

## Hardy Gallagher Reserve

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SUMMARY – MAR 2018

The bocce courts next to the North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House in Hardy Gallagher Reserve are no longer in regular use. We recently asked the local community to help us decide how this land could be better utilised in the future.

### Visualisation of online feedback



#### Face-to-face

- Community workshop hosted at North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House
- 63 community members shared their ideas and priorities

#### Extra

- Stakeholder meeting held with local schools, community groups and resident groups

#### Online

- 1,200 visitors to the Your Say Yarra page
- 159 visitors submitted ideas and/or voted for ideas
- 111 ideas submitted

#### Project reach

- Social Media campaign: seen by 18,179 users across Facebook and Twitter
- 1,500 postcards delivered to surrounding area
- Yarra Life article sent to 10,000 subscribers
- 3 A1 signs displayed at the site

### Online feedback summary

List of words that received double-digit uses/votes from participants.

- garden, 430 uses/votes
- community, 355
- food, 69
- space, 65
- green, 62
- vegetable, 54
- outdoor, 40
- climbing, 34
- wall, 34
- bocce, 31
- share, 31
- open, 29
- free, 26
- beautiful, 22
- children, 22
- collaborative, 22
- multipurpose, 19
- new, 19
- petanque, 18
- plots, 17
- thriving, 16
- public, 14
- land, 13
- nature, 13
- play, 13
- volunteer, 13
- arts, 12
- coffee, 12
- forest, 12
- lush, 12
- sovereign, 12
- treaty, 12
- Wurundjeri, 12
- shelter, 11
- trees, 10

### Community workshop themes

Summary of views expressed by workshop participants.

#### Shared views

- Social inclusion and isolation is very important to the community.
- The space should function as part of the cluster of community uses around the neighbourhood house.
- The space should be for the community, accessible by all.
- A mix of uses may help the space appeal to everyone.
- Vegetation selection should be low maintenance to ensure the space looks tidy and discourage vandalism.
- Productive plants such as fruit trees and herbs may also conserve space and allow more areas for seating and socialising.
- Space should be high quality, and enhance the amenity of the local area.

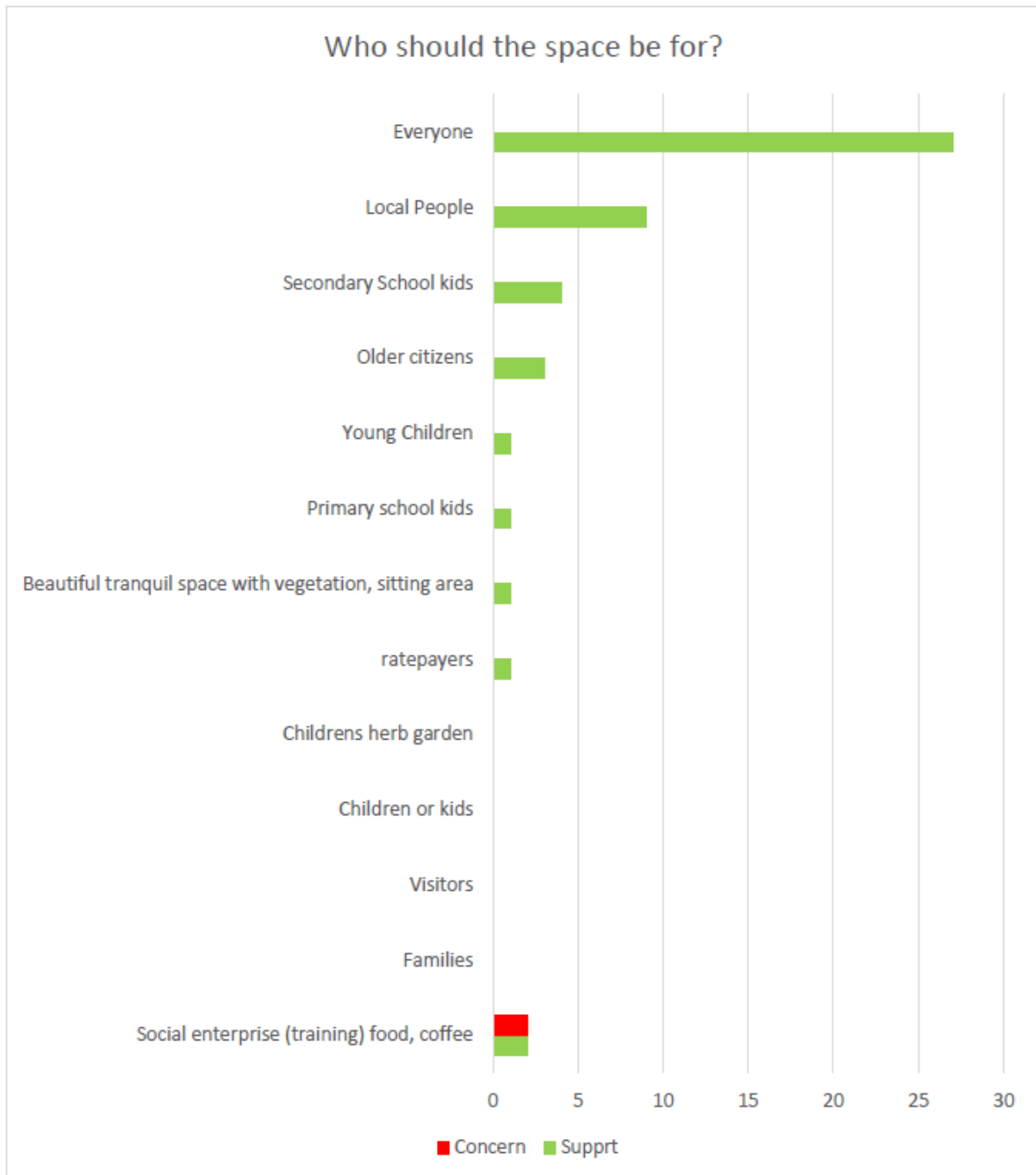
- The design and maintenance of the space were identified as key considerations here.
- Allowing the space to be programmed with activities and events is important.
- Noise generating uses are not appropriate, especially active sports like basketball.

#### Differing views

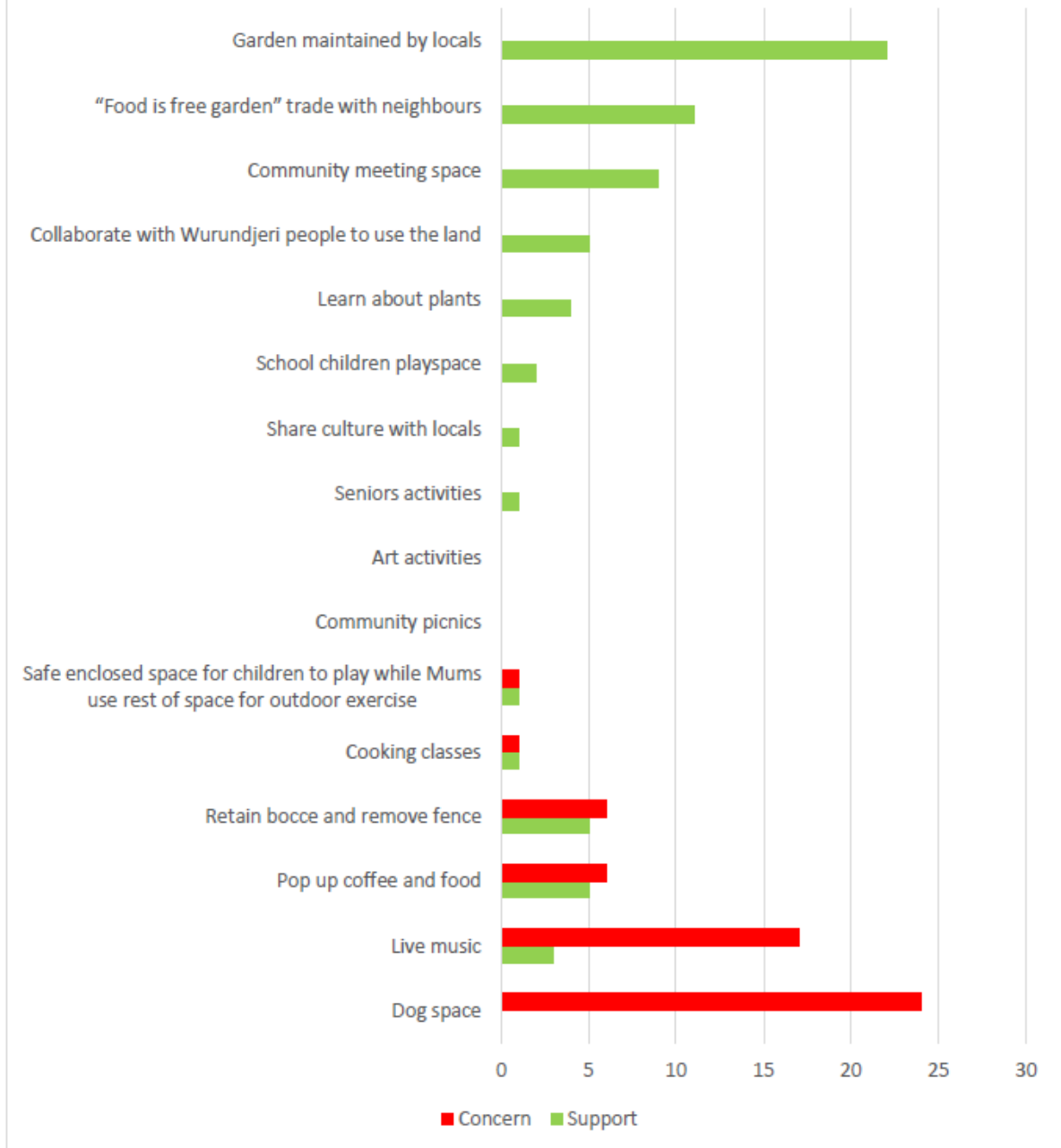
- The use of space as community garden. All participants appeared to agree that an 'allotment' style community garden was not appropriate, but there was much discussion about what other form this might take.
- Retention of the bocce courts. Some people felt they were current not used and should not be retained, while others felt they were an important part of the site's heritage, and regular maintenance would encourage use.

**Community workshop questions**

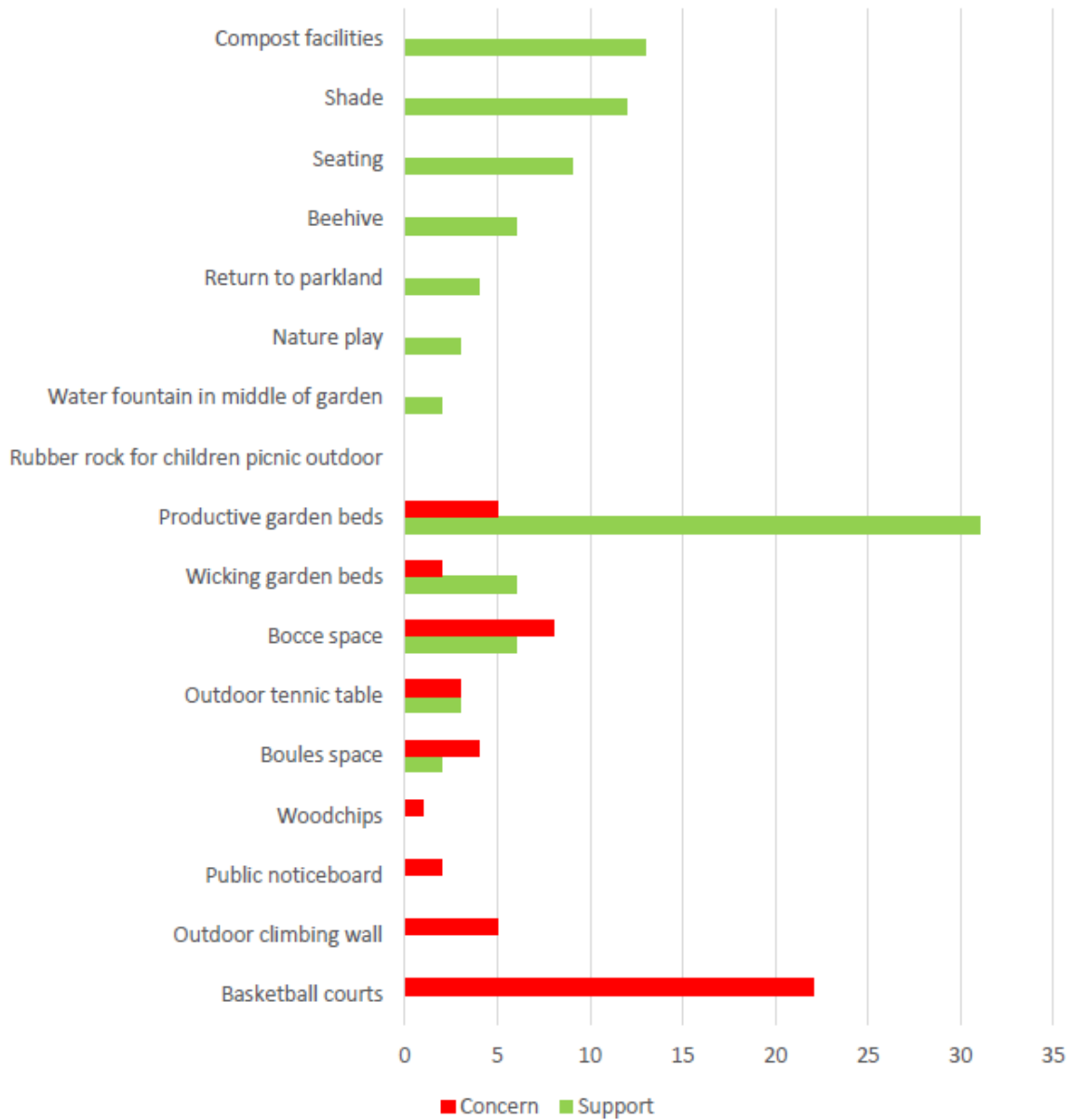
Summary of responses.



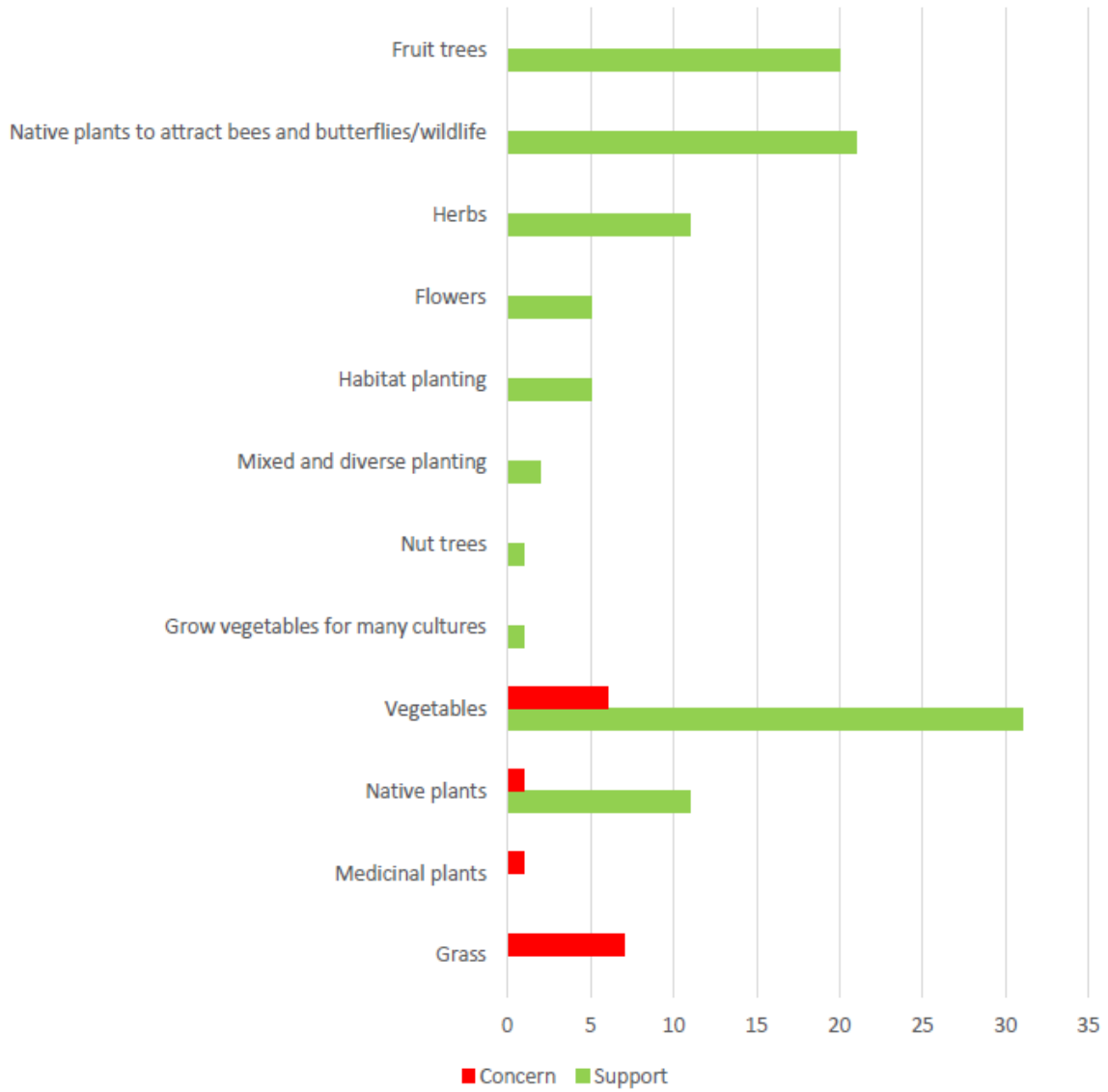
### What would you like to do there?



### What should be installed?



### What sort of Vegetation?



### What else?

