



Hannah Watts Park Precinct Draft Master Plan Community Feedback Report

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1. Engagement Overview

ChatterBox Projects was engaged by Melton City Council via Urban Initiatives to undertake a pop-up feedback event and key stakeholder workshops to gather feedback on the Hannah Watts Park Precinct draft master plan. The draft master plan is inclusive of Hannah Watts Park, Melton Recreation Reserve, The Willows Historical Park and Police Paddock.

Draft Master Plan

Recommendations

- 1 New paths
- 2 New raised pedestrian crossing
- 3 New signalised pedestrian crossing
- 4 New playground with nature-play
- 5 New exercise equipment along circuit path
- 6 New DDA compliant bridges
- 7 Re-oriented larger oval with turf wicket
- 8 New pavilion with all gender change rooms and toilets and facilities for all sports clubs - football, cricket and netball
- 9 Relocated and upgraded netball courts with lighting and change rooms
- 10 Car parking
- 11 Overflow parking
- 12 Revegetate eroded creek banks & remove weeds clogging waterway
- 13 Re-introduce water to reservoir
- 14 Upgrade skate facilities (requires skate strategy)
- 15 New park wayfinding and interpretive signs and interpretive signs (see key)
- 16 New shelters
- 17 New road alignment



During the community feedback engagement activities, a wide range of people were consulted including children, young people, adults, people who lived in Melton and surrounding areas, visitors to Melton and people from diverse backgrounds.

103 open ended comments were received regarding the draft master plan via survey. A further 39 comments and opinions were gathered via the pop-up engagement tools including drawings, voting pod and chatboards.

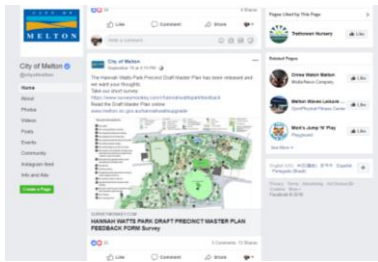
- Approximately 1,800 households received a postcard promoting the pop-up feedback event and online survey
- 126 people completed a survey, 86 online and 40 at the pop-up consultation event.
- 14 children and young people provided their feedback by drawing their ideas.
- 20 people engaged with the voting pod activity.
- 4 comments were received via the chatboard at the pop-up consultation event.

1.2 Pop-up Event



One place-based pop-up consultation event was held onsite at Hannah Watts Park on Saturday 22 September between 10am-1pm. The pop-up event included a range of interactive engagement activities and a free coffee cart.

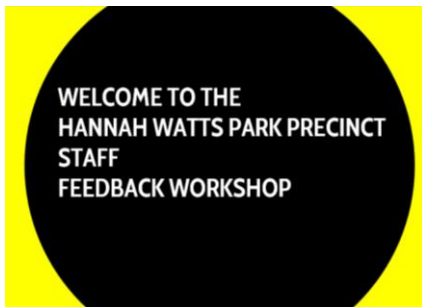
1.3 Survey



An online survey was developed to enable the community to provide their feedback if they were unable to attend the place-based pop-up feedback session. The online survey was hosted by ChatterBox Projects via the Melton City Council Have Your Say website. Online survey closed on 6 October 2018.

The online survey was promoted via on-site signage, a letterbox drop, social media and emails to key stakeholders.

1.4 Stakeholder workshops and meetings



Two stakeholder workshops were held, one for internal Council staff and one for external key stakeholders.

There was also a meeting held with clubs that use facilities located within the Melton Recreation Reserve and surrounding precinct.

1.5 Promotional postcard



A promotional postcard was developed, and letter box dropped to approximately 1,800 households surrounding Hannah Watts Park. The postcard was designed to inform the community about the pop-up event as well as the online feedback form.

2. Master plan feedback summary



2.1 Survey summary

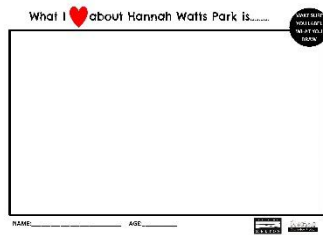
The Hannah Watts Park Precinct feedback form consisted of 14 questions including nine open ended questions and five demographic questions. (Copy of feedback form can be found in the appendix).

126 people completed the feedback form, 40 at the pop-up event and 86 online.

Of the 126 people who completed the survey:

- The most widely represented age group was that of people aged 26-34 years (37.3%) followed by people 35-44 years (26.19%) and 45-59 years (17.46%)
- 54.76% of respondents were female, 44.44% male
- 45.16% of respondents lived in Melton, Melton South or Melton West, 12.1% in Harkness and 9.6% in Kurunjang
- 24.5% of respondents had shared their ideas for the master plan during the stage one consultations, 59.2% had not
- 2.25% of respondents indicated they had mobility issues
- 91.5% of respondents supported the proposed improvements to the active sporting precinct
- 94.39% of respondents supported the proposed improvements to the pathways, trails and signage
- 95.45% of respondents supported the proposed improvement to the open space and natural areas
- 89.11% of respondents supported the proposed facility improvements

2.2 What I love about Hannah Watts Park is... drawings summary



A 'What I love about Hannah Watts Park' drawing sheet was available for children and young people to draw their favourite park element at the pop-up event.

There were many elements represented in the drawings including the gymnastics bars, swings, spinner and trees.

2.3 Voting Pod summary

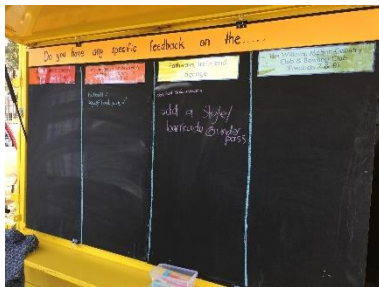


At the place-based pop-up consultations, a voting pod was used to ask the community whether they supported the overall Hannah Watts Park Precinct draft master plan with the options of yes, no or unsure.

Different coloured voting balls were used for people who were under 18 and people who were over 18 to determine the priorities of different age groups. Each person was able to access one ball for one vote.

Of the 20 people who participated, everyone voted 'yes', 5 under 18 years and 15 over 18 years.

2.4 Chatboard summary



One chatboard was used to get the community to share their ideas publicly at the place-based pop-up event.

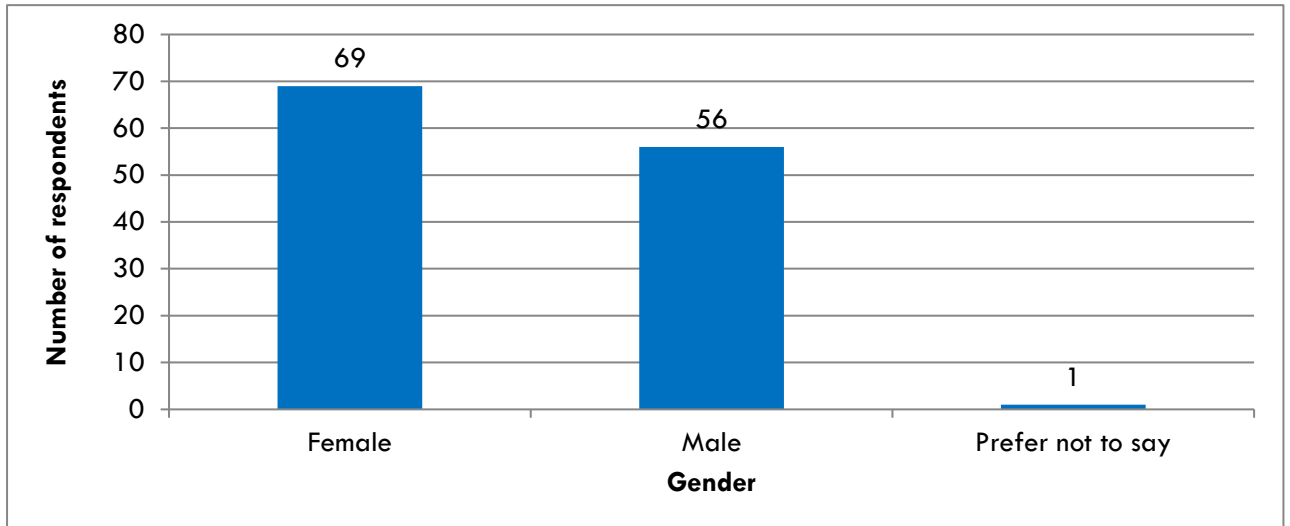
The chatboard question was: "Do you have any specific feedback on..." and there were four themes: 1. Melton Recreation Reserve, Youth & Netball Precinct, 2. Pathways, trails and signage, 3. Open and natural spaces and Facilities. And 4. The Willows, Melton Country and Bowling Clubs

Four comments were received.

3. Participation profile

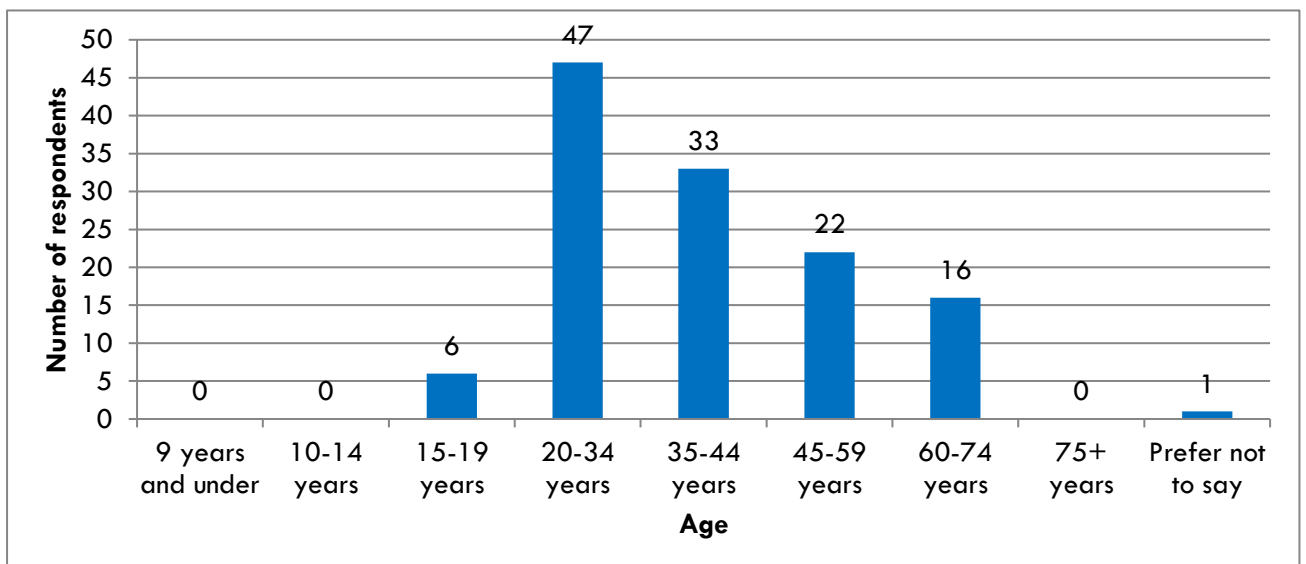
3.1 Gender

Of the 126 respondents who indicated their gender, 54.76% were female and 44.44% were male.



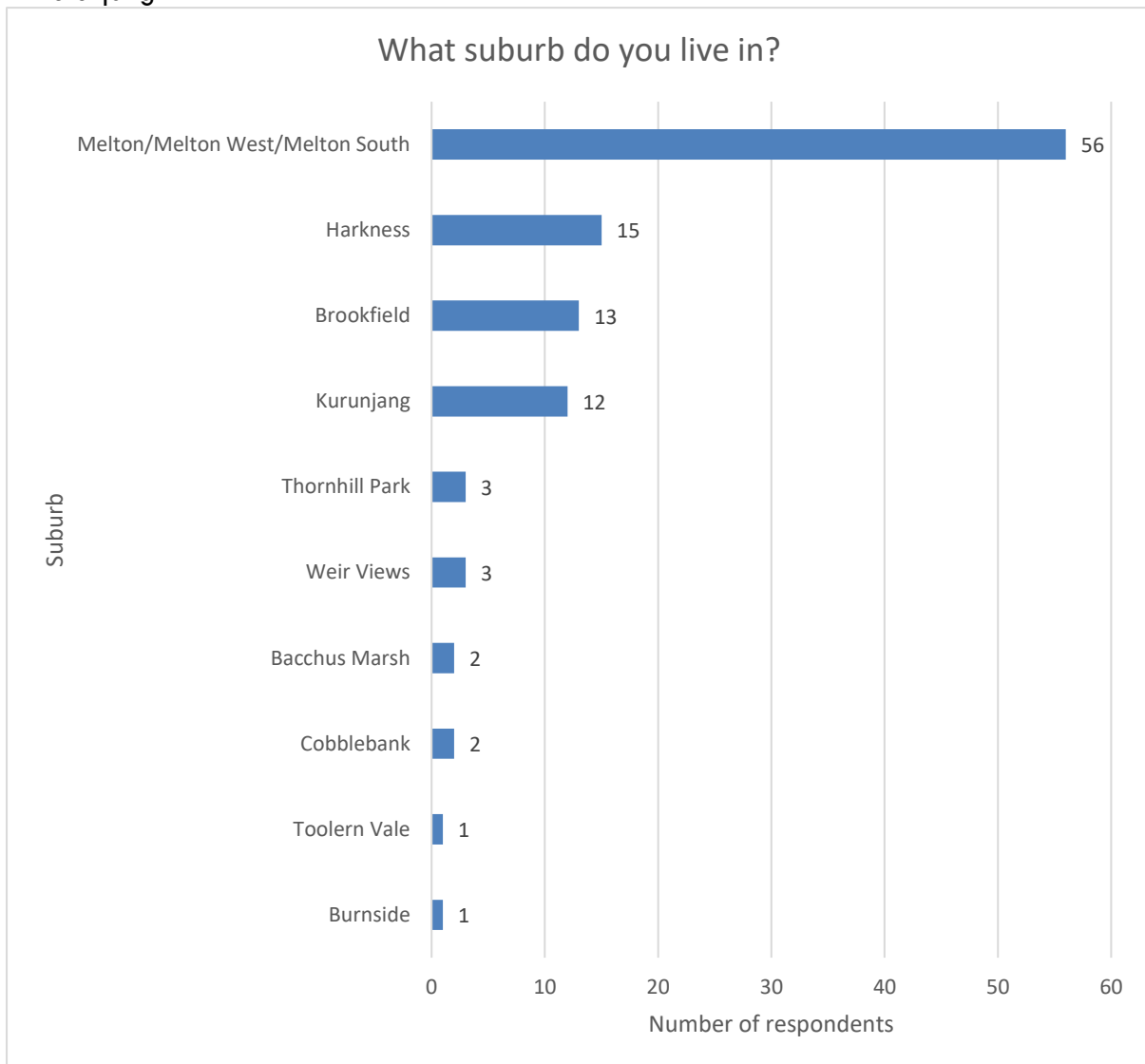
3.2 Age

Of the 126 respondents who indicated their age, there was good representation of people aged between 20-34 years (37.3%) under 35-44 years (26.19%) and 45-59 years (17.46%).



3.3 Suburb

Of the 124 respondents who indicated where they lived, 45.16% lived in Melton, Melton South or Melton West, 12.1% lived in Harkness, 10.48% lived in Brookfield and 9.68% lived in Kurunjang.



Other: There were 12 other individual suburbs indicated including Albion, Darley, Diamond Creek, Hillybank, Keilor Downs, Craigieburn, Alphington, Werribee.

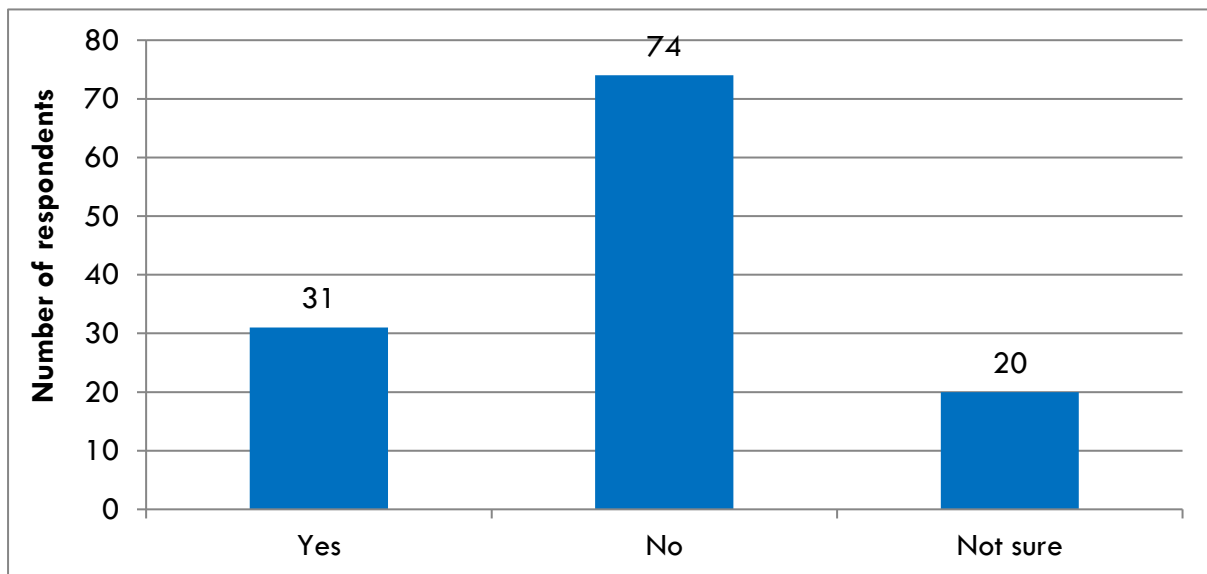
4. Overall Feedback Results

This section outlines the feedback received regarding the draft master plan from the hardcopy and online feedback form. A total of 126 feedback forms were completed, 40 at the pop-up event and 86 online.

4.1 Survey Results

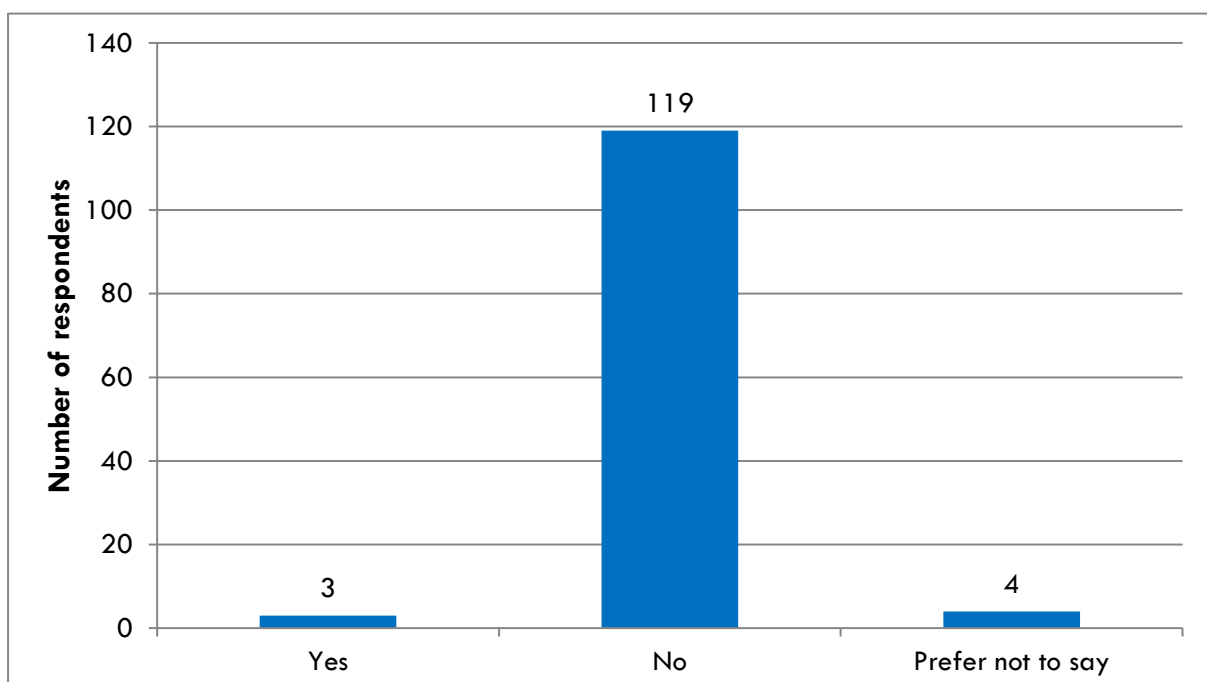
Did you share your ideas for the Hannah Watts Park Master Plan including the playspace and picnic area earlier this year?

24.8% had shared their ideas for the master plan during the stage one consultation.



Do you have any mobility issues?

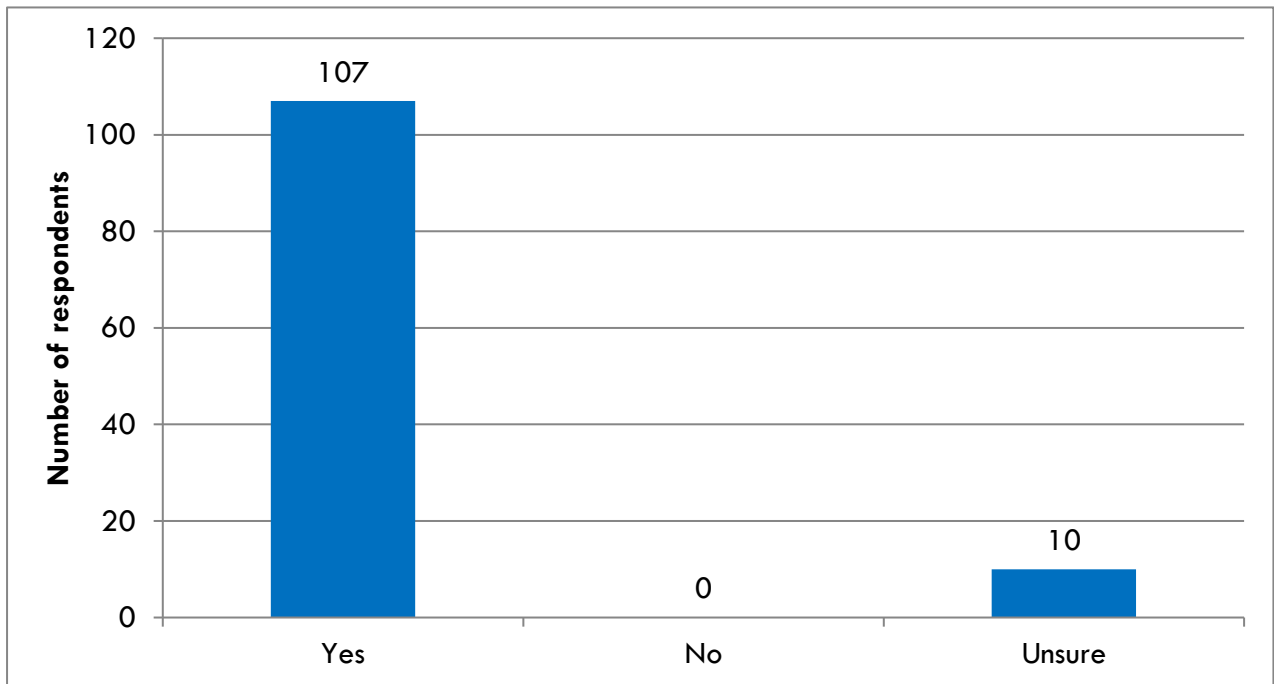
2.38% (3) of respondents indicated they had mobility issues.



4.1.1 Active Sporting Precinct

Overall, do you support the proposed active sporting precinct improvements within the draft master plan?

91.45% of respondents supported the proposed improvements to the active sporting precinct as outlined in the draft master plan.



If no or unsure, why?

8.55% of respondents indicated they were unsure about the proposed improvements to the active sporting precinct with eight comments being received.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. I believe the CFA running track is not fairly included in the redevelopment.
2. I like it but at the same time it could use more
3. I want to keep the existing amount of playgrounds. If it's keeping the same amount of play spaces but upgrading them that's great if not it seems silly. Understandably you need to make the whole community happy but those plays spaces are great for how crazy busy that park gets. We need to maintain that while improving the other elements.
4. It's a park not a sports' arena. There is too much focus of sporting facilities in the City of Melton. The municipality is lacking in arts and cultural buildings and spaces.
5. It's been way too long so it needs a good spruce up of an upgrade!! Also maybe get the local teenagers I know who have graffiti art experience talent to maybe help upgrade the skate park maybe paint the skate park over with vibrant graffiti art colours and have a street art mural painted on the walls of the park itself. Something for the teens to do and to get them involved.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
6. No plan for bowling club included in this plan.
7. Things in town should be done first. Like an on and off ramp at Bulmans Rd
8. Where are the public toilets in the car park section off High St gone?? Will there be none in that area?

Do you have any additional comments about the active sporting precinct?

A further 29 comments were received about the active sporting precinct.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. Additional play spaces aimed towards younger children (4and under) most parks do not cater for younger kids anymore. Parks are all about older kids and wow factor to draw people in but younger kids need a place to play too
2. All for it, long overdue
3. Appreciate the Melton council's investment in local sport infrastructure and surrounding amenities.
4. As you see a lot of young family enjoying football and cricket at this main oval it would be good to have a safe playground close to new pavilion for younger children
5. Bowling Club needs should be addressed too.
6. Can we have more exercise equipment, a dedicated female area plus a cycling track for practicing pro cycling
7. Four wheeler/car parking needs to improve
8. Great ideas
9. I think the upgrade sounds great!
10. if done correctly this area could be the central hub for sports, festivals, markets ect. masterplan looks like a lot of thought has gone into this. well done. make Melton great
11. Limit it!
12. Looks sensational
13. Make the grass good
14. More playgrounds and huge slides for the big kids like myself.
15. Much needed upgrade
16. Need more sheltered areas within the sporting vicinities as the sports are played rain or shine and also brand-new sheltered BBQ Areas, the playground park also needs sheltered shady areas as summer tends to be really hot and when it's hot, families with kids avoid playing there due to the playground equipment being too hot to play on! Better yet, why not adopt what the park in Rockbank has, an underground water sprinkling system they can turn on in the hot summer season 'for the park users, as it is the best way to cool down and also a great way to grow the grass! Also, as there is vast area of grass patch near the park vicinity, maybe this area can be fenced up so it can be sectioned off for the public to go in there to play footy or a small game of touch rugby with families n friends. that's what my family and I did as we spent a public holiday day there, having a Family BBQ and a small game of touch rugby and playing kicks. it was fun!

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED

17. Need soccer goals!

18. Nice initiative appreciate it

19. No, I think it's great

20. Please be inclusive of all ages, often outdoor space does not include equipment or opportunities for older people to be physically active. Please include senior exercise park for older people and not just play ground for kids. Please do your research well and consult with relevant well qualified people with knowledge about ageing and physical activity. Recently, research into active ageing found the use of senior exercise park (equipment of Lappset) effective for older people. The national ageing research institute is currently conducting a big research trial with councils as partners to look at the health benefits of using the senior exercise park. Worthwhile looking into it

21. Preventing motorbikes coming through the park

22. Put the netball courts closer to the footy ground

23. Sporting and anything that gets kids and young people to be active and into sports is good and off computers and electronic stuff

24. Tennis

25. Turf cricket wicket on Reserve Rd oval

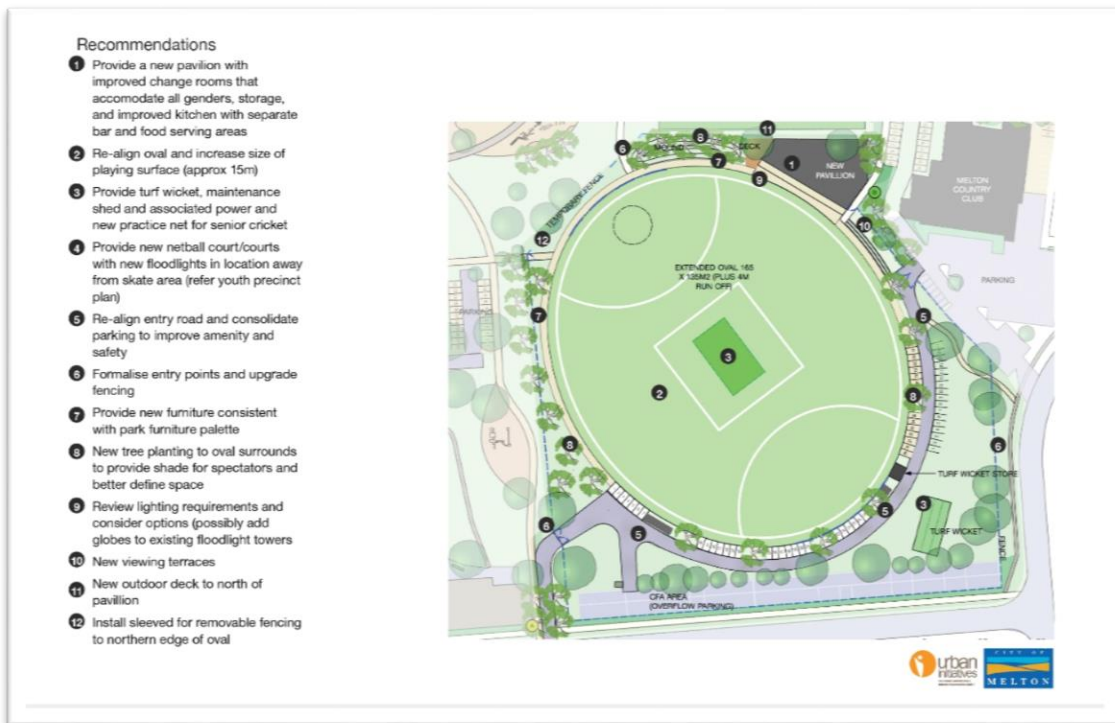
26. Urgent need for more bicycle tracks in this area

27. Waste of shire money

28. What a fantastic project by council! Very much overdue especially the turf wicket for local cricket clubs.

29. Where is the dog park?

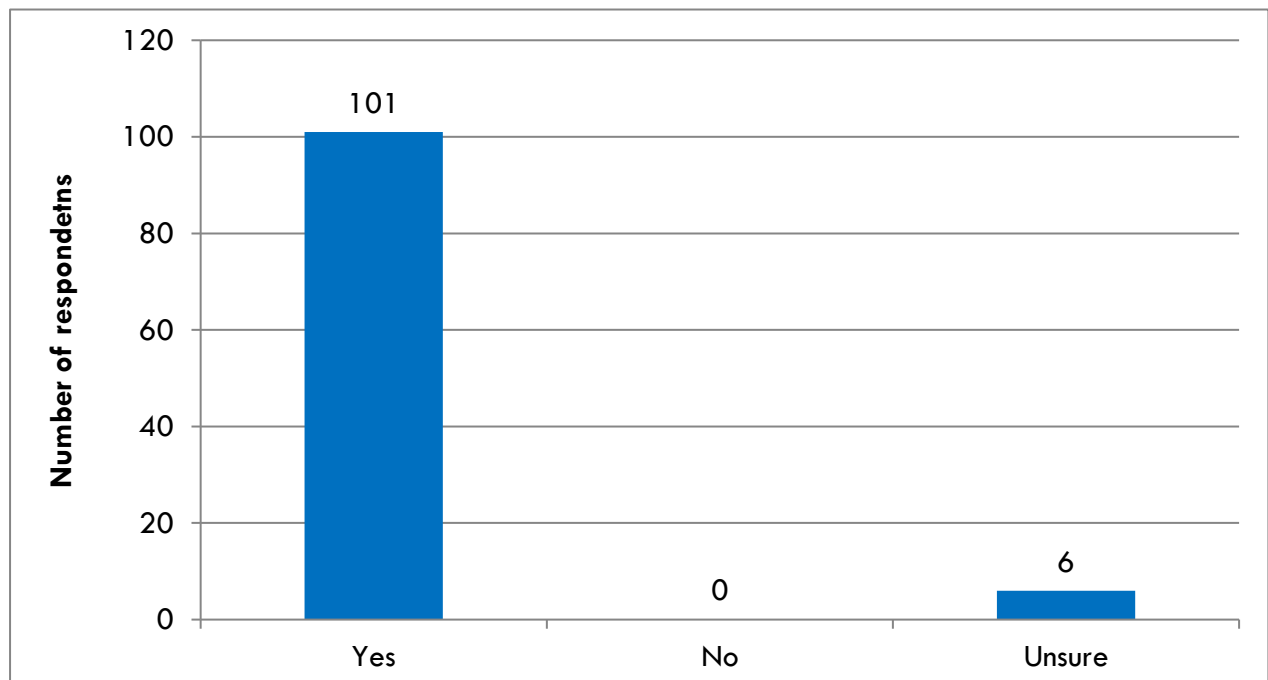




4.1.2 Pathways, Trails and Signage

Overall, do you support the proposed pathways, trails and signage improvements within the draft master plan?

94.39% of respondents supported the proposed improvements to pathways, trails and signage as proposed in the draft master plan.



If no or unsure, why?

5.6% (6) of respondents indicated they were unsure about the proposed improvements to the pathways, trails and signage with three comments being received which can be seen below.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. It doesn't appear to have enough car parking
2. Where are the arts' sculptures? Signage is always helpful so that's good. Limit exercise equipment - it's ugly and out of place in a park. Sure provide it at the running track down in Melton South.
3. Yes! This is a must to improve the way this recreation park vicinity has to be shown in signs.

Do you have any additional comments about pathways, trails and signage?

A further 15 comments were received about pathways, trails and signage.

All comments are listed below.

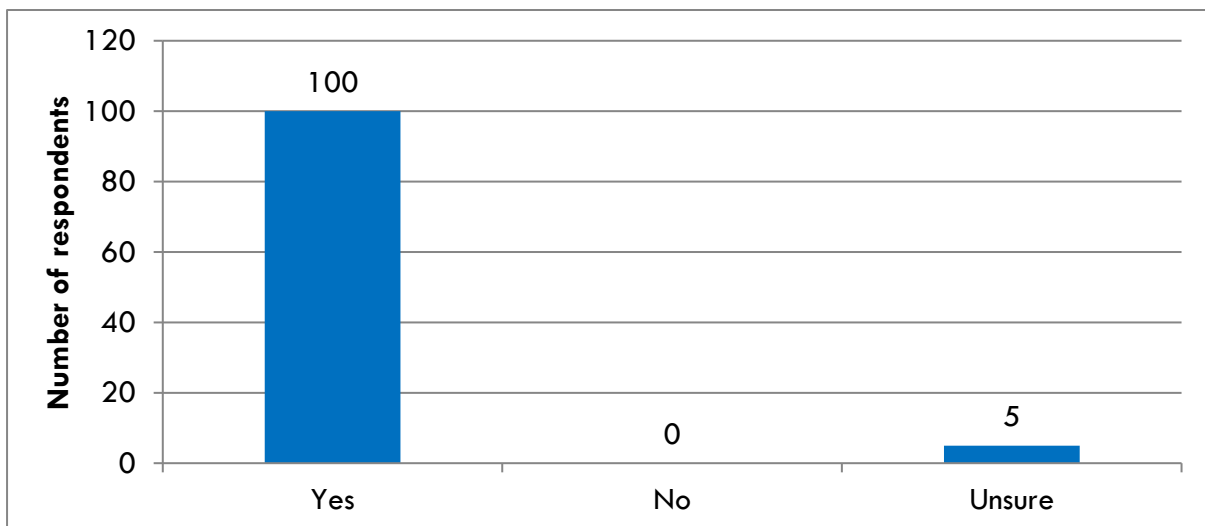
COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. Bike tracks connecting thru all City of Melton sub
2. For Stokers, yes!
3. Great idea - helps people to figure out where they are, where to go
4. Historical information of Melton will be great and especially to share the indigenous historical background of the vast area about Melton itself.
5. Important to recognise the work of Rotary volunteers and any other people who helped establish the precinct
6. Love the idea of making HWP Precinct a "birder" destination. This could be marketed alongside Melton Botanic Garden for day trippers from out of town.
7. More bicycle paths and tracks urgently needed
8. More heritage signs. Talk about Melton in regard to the Goldfields era as a major stopping point for diggers on their way to Ballarat. I am a historian with a lot of knowledge about Melton and the Goldfields, eureka stockade period. It will give Melton more culture which is desperately needs. Expand Willows. [REDACTED] (personal details have been removed)
9. No tan bark - hate the stuff
10. Perhaps sections of the precinct can be named after members of our community who volunteer and have for many years in different sections of our community. The leaders in our community don't get the recognition they deserve.
11. Please be mindful that is well lit and suitable for old people and people with disabilities
12. The more paths along creeks the better
13. There needs to be a pathway on the Western side of the police paddock linking between the two roads
14. This will be a great attribute to the area
15. Will be a fantastic improvement



4.1.3 Open and Natural Spaces

Overall, do you support the proposed improvements to the open and natural spaces within the draft master plan?

95.24% of respondents indicated they supported the proposed improvements to the open and natural spaces at Hannah Watts Park.



If no or unsure, why?

4.76% (5) of respondents indicated they were unsure about the proposed improvements to the open and natural spaces with four comments being received which are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED

1. I think the dog off-lead area should be securely fenced to separate it from ALL paths.

2. Like I have said before
3. Not sure of the benefits.
4. Off lead dog area - safety and keeping it clean

Do you have any additional comments about the open and natural spaces?

A further 12 comments were received about open and natural areas.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. Add more playground to climb up on
2. Area needs to be catered towards under 4's and also older kids. Not just one age bracket
3. As previous comments
4. Definitely clear the creeks. Ensure current and future plantings along pathways do not hang/overgrow onto pathways as they provide snake habitat (hazard for walkers, cyclists and dogs on leads). Re dog area: YES! Much needed and am tired of encountering dogs off lead on the loose. Also, Navan Park is too far to walk to for people on the HW side of Melton township. PLEASE make it fully fenced to min 4ft black cyclone fencing, as generous in size as possible and include stimulation for the dogs such as hillocks, textures, trees, waster, and interest/facilities for their humans: seat, shade. Please also use Navan Park model of a separate area for smaller/frail/senior/timid dogs but this MUST have a separate entry/exist point. Thank you, thank you!
5. I really like the addition of more shelters throughout the area
6. Love the idea of water back in the pond!!
7. Nature is important for kids
8. Please make sure its mobility friendly
9. See above - dog off lead area should be fenced and separated from all paths used by people.
10. The more trees the better. Make it a really green park.
11. They are excellent.
12. Yes I believe they vegetation should still be present around the park areas



Recommendations

- 1 Prepare revegetation strategy to improve entire length of creek within park. Revegetate eroded banks and remove weeds clogging waterway
- 2 New DDA compliant bridges
- 3 Provide new path connection from High St, along southern side of creek and across the north of kick-about space
- 4 New accessible picnic area with new shelter and furniture
- 5 New playground with nature play
- 6 Provide new exercise equipment along circuit path
- 7 Small seating areas close to creek with views to water (low planting only)
- 8 Provide indigenous amenity underplanting to extend creek landscape into picnic and play areas
- 9 New park suite wayfinding and interpretive signage
- 10 Improve transparency of play maze
- 11 Bird Hide
- 12 Creek exploration trail
- 13 Landscaped shady grove
- 14 Consider opportunity for rock stepper creek crossing



- 15 New creek side terraces and deck (subject to aboriginal Cultural heritage approval)
- 16 Existing playground retained with improved landscape surround

Recommendations

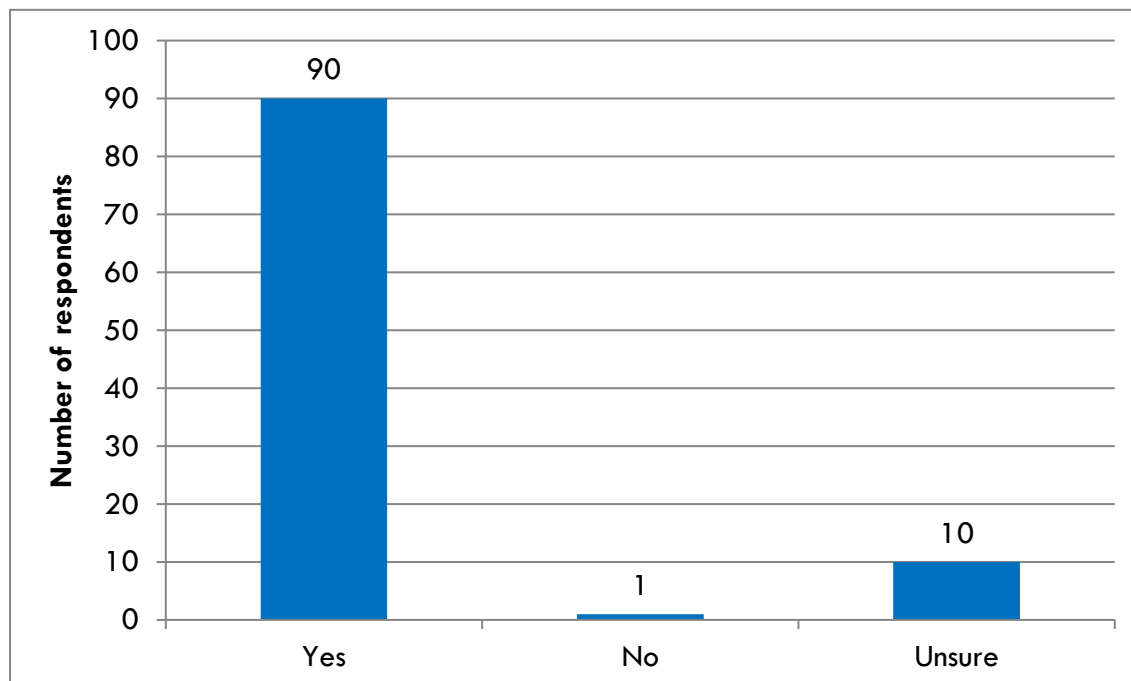
- 1 New trees and under planting along north and west (maintain view lines for passive surveillance)
- 2 Strengthen creek type native planting on eastern edge. Replace Norfolk Island Pines with Indigenous species to enhance natural creek landscape
- 3 Create private garden space with designated outdoor work area, seating and planting for artists occupying Raglan Cottage
- 4 Provide new path connection along Western site edge
- 5 Provide new signalled pedestrian crossing point across High St
- 6 Provide new wayfinding and improved interpretive signage
- 7 Review services valves and reduce visual prominence in space



4.1.4 Facility Improvements

Overall, do you support the proposed facility improvements within the draft master plan?

89.11% of respondents indicated they were supportive of the proposed facility improvements.



If no or unsure, why?

9 respondents indicated that were unsure and one respondent indicated they didn't support the proposed facility improvements with nine comments received.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. Point 10 above What kind of fencing is being considered, if it is to be remove it will create security problems inside the willows park area eg cars motorbike driving over grassed area unsafe play space which it has a the present time.do you think this will connect the Willows Park to rest of Hannah watts park ??
2. Bowling clubs needs should also be addressed.
3. Ensure there are shaded areas in the Play area for the summer months.
4. I like the forest and the bush
5. I really am 101% behind the change of improvements!
6. I want the same amount of play spaces just with improvements made. All the other ideas sound wonderful. Also we need cctv there.
7. Said it before
8. Sports pavilion in a rural setting park is akin to a sports pavilion in the Botanic Garden. Way off track [pun intended] Melton requires a cultural hub and this type of setting is ideal for it.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED

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| 9. Why have the toilets in the car park off High St been removed on the plan? They are the most accessible toilets when kids are at the playground |
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Do you have any additional comments about the facilities?

17 additional comments were received regarding proposed facility improvements.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED

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| 1. A lot of homeless people seem to use the facilities to bathe etc I would like them to get some assistance and housing through local council. Also cctv for the area, lots of broken alcohol bottles and drug packets. |
| 2. A water play area would be fantastic. It is always difficult with young children to have access to a baby change rooms. For toddlers the play area should be fenced off for safety. Smoking is still a big issue at all parks in Melton, ensure there is clear signage and no smoking trays that make smokers think they have the right to smoke. |
| 3. Am fond of the existing bridges, although the timber slats are very slippery in wet/icy weather, and the Nixon St one is too narrow. |
| 4. For goodness sake don't make a mess of it and make it look plastic like those silly red cones popping up from the grassed area in the town centre. Ugly. |
| 5. Grandstands |
| 6. Great going |
| 7. I believe, that this area has strong connection ties to the indigenous locals in the area and for that, the city council really needs to do their research of the vast Melton Area and of it's indigenous historic background by finding out what it's indigenous name is and what it means and therefore this park precinct is the best place to start as it is situated in the heart of Melton Central. |
| 8. I hope it has plenty of lighting for community safety. |
| 9. I think there should be more public toilets |
| 10. If you can have a playground to suit 5 and under not just for older kids |
| 11. More parking signs |
| 12. More parking spaces |
| 13. No |
| 14. Safer amenities and all access for wheelchair bound people is great |
| 15. The proposed picnic shelters don't provide any protection from wind and wind-blown rain showers. The Park is a very windy place. On a relatively calm day there is always a breeze. Has any consideration been given to sun exposure, because there is very little overhang of the roof? |
| 16. There needs to be a clearly defined path from the car park to the shelters so that people do not have to walk through the playground area. |
| 17. Will the Dog Off Leash area be fully fenced? A few Dog groups would appreciate a more central convenience in Melton for regular get togethers. |

Recommendations

- 1 Install new shared path connection along northern edge
- 2 Install kerb ramps and pedestrian crossing to car park
- 3 Install lighting upgrades to carpark
- 4 Install lighting to gravel path north of picnic shelters
- 5 Install duplicate toilet block
- 6 Install power to events lawn
- 7 Install third shelter to picnic area
- 8 Upgrade linemarking to disabled car spaces
- 9 Install stair nosings and handrail to existing stone stage
- 10 Extend creek type planting to event lawn edge
- 11 New planting to road edge
- 12 New sign to dry stone wall at entry



4.1.5 General Comments

27 comments were made under the general comments section.

All comments are listed below.

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED
1. Add play at your own risk sign
2. As long as the structures and signage are not damageable by reckless people that have got nothing better to do with their time and then rate payers need to foot bill to fix.hope there will not be an increase to rates
3. Can't wait for all the upgrades to start and finish :-)
4. Conserve the vegetation and local animal life present in the areas
5. Excellent plan. Will encourage more families to come and kids will love it.
6. Great idea about time
7. Great idea. Its a beautiful day and great park to go for a walk
8. Great planning
9. Hannah Watts precinct plan gives the impression that is all it is. It is only after reading the draft fully you see how many other areas are affected. I'm not sure this intent was publicised well enough. Drinking taps also needed in the Willows Park
10. Has the Flood Plan been accessed to determine floor levels when we get major flooding of Toolern Creek? Have VicPol been asked to comment on safety aspects? Has the Melton Emergency Management Planning Committee been asked to assess the suitability of access/egress for emergency vehicles and evacuation requirements?
11. I like the ideas but the trees and bush should be present

COMMENTS-VERBATIM AS RECEIVED

12. It seems that large parts of the park will be inaccessible for a year or so. This is very disappointing. Paths should be kept open unless absolutely necessary to close them for actual works to be carried out.
13. I think this will be a great improvement for our town. Great for family's and visitors to our town
14. I think we should add in a bigger carpark
15. If possible, more parking areas would be much appreciated
16. It looks like a great idea
17. It will be great when complete
18. Just more emphasis on history and culture I feel is required.
19. Love it :-)
20. On and off ramp at Bulmans Rd first
21. Please provide suitable equipment for older people to be able to use to be physically active
22. Such a positive project
23. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Good luck with it all!
24. The area is ideal to be a highlight in the Melton area. The proposals are fitting and proper and will benefit the majority of the community
25. Urgently needing more bicycle paths and tracks in the area.
26. Walking paths that are in a complete circuit would be a great improvement.
27. Well done Melton City Council.

4.2 Voting pod responses



The voting pod used at the pop-up feedback event had the question, 'Do you support the overall Hannah Watts Park master plan?' with three options, yes, no and unsure. Different coloured balls were used for under 18 and over 18 years.

20 people participated in this activity, with all 20 people voting yes.

4.3 Children and young people's drawings results

14 children and young people provided their feedback on Hannah Watts Park by drawing their favourite elements at Hannah Watts Park. Many of these drawings were from very young children.

The most popular elements drawn were the swings and the gymnastics bars.

5. Stakeholder workshops and meetings

Two stakeholder workshops were held, one for internal Council staff and one for external stakeholders including current users of the facilities at Hannah Watts Park precinct.

10 staff attended the internal staff workshops. There was representation from:

- Recreation and Youth
- Operations
- City Design, Strategy, Environment and Sustainability
- Property Services
- Economic Development and Tourism and
- Community Care and Inclusion

Four people attended the key stakeholder workshops including two councillors, a representative from Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and a representative from the Friends of Toolern Creek.

A separate meeting was also held with user groups which included representatives from the Melton Country Club, Melton CFA and Melton South Cricket Club to seek feedback on the draft master plan by Urban Initiatives and Richard Simon. Contact was also made with the Melton South Football Netball club to gain their feedback on the draft Masterplan.

All comments from the internal staff and key stakeholders' workshop and meeting can be found below.

5.1 Staff, key stakeholder workshop and meeting notes

Precinct 1A-Gateway, picnic and playspace
Discussion was had about the type of equipment and materials being used
It was raised that having external basins and taps with the new toilets may encourage vandalism. It was explained that this allowed for passive surveillance for toilets users. The pipes will be enclosed to reduce the likelihood of vandalism. The DDA toilets have internal basins.
The new lighting proposed for the paths are censored and will dim at night.
Hannah Watts, is it an alcohol free zone? Need to clarify and sign to reflect this
Rotary would like existing rock with plaque retained in the upgraded playspace
Issues with trail bike riders passing along creek side path at speed. Public safety concern. Possible solution steel pipe barriers.
Precinct 1B-Reservoir and picnic area
More seats would be good
A sign about feeding the birds was suggested
There were discussions around drainage and how it was proposed to have this reservoir fill with water.
Precinct 2-Police Paddock and Raglan Cottage
It was suggested to have signage explaining why it is called Police Paddock and Pound Paddock onsite
Liked the suggestion of having an enclosed 'backyard' as part of Raglan Cottage

Precinct 3-Toolern Creek Trail
There was discussion around the need for all off lead dog areas in Melton to be fenced and it wasn't proposed to have the dog off area in this precinct fenced. This will have to be reviewed and will need to check Council policy. May need a Council resolution if this was to be a dog off lead area without a fence.
There was discussion around if the path over the creek could be retained as well as having the new bridge installed to allow for people who were exercising and needing resistance could use the step path.
Would there be more dog poo dispenser bags installed.? At this stage now. Results of a study undertaken by Council showed that the introduction of dog poo dispensers did not reduce the amount of dog poo in parks.
Could a sign encourage people to pick up their poo be included?
Precinct 4-Informal recreation
Need to check the lease area of the Melton Country Club to ensure the encroachment of the club affects the relocation of the pavilion.
Dog off lead park would need to be fenced (Council policy), not preferred. Existing dog off lead park nearby (Navan Park)
Precinct 5-Melton Recreation Reserve
Interpretive signage about the CFA training area was suggested
Moving the fence on the East boundary may increase the likelihood of more cars parking on the grass.
Discussion: Why keep the parking around the footy oval? Response: It's still a country football league. It has been reduced from approx. 7/8 to 1/2. This could be reduced further in the future if required.
Realign the cricket pitch to East West
Add additional water stations in this area
Add seating
Existing toilets near netball courts would need to be retained (possibly upgraded) if pavilion moved to near County Club.
Feedback from Willow Homestead
Strong preference to maintain existing fence around the Willows (vandalism and homelessness issues)
Wants to retain War Memorials near civic centre (heritage listed structures, more prominent location)
Vietnam Veterans building incorrectly labelled as RSL on one plan
Supportive of the other improvements and recommendations as shown on the draft masterplan
Feedback from Melton CFA
Training facility important to ongoing viability of the local CFA, key to attracting young and new members

Want to see fence along the northern side of the training track to control access during events (safety issue)
Asked that a Marshall Track (30m line marked area) be added for training purposes.
Requested listing to be provide (stand alone or oval light poles) to enable evening training
Power access preferable (could be incorporated into light poles).
New judges box required (example plans provided). Needs to elevated and clear visibility to track. Could double as football coaches box or scoreboard.
Storage needed for long ladders etc. Could double as kiosk for events
Feedback from the Melton South Cricket Club
Re-orientate cricket wicket on the plan to north south
Support for change to turf wicket
Lighting to cricket nets area
Support asphaltting of road areas to reduce dust
Storage facilities need to have good locking systems to avoid theft
Quality of facilities needs improving to continue to attract new members for both cricket and football (facilities at other local clubs are a higher standard).
Feedback from Melton Country Club
No issues with relocation of pavilion closer to the club.
Happy to discuss adjustment to lease area which extends into parkland/ kick about area
Feedback from Councillors
Good support for re-orientation of the oval and associated improvements (including pavilion near Country Club).
Existing toilets near Netball Courts need to be maintained.
Do not remove Willows Fence
Do not relocate RSL memorials
If existing Red Gum needs to be removed to enlarge oval- reuse logs in nature play
Consideration needed of timing for the construction works to minimise impacts on the clubs.
Issues with trail bike riders passing along the creek side path was also raised