

Community growing space for Hardy Gallagher Reserve



CONSULTATION SUMMARY – ROUND 2 – APRIL/MAY 2019

The North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House has prepared a draft design for a community growing space in Hardy Gallagher Reserve. We recently asked our community to review the updated draft and provide feedback.

Level of engagement

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| 864 | 96 | 3 | 20 |
| unique visitors to the project page | online survey responses | email submissions | info session attendees (feedback reflected in online survey) |

Support for draft design (survey results)

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| 87% | 8% | 5% |
| highly supportive | moderately supportive | Unsupportive |

Five of the most popular features

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| 45 mentions | 24 mentions | 21 mentions | 17 mentions | 13 mentions |
| spaces for growing plants, vegetables and/or fruit | retaining space for bocce and other activities | a communal space for everyone to enjoy | Raised planter beds and other accessibility features | inviting, attractive and/or open design |

Five of the most requested changes

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| 8 mentions | 6 mentions | 4 mentions | 3 mentions | 2 mentions |
| add more sustainability and recycling features (e.g. raingarden) | increase, improve or relocate seating | preference for a less ridged/formal garden layout | concern around access for broader community and allocation of plots | find ways to represent the Wurundjeri heritage of the site |

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Full list of most popular features

| Sentiment | No. Mentions |
|---|--------------|
| Shared spaces for growing plants, vegetables and/or fruit | 45 |
| Retaining space for bocce and other activities | 24 |
| A communal space for everyone to enjoy | 21 |
| Raised planter beds and other accessibility features | 17 |
| Inviting, attractive and/or open design | 13 |
| Seating | 10 |
| Composting and worm farming to minimise food waste | 8 |
| Educational | 6 |
| Connection with neighbourhood house | 5 |
| Makes better use of an underutilised space | 4 |
| Removal of fences | 3 |
| Trees | 3 |
| Helps people with limited access to open space | 2 |
| Location | 2 |
| Extension of pavement | 1 |
| Great organising group | 1 |
| More green space | 1 |
| Open space | 1 |
| Raised wall | 1 |
| Ready to proceed | 1 |
| Storage | 1 |
| TOTAL | 170 |

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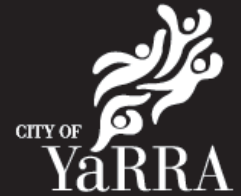


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Full list of suggested improvements

| Sentiment | No. Mentions |
|---|--------------|
| Add more sustainability and recycling features | 8 |
| Increase, improve or relocate seating | 6 |
| Preference for a less rigid/formal garden layout | 4 |
| Concern about limits on community access and allocation of plots | 3 |
| Find ways to represent the Wurundjeri heritage of the site | 2 |
| Add more raised planter beds | 2 |
| Add playground space for children | 2 |
| Concern about graffiti or vandalism | 2 |
| Remove remaining bocce court | 2 |
| Add a café | 1 |
| Add a kitchen | 1 |
| Add a permanent table | 1 |
| Add more trees | 1 |
| Allow young people to get involved by painting murals at the site | 1 |
| Change position of certain plantings | 1 |
| Compost should be accessible at all hours | 1 |
| Concern about ongoing upkeep | 1 |
| Concern about worm farming/compositing | 1 |
| Concern that the site will attract rodents | 1 |
| Create central gathering space | 1 |
| Don't spend money on this project | 1 |
| Ensure management model for water and compost is workable | 1 |
| Ensure room for large tools like wheelbarrows | 1 |
| Ensure sufficient shade | 1 |
| Ensure that there are too many design elements – leave room to evolve | 1 |
| Ensure the site is wildlife safe (no nets or barbwire) | 1 |
| Expand site to the south to include more garden beds | 1 |
| Extend the paved section further | 1 |

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| Garden beds should be wider | 1 |
| Include a place that allows community members to leave and collect surplus produce | 1 |
| Include exercise equipment | 1 |
| Incorporate a built-in watering system | 1 |
| Install security cameras | 1 |
| Install security lighting | 1 |
| Long beds need midway crossing point | 1 |
| Make it a scented, ornamental garden | 1 |
| Make the garden beds and bocce court parallel | 1 |
| More fruit and nut trees | 1 |
| Needs bicycle parking facilities | 1 |
| Provide educational signage | 1 |
| Replace concrete and rocks with grass | 1 |
| Replace fencing | 1 |
| Replace gravel with pavement | 1 |
| Retain more space for bocce | 1 |
| Suggestion that the works aren't necessary | 1 |
| TOTAL | 68 |

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Where do the survey respondents live?

