

Lake Caroline Masterplan and Activation Community Feedback Summary

Project Scope

Lake Caroline is a significant feature of the Caroline Springs Town Centre, providing a unique recreational and social destination. Council is developing a masterplan and activation strategy to guide the future development of the lake and its surrounds.

Consultation Activities

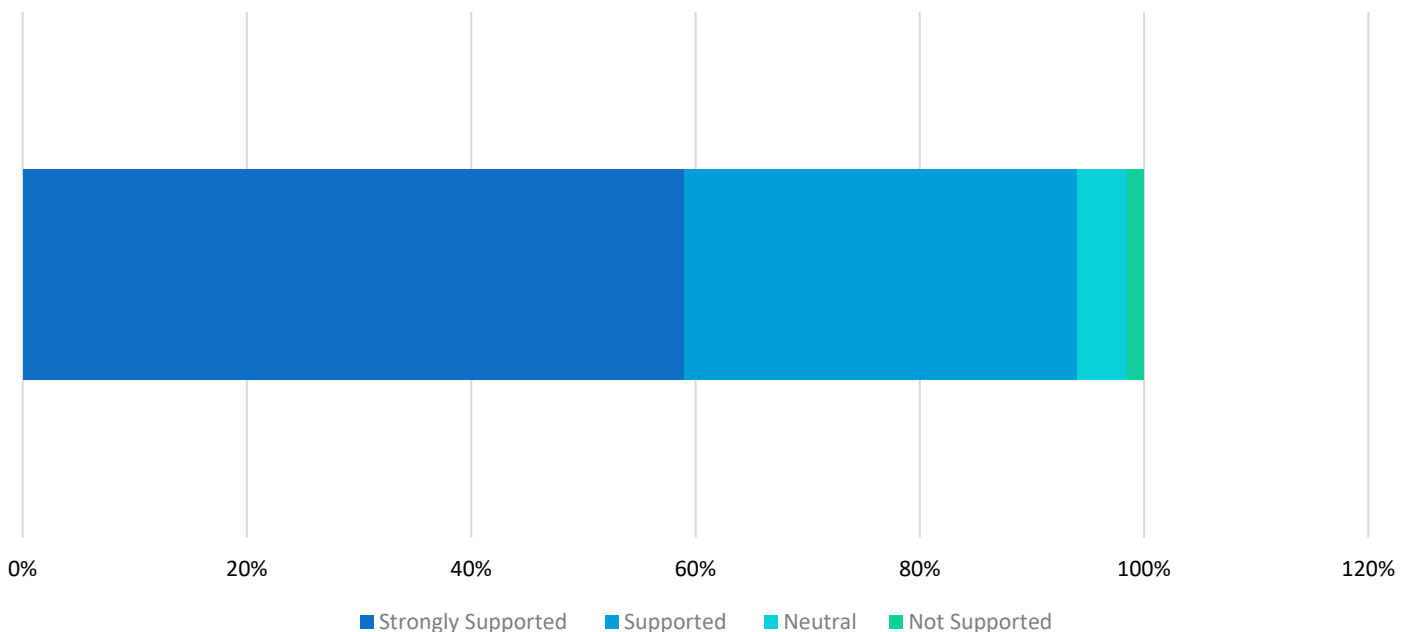
Community consultation closed for the Lake Caroline Masterplan and Activation Strategy in early May. Activities included face-to-face sessions at the Caroline Springs Library, CS Square and the lake reserve as well as direct trader engagement. Mailouts, on site signage and social and printed media were also provided to encourage the community to provide feedback via an online survey. A significant amount of feedback was received, with over 300 responses in total.

Since May, the project consultants have been reviewing and summarising the findings of this feedback along with the comments received from Councilors' and internal stakeholders.

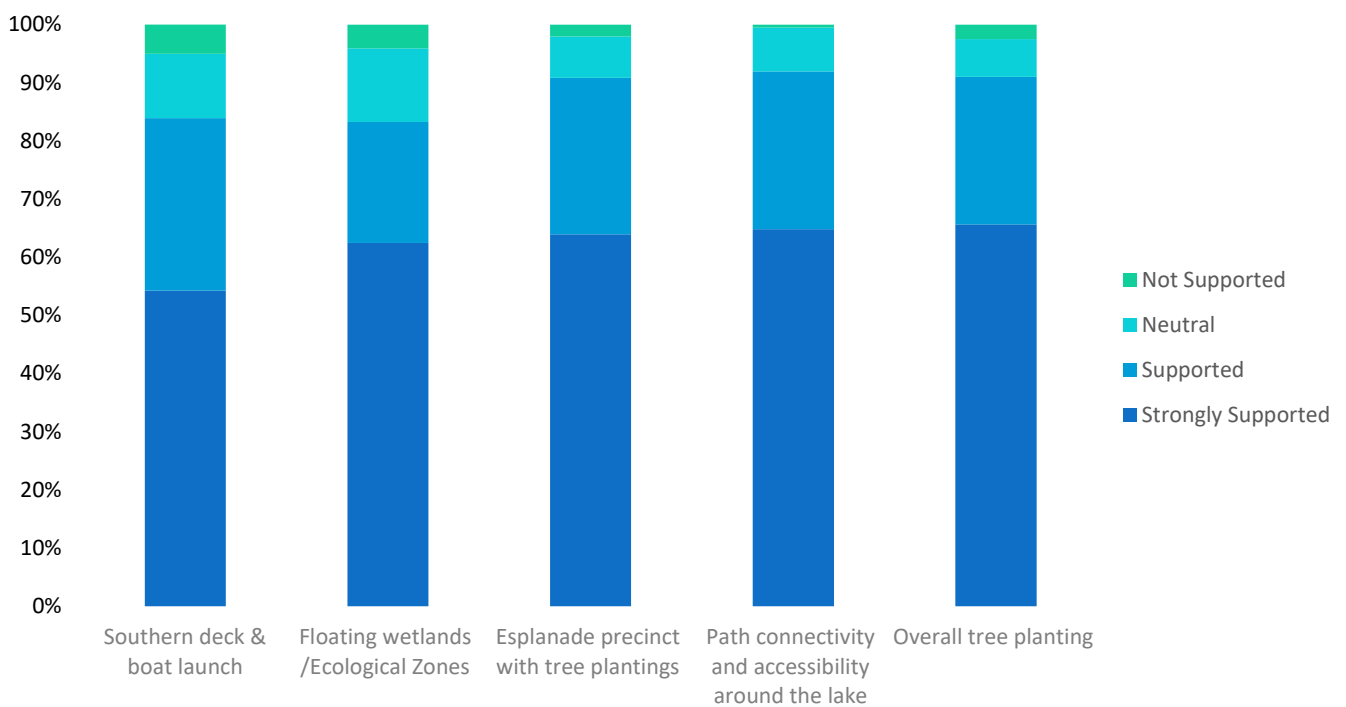
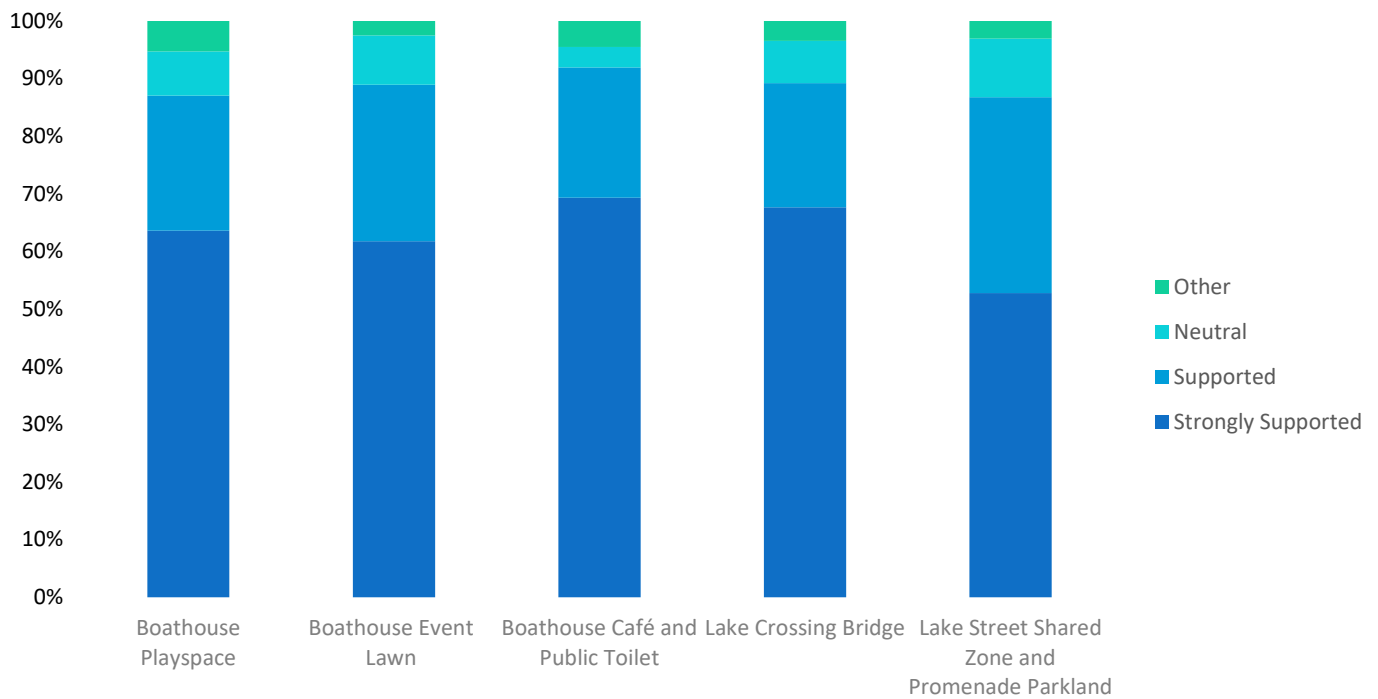
A summary document is provided below. This summary will be used to guide final masterplan and activation strategy.

Consultation feedback Summaries – Level of Overall Support

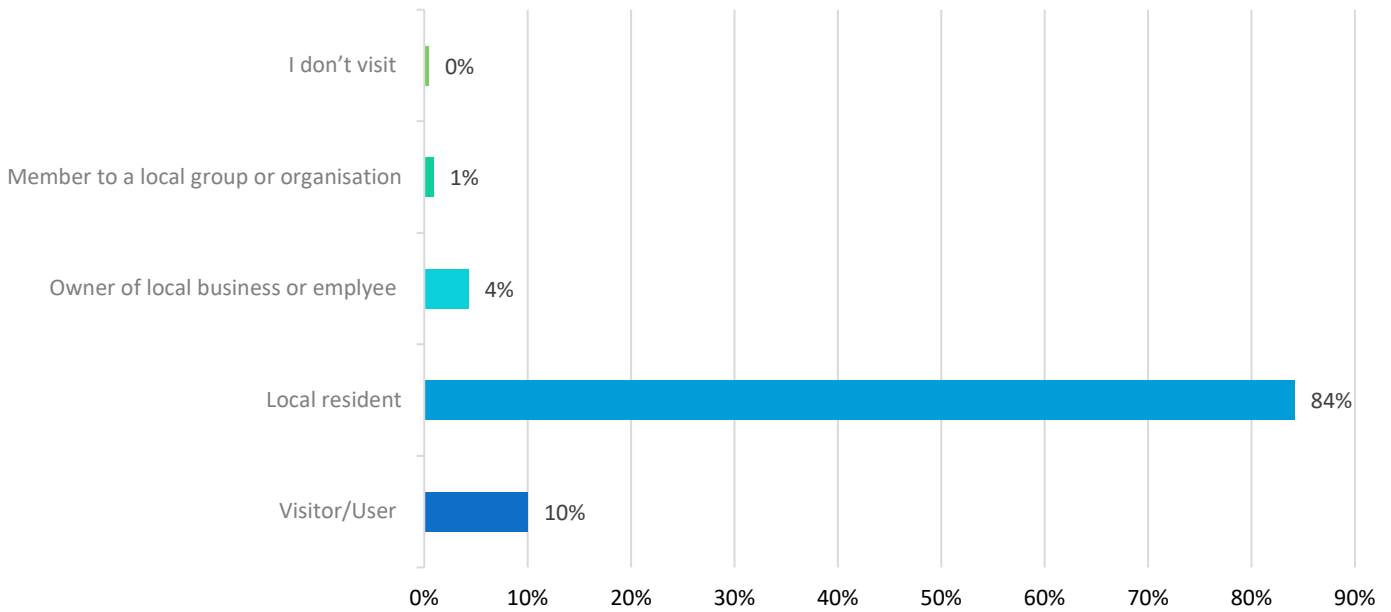
Overall Masterplan



Consultation feedback Summaries – How supportive the community are of each proposed element



Consultation feedback Summaries – Connection to Lake Caroline



Further comments - feedback summary and responses

A consolidated list of comments received is outlined below.

Community Feedback	Melton City Council Review Response
Request for the playspace to include junior and senior play, inclusive play, basketball half court, shade and seatings.	Shade, inclusive play and universal for a wide variety of user groups will be a key consideration in the design of the playspace. The final arrangement will be subject to further community consultation and in the detailed design phase.
Request to make the event lawn accessible.	Accessible paths around or adjacent to the event lawn will be provided but the arrangement will be subject to detailed design and consultation with key stakeholders.
Request for an alternative location for the public toilet	The inclusion and location of a public toilet will be subject to community consultation and detailed design.
View that the lake crossing bridge is not required.	The purpose of the lake crossing bridge is to improve the connectivity and accessibility between the east and the west side of the lake. The bridge connection received a high level of support from the community.
A need for alternate parking spaces to accommodate future parking demand following increased activation of the lake reserve.	This will be considered in the development of the final masterplan activation strategy.
Potential for increased traffic congestion along Lake Street shared zone.	The intention of the shared zone along Lake Street is to provide an opportunity for market activities and events and to create an improved visual connection between the commercial interface and the lake. Any changes to traffic speeds and flow will be subject to a traffic study and further community consultation at the detailed design phase.
Need to maintain boundaries between boats and floating wetlands.	Floating wetlands and wetland planting will not be mobile but limited to shallow areas where plant growth can be supported. The final layout and locations are subject to detailed design.

Preference for paddle boats	On-water activities indicate future opportunities and will be subject to further research and stakeholder and community consultation.
Concerns raised regarding rubbish dumping and maintenance and clarification sought on the proposed future maintenance of proposed wetlands.	The need for a maintenance plan for the planted wetland areas will be outlined in the final masterplan activation strategy.
Request for signage for educational purposes and bird watching.	This will be further researched and considered in the detailed design phase.
Need for more tree plantings to shade the path along the Esplanade but request that trees are located so as not to obscure views to lake from residences.	This will be further reviewed and considered in the development of the final masterplan activation strategy.
Need for a safety barrier along the edge of the lake	The lake is designed as per Melbourne Water Constructed Wetland Design guidelines. Information on lake depths and safety requirements and risk management will be included in the final masterplan activation strategy.
Request for the lake crossing bridge to facilitate Dragon boat during festival.	The ability to accommodate this activity will be further researched in the detailed design phase.
Need to improve water quality of the lake	The strategy proposes the inclusion of wetland planting in key locations to improve water quality. The species, quantities, planting methods and locations are subject to further investigation and detailed design.
Further information requested on existing fitness areas	The existing fitness areas are proposed to be retained and enhanced. This will be reflected in the development of the final masterplan activation strategy.
Request for shaded areas for gathering, picnics, BBQs and shelter.	This has been considered in the development of the draft masterplan and will be further clarified in the final masterplan activation strategy.
Need for protection of the existing habitat.	Planning and detailed design for this site will ensure all habitat and ecological values are protected and enhanced. A Construction Environmental Management Plan will be prepared and implemented to ensure construction does not adversely impact on the local environment.
Allocation of area for swimming.	This will not be considered to avoid impact on the water quality of the lake.
Opportunities for discovery nodes/ interactive elements/ arts along the route.	Areas for interpretive and educational elements have been included in the masterplan. These items will be subject to further consultation and stakeholder engagement in the detailed design phase.
Request for staging plan	This will be finalized and included in the final masterplan activation strategy.

