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# CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT SESSION 01



**4.1 APPROACH**

Lake Caroline is a major attraction in Caroline Springs located north of Kororoit Creek. The lake holds significance to the local community. Members of the local community and key stakeholders have expressed the need for a master plan to outline the priorities and key design features of the lake.

The project team acknowledge it is important to consult, listen and learn about the community and stakeholders' opinions and knowledge of the lake.

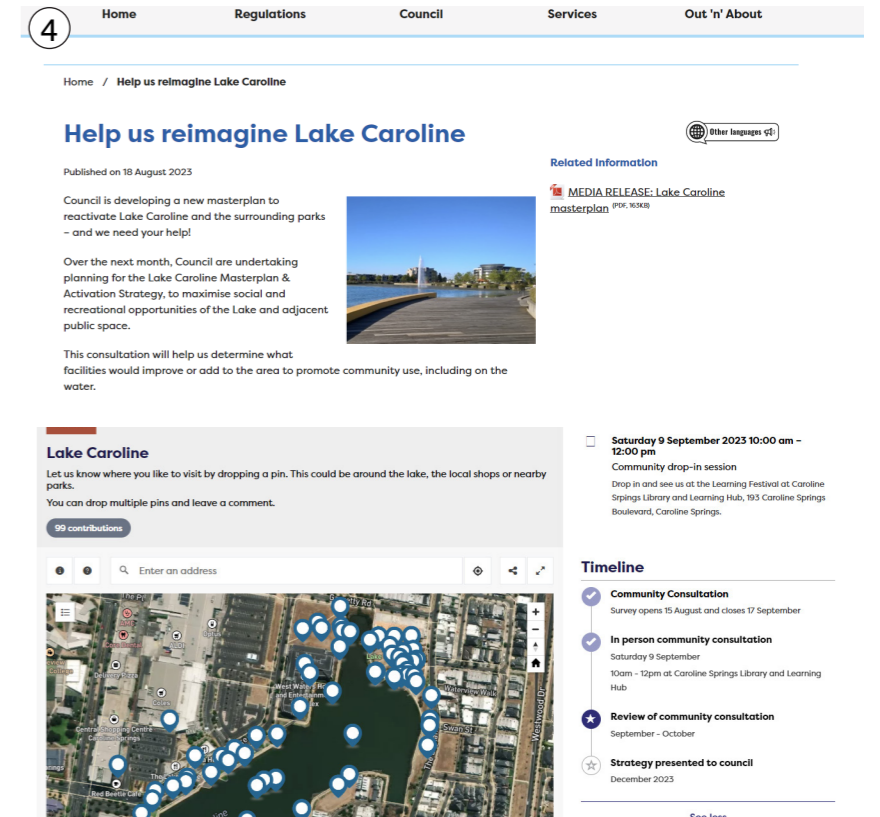
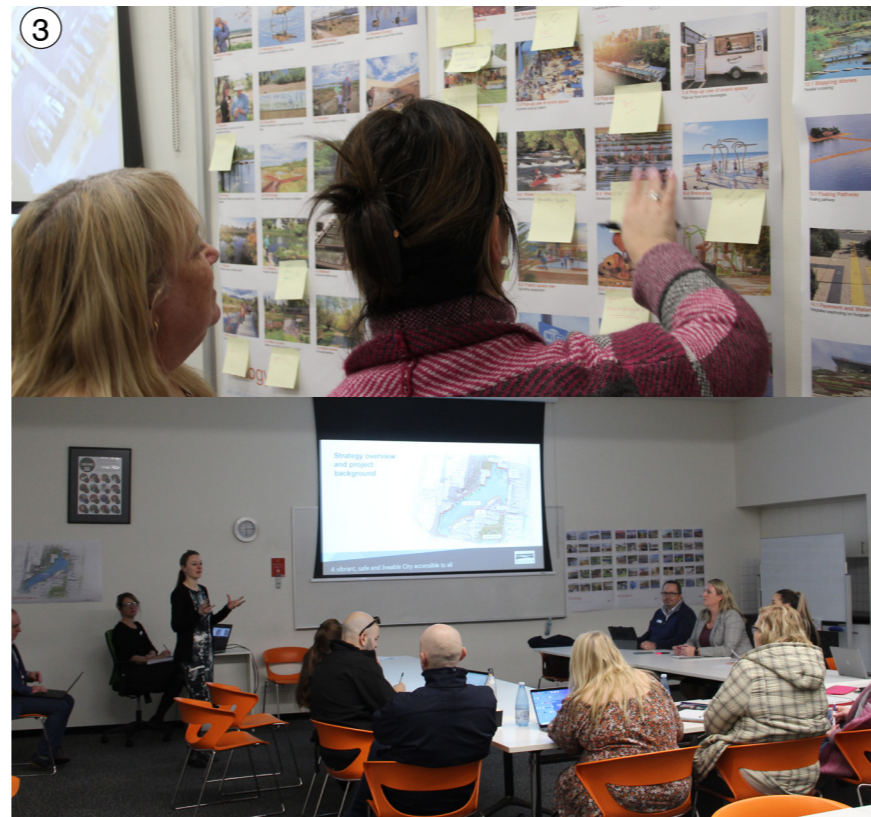
Key insights from engagement with the public and key stakeholders were provided via one on one interviews with key stakeholders, submissions to City of Melton's Lake Caroline Master Plan and Activation Strategy survey and on-site community consultation sessions.





CONSULTATION SNAPSHOTS

- ① Intercept Interviews at CS Square, 08.09.2023.
- ② Community Drop In Session at Caroline Springs Library, 09.09.2023.
- ③ Councilors Workshop at Caroline Springs Library, 12.07.2023.
- ④ Online Community Consultation at City of Melton Conversations page [Screenshot], 15.08.2023 - 17.09.2023.

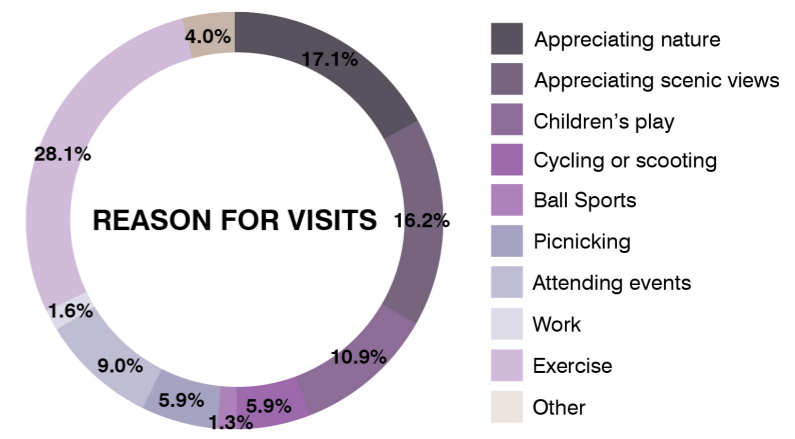
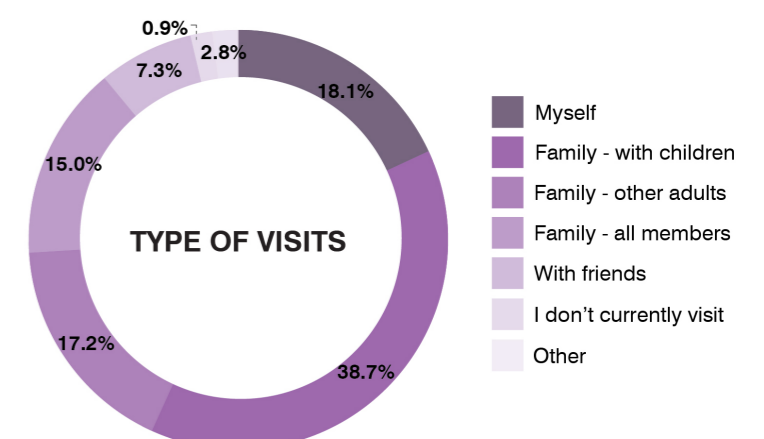
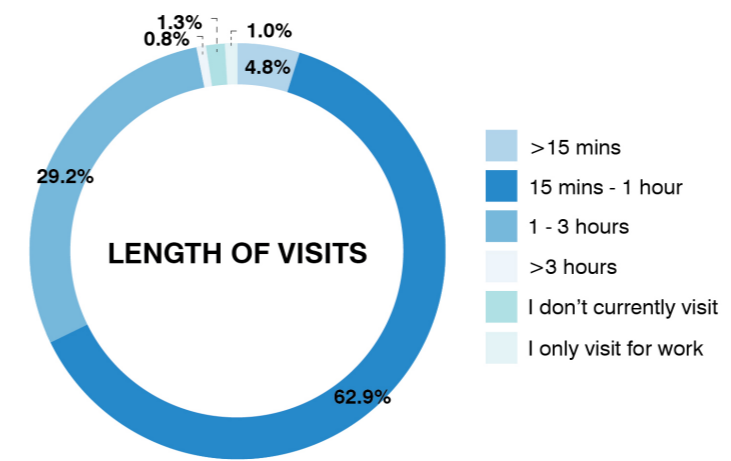
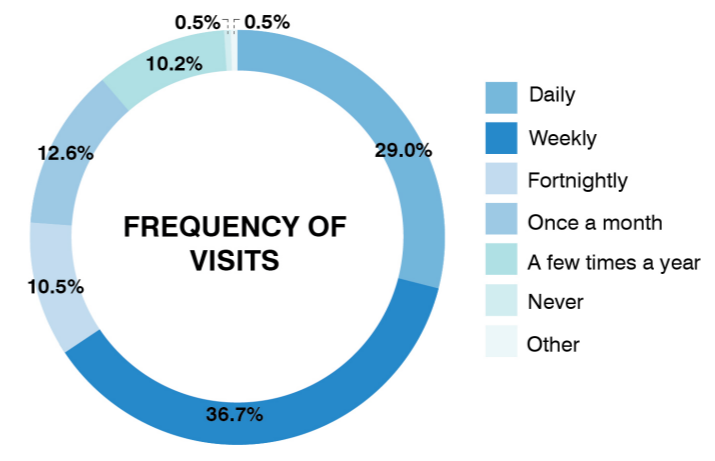
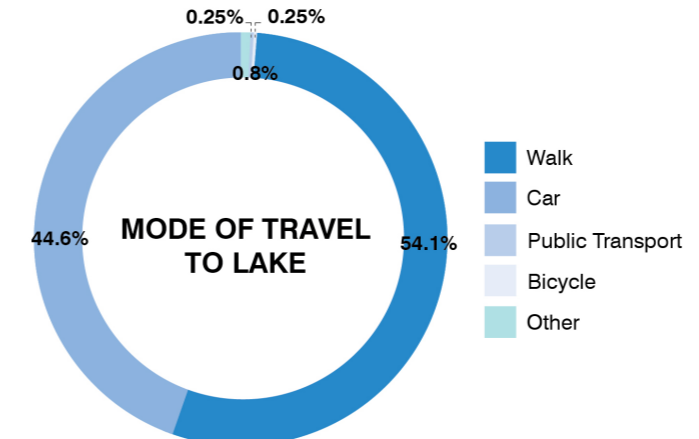
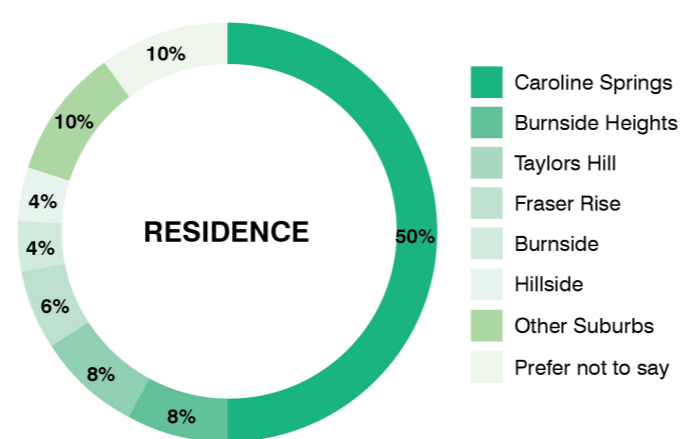
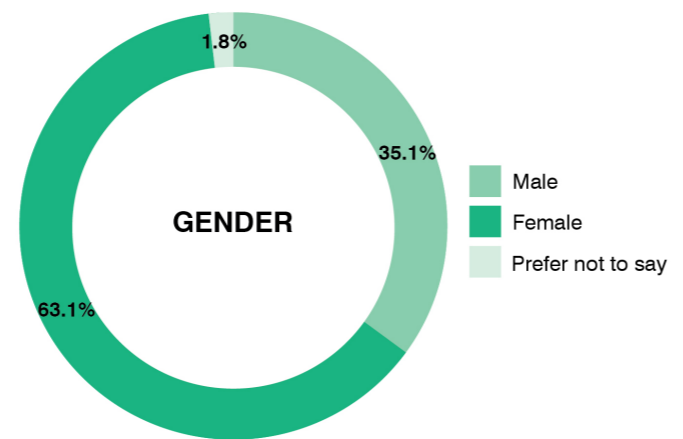
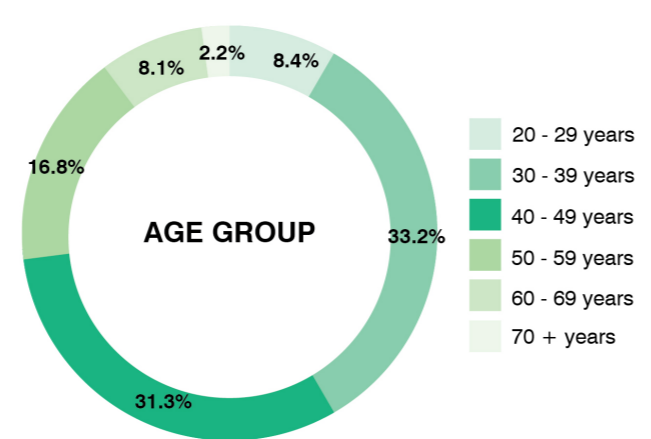




4.2 OUTCOME

As part of the online community consultation, 395 respondents completed the questionnaire on the City of Melton Conversations page.

USER OVERVIEW





## LAKE CAROLINE Master Plan Report & Activation Strategy

### KEY THEMES

Community and stakeholder aspirations have been focused into the key themes that encompass aspirations for the future of Lake Caroline.

### ACTIVATION

Turning Lake Caroline into a regional destination where the community celebrates and gathers, with Lake Caroline being the key stage for events and the pride of Caroline Springs and the greater Melton area.

### ECOLOGY

Transform Lake Caroline into a thriving wildlife habitat / haven and a place for close encounters with nature and educational opportunities.

### CONNECTIONS

Transforming Lake Caroline from a blue desert, and better integrate Caroline Springs' urban fabric to allow for better physical and visual access from the surroundings.

Some overlapping priorities between council and the public can be seen in the following precedent examples.



Source: Topio  
**Public space use**  
Upgrading the outdoor gym equipment



Source: Sedgemoor Model Boat Club  
**Infrastructure and Amenities**  
Watersport facilities



**Waterplay**  
Art installation misters



Source: Sydney Park by Turf Design Studio  
**Hydrology**  
Develop the current cascades for better water filtration and aeration



Source: ACT Parks and Reserves  
**Education**  
Provide Information of species and their importance to the Lake



Source: Herald Sun  
**Wetland Ecology**  
Maintain health of current lake ecology



Source: Floating Island International  
**Wetland**  
Floating wetlands



Source: John Gollings  
**Education**  
Incorporate the greater context of wetlands importance



Source: John Gollings  
**Water access**  
Platform and deck connection to wetland



Source: John Gollings  
**Stepping Stones**  
Element of play with water crossing



Source: CRC for Water Sensitive Cities  
**Amphitheater and Level Change**  
Wetland plants integrated into amphitheater

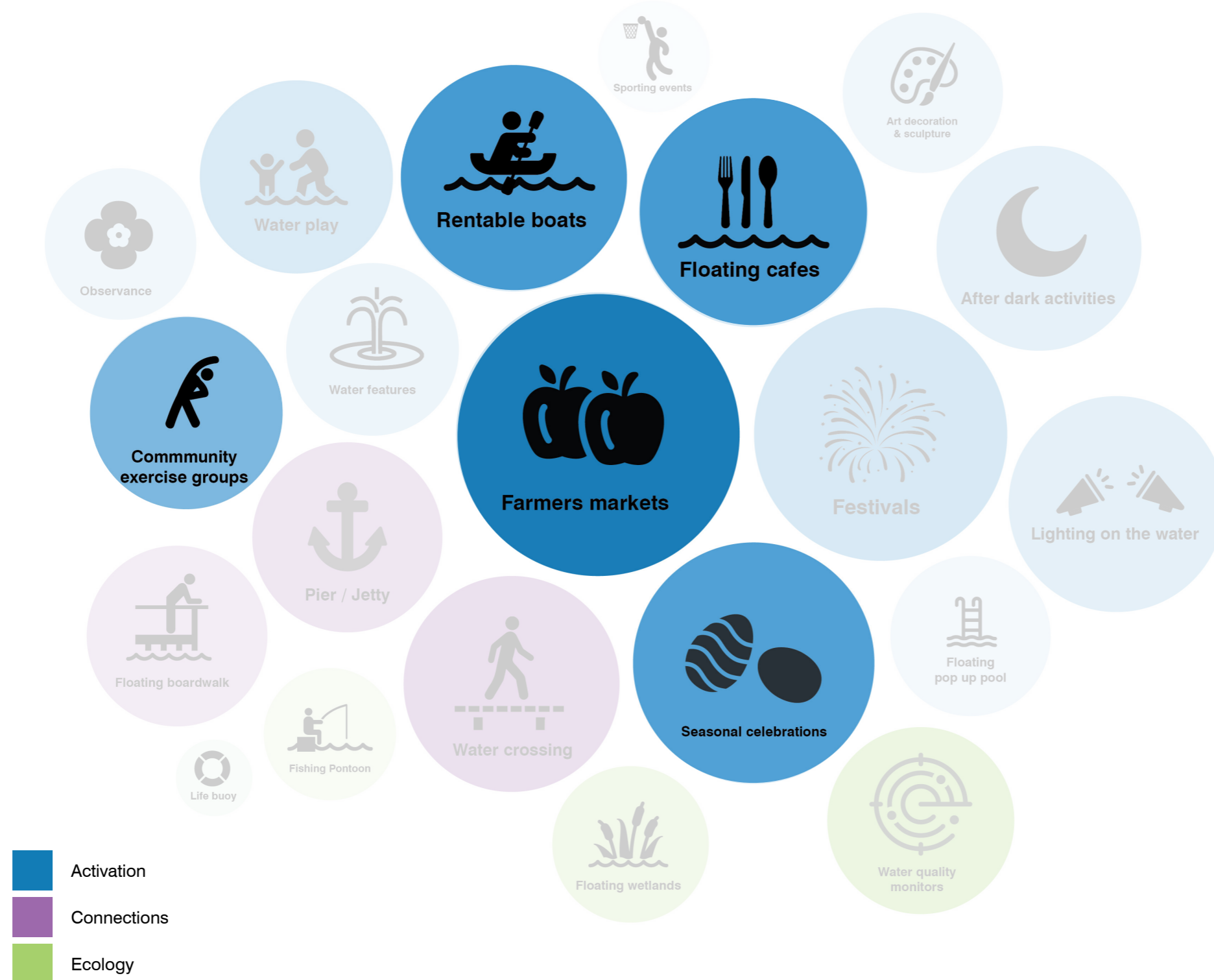


Source: Brighton City Centre, Gehl Architects & Landscape Projects  
**Pavement and Material Detail**  
Seamless shared user path for Lake Street



**THINGS COMMUNITY WANTS TO SEE**

The following diagram summarises the events, activities and additional facilities the respondents want to see at Lake Caroline.



335 people

Markets on the Lake (Source: St Kilda Esplanade Market)



224 people

Seasonal Celebrations on the Lake (Source: Bonner County Daily Bee)



171 people

Floating Cafes, Restaurants and Waterside Dining (Source: BLU Crabhouse & Raw Bar)



157 people

Rentable Boats (Source: zar 2015)



160 people

Community Exercise Group (Source: NBC News)



THINGS COMMUNITY WANTS TO SEE



Water Crossing (Source: Melbourne Cairnlea Lake Boardwalk, Hassell)



Festivals including Music, Food and Wine, Film, Light (Source: Melton City Council)



Waterplay Elements (Source: Elizabeth Caruthers Park)



Lighting on the Water (Source: Lake Macquarie City)



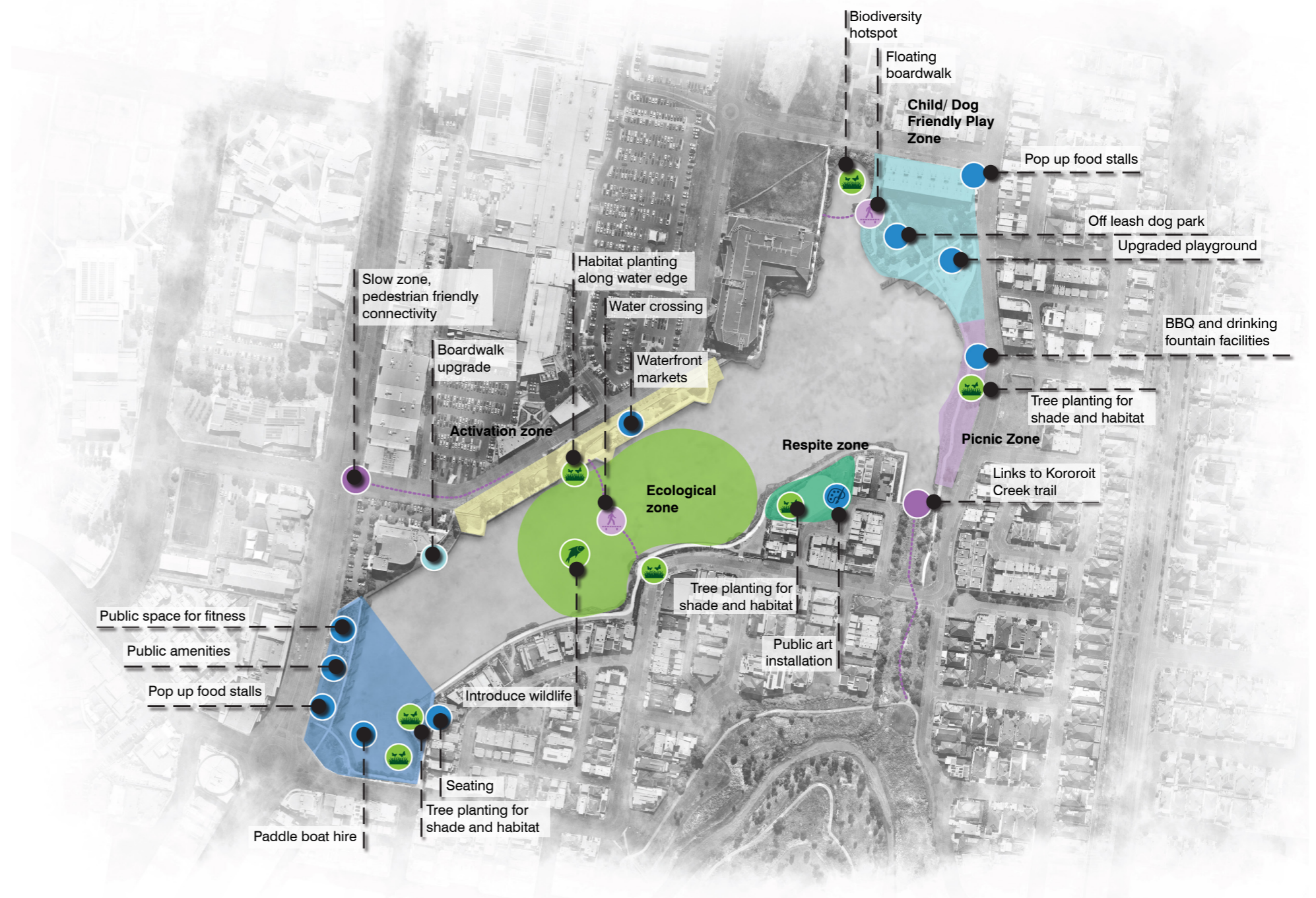
Floating Wetlands (Source: Evergreen Brick Works)





**LAKE WIDE INITIATIVES**

The initiatives extracted from consultation focus on transforming Lake Caroline into a regional destination for community events, making it a central venue and source of pride for Caroline Springs and the greater Melton area. The plan includes developing the lake into a thriving wildlife habitat and sanctuary, offering nature and educational experiences, and better integrating it into the urban fabric of Caroline Springs to enhance physical and visual access. These initiatives reflect shared priorities between the council and the public.



*“It would be great to make it a destination that allows you to stay longer after walking around the lake.”*

- Survey response from a local resident