

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Summary report of community consultation outcomes for the whole of Yarra

For precinct breakdown and more detailed summary refer to Appendix B

A1 City-wide summary of community use of open space and facilities

As part of the initial research phase of the project, a brief questionnaire was distributed to all residents in the City (approximately 40,000). Just over 1,400 questionnaires were returned. Detailed analysis of the results has been undertaken and is discussed in Section 5.0 of the Strategy.

A1.1 Open space in the local area

Brief Summary of main 10 open space areas visited in 'the local area'. The % of where people live is a proportion of the total number who responded from that precinct. Open space within the City of Yarra municipal boundaries is italicised.

No.	Reserve Name	Where they live
1	<i>Edinburgh Gardens</i> , North Fitzroy	71% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 42% Fitzroy 28% North Carlton 25% Collingwood
2	<i>Yarra Bend Park</i> , Fairfield	36% Alphington/Fairfield 30% Abbotsford 18% Collingwood 12% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill
3	Fitzroy Gardens, East Melbourne	42% Fitzroy 34% Collingwood 10% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley
4	Princes Park, Carlton North	70% North Carlton
5	Carlton Gardens, Carlton	47% Fitzroy 10% North Carlton
6	<i>Darling Gardens</i> , Clifton Hill	35% Fitzroy North/Clifton Hill 28% Collingwood
7	<i>Yarra River Linear Reserves</i> , Burnley and Abbotsford	25% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 25% Abbotsford 15% Collingwood
8	<i>Merri Creek Linear Reserve</i> , Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy	32% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 15% Collingwood
9	<i>Curtain Square</i> , Carlton North	53% North Carlton
10	<i>Alphington Park</i> , Alphington	59% Alphington/Fairfield

This table emphasises the issue that the City of Yarra residents are using open space outside the City boundaries on a regular basis and consider this to be in the local area. It is clearly evident that residents from Collingwood are travelling to other neighbourhoods for their 'local' open space needs due to the lack of open space reserves close to home. This includes 28% of residents from Collingwood travelling to Darling Gardens, 25% of them travelling to Edinburgh Gardens and 34% to Fitzroy Gardens. Fitzroy is another neighbourhood where residents are travelling to other neighbourhoods for local open space needs with 42% visiting the Edinburgh Gardens, and 47% visiting Carlton Gardens and 42% visiting the Fitzroy Gardens.

A1.2 Open space outside the local area

Below is a brief summary of open space areas visited 'outside of the local area'. The % of where people live is a proportion of the total number of people who responded from that precinct. Reserves within the City of Yarra municipal boundaries are italicised.

%	Reserve Name	Where they live
36.1%	Royal Botanic Gardens	43% Carlton North 42% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 41% Collingwood 34% Fitzroy 32% North Fitzroy 27% Abbotsford 24% Alphington/Fairfield
23.2%	Fitzroy Gardens	31% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 31% Abbotsford 28% Collingwood 20% North Carlton 19% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 16% Fitzroy 13% Alphington/Fairfield
9.4%	<i>Yarra River Linear Reserves</i>	13% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 09% North Carlton 08% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 08% Collingwood 06% Fitzroy 06% Abbotsford 04% Alphington/Fairfield
8.2%	<i>Yarra Bend Park</i>	11% Alphington/Fairfield 11% North Carlton 08% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 07% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 07% Abbotsford 07% Fitzroy 05% Collingwood
8.1%	Princes Park	18% Collingwood 15% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 10% North Carlton 06% Fitzroy 04% Alphington/Fairfield 02% Abbotsford 005% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley
7.2%	<i>Merri Creek Linear Reserves</i>	15% Fitzroy 11% Alphington/Fairfield 11% North Carlton 10% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 04% Abbotsford 01% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 00% Collingwood
7.0%	Carlton Gardens	11% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 09% Abbotsford 09% Fitzroy 06% Carlton North 05% Collingwood 03% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley
6.8%	Treasury Gardens	11% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 08% Abbotsford 05% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 05% North Carlton 05% Fitzroy 05% Collingwood 04% Alphington/Fairfield
6.4%	<i>Studley Park</i>	11% Alphington/Fairfield 08% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 07% Fitzroy 05% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 05% North Carlton 03% Abbotsford 02% Collingwood

%	Reserve Name	Where they live
5.2%	Royal Park	12% North Carlton 08% Fitzroy 07% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 02% Alphington/Fairfield 02% Abbotsford 01% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley
5.1%	<i>Edinburgh Gardens</i>	18% Collingwood 11% North Carlton 09% Alphington/Fairfield 08% Fitzroy 07% Abbotsford 06% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 04% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley
5.1%	Exhibition Gardens	09% Fitzroy 08% North Carlton 05% Abbotsford 05% Collingwood 05% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 03% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 02% Alphington/Fairfield
5.0%	Yarra Park/MCG	14% Richmond/Cremorne/Burnley 03% Abbotsford 03% Collingwood 03% North Fitzroy/Clifton Hill 02% Fitzroy 00% North Carlton

These results confirm that a large number of reserves visited by City of Yarra residents are outside the City boundaries. The most popular reserve is the Royal Botanic Gardens and a large proportion of residents from all areas is travelling to the Gardens.

The questionnaire outcomes identified that residents of Yarra value their open space with requests for additional small local open space reserves, and to ensure that additional infrastructure and buildings are not built in them, thereby decreasing the open space areas.

A1.3 Types of open space used

The most frequently used type of open space are the Reserves along the Yarra River, followed by local streets for exercise, large-non sporting reserves and small local parks. Interestingly, small local parks are used more frequently than medium sized parks and linear reserves. In terms of frequency of use, Local streets for exercise are the most frequently used with 64% using them daily. This is followed by large non-sporting reserves at 21% and Small local parks at 20%. The Reserves along the Yarra are used on a more irregular basis - ranging from weekly through to once or twice a year.

%	Type of open space	Frequency of use*
91%	Reserves along the Yarra River	13% Daily 28% Weekly 22% Monthly 21% Once or twice a year 07% Never
90%	Local streets for exercise	64% Daily 22% Weekly 04% Other 04% Never
80%	Large non-sporting reserves	21% Daily 25% Weekly 18% Monthly 16% Once or twice a year 10% Never
74%	Small local parks	20% Daily

%	Type of open space	Frequency of use*
		26% Weekly 16% Monthly 12% Once or twice a year 13% Never
64%	Reserves along Merri Creek	07% Daily 16% Weekly 17% Monthly 24% Once or twice a year 23% Never
55%	Medium sized parks	07% Daily 11% Weekly 16% Monthly 21% Once or twice a year 28% Never
54%	Large sporting reserves	06% Daily 15% Weekly 13% Monthly 20% Once or twice a year 28% Never
45%	Linear Reserves	10% Daily 13% Weekly 10% Monthly 12% Once or twice a year 36% Never

* Note the totals do not add to 100% as for each question a proportion of the total 1414 did not answer the question.

A1.4 Activities and facilities in open space

Walking paths are the most frequently used facility/activity in public open space with more than half of respondents undertaking this activity on a daily basis. This is consistent with recreational trends towards informal recreational activity for fitness, rather than participation in club-based formal sporting activities (18% compared to 93% using walking paths). Informal open grassed areas are the next most frequently used, particularly on a weekly basis. This can be for a range of activities including informal sports, lying on the grass, dog exercise etc. Skate facilities are the most poorly used, which may reflect the lack of these facilities in the City. Analysis by age revealed a number of the younger age group in the 0-14 and 15-19 years answered never to this question.

A1.4.1 Activities and facilities in open space - level of use

%	Activities/facilities in open space	Frequency of use*
93%	Walking paths	53% Daily 31% Weekly 06% Monthly 03% Once or twice a year 03% Never
82%	Informal open grassed areas	19% Daily 30% Weekly 20% Monthly 13% Once or twice a year 07% Never
69%	Public seating	06% Daily 23% Weekly 22% Monthly 18% Once or twice a year 17% Never
66%	Lighting	17% Daily 15% Weekly 08% Monthly 26% Once or twice a year 24% Never
62%	Cycling paths	17% Daily 24% Weekly 12% Monthly

%	Activities/facilities in open space	Frequency of use*
		09% Once or twice a year 23% Never
58%	Public toilets	03% Daily 09% Weekly 19% Monthly 27% Once or twice a year 28% Never
46%	BBQ's	00% Daily 01% Weekly 08% Monthly 37% Once or twice a year 39% Never
44%	Playgrounds	07% Daily 11% Weekly 11% Monthly 15% Once or twice a year 42% Never
39%	Picnic shelters	01% Daily 03% Weekly 08% Monthly 27% Once or twice a year 43% Never
33%	Dog walking	23% Daily 06% Weekly 02% Monthly 02% Once or twice a year 53% Never
21%	Informal recreation activities, e.g. ball games etc	00% Daily 04% Weekly 06% Monthly 11% Once or twice a year 60% Never
18%	Club-based outdoor sporting activities	01% Daily 08% Weekly 03% Monthly 06% Once or twice a year 65% Never
11%	Club-based indoor sporting activities	01% Daily 06% Weekly 01% Monthly 03% Once or twice a year 69% Never
06%	Skate	00% Daily 01% Weekly 02% Monthly 03% Once or twice a year 75% Never

* Note the totals do not add to 100% as for each question a proportion of the total 1414 did not answer the question.

A1.4.2 Activities and facilities in open space - level of satisfaction

Facilities in open space	Satisfactory maintenance	Unsatisfactory maintenance	Improvements or additional required
Walking paths	338 = 23.9%	96 = 6.8%	59 = 4.2%
Cycle paths	223 = 15.7%	71 = 5.0%	45 (9 improve links) = 3.2%
Informal open grassed areas	261 = 18.5%	60 = 4.2%	5 = 0.4%
BBQs	132 = 9%	51 = 3.6%	43 = 3.0%
Shelters	72 = 5.1%	16 = 1.1%	39 = 2.8%
Public seating	175 = 12.4%	27 = 1.9%	104 = 7.3%
Lighting	114 = 8.0%	57 = 4.0%	160 = 11.3%
Dog walking facilities	84 = 5.9%	42 = 3.0%	89 = 6.3%
Skate facilities	24 = 1.7%	13 = 0.9%	22 = 1.5%
Playgrounds	139 = 7.7%	22 = 1.5%	46 = 3.3%
Club-based outdoor sporting activities	49 = 3.5%	8 = 0.6%	6 = 0.4%
Club-based indoor sporting activities	37 = 2.6%	0	9 = 0.6%
Informal recreation activities, e.g. ball games etc	29 = 2%	6 = 0.4%	23 = 1.6%
Public toilets	117 = 8.3%	133 = 9.4%	83 = 5.7%
Other - Bins	0	0	35 = 2.5%
Other - Drinking fountains	0	0	13 = 0.9%
Other - trees	0	0	5 = 0.3%

A1.5 Values of open space

Residents value highly the following values in their open space in order of priority:

- Quiet and peaceful
- Relaxing
- Being outside
- Spaciousness
- Trees

APPENDIX B

Summary report of Household Survey by precinct

These summaries have been prepared by Thompson Berrill Landscape Design Pty Ltd (TBLD) based on the summary of 1,414 questionnaire household surveys. These surveys were designed specifically for the Yarra Open Space Strategy and were distributed to 40,000 households in Yarra during May/June 2003. The survey had freepost return.

The Precincts are based on postcode boundaries. The open space questionnaire data has been collated on this basis.

1.0 PRINCES HILL AND NORTH CARLTON POSTCODE 3054

1.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
71%	Princes Park	53% Walking 19% Dogs 15% Jogging 10% Playground 8% The views 7% Picnics 5% Fitness 4% Cycling 4% Fresh air 4% Meeting Friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance required to the vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> More events/festivals required <input type="checkbox"/> More well developed native gardens required <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough dog waste facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough picnic areas <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough seating areas <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough trees <input type="checkbox"/> Planting required around pond
53%	Curtain Square	46% Walking 33% Playground 18% Walk the dog 18% Picnics 12% Relaxation 11% Take visitors & family to park 7% The views 6% Sitting on a bench 5% Read 5% Thoroughfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> No off lead areas for dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Possum feeders should be controlled
28%	Edinburgh Gardens	62% Walking 29% Walk dogs 16% Cycling 13% Picnics 9% Playground 9% Play games eg. kick a ball	<input type="checkbox"/> No need to <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Path surface in poor condition <input type="checkbox"/> Sections of the park very muddy with poor drainage <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet block unsafe <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to go
17%	Royal Park	74% Walking 26% Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Park is eroding and requires maintenance

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
		15% Jogging 15% Picnics 15% Trees/Flowers/Plants 13% Dogs	
12%	Park Street Reserve	54% Walking 29% Cycling 25% Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Park requires an upgrade with new top soil and native shrubs
10%	Carlton Gardens	100% Walking 25% Picnics 25% Enjoy views	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground too advanced for young kids <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk

1.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
43%	Royal Botanic Gardens	56% Walking 22% Trees/Flowers/ Plants 20% The Views 19% Picnics 8% Beautiful Park 8% Events/Movies 8% Meeting Friends 8% Peace & Quiet, Serene, Thinking	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/Permit Zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> No play equipment
20%	Fitzroy Gardens	53% Walking 20% Picnics 20% The views 17% Trees/Flowers/ Plants 17% Coffee with friends/ Eating lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Parking/Parking restrictions/Permit Zones <input type="checkbox"/> Too far
12%	Royal Park	50% Walking 33% Cycling	
11%	Edinburgh Gardens	47% Walking 29% Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Path surface in poor condition (2) <input type="checkbox"/> No need to <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Sections of park very muddy with poor drainage <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet blocks unsafe <input type="checkbox"/> Too far <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk
11%	Merri Creek Reserve	44% Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Forget to visit them <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no disabled access and parking
10%	Princes Park	40% Walking	

1.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
18%	Royal Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/Permit Zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> No play equipment
14%	Edinburgh Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Path surface in poor condition (2) <input type="checkbox"/> No need to <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Sections of park very muddy with poor drainage <input type="checkbox"/> Toilet blocks unsafe <input type="checkbox"/> Too far <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk
9%	Fitzroy Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling not permitted <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Parking/Parking restrictions/Permit Zones <input type="checkbox"/> Too far
9%	Merri Creek Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Forget to visit them <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no disabled access and parking

1.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

197 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3054.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3054
Reserves along the Yarra	2	16	47	76	21	141	72%
Reserves along Merri Creek	0	18	27	61	55	106	54%
Linear reserves	22	38	31	25	47	116	59%
Large sporting reserves	26	33	22	25	47	106	54%
Large non-sporting reserves	19	50	41	42	18	152	77%
Medium sized parks	57	38	32	29	17	156	79%
Local streets for regular exercise	136	41	3	0	5	180	91%
Small local parks	42	46	25	25	27	138	70%

1.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

1.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3054
Walking paths	122	44	12	5	3	183	93%
Cycle paths	31	35	17	21	54	104	53%
Open grassed areas for informal use	44	57	42	25	8	168	85%
BBQ's	0	0	14	61	85	75	38%
Shelters	1	2	12	33	102	48	24%
Public seating	17	41	46	32	29	136	69%
Lighting	40	27	18	15	43	100	51%
Dog walking facilities	56	5	3	3	92	67	34%
Skate facilities	0	2	3	4	139	9	5%
Playgrounds	14	20	24	33	74	91	46%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	0	12	5	7	126	24	12%
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	1	9	2	5	129	17	9%
Informal recreation facilities	0	6	12	11	117	29	15%
Public toilets	4	19	40	48	55	111	56%
Other	2	0	0	0	35	2	1%

1.5.2 COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (47) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage issues including over watering by sprinklers (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths sometimes flood in heavy rain (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Good to have choice of unsealed or concrete paths (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Uneven surface, including tree root damage (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and condition varies (2)
Cycle paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Improve connections (3) <input type="checkbox"/> All parks should be available to cyclists (e.g. Carlton Gardens) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists use the walking paths (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle path surface in poor condition (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians (2)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required (2)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
BBQ's	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory maintenance (23) <input type="checkbox"/> More BBQ's required, including Edinburgh Gardens, Princes Park & Park St/Hardy Gallagher Reserve (7) <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ's tend not to work well (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Improve maintenance (3)
Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> More shelters/resting areas required (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (2)
Public seating	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (28) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed, including at playgrounds and Curtain Square (10) <input type="checkbox"/> More random seating required (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (2)
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Parks too dark at night, do not use due to safety (7) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting needed on paths, particularly in winter (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Princes Park path poorly lit (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting in parks required (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Varies (2)
Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (10) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog waste facilities (10) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog off lead areas (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate provision (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains / taps for dogs (2)
Skate facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> More needed (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, particularly syringes (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrading required at Princes Park and Edinburgh Gardens (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More equipment for older children (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Improve designs to be more challenging and safe (2)
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (3)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Need indoor sport facility in Carlton/Yarra (2)
Informal recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2)
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (15) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets not always open (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More required, including at Edinburgh Gardens and Royal Park (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe (2)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> More bins needed (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains <input type="checkbox"/> Park St Linear Park has 12 broken vehicle fence barriers <input type="checkbox"/> People park on McPherson St Reserve for football

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Security stations should be introduced <input type="checkbox"/> Water system erratic

1.6 Values

The question asked people to rank in order of priority what they value about open space. Below is a summary of the Priority 1 values. A number of respondents elected only to select two or three items, and placed a 1 or a tick in all of them ranking them of equal priority. These were all entered as Priority 1. (% of the total number of people who completed this question, and does not add up to 100%)

%	Value
62%	Trees
60%	Spacious
58%	Relaxing/unwind
55%	Just being outside
48%	Quiet and peaceful
34%	The knowledge that its there
26%	Meeting people/friends
23%	Informal bushland character
22%	Watching activity in the park
21%	Flowers and planting variety
20%	Playing casual games/sport
18%	Formal garden character
10%	Other: Dogs off lead

1.7 General comments on open space

These are a summary of the General Comments section of the questionnaire:

1.7.1 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (8)

Additional (4)

- More parks and gardens required (2)
- Linked network of open space from Carlton to the City would be great.
- More open space to be created

Adequate/do not decrease (3)

- Do not decrease/sell off parks & gardens (3)

Other

- Parks in my area are outside the City of Yarra

1.7.2 PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (3)

- Character is important
- Informal parks are preferred
- Park character is important, bushland and formal gardens but don't mix them

1.7.3 VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (30)

- Value parks and open space in this area due to lack of private open space (4)
- Live here because of the large areas of parks, gardens, bushland reserves, trails and river (3)
- Parks and gardens are very important to me and my needs (3)
- Parks contribute to the community's health and well being (3)
- Parks are a valuable community asset (2)
- Long views are restful on the eyes
- Love the simple open space vistas framed by trees

- Parks and gardens are the reason I live here
- Parks and gardens are valued more than they are visited
- Parks and gardens essential for a livable environment
- Parks are important for well-being
- Parks nearby are well used, which is enjoyed
- Place to eat outside
- Princes Park highly valued for space and walking
- Shakespeare St Park is valued by residents
- Use parks several times a day
- Value community/communal areas
- Value green areas, not for other uses
- Value opportunity for people in inner city to be outside and enjoy space, trees and fresh air
- Value the beauty of Parks & Gardens

1.7.4 RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (11)

- Cyclists to be better behaved towards pedestrians (2)**
- All outside activity essential
- Carlton Gardens - cyclists should be permitted to use path as it is a main thoroughfare to the city
- Curtain Square is well used and liked by children and young people
- Organised sporting groups who use ovals leave rubbish on ground, inspections should occur
- Playgrounds
- Princes Park - suggest more events/festivals to be held
- Value open space not dominated by sporting facilities
- Value passive recreation
- Value running/exercise recreation

1.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (4)

- 3 storey flats at 151 Wilson St Nth Carlton are very unsightly
- Infrastructure, roads etc not to encroach on parklands
- Parks to be maintained but not over developed
- Royal Park is being reduced in size by development

1.7.6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (13)

- More native plantings to attract birds (2)**
- Curtain Square - possum feeders should be controlled
- Encourage more flora and fauna
- Improved air quality in parks
- More water/lakes in parks required
- Native flora to support native fauna
- Native plantings to attract more birds
- Parks reduce greenhouse effects
- Possums culled to save trees
- Princes Park pond - ducks need more habitat
- Reduce possum numbers as they get aggressive
- Royal Park - like the bats and possums

1.7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE (15)

- More rubbish bins (2)**
- Curtain Square - play equipment needs to be more interesting and more of a challenge
- Curtain Square needs a fountain
- Fencing required around all playgrounds and BBQ facilities
- Hardy Gallagher Reserve requires more bins
- Holton Street Park needs lighting
- Lighting required in parks
- More drinking fountains required
- Movable seats to catch the winter sun
- Park St Reserve's path is in poor condition
- Princes Park to have improved children's play facilities

- Shakespeare Park - install BBQ facilities
- Shared paths are dangerous - separate walking and cycle paths required
- Signage in general needs to be clearer

1.7.8 DOGS (12)

- Curtain Square - off lead zones required in North Carlton, between sunset and sunrise (2)**
- Shakespeare St Park - too much dog waste not picked up (2)**
- Dog usage of human drinking fountains a hygiene concern
- Dog waste regulations to be enforced
- Dogs to be on leash
- More consideration of people and dogs
- More dog waste facilities required
- Off lead, unruly dogs a problem
- Princes Park is safe for family and friends and it has well behaved dogs and dog owners
- Princes Park to have improved dog facilities

1.7.9 TREES & VEGETATION (20)

- Condition of trees is poor
- Flowers required in the parks
- More indigenous species to be planted
- More native trees
- More natural parkland settings with variety of trees and shrubs
- More trees, flowers and water features.
- Native bushland dotted throughout the municipality
- Park St reserve needs more trees
- Park St Reserve requires an upgrade with new top soil and native shrubs
- Park St reserve should extend avenue of Poplars
- Prefer more floral displays
- Princes Hill - tree planting and beautification
- Princes Park - do not replace European trees with natives, retain Poplars
- Princes Park Hill area to Hardy Reserve - suggest extending planting of Palms to add character
- Princes Park near pond needs more planting to screen traffic
- Princes Park to have more well developed native gardens
- Royal Park - would like to see more planting
- Tree roots are interfering with house foundations
- Trees in parks are the most valuable part
- Trees provide shade in summer

1.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (16)

Inadequate (13)

- Edinburgh Gardens - maintenance required to the sick looking Elms (2)**
- Empty bins more regularly
- Gardeners to be employed to maintain garden beds
- Hardy Gallagher Reserve requires regular maintenance
- Improve maintenance
- Maintaining trees is important
- Maintenance contractors requires improvement
- Princes Park - maintenance required to the vegetation
- Shakespeare St Park is extremely neglected
- Toilets must have adequate lighting and regular cleaning
- Vehicle traffic removed from grassed areas
- Weed maintenance is crucial

Safety

- Safety is an issue

Other (2)

- Appreciate the importance Council places in Parks and Gardens (2)**

1.7.11

MISCELLANEOUS (5)

- Attractive streetscapes
- Merri Creek continuously looking better
- Parking meters have been installed around parks, 2 or 3 hour spots should be close by
- Princes Park should encourage discounted tickets if public transport is used to reduce crowds
- Upsetting to see cars park on open grassed areas e.g. Parking for football games

2.0 FITZROY POSTCODE 3065

2.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
47%	Carlton Gardens	75% walking 17% playground 15% jogging 15% picnics 15% thoroughfare 13% relaxation 10% cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog off lead area required
42%	Fitzroy Gardens	65% walking 19% enjoy plants/trees 16% picnics 14% coffee/lunch 14% walk dog 12% relaxation 12% jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Concern over bats in park
42%	Edinburgh Gardens	54% walking 19% walk dog 15% cycling 15% picnics 15% enjoy views 15% playground 10% jogging	
18%	Exhibition Gardens	74% walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilets require maintenance

2.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
34%	Royal Botanic Gardens	52% Walking 21% Trees/Flowers/Plants 21% The Views 21% Events/Movies	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/Permit Zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy
16%	Fitzroy Gardens	57% Walking 29% Beautiful Park 29% Thoroughfare	
15%	Merri Creek Reserve	46% Walking 38% Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/Permit Zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Too far

2.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
21%	Edinburgh Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Park not enclosed for dog <input type="checkbox"/> Too dull
14%	Royal Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/Permit Zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Too far
14%	Merri Creek Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/Permit Zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Too far

2.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

103 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3065.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3065
Reserves along the Yarra	4	17	24	39	12	84	82%
Reserves along Merri Creek	2	9	22	35	26	68	66%
Linear reserves	8	9	4	14	55	35	34%
Large sporting reserves	3	8	13	24	42	48	47%
Large non-sporting reserves	20	22	24	19	14	85	83%
Medium sized parks	7	5	13	29	37	54	52%
Local streets for regular exercise	65	19	7	1	4	92	89%
Small local parks	25	22	17	15	15	79	77%

2.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

2.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Walking paths	52	24	9	7	7	92	89%
Cycle paths	8	20	11	19	35	58	56%
Open grassed areas for informal use	13	28	23	16	13	80	78%
BBQ's	0	0	5	40	47	45	44%
Shelters	0	2	9	29	50	40	39%
Public seating	4	31	21	20	19	76	74%

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Lighting	21	14	6	17	27	58	56%
Dog walking facilities	17	4	2	5	68	28	27%
Skate facilities	0	0	1	6	84	7	7%
Playgrounds	3	5	10	17	58	35	34%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	2	6	2	7	75	17	17%
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	2	5	1	5	78	13	13%
Informal recreation facilities	0	6	5	19	64	30	29%
Public toilets	2	6	26	20	36	54	52%
Other	3	0	0	0	37	3	3%

2.5.2

COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths uneven in places due to tree roots, hard for prams, including Edinburgh Gardens and Fitzroy Gardens (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More walking only paths required as cyclists use the walking paths (2)
Cycle paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists to use path in Carlton Gardens (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Grass to be mown regularly (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
BBQ's	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (4)
Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2)
Public seating	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (17) <input type="checkbox"/> More random seating required, including Edinburgh Gardens (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (8) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting in parks required for safety, including Carlton Gardens and Princes Park (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Too dangerous at night (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3)
Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog waste facilities, including at Smith Reserve (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, including Edinburgh Gardens (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog off lead areas needed (2)
Skate facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More skate facilities required (2)
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (8)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Syringes a problem around playgrounds (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance required including fencing and softer surfaces (2)
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Informal recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More basketball and netball rings required, including in Fitzroy (2)
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More public toilets required (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets too dark and not safe, including at Yarra Bend Park and Dights Falls (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Only use if absolutely necessary (2)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Need more trees including mature European (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More drinking fountains required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains sometimes not working <input type="checkbox"/> No parks near my home in Fitzroy <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance

2.6 Community Values

The question asked people to rank in order of priority what they value about open space. Below is a summary of the Priority 1 values. A number of respondents elected only to select two or three items, and placed a 1 or a tick in all of them ranking them of equal priority. These were all entered as Priority 1. (% of the total number of people who completed this question)

%	Value
60%	Relaxing/unwind
58%	Spacious
57%	Quiet and peaceful
51%	Trees
40%	Just being outside
21%	The knowledge that its there
20%	Informal bushland character
19%	Meeting people/friends
17%	Flowers and planting variety
17%	Formal garden character
17%	Watching activity in the park
17%	Playing casual games/sport
5%	Other: Dogs off lead
1%	Other: Play equipment

2.7 General comments on open space

These are a summary of the General Comments section of the questionnaire:

2.7.1 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (4)

- More small local parks required (3)
- Fitzroy South residents have no open space provided by Yarra, and use the City of Melbourne's parks

2.7.2 PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (3)

- Parks are important contrast to the built environment
- Prefer natural
- Whitlam Park is uninspiring

2.7.3 VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (18)

- Parks are essential to inner city living (4)
- Parks are a valuable community asset (3)
- Appreciate having parks and gardens so close to home
- Great to get away from pollution, busy and built up areas
- Love parks in my area
- Parks and gardens are valued for their quiet and peacefulness.
- Parks and gardens make Melbourne a beautiful place to live
- Parks are highly valued
- Parks are lungs of the City, do not build on them
- Parks are our tourist attractions, overseas visitors enjoy them
- Parks contribute to the community's health and well being
- Parks in Yarra is one of the reasons live here
- Valued resource for inner city residents

2.7.4 RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (6)

- Carlton Gardens - cyclists should be permitted to use path as it is a main thoroughfare to the city (2)
- Appreciate cycle track from Collingwood to Brunswick
- Cyclists should dismount
- Cyclists should not use walking paths
- Value running/exercise recreation

2.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (3)

- Parks near public housing are sub-standard
- Potential purchase of Westgarth Bowling Club missed opportunity for new park
- Retain all parks

2.2.7.6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (3)

- Fitzroy Gardens - bats are a concern
- Parks reoxygenate the environment, which benefits all
- Ponds and fountains to retain water for frogs to live and breed

2.7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE (5)

- Condell St Park has no seats, fencing or toilets
- Condell St Park needs a seat
- Peterson Oval - gates need to be opened
- Recycling bins in parks
- Small parks not to have any facilities or hard surfaces, just open grass space

2.7.8 DOGS (6)

- Appreciate dog off-lead areas
- Carlton Gardens - dog off lead area required
- Clear signage required to show dog off lead areas
- Dog owners should take responsibility and pick up after their dogs
- Dogs to be allowed in all parks off-lead, unless dangerous
- Dogs to be on leash

2.7.9 TREES & VEGETATION (6)

- Concerned about the falling standards of planting
- Need more native plantings
- Prefer functional plantings, such as fruit trees
- Prefer no natives
- Retain formal character of parks and streets with deciduous exotic planting
- Sporting facilities to be replaced by trees

2.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (11)**Adequate**

- Park maintenance is acceptable

Inadequate (5)

- Higher level of general maintenance required
- Maintenance and development of parks should be Councils main priority
- Maintenance standards need to be improved.
- Napier Street Reserve is poorly maintained, lots of broken glass
- Walking paths in general require maintenance

Safety (4)

- Safety is an issue in parks ie. drugs, drinking, dogs out of control, lack of fencing etc
- Syringe disposal units required
- Toilets not safe due to suspicious people meeting there
- Yarra Bend Park - concerned over the number of 'beats', and would like those involved educated.

Other

- Support Council 100% in this project

2.7.11 MISCELLANEOUS (3)

- Require speed humps along George St, pedestrian safety is jeopardised
- Smith St requires street tree planting
- Some of Yarras parks are good, some are not so good

3.0 COLLINGWOOD POSTCODE 3066

3.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
34%	Fitzroy Gardens	67% walking 24% cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Park not safe on weekends and early mornings
33%	Darling Gardens	60% walking 25% dog walking 25% jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate fencing around playground
26%	Edinburgh Gardens	38% walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Stray dogs an issue <input type="checkbox"/> Visually intrusive structures require removal
18%	Yarra Bend Park	55% walking	
16%	Dights Falls	60% walking	
16%	Carlton Gardens	70% walking	
15%	Yarra Linear Reserves	56% walking	
15%	Studley Park	44% walking	
15%	Merri Creek Reserves	78% walking	<input type="checkbox"/> No access for cars <input type="checkbox"/> Too much rubbish in and around the creek

3.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
41%	Royal Botanic Gardens	44% Walking 25% Coffee/lunch 19% The Views 13% Trees/Flowers/Plants 13% Relaxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far (2)
28%	Fitzroy Gardens	36% Walking 27% Thoroughfare 27% Relaxation 18% Coffee/Lunch	
18%	Edinburgh Gardens	29% Walk the dog 29% Thoroughfare 29% Picnics 29% Playground	
18%	Princes Park	43% Walking 43% Jogging 29% Cycling	

3.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
8%	Royal Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far (2)

3.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

61 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3066.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3065
Reserves along the Yarra	6	24	12	11	3	53	87%
Reserves along Merri Creek	1	12	12	15	14	40	66%
Linear reserves	2	5	2	6	33	15	25%
Large sporting reserves	2	3	7	14	26	26	43%
Large non-sporting reserves	7	18	17	4	8	46	75%
Medium sized parks	0	5	7	11	25	23	38%
Local streets for regular exercise	31	15	4	0	9	50	82%
Small local parks	6	12	11	9	17	38	62%

3.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

3.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Walking paths	15	30	3	7	4	55	90%
Cycle paths	5	23	8	3	18	39	64%
Open grassed areas for informal use	2	21	16	11	8	50	82%
BBQ's	0	0	5	25	26	30	49%
Shelters	1	5	2	16	28	24	39%
Public seating	3	14	12	9	18	38	62%
Lighting	8	9	7	4	24	28	46%
Dog walking facilities	8	2	0	1	43	11	18%
Skate facilities	0	1	3	2	49	6	10%
Playgrounds	3	10	2	8	34	23	38%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	6	0	1	8	42	15	25%
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	0	9	3	0	44	12	20%
Informal recreation facilities	0	1	3	2	48	6	10%
Public toilets	3	8	13	17	16	41	67%
Other	1	2	0	0	20	3	5%

3.5.2

COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (17) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths disturbed by tree roots (2)
Cycle paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle path surface in poor condition due to tree roots (2)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Generally Excellent (2)
BBQ's	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2)
Public seating	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More random seating required (2)
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Too dangerous at night (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Too dark around Princes Park and Quarries Park (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting for paths required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Wintertime lighting is poor (2)
Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (2)
Skate facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Not safe enough (2)
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Informal recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained and unsafe (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More public toilets required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Only use if absolutely necessary (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets not always open (2)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Collingwood Leisure Centre needs extended hours <input type="checkbox"/> Decking on Collins Bridge unsafe (Gipps St) <input type="checkbox"/> More bins needed <input type="checkbox"/> More seating required on route to parks <input type="checkbox"/> More trees and plants required in Oxford St

3.6

Values

The question asked people to rank in order of priority what they value about open space. Below is a summary of the Priority 1 values. A number of respondents elected only to select two or three items, and placed a 1 or a tick in all of them ranking them of equal priority. These were all entered as Priority 1.
 (% of the total number of people who completed this question)

%	Value
69%	Quiet and peaceful
57%	Spacious
52%	Relaxing/unwind
51%	Trees
46%	Just being outside
41%	Informal bushland character
36%	The knowledge that its there
25%	Meeting people/friends
21%	Flowers and planting variety
20%	Watching activity in the park
16%	Formal garden character
16%	Playing casual games/sport
0%	Other: Dogs off lead
0%	Other: Play equipment

3.7 General comments on open space

These are a summary of the General Comments section of the questionnaire:

3.7.1 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (5)

- Collingwood requires its own local park (2)
- Collingwood requires more open space (2)
- Suggest Council buy old industrial land in Collingwood and build park

3.7.2 PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (2)

- Green spaces are important to get away from built environment
- Yarra Bend Park enjoy the bushland character

3.7.3 VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (14)

- Dights Falls and Yarra Bend park highly valued
- Edinburgh Gardens is our favourite park because of wide range of activities and sense of community
- Fitzroy Gardens are appreciated
- Great to get away from pollution, busy and built up areas
- Local parks are very important
- Open space is important for future generations
- Parks and gardens are very important to me and my needs
- Parks and gardens are very important to the general pride and morale of the community
- Parks are a valuable community asset
- Parks are essential to inner city living
- Parks are highly valued
- Parks are our ancestors gifts and must be maintained for the future generations
- Proximity and safety of local parks are appreciated as an apartment dweller
- Value clean parks

3.7.4 RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (4)

- Adult fitness stations to be installed in parks
- Small parks are valuable for seating
- Studley Park & Fairfield Boathouse requires more BBQ's
- Value running/exercise recreation

3.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

3.7.6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (3)

- Fitzroy Gardens - bats are a concern
- Small parks are valuable for air

- Value water in Parks and Gardens

3.7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE

2.7.8 DOGS (2)

- Dog off lead parks are valued and well maintained by users and it is a privilege to have them
- Dog waste facilities required.

2.7.9 TREES & VEGETATION (2)

- Encourage bush regeneration progress
- Fitzroy & Exhibition Gardens value the large trees

2.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (5)

- Cambridge Street Reserve nighttime visitors make a mess.
- Council should distribute a map showing all parks so community know what is available
- Gold Street Park should have phone removed as attracts unsavory people
- Great work
- Merri Creek and Yarra River need to be cleaner, including the open space corridor

2.7.11 MISCELLANEOUS (3)

- Busy lifestyle means I don't use open space, but I plan to
- Studley Park & Fairfield Boathouse is overcrowded

4.0 ABBOTSFORD POSTCODE 3067

4.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
30%	Yarra Bend Park	68% Walking 32% Cycling 29% Dog walking 26% Jogging 16% Playground 16% The views	<input type="checkbox"/> Access is an issue <input type="checkbox"/> No off lead areas for dogs <input type="checkbox"/> No toilet facilities
29%	Gahan Reserve	44% Playground 41% Walking 22% Dog walking 14% Relaxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug use is an issue in this park
26%	Studley Park	66% Walking 28% Jogging 25% Dog Walking 19% Cycling 19% The views 16% Coffee/Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Too hard to get to (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough BBQ facilities
21%	Yarra Linear Reserve	58% Walking 31% Dog walking 27% Cycling 23% Jogging 19% Enjoying the views	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of information and knowledge regarding the area <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns
20%	Dights Falls	68% Walking 20% Dog Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Access from Victoria Park an issue <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns
14%	Park Street Reserve	50% Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> More landscaping required to counteract the urban environment
10%	Collingwood Children's Farm	42% Walking	

4.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
31%	Fitzroy Gardens	59% Walking 17% Cycling 14% Thoroughfare 14% Relaxation 10% Picnics 10% Trees/Flowers/Plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy
27%	Royal Botanic Gardens	38% Walking 35% Trees/Flowers/Plants 19% Jogging 15% The Views 15% Picnics 12% Peace/Quiet	

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
		8% Coffee/lunch 8% Gardens 8% Playground	
9%	Carlton Gardens	67% Walking 33% Cycling 22% Walk the dog 22% Playground 22% Museum	
8%	Treasury Gardens	63% Walking 25% Picnics 25% Coffee/Lunch	

4.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
17%	Browns Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Playground not suitable (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> Too small
6%	Merri Creek Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far (2) <input type="checkbox"/> No toilet facilities
4%	Edinburgh Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far (2)
4%	Fitzroy Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy
4%	Gipps Street Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs not on leashes, feel unsafe

4.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

125 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3067.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3065
Reserves along the Yarra	49	58	12	2	1	121	97%
Reserves along Merri Creek	6	23	26	37	18	92	74%
Linear reserves	11	21	12	20	37	64	51%
Large sporting reserves	1	18	20	24	41	63	50%
Large non-sporting reserves	6	12	37	33	20	88	70%
Medium sized parks	5	11	11	30	40	57	46%
Local streets for regular exercise	82	26	5	2	10	115	92%
Small local parks	23	36	17	22	11	98	78%

4.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

4.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Walking paths	61	47	8	2	0	118	94%
Cycle paths	33	39	13	5	19	90	72%
Open grassed areas for informal use	22	40	28	13	7	103	82%
BBQ's	1	0	11	43	53	55	44%
Shelters	2	4	11	39	50	56	45%
Public seating	9	32	23	26	22	90	72%
Lighting	19	17	6	13	39	55	44%
Dog walking facilities	31	10	3	2	62	46	37%
Skate facilities	0	1	2	4	92	7	6%
Playgrounds	7	14	14	19	51	54	43%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	1	9	5	7	80	22	18%
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	1	4	1	5	90	11	9%
Informal recreation facilities	0	6	12	11	72	29	23%
Public toilets	5	12	27	33	32	77	62%
Other	1	4	0	0	35	5	4%

4.5.2 COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, including around Trennery Cres, Yarra Bend path and in Abbotsford (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (6) <input type="checkbox"/> More facilities along paths required, such as lighting, bins and signage (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (4)
Cycle paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (26) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, uneven with too many overhanging branches and weeds (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle paths need to be linked better (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths should be wider, better signage (2)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (23) <input type="checkbox"/> More facilities near open grassed areas including drinking fountains, toilets and signage (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
BBQ's	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (10) <input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required, tend to be unclean or broken (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed, including in Yarra Bend Park, F.A. Andrews Reserve (5)
Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> More shelters/resting areas required (4)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/> They seem to be isolated with no toilets around them (2)
Public seating	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (16) <input type="checkbox"/> More random seating required, including at Yarra Bend Park and Gipps St Bridge (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3) <input type="checkbox"/> More seating that blends into nature, art (2)
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required, unsafe at night (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (8) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed, including at Yarra Boulevard by farm & falls, Gahans Reserve, from Gipps St to Collingwood farm (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Yarra River track lacks lighting at night (4)
Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> More dog waste facilities required (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog off lead areas (2)
Skate facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> More needed <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Should be banned <input type="checkbox"/> Skate surfaces should be smoother
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (17) <input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required <input type="checkbox"/> More shade over playground at Alphington Park required <input type="checkbox"/> Yarra park in poor condition
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Poor maintenance (2)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Informal recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (4)
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/> More public toilets required, including at Gahans Reserve, Dights Falls, Andrews Reserve (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Often damaged, closed, unsafe or not working (4)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult fitness stations to be installed <input type="checkbox"/> Bridges need upkeep / more of them required <input type="checkbox"/> Footpaths need repair <input type="checkbox"/> Garden often untidy in Gahan Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of access <input type="checkbox"/> More opportunity to display local history/culture <input type="checkbox"/> Need more taps with bowls for dogs <input type="checkbox"/> Overuse of poisons, animals can't read <input type="checkbox"/> Streets in Yarra are more disgusting than ever

4.6

Values

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14%	Watching activity in the park
14%	Playing casual games/sport
10%	Formal garden character
6%	Other: Dogs off lead
3%	Other: Play equipment

4.7 General comments on open space

These are a summary of the General Comments section of the questionnaire:

4.7.1 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (8)

Additional (5)

- More open space to be created (2)
- More smaller parks required in inner city as population grows (2)
- More parks and gardens required

Adequate/do not decrease (3)

- Do not decrease parklands, they are part of Melbourne's character
- Do not decrease parks & gardens
- Parks and gardens are heavily used and must not be reduced

4.7.2 PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (2)

- Bushland character important along the River
- Dights Falls needs to be more natural

4.7.3 VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (17)

- Appreciate the diversity of parks (2)
- Parks and gardens are very important to me and my needs (2)
- Parks and gardens not to be sold off for further development - must be retained (2)
- Appreciate having parks and gardens so close to home
- Collingwood Childrens Farm and St Helliers Site are valuable areas of open space
- Live here because of the large areas of bushland reserves, trails and river
- Live here because of the large areas of parks, gardens, bushland reserves, trails and river
- Parks are essential to inner city living
- Parks contribute to the community's health and well being
- Shared public open space is important to the community's feeling of freedom and community belonging
- Value opportunity to commute without using transport
- Value parks and open space in this area due to lack of private open space
- Victoria Park - public access to be provided
- Yarra Bend Park, like to visit

4.7.4 RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (5)

- Access for prams to walking trails
- Adult fitness stations to be installed in parks
- Love area because of access to walking and cycling trails
- Mountain bikes conflict with pedestrians on informal paths
- Value running/exercise recreation

4.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (6)

- Commercial or residential development in or around parklands should be discouraged.
- Existing open space not to be encroached on by development
- Parks should be protected, expanded and developed
- Peacefulness along the Yarra is threatened by large multi-storey apartments
- Stop buildings in open space
- Suggest removing Victoria Gardens and installing a park instead

4.7.6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (10)

- Bats to be saved
- Lungs of the City
- More native plantings to attract birds
- Native revegetation for wildlife
- Native wildlife are important
- Suggest assembling a river crew to report on pollution and illegal dumping of rubbish
- Suggest installing rubbish traps in river
- Value fresh air and relaxation in parks
- Wildlife corridor must be preserved as a priority
- Yarra corridor is a green haven and is Yarras 'breath of fresh air'

4.7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE (11)

- More drinking fountains required along the Yarra
- More lighting required
- More lighting required on some paths, esp. winter
- More rubbish bins required
- More seating required
- More toilets
- Paths to be properly lit, particularly if surface is poor
- Playground require public toilets nearby
- Remove bubblers
- St Andrew Reserve - BBQ and toilets required
- Value good quality play equipment

4.7.8 DOGS (12)

- Dog owners should take responsibility and pick up after their dogs (3)
- More dog off lead areas required (2)
- Dog droppings are a concern
- Dog waste bins to be emptied more frequently
- Dog waste facilities required along the Yarra
- Dog waste must be picked up around playgrounds, children don't know to look out for it
- Dogs to be on leash
- Running water for dogs and more off-lead areas
- Too many dogs by the river

4.7.9 TREES & VEGETATION (4)

- Biodiversity values improved with more native plantings
- Formal gardens and plant/flower variety is important
- Prefer evergreen trees as natives tend to make a mess
- Replace exotics with indigenous trees and shrubs

4.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (22)**Adequate (4)**

- Gardens generally kept well (2)
- Parks are well managed
- Yarra River banks need cleaning up

Inadequate (11)

- Rubbish to be cleaned up in the Yarra (3)
- Rubbish bins to be emptied more frequently (2)
- Maintenance required on strip of land that connects Cooke and Fairchild Sts

- Maintenance required to gardens and trees.
- More weed control
- Park maintenance is poor
- Toilets must have adequate lighting and regular cleaning
- Yarra parks and gardens are maintained satisfactorily

Safety (4)

- Gahan Reserve drug activity and use requires attention (2)
- Drugs are an issue in our parks
- Safety is an issue in parks ie. Drugs, drinking, dogs out of control, lack of fencing etc

Other (3)

- Appreciate consideration to Parks and Gardens
- Appreciate efforts to make Parks & Gardens safer, cleaner and offering beauty
- Suggest community planting with Parks Victoria

4.7.11**MISCELLANEOUS (6)**

- Suggest slowing traffic speed limits for safety on route to parks (2)
- Appreciate the River and bushland areas
- Australian Disabilities Act to be considered when planning width of paths and overhanging branches
- Council to put funds into streets rather than parks
- Great survey

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5.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
71%	Edinburgh Gardens	73% Walking 27% Playground 24% Walking dogs 21% Cycling 18% Picnics 12% Jogging 10% Play games 10% Take visitors/family 8% The views 7% Relaxation 7% Thoroughfare 5% Organised sport 5% Fitness	<input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous stray dogs (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Too crowded <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to
34%	Darling Gardens	62% Walking 26% Playground 25% Walking dogs 15% Cycling 11% Picnics 11% Take visitors/family 10% Jogging 9% Thoroughfare 7% The views 5% Fitness 5% Relaxation	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs/dog waste (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Faulty BBQ's <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Playground too close to road
32%	Merri Creek Reserve	73% Walking 43% Cycling 21% Jogging 16% Walking dogs 9% The views 6% Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Waterway dirty/lot of rubbish on banks (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous cyclists (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Snakes (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient lighting <input type="checkbox"/> No shade
13%	Park Street Reserve	63% Walking 34% Cycling 23% Walking dogs 20% Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Play equipment dangerous and out of date (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient seating <input type="checkbox"/> Too big, dry, boring
12%	Quarries Park	58% Walking 35% Playground 25% Cycling 25% Walking dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Park not inviting/designing required
12%	Yarra Bend Park	66% Walking 32% Cycling 27% Jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycle path too rough <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> No transport

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
		27% Walking dog 16% The views	<input type="checkbox"/> Noisy

5.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
32%	Royal Botanic Gardens	41% Walking 21% Trees/Flowers/Plants 17% Coffee/lunch 16% The Views 15% Beautiful Park 9% Picnics 9% Events/Theatre/Cinema 8% Relaxation 8% Take visitors 7% Jogging 5% Meeting Friends 5% The open space	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to and no transport (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking too far away/parking is an issue (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/zones (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Too hard to get to/no transport (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Bats damage trees <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs are banned <input type="checkbox"/> Easier to visit local gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Trees lose their leaves too quickly
19%	Fitzroy Gardens	57% Walking 13% Relaxation 13% Cycling 13% The views 10% Coffee/Lunch 10% Picnics 8% Thoroughfare 8% Beautiful Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling not permitted (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> No off lead areas for dogs (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restricts/zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Forget to visit <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no disabled access and parking <input type="checkbox"/> Too far away <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation maintenance required
15%	Princes Park	49% Walking 45% Jogging 29% Cycling 12% Fitness 10% Playground	
11%	Carlton Gardens	49% Walking 24% Thoroughfare 22% Cycling 11% Playground	
10%	Merri Creek Reserve	48% Cycling 35% Walking 16% Walking dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Banks are full of rubbish (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Snakes in summer (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists are dangerous (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More trees required, require shade (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too much litter (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
			<input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no access

5.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
23%	Royal Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to and no transport (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking too far away/parking is an issue (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restrictions/zones (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Too hard to get to/no transport (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Bats damage trees <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs are banned <input type="checkbox"/> Easier to visit local gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy <input type="checkbox"/> Trees lose their leaves too quickly
17%	Merri Creek Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Banks are full of rubbish (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Snakes in summer (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists are dangerous (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More trees required, require shade (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too much litter (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no access
11%	Fitzroy Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling not permitted (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> No off lead areas for dogs (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Parking restricts/zones (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Forget to visit <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no disabled access and parking <input type="checkbox"/> Too far away <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation maintenance required
8%	Darling Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Stray dogs and dog waste not picked up (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Faulty BBQ's, insufficient lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Playground too close to road
8%	Edinburgh Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Stray / dangerous dogs (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal safety concerns (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Badly behaved youths, drugs, drinking etc <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Too crowded <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to

5.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

438 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3068.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3065
Reserves along the Yarra	28	106	111	120	35	365	83%
Reserves along Merri Creek	77	139	93	69	32	378	86%
Linear reserves	77	71	65	46	111	259	59%
Large sporting reserves	20	59	50	89	127	218	50%
Large non-sporting reserves	188	164	44	21	7	417	95%
Medium sized parks	12	44	90	105	118	251	57%
Local streets for regular exercise	285	93	20	11	9	409	93%
Small local parks	72	104	79	51	72	306	70%

5.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

5.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Walking paths	262	122	18	8	6	410	94%
Cycle paths	98	106	58	31	88	293	67%
Open grassed areas for informal use	98	132	93	50	20	373	85%
BBQ's	1	2	31	170	175	204	47%
Shelters	4	8	39	128	182	179	41%
Public seating	29	96	100	83	76	308	70%
Lighting	68	77	36	38	103	219	50%
Dog walking facilities	105	20	7	9	236	141	32%
Skate facilities	1	9	9	11	328	30	7%
Playgrounds	39	59	53	74	158	225	51%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	3	38	15	17	287	73	17%
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	5	5	5	12	309	27	6%
Informal recreation facilities	2	19	27	62	247	110	25%
Public toilets	11	36	72	132	131	251	57%
Other	7	9	3	0	78	19	4%

5.5.2

COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (109) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths in Edinburgh Gardens require resurfacing (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, including in Edinburgh Gardens and Darling Gardens (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Walking path surfaces are often broken and uneven (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Walking paths to be wider (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Better connections needed (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Broken glass is a problem (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage problems (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Merri Creek needs to be cleared of rubbish (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting for paths required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More shaded tree plantings along paths required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths disturbed by tree roots (2)
Cycle paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (70) <input type="checkbox"/> Separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians required for safety (11) <input type="checkbox"/> More cycling paths required, including at Merri Creek, between Freeman & Alfred Cres, between Brunswick and Nicholson Sts along the Yarra, in Linear Reserve and behind Edinburgh tennis courts & Brunswick Oval (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths should be wider with better signage (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Speed limit for bikes on paths should be enforced (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths in Edinburgh Gardens require resurfacing (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Visibility poor due to vegetation and lighting along paths (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance required on paths such as broken glass and litter (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists should ring bells when approaching (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists to use path in Carlton Gardens and Edinburgh Gardens (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle paths need to be linked better (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists to use paths in gardens (2)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (81) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, including littered, glass in grass, weeds, and mowing required (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (11) <input type="checkbox"/> More bins needed in open grass areas, including in Edinburgh Gardens (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Dead trees need removing, trees need pruning, and maintained (2)
BBQ's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (13) <input type="checkbox"/> More BBQ's required, including at Edinburgh Gardens (11) <input type="checkbox"/> More shelter, seating and tables required near BBQ areas (5) <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ's tend not to work well (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More bins needed near BBQ areas (2)
Shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (23) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (10) <input type="checkbox"/> More shelters/resting areas required, including in Quarried Park, Edinburgh Gardens and around BBQ areas (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter in Edinburgh Gardens needs to be upgraded (2)
Public seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (45) <input type="checkbox"/> More seating required, including near Merri Creek, Quarries Park Edinburgh Gardens and Darkling Gardens (39) <input type="checkbox"/> Many need replacing or upgrading as wood is rotten or broken (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Seating sometimes stolen from park, including at Linear Park (5)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Poor location of seating, such as too close to road in Edinburgh Gardens (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3)
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting required, including along Merri Creek, Edinburgh Gardens, Carlton Gardens, Darling Gardens, Queens Place, Park Street Reserve, Princes Park, Brunswick Street Oval, Yarra Bend Park, Mayors Park, Edwards Reserve (60) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (15) <input type="checkbox"/> Very dark at night, particularly in winter (9) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting along paths required (4)
Dog walking facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (26) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog waste facilities required (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste bags run out often and dog bins overflow including in Edinburgh Gardens and on weekends (14) <input type="checkbox"/> More emphasis on removal of dog waste, including in Edinburgh Gardens (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Pet bylaws need to be tougher (7) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog drinking fountains and water bowls (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More signs and enforcement of no dog areas and dog waste (3) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog off lead areas required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Need designated areas for dogs, including dogs to be on-lead around playgrounds (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Too much space given to walking dogs (2)
Skate facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Broken glass and rubbish left behind is a problem (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Edinburgh Gardens has a great facility, but requires upgrading and facilities nearby such as bins (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed, including in Clifton Hill area (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance and upgrading required (3)
Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (58) <input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required to graffiti, vandalism and safety issues (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Darling Gardens playground should be fenced (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Playground fences require repair, including at Edinburgh Gardens (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Better (imaginative) play equipment required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities at playgrounds required such as shelter over sand pits, drinking taps (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Quarries needs upgrading (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Playground surfaces need more attention, rubber matting better than bark (2)
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (15) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained, including at Brunswick Football Oval, Fawkner Park, Ramsden Street Reserve and George Knott Park (6) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (11) <input type="checkbox"/> More basketball hoops required (3)
Informal recreation facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More informal facilities required such as tennis wall, cricket nets, adult fitness stations and facilities targeted at men, including in Clifton Hill (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (9) <input type="checkbox"/> More basketball hoops required and maintained, including in Edinburgh Gardens, Curtain Square (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3)
Public toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (41) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (37) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets unsafe due to syringes, homeless people and suspicious people loitering (14)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/> More public toilets required (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Only use if absolutely necessary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets not always open (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Better lighting in toilets required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Greater use of coin toilets would be safer (2)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> More rubbish bins required and emptied regularly, including at Darling Gardens, Edinburgh Gardens and along Yarra & Gosch's Paddock (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Other facilities required such as tables to play chess, tennis wall, signage, fencing, cafes and boatsheds (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More drinking fountains required, also maintain if not working (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More native trees and plants (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Need more exercise stations (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Rubbish along creek a problem (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Water system erratic (2)

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5.7

General comments on open space

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5.7.1

PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (14)

Additional (10)

- More parks and gardens required (4)
- More open space to be created (2)
- Create small Botanic Garden
- Do not support more parks/open space in Nth Fitzroy, other areas in Yarra require more though
- Extend Merri Creek cycle trail and integrate it with Linear Park
- More open space to be created (in Fitzroy central)

Adequate/do not decrease (2)

- Don't reduce any open space
- Protect open space at all cost

Other (2)

- Important to look at how the space is used, not just the amount of open space available

- Retain all open space both formal and informal bushland areas

5.7.2 **PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (15)**

- Bushland character close to the city is unique
- Darling Gardens known for its unsafe toilets, this lowers the character of the park
- Edinburgh Gardens - prefer spaciousness and relaxed greenery
- Edinburgh Gardens overall character and use is excellent
- Keep parks informal - not manicured, with native grasses
- Like informal character of open space
- Like natural landscaping and using this as an example for local gardens
- Love green areas
- More artwork in open space
- Natural as a contrast to urban character
- Park character should be retained
- Parks to be maintained but not over developed
- Prefer natural environment
- Value bushland character along the river
- Edinburgh Gardens requires more art, coffee and culture

5.7.3 **VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (57)**

- Love parks in my area (10)
- Value parks and open space in this area due to lack of private open space (5)
- Parks are highly valued (5)
- Live here because of the large areas of parks, gardens, bushland reserves, trails and river (3)
- Appreciate the diversity of parks (3)
- Parks are essential to inner city living (3)
- Merri Creek continuously looking better (3)
- Parks are a valuable community asset (3)
- Choose to live here because of established gardens (3)
- Appreciate having parks and gardens so close to home (2)
- Parks contribute to the community's health and well being (2)
- Appreciate the Yarra and its accessibility to the public
- Daily use is very common
- Darling Gardens and Edinburgh Gardens are my two most visited parks
- Highly value their beauty, particularly North Fitzroy
- Live here to be close to the Merri
- Love the knowledge there is a large green grassy area nearby as my yard is very small
- Merri Creek value the bushland in the City
- Parks are the best thing about living in North Fitzroy
- Parks are valuable for sense of community
- Parks can be enjoyed driving past
- Sitting and playing in parks
- Value different features of parks at different times in your life
- Value diversity of parks and activities provided in them.
- Visitors love our parks
- Yarra's parks and gardens are a valuable community treasure and resource, they must be retained

5.7.4 **RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (28)**

- Appreciate walking trail along Merri Creek (2)
- Appreciate the cycle paths
- Balance sporting use with passive uses
- Cycle paths through the parks make cycling (as a thoroughfare) a safe and pleasant ride
- Cyclists are a problem
- Cyclists to be better behaved towards pedestrians
- Edinburgh Gardens should be predominantly for passive use
- Edinburgh Gardens successful example of providing a range of uses
- Edinburgh Gardens value for sporting use
- Encourage more grouped benches and tables to encourage board games, chess etc

- Informal areas which do not contain sport or playgrounds are very important to retain
- Lack of facilities for teens i.e. half basketball courts, netball courts, tennis walls etc
- Learn to ride bicycle area for pre-schoolers is required.
- Like skate board areas but they promote drunken adults to loiter
- Linking cycling routes important
- Mayor Park should cater to sports
- More women's sports facilities required, i.e. Netball courts
- Mountain bikes are a major user group along the Yarra River
- Organised sport should not take priority over local passive use
- Parks should be made children friendly, i.e. No dogs or dog waste, fences and equipment
- Residents lose their car spaces when large sporting events are on
- Sporting facilities dominate passive use of reserves
- Sporting facilities should not dominate parks, passive recreation is for everyone
- Value cycle paths
- Value playgrounds
- Value running/exercise recreation
- Walking paths in Clifton Hill are illogically set out making pedestrians walk out of their way

5.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (25)

- Do not decrease/sell off parks & gardens (7)
- No more buildings in open space (2)
- Darling Gardens needs to remove infant welfare building (2)
- Concern over the future for the old factory site between Park and Railway St
- Development reduces the chances of nature surviving on our doorstep.
- Do not support more public housing in Nth Fitzroy, other areas in Yarra require more though
- Do not support public housing being built on our parks and gardens
- Edinburgh Gardens - remove visually intrusive 60's style structures
- Edinburgh Gardens encroached by public housing
- Edinburgh Gardens remove bowling club
- Edinburgh Gardens stop building structures and facilities
- Inappropriate structures and buildings should be removed, particularly Edinburgh Gardens
- Infrastructure, roads etc not to encroach on parklands
- Mayors Park redevelopment is long overdue
- Park St Reserve should be developed for use and interest
- Parks should remain as open space and not be dominated by buildings, e.g. Royal park, Yarra Park
- Replacing St. Andrews kindergarten in Mayors Park would not affect the useable space

5.7.6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (14)

- More native plantings to attract birds (4)
- Lungs of the City
- Merri Creek would like to see water quality improved
- More native trees for wildlife
- Native plants to attract birds and save water
- Park facility use at night to be regulated due to high noise pollution
- Plant more native trees and shrubs, they look great and are water friendly
- Suggest a place for recycling of grey water
- Support watering of trees is being done after sunset due to the drought, this should always be done
- Value Habitat
- Without the Merri acting as lungs, the city is less healthy

5.7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE (51)

- More rubbish bins required (8)
- More seating required (5)
- Darling Gardens - fencing required around playground (2)
- More lighting required along Merri Creek (2)
- More toilets (2)
- Darling Gardens needs a tan track

- Darling Gardens needs more bins
- Do not over develop parks, appreciate informal-natural without too many paths
- Edinburgh Gardens - remove Captain Cook memorial, unrelated to area
- Edinburgh Gardens bins are too small or not emptied regularly enough
- Edinburgh Gardens requires a walk/jog gravel track like Princes Park
- Edinburgh Gardens requires more bins
- Edinburgh Gardens requires more seating
- Exhibition Gardens toilets are in a very poor condition
- Hall Reserve requires toilets
- Hall Reserve support the new chain and bollard fence along the Esplanade.
- Lighting along the Yarra for extended use
- Miller Park requires more rubbish bins
- More bins required around skate parks and organised activity parks
- More drinking fountains required on linear trails
- More picnic tables
- Older tennis court lights require replacement or repair
- Park St Lighting along cycle path required
- Park St Reserve requires more lighting for safety
- Paths along Yarra River to be wider and improved maintenance due to high use
- Paths in City of Yarra side of Merri Creek are very poor
- Paths to be properly lit, particularly if surface is poor
- Play equipment to suit younger children required
- Playground equipment for toddlers is needed
- Playgrounds to be fenced/enclosed.
- Quarries Park - slide requires higher sides as children fall out over the side
- Quarries Park happy no brick wall has been constructed.
- Quarries Park toilet needs sky lights
- Rubbish bins to be emptied more frequently
- Shared paths are dangerous - separate walking and cycle paths required
- Soft surface for running in parks
- Wheel chair safe facilities required

5.7.8

DOGS (46)

Dog waste (26)

- Dog owners should take responsibility and pick up after their dogs (8)
- Dog waste must be picked up around playgrounds, children don't know to look out for it (3)
- Dog waste regulations to be enforced (3)
- Edinburgh Gardens - more dog waste facilities (2)
- Dog waste facilities required along the Yarra (2)
- Clear signage to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dog
- Continue campaign for picking up dog waste going well
- Darling Gardens dog owners need to clean up after dogs
- Dog waste facilities required in all parks
- Dog waste laws to be relaxed, waste to be collected only if on sporting oval or near play ground
- Dog waste to be cleaned up by owners
- More dog waste facilities required
- Picnicing in a park with lots of dog waste around is very unpleasant

Dogs off-lead/on-lead (13)

- Dogs to be controlled and on a leash (4)
- Council to police dogs which are out of control
- Darling Gardens dogs near playground are a problem.
- Darling Gardens needs a designated dog off-lead area
- Dog off lead parks are valued and well maintained by users and it is a privilege to have them
- Dog off lead rules need to be relaxed
- Dogs off leash to have separate parks
- Dogs off-lead and on-lead areas require better signage and enforcement
- Edinburgh Gardens - continue off lead area
- No off lead areas near playgrounds

General comments on dogs in open space (7)

- Edinburgh Gardens - appreciate dog drinking facilities
- Edinburgh Gardens - dog free zones required
- Suggest dog drinking fountains in dog friendly parks
- Suggest installing a dog park with fencing, double gates, dog drinking and waste facilities
- Value space for pets
- Value walk dogs
- Walking dogs in parks

5.7.9**TREES & VEGETATION (48)**

- Edinburgh Gardens requires more garden beds (2)
- Arboricultural attention required to the heritage row of Elms behind Brunswick St Oval
- Better tree management required
- Bushland should not be planted in all our gardens, like seasonal change of exotic vegetation
- Darling Gardens - love the trees
- Darling Gardens - restore flower beds and plant lots of colour
- Darling Gardens along the South Terrace boarder - more shade trees required
- Darling Gardens disappointed with recent planting and removal of natives
- Eco-garden, public planting
- Edinburgh Gardens - deciduous trees have died due to lack of water
- Edinburgh Gardens - suggest seasonally planted flowers in beds
- Edinburgh Gardens - the Elms are wonderful, Elm Leaf Beetle problem needs to be fixed
- Edinburgh Gardens Elms require attention
- Edinburgh Gardens English design means the paths should not be seen when viewing from a distance
- Edinburgh Gardens needs garden beds
- Edinburgh Gardens needs more flowers and planting
- Edinburgh Gardens requires improved garden beds including flowers
- Edinburgh Gardens requires more improved planting
- Edinburgh Gardens requires more planting
- European use of gardens as a social place to meet
- Fallen branches need to be cleared up at Park St Fitzroy Forest, between Brunswick and St Georges
- Falling or dying branches are dangerous in high winds
- Leave plants alone once planted, do not replant in future
- Liverpool Street park planted by residents, many European trees poorly pruned and neglected.
- Merri Creek bike path and native plantings are valued.
- More floral displays
- More funding to be allocated for planting and maintenance
- More Oaks, Planes, Palms etc
- More trees
- Multiculturally diverse, therefore horticulturally diverse
- No native grasses
- Park Street to Princess Park, support the native plantings
- Prefer a mix of exotics with natives to add interest
- Prefer English heritage trees and plantings in parks and native bushland by the rivers
- Prefer exotic species over natives
- Prefer more floral displays
- Preserve European trees
- Protect elms & deciduous trees in parks & streets, as they are our heritage
- Retain formal character of parks and streets with deciduous exotic planting
- Revegetate with natives
- Revegetation along the Yarra would be beneficial
- Shady trees and grass are essential in parks
- Suggest mix of Native and European trees as European are visually attractive but they die early
- TH Westfield Reserve would benefit from more European style plantings
- Trees are the highest priority
- Value beauty of the trees
- Yarra lacks flowers and planting variety

5.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (46)**Adequate (7)**

- Parks and gardens and well maintained (2)
- Gardens generally kept well
- Happy just to have parks maintained, clean and safe
- Mature trees are of high value in parks and require ongoing maintenance
- Parks are well maintained and utilised.
- Satisfactory maintenance of parks and gardens

Inadequate (23)

- Edinburgh Gardens requires improved maintenance (5)
- Edinburgh Gardens - maintenance required to vegetation (2)
- Weed maintenance is crucial (2)
- Edinburgh Gardens - maintenance required to the sick looking Elms
- Edinburgh Gardens - too much rubbish left in the skate park
- Improve maintenance
- Improve safety on shared paths
- Improvements made to the parks is appreciated
- Janet Millman cycle path is in need of repair
- Maintenance has deteriorated and gardens and flower beds look poor and uninteresting
- Maintenance to be improved, particularly for broken glass
- Quarries Park has been neglected, maintenance required as well as past plans and strategies
- Rubbish on Merri Creek is an issue
- Rubbish to be cleaned up in Merri Creek
- Rubbish to be cleaned up in the Yarra
- The river/creek is degraded, they provide natural settings and must be maintained
- Yarra parks are very shabby compared to Boorondaras parks

Safety (6)

- Drugs are an issue in our parks (2)
- Council supervision required in parks
- Restrict Mr. Whippy van going into parklands, witnessed the vendor selling alcohol to minors
- Skate parks need added security and protect against vandalism
- Would like to use area around Merri Creek but not safe enough

General comments on maintenance (3)

- Maintenance and development of parks should be Councils main priority
- Suggest contractors use brooms instead of blowers to clean leaves, causes noise and dust pollution
- Value the opportunity to assist with maintaining parks

General comments on management (7)

- Appreciate the importance Council places in Parks and Gardens (2)
- Community drives planting of indigenous plants along the Merri, Council to take a more leading role
- Edinburgh Gardens - commercial use of parks is inappropriate - e.g. car commercial filmed
- Edinburgh Gardens needs to cater to more public users
- Parks to actively sponsor partnerships with people who use them
- Restrict cars from driving onto open grass areas

5.7.11 MISCELLANEOUS (10)

- Attention required to centre medians and turning circles
- Concerned about the lack of street trees with wide canopies
- Great work
- Less asphalt and more low shrubs outside dwellings
- Merri Creek - Friends Group needs more funding.
- More parking around parks required
- Roads are a problem
- Street tree require better maintenance i.e. Pruning as they block footpath access
- Thanks for surveying us
- Use parks in the north, as Richmond is too far

6.0 FAIRFIELD AND ALPHINGTON POSTCODE 3078

6.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
59%	Alphington Park	78% Walking 34% Playground 16% The views 13% Walking dog	
46%	Fairfield Park	80% Walking 36% Playground 28% Cycling 24% Coffee/Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> Dusty <input type="checkbox"/> Too close to main road
41%	Coate Park	77% Walking 23% The Views	<input type="checkbox"/> No play equipment
34%	Yarra Bend Park	50% Walking 35% Cycling 25% Walk Dog 20% The views	
22%	Darebin Parklands	69% Walking 23% Walk Dog 23% Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Not good for prams <input type="checkbox"/> Depressing

6.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
24%	Royal Botanic Gardens	36% Trees/Flowers/Plants 27% Walking 27% Beautiful Park 18% Cycling 18% Seasonal change in plant species	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking <input type="checkbox"/> Too much effort to plan
13%	Fitzroy Gardens	83% Walking 33% Wildlife 33% Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Costs too much too travel <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time
11%	Merri Creek Reserve	60% Cycling	
11%	Studley Park	60% Walking 40% Boathouse amenities	
11%	Westfolds Park	40% Walking	
11%	Yarra Bend Park	60% Cycling	

6.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
19%	Cranbourne Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time
19%	Yarra River Linear	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficult access (2)

%	Open space	Why don't visit
	Reserves	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism
13%	Darebin Parklands	<input type="checkbox"/> Depressing <input type="checkbox"/> Not good for prams
13%	Fairfield Parklands	<input type="checkbox"/> Crossing busy roads <input type="checkbox"/> Dusty <input type="checkbox"/> Too close to busy roads
13%	Fitzroy Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Costs too much to travel <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time
13%	Royal Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking <input type="checkbox"/> Too much effort to plan

6.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

59 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3078.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3065
Reserves along the Yarra	18	32	7	1	0	58	98%
Reserves along Merri Creek	4	9	13	20	6	46	78%
Linear reserves	3	3	0	13	27	19	32%
Large sporting reserves	1	10	5	14	20	30	51%
Large non-sporting reserves	6	2	15	20	8	43	73%
Medium sized parks	1	6	6	18	19	31	53%
Local streets for regular exercise	28	17	6	4	1	55	93%
Small local parks	14	25	7	7	1	53	90%

6.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

6.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Walking paths	23	30	3	1	0	57	97%
Cycle paths	8	15	9	8	10	40	68%
Open grassed areas for informal use	8	23	8	9	3	48	81%
BBQ's	0	0	5	26	17	31	53%
Shelters	0	0	4	22	20	26	44%
Public seating	3	16	17	10	5	46	78%
Lighting	5	6	4	4	26	19	32%
Dog walking facilities	12	6	2	2	27	22	37%
Skate facilities	0	0	0	1	46	1	2%
Playgrounds	6	8	11	6	18	31	53%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	0	9	0	1	35	10	17%

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	0	3	0	1	42	4	7%
Informal recreation facilities	0	2	2	3	38	7	12%
Public toilets	1	6	11	17	14	35	59%
Other	0	0	1	0	14	1	2%

6.5.2

COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (23) <input type="checkbox"/> More maintenance required, including Yarra paths and Yarra Bend Park paths (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (2)
Cycle paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle path surface in poor condition, require maintenance (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Better access and connection required including connect Darebin & Yarra bike paths (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Signage along cycle paths need improvement (2)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage problems (2)
BBQ's	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Need BBQ at Alphington Park (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More facilities required near BBQ's, such as tables and drinking fountains (2) <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ's tend not to work well (2)
Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance required to improve graffiti and smell (2)
Public seating	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (9) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed, including at Alphington (2)
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Too dangerous at night, including at Mayors Park and Merri Creek (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting required, including at Alphington Park (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> More dog waste bins required (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5)
Skate facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Need shade sail over playground, including at Alphington Park (3)
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (3)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance
Informal recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets not always open (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Need to be cleaned up, very unsafe, including at Fairfield Park (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets poorly maintained (3)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Alphington needs shade sail for summer <input type="checkbox"/> More info signage re history, features in area <input type="checkbox"/> Need recycling bins at Alphington Park <input type="checkbox"/> Need to maintain flower beds <input type="checkbox"/> Remove bins, erect signs for people to take rubbish

6.5 Community Values

The question asked people to rank in order of priority what they value about open space. Below is a summary of the Priority 1 values. A number of respondents elected only to select two or three items, and placed a 1 or a tick in all of them ranking them of equal priority. These were all entered as Priority 1.
 (% of the total number of people who completed this question)

%	Value
64%	Quiet and peaceful
58%	Trees
49%	Just being outside
49%	Informal bushland character
47%	Relaxing/unwind
46%	Spacious
29%	The knowledge that its there
20%	Flowers and planting variety
19%	Meeting people/friends
14%	Formal garden character
14%	Watching activity in the park
12%	Playing casual games/sport
5%	Other: Play equipment
3%	Other: Dogs off lead

6.7 General comments on open space

These are a summary of the General Comments section of the questionnaire:

6.7.1 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (1)

- Access along the Yarra River in Alphington would be appreciated.

6.7.2 PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (1)

- Informal parks are preferred

6.7.3 VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (9)

- Live here because of the large areas of bushland reserves, trails and river (2)
- Having parks near home is having a holiday for free
- Live here because of the diversity of parks (3078)
- Parks and gardens are very important to me and my needs
- Parks are important for well-being
- Quiet and peacefulness is essential in open space
- Value living near open space and the City
- Value parks and open space in this area due to lack of private open space

6.7.4 RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (3)

- Construct a Yarra Trail
- Darebin Ck and Yarra Trail Bike trails need to be connected
- Suggest painted lines along cycle paths for low vision night riders

6.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**6.7.6 ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (4)**

- More native plantings to attract birds
- Noise pollution in Alphington parks is a big issue with surrounding arterials
- Parks dilute the pollution around us and reduce health and crime inflictions
- Suggest installing rubbish traps in river

6.7.7 INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE (4)

- Alphington Park requires activities for teens
- Infrastructure not to be built in parks and gardens
- Install shade cloth near play equipment
- More drinking fountains required

6.7.8 DOGS (4)

- Alphington Park requires dog off-lead area (2)
- Dog waste problem not as bad as it was in the past
- More bins in dog off-leash areas

6.7.9 TREES & VEGETATION (3)

- More trees
- Plant more native trees and shrubs, they look great and are water friendly
- Yarra River should be revegetated with native species

6.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (5)

- Alphington Park requires regular rubbish removal
- Maintenance required to area near APM, on the north of the river
- Regular maintenance and cleaning required in playground areas
- Safety is an issue
- Vandalism is an issue, such as signs in Dights Falls Park and Flour Mill

6.7.11 MISCELLANEOUS (1)

- Alphington Park Wetlands signs are a great asset

7.0 RICHMOND, CREMORNE AND BURNLEY POSTCODE 3121

7.1 Local open space use

This is a summary of the responses to Question 6 which asked for the open space reserves regularly used in the local area and the reasons why, and Question 8 which asked for the Reserves not visited and the reasons why.

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
38%	Barkly Gardens	53% Walking 33% Walking dog 28% Playground 14% BBQ 9% Jogging 9% Open space 8% Picnics 7% Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time <input type="checkbox"/> New to area - hope to visit soon <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough trees
21%	Yarra Park / MCG	63% Walking 29% Walk dog 14% Jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> When sporting event is on, park covered in cars
20%	Burnley Park and Oval	65% Walking 37% Walk dog 14% Jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Forget to include it n walking circuit <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of information and knowledge about parks <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough trees <input type="checkbox"/> Other parks are closer to home <input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment dangerous and out of date
19%	Yarra River Linear Reserves	70% Walking 43% Cycling 25% Jogging 20% Walk dog 17% The views	<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists are dangerous (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to
14%	Citizens Park	58% Walking 38% Walk Dog 20% Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Boring <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by sporting groups, not sure when it is available <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs in the park <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough trees <input type="checkbox"/> Play area poorly maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, parking, time constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Unsightly buildings
13%	Royal Botanic Gardens	73% Walking 40% Jogging 22% The views 13% Picnics	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (4) <input type="checkbox"/> New to area - hope to visit soon <input type="checkbox"/> Too big, impersonal, no security, unsafe, young people loitering
10%	Fitzroy Gardens	77% Walking 17% Coffee/Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2)

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
			<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs are banned <input type="checkbox"/> Don't work close by any more <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy

7.2 Open space used outside local area

%	Open space	Reasons visit	Why don't visit
42%	Royal Botanic Gardens	53% Walking 16% The views 14% Jogging 12% Beautiful Park 12% Relaxation 10% Trees/Flowers/Plants 10% Coffee/Lunch 10% Picnics	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (4) <input type="checkbox"/> New to area, hope to visit soon <input type="checkbox"/> Too big, impersonal, no security, unsafe, young people loitering
31%	Fitzroy Gardens	56% Walking 19% Thoroughfare 10% The views 8% Coffee/Lunch 8% Peace & Quiet 8% Cycling	
11%	Treasury Gardens	69% Walking 28% Thoroughfare 10% Beautiful Park	
11%	Yarra River Linear Reserves	45% Cycling 31% Walking 17% The views 17% Walk dog 10% Jogging 10% Recreation 10% Thoroughfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists are dangerous (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to

7.3 Parks not visited, but would like to

%	Open space	Why don't visit
9%	All parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far away (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog off lead conflict with other users <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of fencing from roads <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of information and knowledge about parks <input type="checkbox"/> No transport
9%	Citizens Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Boring <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by sporting groups, not sure when its available <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs in the park <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate fencing around playground <input type="checkbox"/> No lighting <input type="checkbox"/> Not enough trees <input type="checkbox"/> Play area poorly maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Transport, parking, time constraints <input type="checkbox"/> Unsightly building
9%	Herring Island	<input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know when boat leaves to cross river

%	Open space	Why don't visit
		<input type="checkbox"/> Fee to access <input type="checkbox"/> Limited or no access <input type="checkbox"/> No access from Richmond <input type="checkbox"/> No pedestrian access <input type="checkbox"/> Too hard to get to
9%	Royal Botanic Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (4) <input type="checkbox"/> New to area, hope to visit soon <input type="checkbox"/> Too big, impersonal, no security, unsafe, young people loitering
7%	Yarra River Linear Reserves	<input type="checkbox"/> Cyclists are dangerous (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Park too busy (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Haven't got around to it <input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to
7%	Fitzroy Gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Too far to walk to (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of time (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs are banned <input type="checkbox"/> Don't work close by any more <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy

7.4 Frequency of use of types of parks and gardens

357 respondents who completed the questionnaire were from 3121.

Open Space	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total visitors to open space	% of total respondents for 3065
Reserves along the Yarra	75	134	79	36	21	324	91%
Reserves along Merri Creek	6	13	35	90	154	144	40%
Linear reserves	9	24	28	46	173	107	30%
Large sporting reserves	24	63	52	82	82	221	62%
Large non-sporting reserves	40	74	66	77	61	257	72%
Medium sized parks	14	30	51	66	121	161	45%
Local streets for regular exercise	232	87	7	5	13	331	93%
Small local parks	85	100	59	40	40	284	80%

7.5 Frequency of use of facilities and comments on their provision and maintenance

7.5.1 HOW FREQUENTLY FACILITIES ARE USED IN OPEN SPACE

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
Walking paths	165	124	29	9	12	327	92%
Cycle paths	55	84	43	41	83	223	62%
Open grassed areas for informal use	66	98	67	52	35	283	79%

Facility	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Once or twice a year	Never	Total use of facilities	% of total respondents for 3065
BBQ's	0	9	35	132	133	176	49%
Shelters	4	10	24	96	158	134	38%
Public seating	21	79	83	64	63	247	69%
Lighting	69	59	24	28	97	180	50%
Dog walking facilities	79	30	7	9	187	125	35%
Skate facilities	2	3	2	7	280	14	4%
Playgrounds	21	32	32	50	168	135	38%
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	7	26	6	26	235	65	18%
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	6	22	2	13	248	43	12%
Informal recreation facilities	1	10	12	37	236	60	17%
Public toilets	6	37	61	94	103	198	55%
Other	8	2	2	2	93	14	4%

7.5.2

COMMENTS ON FACILITY PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE

Facility	Provision and maintenance
Walking paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (96) <input type="checkbox"/> Always littered, need frequent sweeping (8) <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance for trip hazards, including at Goschs Paddock, along Yarra (7) <input type="checkbox"/> Walking on paths can be dangerous due to cyclists (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting in parks required for safety (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared paths are dangerous for pedestrians (3) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Paths require attention along the river, such as flooding in heavy rain (2)
Cycle paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (61) <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle path surface in poor condition, including Capital City Trail (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Speed limit for bikes on paths should be enforced (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Walking on paths can be dangerous due to cyclists (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Bike paths need to be wider, including along Yarra Trail (4) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Poor cycle access from Mary St to Yarra Trail, gets water logged and is unsafe, uneven and dark (3)
Open grassed areas for informal use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (58) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste not picked up by dog owners (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Always littered (3) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (2)
BBQ's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (40) <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ's tend to be unclean and not work well (12) <input type="checkbox"/> More bins needed and more frequent clearance near BBQ areas (5) <input type="checkbox"/> More BBQ's required (4)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (2)
Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (18) <input type="checkbox"/> More shelters/resting areas required, including in BBQ areas (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Not safe, syringes and graffiti (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained
Public seating	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (48) <input type="checkbox"/> More random seating required, including along Yarra, at Barkley Gardens, on Bridge Road and on route to parks (17) <input type="checkbox"/> Seats often too dirty, vandalised and have graffiti (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Seats placed so you can see kids on equipment (2)
Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (35) <input type="checkbox"/> More lighting in parks required for safety, too dark at night and in winter (19) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed, including in Yarra Park, Barkly Gardens, Stawell St, Richmond Station, Citizens Park and Victoria Gardens (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting poor or not working needs improving (3)
Dog walking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (24) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog waste facilities required, including at Burnley Park, Gosch's Paddock (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste bags run out often in Edinburgh Gardens, Barkley Gardens and after weekends (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Pet bylaws need to be tougher (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste facilities great (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Install dog drinking facilities (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More dog off lead areas (2) <input type="checkbox"/> More off lead areas in Yarra, including Yarra Park (2)
Skate facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (7) <input type="checkbox"/> More needed (4)
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (20) <input type="checkbox"/> Too much vandalism, syringes and graffiti (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Need shade sails, including at Lyndhurst St Park, Barkly Gardens (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs should be banned from these area (3) <input type="checkbox"/> More diverse play equipment required, including for disabled children and older children (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Better (imaginative) play equipment (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Needs upgrading, including at Burnley Oval (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Safety issues at Burnley Oval playground and Janet Millman Reserve (2)
Club based outdoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (12) <input type="checkbox"/> More outdoor facilities required, including basketball hoops required (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Netball Courts on Swan St have dangerous surface (2)
Club based indoor organised sporting facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (8) <input type="checkbox"/> More indoor facilities required, including basketball hoops required (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't use (2)
Informal recreation facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (11) <input type="checkbox"/> More informal recreation required, including basketball rings (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained from vandalism (2)
Public toilets	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory Maintenance (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets dirty and unsafe (21) <input type="checkbox"/> More public toilets required, including along Yarra, at MCG, at Flockhart Reserve, Park Grove Park, Burnley Gardens (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Barkly Gardens toilets badly lit, unclean (6)

Facility	Provision and maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Only use if absolutely necessary (4) <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets not always open (3)
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> More drinking fountains required and to be working (6) <input type="checkbox"/> More bins needed, including at McConchie Reserve, along Yarra & Gosch's Paddock (5) <input type="checkbox"/> Streets are a disgrace with litter, including Swan St (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Barkly Gardens toilet entrance should face playground <input type="checkbox"/> Barkly Rose Garden much appreciated <input type="checkbox"/> Dog H2O pond in Barkley Gardens doesn't work well <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs need drinking bowl under drinking fountain <input type="checkbox"/> More seating away from BBQ areas <input type="checkbox"/> Need more rubbish clearances over peak times <input type="checkbox"/> Play equipment at Lyndhurst St is limited <input type="checkbox"/> Syringes in Citizens Park, needs cleaning up <input type="checkbox"/> Yarra toilets by Punt Rd always closed

7.5 Community Values

The question asked people to rank in order of priority what they value about open space. Below is a summary of the Priority 1 values. A number of respondents elected only to select two or three items, and placed a 1 or a tick in all of them ranking them of equal priority. These were all entered as Priority 1.
 (% of the total number of people who completed this question)

%	Value
61%	Watching activity in the park
60%	Relaxing/unwind
58%	Quiet and peaceful
54%	Trees
52%	Just being outside
43%	Spacious
33%	The knowledge that its there
31%	Informal bushland character
24%	Flowers and planting variety
24%	Meeting people/friends
20%	Playing casual games/sport
17%	Formal garden character
10%	Other: Dogs off lead
4%	Other: Play equipment

7.7 General comments on open space

These are a summary of the General Comments section of the questionnaire:

7.7.1 PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE (37)

Additional (35)

- More parks and gardens required (15)
- Richmond lacks small areas for relaxation and children's playgrounds (3)
- More open space to be created (2)
- More smaller parks required in inner city as population grows (2)
- Richmond lacks open space (2)
- Few parks and gardens in area
- Link more parks together, close off streets if necessary
- Link open space via the Metropolitan Trail Network
- More parks required that are located off main roads and not used for car parks for sporting events

- More public parks required, close streets to make more parks
- More small parks are needed
- More small parks nearby rather than large parks too far apart
- More smaller parks required in local area (from Wanagaratta St, Richmond)
- Open Space required around Elizabeth St/Shelley/Punt Rd area
- Proposal for a park at the corner of Richmond Terrace and Docker Street
- Richmond needs small green spaces

Adequate/do not decrease (2)

- Do not decrease parklands, they are part of Melbourne's character
- Large parks are essential and so are street parks

7.7.2 PARK & OPEN SPACE CHARACTER (6)

- Aboriginal heritage/landmarks are appreciated
- Barkly Gardens is dull with nothing more than a scattering of trees
- Natural bush settings are important in an urban environment to educate children
- Prefer more artwork
- Trees and green space as a contrast to hard surfaces
- Yarra River adjoining development impacts on natural and peaceful character

7.7.3 VALUE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE (31)

- Parks are essential to inner city living (7)
- Live here because of the large areas of parks, gardens, bushland reserves, trails and river (3)
- Parks contribute to the community's health and well being (2)
- Parks are our backyards (2)
- Open space is important to have (2)
- Appreciate the quality of parks and gardens in the area
- Barkly Gardens is a good example of why I enjoy parks
- Everyone has different needs and parks should cater to all
- International visitors comment on the high standard of our parks and gardens
- Love area because of access to walking and cycling trails
- Love parks in my area
- Parks and gardens are very important to me and my needs
- Parks are a valuable community asset
- Parks are important for general well-being
- Richmond has some good public parks and one of reasons for living here.
- Richmond needs and values its parks
- Use paths daily to unwind, means a lot to quality of life
- Value parks and open space in this area due to lack of private open space
- Value the Yarra River, keep it accessible
- Valued resource for inner city residents

7.7.4 RECREATIONAL USE OF OPEN SPACE (16)

- Cyclists to be better behaved towards pedestrians (2)
- Value passive recreation (2)
- Cyclists need to slow down on shared paths
- Cyclists should not use walking paths
- Encourage cycling and walking as transport method as mentioned in 'Melbourne 2030'
- Extend the cycle path to Johnson St (from where it cuts off at the Brewery site)
- Extra facilities in off-lead areas required, such as seats, tables, BBQ, lighting and shelter
- Fitzroy Gardens - cyclists should not use
- Kevin Bartlett Reserve requires a learn to ride kids bike path
- Lack of facilities for teens i.e. half basketball courts, netball courts, tennis walls etc
- Not enough facilities for 20-40 year olds, e.g., BBQs etc, there enough activities for children
- Pedestrian safety is jeopardised by cyclists on shared paths
- Suggest local facilities i.e. Pool to offer concession or lower prices
- Value running/exercise recreation

7.7.5 INCREASING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (7)

- Disturbed with natives along the Yarra being cleared to provide new developments a river view

- Infrastructure should not have been built so close to the Yarra, ie Dights Falls and Vic. Gardens
- Reclaim land along the Yarra when it becomes available
- Richmond needs more open space as increased multi-storey developments occur
- Road closures to create new parks should be investigated
- Somerset Street near school should be a park
- Suggest parts of streets could be closed to create little parks, these would be appreciated

7.7.6 **ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY (11)**

- Appreciate native planting restoration to attract native wildlife close to the city
- Bird habitat required including fallen timber
- Bird lists to be established for parks with public contribution
- Concerned about the water run-off from the hills during summer
- Fitzroy Gardens - bats are a concern
- Green space and plants is calming and important in urban areas.
- Green spaces and trees to allow stormwater runoff absorption
- Improve links between biodiversity and flora policies
- Value Habitat
- Wise water use in parks should be considered
- Yarra Park are the lungs for Punt Road

7.7.7 **INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES IN OPEN SPACE (20)**

- Cairns Reserve brick wall adjacent to playground is dangerous (2)
- Alexander Reserve does not need major works, just playground upgrade
- Cairns Reserve require covered areas and BBQ's
- Fitzroy Gardens - turn fountain back on
- Janet Millman Reserve requires more bins
- More BBQ's with good lighting
- More drinking fountains required
- More garbage bins required
- More lighting required on some paths, esp winter
- More toilets
- Museum play equipment is dangerous due to poor design
- Playgrounds must be fully enclosed for safety
- Request cycle ramp access to the Yarra at Gipps St
- Rushall Reserve - install play equipment
- Skate facilities are well provided
- Value better lighting
- Would like some sheltered rotundas
- Yarra Park suggest seats and drinking fountain.
- Yarra River needs more lights along paths

7.7.8 **DOGS (23)**

Dog waste (13)

- Dog owners should take responsibility and pick up after their dogs (4)
- Dog waste regulations to be enforced (3)
- More dog waste facilities required (3)
- Dame Nellie Melba Park has lots of dog waste at times (2)
- Too much dog waste not picked up

Dogs off-lead/on lead (7)

- Barkly Gardens need improved dog off lead policy
- Clear signage required to show dog off lead areas
- Dog on leash and off leash areas need clear specific signs
- Dogs to be on leash
- More dog off lead areas required
- Off lead, unruly dogs a problem
- Park at Burnley/Madden Grove has been invaded by off leash dogs

General comments on dogs in open space (3)

- Dog friendly areas in parks are required

- Playgrounds that allow dogs access and use
- Value dog access

7.7.9 TREES & VEGETATION (20)

- Barkly Gardens - flower beds shown in Masterplan have been removed
- Barkly Gardens is good example of park, like the trees and grass
- Barkly Gardens native bush section has become overgrown and a safety issue
- Flower beds tend to get damaged when planted
- Janet Millman Reserve planting
- More community vegetable gardens
- More native and indigenous plantings (also enjoy European plantings as well).
- More native plantings to attract birds
- More trees (2)
- Plant more native trees and shrubs, they look great and are water friendly
- Prefer more floral displays
- Prefer native trees
- Prefer Poplars
- Reserves between Burnley St & Swan St Bridge are deteriorating, weeds and replanting required
- Suggest more interesting landscape and planting types, such as community vegetable gardens
- Suggest planting fruit trees in Public Housing Estates to aid communities
- White St Park - more trees required
- Yarra River - would like to see improved vegetation quality
- Yarra River path on Burnley side requires vegetation screening

7.7.10 MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT (37)

Adequate (7)

- Gardens generally kept well (5)
- Satisfactory maintenance of parks and gardens (2)

Inadequate (14)

- Barkly Gardens - improved maintenance and fencing
- Cairns Reserve should keep simple, too much money spent on it need it of maintenance
- Gardeners to be employed to maintain garden beds
- Higher level of general maintenance required
- Improve maintenance
- Improve walking surface at Coles Terrace
- Janet Millman Reserve is in very poor condition
- Keep grass mown
- Maintenance required for mature trees
- Paths along Yarra River to be wider and improved maintenance due to high use
- Paths to be resurfaced more often
- Playgrounds - regular cleaning to remove syringes
- Rubbish to be cleaned up in the Yarra
- Yarra Boulevard area (opp Girls College) requires maintenance i.e. sweep etc

Safety (4)

- Citizens Park attracts a lot of drunks, drugs and suspicious people, syringes found near kinder
- Safety in parks by keeping them open, too many trees make them dark and unsafe
- Safety is an issue
- Toilets not safe due to suspicious people meeting there

General Comments on maintenance (3)

- Appreciate the works parks and gardens have been doing
- Scullin Gardens maintained only when I complain to Council
- Yarra bank collapsing at Flockhart Res where dogs run into water, formalise but retain for dog use

General comments on management (9)

- Appreciate efforts to make Parks & Gardens safer, cleaner and offering beauty
- Appreciate that you are aware of the issues and are dealing with them
- Appreciate the importance Council places in Parks and Gardens (2)
- Barkly Gardens - past work is excellent, visually, layout, stylish fencing and lighting

- Barkly Gardens, disappointed with refurbishment
- Suggest a cycle speed limit through parks rather than banning cyclists
- West Richmond, and use other local government open space rather than Yarras
- Would like to see clear names on the parks boundaries for ease of identification

7.7.11**MISCELLANEOUS (12)**

- A bundle of these leaflets were given to one dwelling in street only - residents distributed them
- Alexander Reserve is affected by fast traffic in Berry Street
- Burnley Harbour - looking forward to completion including a ferry landing to the CBD
- Concerned about the lack of street trees with wide canopies
- Great work
- New park between Citizens Park and the Town Hall
- Questionnaire is a good idea.
- Richmond lacks trees and clean streets
- Richmond requires more parking for residents
- Street footpaths should be overgrown with residents and Council plants
- Streets surrounding parks are very dirty
- Suggest slowing traffic speed limits for safety on route to parks

APPENDIX C

Yarra Planning Scheme - extracts

These clauses are current as at 29 April 2004.

C1 Clause 21.05-5 Open Space

21.05-5 ELEMENT 5: OPEN SPACE

"A high quality, diverse and accessible network of open space"

Open space is a highly valued feature of urban areas and fulfils a wide range of functions. It not only offers recreational opportunities, but contributes to the visual image and environmental quality of the City, and the health and well-being of the community. The importance of open space in Yarra is heightened by the intensity of inner urban development, limited private open space and its contribution to nature conservation primarily associated with the City's waterways.

Individual open space areas have, in the past, tended to be planned, developed and managed in isolation. Emphasis must now be placed on developing an integrated network to ensure Yarra offers a quality, accessible and diverse open space system. Given limited opportunities and resources to significantly expand Yarra's open space network, the focus will be on protecting and enhancing the 'quality' of assets which make up the existing system.

(NOTE: The following Objectives, Strategies and Implementation sections should be read in conjunction with the Open Space Framework Plan.)

Objectives

- Open space accessible to all residential neighbourhoods
- No net reduction in overall open space provision as an outcome of rationalisation /acquisition programs
- Maintenance of public access to open space resources with limited 'exclusive' use by nominated groups
- A high proportion of open space assets which reflect the characteristics of 'quality open space' (as defined in the strategies below)
- Increased relevance of open space resources to the identified needs of diverse local communities
- An increase in the proportion of open space assets categorised for nature conservation and informal recreational use
- Protection and enhancement of important historical, cultural, habitat and geological features associated with open space sites, and the development of related educational opportunities
- A development, management and maintenance regime for open space which fosters the distinct character and function of individual open space sites, and ensures high standards of presentation and public safety
- Public open space contributions from new development which address increases in demand and more intensive development of land

Strategies to achieve objectives

- Improve the 'quality' of individual open space assets through ensuring each site meets the following characteristics:
 - provides a range of recreation opportunities
 - offers high levels of safety for users
 - is linked to other areas of open space
 - is accessible to a wide catchment
 - can be efficiently maintained
 - has a distinct function and character
- Increase 'accessibility' to open space assets through:
 - consolidating Linear Parks and Links between major open space sites (including the open space areas adjacent to the City)

- avoiding the loss or redevelopment of open space, particularly in areas deficient in open space resources
- diversifying recreational experiences associated with individual sites to meet a wider range of user needs (as identified by the Recreation Strategy Plan, 1997)
- balancing local and regional demands on open space
- improving undeveloped areas of open space
- recognising the contribution made by 'non-public' open space (eg schools)
- creating new open spaces in the case of major deficiencies through the redistribution of open space assets or contributions from new development.
- Achieve greater 'diversity' through developing the existing network with an appropriate mix and distribution of the following open space categories:
 - 'Conservation Bushland' (areas primarily for nature conservation rather than recreation)
 - 'Conservation Parkland' (parkland with a landscape character suited to informal recreation)
 - 'Historic Parkland' (parks with formal plantings of an historic character)
 - 'Linear Parks and Links' (pedestrian or shared paths providing connections to major open space areas)
 - 'Sporting Reserves' (spaces dominated by sporting ovals and associated facilities)
 - 'Informal Parks' (Playgrounds / Pocket Parks)
- Ensure *gaps in the strategic open space network* (in private ownership) are secured, in particular, those which contribute to the consolidation of a continuous open space corridor along the Yarra River, and Merri and Darebin Creeks
- Re-establish bushland habitat areas along the Yarra River, and Merri and Darebin Creeks through indigenous plantings in adjacent local parks, nature strips and on private land to create a web of "green links" adjoining waterways

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES

Application of Zones and Overlays

- Secure all strategic open space sites and links through inclusion in a *Public Park and Recreation Zone*, *Public Conservation and Resource Zone* or an appropriate *Public Use Zone*
- Address 'gaps' in the shared pathway network along the City's waterways, through application of the *Public Acquisition Overlay*

Local Policy and the Exercise of Discretion

- Require new residential and commercial development to contribute to the provision of open space, with preference for land contributions in neighbourhoods with identified open space deficiencies
- Ensure sites acquired through open space contributions or new purchases meet the defined characteristics of 'quality open space'
- Maximise opportunities presented through the redevelopment of large sites to create linkages which enhance access to open space sites adjoining activity centres and residential areas
- Limit new commercial or sporting group facilities on public open space sites to proposals where:
 - facilities are provided within or are a replacement of an existing facility
 - facilities will contribute to meeting broad community recreation needs
 - existing users of open space will not be disadvantaged

Future Strategic Work

- Complete an *Open Space Strategy* providing for:
 - analysis of the geographic distribution of open space resources
 - strategies to address areas deficient in open space
 - strategies to broaden and balance the provision and distribution of the various
 - categories of open space in the City

- management principles for each defined category of open space which reinforce the inherent role and attributes the categorisation of individual open space sites
- Prepare *Open Space Management / Master Plans* for major open space sites to foster the distinct character and functions of individual sites through appropriate development and management

Capital works / Advocacy and Facilitation

- On-going development and high maintenance standards for all open space areas, in accordance with Management / Master Plans where available
- Establish working partnerships with organisations responsible for the development and management of open space sites within and adjoining Yarra, in particular, Parks Victoria and adjoining Municipal Councils
- Develop agreements in relation to use of key open space sites not owned or managed by Council
- Facilitate the contribution of established Committees of Management and 'Friends' Groups relating to the development and management of open space sites **Related Policy**

The following detailed strategies and policies will be taken into account by Council when making decisions in relation to open space pursuant to this scheme, and in the future allocation of resources:

Recreation Strategy Plan (City of Yarra, 1997)

Lower Darebin Creek Concept Plan (Darebin Creek Co-ordinating Committee, 1995)

Merri Creek Management Plan (Merri Creek Management Committee, 1997)

Middle Yarra Concept Plan (Dept. of Planning and Urban Growth, Dept. of Conservation and Environment, 1990)

Lower Yarra (Punt Road to Dights Falls) Concept Plan (Ministry for Planning and Environment, 1986)

Management / Master Plans for Individual Open Space Sites and Precincts (Various)

C2 Clause 21.05-6 Yarra River Corridor

21.05-6 ELEMENT 6: YARRA RIVER CORRIDOR

To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the City through careful management of the City's natural assets.

Urban development has reduced the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna and resulted in the loss of native habitats. Few areas of remnant native vegetation remain in the City except those along the Yarra River and the northern waterways. A number of plants within the City are considered to be of regional conservation significance, and areas of regional, high local and local significant vegetation have been identified. It is important to protect these areas of significance, and to enhance their value by replanting native vegetation on adjoining land and by encouraging indigenous planting in private landscaping.

Redevelopment of sites along the City's waterways poses a threat to the natural heritage of the waterway corridors and instream ecosystems. But redevelopment also presents an opportunity to achieve a more compatible mix of use and development adjacent to waterways and to incorporate natural heritage into new development.

In defining opportunities to accommodate the demand for new commercial and residential development, however, due consideration also needs to be given to the historical industrial context of the river and the needs of well established and intact industrial areas.

The following Objectives, Strategies and Implementation sections should be read in conjunction with the Yarra River Corridor Framework Plan.

Objectives

- To reinforce the City's waterways as conservation, recreation and tourism assets of metropolitan significance.
- To arrest the loss of biodiversity.
- To protect significant flora species and vegetation communities.
- To protect significant fauna and the habitat of significant fauna.
- To ensure a healthy aquatic ecosystem providing habitat for a diversity of indigenous stream life.
- To create a continuous riparian vegetation buffer along waterways providing for streamside habitat and stream bank stabilization.
- To protect mature and healthy exotic species where they have cultural heritage value or are a valued part of the character of an area.
- To protect the natural drainage function of waterways.
- To encourage residents and businesses to play an active role in the maintenance of the City's natural heritage.
- To develop a regional recreation resource that provides for 'eco-tourism' and 'cultural tourism'.
- To create a continuous shared trail network along the length of waterways.
- To protect and provide interpretation for places of cultural significance.
- To ensure that new development maintains and enhances the natural aesthetic and scenic qualities of the City's waterways.
- To encourage a range of land uses adjacent to waterways that minimize adverse environmental impacts, maximise enjoyment of the waterways and include public access to waterways.

Strategies to achieve objectives

- Balance the recreational, ecological and economic potential of the Yarra River (through appropriate use, development and management regimes) in accordance with defined:
 - *Significant Vegetation Areas* (where the protection of habitat is the primary objective)
 - *Primary Habitat Areas* (where the conservation and re-establishment of habitat is the primary objective)
 - *Secondary Habitat Areas* (used principally for passive recreation but where indigenous planting are encouraged to contribute to the continuous habitat qualities of the corridor)
 - *Sites of Major Cultural Significance* (where protection and interpretation are paramount).
- Provide opportunities for commercial and/or residential use and development on Yarra River frontage sites in defined *Redevelopment/Reuse Areas*.
- Consolidate the trail network.
- Retain Core Industrial Areas adjacent the waterways but encourage operations to meet best-practice standards for air, water and noise emissions.
- Ensure that new development near the City's waterways:
 - minimises the potential for environmental impacts (through management of stormwater run-off, soil erosion, noise and silt deposition) both during and following construction
 - contributes to the natural aesthetic of the River Corridor, City's waterways, through sensitive and innovative design, and the protection of significant view lines
 - maximises public access to waterways.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIES

These strategies will be implemented by:

Application of Zones and Overlays

- Secure the continuous network of open space sites and links within the Yarra River Corridor through application of the *Public Park and Recreation Zone*. (NB.

Specific sites owned by public authorities will, however, be included in the relevant *Public Use Zone* at the request of those authorities).

- Identify and protect sites of significant remnant vegetation or sites with a Primary Habitat role through application of the *Public Conservation and Resource Zone* and the *Environmental Significance Overlay*, and the incorporation of a detailed significant vegetation map.
- Retain established and industrial areas adjacent to the River through application of *Industrial 1* and *Industrial 3 Zones*.
- Facilitate redevelopment of selected areas with River frontage for office and/or residential purposes through application of the *Business 5 Zone*.
- Facilitate the redevelopment of identified precincts with River frontage for high profile commercial use through application of the *Business 3 Zone*.
- Protect places of cultural heritage through application of the *Heritage Overlay*.
- Manage the impact of new development and works adjacent the Yarra River and Merri and Darebin Creeks through application of the *Design and Development Overlay*.
- Protect urban areas against the effects of flooding through application of the *Land Subject to Inundation Overlay* and *Special Buildings Overlay*.

Local Policy and the Exercise of Discretion

- Implement the *Local Policy- Yarra River Corridor Urban Design Guidelines* (to land included within a *Design and Development Overlay*) to apply established standards for new development adjacent to the Yarra River Corridor.
- Implement the *Local Policy- Protection of Biodiversity*.
- Implement the *Local Policy- Development Guidelines for Heritage Places* to protect the integrity of sites of natural and cultural significance through ensuring appropriate siting, design and conservation measures.

Reference documents

The following detailed strategies and policies will be taken into account by Council when making decisions in relation to the Yarra River Corridor pursuant to this scheme, and in the future allocation of resources:

Stage 2 of the Natural Heritage Study for the City of Yarra (Biosis Research, September 2001)

The Yarra Environment Strategy: Our Sustainable Future (City of Yarra, November 2000)

Yarra River Urban Design Guidelines (City of Yarra, October 1998)

Yarra River Corridor Strategy (City of Yarra, 1999)

Yarra Catchment Action Plan (YarraCare, 1996)

Port Phillip and Westernport Regional Catchment Strategy (Port Phillip Catchment and Land Protection Board 1997)

Lower Yarra (Punt Road to Dights Falls) Concept Plan (Ministry for Planning & Environment, 1986)

Middle Yarra Concept Plan (Dept. for Planning & Urban Growth, 1990)

Merri Creek Concept Plan (Draft) (Merri Creek Management Committee, 1997)

Lower Darebin Creek Concept Plan (Draft) (Darebin Creek Management Committee 1995)

Herring Island Enhancement Plan (Acer Wargon Chapman and EDAW AUST, 1995)

Environmental Guidelines for Major Construction Sites (Environment Protection Authority, 1996)

Yarra Bend Park Strategy Plan (Parks Victoria, 1998)

Yarra Bend Park Environmental Action Plan (Parks Victoria, April 2000)

Yarra Bend / Fairfield Area: Development Opportunities (Chris Dance Land Design and Fulcrum Town Planners, 1997)

City of Yarra Stormwater Management Plan (AWT, December 2000)

C3 Clause 52.01 Public open space contribution and subdivision

52.01 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION AND SUBDIVISION

A person who proposes to subdivide land must make a contribution to the council for public open space in an amount specified in the schedule to this clause (being a percentage of the land intended to be used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes, or a percentage of the site value of such land, or a combination of both). If no amount is specified, a contribution for public open space may still be required under Section 18 of the Subdivision Act 1988.

A public open space contribution may be made only once for any of the land to be subdivided. This does not apply to the subdivision of a building if a public open space requirement was not made under Section 569H of the Local Government Act 1958 or Section 21A of the Building Control Act 1981 when the building was constructed.

A subdivision is exempt from a public open space requirement, in accordance with Section 18(8) of the Subdivision Act 1988, if:

- It is one of the following classes of subdivision:
 - Class 1: The subdivision of a building used for residential purposes provided each lot contains part of the building. The building must have been constructed or used for residential purposes immediately before 30 October 1989 or a planning permit must have been issued for the building to be constructed or used for residential purposes immediately before that date.
 - Class 2: The subdivision of a commercial or industrial building provided each lot contains part of the building.
- It is for the purpose of excising land to be transferred to a public authority, council or a Minister for a utility installation.
- It subdivides land into two lots and the council considers it unlikely that each lot will be further subdivided.

SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 52.01

Type or location of subdivision	Amount of contribution for public open space
None specified	None specified

APPENDIX D

Summary report of community consultation on the Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy

D1 HOUSEHOLD SURVEY # 2

The following summary has been prepared by TBLD based on the summary of 36 questionnaires household surveys received during the consultation phase on the Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy. All households who completed their name and address from Household Survey # 1 were mailed a second survey. Additionally the Surveys were available on the Council's website, at the Displays in the Customer Service Centres and at the three community meetings held through the process.

Summary

Overall the household survey outcomes were supportive of the Strategy and the comments on them reinforced the main issues which have been addressed in the Strategy including:

- the need to protect existing open space
- address the management of dogs in open space
- address conflicts between different users on shared paths
- increase tree planting and maintenance of vegetation
- improve bushland values
- improve maintenance levels, including litter

D1.1 SUMMARY OF HOUSEHOLD SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Total number of completed questionnaires: 36

Questionnaires by postcode:

14 3068 North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill
10 3121 Richmond, Burnley & Cremorne
5 3054 Princes Hill and North Carlton
2 3067 Abbotsford
2 3065 Fitzroy
1 3066 Collingwood
0 3078 Fairfield and Alphington
2 Not completed

Gender:

18 Female
14 Male
4 Not completed

Age range:

0 0 to 14
0 15 to 24
7 25 to 39
11 40 to 54
12 55 to 64
5 65+
1 Not completed

Household type:

7 Family household with children
12 Family household without children
6 Single person household
9 Group household

2 Not completed

Dwelling type:

18 Separate house
10 Semi-detached or row terrace
6 Apartment, unit or flat
2 Not completed

Total number of written submissions: 1

D1.2 SUMMARY OF SURVEY OUTCOMES BY POSTCODE

D1.2.1 PRINCES HILL AND NORTH CARLTON POSTCODE 3054

Five questionnaires received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

4 Yes
1 No

Comments

- Curtain Square, play equipment for children up to 2 years required
- Princes Hill and North Carlton not referred to in information leaflet
- Shakespeare St Reserve, play equipment required

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

3 Yes
2 Not completed

Comments

- Sub-Precinct Recommendations had not been read

With reference to the Draft Open Space Strategy, what are the three most important changes you would like to make to open space in the City of Yarra?

- Additional open space is required
- Existing open space to be maintained and protected
- More plants
- Improve maintenance of plants
- Trees in Princes Hill, more maintenance required
- Some fruit and nut trees in open space
- Graffiti, faster removal required
- Graffiti, identify graffiti to be removed via community consultation

Comments on the Summary of Key Recommendations included on the Information Leaflet, or the Overall Recommendations in the Draft Strategy

- More dog off-lead areas required
- Plants including trees and shrubs to be maintained

General comments on the Draft Open Space Strategy

- Excellent Draft Strategy
- More practicality less strategy

D1.2.2 NORTH FITZROY AND CLIFTON HILL POSTCODE 3068

14 questionnaires received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

10 Yes
4 No

Comments

- Cycling in open space highly valued
- Historic and manicured gardens are valued
- Natural bushland is valued
- No changes required
- Open space free to access
- Open space is vital to those with small private gardens
- Overall Precinct Recommendations had not been read
- Responsible dog owners should be allowed access to open space
- Variety of open space is valued

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

10 Yes

4 Not completed

Comments

- Edinburgh Gardens as dog off-lead area
- Edinburgh Gardens needs improvement
- River and creek trails need improvement
- Sub-Precinct Recommendations had not been read
- Trees, additional plantings required
- Unsure what is meant by question
- Weeds to be cleared

With reference to the Draft Open Space Strategy, what are the three most important changes you would like to make to open space in the City of Yarra?

Open space

- Additional open space required (2)
- Improved links between open space required (2)
- Existing open space to be protected
- State planning for Yarra to include open space
- Development in open space to be restricted

Native vegetation

- Bushland areas to be protected (2)
- Native grasses, more required to attract birds
- Native trees, more required
- Native plantings, more required along waterways
- Weed removal

Vegetation management

- Additional trees required (2)
- More trees along the railway lines
- Willow removal
- Trees, more maintenance required
- Ramden Street Soccer Ground, more trees required

Edinburgh Gardens

- Needs improvement
- Lighting at the public toilet requires improvement
- Should be a dog on-lead area for safety
- Ban vehicle access
- Continue European tree theme
- Additional rubbish bins required
- Rubbish bins to be emptied regularly
- Shade required at playground
- Old and decayed trees need to be replaced

Recreation

- Brunswick Oval Grandstand, inappropriate use
- Conflict between dogs, recreational users and environmental values
- Additional shared paths along railway lines required

- Darling Gardens, trees need replacing
- Dog-off lead areas, do not reduce
- Environmentally sustainable options in open space
- European street trees, more maintenance required
- Responsible dog owners should be allowed access to open space

Waterways

- Waterway corridor environmental values to be improved
- Yarra River Corridor to be free of development e.g. buildings

Other

- Aboriginal cultural heritage study
- Lighting, improvement required
- Rubbish bins to be emptied regularly

Comments on the Summary of Key Recommendations included on the Information Leaflet, or the Overall Recommendations in the Draft Strategy

Overall

- Excellent Draft Strategy (2)
- Timing, when will work begin to take place
- Support all recommendations
- No changes required
- Open space is well used

Specific locations or issues

- Darling Gardens is valued
- Edinburgh Gardens, ban vehicle access
- Open space around Yarra River is valued
- Playground at Darling Gardens requires fencing and rubber surfacing for safety
- Ramsden Street Skate Park well utilised
- Rubbish bins to be provided in all parks
- Dog waste bins, more required

General comments on the Draft Open Space Strategy

Dogs

- Dog owners to pick up dog waste, enforcement required
- Dogs are a problem
- Dogs to be on-lead for safety of other open space users
- Dog waste to be picked up from playground area
- Dogs to be banned from playgrounds for safety

Litter & Maintenance

- Graffiti to be cleaned up
- Graffiti, more enforcement required
- Smokers to properly dispose of cigarette butts

Recreation

- Cycle and walking paths, additional required along railway lines
- Facilities for teenagers, more required

Other

- Development in open space to be prevented
- Access to Masterplan required for sub-precinct recommendations
- Native vegetation, more required along railway lines

Specific reserves

- Edinburgh Gardens, additional basketball rings required
- Quarries Park Skate Park, more enforcement required to stop anti-social behaviour
- Trees, more required along railway lines

D1.2.3

**FITZROY
POSTCODE 3065**

Two questionnaires received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

2 Yes

Comments

- More open space required

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

1 Yes

1 Not completed

Comments

- Condell Street Reserve carpark no longer used as carpark but used as open space
- Condell Street Reserve, appreciate bush and fence removal
- Condell Street Reserve, shade required
- Sub-Precinct Recommendations are comprehensive

With reference to the Draft Open Space Strategy, what are the three most important changes you would like to make to open space in the City of Yarra?

- Carparks, reduce and convert to open space
- Open space, more maintenance required
- Plants (newly planted), more maintenance required
- Playgrounds, shade required
- Seating, more required
- Wheelchair and pram access required in all open space

Comments on the Summary of Key Recommendations included on the Information Leaflet, or the Overall Recommendations in the Draft Strategy

- Environmentally sustainable options, support their integration
- Open space in Yarra is excellent
- Open space, more required

General comments on the Draft Open Space Strategy

- Excellent Draft Strategy

D1.2.4

**COLLINGWOOD
POSTCODE 3066**

One questionnaire received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

1 Yes

Comments

- Open space, more required
- Support all recommendations

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

1 Yes

Remaining questions

Not completed

**D1.2.5 ABBOTSFORD
POSTCODE 3067**
Two questionnaires received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

- 1 Yes
- 1 Not completed

Comments

- Not completed as information was sourced only from information leaflet

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

- 1 Yes
- 1 Not completed

Comments

- Not completed as information was sourced only from information leaflet
- Open space, more required

With reference to the Draft Open Space Strategy, what are the three most important changes you would like to make to open space in the City of Yarra?

- Dog river access points required to prevent erosion
- Restoration of bushland along Merri Creek and Yarra River required
- Trenerry Crescent embankment, improvement required
- Aboriginal awareness sites
- Cyclists control
- Signage required (interpretative/informative)

Comments on the Summary of Key Recommendations included on the Information Leaflet, or the Overall Recommendations in the Draft Strategy

- Excellent Draft Strategy
- Support all recommendations
- Cyclists to ride on cycle paths only, enforcement needed
- Local rules, more enforcement required

General comments on the Draft Open Space Strategy

- Bushland (degraded), more improvements required
- Bushland regeneration support
- Blackberries require control, need community to assist
- Plants e.g. Fennel to be retained for small birds
- Thankyou for opportunity to provide feedback
- Weed control, need to be more careful and select correct timing
- Wildflowers, care should be taken when maintaining

**D1.2.6 RICHMOND, BURNLEY AND CREMORNE
POSTCODE 3121**
10 questionnaires received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

- 6 Yes
- 4 Not completed

Comments

- Overall Precinct Recommendations had not been read

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

- 6 Yes
- 1 No
- 3 Not completed

Comments

- Buckingham Street - trees (decayed, old, ugly) need removal
- Development, restrictions required
- Not completed, didn't think opinion would count
- Open space to be established next to Channel Nine
- Open space, more required
- Streetscapes to be improved
- Sub-Precinct Recommendations had not been read
- Trees, more required

With reference to the Draft Open Space Strategy, what are the three most important changes you would like to make to open space in the City of Yarra?

Open space & overall comments

- All recommendations are important
- Existing open space to be maintained
- Open space, more maintenance required
- Waterway corridor environmental values to be improved
- Carparks and on-street parking spaces to be converted into open space
- Linear trail gaps
- Environmental Project Plan in 1992, nothing has eventuated
- Streetscapes require upgrade

Specific facilities or locations

- Dog waste facilities, more required
- Lighting, improvements required for safety
- Rubbish bins to be emptied regularly
- Burnley Harbour, maintenance required
- McConchie Reserve, maintenance required

Comments on the Summary of Key Recommendations included on the Information Leaflet, or the Overall Recommendations in the Draft Strategy

- Support all recommendations
- Streetscapes to be included as open space
- Linear paths, more maintenance required
- Cyclists to use bell to signal approach to pedestrians
- Dog on-lead, enforcement required
- Dog waste facilities, more required
- Kiosk with toilets along trails
- Open space, more maintenance required
- Rubbish bins to be emptied regularly
- Yarra River needs improvement

General comments on the Draft Open Space Strategy

- Excellent Draft Strategy
- Support all recommendations
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Strategy, do not understand importance
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Strategy, waste of money
- Development along rivers to be banned
- Native tree, removal required to prevent hay fever
- Open space, more maintenance required
- Open space, more required
- Punt/Swan St, retain as open space
- River health, needs improvement
- St Ignatius Precinct, can't be classified as open space
- Street trees, more maintenance required
- Streetscapes, improvement required
- Illegal planting causing surface damage in local streets

- Road hazards in local streets due to illegal planting of trees

D1.2.7 OTHER, NO POSTCODE NOMINATED

Two questionnaires received

Do you agree with the Overall Precinct Recommendations for your neighbourhood?

Yes 1

Not completed 1

Do you agree with the Sub-Precinct Recommendations for your local area?

Not completed 2

With reference to the Draft Open Space Strategy, what are the three most important changes you would like to make to open space in the City of Yarra?

- Access
- Cultural heritage
- Vegetation selection
- Environmentally sustainable options in open space
- Open space, cater for all needs and uses
- Seats, more required
- Shade, more required

Comments on the Summary of Key Recommendations included on the Information Leaflet, or the Overall Recommendations in the Draft Strategy

- Excellent Draft Strategy

General comments on the Draft Open Space Strategy

- Richmond Town Hall, recognise Aboriginal importance with plaque

D2 WRITTEN SUBMISSION

One written submission was received via email. A brief summary of comments included:

- Draft Strategy to better connect the Merri Creek Trail which currently ends at Rushall Station and then resumes further north.

D3 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Three Community Workshops were held in late November 2005 as a chance for the community to find out about the Strategy, ask questions and make comment. These were held in Richmond, Collingwood and North Fitzroy and were advertised in the Local Papers and with the Questionnaire that was mailed to the list of residents who responded to the first questionnaire.

The following is a summary of the comments received at each of the three workshops.

D3.1 Community Workshop in Richmond

Held at the Richmond Town Hall, Tuesday November 22, 2005 and attended by 5 residents.

The following comments were made, and these were discussed in the meeting with clarifications given where applicable:

- Concern that there is a cost in developing the area of land near the Corner of Church Street and River that will not provide accessible open space for the broad community, primarily servicing residents in nearby apartments.
- Barkly Gardens - concern there is not enough car parking there due to people parking all day limiting parking being available for park users. Suggest a 2 hour limit for on-street parking to increase availability of parking.
- Dights Falls - for some time there have been gatherings at Dights Falls of between 50 and 300 people. They have been advised by Council that these gatherings can no longer be held due to noise issues and the under capacity of the public toilets. Concerned that Council are not encouraging events in their open space, particularly on an informal basis. This group are not a club - they just text each other and arrange to meet - but they are told they need public liability insurance which is very expensive. Council could look at covering this under their insurance.
- Related to Dights Falls - concern that new residential development is displacing existing use, as residents in the new residential apartments near Dights Falls are complaining about the noise from the gatherings in the park.
- Concern at the cost of implementing the Strategy.
- BBQ's are in poor condition generally and require maintenance.
- Conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians on paths need to be addressed.
- Barkly Gardens dog access arrangements works well - perhaps this should be considered in other open space in the City.
- Use the left over pieces of land to create dog off-lead areas - eg along railway lines etc.
- Ongoing maintenance is important to use of reserves, and will need to be considered in the overall costings.
- Future consideration of land that is not owned by Yarra but is perceived as open space - eg. Department of Housing land.
- There is a small piece of land in Edinburgh Street between Corsair Street and Swan Street which could potentially become open space - clarification on land ownership required.

D3.2 Community Workshop in Collingwood

Held at the Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre on Wednesday November 23 2005 and attended by one resident.

The following comments were made, and these were discussed in the meeting with clarifications given where applicable:

- Yarra should take more responsibility for environmental restoration - should not rely on the farmers to only do it on rural land, should also do this in the City.
- Napier Street is an important habitat corridor link to Edinburgh Gardens and to Merri Creek.
- Latest Masterplan developed for the Linear Park does not reflect its potential has a habitat corridor. Mark Dornau advised that there is a community consultation meeting on the Linear Park Masterplan this weekend, and detailed comments on this will be noted at the consultation on the Masterplan.
- The Atherton Gardens Estate Public Housing land along the Gertrude Street frontage should be made accessible to the general public.
- Whitlam Place - should suggest that this be increased in size.
- The Strategy is too human centric.
- Yarra needs to maximise habitat values in the Yarra Bend Park. MD added that Yarra have recently become more involved with the Yarra Bend Trust.
- Alexandra Parade - this could become a green habitat corridor link.
- There should be general guidelines to increase the size of open space.
- Vision should be more specific highlighting the natural heritage values.

D3.4 Community Workshop in North Fitzroy

Held at the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room, North Fitzroy on Thursday November 24 2005 and attended by three residents

The following comments were made, and these were discussed in the meeting with clarifications given where applicable:

- Edinburgh Gardens needs to be secured from illegal vehicle access at night which is noisy and damaging the grassed areas. Suggest securing the new access point in the south, as this is the main location vehicles are getting in tot he park.
- Plant more trees to replace those which have died over time.
- Generally happy with open space provision in the North Fitzroy area, although recognise that other areas lack open space.
- Identified that the shared trail allow should extend south of Edinburgh Gardens on the precinct map.