.

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